

SELinux in Ubuntu

Current Status

- SELinux support built into kernel
- SELinux meta-package available in universe
- Non-MLS/MCS for simplicity
- Several base modules including
 - `ssh`, `selinuxutil`, `locallogin`, etc
- Cups policy provided by separate package
- Slightly out-of-date information available on wiki
 - <https://wiki.ubuntu.com/HardySELinux>

Challenges

- Upstart
- Debian packages
 - Were out of date
 - Maintainer was MIA
- Wanted a seamless installation
 - apt-get install selinux
 - Must deal with AppArmor being installed
- Hardened team not completely on-board
 - Would rather provide lots of choices
 - Than fewer choices and more in-depth support

Future Plans

- More targets, more targets, more targets
 - Top of the list is Apache
- Confined users
 - UBAC/RBAC support in repolicy should help
- Port GUI tools from Red Hat
 - setroubleshoot, semanage gui
- Allow SELinux to be turned on during installation

Towards SELinux by Default

- Is it viable?
 - Ubuntu audience expects things to “just work”
 - No Dan for quick policy updates
- More tolerable on servers than workstations?
- Still quite a bit of resistance
- Wiki discussion page already set up
 - <https://wiki.ubuntu.com/SELinuxByDefault>
 - Not much info on it currently
- Would a smaller policy help? (Karl’s talk)

What we need

- Help with the policy
 - Fedora targets increased with every release
 - Ubuntu currently only has one target
- People to help users
 - In forums, mail lists, irc, etc
- Testers
 - SELinux on Ubuntu gets far less testing than Fedora ever did
- Advocates

Questions?