

# ExtremeCloud™ Orchestrator v3.7.0 Security Configuration Guide

Authentication, Authorization, and Hardening

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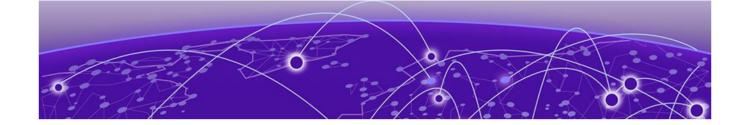
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# **Abstract**

This security guide for ExtremeCloud™ Orchestrator version 3.7.0 provides comprehensive information on user authentication, authorization, and various security features. It details how to configure authentication policies via CLI, use external LDAP servers, and implement TACACS+ settings. The guide includes instructions for BGP MD5 authentication on both fabric and edge links, ensuring secure BGP connections. It outlines system hardening techniques, such as configuring SSH servers, securing the Grub bootloader, installing OSSEC for host intrusion detection, and using iptables for network security. The document also provides a procedure for updating user passwords and enforcing RBAC policies to control access to REST APIs and system resources, and it describes a Python script for performing CIS-CAT security assessments and achieving a hardened security posture on Ubuntu Linux host servers.



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Convention	Description
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**Table 3: Command syntax** 

Convention	Description
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	Default responses to system prompts are enclosed in square brackets.
{ x   y   z }	A choice of required parameters is enclosed in curly brackets separated by vertical bars. You must select one of the options.
ж   у	A vertical bar separates mutually exclusive elements.
< >	Nonprinting characters, such as passwords, are enclosed in angle brackets.
	Repeat the previous element, for example, member [member].
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# What's New in this Document

The following table describes information updated to this guide for the ExtremeCloud Orchestrator (XCO) 3.7.0 software release.

**Table 4: Summary of changes** 

Description	Link		
	System Hardening for CIS-CAT Assessments on page 51		



# **Security Features in XCO**

XCO User Authentication and Authorization on page 11 BGP MD5 Authentication on page 30

The following section provides an overview of the security features in ExtremeCloud Orchestrator (XCO).



#### Note

From release 3.2.0 onwards, Extreme Fabric Automation (EFA) is referred to as ExtremeCloud Orchestrator (XCO). The terms EFA and XCO refer to the same product and are used interchangeably.

XCO is always installed in secure mode and is operational. For details on how to achieve this, refer to the *ExtremeCloud Orchestrator CLI Administration Guide, 3.7.0*, which includes details on XCO security options and commands.

The following section provides detailed information on security features:

- Authentication and authorization: Explains how XCO users are validated and managed with Role-based Access Control (RBAC).
- BGP MD5 authentication on edge links: How to authenticate all the BGP peer and peer-group used for edge connectivity.
- BGP MD5 authentication on fabric links: How to use MD5 for BGP connections across all fabric links.

# XCO User Authentication and Authorization

At installation time, starting with EFA 2.5.0, all XCO users of services such as MySQL and RabbitMQ are assigned random passwords that are stored in XCO configuration files. This satisfies the requirement to enforce the change of default passwords, and no two XCO installations share identical passwords.

For more information, see XCO RBAC Policy Enforcement on page 15 and Assign and View XCO Roles on page 14.

### Authentication

XCO validates users and their credentials using the following mechanisms:

• Unix authentication (local and remote) on the host where XCO is installed. Host credentials are the default validation method if LDAP validation fails.

- External LDAP server: Users configured in LDAP use their LDAP credentials to log in to XCO.
- · Authentication support:
  - 1. External authentication:
    - a. LDAP
    - b. TACACS
    - c. Auth preference and fallback

The following graphic illustrates how users can check all modes of authentication at the same time. Define the authentication preference to help users to configure multiple modes of authentication at once.

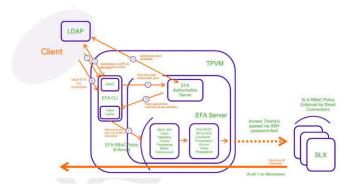


Figure 1: LDAP authentication example

Operational or maintenance tasks are propagated to SLX devices through OAuth2 and JWT access tokens. TLS is used for connections with SLX devices. When XCO is installed in secure mode, traffic to northbound interfaces uses TLS. For more information about secure mode, see the "XCO Installation Modes" topic in the *ExtremeCloud Orchestrator Deployment Guide*, 3.7.0.

# Authentication Policy CLI configuration

For CLI users, the auth preference configuration is available under efa auth authentication preference.

```
KVM:~$ efa auth authentication preference

Available Commands:
   add     Add the authentication preference
   update     Update the authentication preference
   delete     Delete the authentication preference
   show     show authentication preference
```

#### Show authentication preference:

#### Add authentication preference:

#### Show authentication preference:

#### Update authentication preference:

```
KVM:~$ efa auth authentication preference update --authType=LOCAL --identifier=LOCAL --
preference=2
Successfully updated the auth preference.

+-----+
| Auth Type | Identifier | Preference |
+-----+
| LOCAL | LOCAL | 2 |
+-----+
| KVM:~$ efa auth authentication preference delete --authType=LOCAL --identifier=LOCAL
```

#### Add authentication preference for TACACS authentication:

```
efa auth authentication preference add --authType=TACACS --identifier=10.37.135.12 --
preference=3
Successfully added the auth preference.

+-----+
| Auth Type | Identifier | Preference |
+-----+
| TACACS | 10.37.135.12 | 3 |
+-----+

efa auth authentication preference add --authType=LDAP --identifier=kvm12.com --
preference=4
Successfully added the auth preference.
```

#### Add authentication preference for LDAP authentication:

```
efa auth authentication preference add --authType=LDAP --identifier=kvm12.com --
preference=4
Successfully added the auth preference.

+-----+
| Auth Type | Identifier | Preference |
+-----+
| LDAP | kvm12.com | 4 |
+-----+
```

#### Show authentication preference:

efa auth authentication preference show			
Identifier	Preference		
HOST	1 1		
LOCAL	2		
10.37.135.12	3		
kvm12.com	4		
	Identifier HOST LOCAL 10.37.135.12		

# Authorization

After XCO is deployed, the installer has the role of SystemAdmin and has complete access to XCO functionality. For installation on TPVM, this user has the username 'extreme'. By default, no other host OS users can access XCO unless the SystemAdmin assigns the appropriate roles. RBAC occurs on XCO and API.

# Assign and View XCO Roles

You can assign a role to a user and to an LDAP group. For more information about XCO roles, see XCO RBAC Policy Enforcement on page 15.

1. To assign a role to a user, run the following command:

```
# efa auth rolemapping add --name=user2 --role SystemAdmin -auth-type HOST
Successfully added the role mapping
```

In this example, a user named user2 was assigned the role of SystemAdmin.

2. To assign a role to an LDAP group, run the following command:

```
# efa auth rolemapping add --name "cn=viewer,dc=extr,dc=com" --role NetworkOperator
--type group
--auth-type LDAP --auth-identifier ldapconfig
Successfully added the role mapping.
```

In this example, a group named "cn=viewer,dc=extr,dc=com" was assigned the role of NetworkOperator.

3. To view all role assignments, run the following command:

4. To delete a role assignment, run the following command:

```
# efa auth rolemapping remove --id 3
Deleted role mapping successfully
```

In this example, the role for the user with ID 3 was removed.

# XCO RBAC Policy Enforcement

XCO implements an RBAC policy governing access to northbound REST APIs.

The RBAC policy is enforced at the northbound interface, immediately after validation of the access token. An error message is returned if the RBAC permission check fails.

Security Troubleshooting

Use the following logs to troubleshoot authentication, authorization, or RBAC issues.

**Table 5: Security log locations** 

Log source	Filepath
XCO server	/var/log/efa/auth/auth-server.log /var/log/efa/rbac/rbac-server.log
XCO TPVM	/apps/efa_logs/auth/auth-server.log /apps/efa_logs/rbac/rbac-server.log
SLX device	/var/log/pam-oauth2.log

Use the following commands to see the list of commands that were run during a specified time and identify potential causes for issues, such as when an RBAC error occurred.

- · efa auth execution show
- · efa rbac execution show
- · efa inventory execution show

RBAC and REST URI Matrix

The RBAC policy is expressed in a permissions matrix indexed by RBAC role and REST URI, in which each matrix element enumerates the permitted HTTP methods.

**Table 6: RBAC and REST Matrix** 

	Role A	Role B	Role C
REST URI 1	GET	GET	GET, POST, PUT, PATCH, DELETE
REST URI 2	GET, POST	GET, POST, PUT	GET, POST, PUT, PATCH, DELETE
REST URI 3	GET, POST	GET, POST	GET, POST, PUT, PATCH, DELETE

#### RBAC Roles

Roles can be populated into the upstream LDAP instance.



#### Note

The SystemAdmin and NetworkOperator roles are applicable for VM mode of installation.

**Table 7: Role definitions** 

Role	Description
FabricAdmin	<ul> <li>Registers devices to the fabric</li> <li>Configures fabric parameters</li> <li>Validates all devices in the fabric</li> <li>Configures switches for IP fabric with overlay and without overlay</li> <li>Creates tenants</li> <li>Creates networks inside tenants, such as VRF, EPG, and PO</li> <li>Performs fabric debug activities</li> <li>Has privileges for Hyper-V and vCenter operations</li> </ul>
SecurityAdmin	Performs user management, PKI, and key management operations
NetworkOperator	<ul> <li>Has view-only privileges for fabric configurations, information for tenants and inventory, and all ecosystem information</li> <li>Cannot make changes in the system</li> </ul>
SystemDebugger	<ul> <li>Has privileges to perform supportsave and system backup, and to view the running system configurations</li> <li>Has privileges to perform fabric debug operations</li> <li>Sets debug levels for services</li> <li>Has privileges to collect execution logs from services</li> </ul>
SystemAdmin	Has complete privileges to all operations in the system
<tenant>Admin * Created dynamically per tenant</tenant>	Performs tenant administration within the assigned tenant, such as the following:  · Adds networks to the tenant · Configures network parameters · Configure switches with tenant-specific information  Cannot perform actions for any other tenant

<sup>\*</sup> Tenant Administrator roles are added dynamically to the system when a tenant is created. The name of the role is presented in the <Tenant-name>Admin format. For example, if a tenant with the name "RegionOne" is created, the role created for the Tenant Administrator is "RegionOneAdmin".



#### Note

You cannot create custom roles.

### Role Permissions

# Table 8: Role permissions for fabric manager

Allowed Privileges	System Admin	Fabric Admin	Tenant Admin	Network Operator	Security Admin	System Debugge r
Create, clone, delete fabric in the system						
Register, unregister devices in fabric, configure IP fabric on the device						
Add, delete, and update location						
Show IP fabric physical, underlay, overlay topology, IP fabric configs and devices in IP fabric						
Debug fabric operations						
Inventory, asset service operations						
Run CLI access on the device						
Create, delete, update tenants						
Create, delete EPG, PO, VRFs inside tenant						
Add, remove port, port channels to and from EPG						
Add, remove network policies to EPG						
Detach network from EPG						
Identify drift in device configuration						
Set tenant debug level						
Create, delete router interfaces						

Table 8: Role permissions for fabric manager (continued)

Allowed Privileges	System Admin	Fabric Admin	Tenant Admin	Network Operator	Security Admin	System Debugge r
View vCenter details, events, ESXI details, physical links, virtual links, disconnected links, get server settings						
Register, delete, update vCenter						
Set vCenter debug level						
Update vCenter polling frequency, dead link clearing time						
View SCVMM server details, service settings, physical links, virtual links						
Register, delete, update SCVMM server						
Update SCVMM server polling frequency						
User management, assign roles to users, configure LDAP, configure TACACS+, view available roles in the system						
Notification service (add, delete subscribers)						
Execution log view		(No Auth and RBAC)	(only Tenant)		(only Auth and RBAC)	
Support save collection						

Table 8: Role permissions for fabric manager (continued)

Allowed Privileges	System Admin	Fabric Admin	Tenant Admin	Network Operator	Security Admin	System Debugge r
Backup and restore operation		(only backup)				
Install certificates						

### Table 9: Role permissions for visibility manager

Allowed Privileges	System Admin	Network Operator
Add, delete, and update location		
User management, configure LDAP, configure TACACS+, authentication settings and assign roles		
Register, unregister NPB devices		
View inventory and configuration		
Create, delete, and update NPB policy and related configurations		
Port and port-channel operation on NPB devices		
Create, delete, and update configuration in Library		
Upgrade firmware		
Refresh and export configurations		
Packet capture		
Clear counter		
View statistics		
View syslog		

# Update User Password on TPVM

Learn how to change the TPVM password after you upgrade the SLX-OS version either from SLX or from XCO.

For details on changing TPVM password after a TPVM upgrade, see "TPVM Complete Package Upgrade" and "Change TPVM Password from XCO" in the *ExtremeCloud Orchestrator Deployment Guide*, 3.7.0.

To change the 'extreme' user password on TPVM, use the following procedure:

Procedure Example:

(a) Delete trusted peer config under tpvm config in the SLXes:

```
SW 110(config-tpvm-TPVM) # no trusted-peer
```

(b) This would result in standby status going down in efa.

```
(efa:extreme)extreme@efa-111:~$ efa status
+------+
| Node Name | Role | Status | IP |
+-----+
| efa-111 | active | up | 10.20.48.10 |
+-----+
| efa-110 | standby | down | 10.20.48.251 |
+------+
--- Time Elapsed: 11.905487823s ---
```

(c) Change the passwords for the user extreme in the tpvms in linux mode using command:

```
extreme@efa-110:~$ sudo passwd extreme
Enter new UNIX password: test123
Retype new UNIX password: test123
passwd: password updated successfully
```

(d) Do a fresh config of trusted peer in the SLXes with the updated password:

```
SW_110 (config-tpvm-TPVM) # trusted-peer ip 10.20.48.10 password test123
```

(e) Standby status is now up in efa:

# Configure an External LDAP Server

You can configure an LDAP server for user validation and to fetch user groups.

