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Option 1
Securely Administering UNIX

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Abstract

This paper describes how to securely deploy and maintain Nagios monitoring services in big enterprise environment - fictitious company GIAC Enterprises.

Nagios is a host and service monitor designed to inform you of network problems before your clients, end-users or managers do. The monitoring daemon runs intermittent checks on hosts and services you specify using external "plugins" which return status information to Nagios. When problems are encountered, the daemon can send notifications out to administrative contacts in a variety of different ways (email, instant message, SMS, etc.). Current status information, historical logs, and reports can all be accessed via a web browser.¹

The monitoring of IT infrastructure is highly visible and important component of any company. Solid and nonrepudiate monitoring process can improve service availability, increase security, and enforce the following of the Service Level Agreements with customers and service providers.

This paper will provide details of deployment of multiple software components collectively called "Nagios server" in secure and manageable bundle. Nagios server includes Nagios core services to provide actual monitoring, mail server to sends alerts, and HTTP server to display monitoring status and control all service parameters. Nagios services will be installed on the already secured single Red Hat Enterprise Linux 3.0 server.

This paper assumes that the software will be deployed and hardened by a security professional, although all maintenance and update procedures come to hands of regular system administrators.

Document Conventions

When you read this practical assignment, you will see that certain words are represented in different fonts and typefaces. The types of words that are represented this way include the following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>command</th>
<th>Operating system commands are represented in this font style. This style indicates a command that is entered at a command prompt or shell.</th>
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<td>filename</td>
<td>Filenames, paths, and directory names are represented in this style.</td>
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<tr>
<td>computer output</td>
<td>The results of a command and other computer output are in this style.</td>
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<td>URL</td>
<td>Web URL’s are shown in this style.</td>
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<td>Quotation</td>
<td>A citation or quotation from a book or web site is in this style.</td>
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¹ Nagios monitoring program <http://www.nagios.org/about.php> [7]
1. Environment

Nagios monitoring server will operate in the secured corporate network. The network is protected by the border firewalls. All computers in corporate network use IP addresses from the private IP space. The computers can access the Internet, although are not visible directly from it.

Nagios control interfaces should be accessible from the Corporate LAN. Access for mobile employee or external customers (HTTPS through the application firewall in the DMZ) can be considered later.

Nagios server will monitor entire GIAC Enterprises IT infrastructure including servers, printers, networking equipment, and devices in the special use subnets.

**Figure 1: Network diagram**

1.1. Physical Security

Server is located in the secured server room with access limited to authorized system and network administrators. Servers and terminals are locked in the racks and only system administrators and management have keys to access them.

Network devices and cables are managed by the networking team. Server room has redundant cooling systems and additional power sources.

All environmental risks are mitigated to acceptable level.
1.2. Hardware

A hardware specification of the server is:

- Model: IBM xSeries x335 server
  - CPUs: 2 x 3.0GHz Xeon, Hyperthreading is turned on;
  - RAM: 2GB;
  - HDDs: 2 x 35GB SCSI; organized in RAID1 logical volume;
  - NICs: 2 x Built-in Gigabit Broadcom cards.

1.3. Operation System

GIAC Enterprises use System Imager\(^2\) server to build new production servers using the unified "golden" images. The "golden image" is based on Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS release 3 Update 4 and has 245 original Red Hat's RPMs. Complete list of installed components can be found in Appendix A. The image has reasonable minimum of components patched recently, and their security settings conform to local security policies and guidelines.

All existing network listening services (e.g. SSH, NTP) are hardened properly, and after OS deployment process is completed the server can be connected to the office network.

New system comes with CD-R containing AIDE\(^3\) integrity checking tool and reference AIDE's database for the "golden image".

1.3.1. Networking settings

```
HOSTNAME=nagios.example.com  DOMAINNAME=example.com
IPADDR="10.0.2.133"  GATEWAY="10.0.0.252"
NETMASK="255.255.0.0"  NETWORK="10.0.0.0"
```

Local firewall (iptables) is installed and activated on the server and allows any established and outgoing network traffic, but blocks any new incoming traffic except for SSH (TCP/22) and NTP (UDP/123). GIAC Enterprises does not use IPv6 currently.

1.3.2. Filesystem Layout

<table>
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<th>size</th>
<th>mount options</th>
<th>FS type</th>
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<tr>
<td>/</td>
<td>640M B</td>
<td>rw</td>
<td>ext3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/boot</td>
<td>128M B</td>
<td>rw,nosuid,nodev,noatime</td>
<td>ext3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/var</td>
<td>2GB</td>
<td>rw,exec,nosuid,nodev,atime</td>
<td>ext3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Swap</td>
<td>2GB</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>swap</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/tmp</td>
<td>2GB</td>
<td>rw,nosuid,nodev</td>
<td>ext3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/usr</td>
<td>4GB</td>
<td>rw,nodev,noatime</td>
<td>ext3</td>
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\(^2\) System Imager automates Linux installs and software distribution<br>\(^3\) AIDE, version 0.10. <http://sourceforge.net/projects/aide> [18]
1. Environment

The filesystem layout and directory structures perfectly fit to current FHS standard\(^4\) and also allow applying granular access limitations for each disk partition.\(^5\)

Newly deployed server has a disk drive with bigger capacity than required by OS components. Unallocated disk space can be used to create filesystems for third party applications and data.

1.4. Pre-deployment System Audit

To better describe the operational environment and to verify our assumptions about security of the server, a few assessment tools will be used. This audit will also help to identify vulnerabilities which were ignored during server initial deployment because no one thought about the specific role the new server will play.

1.4.1. System Security Rating by CIS Benchmark Tool

CIS Security Benchmark Checker\(^6\) was chosen to provide local system settings security assessment.

Although the current version of this tool\(^7\) does not officially support Red Hat Enterprise Linux release 3, it can be used after minor modification\(^8\).

Report about possible security problems is included in the Appendix B.

GIAC Enterprises site security policy does not allow keeping security assessment tools on the mission critical servers. So, when the software deployment is verified, this tool will be uninstalled.

1.4.2. Network Services Survey

1.4.2.1. Listening ports

Pre-deployment check of network services have confirmed that only specified ports UDP/123 (ntp) and TCP/22 (ssh) were listening to the network:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>COMMAND</th>
<th>PID</th>
<th>USER</th>
<th>FD</th>
<th>TYPE</th>
<th>DEVICE</th>
<th>SIZE</th>
<th>NODE</th>
<th>NAME</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>sshd</td>
<td>883</td>
<td>root</td>
<td>3u</td>
<td>IPv4</td>
<td>1969</td>
<td>TCP</td>
<td>*:22 (LISTEN)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ntpd</td>
<td>16593</td>
<td>ntp</td>
<td>4u</td>
<td>IPv4</td>
<td>2578258</td>
<td>UDP</td>
<td>*:123</td>
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<td>10.0.2.133:123</td>
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This survey also confirms that no existing system process is occupying ports which will be used by new software (ports TCP/25, 80, 389, 433, 5666).

\(^4\) <http://www.pathname.com/fhs/> [2]

\(^5\) See chapter “My considerations on partitioning scheme”. Simon Ostengaard [6]


\(^7\) Current CIS benchmark tool Version for Linux is 1.4.2-1.0 (as of January 2005)

\(^8\) For modification details see [8].
1.4.2.2. Test by Nessus

The test was run for all ports in range 1-65365, with all plugins enabled, including those marked as "unsafe".

The significant findings are:

Number of security holes found: 1
- You are running a version of OpenSSH which is older than 3.7.1.

Number of security warnings found: 2
- The remote host does not discard TCP SYN packets which have the FIN flag set.
- The remote host answers to an ICMP timestamp request. This allows an attacker to know the date which is set on your machine.

1.4.3. Summary of Security Assessment Results

Results of pre-deployment tests confirm that level of hardening of the server is acceptable and conforms to GIAC Enterprises security policies. However, because of importance of Nagios services which makes them highly probable target for attacks, the server could be tightened more, to close some of the identified vulnerabilities. The following groups have been identified by the assessment:

1: Real risks. Despite of little possible security exposure in the most of them, it does not hurt to make them fixed:
- kernel's network options (CIS)
- ICMP timestamp messages (Nessus)
- TCP packets with ACK,FIN options (Nessus)

2. Questionable risks. Hardening of these items has little sense in the current operational environment, but can negatively affect operational procedures, productivity, monitoring, and service availability:
- restrictions for single user mode in the /etc/inittab file (CIS)
- "gpm not deactivated" (CIS)
- SUID bit of /bin/traceroute file (CIS)

3. Obvious "False Positives":
- "vulnerability" in the SSH daemon (Nessus)

2. Pre-deployment Security Hardening

The following procedures include risk mitigation for the items identified in the previous chapter, and some additional security hardening required for the new applications.

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9 Nessus. v. 2.2.2a for Linux with latest plugins [20]
10 Red Hat components may have "backported" security fixes, which do not reflect mainstream version numbers of the corresponding software package.
2.1. Networking Settings Hardening

- Kernel parameters for the networking have been modified by editing the `/etc/sysctl.conf` file. Context of this file is included in Appendix G.
- Added protection against SYN/FIN attack (Nessus ID: 11618) by modifying firewall rules in the `/etc/sysconfig/iptables` file:
  ```
  -A INPUTCHAIN -p tcp --tcp-flags SYN,FIN SYN,FIN -m state --state NEW -j REJECT --reject-with tcp-reset
  ```
- Added protection for ICMP timestamp information leak (CVE: CAN-1999-0524) in the `/etc/sysconfig/iptables` file:
  ```
  -A INPUTCHAIN -p icmp -m icmp --icmp-type 13 -j DROP
  -A INPUTCHAIN -p icmp -m icmp --icmp-type 14 -j DROP
  ```

2.2. Stack Protection

In the recent kernel, new features are available to mitigate some risks of the Buffer Overflow exploits:

*The Red Hat Enterprise Linux 3 Update 3 kernel includes a new security feature known as Exec-shield. Exec-shield is a security-enhancing modification to the Linux kernel that makes large parts of specially-marked programs — including their stack — not executable. This can reduce the potential damage of some security holes, such as buffer overflow exploits.*

*Exec-shield can also randomize the virtual memory addresses at which certain binaries are loaded. This randomized VM mapping makes it more difficult for a malicious application to improperly access code or data based on knowledge of the code or data’s virtual address.*

To ensure this protection is active, the following lines have been added to the `/etc/sysctl.conf` file:

```
kernel.exec-shield-randomize = 1
kernel.exec-shield = 1
```

3. New Software to Deploy

To deploy fully functioning central monitoring Nagios server, the following main components must be installed on the server:

- **Nagios engine** "is a host/service/network monitoring program written in C and released under the GNU General Public License. CGI programs are included to allow you to view the current status, history, etc via a web interface if you so desire."

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11 E.g. 2.4.20-1.0.2ENT
13 For more information about stack protection read the chapters "Testing and Validation" and "Summary and Research" in this paper.
14 Nagios 2.0 README [15]
3. New Software to Deploy

- **Nagios plugins** provide actual checks for the Nagios engine. They able to check: disk space, memory utilization, SNMP status, check DNS services, etc.
- **Web server** provides GUI interface to Nagios engine. It uses SSL plugin to encrypt traffic and LDAP plugin to authenticate users using corporate LDAP server.
- **Stunnel** will be used to connect LDAP module of the Apache server to the corporate LDAP server over SSL tunnel\(^\text{15}\)
- **MTA (mail server)** will send Nagios's notifications
- **NRPE (Nagios Remote Plugin Extender)** "is a plugin that is run on the Nagios host and is used to contact the NRPE process on remote hosts. The plugin requests that a plugin be executed on the remote host and wait for the NRPE process to execute the plugin and return the result. The plugin then uses the output and return code from the plugin execution on the remote host for its own output and return code"\(^\text{16}\).

The following draft shows component dependencies, control and data flows which will help to identify requirements for application security hardening.

**Figure 2: Software components and dataflow**

\(^{15}\) Support for LDAP over SSL may be also done by Netscape SDK, if these libraries are installed on the server [9]. I selected *stunnel* because it is small, secure, and simple.

\(^{16}\) NRPE 2.0 README [21]
Benefits of Nagios monitoring already have been described in the Introduction; however, security benefits not identified yet, are:

- It can monitor network security devices such as surveillance cameras, NIDS agents, and firewalls.
- It can serve as abnormality monitor for different services.
- It can integrate plugins with direct security application: NMAP[19], Prelude\(^{17}\) monitoring, system logs monitoring, etc.
- It provides accurate events history to enforce accountability and change control procedures.

