# LINUX Assignment

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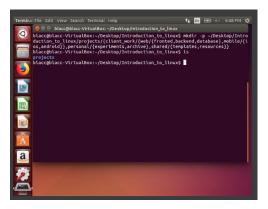
## Q1.

- /etc → contains system configuration files (e.g., /etc/passwd, /etc/shadow, /etc/ssh/sshd\_config). Attackers often target these.
- /bin  $\rightarrow$  contains **essential binaries** (1s, cp, bash). Could be replaced with trojans.
- /var → contains log files (/var/log/auth.log, /var/log/syslog). Evidence of intrusions is here.
- /usr → non-essential binaries, libraries, documentation. Attackers might modify installed apps.
- /tmp → temporary storage, often abused for malicious scripts or uploads.
- **/opt** → optional software location, less critical but still modifiable.
- **/boot** → kernel and bootloader, rootkits may persist here.
- **/home** → user files and hidden configs, SSH keys could be planted.

## Q2.

# mkdir -p

 $\sim Desktop/introduction\_to\_linux/projects/\{client\_work/\{web/\{frontend,backend,database\}\}, mobile/\{ios,android\}\}, personal/\{experiments,archive\}, shared/\{templates,resources\}\}$ 



# Q3. Navigation (relative paths, ≤3 cd)

# Starting point

pwd

/home/user/projects/client\_work/web/frontend

# Go to ~/projects/personal/experiments

cd ../../personal/experiments
pwd

/home/user/projects/personal/experiments

# Go to ~/projects/shared/templates

cd ../../shared/templates

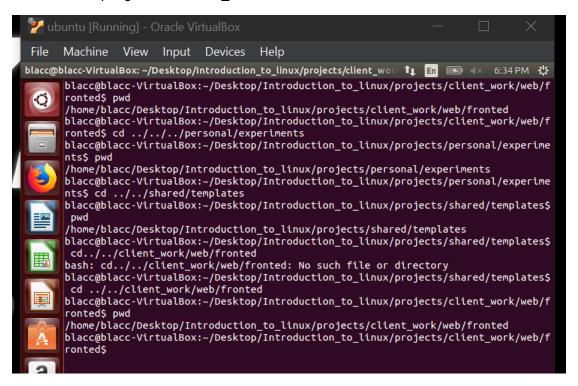
pwd

/home/user/projects/shared/templates

# Return to original location

cd ../../client\_work/web/frontend
pwd

/home/user/projects/client\_work/web/frontend



# Q4. Web project structure

# HTML files

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

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blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ touch index.html about.html contact.html page_{001..012}.html
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
total 0
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 about.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 contact.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 index.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 page 001.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 page_002.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 page_003.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 page 004.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 page_005.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 page 006.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 page_007.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 page_008.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 page_009.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 page_010.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 page_011.html
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:39 page_012.html
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
rontedS
```

#### # CSS files

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

# JavaScript files

touch script.js util.js config.js helper\_script.js test\_util.js app\_config.js

```
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ touch {Script,util,config,helper_script,test_util,app_config}.js
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ ls -l *.js
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:51 app_config.js
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:51 config.js
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:51 helper_script.js
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:51 Script.js
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:51 test_util.js
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 18:51 util.js
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$
```

# Backup files (20 total, 5 per letter a-d)
touch {a,b,c,d}{1..5}.bak

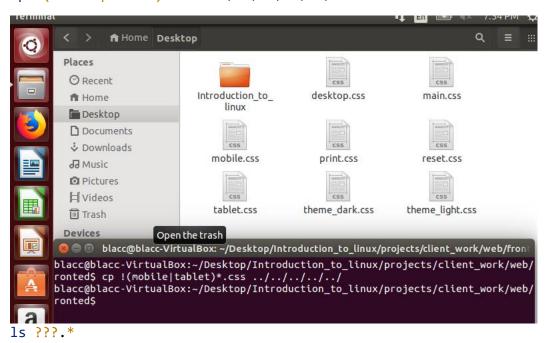
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blacc@blacc-VirtualBox: ~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_wori 🛊 🖪 💌 🕸 🕸 🔻 7:23 PM 😃
           blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/fronted$ touch {a,b,c,d}{1..5}.{bak,backup,bkp,old,save}
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/fronted$ ls -l *.{bak,backup,bkp,old,save}
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 19:20 a1.backup
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 19:20 a1.bak
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 19:20 a1.bkp
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 19:20 a1.old
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 19:20 a1.save
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 19:20 a2.backup
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Sep 30 19:20 a2.backup
                                                                           19:20 a2.bak
19:20 a2.bkp
19:20 a2.old
             - rw-rw-r--
                                    blacc
                                               blacc
                                                          0 Sep
                                                                      30
                                    blacc blacc 0 Sep
             - rw-rw-r--
                                                                      30
             - rw-rw-r
                                    blacc
                                               blacc
                                                              Sep
                                                          0 Sep
0 Sep
                                                                           19:20 a2.save
19:20 a3.backup
19:20 a3.bak
                                    blacc
                                               blacc
                                               blacc
blacc
                                    blacc
blacc
             - rw-rw-r--
                                                                      30
             - rw- rw- r-
                                                          0 Sep
                                                                      30
                                               blacc
                                                           0 Sep
                                                                            19:20 a3.bkp
                                    blacc blacc 0 Sep
blacc blacc 0 Sep
             - rw-rw-r--
                                                                      30
                                                                            19:20 a3.old
                                                                           19:20 a3.save
19:20 a4.backup
             - rw-rw-r--
                                                                      30
                                    blacc
                                               blacc
                                                           0 Sep
                                                                           19:20 a4.bak
19:20 a4.bkp
19:20 a4.old
              blacc
                                               blacc
                                                           0 Sep
                                                                      30
                                    blacc blacc 0 Sep
             - rw-rw-r--
                                                                      30
                                               blacc
                                                           0 Sep
             - rw-rw-r-
                                    blacc
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                                    blacc blacc
                                                           0 Sep
                                                                            19:20 a4.save
                                    blacc blacc 0 Sep
blacc blacc 0 Sep
                                                                           19:20 a5.backup
              30
                                                                            19:20 a5.bak
             - LM- LM- L-
                                                                      30
                                    blacc blacc
                                                          0 Sep
                                                                            19:20
                                                                           19:20 a5.old
             - rw-rw-r--
                                    blacc blacc 0 Sep
                                    blacc blacc 0
                                                              Sep
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             - FW- FW- F--
                                                                      30
                                                                                       a5.save
                                    blacc blacc 0
                                                              Sep
              -----
                                                                      30
                                                                            19:20 b1.backup
```

