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}}

Screenshot:

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~$ mkdir -p ~/projects/{client_work/{web/{frontend,backend},mobile},personal/{experiments,not
es},shared/{templates,docs}}
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~$ ls
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solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~$ $
```

Q3. Navigation with ≤3 cd commands:

```
cd ../../personal/experiments
pwd
cd ../../shared/templates
pwd
cd ../../client_work/web/frontend
```

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ cd ../../.personal/experiments
pwd
/home/solide/projects/personal/experiments
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/personal/experiments$ cd ../../shared/templates
pwd
/home/solide/projects/shared/templates
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/shared/templates$ cd ../../client_work/web/frontend
pwd
/home/solide/projects/client_work/web/frontend
solide@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

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ ls
about.html index.html page_002.html page_004.html page_006.html page_008.html page_010.html
contact.html page_001.html page_003.html page_005.html page_007.html page_009.html page_012.html
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ touch index.html about.html contact.html page_{001,002,0
03,004,005,006,007,008,009,010,012}.html
```

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ about.html desktop.css page_001.html page_005.html
                                                                                                        touch {script1,script2,util1,util2,config1,config2}.js
                                                                            page_005.html
page_006.html
                                                                                                          page_009.html reset.css theme_dark.css
page_010.html script1.js theme_light.css
page_012.html script2.js util1.js
 config1.js index.html
config2.js main.css
contact.html mobile.css
                                                  page_002.html
                          index.html
                                                  page_003.html
                                                                              page_007.html
 contact.html mobile.css page 004.html page 008.html
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$
                                                                                                          print.css
                                                                                                                                      tablet.css
                                                                                                                                                          util2.js
 solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ to
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ ls
                                                                                                         touch {a,b,c,d}{1,2,3,4,5}.bak
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page_005.html
page_006.html
page_007.html
page_008.html
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                                                                                      index.html
                                                                                                                                              page_010.html
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                                                                                     main.css
mobile.css
                                                                                                                                              page_012.html
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theme_light.css
util1.js
                                                                                                                                              print.css
 reset.css
                                                                                                                                                                          util2.js
about.html
                                                                                                                                              script1.js
 solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ touch {main,reset,theme_light,theme_dark,mobile,tablet,d
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/ctient_work/web/frontend$ co. esktop,print}.css solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ ls about.html main.css page_003.html page_007.html contact.html mobile.css page_004.html page_008.html desktop.css page_001.html page_005.html page_009.html index.html page_002.html page_006.html page_010.html solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ 
                                                                                                             page_012.html theme_dark.css
print.css theme_light.css
                                                                                                              reset.css
                                                                                                              tablet.css
```

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]

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ ls
about.html desktop.css main.css print.css tablet.css theme_light.css
contact.html index.html mobile.css reset.css theme_dark.css
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ cd ../../../archive/
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/archive$ ls
a1.bak b1.bak c1.bak config1.js d4.bak page_004.html page_009.html util1.js
a2.bak b2.bak c2.bak config2.js d5.bak page_005.html page_010.html util2.js
a3.bak b3.bak c3.bak d1.bak page_001.html page_006.html page_012.html
a4.bak b4.bak c4.bak d2.bak page_002.html page_007.html script1.js
a5.bak b5.bak c5.bak d3.bak page_003.html page_008.html script2.js
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/archive$ cd ../desktop/
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/desktop$ ls
desktop.css main.css print.css reset.css theme_dark.css theme_light.css
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/desktop$ ■
```