LDAP supports three modes for fetching the roles assigned to a user.

- The role is available as an attribute in the user Distinguished Name (DN) entry. Group attribute definition is not needed.
- The user has a "memberOf" attribute or any appropriate group DN attribute to identify the groups assigned to the user. Assign the corresponding LDAP group to a role in XCO.

• LDAP groups have user entries in their group definitions. Assign the LDAP groups to roles in XCO.



#### Note

If you configure LDAP server over SSL, and use IP to connect to the server, ensure that the certificate includes the IP as part of the subject alternative names (SANs) for a successful connection.

For more information about commands and supported parameters, see *ExtremeCloud Orchestrator Command Reference, 3.7.0*.

# Basic Configuration

Attribute	Description	Default Value
name	Unique identifier for LDAP configuration in XCO.	-
host	IPv4 or IPv6 Address/ Hostname of the LDAP server.	-
port	Port at which the LDAP server is listening for connections.	389
timeout	Duration in number of seconds before considering the server unreachable.	5
bind-user-name	Distinguished Name (DN) of the user that should be used to bind, search, and retrieve LDAP entries.	-
bind-user-password	Password of the bind user.	

### TLS Configuration

Attribute	Description	Default Value
tls	Use LDAP over SSL/TLS.	-
cacert	Local path to the CA certificate file for SSL verification.	-
insecuretls	Option to skip certificate validation while connecting to the LDAP server	false

#### Authentication

Attribute	Description	Default Value
user-search-base	Distinguished Name of the node in your directory tree from which to start searching for user objects.	-
user-object-base	Name of the object class used for user objects.	inetOrgPerson
user-login-attribute	Attribute whose value matches the username part of credentials entered by your users when logging in.	uid

#### Examples

# To enable LDAP for authentication in XCO with OpenLDAP, use the following command:

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_xco --host 10.x.x.x --bind-user-name cn=ldapuser,dc=xxx,dc=com --bind-user-password ****** --user-search-base ou=people,dc=xxx,dc=com
```

# To enable LDAP for authentication in XCO with Windows AD, use the following command:

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_winad --host 10.x.x.x --bind-user-name
CN=ldapuser,CN=Users,DC=xxx,DC=com
--bind-user-password ****** --user-search-base CN=Users,DC=xxx,DC=com --user-object-
class user
--user-login-attribute sAMAccountName
```

#### To use the same configuration with TLS enabled:

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_winad --host 10.x.x.x --tls --cacert root-ca.pem --bind-user-name

CN=ldapuser,CN=Users,DC=xxx,DC=com --bind-user-password ****** --user-search-base
CN=Users,DC=xxx,DC=com
--user-object-class user --user-login-attribute sAMAccountName
```

# To skip certificate verification over the encrypted connection, use the following command:

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_winad --host 10.x.x.x --tls --cacert root-ca.pem --
insecuretls
--bind-user-name CN=ldapuser, CN=Users, DC=xxx, DC=com --bind-user-password ******
--user-search-base CN=Users, DC=xxx, DC=com --user-object-class user --user-login-attribute
sAMAccountName
```

#### Examples

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```

# To enable LDAP for authentication in XCO with Windows AD, use the following command:

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_winad --host 10.x.x.x --bind-user-name CN=ldapuser,CN=Users,DC=xxx,DC=com --bind-user-password ****** --user-search-base CN=Users,DC=xxx,DC=com --user-object-class user --user-login-attribute sAMAccountName
```

#### To use the same configuration with TLS enabled:

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_winad --host 10.x.x.x --tls --cacert root-ca.pem --bind-user-name

CN=ldapuser,CN=Users,DC=xxx,DC=com --bind-user-password ****** --user-search-base

CN=Users,DC=xxx,DC=com
--user-object-class user --user-login-attribute sAMAccountName
```

# To skip certificate verification over the encrypted connection, use the following command:

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_winad --host 10.x.x.x --tls --cacert root-ca.pem --
insecuretls
--bind-user-name CN=ldapuser, CN=Users, DC=xxx, DC=com --bind-user-password ******
--user-search-base CN=Users, DC=xxx, DC=com --user-object-class user --user-login-attribute
sAMAccountName
```

#### Authorization

There are multiple ways to define authorization for authenticated users.

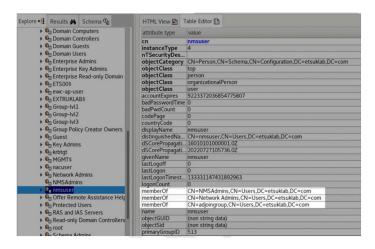
1. Assign roles to users using LDAP groups when users hold group membership details:

Attribute	Description	Default Value
user-member-attribute	Attribute to read the member of the group the user is part of.	-

### Example

In Windows AD, if the user has an attribute 'memberOf' which gives the groups that he belongs to, then define 'user-member-attribute'

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_winad --host 10.x.x.x --bind-user-name CN=ldapuser,CN=Users,DC=xxx,DC=com --bind-user-password ******
--user-search-base CN=Users,DC=xxx,DC=com --user-object-class user
--user-login-attribute sAMAccountName --user-member-attribute memberOf
```



These groups should be mapped to XCO roles using the role mapping command.

```
efa auth rolemapping add --name CN=NMSAdmins,CN=Users,DC=etsuklab,DC=com --role SystemAdmin --type group --auth-type LDAP --auth-identifier ldap_winad
```

Assign roles for multiple groups, if required.

2. To enable LDAP for authentication in XCO with OpenLDAP, use the following command:

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_xco --host 10.x.x.x --bind-user-name cn=ldapuser,dc=xxx,dc=com --bind-user-password ****** --user-search-base ou=people,dc=xxx,dc=com
```

# To enable LDAP for authentication in XCO with Windows AD, use the following command:

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_winad --host 10.x.x.x --bind-user-name CN=ldapuser,CN=Users,DC=xxx,DC=com --bind-user-password ****** --user-search-base CN=Users,DC=xxx,DC=com --user-object-class user --user-login-attribute sAMAccountName
```

#### To use the same configuration with TLS enabled:

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_winad --host 10.x.x.x --tls --cacert root-ca.pem --bind-user-name

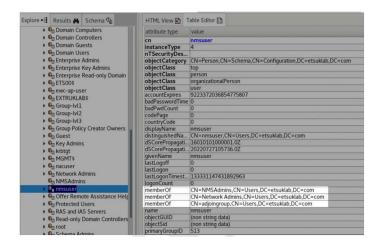
CN=ldapuser, CN=Users, DC=xxx, DC=com --bind-user-password ****** --user-search-base

CN=Users, DC=xxx, DC=com --user-object-class user --user-login-attribute sAMAccountName
```

# To skip certificate verification over the encrypted connection, use the following command:

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_winad --host 10.x.x.x --tls --cacert root-ca.pem --insecuretls
--bind-user-name CN=ldapuser, CN=Users, DC=xxx, DC=com --bind-user-password ******
--user-search-base CN=Users, DC=xxx, DC=com --user-object-class user --user-login-attribute sAMAccountName

efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_winad --host 10.x.x.x --bind-user-name
CN=ldapuser, CN=Users, DC=xxx, DC=com --bind-user-password ******
--user-search-base CN=Users, DC=xxx, DC=com --user-object-class user
--user-login-attribute sAMAccountName --user-member-attribute memberOf
```



These groups should be mapped to XCO roles using the role mapping command.

```
efa auth rolemapping add --name CN=NMSAdmins,CN=Users,DC=etsuklab,DC=com --role SystemAdmin --type group --auth-type LDAP --auth-identifier ldap_winad
```

Assign roles for multiple groups, if required.

3. Assign roles to users using LDAP groups when the groups are in a different search base:

Attribute	Description	Default Value
group-search-base	Distinguished Name of the node in your directory tree from which to start searching for group objects.	<u>-</u>
group-object-class	object class used for group objects.	groupOfNames
group-attribute	Attribute to define search filter on group.	cn
group-member-user- attribute	Name of the user attribute whose format matches the group members.	entrydn
group-member-mapping- attribute	Name of the group attribute containing the members of a group.	member

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_xco --host 10.x.x.x --bind-user-name cn=ldapuser,dc=xxx,dc=com --bind-user-password ****** --user-search-base ou=people,dc=xxx,dc=com --group-search-base ou=groups,dc=extrnet,dc=com
```

### To override the defaults for different LDAP:

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap_xco --host 10.x.x.x --bind-user-name cn=ldapuser,dc=xxx,dc=com --bind-user-password ****** --user-search-base ou=people,dc=xxx,dc=com --group-search-base
```

ou=groups,dc=extrnet,dc=com --group-member-user-attribute dn --group-member-mapping-attribute memberUid --group-object-class posixGroup

Assign the required roles for the groups in XCO using the role mapping command.

4. Assign roles to user from a custom attribute and XCO role defined with a key/value pair:

Attribute	Description	Default Value
user-role-attribute	Attribute to read the role of user from.	-
user-role-attribute-key	Attribute to read the role value from role attribute.	-

```
efa auth ldapconfig add --name ldap1 --host 10.x.x.x --bind-user-name cn=admin,dc=extrnet,dc=com --bind-user-password ****** --user-search-base ou=people,dc=extrnet,dc=com --user-role-attribute role --user-role-attribute-key rolename
```

Here role is the custom schema defined in LDAP as an attribute for user and the rolename is where it holds the XCO role in LDAP.

The role attribute for the user entry in LDAP has the value of rolename:SystemAdmin,rolename:FabricAdmin

5. To defines roles in XCO and skip authorization in LDAP, add the required role for each user:

```
efa auth rolemapping add --name=testuser --role=FabricAdmin --type=user --auth-type=ldap --auth-identifier=ldap xco
```

# TACACS+ Settings

Terminal Access Controller Access-Control System Plus (TACACS+) is an external authentication server used for verifying user credentials.

The TACACS+ protocols support environments that are configured for authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) services.

XCO supports TACACS+ authentication in the following ways.

- XCO supports up to five auth preferences and TACACS+ servers can be added accordingly. If any TACACS+ server addition fails due to auth preference limit, delete the unwanted auth preference and add a new TACACS+ config.
- TACACS+ authentication must be enabled. If TACACS+ authentication is not enabled, only local authentication is used.
- If remote authentication fails, XCO attempts to use local authentication, which is successful only if the user is in the XCO database.
- The *secret key* configured for XCO must match the *secret key* from the TACACS+ server configuration file. Authentication fails if the two values do not match.
- The *service* and *xco-role* entries configured for XCO must match the equivalent entries in the TACAS+ server configuration file.

# Configure TACACS using CLI

Only users with the role SecurityAdmin or SystemAdmin can perform this task.



#### Note

For details about the command and its parameters, see the *ExtremeCloud Orchestrator Command Reference*, 3.7.0.

1. Run the following command:

```
efa auth tacacsconfig add --host 10.24.15.200 --port 49 --secret sharedsecret --
protocol CHAP
```

The command validates the attributes. If the validation is successful, the attributes are saved in the database. These details are used to validate user credentials and fetch the user role during token generation.

2. Run the following role mapping command to map TACACS server roles with the XCO roles:

```
efa auth tacacsconfig rolemapping add --host 10.24.15.200 --tacacsRole=tacAdmin -- xcoRole SystemAdmin
```

The rolemapping command validates whether or not the host is already configured in XCO. If yes, then the command maps the TACACS role with the XCO supported role. Similarly, the deletion of the host from TACACS config also deletes the TACACS roles of the host already configured using role mapping.

#### Example:

```
efa auth rolemapping add --name=tacAdmin --role SystemAdmin --auth-type TACACS
--auth-identifier 10.37.32.51
Successfully added the role mapping.
| attribute | value
+----+
          | 5
| name | tacAdmin |
+----+
| role | SystemAdmin |
| type | GROUP
| auth type | TACACS |
| identifier| 10.37.32.51 |
efa auth rolemapping show
| ID | Name | Role
| Type | Auth Type | Auth Identifier
+---+-----
| 3 | admin | SystemAdmin
| GROUP | TACACS | 10.37.32.51
+---+----+-----
```

# Configure Local User using CLI

Manage local users using the cli.

Only users with the role SecurityAdmin or SystemAdmin can perform this task.

#### 1. Add user:

For the local user creation, username, email id, and user role parameters are mandatory. The username and email id must be unique.

```
efa auth user add --userName user1 --emailID user1@test.com --roles SystemAdmin Password: ****
Successfully added the user configuration
```

#### 2. Change Password on First Login:

You are prompted to change the password on first login.

- a. In the New Password field, enter the password.
- b. In the Confirm Password field, enter the password again.
- c. The password is changed and you are logged out.
- d. Login again using the new password.

```
efa login --username userl
Password: ****
Please reset the password
New password: ****
Confirm password: ****
The user password was reset successfully. Please log in again.
```

#### 3. Update User:

Updating the profile details of a local user.

