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Linux Common Operating Environment (COE) Integration

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Linux COE Integration Agenda

Background

- Key focus areas
- What's available now
- What's coming soon
- Where to find it



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Background

- Prior to March 2003, the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) sponsored COE Kernel Platform Compliance testing
- COE conformance testing now performed by industry
- Two reference implementations provided to aid industry in meeting DISA COE conformance
 - POSIX (Solaris 8)
 - Linux (Red Hat Linux 8.0)



Linux COE Integration Key Focus Areas

Goals of the COE Kernel

Distributed user account management

Ability to manage users, groups, and profiles within an administrative domain of various Linux distributions

Common packaging mechanism

- Software installation mechanism uniform across all distributions, automated for end-user ease
- Examples are RPM Package Manager (RPM) and Java Based COE Installer (JBCI)

Common security lockdown

Level of security uniform across the network

Goal: Vendor-agreed-upon solution that ensures cross-Linux interoperability

- Need not be the COE-provided solution
- The key is the function performed, not the particular implementation



> Available from DISA

- COE Kernel and Toolkit Version 4.2.0.9
 - Based on Solaris COE Kernel & Toolkit version 4.2.0.9
 - Built on Red Hat Linux 8.0
 - Packaged as a Factory CD
 - If install OS, load CD-ROM, type build_it_all to build the COE Kernel and Toolkit
 - Includes executable 4.2.0.9 COE Kernel and Toolkit, source code, and documentation

> Available from the Free Standards Group (FSG)

 Source Code for COE Kernel and Toolkit Version 4.2.0.9



Factory CD Overview

> Software:

- COE Kernel 4.2.0.9 on Red Hat Linux 8.0 including
 - Java Based COE Installer (JBCI)
 - Account and Profile Manager (APM)
 - Security Policy Configuration Tool (SPCFG) and SPCFG Data (SPCFGD)
- Java Based Developer's Toolkit (JBDT)
- Linux kickstart file (ks.cfg)
- Auditing tool (SNARE System iNtrusion Analysis & Reporting Environment version 0.9.2 from InterSect Alliance)
- Red Hat 8.0 operating system (OS) Security Patches

Documentation:

- New for Linux:
 - Red Hat Linux 8.0 and COE Kernel Installation Procedures (IP)
 - JBDT Installation Procedures (IP)
- Pre-existing Solaris:
 - System Administrator's Manual (SAM) (Solaris)
 - Security Administrator's Manual (SECAM) (Solaris/W2K)
 - Programmer's Guide and Reference Manual (PGRM) (Solaris/W2K)



Factory CD Overview

Source Code:

- "linux" CVS repository with COE kernel and toolkit source
- "Base" directory with COTS software:
 - JRE 1.4.2_01, Perl 5.8.0, SPCFG and SPCFGD 4.9.0.0,
 - Mozilla 3.4.2 (used when compiling Netscape Security Services),
 - SQLite 2.7.3 (replaces GDBM found in 4.2.0.6)
- JIFI Builder from Java Specification Request JSR-38; used when compiling JBCI and JBDT; information at http://openchannelsoftware.org/projects/JIFI/
- Source for 3 SPCFG binaries
- Compilers J2SDK 1.4.2_01, Apache Ant 1.5.2
- Build Procedure (BP) and build scripts
- Validation Procedures, Test Data Segment
- Host-Oriented Security Test Suite (HOSTS) information at http://www.openchannelfoundation.org/projects/hosts
- > Pre-existing Security Documentation:
 - Security Features Developers Guide (SFDG) for Solaris/W2K
 - Security Features User's Guide (SFUG) for Solaris/W2K



Linux COE Integration What's Coming Soon

- Updated Validation Procedure
 Manual Security Test Procedure
- Updated security lockdown software and documentation
 - Security Policy Configuration Tool Data (SPCFGD)
 - Security Features Developers Guide (SFDG)
 - Security Features User's Guide (SFUG)

More software and documentation will be posted on the FSG web site



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Where to Find It

DISA email address for requesting Factory CD: coeengr@ncr.disa.mil

Free Standards Group URL for downloading source code:

http://gforge.freestandards.org/projects/qp-coe/

DISA newsgroup for Q & A

Server: coenews.ncr.disa.mil Newsgroup: coenews.clrp (COE Linux-Based Platform)

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Backup



Linux COE Integration What's Available Now Deltas from Solaris

Key Differences between Solaris and Linux COE Kernels

- Group-ID Solaris 8 other:1 added key:37 added ftp:117 Red Hat Linux 8.0

bin:1, added other:1 rpm:37, added key:37 ftp:50

- Display Manager (CDE vs. GNOME)
- NIS+ Support (Only NIS is available on Red Hat 8.0)
- Software Installation Tool (COEInstaller vs. JBCI)
- Audit Log File Manager (Not ported to Red Hat)
- Linux baseline was the Solaris 4.2.0.9 COE Kernel; Solaris 4.2.0.0P10 source code available from DISA



Deltas from Previous Linux Delivery

Previous Linux baseline was the Solaris 4.2.0.6 COE Kernel

> Changes from 4.2.0.6 to 4.2.0.9 include:

- 115 COE Kernel and 18 Toolkit changes made in Solaris were ported to Linux
- JBCI and JBDT source is integrated into main COE kernel source code tree
- Updated Validation Procedures
 - All except SMTP, Print, WWW and Audit Log File Manager were ported to Linux
- Updated automated security test (HOSTS)