## **Task 5:**

## **Automated Security Auditing & Scripting**

## **Exploit**

```
# Log file for results
LOG_FILE="/var/log/security_audit.log"
echo "[+] Security Audit - $(date)" > $LOG_FILE

echo "[+] Checking user login attempts ..." | tee -a $LOG_FILE

echo "
[+] Checking for unauthorized login attempts in auth.log ..." | tee -a $LOG_FILE

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grep 'Failed password' /var/log/auth.log | tail -n 5 | tee -a $LOG_FILE

echo "
[+] Detecting running services ... " | tee -a $LOG_FILE

systemctl list-units --type-service | tee -a $LOG_FILE

echo "
[+] Monitoring disk usage ... " | tee -a $LOG_FILE

echo "
[+] Audit complete. Results saved in $LOG_FILE"

# Optional: Trigger email alert for failed SSH attempts

FAILED_SSH*(grep 'Failed password' /var/log/auth.log | tail -n 5)

if [ -n "$FAILED_SSH" ]; then

echo -e "[ALERT] Failed SSH login attempts detected:\n$FAILED_SSH" | mail -s "Security Alert" root@localhost

fi
```

We create a script to simulate an exploitation scenario by identifying weak accounts, unused services, or excessive storage use. These issues can be entry points for attackers or risks for DoS attacks.

## **Mitigation**

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```
(kali@ vbox)-[~/Desktop]
$ * * * * /home/kali/Desktop/system_monitoring.sh
```

To automate monitoring, add the script to cron with the following line: This schedules it to run hourly for continuous system monitoring.

```
(kali@ vbox)-[~/Desktop]
$\frac{\sudo}{\sudo} apt install mailutils
```

To improve security, set up email alerts for unauthorized SSH attempts. First, install the required package using: This helps monitor attacks by sending timely notifications.

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