#### 4. Block User:

Block the local user account. The blocked user will be prohibited from login to the XCO

```
efa auth user block-unblock --userName=user1 --isBlock=true Successfully updated the user state.
```

+	-+	+
UserName	IsBlocke	∌d
+	-+	+
user1	true	- 1
+	-+	+

#### 5. Unblock User:

Unblock the local user account.

```
efa auth user block-unblock --userName=user1 --isBlock=false

Successfully updated the user state.

+-----+
| UserName | IsBlocked |

+-----+
| user1 | false |

+------+
```

#### 6. Change password:

Change the password of a logged in user.

```
efa auth user change-password
Old password: ****
New password: ****
The password was changed successfully
```

#### 7. Reset password:

Only a user with the SystemAdmin role can reset the password of local users.

```
efa auth user reset-password --userName user1 --emailID user1@test.com
Password:
Successfully updated the user configuration
```

#### 8. Show users:

Display the local users with details.

#### 9. Delete user:

Only a user with the role of SystemAdmin or SecurityAdmin can delete a local user.

```
efa auth user delete --userName=user1
Deleted User configuration successfully.
```

# **BGP MD5 Authentication**

The Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) is an exterior gateway protocol designed to exchange routing and reachability information among autonomous systems on the internet. The following table provides a list of some of the threats against BGP.



#### Note

BGP depends on TCP as its transport protocol. Therefore, it is vulnerable to the same security attacks as any TCP-based protocol.

Threats against BGP	Description
Denial of Service (DoS)	A malicious host sends unexpected or unwanted BGP traffic to a neighbor in an attempt to saturate control plane resources, which results in not having enough resources to process legitimate BGP traffic on the neighbor.
Route Manipulation	A malicious host modifies the contents of a BGP routing table, diverting traffic, and preventing it, without the sender's knowledge, from reaching its intended destination.
Route Hijacking	A rogue BGP neighbor maliciously advertises a victim's networks to redirect some or all of victim's traffic to itself.
Misconfiguration (non-malicious)	An unintentionally misconfigured BGP router could affect the Internet's BGP routing table, possibly leading to network outages and, worse, unauthorized access to the network traffic.

BGP authentication enables the routers to share information only if they can verify that they are communicating to a trusted source, based on a password. Successful authentication between BGP neighbors proves that the neighbors are legitimate and trusted, verifies communications between those neighbors, and ensures that only routes learned from legitimate neighbors are added to the routing table.

Authentication must be enabled on both sides of the peering session and the same password must be used on both peers.



#### Note

For BGP MD5 passwords, the ASCII characters 0-32 are not supported. In addition, special handling is required for MD5 passwords that contain certain special characters.

#### **Examples**

MD5 password provided through CLI	Actual MD5 password
'~`!@#\$%^&*()+={[]] \"<>"/"""	~`!@#\$%^&*()+={[]] \"<>"/'
'a"'"a"	a"a
'a"""a"	a"""a"
'a""""a'"	a"a'

### BGP MD5 Authentication on Fabric Links

XCO provides secure TCP using MD5 for BGP connections across all fabric links. You are able to configure or modify the MD5 password at any time.

This feature enables you to provide an md5-password as a fabric setting that further becomes configured on all the fabric links, that is, BGP peer-groups and individual neighbors without peer-groups on the SLX devices, so that the peer sessions are established using MD5 authentication. This will be applied to both Clos and non-Clos fabrics. By default, MD5 authentication on the fabric is disabled. Any new fabric or the fabrics upgraded from previous releases will have the MD5 authentication disabled.

Configure BGP MD5 Password Create, Update, and Clear

Use the efa fabric setting update command to set or clear the MD5 password on a new fabric.

Here is the efa fabric setting update command:

efa fabric setting update --name <fabric-name> --md5-password-enable <yes/no> --md5-password <password>

If the command is entered with md5-password-enable as "yes" but without the md5-password option, then a prompt is displayed to input string and the password string entered using the prompt is not displayed on the screen.



#### Note

When providing a password string in the command line, that is using efa fabric setting update --name <fabric-name> --md5-password <password>, if the string contains special characters, then you must enclose the string in single quotes. For example, efa fabric setting update --name fabric1 --md5-password 'pass%!'. Enclosing the password string in single quotes is not required when the string is entered using the prompt.

After setting the md5-password, you must configure the fabric, using the command efa fabric configure --name <fabric-name>, to apply this MD5 password on fabric devices so that the BGP neighbor sessions are authenticated.

When you configure the md5-password on a fabric that has just been created, or a fabric that has not yet been configured, there is no change in the device app-state. However, if the md5-password is set after the fabric is configured, there is a new app-state, the fabric setting is refreshed (and devices will be set to), indicating the fabric properties have been modified and the fabric has to be reconfigured to apply the new settings. As part of fabric configuration, when the MD5 password was successfully configured on all the fabric links on a device, the app state on that device will go back to cfg-in-sync state.

Run the efa fabric setting update --name <fabric-name> --md5-password-enable <yes/no> --md5-password <password> command to set the MD5 password.

```
efa fabric setting update --name fabric1 --md5-password-enable yes Please supply a password for BGP MD5 authentication on fabric links:
```

2. Run the efa fabric configure --name <fabric-name> command to apply this MD5 password on fabric devices so that the BGP neighbor sessions are authenticated.

To create or update MD5 authentication:

```
efa fabric configure --name fabric1
```

#### To clear MD5 authentication:

```
efa fabric setting update --name fabric1 --md5-password-enable no efa fabric configure --name fabric1
```

When you configure the md5-password on a fabric that has just been created, or a fabric that has not yet been configured, there is no change in the device app-state. However, if the md5-password is set after the fabric is configured, the fabric status is set to settings-updated along with the field BGP-MD5, indicating that settings have been updated. This indicates that the fabric properties have been modified and the fabric has to be reconfigured to apply the new settings. As part of fabric configure, when the devices are successfully configured, the fabric status will go back to configure-success.

#### Example

```
Fabric Name: fabric1, Fabric Description: , Fabric Stage: 3, Fabric Type: clos, Fabric
Status: settings-updated
Updated Fabric Settings: BGP-MD5
+----+
| IP ADDRESS | POD | HOST NAME | ASN | ROLE
| DEVICE STATE | APP STATE | CONFIG GEN REASON | PENDING CONFIGS | VTLB ID | LB ID |
| 10.17.112.223 | | spine1 | 64512 | spine
| provisioned | cfg in-sync | MD5 | MD5-U
                                                          | NA
| 10.17.112.224 | | spine2 | 64512 | spine
| provisioned | cfg in-sync | MD5
                                            | MD5-U | NA
                                                                     | 1
| 10.17.112.221 | | leaf1 | 65002 | leaf
| provisioned | cfg in-sync | MD5
                                            | MD5-U
                                                          | 2
                                                                     | 1
| 10.17.112.222 | | leaf2 | 65002 | leaf
| provisioned | cfg in-sync | MD5
                                            | MD5-U
                                                           | 2
                                                                     | 1
| 10.17.112.225 | | leaf3 | 65000 | leaf
                                            | MD5-U
| provisioned | cfg in-sync | MD5
                                                           | 2
                                                                     | 1
| 10.17.112.226 | | leaf4 | 65000 | leaf
| provisioned | cfg in-sync | MD5
                                            I MD5-U
+----+
FABRIC SETTING:
BGPLL - BGP Dynamic Peer Listen Limit, BGP-MD5 - BGP MD5 Password
CONFIG GEN REASON:
LD - Link Delete, LA - Link Add, IU - Interface
Update, PLC - IPPrefixList Create, PLD - IPPrefixList Delete, PLU - IPPrefixList Update
MD/MU - MCT Delete/Update, OD - Overlay Gateway Delete, OU - Overlay Gateway Update,
ED - Evpn Delete, PC - RouterPim Create, PD - RouterPim Delete, BGP - BGP Config
DD - Dependent Device Update, DA - Device Add, DR - Device ReAdd, ASN -
Asn Update, PU - RouterPim Update, SYS - System Properties Update, NA - Not Applicable
PENDING CONFIGS:
MCT - MCT Cluster, O - Overlay
Gateway, SYSP - System Properties, INTIP - Interface IP, BGP - BGP Config
C/D/U - Create/Delete/Update, PA/PD - Port Add/Port Delete
For App or Device Error/Failure reason, run "efa fabric error show" for details
For config refresh reason, run "efa fabric debug config-gen-reason" for details
```



#### Note

When the MD5 password is updated, for the new configuration to take effect, the neighbor sessions have to be cleared, resulting in a network outage until the new sessions are established. Because the configuration of the MD5 password toggles the network, a new warning message with a confirmation is provided indicating the impact of the md5-password setting on an active fabric, before it is applied. This warning message is displayed only when there is a need to reconfigure the fabric, that is, the password is set after the fabric is configured.

efa fabric setting modify --name fabric1 --md5-password-enable yes 
Please supply a password for BGP MD5 authentication on fabric links: 
WARNING: configuring/clearing md5-password on an active fabric will result in BGP neighborsessions 
going down for a brief period when the fabric is reconfigured. 
Please confirm if you want to continue with the fabric setting update [y/n]?

#### **Employ a Phased Approach**

Reduce network impact by applying the password and clearing sessions on fabric links in a phased manner.

When an updated MD5 password is being applied on fabric links during fabric configuration, you can reduce network impact by applying the password and clearing sessions on fabric links in a phased manner. First gather a list of neighbor sessions on each device. Then, one device at a time, apply md5-password and clear a single peering. Application of password and clearing of the neighbor session is done on both ends of the peering session simultaneously. When the session is established, the MD5 password is applied on the next peering session. When all the neighbor sessions on the device are updated, it will move to the next device.

After you clear the session, it takes 10 seconds for the new session to be established. Before applying the new MD5 password, the session states are determined. After applying the password and clearing the session on both ends of the peering session, the session state is checked again. Only when the state matches with the previous (prepassword update) state on the session, or is better than the previous state (for example, previously the session was not established and the current state is established), it will move to updating the next neighbor session.



#### Note

The phased application of clearing the session and checking the state is performed **only** when the password is updated on a configured fabric and is not applicable during the configuration of a new fabric. Because the neighbor sessions are created for the first time during configuration of a new fabric with the MD5 password, there is no need to clear sessions.

#### Configure BGP MD5 Password: Failures When Clearing the Neighbor Session

When the MD5 password is updated, failures can occur during the process of clearing the neighbor sessions.

After clearing the session, if the session state is not established, or is not in the same state as it was prior to clearing the session within the wait time of 10 seconds, then the wait time is extended for an additional 10 seconds. If the session state is not established after the expiration of the second wait time, it is marked as a failure. The execution continues with the clearing of the remaining neighbor sessions.

When all the neighbor sessions are cleared, any sessions that have been marked as failure are presented under fabric errors at the end of the fabric configure operation, as part of the existing fabric error command efa fabric error show. The

failure information will include the details of the neighbor session that could not be established.



#### Note

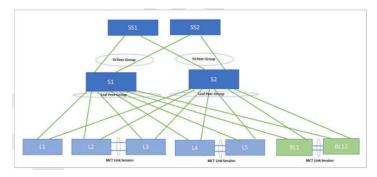
If there are any sessions that could not be established during the clear operation, the fabric configuration operation displays an error indicating a failure. However, if the fabric configuration has been successfully pushed to the devices, the devices are set to cfg-in-sync, even though the clear operation failed.

#### Configure BGP MD5 Password: Clos Topology (3-Stage and 5-Stage)

In a Clos topology, session clearing is done on each device on the fabric.

In a Clos topology, the clearing of the sessions is done by walking through each device on the fabric and the sessions cleared, depending on the role of the device. The clearing is done in the following manner:

- Spine: Neighbor sessions at the peer-group level are cleared. On the spine, there are two peer-groups, one for the links to the leaves (Leaf Peer-Group) and the other for the links to the super-spines (SS Peer-Group). Clearing of the sessions is done on both peer-groups simultaneously.
- Leaf: The neighbor session on the MCT link is cleared.
- Super-spine: There is no need to clear any session on the super-spine because all the sessions on the super-spines are covered at the spine device.



#### Configure BGP MD5 Password: Non-Clos Topology and Fabric Events

In a non-Clos topology, the process of clearing the session is performed on one leaf device at a time, until all sessions are cleared.

Because the MD5 password on fabric links is applied as part of fabric configure, no additional events are generated as a result of configuring MD5 password. The Fabric Deployed event that is currently generated by the Fabric service when a fabric is configured should be used as a trigger by other services that are dependent on the Fabric MD5 password for any of their operations.

#### Fabric Events and the MD5 Password

Because the MD5 password on each fabric link is applied as part of fabric configuration, no additional events are generated as a result of configuring the MD5 password.

The Fabric Deployed event that is generated by the fabric service when a fabric is configured should be used as a trigger by other services that are dependent on the fabric MD5 password for any of their operations.

### Verify the BGP MD5 Password

Use the **efa fabric setting show** command to verify that the MD5 password is configured on the fabric.

The password is not displayed in clear text because of security concerns. The password is displayed as a hidden string (\*\*\*\*\*) or as an encrypted string. The password is displayed as a hidden string if the fabric is not configured after the MD5 password is set. And if the fabric is configured after the password is set, then the show command displays the password as an encrypted string. This encrypted string matches the password string displayed on the SLX devices.

The same applies to the **efa show-running-config** command. Until the fabric is configured, the MD5 password is displayed as \*\*\*\*. After the fabric is configured, the encrypted string is displayed.

