

Week 6 Homework Submission File: Advanced Bash - Owning the System

Please edit this file by adding the solution commands on the line below the prompt.

Save and submit the completed file for your homework submission.

Step 1: Shadow People

1. Create a secret user named `sysd`. Make sure this user doesn't have a home folder created:

- `useradd -r sysd -p passwd -G sudo`

```
root:home\ $ useradd -r sysd -p passwd -G sudo
root:home\ $ ls
babbage  lovelace  mitnik    stallman  student   sysadmin  turing    vagrant
root:home\ $
```

- No home directory created because I created a system user with the 'useradd' command. That is the default behavior. Home directories displayed for reference.

1. Give your secret user a password:

- noted above "passwd" shown below in the shadow file:

```
root:~\ $ grep sysd /etc/shadow
sysd:passwd:18748:::::::
```

- changed the password again to hash it in the shadow file:

```
root:~\ $ passwd sysd
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root:~\ $ grep sysd /etc/shadow
sysd:$6$qiSxoVpT$VzleXws9v8l9DPaPiml1PeckQcNI9XovRpTZx8o8vviv2ojepn44IB6YmFM4P2
3qz6ySXTCHty6pvYp0grAkp.:18748:::::::
```

1. Give your secret user a system UID < 1000:

System UID/GID created automatically as shown in next screenshot

2. Give your secret user the same GID:

```
root:home\ $ grep sysd /etc/passwd
sysd:x:998:998:./home/sysd:/bin/sh
```

3. Give your secret user full `sudo` access without the need for a password:

- Edited the sudoers file with the visudo command and added the following line:

- `sysd ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD:ALL`

6. Test that `sudo` access works without your password:

```
root:/\ $ su sysd
$ mkdir test
mkdir: cannot create directory 'test': Permission denied
$ sudo mkdir test
$ ls
babbage  lovelace  mitnik    stallman  student  sysadmin  test  turing
vagrant
(directory listing displayed with new test directory created)
$ exit
root:/\ $
```

Also tested that the basic password that I set worked by exiting root and dropping into that user. I was prompted for my password and successfully logged in as that user.

Step 2: Smooth Sailing

7. Edit the `sshd_config` file:

- This section mentions to change the port login to 2222 from 22.

```
nano sshd_config
```

Added this line to the `sshd_config` file:

```
#Port 22
Port 2222
#AddressFamily any
#ListenAddress 0.0.0.0
#ListenAddress ::
```

Step 3: Testing Your Configuration Update

1. Restart the SSH service:

- `service ssh restart`

2. Exit the `root` account:

- `root:/\ $ exit`
`exit`
`sysadmin:~\ $`
- `sysadmin:~\ $ exit`
`logout`
`Connection to 192.168.6.105 closed.`
`sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$`

3. SSH to the target machine using your `sysd` account and port `2222`:

- `sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ ssh sysd@192.168.6.105 -p2222`

4. Use `sudo` to switch to the root user:

- `sudo -s`
- `whoami`
`root`

Step 4: Crack All the Passwords

1. SSH back to the system using your `sysd` account and port `2222`:

- `sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ ssh sysd@192.168.6.105 -p2222`

2. Escalate your privileges to the `root` user. Use John to crack the entire `/etc/shadow` file:

