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### /proc:

 $/proc/modules \rightarrow$  Displays a list of all modules loaded into the kernel

/proc/kallsyms → Displays addresses of kernel symbols

 $/proc/vmallocinfo \rightarrow$  Gives mapping of virtual address space of the kernel

 $/proc/PID/maps \rightarrow$  Lists of all the memory-mapped files of a process

/proc/PID/fd/\* → Get file descriptors per process

/proc/PID/fd/\* | grep 'memfd'  $\rightarrow$  Get processes with anonymous (memory-backed) file descriptors live in RAM

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 $/proc/PID/fdinfo \rightarrow$  Contains one entry for each file that the process has open

/proc/PID/map\_files/\* → Contains entries corresponding to memory-mapped files

 $/proc/PID/environ \rightarrow$  Display environment variables per process

/proc/PID/exe  $\rightarrow$  A symbolic link containing the actual pathname of the executed command

/proc/PID/exe | grep 'deleted'  $\rightarrow$  A symbolic link containing the actual unlinked pathname of the executed command

/proc/PID/comm  $\rightarrow$  Exposes the process's comm value - that is, the command name associated with the process

 $/proc/PID/cmdline \rightarrow$  Holds the complete command line for the process

 $/proc/PID/cwd \rightarrow$  Gets a symbolic link to the current working directory of the process

/proc/PID/status → Status information about the process used by ps

 $/proc/PID/stack \rightarrow$  Symbolic trace of the function calls in this process's kernel stack

/proc/net/unix → List UNIX sockets

/proc/net/nf\_conntrack  $\rightarrow$  records the source IP, destination IP, and other information of a TCP connection in the ESTABLISHED state

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 $/proc/mounts \rightarrow$  Lists of all the filesystems currently mounted on the system

/proc/PID/fd/\* | grep bpf-map → Get file descriptors per process with bpf-map type

/proc/PID/fd/\* | grep bpf-prog → Get file descriptors per process with bpf-prog type

/proc/sys/kernel/tainted  $\rightarrow$  Display the kernel-tainted state

 $/proc/PID/task/TID/children \rightarrow$  Space-separated list of child tasks of this task

### /sys:

/sys/kernel/debug/tracing/enabled\_functions  $\rightarrow$  contains a list of kernel functions that are currently enabled for tracing

/sys/kernel/debug/tracing/trace → Get trace events

/sys/kernel/tracing/available\_filter\_functions → Provides a list of available functions that you can use as filters when setting up tracing

/sys/module/\* → List loaded kernel modules, and compare with /proc/modules

/sys/module/\$module/parameters → Check available parameters per module

/sys/module/\$module/taint → Indicates whether a loaded kernel module has "tainted" the kernel

/sys/fs/bpf/\* → List pinned eBPF progs

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### Logs:

/var/log/messages  $\rightarrow$  Contains global system messages, including the messages that are logged during system startup

/var/log/auth.log → Authentication logs

 $/var/log/kern.log \rightarrow$  Kernel information and events

/var/log/secure → Authentication logs

/var/log/syslog  $\rightarrow$  Contains messages that are recorded by the host about the system activity

/var/log/httpd/ → Apache logs

/var/log/daemon.log  $\rightarrow$  Contains information about running system and application daemons

/var/log/cron → Cron logs

/var/log/auditd/audit.log | grep denied  $\rightarrow$  Get SELinux alerts

/var/log/journal → journald systemd's logs

journalctl --file X.journal -o verbose > journal.txt → Dump journald logs with verbose output

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### **CLI/tools:**

Ismod  $\rightarrow$  Display the status of modules in the Linux Kernel by reading /proc/modules

Isof → "list open files" tool is a robust interface for the information inside the /proc virtual filesystem

Is -al  $\rightarrow$  find hidden files

 $env \rightarrow$  Display environment variables

who / w / pinky  $\rightarrow$  Show logged users

last  $\rightarrow$  show a listing of the last logged-in users based on /var/log/wtmp

lastb  $\rightarrow$  Show a listing of the last unsuccessful logins based on /var/log/btmp

**ps -efwwww**  $\rightarrow$  Get a full list of running processes

grep . FILENAME  $\rightarrow$  single byte read to decloak the file

**pstree**  $\rightarrow$  Display a tree of processes

find  $\rightarrow$  Find files and directories

dd if=mem bs=1 skip=ADDRESS count=1000 of=/tmp/dumped\_proc\_file → Extract memory content (1000 bytes) at specified ADDRESS

service --status-all  $\rightarrow$  Display System V services status information

stat  $\rightarrow$  Display file or file system status

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readelf → Display information about ELF files

**objdump**  $\rightarrow$  Display information from object files

strings  $\rightarrow$  Determines the contents of non-text files

 $capa \rightarrow$  Tool to identify capabilities in executable files

yara  $\rightarrow$  Identify and classify malware samples

strace  $\rightarrow$  Trace system calls and signals

**Itrace**  $\rightarrow$  intercepts and records the dynamic library calls which are called by the executed process and the signals which are received by that process

ip link show | grep xdp  $\rightarrow$  Find if any of network interfaces have XDP enabled

ip link show | grep qdisc → Find if any of network interfaces have Traffic Control enabled

sudoreplay → Replay sudo session logs

**bpftool prog list** → List loaded eBPF programs

**bpftool map list** → List eBPF maps

dmesg | grep bpf\_probe\_write\_user → Check for the presence of bpf 'bpf\_probe\_write\_user' helper

