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Secure Foundations:
An SELinux Primer

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20 MINUTES, 2 QUESTIONS

1. How do we label data?

2. How do we verify security compliance?

FIRST: An SELinux History Lesson

- Originated from NSA R&D
- First release in December 2010
- Integrated into mainline Linux in 2003

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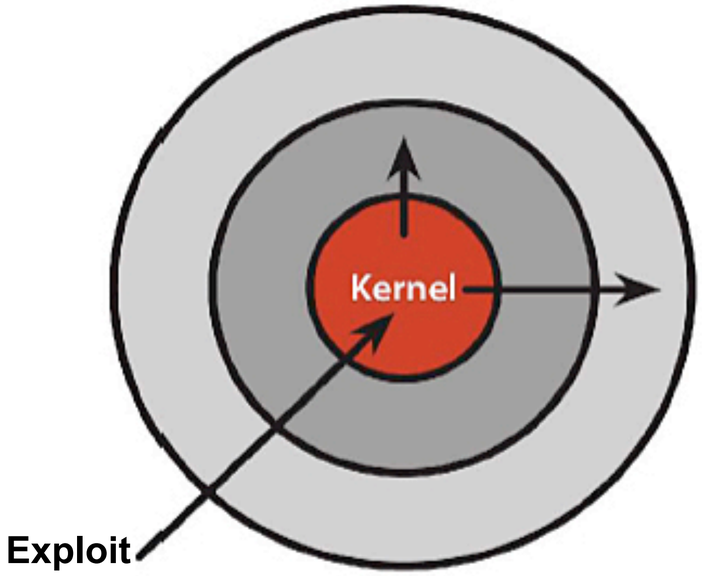
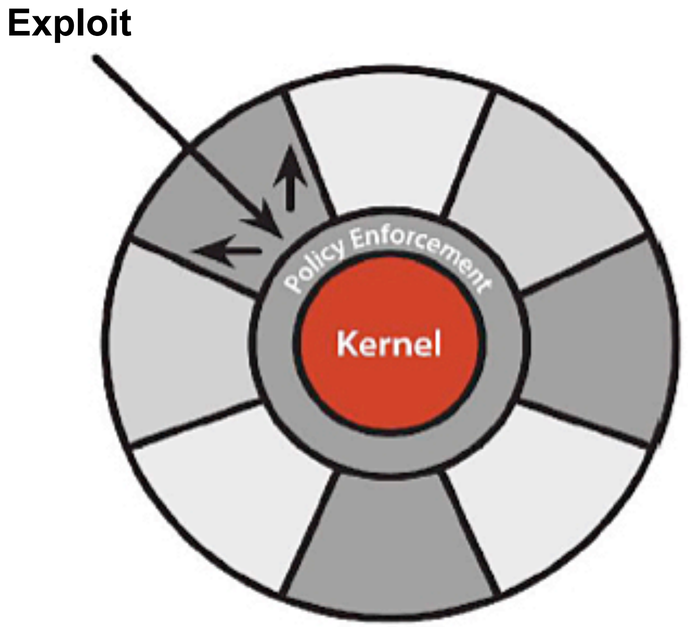


Discretionary Access Control

Once a security exploit gains access to priveleged system component, the entire system is compromised.



