Sudo: You're Doing It Wrong

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About Me

- Latest tech books: Absolute OpenBSD, DNSSEC Mastery, Sudo Mastery
- This class based on Sudo Mastery

My teaching style

- Based on your reactions
- How often I've done this class

Topics

- Sudo and sudoers
- Editing and Testing sudoers
- Lists and Aliases
- Options and Defaults
- Shell Escapes and Editors
- Configuring
- Shell Environments
- Sudo as IDS
- Complex policies
- LDAP
- Logging & Debugging

"Welcome to hell, kid"

- There are many ways to use sudo (or any tool)
- I recommend some
- I discourage others
- I offer choices on still more

Choose the pain that fits your threat and risk models

What's the Problem?

- Permissions and access control on Unix-like systems is a right pain
- UID- and GID-based accessed developed for campus environments
- root owns everything
- setuid and setgid? Sometimes
- ACLs? Kill me now.

What is Sudo?

- Allows delegation of specific root privileges
- Allows users to run specific commands as a different user
- Cross-platform
- Works within traditional Unix privilege schematics
- ACLs? Selinux? Pfexec? Roles? All platformspecific.

What's wrong with sudo?

- Sudo is a specific solution to a specific use case
- Sudo adds another layer of system administration
- Some proprietary UNIX(tm) include their own delegation tool (pfexec, pbrun, etc).

You can stop sending me this now



http://xkcd.com/149/

Wrong use of sudo

- replacing su
- Avoiding authentication
- Not understanding what you're doing

Avoiding sudo

- Don't use sudo to edit files use file permissions and groups.
- Create new groups for shared files (zone files, web server config, etc)
- Use sudo for service management

Proper Use of sudo

- Dividing privilege protects and permits:
 - Responsibility
 - Blame
 - Protection
 - Passwordless vs Password Privilege
 - Making the Boss Do His Job

Learning sudo

- If sudo is your only way to get privileged access, and you break sudo, you get to do the "single user mode shuffle"
- Set a root password
- Make sure you can use it

Avoiding sudo

- Don't use sudo to give users access to a file that's what groups are for
- Groups? You know, the middle 3 permissions bits

-rw-r--r--

- Create a group. Put users in the group. Give the group permissions.
- Use id(1) to see which groups you are in

Programs versus Groups

- Programs that perform privileged actions can't use groups to get that access
- You can't give httpd privilege to bind to port 80 and 443
- You can give a user privileges to run httpd and bind it to those ports – this is where sudo comes in.

Sudo 101

• Run sudo followed by the privileged command \$ sudo mount fileserver:/home/mike /mnt Password:

mount_nfs: fileserver: host not known

• Enter your password, not the root password

Run a Command as Another User

- Use the -u flag
 - \$ sudo -u oracle sqlplus
- Enter your password, not the root password

Run a Command as Another Group

- Some software requires a specific primary group
- Usually stupid commercial stuff
- Use the -g flag
 - \$ sudo -g operator dump
 - \$ sudo -g #5 dump

Sudoers 101

- Sudo seems simple?
- The complex stuff is in /etc/sudoers, aka sudoers
- Learning from the example provided with your OS is boring and limiting. Copy it to a safe place and start from scratch.

Sudo Policy Format

User Host=(RunAs) Command

- User = who can do this
- Host = which host this applies to
- RunAs = target user (optional)
- Command = the privileged command

Default Sudo Policy

%wheel ALL = ALL

- If you're in the wheel group, you get total access.
- Fine for system owners, not for enterprises
- No root password=no recovery

Smaller Sudo Policies

mike ALL = ALL

- User mike can run anything mike dns1 = ALL
- User mike can run anything on the host dns1
 mike dns1 = /usr/sbin/service named
- User mike can manage the named service on host dns1

Multiple Rules

- Each unique combination needs its own sudoers rule
- mike dns1 = /sbin/reboot
- mike dns1 = /sbin/dump
- rwatson dns1 = /sbin/reboot
- rwatson dns1 = /sbin/dump
- This gets cumbersome quickly, so...

