# Automatic Policy Generation for BPFContain

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# **Abstract**

Given the relative difficulty of generating security policies for BPFContain, this project aims to automatically generate these policies using capabilities provided by the Extended Berkeley Packet Filter (*eBPF*). The automatic policy generation program is divided into two subsystems, a tracing program that logs events occurring across a Linux system and a translation program that parses the logged data into a valid security policy for BPFContain. The combination of these two programs results in an efficient system for the automatic generation of security policies used to confine the operations of any given program.

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# 1. Introduction

The main objective of this honours project was to research and implement an application that would automatically generate security policies for the container security daemon BPFContain, created by William Findlay [Findlay, 2021]. The purpose of these security policies is to limit the behaviour and interactions that a process can make within a containerized system. The focus of these policies will be to protect against unusual program behaviour. eBPF is used to give the application access to the calls being made in kernel space. This will allow us to view operations performed by the traced program and will give our application the information it needs to automatically generate security policies. Once the security policies are generated by the implementation, they will be sent to BPFContain, which will then execute and enforce them.

# 1.1 Problem

Although BPFContain is a powerful tool, the process of manually creating in-depth security policies is a time-consuming task and can be prone to human error. That is why this project aims to automatically generate these policies, as it will save time and eliminate the possibility of human error.

# 1.2 Goals

The goal of this project is to create a new application that leverages the use of both BPFContain and eBPF to automatically generate security policies that will protect against abnormal program behaviour. This application will contain two parts, a tracing program, and a translation program. The goal of the tracing program is to capture and log events, which are generated by the traced program whenever it interacts with the filesystem, devices, or other processes. The goal of the translation program is to interpret the events logged by the tracing program and transform them into YAML security policies that can be parsed and enforced by

BPFContain. The tracing program is implemented using bpftrace, a high-level tracing language for eBPF on Linux, and the translation program is implemented through several Python scripts.

# 1.3 Motivation

The passion I have for both automation and system security drove my motivation behind this project. To increase my knowledge and expertise in these fields I gained valuable insight from my supervisor, who helped formulate the idea for this project. This project aims to contribute to BPFContain, by simplifying the generation of security policies.

# 1.4 Objectives

The initial objective of this project was to implement support for the generation of security policies that outline both the allowed and restricted interactions between a process and files within a filesystem. However, BPFContain can enforce more than just filesystem rules, so the next objective was to implement support for the other areas of enforcement. These additional areas of enforcement include sending signals, inter-process communication, and process capabilities.

# 2. Background

This section will provide all the background knowledge needed to understand both the approach of the implementation and the results. It also aims to provide a summary of existing works that are related to this project.

# 2.1 Background Information

The goal of this section is to provide an understanding of the concepts that comprise process security on Linux-based operating systems (*OS*). The purpose and function of eBPF in relation to this project will also be explained.

#### 2.1.1 The Linux Kernel and eBPF

The Linux kernel is the main component of any Linux-based operating system. The purpose of the kernel is to function as a low-level interface between the physical hardware of a device and the software running on it [Red Hat, 2019]. The main functions of the Linux kernel are to provide memory and process management, access to hardware devices, system security, and system calls [Red Hat, 2019]. System calls are used by processes to request the kernel to perform a variety of functions.

The Extended Berkeley Packet Filter (*eBPF*) allows for the extension of kernel capabilities to privileged user space processes [Fleming, 2017]. eBPF provides the ability to dynamically monitor a system by hooking onto specific kernel or userspace functions. These hooks are executed alongside the original functions and provide the ability to trace the execution, inputs, and outputs of the hooked function. eBPF is used in this project as it offers the ability to trace events generated by a specific process, across an entire Linux system.

# 2.1.2 Virtual Filesystem

The virtual filesystem (*VFS*) is a software layer in the Linux kernel that provides an interface for userspace programs to interact with the underlying filesystem abstraction [Gooch, 1999]. VFS functions within the kernel trigger when system calls pertaining to a filesystem are executed. Kernel functions are also able to call VFS functions directly, this assists in the segregation of kernel and user-level events, as the kernel does not need to execute system calls

to interact with a filesystem. System calls are designed for execution at the user level; thus, they should not be executed by any kernel-level functions. VFS functions are hooked by this project to provide insight into operations occurring within the filesystem.

# 2.1.3 bpftrace

The bpftrace tool provides a high-level language, that interfaces with eBPF to provide tracing capabilities within a Linux system [Robertson, 2019]. This tool is used extensively within the tracing component of this project, as it provides the capability to easily create hooks for a variety of dynamic kernel and user functions.

# 2.1.4 Kernel Probes, User Probes and Tracepoints

[Mavinakayanahalli et al., 2006]. The eBPF program interacting with kernel probes only has access to read the traced information and cannot modify it. There also exists another kind of kernel probe, kretprobe, which allows the return values of functions to be traced in addition to the arguments passed to the function when it is called. Whereas user-level probes such as uprobes and uretprobes give the same functionality as the kernel variant, except the events and tracing occur at the user level [Dronamraju, 2017]. Tracepoints can be used to hook specific functions. Each time the function specified in the tracepoint is executed, a function associated with the traced function is also executed [Desnoyers, 2017]. Tracepoints are a functionality of the Linux kernel, but they can be used to trace the execution of user-level functions such as system calls. This project uses a variety of probes and tracepoints to gather information about the execution of a specific program.

#### 2.1.5 BPFContain

BPFContain [Findlay, 2021] is the base application that will be used to run the security policies generated by this project. BPFContain [Findlay, 2021] reads and executes YAML formatted security policy files, which define the resources that a program is allowed or restricted from accessing. BPFContain is used to confine process execution so that a process only has a minimal set of privileges that are required for it to operate [Findlay, 2021]. Confinement is essential for the security principle of least privilege, as processes should not have privileges that they don't immediately need.

#### 2.2 Related Work

This section will cover other tools related to Linux security policies and tracing. Tools such as Dtrace and SystemTap served as an inspiration to bpftrace, and thus, most of their functionalities have been adapted for bpftrace.

#### 2.2.1 Audit2Allow and SELinux

Audit2Allow is a Linux tool that generates SELinux policy based on rules, which are inferred from logs of denied operations for a given program [Srivastava, 2005]. SELinux is a security architecture that supports the implementation of access control security policies. This functionality is like that of BPFContain, but with a more limited scope. The Audit2Allow tool inspired improvements to the tracing program within this project. Originally all traced operations were assumed to have been successful. By looking at the denied operations the tracing program can generate specific restrictions for the program being traced. These restrictions explicitly outline areas within a Linux system that a program should not be able to interact with.

# 2.2.2 IPCDump

IPCDump [guardicore, 2020] is a Linux tool used to trace inter-process communication (*IPC*). It relies on the Berkley Packet Filter (*BPF*) to probe specific areas of the kernel using kprobes and tracepoints [guardicore, 2020]. IPCDump uses the go library gobpf [guardicore, 2020] to interact with the BPF Compiler Collection (*BCC*) framework, which provides kernel tracing capabilities using eBPF [iovisor, 2015]. After using IPCDump and going through the source code, I was able to determine which probes were used to trace specific events within the kernel. This provided me with insight as to which probes to implement in the tracing program, to capture events related to inter-process communication.

