

Week 4 Homework Submission File: Linux Systems Administration

Step 1: Ensure/Double Check Permissions on Sensitive Files

1. Permissions on `/etc/shadow` should allow only `root` read and write access.

Command to inspect permissions:

- `sudo ls -l /etc/shadow`

Command to set permissions (if needed):

- `sudo chown root /etc/shadow`
- `sudo chmod 600 /etc/shadow`

2. Permissions on `/etc/gshadow` should allow only `root` read and write access.

Command to inspect permissions:

- `ls -l /etc/gshadow`

Command to set permissions (if needed):

- `sudo chown root /etc/gshadow`
- `sudo chmod 600 /etc/gshadow`
- `sudo chgrp root /etc/gshadow`

3. Permissions on `/etc/group` should allow `root` read and write access, and allow everyone else read access only.

Command to inspect permissions:

- `sudo ls -l /etc/group`

Command to set permissions (if needed):

- `sudo chown root /etc/group`
- `sudo chmod 644 /etc/group`

- `sudo chgrp root /etc/group`
4. Permissions on `/etc/passwd` should allow `root` read and write access, and allow everyone else read access only.
- Command to inspect permissions:
- - `sudo ls -l /etc/passwd`
 - Command to set permissions (if needed):
 - `sudo chown root /etc/passwd`
 - `sudo chmod 644 /etc/passwd`
 - `sudo chgrp root /etc/passwd`

Step 2: Create User Accounts

1. Add user accounts for `sam`, `joe`, `amy`, `sara`, and `admin`.
- Command to add each user account (include all five users):
 - `sudo adduser --disabled-password --gecos "" sam`
 - `sudo adduser --disabled-password --gecos "" joe`
 - `sudo adduser --disabled-password --gecos "" amy`
 - `sudo adduser --disabled-password --gecos "" sara`
 - `sudo adduser --disabled-password --gecos "" admin`
2. Ensure that only the `admin` has general sudo access.
- Command to add `admin` to the `sudo` group:
 - `sudo usermod -aG sudo admin`

Step 3: Create User Group and Collaborative Folder

1. Add an `engineers` group to the system.

- Command to add group:
 - `sudo addgroup --system engineers`

2. Add users `sam`, `joe`, `amy`, and `sara` to the managed group.

- Command to add users to `engineers` group (include all four users):
 - `sudo usermod -aG engineers sam`
 - `sudo usermod -aG engineers joe`
 - `sudo usermod -aG engineers amy`
 - `sudo usermod -aG engineers sara`

3. Create a shared folder for this group at `/home/engineers`.

- Command to create the shared folder:
 - `sudo mkdir /home/engineers`

4. Change ownership on the new engineers' shared folder to the `engineers` group.

- Command to change ownership of engineer's shared folder to engineer group:
 - `sudo chgrp engineers /home/engineers`

