



FORENSICS LAB SERIES

Lab 6: Linux OS Artifact Forensics

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| 7: Understanding Hard Disks and File Systems |

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Introduction

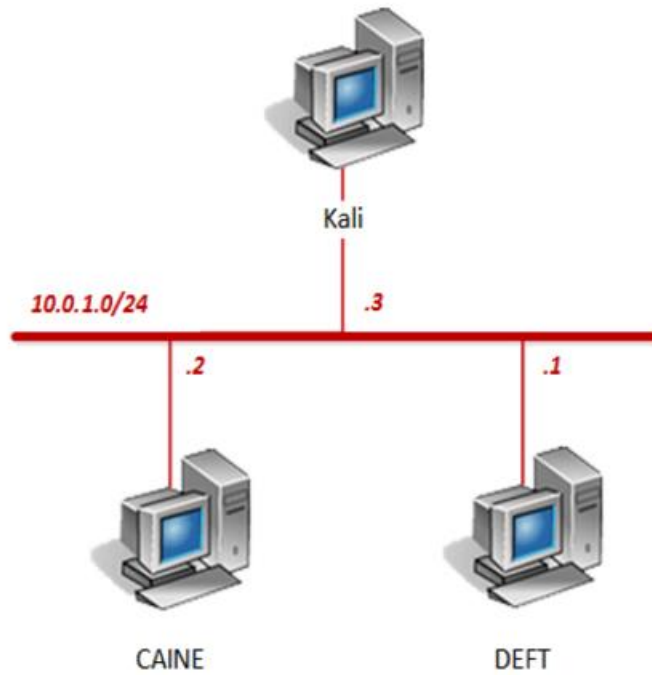
This lab will introduce the concept of performing a forensic examination of a Linux system. The examination process will pinpoint where to find pertinent information in regards to what an investigation may require.

Objective

In this lab, you will be conducting forensic practices using various tools. You will be performing the following tasks:

1. Analyzing the Linux File System
2. Analyzing the Linux User Information

Pod Topology



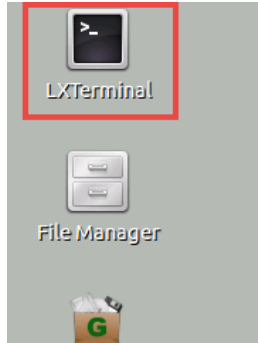
Lab Settings

The information in the table below will be needed in order to complete the lab. The task sections below provide details on the use of this information.

| Virtual Machine | IP Address | Account (if needed) | Password (if needed) |
|-----------------|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| DEFT | 10.0.1.1 | deft | password |
| CAINE | 10.0.1.2 | caine | |
| Kali | 10.0.1.3 | root | toor |

1 Analyzing the Linux File System

1. Click on the **DEFT** graphic on the *topology page* to open the VM.
2. Open a new terminal by clicking on the **LXTerminal** icon located on the Desktop.



3. Using the terminal, determine the system date and time by typing the command below followed by pressing the **Enter** key.

```
date
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % date
Wed Jul 13 10:12:09 CDT 2016
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

The data will vary when compared to the image above.

4. Identify where the time zone setting comes from by entering the command below.

```
cat /etc/timezone
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % cat /etc/timezone
America/Chicago
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

5. Enter the **zdump** command below as an alternative way of identifying the local time.

```
Zdump /etc/localtime
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % zdump /etc/localtime
/etc/localtime Wed Jul 13 10:22:06 2016 CDT
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

6. Identify the operating system version. Enter the command below.

```
uname -a
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % uname -a
Linux deft-virtual-machine 3.5.0-51-generic #76-Ubuntu SMP Thu May 15 21:19:10 U
TC 2014 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

Notice that the system is a 64-bit version of *Ubuntu* with a *Kernel* version of *3.5.0-51-generic*.

7. Identify the distribution information. Enter the command below.

```
cat /etc/issue
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % cat /etc/issue
Ubuntu 12.10 \n \l
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

8. For deeper detailing on the distribution information, issue the command below.

```
cat /etc/lsb-release
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % cat /etc/lsb-release
DISTRIB_ID=DEFT
DISTRIB_RELEASE=8
DISTRIB_CODENAME=Ball in hole
DISTRIB_DESCRIPTION="DEFT Linux 8"
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

Notice that codename for this Deft Linux is “Ball in hole”.