#### 2.2.3 Dtrace

Dtrace is an analysis tool that allows for kernel and user-level tracing. Dtrace was the predecessor to eBPF and bpftrace and provided kernel-level tracing before eBPF was implemented in the Linux kernel [Rocca, 2021].

# 2.2.4 SystemTap

SystemTap [Eigler et al., 2005] is like bpftrace in that it used kernel and user-level probes to trace system events. However, SystemTap [Eigler et al., 2005] instructions compile into C code which is then loaded as a module in the Linux kernel. This adds additional security risks as it is not verified that the program can be trusted and will not crash the kernel. Whereas bpftrace scripts compile into BPF code [Robertson, 2019], which ensures that the program is safe to run in the kernel [Rocca, 2021].

# 3. Approach

The following section covers the design of the structures within the tracing and translation programs that make up this project. It will also cover the attempts made along the way in creating the final implementation, as well as a breakdown of the final implementation itself.

# 3.1 Design

Many components make up the overall design of this project. However, they can be broken down and visualized as elements of the tracing and translation programs. Information is passed from the tracing program to the translation program through a log file that contains the events generated while tracing the execution of a specific process. The translation program then uses this data to create a BPFContain security policy.

# 3.1.1 Tracing Program

The design of the underlying structure of probes and tracepoints used in the tracing program increased in complexity throughout the course of the project as new features were added. The current design of the tracing program is shown below in Fig.1 and Fig.2. In these diagrams, blue nodes represent the high-level concept of what the structure is attempting to trace, orange nodes represent the type of operation captured by the probes, yellow nodes represent the probed kernel functions, and green nodes represent tracepoints. The flow of data follows the direction of the arrows and begins when the probes or tracepoints are executed and return a value. These return values are relevant as they determine if the operation was allowed or denied. This data is then interpreted as a specific operation and printed into a log file.

**Fig.1** displays the structure of three distinct traced features, signals, capability checks, and inter-process communication. These features can be captured using a small number of probes and tracepoints, compared to operations on filesystems.

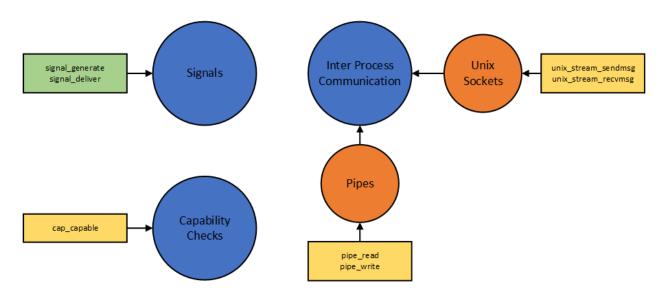


Figure 1: Design of signal, capability, and IPC tracing

Fig.2 displays the complex structure surrounding the implementation of the ability to trace operations within a filesystem. Some probes such as <code>vfs\_rmdir</code> require multiple permissions to function properly, in this case, these permissions are write, execute, and access. Tracing open operations on files or devices within a filesystem requires the use of the following kernel probes, <code>vfs\_open</code>, <code>blkdev\_open</code>, and <code>chrdev\_open</code>. These three probes are used to log the path to the file or the major number of the device that is being opened, as well as the access flags that have been set. These flags are numerical values that represent which file operations the calling process has permission to use. The tracing program logs these flags as a hexadecimal value; however, they must be converted to an octal value by the translation program to determine which file operations the flags represent. The flags are not logged as octal values, because bpftrace cannot output a number using octal notation [Bach, 2021].

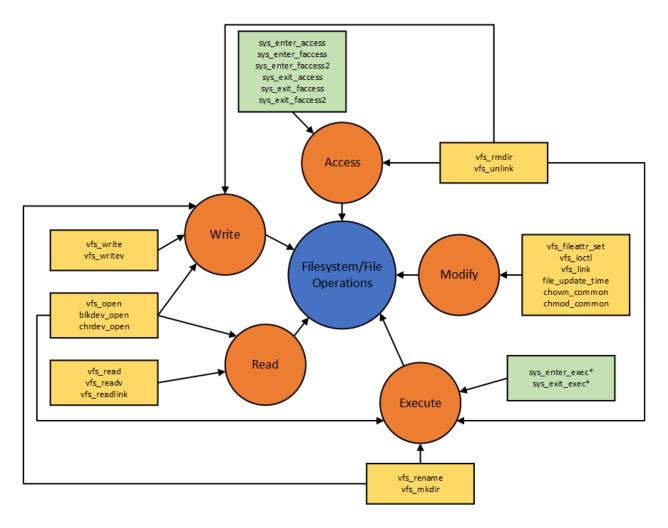


Figure 2: Design of filesystem, file, and device operations

# 3.1.2 Translation Program

The translation program is made up of three classes, TraceFile(),

TraceToPolicy(), and GenerateResults(). The TraceFile() class is used to read the file generated by the tracing program into several arrays, where each array is associated with a different type of trace, ranging from VFS operations to Unix Sockets. The TraceToPolicy() class takes in a TraceFile() object and uses it in a series of functions that gather information and produce output related to a specific part of a BPFContain policy. At the end of the TraceToPolicy() class, the policy fragments are combined to create a full, YAML formatted,

security policy string. Finally, the GenerateResults() class is used to write the security policy string to a file, which can then be used by BPFContain.

The design of the translation program can be seen below in **Fig.3**. In the diagram, blue nodes represent a Python class, yellow nodes represent the input, orange nodes are objects that the class has access to, and green nodes represent an output. Orange nodes are needed as there is no output for the **TraceFile()** class, it is only used as an object which is passed to the **TraceToPolicy()** class. The dotted lines show that both the **TraceFile()** and **TraceToPolicy()** classes are used by the **GenerateResults()** class to generate the final YAML security policy file.

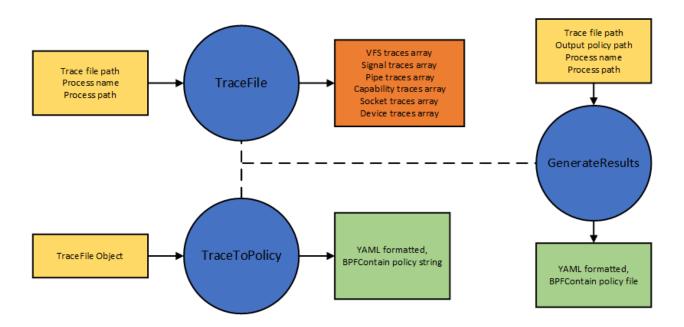


Figure 3: Design of the translation program

# 3.2 Attempts

Both the tracing and translation programs have undergone many changes to their functionalities and designs. This section attempts to highlight why each change was made and how the performance of the project improved after each change.