Run the efa fabric setting show --name <fabric-name> --advanced command.

efa fabric setting showname f +	
NAME 	VALUE
Fabric Name	fabric1
•	10.10.10.0/23
'   Loopback IP Range	172.31.254.0/24
Loopback Port Number	1
VTEP Loopback Port Number	2
Spine ASN Block	64512-64768
SuperSpine ASN Block	64769
Leaf ASN Block	65000-65534
Border Leaf ASN Block	1
P2P IP Type	numbered
Any cast MAC	0201.0101.0101
IPV6 Any cast MAC	0201.0101.0102
MAC Aging Timeout	1800
•	300 
	,

MAC Move Limit	20
Duplicate MAC Timer	5
	3
BFD Enable	Yes
BFD Tx	300
	300
BFD Multiplier	3
+	2
MaxPaths	8
AllowAsIn	0
MTU	9216
IPMTU	9100
MCT Link IP Range	10.20.20.0/24
MCT PortChannel	64
LACP Timeout	long
Control Vlan	4090
Control VE	4090
Leaf PeerGroup   spine-group	 
Spine PeerGroup   leaf-group	
	spine-group
Configure Overlay Gateway	Yes
VNI Auto Map	Yes
Backup Routing Enable	No
	10.40.40.0/24
	fd40:4040:4040:1::/120
	No
	239.0.0.0/8
Default MDT Group IPv4 address	239.1.1.1
	Yes
MD5 Password	\$9\$GiXG/W7938rCj4lzgf14NQ==
T	+

## Configure BGP MD5 Password: Switch Configuration

The following provides a sample XCO MD5 password configuration and the corresponding switch configuration on one of the fabric devices after the fabric is configured.

1. Run the efa fabric setting update command.

```
efa fabric setting update --name fabric1 --md5-password-enable yes
Please supply a password for BGP MD5 authentication on fabric links:
efa fabric configure --name fabric1
```

2. Complete the following configuration on SLX device:

```
router bgp
  local-as 65000
  capability as4-enable
  fast-external-fallover
  neighbor spine-group peer-group
  neighbor spine-group remote-as 64512
  neighbor spine-group description To Spine
  neighbor spine-group password $9$GiXG/W7938rCj4lzgf14NQ==
  neighbor 10.10.10.2 peer-group spine-group
  neighbor 10.20.20.2 remote-as 65000
  neighbor 10.20.20.2 next-hop-self
  neighbor 10.20.20.2 password $9$GiXG/W7938rCj4lzgf14NQ==
 address-family ipv4 unicast network 172.31.254.2/32
 maximum-paths 8
 graceful-restart
 address-family ipv6 unicast
 address-family 12vpn evpn
  graceful-restart
  neighbor spine-group encapsulation vxlan
  neighbor spine-group next-hop-unchanged
  neighbor spine-group enable-peer-as-check
 neighbor spine-group activate
1
```

## The BGP MD5 Password, Drift and Reconcile, and Idempotency

Drift is identified if you modify the MD5 password through SLX, the CLI, or other management tool.

A reconcile operation pushes the intended configuration to SLX, thereby synchronizing the SLX configuration with XCO.



#### Note

A reconcile operation configures the MD5 password on the device back to its original value (pre-drift) but does not clear the session. Also, the state is not verified after the password is configured.

Field	Identity Drift	Reconcile Configuration	Idempotency
md5-password	Yes	Yes	Yes*

\* There are some caveats to idempotency. The fabric service does not store the plain text password you provide after the fabric has been configured. It stores the encrypted string of the user-provided password, matching with the encrypted string available on the SLX device. So, setting the same original MD5 password after the fabric is configured results in devices going into cfg-refreshed state. For the operation to be idempotent, after the fabric is configured, the encrypted string should be provided as the md5-password and not the original plain text password.

Devices in the fabric are in cfg-refreshed state when the MD5 password has been updated but the fabric is not yet reconfigured. In such a scenario, the previous MD5 password is used for drift detection until the fabric is configured with the new password.

## Configure BGP MD5 Password: Fabric Clone

When a fabric is cloned using the command efa fabric clone --source <old-fabric-name> -- destination <new-fabric-name>, the MD5 password configuration from the source fabric is used in the new cloned fabric.

## Configure BGP MD5 Password: Rules for Clearing BGP Sessions

MD5 password configuration and clearing BGP neighbor sessions.

The following table lists different scenarios of MD5 password configuration, under which a BGP neighbor session is required to be cleared.

Scenarios	Clearing BGP neighbor session required?
Creating new BGP peer-group with MD5 password	Not required
Creating new BGP neighbor with MD5 password	Not required
Updating existing BGP peer-group with MD5 password	Yes
Updating existing BGP neighbor with MD5 password	Yes
Removing MD5 password from a BGP peer-group	Yes
Removing MD5 password from a BGP neighbor	Yes
Modifying MD5 password for a BGP peer- group	Yes
Modifying MD5 password for a BGP neighbor	Yes
Reload	Not required
Copy <ftp: backup-config=""> startup-config and reload</ftp:>	Not required
<pre>Copy <ftp: backup-config=""> running- config</ftp:></pre>	Not required

## SLX Commands to clear the BGP neighbor sessions

```
clear ip bgp neighbor <neighbor ip> vrf <vrf name>
clear ip bgp neighbor <peer-group> vrf <vrf name>
```

The vrf used on the XCO fabric links is default-vrf.

## BGP MD5 Authentication on Edge Links

This feature authenticates all the BGP peer and peer-group used for edge connectivity. You can provide an MD5 password per BGP peer and peer-group created for external connectivity.



#### **Important**

BGP MD5 authentication for tenant dynamic peers is not yet supported.

Configure BGP MD5 Authentication for Tenant BGP Peer

Provide md5-password during BGP peer create or update operations.

1. Run the efa tenant service bgp peer create command to create the peer.

2. Run the efa tenant service bgp peer update command to update the peer.

## Example

```
--ipv4-uc-nbr-bfd 10.20.246.16,ten1vrf1:10.20.30.50,true
--ipv4-uc-nbr-md5-password 10.20.246.16,ten1vrf1:10.20.30.50,password1
```

```
Device IP :
efa tenant service bgp peer show --
                               10.20.246.16
______
                                      VRF
                                                    : ten1vrf1
                                      AFI
______
                                                    : ipv4
                                      SAFI
Name
             : ten1bgppeer1
                                                    : unicast
             : ten1
Tenant
                                      Remote IP
             : bs-state-created 10.20.30.40
                                      Remote ASN : 50000
Next Hop Self : false
Description
Static Peer
                                      Update Source IP:
                                      BFD Enabled : true
                                                   : 0
: 0
     Device IP
                                      BFD Interval
                    :
10.20.246.15
                                      BFD Rx
                                      BFD Multiplier : 0
      VRF
                     : ten1vrf1
                                      MD5 Password :
      AFI
                    : ipv4
       SAFI
                    : unicast | $9$MCgKGaNt6OASX68/7TC6Lw==
      Remote IP
                                      Dev State
10.20.30.40
                               provisioned
      Remote ASN : 50000
Next Hop Self : false
                                      App State
                                                    : cfg-in-
                               sync
      Update Source IP:
      BFD Enabled : true
                                      Device IP
      BFD Interval
                     : 0
                               10.20.246.16
      BFD Rx
                     : 0
                                      VRF
                                                    : ten1vrf1
      BFD Multiplier : 0
                                      AFI
                                                    : ipv4
      MD5 Password :
                                      SAFI
                                                    : unicast
                                      Remote IP
$9$MCgKGaNt6OASX68/7TC6Lw==
                               10.20.30.50
      Dev State :
                                      Next Hop Self : false
provisioned
      App State : cfg-in-
                                      Update Source IP:
sync
                                      BFD Enabled : true
                                                     : 0
                                      BFD Interval
      Device IP
10.20.246.15
                                      BFD Rx
                                                    : 0
                                      BFD Multiplier : 0
      VRF
                    : ten1vrf1
      AFI
                    : ipv4
                                      MD5 Password :
      SAFI
                    : unicast | $9$ufD04Gw+49ex4H8UtvifqA==
                                      Dev State :
      Remote IP
10.20.30.50
                               provisioned
      Remote ASN : 50000
Next Hop Self : false
                                      App State : cfg-in-
                               sync
      Update Source IP:
                               Dynamic Peer
      BFD Enabled : true
      BFD Interval
                    : 0
                                   0 Records
      BFD Rx
                    : 0
                                     0 Records
      BFD Multiplier : 0
                               _____
      MD5 Password :
                               $9$ufD04Gw+49ex4H8UtvifqA==
      Dev State :
provisioned
                    : cfg-in-
      App State
sync
```

Complete the configuration on SLX as provided in the following example.

```
L1# show running-config router bgp
router bap
 local-as 4200000000
 capability as4-enable
 fast-external-fallover
 neighbor 10.20.20.4 remote-as
4200000000
 neighbor 10.20.20.4 next-hop-self
 address-family ipv4 unicast
  network 172.31.254.46/32
  network 172.31.254.123/32
 maximum-paths 8
 graceful-restart
 address-family ipv4 unicast vrf
ten1vrf1
  redistribute connected
  neighbor 10.20.30.40 remote-as
50000
 neighbor 10.20.30.40 password
$9$MCgKGaNt6OASX68/7TC6Lw==
  neighbor 10.20.30.40 bfd
  neighbor 10.20.30.50 remote-as
50000
  neighbor 10.20.30.50 password
$9$ufD04Gw+49ex4H8UtvifqA==
  neighbor 10.20.30.50 bfd
  maximum-paths 8
 address-family ipv6 unicast
 address-family ipv6 unicast vrf
ten1vrf1
  redistribute connected
 maximum-paths 8
 address-family 12vpn evpn
 graceful-restart
```

```
L2# show running-config router bgp
router bgp
 local-as 4200000000
 capability as4-enable
 fast-external-fallover
 neighbor 10.20.20.5 remote-as
4200000000
 neighbor 10.20.20.5 next-hop-self
 address-family ipv4 unicast
  network 172.31.254.46/32
  network 172.31.254.176/32
  maximum-paths 8
  graceful-restart
 address-family ipv4 unicast vrf
ten1vrf1
  redistribute connected
  neighbor 10.20.30.40 remote-as
50000
  neighbor 10.20.30.40 password
$9$MCgKGaNt6OASX68/7TC6Lw==
  neighbor 10.20.30.40 bfd
  neighbor 10.20.30.50 remote-as
50000
  neighbor 10.20.30.50 password
$9$ufD04Gw+49ex4H8UtvifqA==
  neighbor 10.20.30.50 bfd
  maximum-paths 8
 address-family ipv6 unicast
 address-family ipv6 unicast vrf
ten1vrf1
```



## Note

The MD5 password cannot be set or unset on an existing BGP peer present within a peer instance. You need to remove the BGP peer from the BGP peer instance and then add back the BGP peer to the peer instance with the desired MD5 password configuration.

Configure BGP MD5 Authentication for Tenant BGP Peer-group

You can provide an MD5 password during BGP peer-group create or update operations.

1. Use the efa tenant service bgp peer-group create command to create the peer group.

```
efa tenant service bgp peer-group create
--name <bgp-pg-name> --tenant <tenant-name>
--pg-name <device-ip:pg-name> --pg-asn <device-ip,pg-name:remote-asn>
--pg-bfd-enable <device-ip,pg-name:true|false>
--pg-md5-password <device-ip,pg-name:md5-password>
```

2. Use the **efa tenant service bgp peer-group update** command to update the peer group.

```
efa tenant service bgp peer-group update
--name <bgp-pg-name> --tenant <tenant-name>
--operation peer-group-add
--pg-name <device-ip:pg-name> --pg-asn <device-ip,pg-name:remote-asn>
--pg-bfd-enable <device-ip,pg-name:true|false>
--pg-md5-password <device-ip,pg-name:md5-password>
```

## Example

```
efa tenant service bgp peer-group create
           --name ten1bgppg1 --tenant ten1
           --pg-name 10.20.246.15:pg1 --pg-asn 10.20.246.15,pg1:55001
           --pg-bfd-enable 10.20.246.15,pg1:true
           --pg-md5-password 10.20.246.15,pg1:password
           --pg-name 10.20.246.16:pg1 --pg-asn 10.20.246.16,pg1:55001
           --pg-bfd-enable 10.20.246.16,pg1:true
           --pg-md5-password 10.20.246.16,pg1:password
efa tenant service bgp peer-group update
           --name ten1bgppg1 --tenant ten1
           --operation peer-group-add
           --pg-name 10.20.246.15:pg2 --pg-asn 10.20.246.15,pg2:55002
           --pg-bfd-enable 10.20.246.15,pg2:true
           --pg-md5-password 10.20.246.15,pg2:password1
           --pg-name 10.20.246.16:pg2 --pg-asn 10.20.246.16,pg2:55002
           --pg-bfd-enable 10.20.246.16,pg2:true
           --pg-md5-password 10.20.246.16,pg2:password1
efa tenant service bgp peer-group show --detail
               : ten1bgppg1
               : ten1
State
               : bgp-pg-state-created
Peer Group
       Device IP
                       : 10.20.246.15
       Peer Group
Remote ASN
                        : pq1
                       : 55001
       Next Hop Self : false
       BFD Enabled
                       : true
       BFD Interval
       BFD Rx
        BFD Multiplier :
    MD5 Password : $9$MCgKGaNt6OASX68/7TC6Lw==
       Dev State : provisioned App State : cfg-in-sync
       Device IP : 10.20.246.15
Peer Group : pg2
        Remote ASN
                       : 55002
        Next Hop Self : false
                     : true
        BFD Enabled
        BFD Interval
        BFD Rx
        BFD Multiplier
        MD5 Password : $9$ufD04Gw+49ex4H8UtvifqA==
       Dev State : provisioned App State : cfg-in-sync
        Device IP : 10.20.246.16
```

```
Peer Group : pg1
Remote ASN : 55001
Next Hop Self : false
BFD Enabled : true
BFD Interval :
BFD Rx :
BFD Multiplier :

MD5 Password : $9$MCgKGaNt6OASX68/7TC6Lw==

Dev State : provisioned
App State : cfg-in-sync

Device IP : 10.20.246.16
Peer Group : pg2
Remote ASN : 55002
Next Hop Self : false
BFD Enabled : true
BFD Interval :
BFD Rx :
BFD Multiplier :

MD5 Password : $9$ufD04Gw+49ex4H8UtvifqA==
Dev State : provisioned
App State : cfg-in-sync
```

