Bandit Write-Up: Levels 10—>15

This write-up covers the transition from **Level 10 to Level 15** in OverTheWire's Bandit wargame, including the SSH connection process and solving the challenges for each level. The format follows the same structure as the previous write-ups, with screenshots provided for reference.

Level 10 → Level 11: Decoding Base64 Data

Level Goal

• The password for the next level is stored in the file data.txt, which contains base64 encoded data.

Steps to Solve Level 10 → Level 11

1. Log into Bandit10

Command

ssh bandit10@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

Password for SSH Login

• The password for bandit10 is: FGUW5ilLVJrxX9kMYMmlN4MgbpfMiqey



- The ssh command is used to connect to the Bandit server.
- bandit10 is the username for Level 10.
- bandit.labs.overthewire.org is the server address.
- -p 2220 specifies the port number.

2. Locate the File data.txt

Command

ls

Explanation

- The s command lists all files and directories in the current directory.
- This reveals the file data.txt.

3. Decode the Base64 Data

Command

base64 -d data.txt

- The base64 -d command decodes the base64 encoded data in data.txt.
- The output shows the decoded password for Level 11.

4. Logout

Command

logout

Password for Level 11

• The password for bandit11 is: dtR173fZKb0RRsDFSGsg2RWnpNVj3qRr

Screenshots

- The screenshot shows the terminal during the SSH login process for bandit10.
- The screenshot shows the terminal after logging into bandit10.
- The base64 -d data.txt command is used to decode the base64 encoded data, revealing the password for Level 11.

Conclusion

This level teaches how to decode base64 encoded data using the base64 command. This skill is useful for working with encoded data in various formats, such as configuration files, logs, and other data storage formats.

Level 11 → Level 12: Decoding Rot13 Data

Level Goal

• The password for the next level is stored in the file data.txt, where all lowercase (a-z) and uppercase (A-Z) letters have been rotated by 13 positions (Rot13).

Steps to Solve Level 11 → Level 12

1. Log into Bandit11

Command

ssh <u>bandit11@bandit.labs.overthewire.org</u> -p 2220

Password for SSH Login

The password for bandit11 is: dtR173fZKb0RRsDFSGsg2RWnpNVj3qRr



- The ssh command is used to connect to the Bandit server.
- bandit11 is the username for Level 11.
- bandit.labs.overthewire.org is the server address.
- -p 2220 specifies the port number.

2. Locate the File data.txt

Command

Is

Explanation

- The s command lists all files and directories in the current directory.
- This reveals the file data.txt.

3. Decode the Rot13 Data

Command

cat data.txt | tr '[A-Za-z]' '[N-ZA-Mn-za-m]'

- The cat command is used to display the contents of data.txt.
- The tr'[A-Za-z]''[N-ZA-Mn-za-m]' command translates (rotates) the letters by 13 positions (Rot13).
- The output shows the decoded password for Level 12.

4. Logout

Command

logout

```
bandit11@bandit:~$ ls
data.txt
bandit11@bandit:~$ cat data.txt
Gur cnffjbeq vf 7k16JArUVv5LxVuJfsSVdbbtaHGlw9D4
bandit11@bandit:~$ cat data.txt | tr '[A-Za-z]' '[N-ZA-Mn-za-m]'
The password is 7x16WNeHIi5YkIhWsfFIqoognUTyj9Q4
bandit11@bandit:~$ logout
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.

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```

Password for Level 12

• The password for bandit12 is: 7×16WNeHli5YklhWsfFlqoognUTyj9Q4

Screenshots

```
bandit11@bandit:~$ ls
data.txt
bandit11@bandit:~$ cat data.txt
Gur cnffjbeq vf 7kl6JArUVv5LxVuJfsSVdbbtaHGlw9D4
bandit11@bandit:~$ cat data.txt | tr '[A-Za-z]' '[N-ZA-Mn-za-m]'
The password is 7x16WMeHIj5YkIhWsfFIqoognUTyj9Q4
bandit11@bandit:~$ logout
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.

____(llamafart@jaivanti)-[~]
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- The screenshot shows the terminal during the SSH login process for bandit11.
- The screenshot shows the terminal after logging into bandit11.
- The cat data.txt | tr '[A-Za-z]' '[N-ZA-Mn-za-m]' command is used to decode the Rot13 encoded data, revealing the password for Level 12.

