Cyber Defense Hackpack

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# **General Information**

## The Ten Commandments of Cyber Defense

- 1. Thou shalt NEVER trust the red team
- 2. Thou shalt trust but verify everything else
- 3. Thou shalt know thy network
- 4. Thou shalt patch your services
- 5. Thou shalt make frequent backups
- 6. Thou shalt disable unused services
- 7. Thou shalt set and use strong passwords
- 8. Thou shalt always use a firewall
- 9. Thou shalt log everything
- 10. Thou shalt get your injects done on time

#### Linux Checklist

This checklist is designed for the first 30 minutes of competition.

#### For each system:

- Change the password for the root account
- Check for improper ssh config
- Check for improper sshd config
- Check the crontab (s) for running tasks
- Check with files with wider permissions and setuid
- Create a report of running services and processes and disable unnecessary processes
- Create a report of open ports
- Audit user, groups for invalid entries
- Check mount/nfs if it is running
- Install Updates
- Run a full system backup
- Check/Configure sudo and /etc/sudoers.d
- Harden the service for your machine
- Install/Configure a firewall
- Write an audit report containing changes made
- Configure ansible

#### For all systems:

- Scan the subnet for running servers
- Configure a provisioner such as Salt/Ansible master

# Windows Checklist

This checklist is designed for the first 30 mintues of competition.

#### For each System:

- Change the password for the admin accounts
- $\bullet\,$  Remove any nonessetial user accounts
- Check the startup list
- Check the event logs
- Create a report of all running services
- Create a report of all open ports
- Install windows service packages
- Run a full backup of the system

# Backups and Restoration

## rsnapshot

### Summary

rnapshot is a utility to create incremental snapshot backups using rsync. It has minimal dependencies and should work even on very old Linux distributions.

#### **Dependencies**

- perl
- rsync
- openssh

## Configuration

```
/etc/rsnapshot.d/system
config_version 1.2
no_create_root 1
lockfile
            /var/run/rsnapshot.pid
cmd_cp
            /bin/cp
            /bin/rm
cmd_rm
             /usr/bin/rsync
cmd_rsync
             /usr/bin/ssh
\mathtt{cmd}_\mathtt{ssh}
link_dest
one_fs
             1
snapshot_root
                 /mnt/backup/
             system 8
retain
             /dev/**
exclude
exclude
             /proc/**
             /sys/**
exclude
             /tmp/**
exclude
```

```
/var/cache/**
exclude
            /var/lock/**
exclude
exclude
            /var/run/**
            /var/tmp/**
exclude
            /usr/portage/distfiles/**
exclude
backup
            root@example.local:/
                                     example.local/
/etc/rsnapshot.d/application
config_version 1.2
no_create_root 1
            /var/run/rsnapshot.pid
lockfile
cmd_cp
            /bin/cp
            /bin/rm
cmd_rm
cmd_rsync
            /usr/bin/rsync
{\tt cmd\_ssh}
            /usr/bin/ssh
link_dest
one_fs
            1
snapshot_root
                /mnt/backup/
retain
            application 8
exclude
            /dev/**
exclude
            /proc/**
exclude
            /sys/**
            /tmp/**
exclude
            /var/cache/**
exclude
exclude
            /var/lock/**
exclude
            /var/run/**
exclude
            /var/tmp/**
exclude
            /usr/portage/distfiles/**
            root@example.local:/etc/
                                         example.local/
backup
backup
            root@example.local:/opt/
                                         example.local/
            root@example.local:/var/
backup
                                         example.local/
/etc/cron.d/rsnapshot
0,15,30,45 * * * * root rsnapshot -c /etc/rsnapshot.d/application application
8 * * * * root rsnapshot -c /etc/rsnapshot.d/system system
```

# Simple Backups

## Summary

To create simple archive backups, use the tar command. These backups should be created as the initial backups during the beginning period of the competition.

