

Patch Compliance On Windows

Patch Information

Get-Hotfix

Patch-Velocity

Counts the number of patches applied per day

Get-Hotfix | Sort-Object InstalledOn -Descending

Patch-Age

Patch age of a system is the number of days since the last patch was applied:

\$lastPatchDate = (Get-HotFix | Sort-Object InstalledOn -Descending | Select-Object -First 1).InstalledOn

\$lastPatchDate

(New-TimeSpan -Start \$lastPatchDate -End (Get-Date)).TotalDays

Patch Compliance on Debian-based Linux Distributions

Change shell to Powershell Core

Pwsh

Patches installed by the Apt package manager are logged in:

/var/log/dpkg.log

Patch-Velocity

Counts the number of patches applied per day

Get-Content /var/log/dpkg.log* | Select-String "install" -NoEmphasis

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Out-File ./patches.txt -Encoding ascii

\$lines = Get-Content ./patches.txt

(\$lines | Where-Object { \$_ -match "^[0-9]" }) -replace ".*\$"

Patch-Age

Patch age of a system is the number of days since the last patch was applied:

\$lastPatchDate = (\$lines |

Where-Object { \$_ -match "^[0-9]" }) -replace ".*\$" |

Select-Object -last 1

\$patchAge = (New-TimeSpan -Start (Get-Date -date \$lastPatchDate) `

-End (Get-Date)).TotalDays

"Last Patch Date: \$lastPatchDate"

"Patch Age: \$patchAge"

Windows Compliance Measurements

Check that the Administrator account is disabled:

Get-LocalUser -Name Administrator

Check that the Guest account is disabled:

Get-LocalUser -Name Guest

Save the list of local users to a variable and then test to see if both Guest and Administrator are disabled:

\$disabledUsers = Get-LocalUser | Where-Object Enabled -eq \$False

(\$disabledUsers.Name -contains 'Administrator') -And

(\$disabledUsers.Name -contains 'Guest')

Enumerate the members of local groups:

(Get-LocalGroupMember -Name Administrators | Measure-Object).Count

(Get-LocalGroupMember -Name 'Power Users').Count

Check that a Windows services is installed, enabled and running:

((Get-Service -Name '<service name>').Count -ge 1) -And

((Get-Service -Name '<service name>').Status -eq 'running') -And

((Get-Service -Name '<service name>').StartType -like 'Automatic*')

All commands, unless stated otherwise, have been tested in the

SEC557: Continuous Automation for Enterprise and Cloud Compliance

course VMs using PowerShell Core.

SANS Cybersecurity Leadership Curriculum

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RESOURCES

sans.org/cybersecurity-leadership

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Recommended Reading

Webcasts

Blogs

AUD507: Auditing & Monitoring Networks, Perimeters & Systems

Auditing a security program and controls

LEG523: Law of Data Security and Investigation

Understanding legal and regulatory requirements

MGT414: SANS Training Program for the CISSP® Certification

Need Training for the CISSP® Exam? Here It Is.

MGT415: A Practical Introduction to Cyber Security Risk Management

Understanding security risk management

MGT433: Managing Human Risk: Mature Security Awareness Programs

Building & leading a security awareness program

MGT512: Security Leadership Essentials for Managers

Leading security initiatives to manage information risk

MGT514: Security Strategic Planning, Policy, and Leadership

Aligning security initiatives with strategy

MGT516: Managing Security Vulnerabilities: Enterprise & Cloud

Building & leading a vulnerability management program

MGT520: Leading Cloud Security Design & Implementation

Building and leading a cloud security program

MGT521: Leading Cybersecurity Change: Building A Security-Based Culture

Leading and aligning security initiatives with culture

MGT525: IT Project Management & Effective Communication

Managing security initiatives and projects

MGT551: Building and Leading Security Operations Center

Building and leading a security operations center

SEC440: CIS Critical Controls: A Practical Introduction

Introduction to CIS Critical Security

SEC474: Building A Healthcare Security & Compliance Program

You Must Do Compliance. Make it Valuable.

SEC557: Continuous Automation for Enterprise & Cloud Compliance

Measure What Matters - Not What's Easy

SEC566: Implementing and Auditing CIS Critical Controls

Building and auditing CIS Critical Controls

SANS CLOUD SECURITY

POWERSHELL FOR ENTERPRISE AND CLOUD COMPLIANCE

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Cheat Sheet v1.0.0

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Webcasts

Blogs

SEC488: Cloud Security Essentials

License To Learn Cloud Security

SEC510: Public Cloud Security: AWS, Azure, and GCP

Multiple Clouds Require Multiple Solutions

SEC522: Defending Web Applications Security Essentials

Not a matter of "if" but "when". Be prepared for a web app attack. We'll teach you how.