Conclusion

This level teaches how to decode Rot13 encoded data using the **tr** command. Rot13 is a simple letter rotation cipher, and this skill is useful for working with encoded text in various contexts, such as obfuscated data or simple encryption.

Level 12 → Level 13: Decompressing a Repeatedly Compressed File

Level Goal

• The password for the next level is stored in the file data.txt, which is a hexdump of a file that has been repeatedly compressed. For this level, it may be useful to create a directory under /tmp in which you can work. Use mkdir with a hard-to-guess directory name or the command mktemp -d. Then, copy the data file using cp and rename it using mv.

Steps to Solve Level 12 → Level 13

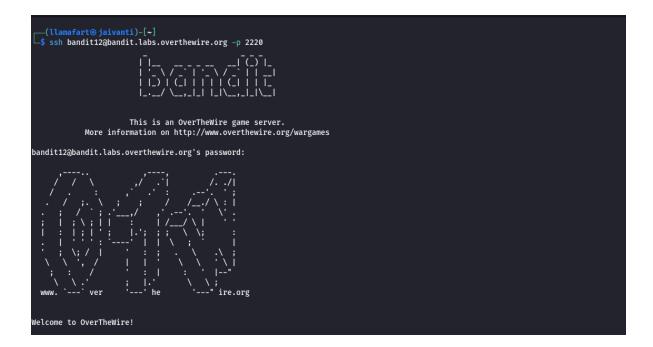
1. Log into Bandit12

Command

ssh bandit12@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

Password for SSH Login

The password for bandit12 is: 7×16WNeHli5YklhWsfFlqoognUTyj9Q4



- The ssh command is used to connect to the Bandit server.
- bandit12 is the username for Level 12.
- bandit.labs.overthewire.org is the server address.
- -p 2220 specifies the port number.
- This directory will be used to work with the compressed files.

2. List the Contents of the Home Directory

Command

ls

Explanation

- The s command lists all files and directories in the current directory.
- This reveals the file data.txt.

