

Vim Text Editor Temporary Files

The Vim text editor, common to Linux / UNIX systems, creates a temporary file while a document is being edited



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This temporary file has the swp file extension, and the name of the file is the same as the file being edited by Vim



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In this scenario, the temp file's name is `id_rsa` (the default name for SSH private keys), so the file we're looking for is named **`id_rsa.swp`**



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Any user on a Linux system may be using a weak password, and there is a tool we can use to abuse the su binary and attempt bruteforce access

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The tool we will use is called **suForce**, and it is a bash script which attempts access as a specified user and iterates over a password list