Most important quality of the Nagios server is ability to monitor thousands of various services, and instantly notify right persons about any problems. That's why application availability is most critical asset to be protected.

### 3.1. Risks Introduced by New Software

The risks, associated with the new software deployment are presented on the following picture:

\(^{17}\) <http://www.prelude-ids.org/>
**Figure 3: Risk model for the new software**

**Assets** are valuable data and services which should be protected. Most of them are introduced by the new software, but some (like system passwords) are generic for any system.

- **Service Availability** \(\text{SA}\) is ability of Nagios server to monitor services and hosts, and an ability to make appropriate actions (e.g. send alerts via e-mail) immediately.
- **Server Ownership** \(\text{SO}\) defines who controls the root account on the server.
- **Statistical Data** \(\text{SD}\) are performance logs, network topology, usage patterns, maintenance schedules (e.g. typical maintenance windows for company's NIDS servers), etc. This information could be used by intruder to plan attacks against local and remote servers in the company.
- **Confidential Information** \(\text{CI}\) includes access passwords, login names, e-mails, shared secret keys, SNMP community names, etc.
- **Nonrepudiate Event Logs** \(\text{NE}\) are important for personnel accountability\(^{18}\), and for controlling the Service Level Agreements (SLAs).

\(^{18}\) Usually, the problem reported by Nagios must be resolved or acknowledged by someone within predefined time frame or else an escalation alert message will be sent to the management.
Threats are conditions which potentially cause harm to assets.

- Privilege Escalation (PE) is a threat associated with limitations or wrong implementation of access control methods. In short, privilege escalation occurs when some user of process gets resources which are not meant to be available to him.
- Denial of Service (DoS) threatens the ability of Nagios to notice or report the problem. An intruder may want to cause (DoS) of Nagios services to hide his attack on another monitored host.
- Data Manipulation (DM) threat arise when somebody wants to change or erase some data. Most probable targets of data manipulations are: Nagios logs and service availability history. Possible reasons to do it: negligent system administrator who did not fix a problem in reasonable time frame and is now trying to hide this fact. Or, an attacker who wants to eliminate any possible traces of attack against some host, including performance abnormality or service restarts, which usually are noticed by Nagios. The analysis of this threat must address as well as local data manipulation, also the risk of remote data manipulation by means of exploiting vulnerabilities in the remote monitoring Nagios agents.
- Data Theft (DT). Possible target is Confidential Information (CI).
- Network Sniffing (DS). The usual mitigation of this threat is data encryption.

Vulnerabilities are characteristics of assets or assets' environment which could be exploited by the treat.

- Buffer Overflow (BoF). Most probable targets: CGIs and Nagios plugins.
- Human Errors (HeR). Despite no threat targets this vulnerability directly, human errors may contribute to asset damage more than an intentional attack. Unusual security hardening, custom components, and complicated update procedures are main sources of human errors. The main countermeasures are: properly documented security hardening and change control procedures. Another specific target for this vulnerability is programmatic errors in the underdeveloped software components, e.g. in the custom Nagios plugins.
- Resource Capacity Limitations (RCL). Everything good is limited. Most possible targets of this vulnerability are: CPU resources, network sockets, and human ability to read numerous alerts send by Nagios.
- "Format String" Input (FSI). This vulnerability was named after famous cases of misuse of printf() function; but in this paper, I will also put under this category the related vulnerabilities: careless use of input parameters in the scripts, and problems with non-sanitized program environment. Most probable targets: Nagios plugins.
- ACL Limitations (ACL). Existing security model and its implementation make proper access separation difficult or not efficient [4]. Setting of resource access permission and ownership may not be sufficient, and other means like "chroot" environment should be considered to mitigate this vulnerability.
- Network Services and Traffic (NST). Possible targets: any component listening
to or initiating a network connection. New network traffic also bears sensitive information and has valuable statistical characteristics.

The associated abbreviations (e.g. \{PE\} for "Privilege Escalation") are the "risk codes" which is used in this document to identify the risk which is mitigated by appropriate security measure.

For example, process of mitigating treat "Deny of Service" for asset "Service Availability", where application vulnerability is "Buffer Overflow" will have risk code \{DoS->BoF->SA\}.

Any security hardening without corresponding risk code should be considered as a following common good system administration and security practice.

4. Software Deployment and Hardening

The following components were chosen to provide Nagios monitoring services:

- **Apache HTTP server**. Version 2.0.46-44.ent.
  - SSL support components for HTTPS (mod_ssl). Version 2.0.46-44.ent.
  - LDAP support components (mod_authz_ldap). Version 0.22-5.
- **Postfix mail server**. Version 2.0.16-14.RHEL3.
- **Nagios engine**. Version 2.0b1-1.
  - **Nagios plugins**. Version 1.4-1.

To increase application availability and simplify maintenance procedures, standard software RPMs packages supplied with Red Hat Enterprise Linux have been used whenever it was possible. Custom-built applications usually lack of proper testing and support, and also have complicated maintenance and update procedures.

The server must not have any development packages\(^{19}\) or C/gcc compilers. This has some sense for security, but has much bigger value for services availability and version control. All third-party packages were built in RPM form on the separate "build" server. Then compiled RPM files were installed on the Nagios server. For compilation and install procedures please check Appendix C.

The first step of application bundle hardening will be the same as in hardening of any OS - disabling the components which are not required for the specified functionality.

The second step will be the mitigation of the identified risks by using technical means such as ACL, chroot, encryption, etc.

\(^{19}\) ... unless they are required for the installed applications. Example: make utility, which is used to create/update some configuration files.
4.1. Securing Applications by Disabling Useless Components

We will not try to erase any single useless component because on the next RPM update it will reappear in the same place again. Instead, we will disable them whenever possible via proper configuration options.

4.1.1. Apache HTTP Server

At first step of securing web server, we will reduce number of components (loadable modules) to minimal acceptable level. According to the requirements for the HTTP server, it must:

- Execute CGIs;
- Keep detailed connection and access logs;
- Provide access control, authentication, and authorization;
- Encrypt traffic via SSL;
- Use "mod_rewrite" to redirect requests to SSL before authentication;
- Authenticate users via LDAP.

Everything else can be disabled. To do it, comment out appropriate LoadModule directives in the httpd.conf file. The resulting Apache HTTP configuration files are included in the Appendix D.

Possible implications of this security measure: None. Some performance improvement is expected due to resulting smaller application memory footprint.

4.1.2. Postfix Mail Server

The default configuration of the current version of Postfix has good settings. The server is not listening to incoming connections from the external network interfaces. It is impossible to restrict the MTA role to act as "null-client" because Nagios server should not rely on any "mail relay" server to send alerts. However, despite almost perfect default configuration files, some additional hardening can be done:

- Disable components we won't use:
  - Interfaces to additional non-Postfix software (e.g. Cyrus or uucp)
- Disable transports and services which won't be used:
  - lmtp, virtual, relay

The resulting master.cfg configuration file is included in the Appendix F.


4.2.1. SSL

For this application, the encryption quality can be improved by specifying additional random sources in the configuration file (risk code is \{NS->NST->CI\}21).

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20 From the RPM postfix-2.0.16-14.RHEL3
21 For the "risk codes" please refer to Figure 3: Risk model for the new software on page 8.
The drawback [of using default "builtin" method] is that this is not really a strong source and at startup time (where the scoreboard is still not available) this source just produces a few bytes of entropy. So you should always, at least for the startup, use an additional seeding source.\textsuperscript{22}

I left "builtin" PRNG for new connections for better performance, but added /dev/urandom for startup PRNG generation:

\begin{verbatim}
SSLRandomSeed startup file:/dev/urandom 1024
\end{verbatim}

Possible implications of this security measure: Low -> 1.5 second delay during Apache server startup.

4.2.2. Stunnel

To reduce the damage which could be done if some vulnerability in this application is exploited, the applications should run in chrooted environment under non privileged system ID "stunnel" \{PE->BoF->SO\}.

**Hardening procedure**

1. Create new user account "stunnel":
   \begin{verbatim}
   useradd -d /var/run/stunnel -r -s /sbin/nologin stunnel
   \end{verbatim}

2. Lock the account:
   \begin{verbatim}
   passwd -l stunnel
   \end{verbatim}

3. Change the ownership of the run and log directory, setup proper access permissions \{DT->ACL->CI\}:
   \begin{verbatim}
   chown -R stunnel.stunnel /var/run/stunnel
   chmod 700 /var/run/stunnel
   \end{verbatim}

4. Make *stunnel* to run chrooted. Only configuration change is required; the complete configuration file /etc/stunnel/stunnel.conf will be:

```
chroot = /var/run/stunnel/
# PID is created inside chroot jail
pid = /stunnel.pid
setuid = stunnel
setgid = stunnel
client = yes
debug = 2
output = /var/run/stunnel/stunnel.log
[ldaps]
   accept = 127.0.0.1:389
   connect = ldap.example.com:636
```

Possible implications of these security measures: None.

4.2.3. Apache HTTP Server

Good countermeasure against various attacks to HTTP server, i.e. risk \{PE->BoF->CI\}, is to run server in chrooted environment.

\textsuperscript{22} Apache Module mod_ssl. \url{http://httpd.apache.org/docs-2.0/mod/mod_ssl.html} [9]
The usual method of making chrooted environment for Apache HTTP consists of copying directory structures, libraries, and binaries into the target chroot directory. Unfortunately, this creates problems for any software update. E.g., during the update of any OS component, like `imbd`, the system administrator must decide if he has to update files and links in the chroot directory or not. Even tools like `ldd` cannot ensure the chrooted service will survive the update. Various Nagios CGI components which would run under the same chroot also add the complexity.

The method used in this paper\(^\text{23}\) utilizes links from binary components and libraries to the chroot directory via `"--bind"` mount option which is supported by current Linux kernels. The update procedures will be as simple as it was without any chroot. The tradeoff of this approach: although the chroot environment which is built using `"--bind"` mounts will have only minimum of required binaries, it will have more libraries than is required.

To understand which components must be chrooted, check what constitutes the installed HTTP packages by running command:

```
rpm -ql httpd mod_authz_ldap mod_ssl
```

Files included in the `httpd` package can be classified to the following functional groups:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Group</th>
<th>Top level directory</th>
<th>Example of the file</th>
<th>chroot</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Configuration files</td>
<td>/etc/http</td>
<td>/etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Logs</td>
<td>/var/log</td>
<td>/var/log/httpd/ssl_error_log</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control scripts</td>
<td>/etc</td>
<td>/etc/logrotate.d/httpd</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PID files</td>
<td>/var/run</td>
<td>/var/run/httpd.pid</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Core binaries</td>
<td>/usr/sbin/</td>
<td>/usr/sbin/httpd</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Support binaries</td>
<td>/usr/bin/</td>
<td>/usr/bin/ab</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Runtime libraries</td>
<td>/usr/lib/</td>
<td>/usr/lib/libapr-0.so.0</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Modules</td>
<td>/usr/sbin/httpd/module</td>
<td>/usr/lib/httpd/modules/mod_access.so</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Misc. components</td>
<td>/usr/sbin</td>
<td>/usr/sbin/suexec</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miss. components</td>
<td>/usr/share</td>
<td>/usr/share/man/man1/htdocsigest.1.gz</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miss. components</td>
<td>/var/lib/dav</td>
<td>/var/lib/dav</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miss. components</td>
<td>/var/cache/mod_proxy</td>
<td>/var/cache/mod_proxy</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sample files</td>
<td>/var/www</td>
<td>/var/www/icons/bomb.png</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

There are additional components which were not installed from the Apache RPMs but required for the `httpd`: system libraries, devices, and pipes.

Additional libraries identified by `lsof` command must be included to chroot environment:

```
lsof -u apache | awk '{print $NF}' | sort -u
```

\(^{23}\) See also publication [5]
In addition, some files will be used occasionally, usually while starting new child process, e.g.:

```
/etc/passwd
/etc/group
/etc/mime.types
```

We will name these files "Additional components".