3. View the Contents of data.txt

Command

cat data.txt

```
oandit12@bandit:~$ ls
data.txt
 oandit12@bandit:~$ cat data.txt
00000000: 1f8b 0808 dfcd eb66 0203 6461 7461 322e .....f..data2.
00000010: 6269 6e00 013e 02c1 fd42 5a68 3931 4159 bin..>...BZh91AY
00000020: 2653 59ca 83b2 c100 0017 7fff dff3 f4a7 &SY.....
00000040: faff dfbe 97aa 6fff f0de edf7 b001 3b56
                                                     ....;V
00000050: 0400 0034 d000 0000 0069 a1a1 a000 0343
                                                     ...4....i....C
00000060: 4686 4341 a680 068d 1a69 a0d0 0068 d1a0 F.CA....i...h..
00000070: 1906 1193 0433 5193 d4c6 5103 4646 9a34 .....3Q...Q.FF.4
00000080: 0000 d320 0680 0003 264d 0346 8683 d21a
                                                     ... ....&M.F....
00000090: 0686 8064 3400 0189 a683 4fd5 0190 001e
000000a0: 9034 d188 0343 0e9a 0c40 69a0 0626 4686
                                                    .4...C...ეi..&F.
.ე...ე4i..h....
000000b0: 8340 0310 d340 3469 a680 6800 0006 8d0d
000000c0: 0068 0608 0d1a 64d3 469a 1a68 c9a6 8030
                                                     .h....d.F..h...0
000000d0: 9a68 6801 8101 3204 012a ca60 51e8 1cac .hh...2..*.`Q...
000000e0: 532f 0b84 d4d0 5db8 4e88 e127 2921 4c8e S/...].N..')!L.
000000f0: b8e6 084c e5db 0835 ff85 4ffc 115a 0d0c
                                                     .=g..!Wb^.....
00000100: c33d 6714 0121 5762 5e0c dbf1 aef9 b6a7
00000110: 23a6 1d7b 0e06 4214 01dd d539 af76 f0b4
                                                     #..{..B....9.v..
00000120: a22f 744a b61f a393 3c06 4e98 376f dc23
                                                     ./tJ....<.N.7o.#
00000130: 45b1 5f23 0d8f 640b 3534 de29 4195 a7c6 E._#..d.54.)A...
00000140: de0c 744f d408 4a51 dad3 e208 189b 0823
                                                     ..to..JQ.....#
00000150: 9fcc 9c81 e58c 9461 9dae ce4a 4284 1706 .....a...JB...
00000160: 61a3 7f7d 1336 8322 cd59 e2b5 9f51 8d99 a..}.6.".Y...Q..
                                                     ..*..0h...}....
00000170: c300 2a9d dd30 68f4 f9f6 7db6 93ea ed9a
00000180: dd7c 891a 1221 0926 97ea 6e05 9522 91f1
                                                     .|...!.&..n..
00000190: 7bd3 0ba4 4719 6f37 0c36 0f61 02ae dea9
                                                     {...G.o7.6.a....
000001a0: b52f fc46 9792 3898 b953 36c4 c247 ceb1
                                                     ./.F..8..S6..G..
000001b0: 8a53 379f 4831 52a3 41e9 fa26 9d6c 28f4
                                                     .S7.H1R.A..&.l(.
000001c0: 24ea e394 651d cb5c a96c d505 d986 da22
                                                     $...e..\.l....
000001d0: 47f4 d58b 589d 567a 920b 858e a95c 63c1
                                                     G...X.Vz.....\c.
000001e0: 2509 612c 5364 8e7d 2402 808e 9b60 02b4
                                                     %.a,Sd.}$....`..
000001f0: 13c7 be0a 1ae3 1400 4796 4370 efc0 9b43
                                                     .....G.Cp...C
00000200: a4cb 882a 4aae 4b81 abf7 1c14 67f7 8a34
                                                     ...*J.K....g..4
00000210: 0867 e5b6 1df6 b0e8 8023 6d1c 416a 28d0
                                                     .g.....#m.Aj(.
00000220: c460 1604 bba3 2e52 297d 8788 4e30 e1f9
00000230: 2646 8f5d 3062 2628 c94e 904b 6754 3891 &F.]0b&(.N.KgT8.
00000240: 421f 4a9f 9feb 2ec9 83e2 c20f fc5d c914 B.J..........]..
00000250: e142 432a 0ecb 0459 1b15 923e 0200 00
                                                     .BC*...Y...>...
 andit12@bandit:~$
```

- The cat command displays the contents of data.txt.
- The file contains a hexdump of a repeatedly compressed file.

4. Create a Temporary Working Directory

Command

mkdir /tmp/<temporary_directory_name>

Explanation

- The mkdir command creates a temporary directory with a unique name under /tmp/<temporary_directory_name>.
- This directory will be used to work with the compressed files.

5. Copy the Data File to the Temporary Directory

Command

cp data.txt /tmp/<temporary_directory_name>
cd /tmp/<temporary_directory_name>

Explanation

- The cp command copies the data.txt file to the temporary directory.
- The cd command changes the current directory to the temporary directory.

6. Convert the Hexdump Back to Binary

Command

xxd -r data.txt > data

Explanation

- The xxd-r command reverses the hexdump, converting it back to binary format.
- The output is saved to a file named data.

7. Identify the File Type and Decompress

Command

file data

Explanation

- The file command identifies the type of the data file.
- Based on the file type, use the appropriate decompression command.

8. Repeatedly Decompress the File

Commands

Example decompression steps

```
mv data data.gz
gzip -d data.gz
mv data data.bz2
bzip2 -d data.bz2
mv data data.tar
tar xf data.tar
```

