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# Overview

This document is intended for system and application administrators, security specialists, auditors, help desk, and platform deployment personnel who plan to develop, deploy, assess, or secure solutions that incorporate Docker 1.11.0 or later technology.

## Intended Audience

This document, CIS Docker 1.11.0 Benchmark, provides prescriptive guidance for establishing a secure configuration posture for Docker container version 1.11.0. This guide was tested against Docker 1.11.0 on RHEL 7 and Debian 8. To obtain the latest version of this guide, please visit <http://benchmarks.cisecurity.org>. If you have questions, comments, or have identified ways to improve this guide, please write us at [feedback@cisecurity.org](mailto:feedback@cisecurity.org).

## Consensus Guidance

This benchmark was created using a consensus review process comprised of subject matter experts. Consensus participants provide perspective from a diverse set of backgrounds including consulting, software development, audit and compliance, security research, operations, government, and legal.

Each CIS benchmark undergoes two phases of consensus review. The first phase occurs during initial benchmark development. During this phase, subject matter experts convene to discuss, create, and test working drafts of the benchmark. This discussion occurs until consensus has been reached on benchmark recommendations. The second phase begins after the benchmark has been published. During this phase, all feedback provided by the Internet community is reviewed by the consensus team for incorporation in the benchmark. If you are interested in participating in the consensus process, please visit <https://community.cisecurity.org>.

## Typographical Conventions

The following typographical conventions are used throughout this guide:

Convention	Meaning
<code>Stylized Monospace font</code>	Used for blocks of code, command, and script examples. Text should be interpreted exactly as presented.
Monospace font	Used for inline code, commands, or examples. Text should be interpreted exactly as presented.
< <i>italic font in brackets</i> >	Italic texts set in angle brackets denote a variable requiring substitution for a real value.
<i>Italic font</i>	Used to denote the title of a book, article, or other publication.
<b>Note</b>	Additional information or caveats

## Scoring Information

A scoring status indicates whether compliance with the given recommendation impacts the assessed target's benchmark score. The following scoring statuses are used in this benchmark:

### Scored

Failure to comply with "Scored" recommendations will decrease the final benchmark score. Compliance with "Scored" recommendations will increase the final benchmark score.

### Not Scored

Failure to comply with "Not Scored" recommendations will not decrease the final benchmark score. Compliance with "Not Scored" recommendations will not increase the final benchmark score.



## Profile Definitions

The following configuration profiles are defined by this Benchmark:

- **Level 1 - Docker**

Items in this profile intend to:

- Be practical and prudent;
- Provide a clear security benefit; and
- Not inhibit the utility of the technology beyond acceptable means.

- **Level 1 - Linux Host OS**

Items in this profile pertain to the Linux Host OS and intend to:

- Be practical and prudent;
- Provide a clear security benefit; and
- Not inhibit the utility of the technology beyond acceptable means.

- **Level 2 - Docker**

Items in this profile exhibit one or more of the following characteristics:

- Are intended for environments or use cases where security is paramount
- Acts as defense in depth measure
- May negatively inhibit the utility or performance of the technology

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# Recommendations

## *1 Host Configuration*

This section covers security recommendations that you should follow to prepare the host machine that you plan to use for executing containerized workloads. Securing the Docker host and following your infrastructure security best practices would build a solid and secure foundation for executing containerized workloads.

### *1.1 Create a separate partition for containers (Scored)*

#### **Profile Applicability:**

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

#### **Description:**

All Docker containers and their data and metadata is stored under `/var/lib/docker` directory. By default, `/var/lib/docker` would be mounted under `/` or `/var` partitions based on availability.

#### **Rationale:**

Docker depends on `/var/lib/docker` as the default directory where all Docker related files, including the images, are stored. This directory might fill up fast and soon Docker and the host could become unusable. So, it is advisable to create a separate partition (logical volume) for storing Docker files.

#### **Audit:**

At the Docker host execute the below command:

```
grep /var/lib/docker /etc/fstab
```

This should return the partition details for `/var/lib/docker` mount point.

#### **Remediation:**

For new installations, create a separate partition for `/var/lib/docker` mount point. For systems that were previously installed, use the Logical Volume Manager (LVM) to create partitions.

**Impact:**

None.

**Default Value:**

By default, `/var/lib/docker` would be mounted under `/` or `/var` partitions based on availability.

**References:**

1. <http://www.projectatomic.io/docs/docker-storage-recommendation>

## 1.2 Use the updated Linux Kernel (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

Docker in daemon mode has specific kernel requirements. A 3.10 Linux kernel is the minimum requirement for Docker.

### Rationale:

Kernels older than 3.10 lack some of the features required to run Docker containers. These older versions are known to have bugs which cause data loss and frequently panic under certain conditions. The latest minor version (3.x.y) of the 3.10 (or a newer maintained version) Linux kernel is thus recommended. Additionally, using the updated Linux kernels ensures that critical kernel bugs found earlier are fixed.

### Audit:

Execute the below command to find out Linux kernel version:

```
uname -r
```

Ensure that the kernel version found is 3.10 or newer.

### Remediation:

Check out the Docker kernel and OS requirements and suitably choose your kernel and OS.

### Impact:

None.

### Default Value:

Not Applicable.

### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/installation/binaries/#check-kernel-dependencies>
2. <https://docs.docker.com/installation/#installation-list>

## 1.3 Harden the container host (Not Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

Containers run on a Linux host. A container host can run one or more containers. It is of utmost importance to harden the host to mitigate host security misconfiguration.

### Rationale:

You should follow infrastructure security best practices and harden your host OS. Keeping the host system hardened would ensure that the host vulnerabilities are mitigated. Not hardening the host system could lead to security exposures and breaches.

### Audit:

Ensure that the host specific security guidelines are followed. Ask the system administrators which security benchmark does current host system comply with. Ensure that the host systems actually comply with that host specific security benchmark.

### Remediation:

You may consider various CIS Security Benchmarks for your container host. If you have other security guidelines or regulatory requirements to adhere to, please follow them as suitable in your environment.

Additionally, you can run a kernel with `grsecurity` and `Pax`. This would add many safety checks, both at compile-time and run-time. It is also designed to defeat many exploits and has powerful security features. These features do not require Docker-specific configuration, since those security features apply system-wide, independent of containers.

### Impact:

None.

### Default Value:

By default, host has factory settings. It is not hardened.

## References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/security/>
2. <https://benchmarks.cisecurity.org/downloads/multiform/index.cfm>
3. <http://docs.docker.com/articles/security/#other-kernel-security-features>
4. <https://grsecurity.net/>
5. <https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Grsecurity>
6. <https://pax.grsecurity.net/>
7. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PaX>

## 1.4 Remove all non-essential services from the host (Not Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

Ensure that the host running the docker daemon is running only the essential services.

### Rationale:

It is a good practice to implement only one primary function per server to prevent functions that require different security levels from co-existing on the same server. Additionally, mixing various application environments on the same machine may hinder the granular administration of the respective applications.

### Audit:

Inspect the docker host and ensure that it is exclusively used for running docker containers. Other services must not be found. Examples of other services include Web Server, database, or any function other than the container's main process. Some of the things you can do to inspect the system for other services are as below:

### Check running processes:

```
ps -ef
```

### Check socket information:

```
ss -nlp
```

or

```
netstat -nlp
```

### Check inventory:

```
rpm -qa (or equivalent)
```

### Remediation:

Move all other services within containers controlled by Docker or to other systems.

### Impact:

None.



**Default Value:**

Not Applicable.

**References:**

1. <http://blog.docker.com/2013/08/containers-docker-how-secure-are-they/>

## 1.5 Keep Docker up to date (Not Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

The docker container solution is evolving to maturity and stability at a rapid pace. Like any other software, the vendor releases regular updates for Docker software that address security vulnerabilities, product bugs and bring in new functionality.

Keep a tab on these product updates and upgrade as frequently as when new security vulnerabilities are fixed.

### Rationale:

By staying up to date on Docker updates, vulnerabilities in the Docker software can be mitigated. An educated attacker may exploit known vulnerabilities when attempting to attain access or elevate privileges. Not installing regular Docker updates may leave you with running vulnerable Docker software. It might lead to elevation privileges, unauthorized access or other security breaches.

### Audit:

Execute the below command and verify that the Docker version is up to date.

```
docker version
```

### Remediation:

Download and install the updated Docker software from official Docker repository.

### Impact:

None.

### Default Value:

Not Applicable

### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/installation/>
2. <https://github.com/docker/docker/releases/latest>

## 1.6 Only allow trusted users to control Docker daemon (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

The Docker daemon currently requires 'root' privileges. A user added to the 'docker' group gives him full 'root' access rights.

### Rationale:

Docker allows you to share a directory between the Docker host and a guest container without limiting the access rights of the container. This means that you can start a container and map the / directory on your host to the container. The container will then be able to alter your host file system without any restrictions. In simple terms, it means that you can attain elevated privileges with just being a member of the 'docker' group and then starting a container with mapped / directory on the host.

### Audit:

Execute the below command on the docker host and ensure that only trusted users are members of the 'docker' group.

```
getent group docker
```

### Remediation:

Remove any users from the 'docker' group that are not trusted. Additionally, do not create a mapping of sensitive directories on host to container volumes.

### Impact:

Rights to build and execute containers as normal user would be restricted.

### Default Value:

Not Applicable

### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/security/#docker-daemon-attack-surface>
2. <https://www.andreas-jung.com/contents/on-docker-security-docker-group-considered-harmful>

3. <http://www.projectatomic.io/blog/2015/08/why-we-dont-let-non-root-users-run-docker-in-centos-fedora-or-rhel/>

## 1.7 Audit docker daemon (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

Audit all Docker daemon activities.

### Rationale:

Apart from auditing your regular Linux file system and system calls, audit Docker daemon as well. Docker daemon runs with 'root' privileges. It is thus necessary to audit its activities and usage.

### Audit:

Verify that there is an audit rule for Docker daemon. For example, execute below command:

```
auditctl -l | grep /usr/bin/docker
```

This should list a rule for Docker daemon.

### Remediation:

Add a rule for Docker daemon.

For example,

Add the line as below line in `/etc/audit/audit.rules` file:

```
-w /usr/bin/docker -k docker
```

Then, restart the audit daemon. For example,

```
service auditd restart
```

### Impact:

Auditing generates quite big log files. Ensure to rotate and archive them periodically. Also, create a separate partition of audit to avoid filling root file system.

**Default Value:**

By default, Docker daemon is not audited.

**References:**

1. [https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Security\\_Guide/chap-system\\_auditing.html](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Security_Guide/chap-system_auditing.html)

## 1.8 Audit Docker files and directories - /var/lib/docker (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

Audit /var/lib/docker.

### Rationale:

Apart from auditing your regular Linux file system and system calls, audit all Docker related files and directories. Docker daemon runs with 'root' privileges. Its behavior depends on some key files and directories. /var/lib/docker is one such directory. It holds all the information about containers. It must be audited.

### Audit:

Verify that there is an audit rule corresponding to /var/lib/docker directory.

For example, execute below command:

```
auditctl -l | grep /var/lib/docker
```

This should list a rule for /var/lib/docker directory.

### Remediation:

Add a rule for /var/lib/docker directory.

For example,

Add the line as below in /etc/audit/audit.rules file:

```
-w /var/lib/docker -k docker
```

Then, restart the audit daemon. For example,

```
service auditd restart
```

### Impact:

Auditing generates quite big log files. Ensure to rotate and archive them periodically. Also, create a separate partition of audit to avoid filling root file system.

**Default Value:**

By default, Docker related files and directories are not audited.

**References:**

1. [https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Security\\_Guide/chap-system\\_auditing.html](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Security_Guide/chap-system_auditing.html)



## 1.9 Audit Docker files and directories - /etc/docker (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

Audit `/etc/docker`.

### Rationale:

Apart from auditing your regular Linux file system and system calls, audit all Docker related files and directories. Docker daemon runs with 'root' privileges. Its behavior depends on some key files and directories. `/etc/docker` is one such directory. It holds various certificates and keys used for TLS communication between Docker daemon and Docker client. It must be audited.

### Audit:

Verify that there is an audit rule corresponding to `/etc/docker` directory.

For example, execute below command:

```
auditctl -l | grep /etc/docker
```

This should list a rule for `/etc/docker` directory.

### Remediation:

Add a rule for `/etc/docker` directory.

For example,

Add the line as below in `/etc/audit/audit.rules` file:

```
-w /etc/docker -k docker
```

Then, restart the audit daemon. For example,

```
service auditd restart
```

**Impact:**

Auditing generates quite big log files. Ensure to rotate and archive them periodically. Also, create a separate partition of audit to avoid filling root file system.

**Default Value:**

By default, Docker related files and directories are not audited.

**References:**

1. [https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red\\_Hat\\_Enterprise\\_Linux/6/html/Security\\_Guide/chap-system\\_auditing.html](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/6/html/Security_Guide/chap-system_auditing.html)

## 1.10 Audit Docker files and directories - docker.service (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

Audit `docker.service`, if applicable.

### Rationale:

Apart from auditing your regular Linux file system and system calls, audit all Docker related files and directories. Docker daemon runs with 'root' privileges. Its behavior depends on some key files and directories. `docker.service` is one such file. The `docker.service` file might be present if the daemon parameters have been changed by an administrator. It holds various parameters for Docker daemon. It must be audited, if applicable.

### Audit:

**Step 1:** Find out the file location:

```
systemctl show -p FragmentPath docker.service
```

**Step 2:** If the file does not exist, this recommendation is not applicable. If the file exists, verify that there is an audit rule corresponding to the file:

For example, execute the below command:

```
auditctl -l | grep docker.service
```

This should list a rule for `docker.service` as per its location.

### Remediation:

If the file exists, add a rule for it.

For example,

Add the line as below in `/etc/audit/audit.rules` file:

```
-w /usr/lib/systemd/system/docker.service -k docker
```

Then, restart the audit daemon. For example,

```
service auditd restart
```

**Impact:**

Auditing generates quite big log files. Ensure to rotate and archive them periodically. Also, create a separate partition of audit to avoid filling root file system.

**Default Value:**

By default, Docker related files and directories are not audited. The file `docker.service` may not be available on the system.