Lists

- Separate list items with a comma.
- Split long lines with a backslash

mwlucas,rwatson dns1,dns2 = \
 /sbin/service named, /sbin/service syslogd

Multiple Privilege Levels

Each level of access needs its own sudoers rule

mwlucas, rwatson dns1 = /sbin/reboot

dlangille ALL = ALL

• Dan is in charge

Select Users

- Use the optional RunAS to specify a target user kate db1 = (oracle) ALL
- Kate can do anything as the user oracle.

Negation

- ! means "everything but"
- Usable for usernames and hosts, not for commands

%wheel,!mwlucas ALL = ALL

Negation on Commands

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\$ cp /bin/sh /tmp/myscript
\$ sudo /tmp/myscript

Sudoers Processing

- Rules processed in order
- Last matching rule wins
- Sudoers must end in a blank line

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Testing sudoers

• What access do I have?

\$ sudo -1

What access do other users have?

\$ sudo -U username -1

• Test your changes before telling user they're set

Pattern Matching in sudoers

- ? any single character
- [1-5] numbers 1-5
- [0-9]* any number of numbers
- * match everything (except / in command names)

mwlucas dns[1-4] = ALL

mwlucas ALL = /usr/local/sbin/*

Pattern Matching in sudoers 2

- [acQ] single character a, c, or Q
- Backslash *, ?, [, and] to literally match
- "" disallow arguments mwlucas ALL=/opt/bin/program -[acQ] mwlucas ALL=/opt/bin/program2 ""

Dangers of Wildcards

Pete ALL=/bin/cat /var/log/messages*

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- So you can view all the /var/log/messages archives...
 - \$ sudo cat /var/log/messages /etc/shadow
- ...and all the other files in the system

Aliases

A named list of items

Cmnd_Alias BACKUP = /sbin/dump,
/sbin/restore, /usr/bin/mt

• Fill any place in a rule mwlucas ALL=BACKUP

Alias Names

 Alias names include capital letters, numbers, and underscores

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CUSTOMERS - ok
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CUSTOMERS – not ok
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2CUSTOMERS – not ok
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Aliases 2

User and Host aliases

User_Alias TAPEMONKEYS = mwlucas, jgballard

Host_Alias WWW = web1, web2, web3 TAPEMONKEYS WWW=BACKUP

RunAs Aliases

• List of users to run commands as Runas_Alias DB=oracle, pgsql, mysql

• Use as a target user fred DB = (DB) ALL

User Information Sources

- Users by username
- UID, prefaced by #
- Group names, prefaced with %
- Group ID, prefaced by %#
- Netgroup, prefaced by +

Non-Unix User Information Sources

- Non-Unix username (AD), prefaced by %: enclose in quotes if there's a space
- Non-Unix group ID, prefaced by %:#

User_Alias WHINERS = "%:Domain Users" \
 %operator, MINIONS

Hostnames

- Parsed from hostname(1)
- If hostname returns FQDN, drop the domain
- IP addresses
 - If host has multiple IPs, any address triggers rules
- CIDR 192.0.2.0/24
- Netgroups preface with + carl 192.0.2.0/25,+db = ALL



Ease of rules versus concise rules

carl DB=(oracle, postgres, mysql) ALL

Negation in Lists

• Use negation to remove items from a list User_Alias NOTSCUM = %wheel, !mike NOTSCUM ALL = ALL

Sample Sudoers Policy

%wheel ALL = ALL
DBA DB = (DBUSERS) ALL
TAPEMONKEYS DB=/sbin/reboot
TAPEMONKEYS ALL=BACKUP, /sbin/reboot
mwlucas ALL = /usr/sbin/visudo

Aliases with sudo

- sudo -l shows expanded aliases
- \$ **sudo -1**

Password:

User mike may run the following commands on this host:

(root) ALL, !/bin/sh, /bin/bash,
/bin/tcsh, /usr/bin/su

Options and Defaults

- Traditional sudo insults users who cannot type their password
- Disabled by boring Unixes seeking public acceptance
- Use Defaults in sudoers to set as default

Defaults insults

Integer Options

A sudoers option that takes a number as an argument

Defaults insults, passwd_tries=9

• Some sudoers options use 0 to disable Defaults insults, passwd_timeout=0

String Options

A sudoers option that takes a string

Defaults insults, passwd_tries=9, badpass_message = "Wrong password. I have noted your incompetence in the log. Don't think you're fooling anyone."