Repeat the process until the file is fully decompressed

```
000001c0: 24ea e394 651d cb5c a96c d505 d986 da22 $...e.\\\...."
000001d0: 47f4 d58b 58g4 567a 920b 858e a95c 63c1 6...X.Vz....\c.
000001f0: 2509 612c 5364 8e7d 2402 888e 9b60 02b4 %.a,Sd.}$...
000001f0: 13c7 be0a 1ae3 1400 4796 4370 efc0 9b43 ......G.Cp...C
00000210: 0867 e5b6 1df6 b0e8 8023 6d1c 416a 28d0 ....#m.Aj(...
00000210: 0867 e5b6 1df6 b0e8 8023 6d1c 416a 28d0 ....#m.Aj(...
00000220: c460 1604 bba3 2e52 297d 8788 4e30 e1f9 ....R)}.NO.
00000230: 2646 8f5d 3062 2628 c94e 904b 6754 3891 6F.]0b6(.N.KgT8.
00000250: e142 432f 9feb 2ec9 83e2 c20f fc5d c914 B.J......].
00000250: e142 432a 0ecb 0459 1b15 923e 0200 00 .BC*..Y...
bandit12abandit:~$ mkdir /tmp/llamas 66 cp data.txt /tmp/llamas
bandit12abandit:~$ cd /tmp/llamas $ ls
 000001c0: 24ea e394 651d cb5c a96c d505 d986 da22
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
data.txt
 bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ xxd -r data.txt > data
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
data data.txt
data 'data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ file data
data: gzip compressed data, was "data2.bin", last modified: Thu Sep 19 07:08:15 2024, max compression, from Unix, original size modulo 2^32 574
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ mv data data.gz
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
                    data.txt
bandit12@bandit:\tmp/llamas$ file data.gz
data.gz: gzip compressed data, was "data2.bin", last modified: Thu Sep 19 07:08:15 2024, max compression, from Unix, original size modulo 2^32 574
bandit12@bandit:\tmp/llamas$ gzip -d data.gz
bandit12@bandit:\tmp/llamas$ ls
 data data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ file data
data: bzip2 compressed data, block size = 900k
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ mv data data.bz2
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
      andit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ file data
                       data.txt
 bandit12gbandit:/tmp/llamas$ bzip2 -d data.bz2
bandit12gbandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
data data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ file data
data: gzip compressed data, was "data4.bin", last modified: Thu Sep 19 07:08:15 2024, max compression, from Unix, original size modulo 2^32 20480
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ mv data data.gz
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
                     data.txt
 bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ gzip -d data.gz
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
data data.txt
 bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ file data
data: POSIX tar archive (GNU)
 bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ mv data data.tar
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
batis.tar data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ tar xf data.tar
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
data5.bin data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ rm data.tar
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
 data5.bin data.txt
```

- The file is repeatedly compressed using different formats (e.g., gzip, bzip2, tar).
- Use the appropriate decompression command for each format:

```
o gzip -d for .gz files
```

- o bzip2 -d for .bz2 files
- o tar xf for .tar files

9. Read the Final Decompressed File

Command

cat data

Explanation

- The cat command displays the contents of the final decompressed file.
- The output shows the password for Level 13.

10. Logout

Command

logout

```
Dendit12abandit:/mmy/lamass im data.tar
Dendit12abandit:/mmy/lamas file data5.bin
data5.bin: POSIX tar archive (GNU)
Amadit12abandi:/mmy/lamas wata5.bin data.tar
Dendit12abandi:/mmy/lamas wata5.bin data.tar
Dendit12abandi:/mmy/lamas sar xf data.bin data.Data
Dendit12abandi:/mmy/lamas sar xf data.Data
Dendit12abandi:/mmy/lamas sar x
```

