

Topics on *FreeBSD* virtual machine

1. A non-empty password for the user *root*
2. Create group *animals*
Hint - [Handbook/Users and Basic Account Management chapter 3.3](#)
3. Create a users *dog*, *cat* and *fox* in the group *animals*, first name and surname “*Rex Barks*” for user *dog*, “*Felix Meow*” for user *cat* and “*Sly Fox*” for user *fox*, home directory with rights 0700, shell */bin/sh*, password like login

Hint - [Handbook/Users and Basic Account Management chapter 3.3](#)

4. Edit the main configuration file */etc/rc.conf*:

```
hostname="HOSTNAME_FROM_TABLE"           # replace
ifconfig_em0="DHCP"
ifconfig_em1="inet 192.168.56.201/24"
ifconfig_em2="inet IP_AND_MASK_FROM_TABLE" # replace
sshd_enable="yes"
growfs_enable="yes"
```

if above there are some extra lines, then rewrite them as well and *reboot* your machine

...*FROM_TABLE* means [table](#)

5. Check your VM's internet connection to the world and bi-directional connection to the host, it is recommended to disable firewall *pf* on *FreeBSD* VM

```
# pfctl -d
```

and similarly try to disable the firewall on the host machine (*Windows*, *Linux*, *macOS*, ...)

6. Configure the *SSH* server (*sshd*, file */etc/ssh/sshd_config*) changing option for remote user *root* login, via a *private/public* key pair only:

```
PermitRootLogin    prohibit-password
```

Remember to reload the service:

```
# service sshd reload
```

Hint - [Handbook/OpenSSH chapter 16.7](#)

7. Generate *SSH* keys for all users (*root*, *dog*, *cat* and *fox*) algorithms: *ecdsa* and *ed25519* (no passwords)

```
$ ssh-keygen -t ecdsa
$ ssh-keygen -t ed25519
```

Hint - [Handbook/OpenSSH chapter 16.7](#)

8. Connect via *ssh* (use *Putty* and *PuttyGen* on *Host* and/or *ssh-keygen* ... on *VM*) **Host-> Guest** as users *dog*, *cat* and *fox* without passwords, using a *private/public key* pairs
9. Connect via *ssh* (use *Putty* and *PuttyGen* on *Host* and/or *ssh-keygen* ... on *VM*) **Host-> Guest** as user *root* without password (mind the `PermitRootLogin prohibit-password` option in *sshd* configuration file), using a *private/public key* pair
10. Setup web server **nginx** and try to enable *PHP* processor

```
# pkg install nginx php84-extensions
...
# # adjust nginx configuration file, especially php section:
# ee /usr/local/etc/nginx/nginx.conf
...
```

add two extra lines to `/etc/rc.conf` file:

```
nginx_enable="yes"
php_fpm_enable="yes"
```

and start new services:

```
# service php_fpm start
# service nginx start
```

Hint - adjust almost ready configuration samples in `/usr/local/etc/nginx` *VM* directory and/or [Nginx documentation](#)

11. Check *WWW* connections **Host-> Guest** (by browser, url: `http://192.168.56.201` or/and `http://192.168.56.201/info.php`)

```
# cat /usr/local/www/nginx/info.php

<?php
    phpinfo();
    exit( 0 );
?>
```

12. For the web server **nginx** setup the [OpenSSL self-signed certificate](#) and check secure/encrypted *HTTPS* connections **Host-> Guest** (by browser, url: `https://192.168.56.201` or/and `https://192.168.56.201/info.php`) adding *unknown issuer* browser-exception.

Hint - review the chapter: [Handbook/OpenSSL, chapter 16.8](#)

Extra, self-studying topics - for higher grade (> 4.0)

1. Add extra two lines to the main configuration file `/etc/rc.conf`:

```
pf_enable="yes"
pflog_enable="yes"
```

and reboot machine

2. Setup firewall *PF* (*PacketFilter*), configuration file `/etc/pf.conf`, `block/pass` for some selected services like *ssh*, *http*, *https*

Hint - review the chapter: [Handbook/Firewalls/PF Packet Filter, chapter 33.3](#)

3. Try to defend against malicious attacks (DDoS attacks) on *ssh* service, by blocking such IP addresses (apply `max-src-conn` and `max-src-conn-rate` *pf* rules options)

Hint - review the chapter: [Handbook/Firewalls/PF Packet Filter, chapter 33.3](#)

Preparation of the environment, uploading work

1. Logins and passwords for the new *Linux* machine *pass.math.uni.lodz.pl* (replaces the *xor* machine) one can find in *USOSweb: Student's section/Final Grades/Winter Semester/2024-25/Security of Computer Systems/*(“details” button)

2. It is recommended to disable firewall *pf* on *FreeBSD VM*

```
# pfctl -d
```

and similarly try to disable the firewall on the host machine (*Windows*, *Linux*, *macOS*, ...)

3. Start your *FreeBSD* virtual machine, log as *root* user and after completing the above tasks, execute the command:

```
# fetch https://pass.math.uni.lodz.pl/make.sh
```

now you have script *make.sh* in the current directory, so you can run next command:

```
# sh make.sh STUDENT_NUMBER LOGIN_FROM_USOSWEB
```

first time you should type *yes* to confirm keys, then provide the password from *USOSweb*. Do not type hash ‘#’ in above commands (this is *PROMPT* only!)

4. Now upload tiny presentation about security in *pdf* format (filename: *STUDENT_NUMBER.pdf*) with command (e.g. with command prompt on *Windows*):

```
scp STUDENT_NUMBER.pdf LOGIN@pass.math.uni.lodz.pl:LOGIN/passing.d/
```

(*LOGIN* is your login from *USOSweb*) again, first time you should type *yes* to confirm keys, then provide the password from *USOSweb*.

5. Wait for evaluation (few days).