Step 4: Lynis Auditing

1. Command to install Lynis:

`sudo apt-get install lynis`

2. Command to see documentation and instructions:

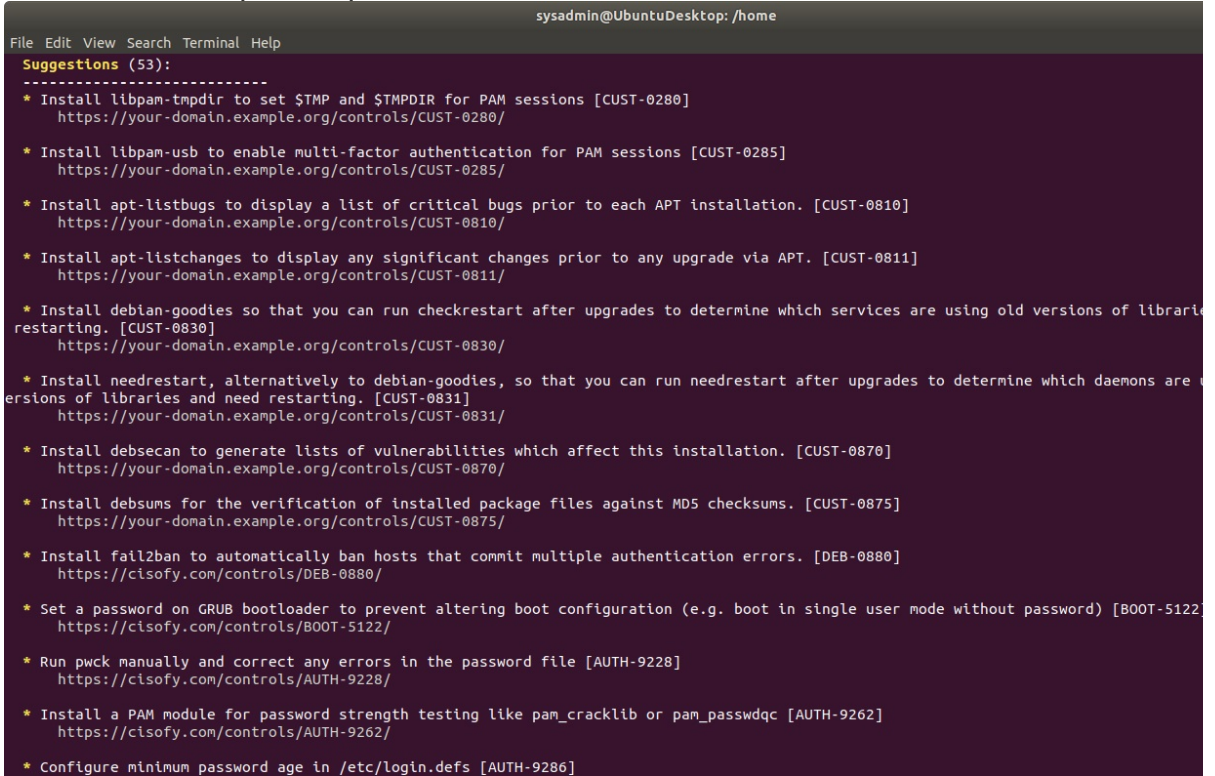
`sudo lynis --help`

3. Command to run an audit:

sudo lynis audit system

4. Provide a report from the Lynis output on what can be done to harden the system.

- Screenshot of report output:

A screenshot of a terminal window titled 'sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop: /home'. The terminal displays the output of the 'lynis audit system' command, specifically the 'Suggestions (53):' section. The suggestions are listed as bullet points, each with a description and a reference URL. The suggestions include installing libpam-tmpdir, libpam-usb, apt-listbugs, apt-listchanges, debian-goodies, needrestart, debsecan, debsums, fail2ban, setting a GRUB password, running pwck, installing a PAM module for password strength testing, and configuring minimum password age. The terminal has a dark background with light-colored text.

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Suggestions (53):
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* Install libpam-tmpdir to set $TMP and $TMPDIR for PAM sessions [CUST-0280]
  https://your-domain.example.org/controls/CUST-0280/

* Install libpam-usb to enable multi-factor authentication for PAM sessions [CUST-0285]
  https://your-domain.example.org/controls/CUST-0285/

* Install apt-listbugs to display a list of critical bugs prior to each APT installation. [CUST-0810]
  https://your-domain.example.org/controls/CUST-0810/

* Install apt-listchanges to display any significant changes prior to any upgrade via APT. [CUST-0811]
  https://your-domain.example.org/controls/CUST-0811/

* Install debian-goodies so that you can run checkrestart after upgrades to determine which services are using old versions of libraries and need restarting. [CUST-0830]
  https://your-domain.example.org/controls/CUST-0830/

* Install needrestart, alternatively to debian-goodies, so that you can run needrestart after upgrades to determine which daemons are using old versions of libraries and need restarting. [CUST-0831]
  https://your-domain.example.org/controls/CUST-0831/

* Install debsecan to generate lists of vulnerabilities which affect this installation. [CUST-0870]
  https://your-domain.example.org/controls/CUST-0870/

* Install debsums for the verification of installed package files against MD5 checksums. [CUST-0875]
  https://your-domain.example.org/controls/CUST-0875/

* Install fail2ban to automatically ban hosts that commit multiple authentication errors. [DEB-0880]
  https://cisofy.com/controls/DEB-0880/

* Set a password on GRUB bootloader to prevent altering boot configuration (e.g. boot in single user mode without password) [BOOT-5122]
  https://cisofy.com/controls/BOOT-5122/

* Run pwck manually and correct any errors in the password file [AUTH-9228]
  https://cisofy.com/controls/AUTH-9228/

* Install a PAM module for password strength testing like pam_cracklib or pam_passwdqc [AUTH-9262]
  https://cisofy.com/controls/AUTH-9262/

* Configure minimum password age in /etc/login.defs [AUTH-9286]
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Bonus

1. Command to install chkrootkit:

sudo apt install chkrootkit

2. Command to see documentation and instructions:

sudo chkrootkit --help

3. Command to run expert mode:

sudo chkrootkit -x

4. Provide a report from the chrootkit output on what can be done to harden the system.

- Screenshot of end of sample output:

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sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop: ~/Homework/week4/Week4HW
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sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop: ~/Security_scripts x sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop: ~/Homework/week4/Week4HW
Searching for Malicious TinyDNS ... nothing found
Searching for Linux.Xor.DDoS ... INFECTED: Possible Malicious Linux.Xo
installed
/tmp/burpsuite_community_linux_v2020_11_3.sh
/tmp/vagrant-shell
/tmp/response.varfile
/tmp/str.sh
Searching for Linux.Proxy.1.0 ... nothing found
Searching for suspect PHP files... nothing found
Searching for anomalies in shell history files... nothing found
Checking `asp'... not infected
Checking `bindshell'... INFECTED PORTS: ( 4000)
Checking `lkm'... chkproc: nothing detected
chkdirs: nothing detected
Checking `rexedcs'... not found
Checking `sniffer'... lo: not promisc and no packet sniffer
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enp0s3: PACKET SNIFFER(/sbin/dhclient (deleted)[24285])
docker0: not promisc and no packet sniffer sockets
Checking `w55808'... not infected
Checking `wted'... chkwtmp: nothing deleted
Checking `scalper'... not infected
Checking `slapper'... not infected
Checking `z2'... chklastlog: nothing deleted
Checking `chkutmp'... The tty of the following user proces
ere not found
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