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Task A, Step 1: Alice account was created with home directory and password assigned to Thunder32!.



myrna@kali: ~

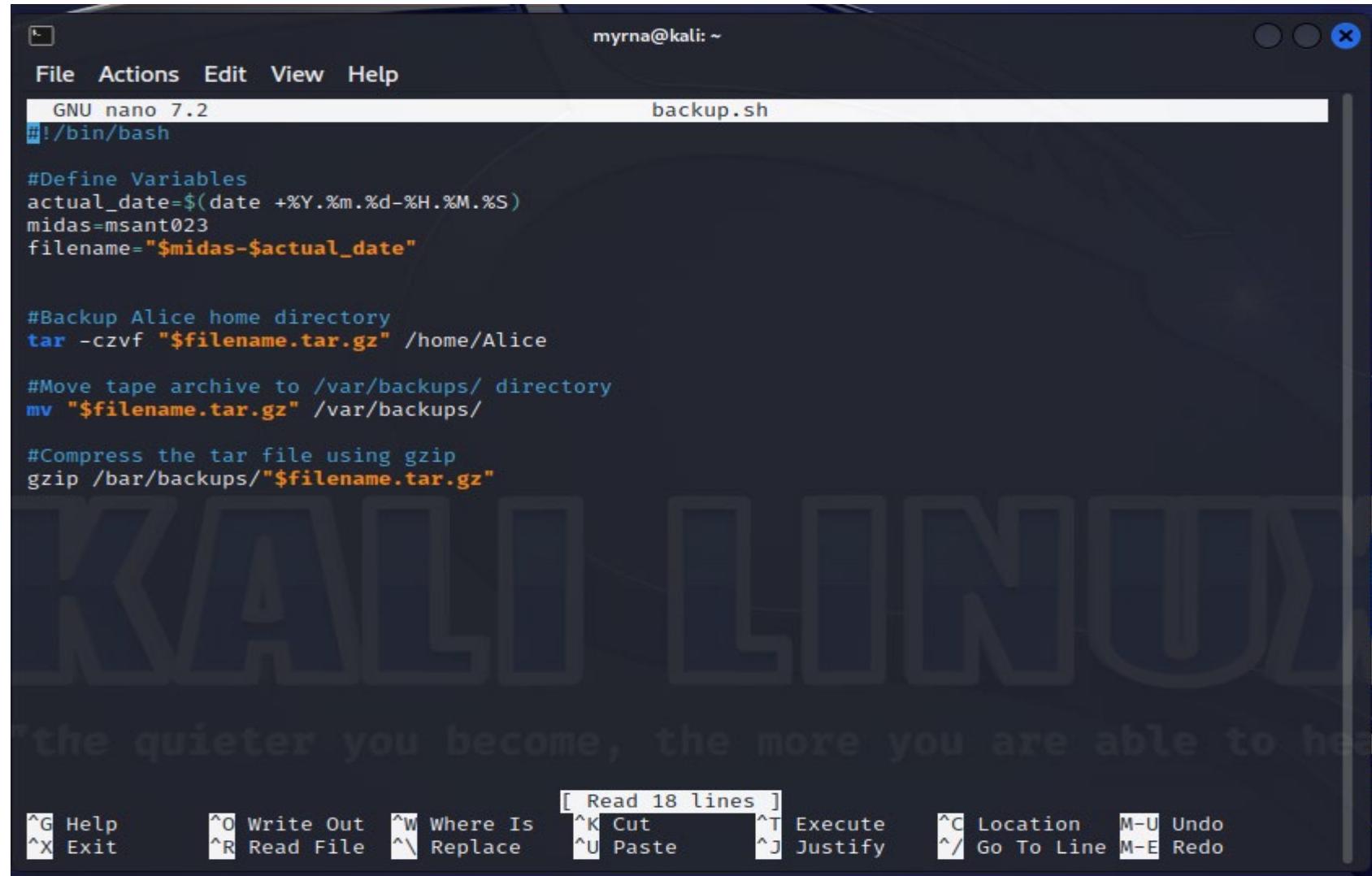
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File Actions Edit View Help
[(myrna㉿kali)-~]
$ sudo useradd -d /home/Alice -m Alice
[sudo] password for myrna:

[(myrna㉿kali)-~]
$ sudo passwd Alice
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully

[(myrna㉿kali)-~]
$ sudo usermod --shell /bin/bash Alice

[(myrna㉿kali)-~]
$
```

Step 2A-B-C: A shell script was written to take two inputs to assign them to filename variable in the format of Midas and date-time. A tape archive was also created. After which the archive file was moved to the /var/backups and compress to maximize storage.



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myrna@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
GNU nano 7.2
#!/bin/bash

#Define Variables
actual_date=$(date +%Y.%m.%d-%H.%M.%S)
midas=msant023
filename="$midas-$actual_date"

#Backup Alice home directory
tar -czvf "$filename.tar.gz" /home/Alice

#Move tape archive to /var/backups/ directory
mv "$filename.tar.gz" /var/backups/

#Compress the tar file using gzip
gzip /var/backups/"$filename.tar.gz"

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^X Exit      ^R Read File  ^\ Replace   ^U Paste    ^J Justify  ^/ Go To Line M-E Redo
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Step 3: A crontab file was created using crontab -e to schedule the task to run in 3 minutes intervals and save the result on /var/backups.



myrna@kali: ~

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└─(myrna㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo crontab -e
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myrna@kali: ~

File Actions Edit View Help

GNU nano 7.2 /tmp/crontab.h2L88s/crontab

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# Edit this file to introduce tasks to be run by cron.
#
# Each task to run has to be defined through a single line
# indicating with different fields when the task will be run
# and what command to run for the task
#
# To define the time you can provide concrete values for
# minute (m), hour (h), day of month (dom), month (mon),
# and day of week (dow) or use '*' in these fields (for 'any').
#
# Notice that tasks will be started based on the cron's system
# daemon's notion of time and timezones.
#
# Output of the crontab jobs (including errors) is sent through
# email to the user the crontab file belongs to (unless redirected).
#
# For example, you can run a backup of all your user accounts
# at 5 a.m every week with:
# 0 5 * * 1 tar -zcf /var/backups/home.tgz /home/
#
# For more information see the manual pages of crontab(5) and cron(8)
#
# m h dom mon dow   command
*/3 * * * * /home/myrna/backup.sh
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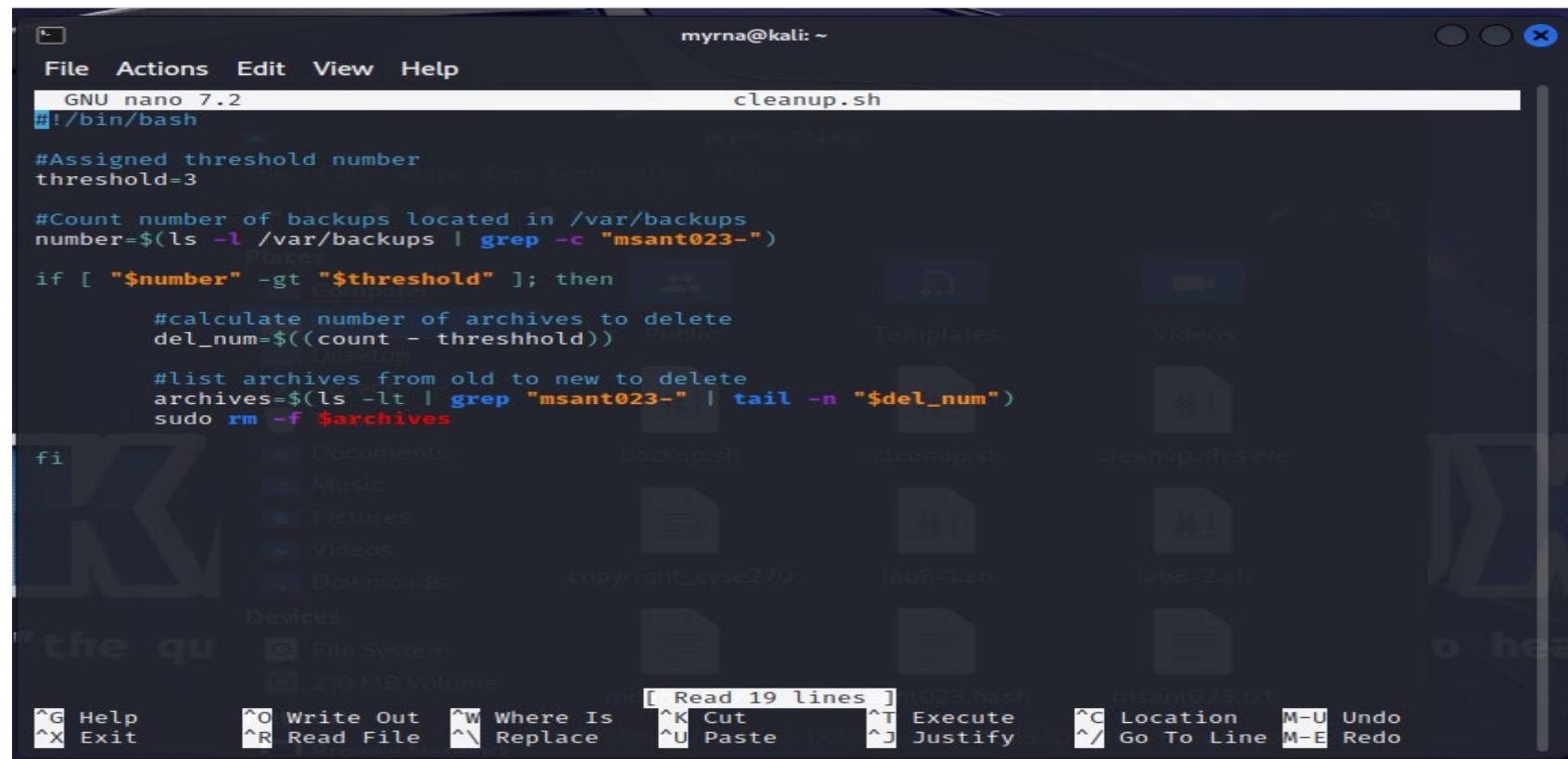
[ Read 25 lines ]

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^X Exit ^R Read File ^V Replace ^U Paste ^J Justify ^/ Go To Line M-E Redo

Step 3-4: The results of the backups can be seen in red. Once we obtain them we use cronbat -r to eliminate the cronbat file and cronbat -l to verify that the file was erased.

