

LINUX homework 8 assignment

Part 1: Users & Groups

```
Ollie : students adm sudo teachers
Andy : students
Tina : teachers adm sudo
Louise : Louise teachers
Gene : students
Jimmy : students
Teddy : students
```

Part 2: Restricting Sudo Access

```
##
# This file MUST be edited with the 'visudo' command as root.
#
# Please consider adding local content in /etc/sudoers.d/ instead of
# directly modifying this file.
#
# See the man page for details on how to write a sudoers file.
#
Defaults      env_reset
Defaults      mail_badpass
Defaults      secure_path="/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/snap/bin"

# Host alias specification

# User alias specification
User_Alias GROUPONE = Teddy, Louise
# Cmnd alias specification

# User privilege specification
root    ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL

#allow members of apt_only group to use only apt

GROUPONE    ALL = /usr/bin/apt

# Members of the admin group may gain root privileges
%admin ALL=(ALL) ALL

# Allow members of group sudo to execute any command
%sudo    ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL

# See sudoers(5) for more information on "#include" directives:

#includedir /etc/sudoers.d
Defaults env_keep += "LUA_PATH SNORT_LUA_PATH"
```

Part 3: Logging Sudo Access Attempts

```
root@cyber-security-ubuntu:/etc# cd group
bash: cd: group: Not a directory
root@cyber-security-ubuntu:/etc# passwd
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@cyber-security-ubuntu:/etc# passwd
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@cyber-security-ubuntu:/etc# sudo passwd Louise
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@cyber-security-ubuntu:/etc# su Louise
Louise@cyber-security-ubuntu:/etc$
```

```
root@cyber-security-ubuntu:/etc# cd /var
root@cyber-security-ubuntu:/var# cd /var/log
root@cyber-security-ubuntu:/var/log# ls
alternatives.log      apt                  dist-upgrade        kern.log.1          mysql               vboxadd-setup.log.1
alternatives.log.1    auth.log            dpkg.log            kern.log.2.gz       nginx               vboxadd-setup.log.2
alternatives.log.2.gz auth.log.1          dpkg.log.1          kern.log.3.gz       snort               vboxadd-setup.log.3
alternatives.log.3.gz auth.log.2.gz       dpkg.log.2.gz       kern.log.4.gz       speech-dispatcher  vboxadd-setup.log.4
alternatives.log.4.gz auth.log.3.gz       dpkg.log.3.gz       lastlog             syslog              vboxadd-uninstall.log
alternatives.log.5.gz auth.log.4.gz       dpkg.log.4.gz       lightdm             syslog.1            wtmp
alternatives.log.6.gz boot.log            dpkg.log.5.gz       mail.err            syslog.2.gz         wtmp.1
apache2              bootstrap.log       dpkg.log.6.gz       mail.err.1          syslog.3.gz         Xorg.0.log
appport.log          bttmp              faillog             mail.err.2.gz       syslog.4.gz         Xorg.0.log.old
appport.log.1        bttmp.1            fontconfig.log      mail.err.3.gz       syslog.5.gz         Xorg.1.log
appport.log.2.gz     cron.log           gdm3               mail.err.4.gz       syslog.6.gz         Xorg.1.log.old
appport.log.3.gz     cron.log.1         gpu-manager.log     mail.log            syslog.7.gz         Xorg.2.log
appport.log.4.gz     cron.log.2.gz      hp                 mail.log.1          tallylog
appport.log.5.gz     cron.log.3.gz      installer           mail.log.2.gz       unattended-upgrades
appport.log.6.gz     cron.log.4.gz      journal            mail.log.3.gz       vboxadd-install.log
appport.log.7.gz     cups              kern.log           mail.log.4.gz       vboxadd-setup.log
root@cyber-security-ubuntu:/var/log# cd /auth.log
bash: cd: /auth.log: No such file or directory
root@cyber-security-ubuntu:/var/log# auth.log
auth.log: command not found
root@cyber-security-ubuntu:/var/log# cat auth.log
Dec 28 16:08:01 cyber-security-ubuntu CRON[14947]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user student by (uid=0)
Dec 28 16:08:02 cyber-security-ubuntu CRON[14731]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed for user student
Dec 28 16:08:58 cyber-security-ubuntu sudo: student : TTY=pts/1 ; PWD=/etc ; USER=root ; COMMAND=/usr/sbin/group
add -g 2 students
Dec 28 16:08:58 cyber-security-ubuntu sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session opened for user root by (uid=0)
Dec 28 16:08:58 cyber-security-ubuntu sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session closed for user root
Dec 28 16:09:01 cyber-security-ubuntu CRON[14959]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user student by (uid=0)
Dec 28 16:09:01 cyber-security-ubuntu CRON[14958]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user root by (uid=0)
Dec 28 16:09:01 cyber-security-ubuntu CRON[14958]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed for user root
Dec 28 16:09:01 cyber-security-ubuntu CRON[14947]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed for user student
Dec 28 16:09:08 cyber-security-ubuntu sudo: student : TTY=pts/1 ; PWD=/etc ; USER=root ; COMMAND=/usr/sbin/group
add -g 22 students
Dec 28 16:09:08 cyber-security-ubuntu sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session opened for user root by (uid=0)
Dec 28 16:09:08 cyber-security-ubuntu sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session closed for user root
Dec 28 16:09:27 cyber-security-ubuntu sudo: student : TTY=pts/1 ; PWD=/etc ; USER=root ; COMMAND=/usr/sbin/group
add -g group_ID students
Dec 28 16:09:27 cyber-security-ubuntu sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session opened for user root by (uid=0)
Dec 28 16:09:27 cyber-security-ubuntu sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session closed for user root
Dec 28 16:09:44 cyber-security-ubuntu sudo: student : TTY=pts/1 ; PWD=/etc ; USER=root ; COMMAND=/usr/sbin/group
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- In this part of the assignment I discovered two different ways to change user password (for Louise) while in root and student
- Switching to student user or root user and using the command `sudo passwd Louise` will change the password if a specific user needs access

Part 4: Customizing Users Directories

