



3.0 Security

3.1 Given a scenario, apply or acquire the appropriate user and/or group permissions and ownership.

• File and directory permissions

- Read, write, execute
- User, group, other
- SUID
- Octal notation
- umask
- Sticky bit
- SGID
- Inheritance
- Utilities
 - chmod
 - chown
 - chgrp
 - getfacl
 - setfacl
 - ls
 - ulimit
 - chage

• Context-based permissions

- SELinux configurations
 - disabled
 - permissive
 - enforcing
- SELinux policy
 - targeted
- SELinux tools
 - setenforce
 - getenforce
 - sestatus
 - setsebool
 - getsebool
 - chcon
 - restorecon
 - ls -Z
 - ps -Z

- AppArmor

- aa-disable
- aa-complain
- aa-unconfined
- /etc/apparmor.d/
- /etc/apparmor.d/tunables

• Privilege escalation

- su
- sudo
- wheel
- visudo
- sudoedit

• User types

- Root
- Standard
- Service

3.2 Given a scenario, configure and implement appropriate access and authentication methods.

• PAM

- Password policies
- LDAP integration
- User lockouts
- Required, optional, or sufficient
- /etc/pam.d/
- pam_tally2
- faillock

• SSH

- ~/.ssh/
 - known_hosts
 - authorized_keys
 - config
 - id_rsa
 - id_rsa.pub

- User-specific access

- TCP wrappers
 - /etc/ssh/
 - ssh_config
 - sshd_config
- ssh-copy-id
- ssh-keygen
- ssh-add

• TTYs

- /etc/securetty
- /dev/tty#

• PTYs

• PKI

- Self-signed
- Private keys

- Public keys

- Hashing
- Digital signatures
- Message digest

• VPN as a client

- SSL/TLS
- Transport mode
- Tunnel mode
- IPsec
- DTLS

3.3 Summarize security best practices in a Linux environment.

- **Boot security**
 - Boot loader password
 - UEFI/BIOS password
- **Additional authentication methods**
 - Multifactor authentication
 - Tokens
 - Hardware
 - Software
 - OTP
 - Biometrics
 - RADIUS
 - TACACS+
 - LDAP
 - Kerberos
 - kinit
 - klist
- **Importance of disabling root login via SSH**
- **Password-less login**
 - Enforce use of PKI
- **Chroot jail services**
- **No shared IDs**
- **Importance of denying hosts**
- **Separation of OS data from application data**
 - Disk partition to maximize system availability
- **Change default ports**
- **Importance of disabling or uninstalling unused and unsecure services**
 - FTP
 - Telnet
 - Finger
- Sendmail
- Postfix
- **Importance of enabling SSL/TLS**
- **Importance of enabling auditd**
- **CVE monitoring**
- **Discouraging use of USB devices**
- **Disk encryption**
 - LUKS
- **Restrict cron access**
- **Disable Ctrl+Alt+Del**
- **Add banner**
- **MOTD**

3.4 Given a scenario, implement logging services.

- **Key file locations**
 - /var/log/secure
 - /var/log/messages
 - /var/log/[application]
 - /var/log/kern.log
- **Log management**
 - Third-party agents
 - logrotate
 - /etc/rsyslog.conf
 - journald
 - journalctl
- **lastb**

3.5 Given a scenario, implement and configure Linux firewalls.

- **Access control lists**
 - Source
 - Destination
 - Ports
 - Protocol
 - Logging
 - Stateful vs. stateless
 - Accept
 - Reject
 - Drop
 - Log
- **Technologies**
 - firewalld
 - Zones
 - Run time
 - iptables
 - Persistence
 - Chains
 - ufw
 - /etc/default/ufw
 - /etc/ufw/
 - Netfilter
- **IP forwarding**
 - /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward
 - /proc/sys/net/ipv6/conf/all/forwarding
- **Dynamic rule sets**
 - DenyHosts
 - Fail2ban
 - IPset
- **Common application firewall configurations**
 - /etc/services
 - Privileged ports

3.6 Given a scenario, backup, restore, and compress files.

- **Archive and restore utilities**
 - tar
 - cpio
 - dd
- **Compression**
 - gzip
 - xz
 - bzip2
 - zip
- **Backup types**
 - Incremental
 - Full
 - Snapshot clones
- Differential
- Image
- **Off-site/off-system storage**
 - SFTP
 - SCP
 - rsync
- **Integrity checks**
 - MD5
 - SHA