**Creating the chroot environment for Apache HTTP**

1. Create new `/etc/fstab` entry for the mounted `/var` filesystem:

```
/var  /chroot/apache/var      ext3  defaults,devpts,uid=0 0 0
```

2. Mount the `ext3` filesystem and mount it as `/chroot` with the following mount options:

```
rw,noatime,nosuid
```

3. Create chroot structure for the functional groups:

   **Group "Logs"**
   - Create target directory
     ```
     mkdir -p /chroot/apache/var/log/httpd
     ```
   - Create "bind" links from real environment to jailed one
     ```
     mount --bind /var/log/httpd /chroot/apache/var/log/httpd
     ```

   **Groups "Runtime libraries", "Additional libraries", and "Modules"**
   - Create target directories
     ```
     mkdir -p /chroot/apache/usr/lib/httpd
     mkdir -p /chroot/apache/usr/kerberos/lib
     mkdir /chroot/apache/lib
     ```
   - Create "bind" links from real environment
     ```
     mount --bind /usr/lib   /chroot/apache/usr/lib
     mount --bind /usr/kerberos/lib
     ```

---

This measure will provide additional protection because the original `/var` filesystem is mounted with more restrictive mount options (`rw, noexec, nosuid, nodev`) than if we would use log directories on `/chroot` filesystem. Another benefit of using "--bind" mount is: log analyzer software, e.g. `logwatch` and `webalizer` can use default settings to analyze http logs.
Group "Core binaries"
   Since we cannot bind the single file, we will make a "hard" link for this file to the
directory already bound to the jail environment:
   mkdir /usr/lib/httpd/sbin
   ln /usr/sbin/httpd /usr/lib/httpd/sbin/httpd
   cd /chroot/apache/usr & & ln -s lib/httpd/sbin

Group "Devices"
   • Create target directory
     mkdir /chroot/apache/dev
   • Create devices25
     mknod -m 644 /chroot/apache/dev/zero c 1 5
     mknod -m 666 /chroot/apache/dev/null c 1 3
     mknod -m 644 /chroot/apache/dev/urandom c 1 9

Group "Additional components"
   • Create target directory
     mkdir -p /chroot/apache/etc/httpd
   • Create "bind" mount from real environment
     mount --bind /etc/httpd /chroot/apache/etc/httpd
   • For syslog support, we need a socket /chroot/apache/dev/log. To make it,
     specify in /etc/sysconfig/syslog file additional options:
     SYSLOGD_OPTIONS="-m 0 -a /chroot/apache/dev/log"
     and restart syslog daemon by the command:
     service syslog restart
   • Add required configuration files to the chrooted environment:
     cp /etc/mime.types /chroot/apache/etc/
     cp /etc/ld.so.cache /chroot/apache/etc
     cp /etc/hosts /chroot/apache/etc
   • Create files /chroot/apache/etc/passwd and /chroot/apache/etc/group
     containing the following lines:
     apache:x:48:48:Apache:/var/www/html:/sbin/nologin in the
     password
     apache:x:48: in the group
   • Create place for PID files:
     mkdir /chroot/apache/var/run

3. Create the content directory structure for HTML documents and CGIs:
   mkdir /chroot/apache/www/error
   mkdir /chroot/apache/www/cgi-bin
   mkdir /chroot/apache/www/icons
   mkdir /chroot/apache/www/html

4. Modify the server's startup file /etc/init.d/httpd to include the required mount
commands (See Appendix E).

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25 The last device (urandom), although is not strictly required for the Apache http server, will be used for
more reliable generation of PRNG in the SSL module.
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Hardening Apache configuration options:
The following modifications of the configuration files should be done:

- Increase the number of processes available for new requests. \( \text{(DoS->RCL->SA)} \)
  
  \[
  \begin{align*}
  \text{StartServers} & \quad 10 \\
  \text{Timeout} & \quad 60
  \end{align*}
  \]

- Decrease the request timeout. \( \text{(DoS->RCL-SA)} \)

- The following `LocationMatch` directive reduces an accuracy of vulnerability scans which would run against the web server. \( \text{(NST->SD)} \)
  
  ```
  <LocationMatch \/{scripts\|cgi-local\|htbin\|cgibin\|cgis\|cgi\|\
  win-cgi\|cgi-win\|finger\.pl\|guestbook\\.cgi\|campas\|files\.pl\|
  count\\.cgi\|\~\|\~\bak\|\~\sav\|\~\orig\|\~\old\}>/
  
  deny from all
  </LocationMatch>
  ```

- Disable "inherited" options which will not be used (in the `Directory`)
  
  ```
  
  Options -MultiViews -Indexes
  ```

- Limit allowed request methods to "POST" and "READ" (in the `Directory`)
  
  ```
  <LimitExcept GET POST>
  deny from all
  </LimitExcept>
  ```

The resulting Apache HTTP configuration files are included in the Appendix D.

4.2.4. Nagios Core

Hardening procedures:

1. Replace default interactive shell of the account `nagios` to `/sbin/nologin` \( \text{(PE)} \)
   
   ```
   chsh -s /sbin/nologin nagios
   ```

   Possible implications of this security measure: This change will break functionality of the Nagios startup script, see Appendix E for the required modification.

2. Lock the account:
   
   ```
   passwd -l nagios
   ```

3. Restrict directories access \( \text{(DT->ACL->CI)} \)
   
   ```
   chmod 700 /var/log/nagios rw /var/log/nagios
   chown -R root.root /usr/lib/nagios
   chmod 755 /usr/lib/nagios
   ```

4. Add user `nagios` to `/etc/ftpusers` file

5. Make sure, if resource configuration file which may have user specific configuration options is owned by `root` and readable by the group `nagios` \( \text{(DT->ACL->CI)} \):
   
   ```
   chown -R root.nagios /etc/nagios/private
   chmod 750 /etc/nagios/private
   chmod 640 /etc/nagios/private/resource.cfg
   ```

6. Make Nagios log and configuration files to be accessible by the CGIs:

- Create target directories
  
  ```
  mkdir /chroot/apache/var/log/nagios
  mkdir /chroot/apache/etc/nagios
  mkdir -p /chroot/apache/var/spool/nagios
  ```
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- Create "bind" links from real environment\(^{26}\)
  
  
  ```
  mount --bind /var/log/nagios /chroot/apache/var/log/nagios
  mount --bind /etc/nagios /chroot/apache/etc/nagios
  mount --bind /var/spool/nagios /chroot/apache/var/spool/nagios
  ```

- 7. Edit the main configuration file `nagios.cfg` and set the following options:
  - Set effective user and group that Nagios should run as
  ```
  nagios_user=nagios
  nagios_group=nagios
  ```
  - Disable event handlers. Risk code: \{PE->ACL|BoF|FSI->SO\}.
    ```
    enable_event_handlers=0
    ```

  "Event handlers" is a powerful mechanism which allows Nagios not only to report
  the problems but also execute corrective actions, e.g. restart failed services.
  Typically, the only service which could be restarted using nagios UID is Nagios
  engine itself. To restart other services, SUDO or SUID methods may be
  required, which can introduce new security risks.

  - Protect CGIs and Nagios plugins from potentially dangerous characters in host
    names, service descriptions, or names of other object types \{HeR|FSI->SA\}.
    ```
    illegal_object_name_chars=`~!$%^&*|"<>?,()=\+;
    ```

User access

Depending on the access level, users are able to do the following actions using Nagios
CGI Interface:

- View system information about hosts they own or responsible for.
- View Nagios configuration for their hosts.
- Run commands to modify Nagios runtime configuration for their hosts.
- View system information about any hosts.
- View complete Nagios configuration for all services and hosts.
- Run commands to modify Nagios runtime configuration or stop any monitoring
  and alerting for any hosts and services.

Although it is possible to assign the access levels in the corporate LDAP database and
let Apache HTTP server to control them by resource access directives, more simple
and secure approach is to separate these functions:

- Do users' authentication via Apache server (line "require valid-user" in the
  `authz_ldap.conf` file).
- Do authorization via Nagios CGI programs. Assign the roles in the Nagios
  configuration file `cgi.cfg`.

4.2.5. Postfix Mail Server

To provide required functionality for the Nagios operations, the mail server should only
send alerts from the account `nagios`. There is no need to store any messages for this
account because nobody will read them. Therefore, any e-mail sent by Nagios which
cannot be delivered, must be discarded. It will also provide protection from overfilling

\(^{26}\) These "--bind" links will be mounted during Apache HTTP server startup process.
the /var/spool directory by discarded e-mail messages \{DoS->RCL->SA\}.
- Disable mail bouncing for the user nagios:
  o file main.cf: double_bounce_sender = nagios

Most of the Postfix services can run in the chroot environment.\{PE->ACL->CI\}
Default chroot directory is /var/spool/postfix.
Making Postfix components to run in the chroot environment:
- Modify the master.cf file and specify chroot="y" for all services except
  the "local".\{PE->ACL->CI\}
- To log the Postfix processes, modify /etc/sysconfig/syslog file and specify
  SYSLOGD_OPTIONS="-m 0 -a /chroot/apache/dev/log -a \\
  /var/spool/postfix/var/run/log"\{PE->ACL->CI\}
- Restart the syslog daemon: service syslog restart
- Create the chroot directories, add required components:
  mkdir /var/spool/postfix/etc
  cp /etc/localtime /etc/resolv.conf /etc/services \\
  /var/spool/postfix/etc

4.3. Target Nodes' NRPE Security Hardening

Why to worry about NRPE security on the target nodes? - Insecure or too restrictive
configuration of NRPE on the target nodes can damage the whole Nagios monitoring
process. For monitored-from-the-network services, like FTP or SSH one must make
sure, if access from the Nagios server to the monitored services is not blocked by
network devices or by local firewalls.

NRPE hardening steps
1. Lock the account nagios: passwd -l nagios
2. Add user nagios to /etc/ftpusers file
3. Protect the NRPE configuration directory:
   chmod 750 /etc/nagios && chown -R root.nagios /etc/nagios
4. Set the effective user and group that the NRPE daemon will use to run as
   nrpe_user=nagios \ nrpe_group=nagios
   Dont blame NRPE:
   dont_blame_nrpe=0
   Specify servers which are allowed to talk to the NRPE daemon:
   allowed_hosts=10.0.2.133\{PE->ACL->CI\}

There is the risk associated with the system resource allocation \{DM->RCL->NE\}. NRPE
daemon is running on non privileged port 5666, and therefore when this port is
available, any user on the target host can start his own daemon on the port TCP/5666

\{PE->ACL->CI\}
28 All other services which cannot be chrooted, are already disabled during the first step of the Postfix
Mail Server hardening.
29 This option for the syslog daemon also includes the support for chrooted Apache HTTP server
30 This is the Nagios server IP address

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and supply bogus information for the Nagios server.
Risk mitigation:
1. Make NRPE started automatically on the system startup as a daemon:
   `chkconfig nrpe on`
2. Additionally, for the case NRPE daemon would crash due to attack to potential vulnerability, local iptables firewall should be configured to prevent outgoing NRPE traffic from any user, except nagios:
   ```
   -A OUTPUT -m owner ! --uid-owner nagios -p tcp --sport 5666 -j LOG
   -A OUTPUT -m owner ! --uid-owner nagios -p tcp --sport 5666 -j REJECT
   ```

### 4.4. Post-Deployment System Changes

Before final application security assessment tests can be executed, the following system changes must be performed:
1. Clean up directories which have been used to store installable packages.
2. Change the configuration file for the local iptables firewall:
   - Enable outgoing traffic for all ports which will be monitored by Nagios.
   - Enable incoming traffic from the GIAC Enterprises LAN to the ports: 80/TCP (HTTP server), 443/TCP (HTTP server / SSL), and 5666/TCP (NRPE)
3. Reboot the server to verify if all required services are started automatically on the system startup.
4. Test Nagios bundle functionality.

Nagios application bundle is ready for testing and validation.

### 5. Testing and Validation

We will start validation of the security hardening from the basic simple techniques like integrity checks. Then, if no security problems are found, we will continue with network scanners, and finish by Nagios bundle specific tests.

#### 5.1. Baseline Security Check

The following security tests were done before the software deployment. By running them again, we will achieve the following objectives:
- Mitigate the risk of new security holes created by human error during software install or introduced by software install scripts;
- Verify if the integrity check procedures captures important changes.

#### 5.1.1. Integrity Check

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Most sites have almost no restrictions for outgoing traffic in the LAN

During the RPM install or update process, the internal RPM scripts are executed silently with root ID privileges. I have seen multiple examples that such scripts undermined the security of the system by changing system directory permissions, or changing firewall settings to allow the software to bypass firewall automatically, etc.

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AIDE. The server files were verified against AIDE database from the supplied CD-R.

```
mount /mnt/cdrom && /mnt/cdrom/aide -c /mnt/cdrom/aide.conf
```

AIDE found differences between database and filesystem!!
Summary: Total number of files=50505,
added files=1276, removed files=0, changed files=44

The result of this output illustrated that all changes were expected. All "added" and "changed" files came from the Nagios deployment process.

