



# Safeguarding the XT3

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**“The boss is worried about information security,  
so he sends his messages one alphabet letter  
at a time in random sequence.”**

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# Tools for System Assessment and Inspection



## Assessment:

- Benchmarks
- Patch Management

## Inspection:

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- Systems covered:
  - Management server
  - Service nodes
  
- OS Versions:
  - 1.4a17 and 1.4a20

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# Benchmark tools

## - Bastille



- Assess a system's current state of hardening, granularly reporting on each of the security settings with which it works.
- Remove bastille-2.1.1-32.11 and install Bastille-3.0.8-1.0
- Generate an assessment report with  
`# bastille --assessnobrowser`

# Bastille



==== Bastille Hardening Assessment Completed ====

You can find a report in HTML format at:

`file:///var/log/Bastille/Assessment/assessment-report.html`

You can find a report in text format at:

`/var/log/Bastille/Assessment/assessment-report.txt`

You can find a more machine-parseable report at:

`/var/log/Bastille/Assessment/assessment-log.txt`

# Assessment Report



## Bastille Hardening Assessment Report

Score	Weights File
6.98 / 10.00	Bastille Default Weights

[Contract all Modules](#) | [Expand all Modules](#)

### **(contract)FilePermissions**

Item	Question	State	Weight	Score Contrib
generalperms_1_1	<a href="#">Are more restrictive permissions on the administration utilities set?</a>	No	0	0.00
suidmount	<a href="#">Is SUID status for mount/umount disabled?</a>	No	1	0.00
suidping	<a href="#">Is SUID status for ping disabled?</a>	No	1	0.00
suiddump	<a href="#">Is SUID status for dump and restore disabled?</a>	Yes	1	1.00
suidcard	<a href="#">Is SUID status for cardctl disabled?</a>	Yes	1	1.00
suidat	<a href="#">Is SUID status for at disabled?</a>	No	1	0.00



# Bastille



## Baseline scoring

- SMW 6.98/10.00
- Boot node 7.36/100
- Login 7.17/10.00
- SDB 7.17/10.00

## Installation on SIO nodes.

- Use Xtopview to touch  
`/usr/share/Bastille/.nodisclaimer` after  
installation of rpm

# Bastille



Differences between SWM/boot/login scores:

	DHCP Enabled	GRUB Passwd	Additional Logging
SMW (6.98)	Y	N	N
Login/SDB (7.17)	N	Y	N
Boot (7.36)	N	Y	Y

# Running Bastille



- 'bastille -c' to start the tool using the text interface implemented via Perl/Curses
- Bastille has an 'undo' option.
- Things to consider:
  - o SUID status for Xwrapper
  - o disallow root login on tty's 1-6
  - o Enable LAUS (Linux Audit-Subsystem User Space Tools)
  - o Disable r-tools, rsh etc

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# Patch Management



## Software:

- Fou4s
- SPident

## Issues:

- License for updates
- 60 day evaluation

# Patch Management - Fou4s



- fou4s - Fast Online Update for SuSE
- Designed for usage in cron jobs
- Provides full description and comparison of installed packages and updates

# Fou4s



Update statistics for SUSE-CORE 9 (fou4s 0.13.1):

	Size	After Upd.	To	D/L
198 update(s), total		263018kB	+90036kB	263018kB
19 security update(s)		110725kB	+78575kB	110725kB
175 recommended update(s)		151660kB	+16268kB	
	151660kB			
1 optional update(s)		633kB	0kB	633kB
3 script(s)		0kB	0kB	0kB

# Fou4s - example



Update Information for patch-10628 (2005-11-17)

Recommended update for quota

Applies to Package: quota Product(s):

SUSE CORE 9 for x86 SUSE CORE 9 for Itanium Processor Family

SUSE CORE 9 for IBM POWER SUSE CORE

9 for IBM S/390 31bit SUSE CORE 9 for IBM zSeries 64bit SUSE

CORE 9 for AMD64 and Intel EM64T Open

Enterprise Server Novell Linux Desktop 9 for x86 Novell Linux

Desktop 9 for x86\_64 Patch: patch-10628

Release: 20051205 Obsoletes: none

Indications: Everyone using quota on should update.



# Fou4s - example



Contraindications: None.

Problem description: Adds support for reiserfs mounted by label.

Solution: Please install the updates provided at the location noted below.