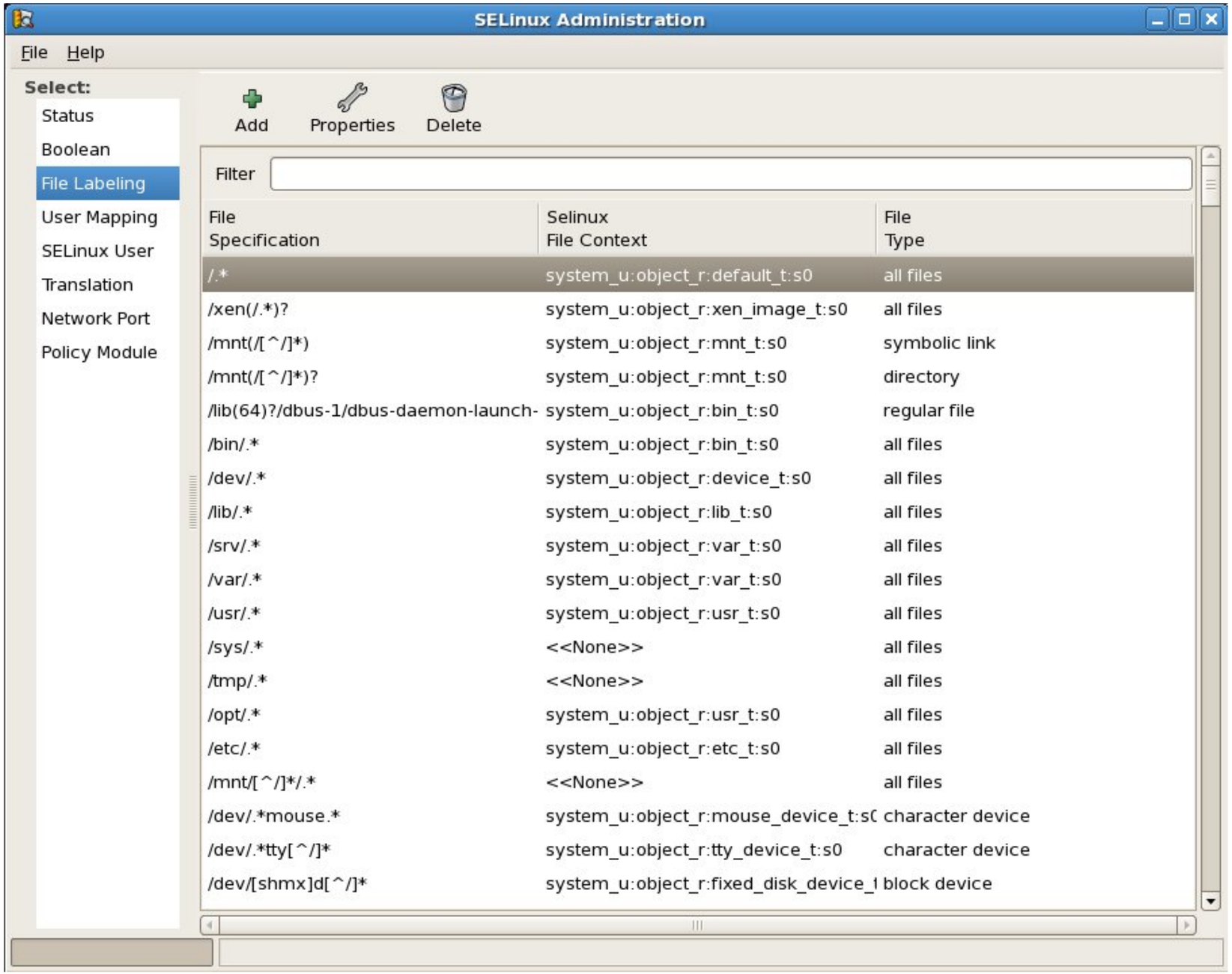
Mandatory Access Control

Kernel policy defines application rights, firewalling applications from compromising the entire system.

What An Attacker Can’t Do

- Read/manipulate user data
- Read/manipulate system files
- Attack data/processes owned by other compartments (via polyinstantiation)
- Attack other machines on the network, unless authorized to pass traffic on specific port
- Evade audit subsystem