**dmesg** | grep taint  $\rightarrow$  Check kernel message buffer for tainted kernel modules

**dmesg** | **grep systemtap**  $\rightarrow$  Check for the presense of systemtap

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mount  $\rightarrow$  Read /proc/mounts, watch for bind-mounted PID dirs to random dir

top  $\rightarrow$  Display current running processes

iptables -L -v -n  $\rightarrow$  Collect firewall rules

iptables -t nat -L -v -n  $\rightarrow$  Collect firewall rules from nat chain

 $ss \rightarrow$  Display listening sockets

**uptime**  $\rightarrow$  Display how long system has been running

**auditctl** -I  $\rightarrow$  Display kernel's audit rules

ausearch → Query the audit daemon logs for events based on different search criteria

**chkconfig** --list  $\rightarrow$  Display a list of all services and their current configuration

systemctl list-units → Display all systemd system units

systemctl list-timers --all → Display timer units currently in memory

systemctl list-unit-files  $\rightarrow$  Display unit files installed on the system

**loginctl user-status UID --full**  $\rightarrow$  May be used to introspect and control the state of the systemd login manager per user

getenforce  $\rightarrow$  Display the current mode of SELinux

sestatus  $-v \rightarrow$  Display the contexts of files and processes listed in the /etc/sestatus.conf file

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**dnf list installed**  $\rightarrow$  Display installed packages

yum list installed  $\rightarrow$  Display installed packages

**dpkg** -I  $\rightarrow$  Display installed packages

rpm -V -a → Verify all packages to compare information about the installed files in the package with information about the files taken from the package metadata stored in the rpm database

debsums → Verify installed Debian package files against MD5 checksum lists from /var/lib/dpkg/info/\*.md5sums

tc qdisc  $\rightarrow$  show/manipulate traffic control settings

**ext4magic**  $\rightarrow$  List/recover deleted files

log2timeline.py  $\rightarrow$  extract events from individual files and creates a Plaso storage file

getcap -r / 2>/dev/null → displays the name and capabilities of each file

**BPFhookdetect** → Detect syscall hooking using eBPF

**inotify**  $\rightarrow$  Provides a mechanism for monitoring filesystem events

**Isattr**  $\rightarrow$  List file attribute ex. immutable bit

**base64**  $\rightarrow$  Encode/decode data and print to standard output

LKRG → Performs runtime integrity checking of the Linux kernel and detection of security vulnerability exploits against the kernel

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### Files/directories/attributes:

 $.bash_history \rightarrow$  Get the command history for the Bash shell

.mysql\_history  $\rightarrow$  Get the query history for the MySQL/MariaDB sessions

.ftp\_history  $\rightarrow$  Get the command history for the FTP (File Transfer Protocol) client

 $.git/logs \rightarrow$  Get log files that track changes to the repository's references and branches

/etc/passwd → Get essential information about user accounts

 $/etc/group \rightarrow$  Get essential information about user groups

/etc/fstab → Contains descriptive information about the filesystems the system can mount

/etc/ssh/sshd\_config → Main sshd configuration file

/etc/sudoers → Contains default sudo security policy configuration

.ssh/authorized\_keys  $\rightarrow$  Get a list of public SSH keys that are authorized to access the user's account

 $.ssh/known_hosts \rightarrow$  Stores information about the public keys of remote SSH servers

 $.viminfo \rightarrow$  Get various types of information between editing sessions

.gitconfig  $\rightarrow$  Get settings and preferences for Git repositories and user accounts

/boot/initrd.img → contains the necessary executables and system files to support boot of a Linux system

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/etc/ld.so.preload → Contains a whitespace-separated list of ELF shared objects to be loaded before the program

/lib64/ld-2.X.so  $\rightarrow$  Dynamic linker which finds and loads the shared objects (shared libraries) needed by a program

 $/dev/shm/ \rightarrow$  shared memory implementation

/dev/  $\rightarrow$  List device files and directories

suid  $\rightarrow$  Search for files that have SUID bit set

sgid  $\rightarrow$  Search for files that have SGID bit set

/etc/cron\* /var/cron\* /etc/at\* → Linux scheduler

/etc/pam.d → main PAM configuration files

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**deleted-or-replaced.sh**  $\rightarrow$  Reveal processes that are powered by deleted programs

maps-deleted.sh  $\rightarrow$  Detect processes with loaded deleted shared libraries within memory address space

**fake-name.sh**  $\rightarrow$  Uncover unexpected programs that are faking their names

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hidden-files.sh → Reveal hidden files

hidden-parent-pid.sh → Find processes that have hidden parent IDs

**hidden-pids.sh**  $\rightarrow$  Reveal rootkits that hide processes from getdents() calls to /proc

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{hidden-pids-mount.sh} \rightarrow \textbf{D} etect \ \textbf{p} otential \ \textbf{m} alicious \ \textbf{b} ehavior \ \textbf{that} \ \textbf{hides} \ \textbf{p} rocesses \\ from \ \textbf{ps} \ \textbf{using} \ \textbf{m} ount \ \textbf{-o} \ \textbf{b} \textbf{ind} \end{array}$ 

pid-hidden-by-rootkit.sh  $\rightarrow$  Finds processes that are apparently hidden by a rootkit

