Mitigating Hackers with Hardening on Linux - an Overview for Developers, focus on BoF 07 Oct 2021 OSI virtual conference

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https://github.com/kaiwan/hacksec

A few notes

sysad's... dev-ops... ALWAYS update their systems..

esp security patches...

TESTING!!!

Buffer Errors

ptr = malloc(1024);



Buffer OverFlow (BOF)

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DoS:
while(1) {
  p = malloc(1024);
   memset(...);
}
// fork bomb!
while (1)
      fork();
set resource limits!
 see ulimit / prlimit
make use of systemd! can set resouce limits on processes being exec-ed at boot.....
If you're not running the latest stable kernel (preferably an LTS kernel), you're
asking for security headaches!
Passwords-
use a passwd manager app
use a (master) passwd that's RANDOM and 16 chars...
Encryption:
- at rest : storage
- in motion: over the n/w
FOTA updates that are secure
madvise(2)
eg. prevent core-dumping a certain region of mem that has secrets...
32-bit:
2^3 = 4 \text{ GB}
VAS (every process) is 4 GB
illusion...
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map virtual pages (4 KB) to physical pages (pf: page frames); OS does the mapping for every process alive...

user:kernel VAS

3:1 (GB) :: u:k IA-32 2:2 (GB) :: u:k ARM32

3:1

by now the RET addr is : 0xAAAA! bogus...

(and we're out of time!)