#### **Dependencies**

 $\bullet$  tar

#### Commands

#### Backup

```
#!/bin/sh
useradd flynn
mkdir -p /home/flynn/
tar cjpf /home/flynn/kevin \
    --exclude={/sys/*,/dev/*,/proc/*,/tmp/*,/run/*} \
    --exclude=/home/flynn/* /
chown flynn:flynn /home/flynn/kevin
chmod 640 /home/flynn/kevin
Extract

#!/bin/sh
tar xjpf /home/flynn/kevin --wildcards "$@"

Restore

#!/bin/sh
cd /
tar xjpf /home/flynn/kevin
```

# Firewalls and Configuration

#### Firewall Basics

Firewalls are essentially sets of rules that allow network traffic in and out of a machine. In general, firewalls should be configured to allow the minimum required access. For Windows, the firewall is called Windows Firewall. For Linux, iptables is the built-in low-level firewall and ufw and firewalld are the most common high-level firewalls. For BSD, pf, the base of the pfSense enterprise firewall, is the default. For dedicated equipment, such as the Cisco ASA, custom firewalls or firewalls based on Linux and on occasion BSD are common.

In general, there are 3 major elements of firewall security:

- Use a default reject policy to avoid admitting unwanted traffic.
- Open only the required ports to make the services to work.
- Log any unusual traffic that hits the firewall.

#### FirewallD

#### Config Files

FirewallD references the following directories of files:

- /usr/lib/firewalld where package default rules reside
- /etc/firewalld where user overrides rules reside

#### Commands

FirewallD uses only the firewall-cmd binary.

#### **Filtering**

FirewallD is the new Linux firewall from RedHat. It provides a usability layer on top of iptables by focusing on zones and services. FirewallD therefore inherits iptables's first match rule.

#### Zones

Zones are affiliated with source addresses or interfaces. Zones have short names they are referenced by.

The following zone example affects all incoming traffic with the enp0s3 interface. It allows HTTPS traffic defined in the /usr/lib/firewalld/services/https.xml or overwritten in /etc/firewalld/services/https.xml. It also blocks traffic on the 10.0.0.0/8 subnet by dropping and logging the packets.

#### Services

Services define the ports and protocols that will be used by an application. Services have short names they are referenced by.

The following service example allows traffic on TCP port 21. It uses a kernel module to help track and filter the traffic. This is not required for all modules, but is used for some services such as FTP.

```
for addr in $broken; do
   firewall-cmd --zone=public \
        --add-rich-rule="rule family='ipv4' service=ssh \
       source address=\"$addr\" log limit value='5/m' drop"
   firewall-cmd --zone=public \
       --add-rich-rule="rule family='ipv4' service=http \
       source address=\"$addr\" log limit value='5/m' drop"
   firewall-cmd --zone=public \
        --add-rich-rule="rule family='ipv4' service=https \
        source address=\"$addr\" log limit value='5/m' drop"
done
firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-service=ssh
firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-service=http
firewall-cmd --direct --add-rule ipv4 filter INPUT_direct 0 \
    -p tcp --dport ssh -m state --state NEW -m recent --set
firewall-cmd --direct --add-rule ipv6 filter INPUT_direct 0 \
    -p tcp --dport ssh -m state --state NEW -m recent --set
firewall-cmd --direct --add-rule ipv4 filter INPUT_direct 1 \
    -p tcp --dport ssh -m state --state NEW -m recent --update \
    --seconds 30 --hitcount 6 -j REJECT --reject-with tcp-reset
firewall-cmd --direct --add-rule ipv6 filter INPUT_direct 1 \
    -p tcp --dport ssh -m state --state NEW -m recent --update \
    --seconds 30 --hitcount 6 -j REJECT --reject-with tcp-reset
firewall-cmd --runtime-to-permanent
```

## iptables

#### Config Files

iptables stores the majority of its configuration in a series of files:

- /etc/sysconfig/iptables iptables configuration (RedHat-based distributions)
- /etc/iptables iptables configuration (Debian-based distributions)
- /etc/services an optional file that maps service names to port numbers

#### Commands

iptables uses the following binaries:

- iptables view and modify the firewall
- iptables-save prints the running configuration to stdout; used to save the running configuration to a file
- iptables-restore reads a file and sets the firewall configuration

While a save format exists, iptables is normally configured via shell commands to avoid inconsistencies between save file versions.

