Network Administration/System Administration (NTU CSIE, Spring 2024)

Homework #3

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1 Initial partition

Steps

- 1. Run fdisk /dev/vda.
- 2. Run the following commands inside fdisk:

```
Command (m for help): g
Created a new GPT disklabel (GUID: C55CEE8B-500E-4F53-BD71-CD40DA22FBE1).
Command (m for help): n
Partition number (1-128, default 1):
First sector (2048-2097118, default 2048):
Last sector, +/-sectors or +/-size{K,M,G,T,P} (2048-2097118, default 2095103): +1M
Created a new partition 1 of type 'Linux filesystem' and of size 1 MiB.
Command (m for help): t
Selected partition 1
Partition type or alias (type L to list all): 4
Changed type of partition 'Linux filesystem' to 'BIOS boot'.
Command (m for help): n
Partition number (2-128, default 2):
First sector (4096-2097118, default 4096):
Last sector, +/-sectors or +/-size{K,M,G,T,P} (4096-2097118, default 2095103): +100M
Created a new partition 2 of type 'Linux filesystem' and of size 100 MiB.
Command (m for help): n
Partition number (3-128, default 3):
First sector (208896-2097118, default 208896):
Last sector, +/-sectors or +/-size{K,M,G,T,P} (208896-2097118, default 2095103):
Created a new partition 3 of type 'Linux filesystem' and of size 921 MiB.
Command (m for help): t
Partition number (1-3, default 3): 3
Partition type or alias (type L to list all): 44
Changed type of partition 'Linux filesystem' to 'Linux LVM'.
Command (m for help): w
```

Result Below is the output of fdisk -1 /dev/vda:

```
Disk /dev/vda: 1 GiB, 1073741824 bytes, 2097152 sectors
Units: sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes
Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
Disklabel type: gpt
Disk identifier: C4F827B5-EBD3-4195-9A91-603764104ABE
                                   Size Type
Device
            Start
                      End Sectors
             2048
                                      1M BIOS boot
/dev/vda1
                     4095
                             2048
/dev/vda2
             4096
                   413695
                           409600
                                    200M Linux filesystem
           413696 2095103 1681408
/dev/vda3
                                   821M Linux LVM
```

References

• fdisk partition types

2 RAID Setup

Steps Run the following commands:

```
mdadm --create /dev/md127 --level 10 --name data --raid-devices 4 \
   /dev/vdc /dev/vdd /dev/vdf
mdadm --create /dev/md126 --level 0 --name linux --raid-devices 2 \
   /dev/vda3 /dev/vdb
```

Result Below is the output of cat /proc/mdstat:

References

• mdadm --create --help

3 Disk encryption

Steps

1. Encrypt /dev/vda2 and map it to /dev/mapper/cryptboot:

```
cryptsetup luksFormat --type luks1 /dev/vda2
cryptsetup open /dev/vda2 cryptboot
```

2. Generate a random 256-bit key, and add it as a key of /dev/mapper/cryptboot:

dd if=/dev/random of=b12902110.key bs=256 count=1|
cryptsetup luksAddKey /dev/vda2 /root/password

3. Encrypt /dev/md/linux and map it to /dev/mapper/cryptroot:

cryptsetup luksFormat --type luks2 /dev/md/linux b12902110.key
cryptsetup open /dev/md/linux cryptroot

4. Encrypt /dev/md/data and map it to /dev/mapper/cryptdata:

cryptsetup lukfFormat --type luks2 /dev/md/data b12902110.key
cryptsetup open /dev/md/data cryptdata

Result Below is the output of lsblk -f and cryptsetup status:

root@archiso	~ # lsblk -f						
NAME	FSTYPE	FSVER	LABEL	UUID	FSAVAIL I	SUSE%	MOUNTPOINTS
fd0 loop0	sguashfs	4.0			0	100%	/run/archiso/airootfs
sr0	iso9660		ARCH 202312	2023-12-01-15-40-55-00	0		/run/archiso/bootmnt
sr1							
vda .							
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∟md126	crypto_LUKS	2		8b0a0d4e-f544-4e58-84ba-1e3ace621bf4			
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—cryptroot		2		000000016-1311-1630-0100-163066021011			
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∟cryptdata							
root@archiso	" #						

```
coot@archiso ~ # cryptsetup status /dev/mapper/cryptboot
/dev/mapper/cryptboot is active.
type: LUKS1
cipher: aes-xts-plain64
keysize: 512 bits
 key location: dm-crypt
 device: /dev/uda2
 sector size: 512
 offset: 4096 sectors
size: 405504 sectors
 dev/mapper/cryptroot is active.
 type: LUKS2
cipher: aes-xts-plain64
keysize: 512 bits
 key location: keyring
 device: /dev/md126
 sector size: 512
offset: 32768 sectors
size: 3737600 sectors
mode: read/urite

oot@archiso ~ # cryptsetup status /dev/mapper/cryptdata
dev/mapper/cryptdata is active.
 type: LUKS2
cipher: aes-xts-plain64
keysize: 512 bits
 key location: keyring
 device: /dev/md127
sector size: 512
offset: 32768 sectors
size: 4153344 sectors
 mode: read/write
p<mark>ot</mark>@archiso ~ # _
```

