

Implement Access Control (AppArmor)

Verification and configuration of Mandatory Access Control (MAC) using AppArmor to restrict program capabilities and enforce the principle of least privilege.

Verification & Reporting Commands:

1. Create the reporting script

```
nano apparmor-report.sh
```

2. Insert script

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
# AppArmor Status Report Script
```

```
# Reports on all AppArmor profiles and their status
```

```
echo "=====
```

```
echo "AppArmor Status Report"
```

```
echo "=====
```

```
echo "Generated: $(date)"
```

```
echo "Hostname: $(hostname)"
```

```
echo ""
```

```
# Check if AppArmor is installed
```

```
if ! command -v aa-status &> /dev/null; then
```

```
    echo "ERROR: AppArmor is not installed"
```

```
    exit 1
```

```
fi
```

```
echo "=== Profile Summary ==="
```

```
# Count total profiles loaded
```

```
total_profiles=$(sudo aa-status --profiled | wc -l)
```

```
echo "Total profiles loaded: $total_profiles"
```

```
echo ""
```

```
echo "=== Enforced Profiles ==="
```

```
sudo aa-status --enforced
```

```
enforced_count=$(sudo aa-status --enforced | wc -l)
```

```
echo "Count: $enforced_count"
```

```
echo ""
```

```
echo "=== Complain Mode Profiles ==="
```

```
sudo aa-status --complaining
```

```
complain_count=$(sudo aa-status --complaining | wc -l)
```

```
echo "Count: $complain_count"
```

```
echo ""
```

```
echo "=====
```

```
echo "Report Complete"
```

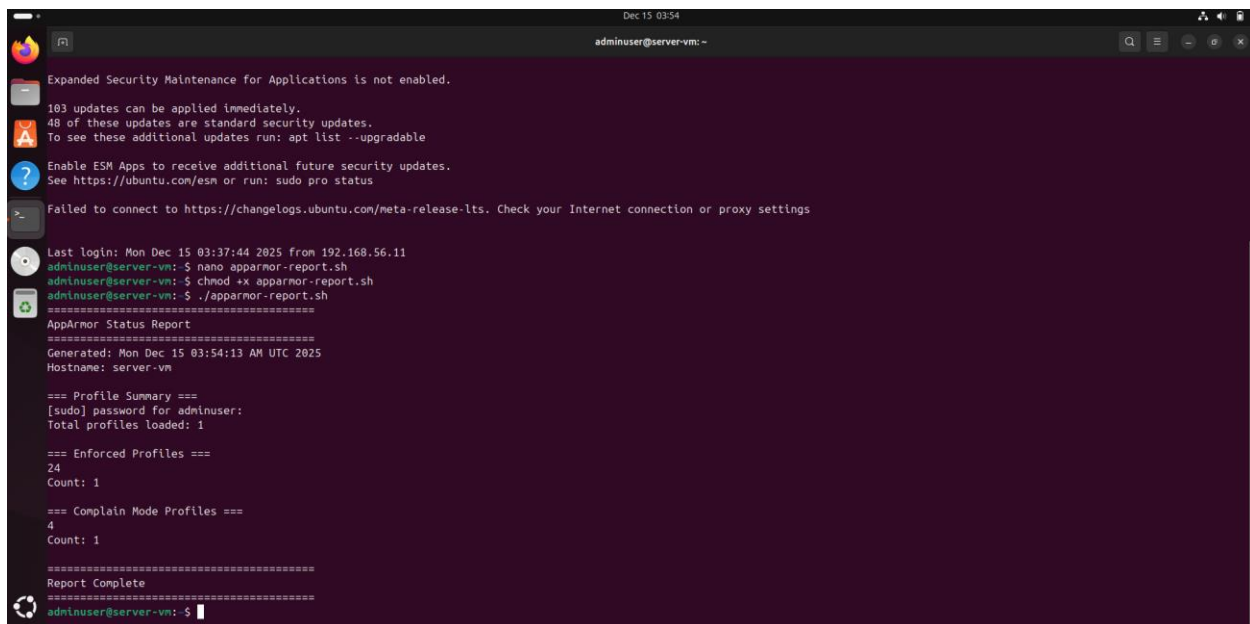
```
echo "=====
```

3. Make executable

```
chmod +x apparmor-report.sh
```

4. Run script

```
./apparmor-report.sh
```



```
Dec 15 03:54
adminuser@server-vm: ~
Expanded Security Maintenance for Applications is not enabled.
103 updates can be applied immediately.
48 of these updates are standard security updates.
To see these additional updates run: apt list --upgradable
Enable ESM Apps to receive additional future security updates.
See https://ubuntu.com/esm or run: sudo pro status
Failed to connect to https://changelogs.ubuntu.com/meta-release-lts. Check your Internet connection or proxy settings

Last login: Mon Dec 15 03:37:44 2025 from 192.168.56.11
adminuser@server-vm: $ nano apparmor-report.sh
adminuser@server-vm: $ chmod +x apparmor-report.sh
adminuser@server-vm: $ ./apparmor-report.sh
=====
AppArmor Status Report
=====
Generated: Mon Dec 15 03:54:13 AM UTC 2025
Hostname: server-vm

=== Profile Summary ===
[sudo] password for adminuser:
Total profiles loaded: 1

=== Enforced Profiles ===
24
Count: 1

=== Complain Mode Profiles ===
4
Count: 1

=====
Report Complete
=====
adminuser@server-vm: $
```

Configure automatic security updates

Implementation of unattended upgrades to ensure the server automatically applies critical security patches, minimizing the vulnerability window.

Configuration Commands:

1. Install the package

```
sudo apt update && sudo apt install unattended-upgrades
```

2. Configure the service

```
sudo dpkg-reconfigure -plow unattended-upgrades
```

3. Verify the service is active

```
sudo systemctl status unattended-upgrades
```

4. Verify configuration file creation

```
cat /etc/apt/apt.conf.d/20auto-upgrades
```

```
adminuser@server-vm:~$ sudo systemctl status unattended-upgrades
● unattended-upgrades.service - Unattended Upgrades Shutdown
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/unattended-upgrades.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Mon 2025-12-15 00:22:06 UTC; 3h 34min ago
     Docs: man:unattended-upgrade(8)
    Main PID: 729 (unattended-upgr)
      Tasks: 2 (limit: 2267)
     Memory: 23.5M (peak: 23.9M)
        CPU: 402ms
    CGroup: /system.slice/unattended-upgrades.service
            └─729 /usr/bin/python3 /usr/share/unattended-upgrades/unattended-upgrade-shutdown --wait-for-signal

adminuser@server-vm:~$ cat /etc/apt/apt.conf.d/20auto-upgrades
APT::Periodic::Update-Package-Lists "1";
APT::Periodic::Unattended-Upgrade "1";
```

Configure fail2ban for enhanced intrusion detection

Installation and configuration of Fail2Ban to protect the SSH service against brute-force attacks by banning IP addresses after repeated failed login attempts.

Configuration Commands:

1. Install Fail2Ban

```
sudo apt install fail2ban
```

2. Create local configuration (preserve default jail.conf)

```
sudo cp /etc/fail2ban/jail.conf /etc/fail2ban/jail.local
```

3. Configure SSH Jail

```
sudo nano /etc/fail2ban/jail.local
```

4. Change to

```
[sshd]
```

```
enabled = true
```

```
port = 22
```

```
filter = sshd
```

```
logpath = /var/log/auth.log
```

```
maxretry = 3
```

```
bantime = 600
```

```
findtime = 600
```

5. Restart and Verify

```
sudo systemctl restart fail2ban
```

```
sudo fail2ban-client status sshd
```

```
adminuser@server-vm:~$ sudo fail2ban-client status sshd
Status for the jail: sshd
|- Filter
| |- Currently failed: 0
| |- Total failed:    0
| `-- File list:      /var/log/auth.log
`-- Actions
    |- Currently banned: 0
    |- Total banned:    0
    `-- Banned IP list:
```

Security Baseline Verification Script (security-baseline.sh)

A script deployed on the Server to automatically verify that the security controls implemented, and they are active and correctly configured.

1. Edit script

```
nano ./security-baseline.sh
```

2. Add

Script Content:

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
# Security Baseline Verification Script
```

```
# Verifies all security configurations from Phase 5
```

```
echo "=====
```

```
echo "Security Baseline Verification Report"
```

```
echo "=====
```

```
echo "Generated: $(date)"
```

```
echo "Hostname: $(hostname)"
```

```
echo ""
```

```
# Colour codes for output
```

```
RED='\033[0;31m'
```

```
GREEN='\033[0;32m'
```

```
YELLOW='\033[1;33m'
```

```
NC='\033[0m' # No Colour
```

```
# 1. Check SSH configuration
```

```
echo "=== SSH Security Configuration ==="
```

```
# Check password authentication
echo -n "Password Authentication: "
if grep -q "^PasswordAuthentication no" /etc/ssh/sshd_config.d/*.conf; then
    echo -e "${GREEN}DISABLED${NC} (Secure)"
else
    echo -e "${RED}ENABLED${NC} (Warning: Should be disabled)"
fi
```

```
# Check root login
echo -n "Root Login via SSH: "
if grep -q "^PermitRootLogin no" /etc/ssh/sshd_config.d/*.conf; then
    echo -e "${GREEN}DISABLED${NC} (Secure)"
else
    echo -e "${RED}ENABLED${NC} (Warning: Should be disabled)"
fi
```

```
# Check public key authentication
echo -n "Public Key Authentication: "
if grep -q "^PubkeyAuthentication yes" /etc/ssh/sshd_config.d/*.conf; then
    echo -e "${GREEN}ENABLED${NC} (Secure)"
else
    echo -e "${YELLOW}DISABLED${NC} (Warning: Should be enabled)"
fi
echo ""
```

```
# 2. Check Firewall Configuration
echo "=== Firewall Configuration ==="
```

```
if command -v ufw &> /dev/null; then
```

```
    echo "Firewall Status:"
```

```
    sudo ufw status | grep "Status"
```

```
    echo "Active Rules:"
```

```
    sudo ufw status numbered
```

```
else
```

```
    echo -e "${RED}UFW not installed${NC}"
```

```
fi
```

```
echo ""
```

```
# 3. Check Intrusion Detection (fail2ban)
```

```
echo "=== Intrusion Detection (fail2ban) ==="
```

```
if systemctl is-active --quiet fail2ban; then
```

```
    echo -e "Service Status: ${GREEN}RUNNING${NC} (Secure)"
```

```
    echo "SSH Jail Status:"
```

```
    sudo fail2ban-client status sshd 2>/dev/null || echo "SSH jail not configured"
```

```
else
```

```
    echo -e "Service Status: ${RED}NOT RUNNING${NC} (Warning)"
```

```
fi
```

```
echo ""
```

```
# 4. Check Mandatory Access Control (AppArmor)
```

```
echo "=== Mandatory Access Control ==="
```

```
if command -v aa-status &> /dev/null; then
```

```
    echo "System: AppArmor"
```

```
    enforced=$(sudo aa-status --enforced 2>/dev/null | wc -l)
```

```
    echo "Profiles in enforce mode: $enforced"
```

```
if [ "$enforced" -gt 0 ]; then
    echo -e "Status: ${GREEN}ACTIVE${NC}"
else
    echo -e "Status: ${YELLOW}INSTALLED BUT NO ENFORCED PROFILES${NC}"
fi
else
    echo -e "${RED}AppArmor not installed${NC}"
fi
echo ""
```

