

Docker Run time security

Steps to Integrate AppArmor into a Nginx Container Image

1. **Understand AppArmor:** AppArmor is a Linux kernel security module that confines programs to a limited set of resources. It uses profiles loaded into the kernel to enforce security policies.

Create an AppArmor Profile:

- Start by creating an AppArmor profile specifically for Nginx. This profile will define what resources and capabilities Nginx can access.
- Here is an example of a basic AppArmor profile for Nginx (`nginx.apparmor`):

```
# Default profile for nginx
profile nginx /usr/sbin/nginx {
  # Allow read access to common libraries
  # (Example: adjust based on your Nginx configuration)
  /usr/lib/** r,
  /usr/sbin/nginx r,

  # Allow write access to logs and temporary files
  /var/log/nginx/** rw,
  /var/cache/nginx/** rw,
  /var/run/nginx.pid rw,
  /run/nginx.pid rw,

  # Allow network access if Nginx serves web traffic
  network inet,
  network inet6,

  # Allow access to necessary capabilities
  capability setgid,
  capability setuid,

  # Allow access to necessary devices (if applicable)
  /dev/log rw,
  /dev/null rw,

  # Deny everything else by default
  deny,

  # Include other AppArmor abstractions if needed
  # (e.g., to allow read access to other system resources)
  #include <abstractions/base>
}
```

Build or Modify Nginx Dockerfile:

- If you are building your own Nginx Docker image, you can include instructions to add your custom AppArmor profile (`nginx.apparmor`) to the image.
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Example Dockerfile snippet:

```
FROM nginx:latest
```

```
# Copy the AppArmor profile into the container
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```
COPY nginx.apparmor /etc/apparmor.d/nginx
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```
# Set AppArmor profile to enforce mode
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```
RUN ln -s /etc/apparmor.d/nginx /etc/apparmor.d/disable/
```

```
RUN apparmor_parser -r /etc/apparmor.d/nginx
```

```
# Start Nginx
```

```
CMD ["nginx", "-g", "daemon off;"]
```

Run the Docker Container with AppArmor:

- When running the Nginx container, ensure that AppArmor is enabled and enforcing on your Docker host.
- Start the container with the `--security-opt` flag to specify the AppArmor profile:

```
docker run --rm -d --name mynginx --security-opt apparmor=nginx nginx:latest
```

Verify AppArmor Integration:

- Check the Docker container logs or use `docker inspect` to verify that the AppArmor profile (`nginx`) is applied and enforcing. By following these steps, you can integrate AppArmor into your base Nginx image container to enhance security by confining Nginx's access to system resources.

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