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System Setup and Configuration

◆ User Management

- **Create a User:**

```
sudo adduser <username>
```

- **Add User to Sudo Group:**

```
sudo usermod -aG sudo <username>
```

- **Change Username:**

```
sudo usermod -l <new_name> <old_name>
```

- **Change User Home Directory:**

```
sudo usermod -d /home/<new_folder_name> -m <username>
```

- **Delete User:**

```
sudo deluser <username>
```

- **Switch Users:**

```
su - <username>
```

- **Kill User Processes:**

```
sudo pkill -KILL -u <username>
```

- **Check if User Exists:**

```
id <username>
```

- **Check User Processes:**

```
ps -u <username>
```

- **Check User Groups:**

```
getent group <group_name>  
# or  
cat /etc/group
```

◆ Hostname Configuration

- **Check Current Hostname:**

```
hostnamectl
```

- **Set New Hostname:**

```
sudo hostnamectl set-hostname <new_hostname>
```

- **Update Hostname in Configuration Files:**

```
sudo nano /etc/hosts  
sudo nano /etc/hostname
```

- **Restart Hostname Service:**

```
sudo reboot  
# or  
sudo systemctl restart systemd-hostnamed
```

◆ SSH Configuration

- Update System:

```
sudo apt update
```

- Install SSH Server:

```
sudo apt install openssh-server
```

- Check SSH Status:

```
sudo service ssh status
```

- Edit SSH Configuration:

```
sudo nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config  
sudo nano /etc/ssh/ssh_config
```

- Restart SSH Service:

```
sudo service ssh restart
```

- Connect via SSH:

```
ssh <username>@localhost -p 4242
```

Security Configuration

◆ Firewall (UFW) Setup

- Install UFW:

```
sudo apt install ufw
```

- Enable Firewall:

```
sudo ufw enable
```

- **Allow Port 4242:**

```
sudo ufw allow 4242
```

- **Check Firewall Status:**

```
sudo ufw status
```

◆ Sudo Password Policy

- **Create Custom Sudo Configuration File:**

```
sudo touch /etc/sudoers.d/<file_name>
```

- **Set Password Policy in File:**

```
Defaults passwd_tries=3
Defaults badpass_message="Custom error message"
Defaults logfile="/var/log/sudo/sudo_config"
Defaults log_input, log_output
Defaults iolog_dir="/var/log/sudo"
Defaults requiretty
Defaults
secure_path="/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/snap/bin"
```

◆ Password Policy for Users

1. **Password must meet these criteria:**

- Minimum of 10 characters.
- Must contain at least one uppercase letter and one number.
- Cannot contain the username.
- Cannot have more than 3 consecutive identical characters.

2. **Password Expiration:**

- Password expires every 30 days.
- Minimum of 2 days before the password can be changed again.
- Warning message 7 days before expiration.

3. Additional Rules for Root Password:

- Must have at least 7 characters that are not part of the old password.
- The root password should follow the same policies as above.

◆ Additional Sudo Policies

1. Limited Authentication Attempts:

```
Defaults passwd_tries=3
```

2. Custom Error Message:

```
Defaults badpass_message="Incorrect password, try again."
```

3. Log Sudo Commands:

```
Defaults logfile="/var/log/sudo/sudo_config"
Defaults log_input, log_output
Defaults iolog_dir="/var/log/sudo"
```

4. Restrict Sudo Usable Directories:

```
Defaults
secure_path="/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/snap/bin"
```

5. Enable TTY Mode for Security:

```
Defaults requiretty
```



System Monitoring and Information

◆ System Information Commands

- **Check System Architecture and Kernel Version:**

```
uname -a
```

- **Check Number of Physical Processors:**

```
grep "physical id" /proc/cpuinfo | wc -l
```

- **Check Number of Virtual Processors:**

```
grep "processor" /proc/cpuinfo | wc -l
```

- **Check RAM Usage:**

```
free --mega
```

- **Check Last Boot Time:**

```
who -b
```

◆ Disk and CPU Usage Monitoring

- **Monitor Disk Usage with `df` and `awk`:**

```
df -m | grep "/dev/" | grep -v "/boot/" | awk '{total += $3} END {print total}'  
df -m --output=source,used | awk '/^\s/dev\s/ && !/boot/ {total += $2}  
END {print total}'  
df -m | awk '$1 ~ /^\s/dev\s/ && $6 !~ /^\s/boot\s/ {total += $2 ; use_m  
+= $3} END {printf (".2f%\n", use_m/total*100)}'
```

- **Monitor CPU Usage:**

```
vmstat 1 2 | tail -1 | awk '{print $15}'  
vmstat 1 2 | awk 'NR == 4 {print $15}'  
vmstat 1 2 | awk 'NR == 4 {printf (".2f%\n", 100-$15)}'
```

- **Check Active Connections:**

```
ss -ta | awk '$1 ~ /ESTAB/ {total += 1} END {print total}'
```

◆ LVM and User Monitoring

- **Check LVM Status:**

```
lsblk | awk '$6 ~ /lvm/ {found = 1} END {if(found) {print "Yes"} else {print "No"}}'
```

- **Count Unique Logged-in Users:**

```
who | awk '{print $1}' | sort | uniq | wc -l
```

Project Requirements and To-Do

1. **Create `signature.txt`**: Add this file to the root of your repository.
2. **Encrypted Partitions**: Create at least 2 encrypted partitions using LVM.
3. **SSH Configuration**: Ensure SSH is running on port 4242 and root login is disabled.
4. **Firewall Configuration**: UFW must be active, and only necessary ports should be open.
5. **Hostname**: Set hostname to your login followed by "42" (e.g., `wil42`).
6. **User Creation**: Besides root, a user with your login name should exist and belong to `user42` and `sudo` groups.
7. **Password Policy**: Implement a strong password policy as outlined above.
8. **Monitoring Script**: Create a `monitoring.sh` script that displays key system information every 10 minutes using `wall`.

Bonus Objectives

1. **Advanced Partitioning**: Configure partitions to achieve the required structure.
2. **Web Server Setup**: Configure a functional WordPress site using `lighttpd`, `MariaDB`, and `PHP`.
3. **Additional Service**: Configure another useful service and justify your choice during the defense.

4. **Custom Services:** Add more services if necessary, and adapt UFW/Rocky rules as needed.
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