



Placement Empowerment Program
Cloud Computing and DevOps Centre

60 Days of DevOps Challenge

Day 03 : Secure Root SSH Access

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Objective :

To disable direct SSH login for the root user on all application servers (stapp01, stapp02, and stapp03) within the Stratos Datacenter.

Steps Performed :

- ☐ **Connect to an App Server:** Log in to one of the app servers (e.g., stapp01).
- ☐ **Edit the SSH config file:** Open the SSH server configuration file for editing.
 - Command: `sudo vi /etc/ssh/sshd_config`
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- ☐ **Disable root login:** Find the line that says `#PermitRootLogin yes` or `PermitRootLogin yes`. Change it to:
 - `PermitRootLogin no`
- ☐ **Save and exit:** Save the file and close the editor.
- ☐ **Restart the SSH service:** Restart the SSH service to apply the new configuration.
 - Command: `sudo systemctl restart sshd`
- ☐ **Repeat for all servers:** Perform steps 1-5 for the remaining app servers (stapp02 and stapp03).

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$OpenBSD: sshd_config,v 1.104 2021/07/02 05:11:21 dtucker Exp $

# This is the sshd server system-wide configuration file.  See
# sshd_config(5) for more information.

# This sshd was compiled with PATH=/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/sbin

# The strategy used for options in the default sshd_config shipped with
# OpenSSH is to specify options with their default value where
# possible, but leave them commented.  Uncommented options override the
# default value.

# To modify the system-wide sshd configuration, create a *.conf file under
# /etc/ssh/sshd_config.d/ which will be automatically included below
Include /etc/ssh/sshd_config.d/*.conf

# If you want to change the port on a SELinux system, you have to tell
# SELinux about this change.
# semanage port -a -t ssh_port_t -p tcp #PORTNUMBER
#
#Port 22
#AddressFamily any
#ListenAddress 0.0.0.0
#ListenAddress ::

#HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_rsa_key
#HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ecdsa_key
#HostKey /etc/ssh/ssh_host_ed25519_key
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