Q6. Brace expansion patterns

Commands:

```
log_2024-02-15.txt
log_2024-02-16.txt
log_2024-02-17.txt
                                                                                                                                                                                log_2024-03-02.txt
log_2024-03-03.txt
log_2024-03-04.txt
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log_2024-03-21.txt
api_dev.conf
api_prod.conf
api_staging.conf
                                                                                      log_2024-01-30.txt
log_2024-01-31.txt
log_2024-02-01.txt
log_2024-02-02.txt
log_2024-02-03.txt
log_2024-02-04.txt
log_2024-02-05.txt
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log_2024-02-19.txt
log_2024-02-20.txt
log_2024-02-21.txt
log_2024-02-22.txt
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                                           log_2024-01-15.txt
log_2024-01-16.txt
log_2024-01-17.txt
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log_2024-03-26.txt
log_2024-03-27.txt
log_2024-03-28.txt
log_2024-03-29.txt
db_dev.conf
db_prod.conf
db_staging.conf
                                           log_2024-01-17.txt
log_2024-01-18.txt
log_2024-01-19.txt
 og_2024-01-01.txt
og_2024-01-02.txt
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log_2024-02-08.txt
log_2024-02-09.txt
log_2024-02-10.txt
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log_2024-01-22.txt
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log_2024-02-26.txt
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log_2024-03-15.txt
log_2024-03-16.txt
log_2024-03-17.txt
log_2024-03-18.txt
      log_2024-01-05.txt
log_2024-01-06.txt
log_2024-01-07.txt
log_2024-01-08.txt
log_2024-01-09.txt
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log_2024-01-26.txt
log_2024-01-27.txt
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log_2024-02-31.txt
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                                                                                                                                                                                log 2024-03-19.txt
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```
Solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ touch {A..C}{10..12}_{input,output}.txt
 A10_input.txt
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log_2024-02-07.txt
log_2024-02-08.txt
log_2024-02-09.txt
log_2024-02-10.txt
log_2024-02-11.txt
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 A10_output.txt
 A11_input.txt
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 A11_output.txt
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B10_input.txt
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 B11_input.txt
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log_2024-01-08.txt
log_2024-01-09.txt
log_2024-01-11.txt
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log_2024-03-31.txt
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log_2024-01-31.txt
log_2024-02-01.txt
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  solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
 solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ ls
archive client_work desktop personal shared solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ touch log_2024-{01,02,03}-{01..31}.txt solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ ls
                                            log_2024-01-18.txt
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log_2024-01-20.txt
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 solide@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

Screenshot:

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ echo -e "This is a test file\nAnother line" > linux.txt
unix2dos linux.txt win.txt
unix2dos: converting file linux.txt to DOS format...
unix2dos: converting file win.txt to DOS format...
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ diff linux.txt win.txt
2a3
>
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ cmp linux.txt win.txt
cmp: EOF on linux.txt after byte 35, line 2
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ sort linux.txt -o linux.txt
sort win.txt -o win.txt
comm linux.txt win.txt

Another line
This is a test file
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ |
```

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

#World-writable

```
find . -type f -perm -002
```

#Owned by others

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

```
#Temp/backup
```

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

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -type f -size +$(($(du -cb * | grep total | cut -f1)/$(ls -1 | wc -l)))c
./win.txt
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -type f -mtime -3 ! -mtime -1
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -type d -empty -o -type d -exec sh -c 'ls -A "$1" | grep -q "^[.]" && echo "$1"' _ {}
};
find . -type f -perm -002
find . ! user $(whoamt) ! -user root
find . -type f \( \( \) -name '*~' -o -name '*.bak' -o -name '*.tmp' \)
./archive/a1.bak
./archive/a1.bak
./archive/b2.bak
./archive/b2.bak
./archive/b2.bak
./archive/b2.bak
./archive/d3.bak
./archive/d3.bak
./archive/d3.bak
./archive/d3.bak
./archive/d3.bak
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./archive/b3.bak
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./archive/b5.bak
./archive/b5.bak
./archive/b5.bak
./archive/b5.bak
./archive/c2.bak
./archive/c3.bak
./archive/c3.bak
./archive/c5.bak
./archive/c5.bak
./archive/c5.bak
./archive/c6.bak
./archive
```

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.

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ grep -n "ERROR" logfile.txt | tail -1
LINE=$(grep -n "ERROR" logfile.txt | tail -1 | cut -d: -f1)
tail -n +$((LINE-5)) logfile.txt | head -10
255:ERROR at line 250
250
ERROR at line 50
ERROR at line 100
ERROR at line 150
ERROR at line 200
ERROR at line 250

solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ grep -n "ERROR" logfile.txt
251:ERROR at line 50
252:ERROR at line 100
253:ERROR at line 150
254:ERROR at line 250
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
```

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ sed -n '76,125p' logfile.txt
76
77
78
79
80
81
82
83
84
85
86
87
88
89
90
91
92
93
94
95
96
97
98
99
100
101
102
103
104
105
106
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ time cat logfile.txt > /dev/null
time less logfile.txt > /dev/null
real
        0m0.003s
user
        0m0.002s
        0m0.001s
sys
real
        0m0.017s
        0m0.004s
user
sys
        0m0.009s
```

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
```

```
Solide@DESKTOP-GOD:-/projects$ find . -type f ! -perm -755 -exec chmod 644 {} \;
Solide@DESKTOP-GOD:-/projects$ find . -type f -mtime +30 -exec du -ch {} + | tall -1 \;
Solide@DESKTOP-GOD:-/projects$ find . -name "*.conf" -exec cp {} (} ().backup \;
Solide@DESKTOP-GOD:-/projects$ find . -name "*.tmp" -atime +7 -print find . -name "*.t
```

