

[Handout] Contributing to the Insights Core Framework

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This handout will guide you in developing and understanding the parser and the rule(plugin) using the **Insights Core Framework**. The rule uses the simple logic to analyze the sosreport and verify if the `root` login is enabled in `/etc/ssh/sshd_config` file. If the `root` is permitted to login to the SSH server, the rule will respond with the distro name(product) along with the resolution.

Start by installing the pre-requisites and creating the Python Virtual environment needed for developing & testing a rule. Once the virtual environment is ready, create an empty Python file with any name(say `my_plugin.py`) and start adding the code snippets marked as **CODE** in the python file to develop a complete rule. You can literally copy-paste the code snippets to get the working rule.

1 Prerequisites

- GNU/Linux
 - Fedora

```
$ sudo dnf install python36
```
 - CentOS

```
$ sudo yum install epel-release centos-release-scl
$ sudo scl enable rh-python36 bash
```
 - Ubuntu

```
$ sudo apt-get install python3-venv
$ pip install wheel
```
- git¹
- sos-report
 - Fedora

```
$ sudo dnf install sos
```
 - CentOS/RedHat

```
$ sudo yum install sos
```
 - Ubuntu

```
$ sudo apt-get install sosreport
```

2 Setup

- Setting up a development environment

```
$ mkdir ~/insights
$ cd ~/insights
# Clone the Insights Core repo
$ git clone https://github.com/RedHatInsights/insights-core.git
$ python3.6 -m venv .
```

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¹<https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2>

```
$ source bin/activate
$ pip install -e insights-core[develop]

# [Optional] Clone the plugin repo
$ git clone https://github.com/vishwanathjadhav/analysis-plugins.git
```

3 Sos-report²

- Generating an Sos archive

```
$ sudo sosreport

# Below command is recommended for this demo.
$ sudo sosreport -o ssh,systemd,release
```

4 Specs³

- Raw data in the form of file-content or command output.

```
1 # File
2 $ cat /etc/lsb-release
3 DISTRIB_ID=Ubuntu
4 DISTRIB_RELEASE=18.04
5 DISTRIB_CODENAME=bionic
6 DISTRIB_DESCRIPTION="Ubuntu 18.04.2 LTS"
7
8 # Command output
9 $ uname -a
10 Linux foobar 5.0.17-200.fc29.x86_64 #1 SMP Mon May...2019 x86_64...GNU/Linux
```

- **CODE:** Define a Spec

```
1 """The specs is where you define a path to the file(configuration, log etc.)
2 having the content or the command output within the sos-report. The valid path
3 can also be a file-system path such as '/var/log/messages'".
4 """
5 from insights.specs import Specs
6 from insights.core.spec_factory import simple_file
7
8
9 class SosSpecs(Specs):
10     # sos-archive/etc/lsb-release.
11
12     # You can safely skip the 'sos-archive/' as the rule will be run against an
13     # archive.
14     lsb_release = simple_file("etc/lsb-release")
```

5 Parser⁴

- It structures the raw data(from specs) for further analysis.
- Example(structured data of /etc/lsb-release returned by the parser):

```
{
    'product': 'Ubuntu',
    'version': '18.04'
}
```

²<https://github.com/sosreport/sos/wiki#for-users>

³<https://insights-core.readthedocs.io/en/latest/api.html#specification-factories>

⁴<https://insights-core.readthedocs.io/en/latest/api.html#parsers>

- **CODE:** Define a parser

```

1  from insights import Parser, parser
2  from insights.parsers import split_kv_pairs
3
4
5  @parser(SosSpecs.lsb_release)
6  class LsbRelease(Parser):
7      def parse_content(self, content):
8          _content = split_kv_pairs(content)
9          self.data = {
10              'product': _content['DISTRIB_ID'],
11              'version': _content['DISTRIB_RELEASE']
12          }
13
14      @property
15      def product(self):
16          return self.data['product']
17
18      @property
19      def version(self):
20          return self.data['version']

```

6 Plugin/Rule

6.1 Conditions⁵

- **CODE:** Analyzing the data from the parser

```

1  """The (structured) data from the parsers is analyzed using the '@condition' &
2  '@incident' decorators. The function decorated with the '@condition' should
3  return the value which will be used by the '@rule' to finally bind all the
4  rule logic.
5  """
6  from insights.core.plugins import condition
7  from insights.parsers.ssh import SshDConfig
8  from insights.parsers.systemd.unitfiles import ListUnits
9  from insights.parsers.redhat_release import RedhatRelease
10
11  @condition(SshDConfig)
12  def check_permit_root_login(sshd):
13      """Return True if 'PermitRootLogin yes' in /etc/ssh/sshd_config.
14      """
15      if sshd.get('permitrootlogin'):
16          return sshd.get_values('permitrootlogin')[0] == 'yes'
17
18
19  @condition(ListUnits)
20  def is_sshd_running(units):
21      """ Return True if 'sshd.service' is running.
22      """
23      return units.is_running('sshd.service') or units.is_running('ssh.service')
24
25
26  @condition([RedhatRelease, LsbRelease])
27  def get_release(redhat_release, lsb_release):
28      """Return the product name.
29
30      RedhatRelease will parse the data from '/etc/redhat-release'"""

```

⁵https://insights-core.readthedocs.io/en/latest/api_index.html?highlight=%40condition#insights.core.plugins.condition

```

31     LsbRelease will parse the data from "/etc/lsb-release"
32     """
33     if redhat_release:
34         return redhat_release.product
35     if lsb_release:
36         return lsb_release.product