5.1.2. Post-deployment System Security Rating

Most of the following security assessment tools already have been used during the pre-deployment assessment and hardening. I will not duplicate pre-deployment test results. Only the changes will be reported.

CIS Benchmark\(^{33}\). The score is 8.91 /10.00 (pre-deployment score was: 9.06).
- New "potential vulnerabilities" reported:
  - Negative: 3.3 Mail daemon is still listening on TCP 25.
    - This is the expected change. Postfix MTA is listening to the internal interface only (127.0.0.1:25).
  - Negative: 3.15 Web server not deactivated.
    - This is the expected change. Apache HTTP is running.
  - Negative: 6.1 /chroot is not mounted nodev.
    - It cannot be mounted with "nodev" because it uses the devices\(^{34}\).
- Pre-deployment "potential vulnerabilities" are fixed:
  - Fixed networking kernel options for /proc/sys/net/ipv4/*

CIS Apache Benchmark\(^{35}\). Score: 5.81 out of 10.00.
The tool was run to verify both configuration files and running HTTP server:

```
./benchmark.pl -c /chroot/apache/etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf -s http://nagios.example.com
```

The report with comments is included in the Appendix H.

5.1.3. Network Services Testing

The network scanners have been run with the same options as during the pre-deployment assessment - i.e. for all possible ports and with all types of test enabled (even if marked as "dangerous"). For the HTTP-specific tests in the Nessus, Nikto\(^{36}\) plugin was configured to test the actual server URLs.

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\(^{33}\) By the time the paper was completed new CIS Security Benchmark Checker became available (v.1.6.7). Test by the new version gave score 9.17 and less "Negative" warnings than the old CIS tool.

\(^{34}\) Anyway, the current mount options `rw,noexec,nosuid,noatime` are not too bad.


\(^{36}\) Nikto, v1.34. <http://www.cirt.net/code/nikto.shtml>
Check listening ports
Check by \texttt{lsof} has confirmed that only expected ports are listening to the network interfaces:
\begin{verbatim}
COMMAND   PID  USER   FD   TYPE DEVICE SIZE NODE NAME
sshd      815   root    3u  IPv4  1400   TCP *:22 (LISTEN)
ntpd      828   ntp     4u  IPv4  1429   UDP *:123
ntpd      828   ntp     5u  IPv4  1430   UDP 127.0.0.1:123
ntpd      828   ntp     6u  IPv4  1431   UDP 10.0.2.133:123
master    880   root    11u IPv4  1580   TCP 127.0.0.1:25 (LISTEN)
stunnel   929  stunnel   4u  IPv4  1783   TCP 127.0.0.1:389 (LISTEN)
httpd    17612  root    3u  IPv4 135665  TCP *:80 (LISTEN)
httpd    17612  root    4u  IPv4 135667  TCP *:443 (LISTEN)
\end{verbatim}

Scan by NMAP\textsuperscript{37}
The result of the scan confirms that only expected ports are visible from the network:
\begin{verbatim}
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh     OpenSSH 3.6.1p2 (protocol 2.0)
80/tcp    open  http    Apache httpd
123/udp   open  ntp     NTP v4
443/tcp   open  ssl     OpenSSL
\end{verbatim}

Scan by Nessus Security Scanner
The report is included in the Appendix I. Note: the test was run from the trusted network; some services (e.g. NTP) have tight access restrictions for non-trusted hosts.
- New "potential vulnerabilities" reported:
  - The SSLv2 server offers 5 strong ciphers, but also 0 medium strength and 2 weak "export class" ciphers.
    - Action taken: \texttt{SSLCipherSuite} parameter in the \texttt{ssl.conf} Apache HTTP configuration file have been modified to disallow use of the weak ciphers: \{DT->NST->CI\}
      \begin{verbatim}
      \end{verbatim}
  - Pre-deployment "potential vulnerabilities" are fixed:
    - ICMP timestamp messages
    - TCP packets with \texttt{ACK,FIN} options

5.2. Software Bundle Check
These tests will verify the results of security hardening of the Nagios server bundle components.

5.2.1. NRPE
1. Verify if traffic between Nagios server and remote target host is \textbf{encrypted} by SSL/TLS when checks are done via \texttt{check_nrpe} plugin:
   - Run \texttt{tcpdump} or \texttt{tethereal} on the target remote server, e.g:
     \begin{verbatim}
     tcpdump -s 0 -xX -vvv host nagios.example.com
     \end{verbatim}
   - Try NRPE request from the Nagios server:

\textsuperscript{37} NMAP, v.3.81. <http://www.insecure.org/nmap/> [19]
The response confirms that communication was established between the Nagios server and target host (network access to this service is not blocked).

The result of packet sniffing confirms that all traffic is obscured (presumably encrypted by SSL/TLS).

2. Verify if SSL/TLS encryption connection is required when Nagios server checks remote hosts via check_nrpe plugin:
   - Try to connect to server running older version of NRPE (1.8) which is not requires SSL encryption:
     ```bash
     /usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_nrpe -H oldhost.example.com -c check_users
     CHECK_NRPE: Error - Could not complete SSL handshake.
     ```
   - The response confirms that the check_nrpe plugin on the Nagios server refused to communicate with the target host without an encryption.

3. Verify if NRPE responds only to requests from the authorized Nagios server:
   - Try to make NRPE request from the unauthorized server:
     ```bash
     /usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_nrpe -H anyhost.example.com -c check_users
     CHECK_NRPE: Error - Could not complete SSL handshake.
     ```
   - The response confirms NRPE does not give information for unauthorized hosts. Additionally, this unauthorized attempt was logged in the /var/log/messages file on the target host:

     Feb 23 17:43:11 anyhost nrpe[xx]: Host 10.0.7.7 is not allowed to talk to us!

5.2.2. Apache HTTP

1. Check if httpd is running chrooted:
   ```bash
   lsof -d rtd -a -c httpd
   ```

   COMMAND PID USER FD  TYPE DEVICE SIZE NODE NAME
   httpd 4900 root rtd DIR 8,10 4096 32769 /chroot/apache
   <... Similar lines was skipped ...>
   httpd 4909 apache rtd DIR 8,10 4096 32769 /chroot/apache

   ... or run the ls command to see what is available for this process (use the PID reported by the previous command):
   ```bash
   ls -l /proc/4900/root/
   ```
   total 20

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2. Performance test helps to verify how this component of the Nagios server could bear normal load and possible (DoS) attacks:

- Start vmstat utility on the Nagios server
- Start HTTP heavy performance test using the analyzing tool ApacheBench (part of the Apache HTTP server package) on the remote server:

  ```
  ab -n 100000 -c 20 -k http://nagios.example.com/error/403.html
  ```

  Server Port: 80

  The version of ApacheBench which we have used does not support SSL. Therefore, the test was done on the port 80.

  ```
  Document Path: /error/403.html
  Document Length: 1644 bytes
  Concurrency Level: 20
  Time taken for tests: 8.735315 seconds
  Complete requests: 100000
  Failed requests: 0
  Write errors: 0
  Total transferred: 191455828 bytes
  Requests per second: 11659.97 [#/sec] (mean)
  Time per request: 1.715 [ms] (mean)
  Time per request: 0.086 [ms] (mean, across all concurrent requests)
  Transfer rate: 21800.40 [Kbytes/sec] received
  ```

  The results of vmstat indicated that the server had 100% CPU utilization during this test. Therefore, the experimental (DoS) attack was successful. However, it was unlikely to see that problem if the attack would be started from outside of the local LAN because the HTTP transfer rate during the test was 175Mb/s, i.e. 26 times more than capacity of T2 line by which GIAC Enterprises is connected to the Internet.

  Less stressful test (with the same parameters but concurrency level equal to 4) shows acceptable level of CPU utilization (80%) and HTTP transfer rate of 16MB/s. This result is acceptable, and no performance tuning methods will be described here. However, some (DoS) mitigation techniques will be presented later in the chapter "7. Summary and Research".

5.2.3. Stunnel

1. Check if stunnel is running in chrooted environment:

   ```
   lsof -d rtd -a -c stunnel
   ```
COMMAND    PID USER   FD   TYPE DEVICE SIZE NODE NAME
stunnel 30545 stunnel    rtd DIR  8,5 4096 81927 /var/run/stunnel
stunnel 31038 stunnel    rtd DIR  8,5 4096 81927 /var/run/stunnel

... or run the `ls` command to see what is available for this process (use the PID reported by the previous command):

```
ls -l /proc/30545/root/
```

```
total 4
-rw-r----- 1 root  root  0 Feb 22 18:07 stunnel.log
-rw-r--r-- 1 stunnel stunnel 6 Feb 22 18:07 stunnel.pid
```

2. Verify if traffic between stunnel and corporate LDAP server is encrypted by SSL:
   - Run `tcpdump` on the Nagios server:
     ```
tcpdump -s 0 -xX -vvv port ldap or port ldaps -i eth0 -w stunnel.in&
tcpdump -s 0 -xX -vvv port ldap or port ldaps -i lo -w stunnel.out&
```
   - Try to authenticate on Nagios server (the URL is `<https://nagios.example.com/nagios>`)
   - Stop (kill) `tcpdump`
   - Compare files `stunnel.in` (dump of communication between stunnel and the corporate LDAP server) and `stunnel.out` (communication dump between stunnel and local Apache HTTP server (mod_ldapz))
   - The result of packet sniffing confirms that all external LDAP traffic is obscured (presumably encrypted by SSL) while internal one is unencrypted.

### 5.2.4. Postfix Mail Server

1. Check if mail bouncing is disabled for the user `nagios`:
   - Send a mail to the non existent recipient from the user ID `nagios`
   - Check the `/var/log/maillog` for the error messages:
     ```
     Feb 27 16:09:09 nagios postfix/bounce[1049]: warning: 7B11914022: undeliverable postmaster notification discarded
     ```
   - Check `/var/spool/mail/nagios` mailbox.
   - Result: message did not bounce back to `nagios` account.

2. Check if application is running in chrooted environment:
   - `lsof -d rtd -a -u postfix`

```
COMMAND    PID USER FD   TYPE DEVICE SIZE NODE NAME
pickup     992 postfix rtd DIR  8,5 4096 213001 /var/spool/postfix
qmgr       993 postfix rtd DIR  8,5 4096 213001 /var/spool/postfix
trivial-r  994 postfix rtd DIR  8,5 4096 213001 /var/spool/postfix
smtp       995 postfix rtd DIR  8,5 4096 213001 /var/spool/postfix
cleanup    1043 postfix rtd DIR  8,5 4096 213001 /var/spool/postfix
```

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38 The Postfix must be doing something useful during the test. Idle state does not display some Postfix processes.
Result: all configured Postfix components are running **chrooted**.
Note: the component "local" cannot be chrooted. This is the expected result.

5.2.5. Nagios Plugins

This component of the Nagios application bundle is most likely to have some {BoF} or {FCI} vulnerabilities. The reason for this assumption is: Nagios plugins are simple, and could be written even by junior software developer. Moreover, if the component has limited applicability, it is a good chance if this component never has been under proper testing. The BoFCheck\(^39\) tool was used to test all installed Nagios plugins.

**Test 1.** Test for simple buffer overflow:

```
for i in `find /usr/lib/nagios/plugins -type f`; do
/root/bofcheck -b 99999 -f $i ; done
```

The result of the test is: **No vulnerabilities found.**

**Test 2.** Test for generic format strings bugs:

```
for i in `find /usr/lib/nagios/plugins -type f`; do
/root/bofcheck -s -f $i ; done
```

As a result of the test we have **new discovered vulnerability:**

```
[/usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_smtp] with option -S
CAUGHT[SIGILL]Signal[14]
* [ESP] at time of crash [0xfeff8770]
* [0x41414141] string possibly overwrote address[0xfeff88f1]
```

```
[/usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_smtp] with option -S
CAUGHT[SIGALRM]Signal[14]
* [ESP] at time of crash [0xfeff8770]
* [0x41414141] string possibly overwrote address[0xfeff88f1]
```

**Risk assessment:** the risk factor is **low**. Risk code is {PE->FSI->SA}. Normally, the plugin runs under unprivileged system ID nagios, has no SUID/SGUID bits set, and uses command arguments supplied either by Nagios server or by NRPE daemon.

**Mitigation** of this vulnerability: The C source code of the **check_smtp** plugin can be reviewed and fixed by GIAC Enterprise programmers. Meanwhile, the stack protection must be activated for this binary file by **execstack** utility to prevent this vulnerability to be exploited:

```
execstack -s /usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_smtp
```

To verify if stack protection is activated for this binary, run:

\(^{39}\) BoFCheck. <http://www.securiteam.com/tools/5DP0C1PB6G.html> [22]
execstack -q /usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_smtp

X /usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_smtp
"X" means the stack protection is supported and activated.

**Test 3. Test for overflow over specified environment variables**: 
for i in `find /usr/lib/nagios/plugins -type f`; do
 /root/bofcheck -e `set | awk 'FS="" {print $1}' | xargs | sed -e 's/ /,/g'` -f $i ; done

The complete list of environment variables which have been used for the test is:

BASH, BASH_ENV, BASH_VERSINFO, BASH_VERSION, COLORS, COLUMNS, DIRSTACK, EUID, GROUPS, G_BROKEN_FILENAMES, HISTFILE, HISTFILESIZE, HISTSIZE, HOME, HOSTNAME, HOSTTYPE, IF$\_S, INPUTRC, LANG, LANGVAR, LESSOPEN, LINES, LOGNAME, LS_COLORS, MACHINE$\_TYPE, MAIL, MAILCHECK, OPT$\_ERR, OPT$\_IND, OSTYPE, PATH, PIPESTATUS, PPID, PS1, PS2, PS4, PWD, SHELL, SHELLOPTS, SHLVL, SSH_CLIENT, SSH_CONNECTION, SSH_TTY, SUPPORTED, TERM, TMOUT, UID, USER, USERNAME

The result of the test is: **No vulnerabilities found.**

### 5.2.6. Nagios Core

Since all interfaces of the Nagios core process (Nagios plugins and CGI programs) already have been tested, we can start the last test of the Nagios bundle - the capacity test.

The capacity test in the lab network of GIAC Enterprises proved that installed Nagios server is capable to monitor 500 servers and 3500 services with reasonable system resources utilization.

**Figure 4: Nagios Core performance test**

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40 List of the environment variables was extracted from output of the `set` command.
The `sar` utility reported CPU utilization during this test:

<table>
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<th>Time</th>
<th>CPU</th>
<th>%user</th>
<th>%nice</th>
<th>%system</th>
<th>%idle</th>
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<tr>
<td>12:10:00 AM</td>
<td>all</td>
<td>14.72</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>7.94</td>
<td>77.34</td>
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<td>14.41</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>7.92</td>
<td>77.66</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5.3. *When the Tests are Completed...*

1. Remove security assessment tools (as mentioned earlier, GIAC Enterprises security policy does not allow to have such tools permanently installed on the critical servers).
2. Update AIDE database, save it on secured external media.
6. Maintenance

6.1. Change Control

Change control is very important part of software maintenance. There is no version control software installed on the server, but all changes are documented and reported in the repository, according to GIAC Enterprises access control procedures. To ensure that all system changes are reported properly, periodic report generated by integrity checking tool (AIDE) is used.

6.2. Security Announcements

Beyond the usual Linux and Red Hat security announcements, the following application mailing list must be monitored:

- Nagios engine and plugins components
  - mailing list <nagios-users@lists.sourceforge.net>
- Apache HTTP server and modules
  - mailing list <security@apache.org>
  - Apache 2.0 Security Vulnerabilities
    <http://www.apacheweek.com/features/security-20>

6.3. Updates and Patches

Production servers in GIAC Enterprises are never patched directly from the Internet using up2date, yam, ap-get, or similar utilities. All patches and updates are copied from the special internal servers after being carefully examined in the test lab. Special servers are used to create new binaries, scripts, and third-party software; and to keep all versions of RPM update files.

Nagios Engine and Plugins Update strategy

In addition to the security problems which can be discovered in the Nagios Engine of plugins, the following packages used for compiling Nagios components must trigger the update process:

- gd-devel, zlib-devel, libpng-devel, libjpeg-devel

Update procedure:

1. Build new RPMs, using instruction in the Appendix C.
2. When you have the RPMs, update the components using command:
   
   ```
   rpm -Uvh nagios-<component>-<new-version>.i386.rpm
   ```
3. Report the completion of the update in the Enterprise's change control system.

Postfix Mail Server, stunnel, and Apache HTTP Update strategy

These components are typically updated when Red Hat sends security alert for some vulnerability and the corresponding RPM files.
6. Maintenance

Update procedure:
1. Update the affected components, using simple "rpm -U" command.
2. Report the completion of the update in the Enterprise’s change control system.

Chroot environment for these programs does not require any manual changes after the RPM update is completed because libraries and binaries in the /chroot are always linked to the current RPM components in the original /usr and /lib directories.

6.4. Ongoing System Audit
There are Nagios specific system audits which must be done in addition to system audits run for any common server in the GIAC Enterprises:
- Check Integrity of Nagios bundle components by AIDE.
- Test by Nessus Security Scanner, always use additional plugins to test for HTTP, SSL, and CGI vulnerabilities.
- Check http/ssl error logs for unsuccessful authentication attempts to the Nagios GUI (this attempts will also be recorded on the corporate LDAP server).
- Check target node system log files for unauthorized NRPE access attempts.

6.5. User Access and Passwords

In the current authentication schema, Nagios server does not use any locally stored user authentication information. Corporate LDAP server is used for authentication. User authorization is controlled by cgi.cfg configuration file and directly linked to the roles and responsibilities the user is assigned to. By default, users can only view information about a hosts or services that they are registered contacts for.

System accounts created during the Nagios software deployment are locked and do not have any passwords.

6.6. Backup Procedures

Once the software is deployed and tested, the entire server must be backed up, using the System Imager server. The total disk usage of the server is below 1GB and full backup can be done after any significant server change or update.
The Nagios specific files which must be backed up frequently (perhaps, daily) are:
- Nagios configuration files (/etc/nagios/*): <1MB
- Nagios logs (/var/log/nagios/*): 20-200MB

The backups of these files can be done on-line without stopping any Nagios processes.

6.7. Monitoring Procedures

Even the server which monitors others must be monitored. While some system components like filesystem utilization, zombie processes, etc. can be monitored and reported by Nagios core locally, the server will not alert anybody about its problems with mail server, network interfaces, or high CPU utilization. Best mitigation of this problem is distributed or "HA" Nagios infrastructure, where multiple Nagios servers can
send alerts about problems with their counterparts.

Without the distributed infrastructure, Nagios can be monitored from any other server (let’s call it "serverX") using the same tool which is used by Nagios to monitor target hosts - NRPE.

How to implement this "poor guy" solution:
1. Install NRPE daemon on the Nagios server.
2. Configure nrpe.cfg to allow NRPE requests from the serverX.
3. Change local firewall rules (iptables) to allow incoming NRPE traffic from the serverX.
4. Configure nrpe.cfg on the Nagios server to allow NRPE to check the following local services: Nagios core process, Postfix MTA, Apache server, network interfaces, etc.
5. Setup cron job on the serverX to run check_nrpe command, check the specified services on the Nagios server, and send alerts if something is wrong. Example of the command to check Nagios engine remotely is:

```
/usr/lib/nagios/plugins/check_nrpe -H nagios.example.com \ check_nagios
```
7. Summary and Research

Securing a software bundle is a task which is quite different from securing individual applications.

On the positive side, one doesn't need to harden all functional components of each individual application because the role of some application is strictly defined by the required functionality. E.g. if there is no requirements for having PHP on the web server, there is no need to harden that component - just disabling it is enough for the hardening.

On the negative side, one have to solve the problem how to separate bundle components (by using special system accounts, Access Control List, and "chroot" environment) for better security, but provide enough access rights for the bundle components to let them communicate to each other.

In the course of security hardening of the Nagios software bundle the following risk mitigation actions have been performed:

- Made the following applications running in the separate chroot environments:
  - Apache HTTP and Nagios GUI.
  - Stunnel
  - Postfix Mail Server
- Improved security of SSL encryption of the HTTP server
- Setup SSL/TLS encryption for remote NRPE checks and LDAP authentication
- Increased component separation by running bundle components under separate non-privileged system accounts with minimal privileges: apache, stunnel, nagios, postfix.
- Tightened applications’ file and directory access permissions.
- Implemented countermeasures against various Denial of Service attacks.
- Increased application availability by improving performance of core components.
- Provided application hardening procedures which make possible to use simple and robust RPM update methods for the bundle software management.
- Provided hardening procedures for the target hosts which are monitored by Nagios.

However, the following future improvements should be considered:

7.1. Improving Performance and Availability

To improve performance of the Nagios server the following techniques could be implemented:

- Create distributed Nagios environment.
- Use passive checks and NSCA\(^1\).
- Replace or rewrite shell script Nagios plugins to faster alternatives: compiled binaries or Perl scripts (provided in this paper configuration for the Nagios software utilizes embedded Perl to make Perl scripts almost as fast as compiled

\(^1\) NSCA. <http://nagios.sourceforge.net/docs/1_0/addons.html>
programs).

One performance related security issue was identified in the chapter "Testing and Validation" of this paper. HTTP server could utilize too many CPU resources of the server (risk code is \{DoS->RCL->SA\}), which could slow down or stop the most important Nagios's functions: monitoring and alerting.

To mitigate this risk one of the following methods can be implemented:

- Change CPU priority of the HTTP server by modifying its startup script.
- Use local `iptables` firewall to limit the rate of requests to the HTTP server.
- Use request rate profiling capability of Apache `mod_throttle` and `mod_security` modules when they became more mature (the current experimental status of these modules prevents its use in the mission critical servers at the GIAC Enterprises).

### 7.2. Further Security Enhancements

#### 7.2.1. Some of identified potential vulnerabilities (e.g. \{FSI\}, \{ACL\}, \{HeR\}) could be mitigated by additional layers of security:

Access control limitations in the current security DAC model still leave a lot of opportunities to discover and exploit new vulnerability. For details, please check paper [4]. Thus, crucial part of the next security hardening should be implementing of MAC security model controls (e.g. as a SELinux component of RHEL4).

> In a MAC-based environment, application capabilities and privileges are set by predefined policies and enforced by the kernel. This prevents errant applications from compromising system security.\(^{42}\)

#### 7.2.2. To extend security specific usage of the Nagios server, the following components could be installed:

- Portsentry Integration\(^ {43}\)
- NMAP plugin
- Prelude\(^ {44}\) Integration

#### 7.2.3. The SSL/TLS encryption schema which is used in this software bundle (components: `stunnel` and `NRPE`) susceptible to the "man-in-the-middle" attack because there is no solid authentication of server and client during the initial key exchange.

To mitigate this risk for the `stunnel`, the corporate LDAP server's SSL certificate must be copied and installed on the Nagios server. While the new SSL certificate must be generated on the Nagios server to be sent and installed on the LDAP server.

\(^ {42}\) [http://www.redhat.com/software/rhel/features/ ] [10]
\(^ {43}\) [http://nagios.sourceforge.net/docs/1_0/int-portsentry.html] and [http://nagios.sourceforge.net/docs/2_0/volatileservices.html]
\(^ {44}\) [http://www.prelude-ids.org/]
There is no easy way to mitigate this risk in the NRPE because the way it was designed. Current design of the NRPE uses Anon-DH encryption schema. "This allows for an encrypted SSL/TLS connection without using pre-generated keys or certificates." Once started NRPE generates new SSL keys dynamically. This approach helps to avoid the problems usually associated with certificate distribution process. However, if this risk is unacceptable, an additional layer of encryption can be created using mutual authentication provided by stunnel.

7.2.4. Memory stack protection methods, although already activated on the system level, require additional activation for each individual component (for example see how it was activated for the plugin check_smtp in the chapter "Testing" of this paper). The reason why not all system binaries already have this protection activated is explained in the documentation for the execstack:

To avoid breaking binaries and shared libraries which need executable stack, ELF binaries and shared libraries now can be marked as requiring executable stack or not requiring it. This marking is done through the p_flags field in the PT_GNU_STACK program header entry. If the marking is missing, kernel or dynamic linker need to assume it might need executable stack.

Quick examination of the all system programs available on the server was done by command:

```
find /boot /lib /usr /bin /sbin /opt -type f
| xargs -n 1  execstack -q
```

As a result, only 45 binaries (from the total number of 1631 "ELF" files) was identified as having a stack protection flag set.

This justifies the decision not to set stack protection flag on all binaries of the Nagios bundle right now -- if things may break, implementing complex protection techniques without extensive testing process will affect application availability (one of the main asset of the Nagios bundle we are protecting).

However, as future security enhancement, implementing of this measure is highly recommended when GIAC Enterprises QA department or open source community properly tested the possible implications of stack protection in the Nagios software bundle.

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   <http://www.cisecurity.org/bench_linux.html>\(^{48}\).

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   <http://sourceforge.net/projects/aide>

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   <http://www.nessus.org/download/>

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   <http://prdownloads.sourceforge.net/nagios/nrpe-2.0.tar.gz?download>, also  

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   <http://www.securiteam.com/tools/5DP0C1PB6G.html>


\(^{48}\) Free registration is required to download documentation and tools from this server.
Appendixes

Appendix A  Installed Software Packages

Initial system RPMs before Nagios software have been installed.