# Q5. Wildcards practice

mv \*[0-9].\* ../../personal/archive/



cp !(mobile tablet)\*.css ../../../../



```
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/
fronted$ ls ??? .*
ls: cannot access ???: No such file or directory
about.html
               desktop.css
                                             tablet.css
                                                               util.js
                                 mobile.css
app config.js
               helper script.js
                                             test util.js
                                 print.css
               index.html
config.js
                                 reset.css
                                             theme dark.css
contact.html
               main.css
                                             theme_light.css
                                 Script.js
backend database fronted
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/
fronted$
ls [b-df-hj-np-tv-z]*
   blacc@blacc-VirtualBox: ~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/fron
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/
fronted$ ls [b-df-hj-np-tv-z]*
config.js
              helper_script.js print.css tablet.css
                                                           theme_light.css
contact.html
              main.css
                                reset.css
                                           test_util.js
desktop.css
              mobile.css
                                Script.js theme_dark.css
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/
fronted$
ls *.[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z]
       blacc@blacc-VirtualBox: ~/Desktop/Introduction to linux/projects/client work/web/fron
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/
fronted$ ls *.[a-ZA-Z][a-ZA-Z]
app confiq.js confiq.js helper script.js Script.js test util.js util.js
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web
fronted$
Q6. Brace expansion
touch log 2024-{01..03}-{01..31}.txt
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/
fronted$ touch log_2024-{01..03}-{01..31}.txt
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/
fronted$ ls l *.txt
ls: cannot access l: No such file or directory
log_2024-01-01.txt log_2024-01-25.txt log_2024-02-18.txt
                                                             log_2024-03-11.txt
log_2024-01-02.txt log_2024-01-26.txt log_2024-02-19.txt
                                                             log 2024-03-12.txt
log_2024-01-03.txt log_2024-01-27.txt log_2024-02-20.txt
                                                             log_2024-03-13.txt
log 2024-01-04.txt log 2024-01-28.txt log 2024-02-21.txt
                                                             log 2024-03-14.txt
log_2024-01-05.txt log_2024-01-29.txt log_2024-02-22.txt
                                                             log_2024-03-15.txt
```

touch {web,api,db}\_{dev,staging,prod}.conf

log\_2024-03-16.txt

```
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/fronted$ touch {web,api,db}_{dev,staging,prod}.conf
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/fronted$ ls -l *.conf
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:36 api_dev.conf
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:36 api_prod.conf
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:36 api_staging.conf
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:36 db_dev.conf
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:36 db_prod.conf
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:36 db_staging.conf
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:36 web_dev.conf
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:36 web_prod.conf
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:36 web_prod.conf
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:36 web_prod.conf
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:36 web_staging.conf
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/fronted$
```

# touch {A..C}{10..12} {input,output}.txt

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rtaccourtacc-virtua ibox.~/peskiop/initroduction_to_tinux/projects/citenit_work/
fronted$ touch {A..C}{10..12}_{input,output}.txt
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/
fronted$ ls -l *.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 A10 input.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 A10_output.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 A11_input.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 A11_output.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 A12_input.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 A12_output.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 B10_input.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 B10_output.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 B11_output.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 B12_input.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 B12_output.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 C10_input.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 C10 output.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 C11_input.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 C11_output.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 blacc blacc 0 Oct 1 06:39 C12_input.txt
```

# Q7. Config file endings

echo "config test" > linux.txt
unix2dos linux.txt windows.txt

blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction\_to\_linux/projects/client\_work/web/fronted\$ echo "config test" > linux.txt unix2dos linux.txt windows.txt blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction\_to\_linux/projects/client\_work/web/fronted\$