9. Issue the command below to determine when the OS was installed. Use the SSH keys since they are generated on the initial install date of the system.

```
ls -l /etc/ssh/ssh_host*
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % ls -l /etc/ssh/ssh_host*
-rw----- 1 root root 668 May 22 2013 /etc/ssh/ssh_host_dsa_key
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 602 May 22 2013 /etc/ssh/ssh_host_dsa_key.pub
-rw----- 1 root root 227 May 22 2013 /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ecdsa_key
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 174 May 22 2013 /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ecdsa_key.pub
-rw----- 1 root root 1675 May 22 2013 /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 394 May 22 2013 /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key.pub
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

Notice the date appears to be *May 22, 2013* as the initial install date.

10. Dig a little deeper by viewing the contents of the `ssh_host_rsa_key` file. Enter the command below.

```
stat /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % stat /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key
  File: '/etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key'
  Size: 1675          Blocks: 8           IO Block: 4096   regular file
Device: 801h/2049d   Inode: 396675        Links: 1
Access: (0600/-rw-----)  Uid: (  0/   root)  Gid: (  0/   root)
Access: 2013-05-22 16:57:34.000000000 -0500
Modify: 2013-05-22 16:57:34.000000000 -0500
Change: 2015-11-19 11:39:52.890225706 -0600
 Birth: -
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

Notice the file has a *Modify* and *Access* date of May 22, 2013 and the same timestamp for both values.

11. Identify the network interfaces by entering the command below.

```
ifconfig -a
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % ifconfig -a
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:50:56:9a:ec:e6
          inet addr:10.0.1.1  Bcast:10.0.1.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::250:56ff:fe9a:ece6/64  Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:694 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:704 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:130914 (130.9 KB)  TX bytes:102207 (102.2 KB)

lo        Link encap:Local Loopback
          inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128  Scope:Host
          UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:16436  Metric:1
          RX packets:4 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:4 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
          RX bytes:240 (240.0 B)  TX bytes:240 (240.0 B)
```

Only two network interfaces should appear.

12. Another alternative to receive information about the network interfaces can be accomplished by entering the command below.

```
ip addr
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 16436 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP qlen 1000
    link/ether 00:50:56:9a:ec:e6 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 10.0.1.1/24 brd 10.0.1.255 scope global eth0
    inet6 fe80::250:56ff:fe9a:ece6/64 scope link
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

13. Enter the command below to identify the computer name.

```
cat /etc/hostname
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % cat /etc/hostname
deft-virtual-machine
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```



14. Enter the command below to identify the current network connections that the *Deft Linux* system has.

```
sudo netstat -anp
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % sudo netstat -anp
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address           Foreign Address         State
PID/Program name
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:139             0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
749/smbd
tcp        0      0 127.0.1.1:53            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
1253/dnsmasq
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:631           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
2213/cupsd
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:445             0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
749/smbd
tcp6       0      0 :::139                  :::*                    LISTEN
749/smbd
tcp6       0      0 :::1:631                :::*                    LISTEN
2213/cupsd
tcp6       0      0 :::445                  :::*                    LISTEN
749/smbd
udp        0      0 127.0.1.1:53            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
1253/dnsmasq
```

If prompted for a password, type `password` and press **Enter**.

15. Identify the routing information present on the system by issuing the command below.

```
netstat -rn
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % netstat -rn
Kernel IP routing table
Destination        Gateway           Genmask          Flags   MSS Window  irtt Iface
0.0.0.0            10.0.1.254       0.0.0.0          UG      0  0        0 eth0
10.0.1.0           0.0.0.0          255.255.255.0    U        0  0        0 eth0
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

16. An alternative command to show routing information can be used by entering the command below.