#### 3.2.1 BCC

My first attempt at tracing the system was using the BCC framework [iovisor, 2015]. This framework provides a Python front end that interacts with BPF and provides the ability to do kernel-level tracing [iovisor, 2015]. To use BCC, I had to build it from the source, as the version available on the ubuntu package manager is outdated [iovisor, 2015]. After dealing with numerous issues from dependencies when building BCC [iovisor, 2015], I decided to switch to using another tool, bpftrace [Robertson, 2019], which could be easily installed via the package manager DNF [Fedora Project, 2018] on Fedora v35.

# 3.2.2 Kprobes to Kretfuncs

Initially, all tracing was done using kprobes. This provided the ability to gather information about the input parameters as the probes were activated. However, this could not trace the return values of the hooked functions. Changing the kprobes to kretfuncs gave the tracing program access to the return values of the hooked functions. These return values are used to decide if a traced operation should be allowed or denied.

# 3.2.3 Read, Write, Modify, Execute, Access

In the first iteration of this project there were only checks for read and write permissions on files and filesystems. This evolved to include the modify, execute, and access permissions as these access flags are supported by BPFContain, and thus had to be tracked. File

operations such as remove, rename, create directory and open also had to be traced as these operations each requires a combination of access permissions.

# 3.2.4 Specific to General Probes

The initial iterations of the tracing program traced kill() system calls using the sys\_enter\_kill tracepoint to log signals that were sent by the traced process. This was problematic as signals can be generated, sent, and received by methods other than the kill() system call. To capture signals generated by any means, the signal\_generate and signal\_deliver tracepoints were used. These allowed for a broader range of signals to be captured as these tracepoints are executed each time any signal is generated or delivered to a process.

Later iterations of the tracing program probed the vfs\_fchmod and vfs\_fchown kernel functions to gather information about file ownership or permission changes. This proved not to be effective as there were several separate ways to change file ownership or permissions that did not cause the vfs\_fchmod and vfs\_fchown kernel functions to activate. However, I noticed in the kernel source code [Torvalds-open.c, 1991] that these VFS functions, along with other file ownership and permission change functions, are all calling a common function. These common functions are chown\_common and chmod\_common and probing them allows for every file ownership or permission change to be traced, as they are the underlying functions called by most ownership and permission change functions.

#### 3.2.5 Relative Access File Paths

System calls related to the access file operation sometimes use relative file paths. This is a problem for BPFContain security policies, as relative paths are not supported and the full path to the file is needed to enforce confinement rules [Findlay, 2021]. The initial solution to this

problem was to use the bpftrace <code>system()</code> function which allowed for the <code>realpath</code> command to be executed. This command was able to log the full path of any relative files, however, this forced the bpftrace execution to use the flag <code>--unsafe</code> [Robertson, 2019]. This is not ideal as it could potentially make the tracing program perform dangerous, time-intensive operations. Upon researching this issue further, I found that these relative file paths were being generated before remove operations. Knowing this information, I was able to remove the unsafe functions from the tracing script and instead only log full file paths, ignoring any relative paths. The log lines for remove operations included the full path to the relative files that were in the access calls. Therefore, modifying the remove operations to also give access permissions achieves the same functionality as logging the access and remove events separately and solves the issue of having relative paths in the log file.

# 3.2.6 Filesystem Open Operations Overhaul

Originally, all open operations on files were traced using the vfs\_open kernel function. I assumed that it would be possible to also extract the major numbers for file operations on numbered devices through the vfs\_open kernel function hook. However, this kernel function is not executed when device files are opened. This was problematic as BPFContain security policies include the ability to confine operations on devices [Findlay, 2021]. To trace open operations on devices within the filesystem, two additional kernel function probes blkdev\_open and chrdev\_open were added to the tracing program. The probes used for open operations on devices log the major number, minor number, and access flags, whereas the probe for open operations on files logs the full path to the file as well as the access flags. In both cases, the access flags are logged as a hexadecimal value due to limitations with bpftrace. The translation program was then modified to parse the hexadecimal access flag value into read, write, or execute permissions, using the values defined within the Linux header file fcnt1.h [Torvalds-fcntl.h, 2020].

# 3.2.7 Bug Fixes and Deprecated Syntax

The final changes to the project involved some minor bug fixes. One of these bugs was that the capability string was not printed in the log since the cap argument of the cap\_capable kernel function was being interpreted as a string instead of an integer, and therefore could not be used to access the array of capability strings. This bug was simply fixed by first casting the cap argument to a 32-bit integer, before using it to access the array of capability strings.

The next bug involved cases where some security policy strings were added to both the allowed and restricted operations. This was caused by negative values returned by the kernel probes that were not indicative of a failed operation, but instead that an error had occurred. To solve this, these lines are now disregarded instead of being interpreted as a failed operation.

The final minor fix was to change the heading of the restricted operations section of the security policy from "restrictions:" to "deny:". Originally, I had seen both ways being used within the BPFContain policy examples, however, after speaking with William Findlay I discovered that "restrictions:" was deprecated, and "deny:" should be used instead [Findlay, 2022].

# 3.3 Implementation

This section will outline how the current implementation of this project functions. It will provide insight into how solutions were researched and implemented.

# 3.3.1 Tracing Program

I used bpftrace to implement the tracing program [Robertson, 2019]. bpftrace provides a high-level language that can be used to interact with the BPF system [Robertson, 2019]. Although a current version of bpftrace can be easily installed on Fedora, the kernel must be built with the specific flags shown in Table 1 below [Robertson, 2019]. These flags allow the kernel to access additional functionalities provided by BPF, kprobes, uprobes, and tracepoints [Robertson, 2019].

Required kernel build flags
CONFIG_BPF=y
CONFIG_BPF_SYSCALL=y
CONFIG_BPF_JIT=y
CONFIG_HAVE_EBPF_JIT=y
CONFIG_BPF_EVENTS=y
CONFIG_FTRACE_SYSCALLS=y
CONFIG_FUNCTION_TRACER=y
CONFIG_HAVE_DYNAMIC_FTRACE=y
CONFIG_DYNAMIC_FTRACE=y
CONFIG_HAVE_KPROBES=y
CONFIG_KPROBES=y
CONFIG_KPROBE_EVENTS=y
CONFIG_ARCH_SUPPORTS_UPROBES=y
CONFIG_UPROBES=y
CONFIG_UPROBE_EVENTS=y
CONFIG_DEBUG_FS=y

Table 1: Kernel build flags required for bpftrace

Using bpftrace [Robertson, 2019], I attempted to trace filesystem operations by hooking the relevant kernel functions. These function hooks get the inputs and return values from read, write, execute, access, and modify operations within the virtual filesystem (*VFS*). The design of the structure used to contain all the different VFS hooks can be seen in Fig.2. These hooks are activated any time the traced program attempts to perform any file operation on any file or filesystem, which includes special files, and directories. The variation in input parameters between functions can be seen below in the function definitions from the Linux header file fs.h [Torvalds-fs.h, 2020].

```
extern int vfs_readlink(struct dentry *, char __user *, int);
extern ssize t vfs read(struct file *, char user *, size t, loff t *);
```

Knowing the input parameters to each of these functions allowed me to recognize that the file object being referenced is not always a file struct and could be another structure such as a dentry. However, no matter the structure used to contain information about a file, we can still access the underlying information, using a variety of pointers to traverse each structure. For example, the first argument of vfs\_read, the file pointer struct, could be used to get information on the file that is being accessed, by extracting the name of the file by traversing the file pointer. First, we get the path struct f\_path contained within the file pointer. This path struct then gives us access to the dentry pointer, which is a specific part of the overall path to the given file. Finally, we can access the qstr struct d\_name to get the name of this specific path component. Since a dentry struct is an underlying object within a file struct, it can be used similarly to extract the desired file information.