Per-User Options

- Set sudoers options on a per-user basis Defaults:mwlucas insults
- Set options on per-group basis.

Defaults:%wheel !lecture

Per-Host Options

• Set sudoers options for a specific host Defaults@dev !lecture Defaults@prod lecture=always

Per-Command Options

• Set options based on command run:

Defaults:%wheel !lecture
Defaults!/sbin/fdisk
lecture=always,
lecture_file=/etc/fdisk-lecture

• Tags (we'll get there) can be defaults Defaults!ALL = noexec

Other Defaults

RunAs – separate with >

Defaults>DBA insults

Conflicting Defaults

Defaults:mwlucas insults
Defaults!/usr/bin/su !insults
mwlucas ALL = /usr/bin/su

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• Last match wins. Sudo does not insult me.

What's wrong with this?

\$ sudo more /var/log/auth.log

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- Need privilege to view this log file
- More breaks you to a command prompt with !
- You're running commands as root oops!

Preventing Escapes

mwlucas ALL = NOEXEC: ALL

- Commands may not execute commands
- Sudo visudo doesn't work visudo tries to run an editor

Allowing Escapes

 The EXEC and NOEXEC control a program's ability to execute programs

Defaults!ALL NOEXEC

Cmnd_Alias MAYEXEC =
/bin/newaliases, /sbin/fdisk

mwlucas ALL = ALL, EXEC: MAYEXEC

- I cannot run commands that execute commands... except for ones that may.
- Visudo needs to execute a text editor.

Editing Files

mwlucas ALL=/usr/bin/vi /etc/named.conf

- This sucks.
 - Trapped in one editor
 - Editor can't exec, but I might legitimately want a shell escape

sudoedit

mwlucas ALL = sudoedit /etc/rc.conf

- Copies file to temp file
- Opens \$EDITOR
- Edit file as yourself
- Copies temp file over original

Configuring sudo(1)

- Configure the sudo client behavior in sudo.conf
- View configuration with sudo -V

Sudo Plugins

- Plugins change core sudo behavior
- Parsing sudoers is a plugin Plugin sudoers_policy sudoers.so Plugin sudoers_io sudoers.so
- You can only use one policy engine at a time

Sudo Paths

• Paths tie a feature to a shared library

Path noexec
/usr/libexec/sudo/sudo_noexec.so

• This example is bogus

Sudo Settings

Lots of sudo options are set to true or false.
 Sudo won't dump core unless you:

Set disable_coredump false

• Operating system must support coredump of setuid programs.

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 New shell starts. Working directory changes. New shell exits. You're in your regular shell's working directory.

Exposing Secrets

- How do you look in a secret directory?
 - \$ sudo ls /opt/secret/bin
 - \$ sudo sh -c "cd /opt/secret ; du d0 | sort -rnk 6"
- Lots of ways to skin this problem

Retained Environment Variables

• Sudo retains these environment variables.

- \$TERM
- \$PATH
- \$HOME
- \$MAIL

- \$SHELL
- \$LOGNAME
- \$USER
- \$USERNAME

Sanity Check Environment

- Some environment variables get checked for stupidity
 - \$TERM
 - \$LINGUAS
 - \$LC_*
 - \$LANGUAGE
 - \$LANG
 - \$COLORTERM
Environment Variables

• You want environment variables preserved? Enumerate them in sudoers with env_keep

Defaults env_keep+="HOME SSH_CLIENT SSH_CONNECTION SSH_TTY SSH_AUTH_SOCK"

• Note the +=

Environment and Users

• Retain environment variables for specific users:

Defaults%wheel env_keep+="HOME
SSH_CLIENT SSH_CONNECTION SSH_TTY
SSH_AUTH_SOCK"

Don't Purge Environment

- **Disable env_reset to not purge environment** Defaults !env_reset
- Purge specific variables Defaults env_delete += "LD_LIBRARY_PRELOAD"
- This is enumerating badness. Don't do it.
- Environment settings sudo is hard-coded to remove (sudo -V) are always removed – you cannot override them

