

ASSIGNMENT 2

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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 \rightarrow 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}}

```
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 pwd

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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 Screenshot:

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page_002.html
                                                                page_004.html
about.html
                    index.html
                                                                                     page_006.html
                                                                                                             page_008.html
                                                                                                                                  page_010.html
contact.html page_001.html page_003.html
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client work/
                                                              page_005.html page_007.html page_009.html page_012.html 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$ touch {script1,script2,util1,util2,config1,config2}.js
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ ls
                     desktop.css page 001.html
index.html page 002.html
main.css page 003.html
                                                              page_005.html
page_006.html
page_007.html
 about.html
                                                                                    page_009.html
                                                                                                                            theme_dark.css
                                                                                                          reset.css
 config1.js
config2.js
contact.html
                                                                                    page_010.html
page_012.html
                                                                                                          script1.js
                                                                                                                            theme_light.css
                                                                                                           script2.js
                                                                                                                            util1.js
 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$ touch {a,b,c,d}{1,2,3,4,5}.bak
 solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ ls
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page_010.html
page_012.html
                                                                                           page_003.html
page_004.html
page_005.html
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tablet.css
                                                contact.html desktop.css
                                                                     index.html
 a3.bak b3.bak c4.bak d2.bak main.css
a4.bak b4.bak c5.bak d3.bak mobile.css
a5.bak b5.bak config1.js d4.bak page_001.html
about.html c1.bak config2.js d5.bak page_002.html
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$
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theme_light.css
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util2.js
                                                                                           page_007.html
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                                                                                           page_008.html
                                                                                                                 script1.js
 solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ touch {main,reset,theme_light,theme_dark,mobile,tablet,d
 esktop,print}.css
 solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ ls
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page_004.html
page_005.html
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page_008.html
page_009.html
 about.html
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 contact.html
                     mobile.css
                                                                                        print.css
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                                                                                        reset.css
                     page_001.html
                      page_002.html
                                           page_006.html
                                                                  page_010.html
                                                                                        tablet.css
  solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/
```

Q5. Wildcards for file organization

Commands:

#Move files ending with numbers my [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] Screenshot:
```

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ ls
about.html desktop.css main.css print.css tablet.css
contact.html index.html mobile.css reset.css theme_dark
                                                                                                              theme_light.css
                                                                reset.css theme_dark.css
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$ cd ../../../archive/
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/archive$ ls
                         c1.bak config1.js
c2.bak config2.js
                                                                                    page_004.html
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                                                                                    page_005.html
page_006.html
                                                                                                             page_010.html
page_012.html
                                                                                                                                      util2.js
                                                           page_001.html
a4.bak b4.bak c4.bak d2.bak page_002.html pa
a5.bak b5.bak c5.bak d3.bak page_003.html pa
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/archive$ cd ../desktop/
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/desktop$ ls
                                                                                    page_007.html
                                                                                                              script1.js
                                                                                    page 008.html
                                                                                                             script2.js
desktop.css main.css print.css reset.css theme_dark.css theme_light.css
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/desktop$
```

Q6. Brace expansion patterns

Commands:

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#Logs for Q1 2024 touch \log_{2024-\{01..03\}-\{01..31\}}.txt #Configs for 3 env × 3 services touch \{\text{web,api,db}\}_{\{\text{dev,staging,prod}\}}.conf #Test files A-C \times 10-12 \times \text{input/output touch} \{A..C\}_{\{10..12\}_{\{\text{input,output}\}}.txt
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touch {web,api,db}_{dev,staging,prod}.conf
 olide@DESKTOP-GOD:~
                                          /projects touch ()
/projects ls
log_2024-01-10.txt
log_2024-01-11.txt
log_2024-01-12.txt
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:
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log_2024-02-16.txt
log_2024-02-17.txt
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log_2024-03-03.txt
log_2024-03-04.txt
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log_2024-01-29.txt
log_2024-01-30.txt
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api_prod.conf
api_staging.conf
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log_2024-03-22.txt
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log_2024-03-05.txt
log_2024-03-06.txt
log_2024-03-07.txt
log_2024-03-09.txt
log_2024-03-09.txt
log_2024-03-10.txt
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log_2024-01-31.txt
log_2024-02-01.txt
log_2024-02-02.txt
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log_2024-01-18.txt
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log_2024-02-23.txt
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log_2024-03-26.txt
log_2024-03-27.txt
log_2024-03-28.txt
b_dev.conf
db_prod.conf
db_staging.conf
 og_2024-01-01.txt
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log_2024-01-20.txt
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log_2024-01-22.txt
log_2024-01-23.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_2024-03-14.txt
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 olide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
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solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ touch {A..C}{10..12}_{input,output}.txt
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ ls
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log_2024-02-30.txt
log_2024-02-31.txt
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log_2024-03-19.txt
 A10_input.txt
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log_2024-02-08.txt
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log_2024-01-18.txt
 A10_output.txt
                                     db_dev.conf
db_prod.conf
db_staging.conf
 A11_input.txt
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log_2024-01-20.txt
log_2024-01-21.txt
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log_2024-02-10.txt
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A11_output.txt
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 B10 output.txt
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 B11_input.txt
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log_2024-01-27.txt
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log_2024-01-30.txt
log_2024-01-31.txt
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log_2024-01-06.txt
 B12_input.txt
 B12_output.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
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 log_2024-01-16.txt
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solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
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```

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

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

```
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ find . -type f -size +$(($(du -cb * | grep total | cut -f1)/$(ls -1 | wc -l)))c
./win.txt
./linux.txt
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ 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 $(whoam1) ! -user root
find . ! -user $(whoam1) ! -user root
find . -type f \( \( \cdot \cdo \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \
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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 \rightarrow saves bandwidth in SSH.
          Screenshot:
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 200 255: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
        0m0.002s
user
        0m0.001s
sys
real
        0m0.017s
        0m0.004s
user
        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
```

Screenshot:

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
```

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 Screenshot:

```
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 -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/
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
                                                                      test_dir/
test_dir/file1.txt
test_dir/file2.conf
                          2025-09-27 18:04
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/file2.txt (9 bytes)
Central Directory found...
EOCDR found ( 1
                                      350)...
                   fixed.zip
Archive:
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** \rightarrow find /backups -mtime +90 -delete.
- Integrity check \rightarrow tar -tvf or md5sum.
- Naming prevents conflict: backup type date.tar.gz.