Installation notes: This update is provided as an RPM package that can easily be installed onto a running system by using this command:

```
rpm -Fvh quota.rpm
```

=====

```
quota                3.11-22.14  (3.11-22.10  ) [dl] recommended  171kb
```

# Patch Management -SPident



- **SPident** compares the packages currently on the system with a database of which packages belong to each Service Pack.
- Package is included with Service Packs

# SPident



\$ SPident -v

Summary (using 487 packages)

Product / Service Pack	conflict	match	update (shipped)
SLES-9-i386	0 0%	253 52.0%	8 (1486 17.0%)
SLES-9-i386-SP1	0 0%	77 15.8%	5 (481 16.0%)
SLES-9-i386-SP2	1 0.2%	224 46.0%	5 (647 34.6%)
Unknown		9 1.8%	

CONCLUSION: System is NOT up-to-date!

found SLES-9-i386-SP1 + "online updates"

expected SLES-9-i386-SP2

# SPident



\$ SPident -vv

Summary (using 487 packages)

Product / Service Pack conflict match update (shipped)

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Unknown 10 2.1%

CONCLUSION: System is up-to-date!

found SLES-9-i386-SP2 + "online updates"



# Spident - example

Summary (using 901 packages)

Product/ServicePack	conflict	match	update	(shipped)
SLES-9-x86_64	5 0.3%	506 56.2%	62	(1597 31.7%)

- glib 2.4.2-8 < 1.2.10-586.1
- perl-DBD-mysql 2.9003-22.1.S9 < 2.9003-22.1
- perl-DBI 1.41-28.4.S9 < 1.41-28.1
- python-mysql 0.9.3b2-1 < 0.9.3b2-90.1
- sudo 1.6.8p11-4 < 1.6.7p5-117.1

SLES-9-x86_64-SP1	1 0.2%	112 12.4%	34	(524 21.4%)
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- glib 2.4.2-8 < 1.2.10-586.2
- |                   |        |           |    |             |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|----|-------------|
| SLES-9-x86_64-SP2 | 3 0.4% | 311 34.5% | 46 | (700 44.4%) |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|----|-------------|
- glib 2.4.2-8 < 1.2.10-586.2
  - perl-DBI 1.41-28.4.S9 < 1.41-28.4
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# Monitoring System Configuration



- Seccheck - SuSE Security Checker
- Security analysis on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.

# Seccheck



- Emailed reports
- Daily - lists differences from last report
  - Bound Processes
  - empty passwd field
  - .rhost/.shost files
  - ownership of home directories
  - loaded kernel modules



# Daily Seccheck



Changes (+: new entries, -: removed entries):

```
+ pbs_serve    root  UDP 128.199.99.999:47707
+ sshd        root  UDP 128.199.99.999:47705
+ sshd        root  UDP 128.199.99.999:47706
```

# Seccheck



- Weekly - lists differences from last report
  - unused accounts
  - executables are group/world writeable
  - program md5 checksum
  - local passwd security

# Seccheck Weekly



- Warning: user wu2738 has got a password and a valid shell but never logged in.

# Seccheck Monthly



- Monthly - full report
  - Bound sockets,
  - changed rpm files,
  - world writable files

# Seccheck Monthly



- Checking the `/etc/shadow` file:  
Login `wna7654` has an unusual password field length
- The following loadable kernel modules are currently installed:

Module

E1000

qla2300

# Seccheck



S.5....T c /etc/printcap  
..5..... c /etc/securetty

S - file size differs

5 - checksum differs

T - last modified time changed

c - config file

# Seccheck setup



- Enable mail on boot and SMW nodes
- Enable cron for other SIO nodes
- Enable seccheck for other SIO nodes, sdb, etc.

Edit `/etc/sysconfig/seccheck` via `xtopview` and set  
`START_SECCHK="yes"`

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# Integrity Checking



- AIDE (Advanced Intrusion Detection Environment)
- Creates a database from the regular expression rules that it finds from the config file.
- Once this database is initialized it can be used to verify the integrity of the files.

# Aide setup



- Remove old version: aide-0.9-194 installed in /usr/bin/aide and uses /etc/aide.conf due to segmentation errors.
- Monitoring /rr/current tree for SIO nodes
- Install mhash and aide version 0.11

# Better IDS systems



- Samhain and Prelude

<http://la-samhna.de/samhain/index.html>

<http://prelude-ids.org/>

- Tripwire

<http://www.tripwire.com>

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# Questions?



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