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# Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6

## Writing SELinux Policy

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# SELinux Labels

staff\_u:staff\_r:staff\_t:s0-s0:c0.c1023

staff\_u:webadm\_r:webadm\_t:s0

system\_u:object\_r:dictd\_exec\_t:s0

system\_u:system\_r:dictd\_t:SystemHigh

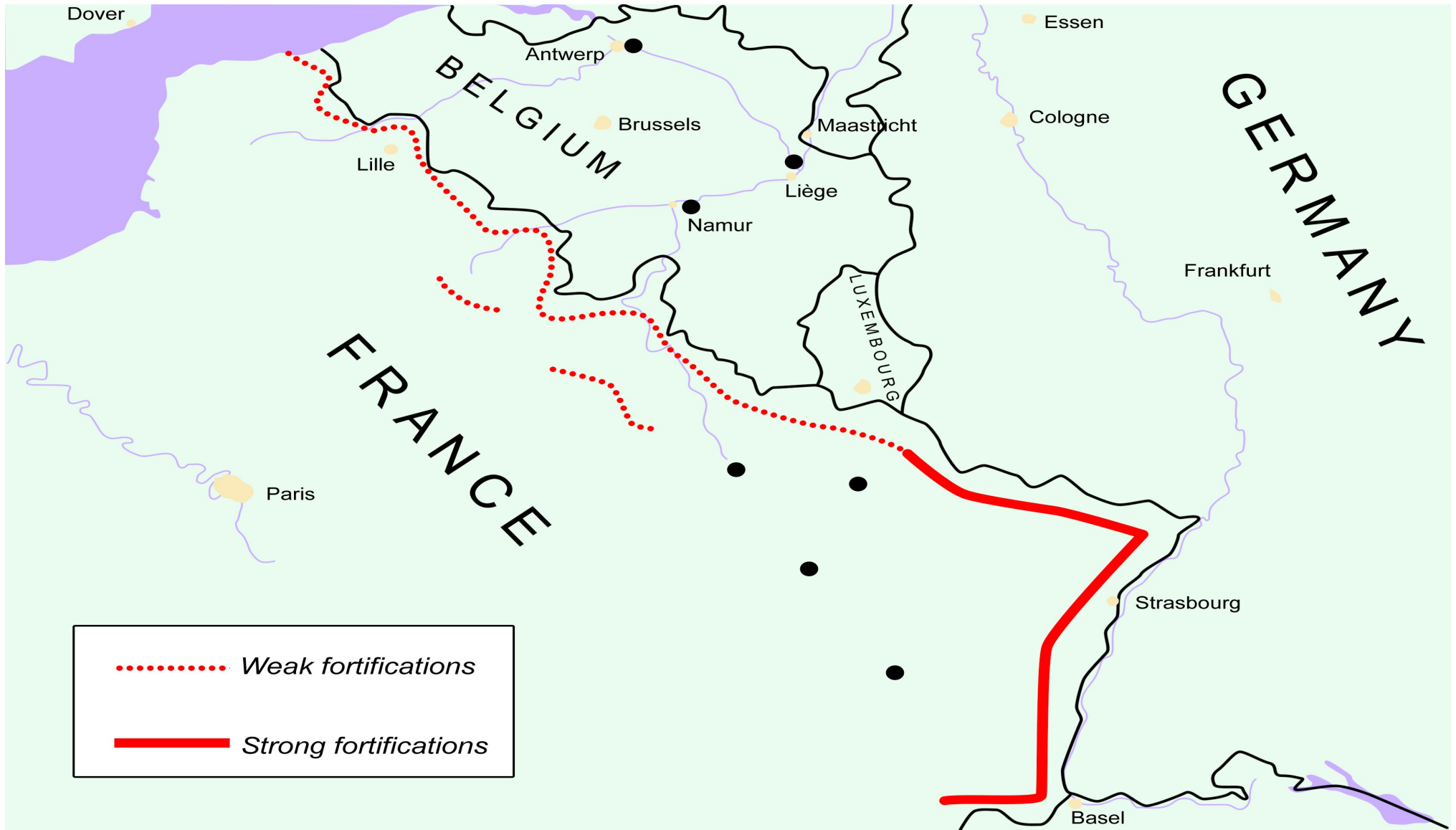
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# Security Goals



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# Policy Modules

## Three Components

### Type Enforcement (te) File

Contains all the rules used to confine your application

### File Context (fc) File

Contains the regular expression mappings for on disk file contexts

### Interface (if) Files

Contains the interfaces defined for other confined applications, to interact with your confined application

### Policy Package (pp)

Compiler/packager roles generates policy package to be installed on systems.

