

2.1.5 Ensure time services are not enabled (Scored)

Profile Applicability

Level 1 - Server
Level 1 - Workstation

Description

time is a network service that responds with the server's current date and time as a 32 bit integer. 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 time service is not enabled. Run the following command and verify results are as indicated:

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

No results should be returned

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

Remediation

Comment out or remove any lines starting with time from /etc/inetd.conf and /etc/inetd.d/*.

Set disable = yes on all time services in /etc/xinetd.conf and /etc/xinetd.d/*.

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