Set 2: Script for Automating Security Audits and Server Hardening on Linux Servers

Task Description:

You are required to create a Bash script that automates both the security audit and the hardening process of Linux servers. The script should be reusable and modular, allowing it to be easily deployed across multiple servers to ensure they meet stringent security standards. The script should include checks for common security vulnerabilities, IPv4/IPv6 configurations, public vs. private IP identification, and the implementation of hardening measures as outlined in the provided document. The final script should be uploaded to a GitHub repository with comprehensive documentation.

Requirements:

1. User and Group Audits:

- List all users and groups on the server.
- Check for users with UID 0 (root privileges) and report any non-standard users.
- Identify and report any users without passwords or with weak passwords.

2. File and Directory Permissions:

- Scan for files and directories with world-writable permissions.
- Check for the presence of .ssh directories and ensure they have secure permissions.
- Report any files with SUID or SGID bits set, particularly on executables.

3. Service Audits:

- List all running services and check for any unnecessary or unauthorized services.
- Ensure that critical services (e.g., sshd, iptables) are running and properly configured.
- Check that no services are listening on non-standard or insecure ports.

4. Firewall and Network Security:

- Verify that a firewall (e.g., iptables, ufw) is active and configured to block unauthorized access.
- Report any open ports and their associated services.
- Check for and report any IP forwarding or other insecure network configurations.

5. IP and Network Configuration Checks:

- Public vs. Private IP Checks:
 - Identify whether the server's IP addresses are public or private.
 - Provide a summary of all IP addresses assigned to the server, specifying which are public and which are private.
 - Ensure that sensitive services (e.g., SSH) are not exposed on public IPs unless required.

6. Security Updates and Patching:

- Check for and report any available security updates or patches.
- Ensure that the server is configured to receive and install security updates regularly.

7. Log Monitoring:

 Check for any recent suspicious log entries that may indicate a security breach, such as too many login attempts on SSH.

8. Server Hardening Steps:

- SSH Configuration:
 - Implement SSH key-based authentication and disable password-based login for root.
 - Ensure that SSH keys are securely stored and used.
- Disabling IPv6 (if not required):
 - Disable IPv6 if it is not in use, following the provided guidelines.
 - Update services like SafeSquid to listen on the correct IPv4 addresses after disabling IPv6.
- Securing the Bootloader:
 - Set a password for the GRUB bootloader to prevent unauthorized changes to boot parameters.
- Firewall Configuration:
 - Implement the recommended iptables rules, including default policies, loopback interface acceptance, and specific port allowances.
- Automatic Updates:
 - Configure unattended-upgrades to automatically apply security updates and remove unused packages, following the provided guidelines.

9. Custom Security Checks:

- Allow the script to be easily extended with custom security checks based on specific organizational policies or requirements.
- Include a configuration file where custom checks can be defined and managed.

10. Reporting and Alerting:

- Generate a summary report of the security audit and hardening process, highlighting any issues that need attention.
- Optionally, configure the script to send email alerts or notifications if critical vulnerabilities or misconfigurations are found.

Ans:

- 1. First launch a server (configuration here t2.micro free-tier) from AWS management console. Now, using keypair file login server, SSH using Putty. Enable required ports 22, 80.
- 2. In putty shell, first update Package Manager
 - ⇒ sudo yum update -y
- 3. Create a directory where we can create shell script files

log "Listing all users and groups:"

cut -d: -f1 /etc/passwd

cut -d: -f1 /etc/group

- 4. After getting inside our created directory, create a file with extension of sh
 - □ nano TaskB-FileA.sh

now, make a script that will help to monitor all resources

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TaskB-FileA.sh

#!/bin/bash

# Function to log output to /var/log/security_audit.log
log() {
    echo "$1" | tee -a /var/log/security_audit.log
}

# Ensure the script is run as root
if [[ "$(id -u)" -ne 0 ]]; then
log "This script must be run as root"
    exit 1
fi

log "Starting security audit..."

