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# Linux

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# Linux Security

# Security Tips

## Check Update for Security and Vulnerabilities

cve.mitre.org

redhat.com

access.redhat.com



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## Check Update for Security and Vulnerabilities

Redhat or CentOS:

```
yum updateinfo
```

```
yum updateinfo list
```

```
yum updateinfo [PackageName]
```

```
yum updateinfo RHSA-2016:0176 | less #Advisory ID
```





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## Check Update for Security and Vulnerabilities

# Redhat & CentOS

```
yum install yum-plugin-security
```

```
yum updateinfo
```

```
yum updateinfo list
```

```
yum updateinfo RHSA-2016:0176 | less
```

cve.mitre.org > search package or year s like 2017 for vulnerabilities

```
updateinfo list --cve=CVE=2016-0728
```



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## Check Update for Security and Vulnerabilities

Ubuntu:

#Check updates

```
apt-get -s dist-upgrade
```

#Check update start with Installable

```
apt-get -s dist-upgrade | grep "^Inst"
```

#Check update Installable for security

```
apt-get -s dist-upgrade | grep "^Inst" | grep -i secur
```

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## Modifying Text Console Setting

```
#Text Console Security  
/etc/issue  
login  
/etc/motd
```



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## Modifying Text Console Setting

```
vim /etc/issue  
Authorized access only
```

```
vim /etc/motd  
Welcome to this server
```



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## SSH Port

```
vi /etc/ssh/sshd_config  
#Change  
Port 22 > Port 2022
```

```
systemctl restart sshd  
netstat -tulpen | grep 22
```

```
systemctl status sshd
```

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## Managing default permissions

```
cd
touch afile
ls -l afile

su - reza
touch arezafile
ls -l arezafile
```

# you can see the different between files permission

Umask - bitmask

files : 666      Directories: 777

Umask 022= 644      022 =755

umask 002= 644      002 =775

umask 027= 640      027 =750

#umask 027

#touch lfile

#ls -l

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## Using extended attributes

Regular File Attribute  
&

Extended Attribute

namespace.attribute

- |          |                                 |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| security | > linux kernel security modules |
| system   | > kernel to start ACL           |
| trusted  | > Used by processes gapps admin |
| user     | > used for managing users       |

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## Using extended attributes

```
cd vira  
chattr +i rootfile  
lsattr *  
rm -f rootfile
```

```
chattr -i rootfile  
rm -f rootfile
```



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## Using extended attributes

#ubuntu

lsattr

e means extend

getfattr /home/

getfattr -d /home/

getfattr -m secur/home/





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## Check Listening Network Ports

With the help of 'netstat' networking command you can view all open ports and associated programs. As I said above use 'chkconfig' command to disable all unwanted network services from the system.

```
netstat -tulpn
```

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## Use Secure Shell(SSH)

Telnet and rlogin protocols use plain text, not encrypted format which is the security breaches. SSH is a secure protocol that uses encryption technology during communication with the server.

Never login directly as root unless necessary. Use “sudo” to execute commands. sudo is specified in /etc/sudoers file and also can be edited with the “visudo” utility which opens in VI editor.

```
netstat -tulpn
```



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## Use Secure Shell(SSH)

It's also recommended to change default SSH 22 port number with some other higher level port number. Open the main SSH configuration file and make some following parameters to restrict users to access.

```
vi /etc/ssh/sshd_config
```

```
Disable root Login
```

```
PermitRootLogin no
```

```
Only allow Specific Users
```

```
AllowUsers username
```

```
Use SSH Protocol 2 Version
```

```
Protocol 2
```

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## Turn Off IPv6

If you're not using a IPv6 protocol, then you should disable it because most of the applications or policies not required IPv6 protocol and currently it doesn't required on the server. Go to network configuration file and add followings lines to disable it.

```
vi /etc/sysconfig/network  
NETWORKING_IPV6=no  
IPV6INIT=no
```

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## Disable Ctrl+Alt+Delete in Inittab

In most Linux distributions, pressing 'CTRL-ALT-DELETE' will takes your system to reboot process. So, it's not a good idea to have this option enabled at least on production servers, if someone by mistakenly does this.

This is defined in '/etc/inittab' file, if you look closely in that file you will see a line similar to below. By default line is not commented out. We have to comment it out. This particular key sequence signalling will shut-down a system.

```
# Trap CTRL-ALT-DELETE
#ca::ctrlaltdel:/sbin/shutdown -t3 -r now
```

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## Checking Accounts for Empty Passwords

Any account having an empty password means its opened for unauthorized access to anyone on the web and it's a part of security within a Linux server. So, you must make sure all accounts have strong passwords and no one has any authorized access. Empty password accounts are security risks and that can be easily hackable. To check if there were any accounts with empty password, use the following command.

```
cat /etc/shadow | awk -F: '($2==""){print $1}'
```



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## Ignore ICMP or Broadcast Request

Add following line in “/etc/sysctl.conf” file to ignore ping or broadcast request.

- ❖ Ignore ICMP request:
- ❖ `net.ipv4.icmp_echo_ignore_all = 1`
- ❖ Ignore Broadcast request:
- ❖ `net.ipv4.icmp_echo_ignore_broadcasts = 1`
- ❖ Load new settings or changes, by running following command
- ❖ `#sysctl -p`

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## Set Up Password Aging For Linux Users For Better Security

The changes the number of days between password changes and the date of the last password change. This information is used by the system to determine when a user must change his/her password. The [/etc/login.defs file](#) defines the site-specific configuration for the shadow password suite including password aging configuration. To disable password aging, enter:

```
# chage -M 99999 userName
```

To get password expiration information, enter:

```
# chage -l userName
```





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## Locking User Accounts After Login Failures

Under Linux you can use the faillog command to display faillog records or to set login failure limits. faillog formats the contents of the failure log from /var/log/faillog database / log file. It also can be used for maintains failure counters and limits. To see failed login attempts, enter:

```
faillog
```

To unlock an account after login failures, run:

```
faillog -r -u userName
```

Note you can use passwd command to lock and unlock accounts:

```
# lock Linux account
```

```
passwd -l userName
```

```
# unlock Linux account
```

```
passwd -u userName
```

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## Review Logs Regularly

Move logs in dedicated log server, this may prevents intruders to easily modify local logs. Below are the Common Linux default log files name and their usage:

- ❖ /var/log/message – Where whole system logs or current activity logs are available.
- ❖ /var/log/auth.log – Authentication logs.
- ❖ /var/log/kern.log – Kernel logs.
- ❖ /var/log/cron.log – Crond logs (cron job).
- ❖ /var/log/maillog – Mail server logs.
- ❖ /var/log/boot.log – System boot log.
- ❖ /var/log/mysqld.log – MySQL database server log file.
- ❖ /var/log/secure – Authentication log.
- ❖ /var/log/utmp or /var/log/wtmp : Login records file.
- ❖ /var/log/yum.log: Yum log files.



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