## 3. Complete the following configuration on SLX.

```
L1# show running-config router bgp
                                      L2# show running-config router bgp
router bgp
                                      router bgp
 local-as 4200000000
                                       local-as 4200000000
 capability as4-enable
                                       capability as4-enable
 fast-external-fallover
                                       fast-external-fallover
 neighbor pg1 peer-group
                                       neighbor pgl peer-group
 neighbor pg1 remote-as 55001
                                       neighbor pg1 remote-as 55001
 neighbor pg1 password
                                       neighbor pg1 password
$9$MCgKGaNt6OASX68/7TC6Lw==
                                      $9$MCgKGaNt6OASX68/7TC6Lw==
 neighbor pgl bfd
                                       neighbor pgl bfd
 neighbor pg2 peer-group
                                       neighbor pg2 peer-group
 neighbor pg2 remote-as 55002
                                       neighbor pg2 remote-as 55002
 neighbor pg2 password
                                       neighbor pg2 password
$9$ufD04Gw+49ex4H8UtvifqA==
                                      $9$ufD04Gw+49ex4H8UtvifqA==
neighbor pg2 bfd
neighbor 10.20.20.4 remote-as
                                       neighbor pg2 bfd
neighbor 10.20.20.5 remote-as
4200000000
                                      4200000000
 neighbor 10.20.20.4 next-hop-self
                                       neighbor 10.20.20.5 next-hop-self
 address-family ipv4 unicast
                                       address-family ipv4 unicast
  network 172.31.254.46/32
                                        network 172.31.254.46/32
  network 172.31.254.123/32
                                        network 172.31.254.176/32
 maximum-paths 8
                                        maximum-paths 8
  graceful-restart
                                        graceful-restart
 address-family ipv4 unicast vrf
                                       address-family ipv4 unicast vrf
ten1vrf1
                                      ten1vrf1
                                        redistribute connected
  redistribute connected
 maximum-paths 8
                                        maximum-paths 8
                                       address-family ipv6 unicast
 address-family ipv6 unicast
 address-family ipv6 unicast vrf
                                       address-family ipv6 unicast vrf
ten1vrf1
                                      ten1vrf1
  redistribute connected
                                        redistribute connected
  maximum-paths 8
                                        maximum-paths 8
 address-family 12vpn evpn
                                       address-family 12vpn evpn
                                        graceful-restart
 graceful-restart
!
                                      1
```



#### Note

The MD5 password cannot be set or unset on an existing BGP peer-group present within a peer-group instance. You need to remove the BGP peer-group from the BGP peer-group instance and then add back the BGP peer-group to the peer-group instance with the desired MD5 password configuration.

Configure BGP MD5 Authentication for Tenant BGP Peer and Peer-group Securely

You can securely provide MD5 passwords during BGP peer-group create or update operations.

Configure BGP MD5 Authentication for Tenant BGP Peer on page 40 and Configure BGP MD5 Authentication for Tenant BGP Peer-group on page 42 present instructions for providing an md5-password per BGP peer or peer-group during the BGP peer or peer-group create and update operations.

This topic provides an additional method for doing so - in a secure manner - using the --md5-password-prompt-enable=true option in the efa tenant service bgp peer create and efa tenant service bgp peer-group create commands.

You are prompted to supply a password the same number of times as the number of BGP peer or peer-group inputs you specify in the command. Then, you can choose to type in a password, in which case, it is not shown. Alternatively, you can skip the input of the password altogether by pressing Enter.



#### Note

You can choose to provide the BGP peer or peer-group md5-password either in a secure manner (using the prompt) or in an unsecure manner, as described in the topics referenced above, but not both.

1. Run the efa tenant service bgp peer create command to create or update a BGP peer.

### For example:

The following output is displayed:

```
Enter Md5 Password for 10.20.246.6::v1::25.1.1.3:
```

For the first prompt, suppose you enter a password. It is not displayed on the screen. You are prompted for the second password:

```
Enter Md5 Password for 10.20.246.5::v1::25:1::3:
```

Suppose that this time, you do not enter a password at all but press Enter.

The following output is displayed:

BgpService created successfully.

2. Run the efa tenant service bgp peer-group create command to create or update a BGP peer-group.

#### For example:

The following output is displayed:

```
Enter Md5 Password for 10.20.246.5::v1-PeerGrp:
```

For the first prompt, suppose you enter a password. It is not displayed on the screen.

You are prompted for the second password:

```
Enter Md5 Password for 10.20.246.5::v3-PeerGrp:
```

Suppose you enter a password this time, too. It is not displayed on the screen.

Now you are prompted a third time:

```
Enter Md5 Password for 10.20.246.6::v1-PeerGrp:
```

Suppose that this time, you do not type in a password at all but press Enter.

The following output is displayed:

BgpService created successfully.

Configure BGP MD5 Authentication for Backup Routing Neighbors

The BGP MD5 password for the backup routing neighbors is the same as the one set at the fabric setting level. The BGP MD5 password for the backup routing neighbors is configured during the configuration of VRF on SLX.

If the MD5 password setting is updated or set on a provisioned fabric followed by **efa fabric configure**, then the modified backup routing neighbor configuration is applied on all the tenant VRF backup routing BGP neighbors during **efa fabric configure**.

1. Run the series of commands as shown in the following example.

```
| Name | Type | VLAN Range | L2VNI Range | L3VNI Range | VRF Count | Enable BD
| ten1 | private | 11-20 | 20001-20020 | 21001-210020 | 10 | false |
10.20.246.15[0/1-10] |
10.20.246.16[0/1-10] |
efa tenant vrf show
| Name | Tenant | Routing Type | Centralized Routers | Redistribute | Max Path |
Local Asn | Enable GR | State | Dev State | App State |
| tenlvrf1 | ten1 | distributed | connected | 8
 | false | vrf-create | not-provisioned | cfg-ready |
 +----+
efa fabric setting show --name fabric1 -advanced | grep -i MD5
| MD5 Password Enable | Yes
| MD5 Password
                    | $9$jrujIQqNxWkAyUOoI4cMtzhc4oP2VGREKwLOsSKH8bw= |
efa tenant epg show --name tenlepg1 --tenant tenl -detail
______
Name
     : ten1epg1
Tenant
       : ten1
Туре
       : extension
State
Description :
        : 10.20.246.15[0/1]
Ports : POs :
Port Property : SwitchPort Mode
       y : SWITCHPORT Mode : trunk
: Native Vlan Tagging : false
        : Single-Homed BFD Session Type : auto
NW Policy : Ctag Range
                           : 11
        : VRF
                            : ten1vrf1
        : L3Vni
                            : 21001
+-----+
| Ctag | Ctag | L2Vni | BD Name | Anycast IPv4 | Anycast IPv6
Local IP | IP MTU | IPv6 ND | IPv6 ND | IPv6 ND | Dev
State | App State |
                        | Description |
                              [Device-IP->Local-IP] | Mtu | Managed Config | Other Config |
   _____
 -----+
```

2. Complete the configuration on SLX as provided in the following example.

```
L1# show running-config router bgp
                                     L2# show running-config router bgp
router bap
                                     router bgp
 local-as 4200000000
                                      local-as 4200000000
 capability as4-enable
                                      capability as4-enable
 fast-external-fallover
                                      fast-external-fallover
 neighbor 10.20.20.3 remote-as
                                      neighbor 10.20.20.2 remote-as
4200000000
                                     4200000000
 neighbor 10.20.20.3 next-hop-self
                                      neighbor 10.20.20.2 next-hop-self
 address-family ipv4 unicast
                                      address-family ipv4 unicast
  network 172.31.254.71/32
                                       network 172.31.254.71/32
  network 172.31.254.151/32
                                       network 172.31.254.195/32
 maximum-paths 8
                                       maximum-paths 8
  graceful-restart
                                       graceful-restart
 address-family ipv4 unicast vrf
                                      address-family ipv4 unicast vrf
ten1vrf1
                                     ten1vrf1
  redistribute connected
                                       redistribute connected
  neighbor 10.40.40.252 remote-as
                                       neighbor 10.40.40.253 remote-as
4200000000
                                     4200000000
  neighbor 10.40.40.252 next-hop-
                                       neighbor 10.40.40.253 next-hop-
self
                                     self
  neighbor 10.40.40.252 password
                                       neighbor 10.40.40.253 password
                                     $9$jrujIQqNxWkAyUOoI4cMtzhc4oP2VGRE
$9$jrujIQqNxWkAyUOoI4cMtzhc4oP2VGRE
KwLOsSKH8bw=
                                     KwLOsSKH8bw=
 maximum-paths 8
                                       maximum-paths 8
 address-family ipv6 unicast
                                      address-family ipv6 unicast
 address-family ipv6 unicast vrf
                                      address-family ipv6 unicast vrf
ten1vrf1
                                     ten1vrf1
  redistribute connected
                                       redistribute connected
  neighbor fd40:4040:4040:1::fe
                                       neighbor fd40:4040:4040:1::ff
remote-as 420000000
                                     remote-as 420000000
 neighbor fd40:4040:4040:1::fe
                                       neighbor fd40:4040:4040:1::ff
next-hop-self
                                     next-hop-self
  neighbor fd40:4040:4040:1::fe
                                       neighbor fd40:4040:4040:1::ff
password
                                     password
$9$jrujIQqNxWkAyUOoI4cMtzhc4oP2VGRE
                                     $9$jrujIQqNxWkAyUOoI4cMtzhc4oP2VGRE
KwLOsSKH8bw=
                                     KwLOsSKH8bw=
  neighbor fd40:4040:4040:1::fe
                                       neighbor fd40:4040:4040:1::ff
activate
                                     activate
 maximum-paths 8
                                       maximum-paths 8
 address-family 12vpn evpn
                                      address-family 12vpn evpn
  graceful-restart
                                       graceful-restart
 !
                                     !
```



# **Security Hardening**

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Learn how to install and use open source security tools to achieve an enhanced security stance for XCO.

# Overview of System Hardening in XCO

Get an overview of techniques for hardening security in XCO.

Learn about security hardening guidance for ExtremeCloud Orchestrator (XCO), with an emphasis on the installation and usage of open source security tools to achieve a hardened operational security stance. It is assumed that you have some basic knowledge of security principles and operations of the Linux operating system and associated technologies.

**Note**: This document assumes that XCO has been installed in secure mode and is operational. For details on how to achieve this, refer to the *ExtremeCloud Orchestrator CLI Administration Guide*, *3.7.0*, which includes details on XCO security options and commands.

The following security hardening topics included in this document:

- CIS-CAT security hardening: Details of a custom python script from Extreme Networks that hardens the underlying operating system.
- Iptables firewall: Securing the XCO networking stance.
- Grub boot loader security: How to set a hardened security posture for Grub.
- System auditing with auditd: Instructions for monitoring various aspects of system runtime activities.

- OSSEC HIDS installation and usage: A broad set of indicators relevant for host intrusion detection.
- Authenticated NTP: How to ensure that NTP communications are authenticated.
- Secure DNS: Details about encrypted DNS communications.
- **Detecting rootkits with rkhunter**: Specialized run time checks for various types of Linux rootkits.

# System Hardening for CIS-CAT Assessments

TPVM provides a security hardening capability in the form of a python script located at /opt/security/extr-granite.py (for TPVM installations valid from version 4.5.0). The goal of this script is to modify various system security settings to achieve a more secure state under the examination of the CIS-CAT host scanner. Specifically, XCO running on TPVM is deployed into the Ubuntu server environment, and it is this environment that is hardened by extr-granite.py.



## Note

The /opt/security/extr-granite.py script should not be exported to other 3rd party systems.

To perform the steps that follow, make sure you have Java Runtime Environment (JRE) installed. Also, ensure that the CIS-CAT scanner has been copied to the TPVM at /root/cis-cat/Assessor-CLI.



#### Note

CIS-CAT scanner is not bundled with TPVM. You must procure an external CIS-CAT license and install it on the TPVM environment.

The procedure itself involves the running of the extr-granite.py script. Notable aspects of the script are:

- The extr-granite.py script keeps a dedicated Git repository for all changes it makes to the underlying file system. This repository is located at /opt/extr-granite-hardening/OS-files-git.
- Git tags are used by extr-granite.py for every run cycle. This allows easy comparison of what the script changes on the host operating system from one run to the next.
- A comprehensive log file is kept at /opt/extr-granite-hardening/hardening-log.

The hardening script can be run multiple times, and even run at every boot using the init scripts. Every run receives its own Git tag in the OS-files-git repository. This makes it possible to track the changes the script has made, going back to the initial import.

the TPVM.