```
route
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % route
Kernel IP routing table
Destination        Gateway           Genmask          Flags Metric Ref    Use Iface
default            10.0.1.254       0.0.0.0          UG      0     0        0 eth0
10.0.1.0           *                255.255.255.0    U        1     0        0 eth0
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

17. Identify which open files are using the ports from *Task 1, Step 14*. Enter the command below.

```
sudo lsof -V
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % sudo lsof -V
[sudo] password for deft:
lsof: WARNING: can't stat() fuse.gvfsd-fuse file system /run/user/deft/gvfs
Output information may be incomplete.
COMMAND  PID  TID    USER  FD   TYPE    DEVICE  SIZE/OFF
NODE NAME
init      1             root   cwd    DIR      8,1      4096
  2 /
init      1             root   rtd    DIR      8,1      4096
  2 /
init      1             root   txt    REG      8,1    163144     78
6701 /sbin/init
init      1             root   mem    REG      8,1     52152     26
7056 /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libnss_files-2.15.so
init      1             root   mem    REG      8,1     47712     26
7060 /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libnss_nis-2.15.so
init      1             root   mem    REG      8,1     97272     26
7050 /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libnsl-2.15.so
init      1             root   mem    REG      8,1     25712     26
7052 /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libnss_crypt-2.15.so
```

If prompted for a password, type **password** and press **Enter**.

18. Identify which system processes are currently running. Enter the command below.

```
sudo ps -ef
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % sudo ps -ef
[sudo] password for deft:
UID          PID    PPID  C STIME TTY          TIME CMD
root           1      0  0 09:55 ?        00:00:01 /sbin/init
root           2      0  0 09:55 ?        00:00:00 [kthreadd]
root           3      2  0 09:55 ?        00:00:00 [ksoftirqd/0]
root           4      2  0 09:55 ?        00:00:04 [kworker/0:0]
root           6      2  0 09:55 ?        00:00:00 [migration/0]
root           7      2  0 09:55 ?        00:00:00 [watchdog/0]
root           8      2  0 09:55 ?        00:00:00 [cpuset]
root           9      2  0 09:55 ?        00:00:00 [khelper]
root          10      2  0 09:55 ?        00:00:00 [kdevtmpfs]
root          11      2  0 09:55 ?        00:00:00 [netns]
root          12      2  0 09:55 ?        00:00:00 [sync_supers]
root          13      2  0 09:55 ?        00:00:00 [bdi-default]
root          14      2  0 09:55 ?        00:00:00 [kintegrityd]
root          15      2  0 09:55 ?        00:00:00 [kblockd]
root          16      2  0 09:55 ?        00:00:00 [ata_sff]
```

If prompted for a password, type `password` and press **Enter**.

19. Identify what file systems are mounted and how much space they are utilizing. Enter the command below.

```
mount
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % mount
/dev/sda1 on / type ext4 (rw)
proc on /proc type proc (rw,noexec,nosuid,nodev)
sysfs on /sys type sysfs (rw,noexec,nosuid,nodev)
none on /sys/fs/fuse/connections type fusectl (rw)
none on /sys/kernel/debug type debugfs (rw)
none on /sys/kernel/security type securityfs (rw)
udev on /dev type devtmpfs (rw,mode=0755)
devpts on /dev/pts type devpts (rw,noexec,nosuid,gid=5,mode=0620)
tmpfs on /run type tmpfs (rw,noexec,nosuid,size=10%,mode=0755)
none on /run/lock type tmpfs (rw,noexec,nosuid,nodev,size=5242880)
none on /run/shm type tmpfs (rw,nosuid,nodev)
none on /run/user type tmpfs (rw,noexec,nosuid,nodev,size=104857600,mode=0755)
/dev/sdb1 on /media/deft type ext4 (rw,noexec,nosuid,nodev)
binfmt_misc on /proc/sys/fs/binfmt_misc type binfmt_misc (rw,noexec,nosuid,nodev)
gvfsd-fuse on /run/user/deft/gvfs type fuse.gvfsd-fuse (rw,nosuid,nodev,user=deft)
```

Notice that the hard disk partition `sda1` and another partition mounted as in media `sdb1` are mounted.