**References:**

1. [https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red\\_Hat\\_Enterprise\\_Linux/6/html/Security\\_Guide/chap-system\\_auditing.html](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/6/html/Security_Guide/chap-system_auditing.html)

## 1.11 Audit Docker files and directories - docker.socket (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

Audit `docker.socket`, if applicable.

### Rationale:

Apart from auditing your regular Linux file system and system calls, audit all Docker related files and directories. Docker daemon runs with 'root' privileges. Its behavior depends on some key files and directories. `docker.socket` is one such file. It holds various parameters for Docker daemon socket. It must be audited, if applicable.

### Audit:

**Step 1:** Find out the file location:

```
systemctl show -p FragmentPath docker.socket
```

**Step 2:** If the file does not exist, this recommendation is not applicable. If the file exists, verify that there is an audit rule corresponding to the file:

For example, execute the below command:

```
auditctl -l | grep docker.socket
```

This should list a rule for `docker.socket` as per its location.

### Remediation:

If the file exists, add a rule for it.

For example,

Add the line as below in `/etc/audit/audit.rules` file:

```
-w /usr/lib/systemd/system/docker.socket -k docker
```

Then, restart the audit daemon. For example,

```
service auditd restart
```

**Impact:**

Auditing generates quite big log files. Ensure to rotate and archive them periodically. Also, create a separate partition of audit to avoid filling root file system.

**Default Value:**

By default, Docker related files and directories are not audited. The file `docker.socket` may not be available on the system.

**References:**

1. [https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Security Guide/chap-system\\_auditing.html](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Security Guide/chap-system_auditing.html)

## 1.12 Audit Docker files and directories - /etc/default/docker (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

Audit `/etc/default/docker`, if applicable.

### Rationale:

Apart from auditing your regular Linux file system and system calls, audit all Docker related files and directories. Docker daemon runs with 'root' privileges. Its behavior depends on some key files and directories. `/etc/default/docker` is one such file. It holds various parameters for Docker daemon. It must be audited, if applicable.

### Audit:

Verify that there is an audit rule corresponding to `/etc/default/docker` file.

For example, execute below command:

```
auditctl -l | grep /etc/default/docker
```

This should list a rule for `/etc/default/docker` file.

### Remediation:

Add a rule for `/etc/default/docker` file.

For example,

Add the line as below in `/etc/audit/audit.rules` file:

```
-w /etc/default/docker -k docker
```

Then, restart the audit daemon. For example,

```
service auditd restart
```

### Impact:

Auditing generates quite big log files. Ensure to rotate and archive them periodically. Also, create a separate partition of audit to avoid filling root file system.

**Default Value:**

By default, Docker related files and directories are not audited. The file `/etc/default/docker` may not be available on the system. In that case, this recommendation is not applicable.

**References:**

1. [https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Security\\_Guide/chap-system\\_auditing.html](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Security_Guide/chap-system_auditing.html)



## 1.13 Audit Docker files and directories - /etc/docker/daemon.json (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

Audit /etc/docker/daemon.json, if applicable.

### Rationale:

Apart from auditing your regular Linux file system and system calls, audit all Docker related files and directories. Docker daemon runs with 'root' privileges. Its behavior depends on some key files and directories. /etc/docker/daemon.json is one such file. It holds various parameters for Docker daemon. It must be audited, if applicable.

### Audit:

Verify that there is an audit rule corresponding to /etc/docker/daemon.json file.

For example, execute below command:

```
auditctl -l | grep /etc/docker/daemon.json
```

This should list a rule for /etc/docker/daemon.json file.

### Remediation:

Add a rule for /etc/docker/daemon.json file.

For example,

Add the line as below in /etc/audit/audit.rules file:

```
-w /etc/docker/daemon.json -k docker
```

Then, restart the audit daemon. For example,

```
service auditd restart
```

**Impact:**

Auditing generates quite big log files. Ensure to rotate and archive them periodically. Also, create a separate partition of audit to avoid filling root file system.

**Default Value:**

By default, Docker related files and directories are not audited. The file `/etc/docker/daemon.json` may not be available on the system. In that case, this recommendation is not applicable.

**References:**

1. [https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Security Guide/chap-system\\_auditing.html](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Security Guide/chap-system_auditing.html)
2. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/daemon/#daemon-configuration-file>

## 1.14 Audit Docker files and directories - /usr/bin/docker-containerd (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

Audit /usr/bin/docker-containerd, if applicable.

### Rationale:

Apart from auditing your regular Linux file system and system calls, audit all Docker related files and directories. Docker daemon runs with 'root' privileges. Its behavior depends on some key files and directories. /usr/bin/docker-containerd is one such file. Docker now relies on containerd and runC to spawn containers. It must be audited, if applicable.

### Audit:

Verify that there is an audit rule corresponding to /usr/bin/docker-containerd file.

For example, execute below command:

```
auditctl -l | grep /usr/bin/docker-containerd
```

This should list a rule for /usr/bin/docker-containerd file.

### Remediation:

Add a rule for /usr/bin/docker-containerd file.

For example,

Add the line as below in /etc/audit/audit.rules file:

```
-w /usr/bin/docker-containerd -k docker
```

Then, restart the audit daemon. For example,

```
service auditd restart
```

### Impact:

Auditing generates quite big log files. Ensure to rotate and archive them periodically. Also, create a separate partition of audit to avoid filling root file system.

**Default Value:**

By default, Docker related files and directories are not audited. The file `/usr/bin/docker-containerd` may not be available on the system. In that case, this recommendation is not applicable.

**References:**

1. [https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Security Guide/chap-system\\_auditing.html](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Security Guide/chap-system_auditing.html)
2. <https://github.com/docker/docker/pull/20662>
3. <https://containerd.tools/>

## 1.15 Audit Docker files and directories - /usr/bin/docker-runc (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

Audit /usr/bin/docker-runc, if applicable.

### Rationale:

Apart from auditing your regular Linux file system and system calls, audit all Docker related files and directories. Docker daemon runs with 'root' privileges. Its behavior depends on some key files and directories. /usr/bin/docker-runc is one such file. Docker now relies on containerd and runC to spawn containers. It must be audited, if applicable.

### Audit:

Verify that there is an audit rule corresponding to /usr/bin/docker-runc file.

For example, execute below command:

```
auditctl -l | grep /usr/bin/docker-runc
```

This should list a rule for /usr/bin/docker-runc file.

### Remediation:

Add a rule for /usr/bin/docker-runc file.

For example,

Add the line as below in /etc/audit/audit.rules file:

```
-w /usr/bin/docker-runc -k docker
```

Then, restart the audit daemon. For example,

```
service auditd restart
```

### Impact:

Auditing generates quite big log files. Ensure to rotate and archive them periodically. Also, create a separate partition of audit to avoid filling root file system.

**Default Value:**

By default, Docker related files and directories are not audited. The file `/usr/bin/docker-runc` may not be available on the system. In that case, this recommendation is not applicable.

**References:**

1. [https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Security Guide/chap-system\\_auditing.html](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Security Guide/chap-system_auditing.html)
2. <https://github.com/docker/docker/pull/20662>
3. <https://containerd.tools/>
4. <https://github.com/opencontainers/runc>

## 2 Docker daemon configuration

This section lists the recommendations that alter and secure the behavior of Docker daemon (server). The settings that are under this section affect ALL container instances.

Note: Docker daemon options can also be controlled using files such as `/etc/sysconfig/docker` or `/etc/default/docker` on Debian and Ubuntu. Also, note that Docker in daemon mode can be identified as having `'-d'` or `'daemon'` as the argument to `docker` service.

### 2.1 Restrict network traffic between containers (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

By default, all network traffic is allowed between containers on the same host. If not desired, restrict all the inter container communication. Link specific containers together that require inter communication.

#### Rationale:

By default, unrestricted network traffic is enabled between all containers on the same host. Thus, each container has the potential of reading all packets across the container network on the same host. This might lead to unintended and unwanted disclosure of information to other containers. Hence, restrict the inter container communication.

#### Audit:

```
ps -ef | grep docker
```

Ensure that the `'--icc'` parameter is set to `'false'`.

#### Remediation:

Run the docker in daemon mode and pass `'--icc=false'` as argument.

For Example,

```
docker daemon --icc=false
```

**Impact:**

The inter container communication would be disabled. No containers would be able to talk to another container on the same host. If any communication between containers on the same host is desired, then it needs to be explicitly defined using container linking.

**Default Value:**

By default, all inter container communication is allowed.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/networking>



## 2.2 Set the logging level (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Set Docker daemon log level to 'info'.

### Rationale:

Setting up an appropriate log level, configures the Docker daemon to log events that you would want to review later. A base log level of 'info' and above would capture all logs except debug logs. Until and unless required, you should not run Docker daemon at 'debug' log level.

### Audit:

```
ps -ef | grep docker
```

Ensure that either the '--log-level' parameter is not present or if present, then it is set to 'info'.

### Remediation:

Run the Docker daemon as below:

```
docker daemon --log-level="info"
```

### Impact:

None.

### Default Value:

By default, Docker daemon is set to log level of 'info'.

### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/daemon/>

## 2.3 Allow Docker to make changes to iptables (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Iptables are used to set up, maintain, and inspect the tables of IP packet filter rules in the Linux kernel. Allow the Docker daemon to make changes to the `iptables`.

### Rationale:

Docker will never make changes to your system `iptables` rules if you choose to do so. Docker server would automatically make the needed changes to `iptables` based on how you choose your networking options for the containers if it is allowed to do so. It is recommended to let Docker server make changes to `iptables` automatically to avoid networking misconfiguration that might hamper the communication between containers and to the outside world. Additionally, it would save you hassles of updating `iptables` every time you choose to run the containers or modify networking options.

### Audit:

```
ps -ef | grep docker
```

Ensure that the `--iptables` parameter is either not present or not set to `'false'`.

### Remediation:

Do not run the Docker daemon with `--iptables=false` parameter.

For example, do not start the Docker daemon as below:

```
docker daemon --iptables=false
```

### Impact:

None.

### Default Value:

By default, `'iptables'` is set to `'true'`.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/v1.8/articles/networking/>

## 2.4 Do not use insecure registries (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Docker considers a private registry either secure or insecure. By default, registries are considered secure.

### Rationale:

A secure registry uses TLS. A copy of registry's CA certificate is placed on the Docker host at `'/etc/docker/certs.d/<registry-name>/'` directory. An insecure registry is the one not having either valid registry certificate or is not using TLS. You should not be using any insecure registries in the production environment. Insecure registries can be tampered with leading to possible compromise to your production system.

Additionally, If a registry is marked as insecure then `'docker pull'`, `'docker push'`, and `'docker search'` commands will not result in an error message and the user might be indefinitely working with insecure registries without ever being notified of potential danger.

### Audit:

Execute the below command to find out if any insecure registries are used:

```
ps -ef | grep docker
```

Ensure that the `'--insecure-registry'` parameter is not present.

### Remediation:

Do not use any insecure registries.

For example, do not start the Docker daemon as below:

```
docker daemon --insecure-registry 10.1.0.0/16
```

### Impact:

None.

**Default Value:**

By default, Docker assumes all, but local, registries are secure.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/registry/insecure/>

## 2.5 Do not use the aufs storage driver (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Do not use 'aufs' as storage driver for your Docker instance.

### Rationale:

The 'aufs' storage driver is the oldest storage driver. It is based on a Linux kernel patch-set that is unlikely to be merged into the main Linux kernel. 'aufs' driver is also known to cause some serious kernel crashes. 'aufs' just has legacy support from Docker. Most importantly, 'aufs' is not a supported driver in many Linux distributions using latest Linux kernels.

### Audit:

Execute the below command and verify that 'aufs' is not used as storage driver:

```
docker info | grep -e "^Storage Driver:\s*aufs\s*$"
```

The above command should not return anything.

### Remediation:

Do not explicitly use 'aufs' as storage driver.

For example, do not start Docker daemon as below:

```
docker daemon --storage-driver aufs
```

### Impact:

'aufs' is the only storage driver that allows containers to share executable and shared library memory. It might be useful if you are running thousands of containers with the same program or libraries.

**Default Value:**

By default, Docker uses 'devicemapper' as the storage driver on most of the platforms. Default storage driver can vary based on your OS vendor. You should use the storage driver that is best supported by your preferred vendor.

**References:**

1. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#daemon-storage-driver-option>
2. <https://github.com/docker/docker/issues/6047>
3. <http://muehe.org/posts/switching-docker-from-aufs-to-devicemapper/>
4. <http://jpetazzo.github.io/assets/2015-03-05-deep-dive-into-docker-storage-drivers.html#1>

## 2.6 Configure TLS authentication for Docker daemon (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

It is possible to make the Docker daemon to listen on a specific IP and port and any other Unix socket other than default Unix socket. Configure TLS authentication to restrict access to Docker daemon via IP and port.

### Rationale:

By default, Docker daemon binds to a non-networked Unix socket and runs with 'root' privileges. If you change the default docker daemon binding to a TCP port or any other Unix socket, anyone with access to that port or socket can have full access to Docker daemon and in turn to the host system. Hence, you should not bind the Docker daemon to another IP/port or a Unix socket.

If you must expose the Docker daemon via a network socket, configure TLS authentication for the daemon and Docker Swarm APIs (if using). This would restrict the connections to your Docker daemon over the network to a limited number of clients who could successfully authenticate over TLS.

### Audit:

```
ps -ef | grep docker
```

Ensure that the below parameters are present:

- '--tlsverify'
- '--tlscacert'
- '--tlscert'
- '--tlskey'

### Remediation:

Follow the steps mentioned in the Docker documentation or other references.



**Impact:**

You would need to manage and guard certificates and keys for Docker daemon and Docker clients.

**Default Value:**

By default, TLS authentication is not configured.

**References:**

1. <http://docs.docker.com/articles/https/>
2. <http://www.hnwatcher.com/r/1644394/Intro-to-Docker-Swarm-Part-2-Configuration-Modes-and-Requirements>
3. <http://www.blackfinsecurity.com/docker-swarm-with-tls-authentication/>

## 2.7 Set default ulimit as appropriate (Not Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Set the default ulimit options as appropriate in your environment.

### Rationale:

`ulimit` provides control over the resources available to the shell and to processes started by it. Setting system resource limits judiciously saves you from many disasters such as a fork bomb. Sometimes, even friendly users and legitimate processes can overuse system resources and in-turn can make the system unusable.