Environment vs Shells

- Running sudo sh?
- Can read in environment from config file

Users Overriding Environment

 Use the SETENV and NOSETENV environment variables to allow a user to *request* that sudo not reset their environment.

dan dbtest = (oracle) SETENV: /opt/oracle/bin

- Lets the user test environment on test server
- Request by using the -E flag

\$ sudo -E -u oracle sqlplus

Users Environment Option

- Use SETENV and NOSETENV as options. Defaults:mike setenv
- This user can ask sudo to not reset their environment anywhere.
- Remember, environment filtering is not just to control users – it limits the damage an intruder can inflict

Target User Environment

- Some programs need a specific environment, configured for a specific user.
- Completely ditch your environment with -i.

\$ sudo -u oracle -i sqlplus

- Uses target user shell.
- Common for application servers

Adding Environment Variables

• You might want a specific environment for certain users

Defaults env file="/etc/sudoenv"

 File contains a list of environment variables, i.e.:

HTTP_PROXY=http://proxyhost:8080

What does your sudo do with environment?

- Run sudo -V as root to list how your sudo binary treats the environment
- Lists all variables to preserve, sanity-check, and remove

Sudo-specific Environment

- Four sudo-specific environment variables:
 - \$SUDO_COMMAND (exact command you ran)
 - \$SUDO_USER (original username)
 - \$SUDO_UID (original UID)
 - \$SUDO_GID (original GID)

Managing \$PATH

Intruders often try to sabotage \$PATH

Defaults secure_path="/bin /sbin \
/usr/bin /usr/sbin /usr/local/bin \
/usr/local/sbin"

If a command is not in the secure path, sudo fails

Sudo without Terminals

- Why run sudo without a terminal? Window manager menu item.
- No terminal, so cannot ask for password
- Set askpass in sudo.conf to prompt for alternate password program

Path askpass /usr/bin/openssh-askpass

Sudo for Intrusion Detection

- Sudo 1.8.7 and later can verify file checksums.
- Why?
 - Intruders
 - "I know how to fix this, I just need root!"
- Two steps:
 - Generate digests
 - Write sudo rule

Generate Digest

- Use openssl (or libressl)
 \$ openssl dgst -sha224 /usr/bin/passwd
 SHA224 (/usr/bin/passwd) = c6eab09e527dc...
- 56-character string

Sudoers Rule

• Use openssl (or libressl)

mike ALL = sha224:c6eab09e527d...
/usr/bin/passwd

- If checksum doesn't match, you'll get the generic "not allowed" message
- Write a script to generate these for all permitted programs

Hard Links

• Use an alias

. . .

Cmnd_Alias SENDMAIL = sha224:89fc1... \

/usr/bin/sendmail, /usr/bin/mailq, /usr/bin/hoststat, \

mike ALL = SENDMAIL

Multiple Operating Systems

• Still use aliases

Cmnd_Alias FBSD-10-SENDMAIL = \
sha224:89fc1... /usr/bin/sendmail, \
/usr/bin/mailq...

Cmnd_Alias PRECISE-SENDMAIL = \
sha224:89fc1... /usr/bin/sendmail, \
/usr/bin/mailq...

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Policy Guidelines

- Deny commands by default
- Do not exclude/negate commands
- Use NOEXEC
- Use aliases
- Remember: last match
- Visudo recovery rule last
- If tight restrictions aren't possible, don't try

Common Sudoers

- Write one sudoers policy, put it on all systems
- Must:
 - Rationalize hostname(1)
 - Consider DNS

Hostname

- Sudo compares the output of hostname(1) to the hostname in sudoers
- What does hostname on your systems say?

DNS?

 Sudo can use the hostname as given in forward and reverse DNS/first hosts table entry

Defaults fqdn

 Enabling DNS tells compare the fully qualified domain name to sudoers

%helpdesk www8.michaelwlucas.com =\
/usr/bin/passwd, !/usr/bin/passwd root

IP Addresses

- A rogue sysadmin could change a machine's hostname, but IP address is more difficult Host_Alias WEBSERVERS 192.0.2.0/24 Host_Alias DBSERVERS 203.0.113.0/24
- Which host naming method should you use? Whichever will annoy you the least.

