# Assignment2

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# Q1. Investigating compromised system (/bin, /etc, /var, /usr, /tmp, /opt, /boot, /home)

- /etc → Contains system configuration files (attackers may alter passwd, shadow, sshd\_config).
- /bin → Holds essential binaries (ls, cp, mv). Attackers could replace them with trojans.
- /var → Holds logs (/var/log), spool, mail. Logs may reveal intrusion evidence or be tampered with.
- /usr → User applications and binaries; less critical than /bin, but attackers might plant malware.
- /tmp → Temporary storage, world-writable. Often abused for malicious scripts.
- /opt → Optional software. Attackers might install hidden apps here.
- /boot → Kernel and bootloader files. Modifying = persistent rootkits.
- /home → User files; could contain malware, stolen data, or attacker accounts.

# Q2. Create project structure with specific access patterns commands:

mkdir -p

~/projects/{client\_work/{web/{frontend,backend},mobile},personal/{experiments,notes},s hared/{templates,docs}}

## Q3. Navigation with ≤3 cd

#### commands:

cd ../../personal/experiments
pwd
cd ../../shared/templates
pwd
cd ../../client\_work/web/frontend

pwd

```
X
                                                       Ubuntu
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~$ ls
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~$ cd projects/
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ ls
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
                                                            X
                                                       Ubuntu
                     X
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend
$ cd ../../personal/experiments
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/personal/experiments$ pw
/home/serge mugabo/projects/personal/experiments
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/personal/experiments$ cd
 ../../shared/templates
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/shared/templates$ pwd
/home/serge mugabo/projects/shared/templates
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/shared/templates$ cd ../
../client_work/web/frontend
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client work/web/frontend
$ pwd
/home/serge mugabo/projects/client work/web/frontend
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client work/web/frontend
```

## Q4. Web project structure

#### Commands:

touch index.html about.html contact.html page\_{001..012}.html

#CSS

touch {main,reset,theme\_{light,dark},mobile,tablet,desktop,print}.css

JS

touch {script1,script2,util1,util2,config1,config2}.js

Backup files (20: 5 each a\*, b\*, c\*, d\*)

touch {a,b,c,d}{1..5}.bak

#### Screenshot:

```
X
 (i) Ubuntu
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client work/web/frontend
$ touch index.html about.html contact.html page {001..012}.h
tml
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client work/web/frontend
$ touch {main,reset,theme {light,dark},mobile,tablet,desktop
,print}.css
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client work/web/frontend
$ touch {script1,script2,util1,util2,config1,config2}.js
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client work/web/frontend
$ touch {a,b,c,d}{1..5}.bak
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend
$ ls
a1.bak
            c3.bak
                          main.css
                                          page 012.html
            c4.bak
                          mobile.css
a2.bak
                                          print.css
a3.bak
            c5.bak
                          page 001.html
                                          reset.css
a4.bak
            config1.js
                           page 002.html
                                          script1.js
            config2.js
                          page 003.html
a5.bak
                                          script2.js
about.html
            contact.html
                          page 004.html
                                          tablet.css
                                          theme dark.css
b1.bak
            d1.bak
                           page 005.html
                          page 006.html
                                          theme light.css
b2.bak
            d2.bak
            d3.bak
b3.bak
                          page 007.html
                                          util1.js
            d4.bak
                          page 008.html
                                          util2.js
b4.bak
            d5.bak
b5.bak
                          page 009.html
            desktop.css
c1.bak
                          page 010.html
c2.bak
            index.html
                          page_011.html
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend
$
```

## Q5. Wildcards for file organization

Commands:

#Move files ending with numbers

mv [0-9]. archive/

#Copy CSS except mobile/tablet

cp !(mobile|tablet).css desktop/

#List files with 3 chars before dot

ls???.\*

#Files starting with consonant

ls [b-df-hj-np-tv-z]\*

#Extensions with exactly 2 chars

ls \*.[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z]

```
X
 Ubuntu
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/desktop$ ls
desktop.css
             print.css theme dark.css
main.css
             reset.css
                       theme light.css
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/desktop$
                                                       Ubuntu
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend
$ touch app.js doc.py log.txt
ls ???.*
app.js doc.py
               log.txt
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend
```

```
Ubuntu
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client work/web/frontend
$ ls [b-df-hj-np-tv-z]*
contact.html log.txt
                                      theme dark.css
                          print.css
                                      theme_light.css
desktop.css
              main.css
                          reset.css
doc.py
              mobile.css
                          tablet.css
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client work/web/frontend
                                                        Ubuntu
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client work/web/frontend
$ ls *.[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z]
app.js doc.py
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client work/web/frontend
```