```
 acl     aspell aspell-config at   atk   attr   authconfig
 basesystem bash   bc   beecrypt  bind-libs bind-utils
 binutils  bison  byacc  bzip2  bzip2-libs  cde
 chkconfig  compat-glibc  compat-libstdc++  coreutils
 cpio    cracklib  cracklib-dicts cron    crontabs  curl  cyrus-sasl
cyrus-sasl-gssapi cyrus-sasl-md5 cyrus-sasl-plain
db4      db4-utils dev   dev86  devlabel  dialog
diffutils dos2unix  dosfstools e2fsprogs ed
eject    elfutils elfutils-libelf  elinks  ethtool
 expat    expect   file   filesystem findutils flex   ftp
 gawk     gdb      gdbm    glib    glib2  glibc  glibc-common  gmp
 gnupg    gpm      grep    groff   grub    gzip    hdparm  hwdata  info
 initscripts iproute  ipsec-tools iptables
 iputils  kbd     kernel-smp kernel-utils krb5-libs krb5-workstation
 kudzu    laus-libs less   libacl  libaio  libart_lgpl  libattr
 libcap    libgcc  libjpeg   libmng  libobjc  libpng
 libstdc++ libtermcap libtiff   libtool-libs
 libuser   libxml2  libxslt   linc    lockdev
 logrotate logwatch  losetup   lslk    lsof    lvm
 m4       mailcap  mailx    make  MAILDEV  man  man-pages  mgetty  mingetty
 mount    mtools  nano   mkbootdisk mkinitrd  mktemp
 modutils  mount   mtools  nano   nc   ncompress  ncurses
 net-snmp  net-snmp-utils net-tools newt  nfs-utils
 nscd     nss_ldap  ntp     openldap  openldap-clients
 openssh  openssh-clients openssh-server openssl
 openssh1096b pam   passwd  patch  patchutils  pax
 pciutils  pcireq  pamdsk   perl   perl-AppConfig  perl-CGI
 perl-CPAN perl-DateManip perl-DB_File perl-DBI
 perl-Digest-HMAC perl-Digest-SHA1 perl-Filter
 perl-HTML-Parser perl-HTML-Tagset perl-libwwww-perl
 perl-libxml-eno perl-libxml-perl perl-Net-DNS  perl-Parse-Yapp
 perl-Time-HiRes perl-URI   perl-XHTML perl-XML-Dumper
 perl-XML-Encoding perl-XML-Grove perl-XML-Parse
 perl-XML-Twig pinfo  pkgconfig popt  portmap  prelink
 procps  psacct psmisc  pspell  pstack  pyOpenSSL  python
 python-optik quota   readline  redhat-logos  redhat-menus
 redhat-release rootfiles rpm  rpmdb-redhat rpm-libs
 rsync    schedutils sed   setarch  setup   sgml-common
 shadow-utils sharutils slang  slocate  star  strace
 sudo  syslinks  syslogd  syslinux  sysreport
 sysstat  SysVinit  tar   tcl   tcp_wrappers  tcsh
 telnet  termcap  texinfo  time   tmpwatch
 traceroute tzdata unix2dos unzip  usermode  utempter
```

--- 40 ---
util-linux    vim-common    vim-enhanced    vim-minimal
vixie-cron    vlock    wget    which    words    zip    zlib    zsh
Appendix B  Pre-deployment Security Benchmarks

CIS Benchmarks
Rating = 9.06 / 10.00
Possible security problems only. Output was formatted. Long comments been removed.

#CIS Benchmark results before additional hardening (Negative only)
Negative: 3.6 gpm not deactivated.
Negative: 4.1 /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/eth0/secure_redirects should be set to 0.
Negative: 4.1 /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/lo/secure_redirects should be set to 0.
Negative: 4.1 /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/eth0/accept_redirects should be set to 0.
Negative: 4.1 /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/lo/accept_redirects should be set to 0.
Negative: 4.1 /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/eth0/accept_source_route should be set to 0.
Negative: 4.1 /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/lo/accept_source_route should be set to 0.
Negative: 4.2 /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/eth0/send_redirects should be set to 0.
Negative: 4.2 /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/lo/send_redirects should be set to 0.
Negative: 7.11 /etc/inittab needs a /sbin/sulogin line for single user mode.
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /etc/profile is 000
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /etc/profile is 000
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /etc/csh.login is 000
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /etc/csh.login is 000
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /etc/bashrc is 022
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /etc/bashrc is 022
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /etc/csh.cshrc is 002
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /etc/csh.cshrc is 002
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /root/.bash_profile is 000
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /root/.bash_profile is 000
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /root/.bashrc is 000
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /root/.bashrc is 000
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /root/.cshrc is 000
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /root/.cshrc is 000
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /root/.tcshrc is 000
Negative: 8.10 Current umask setting in file /root/.tcshrc is 000
Negative: 6.7 Non-standard SUID program /bin/traceroute
Negative: 6.7 Non-standard SUID program /bin/ping6
Negative: 6.7 Non-standard SUID program /bin/traceroute6
Appendix C  Software Compilation and Install Procedures

This Appendix includes instructions how to build and install Nagios bundle components. The following procedures do not include security hardening steps. All compilation must be done on separate "build" server.

Apache HTTP Server, SSL and LDAP Plugins

Source files: Binary RPMs from Red Hat.

Install procedure:
1. Check RPM signatures
   ```
   rpm -K httpd-2.0.46-44.ent.i386.rpm mod_authzldap-0.22-5.i386.rpm
   httpd-2.0.46-44.ent.i386.rpm: (sha1) dsa sha1 md5 gpg OK
   mod_authzldap-0.22-5.i386.rpm: (sha1) dsa sha1 md5 gpg OK
   ```

2. Install RPMs
   ```
   rpm -Uvh httpd-2.0.46-44.ent.i386.rpm mod_ssl-2.0.46-44.ent.i386.rpm
   ```

3. Configure the server:
   - HTTPd: the configuration file included in the Appendix D.
   - SSL plugin: use the default configuration file `ssl.conf`
   - LDAP plugin: configuration file is included in Appendix D.

Stunnel

Source files: Binary RPMs from Red Hat.

Install procedure:
1. Check RPM signatures
   ```
   rpm -K stunnel-4.04-4.i386.rpm
   stunnel-4.04-4.i386.rpm: (sha1) dsa sha1 md5 gpg OK
   ```

2. Install it
   ```
   rpm -Uvh stunnel-4.04-4.i386.rpm
   ```

3. Create startup file `/etc/init.d/stunnel` to make this service started automatically on system reboot.

4. Create log directory
   ```
   mkdir /var/run/stunnel
   ```

5. Create configuration file `/etc/stunnel/stunnel.conf`
client = yes
debug = 2
output = /var/run/stunnel/stunnel.log
[ldaps]
    accept = 127.0.0.1:389
    connect = ldap.example.com:636

Postfix Mail Server

Source files: Binary RPMs from Red Hat.
Install procedure:
1. Check RPM signatures
   `rpm -K postfix-2.0.16-14.RHEL3.i386.rpm`
   postfix-2.0.16-14.RHEL3.i386.rpm:(sha1) dsa sha1 md5 gpg OK
2. Install it:
   `rpm -Uvh postfix-2.0.16-14.RHEL3.i386.rpm`

Nagios Engine

Source files: Source file nagios-2.0b1.tar.gz from the SourceForge [35], binary RPMs from Red Hat.
Build procedure:
1. Download file nagios-2.0b1.tar.gz
2. Check MD5 checksum of the archive file.
   Expected value is: 994a89bd6d344f72a0520b72fb615857
3. Unpack the archive, Copy nagios.spec into /usr/src/redhat/SPECS
4. Copy nagios-2.0b1.tar.gz in /usr/src/redhat/SOURCE
5. Fix the nagios.spec file.
   The supplied nagios.spec file is broken and must be fixed before the RPMs could be built on RHEL3 system. Default access permissions for some files also have been tightened there.
   List of required modifications of nagios.spec file from Nagios distributive v. 2.01b:
   `diff -w nagios.spec.orig nagios.spec`

   208a209
   `>> with-perlcach ...
   271c272,273
   `< cp contrib/htaccess.sample
   `$(RPM_BUILD_ROOT)/etc/httpd/conf.d/nagios.conf
   `---
   `>[ -f contrib/htaccess.sample ] && cp contrib/htaccess.sample
   `$(RPM_BUILD_ROOT)/etc/httpd/conf.d/nagios.conf
   `>[ -f sample-config/httpd.conf ] && cp sample-config/httpd.conf
   `$(RPM_BUILD_ROOT)/etc/httpd/conf.d/nagios.conf
   `276,277c278,280
   `< mv $(RPM_BUILD_ROOT)/lib/nagios/cgi/convertcfg
   `$(RPM_BUILD_ROOT)/lib/nagios/
< mv ${RPM_BUILD_ROOT}%{_prefix}/lib/nagios/cgi/mini_epn
${RPM_BUILD_ROOT}%{_prefix}/sbin/
---
> # install Tools
> mv /usr/sbin/convertcfg ${RPM_BUILD_ROOT}%{_prefix}/sbin/
> mv /usr/sbin/mini_epn ${RPM_BUILD_ROOT}%{_prefix}/sbin/
304c307
< %{_prefix}/lib/nagios/convertcfg
---
> %{_prefix}/sbin/convertcfg
315c319
< %defattr(2775,%{nsusr},%{nsgrp})
---
> %defattr(2750,%{nsusr},%{nsgrp})
316a321
> %defattr(644,root,root)

6. Build RPMs:
   rpmbuild -ba nagios.spec --define 'EMBPERL 1'

Install procedure:
1. Check RPM integrity
   rpm -K nagios-2.0b1-1.i386.rpm nagios-www-2.0b1-1.i386.rpm
   freetype-2.1.4-4.0.i386.rpm gd-1.8.4-12.3.1.i386.rpm
   nagios-2.0b1-1.i386.rpm: shal md5 OK
   nagios-www-2.0b1-1.i386.rpm: shal md5 OK
   freetype-2.1.4-4.0.i386.rpm: (shal) dsa shal md5 gpg OK
   gd-1.8.4-12.3.1.i386.rpm: (shal) dsa shal md5 gpg OK

2. Install them
   rpm -Uvh nagios-2.0b1-1.i386.rpm nagios-www-2.0b1-
   1.i386.rpm gd-1.8.4-12.3.1.i386.rpm freetype-2.1.4-4.0.i386.rpm

3. Copy prepared Nagios configuration files to /etc/nagios directory. For detailed
   explanation of Nagios configuration options, please check Nagios project
   documentation [15].

   Edit the main configuration file nagios.cfg and set the following options:

   check_external_commands=1

   This enables user commands to be executed. User commands are predefined
   set of actions which Nagios will execute to modify actions specified in the
   configuration files for specific monitored host or service. Example of such action:
   disable notifications about problems on the specific server to be sent to system
   administrators.

   The CGI script will store these commands in the file:
   command_file=/var/spool/nagios/nagios.cmd
Both nagios and apache accounts must have "read", "write", and "delete" access permissions for this file. Therefore, proper ownership and permissions to this directory should be the following:

```
chmod 2750 /var/spool/nagios
chown nagios.apache /var/spool/nagios
```

Disable use of syslog:

```
use_syslog=0
```

It is bad idea to dump Nagios debug information into system log files. This is also bad for performance {DoS->RCL->SA}.

Make sure, if no service check will be lost in event if passive checking command is slow or hung

```
check_for_orphaned_services=1
check_service_freshness=1
service_freshness_check_interval=120
```

4. Create "external commands" directory

