



Bandit

level 0 :

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

password : bandit0

level 0-1 : the password is in a readme file in the home directory.

commands used : ls and cat

ssh bandit1@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

password : boJ9jbbUNNfktd7800psq0ltutMc3MY1

level 1-2 : the password is in the - file in the home directory

commands used : cat < -

ssh bandit2@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

password : CV1DtqXWVFXTvM2F0k09SHz0YwRINYA9

level 2-3 : the password is in the file named "spaces in this filename"

commands used : cat "spaces in this filename"

ssh bandit3@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

password : UmHadQclWmgdLOKQ3YNgjWxGoRMB5luK

level 3-4 : the password is stored in a hidden file in the inhere directory

commands used : cd inhere , ls -a

ssh bandit4@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

password : pIwrPrtpN36QITSp3EQaw936yaFoFgAB

level 4-5 : the password is stored in the only human-readable file in the inhere directory

commands used :

ls

find . -type -f | xargs file

cat ./-file07

man xargs

("." means current directory)

ssh bandit5@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

password : koReB0KuIDDepwhwk7jZC0RTdopnAYKh

level 5-6 : the password is stored in the inhere directory

file has all of the following properties :

- human-readable (didn't use but -readable)
- 1033 bytes in size (-size 1033c //c for bytes)
- not executable (-type f ! -executable)

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find /home/ -type f -size 6579c -exec ls {} \;
```

As units you can use:

- b - for 512-byte blocks (this is the default if no suffix is used)
- c - for bytes
- w - for two-byte words
- k - for Kilobytes (units of 1024 bytes)
- M - for Megabytes (units of 1048576 bytes)
- G - for Gigabytes (units of 1073741824 bytes)

command ⇒ find . -type f -size 1033c ! -executable

ssh bandit6@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

password : DXjZPULLxYr17uwoI01bNLQbtFemEgo7

level 6-7 : the password is stored somewhere on the server and has all of the following properties :

- owned by user bandit7 (-user bandit7)
- owned by group bandit6 (-group bandit6)
- 33 bytes in size (-size 33c)

command ⇒ find / -user bandit7 -group bandit6 -size 33c

(/ starts search from the root folder and then all the others (I think))

ssh bandit7@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

password : HKBPTKQnIay4Fw76bEy8PVxKEDQRKTzs

level 7-8 : the password is stored in the file **data.txt** next to the word **millionth**

command ⇒ cat data.txt | grep "millionth"

ssh bandit8@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

password : cvX2JJJa4CFALTqS87jk27qwqGhBM9plV

level 8-9 : the password is stored in the file **data.txt** and is the only line of text that occurs only once

sort command is used to sort a file, arranging the records in a particular order. By default, the sort command sorts file assuming the contents are ASCII. Using options in the sort command can also be used to sort numerically.

- **sort** command sorts the contents of a text file, line by line.
- **sort** is a standard command-line program that prints the lines of its input or concatenation of all files listed in its argument list in sorted order.
- The **sort** command is a command-line utility for sorting lines of text files. It supports sorting alphabetically, in reverse order, by number, by month, and can also remove duplicates.
- The **sort** command can also sort by items not at the beginning of the line, ignore case sensitivity, and return whether a file is sorted or not. Sorting is done based on one or more sort keys extracted from each line of input.
- By default, the entire input is taken as the sort key. Blank space is the default field separator.

The sort command follows these features as stated below:

1. Lines starting with a number will appear before lines starting with a letter.
2. Lines starting with a letter that appears earlier in the alphabet will appear before lines starting with a letter that appears later in the alphabet.
3. Lines starting with an uppercase letter will appear before lines starting with the same letter in lowercase.

(The **uniq** command in Linux is used to display identical lines in a text file. This command can be helpful if you want to remove duplicate words or strings from a text file. Since the **uniq** command matches adjacent lines for finding redundant copies, it only works with sorted text files.)

The basic syntax of the uniq command is:

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uniq option input output
```

...where **option** is the flag used to invoke specific methods of the command, **input** is the text file for processing, and **output** is the path of the file that will store the output.

The **output** argument is optional and can be skipped. If a user doesn't specify the input file, **uniq** takes data from the standard output as the input. This allows a user to pipe **uniq** with [other Linux commands](#).

command ⇒ **sort data.txt | uniq -u**

ssh bandit9@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220

password : UsvVyFSfZZWbi6wgC7dAFyFuR6jQQUhR

level 9-10 : the password is stored in the file **data.txt** in one of the few human-readable strings, preceded by several '=' characters.

