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Abstract

Wazuh is an open-source security platform designed for threat detection, compliance monitoring, and incident response. This project focuses on the deployment of a full Wazuh setup to provide centralized security management across multiple systems. The implementation involves installing the Wazuh Manager, Indexer, and Dashboard to enable seamless monitoring and analysis of security events. Pre-installation requirements, including system specifications, software dependencies, and network configurations, were fulfilled to ensure a smooth deployment. The setup was tested to verify functionality, demonstrating its effectiveness in providing realtime security insights, compliance reporting, and streamlined incident response capabilities. This documentation outlines the installation process, configuration steps, and the overall objectives of deploying Wazuh as a robust security monitoring solution.

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INTRODUCTION

In today's fast-changing cybersecurity environment, organizations are exposed to a growing number of threats against their IT infrastructure. The security and compliance of the organization can be ensured only by real-time threat detection and effective monitoring and management of system logs. Wazuh is an open-source security platform that integrates log management, intrusion detection, and compliance monitoring into a single framework for solving these challenges.

This project emphasizes the installation and configuration of Wazuh for setting up a centralized security monitoring system. The core for Wazuh is a server where all data coming from agents on monitored endpoints are accumulated. These agents examine activity in the systems, report any potential vulnerabilities, and forward logs to the server for further analysis. A very intuitive interface is available to handle alerts, monitor system status, and view security data, powered by the Kibana dashboard for Wazuh.

This project aims to enhance the security posture of IT systems, simplify compliance with regulatory standards, and provide an efficient way to manage and mitigate potential threats in realtime, while implementing Wazuh.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of this project are:

Install Wazuh Server and Components:

Installation of the Wazuh server with necessary components like Elasticsearch and Kibana to allow easy log management, data storage, and visualization.

Configure Wazuh Agents:

Install and configure Wazuh agents on monitored systems such as endpoints and servers, gathering security logs and system events for centralized monitoring.

Integrate Elasticsearch and Kibana:

Set up Elasticsearch for data storage, indexing, and searching purposes and Kibana to visualize and manage the dashboard for Wazuh.

Create Secure Communication:

Establish the secure and reliable communication in order to collect and analyze data in real-time between Wazuh server, agent and dashboard.

Test the System:

Test the system, either by simulating the occurrence of security events or analyze the system logs, ensure that Wazuh could detect and report incidents from its dashboard.

Offer Real-Time Threat Detection and Monitoring

Allow for the real-time monitoring of IT systems in order to identify and analyze threats, with rapid response capabilities that would be developed, improving overall security posture.

Ensure Compliance:

Utilize Wazuh to monitor compliance with the security regulations such as GDPR, PCI-DSS through the monitoring of logs that are relevant to those reports.

This project shall successfully implement a fully functional Wazuh-based security monitoring system enhancing organizational security while providing an effective capability to detect threats and manage compliance.

PRE-INSTALLATION REQUIRMENTS

Before proceeding with the Wazuh full setup installation, ensure the following pre-installation requirements are met to guarantee a successful deployment :

1. **System Requirements**:

- Processor: Multi-core processor (2 GHz or higher recommended).
- Memory (RAM): Minimum 4 GB, recommended 8-16 GB for larger environments.
- Storage: At least 20 GB free disk space, with SSD recommended for better performance.
- Network: Reliable connectivity to facilitate agent-server communication.

2. **Operating System Compatibility**:

   Supported operating systems include
   Linux (Ubuntu 20.04/22.04, Debian 10/11, CentOS 7/8, RHEL 7/8), Windows (Windows 10/Server 2016/2019/2022 for agents), and macOS (10.15 or later for agents). Ensure the OS is updated with the latest patches.

3. **Software Dependencies**

Wazuh Indexer and Manager: Java (version 11 or later), curl, wget, unzip, tar, and GCC compiler if building from source.

Wazuh Web Interface: Node.js (latest stable version) and a web server such as Nginx or Apache for reverse proxy setup.

4. **Repository Configuration**:

Add the Wazuh repository and update the system package manager.

5.Time Synchronization:

Use NTP or similar services to synchronize time across systems.

6. User Privileges:

Administrative (root or sudo) privileges are required on all systems.

7.**Scalability Planning**:

Plan deployment as per the scale: single-node or distributed setup.

PROCEDURE

Installing and configuring the Wazuh stack (Indexer, Server, and Dashboard) step by step:

1. Certificates Creation Generate SSL Certificates

1. Download the wazuh-certs-tool.sh and config.yml files:

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curl -sO https://packages.wazuh.com/4.9/wazuh-certs-tool.sh

curl -sO https://packages.wazuh.com/4.9/config.yml

1. 2. Edit config.yml to specify node names and IP addresses:

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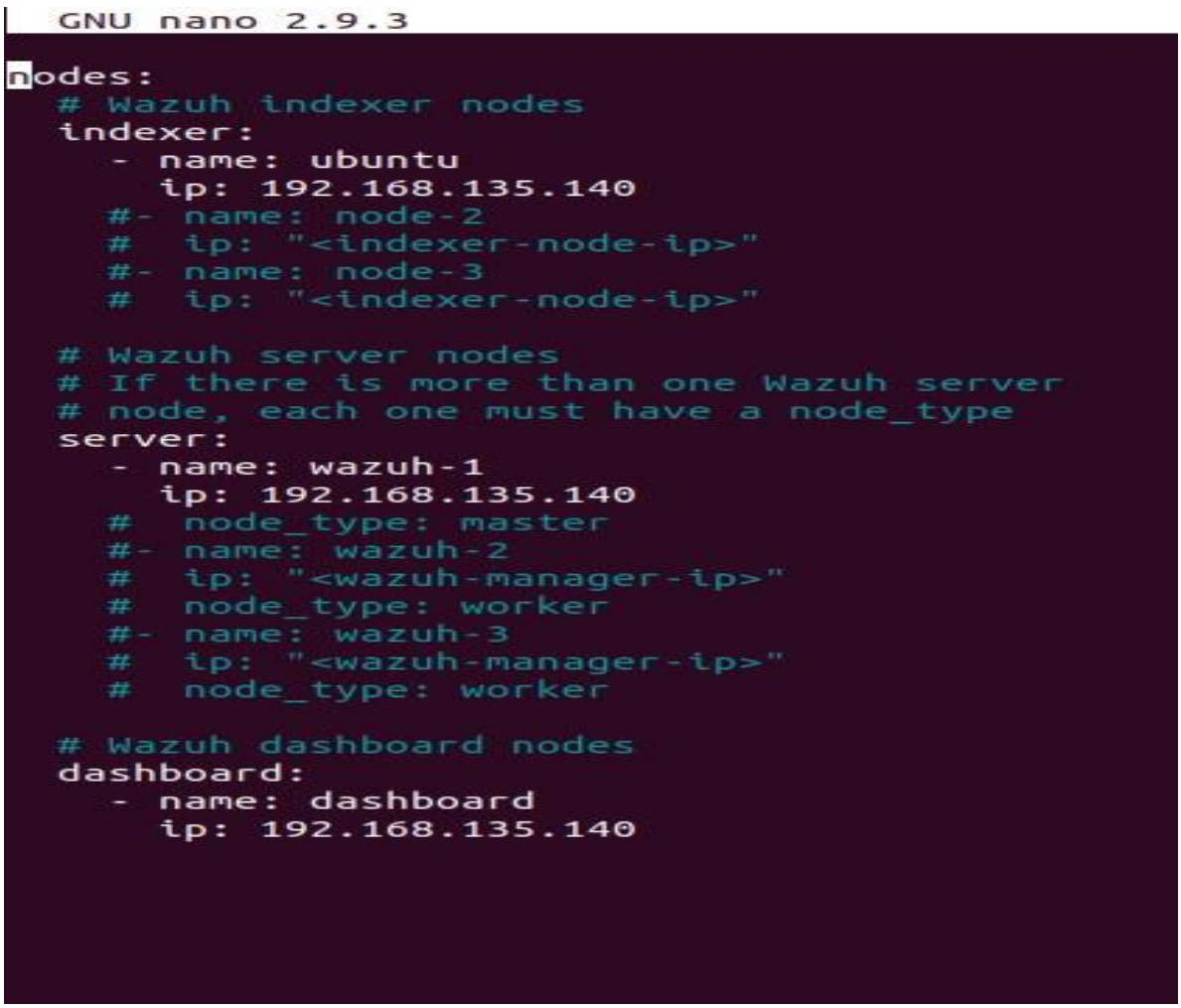