Perform the following steps to run the security script and verify that it is working:

Install CIS-CAT on the host and produce a scan result.
 Here is an example of the abbreviated output. There is a CIS-CAT score of 56.11% on

```
***** Assessment Results Summary *****

Total # of Results: 241
Total Scored Results: 180
Total Pass: 101 Total
Fail: 78
Total Error: 1
Total Unknown: 0
Total Not Applicable: 0
Total Not Checked: 20
Total Not Selected: 37
Total Informational: 4

***** Assessment Scoring *****

Score Earned: 101.0
Maximum Available: 180.0
Total: 56.11%
```

2. Run /opt/security/extr-granite.py.

Here is an example of an abbreviated output.

```
root@node-1:/opt/security# ./extr-granite.py
Initialized empty Git repository in /opt/extr-granite-hardening/OS-files-git/.git/
[master (root-commit) 1e2796b] initial import
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
create mode 100644 README
[+] ./extr-granite.py version: 0.89 - Initialized
sending incremental file list
/usr/
/usr/sbin/
/usr/sbin/grub-mkconfig
sent 3,467 bytes received 47 bytes 7,028.00 bytes/sec
total size is 8,219 speedup is 2.34
[master 8b2b4bd] initial import: /usr/sbin/grub-mkconfig, for CIS-CAT test: 1.4.1
Ensure permissions on bootloader config are not overridden
1 file changed, 311 insertions (+)
create mode 100755 usr/sbin/grub-mkconfig
sending incremental file list
/etc/
/etc/sysctl.conf
sent 1,163 bytes received 39 bytes 2,404.00 bytes/sec
total size is 2,683 speedup is 2.23
[master 2f4ad6c] initial import: /etc/sysctl.conf, for CIS-CAT test: 1.5.2 Ensure
address space layout randomization (ASLR) is enabled
1 file changed, 77 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 etc/sysctl.conf
kernel.randomize va space = 2
sending incremental file list
/etc/security/
/etc/security/limits.conf
```

```
sent 1,168 bytes received 44 bytes 2,424.00 bytes/sec
total size is 2,306 speedup is 1.90
[master 7ef96f4] file: /etc/pam.d/su, CIS-CAT test: 5.7 Ensure access to the su
command is restricted
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
sending incremental file list
/etc/group
sent 544 bytes received 36 bytes 1,160.00 bytes/sec
total size is 832 speedup is 1.43
[master 374f6c9] file: /etc/group, CIS-CAT test: 5.7 Ensure access to the su command
is restricted (2)
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 1 deletion(-)
sending incremental file list
/etc/profile
sent 436 bytes received 36 bytes 944.00 bytes/sec
total size is 619 speedup is 1.31
[master b305cfe] file: /etc/profile, CIS-CAT test: 5.5.5 Ensure default user shell
timeout is 900 seconds or less
1 file changed, 3 insertions(+)
[+] Total checks run: 55
root@node-1:/opt/security#
```

The following example shows all changes from the initial import to the tag of the first run:

```
extr-granite-run1
```

Further, the example does the same git diff, except it shows just the changes that were made to the original /etc/ssh/sshd config file.

```
root@tpvm:/opt/extr-granite-hardening/OS-files-git# git tag -l
extr-granite-initial-import
extr-granite-run1
root@tpvm:/opt/extr-granite-hardening/OS-files-git# git diff extr-granite-initial-
import extr-granite-run1
diff --git a/etc/issue b/etc/issue
index 80ae21e..5192c40 100644
--- a/etc/issue
+++ b/etc/issue
@@ -1,2 +1 @@
-Ubuntu XX.XX
+Extreme Networks, Inc. EFA product. Authorized users only. All activity may be
monitored and reported.
diff --qit a/etc/issue.net b/etc/issue.net
index 5e9e2fa..5192c40 100644
--- a/etc/issue.net
+++ b/etc/issue.net
@@ -1 +1 @@
-Ubuntu XX.XX
+Extreme Networks, Inc. EFA product. Authorized users only. All activity may be
monitored and reported.
diff --git a/etc/modprobe.d/cramfs.conf b/etc/modprobe.d/cramfs.conf
new file mode 100644
index 0000000..b77c93a
--- /dev/null
+++ b/etc/modprobe.d/cramfs.conf
```

```
@@ -0,0 +1 @@
+install cramfs /bin/true
diff --git a/etc/modprobe.d/freevxfs.conf b/etc/modprobe.d/freevxfs.conf
new file mode 100644
index 0000000..72d4aec
--- /dev/null
+++ b/etc/modprobe.d/freevxfs.conf
@@ -0,0 +1 @@
+install freevxfs /bin/true
root@tpvm:/opt/extr-granite-hardening/OS-files-git# ls etc/ssh/sshd config
etc/ssh/sshd config
root@tpvm:/opt/extr-granite-hardening/OS-files-git# git help diff^C
root@tpvm:/opt/extr-granite-hardening/OS-files-git# git diff extr-granite-initial-
import extr-granite-run1 ./etc/ssh/sshd config
diff --git a/etc/ssh/sshd config b/etc/ssh/sshd config
index 3f0e52e..f640120 100644
--- a/etc/ssh/sshd config
+++ b/etc/ssh/sshd config
@@ -121,4 +121,11 @@ Subsystem sftp
                                       /usr/lib/openssh/sftp-server
       PermitTTY no
       ForceCommand cvs server
PasswordAuthentication yes
-MaxStartups 30:30:100
+MaxStartups 10:30:60
+MaxAuthTries 4
+MACs hmac-sha2-512-etm@openssh.com,hmac-sha2-256-etm@openssh.com,hmac-sha2-512,hmac-
+KexAlgorithms curve25519-sha256,curve25519-sha256@libssh.org,diffie-hellman-
group14-sha256, diffie-hellman-group16-sha512, diffie-hellman-group18-sha512, ecdh-sha2-
nistp521,ecdh-sha2-nistp384,ecdh-sha2-nistp256,diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha256
+LoginGraceTime 60
+Banner /etc/issue.net
```



#### Note

After running the security hardening script, reconnect to the existing TPVM SSH sessions (active/standby/vip) for the new ssh parameters to take effect.

3. Rerun the CIS-CAT auditor and verify that the scan results produce a score greater than 80%.

Note that the hardening results are against version 4.29.0 of the CIS-CAT Assessor.

The following score achieved is against TPVM version 4.6.15.

```
Active Node

***** Assessment Results Summary *****

Total # of Results: 243

Total Scored Results: 219

Total Pass: 176

Total Fail: 43

Total Error: 0

Total Unknown: 0

Total Not Applicable: 0

Total Not Selected: 0

Total Informational: 5

****** Assessment Scoring *****

Score Earned: 176.0

Maximum Available: 219.0
```

```
Total: 80.37%
Standby Node
**** Assessment Results Summary ****
Total # of Results: 243
Total Scored Results: 219
     Total Pass: 176
         Total Fail: 43
        Total Error: 0
      Total Unknown: 0
Total Not Applicable: 0
   Total Not Checked: 19
  Total Not Selected: 0
 Total Informational: 5
**** Assessment Scoring ****
      Score Earned: 176.0
   Maximum Available: 219.0
             Total: 80.37%
```

# The following score is achieved against XCO Version 3.7.0 on Ubuntu Version 20.04 LTS.

```
Active Node
**** Assessment Results Summary ****
Total # of Results: 243
Total Scored Results: 219
     Total Pass: 176
         Total Fail: 43
        Total Error: 0
      Total Unknown: 0
Total Not Applicable: 0
   Total Not Checked: 19
  Total Not Selected: 0
  Total Informational: 5
***** Assessment Scoring *****
      Score Earned: 176.0
    Maximum Available: 219.0
             Total: 80.37%
Standby Node
**** Assessment Results Summary ****
Total # of Results: 243
Total Scored Results: 219
     Total Pass: 176
         Total Fail: 43
        Total Error: 0
      Total Unknown: 0
Total Not Applicable: 0
   Total Not Checked: 19
  Total Not Selected: 0
  Total Informational: 5
```

```
***** Assessment Scoring *****

Score Earned: 176.0

Maximum Available: 219.0

Total: 80.37%
```

# Hardening Script for Ubuntu Linux Host Servers

## Hardening Script for Ubuntu Linux Host Servers

Note that the hardening results are against version 4.29.0 of the CIS-CAT Assessor.

As well as the <code>/opt/security/extr-granite.py</code> script for TPVM deployments, a security hardening script for Ubuntu Linux 20.04 LTS host servers is available at <code>/opt/efa/security/extr-granite-server.py</code>. The script depends on three packages, auditd, audispd-plugins, and iptables-persistant. These packages are not shipped with XCO and they and their dependencies must be installed on the XCO server before using the security script.

To run this procedure, complete the following:

```
(efa:user)user@server2:~/efa33$ cd /opt/efa/security/
(efa:user)user@server2:/opt/efa/security$ ls
extr-granite-server.py
(efa:user)user@server2:/opt/efa/security$ sudo su
root@server2:/opt/efa/security# ls
extr-granite-server.py
root@server2:/opt/efa/security# ./extr-granite-server.py
Initialized empty Git repository in /opt/extr-granite-server-hardening/OS-files-git/.git/
[master (root-commit) 136e544] initial import
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
create mode 100644 README
[+] ./extr-granite-server.py version: 0.01 - Initialized
sent 433 bytes received 36 bytes 938.00 bytes/sec
total size is 619 speedup is 1.32
[master f09c26c] file: /etc/profile, CIS-CAT test: 5.5.5 Ensure default user shell
timeout is 900 seconds or less
1 file changed, 3 insertions(+)
[+] Total checks run: 71
root@server2:/opt/efa/security# exit
(efa:user) user@server2:/opt/efa/security$
```

Note that the hardening results are against version 4.29.0 of the CIS-CAT Assessor. The following is achieved against XCO Version 3.7.0 on Ubuntu Version 20.04 LTS.

```
Active Node

***** Assessment Results Summary *****

Total # of Results: 243

Total Scored Results: 219

Total Pass: 176

Total Fail: 43

Total Error: 0
```

```
Total Unknown: 0
Total Not Applicable: 0
  Total Not Checked: 19
  Total Not Selected: 0
 Total Informational: 5
***** Assessment Scoring *****
      Score Earned: 176.0
   Maximum Available: 219.0
           Total: 80.37%
Standby Node
**** Assessment Results Summary ****
Total # of Results: 243
Total Scored Results: 219
    Total Pass: 176
        Total Fail: 43
       Total Error: 0
     Total Unknown: 0
Total Not Applicable: 0
   Total Not Checked: 19
  Total Not Selected: 0
 Total Informational: 5
**** Assessment Scoring *****
______
      Score Earned: 176.0
   Maximum Available: 219.0
            Total: 80.37%
```

# Security Hardening for SLX in XCO

Harden your security for SLX devices in ExtremeCloud Orchestrator.

# SLX Device Configuration

As part of security hardening of the SLX device, several configurations are supported from XCO. These configurations are applicable only for the SLX versions 20.3.2 and above. Any SSH server settings change need SSHD to be restarted, and hence any client connected via SSH needs to reconnect...

The following configuration are applied on the SLX device during registration in XCO.

1. SSH Server restarts on the device after the SSH configuration is completed.

Setting	Default Value
22.12	hmac-sha2-512-etm@openssh.com, hmac-sha2-256-etm@openssh.com, hmac-sha2-512, hmac-sha2-256

SSHD Key Exchange Algorithms	curve25519-sha256,curve25519-sha256@libssh.org,diffie-hellman-group14-sha256,diffie-hellman-group16-sha512,diffie-hellman-group18-sha512,diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha256
Cipher	non-cbc

## The following SLX command is for the SSH configuration on SLX devices:

```
SLX# config
Entering configuration mode terminal
SLX(config) # ssh server mac hmac-sha2-512-etm@openssh.com,hmac-sha2-256-
etm@openssh.com,umac-128-etm@openssh.com,hmac-sha2-256,hmac-sha2-512
% Info: Configuration is successful. For this config to take effect immediately,
restart SSH server via exec command ssh-server restart or save the config and reload.
SLX(config) # ssh server key-
exchange curve25519-sha256, curve25519-sha256@libssh.org, diffie-hellman-group-
exchange-sha256, diffie-hellman-group16-sha512, diffie-hellman-group18-sha512, diffie-
hellman-group14-sha256
% Info: Configuration is successful. For this config to take effect immediately,
restart SSH server via exec command ssh-server restart or save the config and reload.
SLX(config) # ssh server cipher
SLX(config) # ssh server cipher non-cbc
% Info: Configuration is successful. For this config to take effect immediately,
restart SSH server via exec command ssh-server restart or save the config and reload.
SLX(config)# exit
SLX# ssh-server restart
Warning: This operation will disconnect all active SSH sessions.
Are you sure you want to restart the SSH server [y/n]? y
SSH server is going down for restart NOW !!
```

## 2. The following command shows the SSH configuration parameters on SLX:

```
SLX# show ssh server status

SSH Kex Exchange Algorithm: curve25519-sha256,curve25519-sha256@libssh.org,diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha256,diffie-hellman-group16-sha512,diffie-hellman-group18-sha512,diffie-hellman-group14-sha256

SSH Server Rekey Volume: 1024

SSH Server Auth Tries: 6

SSH Server Login Timeout: 120

SSH Server Cipher: non-cbc

SSH Server Mac: hmac-sha2-512-etm@openssh.com,hmac-sha2-256-etm@openssh.com,umac-128-etm@openssh.com,hmac-sha2-256,hmac-sha2-512

VRF-Name: mgmt-vrf Status: Enabled

VRF-Name: default-vrf Status: Enabled
```

### 3. The following SLX command disables the Telnet server on mgmt-vrf:

```
SLX# config
Entering configuration mode terminal
SLX(config)# telnet server use-vrf mgmt-vrf shutdown
```

#### 4. The following command shows the Telnet configuration on SLX:

```
SLX# show telnet server status
VRF-Name: default-vrf Status: Enabled
VRF-Name: mgmt-vrf Status: Disabled
```

5. The following attributes on the SLX devices (applicable for versions above 20.3.1) are applicable for password configuration:

Setting	Default Value
Max Password Age	90
Force Default Password Change	Disabled

The following SLX command configures the password attributes on SLX devices:

```
SLX# config
Entering configuration mode terminal
SLX(config)# password-attributes max-password-age 365
SLX(config)# password-attributes force-default-password-change
```

6. The following command shows the password configuration on SLX:

```
SLX# show running-config password-attributes
password-attributes force-default-password-change
password-attributes max-password-age 365
```

7. The following SLX command configures TLS on SLX devices: (applicable for versions above 20.3.2):

The minimum version of TLS Configuration on the server is set to 1.2.

```
SLX# config
Entering configuration mode terminal
SLX(config) # management-security
SLX(mgmt-security) # ssl-profile server
SLX(mgmt-sec-ssl-profile-server) # tls min-version 1.2
To view the configuration on SLX,
SLX# show running-config management-security ssl-profile server tls
management-security
ssl-profile server
tls min-version 1.2
!
```

- The configuration attributes described above are the default values that are available in XCO on installation.
- The settings are 'enabled' by default. On device registration, the settings are applied on SLX based on the supported versions.
- When you update the settings before device registration, the same values are applied on the device.
- If the settings are changed after device registration, you must manually apply the settings on the specific devices.
- On a device update, if there is any deviation, the AppState will be in 'cfg-refresh'.
- When the device is unregistered from XCO, these settings are removed from the device.