References

- dm-crypt/Device encryption ArchWiki
- Linux Unified Key Setup Wikipedia
- man dd
- mdadm raid doesn't mount Unix & Linux Stack Exchange
- How to determine what encryption is being used a LUKS partition? Unix & Linux Stack Exchange
- man lsblk

LVM Setup 4

Steps Run the following commands:

```
pvcreate /dev/mapper/cryptroot
vgcreate linux /dev/mapper/cryptroot
lvcreate --size 256M --name home linux
lvcreate --extents 100%FREE --name root linux cryptdata
```

Result Below is the output of pvs, vgs, lvs, and fdisk -1:

```
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ot@archiso ~ #
```

References

- man pycreate, man vgcreate and man lycreate
- Section "LVM usage" of "Partition lab 2024 HackMD"

5 Formatting

Steps Run the following commands:

```
mkfs.ext4 /dev/linux/home
mkfs.ext4 /dev/linux/root
mkfs.xfs /dev/mapper/cryptdata
mkfs.ext2 /dev/mapper/cryptbooot
```

Result Below is the output of fdisk -l after formatting:

```
lsblk -f
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ot@archiso ~ #
```

6 Mounting

Steps Run the following commands:

```
mount /dev/linux/root /mnt
mount /dev/linux/home /mnt/home --mkdir
mount /dev/mapper/cryptboot /mnt/boot --mkdir
mount /dev/mapper/cryptdata /mnt/data --mkdir
```

Result Below is the output of mount and 1s -alh /mnt:

```
root@archiso /mt.i mout
proc on /proc type proc (ru,nosuid,nodev,noexec,relatine)
sys on /sys type sysfs (ru,nosuid,nodev,noexec,relatine)
sys on /sys type sysfs (ru,nosuid,nodev,noexec,relatine)
dev on /dev type devtmpfs (ru,nosuid,nodev,relatine,node-755,inode64)
run on /run type tupfs (ru,nosuid,nodev,relatine,node-755,inode64)
dev-yro on /run/archiso/cowspace type tupfs (ru,relatine,size-26214k,node-755,inode64)
dev-yro on /run/archiso/cowspace type tupfs (ru,relatine,size-26214k,node-755,inode64)
dev/sro on /run/archiso/cowspace type sysashs (ro,relatine,relatine)
dev/loop@on /run/archiso/cowspace/persistent_/x86_64/upperdir,workdir=/run/archiso/cowspace/
persistent_/x86_64/avokfi.rundfon)
securityfs on /sys/kernel/security type securityfs (ru,nosuid,nodev,noexec,relatine)
tupfs on /dev/sht type tupfs (ru,nosuid,nodev,noexec,relatine,node-600)
devyts on /dev/pts type devyts (ru,nosuid,nodev,noexec,relatine)
devyts on /dev/pts type devyts (ru,nosuid,nodev,noexec,relatine)
byfo on /sys/fsyftore type sproc (ru,nosuid,nodev,noexec,relatine)
byfo on /sys/fsyftore type sproc (ru,nosuid,nodev,noexec,relatine)
byfo on /sys/fsyftore type sproc (ru,nosuid,nodev,noexec,relatine)
system=1 on /proc/sys/fsylinfin_nisc type autofs (ru,relatine,fd=55,pgrp=1,tineout=0,ninproto=5,maxproto=5,direct,pipe_ino=1639)
```

7 Arch Installation

Steps

- Run pacman -Sy --needed archlinux-keyring to update archlinux-keyring to the latest version 20240208-1. Otherwise we would get "signature is unknown trust" errors.
- Follow ArchWiki's installation guide and run the following commands:

```
pacstrap -K /mnt base linux
genfstab -U /mnt >> /mnt/etc/fstab
arch-chroot /mnt

pacman -Syu
pacman -S mdadm lvm2 nano man
ln -s /usr/share/zoneinfo/Asia/Taipei /etc/localtime
hwclock --systohc

# Edit /etc/locale.gen and uncomment en_US.UTF-8.
locale-gen
echo "LANG=en_US.UTF-8" > /etc/locale.conf

# Edit /etc/hostname and change hostname to new-arch-b12902110.
passwd
```

- Move key generated by step 3 to /etc/cryptsetup-keys.d.
- Edit /etc/mkinitcpio.conf and add encrypt, lvm2, mdadm_udev to HOOKS. Also add /etc/cryptsetup-keys.d/b12902110.key to FILES.