2. Run the certificate creation tool:

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bash ./wazuh-certs-tool.sh -A

3. Compress the certificates:

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./wazuh-certificates/ .

rm -rf ./wazuh-certificates

2. Wazuh Indexer Installation

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apt-get install debconf adduser procpsAdd Wazuh Repository

Install Wazuh Indexer

1. Install the package: Copy

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apt-get -y install wazuh-indexerConfigure the Indexer

1. Edit /etc/wazuh-indexer/opensearch.yml:
    - Set network.host to the node IP.
    - Set node.name to the node name defined in config.yml.

- For multi-node, set cluster.initial_master_nodes and discovery.seed_hosts.

2. Deploy certificates:

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NODE_NAME=<indexer-node-name> mkdir

/etc/wazuh-indexer/certs

tar -xf ./wazuh-certificates.tar -C /etc/wazuh-indexer/certs/ ./$NODE_NAME.pem ./$NODE_NAME-key.pem ./admin.pem ./admin-key.pem ./root-ca.pem

mv -n /etc/wazuh-indexer/certs/$NODE_NAME.pem /etc/wazuh-indexer/certs/indexer.pem

mv -n /etc/wazuh-indexer/certs/$NODE_NAME-key.pem /etc/wazuh-indexer/certs/indexer-key.pem chmod

500 /etc/wazuh-indexer/certs chmod 400

/etc/wazuh-indexer/certs/* chown -R wazuh-

indexer:wazuh-indexer /etc/wazuhindexer/certs

3. Start the service: Copy

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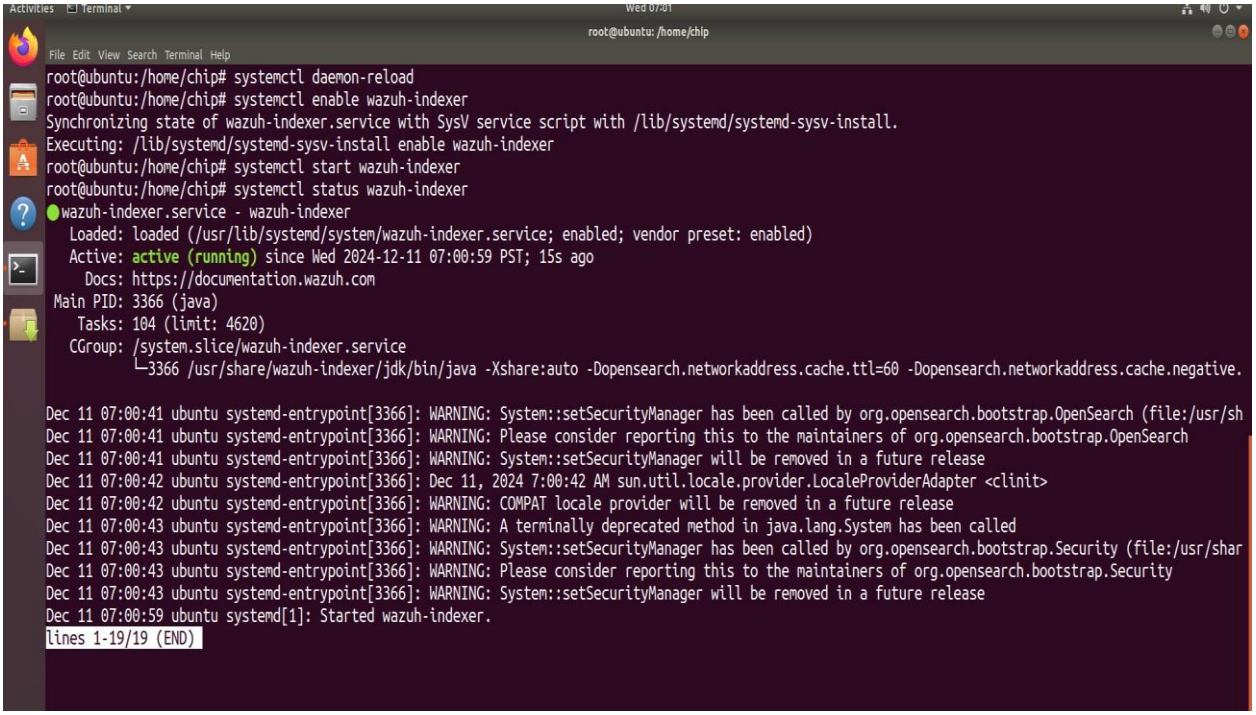
systemctl enable wazuh-indexer

systemctl start wazuh-indexer



Cluster Initialization

1. Run the security initialization script:

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/usr/share/wazuh-indexer/bin/indexer-security-init.sh