## Q6. Brace expansion patterns

Commands:

```
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ touch log_2024-{01..03}-{01..31}.txt
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ touch {web,api,db}_{dev,staging,prod}.conf
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ touch {A..C}{10..12}_{input,output}.txt
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~
A10_input.txt
                        log_2024-01-16.txt
                                                log_2024-02-27.txt
A10 output.txt
                        log 2024-01-17.txt
                                                log 2024-02-28.txt
                        log_2024-01-18.txt
A11_input.txt
                                                log_2024-02-29.txt
                                                log_2024-02-30.txt
                        log_2024-01-19.txt
A11_output.txt
                                                log_2024-02-31.txt
log_2024-03-01.txt
A12_input.txt
A12_output.txt
B10_input.txt
                        log_2024-01-20.txt
                        log_2024-01-21.txt
log_2024-01-22.txt
                                                log 2024-03-02.txt
B10_output.txt
                        log_2024-01-23.txt
                                                log_2024-03-03.txt
B11 input.txt
                        log 2024-01-24.txt
                                                log 2024-03-04.txt
                        log_2024-01-25.txt
                                                log_2024-03-05.txt
B11_output.txt
B12_input.txt
B12_output.txt
C10_input.txt
                                                log_2024-03-06.txt
                        log_2024-01-26.txt
                                                log_2024-03-07.txt
log_2024-03-08.txt
                        log_2024-01-27.txt
                        log_2024-01-28.txt
log_2024-01-29.txt
C10 output.txt
                                                log_2024-03-09.txt
C11_input.txt
                        log 2024-01-30.txt
                                                log 2024-03-10.txt
                        log 2024-01-31.txt
C11 output.txt
                                                log 2024-03-11.txt
                        log_2024-02-01.txt
                                                log_2024-03-12.txt
C12_input.txt
C12_output.txt
                                                log_2024-03-13.txt
log_2024-03-14.txt
                        log_2024-02-02.txt
                        log_2024-02-03.txt
log_2024-02-04.txt
api_dev.conf
api_prod.conf
                                                log_2024-03-15.txt
                        log_2024-02-05.txt
                                                log_2024-03-16.txt
api_staging.conf
                        log 2024-02-06.txt
                                                log 2024-03-17.txt
                        log_2024-02-07.txt
                                                log_2024-03-18.txt
                        log_2024-02-08.txt
                                                log_2024-03-19.txt
db_dev.conf
                        log_2024-02-09.txt
                                                log_2024-03-20.txt
db prod.conf
                        log_2024-02-10.txt
log_2024-02-11.txt
db_staging.conf
                                                log_2024-03-21.txt
                                                log_2024-03-22.txt
log 2024-01-01.txt
                        log 2024-02-12.txt
                                                log 2024-03-23.txt
log 2024-01-02.txt
                        log 2024-02-13.txt
                                                log 2024-03-24.txt
log_2024-01-03.txt
                        log_2024-02-14.txt
                                                log_2024-03-25.txt
                                                log_2024-03-26.txt
log_2024-03-27.txt
log_2024-01-04.txt
log_2024-01-05.txt
log_2024-01-06.txt
                        log_2024-02-15.txt
                        log_2024-02-16.txt
log_2024-02-17.txt
                                                log_2024-03-28.txt
log_2024-01-07.txt
                        log_2024-02-18.txt
                                                log_2024-03-29.txt
log 2024-01-08.txt
                        log 2024-02-19.txt
                                                log 2024-03-30.txt
log_2024-01-09.txt
                        log_2024-02-20.txt
                                                log_2024-03-31.txt
log_2024-01-10.txt
                        log_2024-02-21.txt
log_2024-01-11.txt
                        log_2024-02-22.txt
log_2024-01-12.txt
log_2024-01-13.txt
                        log_2024-02-23.txt
                                                web_dev.conf
                        log_2024-02-24.txt
                                                web_prod.conf
log_2024-01-14.txt
                        log_2024-02-25.txt
                                                web_staging.conf
log 2024-01-15.txt log 2024-02-26.txt
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
```