5. Check Automatic Updates

```
echo "=== Automatic Security Updates ==="
if systemctl is-enabled unattended-upgrades &> /dev/null; then
    echo -e "Status: ${GREEN}ENABLED${NC} (Secure)"
else
    echo -e "Status: ${YELLOW}DISABLED${NC} (Warning)"
fi
echo ""
```

```
echo "=== Check Complete ==="
```

3. Make executable

```
chmod +x security-baseline.sh
```

4. Run script

```
./security-baseline.sh
```



```
adminuser@server-vm: ~$ ^C
adminuser@server-vm: ~$ chmod +x security-baseline.sh
adminuser@server-vm: ~$ sudo ./security-baseline.sh
=====
Security Baseline Verification Report
Generated: Mon Dec 15 04:37:25 AM UTC 2023
Hostname: server-vm

=== SSH Security Configuration ===
Password Authentication: DISABLED (Secure)
Root Login via SSH: DISABLED (Secure)
Public Key Authentication: ENABLED (Secure)

=== Firewall Configuration ===
Firewall Status:
Status: active
Active Rules:
Status: active

To      Action      From
--      -
[ 1] 22    ALLOW IN    192.168.56.11

=== Intrusion Detection (fail2ban) ===
Service Status: RUNNING (Secure)
SSH Jail Status:
Status for the jail: sshd
|- Filter
|   |- Currently failed: 0
|   |- Total failed:    0
|   - File list:        /var/log/auth.log
|- Actions
|   |- Currently banned: 0
|   |- Total banned:    0
|   - Banned IP list:
=== Mandatory Access Control ===
System: AppArmor
Profiles in enforce mode: 1
Status: ACTIVE

=== Automatic Security Updates ===
Status: ENABLED (Secure)

=== Check Complete ===
adminuser@server-vm: ~$
```

Remote Monitoring Script

A script deployed on the Workstation that connects to the server via SSH to collect performance metrics (CPU, Memory, Disk) without requiring an interactive session.

1. Edit script

```
nano ./monitor-server.sh
```

2. Make executable

```
chmod +x monitor-server.sh
```

3. Execution Command (Workstation):

```
./monitor-server.sh
```

Script Content:

```
#!/bin/bash
# Remote Server Monitoring Script
# Runs on Workstation, connects via SSH

# Define Server IP and User
SERVER_IP="192.168.56.10"
USER="adminuser"

echo "=== Connecting to Server ($SERVER_IP) ==="

# 1. Collect System Uptime
echo "--- Uptime ---"
ssh $USER@$SERVER_IP "uptime"

# 2. Collect Memory Usage (Human Readable)
echo "--- Memory Usage ---"
ssh $USER@$SERVER_IP "free -h"

# 3. Collect Disk Usage (Physical drives only)
echo "--- Disk Usage ---"
ssh $USER@$SERVER_IP "df -h | grep '/dev/'"

echo "=== Monitoring Finished ==="
```

```
adminuser@workspace-vm:~$ nano ./monitor-server.sh
adminuser@workspace-vm:~$ ./monitor-server.sh
=== Connecting to Server (192.168.56.10) ===
--- Uptime ---
04:45:22 up 4:23, 3 users, load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.00
--- Memory Usage ---

```

	total	used	free	shared	buff/cache	available
Mem:	1.9Gi	366Mi	1.0Gi	1.4Mi	742Mi	1.6Gi
Swap:	1.4Gi	0B	1.4Gi			

```
--- Disk Usage ---
/dev/mapper/ubuntu--vg-ubuntu--lv 8.1G 4.2G 3.5G 55% /
tmpfs 984M 0 984M 0% /dev/shm
/dev/sda2 1.7G 100M 1.5G 7% /boot
=== Monitoring Finished ===
```