Setting default ulimit for the Docker daemon would enforce the ulimit for all container instances. You would not need to setup ulimit for each container instance. However, the default ulimit can be overridden during container runtime, if needed. Hence, to control the system resources, define a default ulimit as needed in your environment.

### Audit:

```
ps -ef | grep docker
```

Ensure that the '`--default-ulimit`' parameter is set as appropriate.

### Remediation:

Run the docker in daemon mode and pass '`--default-ulimit`' as argument with respective ulimits as appropriate in your environment.

For Example,

```
docker daemon --default-ulimit nproc=1024:2408 --default-ulimit nofile=100:200
```

### Impact:

If the ulimits are not set properly, the desired resource control might not be achieved and might even make the system unusable.

### Default Value:

By default, no ulimit is set.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/daemon/#default-ulimits>

## 2.8 Enable user namespace support (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 2 - Docker

### Description:

Enable user namespace support in Docker daemon to utilize container user to host user re-mapping. This recommendation is beneficial where containers you are using do not have an explicit container user defined in the container image. If container images that you are using have a pre-defined non-root user, this recommendation may be skipped since this feature is still in its infancy and might give you unpredictable issues and complexities.

### Rationale:

The Linux kernel user namespace support in Docker daemon provides additional security for the Docker host system. It allows a container to have a unique range of user and group IDs which are outside the traditional user and group range utilized by the host system.

For example, the root user will have expected administrative privilege inside the container but can effectively be mapped to an unprivileged UID on the host system.

### Audit:

```
ps -p $(docker inspect --format '{{ .State.Pid }}' <CONTAINER ID>) -o pid,user
```

The above command would find the PID of the container and then would list the host user associated with the container process. If the container process is running as `root`, then this recommendation is non-compliant.

Alternatively, you can run the below command to ensure that the docker daemon is running with `--usersns-remap` flag.

```
ps -ef | grep docker
```

### Remediation:

Please consult Docker documentation for various ways in which this can be configured depending upon your requirements. Your steps might also vary based on platform - For example, on Red Hat, sub-UIDs and sub-GIDs mapping creation does not work automatically. You might have to create your own mapping.

However, the high-level steps are as below:

**Step 1:** Ensure that the files `/etc/subuid` and `/etc/subgid` exist.

```
touch /etc/subuid /etc/subgid
```

**Step 2:** Start the docker daemon with `--userns-remap` flag

```
docker daemon --userns-remap=default &
```

### Impact:

User namespace remapping makes quite a few Docker features incompatible and also currently breaks a few functionalities. Check out the Docker documentation and referenced links for details.

### Default Value:

By default, user namespace is not remapped.

### References:

1. [http://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man7/user\\_namespaces.7.html](http://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man7/user_namespaces.7.html)
2. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/daemon/>
3. [http://events.linuxfoundation.org/sites/events/files/slides/User%20Namespaces%20-%20ContainerCon%202015%20-%202016-9-final\\_0.pdf](http://events.linuxfoundation.org/sites/events/files/slides/User%20Namespaces%20-%20ContainerCon%202015%20-%202016-9-final_0.pdf)
4. <https://github.com/docker/docker/issues/21050>

## 2.9 Confirm default cgroup usage (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 2 - Docker

### Description:

The `--cgroup-parent` option allows you to set the default cgroup parent to use for all the containers. If there is no specific use case, this setting should be left at its default.

### Rationale:

System administrators typically define cgroups under which containers are supposed to run. Even if cgroups are not explicitly defined by the system administrators, containers run under `docker` cgroup by default.

It is possible to attach to a different cgroup other than that is the default. This usage should be monitored and confirmed. By attaching to a different cgroup than the one that is a default, it is possible to share resources unevenly and thus might starve the host for resources.

### Audit:

```
ps -ef | grep docker
```

Ensure that the '`--cgroup-parent`' parameter is either not set or is set as appropriate non-default cgroup.

### Remediation:

The default setting is good enough and can be left as-is. If you want to specifically set a non-default cgroup, pass `--cgroup-parent` parameter to the docker daemon when starting it.

For Example,

```
docker daemon --cgroup-parent=/foobar
```

### Impact:

None.

**Default Value:**

By default, docker daemon uses `/docker` for fs cgroup driver and `system.slice` for systemd cgroup driver.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/daemon/>

## 2.10 Do not change base device size until needed (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 2 - Docker

### Description:

In certain circumstances, you might need containers bigger than 10G in size. In these cases, carefully choose the base device size.

### Rationale:

The base device size can be increased at daemon restart. Increasing the base device size allows all future images and containers to be of the new base device size. A user can use this option to expand the base device size however shrinking is not permitted. This value affects the system-wide “base” empty filesystem that may already be initialized and inherited by pulled images.

Though the file system does not allot the increased size if it is empty, it will use more space for the empty case depending upon the device size. This may cause a denial of service by ending up in file system being over-allocated or full.

### Audit:

```
ps -ef | grep docker
```

Execute the above command and it should not show any `--storage-opt dm.basesize` parameters.

### Remediation:

Do not set `--storage-opt dm.basesize` until needed.

### Impact:

None.

### Default Value:

The default base device size is 10G.



**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/daemon/#storage-driver-options>

## 2.11 Use authorization plugin (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 2 - Docker

### Description:

Use authorization plugin to manage access to Docker daemon.

### Rationale:

Docker's out-of-the-box authorization model is all or nothing. Any user with permission to access the Docker daemon can run any Docker client command. The same is true for callers using Docker's remote API to contact the daemon. If you require greater access control, you can create authorization plugins and add them to your Docker daemon configuration. Using an authorization plugin, a Docker administrator can configure granular access policies for managing access to Docker daemon.

### Audit:

```
ps -ef | grep docker
```

Ensure that the '--authorization-plugin' parameter is set as appropriate.

### Remediation:

**Step 1:** Install/Create an authorization plugin.

**Step 2:** Configure the authorization policy as desired.

**Step 3:** Start the docker daemon as below:

```
docker daemon --authorization-plugin=<PLUGIN_ID>
```

### Impact:

Each docker command specifically passes through authorization plugin mechanism. This might introduce a slight performance drop.

### Default Value:

By default, authorization plugins are not set up.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/daemon/#access-authorization>
2. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/extend/authorization/>
3. <https://github.com/twistlock/authz>

## 2.12 Configure centralized and remote logging (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 2 - Docker

### Description:

Docker now supports various log drivers. A preferable way to store logs is the one that supports centralized and remote logging.

### Rationale:

Centralized and remote logging ensures that all important log records are safe despite catastrophic events. Docker now supports various such logging drivers. Use the one that suits your environment the best.

### Audit:

```
ps -ef | grep docker
```

The above command would give you the `--log-driver` setting, if configured. Ensure that it is set as appropriate.

### Remediation:

**Step 1:** Setup the desired log driver by following its documentation.

**Step 2:** Start the docker daemon with that logging driver.

For example,

```
docker run --log-driver=syslog --log-opt syslog-address=tcp://192.xxx.xxx.xxx
```

### Impact:

None.

### Default Value:

By default, container logs are maintained as json files

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/admin/logging/overview/>

## 2.13 Disable operations on legacy registry (v1) (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

The latest Docker registry is v2. All operations on the legacy registry version (v1) should be restricted.

### Rationale:

Docker registry v2 brings in many performance and security improvements over v1. It supports container image provenance and other security features such as image signing and verification. Hence, operations on Docker legacy registry should be restricted.

### Audit:

```
ps -ef | grep docker
```

The above command should list `--disable-legacy-registry` as an option passed to the docker daemon.

### Remediation:

Start the docker daemon as below:

```
docker daemon --disable-legacy-registry &
```

### Impact:

Legacy registry operations would be restricted.

### Default Value:

By default, legacy registry operations are allowed.

### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/daemon/>
2. <https://github.com/docker/docker/issues/8093>
3. <https://github.com/docker/docker/issues/9015>
4. <https://github.com/docker/docker-registry/issues/612>
5. <https://docs.docker.com/registry/spec/api/>

6. <https://the.binbashtheory.com/creating-private-docker-registry-2-0-with-token-authentication-service/>
7. <https://blog.docker.com/2015/07/new-tool-v1-registry-docker-trusted-registry-v2-open-source/>
8. <http://www.slideshare.net/Docker/docker-registry-v2>

### 3 Docker daemon configuration files

This section covers Docker related files and directory permissions and ownership. Keeping the files and directories, that may contain sensitive parameters, secure is important for correct and secure functioning of Docker daemon.

#### 3.1 Verify that `docker.service` file ownership is set to `root:root` (Scored)

##### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

##### Description:

Verify that the '`docker.service`' file ownership and group-ownership are correctly set to '`root`'.

##### Rationale:

'`docker.service`' file contains sensitive parameters that may alter the behavior of Docker daemon. Hence, it should be owned and group-owned by '`root`' to maintain the integrity of the file.

##### Audit:

**Step 1:** Find out the file location:

```
systemctl show -p FragmentPath docker.service
```

**Step 2:** If the file does not exist, this recommendation is not applicable. If the file exists, execute the below command with the correct file path to verify that the file is owned and group-owned by '`root`'.

For example,

```
stat -c %U:%G /usr/lib/systemd/system/docker.service | grep -v root:root
```

The above command should not return anything.

##### Remediation:

**Step 1:** Find out the file location:

```
systemctl show -p FragmentPath docker.service
```



**Step 2:** If the file does not exist, this recommendation is not applicable. If the file exists, execute the below command with the correct file path to set the ownership and group ownership for the file to 'root'.

For example,

```
chown root:root /usr/lib/systemd/system/docker.service
```

**Impact:**

None.

**Default Value:**

This file may not be present on the system. In that case, this recommendation is not applicable. By default, if the file is present, the ownership and group-ownership for this file is correctly set to 'root'.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/admin/systemd/>

### *3.2 Verify that docker.service file permissions are set to 644 or more restrictive (Scored)*

#### **Profile Applicability:**

- Level 1 - Docker

#### **Description:**

Verify that the 'docker.service' file permissions are correctly set to '644' or more restrictive.

#### **Rationale:**

'docker.service' file contains sensitive parameters that may alter the behavior of Docker daemon. Hence, it should not be writable by any other user other than 'root' to maintain the integrity of the file.

#### **Audit:**

**Step 1:** Find out the file location:

```
systemctl show -p FragmentPath docker.service
```

**Step 2:** If the file does not exist, this recommendation is not applicable. If the file exists, execute the below command with the correct file path to verify that the file permissions are set to '644' or more restrictive.

For example,

```
stat -c %a /usr/lib/systemd/system/docker.service
```

#### **Remediation:**

**Step 1:** Find out the file location:

```
systemctl show -p FragmentPath docker.service
```

**Step 2:** If the file does not exist, this recommendation is not applicable. If the file exists, execute the below command with the correct file path to set the file permissions to '644'.

For example,

```
chmod 644 /usr/lib/systemd/system/docker.service
```

**Impact:**

None.

**Default Value:**

This file may not be present on the system. In that case, this recommendation is not applicable. By default, if the file is present, the file permissions are correctly set to '644'.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/systemd/>

### 3.3 Verify that `docker.socket` file ownership is set to `root:root` (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that the '`docker.socket`' file ownership and group ownership is correctly set to '`root`'.

#### Rationale:

'`docker.socket`' file contains sensitive parameters that may alter the behavior of Docker remote API. Hence, it should be owned and group-owned by '`root`' to maintain the integrity of the file.

#### Audit:

**Step 1:** Find out the file location:

```
systemctl show -p FragmentPath docker.socket
```

**Step 2:** If the file does not exist, this recommendation is not applicable. If the file exists, execute the below command with the correct file path to verify that the file is owned and group-owned by '`root`'.

For example,

```
stat -c %U:%G /usr/lib/systemd/system/docker.socket | grep -v root:root
```

The above command should not return anything.

#### Remediation:

**Step 1:** Find out the file location:

```
systemctl show -p FragmentPath docker.socket
```

**Step 2:** If the file does not exist, this recommendation is not applicable. If the file exists, execute the below command with the correct file path to set the ownership and group ownership for the file to '`root`'.

For example,

```
chown root:root /usr/lib/systemd/system/docker.socket
```

**Impact:**

None.

**Default Value:**

This file may not be present on the system. In that case, this recommendation is not applicable. By default, if the file is present, the ownership and group-ownership for this file is correctly set to 'root'.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/basics/#bind-docker-to-another-hostport-or-a-unix-socket>
2. <https://github.com/YungSang/fedora-atomic-packer/blob/master/oem/docker.socket>
3. <http://daviddaeschler.com/2014/12/14/centos-7rhel-7-and-docker-containers-on-boot/>

### *3.4 Verify that docker.socket file permissions are set to 644 or more restrictive (Scored)*

#### **Profile Applicability:**

- Level 1 - Docker

#### **Description:**

Verify that the 'docker.socket' file permissions are correctly set to '644' or more restrictive.

#### **Rationale:**

'docker.socket' file contains sensitive parameters that may alter the behavior of Docker remote API. Hence, it should be writable only by 'root' to maintain the integrity of the file.

#### **Audit:**

**Step 1:** Find out the file location:

```
systemctl show -p FragmentPath docker.socket
```

**Step 2:** If the file does not exist, this recommendation is not applicable. If the file exists, execute the below command with the correct file path to verify that the file permissions are set to '644' or more restrictive.

For example,

```
stat -c %a /usr/lib/systemd/system/docker.socket
```

#### **Remediation:**

**Step 1:** Find out the file location:

```
systemctl show -p FragmentPath docker.socket
```

**Step 2:** If the file does not exist, this recommendation is not applicable. If the file exists, execute the below command with the correct file path to set the file permissions to '644'.

For example,

```
chmod 644 /usr/lib/systemd/system/docker.socket
```

**Impact:**

None.

**Default Value:**

This file may not be present on the system. In that case, this recommendation is not applicable. By default, if the file is present, the file permissions for this file are correctly set to '644'.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/basics/#bind-docker-to-another-hostport-or-a-unix-socket>
2. <https://github.com/YungSang/fedora-atomic-packer/blob/master/oem/docker.socket>
3. <http://daviddaeschler.com/2014/12/14/centos-7rhel-7-and-docker-containers-on-boot/>

### 3.5 Verify that `/etc/docker` directory ownership is set to `root:root` (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that the `/etc/docker` directory ownership and group-ownership is correctly set to `'root'`.

#### Rationale:

`'/etc/docker'` directory contains certificates and keys in addition to various sensitive files. Hence, it should be owned and group-owned by `'root'` to maintain the integrity of the directory.

#### Audit:

Execute the below command to verify that the directory is owned and group-owned by `'root'`:

```
stat -c %U:%G /etc/docker | grep -v root:root
```

The above command should not return anything.

#### Remediation:

```
chown root:root /etc/docker
```

This would set the ownership and group-ownership for the directory to `'root'`.

#### Impact:

None.

#### Default Value:

By default, the ownership and group-ownership for this directory is correctly set to `'root'`.

#### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/certificates/>



### 3.6 Verify that `/etc/docker` directory permissions are set to 755 or more restrictive (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that the `/etc/docker` directory permissions are correctly set to '755' or more restrictive.

#### Rationale:

'`/etc/docker`' directory contains certificates and keys in addition to various sensitive files. Hence, it should only be writable by '`root`' to maintain the integrity of the directory.

#### Audit:

Execute the below command to verify that the directory has permissions of '755' or more restrictive:

```
stat -c %a /etc/docker
```

#### Remediation:

```
chmod 755 /etc/docker
```

This would set the permissions for the directory to '755'.

#### Impact:

None.

#### Default Value:

By default, the permissions for this directory are correctly set to '755'.

#### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/certificates/>

### 3.7 Verify that registry certificate file ownership is set to root:root (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that all the registry certificate files (usually found under `/etc/docker/certs.d/<registry-name>` directory) are owned and group-owned by 'root'.

#### Rationale:

`/etc/docker/certs.d/<registry-name>` directory contains Docker registry certificates. These certificate files must be owned and group-owned by 'root' to maintain the integrity of the certificates.

#### Audit:

Execute the below command to verify that the registry certificate files are owned and group-owned by 'root':

```
stat -c %U:%G /etc/docker/certs.d/* | grep -v root:root
```

The above command should not return anything.

#### Remediation:

```
chown root:root /etc/docker/certs.d/<registry-name>/*
```

This would set the ownership and group-ownership for the registry certificate files to 'root'.

#### Impact:

None.

#### Default Value:

By default, the ownership and group-ownership for registry certificate files is correctly set to 'root'.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/certificates/>
2. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#insecure-registries>

### 3.8 Verify that registry certificate file permissions are set to 444 or more restrictive (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that all the registry certificate files (usually found under `/etc/docker/certs.d/<registry-name>` directory) have permissions of '444' or more restrictive.

#### Rationale:

`/etc/docker/certs.d/<registry-name>` directory contains Docker registry certificates. These certificate files must have permissions of '444' to maintain the integrity of the certificates.

#### Audit:

Execute the below command to verify that the registry certificate files have permissions of '444' or more restrictive:

```
stat -c %a /etc/docker/certs.d/<registry-name>/*
```

#### Remediation:

```
chmod 444 /etc/docker/certs.d/<registry-name>/*
```

This would set the permissions for registry certificate files to '444'.

#### Impact:

None.

#### Default Value:

By default, the permissions for registry certificate files might not be '444'. The default file permissions are governed by the system or user specific `umask` values.

#### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/certificates/>
2. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#insecure-registries>

### 3.9 Verify that TLS CA certificate file ownership is set to root:root (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that the TLS CA certificate file (the file that is passed along with '--tlscacert' parameter) is owned and group-owned by 'root'.

#### Rationale:

The TLS CA certificate file should be protected from any tampering. It is used to authenticate Docker server based on given CA certificate. Hence, it must be owned and group-owned by 'root' to maintain the integrity of the CA certificate.

#### Audit:

Execute the below command to verify that the TLS CA certificate file is owned and group-owned by 'root':

```
stat -c %U:%G <path to TLS CA certificate file> | grep -v root:root
```

The above command should not return anything.

#### Remediation:

```
chown root:root <path to TLS CA certificate file>
```

This would set the ownership and group-ownership for the TLS CA certificate file to 'root'.

#### Impact:

None.

#### Default Value:

By default, the ownership and group-ownership for TLS CA certificate file is correctly set to 'root'.

#### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/certificates/>
2. <http://docs.docker.com/articles/https/>

### *3.10 Verify that TLS CA certificate file permissions are set to 444 or more restrictive (Scored)*

#### **Profile Applicability:**

- Level 1 - Docker

#### **Description:**

Verify that the TLS CA certificate file (the file that is passed along with '--tlscacert' parameter) has permissions of '444' or more restrictive.

#### **Rationale:**

The TLS CA certificate file should be protected from any tampering. It is used to authenticate Docker server based on given CA certificate. Hence, it must have permissions of '444' to maintain the integrity of the CA certificate.

#### **Audit:**

Execute the below command to verify that the TLS CA certificate file has permissions of '444' or more restrictive:

```
stat -c %a <path to TLS CA certificate file>
```

#### **Remediation:**

```
chmod 444 <path to TLS CA certificate file>
```

This would set the file permissions of the TLS CA file to '444'.

#### **Impact:**

None.

#### **Default Value:**

By default, the permissions for TLS CA certificate file might not be '444'. The default file permissions are governed by the system or user specific `umask` values.

#### **References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/certificates/>
2. <http://docs.docker.com/articles/https/>

### 3.11 Verify that Docker server certificate file ownership is set to root:root (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that the Docker server certificate file (the file that is passed along with '--tlscert' parameter) is owned and group-owned by 'root'.

#### Rationale:

The Docker server certificate file should be protected from any tampering. It is used to authenticate Docker server based on the given server certificate. Hence, it must be owned and group-owned by 'root' to maintain the integrity of the certificate.

#### Audit:

Execute the below command to verify that the Docker server certificate file is owned and group-owned by 'root':

```
stat -c %U:%G <path to Docker server certificate file> | grep -v root:root
```

The above command should not return anything.

#### Remediation:

```
chown root:root <path to Docker server certificate file>
```

This would set the ownership and group-ownership for the Docker server certificate file to 'root'.

#### Impact:

None.

#### Default Value:

By default, the ownership and group-ownership for Docker server certificate file is correctly set to 'root'.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/certificates/>
2. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/https/>



### 3.12 Verify that Docker server certificate file permissions are set to 444 or more restrictive (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that the Docker server certificate file (the file that is passed along with '--tlscert' parameter) has permissions of '444' or more restrictive.

#### Rationale:

The Docker server certificate file should be protected from any tampering. It is used to authenticate Docker server based on the given server certificate. Hence, it must be have permissions of '444' to maintain the integrity of the certificate.

#### Audit:

Execute the below command to verify that the Docker server certificate file has permissions of '444' or more restrictive:

```
stat -c %a <path to Docker server certificate file>
```

#### Remediation:

```
chmod 444 <path to Docker server certificate file>
```

This would set the file permissions of the Docker server file to '444'.

#### Impact:

None.

#### Default Value:

By default, the permissions for Docker server certificate file might not be '444'. The default file permissions are governed by the system or user specific `umask` values.

#### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/certificates/>
2. <http://docs.docker.com/articles/https/>

### 3.13 Verify that Docker server certificate key file ownership is set to root:root (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that the Docker server certificate key file (the file that is passed along with '--tlskey' parameter) is owned and group-owned by 'root'.

#### Rationale:

The Docker server certificate key file should be protected from any tampering or unneeded reads. It holds the private key for the Docker server certificate. Hence, it must be owned and group-owned by 'root' to maintain the integrity of the Docker server certificate.

#### Audit:

Execute the below command to verify that the Docker server certificate key file is owned and group-owned by 'root':

```
stat -c %U:%G <path to Docker server certificate key file> | grep -v  
root:root
```

The above command should not return anything.

#### Remediation:

```
chown root:root <path to Docker server certificate key file>
```

This would set the ownership and group-ownership for the Docker server certificate key file to 'root'.

#### Impact:

None.

#### Default Value:

By default, the ownership and group-ownership for Docker server certificate key file is correctly set to 'root'.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/certificates/>
2. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/https/>

### 3.14 Verify that Docker server certificate key file permissions are set to 400 (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that the Docker server certificate key file (the file that is passed along with '`--tlskey`' parameter) has permissions of '`400`'.

#### Rationale:

The Docker server certificate key file should be protected from any tampering or unneeded reads. It holds the private key for the Docker server certificate. Hence, it must have permissions of '`400`' to maintain the integrity of the Docker server certificate.

#### Audit:

Execute the below command to verify that the Docker server certificate key file has permissions of '`400`':

```
stat -c %a <path to Docker server certificate key file>
```

#### Remediation:

```
chmod 400 <path to Docker server certificate key file>
```

This would set the Docker server certificate key file permissions to '`400`'.

#### Impact:

None.

#### Default Value:

By default, the permissions for Docker server certificate key file might not be '`400`'. The default file permissions are governed by the system or user specific `umask` values.

#### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/certificates/>
2. <http://docs.docker.com/articles/https/>

### 3.15 Verify that Docker socket file ownership is set to root:docker (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that the Docker socket file is owned by 'root' and group-owned by 'docker'.

#### Rationale:

Docker daemon runs as 'root'. The default Unix socket hence must be owned by 'root'. If any other user or process owns this socket, then it might be possible for that non-privileged user or process to interact with Docker daemon. Also, such a non-privileged user or process might interact with containers. This is neither secure nor desired behavior.

Additionally, the Docker installer creates a Unix group called 'docker'. You can add users to this group, and then those users would be able to read and write to default Docker Unix socket. The membership to the 'docker' group is tightly controlled by the system administrator. If any other group owns this socket, then it might be possible for members of that group to interact with Docker daemon. Also, such a group might not be as tightly controlled as the 'docker' group. This is neither secure nor desired behavior.

Hence, the default Docker Unix socket file must be owned by 'root' and group-owned by 'docker' to maintain the integrity of the socket file.

#### Audit:

Execute the below command to verify that the Docker socket file is owned by 'root' and group-owned by 'docker':

```
stat -c %U:%G /var/run/docker.sock | grep -v root:docker
```

The above command should not return anything.

#### Remediation:

```
chown root:docker /var/run/docker.sock
```

This would set the ownership to 'root' and group-ownership to 'docker' for default Docker socket file.

**Impact:**

None.

**Default Value:**

By default, the ownership and group-ownership for Docker socket file is correctly set to `'root:docker'`.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#daemon-socket-option>
2. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/basics/#bind-docker-to-another-hostport-or-a-unix-socket>

### 3.16 Verify that Docker socket file permissions are set to 660 or more restrictive (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that the Docker socket file has permissions of '660' or more restrictive.

#### Rationale:

Only 'root' and members of 'docker' group should be allowed to read and write to default Docker Unix socket. Hence, the Docker socket file must have permissions of '660' or more restrictive.

#### Audit:

Execute the below command to verify that the Docker socket file has permissions of '660' or more restrictive:

```
stat -c %a /var/run/docker.sock
```

#### Remediation:

```
chmod 660 /var/run/docker.sock
```

This would set the file permissions of the Docker socket file to '660'.

#### Impact:

None.

#### Default Value:

By default, the permissions for Docker socket file is correctly set to '660'.

#### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#daemon-socket-option>
2. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/basics/#bind-docker-to-another-hostport-or-a-unix-socket>

### 3.17 Verify that daemon.json file ownership is set to root:root (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that the 'daemon.json' file ownership and group-ownership is correctly set to 'root'.

#### Rationale:

'daemon.json' file contains sensitive parameters that may alter the behavior of docker daemon. Hence, it should be owned and group-owned by 'root' to maintain the integrity of the file.

#### Audit:

Execute the below command to verify that the file is owned and group-owned by 'root':

```
stat -c %U:%G /etc/docker/daemon.json | grep -v root:root
```

The above command should not return anything.

#### Remediation:

```
chown root:root /etc/docker/daemon.json
```

This would set the ownership and group-ownership for the file to 'root'.

#### Impact:

None.

#### Default Value:

This file may not be present on the system. In that case, this recommendation is not applicable.

#### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/daemon/#daemon-configuration-file>



### 3.18 Verify that daemon.json file permissions are set to 644 or more restrictive (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that the 'daemon.json' file permissions are correctly set to '644' or more restrictive.

#### Rationale:

'daemon.json' file contains sensitive parameters that may alter the behavior of docker daemon. Hence, it should be writable only by 'root' to maintain the integrity of the file.

#### Audit:

Execute the below command to verify that the file permissions are correctly set to '644' or more restrictive:

```
stat -c %a /etc/docker/daemon.json
```

#### Remediation:

```
chmod 644 /etc/docker/daemon.json
```

This would set the file permissions for this file to '644'.

#### Impact:

None.

#### Default Value:

This file may not be present on the system. In that case, this recommendation is not applicable.

#### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/daemon/#daemon-configuration-file>

### 3.19 Verify that `/etc/default/docker` file ownership is set to `root:root` (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Verify that the `/etc/default/docker` file ownership and group-ownership is correctly set to `root`.

#### Rationale:

`/etc/default/docker` file contains sensitive parameters that may alter the behavior of docker daemon. Hence, it should be owned and group-owned by `root` to maintain the integrity of the file.

#### Audit:

Execute the below command to verify that the file is owned and group-owned by `root`:

```
stat -c %U:%G /etc/default/docker | grep -v root:root
```

The above command should not return anything.

#### Remediation:

```
chown root:root /etc/default/docker
```

This would set the ownership and group-ownership for the file to `root`.

#### Impact:

None.

#### Default Value:

This file may not be present on the system. In that case, this recommendation is not applicable.

#### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/admin/configuring/>

### *3.20 Verify that /etc/default/docker file permissions are set to 644 or more restrictive (Scored)*

#### **Profile Applicability:**

- Level 1 - Docker

#### **Description:**

Verify that the '/etc/default/docker' file permissions are correctly set to '644' or more restrictive.

#### **Rationale:**

'/etc/default/docker' file contains sensitive parameters that may alter the behavior of docker daemon. Hence, it should be writable only by 'root' to maintain the integrity of the file.