Password for Level 13

• The password for bandit13 is: FO5dwFsc0cbaliH0h8J2eUks2vdTDwAn

Screenshots

```
(llamafart@jaivanti)-[~]
$ ssh bandit12@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

This is an OverTheWire game server.

More information on http://www.overthewire.org/wargames

bandit12@bandit.labs.overthewire.org's password:

**This is an OverTheWire game server.**

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bandit12@bandit.labs.overthewire.org's password:

**This is an OverTheWire game server.**

**Welcome to OverTheWire!**

Welcome to OverTheWire!
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```
oandit12@bandit:~$ ls
data.txt
oandit12@bandit:~$ cat data.txt
                                                   .....f..data2.
00000000: 1f8b 0808 dfcd eb66 0203 6461 7461 322e
00000010: 6269 6e00 013e 02c1 fd42 5a68 3931 4159
                                                   bin..>...BZh91AY
00000020: 2653 59ca 83b2 c100 0017 7fff dff3 f4a7
00000030: fc9f fefe f2f3 cffe f5ff ffdd bf7e 5bfe
                                                   00000040: faff dfbe 97aa 6fff f0de edf7 b001 3b56
                                                   ......v
00000050: 0400 0034 d000 0000 0069 a1a1 a000 0343
                                                   F.CA....i..h..
.....3Q...Q.FF.4
00000060: 4686 4341 a680 068d 1a69 a0d0 0068 d1a0
00000070: 1906 1193 0433 5193 d4c6 5103 4646 9a34
                                                   .... 8M.F....
00000080: 0000 d320 0680 0003 264d 0346 8683 d21a
                                                   ...d4.....0....
00000090: 0686 8064 3400 0189 a683 4fd5 0190 001e
                                                   .4...C...ეi..&F.
.ე...ე4i..h....
000000a0: 9034 d188 0343 0e9a 0c40 69a0 0626 4686
000000b0: 8340 0310 d340 3469 a680 6800 0006 8d0d
000000c0: 0068 0608 0d1a 64d3 469a 1a68 c9a6 8030
                                                   .h....d.F..h...0
000000d0: 9a68 6801 8101 3204 012a ca60 51e8 1cac
                                                   .hh...2..*.`Q...
S/....].N..')!L.
000000e0: 532f 0b84 d4d0 5db8 4e88 e127 2921 4c8e
                                                   ...L...5..0..Z..
.=g..!Wb^.....
000000f0: b8e6 084c e5db 0835 ff85 4ffc 115a 0d0c
00000100: c33d 6714 0121 5762 5e0c dbf1 aef9 b6a7
00000110: 23a6 1d7b 0e06 4214 01dd d539 af76 f0b4
                                                   #..{..B....9.v..
00000120: a22f 744a b61f a393 3c06 4e98 376f dc23
                                                   ./tJ....<.N.7o.#
00000130: 45b1 5f23 0d8f 640b 3534 de29 4195 a7c6
                                                   E._#..d.54.)A...
00000140: de0c 744f d408 4a51 dad3 e208 189b 0823
                                                   ..to..JQ.....#
00000150: 9fcc 9c81 e58c 9461 9dae ce4a 4284 1706
00000160: 61a3 7f7d 1336 8322 cd59 e2b5 9f51 8d99
                                                   a..}.6.".Y...Q..
00000170: c300 2a9d dd30 68f4 f9f6 7db6 93ea ed9a
                                                   ..*..0h...}.....
00000180: dd7c 891a 1221 0926 97ea 6e05 9522 91f1
                                                   .|...!.&..n.."..
00000190: 7bd3 0ba4 4719 6f37 0c36 0f61 02ae dea9
                                                   {...G.07.6.a....
000001a0: b52f fc46 9792 3898 b953 36c4 c247 ceb1
                                                   ./.F..8..S6..G..
000001b0: 8a53 379f 4831 52a3 41e9 fa26 9d6c 28f4
                                                   .S7.H1R.A..&.l(.
000001c0: 24ea e394 651d cb5c a96c d505 d986 da22
000001d0: 47f4 d58b 589d 567a 920b 858e a95c 63c1
000001e0: 2509 612c 5364 8e7d 2402 808e 9b60 02b4
                                                   %.a,Sd.}$....`..
000001f0: 13c7 be0a 1ae3 1400 4796 4370 efc0 9b43
                                                   .....G.Cp...C
00000200: a4cb 882a 4aae 4b81 abf7 1c14 67f7 8a34
                                                   ...*J.K....g..4
00000210: 0867 e5b6 1df6 b0e8 8023 6d1c 416a 28d0
                                                   .g.....#m.Aj(.
00000220: c460 1604 bba3 2e52 297d 8788 4e30 e1f9
00000230: 2646 8f5d 3062 2628 c94e 904b 6754 3891
                                                   &F.]0b&(.N.KgT8.
00000240: 421f 4a9f 9feb 2ec9 83e2 c20f fc5d c914 B.J....]..
00000250: e142 432a 0ecb 0459 1b15 923e 0200 00
                                                   .BC*...Y...>...
 andit12@bandit:~$
```

```
000001c8: 24ca e394 651d cb5c a96c d503 d986 da22 $...e.\l....."
000001c8: 250 01c3 036 e27 da2 030e 506 e37 d. 6x.Vz....\c.
000001c8: 250 01c3 036 e27 da2 030e 506 e37 d. 6x.Vz...\c.
000001c8: 250 01c3 036 e27 da2 030e 506 e37 d. 6x.Vz...\c.
000001c8: 250 01c3 036 e27 da2 030e 506 e37 d. 6x.Vz...\c.
000001c8: 250 01c3 036 e27 da2 030e 506 e37 da2 030e 637 da2
```

```
andit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ rm data.tar
andit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
data5.bin data.txt
    andit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ file data5.bin
data5.bin: POSIX tar archive (GNU)
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ mv data5.bin data.tar
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
d<mark>ata.tor</mark> data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ tar xf data.tar
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ tar xf data
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
data6.bin data.tar
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ rm data.tar
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
data6.bin data.txt
      ndit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ file data6.bin
data6.bin: bzip2 compressed data, block size = 900k
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ mv data6.bin data.bz2
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
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mata by2 data.txt

bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ bzip2 -d data.bz2

bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
data data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ file data
data: POSIX tar archive (GNU)
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ mv data data.tar
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
                 data.txt
bandit22pbandit:/tmp/llamas$ tar xf data.tar
bandit12pbandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
datad.bin data_tar data.txt
bandit22pbandit:/tmp/llamas$ rm data.tar
bandit12pbandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
data8.bin data.txt
data8.bin data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ file data8.bin
data8.bin: gzip compressed data, was "data9.bin", last modified: Thu Sep 19 07:08:15 2024, max compression, from Unix, original size modulo 2^32 49
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ mv data8.bin data.gz
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
mata.gz data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ gzip -d data.gz
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ ls
data data.txt
    andit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ file data
data: ASCII text
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ cat data
The password is FO5dwFsc0cbaIiH0h8J2eUks2vdTDwAn
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/llamas$ logout
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.
```

- The screenshot shows the terminal during the SSH login process for bandit12.
- The screenshot shows the terminal after logging into bandit12.
- The s and cat data.txt commands are used to list the contents of the home directory and view the hexdump.
- The screenshot shows the terminal after logging into bandit12.
- The file, mv, and decompression commands are used to repeatedly decompress the file until the password is revealed.

Conclusion

This level teaches how to work with hexdumps and repeatedly compressed files. By using commands like xxd, file, gzip, bzip2, and tar, you can identify and decompress files in various formats. These skills are essential for handling complex file structures and extracting data in real-world scenarios.

Level 13 → Level 14: Using a Private SSH Key

Level Goal

• The password for the next level is stored in /etc/bandit_pass/bandit14 and can only be read by user bandit14. For this level, you don't get the next password, but you get a private SSH key that can be used to log into the next level.

Note: localhost is a hostname that refers to the machine you are working on.

Steps to Solve Level 13 → Level 14

1. Log into Bandit13

Command

ssh bandit13@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

Password for SSH Login

• The password for bandit13 is: FO5dwFsc0cbaliH0h8J2eUks2vdTDwAn



Explanation

- The ssh command is used to connect to the Bandit server.
- bandit13 is the username for Level 13.
- bandit.labs.overthewire.org is the server address.

• -p 2220 specifies the port number.

2. List the Contents of the Home Directory

Command

ls

Explanation

- The s command lists all files and directories in the current directory.
- This reveals the file sshkey.private.

3. View the Contents of sshkey.private

Command

cat sshkey.private

```
bandit13@bandit:~$ ls
sshkey.private
bandit13@bandit:~$ cat sshkey.private
 ----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY--
MIIEpAIBAAKCAQEAxkkOE83W2cOT7IWhFc9aPaaQmQDdgzuXCv+ppZHa++buSkN+
gg0tcr7Fw8NLGa5+Uzec2rEg0WmeevB13AIoYp0MZyETq46t+jk9puNwZwIt9XgB
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/+aLoRQ0yBDRbdXMsZN/jvY44eM+xRLdRVyMmdPtP8belRi2E2aEzA==
  ---END RSA PRIVATE KEY---
```

Explanation

The cat command displays the contents of sshkey.private.

The file contains an RSA private key.

4. Use the Private Key to Log into Bandit14

Command

ssh -i sshkey.private bandit14@localhost -p 2220

Explanation

- The ssh-i command is used to log into the server using a private key.
- sshkey.private is the private key file.
- bandit14 is the username for Level 14.
- localhost refers to the current machine.
- -p 2220 specifies the port number.