```
diff linux.txt windows.txt
cmp linux.txt windows.txt
comm linux.txt windows.txt
```

- Windows = CRLF, Linux = LF  $\rightarrow$  tools show differences differently.
- Lesson: Cross-platform compatibility issues may break scripts.

#### Q8. find for audit

```
Q9. Large log file analysis
seq 1 250 > biglog.txt
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/1
ronted$ seq 1 250 > biglog.txt
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
rontedS
sed -n '100,150p' biglog.txt
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ seq 1 250 > biglog.txt
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ sed -n '100,500p' biglog.txt
100
101
102
grep -n '200' biglog.txt | tail -1
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ grep -n '200' biglog.txt | tail -1
200:200
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$
grep -A5 -B5 '200' biglog.txt | tail -11
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/fronted$ grep -A5 -B5 '200' biglog.txt |tail -11
195
196
197
198
199
200
201
202
203
204
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
```

time less biglog.txt

time cat biglog.txt

```
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/ronted$ time cat biglog.txt

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10

11
```

grep -n "error" biglog.txt

blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction\_to\_linux/projects/client\_work/web/f ronted\$ grep -n "error" biglog.txt blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction\_to\_linux/projects/client\_work/web/f ronted\$

```
Q10. find -exec automation

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

blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ sudo find . -type f ! -perm 755 -exec chmod 644 {} \;
[sudo] password for blacc:
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ [
find . -type f -mtime +30 -exec du -ch {} + | tail -1

blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ find . -type f -mtime +30 -exec du -ch {} + | tail -1

blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ find . -type f -name "*.conf" -exec cp {} {}.backup \;
```

# Q11. Compression analysis

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# Q12. Archive management

mkdir text\_dir media\_dir

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blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ mkdir text
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ mkdir text_sir media_dir
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$
```

echo "This is a text file for compression testing" > text\_dir/file1.txt

```
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f ronted$ echo "THis is a text file for compression testing">text_dir/file1.text blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f ronted$
```

echo "Another text file with different content" > text\_dir/file2.txt

```
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ echo "Amother text file with different content">text_dir/file2.text
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$
```

# Q13. Backup rotation

Daily incremental

```
tar --listed-incremental=daily.snar -czf daily_$(date +%F).tar.gz /data
```

Weekly full

```
tar -czf full weekly $(date +%F).tar.gz /data
```

- **Monthly archive** → store in /backups/archive/.
- Cleanup

```
find /backups -type f -mtime +90 -delete
```

Verify

```
tar -tvf archive.tar.gz
md5sum archive.tar.gz
```

# Q14. User analysis

Ιd

```
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f ronted$ id uid=1000(blacc) gid=1000(blacc) groups=1000(blacc),4(adm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),108(lpadmin),124(sambashare) blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f ronted$
```

groups user1

```
olacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f

-onted$ groups user1
groups: user1: no such user
olacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f

-onted$
```

groups user2

```
ronted$ groups user2
groups: user2: no such user
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$
```

cat /etc/passwd

- System users → UID <1000, nologin shells.
- Regular users → UID ≥1000, bash shell.

```
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
 ronted$ 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:/var/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
 gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin
 nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
 libuuid:x:100:101::/var/lib/libuuid:
syslog:x:101:104::/home/syslog:/bin/false
```

Risk: if normal users belong to adm, sudo, etc.  $\rightarrow$  privilege escalation.

# Q15. Group propagation

id

groups

newgrp groupname

- Groups for logs = adm, syslog.
- Groups for web = www-data.
- Groups for admin = sudo, wheel.
- Apply **principle of least privilege**.

# O16. Sudo & escalation audit

sudo -1

```
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ sudo -l
[sudo] password for blacc:
Matching Defaults entries for blacc on blacc-VirtualBox:
    env_reset, mail_badpass,
    secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin
\:/snap/bin

User blacc may run the following commands on blacc-VirtualBox:
    (ALL : ALL) ALL
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$
```

#### sudo -i

```
(ALL : ALL) ALL
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/f
ronted$ sudo -i
root@blacc-VirtualBox:~#
```

#### sudo su

```
blacc-VirtualBox: /home/blacc/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/ 
blacc@blacc-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/fronted$ sudo su
root@blacc-VirtualBox:/home/blacc/Desktop/Introduction_to_linux/projects/client_work/web/fronted#
```

## su sudo -u postgres psql

- Risk: ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD:ALL.
- Recommendation: restrict commands to roles.