

Linux Lore

Overview

Room URL: <https://tryhackme.com/room/adventofcyberpreptrack>

Difficulty: Easy

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Objective

Locate McSkidy's hidden message in his Linux home directory.

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Introduction

TBFC's delivery drones are malfunctioning and dropping eggs instead of presents. McSkidy's last login originated from a Linux server, and investigating his account may reveal the cause. Mastering Linux search capabilities is essential for defenders, as Linux powers most servers worldwide.

Useful Commands

`ls` list files in a directory

`ls -l` list files in a directory, shown as a list

`ls -a` list all files in a directory including hidden files

`cat` display the contents of a file in the terminal

Walk Through

1. Click the view site button to open the emulated linux terminal
2. `cd /home/mcskiddy` to change directory to McSkiddy's home directory
3. `ls -la` to view all of McSkiddy's files in a list
4. revealed 2 files
 1. `readme.txt`
 1. "Delivery drones are glitching. Check hidden files for clues.
 2. `.secret_message``
 1. Hidden messages, secret files -- McSkiddy sure knows his way around Linux.
 2. **FLAG** [linuxlore.png](#)

Lessons Learned

- Learned Linux file listing commands: `ls` (list files), `ls -l` (detailed list view), and `ls -a` (show hidden files)
- Successfully investigated McSkiddy's home directory using `ls -la` to uncover hidden files and discover the flag in `.secret_message`

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