Linux strings command is used to return the **string characters into files**. It primarily focuses on determining the contents of and extracting text from the binary files (non-text file).

It is a complex task for a human to find out text from an executable file. The binary files, such as program files, contain human-readable text. These files are large-sized if we use a cat or less command; it may cause the terminal to hang up.

There can be two types of characters in a file; printable and non-printable. The alphanumeric characters, punctuation, or whitespaces are known as printable characters; except the printable character, all the characters are known as non-printable characters.

command ⇒ **strings data.txt | grep "="**

```
ssh bandit10@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
```

```
password : truKLdjsbJ5g7yyJ2X2R0o3a5HQJFuLk
```

level 10-11 : the password is in the file **data.txt**, which contains base64 encoded data

command ⇒ **cat data.txt | base64 -d**

```
ssh bandit11@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
```

```
password : IFukwKGsFW8M0q3IRFqrxE1hxTNEbUPR
```

level 11-12 : the password is stored in the file **data.txt**, where all lowercase (a-z) and uppercase (A-Z) letters have been rotated by 13 positions

used rot13.com (cheated)

```
ssh bandit12@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
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```
password : 5Te8Y4drgCRfCx8ugdwuEX8KFC6k2EUu
```

level 12-13 : the password 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 using mkdir. For example: mkdir /tmp/myname123. Then copy the datafile using cp, and rename it using mv (read the manpages!)

commands used ⇒

- **xxd -r data.txt >data1** #to revert from hexdump
- made a new dir
- file data1 #to check the filetype (it was gzip compressed)
- mv data1 to data.gz #changed extention to gz
- gzip -d data.gz #-d to decompress
- file data #new file was compressed in bzip2
- mv data data.bz2
- bzip2 -d data.bz2
- file data #new file was compressed in tar
- mv data data.tar
- tar xf data.tar #xf for extract file
- do this multiple times until you get back ASCII text

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ssh bandit13@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220
```

```
password : 8ZjyCRiBWFYkneahHwxCv3wb2a10RpYL
```

level 13-14 : the password 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

command used ⇒ `ssh -i sshkey.private bandit14@localhost`

password : no password needed

level 14-15 : the password for the next level can be retrieved by submitting the password of the current level to **port 30000 on localhost**.

command used ⇒ `telnet localhost 30000`

can also use ⇒ `nc localhost 30000`

current password : `4wcYUJFw0k0XLSHlDzztnTBHiqxU3b3e`

(stored in `/etc/bandit_pass/bandit14`)

`ssh bandit15@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220`

password : `BfMYroe26WYalil77FoDi9qh59eK5xNr`

level 15-16 : the password for the next level can be retrieved by submitting the password of the current level to **port 30001 on localhost** using SSL encryption.

Helpful note: Getting "HEARTBEATING" and "Read R BLOCK"? Use `-ign_eof` and read the "CONNECTED COMMANDS" section in the manpage. Next to 'R' and 'Q', the 'B' command also works in this version of that command...

command used ⇒ `echo BfMYroe26WYalil77FoDi9qh59eK5xNr | openssl s_client -quiet -connect localhost:30001`

(can do it without the echo and quiet too)

`ssh bandit16@bandit.labs.overthewire.org -p 2220`

password : `cluFn7wTiGryunymYOu4RcffSxQluehd`

level 16-17 : the password for the next level can be retrieved by submitting the password of the current level to **a port on localhost in the range 31000 to 32000**. First find out which of these ports have a server listening on them. Then find out which of those speak SSL and which don't. There is only 1 server that will give the next credentials, the others will simply send back to you whatever you send to it.

to find the correct port, just nmap scan `127.0.0.1` and try

`ncat 127.0.0.1 --ssl <port>`

`p = 31790`

once you find the port, save the key in a file in the tmp folder and chmod to 700 (only accessible by bandit16)

`ssh bandit17@localhost -i privyet.key`

password :

level 17-18 : There are 2 files in the homedirectory: **passwords.old** and **passwords.new**.
The password for the next level is in **passwords.new** and is the only line that has been
changed between **passwords.old** and **passwords.new**

**NOTE: if you have solved this level and see 'Byebye!' when trying to log into
bandit18, this is related to the next level, bandit19**

```
diff passwords.old passwords.new
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```
1 → w0Yfolrc5bwjS4qw5mq1nnQi6mF03bii
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2 → kfBf3eYk5BPBRzwjqutbbfE887SVc5Yd
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