## Q7. Line endings comparison

Commands:

echo "Test file" > linux.txt

unix2dos linux.txt win.txt # creates Windows line endings

diff linux.txt win.txt

cmp linux.txt win.txt

comm linux.txt win.txt

```
X
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   Ubuntu
   serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ echo "Test file" >
   linux.txt
   serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ unix2dos -n linux.t
  unix2dos: converting file linux.txt to file win.txt in D
   OS format...
   serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ diff linux.txt win.
   txt
   cmp linux.txt win.txt
   comm linux.txt win.txt
   < Test file
   > Test file
   linux.txt win.txt differ: byte 10, line 1
   Test file
                                          Test file
   serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
   serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ echo "Test file" > linux.txt
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ unix2dos linux.txt win.txt
  unix2dos: command not found
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-COD:-/projects$ sudo apt update
sudo apt install dos2unix -y
[sudo] password for serge_mugabo:
Hit:1 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble InRelease
Get:2 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates InRelease [126 kB]
Get:3 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security InRelease [126 kB]
Get:4 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-backports InRelease [126 kB]
Get:5 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main amd64 Packages [1171 kB]
Get:6 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main amd64 Packages [1171 kB]
Get:7 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main amd64 Components [21.6 kB]
Get:8 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main amd64 Components [21.6 kB]
Get:10 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/universe amd64 Packages [880 kB]
Get:11 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/universe amd64 Components [52.2 kB]
Get:12 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/universe amd64 Components [52.2 kB]
Get:13 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/universe amd64 Components [52.2 kB]
Get:14 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/restricted amd64 Packages [1872 kB]
Get:15 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/restricted Translation-en [423 kB]
Get:16 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/restricted Translation-en [423 kB]
Get:17 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/restricted amd64 c-n-f Metadata [520 B]
Get:18 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/restricted amd64 c-n-f Metadata [520 B]
Get:19 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/multiverse amd64 Components [212 B]
Get:20 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/multiverse amd64 Components [212 B]
Get:21 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/multiverse amd64 Components [212 B]
Get:22 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/multiverse amd64 Components [212 B]
Get:23 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/multiverse amd64 Components [212 B]
Get:24 http://sec
                                                                         ojects$ sudo apt update
  sudo apt install dos2unix -y
```

## **Q8. Find commands**

commands:

```
#Larger than average

find . -type f -size +$(($(du -cb * | grep total | cut -f1)/$(ls -1 | wc -l)))c

#Modified in last 72h but not 24h

find . -type f -mtime -3! -mtime -1

#Empty dirs or only hidden files

find . -type d -empty -o -type d -exec sh -c 'ls -A "$1" | grep -q "^[.]"

&& echo "$1"' _ {};

#World-writable

find . -type f -perm -002

#Owned by others

find .! -user $(whoami)! -user root

#Temp/backup
```

```
Serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -type f -siz
e +$(($(du -cb * | grep total | cut -f1)/$(ls -1 | wc -l
)))c
./win.txt
./linux.txt
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
```

find . -type f (-name '~' -o -name '.bak' -o -name '\*.tmp')

```
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -type f -mti
me -3 ! -mtime -1
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -type d -emp
ty -o -type d -exec sh -c 'ls -A "$1" | grep -q "^[.]" &
& echo "$1"'
                {} \:
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -type f -per
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . ! -user $(wh
oami) ! -user root
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
                                                       X
 Ubuntu
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -type f ( -n
ame '~' -o -name '.bak' -o -name '*.tmp')
-bash: syntax error near unexpected token `('
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -type f \( -
name '~' -o -name '*.bak' -o -name '*.tmp' \)
./archive/a3.bak
./archive/b1.bak
./archive/c2.bak
./archive/c4.bak
./archive/a1.bak
./archive/d5.bak
./archive/a2.bak
./archive/d1.bak
./archive/b3.bak
./archive/c3.bak
./archive/d3.bak
./archive/b4.bak
./archive/a5.bak
./archive/c5.bak
./archive/b2.bak
./archive/d2.bak
./archive/c1.bak
./archive/a4.bak
./archive/b5.bak
./archive/d4.bak
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
```

## Q9. Log file analysis (200+ lines)

Commands:

#Middle 50 lines

sed -n '76,125p' logfile.txt

#Last occurrence with context

grep -n "ERROR" logfile.txt | tail -1 tail -n + logfile.txt | head -10

#Timing

time cat logfile.txt > /dev/null time less logfile.txt > /dev/null

#Extract errors with line numbers

grep -n "ERROR" logfile.txt

#Why less > cat

less loads page by page → saves bandwidth in SSH.

```
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:-/projects$ sed -n '76,125p' logfile.txt
sed: can't read logfile.txt: No such file or directory
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:-/projects$ # from ~/projects
find . -maxdepth 4 -type f -iname "*log*"
  # or look for exact name pattern (case sensitive) find . -type f -name "logfile.txt" ./log_2024-03-30.txt ./log_2024-02-03.txt ./log_2024-01-03.txt ./log_2024-03-31.txt ./log_2024-03-25.txt ./log_2024-03-25.txt ./log_2024-03-1.txt ./log_2024-03-1.txt ./log_2024-03-25.txt ./log_2024-03-1.txt ./log_2024-03-
    ./log_2024-01-01.txt
./log_2024-01-26.txt
   ./log_2024-02-19.txt
./log_2024-03-17.txt
./log_2024-03-31.txt
   ./log_2024-03-31.txt
./log_2024-02-28.txt
./log_2024-03-14.txt
./log_2024-01-28.txt
     ./log_2024-03-16.txt
   ./log_2024-03-15.txt
./log_2024-03-03.txt
   ./log_2024-01-16.txt
./log_2024-01-23.txt
./log_2024-01-29.txt
    ./log_2024-01-04.txt
./log_2024-02-16.txt
    ./log_2024-02-02.txt
    ./log_2024-02-25.txt
./log_2024-02-17.txt
   ./log_2024-02-10.txt
./log_2024-01-09.txt
./log_2024-03-05.txt
    ./log_2024-03-11.txt
    ./log_2024-03-22.txt
./log_2024-03-27.txt
   ./log_2024-01-19.txt
./log_2024-02-09.txt
./log_2024-02-12.txt
    ./log_2024-02-01.txt
./log_2024-03-12.txt
   ./log_2024-02-21.txt
./log_2024-03-18.txt
./log_2024-01-18.txt
   ./log_2024-01-18.txt
./log_2024-01-25.txt
./log_2024-03-23.txt
./log_2024-03-21.txt
    ./log_2024-01-07.txt
    ./log_2024-03-09.txt
 serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ time cat logfile.txt > /dev/null time
less logfile.txt > /dev/null
cat: logfile.txt: No such file or directory
cat: time: No such file or directory
cat: less: No such file or directory
cat: logfile.txt: No such file or directory
real
                                           0m0.009s
user
                                           0m0.003s
                                           0m0.001s
```

Ubuntu

sys

serge\_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects\$

## Q10. Automating maintenance

```
commands:
```

```
#Permissions
```

```
find . -type f! -perm -755 -exec chmod 644 {};
```

#Disk space older than 30 days

```
find . -type f -mtime +30 -exec du -ch \{\} + | tail -1
```

#Backup.conf

```
find . -name "*.conf" -exec cp {} {}.backup;
```

#Preview remove

```
find . -name ".tmp" -atime +7 -print find . -name ".tmp" -atime +7 - delete
```

```
X
 Ubuntu
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -type f ! -perm -755 -exec chmo
d 644 {} \;
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -type f -mtime +30 -exec du -ch
 \{\} + | tail -1
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -name "*.conf" -exec cp {} {}.b
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -name "*.tmp" -atime +7 -print
find . -name "*.tmp" -atime +delete
find: paths must precede expression: `find'
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -name "*.tmp" -atime +7 -print
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -name "*.tmp" -atime +7 -delete
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -name "*.tmp" -atime +7 -print
&& find . -name "*.tmp" -atime +7 -delete
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~
                         log_2024-01-13.txt
A10 input.txt
                                             log_2024-02-28.txt
A10_output.txt
                         log_2024-01-14.txt
                                              log_2024-02-29.txt
A11 input.txt
                         log 2024-01-15.txt
                                              log 2024-02-30.txt
                         log_2024-01-16.txt
                                              log_2024-02-31.txt
A11_output.txt
A12_input.txt
                         log_2024-01-17.txt
                                              log_2024-03-01.txt
A12_output.txt
                         log_2024-01-18.txt
                                              log_2024-03-02.txt
B10_input.txt
                         log 2024-01-19.txt
                                              log_2024-03-03.txt
                         log_2024-01-20.txt
                                              log_2024-03-04.txt
B10_output.txt
                         log_2024-01-21.txt
                                             log_2024-03-05.txt
B11_input.txt
                         log_2024-01-22.txt
                                             log_2024-03-06.txt
B11_output.txt
B12_input.txt
                         log_2024-01-23.txt
                                              log_2024-03-07.txt
B12 output.txt
                         log 2024-01-24.txt
                                              log 2024-03-08.txt
                         log 2024-01-25.txt
                                              log 2024-03-09.txt
C10 input.txt
                         log 2024-01-26.txt
                                              log 2024-03-10.txt
C10 output.txt
                         log 2024-01-27.txt
C11_input.txt
                                              log_2024-03-11.txt
C11 output.txt
                         log 2024-01-28.txt
                                              log_2024-03-12.txt
C12_input.txt
                         log_2024-01-29.txt
                                              log_2024-03-13.txt
C12 output.txt
                         log 2024-01-30.txt
                                              log 2024-03-14.txt
                         log_2024-01-31.txt
api_dev.conf
                                              log_2024-03-15.txt
api_dev.conf.backup
                         log_2024-02-01.txt
                                              log_2024-03-16.txt
api_prod.conf
                         log_2024-02-02.txt
                                              log_2024-03-17.txt
api_prod.conf.backup
                         log_2024-02-03.txt
                                              log_2024-03-18.txt
api_staging.conf
                         log_2024-02-04.txt
                                              log_2024-03-19.txt
api_staging.conf.backup
                         log_2024-02-05.txt
                                              log_2024-03-20.txt
                         log_2024-02-06.txt
                                             log_2024-03-21.txt
```