#### **Audit:**

Execute the below command to verify that the file permissions are correctly set to '644' or more restrictive:

```
stat -c %a /etc/default/docker
```

#### **Remediation:**

```
chmod 644 /etc/default/docker
```

This would set the file permissions for this file to '644'.

#### **Impact:**

None.

#### **Default Value:**

This file may not be present on the system. In that case, this recommendation is not applicable.

#### **References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/admin/configuring/>

## 4 Container Images and Build File

Container base images and build files govern the fundamentals of how a container instance from a particular image would behave. Ensuring that you are using proper base images and appropriate build files can be very important for building your containerized infrastructure. Below are some of the recommendations that you should follow for container base images and build files to ensure that your containerized infrastructure is secure.

### 4.1 Create a user for the container (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Create a non-root user for the container in the Dockerfile for the container image.

#### Rationale:

It is a good practice to run the container as a non-root user, if possible. Though user namespace mapping is now available, if a user is already defined in the container image, the container is run as that user by default and specific user namespace remapping is not required.

#### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id }}: User={{.Config.User}}'
```

The above command should return container username or user ID. If it is blank it means, the container is running as `root`.

#### Remediation:

Ensure that the Dockerfile for the container image contains below instruction:

```
USER <username or ID>
```

where username or ID refers to the user that could be found in the container base image. If there is no specific user created in the container base image, then add a `useradd` command to add the specific user before `USER` instruction.

For example, add the below lines in the Dockerfile to create a user in the container:

```
RUN useradd -d /home/username -m -s /bin/bash username
USER username
```

Note: If there are users in the image that the containers do not need, consider deleting them. After deleting those users, commit the image and then generate new instances of containers for use.

**Impact:**

None.

**Default Value:**

By default, the containers are run with `root` privileges and as user `root` inside the container.

**References:**

1. <https://github.com/docker/docker/issues/2918>
2. <https://github.com/docker/docker/pull/4572>
3. <https://github.com/docker/docker/issues/7906>
4. <https://www.altiscale.com/hadoop-blog/making-docker-work-yarn/>
5. <http://docs.docker.com/articles/security/>

## 4.2 Use trusted base images for containers (Not Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Ensure that the container image is written either from scratch or is based on another established and trusted base image downloaded over a secure channel.

### Rationale:

Official repositories are Docker images curated and optimized by the Docker community or the vendor. There could be other potentially unsafe public repositories. You should thus exercise a lot of caution when obtaining container images.

### Audit:

Inspect the Docker host by executing the below command:

```
docker images
```

This would list all the container images that are currently available for use on the Docker host. Interview the system administrator and obtain a proof of evidence that the list of images was obtained from trusted source over a secure channel.

### Remediation:

Configure and use Docker Content trust.

### Impact:

None.

### Default Value:

Not Applicable.

### References:

1. <https://titanous.com/posts/docker-insecurity>
2. <https://registry.hub.docker.com/>
3. <http://blog.docker.com/2014/10/docker-1-3-signed-images-process-injection-security-options-mac-shared-directories/>

4. <https://github.com/docker/docker/issues/8093>
5. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#pull>
6. <https://github.com/docker/docker/pull/11109>
7. <https://blog.docker.com/2015/11/docker-trusted-registry-1-4/>

### 4.3 Do not install unnecessary packages in the container (Not Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

#### Description:

Containers tend to be minimal and slim down versions of the Operating System. Do not install anything that does not justify the purpose of container.

#### Rationale:

Bloating containers with unnecessary software could possibly increase the attack surface of the container. This also voids the concept of minimal and slim down versions of container images. Hence, do not install anything else apart from what is truly needed for the purpose of the container.

#### Audit:

**Step 1:** List all the running instances of containers by executing below command:

```
docker ps --quiet
```

**Step 2:** For each container instance, execute the below or equivalent command:

```
docker exec $INSTANCE_ID rpm -qa
```

The above command would list the packages installed on the container. Review the list and ensure that it is legitimate.

#### Remediation:

At the outset, do not install anything on the container that does not justify the purpose. If the image had some packages that your container does not use, uninstall them.

Consider using a minimal base image rather than the standard Redhat/Centos/Debian images if you can. Some of the options include BusyBox and Alpine.

Not only does this trim your image size from >150Mb to ~20 Mb, there are also fewer tools and paths to escalate privileges. You can even remove the package installer as a final hardening measure for leaf/production containers.

#### Impact:

None.



**Default Value:**

Not Applicable.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/userguide/dockerimages/>
2. <http://www.livewyer.com/blog/2015/02/24/slimming-down-your-docker-containers-alpine-linux>
3. <https://github.com/progrium/busybox>

## 4.4 Rebuild the images to include security patches (Not Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Instead of patching your containers and images, rebuild the images from scratch and instantiate new containers from it.

### Rationale:

Security patches are updates to products to resolve known issues. These patches update the system to the most recent code base. Being on the current code base is important because that's where vendors focus on fixing problems. Evaluate the security patches before applying and follow the patching best practices.

On conventional systems, rebuilding the system is a risky operation, because it is rarely done, and many components can diverge over time between two rebuilds. However, when using state-of-the-art configuration management or a build system like the one provided by Docker with Dockerfiles, rebuilds are easy to do, and fast. This allows (and promotes) frequent rebuilds, and ensures that at any given time, it is safe (and reliable) to do such a full rebuilds. As such, in case of security vulnerability affecting a package or library, rebuilding with the latest available software is the best practice and should be followed.

### Audit:

**Step 1:** List all the running instances of containers by executing below command:

```
docker ps --quiet
```

**Step 2:** For each container instance, execute the below or equivalent command to find the list of packages installed within container. Ensure that the security updates for various affected packages are installed.

```
docker exec $INSTANCE_ID rpm -qa
```

### Remediation:

Follow the below steps to rebuild the images with security patches:

**Step 1:** 'docker pull' all the base images (i.e., given your set of Dockerfiles, extract all images declared in 'FROM' instructions, and re-pull them to check for an updated version).

**Step 2:** Force a rebuild of each image with '`docker build --no-cache`'.

**Step 3:** Restart all containers with the updated images.

**Impact:**

Rebuilding the images has to be done after upstream packages are available, otherwise re-pulling and rebuilding will do no good. When the affected packages are in the base image, it is necessary to pull it (and therefore rebuild). When the affected packages are in the downloaded packages, it is not necessary to pull the image; but nonetheless, in doubt, it is recommended to always follow this strict procedure and rebuild the entire image.

Note: If updated packages are not available and it is critical to install a security patch, live patching could be used.

**Default Value:**

By default, containers and images are not updated of their own.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/userguide/dockerimages/>

## 4.5 Enable Content trust for Docker (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 2 - Docker

### Description:

Content trust is disabled by default. You should enable it.

### Rationale:

Content trust provides the ability to use digital signatures for data sent to and received from remote Docker registries. These signatures allow client-side verification of the integrity and publisher of specific image tags. This ensures provenance of container images.

### Audit:

```
echo $DOCKER_CONTENT_TRUST
```

This should return 1.

### Remediation:

To enable content trust in a bash shell, enter the following command:

```
export DOCKER_CONTENT_TRUST=1
```

Alternatively, set this environment variable in your profile file so that content trust is enabled on every login.

### Impact:

In an environment where `DOCKER_CONTENT_TRUST` is set, you are required to follow trust procedures while working with images - `build`, `create`, `pull`, `push` and `run`. You can use the `--disable-content-trust` flag to run individual operations on tagged images without content trust on an as-needed basis but that defeats the purpose of enabling content trust and hence, should be avoided wherever possible.

Note: Content trust is currently only available for users of the public Docker Hub. It is currently not available for the Docker Trusted Registry or for private registries.

### Default Value:

By default, content trust is disabled.

## References:

1. [https://docs.docker.com/engine/security/trust/content trust/](https://docs.docker.com/engine/security/trust/content%20trust/)
2. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/cli/#notary>
3. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/cli/#environment-variables>

## 5 Container Runtime

The ways in which a container is started governs a lot security implications. It is possible to provide potentially dangerous runtime parameters that might compromise the host and other containers on the host. Verifying container runtime is thus very important. Various recommendations to assess the container runtime are as below:

### 5.1 Verify AppArmor Profile, if applicable (Scored)

#### Profile Applicability:

- Level 2 - Docker

#### Description:

AppArmor is an effective and easy-to-use Linux application security system. It is available on quite a few Linux distributions by default such as Debian and Ubuntu.

#### Rationale:

AppArmor protects the Linux OS and applications from various threats by enforcing security policy which is also known as AppArmor profile. You should create a AppArmor profile for your containers. This would enforce security policies on the containers as defined in the profile.

#### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id }}: AppArmorProfile={{.AppArmorProfile }}'
```

The above command should return a valid AppArmor Profile for each container instance.

#### Remediation:

If AppArmor is applicable for your Linux OS, use it. You may have to follow below set of steps:

1. Verify if AppArmor is installed. If not, install it.
2. Create or import a AppArmor profile for Docker containers.
3. Put this profile in enforcing mode.
4. Start your Docker container using the Docker AppArmor profile. For example,

```
docker run --interactive --tty --security-opt="apparmor:PROFILENAME" centos /bin/bash
```

**Impact:**

The container (process) would have set of restrictions as defined in AppArmor profile. If your AppArmor profile is mis-configured, then the container may not entirely work as expected.

**Default Value:**

By default, no AppArmor profiles are applied on containers.

**References:**

1. <http://docs.docker.com/articles/security/#other-kernel-security-features>
2. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/run/#security-configuration>
3. [http://wiki.apparmor.net/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://wiki.apparmor.net/index.php/Main_Page)

## 5.2 Verify SELinux security options, if applicable (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 2 - Docker

### Description:

SELinux is an effective and easy-to-use Linux application security system. It is available on quite a few Linux distributions by default such as Red Hat and Fedora.

### Rationale:

SELinux provides a Mandatory Access Control (MAC) system that greatly augments the default Discretionary Access Control (DAC) model. You can thus add an extra layer of safety by enabling SELinux on your Linux host, if applicable.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id}}: SecurityOpt={{.HostConfig.SecurityOpt}}'
```

The above command should return all the security options currently configured for the containers.

### Remediation:

If SELinux is applicable for your Linux OS, use it. You may have to follow below set of steps:

1. Set the SELinux State.
2. Set the SELinux Policy.
3. Create or import a SELinux policy template for Docker containers.
4. Start Docker in daemon mode with SELinux enabled. For example,

```
docker daemon --selinux-enabled
```

5. Start your Docker container using the security options. For example,

```
docker run --interactive --tty --security-opt label=level:TopSecret centos /bin/bash
```

### Impact:

The container (process) would have set of restrictions as defined in SELinux policy. If your SELinux policy is mis-configured, then the container may not entirely work as expected.



**Default Value:**

By default, no SELinux security options are applied on containers.

**References:**

1. <http://docs.docker.com/articles/security/#other-kernel-security-features>
2. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/run/#security-configuration>
3. [http://docs.fedoraproject.org/en-US/Fedora/13/html/Security-Enhanced\\_Linux/](http://docs.fedoraproject.org/en-US/Fedora/13/html/Security-Enhanced_Linux/)

## 5.3 Restrict Linux Kernel Capabilities within containers (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

By default, Docker starts containers with a restricted set of Linux Kernel Capabilities. It means that any process may be granted the required capabilities instead of root access. Using Linux Kernel Capabilities, the processes do not have to run as root for almost all the specific areas where root privileges are usually needed.

### Rationale:

Docker supports the addition and removal of capabilities, allowing use of a non-default profile. This may make Docker more secure through capability removal, or less secure through the addition of capabilities. It is thus recommended to remove all capabilities except those explicitly required for your container process.

For example, capabilities such as below are usually not needed for container process:

```
NET_ADMIN  
SYS_ADMIN  
SYS_MODULE
```

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id}}: CapAdd={{  
.HostConfig.CapAdd}} CapDrop={{.HostConfig.CapDrop}}'
```

Verify that the added and dropped Linux Kernel Capabilities are in line with the ones needed for container process for each container instance.

### Remediation:

Execute the below command to add needed capabilities:

```
$> docker run --cap-add={"Capability 1","Capability 2"} <Run arguments> <Container  
Image Name or ID> <Command>
```

For example,

```
docker run --interactive --tty --cap-add={"NET_ADMIN","SYS_ADMIN"} centos:latest  
/bin/bash
```

Execute the below command to drop unneeded capabilities:

```
$> docker run --cap-drop={"Capability 1","Capability 2"} <Run arguments> <Container Image Name or ID> <Command>
```

For example,

```
docker run --interactive --tty --cap-drop={"SETUID","SETGID"} centos:latest /bin/bash
```

Alternatively,

You may choose to drop all capabilities and add only add the needed ones:

```
$> docker run --cap-drop=all --cap-add={"Capability 1","Capability 2"} <Run arguments> <Container Image Name or ID> <Command>
```

For example,

```
docker run --interactive --tty --cap-drop=all --cap-add={"NET_ADMIN","SYS_ADMIN"} centos:latest /bin/bash
```

### Impact:

Based on what Linux Kernel Capabilities were added or dropped, restrictions within the container would apply.

### Default Value:

By default, below capabilities are available for containers:

```
AUDIT_WRITE
CHOWN
DAC_OVERRIDE
FOWNER
FSETID
KILL
MKNOD
NET_BIND_SERVICE
NET_RAW
SETFCAP
SETGID
SETPCAP
SETUID
SYS_CHROOT
```

### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/security/#linux-kernel-capabilities>
2. [https://github.com/docker/docker/blob/master/daemon/execdriver/native/template/default template.go](https://github.com/docker/docker/blob/master/daemon/execdriver/native/template/default%20template.go)
3. <http://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man7/capabilities.7.html>

## 5.4 Do not use privileged containers (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Using the `--privileged` flag gives all Linux Kernel Capabilities to the container thus overwriting the `--cap-add` and `--cap-drop` flags. Ensure that it is not used.