```
myrna@kali:~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
└(myrna@kali)-[~]  
└$ ls -l /var/backups/  
total 3024  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 153600 Sep 11 15:35 alternatives.tar.0  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 155577 Sep 10 14:58 apt.extended_states.0  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 0 Sep 11 15:35 dpkg.arch.0  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5819 Sep 10 15:00 dpkg.diversions.0  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 683 Sep 10 14:00 dpkg.statoverride.0  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2747489 Sep 10 14:58 dpkg.status.0  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 10363 Nov 7 20:48 msant023-2023.11.07-20.48.01.tar.gz  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 10363 Nov 7 20:51 msant023-2023.11.07-20.51.01.tar.gz  
└(myrna@kali)-[~]  
└$ crontab -r  
no crontab for myrna  
└(myrna@kali)-[~]  
└$ crontab -l  
no crontab for myrna  
└(myrna@kali)-[~]  
└$
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Task B: System Cleanup was created by shell script. Using the format of “Midas-“ we scan /var/backups directory to find all the instances that the backup was done. Once identified from oldest to most recent the scrip will erase the oldest ones and leaves the most recent 3.



```
myrna@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
GNU nano 7.2
#!/bin/bash
#Assigned threshold number
threshold=3
#Count number of backups located in /var/backups
number=$(ls -l /var/backups | grep -c "msant023-")
if [ "$number" -gt "$threshold" ]; then
    #calculate number of archives to delete
    del_num=$((count - threshold))
    #list archives from old to new to delete
    archives=$(ls -lt | grep "msant023-" | tail -n "$del_num")
    sudo rm -f $archives
fi
[ Read 19 lines ]
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The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "myrna@kali: ~" running the "nano" text editor on a Kali Linux desktop. The file being edited is "cleanup.sh". The script contains a shell script to clean up backups in the "/var/backups" directory. It uses "ls -l" to list files, "grep" to filter for "msant023-", and "tail -n" to get the last few lines. It then uses "sudo rm -f" to delete the oldest backups, keeping only the most recent 3. The desktop background shows various Kali Linux icons and files. The terminal window has a standard nano keybinding menu at the bottom.