Role Based Access Control


SELinux Administration
File
Help
Select:
Status
Boolean
File Labeling
User Mapping
SELinux User
Translation
Network Port
Policy Module
Add
Properties
Delete
Filter
File Specification
Selinux File Context
File Type
/.* system_u:object_r:default_t:s0 all files
/xen(/.*)? system_u:object_r:xen_image_t:s0 all files
/mnt(/[^/]*) system_u:object_r:mnt_t:s0 symbolic link
/mnt(/[^/]*)? system_u:object_r:mnt_t:s0 directory
/lib(64)?/dbus-1/dbus-daemon-launch- system_u:object_r:bin_t:s0 regular file
/bin/.* system_u:object_r:bin_t:s0 all files
/dev/.* system_u:object_r:device_t:s0 all files
/lib/.* system_u:object_r:lib_t:s0 all files
/srv/.* system_u:object_r:var_t:s0 all files
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/tmp/.* <<None>> all files
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/etc/.* system_u:object_r:etc_t:s0 all files
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/dev/.*mouse.* system_u:object_r:mouse_device_t:s0 character device
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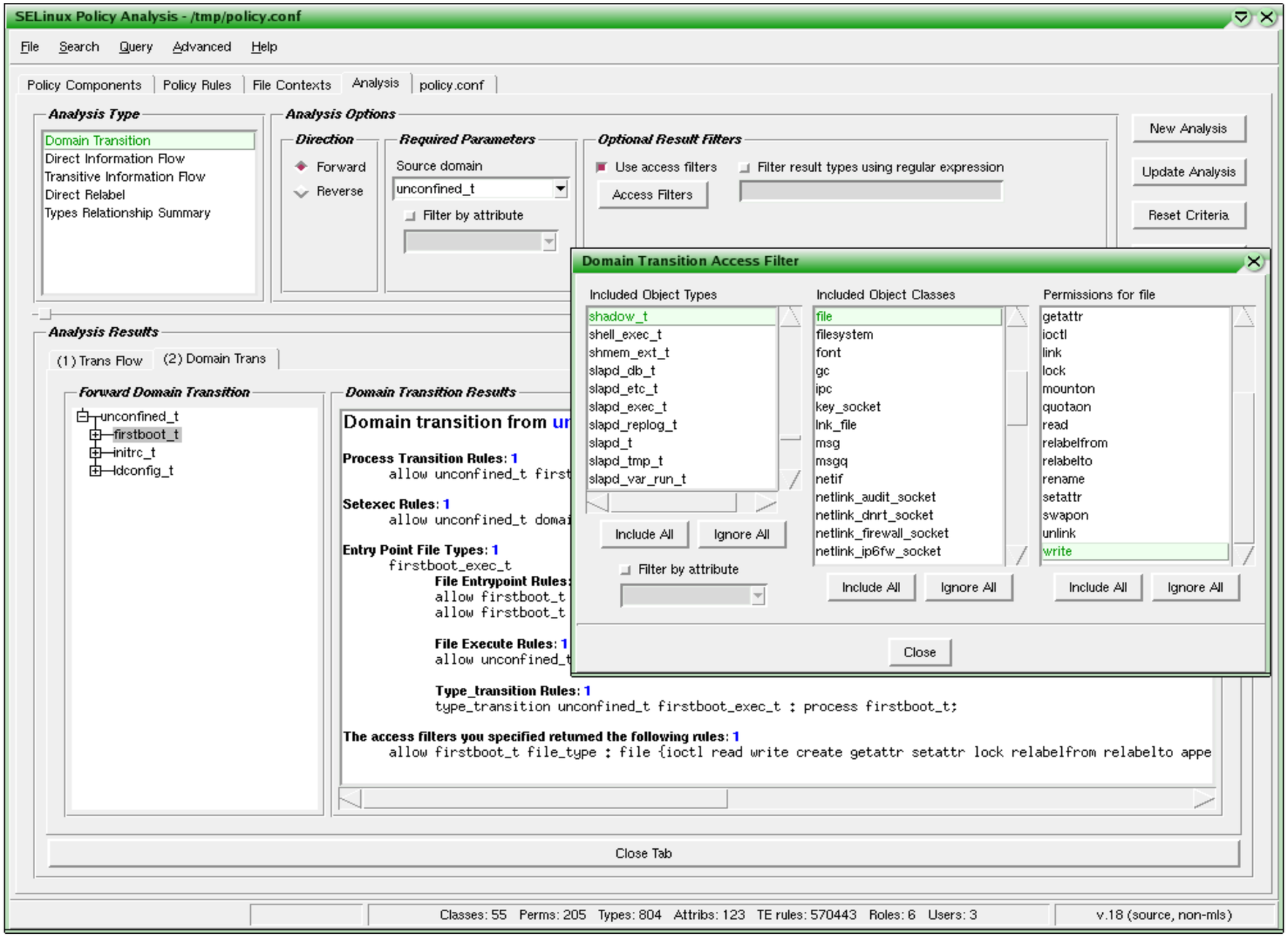
SELinux Policy Analysis - /tmp/policy.conf
File Search Query Advanced Help
Policy Components Policy Rules File Contexts Analysis policy.conf
Analysis Type
Domain Transition
Direct Information Flow
Transitive Information Flow
Direct Relabel
Types Relationship Summary
Analysis Options
Direction
Forward
Reverse
Required Parameters
Source domain
unconfined_t
Filter by attribute
Optional Result Filters
Use access filters
Filter result types using regular expression
Access Filters
New Analysis
Update Analysis
Reset Criteria
Domain Transition Access Filter
Included Object Types
shadow_t
shell_exec_t
shmem_ext_t
slapd_db_t
slapd_etc_t
slapd_exec_t
slapd_replog_t
slapd_t
slapd_tmp_t
slapd_var_run_t
Include All
Ignore All
Filter by attribute
Included Object Classes
file
filesystem
font
gc
ipc
key_socket
lnk_file
msg
msgq
netif
netlink_audit_socket
netlink_dnrt_socket
netlink_firewall_socket
netlink_ip6fw_socket
Include All
Ignore All
Permissions for file
getattr
ioctl
link
lock
mounton
quotaon
read
relabelfrom
relabelto
rename
setattr
swapon
unlink
write
Include All
Ignore All
Close
Analysis Results
(1) Trans Flow
(2) Domain Trans
Forward Domain Transition
unconfined_t
firstboot_t
initrc_t
ldconfig_t
Domain Transition Results
Domain transition from ur
Process Transition Rules: 1
allow unconfined_t first
Setexec Rules: 1
allow unconfined_t domai
Entry Point File Types: 1
firstboot_exec_t
File Entrypoint Rules:
allow firstboot_t
allow firstboot_t
File Execute Rules: 1
allow unconfined_t
Type_transition Rules: 1
type_transition unconfined_t firstboot_exec_t : process firstboot_t;
The access filters you specified returned the following rules: 1
allow firstboot_t file_type : file {ioctl read write create getattr setattr lock relabelfrom relabelto appe
Close Tab
Classes: 55 Perms: 205 Types: 804 Attribs: 123 TE rules: 570443 Roles: 6 Users: 3
v.18 (source, non-mls)

SCAP Security Guide

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	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6 with KVM	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.6 with KVM	IBM z/VM Version 5 Release 3 (for IBM System z Mainframes)	VMWare vSphere 5.0	VMWare ESXi 4.1	Microsoft Windows Server 2008 Hyper-V Role with HotFix KB950050
Certification Date	2012-10-08	2012-04-20	2008-08-06	2012-05-18	2010-12-15	2009-07-24
EAL Level	EAP4+	EAP4+	EAP4+	EAP4+	EAP4+	EAP4+
CAPP	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
RBAC	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
LSPP	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO