

# OVERTHEWIRE BANDIT WALKTHROUGH

## BANDIT LEVEL 0 $\rightarrow$ LEVEL 1

## Login to Bandit Server

The Bandit challenge begins with logging into the remote server using SSH (Secure Shell). SSH is a protocol for securely accessing remote machine.

### Task:

The password for the next level is stored in a file called `readme` located in the home directory. Use this password to log into `bandit1` using SSH. Whenever you find a password for a level, use SSH (on port 2220) to log into that level and continue the game.

## Use SSH to connect:

```
ssh bandit0@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
```

```
bandit0@bandit:~$ ls  
readme  
bandit0@bandit:~$ cat readme  
Congratulations on your first steps into the bandit game!!  
Please make sure you have read the rules at https://overthewire.org/rules/  
If you are following a course, workshop, walkthrough or other educational activity,  
please inform the instructor about the rules as well and encourage them to  
contribute to the OverTheWire community so we can keep these games free!  
  
The password you are looking for is: ZjLjTmM6FvvyRnrb2rfNNW0Z0Ta6ip5If  
  
bandit0@bandit:~$ exit  
logout  
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.  
PS C:\Users\Dell> ssh bandit1@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
```



```
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bandit1@bandit.labs.overthewire.org's password:
```

## BANDIT LEVEL 1 $\rightarrow$ LEVEL 2

### Task:

The password for the next level is stored in a file called - located in the home directory

**Files with special characters like - can cause issues when executing commands. Prefixing with ./ tells the system it's a file, not an argument.**

```
bandit1@bandit:~$ ls
-
bandit1@bandit:~$ cat -/~
cat: invalid option -- '/'
Try 'cat --help' for more information.
bandit1@bandit:~$ cat ~/~
263JGJPfgU6LtdEvgrfWU1XP5yac29mFx
bandit1@bandit:~$ exit
logout
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.
PS C:\Users\Dell> ssh bandit2@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
Connection closed by 16.16.163.126 port 2220
PS C:\Users\Dell> ssh bandit2@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
```

[illegible]

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bandit2@bandit.labs.overthewire.org's password:

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## BANDIT LEVEL 2 $\rightarrow$ LEVEL 3

### Task:

**The password for the next level is stored in a file called spaces in this filename located in the home directory**

## Files with spaces in names require quotes or escape characters (\).

```
bandit2@bandit:~$ ls
spaces in this filename
bandit2@bandit:~$ cat "spaces in this filename"
MNk8KNH3Uσιο41PRUEoDFPqfxLPLSmx
bandit2@bandit:~$ exit
logout
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.
PS C:\Users\Dell> ssh bandit3@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
```

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bandit3@bandit.labs.overthewire.org's password:

## BANDIT LEVEL 3 $\rightarrow$ LEVEL 4

### Task:

The password for the next level is stored in a hidden file in the inhere directory

**Hidden files start with . and are not shown by default. ls -la reveals them.**



```

bandit4@bandit:~$ ls
inhere
bandit4@bandit:~$ cd inhere/
bandit4@bandit:~/inhere$ ls
-file00 -file01 -file02 -file03 -file04 -file05 -file06 -file07 -file08 -file09
bandit4@bandit:~/inhere$ ls -ahl
total 48K
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4.0K Sep 19 2024 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4.0K Sep 19 2024 ..
-rw-r----- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Sep 19 2024 -file00
-rw-r----- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Sep 19 2024 -file01
-rw-r----- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Sep 19 2024 -file02
-rw-r----- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Sep 19 2024 -file03
-rw-r----- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Sep 19 2024 -file04
-rw-r----- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Sep 19 2024 -file05
-rw-r----- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Sep 19 2024 -file06
-rw-r----- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Sep 19 2024 -file07
-rw-r----- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Sep 19 2024 -file08
-rw-r----- 1 bandit5 bandit4 33 Sep 19 2024 -file09
bandit4@bandit:~/inhere$ file ./-file0*
./-file00: data
./-file01: data
./-file02: data
./-file03: data
./-file04: data
./-file05: data
./-file06: data
./-file07: ASCII text
./-file08: data
./-file09: data
bandit4@bandit:~/inhere$ cat ./-file07
4oQYVPkxZ00E005pTW81FB8j8lxXGUQw
bandit4@bandit:~/inhere$ exit

```

## BANDIT LEVEL 5 → LEVEL 6

### Task:

The password for the next level is stored in a file somewhere under the inhere directory and has all of the following properties:

- human-readable
- 1033 bytes in size
- not executable

**Searching system-wide requires careful filtering. `/dev/null` suppresses permission errors.**

```

bandit5@bandit:~$ ls
inhere
bandit5@bandit:~$ cd inhere/
bandit5@bandit:~/inhere$ ls
maybehere00 maybehere02 maybehere04 maybehere06 maybehere08 maybehere10 maybehere12 maybehere14 maybehere16 maybehere18
maybehere01 maybehere03 maybehere05 maybehere07 maybehere09 maybehere11 maybehere13 maybehere15 maybehere17 maybehere19
bandit5@bandit:~/inhere$ find / -type f -size 1033c ! -executable
find: '/drifter/drifter14_src/axTLS': Permission denied
find: '/root': Permission denied
/usr/src/linux-aws-headers-6.8.0-1014/drivers/input/Makefile
/usr/src/linux-aws-headers-6.8.0-1014/drivers/net/wireless/marvell/libertas/Kconfig
/usr/src/linux-aws-headers-6.8.0-1014/drivers/phy/starfive/Kconfig
/usr/src/linux-aws-headers-6.8.0-1014/tools/power/acpi/tools/acpidump/Makefile
/usr/share/man/man1/tee.1.gz
/usr/share/man/man1/git-mktree.1.gz
/usr/share/man/man1/unexpand.1.gz
/usr/share/terminfo/x/xnuppc-m-f2
/usr/share/terminfo/x/xtalk
find: '/snap': Permission denied
find: '/tmp': Permission denied
find: '/proc/tty/driver': Permission denied
find: '/proc/704018/task/704018/fdinfo/6': No such file or directory
find: '/proc/704018/fdinfo/5': No such file or directory
find: '/home/bandit31-git': Permission denied
find: '/home/ubuntu': Permission denied
/home/bandit5/inhere/maybehere07/.file2
find: '/home/bandit30-git': Permission denied
find: '/home/drifter8/chroot': Permission denied
find: '/home/drifter6/data': Permission denied
find: '/home/bandit29-git': Permission denied
find: '/home/bandit28-git': Permission denied
find: '/home/bandit27-git': Permission denied
find: '/run/user/11002': Permission denied
find: '/run/user/11003': Permission denied
find: '/run/user/11010': Permission denied
find: '/run/user/11008': Permission denied
find: '/run/user/11011': Permission denied
find: '/run/user/11015': Permission denied
find: '/run/user/11017': Permission denied
find: '/run/user/8001': Permission denied
find: '/run/user/11028': Permission denied
find: '/run/user/11030': Permission denied
find: '/run/user/11019': Permission denied
find: '/run/user/11029': Permission denied
find: '/run/user/11022': Permission denied
find: '/run/chrony': Permission denied
find: '/run/udisks2': Permission denied
bandit5@bandit:~/inhere$ cat maybehere07/.file2
HWasnPhtq9AVKe0dmk45nxy20cvUa6EG

```

## BANDIT LEVEL 6 → LEVEL 7

### Task:

The password for the next level is stored somewhere on the server and has all of the following properties:

- owned by user bandit7
- owned by group bandit

- 33 bytes in size

```
bandit6@bandit:~$ ls
bandit6@bandit:~$ ls -ahl
total 20K
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4.0K Sep 19 2024 .
drwxr-xr-x 70 root root 4.0K Sep 19 2024 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 220 Mar 31 2024 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 3.7K Mar 31 2024 .bashrc
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 807 Mar 31 2024 .profile
bandit6@bandit:~$ find / -group bandit6 -user bandit7 -size 33c 2>/dev/null
/var/lib/dpkg/info/bandit7.password
bandit6@bandit:~$ cat /var/lib/dpkg/info/bandit7.password
morbNTDkSW6jILUc0ymOdMaLn0LFVAaj
bandit6@bandit:~$ exit
logout
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.
PS C:\Users\Dell> ssh bandit7@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
```

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```
bandit7@bandit.labs.overthewire.org's password:
```

## BANDIT LEVEL 7 → LEVEL 8

### Task:

The password for the next level is stored in the file data.txt next to the word millionth

## grep searches for patterns within files.

```
bandit7@bandit:~$ ls
data.txt
bandit7@bandit:~$ cat data.txt | grep "millionth"
millionth      dfwvzFQi4mU0wfNbFOe9RoWskMLg7eEc
bandit7@bandit:~$ exit
logout
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.
PS C:\Users\Dell> ssh bandit8@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
```

bandit

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bandit8@bandit.labs.overthewire.org's password:

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## BANDIT LEVEL 8 → LEVEL 9

### Task:

The password for the next level is stored in the file data.txt and is the only line of text that occurs only once

sort organizes data, and uniq -u finds unique lines.



```
bandit8@bandit:~$ ls
data.txt
bandit8@bandit:~$ cat data.txt | sort | uniq -u
4CKMh1JI91bUIZZPXqDqGanaL4xvAg0JM
bandit8@bandit:~$ exit
logout
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.
PS C:\Users\Dell> ssh bandit9@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
```

bandit

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bandit9@bandit.labs.overthewire.org's password:

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## BANDIT LEVEL 9 → LEVEL 10

### Task:

The password for the next level is stored in the file data.txt in one of the few human-readable strings, preceded by several '=' characters.

**strings** extracts human-readable text from binary files.



```
bandit10@bandit:~$ ls
data.txt
bandit10@bandit:~$ cat data.txt | base64 -d
The password is dtR173fZKb0RRsDFSGsg2RWnpNVj3qRr
bandit10@bandit:~$ exit
logout
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.
PS C:\Users\Dell> ssh bandit11@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
```



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bandit11@bandit.labs.overthewire.org's password:



## BANDIT LEVEL 11 → LEVEL 12

### Task:

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 is a simple letter substitution cipher

```
bandit11@bandit:~$ ls
data.txt
bandit11@bandit:~$ cat data.txt | tr 'A-Za-z' 'N-ZA-Mn-m'
The password is 7x16WNeHIi5YkIhWsFfIqoognUTyj9Q4
bandit11@bandit:~$ exit
logout
Connection to bandit.labs.overthewire.org closed.
PS C:\Users\Dell> ssh bandit12@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
```



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## BANDIT LEVEL 12 → LEVEL 13

## Task:

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 better, use the command “mktemp -d”. Then copy the datafile using cp, and rename it using mv

**Files can be compressed in multiple ways (tar, bzip2, gzip). We need to extract them sequentially.**

```
bandit12@bandit:~$ ls
data.txt
bandit12@bandit:~$ mkdir /tmp/anyasciil
bandit12@bandit:~$ cp data.txt /tmp/anyasciil
bandit12@bandit:~$ cd /tmp/anyasciil
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ ls
data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data.txt
data.txt: ASCII text
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ xxd -r data.txt data1
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ ls
data1  data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data1
data1: 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/anyasciil$ mv data1 data2.gz
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ ls
data2.gz  data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data2.gz
data2.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/anyasciil$ gzip -d data2.gz
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ ls
data2  data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data2
data2: bzip2 compressed data, block size = 900k
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ mv data2 data3.bz2
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ ls
data3.bz2  data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ bzip2 -d data3.bz2
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ ls
data3  data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data3
```

```

data3 data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data3
data3: 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/anyasciil$ mv data3
mv: missing destination file operand after 'data3'
Try 'mv --help' for more information.
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ mv data3 data4.gz
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ ls
data4.gz data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data4.gz
data4.gz: 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/anyasciil$ gzip -d data4.gz
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ ls
data4 data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data4
data4: POSIX tar archive (GNU)
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ tar -xvf data4
tar: data64: Cannot open: No such file or directory
tar: Error is not recoverable: exiting now
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data64
data64: cannot open 'data64' (No such file or directory)
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ tar -xvf data4
data5.bin
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data5.bin
data5.bin: POSIX tar archive (GNU)
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ tar -xvf data5.bin
data6.bin
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ ls
data4 data5.bin data6.bin data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data6.bin
data6.bin: bzip2 compressed data, block size = 900k
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ ls
data4 data5.bin data6.bin data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data6.bin
data6.bin: bzip2 compressed data, block size = 900k
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ mv data6.bin data7.bz2
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ ls
data4 data5.bin data7.bz2 data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data7.bz2
data7.bz2: bzip2 compressed data, block size = 900k
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ ls
data4 data5.bin data7.bz2 data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ bzip2 -d data7.bz2
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ ls
data4 data5.bin data7 data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data7
data7: POSIX tar archive (GNU)
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ tar -xvf data7
data8.bin
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ 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/anyasciil$ mv data8.bin data9.gz
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ gzip -d data9.gz
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ ls
data4 data5.bin data7 data9 data.txt
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ file data9
data9: ASCII text
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ cat data9
The password is F05dwFsc0cbaIiH0h8J2eUks2vdTDwAn
bandit12@bandit:/tmp/anyasciil$ exit
logout

```

## BANDIT LEVEL 13 → LEVEL 14

### Task:

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

**SSH keys allow password-less authentication.**



```
bandit15@bandit:~$ openssl s_client -connect localhost:30001
CONNECTED(00000003)
Can't use SSL_get_servername
depth=0 CN = SnakeOil
```

```
...

    Start Time: 1742999647
    Timeout    : 7200 (sec)
    Verify return code: 18 (self-signed certificate)
    Extended master secret: no
    Max Early Data: 0
```

```
-----
read R BLOCK
8xCjnmgoKbGLhHFAZlGE5Tmu4M2tKJQo
Correct!
kSkvUpMQ7lBYyCM4GBPvCvT1BfWRy0Dx
```

```
closed
```