Set 2: Script for Automating Security Audits and Server Hardening on Linux Servers

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#!/bin/bash
# Colors for reporting
RED='\033[0;31m'
GREEN='\033[0;32m'
YELLOW='\033[1;33m'
NC='\033[0m' # No Color
# Log file
LOGFILE="/var/log/security_audit.log"
SUMMARY_REPORT="/var/log/security_audit_summary.log"
CONFIG_FILE="/etc/security_audit.conf"
# Email settings
EMAIL_ALERTS_ENABLED=false
EMAIL_RECIPIENT="admin@example.com"
# Helper function to log output
log() {
  echo -e "$1" | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
}
# Helper function to log summary report
log_summary() {
  echo -e "$1" | tee -a "$SUMMARY_REPORT"
}
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1. User and Group Audits

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user_group_audit() {
  log "${YELLOW}--- User and Group Audits ---${NC}"
  # List all users and groups
  log "${GREEN}Listing all users:${NC}"
  cut -d: -f1 /etc/passwd | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
  log "${GREEN}Listing all groups:${NC}"
  cut -d: -f1 /etc/group | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
  # Check for users with UID 0
  log "${GREEN}Users with UID 0:${NC}"
  awk -F: '($3 == 0) {print $1}' /etc/passwd | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
  # Check for users without passwords or with weak passwords
  log "${GREEN}Users without a password:${NC}"
  awk -F: '($2 == "" ) { print $1 }' /etc/shadow | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
}
# 2. File and Directory Permissions
file_permission_audit() {
  log "${YELLOW}--- File and Directory Permissions ---${NC}"
  # World-writable files
  log "${GREEN}World-writable files:${NC}"
  find / -xdev -type f -perm -o+w -exec ls -l {} \; | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
  # SUID/SGID files
  log "${GREEN}SUID/SGID files:${NC}"
  find / -xdev \( -perm -4000 -o -perm -2000 \) -type f -exec ls -l {} \; | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
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# SSH directory permissions
  log "${GREEN}.ssh directory permissions:${NC}"
  find /home -type d -name ".ssh" -exec ls -ld {} \; | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
}
#3. Service Audits
service_audit() {
  log "${YELLOW}--- Service Audits ---${NC}"
  # List all running services
  log "${GREEN}Running services:${NC}"
  systemctl list-units --type=service --state=running | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
  # Ensure critical services are running
  log "${GREEN}Checking critical services:${NC}"
  for service in sshd iptables; do
    if systemctl is-active --quiet "$service"; then
      log "${service} is running"
    else
       log "${RED}${service} is not running!${NC}"
    fi
  done
}
# 4. Firewall and Network Security
network_security_audit() {
  log "${YELLOW}--- Firewall and Network Security ---${NC}"
  # Check if firewall is active
  log "${GREEN}Checking firewall status:${NC}"
  if systemctl is-active --quiet firewalld || systemctl is-active --quiet iptables; then
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log "Firewall is active"
  else
    log "${RED}Firewall is not active!${NC}"
  fi
  # List open ports and services
  log "${GREEN}Open ports and associated services:${NC}"
  ss -tuln | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
  # Check for IP forwarding
  log "${GREEN}IP forwarding status:${NC}"
  sysctl net.ipv4.ip_forward | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
}
# 5. IP and Network Configuration Checks
ip_network_check() {
  log "${YELLOW}--- IP and Network Configuration Checks ---${NC}"
  # Public vs. Private IP Checks
  log "${GREEN}IP addresses (Public vs. Private):${NC}"
  ip addr show | grep "inet " | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
}
# 6. Security Updates and Patching
security_updates_check() {
  log "${YELLOW}--- Security Updates and Patching ---${NC}"
  # Check for available updates
  log "${GREEN}Checking for available updates:${NC}"
  yum check-update | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
}
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#7. Log Monitoring
log_monitoring() {
  log "${YELLOW}--- Log Monitoring ---${NC}"
  # Check recent suspicious log entries
  log "${GREEN}Checking for suspicious log entries:${NC}"
  grep "Failed password" /var/log/secure | tail -n 10 | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
}
#8. Server Hardening Steps
server_hardening() {
  log "${YELLOW}--- Server Hardening ---${NC}"
  # SSH Configuration
  log "${GREEN}Configuring SSH:${NC}"
  sed -i 's/#PermitRootLogin.*/PermitRootLogin no/' /etc/ssh/sshd_config
  sed -i 's/PasswordAuthentication.*/PasswordAuthentication no/' /etc/ssh/sshd_config
  systemctl reload sshd
  # Disable IPv6
  log "${GREEN}Disabling IPv6:${NC}"
  sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.all.disable_ipv6=1
  sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.default.disable_ipv6=1
  sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.lo.disable_ipv6=1
  # Set GRUB password
  log "${GREEN}Setting GRUB password:${NC}"
  # Uncomment and set the password after generating it using `grub2-mkpasswd-pbkdf2`
  # Configure automatic updates
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log "${GREEN}Configuring automatic updates:${NC}"
  yum install -y yum-cron
  systemctl enable yum-cron
  systemctl start yum-cron
}
# 9. Custom Security Checks
custom_security_checks() {
  log "${YELLOW}--- Custom Security Checks ---${NC}"
  if [[ -f "$CONFIG_FILE" ]]; then
    while IFS= read -r check; do
      if [[ "$check" =~ ^# || -z "$check" ]]; then
        continue
      fi
      log "${GREEN}Running custom check: ${check}${NC}"
      eval "$check" | tee -a "$LOGFILE"
    done < "$CONFIG_FILE"
  else
    log "${RED}Custom configuration file not found: ${CONFIG_FILE}${NC}"
  fi
}
# 10. Reporting and Alerting
generate_summary_report() {
  log_summary "${YELLOW}--- Security Audit Summary Report ---${NC}"
  log_summary "Users with UID 0:"
  awk -F: '($3 == 0) {print $1}' /etc/passwd | tee -a "$SUMMARY_REPORT"
  log_summary "World-writable files:"
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find / -xdev -type f -perm -o+w | tee -a "$SUMMARY_REPORT"
  log_summary "SUID/SGID files:"
  find / -xdev \( -perm -4000 -o -perm -2000 \) -type f | tee -a "$SUMMARY_REPORT"
  log_summary "Running services:"
  systemctl list-units --type=service --state=running | tee -a "$SUMMARY_REPORT"
  # Send email alert if enabled
  if $EMAIL_ALERTS_ENABLED; then
    log "${GREEN}Sending email alert to ${EMAIL_RECIPIENT}${NC}"
    mail -s "Security Audit Report" "$EMAIL_RECIPIENT" < "$SUMMARY_REPORT"
 fi
# Main Execution
main() {
  user_group_audit
  file_permission_audit
  service_audit
  network_security_audit
  ip_network_check
  security_updates_check
  log_monitoring
  server_hardening
  custom_security_checks
  generate_summary_report
  log "${GREEN}Security audit and server hardening complete. Please review ${LOGFILE} and
${SUMMARY_REPORT} for details.${NC}"
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Run the script

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