20. Another alternative to see what disks are mounted is to view the contents of the *mtab* file. Enter the command below.

```
cat /etc/mtab
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % cat /etc/mtab
/dev/sda1 / ext4 rw 0 0
proc /proc proc rw,noexec,nosuid,nodev 0 0
sysfs /sys sysfs rw,noexec,nosuid,nodev 0 0
none /sys/fs/fuse/connections fusectl rw 0 0
none /sys/kernel/debug debugfs rw 0 0
none /sys/kernel/security securityfs rw 0 0
udev /dev devtmpfs rw,mode=0755 0 0
devpts /dev/pts devpts rw,noexec,nosuid,gid=5,mode=0620 0 0
tmpfs /run tmpfs rw,noexec,nosuid,size=10%,mode=0755 0 0
none /run/lock tmpfs rw,noexec,nosuid,nodev,size=5242880 0 0
none /run/shm tmpfs rw,nosuid,nodev 0 0
none /run/user tmpfs rw,noexec,nosuid,nodev,size=104857600,mode=0755 0 0
/dev/sdb1 /media/deft ext4 rw,noexec,nosuid,nodev 0 0
binfmt_misc /proc/sys/fs/binfmt_misc binfmt_misc rw,noexec,nosuid,nodev 0 0
gvfsd-fuse /run/user/deft/gvfs fuse.gvfsd-fuse rw,nosuid,nodev,user=deft 0 0
```



21. Enter the command below to view the contents of the partitions file.

```
cat /proc/partitions
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % cat /proc/partitions
major minor #blocks name
11      0    1048575 sr0
 8      0    20971520 sda
 8      1    18874368 sda1
 8      2         1 sda2
 8      5     2094080 sda5
 8     16    20971520 sdb
 8     17    20971486 sdb1
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

Notice how this command shows more drives. Reference the number 8 underneath the *major* column indicates a *SCSI HD* while the 11 indicates a *SCSI CD-ROM* device.

```
8 block      SCSI disk devices (0-15)
              0 = /dev/sda      First SCSI disk whole disk
              16 = /dev/sdb     Second SCSI disk whole disk
              32 = /dev/sdc     Third SCSI disk whole disk
              ...
             240 = /dev/sdp     Sixteenth SCSI disk whole disk

Partitions are handled in the same way as for IDE
disks (see major number 3) except that the limit on
partitions is 15.
```

```
11 block     SCSI CD-ROM devices
              0 = /dev/scd0     First SCSI CD-ROM
              1 = /dev/scd1     Second SCSI CD-ROM
              ...

The prefix /dev/sr (instead of /dev/scd) has been deprecated.
```

22. Verify the mounted disks with *fdisk*. Enter the command below.

```
sudo fdisk -l
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % sudo fdisk -l
[sudo] password for deft:

Disk /dev/sda: 21.5 GB, 21474836480 bytes
255 heads, 63 sectors/track, 2610 cylinders, total 41943040 sectors
Units = sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes
Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
Disk identifier: 0x0002e7f9

   Device Boot      Start         End      Blocks   Id  System
/dev/sda1  *        2048       37750783   18874368    83   Linux
/dev/sda2                37752830   41940991    2094081     5   Extended
/dev/sda5                37752832   41940991    2094080    82   Linux swap / Solaris

WARNING: GPT (GUID Partition Table) detected on '/dev/sdb'! The util fdisk doesn't support GPT. Use GNU Parted.

Disk /dev/sdb: 21.5 GB, 21474836480 bytes
255 heads, 63 sectors/track, 2610 cylinders, total 41943040 sectors
Units = sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes
Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
Disk identifier: 0x00000000

   Device Boot      Start         End      Blocks   Id  System
/dev/sdb1          1       41943039   20971519+    ee   GPT
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

If prompted for a password, type `password` and press **Enter**.

23. The `fstab` file can be viewed for physical and logical disk partitions available on the system for both mounted and unmounted. Enter the command below.

```
cat /etc/fstab
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % cat /etc/fstab
/dev/fd0 /media/floppy0 vfat noauto 0 0
UUID=759ce1da-9adb-4563-a87a-01eeb58bd24a swap swap sw 0 0
UUID=6a8aa896-2633-4134-9a04-da5b825504e3 /media/deft ext4 user,rw 0 0
UUID=722da13a-a275-43f7-bd42-26860e5b6803 / ext4 defaults 0 1
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

24. Given a scenario, sometimes a user or malware can load small pieces of code into the Kernel of the operating system. Identify what is loaded on the system by entering the command below.