```
# Default values for useradd(8)
#
# The SHELL variable specifies the default login shell on your
# system.
# Similar to DSHSELL in adduser. However, we use "sh" here because
# useradd is a low level utility and should be as general
# as possible
SHELL=/bin/sh
#
# The default group for users
# 100=users on Debian systems
# Same as USERS_GID in adduser
# This argument is used when the -n flag is specified.
# The default behavior (when -n and -g are not specified) is to create a
# primary user group with the same name as the user being added to the
# system.
# GROUP=100
#
# The default home directory. Same as DHOME for adduser
# HOME=/home
#
# The number of days after a password expires until the account
# is permanently disabled
# INACTIVE=-1
#
# The default expire date
# EXPIRE=
#
# The SKEL variable specifies the directory containing "skeletal" user
# files; in other words, files such as a sample .profile that will be
# copied to the new user's home directory when it is created.
# SKEL=/etc/skel
#
# Defines whether the mail spool should be created while
# creating the account
# CREATE_MAIL_SPOOL=yes
```

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root@cyber-security-ubuntu:/etc/skel# mkdir Documents
root@cyber-security-ubuntu:/etc/skel# ls
Documents
root@cyber-security-ubuntu:/etc/skel# su student
student:/etc/skel$ sudo adduser professor
Adding user `professor' ...
Adding new group `professor' (1025) ...
Adding new user `professor' (1021) with group `professor' ...
Creating home directory `/home/professor' ...
Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for professor
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
    Full Name []:
    Room Number []:
    Work Phone []:
    Home Phone []:
    Other []:
Is the information correct? [Y/n]
student:/etc/skel$ su Tina
Password:
su: Authentication failure
student:/etc/skel$ 123
123: command not found
student:/etc/skel$ su Tina
Password:
su: Authentication failure
student:/etc/skel$ su Tina
Password:
su: Authentication failure
You have new mail in /var/mail/student
student:/etc/skel$ su Teddy
Password:
teddy@cyber-security-ubuntu:/etc/skel$ cd /home
teddy@cyber-security-ubuntu:/home$ ls
andy  ares  athena  Gene  instructor  loki  new_girl  Ollie  professor  Teddy  zeus
apollo  asgard  bobby  hera  Jimmy  Louise  new_user  poseidon  student  Tina
teddy@cyber-security-ubuntu:/home$ cd Teddy
teddy@cyber-security-ubuntu:~/Teddy$ ls
teddy@cyber-security-ubuntu:~/Teddy$ cd ..
teddy@cyber-security-ubuntu:~/Teddy$ cd professor
teddy@cyber-security-ubuntu:~/Teddy/professor$ ls
Documents
teddy@cyber-security-ubuntu:~/Teddy/professor$

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- The takeaway from using skel, was understanding that by switching to root user and adding folders such as “Documents” to /skel folder, will add this folder to every users’ /home directory; however, only to preceding new users (i.e professor) which was created after the folder was added to /skel
- Teddy’s home directory was empty because this user was created prior to adding Documents to skel