

2.1.1 Ensure chargen services are not enabled (Scored)

Profile Applicability

Level 1 - Server
Level 1 - Workstation

Description

chargen is a network service that responds with 0 to 512 ASCII characters for each connection it receives. This service is intended for debugging and testing purposes. It is recommended that this service be disabled.

Rationale

Disabling this service will reduce the remote attack surface of the system.

Audit

Verify the chargen service is not enabled. Run the following command and verify results are as indicated:

```
grep -R "^chargen" /etc/inetd.*
```

No results should be returned

check /etc/xinetd.conf and /etc/xinetd.d/* and verify all chargen services have `disable = yes` set.

Remediation

Comment out or remove any lines starting with `chargen` from `/etc/inetd.conf` and `/etc/inetd.d/*`. Set `disable = yes` on all chargen services in `/etc/xinetd.conf` and `/etc/xinetd.d/*`.

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