```
lsmod
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % lsmod
Module                Size  Used by
vsock                 52876  0
acpiphp              24025  0
ib_iser              37866  0
rdma_cm              43022  1 ib_iser
ib_cm                42682  1 rdma_cm
iw_cm                18583  1 rdma_cm
ib_sa                29096  2 rdma_cm,ib_cm
ib_mad              47134  2 ib_cm,ib_sa
ib_core              82363  6 ib_iser,rdma_cm,ib_cm,iw_cm,ib_sa,ib_mad
ib_addr              14110  1 rdma_cm
iscsi_tcp            18334  0
libiscsi_tcp         25147  1 iscsi_tcp
libiscsi             57110  3 ib_iser,iscsi_tcp,libiscsi_tcp
scsi_transport_iscsi  59269  4 ib_iser,iscsi_tcp,libiscsi
coretemp             13401  0
bnep                 18141  2
rfcomm               46620  0
ghash_clmulni_intel  13221  0
bluetooth            209438 10 bnep,rfcomm
aesni_intel          51038  0
cryptd               20404  2 ghash_clmulni_intel,aesni_intel
```

25. Leave the terminal open to continue with the next task.

2 Analyzing the Linux User Information



1. Using the terminal, enter the command below to identify who is currently logged into the system.

```
w
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % w
14:21:08 up 4:25, 2 users, load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.05
USER      TTY      FROM            LOGIN@   IDLE   JCPU   PCPU   WHAT
deft      tty7      :0               09:55    4:25m  3.46s  0.11s  /usr/bin/lxsession -s
deft      pts/0     :0.0            13:19    4.00s  0.05s  0.00s  w
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

Notice that the user “deft” is logged in.

2. Identify who last logged into the system by issuing the command below.

```
last
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % last
deft      pts/0      :0.0            Wed Jul 13 13:19   still logged in
deft      pts/0      :0.0            Wed Jul 13 13:17   - 13:19 (00:02)
deft      pts/0      :0.0            Wed Jul 13 11:16   - 13:17 (02:00)
deft      pts/0      :0.0            Wed Jul 13 10:11   - 11:16 (01:04)
reboot    system    boot           3.5.0-51-generic Wed Jul 13 09:55   - 14:23 (04:27)

wtmp begins Tue Jul 12 18:50:25 2016
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

The information outputted from the *last* command comes from the */var/log/wtmp* file.

3. Identify the failed attempt logins on the system. Enter the command below.

```
sudo lastb
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % sudo lastb
[sudo] password for deft:

btmtp begins Tue Jul 12 18:09:59 2016
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

If prompted for a password, type **password** and press **Enter**.

Notice no failed logins appear. The information outputted from the *lastb* command comes from the */var/log/btmp* file.

4. Verify if the *btm* file is empty by entering the command below.

```
file /var/log/btmp.1
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % file /var/log/btmp.1
/var/log/btmp.1: empty
```

5. On a Linux system, system accounts and user accounts are held in a file named *passwd*. View the contents of this file by entering the command below.

```
cat /etc/passwd | less
```

```
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/bin/sh
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/bin/sh
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/bin/sh
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/bin/sh
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/bin/sh
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/bin/sh
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/bin/sh
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/bin/sh
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/bin/sh
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/bin/sh
www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/bin/sh
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/bin/sh
list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/bin/sh
irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/bin/sh
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/bin/sh
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/bin/sh
libuuid:x:100:101::/var/lib/libuuid:/bin/sh
syslog:x:101:103::/home/syslog:/bin/false
messagebus:x:102:105::/var/run/dbus:/bin/false
usbmux:x:103:46:usbmux daemon,,,:/home/usbmux:/bin/false
ntp:x:104:109::/home/ntp:/bin/false
whoopsie:x:105:110::/nonexistent:/bin/false
lightdm:x:106:115:Light Display Manager:/var/lib/lightdm:/bin/false
haldaemon:x:107:117:Hardware abstraction layer,,,:/var/run/hald:/bin/false
postgres:x:108:119:PostgreSQL administrator,,,:/var/lib/postgresql:/bin/bash
postfix:x:109:121::/var/spool/postfix:/bin/false
:
```

With the *less* command, use the **Enter** key to skip to the next line item of the list or use the **spacebar** to skip by page. Notice that the *deft* account has a unique ID of 1000 and a group ID of 1000 with a home directory of */home/deft* and default shell of *bash*. When finished analyzing the file, press the **q** character to quit.

6. Make the *deft* user account properties more readable by entering the command below.

```
id deft
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % id deft
uid=1000(deft) gid=1000(deft) groups=1000(deft),4(adm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),106(lpadmin),124(sambashare)
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

Notice additional information is given such that the *deft* user account has *sudo* and *sambashare* rights.

7. Identify the properties of the *root* account by entering the command below.

```
id root
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % id root
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

Notice that the *root* user has a unique ID of *0* and a group ID of *0*.

8. On a Linux system, passwords are typically stored in the *shadow* file. Enter the command below to observe the contents of the file.

```
sudo cat /etc/shadow | less
```

```
root:!:16758:0:99999:7:::
daemon*:15630:0:99999:7:::
bin*:15630:0:99999:7:::
sys*:15630:0:99999:7:::
sync*:15630:0:99999:7:::
games*:15630:0:99999:7:::
man*:15630:0:99999:7:::
lp*:15630:0:99999:7:::
mail*:15630:0:99999:7:::
news*:15630:0:99999:7:::
uucp*:15630:0:99999:7:::
proxy*:15630:0:99999:7:::
www-data*:15630:0:99999:7:::
backup*:15630:0:99999:7:::
list*:15630:0:99999:7:::
irc*:15630:0:99999:7:::
gnats*:15630:0:99999:7:::
nobody*:15630:0:99999:7:::
libuuid:!:15630:0:99999:7:::
syslog*:15630:0:99999:7:::
messagebus*:15630:0:99999:7:::
usbmux*:15630:0:99999:7:::
ntp*:15630:0:99999:7:::
whoopsie*:15630:0:99999:7:::
lightdm*:15630:0:99999:7:::
haldaemon*:15842:0:99999:7:::
postgres*:15845:0:99999:7:::
postfix*:15847:0:99999:7:::
:
```

If prompted for a password, type `password` and press **Enter**.

```
deft:$6$APbTaP4P$ClkTKayAL.ICTFKlxJGRZuE.VbWVEmkvXXvk6kLxrmUS/H886zv429SkzwhNs30lpcGgYC
MLCm9UXBH9JU/rH1:16758:0:99999:7:::
```

With the `less` command, use the **Enter** key to skip to the next line item of the list or use the **spacebar** to skip by page. Notice that the `deft` account has a password that's encrypted. Note that with a `!` or `*` are blank passwords. When finished analyzing the file, press the **q** character to quit.

- Verify that you are currently in the `/home/deft` directory by issuing the command below.

```
pwd
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % pwd
/home/deft
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

- Investigate `deft`'s home directory, identifying the files and hidden files by entering the command below.

```
ls -a
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % ls -a
.          Documents      .local          .pulse
..         Downloads     .macromedia    .pulse-cookie
.adobe     evidence          .mountmanager  .ssh
.android   .gconf             .mozilla       Templates
.ant       .gksu.lock         .mtpaint       .thumbnails
.bash_history .gnome             Music          Videos
.bashrc    .gstreamer-0.10    NewFolder      .vim
.cache     .gtk-bookmarks     pdfcrack-01.5  .viminfo
.config    .icons             .pip           .Xauthority
.dbus      .java              .pki          .xscreensaver
.Desktop   .lessht           .profile       .xsession-errors
.dmr       .libnet-openssh-perl Public         .xsession-errors.old
deft-virtual-machine ~ %
```

Note that files with a period in front of their names are hidden files.

11. Observe the command history by entering the command below.

```
cat .bash_history
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % cat .bash_history
cd opt/test/
ls
tar -xvzf deb_libfm.tar.gz
ls
cd deb/
ls
dpkg -i *
ls
cd ..
ls
tar -xvzf newconfig.tar.gz
ls
cd newconfig/
ls
ls -larh
mv .config/ /root/
mv -f .config/ /root/
```

The data will vary when compared to the image above.

12. An alternative way of viewing the bash history is to use the *history* command. Enter the command below.

```
history
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % history
 1 cd opt/test/
 2 ls
 3 tar -xvzf deb_libfm.tar.gz
 4 ls
 5 cd deb/
 6 s
 7 ls
 8 dpkg -i *
 9 ls
10 cd ..
11 ls
12 tar -xvzf newconfig.tar.gz
13 ls
14 cd newconfig/
15 ls
16 ls -larh
17 mv .config/ /root/
18 mv -f .config/ /root/
```

13. Navigate to the *ssh* directory by issuing the command below.

```
cd /home/deft/.ssh
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~ % cd /home/deft/.ssh
deft-virtual-machine ~/.ssh %
```

14. Enter the command below to identify what files are present.

```
ls
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~/.ssh % ls
known hosts
```

15. View the SSH information inside the **known_hosts** file. Enter the command below.

```
cat known_hosts
```

```
deft-virtual-machine ~/.ssh % cat known_hosts
|1|ZySyHcw20VJzeegL15/C2M0QbDw=|YfcG05zgT10T8Fq2HBwTabeZiig= ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 AAAAE2
VjZHNhLXNoYTItbmlzdHAyNTYAAAAIbmlzdHAyNTYAAABBBEccjUP0lCsIrGpsT45zk91YzeUDbgsw2eLt8Vukf
IGX38mNrDyDvzaufsDsw5aNYsN6H5bdhnWA1AaVLSZddg=
|1|87cA2m+pNSgWQ6g2X+Qj0W/08sU=|BGktBwexr1kkrZTeYzbA0A/bNYI= ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 AAAAE2
VjZHNhLXNoYTItbmlzdHAyNTYAAAAIbmlzdHAyNTYAAABBBBAvWE8XFKvwtHYQ6qZvQP0aoz7/GMNF2tIKA5CjUM
5JEpbCZH18vcjd7xpUsqS9tCK7KQdibiTS8oCh6Ey+7qzg=
|1|YlEaIXgvpvQyHQV9Gn0SJJf1I9wg=|l4TDZUpbGMMyU+Yk0Li12L4xpfo= ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 AAAAE2
VjZHNhLXNoYTItbmlzdHAyNTYAAAAIbmlzdHAyNTYAAABBBBAvWE8XFKvwtHYQ6qZvQP0aoz7/GMNF2tIKA5CjUM
5JEpbCZH18vcjd7xpUsqS9tCK7KQdibiTS8oCh6Ey+7qzg=
deft-virtual-machine ~/.ssh %
```

These are the local SSH keys for known connections.



16. Identify if there are any other accounts on the system that possess *sudo* rights. Enter the command below.

```
sudo cat /etc/sudoers
```

```
# Host alias specification

# User alias specification

# Cmnd alias specification

# User privilege specification
root    ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL

# Members of the admin group may gain root privileges
%admin   ALL=(ALL) ALL

# Allow members of group sudo to execute any command
%sudo   ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL

# See sudoers(5) for more information on "#include" directives:

#includedir /etc/sudoers.d
```

If prompted for a password, type **password** and press **Enter**.

Notice that anyone on the system can have sudo rights.



17. View the *sudoers* history by issuing the command below.

```
cat /var/log/auth.log
```

```

root ; COMMAND=/bin/cat /etc/sudoers
Jul 13 14:57:11 deft-virtual-machine sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session opened for u
ser root by deft(uid=0)
Jul 13 14:57:11 deft-virtual-machine sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session closed for u
ser root
Jul 13 15:00:01 deft-virtual-machine CRON[2888]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened
for user root by (uid=0)
Jul 13 15:00:01 deft-virtual-machine CRON[2888]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed
for user root
Jul 13 15:09:01 deft-virtual-machine CRON[2894]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened
for user root by (uid=0)
Jul 13 15:09:01 deft-virtual-machine CRON[2894]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed
for user root
Jul 13 15:17:01 deft-virtual-machine CRON[2903]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened
for user root by (uid=0)
Jul 13 15:17:01 deft-virtual-machine CRON[2903]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed
for user root
Jul 13 15:30:41 deft-virtual-machine sudo:      deft : TTY=pts/0 ; PWD=/home/deft/.ssh ;
USER=root ; COMMAND=/bin/cat /etc/sudoers
Jul 13 15:30:41 deft-virtual-machine sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session opened for u
ser root by deft(uid=0)
Jul 13 15:30:41 deft-virtual-machine sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session closed for u
ser root

```

Viewing this file helps identify when *sudo* was invoked and by whom. Notice towards the bottom, it can be seen that deft asked for *sudo* rights when then “*sudo cat /etc/sudoers*” was entered.

18. Change to the */etc/cups/ppd* directory by entering the command below.