Including Files in Sudoers

- Include other files by reference, at location of include statement
- Include location is vital you're hosed if the last line in your sudoers says:

%wheel ALL = !ALL

Always put a visudo recovery rule at the end of sudoers.

Including Files

- For a specific file #include /etc/sudoers.local
- Per-host include file
 - #include /etc/sudoers.%h

Including Directories

- Suck in everything in a directory #includedir /etc/sudoers.local
- Per-host include file #include /etc/sudoers.%h
- Files processed in lexical (ls(1)) order
 - Numbers before upper case
 - Upper before lower case
 - Lower case before accented

Oops! Errors in Include files

- Visudo only checks for /etc/sudoers errors
- To check or edit include files
 - \$ visudo -f /etc/sudoers.local
- Errors in one include file blow up the whole policy

Validating Distributed Sudoers

- Edit the centralized sudoers file
- Push it out to servers, and:
 - Sudo version mismatch?
 - Syntax errors?
 - Random stupidity?
- Have the various servers validate the new sudoers before they install it, or else...



/etc/sudoers vs LDAP

- Sudoers file is local
- LDAP is remote
- If you have a lot of machines, you're probably already using it
- Compromise the machine?
 - Intruder owns sudoers
 - Intruder can't touch LDAP
- Choose your pain based on your threat model

LDAP sudo policies

- LDAP does not support aliases
 - Use LDAP groups for users and servers
- LDAP replies are nondeterministic
 - You cannot order attributes within a single LDAP sudo rule
 - You can order sudo rules, but you must remember this step
- Negations? No, no, no.

Sudo/LDAP Prerequisites

- You have LDAP working for authentication
- You can import LDIFs
- You can use an LDAP browser to edit
- You have a working sudoers-based policy
- I assume OpenLDAP in this class
 - Active Directory and Netscape schemas exist
- If you don't meet this, take 10 and come back for logging

LDAP-aware sudo(8)

- You need sudo linked against OpenLDAP
 - RedHat/CentOS enabled by default
 - Debian sudo-ldap package
 - FreeBSD enable in port
 - OpenBSD ask the devs when OpenBSD will integrate OpenLDAP into base
- Once sudo(8) can know about LDAP, configure LDAP to know about sudo

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OpenLDAP sudo scheming

- Get the sudo OpenLDAP schema files
- Copy them to your schema directory include /etc/openldap/schema/sudo.schema index sudoUser eq
- Slap slapd
Sudoers Container

- Ask your LDAP Administrator
- OpenLDAP default is ou=SUDOers,dc=example,dc=com
- Sample container for mwlucas.org:
- dn: ou=SUDOers,dc=mwlucas,dc=org

objectClass: top

objectClass: organizationalUnit

ou: SUDOers

Convert Sudoers to LDAP

- Use sudoers2ldif script
- Set \$SUDOERS_BASE
- \$ SUDOERS_BASE=ou=SUDOers,dc=mwlucas,dc=org
- \$ export SUDOERS_BASE
- \$ sudoers2ldif /etc/sudoers > /tmp/sudo.ldif
- Fills in rule order for you
- You can blindly import this script

Dilapidated sudoers

• Start with a simple sudoers policy:

Defaults env_keep += "HOME SSH_CLIENT \
 SSH_CONNECTION SSH_TTY SSH_AUTH_SOCK"

%wheel,%sysadmins ALL=(ALL) ALL

- Creates a longer LDIF file
- Let's dissect it...

Line 1 LDIF

dn: cn=defaults,ou=SUDOERS,dc=mwlucas,dc=org objectClass: top objectClass: sudoRole cn: defaults description: Default sudoOption's go here sudoOption: env keep += "HOME SSH CLIENT SSH CONNECTION SSH TTY SSH AUTH SOCK" sudoOrder: 1

Line 2 LDIF

- dn: cn=%wheel,ou=SUDOERS,dc=mwlucas,dc=org
- objectClass: top
- objectClass: sudoRole
- cn: %wheel
- sudoUser: %wheel
- sudoUser: %sysadmins
- sudoHost: ALL
- sudoRunAsUser: ALL
- sudoCommand: ALL
- sudoOrder: 2