Q14. User access troubleshooting commands:

#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 supplemental / extra groups 'users' info: Adding user 'user2' 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:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:Tlp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/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
mackup:x:34:34:abackup:/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
apt:x:42:65534:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-network:x:998:998: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
systemd-resolve:x:991:991:systemd Resolver:/:/usr/sbin/nologin
uuidd:x:103:103::/run/uuidd:/usr/sbin/nologin
pokitd:x:990:990:User for polkitd:/:/usr/sbin/nologin
solide:x:1000:1000:,,:/home/solide:/bin/bash
user1:x:1001:1001:Solide,12,0796606714,555-555-555:/home/user1:/bin/bash
user2:x:1002:1002:AZE,11,0780384068;/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 -1 /var/log | grep group ls -1d /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://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security InRelease
Hit:2 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-InRelease
Get:3 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates InRelease [126 kB]
Hit:4 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-backports InRelease
Get:5 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-updates/main amd64 Packages [1443 kB]
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 libapr164 libaprutil1-dbd-sqlite3 libaprutil1-ldap libaprutil164
    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 apache2-bin apache2-data apache2-utils libapr164 libaprutil1-dbd-sqlite3 libaprutil1-ldap
    libaprutil1164 liblua5.4-0 ssl-cert
Oupgraded, 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.
```

```
/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
efaults
efaults
               secure_path="/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/snap/bin"
 This fixes CVE-2005-4890 and possibly breaks some versions of kdesu (#1011624, https://bugs.kde.org/show_bug.cgi?id=452532)
 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.  \label{eq:commands} 
                                             [ Read 57 lines ]
                              ^₩ Where Is
^\ Replace
                                                                                            M-U Undo
M-E Redo
  Help
Exit
               ^O Write Out
^R Read File
                                                                            ^C Location
^/ Go To Line
                                              ^U Paste
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~$ ls -l /var/log | grep group
ls -ld /var/www
cat /etc/sudoers
→ 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
 ∹ 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
                                                             Processes:
                                                                                                     38
  Usage of /:
                          0.2% of 1006.85GB
                                                             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:~#
 oot@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 <mark>sud</mark>o: pam_unix(<mark>sud</mark>o:session): session closed for user root
2025-09-23T15:39:53.280651+02:00 DESKTOP-GOD <mark>sud</mark>o: 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
y (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
y (uid=1000)
y (tdu-1600)
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) t
```

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
In -s regular.txt symlink
In 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
                         # only if user1 doesn't exist
sudo adduser user1
chown user1:user1 other.txt
total 8
crw-r--r-- 1 root root 1, 7 Sep 27 20:06 devicefile
                       4096 Sep 27 20:06 dir
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root
-rw-r--r-- 2 root root
                        0 Sep 27 20:06 hardlink
                         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 sgid
                         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
 CLM-L--L--
                       1 root
                                      root
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root
-rw-r--r-- 2 root root
                                                       14 Sep 27 20:08 other.txt
0 Sep 27 20:06 regular.txt
 -rw-r--r-- 1 user1 user1
 -rw-r--r-- 2 root root
                                                  0 Sep 27 20:06 regular.txt
0 Sep 27 20:06 sold
0 Sep 27 20:06 sticky
0 Sep 27 20:06 suid
11 Sep 27 20:06 symlink -> regular.txt
322 Sep 27 20:10 test.tar.gz
1638 Sep 27 20:10 test.zip
 -rw-r-Sr-- 1 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
                                                 Blocks: 0
                                                                                        IO Block: 4096
                                                                                                                          regular empty file
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 20:06:24.887787284 +0200
Birth: 2025-09-27 20:06:24.887787284 +0200
                                                                                                                                         root)
regular.txt: empty
crw-r--r- root/root
drwxr-xr-x root/root
-rw-r--r- root/root
                                                        1,7 2025-09-27 20:06 devicefile
                                                         1,7 2025-09-27 20:06 deviceFile
0 2025-09-27 20:06 dtr/
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
-rw-r--r- root/root
-rw-r--r- user1/user1
hrw-r--r- root/root
-rw-r-Sr-- root/root
-rwSr--r- root/root
lrwxrwxrwx root/root
 Archive: test.zip
                                             Time
                        Date
    Length
                                                             Name
                     2025-09-27 20:06
                                                             dir/
hardlink
                0 2025-09-27 20:06
14 2025-09-27 20:08
               14
                                                              other.txt
                      2025-09-27 20:06
2025-09-27 20:06
                                                              regular.txt
                                                              sgid
sticky
                      2025-09-27 20:06
2025-09-27 20:06
2025-09-27 20:06
2025-09-27 20:10
                                                              suid
                                                              symlink
                                                              test.tar.gz
                                                              9 files
            336
 root@DESKTOP-GOD:~/forensic#
```