

Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

Update on Pakiti

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Pakiti enables system administrators to monitor the patching status or a large number of systems.

- It is hosted on SourceForge and maintained by CERN/EGEE OSCT
- See http://pakiti.sourceforge.net



- Client requires root access
- Client has several dependencies
- Client relies on the availability of Yum, APT, or up2date

This make the client unsuitable for grid monitoring. Also

- Difficult/impossible to categorise patches (bug fix, security, etc.)
- It is then more difficult to prioritise tasks and detect real problems

Wouldn't it be great to monitor the security patches on our grid services?



- Previous "security plugin" attempt was limited:
 - Security plugin works only for SL 3.x and SL 4.x (= no other RedHat flavor)
 - Security plugin is time-consuming to maintain
 - Security plugin significantly increases the load on the server (scalability problems)
 - Security plugin does not tell what is the vulnerability
 - Heavy client, hard to deploy on grid services



To deploy Pakiti in EGEE we would need:

- On the client side:
 - No root access, lightweight client
 - No/little dependencies
 - Avoid relying on a package manager (Yum, APT, etc.)
 - ==> simply send the list of installed packages?
- On the server side:
 - A clear list of security patches, in a standard format
 - No/little dependencies
 - Avoid relying on a package manager (Yum, APT, etc.)
 - ==> OVAL data?





Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language (OVAL) is a MITRE standard:

"OVAL is an international, information security, community standard to promote open and publicly available security content, and to standardize the transfer of this information across the entire spectrum of security tools and services."

http://oval.mitre.org/

• There are OVAL repositories for various vendors, including HP, Microsoft, SUN Solaris, NIST and <u>Red Hat</u>.

 It is then possible to merge OVAL information with the list of installed packages





Pakiti 2 is being developed:

- It uses OVAL data from Red Hat (other vendors can be supported)
- It includes a lightweight shell script on the clients
- It is <u>not</u> backward compatible



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Display all hosts

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As before, clicking on a hostname reveals more information on its patching status.

This time, we focus on vulnerabilities and $\ensuremath{\mathsf{CVEs}}$

The colors DO NOT indicate a degree of severity



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Display all hosts

It is possible to search all hosts vulnerable to a given CVE.

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httpd - 0:2.0.46-70.ent: CVE-2007-3847 CVE-2007-4465 CVE-2007-5000 CVE-2007-6388 CVE-2008-0005

The Apache HTTP Server is a popular Web server.

A flaw was found in the mod_imap module. On sites where mod_imap was enabled and an imagemap file was publicly available, a cross-site scripting attack was possible. (CVE-2007-5000)

A flaw was found in the mod_autoindex module. On sites where directory listings are used, and the "AddDefaultCharset" directive has been removed from the configuration, a cross-site scripting attack was possible against Web browsers which did not correctly derive the response character set following the rules in RFC 2616. (CVE-2007-4465)

A flaw was found in the mod_proxy module. On sites where a reverse proxy is configured, a remote attacker could send a carefully crafted request that would cause the Apache child process handling that request to crash. On sites where a forward proxy is configured, an attacker could cause a similar crash if a user could be persuaded to visit a malicious site using the proxy. This could lead to a denial of service if using a threaded Multi-Processing Module. (CVE-2007-3847)

A flaw was found in the mod_status module. On sites where mod_status was enabled and the status pages were publicly available, a cross-site scripting attack was possible. (CVE-2007-6388)

A flaw was found in the mod_proxy_ftp module. On sites where mod_proxy_ftp was enabled and a forward proxy was configured, a cross-site scripting attack was possible against Web browsers which did not correctly derive the response character set following the rules in RFC 2616. (CVE-2008-0005)

Users of Apache httpd should upgrade to these updated packages, which contain backported patches to resolve these issues. Users should restart

Once "Show text" has been selected, placing the mouse over a CVE displays the advisory.



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- Current status: Testing/GUI improvements in progress
- Future work:
 - Packaging (one RPM for the client, one for the server)
 - Integration to SAM test
 - Integration on many CERN hosts being discussed (not only servers)
 - Check if gLite/GSVG could produce additional OVAL data





Feedback?





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