SELinux Sandbox

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What is Sandbox

- Run applications in a confined environment.
- Allow filtering tools to read untrusted content.
 - Vulnerability in a filtering tools can allow content to cause the application to do bad things.
 - tcpdump vulnerability CVE-2007-3798
 - A flaw was discovered in the BGP dissector of tcpdump. Remote attackers could send specially crafted packets and execute arbitrary code with user privileges. "



Standard Sandbox

- Execution any app within SELinux Confinement
- SELinux blocks "Open" call
- Only read file/write file descriptors passed in.
- cat untrusted.txt | sandbox filter > trusted.txt
- # sesearch --allow -s sandbox_t -p open -c file | grep write
 - allow sandbox_t sandbox_t : file { ioctl read write getattr lock append open } ;
 - allow sandbox_t sandbox_file_t : file { ioctl read write create getattr setattr lock append unlink link rename execute execute_no_trans open };



What about the deskop?

- How do I confine acroread?
- Large communications paths
 - X Server
 - File System
 - Home Directory
 - /tmp
 - gconf
 - Dbus



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Components

- /usr/bin/sandbox
- /usr/sbin/seunshare
- /usr/share/sandbox/sandboxX.sh
- Selinux Policy



/usr/bin/sandbox

- Setup File System
- Creates new directories in \$HOME and /tmp
- Select random MCS label (MCS1)
- Label directories sandbox_file_t:MCS1
- Copy executable/input files to homedir & /tmp.
- Create .sandboxrc in homedir with command
- Execute new utility seunshare
 - seunshare [-t tmpdir] [-h homedir] -- CONTEXT sandboxX.sh [args]

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Delete temporary \$HOME & /tmp

/usr/sbin/seunshare

- C Setuid Program
 - unshare
 - Disassociate the mount namespace
 - mount
 - bind mount new \$HOME and /tmp
 - setexeccon
 - Set the Selinux context to run the command
 - Drop all capabilities
 - exec /usr/share/sandbox/sandboxX.sh



/usr/share/sandbox/sandboxX.sh

X Server

- Considered Xace
 - Xace works well for MLS environments but not for Type Enforcement
 - X Applications expect full access to X server.
 - Die when denied any access
- Run a separate X Server for each instance
- Xephyr



/usr/share/sandbox/sandboxX.sh

Window Manager

- Need to look like a single application is running to the user.
- Wanted a window manager that ran the app with full screen
- matchbox-window-manager
 - Matchbox is a base environment for the X Window System running on non-desktop embedded platforms such as handhelds, set-top boxes, kiosks and anything else for which screen space, input mechanisms or system resources are limited
- Execute \$HOME/.sandboxrc
- Cleanup processes when complete



Application

Gnome/GTK apps create content on the fly

Firefox creates a new .mozilla dir etc.



SELinux Policy

- sandbox_xserver_t
- Default type sandbox_x
 - sandbox_x_t
 - sandbox_x_client_t
 - Only Print Networking, No Setuid, very little priv
 - sandbox_x_file_t
- sandbox_web Connect to appache ports
- sandbox_net Connect to all ports
- sandbox_x_domain_template(sandbox_x)

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Problems

- Window can not resize
 - Xephyr does not support resize yet, hopefully soon
 - Rootless X Server
- No Cut and Paste
- User confusion
 - Don't want to write a document while in a sandbox



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- Future
 - Ask user to save when exiting?
 - Shared directory?
 - MLS?
 - Save sandbox dir?