### Rationale:

The `--privileged` flag gives all capabilities to the container, and it also lifts all the limitations enforced by the device cgroup controller. In other words, the container can then do almost everything that the host can do. This flag exists to allow special use-cases, like running Docker within Docker.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id }}: Privileged={{.HostConfig.Privileged }}'
```

The above command should return `Privileged=false` for each container instance.

### Remediation:

Do not run container with the `--privileged` flag.

For example, do not start a container as below:

```
docker run --interactive --tty --privileged centos /bin/bash
```

### Impact:

Linux Kernel Capabilities other than defaults would not be available for use within container.

### Default Value:

False.

### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli>

## 5.5 Do not mount sensitive host system directories on containers (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Sensitive host system directories such as below should not be allowed to be mounted as container volumes especially in read-write mode.

```
/
/boot
/dev
/etc
/lib
/proc
/sys
/usr
```

### Rationale:

If sensitive directories are mounted in read-write mode, it would be possible to make changes to files within those sensitive directories. The changes might bring down security implications or unwarranted changes that could put the Docker host in compromised state.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id}}: Volumes={{.Mounts}}
```

The above commands would return the list of current mapped directories and whether they are mounted in read-write mode for each container instance.

### Remediation:

Do not mount host sensitive directories on containers especially in read-write mode.

### Impact:

None.

### Default Value:

Docker defaults to a read-write volume but you can also mount a directory read-only. By default, no sensitive host directories are mounted on containers.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/userguide/dockervolumes>

## 5.6 Do not run ssh within containers (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

SSH server should not be running within the container. You should SSH into the Docker host, and use `nsenter` tool to enter a container from a remote host.

### Rationale:

Running SSH within the container increases the complexity of security management by making it

- Difficult to manage access policies and security compliance for SSH server
- Difficult to manage keys and passwords across various containers
- Difficult to manage security upgrades for SSH server

It is possible to have shell access to a container without using SSH, the needlessly increasing the complexity of security management should be avoided.

### Audit:

**Step 1:** List all the running instances of containers by executing below command:

```
docker ps --quiet
```

**Step 2:** For each container instance, execute the below command:

```
docker exec $INSTANCE_ID ps -el
```

Ensure that there is no process for SSH server.

### Remediation:

Uninstall SSH server from the container and use `nsenter` or any other commands such as `docker exec` or `docker attach` to interact with the container instance.

```
docker exec --interactive --tty $INSTANCE_ID sh
```

OR

```
docker attach $INSTANCE_ID
```

### Impact:

None.

**Default Value:**

By default, SSH server is not running inside the container. Only one process per container is allowed.

**References:**

1. <http://blog.docker.com/2014/06/why-you-dont-need-to-run-sshd-in-docker/>



## 5.7 Do not map privileged ports within containers (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

The TCP/IP port numbers below 1024 are considered privileged ports. Normal users and processes are not allowed to use them for various security reasons. Docker allows a container port to be mapped to a privileged port.

### Rationale:

By default, if the user does not specifically declare the container port to host port mapping, Docker automatically and correctly maps the container port to one available in 49153-65535 block on the host. But, Docker allows a container port to be mapped to a privileged port on the host if the user explicitly declared it. This is so because containers are executed with `NET_BIND_SERVICE` Linux kernel capability that does not restrict the privileged port mapping. The privileged ports receive and transmit various sensitive and privileged data. Allowing containers to use them can bring serious implications.

### Audit:

List all the running instances of containers and their port mapping by executing the below command:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id}}: Ports={{.NetworkSettings.Ports}}'
```

Review the list and ensure that container ports are not mapped to host port numbers below 1024.

### Remediation:

Do not map the container ports to privileged host ports when starting a container. Also, ensure that there are no such container to host privileged port mapping declarations in the Dockerfile.

### Impact:

None.

**Default Value:**

By default, mapping a container port to a privileged port on the host is allowed.

Note: There might be certain cases where you want to map privileged ports, because if you forbid it, then the corresponding application has to run outside of a container.

For example: HTTP and HTTPS load balancers have to bind 80/tcp and 443/tcp respectively. Forbidding to map privileged ports effectively forbids from running those in a container, and mandates using an external load balancer. In such cases, those containers instances should be marked as exceptions for this recommendation.

**References:**

1. <http://docs.docker.com/articles/networking/#binding-ports>
2. <https://www.adayinthelifeof.nl/2012/03/12/why-putting-ssh-on-another-port-than-22-is-bad-idea>

## 5.8 Open only needed ports on container (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Dockerfile for a container image defines the ports to be opened by default on a container instance. The list of ports may or may not be relevant to the application you are running within the container.

### Rationale:

A container can be run just with the ports defined in the Dockerfile for its image or can be arbitrarily passed run time parameters to open a list of ports. Additionally, Overtime, Dockerfile may undergo various changes and the list of exposed ports may or may not be relevant to the application you are running within the container. Opening unneeded ports increase the attack surface of the container and the containerized application. As a recommended practice, do not open unneeded ports.

### Audit:

List all the running instances of containers and their port mapping by executing the below command:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id}}: Ports={{.NetworkSettings.Ports
}}
```

Review the list and ensure that the ports mapped are the ones that are really needed for the container.

### Remediation:

Fix the Dockerfile of the container image to expose only needed ports by your containerized application. You can also completely ignore the list of ports defined in the Dockerfile by **NOT** using '-P' (UPPERCASE) or '--publish-all' flag when starting the container. Use the '-p' (lowercase) or '--publish' flag to explicitly define the ports that you need for a particular container instance.

For example,

```
docker run --interactive --tty --publish 5000 --publish 5001 --publish 5002 centos
/bin/bash
```

**Impact:**

None.

**Default Value:**

By default, all the ports that are listed in the Dockerfile under `EXPOSE` instruction for an image are opened when container is run with `'-P'` or `'--publish-all'` flag.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/networking/#binding-ports>

## 5.9 Do not share the host's network namespace (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

The networking mode on a container when set to '`--net=host`', skips placing the container inside separate network stack. In essence, this choice tells Docker to not containerize the container's networking. This would network-wise mean that the container lives "outside" in the main Docker host and has full access to its network interfaces.

### Rationale:

This is potentially dangerous. It allows the container process to open low-numbered ports like any other `root` process. It also allows the container to access network services like D-bus on the Docker host. Thus, a container process can potentially do unexpected things such as shutting down the Docker host. You should not use this option.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{ .Id }}: NetworkMode={{ .HostConfig.NetworkMode }}'
```

If the above command returns '`host`', it means '`--net=host`' option was passed when container was started. This would be non-compliant. It should return `bridge`, `none`, or `container:$Container_Instance` to be compliant.

### Remediation:

Do not pass '`--net=host`' option when starting the container.

### Impact:

None.

### Default Value:

By default, container connects to Docker `bridge`.

### References:

1. <http://docs.docker.com/articles/networking/#how-docker-networks-a-container>
2. <https://github.com/docker/docker/issues/6401>

## 5.10 Limit memory usage for container (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

By default, all containers on a Docker host share the resources equally. By using the resource management capabilities of Docker host, such as memory limit, you can control the amount of memory that a container may consume.

### Rationale:

By default, container can use all of the memory on the host. You can use memory limit mechanism to prevent a denial of service arising from one container consuming all of the host's resources such that other containers on the same host cannot perform their intended functions. Having no limit on memory can lead to issues where one container can easily make the whole system unstable and as a result unusable.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id}}: Memory={{.HostConfig.Memory}}'
```

If the above command returns 0, it means the memory limits are not in place. If the above command returns a non-zero value, it means memory limits are in place.

### Remediation:

Run the container with only as much memory as required. Always run the container using '-m' or '--memory' argument. You should start the container as below:

```
$> docker run <Run arguments> --memory <memory-size> <Container Image Name or ID> <Command>
```

For example,

```
docker run --interactive --tty --memory 256m centos /bin/bash
```

In the above example, the container is started with a memory limit of 256 MB.

Note: Please note that the output of the below command would return values in scientific notation if memory limits are in place.

```
docker inspect --format='{{.Config.Memory}}' 7c5a2d4c7fe0
```

For example, if the memory limit is set to 256 MB for the above container instance, the output of the above command would be 2.68435456e+08 and NOT 256m. You should convert this value using a scientific calculator or programmatic methods.

**Impact:**

If you do not set proper limits, the container process may have to starve.

**Default Value:**

By default, all containers on a Docker host share the resources equally. No memory limits are enforced.

**References:**

1. <https://goldmann.pl/blog/2014/09/11/resource-management-in-docker/>
2. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#run>
3. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/runmetrics/>

## 5.11 Set container CPU priority appropriately (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

By default, all containers on a Docker host share the resources equally. By using the resource management capabilities of Docker host, such as CPU shares, you can control the host CPU resources that a container may consume.

### Rationale:

By default, CPU time is divided between containers equally. If it is desired, to control the CPU time amongst the container instances, you can use CPU sharing feature. CPU sharing allows to prioritize one container over the other and forbids the lower priority container to claim CPU resources more often. This ensures that the high priority containers are served better.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id}}: CpuShares={{.HostConfig.CpuShares}}'
```

If the above command returns 0 or 1024, it means the CPU shares are not in place. If the above command returns a non-zero value other than 1024, it means CPU shares are in place.

### Remediation:

Manage the CPU shares between your containers. To do so start the container using '-c' or '--cpu-shares' argument. You may start the container as below:

```
$> docker run <Run arguments> --cpu-shares <CPU shares> <Container Image Name or ID> <Command>
```

For example,

```
docker run --interactive --tty --cpu-shares 512 centos /bin/bash
```

In the above example, the container is started with a CPU shares of 50% of what the other containers use. So, if the other container has CPU shares of 80%, this container will have CPU shares of 40%.



Note: Every new container will have 1024 shares of CPU by default. However, this value is shown as '0' if you run the command mentioned in the audit section.

Alternatively,

1. Navigate to `/sys/fs/cgroup/cpu/system.slice/` directory.
2. Check your container instance ID using `'docker ps'` command.
3. Now, inside the above directory (in step 1), you would have a directory by name `'docker-<Instance ID>.scope'` for example `'docker-4acae729e8659c6be696ee35b2237cc1fe4edd2672e9186434c5116e1a6fbed6.scope'`. Navigate to this directory.
4. You will find a file named `'cpu.shares'`. Execute `'cat cpu.shares'`. This will always give you the CPU share value based on the system. So, even if there are no CPU shares configured using `'-c'` or `'--cpu-shares'` argument in the `'docker run'` command, this file will have a value of `'1024'`.

If we set one container's CPU shares to 512 it will receive half of the CPU time compared to the other container. So, take 1024 as 100% and then do quick maths to derive the number that you should set for respective CPU shares. For example, use 512 if you want to set 50% and 256 if you want to set 25%.

### **Impact:**

If you do not set proper CPU shares, the container process may have to starve if the resources on the host are not available. If the CPU resources on the host are free, CPU shares do not place any restrictions on the CPU that the container may use.

### **Default Value:**

By default, all containers on a Docker host share the resources equally. No CPU shares are enforced.

### **References:**

1. <https://goldmann.pl/blog/2014/09/11/resource-management-in-docker/>
2. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#run>
3. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/runmetrics/>

## 5.12 Mount container's root filesystem as read only (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

The container's `root` file system should be treated as a 'golden image' and any writes to the `root` filesystem should be avoided. You should explicitly define a container volume for writing.

### Rationale:

You should not be writing data within containers. The data volume belonging to a container should be explicitly defined and administered. This is useful in many cases where the admin controls where they would want developers to write files and errors. Also, this has other advantages such as below:

- This leads to an immutable infrastructure
- Since the container instance cannot be written to, there is no need to audit instance divergence
- Reduced security attack vectors since the instance cannot be tampered with or written to
- Ability to use a purely volume based backup without backing up anything from the instance

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id}}: ReadonlyRootfs={{.HostConfig.ReadonlyRootfs}}'
```

If the above command returns 'true', it means the `root` filesystem is mounted read-only. If the above command returns 'false', it means the `root` filesystem is writable.

Additionally, you may use below command to find the differences between the container instance and its corresponding image.

```
docker diff $INSTANCE_ID
```

### Remediation:

Add a '`--read-only`' flag to allow the container's `root` filesystem to be mounted as read only. This can be used in combination with volumes to force a container's process to only write to locations that will be persisted.

You should run the container as below:

\$> docker run <Run arguments> --read-only -v <writable-volume> <Container Image Name or ID> <Command>

For example,

```
docker run --interactive --tty --read-only --volume /centdata centos /bin/bash
```

This would run the container with read-only `root` filesystem and would use 'centdata' as container volume for writing.

### **Impact:**

The container root file system would not be writable. You should explicitly define a volume for the container for writing.

### **Default Value:**

By default, a container will have its `root` filesystem writable allowing processes to write files anywhere.

### **References:**

1. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#run>

## 5.13 Bind incoming container traffic to a specific host interface (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

By default, Docker containers can make connections to the outside world, but the outside world cannot connect to containers. Each outgoing connection will appear to originate from one of the host machine's own IP addresses. Only allow container services to be contacted through a specific external interface on the host machine.

### Rationale:

If you have multiple network interfaces on your host machine, the container can accept connections on the exposed ports on any network interface. This might not be desired and may not be secured. Many a times a particular interface is exposed externally and services such as intrusion detection, intrusion prevention, firewall, load balancing, etc. are run on those interfaces to screen incoming public traffic. Hence, you should not accept incoming connections on any interface. You should only allow incoming connections from a particular external interface.

### Audit:

List all the running instances of containers and their port mapping by executing the below command:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id }}: Ports={{.NetworkSettings.Ports
}}
```

Review the list and ensure that the exposed container ports are tied to a particular interface and not to the wild card IP address - '0.0.0.0'.

For example,

If the above command returns as below, then this is non-compliant and the container can accept connections on any host interface on the specified port 49153.

```
map[HostIp:0.0.0.0 HostPort:49153]
```

However, if the exposed port is tied to a particular interface on the host as below, then this recommendation is configured as desired and is compliant.

