

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 \rightarrow 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.
- $/opt \rightarrow Optional$ software. Attackers might install hidden apps here.
- $/boot \rightarrow Kernel$ 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}}

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solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~$ mkdir -p ~/projects/{client_work/{web/{frontend,backend},mobile},personal/{experiments,not es},shared/{templates,docs}} solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~$ ls Introduction_to_linux command projects solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~$
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Q3. Navigation with \leq 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$
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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 page_006.html
about.html
                      index.html
                                                                                                                          page_008.html page_010.html
                                                page_003.html page_005.html page_007.html page_009.html page_012.html page_012.html
contact.html page_001.html page_003.html
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/
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$
 about.html desktop.css page_001.html page_006.html config1.js index.html page_002.html page_007.html config2.js main.css page_003.html page_007.html contact.html mobile.css page_004.html page_008.html solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$
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page_012.html
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script2.js
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util1.js
util2.js
                                                                                               print.css
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 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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 solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/web/frontend$
  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 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
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  solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects/client_work/we
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Q5. Wildcards for file organization

Commands:

#Move files ending with numbers my [0-9].

archive/

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#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:
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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
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page_012.html
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page_006.html
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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
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                                                                                            page_007.html
                                                                                            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 {web,api,db}_{dev,staging,prod}.conf #Test files
A-C × 10-12 × input/output touch
{A..C} {10..12}_{input,output}.txt
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touch {web,api,db}_{dev,staging,prod}.conf
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solide@DESKTOP-GOD:
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solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$ touch {A..C}{10..12}_{input,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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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:
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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 $(whoamt) ! -user root
find . ! -user $(whoamt) ! -user root
find . -type f \( \) -name '*~' -o -name '*.bak' -o -name '*.tmp' \)
./archive/31.bak
./archive/35.bak
./archive/25.bak
./archive/25.bak
./archive/35.bak
./archive/41.bak
./archive/45.bak
./archive/45.bak
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./archive/43.bak
./archive/43.bak
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./archive/45.bak
./archive/45.bak
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./archive/55.bak
./archive/55.bak
./archive/65.bak
./archive/65
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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 → saves bandwidth in SSH.
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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
        0m0.017s
real
        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
```

```
ide@DESKTOP-GOD
ir text_dir
o "sample text"
_input.txt
_output.txt
_input.txt
                            > text_dir/file1.txt
                                    t_dtr/file1.txt
db_prod.conf
db_prod.conf.backup
db_staging.conf
db_staging.conf.backup
desktop
linux.txt
log_2024-01-01.txt
                                      log_2024-01-02.txt
log_2024-01-03.txt
   1 input.txt
1 input.txt
2 input.txt
2 output.txt
i_dev.conf
i_dev.conf.backup
i_prod.conf
i_prod.conf
i_staging.conf
i_staging.conf.backup
chive
ient work
                                                                                                                                       web_dev.conf.backup
web_prod.conf
web_prod.conf
web_staging.conf
web_staging.conf
                                                                          log_2024-02-14.txt
log_2024-02-15.txt
log_2024-02-16.txt
log_2024-02-17.txt
                                                                                                         log_2024-03-12.txt
log_2024-03-13.txt
log_2024-03-14.txt
db_dev.conf.backup log_202
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
solide@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
     adding: text_dir/ (stored 0%)
     adding: text_dir/file1.txt (stored 0%)
solide@DESKTOP-GOD:~/projects$
```

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
tar -cf archive.tar test_dtr
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
                 6
                6
                       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/demo_dtr3 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 → 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 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/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
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/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
news-x:3:33:33: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::honexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-network:x:998:998:systemd Them Synchronization:/:/usr/sbin/nologin
systemd-timesync:x:996:996:systemd Time Synchronization:/:/usr/sbin/nologin
dhcpcd:x:100:c534: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
systemd-resolve:x:991:991:systemd Resolver::/sysr/sbin/nologin
systemd-resolve:x:991:991:systemd Resolver::/sysr/sbin/nologin
uuidd:x:103:103::/run/uuidd:/usr/sbin/nologin
spokitd:x:990:990:User for pokitid://usr/sbin/nologin
pokitd:x:990:990:User for pokitid://usr/sbin/nologin
solide:x:1000:1000:,,:/home/solide:/bin/bash
user1:x:1000:1100:AZE_i1,0780384068;/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 -ld /var/www cat /etc/sudoers

#Principle of least privilege

→ Users only in groups needed for their tasks.

```
/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
Defaults
               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)
 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
  Help
Exit
               ^O Write Out
^R Read File
                                                                            ^C Location
^/ Go To Line
                                                                                            M-U Undo
M-E Redo
                                              ^U Paste
                                                                Justify
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:

```
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
          Screenshot:
```

```
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-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) 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
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
                         # 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
                                            root 1, 7 Sep 27 20:06 devicefile
root 4096 Sep 27 20:06 dir
root 0 Sep 27 20:06 hardlink

1 user1 14 Sep 27 20:08 other.txt
root 0 Sep 27 20:06 regular.txt
root 0 Sep 27 20:06 soil
root 0 Sep 27 20:06 sticky
root 0 Sep 27 20:06 swid
root 11 Sep 27 20:06 symlink -> regular.txt
root 322 Sep 27 20:10 test.tar.gz
root 1638 Sep 27 20:10 test.zip
                           1 root
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root
-rw-r--r-- 2 root root
 -rw-r--r-- 1 user1 user1
-rw-r--r-- 2 root root
  -rw-r--r-T 1 root
  -rwSr--r-- 1 root
 lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
     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 20:06:24.887787284 +0200
Birth: 2025-09-27 20:06:24.887787284 +0200
                                                           Blocks: 0
                                                                                                         IO Block: 4096 regular empty file
                                                                                                                                                                    root)
 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 devicertte
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
   -rwSr--r-- root/root
 Archive: test.zip
                                                      Time
     Length
                               Date
                                                                          dir/
hardlink
                          2025-09-27 20:06
                        2025-09-27 20:06

2025-09-27 20:08

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
                                                                           suid
                                                                           symlink
                                                                           test.tar.gz
                                                                           9 files
  root@DESKTOP-GOD:~/forensic#
```