## Global Device Security Settings

1. The following command displays the security settings that are configured on the SLX devices:

efa inventory device secure settings show NAME | VALUE +----+---| Min-tls-version | 1.2 | Mac-algorithm | hmac-sha2-512-etm@openssh.com | hmac-sha2-256-etm@openssh.com | hmac-sha2-512 | hmac-sha2-256 | Key-exchange-algorithm | curve25519-sha256 | curve25519-sha256@libssh.org | diffie-hellman-group14-sha256 | diffie-hellman-group16-sha512 | diffie-hellman-group18-sha512 | diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha256 | | non-cbc | Cipher | Disable +----| Max-password-age | 365

These settings are common across all devices registered on the XCO installation.

2. The following command updates a security setting applicable for the SLX devices:

```
efa inventory device secure settings update --min-tls-version 1.2

efa inventory device secure settings update --mac-algorithm hmac-sha2-512-
etm@openssh.com,hmac-sha2-256-etm@openssh.com,hmac-sha2-512,hmac-sha2-256

efa inventory device secure settings
update --key-exchange-algorithm curve25519-sha256,curve25519-
sha256@libssh.org,diffie-hellman-group14-sha256,diffie-hellman-group16-sha512,diffie-hellman-group18-sha512,diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha256

efa inventory device secure settings update --telnet enable --cipher non-cbc --
max-password-age 365
```

After updating any of the settings, you must manually apply those settings on the devices or fabric. These changes are not automatically updated on any device.

3. The following command resets the security setting to the default value on the SLX devices:

```
efa inventory device secure settings reset --telnet --cipher --max-password-age
      --min-tls-version
                                     Reset minimum TLS version to the default value
     --mac-algorithm
                                      Reset MAC Algorithms to the default values
     --key-exchange-algorithm
                                     Reset Key-Exchange Algorithms to the default
values
     --cipher
                                     Reset Ciphers to the default values
     --telnet
                                     Reset telnet to the default value of disabled
     --max-password-age
                                     Reset the maximum number of days before
password expiry to the default value
     --force-default-password-change Reset force a change in the default password
to the default value
```

4. The following command enables or disables the security settings on the SLX devices:

If you do not want to configure any security hardening settings on the device, disable the secure settings before device registration.

```
$ efa inventory device secure settings disable
Device secure settings have been disabled.
--- Time Elapsed: 57.000421492s ---
```



#### Note

If you disable the security settings after device registration, there will not be any change done on the device.

## **Device Security Settings**

Apply the security hardening configuration on the device. You can use this command for enabling security hardening on devices that are already registered in XCO or if there is any update in the security settings.

1. The following command applies the security settings on the SLX devices:

```
efa inventory device secure settings apply [ --ip device-ips | --fabric fabric | 
--ip device-ip Specifies a comma-separated range of device IP addresses.

Example: 1.1.1.3,1.1.1.2,2.2.2.2.
--fabric fabric Specifies fabric name.
```

#### Example:

```
efa inventory device secure settings apply --ip 1.1.1.1-3,2.2.2.2 efa inventory device secure settings apply --fabric fabric1
```

2. The following command shows the current settings on an SLX device:

```
efa inventory device secure settings show [ --ip device-ip |
--ip device-ip Specifies a device IP address. Example: 1.1.1.1.
```

#### Example:

```
efa inventory device secure settings show --ip 1.1.1.1
| NAME | VALUE
+----+
               | 1.2
| Min-tls-version
                 | hmac-sha2-512-etm@openssh.com
| Mac-algorithm
                     | hmac-sha2-256-etm@openssh.com
                     | hmac-sha2-512
                     | hmac-sha2-256
| Key-exchange-algorithm | curve25519-sha256
                    | curve25519-sha256@libssh.org
                     | diffie-hellman-group14-sha256
                     | diffie-hellman-group16-sha512
                     | diffie-hellman-group18-sha512
                     | diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha256 |
            | non-cbc
| Telnet | Disable
```

Max-password-age	365	
+	+	+

# Drift and Reconcile for Security Settings

Drift is calculated by comparing the settings on the device and the global security settings as these settings are the user intended settings that must be available on the system. SSH server restarts whenever applicable.

**Table 10: Drift Reconcile & Idempotency support** 

Identify Drift	Reconcile configuration	Idempotency
Yes	Yes	Yes

NAME	VALUE
UUID	3d073e9c-879f-4db7-9ab9-852c3f669d51
Device IP	10.x.x.x
Status	success
Execution Reason	manual
operation	drift-and-reconcile
Inventory Status	inventory-dr-success
Is Inventory config Refreshed	
Inventory Duration	15.586983384s +
Fabric Status	fabric-dr-success
Is Fabric config Refreshed	
Fabric Duration	121.479233ms
Policy Status	policy-dr-success
Is Policy config Refreshed	false 
Policy Duration	88.764104ms +
Tenant Status	tenant-dr-success
Is Tenant config Refreshed	false
Tenant Duration	49.042052ms
Device Update Count	2
Device Update Total Duration	

```
-+----+
| Last Modified
                        | 2022-09-19 20:29:16 +0530 IST
| Duration
                         | 3m29.931352961s
+-----
Inventory Service Response:
Config Drift: Device Secure Settings
   NAME | APP STATE | CHILD CONFIG
| Device Secure Settings | cfg-refreshed | Secure Setting Max Password
                         | Age
  ______
Reconcile Status:
  CONFIG-TYPE | APP STATE | ERROR-MESSAGE |
+-----
| NtpAuthKey | Not-Attempted |
| SnmpHost | Not-Attempted |
| MMOnReboot | Not-Attempted |
| ThresholdMonitor | Not-Attempted |
| SecureSetting | Success |
| NtpDisable | Not-Attempted |
| SnmpView | Not-Attempted |
| SnmpGroup | Not-Attempted |
| DeviceSetting | Not-Attempted |
| NtpServer | Not-Attempted |
| BreakoutInterface | Not-Attempted |
Fabric Service Response:
Policy Service Response:
Tenant service Response:
--- Time Elapsed: 75.311491ms ---
```

The following table describes scenarios for the device secure settings:

Scenario	Secure Settings	Device Config
Fresh installation of XCO	Enabled (Default)	Applied on device registration
Fresh installation	Disabled	No settings are applied during registration

The iptables Policy Security Hardening

Scenario	Secure Settings	Device Config
Upgrade from prior releases. Security hardening configuration is executed on the device with same configuration as the default settings in XCO.	Enabled (Default)	Device update will result in cfg-in-sync
Upgrade from prior releases. Security hardening configuration is executed on the device with different configuration than the default settings in XCO.	Enabled (Default)	Device update will result in cfg-refresh
Upgrade from prior releases. No security hardening configuration is executed on the device.	Enabled (Default)	Device update will result in cfg-refresh
Upgrade from prior releases	Disabled	Device update will result in cfg-in-sync

# The iptables Policy

As a core component of XCO, Kubernetes uses iptables to control the network connections between pods (and between nodes), handling many of the networking and port forwarding rules. XCO builds a custom iptables policy to firewall off services (such as the MySQL database) on the XCO management interface. The XCO iptables policy is instantiated by default at installation time and is enabled at boot, through the system service.

To see the status of the XCO iptables policy, in addition to the policy itself, run the following commands:

```
$ ssh -1 extreme 192.168.10.109
Password:
extreme@tpvm:~$ sudo su -
root@tpvm:~#
root@tpvm:~# systemctl status efa-iptables
  efa-iptables.service - iptables rules for EFA
  Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/efa-iptables.service; enabled; vendor preset:
enabled)
  Active: active (exited) since Fri 2020-10-09 20:48:03 UTC; 1 day 17h ago
 Main PID: 19384 (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Tasks: 0 (limit: 4638)
  CGroup: /system.slice/efa-iptables.service
Oct 09 20:48:03 tpvm systemd[1]: Starting iptables rules for EFA...
Oct 09 20:48:03 tpvm systemd[1]: Started iptables rules for EFA.
root@tpvm:~# iptables -v -nL EFA INPUT
Chain EFA INPUT (1 references)
pkts bytes target prot opt in out source
                                                          destination
   0 0 DROP
                    tcp -- eth0 * 0.0.0.0/0
                                                        0.0.0.0/0
                                                                         multiport
dports 1024:6513,6515:8077,8079:65535 ctstate NEW
                                          0.0.0.0/0
        0 DROP udp -- eth0 *
                                                          0.0.0.0/0
                                                                         multiport
dports 1024:65535 ctstate NEW
```

With iptables policy active, it should not be possible to connect to the MySQL database on TCP port 3306 on the management interface from an external host. Use Nmap to verify that port 3306 been firewalled off:

## Nmap Scan Output from a Remote System on the VIP

```
Host is up (0.23s latency).
Not shown: 64511 filtered ports, 1018 closed ports
PORT
         STATE SERVICE
                             VERSION
22/tcp
         open
                ssh
                             OpenSSH 7.6pl Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.5 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
80/tcp
                             Golang net/http server (Go-IPFS json-rpc or InfluxDB API)
                http
         open
443/tcp
                ssl/https
        open
514/tcp
       open
                shell?
6514/tcp open
                ssl/syslog-tls?
8078/tcp open
                ssl/http
                              Golang net/http server (Go-IPFS json-rpc or InfluxDB API)
```

# Nmap Scan Output on the Active Node on a Multi-node Setup

```
Host is up (0.0020s latency).
Not shown: 65515 closed ports
PORT
          STATE SERVICE
                              VERSION
22/tcp
          open
                 ssh
                              OpenSSH 7.6pl Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.5 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
80/tcp
                              Golang net/http server (Go-IPFS json-rpc or InfluxDB API)
         open
                http
111/tcp
                 rpcbind
                              2-4 (RPC #100000)
         open
443/tcp
                ssl/https
         open
514/tcp
         open
                 shell?
```

```
3306/tcp open mysql?
4567/tcp open
                tram?
6514/tcp open
                ssl/syslog-tls?
8078/tcp open
                 ssl/http
                             Golang net/http server (Go-IPFS json-rpc or InfluxDB API)
8079/tcp open
                ssl/http
                             Golang net/http server (Go-IPFS json-rpc or InfluxDB API)
8080/tcp open
                             Golang net/http server (Go-IPFS json-rpc or InfluxDB API)
                 ssl/http
8088/tcp open
                             Golang net/http server (Go-IPFS json-rpc or InfluxDB API)
                http
8091/tcp open
                http
                              Golang net/http server (Go-IPFS json-rpc or InfluxDB API)
                              Golang net/http server (Go-IPFS json-rpc or InfluxDB API)
8092/tcp open
                http
10250/tcp open
                ssl/http
                             Golang net/http server (Go-IPFS json-rpc or InfluxDB API)
24007/tcp open
                rpcbind
49152/tcp open
                rpcbind
49153/tcp open
                rpcbind
49154/tcp open
                rpcbind
```

## Secure the Grub Boot Loader

To add the Grub boot loader to the security posture, perform the following steps.

