

“no matter where you are, everyone is always connected”

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# Package Managers

# Review Chapter 05

Remember These Files?

/etc/pam.d/common-password

/etc/security/pwquality.conf

/etc/sudoers

How do I require passwords when using *sudo*?

How do I require a minimum password length?

# Installing Programs in Linux

Using package managers, you can track and manage the installation of software packages on Linux.

Each distribution may have its own package manager:

- APT for Debian-based systems
- YUM for Red Hat systems
- DNF for Fedora and similar
- A handful of others



# Using APT

in terminal

```
# sudo apt -v  
apt 2.4.13 (amd64)
```

APT will be the package manager you will most commonly use.

It is used in most Debian-based distributions which includes Ubuntu and Mint, and is what you will encounter in CyberPatriot.

# What to APT for

APT will help you

- Update software on the system
- Add and remove software
- Discover which packages are installed

# APT to Update Linux Software

in terminal

```
# sudo apt update
Get:1 http://repository.source.here/etc
.
.
.
86 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt l
# sudo apt upgrade
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
Calculating upgrade... Done
The following packages will be upgraded
```

Here, we do two things. First, we synchronize the package index from the sources.

Then, we proceed to upgrade the packages where upgrades are available.

Note the difference between *update* and *upgrade*!

# APT to Install Linux Software

in terminal

```
# sudo apt install openssh-server
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
Calculating upgrade... Done
.
.
.
After this operation, 6,050 kB of addit
Do you want to continue? [Y/n]
```

To install software with package name *package*, do *apt install package*.

You may need to look up the package name for each software you wish to install. For example, *openssh-server* is to install the SSH server.

# APT to Remove Linux Software

in terminal

```
# sudo apt remove openssh-server
```

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.

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After this operation, 1,541 kB disk spa

Do you want to continue? [Y/n]

```
# sudo apt autoremove
```

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After this operation, 4,509 kB disk spa

Do you want to continue? [Y/n]

Likewise, *apt remove* uninstalls the desired package on the system.

*apt autoremove* removes any spare packages that are no longer needed. This is also a good idea to run.

# Removing Undesired Packages

Undesired software is present in almost every CyberPatriot image you will encounter. This can range from hacking tools, to unnecessary servers, etc.

Common “hacking tools” include

- wireshark
- ophcrack
- netcat
- deluge
- nmap

Among others...

# On the Hunt

in terminal

```
# sudo apt list --installed
Listing... Done
accountsservice/jammy-updates,jammy-security
acl/jammy,now 23.1-1 amd64 [installed,auto-up
.
.
.
zlib1g/jammy-updates,jammy-security,now
zstd/jammy,now 1.4.8+dfsg-3build1 amd64
```

This command will list all installed packages in the system.

Look through the list to find anything malicious or services that are unnecessary.

# From the Source

in file */etc/apt/sources.list.d/official-package-repositories.list*

```
deb http://packages.linuxmint.com vanessa main upstream import base  
deb http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy main restricted universe  
deb http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates main restricted universe  
deb http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-backports main restricted universe  
deb http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ jammy-security main restricted universe
```

The *sources.list* file contains the sources of where the system installs packages from. Make sure this is correct for your system before running updates.

# From the Source

When checking `sources.list`, remember

- Different distros and versions use different sources
- Look up the correct `sources.list` for your distro and version online.
- Though typically stored in `/etc/apt/sources.list`, in Linux Mint, APT sources are stored in

`/etc/apt/sources.list.d/official-package-repositories.list`

Remember to check `sources.list` before running `apt update`.

# A Few Tips Regarding APT

Figuring out which packages to pick out and remove from *apt list --installed* will take a long time.

To search for a certain “*keyword*”, you can run  
*apt list --installed | grep “*keyword*”*

or use a tool such as *fzf* to run a search as you would in a search bar

*apt list --installed | fzf*

Ultimately, knowing *what* to look for is a skill that comes with time...

# Recap

You Learned How To

- Update packages in Linux using APT
- Add and remove packages in Linux
- Audit installed packages
- Update *sources.list*

Key Commands

apt install  
remove  
autoremove  
update  
upgrade  
list --installed