```
map[HostIp:10.2.3.4 HostPort:49153]
```

**Remediation:**

Bind the container port to a specific host interface on the desired host port.

For example,

```
docker run --detach --publish 10.2.3.4:49153:80 nginx
```

In the example above, the container port 80 is bound to the host port on 49153 and would accept incoming connection only from 10.2.3.4 external interface.

**Impact:**

None.

**Default Value:**

By default, Docker exposes the container ports on 0.0.0.0, the wildcard IP address that will match any possible incoming network interface on the host machine.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/networking/#binding-container-ports-to-the-host>

## 5.14 Set the 'on-failure' container restart policy to 5 (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Using the '--restart' flag in 'docker run' command you can specify a restart policy for how a container should or should not be restarted on exit. You should choose the 'on-failure' restart policy and limit the restart attempts to 5.

### Rationale:

If you indefinitely keep trying to start the container, it could possibly lead to a denial of service on the host. It could be an easy way to do a distributed denial of service attack especially if you have many containers on the same host. Additionally, ignoring the exit status of the container and 'always' attempting to restart the container leads to non-investigation of the root cause behind containers getting terminated. If a container gets terminated, you should investigate on the reason behind it instead of just attempting to restart it indefinitely. Thus, it is recommended to use 'on-failure' restart policy and limit it to maximum of 5 restart attempts.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id}}: RestartPolicyName={{.HostConfig.RestartPolicy.Name}} MaximumRetryCount={{.HostConfig.RestartPolicy.MaximumRetryCount}}'
```

- If the above command returns 'RestartPolicyName=always', then the system is not configured as desired and hence this recommendation is non-compliant.
- If the above command returns 'RestartPolicyName=no' or just 'RestartPolicyName=', then the restart policies are not being used and the container would never be restarted of its own. This recommendation is then Not Applicable and can be assumed to be compliant.
- If the above command returns 'RestartPolicyName=on-failure', then verify that the number of restart attempts is set to 5 or less by looking at 'MaximumRetryCount'.

### Remediation:

If a container is desired to be restarted of its own, then start the container as below:

```
$> docker run <Run arguments> --restart=on-failure:5 <Container Image Name or ID>  
<Command>
```

For example,

```
docker run --detach --restart=on-failure:5 nginx
```

**Impact:**

The container would attempt to restart only for 5 times.

**Default Value:**

By default, containers are not configured with restart policies. Hence, containers do not attempt to restart of their own.

**References:**

1. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#restart-policies>

## 5.15 Do not share the host's process namespace (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Process ID (PID) namespaces isolate the process ID number space, meaning that processes in different PID namespaces can have the same PID. This is process level isolation between containers and the host.

### Rationale:

PID namespace provides separation of processes. The PID Namespace removes the view of the system processes, and allows process ids to be reused including PID 1. If the host's PID namespace is shared with the container, it would basically allow processes within the container to see all of the processes on the host system. This breaks the benefit of process level isolation between the host and the containers. Someone having access to the container can eventually know all the processes running on the host system and can even kill the host system processes from within the container. This can be catastrophic. Hence, do not share the host's process namespace with the containers.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id}}: PidMode={{.HostConfig.PidMode}}'
```

If the above command returns 'host', it means the host PID namespace is shared with the container else this recommendation is compliant.

### Remediation:

Do not start a container with '--pid=host' argument.

For example, do not start a container as below:

```
docker run --interactive --tty --pid=host centos /bin/bash
```

### Impact:

Container processes cannot see the processes on the host system. In certain cases you want your container to share the host's process namespace. For example, you could build a container with debugging tools like `strace` or `gdb`, but want to use these tools when debugging processes within the container. If this is desired, then share only one (or needed) host process by using the '-p' switch.



For example,

```
docker run --pid=host rhel7 strace -p 1234
```

**Default Value:**

By default, all containers have the PID namespace enabled and the host's process namespace is not shared with the containers.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/reference/run/#pid-settings>
2. [http://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man7/pid\\_namespaces.7.html](http://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man7/pid_namespaces.7.html)

## 5.16 Do not share the host's IPC namespace (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

IPC (POSIX/SysV IPC) namespace provides separation of named shared memory segments, semaphores and message queues. IPC namespace on the host thus should not be shared with the containers and should remain isolated.

### Rationale:

IPC namespace provides separation of IPC between the host and containers. If the host's IPC namespace is shared with the container, it would basically allow processes within the container to see all of the IPC on the host system. This breaks the benefit of IPC level isolation between the host and the containers. Someone having access to the container can eventually manipulate the host IPC. This can be catastrophic. Hence, do not share the host's IPC namespace with the containers.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id }}: IpcMode={{.HostConfig.IpcMode }}'
```

If the above command returns 'host', it means the host IPC namespace is shared with the container. If the above command returns nothing, then the host's IPC namespace is not shared. This recommendation is then compliant.

### Remediation:

Do not start a container with '--ipc=host' argument.

For example, do not start a container as below:

```
docker run --interactive --tty --ipc=host centos /bin/bash
```

### Impact:

Shared memory segments are used to accelerate inter-process communication. It is commonly used by high performance applications. If such applications are containerized into multiple containers, you might need to share the IPC namespace of the containers to achieve high performance. In such cases, you should still be sharing container specific IPC

namespaces only and not the host IPC namespace. You may share the container's IPC namespace with other container as below:

\$> docker run <Run arguments> --ipc=container:\$INSTANCE\_ID <Container Image Name or ID> <Command>

For example,

```
docker run --interactive --tty --ipc=container:e3a7a1a97c58 centos /bin/bash
```

### **Default Value:**

By default, all containers have the IPC namespace enabled and host IPC namespace is not shared with any container.

### **References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/reference/run/#ipc-settings>
2. <http://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man7/namespaces.7.html>

## 5.17 Do not directly expose host devices to containers (Not Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Host devices can be directly exposed to containers at runtime. Do not directly expose host devices to containers especially for containers that are not trusted.

### Rationale:

The '--device' option exposes the host devices to the containers and consequently the containers can directly access such host devices. You would not require the container to run in 'privileged' mode to access and manipulate the host devices. By default, the container will be able to read, write and mknod these devices. Additionally, it is possible for containers to remove block devices from the host. Hence, do not expose host devices to containers directly.

If at all, you would want to expose the host device to a container, use the sharing permissions appropriately:

- r - read only
- w - writable
- m - mknod allowed

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{{ .Id }}}: Devices={{{ .HostConfig.Devices }}}'
```

The above command would list out each device with below information:

- CgroupPermissions - For example, rwm
- PathInContainer - Device path within the container
- PathOnHost - Device path on the host

Verify that the host device is needed to be accessed from within the container and the permissions required are correctly set. If the above command returns [], then the container does not have access to host devices. This recommendation can be assumed to be compliant.

## Remediation:

Do not directly expose the host devices to containers. If at all, you need to expose the host devices to containers, use the correct set of permissions.

For example, do not start a container as below:

```
docker run --interactive --tty --device=/dev/tty0:/dev/tty0:rwm --  
device=/dev/temp_sda:/dev/temp_sda:rwm centos bash
```

For example, share the host device with correct permissions:

```
docker run --interactive --tty --device=/dev/tty0:/dev/tty0:rw --  
device=/dev/temp_sda:/dev/temp_sda:r centos bash
```

## Impact:

You would not be able to use the host devices directly within the containers.

## Default Value:

By default, no host devices are exposed to containers. If you do not provide sharing permissions and choose to expose a host device to a container, the host device would be exposed with `read,write` and `mknod` permissions.

## References:

1. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#run>

## 5.18 Override default ulimit at runtime only if needed (Not Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

The default ulimit is set at the Docker daemon level. However, you may override the default ulimit setting, if needed, during container runtime.

### Rationale:

`ulimit` provides control over the resources available to the shell and to processes started by it. Setting system resource limits judiciously saves you from many disasters such as a fork bomb. Sometimes, even friendly users and legitimate processes can overuse system resources and in-turn can make the system unusable.

The default ulimit set at the Docker daemon level should be honored. If the default ulimit settings are not appropriate for a particular container instance, you may override them as an exception. But, do not make this a practice. If most of the container instances are overriding default ulimit settings, consider changing the default ulimit settings to something that is appropriate for your needs.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id}}: Ulimits={{.HostConfig.Ulimits}}'
```

The above command should return `Ulimits=<no value>` for each container instance until and unless there is an exception and a need to override the default ulimit settings.

### Remediation:

Only override the default ulimit settings if needed.

For example, to override default ulimit settings start a container as below:

```
docker run --ulimit nofile=1024:1024 --interactive --tty centos /bin/bash
```

### Impact:

If the ulimits are not set properly, the desired resource control might not be achieved and might even make the system unusable.

**Default Value:**

Container instances inherit the default ulimit settings set at the Docker daemon level.

**References:**

1. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#setting-ulimits-in-a-container>

## 5.19 Do not set mount propagation mode to shared (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Mount propagation mode allows mounting volumes in shared, slave or private mode on a container. Do not use shared mount propagation mode until needed.

### Rationale:

A shared mount is replicated at all mounts and the changes made at any mount point are propagated to all mounts. Mounting a volume in shared mode does not restrict any other container to mount and make changes to that volume. This might be catastrophic if the mounted volume is sensitive to changes. Do not set mount propagation mode to shared until needed.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id}}: Propagation={{range $mnt := .Mounts}} {{json $mnt.Propagation}} {{end}}'
```

The above command would return the propagation mode for mounted volumes. Propagation mode should not be set to 'shared' unless needed. The above command would throw errors if there are no mounts. In that case, this recommendation is not applicable.

### Remediation:

Do not mount volumes in shared mode propagation.

For example, do not start container as below:

```
docker run <Run arguments> --volume=/hostPath:/containerPath:shared <Container Image Name or ID> <Command>
```

### Impact:

None.

### Default Value:

By default, the container mounts are private.



**References:**

1. <https://github.com/docker/docker/pull/17034>
2. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/run/>
3. <https://www.kernel.org/doc/Documentation/filesystems/sharedsubtree.txt>

## 5.20 Do not share the host's UTS namespace (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

UTS namespaces provide isolation of two system identifiers: the hostname and the NIS domain name. It is used for setting the hostname and the domain that is visible to running processes in that namespace. Processes running within containers do not typically require to know hostname and domain name. Hence, the namespace should not be shared with the host.

### Rationale:

Sharing the UTS namespace with the host provides full permission to the container to change the hostname of the host. This is insecure and should not be allowed.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{ .Id }}: UTMMode={{  
.HostConfig.UTMMode }}'
```

If the above command returns 'host', it means the host UTS namespace is shared with the container and this recommendation is non-compliant. If the above command returns nothing, then the host's UTS namespace is not shared. This recommendation is then compliant.

### Remediation:

Do not start a container with '--uts=host' argument.

For example, do not start a container as below:

```
docker run --rm --interactive --tty --uts=host rhel7.2
```

### Impact:

None.

### Default Value:

By default, all containers have the UTS namespace enabled and host UTS namespace is not shared with any container.

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/run/>
2. <http://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man7/namespaces.7.html>

## 5.21 Do not disable default seccomp profile (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Seccomp filtering provides a means for a process to specify a filter for incoming system calls. The default Docker seccomp profile disables 44 system calls, out of 313. It should not be disabled unless it hinders your container application usage.

### Rationale:

A large number of system calls are exposed to every userland process with many of them going unused for the entire lifetime of the process. Most of the applications do not need all the system calls and thus benefit by having a reduced set of available system calls. The reduced set of system calls reduces the total kernel surface exposed to the application and thus improves application security.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{ .Id }}: SecurityOpt={{  
.HostConfig.SecurityOpt }}'
```

The above command should return "<no value>" or your modified seccomp profile. If it returns `[seccomp:unconfined]`, that means this recommendation is non-compliant and the container is running without any seccomp profiles.

### Remediation:

By default, seccomp profiles are enabled. You do not need to do anything unless you want to modify and use the modified seccomp profile.

### Impact:

With Docker 1.10 and greater, the default seccomp profile blocks syscalls, regardless of `--cap-add` passed to the container. You should create your own custom seccomp profile in such cases. You may also disable the default seccomp profile by passing `--security-opt=seccomp:unconfined` on `docker run`.

**Default Value:**

When you run a container, it uses the default profile unless you override it with the `--security-opt` option.

**References:**

1. <http://blog.scalock.com/new-docker-security-features-and-what-they-mean-seccomp-profiles>
2. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/run/>
3. <https://github.com/docker/docker/blob/master/profiles/seccomp/default.json>
4. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/security/seccomp/>
5. [https://www.kernel.org/doc/Documentation/prctl/seccomp\\_filter.txt](https://www.kernel.org/doc/Documentation/prctl/seccomp_filter.txt)

## 5.22 Do not docker exec commands with privileged option (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 2 - Docker

### Description:

Do not `docker exec` with `--privileged` option.

### Rationale:

Using `--privileged` option in `docker exec` gives extended Linux capabilities to the command. This could potentially be insecure and unsafe to do especially when you are running containers with dropped capabilities or with enhanced restrictions.

### Audit:

If you have auditing enabled as prescribed in Section 1, you can use the below command to filter out `docker exec` commands that used `--privileged` option.

```
ausearch -k docker | grep exec | grep privileged
```

### Remediation:

Do not use `--privileged` option in `docker exec` command.

### Impact:

None. If you need enhanced capabilities within the container, then run the container with the needed capabilities.

### Default Value:

By default, `docker exec` command runs without `--privileged` option.

### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/exec/>

## 5.23 Do not docker exec commands with user option (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 2 - Docker

### Description:

Do not `docker exec` with `--user` option.

### Rationale:

Using `--user` option in `docker exec` executes the command within the container as that user. This could potentially be insecure and unsafe to do especially when you are running containers with dropped capabilities or with enhanced restrictions.

For example, suppose your container is running as tomcat user (or any other non-root user), it would be possible to run a command through `docker exec as root` with `--user=root` option. This could potentially be dangerous.

### Audit:

If you have auditing enabled as prescribed in Section 1, you can use the below command to filter out `docker exec` commands that used `--user` option.

```
ausearch -k docker | grep exec | grep user
```

### Remediation:

Do not use `--user` option in `docker exec` command.

### Impact:

None.

### Default Value:

By default, `docker exec` command runs without `--user` option.

### References:

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/exec/>

## 5.24 Confirm cgroup usage (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

It is possible to attach to a particular cgroup on container run. Confirming cgroup usage would ensure that containers are running under defined cgroups.

### Rationale:

System administrators typically define cgroups under which containers are supposed to run. Even if cgroups are not explicitly defined by the system administrators, containers run under `docker` cgroup by default.

At run-time, it is possible to attach to a different cgroup other than the one that was expected to be used. This usage should be monitored and confirmed. By attaching to a different cgroup than the one that is expected, excess permissions and resources might be granted to the container and thus, can prove to be unsafe.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{ .Id }}: CgroupParent={{  
.HostConfig.CgroupParent }}'
```

The above command would return the cgroup under which the containers are running. If it is blank, it means containers are running under default `docker` cgroup. In that case, this recommendation is compliant. If the containers are found to be running under cgroup other than the one that was expected, this recommendation is non-compliant.