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
```

Screenshot:

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

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ mkdir test_dir
echo "hello" > test_dir/file1.txt
echo "world" > test_dir/file2.conf
 tar -cf archive.tar test_dir
zip -c archive.tar test_dir
zip -r archive.zip test_dir
adding: test_dir/ (stored 0%)
adding: test_dir/file1.txt (stored 0%)
adding: test_dir/file2.conf (stored 0%)
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ tar -tf archive.tar
 unzip -l archive.zip
test_dir/file1.txt
test_dir/file2.conf
Archive: archive.zip
     Length
                                Date
                                                      Time
                                                                         Name
                         2025-09-27 18:04
2025-09-27 18:04
2025-09-27 18:04
                                                                         test_dir/
test_dir/file1.txt
test_dir/file2.conf
                   0
                    6
3 files
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ echo "new content" > newfile.txt
tar -rf archive.tar newfile.txt
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/demo_dir$ cd .
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ zip -s 1m bad.zip demo_dir/*
  adding: demo_dir/file1.txt (stored 0%)
  adding: demo_dir/file2.txt (stored 0%)
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ zip -FF bad.zip --out fixed.zip
unzip fixed.zip
Fix archive (-FF) - salvage what can
 Found end record (EOCDR) - says expect single disk archive
Scanning for entries...

Found spanning marker, but did not expect split (multi-disk) archive...

copying: demo_dir/file1.txt (9 bytes)
copying: demo_dir/file1.txt (9 bytes)
copying: demo_dir/file2.txt (9 bytes)
Central Directory found...
EOCDR found (1 350)...
Archive: fixed.zip
replace demo_dir/file1.txt? [y]es, [n]o, [A]ll, [N]one, [r]ename: y extracting: demo_dir/file1.txt replace demo_dir/file2.txt? [y]es, [n]o, [A]ll, [N]one, [r]ename: A extracting: demo_dir/file2.txt solide@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

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ sudo adduser user1
sudo adduser user2
 [sudo] password for solide:
info: Adding user `user1' ...
info: Selecting UID/GID from range 1000 to 59999 ...
info: Adding new group `user1' (1001) ...
info: Adding new user `user1' (1001) with group `user1 (1001)' ...
info: Creating home directory `/home/user1' ...
info: Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for user1
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
           Full Name []: Solide
           Room Number []: 12
Work Phone []: 0796606714
Home Phone []: 555-555-555
Other []:

Is the information correct? [Y/n] Y
info: Adding new user `user1' to supplemental / extra groups `users' ...
info: Adding user `user1' to group `users' ...
info: Adding user `user2' ...
info: Selecting UID/GID from range 1000 to 59999 ...
info: Adding new group `user2' (1002) ...
info: Adding new user `user2' (1002) with group `user2 (1002)' ...
info: Creating home directory `/home/user2' ...
info: Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
New password:
Retype new password:
Sorry, passwords do not match.
passwd: Authentication token manipulation error
passwd: password unchanged
Try again? [y/N] y
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for user2
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
            Full Name []: AZE
           Room Number []: 11
Work Phone []: 0780384068
Home Phone []:
Other []:

Is the information correct? [Y/n] Y
info: Adding new user `user2' to supplemental / extra groups `users' ...
info: Adding user `user2' to group `users'
```

```
solide@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
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x: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/lucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/lucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
mackup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobady:x:65534:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534::nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-network:x:998:998:systemd Network Management:/:/usr/sbin/nologin
dhcpcd:x:100:55534:DHCP Client Daemon,,;:/usr/lib/dhcpcd:/bin/false
messagebus:x:101:101::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-resolve:x:991:991:systemd Resolver:/:/usr/sbin/nologin
landscape:x:101:101::/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-resolve:x:991:991:systemd Resolver:/:/usr/sbin/nologin
landscape:x:100::1002:/oo:x/spin/nologin
pokitd:x:1000:1000:,,:/homex/solide:/bin/bash
user1:x:1001:1002:AZE_in,0780384068;./home/user2:/bin/bash
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
```

15. Group membership propagation

Commands:

#Current vs configured

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.

