

# Taming the Wild West: Finding Security in Linux\_

## SUMMARY

### Linux Security Self-Assessment\_

Security professionals around the globe are beginning to realize that the “single-track defense” method of protecting their environments is beginning to be much too simple to protect complex enterprise environments with global and multi-platform networks. In response to this, organizations are starting to implement Linux-based platforms to their networks due to their ease of use on-premises and in the cloud.

Follow the checklist below to discover how to protect your Linux environment against attackers.

### How Do You Stack Up?

The most secure Linux environments out there follow these guidelines, as outlined by SANS. How does your environment compare?

- Do you run as root?**  
Running as root is a common accident that hackers love to take advantage of.
- Do you have visibility into your systems?**  
This allows you to gain an understanding of how those systems contribute to business operations.
- Can you monitor users in real time?**  
This type of command execution in Linux systems can help the security team gain real insight into what users are up to.
- Do you have suspicious users in your system?**  
Any user attempting to run certain commands or binaries should cause suspicion, especially if repeated activity is detected.

Read the full SANS report “Taming the Wild West: Finding Security in Linux” here:

<https://info.cmd.com/taming-the-wild-west-finding-security-in-linux-sans-whitepaper>

Now that you’ve completed the checklist, see how Cmd can improve your Linux environment:

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