```

6.2 The response⁶

- **CODE:** The `@rule` will have a final logic which will decide the response of the plugin.

```

1     """The function decorated with the @rule decorator is where all the logic to
2     detect an issue exist. The logic for this rule is as follows:
3
4     Logic:
5     1. check_permit_root_login
6     2. is_sshd_running
7     3. get_release
8
9     if (2 & 3):
10         if 1:
11             # The root user login is permitted
12             # The root user login is disabled
13
14     """
15     from insights.core.plugins import make_fail, make_pass, rule
16
17
18     @rule(check_permit_root_login, is_sshd_running, get_release)
19     def report(root_login, sshd, release):
20         if sshd and release:
21             if root_login:
22                 # The issue is detected.
23                 return make_fail('SSHD_ROOT_LOGIN_PERMITTED',
24                                 os=release)
25                 # The issue does not exist.
26                 return make_pass('SSHD_ROOT_LOGIN_DISABLED',
27                                 os=release)

```

6.3 Embedded content⁷

- **CODE** Use the `CONTENT` attribute to render the response

```

1     fail_message = """
2     The root user can login on this {{os}} host because the 'PermitRootLogin' is set
3     to 'yes' in /etc/ssh/sshd_config.
4
5     It is recommended to set 'PermitRootLogin' to 'prohibit-password',
6     'forced-commands-only' or 'no'.
7
8     Please refer the manpage of SSHD_CONFIG for more info:
9     $ man 5 ssh_config
10    """
11
12    pass_message = """
13    The root user cannot login on this {{os}} host.
14    """
15
16    CONTENT = {

```

⁶<https://insights-core.readthedocs.io/en/latest/api.html?highlight=%40rule#rule-plugins>

⁷https://insights-core.readthedocs.io/en/latest/embedded_content.html

```

17     'SSHD_ROOT_LOGIN_PERMITTED': fail_message,
18     'SSHD_ROOT_LOGIN_DISABLED': pass_message
19 }

```

7 Investigating the sos-report⁸

- Run the plugin against the sos-report using:

```
$ insights-run -p my_plugin.py /path/to/sos-report.tar.xz
```

- Sample output

```

1  $ insights-run -p check_ssh_root_login.py sosreport_fedora_sshd_root_login.tar.xz
2  -----
3  Progress:
4  -----
5  F
6
7  -----
8  Rules Executed
9  -----
10 [FAIL] check_ssh_root_login.report
11 -----
12
13 The root user can login on this Fedora host because the 'PermitRootLogin' is set
14 to 'yes' in /etc/ssh/sshd_config.
15
16 It is recommended to set 'PermitRootLogin' to 'prohibit-password',
17 'forced-commands-only' or 'no'.
18
19 Please refer the manpage of SSHD_CONFIG for more info:
20 $ man 5 ssh_config
21
22
23 -----
24 Rule Execution Summary
25 -----
26 Passed      : 0
27 Failed      : 1
28 Info        : 0
29 Missing Dps: 0
30 Fingerprint : 0
31 Metadata    : 0
32 Metadata Key: 0
33 Exceptions  : 0

```

8 [WIP]Debugging⁹

- Specs

```

1  $ insights-inspect insights.specs.default.DefaultSpecs.redhat_release sosreport_xxx.tar.xz
2
3  IPython Console Usage Info:
4
5  Enter 'redhat_release.' and tab to get a list of properties
6  Example:
7  In [1]: redhat_release.<property_name>
8  Out[1]: <property value>

```

⁸<https://insights-core.readthedocs.io/en/latest/manpages/insights-run.html>

⁹<https://insights-core.readthedocs.io/en/latest/manpages/insights-inspect.html>

```

9
10 To exit ipython enter 'exit' and hit enter or use 'CTL D'
11
12 Starting IPython Interpreter Now
13
14 In [1]: redhat_release.content
15 Out[1]: ['Fedora release 29 (Twenty Nine)']
16
17 In [2]: redhat_release.path
18 Out[2]: '/tmp/insights-rdhi53c6/sosreport_fedora_sshd_root_login/etc/redhat-release'
19
20 In [3]: redhat_release.file_name
21 Out[3]: 'redhat-release'

```

- Parser:

```

1 $ insights-inspect insights.parsers.redhat_release.RedhatRelease sosreport_xxx.tar.xz
2
3 IPython Console Usage Info:
4
5 Enter 'RedhatRelease.' and tab to get a list of properties
6 Example:
7 In [1]: RedhatRelease.<property_name>
8 Out[1]: <property value>
9
10 To exit ipython enter 'exit' and hit enter or use 'CTL D'
11
12 Starting IPython Interpreter Now
13
14 In [1]: RedhatRelease.raw
15 Out[1]: 'Fedora release 29 (Twenty Nine)'
16
17 In [2]: RedhatRelease.parsed
18 Out[2]: {'product': 'Fedora', 'version': '29', 'code_name': 'Twenty Nine'}
19
20 In [3]: RedhatRelease.product
21 Out[3]: 'Fedora'
22
23 In [4]: RedhatRelease.version
24 Out[4]: '29'

```

9 End^{10, 11, 12}

¹⁰Made with Love, L^AT_EX and GNU Emacs.

¹¹The code snippets are tested on *Fedora 29* & *Ubuntu 10.04*.

¹²For Education purpose only.