### Remediation:

Do not use `--cgroup-parent` option in `docker run` command unless needed.

### Impact:

None.

### Default Value:

By default, containers run under `docker` cgroup.



**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/run/#specifying-custom-cgroups>
2. [https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red Hat Enterprise Linux/6/html/Resource Management Guide/ch01.html](https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/6/html/Resource_Management_Guide/ch01.html)

## 5.25 Restrict container from acquiring additional privileges (Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Restrict the container from acquiring additional privileges via suid or sgid bits.

### Rationale:

A process can set the `no_new_priv` bit in the kernel. It persists across fork, clone and execve. The `no_new_priv` bit ensures that the process or its children processes do not gain any additional privileges via suid or sgid bits. This way a lot of dangerous operations become a lot less dangerous because there is no possibility of subverting privileged binaries.

### Audit:

```
docker ps --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{.Id }}: SecurityOpt={{.HostConfig.SecurityOpt }}'
```

The above command should return all the security options currently configured for the containers. `no-new-privileges` should also be one of them.

### Remediation:

Start a container as below:

```
docker run <run-options> --security-opt=no-new-privileges <IMAGE> <CMD>
```

For example,

```
docker run --rm -it --security-opt=no-new-privileges ubuntu bash
```

### Impact:

`no_new_priv` prevents LSMs like SELinux from transitioning to process labels that have access not allowed to the current process.

### Default Value:

By default, new privileges are not restricted.

## References:

1. <https://github.com/projectatomic/atomic-site/issues/269>
2. <https://github.com/docker/docker/pull/20727>
3. [https://www.kernel.org/doc/Documentation/prctl/no\\_new\\_privs.txt](https://www.kernel.org/doc/Documentation/prctl/no_new_privs.txt)
4. <https://lwn.net/Articles/475678/>
5. <https://lwn.net/Articles/475362/>

## 6 Docker Security Operations

This section covers some of the operational security aspects for Docker deployments. These are best practices that should be followed. Most of the recommendations here are just reminders that organizations should extend their current security best practices and policies to include containers.

### 6.1 Perform regular security audits of your host system and containers (Not Scored)

#### **Profile Applicability:**

- Level 1 - Docker

#### **Description:**

Perform regular security audits of your host system and containers to identify any misconfigurations or vulnerabilities that could expose your system to compromise.

#### **Rationale:**

Performing regular and dedicated security audits of your host systems and containers could provide deep security insights that you might not know in your daily course of business. The identified security weaknesses should be then mitigated and this overall improves security posture of your environment.

#### **Audit:**

Follow your organization's security audit policies and requirements.

#### **Remediation:**

Follow your organization's security audit policies and requirements.

#### **Impact:**

None.

#### **Default Value:**

Not applicable.

**References:**

1. <http://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/IT-security-auditing-Best-practices-for-conducting-audits>

## *6.2 Monitor Docker containers usage, performance and metering (Not Scored)*

### **Profile Applicability:**

- Level 1 - Docker

### **Description:**

Containers might run services that are critical for your business. Monitoring their usage, performance and metering would be of paramount importance.

### **Rationale:**

Tracking container usage, performance and having some sort of metering around them would be important as you embrace the containers to run critical services for your business. This would give you

- Capacity Management and Optimization
- Performance Management
- Comprehensive Visibility

Such a deep visibility of container performance would help you ensure high availability of containers and minimum downtime.

### **Audit:**

`docker stats $(docker ps --quiet)`

The above commands would return CPU, memory and network statistics for every running container.

### **Remediation:**

Use a software or a container for tracking container usage, reporting performance and metering.

### **Impact:**

To get container metrics, you would have to utilize another container in privileged mode or a software that can enter namespace of various containers. Giving unrestricted access to namespaces of all the containers might be too risky.

**Default Value:**

By default, for each container, runtime metrics about CPU, memory, and block I/O usage is tracked by the system via enforcement of control groups (cgroups) as below:

CPU - `/sys/fs/cgroup/cpu/system.slice/docker-${INSTANCE_ID}.scope/`

Memory - `/sys/fs/cgroup/memory/system.slice/docker-${INSTANCE_ID}.scope/`

Block I/O - `/sys/fs/cgroup/blkio/system.slice/docker-${INSTANCE_ID}.scope/`

**References:**

1. <https://docs.docker.com/articles/runmetrics/>
2. <https://github.com/google/cadvisor>
3. <https://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#stats>

## 6.3 Backup container data (Not Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Docker

### Description:

Take regular backups of your container data volumes.

### Rationale:

Containers might run services that are critical for your business. Taking regular data backups would ensure that if there is ever any loss of data you would still have your data in backup. The loss of data could be devastating for your business.

### Audit:

Ask the system administrator whether container data volumes are regularly backed up. Verify a copy of the backup and ensure that the organization's backup policy is followed.

Additionally, you can execute the below command for each container instance to list the changed files and directories in the container's filesystem. Ideally, nothing should be stored on container's filesystem.

```
docker diff $INSTANCE_ID
```

### Remediation:

You should follow your organization's policy for data backup. You can take backup of your container data volume using '--volumes-from' parameter as below:

```
$> docker run <Run arguments> --volumes-from $INSTANCE_ID -v [host-dir]:[container-dir] <Container Image Name or ID> <Command>
```

For example,

```
docker run --volumes-from 699ee3233b96 -v /mybackup:/backup centos tar cvf /backup/backup.tar /exampledataatobackup
```

### Impact:

None.



**Default Value:**

By default, no data backup happens for container data volumes.

**References:**

1. <http://docs.docker.com/userguide/dockervolumes/#backup-restore-or-migrate-data-volumes>
2. <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/26331651/back-up-docker-container-that-has-a-volume>
3. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#diff>

## 6.4 Avoid image sprawl (Not Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

Do not keep a large number of container images on the same host. Use only tagged images as appropriate.

### Rationale:

Tagged images are useful to fall back from "latest" to a specific version of an image in production. Images with unused or old tags may contain vulnerabilities that might be exploited, if instantiated. Additionally, if you fail to remove unused images from the system and there are various such redundant and unused images, the host filesystem may become full and could lead to denial of service.

### Audit:

**Step 1** Make a list of all image IDs that are currently instantiated by executing below command:

```
docker images --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{ .Id }}: Image={{ .Config.Image }}'
```

**Step 2:** List all the images present on the system by executing below command:

```
docker images
```

**Step 3:** Compare the list of image IDs populated from Step 1 and Step 2 and find out images that are currently not being instantiated. If any such unused or old images are found, discuss with the system administrator the need to keep such images on the system. If such a need is not justified enough, then this recommendation is non-compliant.

### Remediation:

Keep the set of the images that you actually need and establish a workflow to remove old or stale images from the host. Additionally, use features such as pull-by-digest to get specific images from the registry.

Additionally, you can follow below set of steps to find out unused images on the system and delete them.

**Step 1** Make a list of all image IDs that are currently instantiated by executing below command:

```
docker images --quiet | xargs docker inspect --format '{{ .Id }}: Image={{  
.Config.Image }}'
```

**Step 2:** List all the images present on the system by executing below command:

```
docker images
```

**Step 3:** Compare the list of image IDs populated from Step 1 and Step 2 and find out images that are currently not being instantiated.

**Step 4:** Decide if you want to keep the images that are not currently in use. If not delete them by executing below command:

```
docker rmi $IMAGE_ID
```

### Impact:

None

### Default Value:

Images and layered filesystems remain accessible on the host until the administrator removes all tags that refer to those images or layers.

### References:

1. <http://craiccomputing.blogspot.in/2014/09/clean-up-unused-docker-containers-and.html>
2. <https://forums.docker.com/t/command-to-remove-all-unused-images/20/8>
3. <https://github.com/docker/docker/issues/9054>
4. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#rmi>
5. <http://docs.docker.com/reference/commandline/cli/#pull>
6. <https://github.com/docker/docker/pull/11109>

## 6.5 Avoid container sprawl (Not Scored)

### Profile Applicability:

- Level 1 - Linux Host OS

### Description:

Do not keep a large number of containers on the same host.

### Rationale:

The flexibility of containers makes it easy to run multiple instances of applications and indirectly leads to Docker images that exist at varying security patch levels. It also means that you are consuming host resources that otherwise could have been used for running 'useful' containers. Having more than just the manageable number of containers on a particular host makes the situation vulnerable to mishandling, misconfiguration and fragmentation. Thus, avoid container sprawl and keep the number of containers on a host to a manageable total.

### Audit:

Execute the below command to find the total number of containers you have on the host:

```
docker info | grep "Containers"
```

Now, execute the below command to find the total number of containers that are actually running on the host.

```
docker ps --quiet | wc -l
```

If the difference between the number of containers that are present on the host and the number of containers that are actually running on the host is large (say 25 or more), then perhaps, the containers are sprawled on the host.

### Remediation:

Periodically check your container inventory per host and clean up the containers that are not needed using the below command:

```
docker rm $INSTANCE_ID
```

For example,

```
docker rm e3a7a1a97c58
```

**Impact:**

If you keep way too few number of containers per host, then perhaps you are not utilizing your host resources very adequately.

**Default Value:**

By default, Docker does not restrict the number of containers you may have on a host.

**References:**

1. <https://zeltser.com/security-risks-and-benefits-of-docker-application/>
2. <http://searchsdn.techtarget.com/feature/Docker-networking-How-Linux-containers-will-change-your-network>

Control		Set Correctly	
		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	<b>Host Configuration</b>		
1.1	Create a separate partition for containers (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2	Use the updated Linux Kernel (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3	Harden the container host (Not Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4	Remove all non-essential services from the host (Not Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.5	Keep Docker up to date (Not Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.6	Only allow trusted users to control Docker daemon (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.7	Audit docker daemon (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.8	Audit Docker files and directories - /var/lib/docker (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.9	Audit Docker files and directories - /etc/docker (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.10	Audit Docker files and directories - docker.service (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.11	Audit Docker files and directories - docker.socket (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.12	Audit Docker files and directories - /etc/default/docker (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.13	Audit Docker files and directories - /etc/docker/daemon.json (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2</b>	<b>Docker daemon configuration</b>		
2.1	Restrict network traffic between containers (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2	Set the logging level (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3	Allow Docker to make changes to iptables (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.4	Do not use insecure registries (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.5	Do not use the aufs storage driver (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.6	Configure TLS authentication for Docker daemon (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.7	Set default ulimit as appropriate (Not Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.8	Enable user namespace support (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.9	Confirm default cgroup usage (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.10	Do not change base device size until needed (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.11	Use authorization plugin (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.12	Configure centralized and remote logging (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.13	Disable operations on legacy registry (v1) (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3</b>	<b>Docker daemon configuration files</b>		
3.1	Verify that docker.service file ownership is set to root:root (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.2	Verify that docker.service file permissions are set to 644 or more restrictive (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.3	Verify that docker.socket file ownership is set to root:root (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.4	Verify that docker.socket file permissions are set to 644 or more restrictive (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.5	Verify that /etc/docker directory ownership is set to root:root (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.6	Verify that /etc/docker directory permissions are set to 755 or more restrictive (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.7	Verify that registry certificate file ownership is set to root:root (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.8	Verify that registry certificate file permissions are set to 444 or more restrictive (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.9	Verify that TLS CA certificate file ownership is set to root:root (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.10	Verify that TLS CA certificate file permissions are set to 444 or more restrictive (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.11	Verify that Docker server certificate file ownership is set to root:root (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.12	Verify that Docker server certificate file permissions are set to 444 or more restrictive (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.13	Verify that Docker server certificate key file ownership is set to root:root (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.14	Verify that Docker server certificate key file permissions are set to 400 (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.15	Verify that Docker socket file ownership is set to root:docker (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.16	Verify that Docker socket file permissions are set to 660 or more restrictive (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.17	Verify that daemon.json file ownership is set to root:root (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.18	Verify that daemon.json file permissions are set to 644 or more restrictive (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.19	Verify that /etc/default/docker file ownership is set to root:root (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.20	Verify that /etc/default/docker file permissions are set to 644 or more restrictive (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4</b>	<b>Container Images and Build File</b>		
4.1	Create a user for the container (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.2	Use trusted base images for containers (Not Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.3	Do not install unnecessary packages in the container (Not Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.4	Rebuild the images to include security patches (Not Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.5	Enable Content trust for Docker (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5</b>	<b>Container Runtime</b>		
5.1	Verify AppArmor Profile, if applicable (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.2	Verify SELinux security options, if applicable (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5.3	Restrict Linux Kernel Capabilities within containers (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.4	Do not use privileged containers (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.5	Do not mount sensitive host system directories on containers (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.6	Do not run ssh within containers (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.7	Do not map privileged ports within containers (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.8	Open only needed ports on container (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.9	Do not share the host's network namespace (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.10	Limit memory usage for container (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.11	Set container CPU priority appropriately (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.12	Mount container's root filesystem as read only (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.13	Bind incoming container traffic to a specific host interface (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.14	Set the 'on-failure' container restart policy to 5 (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.15	Do not share the host's process namespace (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.16	Do not share the host's IPC namespace (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.17	Do not directly expose host devices to containers (Not Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.18	Override default ulimit at runtime only if needed (Not Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.19	Do not set mount propagation mode to shared (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.20	Do not share the host's UTS namespace (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.21	Do not disable default seccomp profile (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.22	Do not docker exec commands with privileged option (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.23	Do not docker exec commands with user option (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.24	Confirm cgroup usage (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.25	Restrict container from acquiring additional privileges (Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6</b>	<b>Docker Security Operations</b>		
6.1	Perform regular security audits of your host system and containers (Not Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.2	Monitor Docker containers usage, performance and metering (Not Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.3	Backup container data (Not Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.4	Avoid image sprawl (Not Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.5	Avoid container sprawl (Not Scored)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



# Appendix: Change History

Date	Version	Changes for this version
04-12-2016	1.0.0	Initial Release