

Threats to Server Security

Server security is as important as network security because servers often hold a great deal of an organization's vital information. If a server is compromised, all of its contents may become available for the cracker to steal or manipulate at will.

- Unused Services and Open Ports
- Unpatched Services
- Inattentive Administration
- Inherently Insecure Services

Technical Controls

Technical controls use technology as a basis for controlling the access and usage of sensitive data throughout a physical structure and over a network. Technical controls are far-reaching in scope and encompass such technologies as:

- Encryption
- Smart cards
- Network authentication
- Access control lists (ACLs)
- File integrity auditing software

Administrative Controls

Administrative controls define the human factors of security. They involve all levels of personnel within an organization and determine which users have access to what resources and information by such means as:

- Training and awareness
- Disaster preparedness and recovery plans
- Personnel recruitment and separation strategies
- Personnel registration and accounting

Background and Motivation

- the Internet Protocol (IP) was not designed to be secure in itself
- OS loopholes COMPUTER/MOBILE
- Database
- Cloud SECURITY-IAAS, PAAS, SAAS

Threats to Network Security

Insecure Architectures

A misconfigured network is a primary entry point for unauthorized users. Leaving a trust-based, open local network vulnerable to the highly-insecure Internet is much like leaving a door ajar in a crime-ridden neighborhood.

- Broadcast Networks
- Centralized Servers

Linux vulnerabilities and attacks

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| 1) | Access to insecure Operating Systems | If it is a dual boot system, an attacker can select an operating system at boot time (for example, DOS) | Password protecting GRUB |
| 2) | Weak password, no password or default password | Cracking of weak passwords | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Enforcing Stronger Passwords 2) Restricting Use of Previous Passwords 3) Locking User Accounts After Too Many Login Failures |
| 3) | No password Aging | Use of Cracked password over long period of time | Apply good password Aging |
| 4) | root access to individual users | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Machine Misconfiguration 2) Running Insecure Services | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Disallowing Root Access 2) Disallow Remote Root Login 3) Disabling root access via any console device (tty) |
| 5) | Allowed su command to users | Access other user data and services | Limit and block su access |
| 6) | Enabled CTRL-ALT-Delete | Unauthorized System Shut down | Disable CTRL-ALT-Delete |

1) Vulnerability check module

There are various configuration files such as system configuration file and server configuration files which contains attributes that are critical. This module will check such configuration files and scan for attribute which are important from security perspective. This module check current attribute value with best security value required for that attribute. If current configured value is not a best security value then it will consider it as vulnerability and generates the vulnerability report. Generated report is given to the security module .

2) Log Analysis Module

Linux system consists of very strong logging mechanism maintains the log for kernel, servers, users, system processes etc. These entire logs by default placed at different location. This module collects the log from these various places and generates report. This generated report is useful for finding the vulnerability. Generated report is given to the security module .

3) Security Module

This module collects the vulnerability report and log analysis report and applies security. By looking vulnerability report this module get the vulnerable configuration files and modify them with best security practice. Similarly by looking log analysis report this module apply the security attributes accordingly. This model is actually responsible for modifying the configuration files and making the Linux more secure.