The next challenge was to extract the full path of any file that was interacted with by the tracing program. This is done similarly to how the file name is resolved, except in this case we want to iterate through the dentry pointer d\_parent until we hit the root directory. Each of these d\_parent objects contain the name of the parent directory for a given dentry. Since unbounded loops are not allowed to be run in the kernel, we assume a max depth of ten folders. This limit has not been reached in testing thus far but could be increased if needed in the future. A possible solution to this would be to provide an extra input parameter to the tracing program that would set the max nested depth across all hooks. A code snippet is shown below, detailing how a dentry object is traversed to find the full path.

```
$parentDir = ((struct file *)arg0)->f_path.dentry->d_parent;
@fullPath[0] = str($parentDir->d_name.name);
...
while($count < 10){
$parentDir = $parentDir->d_parent;
```

All parent directories are stored within the fullPath array, which we then iterate through, to log the full path to the file. Filesystem access is denoted with VFS: at the beginning of the logline, the rest of the line contains information on the operation performed on the file, the process ID, and the return value. This output pattern is also consistent for VFS remove, and create directory operations, however, the translation program knows to break these down into their associated write, execute, and access permissions. An example of this output can be seen below, VFS functions with a return value less than 0 are regarded as denied operations.

```
VFS: Path: /usr/bin/sed, Program: bash, Tid: 12314, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /, Program: bash, Tid: 12354, Mode: Write, Return: -32
VFS: Path: /home/temp3.txt, Program: mv, Tid: 4577, Mode: Remove, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /home/tempDir, Program: mv, Tid: 4622, Mode: CreateDir, Return: 0
```

The output is slightly different for VFS open and rename operations, as they contain an extra field denoting the flags that were used. These flags are used to help associate these operations with their relevant file access permissions. An example of this output can be seen below, return values less than 0 are still regarded as denied operations.

```
VFS: Path: /home/temp2.txt, Program: mv, Tid: 4509, Mode: Rename, Flags: 1, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/ld.so.cache, Program: cat, Tid: 2986, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 3
```

To trace interactions on device files, the <code>blkdev\_open</code> and <code>chrdev\_open</code> kernel functions are hooked. These give access to an <code>inode</code> struct pointer, which can be used to find the underlying <code>dev\_t</code> structure that contains information about the device. The major number of the device specified by the value within the <code>dev\_t</code> structure can be extracted by right shifting the value by 20. The minor number can be extracted by performing a bitwise and operation with the value within the <code>dev\_t</code> structure and 1 left-shifted by 20, minus 1. The <code>inode</code> struct pointer also provides us with the integer flag value through the <code>i\_flags</code> field. Device file operations are then denoted with <code>Device:</code> at the beginning of the logline, the rest of the line contains information on the type of device, the major and minor numbers, the flags,

and the return value. An example output can be seen below, where a return value less than 0 represents a denied operation.

```
Device: Type: Block, Major: 252, Minor: 0, Flags: 0, Return: 0
Device: Type: Char, Major: 1, Minor: 9, Flags: 0, Return: 0
```

After all the filesystem operations could be traced, I moved on to trace signal events. This is done using the two tracepoints, signal\_generate and signal\_deliver. These are activated whenever a signal is generated by or delivered to a process. The signal\_generate tracepoint stores the process being sent the signal as well as the signal type and return value. When the signal\_deliver tracepoint is activated, the same information can be retrieved, however, the combination of both events can be used to compare if the generated signal was created successfully but not delivered, resulting in a failed operation. We are then able to log the information gathered such as the process that sent and received the signal, the signal number, and the final return value which denotes the success of the whole operation. Lines in the log containing traced signal events begin with the string Signal: and can be seen in the snippet below.

```
Signal: From: bash, To: bash, SigNum: 17, Return: 0
Signal: From: bash, To: strace, SigNum: 17, Return: 1
```

After signals were fully implemented, the next events that I attempted to trace were operations on pipes. This is the starting step for generating rules for inter-process communication (*IPC*). The implementation took inspiration from IPCDump [guardicore, 2020] and uses the pipe\_read and pipe\_write function hooks to log information. The function definitions for these two operations are found in the Linux source file pipe.c [Torvalds-pipe.c, 1991] and are shown below.

```
static ssize_t pipe_read(struct kiocb *iocb, struct iov_iter *to);
static ssize t pipe write(struct kiocb *iocb, struct iov iter *from);
```

Information is extracted, whenever these function hooks are activated, from the first argument, the kiocb struct pointer, which contains a file pointer struct that can be traversed to get the underlying path using the same method outlined for VFS functions. Pipes are denoted with Pipe: at the beginning of the logline, which also contains information on the process name that is reading to or writing from the pipe, the full path to the pipe, and the return value which can be used to determine if the operation was allowed or denied. An example of this output can be seen below.

Pipe: Path: /home/jakejazokas/Desktop/namedPipe, Program: bash, Mode: Write, Return:

After pipes were fully implemented, I proceeded on to the next category of events relevant for creating IPC rules, Unix Sockets. This is done using the two kernel function hooks, unix\_stream\_sendmsg and unix\_stream\_recvmsg. Both functions store their relevant information with the msg argument, this can be traversed using pointers to get from the iocb struct to the dentry struct, which we can then use to extract what process the socket stream is being sent to or received from. Sockets are denoted with Socket: at the beginning of the logline, which also contains information on the process receiving the signal, the process sending the signal, and the return value to determine if it was a valid operation. An example of this output can be seen below.

Socket: Program: bash, Mode: Send, To: mv, Return: (

Finally, the last events I attempted to trace were capabilities. Capabilities are how Linux distributes specific privileges to processes. I took inspiration from the bpftrace script capable.bt [Gregg, 2018], which uses a kprobe on the cap\_capable kernel function that

activates whenever a security check is made within the kernel. This was modified to instead hook the kernel function using a kretprobe instead of using a kprobe, as it allows for the return value to be verified. The function definition is found in the Linux header file security.h [Mellanox Technologies, 2016], and is shown below.

```
extern int cap_capable(const struct cred *cred, struct user_namespace *ns,
int cap, unsigned int opts);
```

The numerical representation of the capability can be extracted using the data passed to the int cap argument. This numerical argument is transformed into the string representation of the given capability. If the unsigned int opts has a value of 0, we know that the given process has the given capability, this can be additionally checked by verifying the return value of the function is not less than 0. Capabilities are denoted with Capability: at the beginning of the logline and contains information on the program whose capabilities are being checked, the capability being checked, the audit which is the numerical representation of the permitted set of operations, and the return value representing if the capability check passed or failed. An example of this log output can be seen below.

```
Capability: Program: bash, CapInt: 2, CapName: CAP_DAC_OVERRIDE, Options: 0, Return: -1
Capability: Program: bash, CapInt: 1, CapName: CAP_DAC_READ_SEARCH, Options: 0, Return: -1
```

The final implementation of the tracing program can trace every event mentioned in this section. The tracing program is written in the bpftrace language and is executed using the bpftrace command [Robertson, 2019]. The tracing program takes in an optional argument that allows for the tracing of a program with a specific name. This is done by limiting each probe to only log data when the executing process matches the input argument. In bpftrace, this is done by adding the following filter shown below to each probe.

