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Reflection (Required)

😬 **Reflection Question #1:** If I had to **explain “what Audit does” in 3 emojis**, they would be...
(Feel free to put other comments about your experience in this unit here, too!)

“HIDS” reminds me a lot of a sophisticated surveillance camera system 📷. The cameras don't prevent an attacker from getting in. Still, it can give an alert (motion detection) and provide a lot of information to help defend the area (like face recognition), as well as logs (video playback).

📷 **Camera** to **Protect** 🔍 **Magnifier** to **Monitor** 📄 **Paper** to **Log**

🧠 **Reflection Question #2:** How does Audit track changes made to specific files?

- Audit is a service (auditd) that requires a set of rules defined by the administrator, specifying which files or directories to monitor, along with the possible actions on these objects, (**r**ead, **w**rite, **e**xecute, **a**tttribute).
- Based on the rules, Audit will monitor file access and modification events, and provide a detailed log of any events.
- These rules are inside the file `/etc/audit/rules.d/audit.rules`. (on ubuntu)

- Lets define a rule as an example:

We will edit `audit.rules` with a text editor and add :

```
-w /home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/cloudia.txt -p w -k unit2_prj_changes
```

“-w”: watch this file or directory

“-p”: what to track (rwx)

“-k”: create a key for easy identification in the log file

After saving and closing “`audit.rules`”. We restart auditd

```
sudo systemctl restart auditd
```

We can check the service status:

```
sudo systemctl status auditd
```

We make sure the rules are correctly loaded

```
auditctl -R /etc/audit/rules.d/audit.rules
```

We can list the rules

```
auditctl -l
```

All monitored actions will be recorded. Now we need to access the log to assess a situation.

```
sudo ausearch -ts today -k unit2_lab_changes -i > changes.txt
```

ausearch is the command to access the log

"-ts" : time start: we search in today events

"-k" : we use the key we defined "unit2_prj_changes"

"-i" : convert raw numerical values to "human-readable" form.

"> changes.txt" : I redirect the output to a text file that I can use later.


We can also use to display informations about a specific file:

```
sudo ausearch -f /home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/cloudia.txt -i
```

We can also use the command aureport in combination with ausearch to show directly the effects of the attack:

```
sudo ausearch --start yesterday --end now -k unit2_prj_changes | aureport -f -i
```

```
96. 09/24/2024 23:39:29 /home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/ sendto yes /usr/sbin/auditctl codepath 529
97. 09/24/2024 23:40:05 /home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/cloudia.txt openat yes /home/codepath/project2-main/attack-a codepath 530
98. 09/24/2024 23:40:05 /home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/oakley.txt openat yes /home/codepath/project2-main/attack-b codepath 531
99. 09/24/2024 23:40:05 /home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/squeaky.txt openat yes /home/codepath/project2-main/attack-b codepath 532
100. 09/24/2024 23:40:05 /home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/precipitation.csv openat yes /home/codepath/project2-main/attack-c codepath 533
```

 **Shoutouts:** Share appreciation for anyone who helped you out with this project or made your day a little better!

ALL TEAM 17 !!! Special shoudout to Isael MELENDEZ

Required Challenges (Required)

Item #1: The names of the affected files:

```
/home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/cloudia.txt
/home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/oakley.txt
/home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/squeaky.txt
/home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/precipitation.csv
```

Item #2: The (file, attack) pairings of which attack changed which file:

```
cloudia.txt, attack-a
oakley.txt, attack-b
squeaky.txt, attack-b
precipitation.csv, attack-c
```

```

type=PROCTITLE msg=audit(09/24/2024 23:40:05.411:530) : proctitle=../attack-a
type=PATH msg=audit(09/24/2024 23:40:05.411:530) : item=1 name=/home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/cloudia.txt inode=1184369 dev=08:05 mode=file,664 ouid=codepath ogid=codepath
L cap_fp=none cap_fl=none cap_fe=0 cap_fver=0 cap_frootid=0
type=PATH msg=audit(09/24/2024 23:40:05.411:530) : item=0 name=/home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/ inode=1184363 dev=08:05 mode=dir,775 ouid=codepath ogid=codepath rdev=00:00
e cap_fl=none cap_fe=0 cap_fver=0 cap_frootid=0
type=CWD msg=audit(09/24/2024 23:40:05.411:530) : cwd=/home/codepath/project2-main
type=SYSCALL msg=audit(09/24/2024 23:40:05.411:530) : arch=x86_64 syscall=openat success=yes exit=3 a0=AT_FDCWD a1=0x7ffcbcb8ada50 a2=0 WRONLY|O_CREAT|O_APPEND a3=0x1b6 items=2 ppid=3248
d=codepath gid=codepath euid=codepath suid=codepath fsuid=codepath egid=codepath sgid=codepath fsgid=codepath tty=pts0 ses=3 comm=attack-a exe=/home/codepath/project2-main/attack-a subj
changes
type=PROCTITLE msg=audit(09/24/2024 23:40:05.413:531) : proctitle=../attack-b
type=PATH msg=audit(09/24/2024 23:40:05.413:531) : item=1 name=/home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/oakley.txt inode=1184483 dev=08:05 mode=file,664 ouid=codepath ogid=codepath
cap_fp=none cap_fl=none cap_fe=0 cap_fver=0 cap_frootid=0
type=PATH msg=audit(09/24/2024 23:40:05.413:531) : item=0 name=/home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/ inode=1184363 dev=08:05 mode=dir,775 ouid=codepath ogid=codepath rdev=00:00
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d=codepath gid=codepath euid=codepath suid=codepath fsuid=codepath egid=codepath sgid=codepath fsgid=codepath tty=pts0 ses=3 comm=attack-b exe=/home/codepath/project2-main/attack-b subj
changes
type=PROCTITLE msg=audit(09/24/2024 23:40:05.413:532) : proctitle=../attack-b
type=PATH msg=audit(09/24/2024 23:40:05.413:532) : item=1 name=/home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/squeaky.txt inode=1184367 dev=08:05 mode=file,664 ouid=codepath ogid=codepath
L cap_fp=none cap_fl=none cap_fe=0 cap_fver=0 cap_frootid=0
type=PATH msg=audit(09/24/2024 23:40:05.413:532) : item=0 name=/home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/ inode=1184363 dev=08:05 mode=dir,775 ouid=codepath ogid=codepath rdev=00:00
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d=codepath gid=codepath euid=codepath suid=codepath fsuid=codepath egid=codepath sgid=codepath fsgid=codepath tty=pts0 ses=3 comm=attack-b exe=/home/codepath/project2-main/attack-b subj
changes
type=PROCTITLE msg=audit(09/24/2024 23:40:05.415:533) : proctitle=../attack-c
type=PATH msg=audit(09/24/2024 23:40:05.415:533) : item=1 name=/home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/precipitation.csv inode=1184368 dev=08:05 mode=file,664 ouid=codepath ogid=co
=NORMAL cap_fp=none cap_fl=none cap_fe=0 cap_fver=0 cap_frootid=0
type=PATH msg=audit(09/24/2024 23:40:05.415:533) : item=0 name=/home/codepath/project2-main/protected_files/ inode=1184363 dev=08:05 mode=dir,775 ouid=codepath ogid=codepath rdev=00:00
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d=codepath gid=codepath euid=codepath suid=codepath fsuid=codepath egid=codepath sgid=codepath fsgid=codepath tty=pts0 ses=3 comm=attack-c exe=/home/codepath/project2-main/attack-c subj
changes
codepath@ubuntu: /project2-main$

```

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Required Challenges

- Item #1
- Item #2

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