

Security risk assessment report

Part 1: Select up to three hardening tools and methods to implement

Password policies - Password policies are used to prevent attackers from easily guessing user passwords, either manually or by using a script to attempt thousands of stolen passwords (commonly called a brute force attack).

Part 2: Explain your recommendations

Implementing strong password policies is a critical step in hardening systems against unauthorized access. Weak or reused passwords are common attack vector exploited through brute-force attacks, credential stuffing, and password spraying.

By enforcing rules such as:

- Minimum password length and complexity
- Blocking reuse of previous passwords
- Mandatory periodic password changes
- Limiting login attempts

...the organization can significantly reduce the chances of attackers successfully guessing valid credentials.

This policy also encourages user accountability and sets a standard baseline for credential hygiene across the enterprise. When paired with multi-factor authentication and user training, password policies form the foundation of access control in a secure environment.