SEC534: Secure DevOps: A Practical Introduction

Principles! Practices! Tools! Oh My! Start your journey on the DevSecOps road here.

SEC540: Cloud Security and DevSecOps Automation

The cloud moves fast. Automate to keep up.

SEC541: Cloud Monitoring and Threat Detection

Attackers can run, but not hide! Our radar sees all threats.

SEC557: Continuous Automation for Enterprise and Cloud Compliance

Using cloud and DevOps Tools to Measure Security and Compliance

SEC584: Cloud Native Security: Defending Containers and Kubernetes

Deploy Securely at the Speed of Cloud Native

SEC588: Cloud Penetration Testing

Aim your arrows to the sky and penetrate the Cloud.

FOR509: Enterprise Cloud Forensics and Incident Response

Find the Storm in the Cloud

MGT516: Managing Security Vulnerabilities: Enterprise & Cloud

Stop treating the symptoms. Cure the disease.

MGT520: Leading Cloud Security Design & Implementation

Building and leading a cloud security program

Review our Job Role Flight Plan at sans.org/cloud-security

AWS Compliance Measurements

Make sure current version AWS PowerShell module is available for use.
Install-Module -name AWSPowerShell.NetCore -Scope CurrentUser -Force

Load AWS Module
Import-Module AWSPowerShell.NetCore

Authenticate to AWS
Set-AWSCredential -StoreAs <name of profile> -AccessKey YourAccessKeyHere -SecretKey YourSecretKeyHere

CIS AWS Benchmark Control 1.4
(Get-IAMAccountSummary).AccountAccessKeysPresent

CIS AWS Benchmark Control 1.5
(Get-IAMAccountSummary).AccountMFAEnabled

CIS AWS Benchmark Control 1.8
Get-IAMAccountPasswordPolicy

CIS AWS Benchmark Control 1.13
Get-IAMUserList | ForEach-Object { Get-IAMAccessKey -UserName \$_.UserName }

CIS AWS Benchmark Control 1.15
**(Get-IAMUserList | ForEach-Object { Get-IAMUserPolicies -UserName \$_.UserName | Select-Object PolicyName
Get-IAMAttachedUserPolicies -UserName \$_.UserName | Select-Object PolicyName
})**

CIS AWS Benchmark Control 3.1
Get-CTTrail

Measure VMWare host configuration

Gather information about the VMWare host system and configuration
Get-VMHost -Server <name>

Validate common hypervisor settings
(Get-VMHost).ExtensionData
Leverage the Config property in ExtensionData to get in depth config settings (example DNS resolver configuration below)
(Get-VMHost).ExtensionData.Config.Network.DNSConfig
Measure if DNS settings are configured correctly:
**\$dnsservers = (Get-VMHost).ExtensionData.Config.Network.DNSConfig | Select-Object -ExpandProperty address
\$dnsservers -contains '8.8.8.8'
\$dnsservers -contains '8.8.4.4'**
Validate the NTP server(s) configured on VMWare host
Get-VMHost -Server <name> | Get-VMHostNtpServer
Validate that the NTP service is running and is configured to run at startup
Get-VMHost | Get-VMHostService | Where-Object {\$_.key -eq "ntpd"} | Select-Object VMHost, Label, Key, Policy, Running, Required

Patch Data
(Get-ESXCLI -Server esxi1).software.vib.list()
Patch velocity
(Get-ESXCLI -Server esxi1).software.vib.list() | Group-Object InstallDate
Patch Age
**\$lastPatchDate = ((Get-ESXCLI -Server esxi1).software.vib.list() | Sort-Object InstallDate -Descending | Select-Object -First 1).InstallDate
\$patchAge = (New-TimeSpan -Start \$lastPatchDate -End (Get-Date)).TotalDays
\$patchAge**

Review Nessus Vulnerability Scan Details

Navigate and set the location of the Nessus files
Set-Location C:\user\Desktop\2021Scans

View what files exist in the directory
Get-ChildItem

Let’s assume there are a lot of Nessus files to process, save them to a variable
\$scanResults = Import-Csv -path (Get-ChildItem *.csv | Select-Object -ExpandProperty FullName)

Group the results by Risk
**\$scanResults | Group-Object Risk
\$scanResults | Group-Object Risk | Where-Object Name -eq 'Critical'**

Identify hosts with largest numbers of critical vulnerabilities
\$scanResults | Where-Object Risk -eq 'critical' | Group-Object Host | Select-Object Count, Name | Where-Object Count -gt 5 | Sort-Object Count -Descending

Identify percent of vulnerabilities marked as critical
**\$criticalCount = (\$scanResults | Group-Object Risk | Where-Object Name -eq 'Critical').Count
\$totalCount = (\$scanResults | Where-Object Risk -ne 'None').Count
\$criticalCount/\$totalCount**