

# [v3] selinux: restrict kernel module loading

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## Commit Message

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security/selinux/hooks.c          | 46 ++++++
security/selinux/include/classmap.h |  2 +-
2 files changed, 47 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
```

## Comments

On Tuesday, April 05, 2016 01:06:27 PM Jeff Vander Stoep wrote:

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Merged, thanks for your patience. I had to do one minor fixup to resolve a problem at compile time, see below.

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> diff --git a/security/selinux/hooks.c b/security/selinux/hooks.c
> index 3fa3ca5..231c897 100644
> --- a/security/selinux/hooks.c
> +++ b/security/selinux/hooks.c
>
> ...
> +static selinux_kernel_read_file(struct file *file, enum kernel_read_file_id
> id)
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FYI This question is off topic to the thread and mailing list. In the  
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```
@@ -3719,6 +3719,51 @@ static int selinux_kernel_module_request(char *kmod_name)
                                SYSTEM__MODULE_REQUEST, &ad);
}

+static int selinux_kernel_module_from_file(struct file *file)
+{
+    struct common_audit_data ad;
+    struct inode_security_struct *isec;
+    struct file_security_struct *fsec;
+    u32 sid = current_sid();
+    int rc;
+
+    /* init_module */
+    if (file == NULL)
+        return avc_has_perm(sid, sid, SECCCLASS_SYSTEM,
+                            SYSTEM__MODULE_LOAD, NULL);
+
+    /* finit_module */
+    ad.type = LSM_AUDIT_DATA_PATH;
```

```
+     ad.u.path = file->f_path;
+
+     isec = inode_security(file_inode(file));
+     fsec = file->f_security;
+
+     if (sid != fsec->sid) {
+         rc = avc_has_perm(sid, fsec->sid, SECCLASS_FD, FD__USE, &ad);
+         if (rc)
+             return rc;
+     }
+
+     return avc_has_perm(sid, isec->sid, SECCLASS_SYSTEM,
+                         SYSTEM__MODULE_LOAD, &ad);
+}
+
+static selinux_kernel_read_file(struct file *file, enum kernel_read_file_id id)
+{
+     int rc = 0;
+
+     switch (id) {
+     case READING_MODULE:
+         rc = selinux_kernel_module_from_file(file);
+         break;
+     default:
+         break;
+     }
+
+     return rc;
+}
+
+static int selinux_task_setpgid(struct task_struct *p, pid_t pgid)
+{
+     return current_has_perm(p, PROCESS__SETPGID);
+}
@@ -6022,6 +6067,7 @@ static struct security_hook_list selinux_hooks[] = {
     LSM_HOOK_INIT(kernel_act_as, selinux_kernel_act_as),
     LSM_HOOK_INIT(kernel_create_files_as, selinux_kernel_create_files_as),
     LSM_HOOK_INIT(kernel_module_request, selinux_kernel_module_request),
+     LSM_HOOK_INIT(kernel_read_file, selinux_kernel_read_file),
     LSM_HOOK_INIT(task_setpgid, selinux_task_setpgid),
     LSM_HOOK_INIT(task_getpgid, selinux_task_getpgid),
     LSM_HOOK_INIT(task_getsid, selinux_task_getsid),

@@ -32,7 +32,7 @@ struct security_class_mapping secclass_map[] = {
     "setsockcreate", NULL } },
```

```
    { "system",  
      { "ipc_info", "syslog_read", "syslog_mod",  
-      "syslog_console", "module_request", NULL } },  
+      "syslog_console", "module_request", "module_load", NULL } },  
    { "capability",  
      { "chown", "dac_override", "dac_read_search",  
        "fowner", "fsetid", "kill", "setgid", "setuid", "setpcap",
```

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Source: <https://patchwork.kernel.org/patch/8754821/>