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~$ sudo apt update
sudo apt install apache2
Hit:1 http://secrity.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security InRelease
Hit:2 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble InRelease
Get:3 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-backports InRelease
Get:5 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-backports InRelease
Get:5 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates/main amd64 Packages [1443 k8]
Get:6 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates/universe amd64 Packages [1485 kB]
Fetched 3054 kB in 4s (691 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
17 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
    apache2-bin apache2-data apache2-utils libapr1t64 libaprutil1-dbd-sqlite3 libaprutil1-ldap libaprutil1t64
liblua5.4-0 ssl-cert
Suggested packages:
    apache2-doc apache2-suexec-pristine | apache2-suexec-custom www-browser ufw
The following NEW packages will be installed:
    apache2-doc apache2-suexec-pristine | apache2-suexec-custom www-browser ufw
The following NEW packages will be installed:
    apache2-doc apache2-bin apache2-data apache2-utils libapr1t64 libaprutil1-dbd-sqlite3 libaprutil1-ldap
libaprutil1t64 liblua5.4-0 ssl-cert
0 upgraded, 10 newly installed, 0 to remove and 17 not upgraded.
Need to get 2086 kB of archives.
After this operation, 8090 kB of additional disk space will be used.
```

```
GNU nano 7.2
                                                  /etc/sudoers.tmp
 directly modifying this file.
 See the man page for details on how to write a sudoers file.
               env_reset
mail_badpass
Defaults
Defaults
               secure_path="/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/shin:/snap/bin"
 This fixes CVE-2005-4890 and possibly breaks some versions of kdesu (#1011624, https://bugs.kde.org/show_bug.cgi?id=452532)
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.

Defaults:%sudo env_keep += "EDITOR"
                                              [ Read 57 lines ]
                               ^W Where Is
^\ Replace
                                                               ^T Execute
^J Justify
               ^O Write Out
^R Read File
                                                                               ^C Location
^/ Go To Line
                                                                                               M-U Undo
M-E Redo
                                               ^K Cut
^U Paste
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~$ ls -l /var/log | grep group
ls -ld /var/www
cat /etc/sudoers

ightarrow Users only in groups needed for their tasks.
drwxr-xr-x 3 solide solide 4096 Sep 27 19:59 /var/www
cat: /etc/sudoers: Permission denied
 	o: command not found
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~$
```

Q16. Privilege escalation audit

commands:

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~$ sudo -i
sudo su
su -
welcome to Ubuntu 24.04.3 LTS (GNU/Linux 6.6.87.2-microsoft-standard-WSL2 x86 64)
                               https://help.ubuntu.com
https://landscape.canonical.com
https://ubuntu.com/pro
 * Documentation:
 * Management:
 * Support:
 System information as of Sat Sep 27 20:04:03 SAST 2025
   System load:
                          0.03
                                                                                                    38
                                                             Processes:
                          0.2% of 1006.85GB
   Usage of /:
                                                            Users logged in:
   Memory usage: 5%
                                                             IPv4 address for eth0: 172.18.160.83
   Swap usage:
 * Strictly confined Kubernetes makes edge and IoT secure. Learn how MicroK8s
     just raised the bar for easy, resilient and secure K8s cluster deployment.
    https://ubuntu.com/engage/secure-kubernetes-at-the-edge
This message is shown once a day. To disable it please create the
/root/.hushlogin file.
 oot@DESKTOP-GOD:~#
root@DESKTOP-GOD:~# sudo -u www-data ls /var/www
html
=/usr/bin/apt update
2025-09-23T15:39:28.404815+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) b
y (uid=1000)

2025-09-23T15:39:53.258468+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session closed for user root

2025-09-23T15:39:53.288651+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: solide: TTY=pts/0; PWD=/home/solide; USER=root; COMMAND =/usr/bin/apt install git -y
2025-09-23T15:39:53.283571+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD <mark>sudo:</mark> pam_unix(<mark>sudo:</mark>session): session opened for user root(uid=0) b
y (uid=1000)
2025-09-23T15:39:54.543082+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session closed for user root 2025-09-27T17:17:33.502244+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: solide: TTY=pts/0; PWD=/home/solide/projects; USER=root; COMMAND=/usr/bin/apt install dos2unix
2025-09-27T17:17:33.507192+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam unix(sudo:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) b
 (uid=1000)
2025-09-27T17:17:38.718905+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session closed for user root 2025-09-27T17:58:02.993509+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: solide: TTY=pts/0; PWD=/home/solide/projects; USER=root; COMMAND=/usr/bin/apt update 2025-09-27T17:58:03.001537+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) b
 (uid=1000)
2025-09-27T17:58:10.395454+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session closed for user root 2025-09-27T17:58:10.402937+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: solide: TTY=pts/0; PWD=/home/solide/projects; USER=root; COMMAND=/usr/bin/apt install bzip2 xz-utils zip 2025-09-27T17:58:10.403427+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session opened for user root(uid=0) b
```

Q17. Forensic setup

commands:

mkdir forensic && cd forensic touch regular.txt

mkdir dir ln -s regular.txt symlink ln 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 *
zip test.zip *

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

```
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#
```