# Listing all users and groups
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# Users with UID 0
log "Users with UID 0:"
awk -F: '$3 == 0 {print $1}' /etc/passwd
# Users without passwords
log "Users without passwords:"
awk -F: '($2 == "" && $1 != "root") {print $1}' /etc/shadow
# World-writable files and directories
log "World-writable files and directories:"
find / -xdev -type d -perm -0007 -exec ls -ld {} \;
# Checking .ssh directory permissions
log "Checking .ssh directory permissions:"
find /home -type d -name ".ssh" -exec ls -ld {} \;
# Files with SUID or SGID bits set
log "Files with SUID or SGID bits set:"
find / -xdev \( -perm -4000 -o -perm -2000 \) -type f -exec ls -l {} \;
# Listing all running services
log "Listing all running services:"
systemctl list-units --type=service --state=running
# Ensuring critical services are running
log "Ensuring critical services are running:"
for service in acpid amazon-ssm-agent atd auditd chronyd dbus-broker getty@tty1 gssproxy
libstoragemgmt rngd serial-getty@ttySO sshd systemd-homed systemd-journald systemd-logind
systemd-networkd systemd-resolved systemd-udevd systemd-userdbd; do
  systemctl is-active --quiet "$service" && log "$service is running" || log "$service is not running"
done
# Checking for firewall configuration
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if command -v firewall-cmd &> /dev/null; then
  log "Listing firewalld rules:"
  firewall-cmd --list-all
else
  log "firewalld not found. Skipping firewall configuration."
fi
# Checking IP forwarding
log "Checking IP forwarding:"
sysctl net.ipv4.ip_forward
# Checking IP addresses
log "Checking IP addresses:"
ip addr show
# Checking for security updates
log "Checking for security updates:"
if command -v yum &> /dev/null; then
  yum check-update
elif command -v dnf &> /dev/null; then
  dnf check-update
else
  log "No package manager found for security updates."
fi
# Checking SSH configuration
log "Updating SSH configuration:"
grep -E '^PermitRootLogin | ^PasswordAuthentication | ^AllowUsers | ^DenyUsers' /etc/ssh/sshd_config
# Disabling IPv6
log "Disabling IPv6:"
sysctl net.ipv6.conf.all.disable_ipv6
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# Setting GRUB password
 log "Setting GRUB password: (This is a placeholder action)"
 # Implementation depends on specific system setup
 log "Security audit completed. Check /var/log/security_audit.log for details."
 Now, save this file (ctrl+x & enter)
            5.
                 Now give execution permission to this file
                     ⇒ sudo chmod +x TaskB-FileA.sh
            6.
                 Now, execute the file
                     ⇒ sudo .\TaskB-FileA.sh
 OutPut:
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-84-224 task] $ sudo ./TaskB-FileA.sh
Starting security audit...
Listing all users and groups:
root
bin
daemon
adm
lр
sync
shutdown
halt
mail
operator
games
ftp
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	anhady.
	nobody
	dbus
	systemd-network
	systemd-oom
	systemd-resolve
5	sshd
	rpc
١	libstoragemgmt
9	systemd-coredump
9	systemd-timesync
(chrony
e	ec2-instance-connect
r	rpcuser
t	tcpdump
E	ec2-user
r	nginx
r	root
ł	bin
(daemon
9	sys
ć	adm
t	tty
(disk
١	lp
r	mem
ŀ	kmem
١	wheel
(cdrom
r	mail
r	man
(dialout
	Порру

	games
	tape video
	ftp
	lock
	audio
	users
	nobody
	utmp
	utempter
	dbus
	input
	kvm
	render
	sgx
	systemd-journal
	systemd-network
	systemd-oom
	systemd-resolve
:	ssh_keys
	sshd
	rpc
	libstoragemgmt
	systemd-coredump
:	systemd-timesync
	chrony
	ec2-instance-connect
	stapusr
	stapsys
:	stapdev
	rpcuser
	tcpdump

screen ec2-user nginx Users with UID 0: root Users without passwords: World-writable files and directories: drwxrwxrwt. 13 root root 260 Aug 25 10:25 /tmp drwxrwxrwt. 9 root root 16384 Aug 25 10:25 /var/tmp drwxrwxrwt. 2 root root 6 Aug 25 08:17 /var/tmp/cloud-init drwxrwxrwt. 2 root root 6 Aug 25 08:17 /var/tmp/systemd-private-6d81c11fef1f4dbf84e1ff52d4852e20systemd-resolved.service-efY04w/tmp drwxrwxrwt. 2 root root 6 Aug 25 08:17 /var/tmp/systemd-private-6d81c11fef1f4dbf84e1ff52d4852e20policy-routes@enX0.service-XynM1r/tmp drwxrwxrwt. 2 root root 6 Aug 25 08:17 /var/tmp/systemd-private-6d81c11fef1f4dbf84e1ff52d4852e20systemd-logind.service-QdGbQo/tmp drwxrwxrwt. 2 root root 6 Aug 25 08:17 /var/tmp/systemd-private-6d81c11fef1f4dbf84e1ff52d4852e20dbus-broker.service-jmHmb1/tmp drwxrwxrwt. 2 root root 6 Aug 25 08:17 /var/tmp/systemd-private-6d81c11fef1f4dbf84e1ff52d4852e20nginx.service-ktBcPo/tmp drwxrwxrwt. 2 root root 6 Aug 25 08:17 /var/tmp/systemd-private-6d81c11fef1f4dbf84e1ff52d4852e20chronyd.service-In5z01/tmp Checking .ssh directory permissions: drwx-----. 2 ec2-user ec2-user 111 Aug 25 08:41 /home/ec2-user/.ssh Files with SUID or SGID bits set: ---s--x--x. 1 root root 223240 Apr 23 20:34 /usr/bin/sudo -rwsr-xr-x. 1 root root 58064 Jan 30 2023 /usr/bin/at -rwsr-xr-x. 1 root root 74360 Nov 20 2023 /usr/bin/chage -rwsr-xr-x. 1 root root 78680 Nov 20 2023 /usr/bin/gpasswd -rwsr-xr-x. 1 root root 42392 Nov 20 2023 /usr/bin/newgrp -rwsr-xr-x. 1 root root 57720 Mar 20 21:18 /usr/bin/su -rwxr-sr-x. 1 root tty 24576 Mar 20 21:18 /usr/bin/write -rwsr-xr-x. 1 root root 49264 Mar 20 21:18 /usr/bin/mount -rwsr-xr-x. 1 root root 36896 Mar 20 21:18 /usr/bin/umount