5. Read the Password for Bandit14

Command

cat /etc/bandit_pass/bandit14

Explanation

- The cat command displays the contents of /etc/bandit_pass/bandit14.
- The output shows the password for Level 14.

6. Logout

Command

logout

```
bandit14@bandit:~$ cat /etc/bandit_pass/bandit14
MU4VWeTyJk8ROof1qqmcBPaLh7lDCPvS
bandit14@bandit:~$ logout
Connection to localhost closed.
bandit13@bandit:~$ logout
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.
```

Password for Level 14

• The password for bandit14 is: MU4VWeTyJk8ROof1qqmcBPaLh7IDCPvS

Screenshots

```
bandit13@bandit:~$ ls
sshkey.private
bandit13@bandit:~$ cat sshkey.private
 ----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY--
MIIEpAIBAAKCAQEAxkkOE83W2cOT7IWhFc9aPaaQmQDdgzuXCv+ppZHa++buSkN+
gg0tcr7Fw8NLGa5+Uzec2rEg0WmeevB13AIoYp0MZyETq46t+jk9puNwZwIt9XgB
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/+aLoRQ0yBDRbdXMsZN/jvY44eM+xRLdRVyMmdPtP8belRi2E2aEzA==
   ---END RSA PRIVATE KEY----
```

```
bandit14@bandit:~$ cat /etc/bandit_pass/bandit14
MU4VWeTyJk8ROof1qqmcBPaLh7lDCPvS
bandit14@bandit:~$ logout
Connection to localhost closed.
bandit13@bandit:~$ logout
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.
```

- The screenshot shows the terminal after logging into bandit13.
- The s command lists the file sshkey.private.
- The cat sshkey.private command displays the private key.
- The screenshot shows the terminal using the private key to log into bandit14.
- The screenshot shows the terminal after logging into bandit14.
- The cat /etc/bandit_pass/bandit14 command displays the password for Level 14.

Bandit Write-Up: Levels $10 \rightarrow 15$

Conclusion

This level teaches how to use a private SSH key to log into a server. By using the ssh-i command, you can authenticate without a password, which is a common practice for secure access to remote systems. This skill is essential for managing secure connections in real-world scenarios.

Level 14 → **Level 15**: Submitting the Password to a Port

Level Goal

• The password for the next level can be retrieved by submitting the password of the current level to port 30000 on localhost.

Steps to Solve Level 14 → Level 15

1. Log into Bandit14

Command

ssh bandit14@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

Password for SSH Login

• The password for bandit14 is: MU4VWeTyJk8ROof1qqmcBPaLh7IDCPvS



- The ssh command is used to connect to the Bandit server.
- bandit14 is the username for Level 14.
- bandit.labs.overthewire.org is the server address.
- -p 2220 specifies the port number.

2. Submit the Password to Port 30000

Command

echo "MU4VWeTyJk8ROof1ggmcBPaLh7IDCPvS" | nc localhost 30000

Explanation

- The echo command sends the password for Level 14 to the standard output.
- The nc (netcat) command connects to localhost on port 30000 and sends the password.
- The server responds with the password for Level 15.

3. Logout

Command

logout

```
bandit14@bandit:~$ nc localhost 30000
MU4VWeTyJk8ROof1qqmcBPaLh7lDCPvS
Correct!
8xCjnmgoKbGLhHFAZlGE5Tmu4M2tKJQo
```

Password for Level 15

• The password for bandit15 is: 8xCjnmgoKbGLhHFAZIGE5Tmu4M2tKJQo

Screenshots

```
bandit14@bandit:~$ nc localhost 30000
MU4VWeTyJk8ROof1qqmcBPaLh7lDCPvS
Correct!
8xCjnmgoKbGLhHFAZlGE5Tmu4M2tKJQo
```

• The screenshot shows the terminal after logging into bandit14.

• The nc localhost 30000 command is used to submit the password for Level 14 and receive the password for Level 15.

Conclusion

This level teaches how to interact with network services using the nc (netcat) command. By sending data to a specific port, you can retrieve information or perform actions on remote servers. This skill is essential for working with network protocols and services in real-world scenarios.