

Practical 11: Services, Policies, and Reconciliation

Subject: Identity and Access Management (ISIM)

This practical covers connecting ISIM to a managed resource (Linux), defining how accounts are created (Policies), and linking existing accounts to users (Reconciliation/Adoption).

Part 1: Service Creation

Exercise 1: Creating a Linux Service

You are connecting ISIM to a Linux server to manage its users.

1. Navigate: Home -> Manage Services -> Create.
2. Select Business Unit: JK Enterprises . Click Next.
3. Service Type: Select POSIX Linux profile . Click Next.
4. General Information:
 - Service Name: Linux Service
 - Tivoli Directory Integrator location: rmi://isim.test:1099/ITDIDispatcher
 - Managed resource location: isim.test
 - Owner: Search and select Bob Smith .
5. Additional Configuration:
 - Use a shadow file? Check this box.
 - Path to sudoers: /etc/sudoers
 - Command for failed logins: pam_tally2
6. Authentication:
 - Administrator name: root
 - Is sudo user? Checked.
 - Password: P@ssword (or your lab password).
 - Click *Test Connection*. If successful, click Next.
7. Configure Policy: Select "Yes, create a policy to automatically create accounts...".
8. Reconcile Supporting Data: Leave default (Daily).
9. Finish.

Part 2: Policy Management

Exercise 2: Creating an Identity Policy

This policy decides what the User ID (Login ID) will look like for new accounts.

1. **Navigate:** Home -> Manage Policies -> Manage Identity Policies.
2. **Create:**
 - **Name:** Linux Identity Policy .
 - **Business Unit:** JK Enterprises .
3. **Targets:** Add Linux Service .
4. **Rule:**
 - **First attribute:** Preferred user ID .
 - **Character limit:** 6 .
 - **Apply case:** Lower case .
5. Click OK.

Exercise 3: Creating a Password Policy

This sets the rules for passwords on the Linux system.

1. **Navigate:** Home -> Manage Policies -> Manage Password Policies.
2. **Create:**
 - **Name:** Linux Password Policy .
 - **Business Unit:** JK Enterprises .
3. **Targets:** Add Linux Service .
4. **Rules:**
 - **Minimum length:** 4 (as per the screenshot).
5. Click OK.

Part 3: Reconciliation (Reading Data)

Exercise 4: Running Reconciliation

Now we pull data from the Linux server into ISIM.

1. **Navigate:** Home -> Manage Services.
2. Find Linux Service .
3. **Schedule:** Click arrow -> Set Up Reconciliation.
 - Click the existing schedule. Change it to Daily at 4:00 PM. Click OK.
4. **Run Now:** Click arrow -> Reconcile Now.
 - **Query:** None . Click Submit.
5. **Verify:**
 - Go to View Requests to confirm success.
 - Go to Manage Services -> Linux Service -> Accounts.

- You will see accounts like `root`, `bin`, `daemon`, etc. Their status is "Active" but Owner is "None" (Orphan accounts).

Part 4: Account Adoption (Fixing Orphans)

Exercise 5: Creating a System Person

We need a "fake" user to own all the technical accounts (like `root`) so they aren't orphans.

1. **Navigate:** Home -> Manage Users -> Create.
2. **Type:** Person . Unit: JK Enterprises .
3. **Details:**
 - First Name: Linux
 - Last Name: System-Accounts
 - User ID: linuxsystemaccounts
4. Submit.

Exercise 6: Manual Adoption

Manually link one specific account to the user we just created.

1. **Navigate:** Home -> Manage Services -> Linux Service -> Accounts.
2. Find the account named `nobody` .
3. Click arrow -> Assign to User.
4. Search and select `Linux System-Accounts` .
5. Click Assign.

Exercise 7: Automatic Adoption (Adoption Policy)

Write a script to automatically grab all system accounts (`UID < 500`) and give them to our system user.

1. **Navigate:** Home -> Manage Policies -> Manage Adoption Policies.
2. **Create:**
 - Name: Linux Service Adoption Policy .
 - Service Type: POSIX Linux profile .
3. **Services:** Add Linux Service .
4. **Rule (Script):** Select "Providing a Script".
 - Type exactly:

```
if (subject.erposixuid <= 499) {
    var ps = new PersonSearch();
    return ps.searchByFilter("Person", "(cn=Linux System-Accounts)", 2);
```

}

5. Click OK.

6. Apply Policy:

- Go to Manage Services -> Linux Service -> Reconcile Now.
- Once finished, check Accounts again. Accounts like root , bin , adm should now be owned by Linux System-Accounts .

Part 5: LDAP Service (Extra Exercise)

Exercise 8: Creating an LDAP Service

Connecting to another directory server (TechSupport).

1. Navigate: Manage Services -> Create.

2. Type: LDAP profile .

3. Details:

- Name: TechSupport LDAP .
- URL: ldap://isim.test:389 .
- User: cn=root / Password: P@ssword (or lab default).

4. Users and Groups:

- User base DN: ou=TechSuppEmployees,dc=contractors .
- User RDN: UID .
- Group base DN: ou=TechSuppEmployees,dc=contractors .

5. Reconcile: Run Reconcile Now.

6. Verify: Check Accounts. You might see red "X" icons because we haven't created a Provisioning Policy to allow them yet.

Exam Prep Strategy: "S-P-R-A"

To remember this practical, use the acronym S-P-R-A.

1. Service (The Connection)

- What: You are creating a pipe to the outside world (Linux or LDAP).
- Key Params: You *must* know the URL (rmi://... for Linux/TDI, ldap://... for LDAP) and the credentials (root / cn=root).
- Tip: Linux uses a "Profile" and usually needs the TDI dispatcher running on port 1099.

2. Policy (The Rules)

- Identity Policy: "How do I name you?" (Max 6 chars, lowercase).

- **Password Policy:** "How safe is your key?" (Min 4 chars).
- *Tip:* Policies must be linked to a **Target** (The Service) to work.

3. Reconciliation (The Fetch)

- **What:** Pulling data in.
- **Critical Step:** If you create a service but don't Reconcile, ISIM knows nothing. Always **Reconcile Now** after creation.

4. Adoption (The Cleaning)

- **The Problem:** Reconciled accounts have no owner ("Orphans").
- **The Fix:**
 - **Manual:** Right-click account -> Assign.
 - **Automatic:** Adoption Policy -> Script.
- **The Script Logic:** "If the user ID number is small (system account), give it to the System Admin user."

Summary Checklist for Exam

1. **Create Service:** Did you Test Connection?
2. **Reconcile:** Did you wait for "Success"?
3. **Adoption:** Did you create the `Linux System-Accounts` user *before* trying to assign accounts to it? (You can't assign to a user that doesn't exist).
4. **Script Syntax:** Memorize `ps.searchByFilter("Person", "(cn=Name)", 2); .` This