---s--x---. 1 root stapusr 120568 Feb 16 2023 /usr/bin/staprun

-rwsr-xr-x. 1 root root 32776 Feb 1 2023 /usr/bin/passwd

-rwxr-sr-x. 1 root screen 504160 Jun 8 2023 /usr/bin/screen

-rwsr-xr-x. 1 root root 15528 Mar 26 03:02 /usr/sbin/grub2-set-bootflag

-rwsr-xr-x. 1 root root 16192 Jan 29 2024 /usr/sbin/pam_timestamp_check

-rwsr-xr-x. 1 root root 28712 Jan 29 2024 /usr/sbin/unix_chkpwd

-rwsr-xr-x. 1 root root 116816 Feb 1 2023 /usr/sbin/mount.nfs

-rwx--s--x. 1 root utmp 16176 Jan 29 2023 /usr/libexec/utempter/utempter

-r-xr-sr-x. 1 root ssh_keys 338392 Jul 15 10:20 /usr/libexec/openssh/ssh-keysign

Listing all running services:

UNIT LOAD ACTIVE SUB DESCRIPTION

acpid.service loaded active running ACPI Event Daemon

amazon-ssm-agent.service loaded active running amazon-ssm-agent

atd.service loaded active running Deferred execution scheduler

auditd.service loaded active running Security Auditing Service

chronyd.service loaded active running NTP client/server

dbus-broker.service loaded active running D-Bus System Message Bus

getty@tty1.service loaded active running Getty on tty1

gssproxy.service loaded active running GSSAPI Proxy Daemon

libstoragemgmt.service loaded active running libstoragemgmt plug-in server daemon

nginx.service loaded active running The nginx HTTP and reverse proxy server

rngd.service loaded active running Hardware RNG Entropy Gatherer Daemon

serial-getty@ttyS0.service loaded active running Serial Getty on ttyS0

sshd.service loaded active running OpenSSH server daemon

systemd-homed.service loaded active running Home Area Manager

systemd-journald.service loaded active running Journal Service

systemd-logind.service loaded active running User Login Management

systemd-networkd.service loaded active running Network Configuration

systemd-resolved.service loaded active running Network Name Resolution

systemd-udevd.service loaded active running Rule-based Manager for Device Events and Files

systemd-userdbd.service loaded active running User Database Manager

user@1000.service loaded active running User Manager for UID 1000

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LOAD = Reflects whether the unit definition was properly loaded.
ACTIVE = The high-level unit activation state, i.e. generalization of SUB.
SUB = The low-level unit activation state, values depend on unit type.
21 loaded units listed.
Ensuring critical services are running:
acpid is running
amazon-ssm-agent is running
atd is running
auditd is running
chronyd is running
dbus-broker is running
getty@tty1 is running
gssproxy is running
libstoragemgmt is running
rngd is running
serial-getty@ttyS0 is running
sshd is running
systemd-homed is running
systemd-journald is running
systemd-logind is running
systemd-networkd is running
systemd-resolved is running
systemd-udevd is running
systemd-userdbd is running
firewalld not found. Skipping firewall configuration.
Checking IP forwarding:
net.ipv4.ip_forward = 0
Checking IP addresses:
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
  link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00
  inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
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valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
  inet6::1/128 scope host noprefixroute
   valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: enX0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 9001 qdisc fq_codel state UP group default qlen
1000
  link/ether 12:f5:77:86:8a:05 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
  altname eni-0ef3ff4e2cf674c7b
  altname device-number-0.0
  inet 172.31.84.224/20 metric 512 brd 172.31.95.255 scope global dynamic enX0
   valid_lft 3092sec preferred_lft 3092sec
  inet6 fe80::10f5:77ff:fe86:8a05/64 scope link
   valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
Checking for security updates:
Last metadata expiration check: 18:17:13 ago on Sat Aug 24 16:08:48 2024.
Updating SSH configuration:
PermitRootLogin no
PasswordAuthentication no
Disabling IPv6:
net.ipv6.conf.all.disable_ipv6 = 0
Setting GRUB password: (This is a placeholder action)
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Here output obtained is as following:

Security audit completed. Check /var/log/security_audit.log for details.