Where str(\$1) is the name of the desired program to trace. The variable \$1 represents the first argument passed into the bpftrace script through the command line. Each probe or tracepoint distinguishes itself in the log by specifying the type of the trace at the beginning of each line. Currently, the trace program can log all events except for events related to networking. Future improvements could be made to this project to add support for tracing network events.

# 3.3.2 Translation Program

The current implementation of the translation program is written in Python. It uses a variety of regex strings to match and extract different information within the log, this information is then translated into a YAML security policy for BPFContain. The program currently supports generating allow and deny rules for all events mentioned in section 3.3.1. The first class in the translation program is the TraceFile() class. The TraceFile() class is used to open the trace log and split it into sections based on the type of activity. Currently, it splits the data into VFS traces, Signal traces, Capability traces, Pipe traces, Unix Socket traces, and Numbered Device traces.

The TraceFile() object is then passed into the TraceToPolicy() class, which generates the output YAML string through several functions. The first function being, generate\_policy\_start(). This function generates the start of the output string that will be written to the YAML file. It includes the process name and the command path used to execute the process. Currently, this information is set in the TraceFile() object so it can be retrieved from the TraceToPolicy() class.

Next, the TraceToPolicy() class calls the function generate\_policy\_allow(), which calls all the functions associated with creating allow rules for the policy. The first of these functions is generate\_device\_access(). This function reads through the array of all VFS traces and grants access to null and/or terminal devices, based on the paths that the process interacted with while it was being traced. The events are distinguished as allowed by ensuring that the return value is nonnegative.

The next function called by <code>generate\_policy\_allow()</code> is <code>generate\_numbered\_device\_access()</code>. This function uses the following regex string below to match and separate operations on character and block devices.

```
numdev_regex = r"(?:Device: Type: [^,]*, Major: )([-0-9]+)(?:, Minor: )([-0-9]+)(?:, Flags: )([-0-9]+)(?:, Return: )([-0-9]+)"
```

Then, we iterate through the matches and convert each hexadecimal flag value into a padded octal value. The last digit in this padded octal value relays the access parameters, where 0 represents read-only, 1 represents write-only, and 2 represents read and write. Each major number is added as a key to a dictionary that stores the key-value pair path [accessArray], where the value for each key is an array of access permissions (read, write, etc.). We then iterate through this dictionary to create numbered device allow rules for the traced program, by ensuring the return value is greater than or equal to 0.

The next function called by <code>generate\_policy\_allow()</code> is <code>generate\_read\_write\_execute\_modify\_access()</code>. This function uses the regex strings below, to match and separate explicit filesystem operations.

```
# Regex Strings - Group 0 is the path, Group 1 is the return
read_regex = r"(?:Path: )([^,]*)(?:, Program: "+traceFile.procName+r", Tid:
[\d]*, Mode: Read, Return: )([-0-9]+)"
write_regex = r"(?:Path: )([^,]*)(?:, Program: "+traceFile.procName+r", Tid:
[\d]*, Mode: Write, Return: )([-0-9]+)"
access_regex = r"(?:Path: )([^,]*)(?:, Program: "+traceFile.procName+r", Tid:
[\d]*, Mode: Access, Return: )([-0-9]+)"
execute_regex = r"(?:Path: )([^,]*)(?:, Program: "+traceFile.procName+r",
Tid: [\d]*, Mode: Execute, Return: )([-0-9]+)"
modify_regex = r"(?:Path: )([^,]*)(?:, Program: "+traceFile.procName+r",
Tid: [\d]*, Mode: Modify, Return: )([-0-9]+)"
```

The filesystem operations for open, create directory, rename, and remove are parsed using another set of regex strings. These operations are special, as each one resolves into a combination of read, write, access, execute, and modify permissions. These regex strings are shown below.

```
open_regex = r"(?:Path: )([^,]*)(?:, Program: "+traceFile.procName+r", Tid:
  [\d]*, Mode: Open, Flags: )([-0-9]+)(?:, Return: )([-0-9]+)"
  rename_regex = r"(?:Path: )([^,]*)(?:, Program: "+traceFile.procName+r", Tid:
  [\d]*, Mode: Rename, Flags: [-0-9]+)(?:, Return: )([-0-9]+)"
  createdir_regex = r"(?:Path: )([^,]*)(?:, Program: "+traceFile.procName+r",
  Tid: [\d]*, Mode: CreateDir, Return: )([-0-9]+)"
  remove_regex = r"(?:Path: )([^,]*)(?:, Program: "+traceFile.procName+r", Tid:
  [\d]*, Mode: Remove, Return: )([-0-9]+)"
```

All VFS traces are then iterated through, and each regex string is applied to each trace to determine the appropriate explicit filesystem operation array to add it to. The values contained within each of the arrays simply represent the path to the file that the file operations were performed on. Remove operations are added to the write, execute, and access arrays, and Rename and Create Directory operations are added to the write and execute arrays. Open operations have the value of their hexadecimal flag converted into a padded octal value. The last digit in this padded octal value relays the access parameters, where 0 represents read-only, 1 represents write-only, and 2 represents read and write. Execute access is retrieved by performing a bitwise and operation on the octal value of the flag and the octal number 40, if the result of this operation is equal to the decimal value 32, then we know that execute access

should be granted. The explicit read, write, open, execute, and modify operations are only added to their associated arrays.

These separated filesystem operation arrays are then iterated through, and each path is added as a key to a dictionary. This dictionary stores the key-value pair path [accessArray], where the value for each key is an array of access permissions (read, write, etc.). We then iterate through this dictionary to create file and filesystem allow rules for the traced program, by ensuring the return value is greater than or equal to 0. If the allowBool flag is set to false, we can instead use this function to generate restrictions, as it will check if the return value is instead less than 0. Currently, this function can create rules for any file within the main filesystem. In BPFContain security policies, filesystems are denoted by fs and files are denoted as file [Findlay, 2021].

The next function called by <code>generate\_policy\_allow()</code> is <code>generate\_signals()</code>. This function uses the regex strings below, to match and separate all the information from the array of traced signal events.

```
pattern_string = r"(?:From:)([^,]*)(?:, To:)([^,]*)(?:, SigNum:)([^,]*)(?:, Return:)([-0-9]+)"
```

Then, we iterate through the regex matches and check if our traced program sends any signals to itself or other programs. This is done by comparing if the traced program is the same as the program found in capture group 0, ensuring that the traced program sent the signal. Capture group 3 is used to check if the probed return value is greater than or equal to 0, which indicates that the signal event was successful. When we find a valid signal, we add the process name as a key to a dictionary. This dictionary stores the key-value pair processName [signals], where the processName is the process receiving the signal and

the value for each key is an array of signals that can be sent. We then iterate through this dictionary to create signal allow rules for signals that the traced program can send.