```
mkdir /var/log/nagios/rw
chown nagios.nagios /var/log/nagios/rw
```

---

**Nagios Plugins**

Source files: Source file nagios-plugins-1.4.tar.gz, binary RPMs from Red Hat.

Build procedure:

1. Download file nagios-plugins-1.4.tar.gz
2. Check the MD5 signature of the file.
3. Build RPMs:
   ```
   rpmbuild --define 'custom 1' -ta nagios-plugins-1.4.tar.gz
   ```

Install procedure:

1. Check RPM signatures
   ```
   rpm -K nagios-plugins-1.4-1.i386.rpm \
   net-snmp-perl-5.0.9-2.90.1.i386.rpm
   nagios-plugins-1.4-1.i386.rpm: shal md5 OK
   net-snmp-perl-5.0.9-2.90.1.i386.rpm: (shal) dsa shal
   md5 gpg OK
   ```
2. Install them:
   ```
   rpm -Uvh net-snmp-perl-5.0.9-2.90.1.i386.rpm
   rpm -Uvh --nodeps nagios-plugins-1.4-1.i386.rpm
   ```
3. Install additional plugins and components to the target directory
   ```
   cp utils.pm /usr/lib/nagios/plugins
   chmod 644 /usr/lib/nagios/plugins/utils.??
   ```

---

**NRPE**

Source files: source RPM from DAG repository

Build procedure:
1. Download the source RPM nagios-nrpe-2.0-3.dag.src.rpm
2. Check RPM signatures
   `rpm -K nagios-nrpe-2.0-3.dag.src.rpm`
   nagios-plugins-nrpe-2.0-3.dag.src.rpm: sha1 md5 OK
3. Build it
   `rpmbuild -ba nagios-nrpe-2.0-3.dag.src.rpm`

Install procedure:
1. Check RPM signatures
   `rpm -K nagios-plugins-nrpe-2.0-3.dag.i386.rpm`
   nagios-plugins-nrpe-2.0-3.dag.i386.rpm: sha1 md5 OK
2. Install it:
   `rpm -Uvh nagios-plugins-nrpe-2.0-3.dag.i386.rpm`

Target Nodes' NRPE Deployment
Source files: binary RPMs compiled on previous steps.
Install procedure:
1. Check RPM signatures
   `rpm -K nagios-plugins-1.4-1.i386.rpm \\ nagios-nrpe-2.0-3.dag.i386.rpm`
   nagios-plugins-1.4-1.i386.rpm: sha1 md5 OK
   nagios-nrpe-2.0-3.dag.i386.rpm: sha1 md5 OK
2. Create user "nagios"
   `useradd -d / -r -s /sbin/nologin nagios`
3. Install the RPMs
   `rpm -Uvh nagios-plugins-1.4-1.i386.rpm \\ nagios-nrpe-2.0-3.dag.i386.rpm`
4. Copy prepared NRPE configuration file `nrpe.cfg` into `/etc/nagios` directory
5. Enable NRPE to be started automatically on the system reboot
   `chkconfig nagios on`

---

Footnote 49: Source RPM was taken from `<ftp://fr2.rpmfind.net/linux/dag/fedora/3/en/i386/SRPMS.dag/>`
Appendix D  HTTPd Configuration Files

Apache HTTPd configuration file (httpd.conf)

# This is the main Apache server configuration file.
ServerTokens Prod
ServerSignature Off
ServerAdmin root@localhost

ServerRoot "/etc/httpd"
PidFile /var/run/httpd.pid

Timeout 60
KeepAlive On
MaxKeepAliveRequests 100
KeepAliveTimeout 15

<IfModule prefork.c>
StartServers 10
MinSpareServers 5
MaxSpareServers 20
MaxClients 150
MaxRequestsPerChild 1000
</IfModule>

Listen 0.0.0.0:80
ServerName nagios.example.com
UseCanonicalName On

LoadModule access_module modules/mod_access.so
LoadModule auth_module modules/mod_auth.so
LoadModule log_config_module modules/mod_log_config.so
LoadModule mime_module modules/mod_mime.so
LoadModule dir_module modules/mod_dir.so
LoadModule alias_module modules/mod_alias.so
LoadModule rewrite_module modules/mod_rewrite.so
LoadModule cgi_module modules/mod_cgi.so

Include conf.d/ssl.conf
Include conf.d/authz_ldap.conf
Include conf.d/nagios.conf

User apache
Group apache

DocumentRoot "/var/www/html"

<Directory />
Options None
AllowOverride None
Deny from all
</Directory>
<Directory "/var/www/html">

...
Options FollowSymLinks -MultiViews -Indexes
AllowOverride None
Order allow,deny
Allow from all
</LimitExcept>
</LocationMatch>

DirectoryIndex index.html

AccessFileName /dev/null

TypesConfig /etc/mime.types
DefaultType text/plain

HostnameLookups Off

EnableMMAP on
EnableSendfile on

ErrorLog logs/error_log
LogLevel notice
LogFormat "%h %l %u %t ""%r" "%s %b "{Referer}i" "{User-Agent}i"
"combined
CustomLog logs/access_log combined

Alias /icons/ "/var/www/icons/

<Directory "/var/www/icons">
 Options Indexes MultiViews
 AllowOverride None
 Order allow,deny
 Allow from all
</Directory>

Alias /error/ "/var/www/error/

ErrorDocument 400 /error/400.html
ErrorDocument 401 /error/401.html
ErrorDocument 403 /error/403.html
ErrorDocument 404 /error/404.html
ErrorDocument 405 /error/405.html
ErrorDocument 408 /error/408.html
ErrorDocument 500 /error/500.html

#EoF############################################################################
SSL configuration file (ssl.conf)

# This is the Apache server configuration file providing SSL support.
LoadModule ssl_module modules/mod_ssl.so
Listen 0.0.0.0:443
SSLPassPhraseDialog builtin
SSLSessionCache shmcb:/var/cache/mod_ssl/scache(512000)
SSLSessionCacheTimeout 300
SSLMutex file:logs/ssl_mutex
SSLRandomSeed startup builtin
SSLRandomSeed connect builtin
SSLRandomSeed startup file:/dev/urandom 1024
SSLCryptoDevice builtin
<VirtualHost _default_:443>
DocumentRoot "/var/www/html"
ServerAdmin root@localhost
ErrorLog logs/ssl_error_log
TransferLog logs/ssl_access_log
SSLEngine on
SSLCipherSuite RSA:!EXP:!NULL:RC4+RSA:+HIGH:+MEDIUM:-LOW:+SSLv2
SSLCertificateFile /etc/httpd/conf/ssl.crt/server.crt
SSLCertificateKeyFile /etc/httpd/conf/ssl.key/server.key
<Files ~ "\.(cgi|shtml|phtml|php3?)">
    SSLOptions +StdEnvVars
</Files>
<Directory "/var/www/cgi-bin">
    SSLOptions +StdEnvVars
</Directory>
CustomLog logs/ssl_request_log 
    "%t %h %{SSL_PROTOCOL}x %{SSL_CIPHER}x "%r" %b"
</VirtualHost>

#EoF#######################################################

Auth LDAP configuration file (authz_ldap.conf)
# mod_authz_ldap can be used to implement access control and
# authenticate users against an LDAP database.

LoadModule authz_ldap_module modules/mod_authz_ldap.so

<IfModule mod_authz_ldap.c>
  <Location /nagios>
    AuthzLDAPEngine on
    Satisfy all
    AuthName "IBM Intranet access ID"
    AuthType basic
    AuthzLDAPServer localhost:389
    AuthzLDAPUserBase ou=access,o=example,o=com
    AuthzLDAPUserKey mail
    AuthzLDAPUserScope subtree
    AuthzLDAPLogLevel debug
    AuthzLDAPSetAuthorization off
    AuthzLDAPAuthoritative off

    require valid-user

    #Force all to do SSL
    RewriteEngine on
    RewriteCond %{SERVER_PORT} =80
    RewriteRule ^(.*) https://%{SERVER_NAME}%{REQUEST_URI}
  </Location>
</IfModule>

#EoF#######################################################

Nagios UI configuration file (nagios.conf)
# CONFIG SNIPPETS FOR APACHE WEB SERVER
ScriptAlias /nagios/cgi-bin "/usr/lib/nagios/cgi"
<Directory "/usr/lib/nagios/cgi">
  SSLRequireSSL
  Options FollowSymLinks ExecCGI
  AllowOverride none
  Order allow,deny
  Allow from all
</Directory>

Alias /nagios "/var/www/html/nagios"
<Directory "/var/www/html/nagios">
  Options FollowSymLinks
  AllowOverride none
  Order allow,deny
  Allow from all
</Directory>

#EoF#######################################################
Appendix E  Modifications of the Standard Startup Scripts

Modifications for the Apache HTTPd startup script.

```
# diff -w /etc/init.d/httpd /etc/init.d/httpd.chroot
10all
> CHROOT=/chroot/apache
48a50,81
> makeajail () {
> echo ""
> echo "Making chroot ENV:"
> if [ -x $CHROOT/usr/sbin/httpd ]
> then
>   echo "Probably jail is built already"
>   return 0
> else if [ -d $CHROOT/var/log/httpd ]
> then
>   echo "Cannot find the mount point. Exiting...."
>   return 1
> fi
> fi
> if [ -x $CHROOT/usr/sbin/httpd ]
> then
>   echo "The jail is ready, daemons are welcome!"
>   return 0
> else
>   echo "The jail is not ready, exiting..."
>   return 2
> fi
}> makeajail || exit 2
> /usr/sbin/chroot $CHROOT $httpd $OPTIONS
```

Modifications for the Nagios Engine startup script.

```
#diff -w nagios.orig /etc/init.d/nagios
113c114,115
< su - $Nagios -c "touch $NagiosVar/nagios.log $NagiosSav"
---
> touch $NagiosVar/nagios.log $NagiosSav $NagiosRun && chown $Nagios.$Nagios $NagiosVar/nagios.log $NagiosSav $NagiosRun
```
Appendix F  Configuration Files for Postfix

#master.cf

# Postfix master process configuration file. Each logical line describes how a Postfix daemon program should be run.

#====================================================================
# service type  private unpriv  chroot  wakeup  maxproc command +
args
#               (yes)   (yes)   (yes)   (never) (100)
#====================================================================
smtp      inet n       -       y       -       -       smtpd
pickup    fifo n       -       y       60      1       pickup
cleanup   unix n       -       y       -       0       cleanup
qmgr     fifo n       -       y       300     1       nqmgr
rewrite   unix -       -       y       -       -       trivial-
rewrite
bounce    unix -       -       y       -       0       bounce
defer     unix -       -       y       -       0       bounce
flush     unix n       -       y       1000?   0       flush
proxymap  unix -       -       y       -       -       proxymap
smtp      unix -       -       y       -       -       smtp
showq     unix n       -       y       -       -       showq
ererror   unix -       -       y       -       -       error
local     unix -       n       n       -       -       local

#main.cf

# Global Postfix configuration file.

# All values are default for the
# version postfix-2.0.16-14.RHEL3 , except:

# do not tell him bad news ;-)
double_bounce_sender = nagios

# SMTP VRFY must be disabled
disable_vrfy_command = yes
### Appendix G  Kernel Security Settings in sysctl.conf File

I Commented out the following options for security:

```plaintext
# Controls the System Request debugging functionality of the kernel
kernel.sysrq = 0

# Controls whether core dumps will append the PID to the core # filename.
kernel.core_uses_pid = 1

# NETWORK SECURITY PART
# Controls IP packet forwarding
net.ipv4.ip_forward = 0

# Controls source route verification
net.ipv4.conf.default.rp_filter = 1
net.ipv4.conf.all.rp_filter = 1

# Controls SYN pool
# Risk code:{DoS->RCL->SA}
net.ipv4.tcp_max_syn_backlog = 4096

# Minor nice-to-have things
net.ipv4.tcp_syncookies = 1
net.ipv4.icmp_echo_ignore_broadcasts = 1
net.ipv4.icmp_ignore_bogus_error_responses = 1

# Controls redirects
net.ipv4.conf.all.accept_redirects = 0
net.ipv4.conf.default.accept_redirects = 0
net.ipv4.conf.all.secure_redirects = 0
net.ipv4.conf.default.secure_redirects = 0
net.ipv4.conf.all.send_redirects = 0
net.ipv4.conf.default.send_redirects = 0