Ordering

- Note these two entries order is nondeterministic
- sudoUser: %wheel
- sudoUser: %sysadmins
- If rule order is important, use sudoOrder, i.e.: sudoOrder: 2

Activating sudo(8) LDAP

 Ask sudo where it expects to find its config. (Some operating systems have sudo-specific LDAP config files.)

sudo -V

ldap.conf path: /etc/ldap.conf

ldap.secret path: /etc/ldap.secret

• Set server info in this file

Idap.conf and sudo

- sudoers_base mandatory the location of the sudoers container
- sudoers_search_filter optional LDAP filter to reduce number of results returned
- sudoers_timed optional enables checking policy expiration

Throwing the switch

/etc/nsswitch.conf

sudoers: ldap files

- If you should never check the local policy, remove "files" from the list
- Or, add "ignore_local_sudoers" option to LDAP policy
- Different failure modes

sudoRoles

- A one-line sudoers rule becomes a single LDAP sudoRole
- Both LDIF showed a few slides ago are sudoRoles
- LDAP import validates no need for visudo
- Remember, "validates" != "what you want"

SudoRole Attributes

- Distinguished Name (DN)
- ObjectClass = sudoRole
- Common Name (CN)
- sudoUser
- sudoHost
- sudoCommand

sudoUser

- User name
- Can include
 - Operating system groups
 - Group IDs
 - Netgroups
 - Non-system groups need a client-side plugin use LDAP groups instead

sudoUser

- Each username must appear in its own sudoUser entry within a sudoRole
- sudoUser: %wheel
- sudoUser: %sysadmins
- SudoUser: mwlucas

sudoHost

- Hosts this rule applies to.
- Use hostnames, IP, and netgroups
- ALL matches all hosts

SudoHost: 192.0.2.0/24

sudoHost: www

SudoHost: 192.0.1.4

sudoCommand

- Full path to a command, plus args & wildcards
- ALL matches all commands

SudoCommand: /usr/bin/passwd
SudoCommand: sha224:d1... /usr/bin/passwd
SudoCommand: sudoedit /etc/named.conf

Optional Attributes

- sudoRunAsUser
- sudoRunAsGroup
- sudoOptions
- sudoOrder

sudoRunAsUser

- User to run the command as
- Just like a RunAs list

SudoRunAsUser: oracle

SudoRunAsUser: postgres

SudoRunAsUser: mysql

sudoRunAsGroup

• Group to run the command as

SudoRunAsGroup: operator

sudoOption

Options to apply

SudoOption: !lecture, insults

sudoRuleOrder

- Emulates line ordering in sudoers
- Rules without sudoOrder are processed in random order
- Rules without sudoOrder appear first, all numbered rules override them

SudoRuleOrder: 87

SudoRule Timing

- LDAP-based sudo policy lets you have rules with activation & expiration times
- Uses sudoNotBefore and sudoNotAfter sudoRole attributes
- Times appear in UTC
- YYYYMMDDHHMMSSZ

SudoNotBefore: 201501011300000 SudoNotAfter: 201502011300000

SudoRule Timing Conflicts

- If you have multiple sudoNotBefore and sudoNotAfter, sudo uses the most permissive interpretation.
- Useless times are never matched

Disabling sudoers

- Do you want a local sudoers file?
 - Users might edit it
 - If LDAP fails, you lose sudo
- ignore_local_sudoers sudoOption disables sudoers – use at top of tree

cn=defaults,ou=sudoers,dc=example,dc=org

 /etc/sudoers as backup? LDAP client without LDAP is basically hosed

Learning sudoRole schema

- Managing LDAP is Not My <bleeping> Job (tm)
- Managing sudo is not the <bleeping> LDAP Administrator's Job, either
- Use sudoers2ldif to convert snippets of /etc/sudoers to LDIF
- Modifying LDIF is much easier than writing from scratch

LDAP Caching

- You have a fully dilapidated network? Cool.
- LDAP now owns you.
- As of sudo 1.8.4, sudo supports SSSD (System Security Services Daemon).
- LDAP caching is its own special hell