The next function called by <code>generate\_policy\_allow()</code> is <code>generate\_capabilities()</code>. This function uses the regex strings below, to match and separate all the information from the array of traced capability check events.

```
pattern_string = r"(?:Capability: Program: "+procName+r", CapInt:
)([^,]*)(?:.*Return:)([-0-9]+)"
```

Then, we iterate through the regex matches and check if the return found in capture group 1 is greater than or equal to 0. This indicates the capability check was successful and we add the process name as a key, to a dictionary. This dictionary stores the key-value pair processName [capabilities], where processName represents a process whose capabilities are being checked. The value for each key is an array of capabilities that a given process has. We then iterate through this dictionary to create a capability allow rule for capabilities that the traced program has.

The last function called by <code>generate\_policy\_allow()</code> is <code>generate\_ipc()</code>. This function uses three regex strings that extract both Pipe and Unix Socket events. The regex strings are given below.

```
pipe_pattern = r"(?:Pipe: Path: )([^,]*)(?:, Program: "+procName+r", Mode:
)([^,]*)(?:, Return: )([-0-9]+)"
socket_recv_pattern = r'(?:Socket: Program: )([^,]*)(?:, Mode: Recieve, From:
)([^,]*)(?:, Return: )([-0-9]+)'
socket_send_pattern = r'(?:Socket: Program: )([^,]*)(?:, Mode: Send, To: )([^,]*)(?:, Return: )([-0-9]+)'
```

These events are iterated through and added to arrays based on if the result is greater than zero. Then both valid pipe and socket rules are used in combination to determine if a process is communicating with any other processes. The output security policy fragment will only contain data if the <code>generate\_ipc()</code> function can determine that inter-process communication is occurring.

Finally, after the completion of the <code>generate\_policy\_allow()</code> function, the <code>generate\_policy\_restrict()</code> function is called. This function calls all the same methods as <code>generate\_policy\_allow()</code>, however, they are all passed the value <code>allowBool=False</code>. This changes the structure of each function to instead check for results that are less than 0, indicating a failed operation.

Once all the functions in the TraceToPolicy() class have been executed, it returns a formatted string containing a combination of all the generated rules for the program being traced. The GenerateResults() class writes this string to a YAML file, populating it with the generated security policy.

# 3.3.3 Full Policy Generator

The full policy generation is an additional Python script that runs the tracing program for a set period and captures events for a specified program. It then runs the translation program on the captured events and outputs the BPFContain YAML security policy. This script was developed to streamline the tracing and translation processes and must be run as a root user.

# 4. Results

Currently, the whole implementation can automatically generate BPFContain security policies for every feature that can be controlled by BPFContain, except for networking events and process tainting. This section will outline any future work that could be done to improve the project as well as information about the results that have been gathered so far.

# 4.1 Future Improvements

In the future, functionality for the tracing and translation of networking events could be added to this project. BPFContain policy for networking is a simple set of rules that outline if the process can act as a client or server and if it can send or receive networked data [Findlay, 2021]. Networking could be traced by probing TCP and UDP, connect and accept functions. However, more research is still needed to determine the best approach.

Regarding process tainting, an implementation could define a set of operations that are deemed to be unsafe. When any of these operations is seen in the trace, they would be added to an array that tracks all the taint traces. Tainting outlines the same rules as the restrict and allow sections, however, when one of these rules is executed, it will cause the running process to become tainted. Once a process is tainted, its security policy becomes stricter [Findlay, 2021]. These rules should restrict when a program tries to perform an operation that would make it less trusted [Findlay, 2021]. A basic networking taint rule could be determined if a policy with no allowed network access, tries to access a network. However, filesystem and inter-process communication rules may be harder to automate and will require further research, as a custom taint tracking system will need to be developed. Current research in the field of taint tracking includes papers with implementations such as CONFLUX [Hough and Bell, 2021] and TaintEraser [Zhu et al., 2011].

# 4.2 Automatic Policy Generation Results

Using the program bash with a test workload of using device files, creating, and removing directories, creating files, reading from files, writing to files, renaming files, moving files, changing file ownership and permissions, interacting with pipes, opening subprocesses using command line pipes, causing capability checks, and opening new bash shells. The operations within the workload, test for both operations that should be allowed and ones that should be denied. Ensuring that the generated policy will have both the allow and restrict sections.

The trimmed output of the tracing program can be seen in section 7.1 of the appendix. The output has been trimmed to show only lines that are relevant to the translation program when generating security policies. The full version of the trimmed log file in section 7.1 of the appendix can be given as an argument to the translation program, which will generate the final security policy shown in section 7.2 of the appendix.

The trace file and generated policy for the bash example demonstrate the capture and translation of all operations supported thus far. Additional policies for the programs vi and python have also been included in appendix sections 7.3 and 7.4. However, since they all follow a similar structure to the bash example, but with less traced operations, they showcase a smaller set of policy operations, and are only included to show that the project can trace any given program. The full version of each logged trace and generated policy is included with the files for this project.

# 4.3 BPFContain Integration

After generating security policies and installing BPFContain, I was able to test the generated policies by first adding them to the <a href="https://var/lib/bpfcontain/policy">var/lib/bpfcontain/policy</a> folder

[Findlay, 2021]. Next, the BPFContain daemon was started, and the confined programs were executed using the bpfcontain run command, which runs the confined programs using a specific YAML policy file [Findlay, 2021]. BPFContain was able to successfully execute all generated security policies. While executing the security policies I tested to see if all the specified allowed and restricted operations would function correctly, and that the running program would be confined relative to the rules outlined in each policy file. This showed that everything functioned as intended and the processes behaved as normal. Normal program execution was not hindered, and programs were restricted from accessing areas explicitly defined in the deny portion of the security policy, as these are not relevant for normal program execution.

# 5. Conclusion

Based on my findings I conclude with the belief that the project has demonstrated the capabilities of eBPF and bpftrace are more than sufficient for the use in the automatic generation of BPFContain security policies. The evidence strongly suggests as per my initial intuition that the functionality of the final implementation of this project has surpassed the initial objective of only tracing and translating filesystem operations. Furthermore, networking features and process tainting could be added in the future. Even with the omission of networking functionalities, the project can automatically generate meaningful BPFContain security policies, which can aid in the reduction of time and effort required when manually creating these policies.

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# 7. Appendix

# 7.1 Example Trimmed Trace File Output for Bash

```
Attaching 36 probes...
Tracing Filesystem Function and Returns ... Hit Ctrl-C to end.
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/colorls.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/colorzgrep.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 220
VFS: Path: /etc/passwd, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/lang.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/gawk.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 757
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/colorls.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 1431
VFS: Path: /usr/share/terminfo/x/xterm-256color, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/less.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /usr/share/terminfo/x/xterm-256color, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/authselect/nsswitch.conf, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 3038
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 18800, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /usr/share/terminfo/x/xterm-256color, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 3814
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/gawk.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/debuginfod.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/debuginfod.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 180
VFS: Path: /usr/share/terminfo/x/xterm-256color, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /usr/bin/sed, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/colorgrep.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d/lilv, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/terminfo/x/xterm-256color, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: -2
VFS: Path: /usr/bin/pidof, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 1
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d/lilv, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 1931
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/less.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/less.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 253
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/PackageKit.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /usr/bin/bash, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/bash_completion.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Write, Return: -32
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/flatpak.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/nano-default-editor.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/lang.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/which2.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 19
VFS: Path: /etc/init.d/functions, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: -13
VFS: Path: /etc/bashrc, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/colorgrep.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/ld.so.preload, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: -2
VFS: Path: /etc/rc.d/init.d/functions, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: -13
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/colorxzgrep.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/ld.so.cache, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /usr/share/bash-completion/bash_completion, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 76322
VFS: Path: /etc/init.d/README, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: -13
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d/gluster, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 26
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/lang.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 3187
VFS: Path: /home/jakejazokas/.cargo/env, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 300
VFS: Path: /usr/lib64/libtinfo.so.6.2, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 832
VFS: Path: /etc/passwd, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 2648
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d/gluster, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 119
VFS: Path: /etc/rc.d/init.d/livesys, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/rc.d/init.d, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 18800, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/rc.d/init.d/README, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: -13
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```
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d/gluster, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 11525
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/nano-default-editor.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/colorzgrep.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/vte.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d/authselect-completion.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 6481
VFS: Path: /usr/lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8020, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d/dog, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 15
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d/authselect-completion.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d/bpftool, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 44727
VFS: Path: /etc/rc.d/init.d/livesys-late, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /home/jakejazokas/.bash_completion, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: -2
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/colorxzgrep.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/PackageKit.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /home/jakejazokas/.bash_history, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 23297
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d/python-argcomplete, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 4108
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/vte.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 2166
VFS: Path: /usr/lib64/libc.so.6, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /usr/lib64/libc.so.6, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 784
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d/lilv, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /home/jakejazokas/.bash_history, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d/abrt.bash_completion, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 43
VFS: Path: /etc/authselect/nsswitch.conf, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/which2.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 478
VFS: Path: /usr/lib64/libc.so.6, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 68
VFS: Path: /home/jakejazokas/.cargo/env, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/vte.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/colorgrep.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 201
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/which2.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 8000, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d/bpftool, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 9
VFS: Path: /, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 12
VFS: Path: /etc/init.d/livesys, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /etc/bash_completion.d, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Open, Flags: 18800, Return: 0
VFS: Path: /, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Read, Return: 512
VFS: Path: /etc/profile.d/bash_completion.sh, Program: bash, Tid: 74153, Mode: Access, Return: 0
Signal: From: bash, To: bash, Signum: 17, Return: 2
Signal: From: bash, To: bash, SigNum: 17, Return: 0
Capability: Program: bash, CapInt: 1, CapName: CAP_DAC_OVERRIDE, Options: 0, Return: -1
Capability: Program: bash, CapInt: 2, CapName: CAP_DAC_READ_SEARCH, Options: 0, Return: -1
Device: Type: Char, Major: 1, Minor: 3, Flags: 0, Return: 0
Device: Type: Char, Major: 5, Minor: 0, Flags: 0, Return: 0
```

#### 7.2 Automatically Generated Policy for Bash

```
name: bash
cmd: /usr/bin/bash
defaultTaint: false
allow:
  - device: terminal
  - device: null
  - numberedDevice: {major: 5, access: r}
  - numberedDevice: {major: 1, access: r}
  - file: {path: /usr/share/bash-completion/bash completion, access: ra}
  - file: {path: /usr/bin/sed, access: rax}
 - file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.cargo/env, access: r}
 - file: {path: /etc/profile.d/which2.sh, access: ra}
  - file: {path: /usr/lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2, access: rx}
  - file: {path: /etc/bash_completion.d/abrt.bash_completion, access: ra}
  - file: {path: /etc/profile.d/less.sh, access: ra}
  - file: {path: /etc/bash_completion.d/redefine_filedir, access: ra}
 - file: {path: /etc/profile.d/colorls.sh, access: ra}
  - file: {path: /usr/libexec/vte-urlencode-cwd, access: rx}
  - file: {path: /usr/bin/chown, access: rx}
  - file: {path: /etc/authselect/nsswitch.conf, access: r}
  - file: {path: /usr/bin/dircolors, access: rx}
  - file: {path: /etc/bashrc, access: r}
  - file: {path: /etc/profile.d/lang.sh, access: ra}
  - file: {path: /etc/bash_completion.d/python-argcomplete, access: ra}
  - file: {path: /etc/profile.d/colorzgrep.sh, access: ra}
  - file: {path: /usr/lib64/libc.so.6, access: r}
  - file: {path: /etc/passwd, access: r}
 - file: {path: /etc/profile.d/nano-default-editor.sh, access: ra}
  - file: {path: /usr/bin/cat, access: rax}
  - file: {path: /usr/bin/grep, access: rax}
 - file: {path: /etc/bash completion.d/lilv, access: ra}
 - file: {path: /etc/inputrc, access: r}
  - file: {path: /etc/profile.d/colorxzgrep.sh, access: ra}
 - file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.bash_history, access: rwxm}
  - file: {path: /etc/profile.d/PackageKit.sh, access: ra}
  - file: {path: /etc/profile.d/gawk.sh, access: ra}
 - file: {path: /etc/profile.d/colorgrep.sh, access: ra}
  - file: {path: /etc/bash_completion.d/dog, access: ra}
  - file: {path: /usr/bin/chmod, access: rx}
  - file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/Desktop, access: r}
  - file: {path: /etc/profile.d/vte.sh, access: ra}
 - file: {path: /etc/bash completion.d/gluster, access: ra}
```

```
- file: {path: /usr/bin/register-python-argcomplete, access: rax}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/libtinfo.so.6.2, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/locale, access: rx}
- file: {path: /etc/profile.d/debuginfod.sh, access: ra}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/mkdir, access: rx}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/bash, access: rax}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/flatpak, access: rax}
- file: {path: /usr/libexec/grepconf.sh, access: rx}
- file: {path: /usr/share/bash-completion/completions/chown, access: r}
- file: {path: /etc/bash_completion.d/authselect-completion.sh, access: ra}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/python3.10, access: rx}
- file: {path: /etc/rc.d/init.d, access: r}
- file: {path: /etc/bash_completion.d, access: ra}
- file: {path: /usr/share/terminfo/x/xterm-256color, access: ra}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/gconv/gconv-modules.cache, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/pidof, access: rax}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/id, access: rx}
- file: {path: /etc/bash_completion.d/bpftool, access: ra}
- file: {path: /etc/ld.so.cache, access: r}
- file: {path: /etc/profile.d/bash_completion.sh, access: ra}
- file: {path: /etc/profile.d, access: r}
- file: {path: /etc/profile.d/flatpak.sh, access: ra}
- file: {path: /usr/lib/locale/locale-archive, access: r}
- file: {path: /root/.bash history, access: rwm}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/rm, access: rx}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.bashrc, access: r}
- file: {path: /root/.bashrc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/rmdir, access: rx}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/touch, access: rx}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/sudo, access: rx}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/mv, access: rx}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/Desktop/namedPipe, access: wm}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.bash_history-74219.tmp, access: w}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/Desktop/temp.txt, access: w}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/lesspipe.sh, access: a}
- file: {path: /etc/rc.d/init.d/livesys-late, access: a}
- file: {path: /etc/rc.d/init.d/livesys, access: a}
- file: {path: /etc/init.d/livesys, access: a}
- file: {path: /etc/init.d/livesys-late, access: a}
- file: {path: /usr/sbin/pidof, access: a}
- fs: {pathname: /, access: rm}
- signal: {to: bash, signals: [sigPipe, sigChld]}
- signal: {to: sudo, signals: [sigChld]}
- ipc: namedPipe
```

```
deny:
    file: {path: /etc/init.d/functions, access: a}
    file: {path: /root/.bash_completion, access: a}
    file: {path: /etc/rc.d/init.d/README, access: a}
    file: {path: /etc/terminfo/x/xterm-256color, access: a}
    file: {path: /root/.config/bash_completion, access: a}
    file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.bash_completion, access: a}
    file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.config/bash_completion, access: a}
    file: {path: /etc/init.d/README, access: a}
    file: {path: /etc/ld.so.preload, access: a}
    file: {path: /etc/rc.d/init.d/functions, access: a}
    fs: {pathname: /, access: w}
    capability: [dacReadSearch, dacOverride]
```