#### **Filtering**

iptables will stop processing a packet when it matches the first rule. The only exception to this is the LOG target. When the LOG target is matched, matching will continue; but the traffic will be logged in the kernel log.

```
#!/bin/bash
# clear out the current configuration
iptables -F && iptables -X
# allow traffic on the loopback interface
iptables -A INPUT -i lo -j ACCEPT
# ext_if is the device with the default route
ext if=$(ip route | head -n 1 | awk '{print $5}')
# broken is a list of address that should be blocked on the external interface
# WARNING! Assumes that there is an internal and an external interface
# note that 192.168.0.0/16 should not be blocked if there is only one interface
broken="224.0.0.22 127.0.0.0/8, 192.168.0.0/16, 172.16.0.0/12, \
        10.0.0.0/8, 169.254.0.0/16, 192.0.2.0/24, \
       192.0.2.0/24, 198.51.100.0/24, 203.0.113.0/24, \
       169.254.0.0/16, 0.0.0.0/8, 240.0.0.0/4, 255.255.255.255/32"
# use a default drop policy
iptables -P INPUT DROP
# disable all ipu6 traffic; Syntax is the same as ipu4 if required
ip6tables -P INPUT DROP
ip6tables -P OUTPUT DROP
ip6tables -P FORWARD DROP
# log traffic that is dropped by the firewall
iptables -N LOGDROP
iptables -A LOGDROP -m log --log-level info --log-prefix "IPTABLES" \
    -m limit --limit 5/m --limit-burst 10 -j LOG
iptables -A LOGDROP -j DROP
# block bad packets and http and ssh traffic from broken addresses
iptables -A INPUT -m conntrack --ctstate INVALID -j LOGDROP
iptables -t raw -I PREROUTING -m rpfilter -j LOGDROP
for addr in $broken; do
    iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -i $ext_if -s $addr --dport 80 -j REJECT
    iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -i $ext if -s $addr --dport 443 -j REJECT
    iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -i $ext_if -s $addr --dport 22 -j REJECT
done
# allow established traffic to applications
iptables -I INPUT 1 -m conntrack --ctstate ESTABLISHED, RELATED -j ACCEPT
```

### pf

#### Config Files

pf references the following files:

- /etc/rc.conf as with all servies, pf must be enabled here
- /etc/pf.conf pf configuration file

#### Commands

pf uses the following binaries:

- pfctl -f /etc/pf.conf load the firewall configuration
- pfctl -sa see the current configuration status
- kldload pf load the pf kernel module

#### **Filtering**

All of the configuration for pf is stored in /etc/pf.conf. There is no way to modify the running configuration except to overwrite the running configuration with the saved configuration. Unlike other firewalls, the last rule to match will be the rule that is applied. This behavior can be overridden by using the quick keyword.

```
# block invalid packets
match in all scrub (no-df max-mss 1440)
block in all
pass out quick on $ext_if inet keep state
antispoof quick for ($ext_if) inet
# block ipv6 if it is not needed
block out quick inet6 all
block in quick inet6 all
# block any packet we can't find a valid route back to
block in quick from { $broken urpf-failed no-route } to any
block out quick on $ext_if from any to { $broken no-route }
# block bad actors
table <childrens> persist
block in log quick proto tcp from <childrens> to any
# block Chinese address to ssh and web
table <chuugoku> persist file "/etc/cn.zone"
block in quick proto tcp from <chuugoku> to any port { 80 22 }
# allow traffic thought the firewall
pass in on $ext_if proto tcp from any to any port 80 flags S/SA synproxy state
pass in on $ext_if proto tcp from 1.2.3.4 to any port { 137, 139, 445, 138 }
pass in on $ext_if proto tcp to any port ssh flags S/SA keep state \
(max-src-conn 5, max-src-conn-rate 5/5, overload <childrens> flush)
pass inet proto icmp icmp-type echoreq
# adapted from the http://www.bsdnow.tv/tutorials/pf
# which is distrusted under CC-BY-SA
```

# Uncomplicated Firewall

#### Config Files

Uncomplicated Firewall references mainly the following files:

- /etc/default/ufw high level configuration
- /etc/ufw/sysctl.conf kernel tunables

#### Commands

- $\bullet\,$  ufw enable enables and reloads the firewall
- ufw default sets default action
- ufw allow allows service or port
- ufw deny blocks a service or port
- ufw limit allows with connection rate limiting

# Filtering

Uncomplicated Firewall is based on iptables and therefore inherits iptables's first match rule.

# **Example Configuration**

#### #!/bin/sh

ufw default deny ufw allow ssh/tcp ufw logging on ufw enable

# Logging and Investigation

#### auditd

Linux has a built-in auditing framework that acts in kernel space. This portion of the kernel communicates with the userspace auditd server. It can be configured to monitor files and syscalls.

#### Installation

```
#!/bin/sh
dnf install audit
systemctl start auditd
```

#### Config Files

The user space auditing commands, can be used to configure logs. Audit can stores its rules in /etc/audit/audit.rules or in files inside /etc/audit/audit.d/. The syntax for these files is the same as the user space commands.

#### Commands

Viewing the auditlog can be done in a few ways:

- aureport query logs for a specific event
- ausearch view a summary of recent events
- syslog view logs typically stored in /var/log/audit/audit.log

```
#!/bin/sh
# remove all rules
auditctl -D

# see a list of rules
auditctl -1

# watch a file for writes
auditctl -w /etc/passwd -p wa -k passwd_access
# watch a directory and all its children for writes
```

```
auditctl -w /etc/ -p wa -k etc_writes

# watch for use of a specific syscalls
auditctl -a always,exit -S stime.* -k time_changes
auditctl -a always,exit -S setrlimit.* -k setrlimits
auditctl -a always,exit -S unlink -S rmdir -k deleting_files

# watch for unsucessful calls
# the -F flag filters out based on various
# options see man auditctl for more details
auditctl -a always,exit -S all -F sucess=0

# make the default audit log buffer larger
auditctl -b 1024

# lock audit rules so that they cannot be edited until reboot
auditctl -e 2
```

### Rsyslog

Rsyslog is a client and server that conforms to the syslog protocol. On systems with systemd (i.e. RedHat and newer Debian distributions), journald is typically used instead, but both programs can be used to compliment each other.

#### Config Files

Rsyslog is generally configured by /etc/syslog.conf and /etc/syslog.conf.d/ most other syslog daemons.

#### /etc/syslog.conf

```
/dev/console
*.err; kern.debug
auth.notice; authpriv.none
                                          /dev/console
*.err; *.crit; *.emerg
                                          /var/log/critical.log
                                          /var/log/messages
*.notice
                                          /var/log/messages
auth, authpriv.none
                                          /var/log/auth.log
auth, authpriv. debug
cron.info
                                          /var/log/cron.log
                                          /var/log/daemon.log
news, kern, lpr, daemon, ftp, mail.info
*.err;user.none
                                          root
*.emerg;user.none
```

# Services and Applications

### **Apache**

Apache is a one of the most popular web servers with a large variety of features.

#### Installation

There is a large variety of steps that are important for securing Apache.

- Install Mod Security either from repos or from www.modsecurity.org
- Configure the Apache to use the Mod Security core rules from the repos or www.modsecurity.org
- Remove unnecessary options and text from Apache's httpd.conf file and /etc/httpd/conf.d (sometimes located at /etc/apache2/conf/extra)
- Remove all unnessisary modules entries from Apache's httpd.conf file
- Create an Apache user and group without a shell
- Configure Apache to run using this user and group
- Restrict access to the webserver via the Order allow, deny line in httpd.conf
- Prevent access to root file system
- Allow only read access to web directory /var/www/html
- Disable the following functionality if possible:
  - ExecCGI Allow scripts to be run by apache from this directory.
  - FollowSymLinks allow the server to follow symlinks
  - SymLinksIfOwnerMatch has large performance costs.
  - Includes permists the execution of server side includes
  - IncludesNOEXEC same as above except prohibit executing scripts
  - Indexes create an a directory listing in directories without an index.html
  - AllowOverride allows overrides in '.htaccess' files
  - Multiviews allows for the same request to ask for multiple files.
- Use RewriteEngine, RewriteCond, and RewriteRule to force HTTP 1.1
- Configure the web server to only server allowed file types.
- Configure to protect from DoS attacks
  - Timeout set this to a low value like 10 seconds
  - KeepAlive set this to on (unless RAM is a problem)
  - KeepAliveTimeout set to 15
  - AcceptFilter http data require content to open connection
  - AcceptFilter https data require content to open connection
- Configure to protect against Buffer Overflows
  - LimitRequestBody 64000 Limit requests to 10k in size
  - LimitRequestFeilds 32 Limit number of request fields
  - LimitRequestFeildSize 8000 Limit size of request lines
  - LimitRequestLine 4000 Maximum size of the request line
- Use Mod\_SSL if possible (see opensal section for generating a sever certificate)

- Set ServerTokens to ProductOnly
- Use custom error pages via the ErrorDocument directive
- Remove default files and cgi-scripts
- Do not keep Apache Source after installation
- Ensure that web sever binaries are owned by root
- Allow only root to read the apache config or logs '/usr/lib/apache/{conf,logs}'
- Move apache to a chroot if possible see below

#### Chrooting

```
#!/bin/sh
makedir -p /jail/apache/usr/local
cd /usr/local
mv apache /jail/apache/usr/local
echo "SecChrootDir /jail/apache" >> $HTTPD_CONF
/usr/local/apache/bin/apachectl startssl
```

#### **BIND**

BIND is a common, featured DNS server. To make it more secure and less vulnerable to attacks, it is recommended to only run BIND as an authoritative nameserver and not as a recursive nameserver.

#### Config Files

The configuration for BIND is usually stored in either:

- /etc/bind/ (Debian-based distributions)
- /etc/named/ (other distributions)
- /etc/named.conf (RedHat-based distributions)
- /var/named/ (RedHat-based distributions)

Utilize the named-checkconf utility to check configuration before applying it.

#### **Example Configuration**

allow-query { "none"; };

Below is a set of example configuration files for securely configuring BIND as an authoritative nameserver with forward and reverse records.

```
/etc/named.conf

options {
    # disable zone transfers
    allow-transfer { "none"; };
    version "none";
    fetch-glue no;
```

# if we have another DNS recursor, disable queries and recursion

```
recursion no;
  # if we are a DNS recursor, only allow queries
  # from the local network
   #allow-query { 10.0.0.0/24; localhost; };
};
# if we are a DNS recursor,
# set forwarding addresses to another nameserver
#forwarders {
     8.8.8.8;
#
     8.8.4.4;
#};
/var/named/example.com.conf
# replace example.com with the actual domain
zone "example.com" {
   type master;
   # rhel puts these in /var/named
   file "/etc/bind/zones/db.example.com";
   # allow queries to this zone from anywhere
   allow-query { any; };
};
# 10.0.0.0/24 subnet, put address octets backwards
zone "0.0.10.in-addr.arpa" {
   type master;
   # rhel puts these in /var/named
   file "/etc/bind/zones/db.10.0.0";
   # allow queries to this zone from anywhere
    allow-query { any; };
};
/var/named/db.example.com
$ORIGIN example.com.
; TTL of 10 minutes for quick change during competitions
$TTL
        600
; hostmaster.example.com. is the email hostmaster@example.com
                        ns1.example.com. hostmaster.example.com. (
                SOA
                                                 ; Serial
                                         600
                                                 ; Refresh
                                         600
                                                 ; Retry
                                         2419200 ; Expire
                                                 ; Negative Cache TTL
                                                 ; (how long to cache
                                                 ; negative (e.g. NXDOMAIN)
                                                 ; responses)
```

```
)
        IN
                NS
                                     ; this box
                        ns1
                                     ; mail box
        IN
                MX
                   10 mail
        IN
                        10.0.0.103 ; www box (resolve example.com
                Α
                                                to the same address as
                                                www.example.com)
                         10.0.0.101
        IN
                Α
ns1
mail
        IN
                Α
                         10.0.0.102
                         10.0.0.103
        IN
                Α
www
/var/named/db.10.0.0
; put address octets backwards
$ORIGIN 0.0.10.in-addr.arpa.
; TTL of 10 minutes for quick change during competitions
$TTL
; hostmaster.example.com. is the email hostmaster@example.com
                        ns1.example.com. hostmaster.example.com. (
                SOA
                                                   ; Serial
                                                   ; Refresh
                                          600
                                                   ; Retry
                                          600
                                          2419200 ; Expire
                                                   ; Negative Cache TTL
                                                   ; (how long to cache
                                                     negative (e.g. NXDOMAIN)
                                                      responses)
                                          )
        IN
                NS
                        ns1
                                     ; this box
; if on a bigger subnet, put octets backwards (i.e. 101.0.0)
101
        IN
                PTR
                        ns1
                                     ; 10.0.0.101
                                     ; 10.0.0.102
102
        IN
                PTR
                        mail
```

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IN

PTR

WWW

; 10.0.0.103

# **Appendix**

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