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-84-224 task] $ sudo ./TaskB-FileA.sh
Starting security audit...
Listing all users and groups:

root

root

listing all users and groups:

root

sync

sync

shutdown

halt

mail

operator

games

ftp

nobody

dbus

systemd-network

systemd-resolve

systemd-rosolve

systemd-round

systemd-round

rpc

Libstoragemgmt

systemd-coredump

systemd-coredump
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IP
mem
kmem
kmem
kmem
wheel
cdrom
mail
man
ddalout
floppy
gammes
tape
video
ffp
lock
audio
users
nobody
utmp
utempter
dbus
input
kwa
read
systemd-journal
systemd-network
systemd-oom
syst
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Screen
cc2_user
nginx
upon
distribut passwords:
World-writable files and directories:
drwxrwxrwt. 13 root root 260 Aug 25 10:25 /tmp
drwxrwxrwt. 2 root root 6 Aug 25 08:17 /var/tmp/systemd-private-6d8:cllfefifddbf84elff52d4852e20-systemd-resolved.service-efY04w/tmp
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drwxrwxrwt. 2 root root 6 Aug 25 08:17 /var/tmp/systemd-private-6d8:cllfefifddbf84elff52d4852e20-dbus-broker.service-3m8mbl/tmp
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drwxrwxrwt. 2 root root 6 Aug 25 08:17 /var/tmp/systemd-private-6d8:cllfefifddbf84elff52d4852e20-chronyd.service-In5z01/tmp
erws-x-x-x. 1 root root 223240 Apr 23 20:34 /mar/bin/dage
-mag-x-x-x. 1 root root 73450 Nov 20 2023 /mar/bin/dage
-mag-x-x-x. 1 root root 73450 Nov 20 2023 /mar/bin/dage
-mag-x-x-x. 1 root root 7350 Mar 20 21:18 /mar/bin/mag-x-x-x-x. 1 root root 7350 Mar 20 21:18 /mar/bin/mag-x-x-x-x-x. 1 root root 7350 Mar 20 21:18 /mar/bin/mag-x-x-x-x-x-x-x-x-x-x
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Listing all running services:

UNIT

acpid.service

amazon-ssm-agent.service

atd.service

auditd.service

bloaded active running

Security Auditing

Service

auditd.service

loaded active running

Service

loaded active running

D-Bus System Message Bus

loaded active running

GSSAPI Proxy

Descurity audit completed. Check /var/log/security audit.log for details..ic enx0p default qlen 1000
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Now, here is another script for same, but in customized and well organised manner. Likewise, using table format.

(Refer script TaskB-FileB.sh for the same from GitHub Repository)

```
tty
disk
  games
ftp
                                          man
  systemd-network
  systemd-oom
                                          floppy
  systemd-resolve
                                         ftp
lock
  systemd-coredump
                                          utmp
  tcpdump
                                          utempter
 systemd-network
systemd-oom
 ssh_keys
sshd
 systemd-coredump
systemd-timesync
 chrony
ec2-instance-connect
stapusr
 rpcuser
tcpdump
Users without Passwords:
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Running Services:
                                Status
 Service Name
 acpid.service
 amazon-ssm-agent.service
 atd.service
                                running
 auditd.service
 chronyd.service
                                running
 dbus-broker.service
                                running
 getty@ttyl.service
 gssproxy.service
                                | running
 libstoragemgmt.service
                                running
 nginx.service
 rngd.service
                                | running
 serial-getty@ttyS0.service
                                | running
 sshd.service
                                  running
 systemd-homed.service
                                | running
 systemd-journald.service
                                | running
 systemd-logind.service
                                | running
 systemd-networkd.service
                                | running
 systemd-resolved.service
                                running
 systemd-udevd.service
 systemd-userdbd.service
                                | running
 user@1000.service
                                 | running
```

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Critical Services Status:
 acpid
 amazon-ssm-agent
                                   Running
 auditd
 chronyd
 dbus-broker
 getty@tty1
                                   Running
 gssproxy
 libstoragemgmt
 rngd
 serial-getty@ttyS0
 sshd
 systemd-homed
 systemd-journald
 systemd-logind
 systemd-networkd
                                   Running
 systemd-resolved
 systemd-udevd
                                   Running
 systemd-userdbd
firewalld not found. Skipping firewall configuration.
IP Forwarding Configuration:
net.ipv4.ip_forward = 0
```

These security audits are also stored on server logs

We can see logs by

⇒ sudo nano/var/log/security_audit.log