Logging and Debugging

- Sudo has three logs:
 - Who ran what?
 - Sudo debugging log
 - Full session logs

sudo syslog

• You've seen these messages in the log:

Aug 27 23:34:44 www9 sudo: mike: TTY=pts/1 ; PWD=/home/mike ; USER=root ; COMMAND=/usr/bin/passwd carl

• And the matching failure message

Aug 27 23:35:25 pestilence sudo: mike : command not allowed ; TTY=pts/1 ; PWD=/home/mike ; USER=root ; COMMAND=/usr/bin/passwd root

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• And the matching failure message

Aug 27 23:35:25 pestilence sudo: mike : command not allowed ; TTY=pts/1 ; PWD=/home/mike ; USER=root ; COMMAND=/usr/bin/passwd root

sudo syslog facility & priority

- Sudo defaults to facility LOCAL2
- Success messages are level notice
- Failure messages are level alert
- local2.=notice /var/log/sudo

local3.=notice /var/log/sudofail

 Use options syslog, syslog_badpri, and syslog_goodpri to change settings

Sudo and email

- Sudo sends email to root when a user doesn't use sudo correctly.
- Control with options:
 - mail_always
 - mail_badpass
 - mail_no_host
 - mail_no_perms
 - mail_no_user

Paranoia is a tool. Use it

- Have sudo failures emailed individually to helpdesk
- The phone call "I see you're having trouble. What's going on?" is *powerful*
 - They think you want to help
 - They think you know what they're doing
 - They think you're watching

Sudo Debugging Log

- Lets you watch sudo process your policy
- Configure in sudo.conf
- Divided by level (facility) and priority
- Priorities: debug, trace, info, diag, notice, warn, err, crit
- Lots and lots of levels...

Sudo Logging Levels

- Args
- Conv
- Edit
- Sudoedit
- Exec
- Main
- Pcom
- Plugin
- Selinux
- Utmp

- Alias
- Audit
- Auth
- Defaults
- Env
- Ldap
- Logging
- Match
- Nss
- Parser

- Perms
- Plugin
- Rbtree
- All
- Netif
- Pty
- util

Configure Debugging

- Needs 4 entries:
 - Debug statement
 - Program or plugin to be debugged
 - Log file location
 - Level and priority
- Don't know which level to debug? Start with "all"

Debug sudo /var/log/sudo_debug all@notice

Example: debugging LDAP

- Most of the rest of sudo only needs debugging when things go bad
- LDAP needs debugging when you sneeze

How Useful is Debugging?

- For LDAP: very
- For most problems: not very
- Produce info for bug reports
Sudo Activity Log

- You know someone ran sudo /bin/sh, but not what they did in that session?
- Sudoreplay is your friend!
- Sudo can log all input and output from programs run under sudo, and replay them in real time.
- Enable in sudoers

Sudoreplay Hints

- Don't log sudoreplay sessions
- Don't log shutdown & reboot commands Defaults log_output Defaults!/usr/bin/sudoreplay !log_output Defaults!/sbin/reboot !log_output

Sudoreplay Input Logs

- Also record what the user enters
- Only records what's echoed back to the users, but not all programs hide everything they should

Defaults log_input

Per-Command Logging

- Use the tags
 - LOG_INPUT
 - NOLOG_INPUT
 - LOG_OUTPUT
 - NOLOG_OUTPUT
- Apply to individual commands

Sudo Session Logs

- Stored in /var/log/sudo-io
- Change with iolog option
- Logs are tamper-evident but not tamper-proof
- Export off machine, append-only filesystem, sshfs, etc.

Listing Sudo Sessions

sudoreplay -1

Sep 1 19:53:42 2013 : mike : TTY=/dev/pts/1 ; CWD=/usr/home/thea ; USER=root ; TSID=000001 ; COMMAND=/usr/bin/passwd

Sep 1 20:04:42 2013 : thea : TTY=/dev/pts/2 ; CWD=/usr/home/thea ; USER=root ; TSID=000002 ; COMMAND=/usr/local/bin/emacs /etc/rc.conf

Replaying Sudo Sessions

sudoreplay 000001

Replaying sudo session: /usr/bin/passwd

Changing local password for root

New Password:

Retype New Password:

Replaying Notes

- Replays in real time
- < slows replay speed by 50%
- > doubles replay speed

Searching sudoreplay logs

• Who ran passwd?

sudoreplay -1 command passwd

• Who ran commands in /etc/?

sudoreplay -1 cwd /etc

• What did Lucas do this time?

sudoreplay -1 user mwlucas

Searching sudoreplay logs 2

- Who ran commands as a group member?
 # sudoreplay -1 group operator
- Who ran command as oracle?

sudoreplay -1 runas oracle

• Who was on the console

sudoreplay -1 tty console

sudoreplay searches by date

• What happened last week?

sudoreplay -1 fromdate "last
week"

• Who ran command on or after a date?

sudoreplay -1 todate today

 What happened between 8PM and 11:59PM on 14 May 2014?

sudoreplay -1 fromdate "8pm 14
May 2014" todate "11:59pm 14 May
2014"

Logical operators

• What did Lucas do last week?

sudoreplay -1 fromdate "last
week" user mwlucas

- Who ran command on or after a date?
 # sudoreplay -1 command /bin/sh or command /bin/bash
- All together now!

sudoreplay -1 (command bin/sh or command /bin/bash) user mwlucas

Sudo Authentication

- Lots of options to control how sudo handles authentication
- Lots of alternate authentication sources
- Choose wisely

Password Retries

 passwd_tries – how many times can user try to enter their password

Defaults passwd_tries=5

Password Prompt

 passprompt – text to tell the user to enter their password

Defaults passprompt "Enter YOUR password:"

• Escape characters can make this useful

Defaults passprompt "Your password on %h:"

Defaults passprompt "Enter %u's password to run this command as %U:"

Authentication Cache

- Sudo does not remember your password
- It remembers that you successfully authenticated
- # sudo -V | grep timestamp

Authentication timestamp timeout: 5.0 minutes

Path to authentication timestamp dir: /var/db/sudo

Changing the Time

- Use timestamp_timeout to tell sudo how long to cache a successful authentication
- Set to 0 to disable the cache

Defaults timestamp_timeout=0

- Using a negative values makes the timestamp immortal. Don't do that.
- Change timestamp directory with timestamp_dir

Invalidating the Cache

- Going to lunch? Invalidate your auth cache
 - \$ sudo -K

Disabling Authentication

- In general, bad practice
- Makes sense for limited use, i.e., dhclient and ifconfig on your laptop

Defaults!
sbin/ifconfig,/sbin/dhclient !
authenticate

• Or:

mike ALL = NOPASSWD: /sbin/ifconfig

Shared Auth between Terminals

- Most sudo installs use username and terminal device in auth cache
- Isolating two processes owned by the same user is really hard – ptrace and gdb can break this
- Option ttytickets means "don't bother separating by terminal, it's bogus"
- Default on OpenBSD

The Lecture

- Option lecture
 - once lecture each user once per host
 - always lecture each user every time
 - never don't lecture
- lecture_file file containing personalized lecture

PAM

- This is no more a PAM class than an LDAP class.
- PAM is a black art
- Be sure you know what you're doing

PAM modules

- Google Authenticator? Removes the source of trust from your network
- Windows domain?
- RSA tokens?
- SSH agent is knock-off two-factor authentication, sort of.
- pam_ssh_agent_auth attach your SSH agent to PAM

pam_ssh_agent_auth

- Must have authorized_keys on local machine
- SSH agent forwarding enabled (\$SSH_AUTH_SOCK)
- Sudo resets the auth cache whenever you authenticate. Disable the cache with timestamp_timeout=0

Activating SSH agent auth

- /etc/pam.d/sudo
- pam_unix module handles password auth
- Replace this entry with

auth sufficient pam_ssh_agent_auth.so
file=~/.ssh/authorized_keys

- In theory, you now need an SSH agent to authenticate to sudo
- pam_ssh_agent_auth must know the key file location and acceptable permissions

Testing new auth

- Flush the credentials and try sudo
 - \$ sudo -K
 - \$ sudo touch /tmp/test
- If broken, you'll get password prompts
- If fails silently, configure sudo logging

Freedom!

• Questions?

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