```
cd /etc/cups/ppd
```

```

deft-virtual-machine ~/.ssh % cd /etc/cups/ppd
deft-virtual-machine /etc/cups/ppd %

```

19. Identify whether the user had any printers by entering the command below.

```
ls
```

```

deft-virtual-machine /etc/cups/ppd % ls
VMware_Virtual_Printer.ppd
deft-virtual-machine /etc/cups/ppd %

```

Notice that only a virtual printer appears.

20. Identify whether the user plug in any external *USB* devices. Enter the command below.

```
cat /var/log/kern.log | less
```

With the *less* command, use the **Enter** key to skip to the next line item of the list or use the **spacebar** to skip by page. When finished analyzing the file, press the **q** character to quit.

21. Scrolling through can be difficult when trying to locate something specific in a given file. Enter the command below to look specifically for the term “usb”.

```
cat /var/log/kern.log | grep -i usb
```

```
deft-virtual-machine /etc/cups/ppd % cat /var/log/kern.log | grep -i usb
Jul 13 09:55:54 deft-virtual-machine kernel: [ 0.452029] ACPI: bus type usb registered
Jul 13 09:55:54 deft-virtual-machine kernel: [ 0.452042] usbcore: registered new interface driver usbfs
Jul 13 09:55:54 deft-virtual-machine kernel: [ 0.452048] usbcore: registered new interface driver hub
Jul 13 09:55:54 deft-virtual-machine kernel: [ 0.452066] usbcore: registered new device driver usb
Jul 13 09:55:54 deft-virtual-machine kernel: [ 1.095452] ehci_hcd: USB 2.0 'Enhanced' Host Controller (EHCI) Driver
Jul 13 09:55:54 deft-virtual-machine kernel: [ 1.095464] ohci_hcd: USB 1.1 'Open' Host Controller (OHCI) Driver
Jul 13 09:55:54 deft-virtual-machine kernel: [ 1.095475] uhci_hcd: USB Universal Host Controller Interface driver
Jul 13 09:55:54 deft-virtual-machine kernel: [ 1.095501] usbcore: registered new interface driver libusual
deft-virtual-machine /etc/cups/ppd %
```

Anything with the term “usb” will be displayed in a red font. Notice no removable device was attached to this system.

22. Navigate to the */var/log* directory. Enter the command below.

```
cd /var/log
```

```
deft-virtual-machine /etc/cups/ppd % cd /var/log
deft-virtual-machine /var/log %
```

23. A bulk of information can be found in the logs. Enter the command below and take notice of the various log files presented.

```
ls
```

```
deft-virtual-machine /var/log % ls
alternatives.log      ConsoleKit             kern.log.2.gz         pm-powersave.log.1
alternatives.log.1    cups                  kern.log.3.gz         postgresql
apache2               dist-upgrade           kern.log.4.gz         samba
appport.log           dmesg                 kismet               syslog
appport.log.1         dmesg.0              lastlog              syslog.1
appport.log.2.gz      dmesg.1.gz           lightdm              syslog.2.gz
appport.log.3.gz      dmesg.2.gz           mail.err             syslog.3.gz
appport.log.4.gz      dmesg.3.gz           mail.err.1          syslog.4.gz
apt                  dmesg.4.gz           mail.err.2.gz        syslog.5.gz
auth.log              dpkg.log             mail.err.3.gz        syslog.6.gz
auth.log.1            dpkg.log.1           mail.err.4.gz        syslog.7.gz
auth.log.2.gz         dpkg.log.2.gz        mail.log             udev
auth.log.3.gz         dpkg.log.3.gz        mail.log.1           ufw.log
auth.log.4.gz         faillog              mail.log.2.gz        unattended-upgrades
boot                 fontconfig.log       mail.log.3.gz        upstart
boot.log              fsck                 mail.log.4.gz        wtmp
btmtp                 guymager.log         MountManager.log     wtmp.1
btmtp.1              installer            news                 wvdialconf.log
chkrootkit            kern.log             ntpstats             Xorg.0.log
clamav                kern.log.1           pm-powersave.log     Xorg.0.log.old
```

Log analysis will be taught more in depth in *Lab 19* of the *NDG Forensics* lab series.

24. Close all **PC Viewers** and end the reservation to complete the lab.