

# 4.1.10 Ensure discretionary access control permission modification events are collected (Scored)

## Profile Applicability

Level 2 - Server  
Level 2 - Workstation

## Description

Monitor changes to file permissions, attributes, ownership and group. The parameters in this section track changes for system calls that affect file permissions and attributes. The `chmod`, `fchmod` and `fchmodat` system calls affect the permissions associated with a file. The `chown`, `fchown`, `fchownat` and `lchown` system calls affect owner and group attributes on a file. The `setxattr`, `lsetxattr`, `fsetxattr` (set extended file attributes) and `removexattr`, `lremovexattr`, `fremovexattr` (remove extended file attributes) control extended file attributes. In all cases, an audit record will only be written for non-system user ids (`auid >= 1000`) and will ignore Daemon events (`auid = 4294967295`). All audit records will be tagged with the identifier "perm\_mod."

## Rationale

Monitoring for changes in file attributes could alert a system administrator to activity that could indicate intruder activity or policy violation.

## Audit

On a 32 bit system run the following command and verify the output matches:

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# grep perm_mod /etc/audit/audit.rules
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## Remediation

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