Proposed System

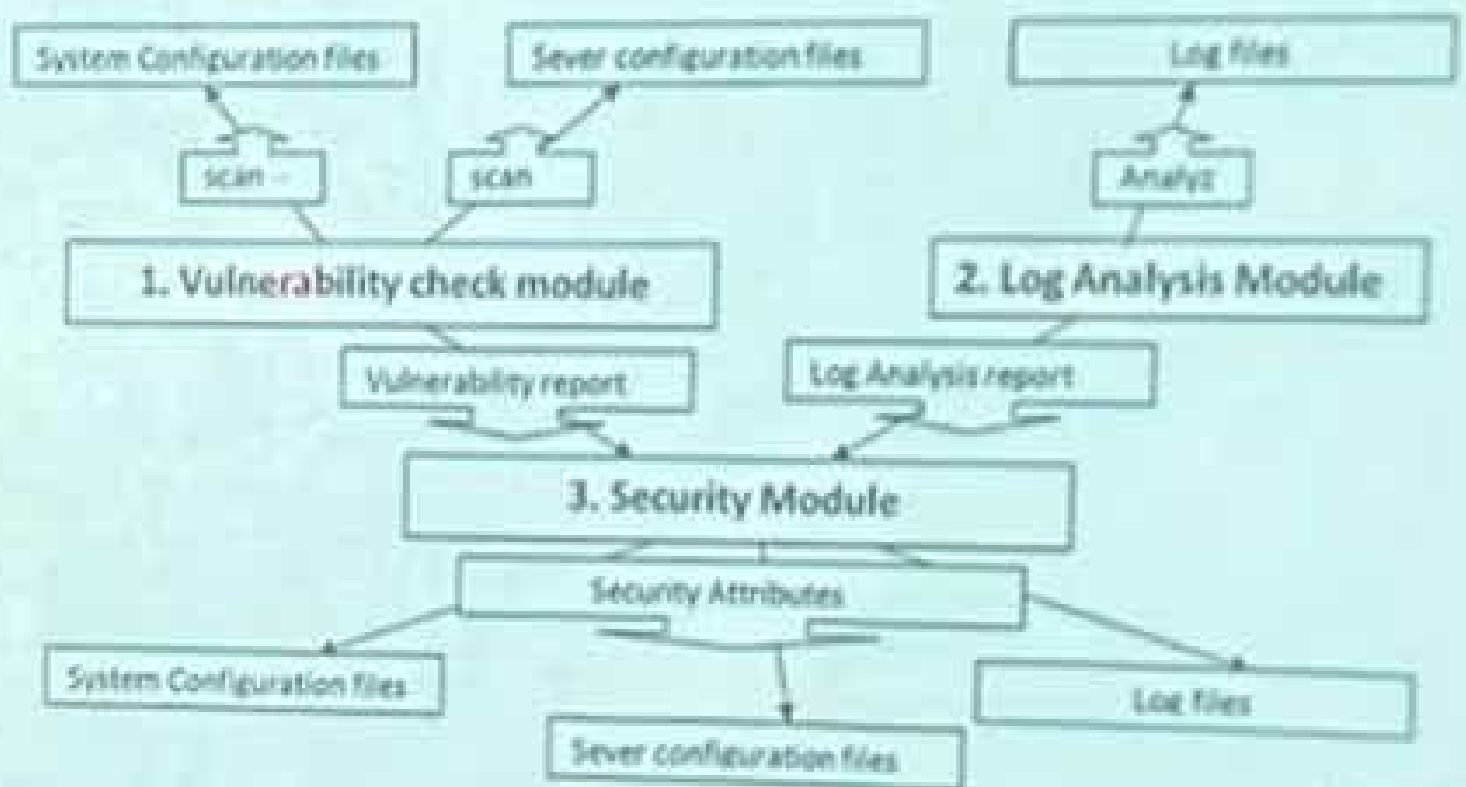


Fig. proposed system

Hardening Linux operating system

Threats to Workstation and Home PC

Workstations and home PCs may not be as prone to attack as networks or servers, but since they often contain sensitive data, such as credit card information, they are targeted by system crackers. Workstations can also be co-opted without the user's knowledge and used by attackers as "slave" machines in coordinated attacks.

- Bad Passwords
- Vulnerable Client Applications

- Art of attack

1. form fields
2. web page link
3. in URL type script

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Linux Security.

* DB Security

- Access control

- Sea views - DB sec (by command access of tables & att)

- auth & author

- A.C. by SFC model

- privileges & authorizatⁿ - diff models

- A.C. by DAC, MAC, RBAC or their combination

- Security control = physical, technical, administrative

- Physical control

picture 10s

locked & dead bolted steel doors

security guards

motⁿ or thermal alarm sys

closed-circuit surveillance cameras

- Technical cont.

- encryptⁿ

- smart card

- network authenticatⁿ

- ACL

- file integrity

- auditing sys.

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Q. What are the vulner., attacks & defense mech.

- linux vulnerability & attack

vulnerability

attacks

countermeasures

4. NO BIOS password Stealing/changing data using a bootable linux cd Give BIOS password

5. single user mode access access as root user without password password protecting BIOS

6. Access to the GRUB console change its config or password to gather information protecting GRUB is boot loader the cat command GRUB program on linux sys.

1. No separate partition for /boot, /home, /tmp & /var/tmp sys. crashing & data loss create separate partition for /boot, /home, /tmp, & /var/tmp

2. unnecessary s/w s/w vulnerability attack install min. s/w

3. malicious altered package sys. instability, sys crash & data loss, data still install signed packages

7. access to insecure OS if it is dual-boot syst, an attacker can select an OS at boot time (eg. DOS) password protecting GRUB
1. enforcing stronger password
2. restricting use of previous password
3. locking user account after too many login attempts

2. weak pass, no cracking of weak pass, default pass

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

3. no pass aging use of cracked pass over long period of time apply good pass aging

4. root access to machine misconfig. individual users at running insecure server

1. disallowing root login
2. disallow root login
3. disabling root access via an console device

5. allowed su access other user command to data & services users limit & block su access

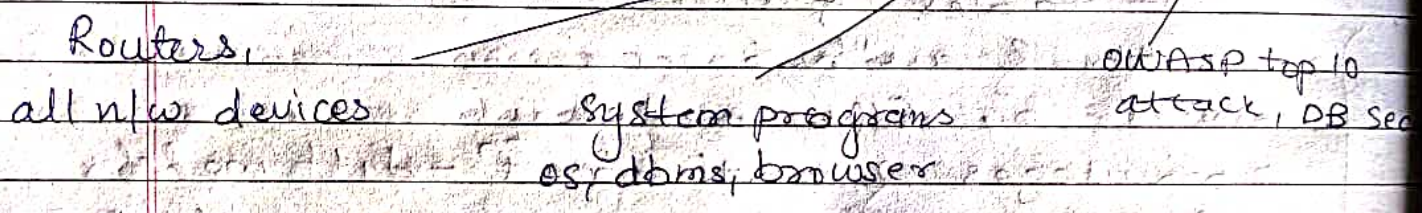
6. enabled unauthorized sys. OTR - ALT - delete

shut & TRF - ALT - delete

- administrative cont.
- training & awareness
- disaster preparedness & recovery plans
- personnel recruitment & separation strategy
- personnel registration & accounting

- Background & motivation
- IP was not designed to be secure
- OS loopholes - computer / mobile
- db

cloud security - IaaS, PaaS, SaaS



- Threat of n/w sec.
- Insecure Architect.
- A misconfigured n/w is primary entry point for unauthorized users leaving a trust-based open local n/w.
- broadcast n/w
- centralized servers

- Threats to server security
- unused services & open ports
- unpatched services
- inattentive administrator
- inherently insecure services

- Threat to workstatⁿ of Home PC
- Bad password
- vulnerable client applⁿ