# **Q11.**Compression analysis

commands:

tar -czf text.tar.gz text\_dir

tar -cjf text.tar.bz2 text\_dir

tar -cJf text.tar.xz text\_dir

# zip -r text.zip text\_dir

```
Ubuntu
                              X
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ tar -czf text.tar.gz text_dir
tar -cjf text.tar.bz2 text dir
tar -cJf text.tar.xz text dir
zip -r text.zip text_dir
updating: text_dir/ (stored 0%)
updating: text_dir/file1.txt (stored 0%)
updating: text_dir/file2.txt (stored 0%)
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
                                                                      X
 Ubuntu
B11_output.txt
                         log_2024-01-23.txt
                                             log 2024-03-08.txt
B12_input.txt
                         log 2024-01-24.txt
                                             log_2024-03-09.txt
B12_output.txt
                         log_2024-01-25.txt
                                             log_2024-03-10.txt
                         log_2024-01-26.txt
                                             log_2024-03-11.txt
C10_input.txt
                         log_2024-01-27.txt
                                             log_2024-03-12.txt
C10_output.txt
                         log_2024-01-28.txt
                                             log_2024-03-13.txt
C11_input.txt
C11_output.txt
                         log_2024-01-29.txt
                                             log_2024-03-14.txt
                         log_2024-01-30.txt
                                             log_2024-03-15.txt
C12_input.txt
C12_output.txt
                         log 2024-01-31.txt
                                             log_2024-03-16.txt
api_dev.conf
                         log_2024-02-01.txt
                                             log_2024-03-17.txt
api_dev.conf.backup
                         log_2024-02-02.txt
                                             log_2024-03-18.txt
api_prod.conf
                         log_2024-02-03.txt
                                             log_2024-03-19.txt
api_prod.conf.backup
                         log_2024-02-04.txt
                                             log_2024-03-20.txt
api_staging.conf
                         log_2024-02-05.txt
                                             log_2024-03-21.txt
api_staging.conf.backup
                         log_2024-02-06.txt
                                             log_2024-03-22.txt
                         log_2024-02-07.txt
                                             log_2024-03-23.txt
                         log_2024-02-08.txt
                                             log_2024-03-24.txt
db dev.conf
                         log_2024-02-09.txt
                                             log 2024-03-25.txt
db_dev.conf.backup
                         log_2024-02-10.txt
                                             log_2024-03-26.txt
                         log_2024-02-11.txt
                                             log_2024-03-27.txt
db_prod.conf
                         log 2024-02-12.txt
                                             log 2024-03-28.txt
db prod.conf.backup
                         log 2024-02-13.txt
                                             log 2024-03-29.txt
db staging.conf
db_staging.conf.backup
                         log_2024-02-14.txt
                                             log_2024-03-30.txt
                         log_2024-02-15.txt
                                             log_2024-03-31.txt
linux.txt
                         log_2024-02-16.txt
log 2024-01-01.txt
                         log 2024-02-17.txt
log_2024-01-02.txt
                         log_2024-02-18.txt
log 2024-01-03.txt
                         log 2024-02-19.txt
log_2024-01-04.txt
                         log 2024-02-20.txt
log 2024-01-05.txt
                         log 2024-02-21.txt
log_2024-01-06.txt
                         log_2024-02-22.txt
                         log_2024-02-23.txt
log_2024-01-07.txt
                                             web dev.conf
                                             web_dev.conf.backup
log 2024-01-08.txt
                         log 2024-02-24.txt
                         log_2024-02-25.txt
log 2024-01-09.txt
                                             web prod.conf
log_2024-01-10.txt
                         log_2024-02-26.txt
                                             web_prod.conf.backup
log_2024-01-11.txt
                         log_2024-02-27.txt
                                             web_staging.conf
log 2024-01-12.txt
                         log_2024-02-28.txt
                                             web_staging.conf.backup
log 2024-01-13.txt
                         log 2024-02-29.txt
                                             win.txt
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
```

X

## **Q12. Archive operations**

commands:

#Examine without extract

tar -tf archive.tar unzip -l archive.zip

#Extract specific

tar -xf archive.tar "\*.conf"

**#Update existing archive** 

tar -rf archive.tar newfile.txt

#Handle corruption

zip -FF bad.zip --out fixed.zip

#Merge multiple archives

tar -Af combined.tar part1.tar

```
Ubuntu
                             X
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ tar -tf text.tar.gz
unzip -l text.zip
text_dir/
text_dir/file1.txt
text_dir/file2.txt
Archive:
           text.zip
  Length
               Date
                        Time
                                 Name
           2025-09-30 15:50
                                 text dir/
                                 text dir/file1.txt
           2025-09-30 15:50
           2025-09-30 15:50
                                 text_dir/file2.txt
                                 3 files
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
                                                          X
 Ubuntu
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ touch newfile.txt
                                               # create the file
if needed
tar -rf archive.tar newfile.txt
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
```

## 13. Backup rotation strategy

- Daily incremental → rsync --link-dest
- Weekly full → tar -czf full\_week\_\$(date +%F).tar.gz
- **Monthly archive** → stored offsite, named YYYY-MM.tar.gz.
- Auto cleanup → find /backups -mtime +90 -delete.
- Integrity check → tar -tvf or md5sum.
- Naming prevents conflict: backup type date.tar.gz.

# Q14. User access troubleshooting

commands:

#Current user context

id

#Compare groups

groups user1 groups user2

#/etc/passwd patterns

cat/etc/passwd

```
X
                                                                     Ubuntu
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ id
uid=1000(serge_mugabo) gid=1000(serge_mugabo) groups=1000(serge_mugabo),4(a
dm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),100(users)
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ groups serge_mugabo
serge_mugabo : serge_mugabo adm cdrom sudo dip plugdev users
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ groups root
root : root
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
                                                                     X
 Ubuntu
                          X
serge mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ cat /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
irc:x:39:39:ircd:/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
_apt:x:42:65534::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-network:x:998:998:systemd Network Management:/:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-timesync:x:996:996:systemd Time Synchronization:/:/usr/sbin/nologin
dhcpcd:x:100:65534:DHCP Client Daemon,,,:/usr/lib/dhcpcd:/bin/false
messagebus:x:101:101::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
syslog:x:102:102::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-resolve:x:991:991:systemd Resolver:/:/usr/sbin/nologin
uuidd:x:103:103::/run/uuidd:/usr/sbin/nologin
landscape:x:104:105::/var/lib/landscape:/usr/sbin/nologin
polkitd:x:990:990:User for polkitd:/:/usr/sbin/nologin
serge_mugabo:x:1000:1000:,,,:/home/serge_mugabo:/bin/bash
serge_mugabo@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
```

## 15. Group membership propagation

Commands:

# id groups

#Requires re-login

su - user

#Groups for logs/web/admin

ls -l /var/log | grep group ls -ld /var/www cat /etc/sudoers

#Principle of least privilege

→ Users only in groups needed for their tasks.

```
root@DESKTOP-GOD:~# cat /etc/passwd | cut -d: -f1
root
daemon
bin
sys
sync
games
man
lρ
mail
news
UUCD
ргоху
www-data
backup
list
irc
_apt
nobody
systemd-network
systemd-timesync
dhcpcd
messagebus
syslog
systemd-resolve
uuidd
landscape
polkitd
serge_mugabo
root@DESKTOP-GOD:~# groups serge_mugabo
groups root
serge_mugabo : serge_mugabo adm cdrom sudo dip plugdev users
root : root
root@DESKTOP-GOD:~#
```

```
GNU nano 7.2
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         /etc/sudoers.tmp
           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.
                                                                                                env_reset
mail_badpass
 Defaults
Defaults
Defaults
                                                                                                 secure_path="/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/sbin:/snap/bin"
            (#1011624, https://bugs.kde.org/show_bug.cgi?id=452532)
 Defaults
                                                                                                use_pty
          This preserves proxy settings from user environments of root
    # equivalent users (group sudo)
#Defaults:%sudo env_keep += "http_proxy https_proxy ftp_proxy all_proxy no_proxy"
         This allows running arbitrary commands, but so does ALL, and it means different sudoers have their choice of editor respected.  \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2}
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    [ Read 57 lines ]
                                                                                                   ^O Write Out
^R Read File
                                                                                                                                                                                                      ^W Where Is
^\ Replace
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             ^T Execute
^J Justify
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  ^C Location
^/ Go To Line
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     M-U Undo
M-E Redo
              Help
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           ^K Cut
^U Paste
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               Execute
```

# Q16. Privilege escalation audit

commands:

#### sudo-l

sudo -i # root login shell sudo su # run su as root su - # switch user, needs password

sudo -u www-data ls /var/www

## grep "sudo" /var/log/auth.log

```
X
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       Ubuntu
   root@DESKTOP-GOD:~# sudo -l
   Matching Defaults entries for root on DESKTOP-GOD:
                        env_reset, mail_badpass,
                        secure path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:
   /usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin\:/snap/bin,
                        use pty
  User root may run the following commands on DESKTOP-GOD:
                        (ALL: ALL) ALL
   root@DESKTOP-GOD:~#
root@DESKTOP-GOD:-# sudo -i # root login shell sudo su # run su as root su - # switch user, needs
password
ls: cannot access '/var/www': No such file or directory
root@DESKTOP-GOD:-# grep "sudo" /var/log/auth.log
2025-09-30T12:59:08.052387-09:00 DESKTOP-GOD usermod[369]: add 'serge_mugabo' to group 'sudo'
2025-09-30T12:59:08.052387-09:00 DESKTOP-GOD usermod[369]: add 'serge_mugabo' to shadow group 'sudo'
2025-09-30T14:38:26.277587+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: serge_mugabo: TTY=pts/0; PWD=/home/serge_mugabo/projects; USER=root;
COMMAND=/usr/bin/apt update
2025-09-30T14:38:26.29T182+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix_udo:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) by (uid=1000)
2025-09-30T14:44:14.495014+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix_udo:session): session closed for user root
2025-09-30T14:44:14.508861+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix_udo:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) by (uid=1000)
2025-09-30T14:44:15.09861+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix_udo:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) by (uid=1000)
2025-09-30T14:44:15.09861+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix_udo:session): session closed for user root(uid=0) by (uid=1000)
2025-09-30T14:44:30:799128+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix_udo:session): session closed for user root(uid=0) by (uid=1000)
2025-09-30T15:48:14.428038+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix_udo:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) by (uid=1000)
2025-09-30T15:48:14.438350+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix_udo:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) by (uid=1000)
2025-09-30T15:48:14.438350+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix_udo:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) by (uid=1000)
2025-09-30T15:48:14.438350+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix_udo:session): session closed for user root(uid=0) by (uid=1000)
2025-09-30T15:52:26:188680+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix_udo:session): session closed for user root(uid=0) by (uid=1000)
2025-09-30T15:53:21.090203+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix_udo:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) by (uid=1000)
2025-09-30T15:53:21.09020
   root@DESKTOP-GOD:~# sudo -i # root login shell sudo su # run su as root su - # switch user, needs
                                                                                                                                      pam_unixsudo:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) by (uid=1000)
pam_unixsudo:session): session closed for user root
serge_mugabo : TTY=pts/0 ; PWD=/root ; USER=root ; COMMAND=/bin/bash
pam_unixsudo-i:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) by (uid=1000)
  2025-09-30T16:13:22.250776+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD 2025-09-30T16:13:22.252447+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD
                                                                                                                                                root : TTY=pts/2 ; PWD=/root ; USER=root ; COMMAND=/usr/bin/ls /root
_unixsudc:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) by serge_mugab
                                                                                                                                o: pam_unixs
  o(uid=0)
2025-09-30T16:13:22.255340+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD
2025-09-30T16:13:22.262727+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD
                                                                                                                                 : pam_unixs
                                                                                                                                                _unixsudc:session):    session closed for user root
root : TTY=pts/2 ;    PWD=/root ;    USER=root ;    COMMAND=/usr/bin/chmod 644
  /some/file
2025-09-30T16:13:22.263218+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD
                                                                                                                                o: pam_unixsudo:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) by serge_mugab
  o(uid=0)
```

## Q17. Forensic setup

#### commands:

```
mkdir forensic && cd forensic touch regular.txt mkdir dir In -s regular.txt symlink In regular.txt hardlink mknod devicefile c 1 7 touch sticky; chmod +t sticky touch suid; chmod u+s suid touch sgid; chmod g+s sgid chown root:root regular.txt chown user1:user1 other.txt tar -czf test.tar.gz *
```

