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SUSE LINUX Enterprise Server 9 Administrator's Handbook



Synopsis

As a system administrator, you are justly concerned about the security of your infrastructure. SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES 9) can lead the way to infrastructure security and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server Administrator's Handbook is the authoritative source for information on this secure server. Step-by-step procedures will walk you through installing and securing a SLES 9 system, and it will focus on the specific security features that make SLES 9 an important platform for all system administrators. Some of what you will cover is: SuSE server installation User access and security Installing and configuring networking services Securing your SuSE server Leverage Linux and open source with SLES 9 and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server Administrator's Handbook to build a secure computing network for your company.

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Kuo and Beland help the sysadmin who might be new to SUSE Linux. Conceptually, you can think of the book as two interwoven parts. The first part is explaining generic linux, or even unix, operations. Applicable to a Red Hat or Solaris machine, perhaps. More pertinantly, the book goes into SUSE-specific abilities, with a natural emphasis on maintaining a secure system. The book is clearly directed at a sysadmin in a corporate environment, as opposed to a hobbyist with a home computer. So robustness and defending against malware are constant themes. For example, you may want to offer anonymous ftp writing to your machine. By default, this directory often ends up in /var. Which means that users could, inadvertantly or not, end up filling the partition that /var/ sits on.

Bad, because /var holds a lot of system log files, amongst other items. So the book suggests putting the anonymous ftp write directory on its own partition. Some other sysadmin books totally ignore this situation. Careful attention should be paid to the last sections of the book, which discuss intrusion detection. A good precis of the main tools is furnished - for Ethereal, Nessus, nmap, Snort and others. You get enough details in the overview to understand their usages and their comparative advantages.

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