**hidden-sys-module.sh**  $\rightarrow$  Reveal if there is a hidden /sys/module entry

**kernel-taint.sh**  $\rightarrow$  Diagnose tainted kernels

**Id-so-preload.sh**  $\rightarrow$  Find preload entries

mystery-char-devices.sh  $\rightarrow$  Uncover mysterious character devices in /dev

**raw-packet-sniffer.sh** → Detect raw socket sniffers

 $root-socket-no-libraries.sh \rightarrow$  Reveal processes running as root with a socket but no dependencies outside of libc

**root-ssh-authorized-keys.sh** → Find root SSH authorized keys

suspicious-cron.sh  $\rightarrow$  Reveal suspicious crontab entries

suspicious-proc-env.sh  $\rightarrow$  Find processes that have unusual environment variables



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 $\ensuremath{\text{thieves.sh}} \to \ensuremath{\text{Reveal}}$  programs whose process space may have been taken over by another program

unexpected-ebpf-hooks.sh → Discover suspicious behavior in eBPF

unexpected-run-locks.sh  $\rightarrow$  Reveal processes with weird lock files open in /var/run

unexpected-trace-pipe.sh  $\rightarrow$  Discover kernel modules logging to the trace pipe - this may be the sign of an eBPF-based rootkits

world-readable-run-locks.sh  $\rightarrow$  Show world readable locks in /var/run

**bpf-find-maps.sh** → Find suspicious bpf maps

**bpf-find-progs.sh** → Find suspicious bpf programs

**bpf-probe-write-user.sh** → Find suspicious bpf write user in dmesg

**unexpected-ebpf-hooks.sh** → Detect suspicious bpf hooks

overwritten-memory-map-ddexec-linux.sh → Detect processes with a memory map that suggests they might be code smuggling

**listening-from-unusual-location.sh** → Find unexpected programs listening from /tmp or other weird directories

**low-fd-socket.sh**  $\rightarrow$  Find programs where fd0 (stdin), fd1 (stdout), or fd2 (stderr) are connected to a socket

**reverse-shell-socket.sh**  $\rightarrow$  Detect potentially suspicious reverse-shell processes

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# $\label{eq:unexpected-dns-traffic.sh} \rightarrow \mbox{Catch DNS traffic going to machines other than the} host-configured DNS server$

unexpected-etc-executables.sh  $\rightarrow$  Find unexpected executable files in /etc

unexpected-etc-hosts.sh → Find unexpected potentially suspicious /etc/hosts entries

unexpected-privilege-escalation\_linux.sh → Find processes that run with a lower effective UID than their parent PID

unexpected-shell-parents.sh → Find unexpected process that spawns shell processes

unexpected-talkers-linux.sh → Find unexpected programs communicating over non-HTTPS protocols

unusual-process-name-linux.sh  $\rightarrow$  Find processes with suspicious executable names

**unexpected-dev-entries.sh** → Find unexpected files in /dev

unexpected-active-systemd-units.sh → Unexpected systemd units, may be evidence of persistence

**unexpected-execdir-linux.sh** → Programs running out of unexpected directories

exotic-commands-linux.sh → Find exotic processes based on their command-line

unexpected-privileged-containers.sh → Detect the execution of privileged Docker containers which can be used to escape to the host

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unexpected-libcurl-user-linux.sh → Find programs processes which link against libcurl

**unexpected-https-linux.sh** → Unexpected programs communicating over HTTPS

unexpected-hidden-system-paths.sh → Find unexpected hidden directories in system folders

unexpected-kernel-modules-linux.sh  $\rightarrow$  Find kernel modules that are not part of the expected list

unexpected-setxid-process.sh → Detect running processes that originate from setuid/setgid programs

hidden-modules-filter-functions.sh → Find difference between available\_filter\_functions and loaded modules

yara-suspicious-strings-process-linux.sh → Find running processes with potentially malicious behavior

unexpected-var-executables-linux.sh → Find unexpected executables in /var

unexpected-tmp-executables-linux.sh → Find unexpected executables in /tmp

unexpected-dev-executables-linux.sh → Find unexpected executables in /dev

unusual-executable-name-linux.sh → Detect processes with executable names that are potentially suspicious

yara-recently-downloaded-go-crypt-exec.sh → Find running processes with recently downloaded cryptexec behavior

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yara-unexpected-upx-process.sh → Find currently running processes backed by UPX executable

unexpected-icmp-socket.sh  $\rightarrow$  Find processes with ICMP socket communication

sudo-preload.sh → Find LD\_PRELOAD in /etc/sudoers

sudo.d-preload.sh → Find LD\_PRELOAD in /etc/sudoers.d/\*

# Runtime Security/Tracee→ Linux Runtime Security and Forensics using eBPF:

Anti-Debugging Technique → Detects anti-debugging techniques

**ASLR Inspection** → Detects ASLR inspections

Cgroups notify\_on\_release File Modification → Monitors notify\_on\_release file changes in cgroups

Cgroups Release Agent File Modification → Detects changes to the cgroup release\_agent

Core Dumps Config File Modification  $\rightarrow$  Monitors core dump configuration alterations.

**Default Dynamic Loader Modification**  $\rightarrow$  Tracks changes to the default binary loader.

**Container Device Mount**  $\rightarrow$  Detects unauthorized container device mounts.

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**Docker Socket Abuse** → Flags potential Docker socket misuse

**Dropped Executables**  $\rightarrow$  Detects runtime-dropped executables.

**Dynamic Code Loading** → Monitors dynamic code loading events

**Fileless Execution**  $\rightarrow$  Flags fileless execution techniques

Hidden Executable File Creation → Detects creation of hidden executable files

Illegitimate Shell  $\rightarrow$  Flags unauthorized or unexpected shell executions

Kernel Module Loading → Monitors kernel module load events

Kubernetes API Server Connection → Detects connections to the Kubernetes API server

Kubernetes TLS Certificate Theft → Flags potential theft of Kubernetes certificates

**LD\_PRELOAD Code Injection** → Monitors LD\_PRELOAD injection attempts

File Operations Hooking on Proc Filesystem → Detects hooks on file operations in /proc

Kcore Memory File Read → Monitors reads of /proc/kcore

**Process Memory Access**  $\rightarrow$  Flags unauthorized /proc/mem access.

**Procfs Mem Code Injection** → Detects code injections via /proc/mem

**Process VM Write Code Injection** → Monitors injections via process\_vm\_writev

**Ptrace Code Injection**  $\rightarrow$  Detects ptrace-facilitated code injections.



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**RCD Modification**  $\rightarrow$  Monitors changes to the remote control daemon

Sched Debug Reconnaissance → Flags /proc/sched\_debug reconnaissance

Scheduled Tasks Modification  $\rightarrow$  Tracks modifications to scheduled tasks.

Process Standard Input/Output over Socket → Detects IO redirection over sockets

Sudoers File Modification  $\rightarrow$  Monitors alterations to the sudoers file

Syscall Table Hooking → Detects syscall table hook attempts

System Request Key Configuration Modification  $\rightarrow$  Monitors system request key configuration changes

Runtime Security/Falco → Detects and alerts on abnormal behavior and potential security threats in real-time:

Disallowed outbound connection destination -	<ul> <li>Detects any outbound connection to</li> </ul>
	a destination outside of an allowed
	set of ips, networks, or domain
	names

Outbound connection to C2 server → Detects outbound connection to command & control servers

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Network connection outside authorized port and binary → Detects traffic that is not to authorized server process and port

**Possible miner running**  $\rightarrow$  Detects crypto miners using the Stratum protocol

File created below /dev by untrusted program →Detects creating any files below /dev other than known programs that manage devices. Some rootkits hide files in /dev.

File created below /etc by untrusted program  $\rightarrow$  Detects creating any files below /etc

File below /etc opened for writing  $\rightarrow$  Detects attempt to write to any file below /etc

File below / or /root opened for writing → Detects an attempt to write to any file directly below / or /root

Interactive root  $\rightarrow$  Detects anything that runs interactively by root

**Privileged container started**  $\rightarrow$  Detects the initial process started in a privileged container.

Excessively capable container started → Detects container started with a powerful set of capabilities

Rpm database opened for writing by a non-rpm program → Detects an attempt to write to the rpm database by any non-rpm related program

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Shell configuration file has been modified → Detects attempt to modify shell configuration files

Cron jobs were scheduled to run  $\rightarrow$  Detects modifications and executions of cron jobs

Sensitive file opened for reading by non-trusted program → Detects an attempt to read any sensitive file (e.g. files containing user/password/auth info)

Database-related program spawned process other than itself → Detects a database-server related program spawned a new process other than itself.

**Program run with disallowed HTTP\_PROXY environment variable**  $\rightarrow$  Detects an attempt to run a program with a disallowed HTTP\_PROXY environment variable

Known system binary sent/received network traffic  $\rightarrow$  Identifies any network activity performed by system binaries that are not expected to send or receive any network traffic

Redirect stdout/stdin to network connection → Detect redirecting stdout/stdin to network connection

Interpreted program received/listened for network traffic  $\rightarrow$  Detects any inbound network activity performed by any interpreted program (perl, python, ruby, etc.)

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Unexpected UDP Traffic Seen → Detects UDP traffic not on port 53 (DNS) or other commonly used ports

Unexpected setuid call by non-sudo, non-root program → Detects an attempt to change users by calling setuid. sudo/su are excluded

Unexpected connection to K8s API Server from container → Detects attempts to contact the K8S API Server from a container

Network tool launched on host → Detects network tools launched on the host

Shell history had been deleted or renamed  $\rightarrow$  Detects bash history deletion

Hidden file or directory created  $\rightarrow$  Detects hidden files or directories created

Symlinks created over sensitive files  $\rightarrow$  Detects symlink created over sensitive files

Hardlinks created over sensitive files  $\rightarrow$  Detects hardlink created over sensitive files

An userfaultfd syscall was successfully executed by an unprivileged user  $\rightarrow$  Detects a successful unprivileged userfaultfd syscall which might act as an attack primitive to exploit other bugs

Java process class file download → Detects Java process downloading a class file which could indicate a successful exploit

Outbound connection to IP/Port flagged by <u>https://cryptoioc.ch</u>  $\rightarrow$  Detects outbound connections to common miner pool ports

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Mount was executed inside a privileged container → Detects file system mount happened inside a privileged container

**Detect Sudo Privilege Escalation Exploit (CVE-2021-3156)**  $\rightarrow$  Detects Privilege escalation attempt affecting sudo (<= 1.9.5p2)

Linux Kernel Module injection using insmod detected → Detects if kernel module was injected

**Detect an attempt to exploit a container escape using release\_agent file**  $\rightarrow$  Detects an attempt to exploit a container escape using release\_agent file

Drift detected (open+create), new executable created in a container  $\rightarrow$  Identifies if new executable created in a container due to open+create

### **Runtime Security/Kunai** $\rightarrow$ Threat-hunting tool for Linux:

Execve → Generated whenever an execve syscall happens on the system. It provides information about the current binary currently running.

Execve script → Generated under the same conditions as execve event. The only difference is that it provides additional information about the interpreter when the file being executed is a script

**Exit**  $\rightarrow$  Generated when a single task (process or thread) exits.

**Exit group**  $\rightarrow$  Generated when a thread-group (process and all its threads) exits

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Clone  $\rightarrow$  A task is being cloned/forked. This means that a new task will be created on the system.

**Prctl**  $\rightarrow$  Generated when a process makes a call to the prctl syscall

**Init module**  $\rightarrow$  Generated when a kernel module is loaded into the kernel.

**Bpf prog load**  $\rightarrow$  Generated every time a BPF program is loaded into the kernel.

**Bpf Socket Filter Attached**  $\rightarrow$  A socket filter attachement has been made

**Mprotect exec**  $\rightarrow$  Generated when memory protection is turned to executable.

Mmap exec → Generated whenever the mmap syscall is used to map an executable file in memory, with memory execution protection.

**Connect**  $\rightarrow$  Generated every time a connect attempt is made to a remote IP.

**Dns query**  $\rightarrow$  Generated when the a DNS response is received on the host and gives insight both on the query, the response and the DNS resolver.

**Send data**  $\rightarrow$  Generated when data is sent to a remote IP address.

**Read**  $\rightarrow$  Generated whenever a file is read.

**Read config**  $\rightarrow$  Generated whenever a file located in /etc is being read

Write  $\rightarrow$  Generated whenever a file is write.

Write config  $\rightarrow$  Generated whenever a file located in /etc is being written.

**File rename**  $\rightarrow$  Generated whenever a file is being renamed.



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File unlink  $\rightarrow$  Generated when a file gets unlinked

# Runtime Security/Tetragon → eBPF-based Security Observability and Runtime Enforcement:

**Process Lifecycle Monitoring via exec and exit**  $\rightarrow$  Mo

**Binary Execution in /tmp**  $\rightarrow$  Monitors execution of a binary in the /tmp directory.

sudo Monitoring  $\rightarrow$  Monitors sudo invocations

Privileges Escalation via SUID Binary Execution → Monitors execution of SUID "Set User ID" binaries.

Privileges Escalation via File Capabilities Execution  $\rightarrow$  Monitors execution of binaries with file capabilities.

Privileges Escalation via Setuid system calls  $\rightarrow$  Monitors execution of the setuid() system calls family.

Privileges Escalation via Unprivileged User Namespaces → Monitors creation of User namespaces by unprivileged.

Privileges Change via Capset system call  $\rightarrow$  Monitors execution of the capset() system call.

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Fileless Execution  $\rightarrow$  Monitors the execution of binaries that exist exclusively as a computer memory-based artifact.

**Execution of Deleted Binaries**  $\rightarrow$  Monitors the execution of deleted binaries.

**eBPF System Activity** → Audits BPF program that loads and BPFFS interactions

Kernel Module Audit trail → Audits loading of kernel modules

Shared Library Loading → Monitors loading of libraries

**Network Activity of SSH daemon**  $\rightarrow$  Monitors sessions established to sshd

**Outbound Connections** → Monitors all egress connections

**Argus**  $\rightarrow$  a cutting-edge runtime security tool designed for both monitoring and enforcing application behavior:

capabilities_modification → triggered when there are modifications to the capabilities configuration files in a Linux environment, specifically targeting changes to /etc/security/capability.conf
code_modification_through_procfs → triggered by an attempt to modify code through direct access to process memory via the /proc filesystem

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- core\_pattern\_access → triggered when there is an attempt to modify the system's core dump pattern, typically found at /proc/sys/kernel/core\_pattern
- **cpu\_fingerprint** → Triggered by an attempt to access specific system files that could be used to gather detailed information about the CPU architecture and configuration direct access to process memory via the /proc filesystem
- credentials\_files\_access → Monitors and flags unauthorized or suspicious access to files potentially containing sensitive credentials
- filesystem\_fingerprint → Triggered when specific system files related to disk and filesystem configurations are accessed ex. /etc/fstab, /proc/diskstats, /proc/filesystems, etc.

java\_debug\_wire\_proto\_load → Monitors for the loading of libjdwp.so

- $java_libinstrument_load \rightarrow$  Triggers when there is an attempt to load libinstrument.so through memory mapping (mmap)
- machine\_fingerprint → Triggered by unauthorized access to a specific system directories and files that are commonly used to gather information about the underlying machine hardware and network configuration, ex. /sys/class/dmi/id, /sys/class/net, /proc/ioports, etc.
- os\_fingerprint  $\rightarrow$  Identifies attempts to gather detailed information about the operating system on which it is running

os\_status\_fingerprint → Identifies attempts to gather detailed information about the operating system's status, which can be indicative of reconnaissance activities within a compromised system

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package_repo_config_modification $\rightarrow$	Triggered when there are modifications to critical package management configuration files across various Linux distributions. This includes files like /etc/apt/sources.list, /etc/yum.conf, and others
pam_config_modification → Identifies	unauthorized modification attempts that have
been mad	e on critical PAM configuration files located in
/etc/pam.	d/ and /lib/security/
sched_debug_access → Detects an att	empt that was made to access the
/proc/sched_d	debug file on a Linux system
shell_config_modification → Identifies	unauthorized or suspicious modifications to
critical sh	nell configuration files across various user and
system p	rofiles, exbashrc, .profile, and /etc/profile
ssl_certificate_access → Detects unau	Ithorized or unusual access to SSL certificate
files. ex. /etc	/ssl/, /etc/ca-certificates/,
/usr/share/c	a-certificates/, /usr/local/share/ca-certificates/
sudoers_modification $\rightarrow$ Identifies mod	difications to sudoers configuration
sysrq_access → Triggered when there	is an access to /proc/sys/kernel/sysrq or

/proc/sysrq-trigger

 $\label{eq:unprivileged_bpf_config_access} \rightarrow \mbox{ triggered when there is an attempt to access BPF} \\ \mbox{ configuration files without the appropriate} \\ \mbox{ privileges.}$ 

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**Velociraptor IR**  $\rightarrow$  a tool for collecting host-based state information using The Velociraptor Query Language (VQL) queries:

Linux.Detection.MemFD → looks for processes that have been executed from memory via memfd\_create()

**Linux.Detection.Yara.Process**  $\rightarrow$  Runs Yara over processes in memory

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Generic.Detection.Yara.Glob} \rightarrow \text{Returns a list of target files then runs Yara over the} \\ target list \end{array}$ 

**Generic.Detection.Yara.Zip**  $\rightarrow$  Runs Yara on embedded compressed files

**Linux.Proc.Modules**  $\rightarrow$  Lists loaded kernel modules via /proc/modules

Linux.Sys.Maps  $\rightarrow$  Parses the /proc/PID/maps to emit all mapped files into the process

**Linux.Sys.Pslist**  $\rightarrow$  List processes and their running binaries.

**Linux.Sys.SUID**  $\rightarrow$  Searches for files with setuid or setgid flag

Generic.Detection.WebShells → Looks for evidence of a web shell being present on the system (based on Yara rules)

**Linux.Memory.AVML**  $\rightarrow$  Acquires a full memory image in LiME output format.

Linux.Detection.IncorrectPermissions  $\rightarrow$  Checks a number of files and directories to verify whether they have the expected owner, group owner and mode

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Linux.Network.NM.Connections → Lists the NetworkManager state, all configured connections and their settings

**Linux.Debian.GPGKeys**  $\rightarrow$  Extract keys, fingerprints and identities from GPG keys.

Linux.Debian.AptSources → Searches for all apt sources file

**Linux.Debian.Packages**  $\rightarrow$  Parses dpkg status file.

Linux.RHEL.Packages → Parses packages installed from dnf/yum/rpm

Generic.Forensic.LocalHashes.Query

Generic.Forensic.LocalHashes.Init

Generic.Forensic.LocalHashes.Glob → maintains a local database of file hashes. It is then possible to query this database using the Generic.Forensic.LocalHashes.Query

Linux.PrivilegeEscalationDetection  $\rightarrow$  identifies processes running as root that were spawned by processes not running as root

**Exchange.Linux.Kunai**  $\rightarrow$  Parses the Kunai log file

Linux.LogAnalysis.ChopChopGo → Leverages ChopChopGo to enable usage of Sigma rules to facilitate detection within Linux logs

Generic.Collection.UAC → Leverages UAC (Unix-like Artifacts Collector) to collect artifacts from Unix-like systems

 $\label{eq:Linux.Collection.Autoruns} \rightarrow \mbox{Collects various autorun files based on} \\ TriagePersistence$ 

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Linux.Collection.BrowserExtensions → Collects Browser Extensions based on TriageWebBrowserExtensions

Linux.Collection.BrowserHistory → Collects Browser History based on TriageWebBrowserHistory

Linux.Collection.DBConfig → Collects database configurations based on TriageDatabaseConfigsAndLogs

Linux.Collection.History→ Collects history files from unix/linux utilities based on TriageHistory

 $\label{eq:Linux.Collection.NetworkConfig} \rightarrow \mbox{Collects network config files based on} \\ TriageNetwork$ 

 $\label{eq:Linux.Collection.SysConfig} \rightarrow \mbox{Collects system configurations based on} \\ TriageSystemConfiguration$ 

Linux.Collection.SysLogs → Collects system logs based on TriageSystemLogs

Linux.Collection.UserConfig → Collects user configurations and based on TriageUserConfiguration

Linux.System.BashLogout → Captures Bash logout files for examination of abnormal activity

 $\label{eq:Linux.Sys.BashShell} \xrightarrow{} \mbox{Allows running arbitrary commands through the system shell}$ 

Linux.Sys.LastUserLogin → Finds and parses system wtmp files

**Linux.Sys.Crontab**  $\rightarrow$  Displays parsed information from crontab



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Linux.Forensics.RecentlyUsed → Parses the 'recently-used.xbel' XML file for all standard Linux users

**Linux.Sys.APTHistory**  $\rightarrow$  Checks the log of software installation/removal/upgrades

Linux.Sys.JournalCtl  $\rightarrow$  Parses the output of the journalctl command

**Linux.Forensics.Journal**  $\rightarrow$  Parses the binary journal logs

Linux.Sys.SystemdTimer  $\rightarrow$  Lists and parses content of Systemd timers

**Linux.Remediation.Quarantine**  $\rightarrow$  Quarantines a Linux host using iptables rules

 $\label{eq:Linux.Detection.ConfluenceLogs} \rightarrow \text{Enables grep of Linux logs and targets strings} \\ observed in exploitation of CVE-2022-26134$ 

Linux.Detection.CVE20214034  $\rightarrow$  Lists processes running as root that were spawned by processes that are not running as root

Linux.Sys.LogHunter → Enables grep of Linux, MacOS, and Windows logs. Parameters include SearchRegex and WhitelistRegex as regex terms

Linux.Sys.Services → Parses services from systemctl

Linux.Sys.Users → Gets user-specific information like homedir, group etc from /etc/passwd

**Linux.Users.InteractiveUsers**  $\rightarrow$  Gets the interactive users from a Linux host

**Linux.Users.RootUsers**  $\rightarrow$  Detects users added to the sudo group

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Linux.Sysinternals.SysmonEvent → Parses syslog for Sysmon events on Linux using a unix domain socket

**Linux.Sysinternals.Sysmon**  $\rightarrow$  Parses syslog for Sysmon events on Linux

Generic.Detection.log4jRCE → Detects the exploitation attempts against log4j RCE vulnerability CVE-2021-44228

Linux.Applications.WgetHSTS → Gets a wget HSTS log file in a user's home directory

Linux.Network.Netstat → Parses /proc and reveal information about current network connections

 $\label{eq:Linux.Network.NetstatEnriched} \rightarrow \mbox{Reports network connections, and enriches with} process information$ 

Linux.Network.PacketCapture → Leverages tcpdump to natively capture packets

**Linux.OSQuery.Generic** → Executes OSquery query

Generic.System.Pstree  $\rightarrow$  Displays the call chain for every process on the system by traversing the process's parent ID

Linux.Memory.Acquisition → Acquires a full memory image by LiiME

Linux.Triage.ProcessMemory → Dumps process memory and upload to the server

Linux.Volatility.Create.Profile → Creates Volatility Framework profile to the Debian / Ubuntu OS

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Exchange.Linux.Detection.BPF → Parses /proc/\*/fd files and looks for processes with anon\_inode:bpf-map

Exchange.Linux.System.PAM → Enumerates applicable lines from the files that reside in /etc/pam.d/

**Linux.Applications.Docker.Info**  $\rightarrow$  Gets Dockers info by connecting to its socket.

Linux.Applications.Docker.Version → Get Dockers version by connecting to its socket

Linux.Detection.AnomalousFiles → Detects anomalous files in a Linux filesystem (hidden, large, SUID)

**Linux.Mounts**  $\rightarrow$  Lists mounted filesystems by reading /proc/mounts

**Linux.Proc.Arp**  $\rightarrow$  Lists ARP table via /proc/net/arp

 $\label{eq:Linux.Search.FileFinder} \rightarrow \mbox{Finds files on the filesystem using the filename or } content$ 

Linux.Ssh.AuthorizedKeys  $\rightarrow$  Finds and parses ssh authorized keys files

Linux.Ssh.KnownHosts → Finds and parses ssh known hosts files

Linux.Ssh.PrivateKeys → Searches for private keys in the usual locations and also records if they are encrypted or not

Linux.Syslog.SSHLogin → Parses the auth logs to determine all SSH login attempts

Linux.Detection.SSHKeyFileCmd  $\rightarrow$  Parses ~/.ssh/authorized\_keys and ~/.ssh/id\*.pub looking for the command option

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to detect potential persistence

# $\label{eq:Linux.ExtractKthread} \rightarrow \mbox{Parses `/proc/[0-9]*/status` files and extracts the ProcessName and Kthread values.}$

Linux.Forensics.EnvironmentVariables.v3 –	<ul> <li>→ Detects potential persistence mechanisms on Linux systems by analyzing environment variable files and login scripts</li> </ul>
Linux.Network.Nethogs→ Lists all processe traffic on the clien tracker	s that produce (non-local) network t, leveraging the Nethogs process

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 $process\_deleted \rightarrow$  Looks for processes that are running, but the executable has been deleted from the disk

process\_environ\_history\_anti\_forensics → Looks for processes with environment variables indicating anti-forensics are being used to conceal command history



process	<b>s_running_from_tmp_dir</b> $\rightarrow$ Looks for processes that are running out of the system temp directories
process	s_running_from_dev_dir → Looks for processes that are running out of the system /dev directories
process	s_running_from_hidden_dir_anywhere → Looks for processes that are running out of a hidden directory anywhere on the system
process	s_running_from_suspicious_path → Looks for processes with environment variables indicating anti-forensics are being used to conceal command history
process	s_running_from_root_homedir_dir → Looks for processes that are running out of the /root directory
process	s_running_from_system_dir → Looks for processes that are running out of /boot, /sys and /lost+found directories
process	s_running_hidden_name → Looks for processes that are named as a Unix hidden file that are running (e.g. period as the start of name)
process	s_masquerade_extension_suspicious → Looks for processes that are running with an extension of their name that normally wouldn't be on a system binary.

process\_name\_suspicious  $\rightarrow$  Looks for processes that are running with a suspicious name to hide the binary on the disk



<b>process_entropy_high</b> $\rightarrow$ Looks for processes with high entropy indicating it may be	ć
packed or encrypted which is common with malware and	
malicious activity.	

 $\label{eq:process_binary_immutable} \xrightarrow{} \text{Looks for any process with a binary that is marked as} \\ \text{immutable}$ 

process\_masquerade\_kernel\_thread\_\*  $\rightarrow$  Looks for processes hiding with a name to appear to be a kernel thread ([brackets])

 $\label{eq:process_running_hidden_stealth} \rightarrow \mbox{Looks for processes that have been hidden by a stealth rootkit}$ 

user\_ssh\_authorized\_keys\_immutable → Looks for users that have an SSH authorized\_keys file that is set as immutable

policy\_user\_ssh\_authorized\_keys\_duplicates\_found → Looks for users that have SSH authorized\_keys key data that are duplicates

file\_binary\_in\_tmp\_dir → Looks for executable files in the top-level system temp directories (no recursion)

file\_hidden\_bin  $\rightarrow$  Looks for any kind of hidden file under system binary directories which is unusual behavior

systemd\_exec\_from\_hidden\_dir\_anywhere → Looks for systemd units that run commands in a hidden directory anywhere on the system





user_default_user_ssh_authorized_keys_present -	→ Looks for default Linux system users that have a SSH authorized_keys file presents that could allow login
file_binary_entropy_high_in_dev_dir $\rightarrow$ Looks for his executable	igh entropy packed or encrypted files in system /dev directories
kernel_module_hidden $\rightarrow$ Kernel modules that appe	ear to be trying to hide themselves
user_password_auditor_password_is_username $\rightarrow$	• Looks for users with a password that is the same as their username
user_default_user_password_present → Looks for have a pas allow login	default Linux system users that ssword hash present that could n
policy_user_password_auditor_top_worst_small_lis	st → Looks for users with a password that is one of the top worst passwords (~100 word list)
 process_persistence_cron_malicious $\rightarrow$ Looks for malicious	cron tasks that are suspicious or

kernel\_module\_file\_missing → Kernel modules that are loaded but don't have .ko files in /lib/modules/

**dirs\_hidden\_dev\_shm** → Looks for hidden directories in /dev/shm

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process_shell_running_empty_file_descriptors_command_mo	de → Looks for processes running with empty file descriptors
<b>process_environ_proc_home_dir</b> $\rightarrow$ Searches for suspicious ho in process environment	ome directory location
systemd_exec_args_base64 $\rightarrow$ Looks for systemd units that conduct data to obfuscate entries	ontain base64 encoded
systemd_exec_args_obfuscation $\rightarrow$ Looks for systemd units the commands that obfuscate	nat are using e data
systemd_exec_args_malicious → Looks for systemd units that suspicious or malicious use	t have indications of
systemd_exec_args_shell_execution $\rightarrow$ Looks for systemd units that execute another shell via the command (-c) r	
process_shell_running_kthread_spawned_command_mode $\rightarrow$	Looks for shell processes in command (-c) mode started by the kthread process

policy\_user\_ssh\_private\_key\_in\_user\_home\_dir → Searches for SSH private keys in any user's SSH directory

policy\_cpu\_load15\_high → Finds overloaded systems or systems with suspiciously high CPU activity



### **DFIR/Triage Tools:**

**UAC**  $\rightarrow$  Live Response collection script for Incident Response

LinuxCatScale → Incident Response collection and processing scripts with automated reporting scripts

**Fennec**  $\rightarrow$  Artifact collection tool for \*nix systems

 $varc \rightarrow$  Volatile Artifact Collector collects a snapshot of volatile data from a system

**chkrootkit**  $\rightarrow$  Checks for signs of a rootkit

rkhunter → Rkhunter Malware Scanner for linux

lynis  $\rightarrow$  Security auditing tool for Linux, macOS, and UNIX-based systems

**Unhide**  $\rightarrow$  Forensic tool to find hidden processes and TCP/UDP ports by rootkits

**GRR Rapid Response**  $\rightarrow$  Incident response framework focused on remote live forensics

sandfly-file-decloak → Decloak Linux stealth rootkits hiding data with this simple memory mapped IO investigation tool

sandfly-process-decloak → Utility to quickly scan for Linux Process IDs (PIDs) that are hidden by common and not-so-common loadable kernel module stealth rootkits and decloak them so they are visible

sandfly-entropyscan → Entropy scanner for Linux to detect packed or encrypted binaries related to malware

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### LINKS:

- <u>https://github.com/falcosecurity/falco</u>
- <u>https://github.com/aquasecurity/tracee</u>
- <u>https://github.com/cilium/tetragon</u>
- <u>https://listendev.github.io/argus/dev/overview/</u>
- <u>https://github.com/Sysinternals/SysmonForLinux/</u>
- <u>https://why.kunai.rocks/</u>
- https://github.com/chainguard-dev/osquery-defense-kit
- <u>https://github.com/tstromberg/sunlight</u>
- <u>https://github.com/Velocidex/velociraptor</u>
- <u>https://github.com/lkrg-org/lkrg</u>
- <u>https://github.com/sandflysecurity/sandfly-file-decloak</u>
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