- Run mkinitcpio -p linux.
- Add the following lines to /etc/crypttab:

- Run pacman -S grub to Install GRUB.
- Edit the following lines in /etc/default/grub:

```
GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX="root=/dev/linux/root \
cryptdevice=UUID=8b0a0d4e-f544-4e58-84ba-1e3ace621bf4:cryptroot \
cryptkey=rootfs:/etc/cryptsetup-keys.d/b12902110.key"

GRUB_ENABLE_CRYPTODISK=y
```

• Run the following commands:

```
grub-install /dev/vda
grub-mkconfig -o /boot/grub/grub.cfg
```

Result After rebooting and logging in, we see that all volumes have been correctly mounted.

```
rch Linux 6.7.9-arch1-1 (tty1)
 ew-arch-of-b12902110 login: root
ast login: Sun Mar 10 15:37:17 on ttyl
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  root@new-arch-of-b12902110 ~1#
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References

- Installation guide ArchWiki (Installation)
- pacstrap(8) —Arch manual pages
- man genfstab, man arch-chroot, man hwclock
- chroot ArchWiki

• locale.conf(5) —Arch manual pages

Fixing package signature issue:

- [Resolved] Can't import and use PGP keys / Pacman & Package Upgrade Issues / Arch Linux Forums
- pacman/Package signing ArchWiki (Signature is unknown trust)

mkinitcpio:

- mkinitepio ArchWiki
- Ramfs, rootfs and initramfs —The Linux Kernel documentation
- RAID ArchWiki (Configure mkinitcpio)

Encryption:

- dm-crypt/System configuration ArchWiki (Unlocking in late userspace)
- crypttab(5) —Arch manual pages
- dm-crypt/System configuration ArchWiki (mkinitcpio)
- Kernel parameters ArchWiki
- Arch boot process ArchWiki
- GRUB ArchWiki (Encrypted /boot)
- dm-crypt/Device encryption ArchWiki (With a keyfile embedded in the initramfs)
- dm-crypt/Encrypting an entire system ArchWiki (Encrypted boot partition (GRUB)

GRUB and booting:

- Master boot record Wikipedia
- Boot sector Wikipedia
- GNU GRUB Wikipedia
- GNU GRUB Manual 2.12: BIOS installation
- GNU GRUB Manual 2.12: Simple configuration
- grub-install(8) —Arch manual pages

Others:

- Install Arch Linux on LVM ArchWiki
- [SOLVED] LVM on LUKS Installation emergency shell on boot / Installation / Arch Linux Forums
- Mount LVM Partition in Rescue Mode ShellHacks

8 Trivia

- (a) The partition table. That is Master Boot Record (MBR) or GUID Partition Table (GPT).
- (b) By default, 5% of the filesystem blocks will be reserved for the super-user. We can see this by running tunefs -1 DEVICE | grep Reserved.

References:

- disk usage df -h Used space + Avail Free space is less than the Total size of /home
 Ask Ubuntu
- Ext4 ArchWiki (Reserved blocks)
- **FUSE:** A software interface that allows non-privileged users to create their own file systems without needing to modify the kernel code directly. The developer uses the libfuse library to write a handler program that handle file I/Os.
 - Advantages: Can be written in any popular programming language. Easier to debug.
 - Disadvantage: May be slower.
 - Examples: GlusterFS, GmailFS.

References:

- Filesystem in Userspace Wikipedia
- What is the advantage of FUSE (file system in user space)? Quora
- linux What makes a fuse file system different than a kernel file system? Super User

(d) MBR vs. GPT:

	MBR	GPT
Meaning	Master Boot Record	GUID Partition Table
Maximum partitions	4 primary, or 3 primary and 1 extended	128
Maximum disk sectors	2^{32} sectors	2^{64} sectors

References:

- Master boot record Wikipedia
- GUID Partition Table Wikipedia
- UEFI/GPT-based hard drive partitions | Microsoft Learn
- (e) mount -t ntfs3 DEVICE MOUNTPOINT

References:

- Comparison of file systems Wikipedia
- exFAT Wikipedia
- NTFS Wikipedia
- NTFS ArchWiki
- NTFS3 —The Linux Kernel documentation

(f) 1 GB (gigabyte) = 10^9 bytes. 1 GiB (gibibyte) = 1024^3 bytes = 1073741824 bytes. 1s -h uses powers of 1024 by default.

References:

- Gigabyte Wikipedia
- man ls
- (g) Assuming 4 disks. 1st is fastest, 4th is slowest.

	Redundancy (Max. disks that we can lose)	Read speed	Write speed
RAID 0	0	$1\mathrm{st}$	1st
RAID 10	2 (only if 1 in every RAID 1)	2nd	4th
RAID 5	1	3rd	2st
RAID 6	2	3rd	3rd

References:

- Standard RAID levels Wikipedia
- Nested RAID levels Wikipedia
- (h) Maybe because encryption overhead is the bottleneck, that is, the slowest process of all processes.