2. Test the installation: Copy code

curl -k -u admin:admin https://<indexer-ip>:9200

curl -k -u admin:admin https://<indexer-ip>:9200/_cat/nodes?v

3. Wazuh Server Installation Install Packages

1. Install the manager and Filebeat:

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apt -y install wazuh-manager apt

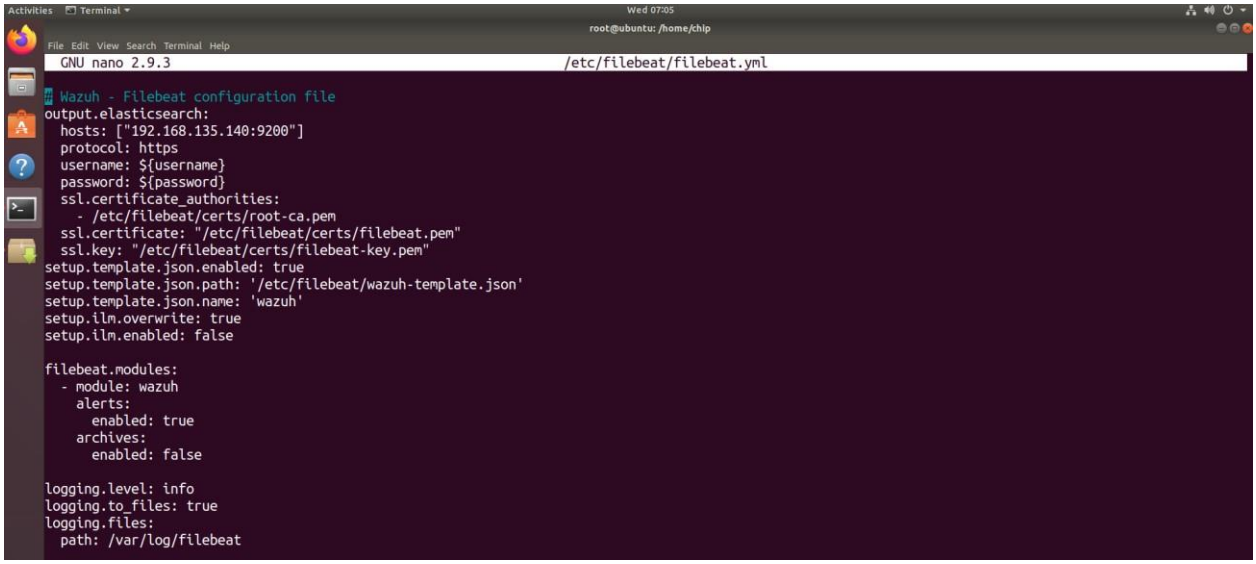
-y install filebeat

Configure Filebeat

1. Download the pre-configured filebeat.yml: Copy code

curl -so /etc/filebeat/filebeat.yml https://packages.wazuh.com/4.9/tpl/wazuh/filebeat/filebeat.yml

2. Update the hosts field with the Indexer IP(s).



3. Secure credentials in the keystore: Copy code

filebeat keystore create

echo admin | filebeat keystore add username --stdin --force

echo admin | filebeat keystore add password --stdin –force

4. Deploy certificates for Filebeat:

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NODE_NAME=<server-node-name>

mkdir /etc/filebeat/certs

tar -xf ./wazuh-certificates.tar -C /etc/filebeat/certs/ ./$NODE_NAME.pem ./$NODE_NAME-key.pem ./root-ca.pem

mv -n /etc/filebeat/certs/$NODE_NAME.pem /etc/filebeat/certs/filebeat.pem

mv -n /etc/filebeat/certs/$NODE_NAME-key.pem /etc/filebeat/certs/filebeat-key.pem

chmod 500 /etc/filebeat/certs chmod

400 /etc/filebeat/certs/* chown -R

root:root /etc/filebeat/certs

Start Services

1. Start the Wazuh

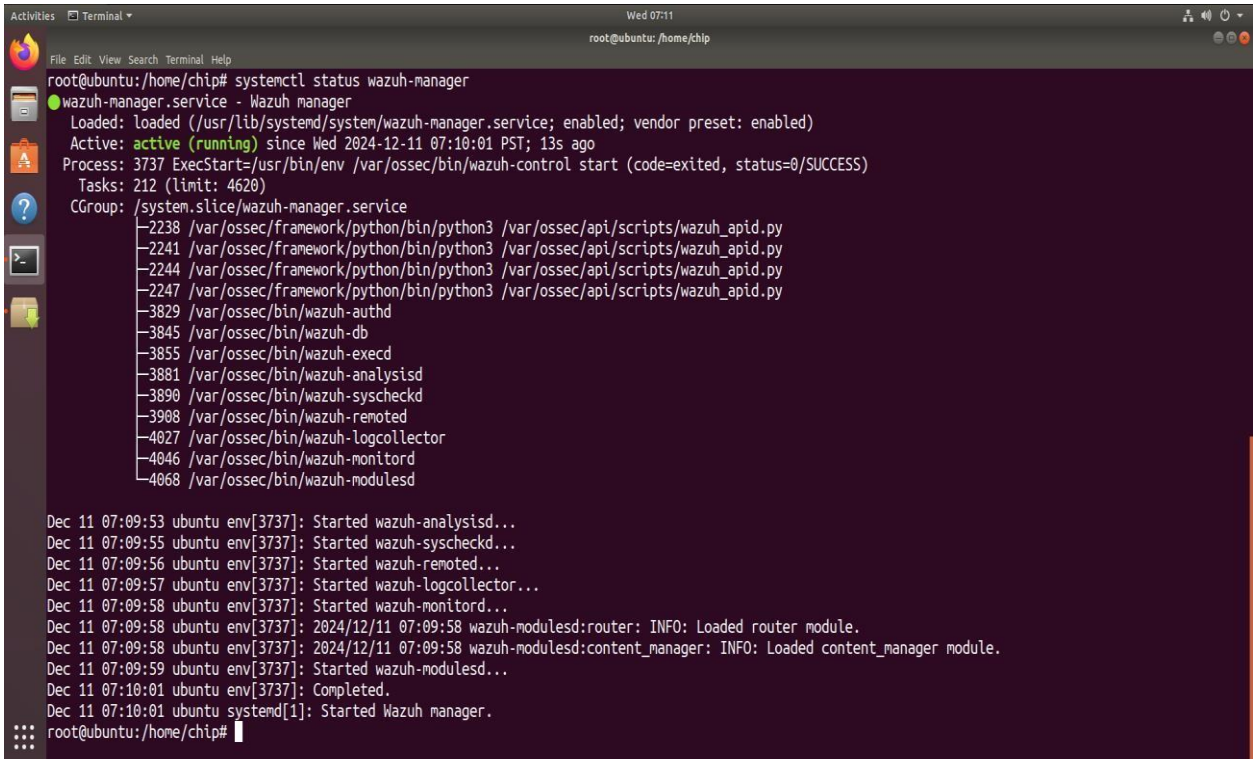
manager: Copy code

systemctl daemon-reload

systemctl enable wazuh-

manager systemctl start

wazuh-manager



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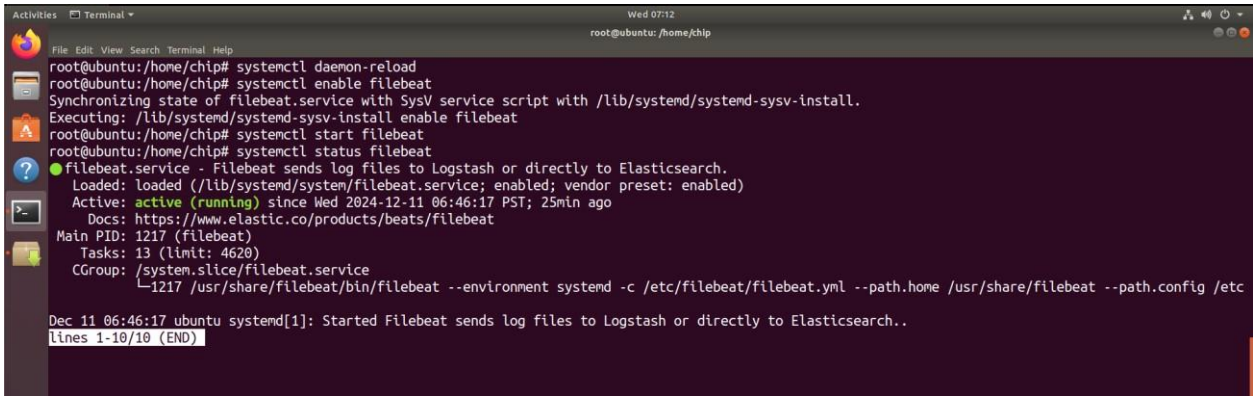

4. Wazuh Dashboard Installation Install Dashboard

1. Install the package: Copy

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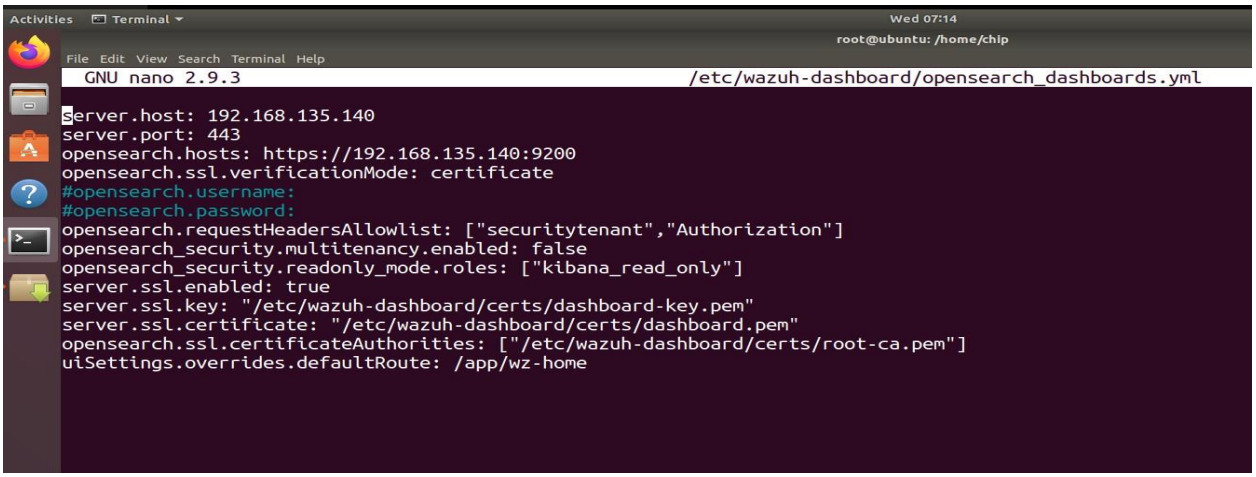
apt -y install wazuh-dashboard

Configure the Dashboard

1. Edit /etc/wazuh-dashboard/opensearch_dashboards.yml:
    - Set server.host to 0.0.0.0.
    - Configure opensearch.hosts with Indexer IPs.



2. Deploy certificates for the Dashboard:

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NODE_NAME=<dashboard-node-name> mkdir /etc/wazuh-dashboard/certs

tar -xf ./wazuh-certificates.tar -C /etc/wazuh-dashboard/certs/

./$NODE_NAME.pem ./$NODE_NAME-key.pem ./root-ca.pem mv -n /etc/wazuh-dashboard/certs/$NODE_NAME.pem /etc/wazuh-dashboard/certs/dashboard.pem

mv -n /etc/wazuh-dashboard/certs/$NODE_NAME-key.pem /etc/wazuh-dashboard/certs/dashboard-key.pem chmod 500 /etc/wazuh-dashboard/certs chmod 400 /etc/wazuh-dashboard/certs/*

chown -R wazuh-dashboard:wazuh-dashboard /etc/wazuhdashboard/certs

3. Start the Dashboard service:

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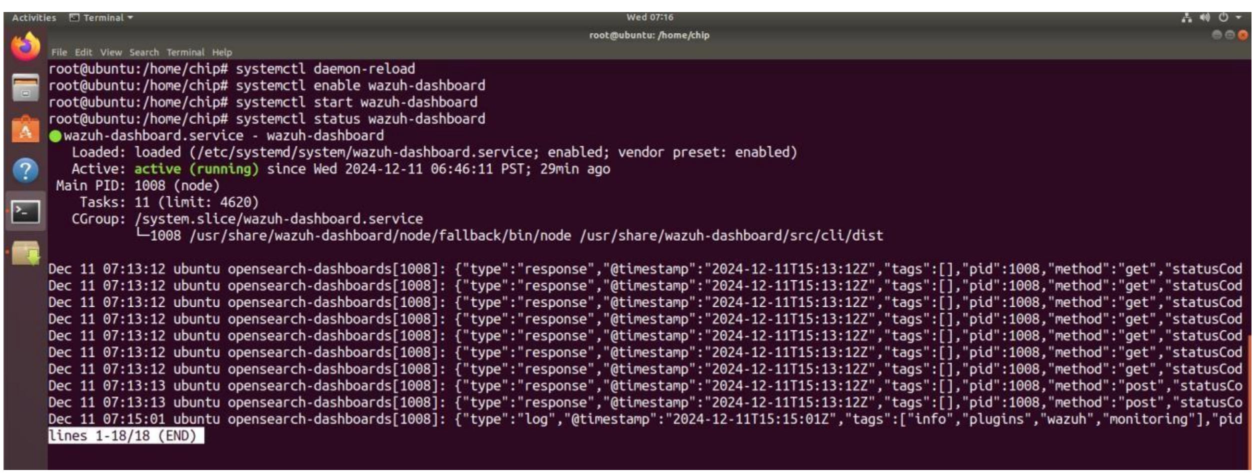
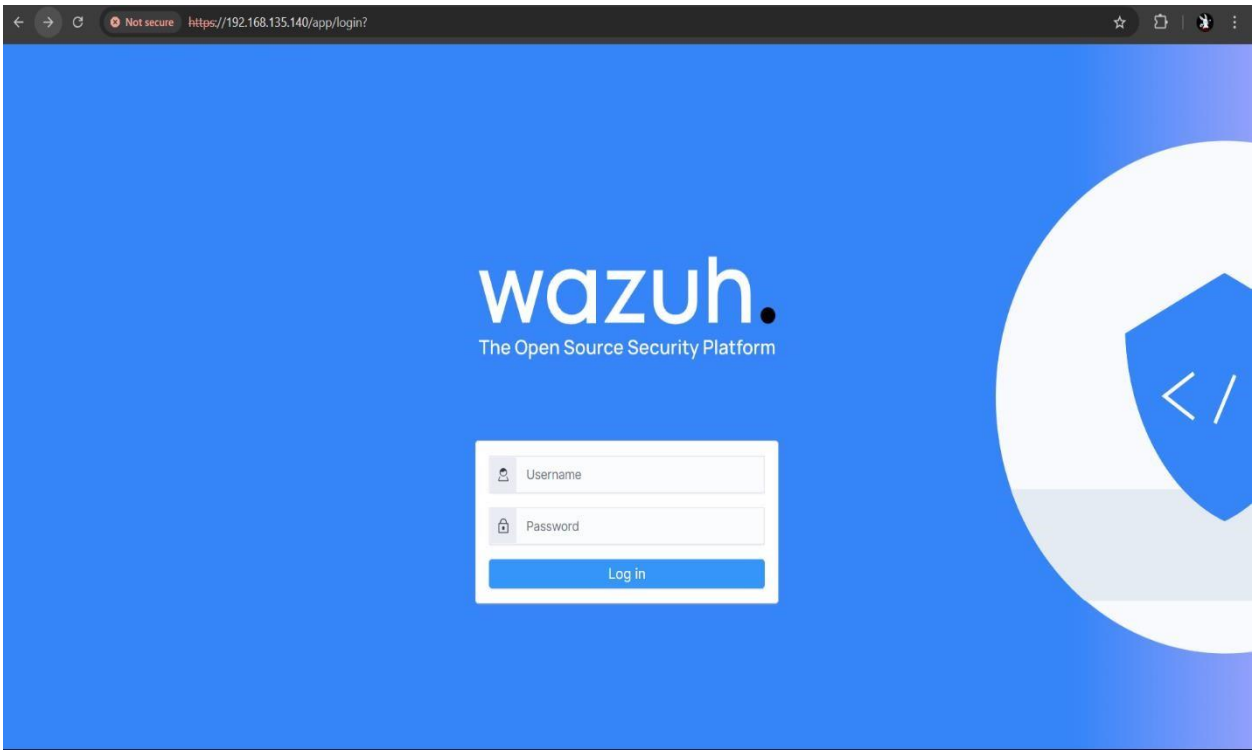
reload systemctl enable wazuh-

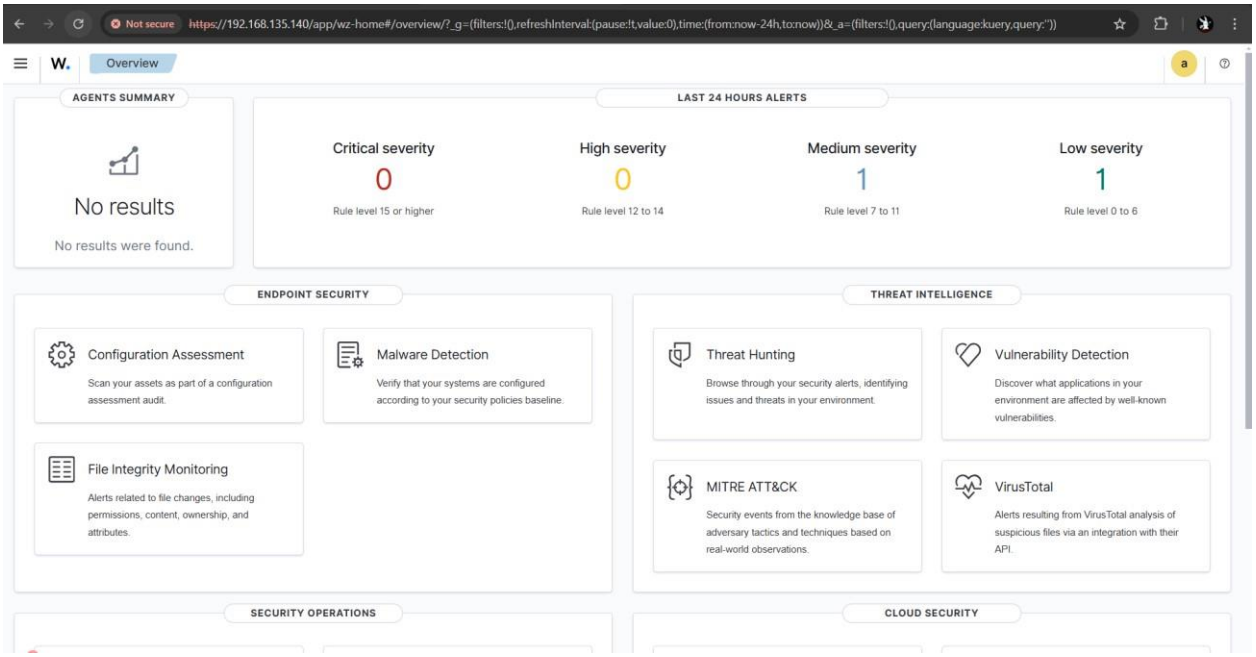
dashboard systemctl start wazuh-

dashboard



Now, you can access the Wazuh Dashboard through the browser using https://<dashboard-ip>.





CONCLUSION

The Wazuh full setup installation provides a centralized security monitoring system, enabling efficient threat detection and incident response. The successful deployment of Wazuh ensures enhanced security compliance and operational insights, proving its value in diverse IT environments.

APPENDIX

Configuration Files

- /var/ossec/etc/ossec.conf: Main configuration file for the Wazuh Manager.
- /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml: Configuration file for the Wazuh Indexer.

Useful Commands

- Restarting Wazuh Manager:

sudo systemctl restart wazuh-manager

- Checking service status:

sudo systemctl status wazuh-manager

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