# Disabling source routing
net.ipv4.conf.all.accept_source_route = 0
net.ipv4.conf.default.accept_source_route = 0

# Controls exec shield
kernel.exec-shield-randomize = 1
kernel.exec-shield = 1

#EoF###############################
```
Appendix H  Apache HTTP Server Benchmarks

This is result of the final test by CIS Apache Benchmark Scoring Tool. All software is deployed; most of the security hardening is completed. Comments for all "FAILED" results are included.

###################################################################
# CIS Apache Benchmark Scoring Tool 2.08 #
Version: 2.08
Description: Check Apache configuration file against the CIS Apache Benchmark.
Copyright 2003-2004, CISecurity. All rights reserved.
###################################################################

Level

Section 1.1  Harden Underlying Operating System
[PASSED] Has the Operating System been hardened according to any and all applicable OS system security benchmark guidance? (Answer: Yes)

Section 1.2  Create the Web Groups
[FAILED] Create three dedicated web groups? (Answer: No)
COMMENT: N/A. This is not required for Nagios operations of maintenance.

Section 1.3  Create the Apache Web User Account

Section 1.4  Lock Down the Apache Web User Account
[FAILED] User (apache) has an active shell "/bin/sh".
COMMENT: "False Positive". User apache has shell /sbin/nologin.

Section 1.5  Apache Distribution Download
[FAILED] Downloaded the Apache source and MD5 Checksums from httpd.apache.org? (Answer: No)
COMMENT: N/A. Software was installed from Red Had RPM.

Section 1.6  Verify the MD5 Checksums
[PASSED] Verified the Apache MD5 Checksums? (Answer: Yes)

Section 1.7  Apply Current Patches (Applicable to your OS Platform and Apache Version)
[PASSED] Applied the current distribution patches? (Answer: Yes)

Section 1.8  Update the Apache Banner Information
[FAILED] Apache banner "Apache" not sufficiently altered. Either edit the httpd.h file or implement the Mod_Security SecServerSignature Directive.
COMMENT: Cannot be fixed in the installed software.

Section 1.9  Configure the Apache Software
[PASSED] "mod_imap.c" is not be compiled into Apache.
[FAILED] "mod_headers.c" should be compiled into Apache.

N/A means "Not Applicable".
COMMENT: N/A. This module was disabled by hardening procedures.

[PASSED]
"mod_status.c" is not be compiled into Apache.

[PASSED]
"mod_autoindex.c" is not be compiled into Apache.

[FAILED]
"mod_rewrite.c" should be compiled into Apache.

COMMENT: Cannot be fixed in the installed software.

[FAILED]
"mod_auth_digest.c" should be compiled into Apache.

COMMENT: N/A. This module was disabled by hardening procedures.

[FAILED]
"mod_userdir.c" is not be compiled into Apache.

[FAILED]
"mod_vhost_alias.c" should be compiled into Apache.

COMMENT: N/A. This module was disabled by hardening procedures.

Section 1.10 Compile and Install the Apache Software

[FAILED] Compiled and installed Apache distribution? (Answer: No)

COMMENT: N/A. Software was installed from Red Had RPM.

Section 1.11 Server Oriented General Directives

[PASSED] Server type is "standalone"

[FAILED] HostnameLookups is off

COMMENT: Ignored. Turning "on" this option will impact the server performance.

[FAILED] HostnameLookups is off for <VirtualHost _default_:443>

COMMENT: Ignored. Turning "on" this option will impact the server performance.

Section 1.12 User Oriented General Directives

[PASSED] User is "apache"

[PASSED] Group is "apache"

[PASSED] Is the root@localhost address a valid email alias? (Answer: Yes)

Section 1.13 Denial of Service (DoS) Protective General Directives

[PASSED] TimeOut value is "60"

[PASSED] KeepAlive value is "On"

[PASSED] KeepAliveTimeout is "15"

[PASSED] StartServers is "10"

[PASSED] MinSpareServers is "5"

[PASSED] MaxSpareServers is "10"

[PASSED] MaxClients is "256"

Section 1.14 Web Server Software Obfuscation General Directives

[PASSED] ServerTokens is "Prod"

[PASSED] ServerSignature is "Off"

[PASSED] ErrorDocument is set for status code "400".

[PASSED] ErrorDocument is set for status code "401".

[PASSED] ErrorDocument is set for status code "403".

[PASSED] ErrorDocument is set for status code "404".

[PASSED] ErrorDocument is set for status code "405".

[PASSED] ErrorDocument is set for status code "500".

Section 1.15 Web Server Fingerprinting

[FAILED] No fake headers have been specified.

COMMENT: Cannot be fixed in the installed software.

Section 1.16 Intrusion Detection Options
[FAILED] Are fake CGI scripts used? (Answer: No)
COMMENT: Ignored because the risk of implementing of the proposed solution is more than not implementing it.

[FAILED] ScriptAliasMatch is not used
COMMENT: Ignored.

Section 1.17 Mod_Security
[FAILED] Module mod_security is not compiled into apache binary.
COMMENT: Cannot be fixed in the installed software because this module is not a part of the Red Hat RPM package. See comments for this module in the chapter "Summary and Research".

Section 1.18 Access Control Directives
[FAILED] Directory entry for "/" is not properly configured.
COMMENT: Probable "N/A". The "/" is configured according to the CIS Apache Benchmark documents [14].

Section 1.19 Authentication Mechanisms
[FAILED] Module mod_security is not compiled into apache binary.
COMMENT: Cannot be fixed in the installed software because this module is not a part of the Red Hat RPM package. See comments for this module in the chapter "Summary and Research".

Section 1.18 LocationMatch is used to limit scans
[FAILED] LocationMatch is used to limit scans
COMMENT: Ignored.

Section 1.19 Access Control Directives
[FAILED] Directory entry for "/" is not properly configured.
COMMENT: Probable "N/A". The "/" is configured according to the CIS Apache Benchmark documents [14].

Section 1.19 Authentication Mechanisms
[FAILED] Module mod_security is not compiled into apache binary.
COMMENT: Cannot be fixed in the installed software because this module is not a part of the Red Hat RPM package. See comments for this module in the chapter "Summary and Research".

Section 1.20 Directory Functionality/Features Directives
[FAILED] Option directive "Includes" for directory "/var/www/html"
COMMENT: Required for server performance.

Section 1.21 Limiting HTTP Request Methods
[FAILED] LimitExcept directive on Virtual Host ":443" is not properly set for GET and POST.
COMMENT: "False Positive".

Section 1.22 Logging General Directives
[FAILED] LogLevel is set to "notice".

Section 1.23 Remove Default/Unneeded Apache Files
[VERIFIED] Verify DocumentRoot "/var/www/html" files (1) are not default Apache files.
[SKIPPED] User "apache" home directory "/var/www/html" does not exist.

Section 1.24 Update Ownership and Permissions for Enhanced Security
[FAILED] Owner of Server Conf directory "/etc/httpd/conf/" should be root.
COMMENT: "False Positive".
[VERIFY] Server Conf directory "/etc/httpd/conf/" group is properly set.
[FAILED] Permissions on Server Conf directory "/etc/httpd/conf/" set to "660".
[FAILED] Document Root "/var/www/html" group is "root".
[FAILED] Permissions on Document Root "/var/www/html" should be "664".

COMMENT: "False Positive".

[FAILED] Log directory "logs" does not exist.

COMMENT: "False Positive".

[FAILED] CGI directory "" does not exist.

COMMENT: "False Positive".

[FAILED] Server Bin directory "/etc/httpd/bin/" does not exist.

COMMENT: "False Positive".

Section 1.25 Update the Apachectl Script for Email Notification
[FAILED] Updated the default apachectl start script's code to send alerts to the appropriate personnel? (Answer: No)

COMMENT: N/A. This is not required for Nagios operations of maintenance.

[Apache Benchmark Score: 5.81 out of 10.00]
Appendix I  Nessus Scan Report

This is result of the final test by Nessus Security Scanner. All software is deployed; most of the security hardening is completed. Report is formatted. Some miscellaneous information is removed.

SUMMARY
- Number of hosts which were alive during the test : 1
- Number of security holes found : 1
- Number of security warnings found : 2
- Number of security notes found : 17

TESTED HOSTS  nagios.example.com (Security holes found)

DETAILS
+ nagios.example.com :
  . List of open ports :
    o ssh (22/tcp) (Security hole found)
    o http (80/tcp) (Security warnings found)
    o https (443/tcp) (Security warnings found)
    o general/tcp (Security notes found)
    o ntp (123/udp) (Security notes found)
    o general/udp (Security notes found)

  . Vulnerability found on port ssh (22/tcp) :
    You are running a version of OpenSSH which is older than 3.7.1
    Versions older than 3.7.1 are vulnerable to a flaw in the buffer management
    functions which might allow an attacker to execute arbitrary commands on
    this host. An exploit for this issue is rumored to exist.

    Note that several distribution patched this hole without changing the
    version number of OpenSSH. Since Nessus solely relied on the banner of the
    remote SSH server to perform this check, this might be a false positive.
    <...skipped...>

  . Information found on port ssh (22/tcp)
    Remote SSH version : SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_3.6.1p2
    Remote SSH supported authentication :
      publickey,password,keyboard-interactive

  . Information found on port ssh (22/tcp)
    The remote SSH daemon supports the following versions of the SSH
    protocol:
      . 1.99
      . 2.0

    SSHv2 host key fingerprint : <...sanitized...>

  . Warning found on port http (80/tcp)

    It seems that your web server tries to hide its version or name, which is a
    good thing. However, using a special crafted request, Nessus was able to
    determine that is is running :
      Apache

    Risk factor : None
Solution: Fix your configuration.

- Information found on port http (80/tcp)
  Nessus was not able to reliably identify this server. It might be:
  IBM_HTTP_SERVER/1.3.19.3  Apache/1.3.20 (Win32)
  The fingerprint differs from these known signatures on 11 point(s)

- Warning found on port https (443/tcp)

It seems that your web server tries to hide its version or name, which is a good thing. However, using a special crafted request, Nessus was able to determine that it is running:

Apache

Risk factor: None
Solution: Fix your configuration.

- Information found on port https (443/tcp)
  A SSLv2 server answered on this port

- Information found on port https (443/tcp)
  Nessus was not able to reliably identify this server. It might be:
  IBM_HTTP_SERVER/1.3.19.3  Apache/1.3.20 (Win32)
  The fingerprint differs from these known signatures on 11 point(s)

- Information found on port https (443/tcp)
  Here is the SSLv2 server certificate:

  Certificate: <...skipped...>

Here is the list of available SSLv2 ciphers:
RC4-MD5
EXP-RC4-MD5
RC2-CBC-MD5
EXP-RC2-CBC-MD5
DES-CBC-MD5
DES-CBC3-MD5
RC4-64-MD5
The SSLv2 server offers 5 strong ciphers, but also 0 medium strength and 2 weak "export class" ciphers. The weak/medium ciphers may be chosen by an export-grade or badly configured client software. They only offer a limited protection against a brute force attack.

Solution: disable those ciphers and upgrade your client software if necessary.
See http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;216482
or http://httpd.apache.org/docs-2.0/mod/mod_ssl.html#sslciphersuite
This SSLv2 server also accepts SSLv3 connections.
This SSLv2 server also accepts TLSv1 connections.

- Information found on port general/tcp
  TCP split NIDS evasion function is enabled. Some tests might run slowly and you may get some false negative results

- Information found on port general/tcp
TCP fake RST NIDS evasion function is enabled. Some tests might run slowly and you may get some false negative results.

. Information found on port general/tcp
HTTP NIDS evasion functions are enabled.
You may get some false negative results

. Information found on port general/tcp
The remote host is running Linux Kernel 2.4.21-27.0.2.ELhugemem (i386)

. Information found on port general/tcp
Nessus was not able to reliably identify the remote operating system. It might be:
IPCop (Linux Kernel 2.4 firewall)
IBM OS/400
Netilla Service Platform 4.0
The fingerprint differs from these known signatures on 8 points.
<....skipped...>

. Information found on port general/tcp
10.0.2.133 resolves as nagios.example.com.

. Information found on port ntp (123/udp)
It is possible to determine a lot of information about the remote host by querying the NTP (Network Time Protocol) variables - these include OS descriptor, and time settings.

It was possible to gather the following information from the remote NTP host:
version='ntpd 4.1.201.892 Tue Feb 24 06:32:25 EST 2004 (1)',
processor='i686', system='Linux2.4.21-27.0.2.ELhugemem', leap=0,
stratum=3, precision=-18, rootdelay=78.964, rootdispersion=19.377,
peer=49836, refid=10.0.0.1, reftime=0xc5ca5606.5fc83a96, poll=6,
clock=0xc5ca5621.0068db8b, state=4, offset=0.340, frequency=8.113,
jitter=0.122, stability=0.023

Quickfix: Set NTP to restrict default access to ignore all info packets:
restrict default ignore

Risk factor : Low

. Information found on port general/udp
For your information, here is the traceroute to 10.0.2.133:
10.0.1.14
10.0.2.133

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