ls -l, stat, file, tar -tvf, unzip -l

#### Screenshot:

zip test.zip \*

```
root@DESKTOP-GOD:~# mkdir forensic && cd forensic
touch regular.txt
mkdir dir
ln -s regular.txt symlink
ln regular.txt hardlink
mknod devicefile c 1 7
root@DESKTOP-GOD:~/forensic# ls
devicefile dir hardlink regular.txt symlink
root@DESKTOP-GOD:~/forensic# touch sticky; chmod +t sticky
touch suid; chmod u+s suid
touch sgid; chmod g+s sgid
root@DESKTOP-GOD:~/forensic# ls
devicefile dir hardlink regular.txt sgid sticky suid symlink
```

```
root@DESKTOP-GOD:~/forensic# cd ~/forensic
ls -l
echo "forensic test" > other.txt
sudo adduser user1
                         # only if user1 doesn't exist
chown user1:user1 other.txt
total 8
crw-r--r-- 1 root root 1, 7 Sep 27 20:06 devicefile
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root
                        4096 Sep 27 20:06 dir
                         0 Sep 27 20:06 hardlink
-rw-r--r-- 2 root root
                          14 Sep 27 20:08 other.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 user1 user1
                         0 Sep 27 20:06 regular.txt
rw-r--r-- 2 root root
-rw-r-Sr-- 1 root root
                          0 Sep 27 20:06 sgi
                          0 Sep 27 20:06 sticky
-rw-r--r-T 1 root root
                          0 Sep 27 20:06 suid
-rwSr--r-- 1 root root
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 11 Sep 27 20:06 symlink -> regular.txt
root@DESKTOP-GOD:~/forensic# chown root:root regular.txt
chown user1:user1 other.txt
root@DESKTOP-GOD:~/forensic# tar -czf test.tar.gz *
zip test.zip *
        zip warning: ignoring special file: devicefile
  adding: dir/ (stored 0%)
  adding: hardlink (stored 0%)
  adding: other.txt (stored 0%)
  adding: regular.txt (stored 0%)
  adding: sgid (stored 0%)
  adding: sticky (stored 0%)
  adding: suid (stored 0%)
  adding: symlink (stored 0%)
  adding: test.tar.gz (stored 0%)
```

```
root@DESKTOP-GOD:~/forensic# ls -l ; stat regular.txt ; file regular.txt ; tar -tvf test.tar.gz ; unzip -l test.zip
total 16
                                                           1, 7 Sep 27 20:06 devicefile
4096 Sep 27 20:06 dir
0 Sep 27 20:06 hardlink
1 14 Sep 27 20:08 other.txt
0 Sep 27 20:06 regular.txt
0 Sep 27 20:06 sicky
0 Sep 27 20:06 sticky
0 Sep 27 20:06 symlink -> regular.txt
322 Sep 27 20:10 test.tar.gz
1638 Sep 27 20:10 test.zip
                                               root
                           1 root
drwxr-xr-x 2 root
-rw-r--r-- 2 root
                                             root
                                             root
 -rw-r--r-- 1 user1 user1
-rw-r--r-- 2 root root
                                              root
 -rw-r--r-T 1 root
                                              root
  -rwSr--r-- 1 root
                                              root
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
     File: regular.txt
File: regular.txt
Size: 0 Blocks: 0 IO Block: 4096
Device: 8,48 Inode: 44977 Links: 2
Access: (0644/-rw-r--r--) Uid: ( 0/ root) Gid: (
Access: 2025-09-27 20:10:12.546565477 +0200
Modify: 2025-09-27 20:06:24.887787284 +0200
Change: 2025-09-27 20:10:02.011978842 +0200
Birth: 2025-09-27 20:06:24.887787284 +0200
regular.txt: empty
                                                                                                         IO Block: 4096 regular empty file
 regular.txt: empty
crw-r--r-- root/root
drwxr-xr-x root/root
-rw-r--r-- root/root
-rw-r--r-- user1/user1
                                                                   1,7 2025-09-27 20:06 devicefile
                                                                    1,7 2025-09-27 20:06 devicertie
0 2025-09-27 20:06 dir/
0 2025-09-27 20:06 hardlink
14 2025-09-27 20:08 other.txt
0 2025-09-27 20:06 regular.txt link to hardlink
0 2025-09-27 20:06 sgid
0 2025-09-27 20:06 sticky
0 2025-09-27 20:06 suid
0 2025-09-27 20:06 symlink -> regular.txt
 hrw-r--r-- root/root
-rw-r-Sr-- root/root
-rw-r--r-T root/root
                                                      Time
     Length
                               Date
                                                                          dir/
hardlink
                          2025-09-27 20:06
                        2025-09-27 20:06
2025-09-27 20:06
2025-09-27 20:06
2025-09-27 20:06
2025-09-27 20:06
2025-09-27 20:06
2025-09-27 20:06
2025-09-27 20:06
2025-09-27 20:10
                                                                           other.txt
                                                                           regular.txt
                                                                           sgid
sticky
                                                                           symlink
                                                                           test.tar.gz
                                                                           9 files
 root@DESKTOP-GOD:~/forensic#
```