## 7.3 Automatically Generated Policy for Vi

```
name: vi
cmd: /usr/bin/vi
defaultTaint: false
allow:
  - device: terminal
  - numberedDevice: {major: 5, access: r}
  - file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/Desktop, access: r}
  - file: {path: /etc/passwd, access: r}
  - file: {path: /usr/share/terminfo/x/xterm-256color, access: ra}
 - file: {path: /usr/lib64/libc.so.6, access: r}
 - file: {path: /usr/lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2, access: rx}
 - file: {path: /usr/bin/vi, access: rx}
 - file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/Desktop/.s2.txt.swp, access: rwaxm}
  - file: {path: /etc/ld.so.cache, access: r}
 - file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/Desktop/.s.txt.swx, access: rwax}
 - file: {path: /usr/lib64/libacl.so.1.1.2301, access: r}
 - file: {path: /usr/lib64/libselinux.so.1, access: r}
  - file: {path: /usr/lib64/libtinfo.so.6.2, access: r}
 - file: {path: /usr/lib64/libattr.so.1.1.2501, access: r}
 - file: {path: /etc/authselect/nsswitch.conf, access: r}
  - file: {path: /usr/share/vim/vim82/defaults.vim, access: r}
 - file: {path: /usr/lib/locale/locale-archive, access: r}
 - file: {path: /usr/lib64/gconv/gconv-modules.cache, access: r}
  - file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/Desktop/s2.txt, access: rwam}
 - file: {path: /usr/lib64/libpcre2-8.so.0.10.2, access: r}
```

```
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/Desktop/s.txt, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/Desktop/.s.txt.swp, access: rwaxm}
- file: {path: /etc/virc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/libexec/vi, access: rx}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/Desktop/.s2.txt.swx, access: rwax}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/Desktop/s2.txt~, access: wax}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/Desktop/4913, access: waxm}
- file: {path: /etc/selinux/config, access: a}
- signal: {to: bash, signals: [sigChld]}

deny:
- file: {path: /etc/terminfo/x/xterm-256color, access: a}
- file: {path: /etc/ld.so.preload, access: a}
- file: {path: /var/run/setrans/.setrans-unix, access: a}
- capability: [macAdmin]
```

### 7.4 Automatically Generated Policy for Python

```
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/lib/_pycache_/histograms.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/ pycache /sre constants.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/encodings/ pycache / init .cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/ pycache / weakrefset.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/core/_pycache__/string_helpers.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/ pycache /functools.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/ pycache /platform.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/random/_philox.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/select.cpython-310-x86 64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/_pycache__/contextlib.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/_posixsubprocess.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/ bisect.cpython-310-x86 64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/core/ multiarray umath.cpython-310-x86 64-linux-gnu.so, access:
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/core/_pycache__/einsumfunc.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
  file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/core/_pycache__/_ufunc_config.cpython-310.pyc,
```

```
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/ pycache /hashlib.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/_hashlib.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/fft/ pycache / pocketfft.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/ pycache / compat pickle.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib/python3.10/site-packages/Paste-3.5.0-py3.10-nspkg.pth, access: r}
- file: {path: /sys/crypto/fips enabled, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/ pycache /struct.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/ pycache / collections abc.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/_struct.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/ pycache /types.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/lib/_pycache__/arraypad.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/lib/ pycache /twodim base.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/__pycache__/_globals.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/lib/_pycache__/_iotools.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/ pycache /opcode.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/ pycache /signal.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/_opcode.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/random/_sfc64.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
  file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/importlib/__pycache__/_abc.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
```

```
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/random/ mt19937.cpython-310-x86 64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/ json.cpython-310-x86 64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/random/_generator.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/ pycache /token.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/random/mtrand.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/gconv/gconv-modules.cache, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/random/_pcg64.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/ pycache /warnings.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/random/_bounded_integers.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so,
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/_pycache_/_future_.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/_datetime.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/lib/ pycache / init .cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/compat/_pycache_/_inspect.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/libffi.so.6.0.2, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/ pickle.cpython-310-x86 64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/libcrypto.so.1.1.11, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/encodings/ pycache /aliases.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/ random.cpython-310-x86 64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/ma, access: r}
  file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/_pycache_/version.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
```

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- file: {path: /usr/lib64/libgcc s-11-20210728.so.1, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/_pycache__/_sitebuiltins.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/binascii.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/linalg, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/lib/_pycache__/nanfunctions.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/share/terminfo/x/xterm-256color, access: ra}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/_pycache__/datetime.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/ sha512.cpython-310-x86 64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/python3, access: r}
  file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/site-packages, access: r}
```

```
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/encodings, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/random/_common.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/_pycache__/copyreg.cpython-310.pyc, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/linalg/_umath_linalg.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy/fft/_pocketfft_internal.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access:
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/_ctypes.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/fcntl.cpython-310-x86_64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload/math.cpython-310-x86 64-linux-gnu.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/bin/python, access: rx}
- file: {path: /usr/lib/locale/locale-archive, access: r}
- file: {path: /home/jakejazokas/.local/lib/python3.10/site-packages/numpy.libs/libopenblas64_p-r0-2f7c42d4.3.18.so, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib64/python3.10/lib-dynload, access: r}
- file: {path: /usr/lib/python3.10/site-packages, access: r}
- file: {path: /etc/terminfo/x/xterm-256color, access: a}
- file: {path: /etc/ld.so.preload, access: a}
  file: {path: /etc/system-fips, access: a}
```