Securing the Grub boot loader is an important addition to the security posture for the operating system where XCO is deployed. There are two general phases for securing the boot loader:

- Set a password in the Grub configuration to harden against modifications to the Linux kernel boot-time command line.
- Set a password for the 'root' user to protect against attempts to acquire single-user mode at boot.
- 1. Set a password in the Grub configuration:
  - a. Acquire root and then run the grub-mkpasswd-pbkdf2 command (full output is shown below).
  - b. Append the password hash and the string set superusers="root" to the file /etc/grub.d/40 custom.
  - c. Add --unrestricted to the "CLASS=" definition line in /etc/grub.d/ 10 linux.
  - d. Run the command update-grub.

```
root@tpvm:~# grub-mkpasswd-pbkdf2
Enter password:
Reenter password:
PBKDF2 hash of your password is
grub.pbkdf2.sha512.10000.72C8CE3112C007A315A94DD7A63B58392DD00653ACAF8795C8528D83967
FA24105B0B53D0092522460532AF05C60EE3E0C7EAC95213E865DF31580A341188ABC.843EF94A9C8EE8
AC1776F5B88261D1B6DE437A70AEABE3C814764596F696EE5F7FDF912E63B4D47AE3E7BB468A6B639F00
051D142698142EF158E6C141CF38B7
root@tpvm:~# cat >> /etc/grub.d/40 custom
```

```
set superusers="root"
password pbkdf2 root
grub.pbkdf2.sha512.10000.A577D1C8F13C93B82EA5E25E834D5BD88ECB94A5B42F2DABE4FB7A235F3
A25A12E6542CB5DA9620B2E0342FE28A4F066BE1B99F2EFBE8C0688FBE11FDB3138DD.2C7C81C7FA0404
C768DDCE097B3AA8DD08C042B4FDBA089C0837F91B6C8864EE83B19CBC6D4C5C126E76FA20BE93789920
913B12CAC841CA65EA3BAD5921F8D5
root@tpvm:~# <edit /etc/grub.d/10 linux to make the CLASS line look like the
following>
root@tpvm:~# grep CLASS /etc/grub.d/10 linux | head -n 1
CLASS="--class gnu-linux --class gnu --class os --unrestricted"
root@tpvm:~ # update-grub
Sourcing file `/etc/default/grub'
Generating grub configuration file ...
Found linux image: /boot/vmlinuz-5.4.0-48-generic
Found initrd image: /boot/initrd.img-5.4.0-48-generic
Found linux image: /boot/vmlinuz-5.3.0-40-generic
Found initrd image: /boot/initrd.img-5.3.0-40-generic
Found linux image: /boot/vmlinuz-4.15.0-118-generic
Found initrd image: /boot/initrd.img-4.15.0-118-generic
Found linux image: /boot/vmlinuz-4.15.0-88-generic
Found initrd image: /boot/initrd.img-4.15.0-88-generic
```

2. Set a password for the 'root' user by running the following commands:

```
root@tpvm~:# passwd
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
```

# Install the Linux Audit System

To install the Linux Audit System, perform the following steps.

XCO is based on the Ubuntu operating system, which by default, does not come with auditd (Linux Audit System) installed. Perform the instructions that follow to install it in XCO. During the installation process, auditd is enabled by default via systemctl and starts writing audit trail log data to the file /var/log/audit/audit.log



#### Note

Linux Audit System is available by default on TPVM 4.5.10 and above.

To install, run the following command:

```
# apt-get install auditd
```

#### This is an example output:

```
type=DAEMON_START msg=audit(1591152521.117:3494): op=start ver=2.8.2 format=raw kernel=5.3.0-53-generic auid=4294967295 pid=27162 uid=0 ses=4294967295 subj=unconfined res=success type=CONFIG_CHANGE msg=audit(1591152521.153:23): op=set audit_backlog_limit=8192 old=64 auid=4294967295 ses=4294967295 res=1 type=CONFIG_CHANGE msg=audit(1591152521.157:24): op=set audit_failure=1 old=1 auid=4294967295 ses=4294967295 res=1 type=CONFIG_CHANGE msg=audit(1591152521.157:25): op=set audit_backlog_wait_time=0 old=15000 auid=4294967295 ses=4294967295 res=1 type=SERVICE_START msg=audit(1591152521.157:26): pid=1 uid=0 auid=4294967295 ses=4294967295 ses=4294967295 msg='unit=auditd comm="systemd" exe="/lib/systemd/systemd" hostname=? addr=? terminal=? res=success'
```

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You can produce more interesting data from the audit.log file when you authenticate to the XCO host. In this case, the audit trail data for the user 'extreme' authenticating via SSH is displayed:

```
type=USER LOGIN msg=audit(1591975761.779:39): pid=7894 uid=0 auid=4294967295
ses=4294967295 msg='op=login acct="extreme" exe="/usr/sbin/sshd" hostname=?
addr=192.168.10.12 terminal=sshd res=failed'
type=USER AUTH msg=audit(1591975763.219:40): pid=7894 uid=0 auid=4294967295
ses=4294967295 msg='op=PAM:authentication acct="extreme" exe="/usr/sbin/sshd"
hostname=192.168.10.12 addr=192.168.10.12 terminal=ssh res=success'
type=USER ACCT msg=audit(1591975763.219:41): pid=7894 uid=0 auid=4294967295
ses=4294967295 msg='op=PAM:accounting acct="extreme" exe="/usr/sbin/sshd"
hostname=192.168.10.12 addr=192.168.10.12 terminal=ssh res=success'
type=CRED ACQ msg=audit(1591975763.223:42): pid=7894 uid=0 auid=4294967295 ses=4294967295
msg='op=PAM:setcred acct="extreme" exe="/usr/sbin/sshd" hostname=192.168.10.12
addr=192.168.10.12 terminal=ssh res=success'
type=LOGIN msg=audit(1591975763.223:43): pid=7894 uid=0 old-auid=4294967295 auid=1000
tty=(none) old-ses=4294967295 ses=127 res=1
type=USER START msg=audit(1591975764.487:44): pid=7894 uid=0 auid=1000 ses=127
msg='op=PAM:session open acct="extreme" exe="/usr/sbin/sshd" hostname=192.168.10.12
addr=192.168.10.12 terminal=ssh res=success'
type=CRED ACQ msg=audit(1591975764.491:45): pid=8113 uid=0 auid=1000 ses=127
msg='op=PAM:setcred acct="extreme" exe="/usr/sbin/sshd" hostname=192.168.10.12
addr=192.168.10.12 terminal=ssh res=success'
type=USER LOGIN msg=audit(1591975764.547:46): pid=7894 uid=0 auid=1000 ses=127
msq='op=login id=1000 exe="/usr/sbin/sshd" hostname=192.168.10.12 addr=192.168.10.12
terminal=/dev/pts/1 res=success'
```

Further, when the 'extreme' user authenticates to the 'XCO' command line with efa login, the following audit trail message is generated (in case of success):

```
type=USER_AUTH msg=audit(1591975780.823:47): pid=21139 uid=0 auid=4294967295
ses=4294967295 msg='op=PAM:authentication acct="extreme" exe="/apps/bin/hostauth"
hostname=? addr=? terminal=? res=success'
```

And here is the output in case of failures:

```
type=USER_AUTH msg=audit(1591976323.760:58): pid=21139 uid=0 auid=4294967295
ses=4294967295 msg='op=PAM:authentication acct="extreme" exe="/apps/bin/hostauth"
hostname=? addr=? terminal=? res=failed'
```

## Secure NTP and XCO

For XCO, authenticated NTP can be used in two possible configurations:

- · XCO acts as a client to existing NTP infrastructure.
- · XCO runs its own NTP server. Steps for achieving this solution are provided below.

Also, there are many different visions for secure NTP that can range from authentication (at the low end) to leveraging the newest NTS (Network Time Secure) protocol that leverages public key cryptography via TLS (at the high end).

XCO is based on Ubuntu 18.04, and ntpsec from the upstream package maintainers does not allow for a comprehensive and well-supported usage of NTS. However, if this is an absolute requirement, you can achieve NTS support on XCO by manually compiling and deploying a recent version of ntpsec, **but this is not a supported solution**. This comes at the cost of not using the sanctioned Ubuntu packaging system for package updates, and this tradeoff may not be worth it within certain operational environments.

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## Enforcing authentication where XCO acts as a client to existing NTP infrastructure

If XCO is to act only as a client for authenticated NTP, then upstream NTP servers where XCO is pointed also need to support authenticated NTP. You can use public NTP servers for this purpose, such as those of the US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). For more information, see the NIST website. The following is an excerpt from the site:

"The time messages will be authenticated using symmetric-key encryption in a manner that is fully compatible with the published NTP documentation. (Autokey and asymmetric key modes will not be used.) Each registered user will be assigned a unique encryption key, which will be linked to the IP address(es) of the user's system(s).

A registered user will be able to communicate with the authenticated server using this assigned encryption key or using a default key of 0, which is equivalent to disabling the encryption algorithm. Users who are not registered will not be able to connect to this server, but can use any of the other NIST servers, which will not be modified."

## Enforcing authentication where XCO provides its own NTP server

1. Populate the /etc/ntp.keys file with a SHAI symmetric key. This can easily be done with the following command (which uses the /etc/shadow file as input to produce the SHAI hash, and this hash must be shared with all clients that need to authenticate):

```
echo "3 SHA1 `sha1sum /etc/shadow |cut -d ' ' -f 1`" > ntp.keys
```

- 2. Add the line 'keys /etc/ntp.keys' to the /etc/ntp.conf file on XCO.
- 3. Share the SHAI symmetric key from Step I with any clients that are authorized to acquire NTP data from XCO. This could include the population of managed SLX devices for example.
- 4. Restart the NTP daemon on XCO, and verify that no start-up error for the ntpd process is logged to /var/log/syslog. For example, if the format of the /etc/ntp.keys file is invalid, then the following error is displayed.



#### Note

From the perspective of NTP clients, if coming from a Linux system the /etc/ntp.keys file from the server configuration steps above should be available in the file system. For example, if this file is also placed at /etc/ntp.keys, then the step for acquiring NTP information from XCO is as follows:

# sntp -k /etc/ntp.keys <efa hostname>

Secure DNS and XCO Security Hardening

## Secure DNS and XCO

To achieve secure DNS communications using dnscrypt-proxy, perform the following steps.

Achieving secure DNS communications can be a critical aspect of a strong operational security posture. Use the open source 'dnscrypt-proxy' package to bring encrypted DNS communications to XCO.

1. Install dnscrypt-proxy by running:

```
apt-get install
dnscrypt-proxy
```

2. Review the various resolvers that support encrypted DNS in the file /usr/share/dnscrypt-proxy/dnscrypt-resolvers.csv and select one. The name of this resolver is in the first column in this file. For example, the 'adguard-dns-nsl' resolver is displayed here:

3. Edit the /etc/dnscrypt/dnscrypt-proxy.conf file, and set

```
ResolverName adguard-dns-ns1
LocalAddress 127.0.0.1:53
```

4. Edit the /etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/dnscrypt-proxy.socket file and make sure the [Socket] section looks like this:

```
[Socket]
ListenStream=127.0.0.1:53
ListenDatagram=127.0.0.1:53
```

Reload systemd, disable and re-enable dnscrypt-proxy.socket, and reboot:

```
# systemctl daemon-reload
# systemctl disable dncrypt-proxy.service
# systemctl enable dnscrypt-proxy.service
# reboot
```

At this point, dnscrypt-proxy should be functioning normally. One way to verify this is to look for DNS requests on the XCO management interface ('eth0' for TPVM installations of XCO). There should be no traffic on UDP port 53 because encrypted DNS traffic is sent over UDP port 443.

6. To verify, run a sniffer on eth0, cause the system to issue a DNS lookup, and ensure that there are no UDP packets on port 53. The output should look similar to this:

```
# tcpdump -i eth0 -l -nn port 53 or port 443
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode
listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes

15:26:54.136556 IP 192.168.10.109.40632 > 176.103.130.130.443: UDP, length 512
15:26:54.151425 IP 176.103.130.130.443 > 192.168.10.109.40632: UDP, length 304
15:26:54.152783 IP 192.168.10.109.40632 > 176.103.130.130.443: UDP, length 512
15:26:54.166523 IP 176.103.130.130.443 > 192.168.10.109.40632: UDP, length 304
```

## Detect Rootkits with rkhunter

Rootkit Hunter (rkhunter) is a standard tool for the detection of rootkits on Linux. The Ubuntu Linux distribution maintains a package for rkhunter. The complete set of checks that rkhunter performs provides a good security baseline for finding some of the most malicious elements of the offensive security landscape. It is recommended you regularly run the rkhunter —-check command and review the contents of the /var/log/rkhunter.log file.

1. Install rkhunter by running:

```
# apt-get install rkhunter
```

2. Run a scan for rootkits:

```
# rkhunter --check
   T0rn Rootkit
                                                   [ Not found ]
   trNkit Rootkit
                                                  [ Not found ]
   Trojanit Kit
                                                  [ Not found ]
   Tuxtendo Rootkit
                                                   [ Not found ]
   URK Rootkit
                                                   [ Not found ]
   Vampire Rootkit
                                                  [ Not found ]
   VcKit Rootkit
                                                  [ Not found ]
   Volc Rootkit
                                                  [ Not found ]
   Xzibit Rootkit
                                                   [ Not found ]
   zaRwT.KiT Rootkit
                                                   [ Not found ]
   ZK Rootkit
                                                  [ Not found ]
```

3. For additional details of what is being checked on the system, refer to the /var/log/rkhunter.log file. For example, in the following example, the scan looked for evidence of the T0rn rootkit and specifically, the existence of the following files were checked (output abbreviated):

```
[21:28:18] Checking for TOrn Rootkit...
[21:28:18] Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/lib/t0rns'
                                                             [ Not found ]
[21:28:18] Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/lib/du'
                                                             [ Not found ]
[21:28:18] Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/lib/ls'
                                                              [ Not found ]
[21:28:18] Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/lib/t0rnsb' [ Not found ]
[21:28:18] Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/ps'
                                                              [ Not found ]
                                                             [ Not found ]
[21:28:18] Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/lib/t0rnp' [21:28:18] Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/lib/find'
                                                               [ Not found ]
[21:28:18]
            Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/lib/ifconfig' [ Not found ]
[21:28:18] Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/lib/pg'
                                                               [ Not found ]
[21:28:18] Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/lsh.tgz' [ Not found ]
[21:28:18] Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/lib/top' [21:28:19] Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/lib/sz'
                                                             [ Not found ]
                                                             [ Not found ]
[21:28:19] Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/lib/login' [ Not found ]
[21:28:19] Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/lib/in.fingerd' [ Not found ]
[21:28:19] Checking for file '/dev/.lib/lib/lib/li0n.sh' [ Not found ]
```