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# Type Enforcing File - Language

Name the module

```
policy_module(dictd,1.0)
```

M4 macro grabs all definitions for classes, perms

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# Type Field

**system\_u:system\_r:dictd\_t:s0**

```
type dictd_t; # Process Type (domain)
type dictd_exec_t; # File Type (file_type)
gen_require(`
    type shadow_t;
`)
```

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**COMMAND** SOURCTYPE TARGETTYPE : CLASS PERMS;

- **allow**
  - Most common
  - Everything denied by default
- **dontaudit**
  - Deny Access, but do not log
- **auditallow**
  - Allow access but log a message
- **neverallow**
  - Conflicting rule will cause policy install to fail

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COMMAND **SOURCETYPE TARGETTYPE** : CLASS PERMS;

- SOURCETYPE
  - Always a process type.
- TARGETTYPE
  - Object-type
  - Usually a file type
  - Sometimes another process
    - self is a special field
- allow { httpd\_t httpd\_sys\_script\_t } etc\_t : file read;

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COMMAND SOURCETYPE TARGETTYPE:CLASS PERMS;

- Classification of different target objects
- file, dir, sock\_file, tcp\_socket, process, capability

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COMMAND SOURCETYPE TARGETTYPE:CLASS PERMS;

## Permissions differ per class

- file - { read write append ... }
- process { fork signal sigkill ...}
- capability { setuid setgid ... }

## Macro definitions

- Combine multiple different permissions for one logical access.
- read\_file\_perms, manage\_sock\_file\_perms;

## Common file patterns

- read\_files\_pattern(httpd\_t, etc\_t, net\_conf\_t)
- /usr/share/selinux/devel/include/support/obj\_perm\_sets.spt

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# Interfaces

## Policy Function Calls

- Allow other domains to interact with your types
- `/usr/share/selinux/devel/include/kernel/files.if`
- Examples
  - `mysql_stream_connect(httpd_t)`
  - `init_system_domain(dictd_t, dictd_exec_t)`
  - `corenet_tcp_connect_mssql_port(httpd_php_t)`
  - `apache_admin(webadm_t)`



# Attributes

- Group types together
  - attribute `file_type`
  - type `etc_t`, `file_type`
- Use as Source or Target
  - allow `rpm_t file_type:file manage_file_perms;`
  - allow `domain self:process fork;`
- Interfaces used to assign attributes:
  - `files_type(etc_t)`
  - `domain_type(httpd_t)`



# Permissive Domains

- permissive dictd\_t;
  - dictd\_t will be allowed full access to the system, but will generate AVC messages.
  - “Learning Mode”



# Control Writing

How does one process attack another?

- **Writing**
- Your domain owns the data?
  - Create a new type
- The data is labeled as system data
  - etc\_r, usr\_t, var\_lib\_t, var\_run\_t, root\_t
  - Never write, you need a file trans type
- Data owned by another confined domain?
  - httpd\_sys\_content\_t?
  - apache\_write\_content(dictd\_t)



# Process Class

allow guest\_t guest\_t : process sigkill;

allow guest\_t self : process sigkill;

allow guest\_t guest\_dbusd\_t : process sigkill;

allow guest\_t httpd\_t : process sigkill;

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# Capability Class

- Attempt to limit power of root
  - ~34 Capabilities
  - Explained in /usr/include/linux/capability.h
- dac\_override, net\_bind\_service, setuid, kill
- allow ping\_t self:capability net\_raw;



# Transitions

## File Transition

```
filetrans_pattern(dictd_t, var_run_t, { file dir }, dictd_var_run_t)
```

## Process Transitions:

```
allow dictd_t sendmail_exec_t:file { execute read ... }
```

```
can_exec(dictd_t, sendmail_exec_t)
```

```
sendmail_domtrans(dictd_t)
```

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# Using Modules

Makefile

```
# make -f /usr/share/selinux/devel/Makefile
```

Install

```
# semodule -i dictd.pp
```

Assigning file context

```
# restorecon -R /var/run/dictd.pid
```

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# Work Flow

Lather Rinse Repeat

Test application

Generate avc messages

```
audit2allow -lar >> dictd.te
```

```
make -f /usr/share/selinux/devel/Makefile
```

```
semodule -i dictd.pp
```



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# Audit2allow

```
# ausearch -m avc -ts recent -i
type=SYSCALL msg=audit(04/22/2011 11:53:51.194:49) : arch=i386 syscall=open success=yes exit=4 a0=2d89b8 a1=0
a2=b77ac910 a3=3 items=0 ppid=7694 pid=7695 auid=Tim uid=root gid=nobody euid=root suid=root fsuid=root
egid=nobody sgid=nobody fsgid=nobody tty=pts3 ses=1 comm=dictd exe=/usr/sbin/dictd
subj=unconfined_u:system_r:dictd_t:s0 key=(null)
```

```
type=AVC msg=audit(04/22/2011 11:53:51.194:49) : avc: denied { read } for pid=7695 comm=dictd
scontext=unconfined_u:system_r:dictd_t:s0 tcontext=system_u:object_r:sysctl_kernel_t:s0 tclass=file
```

```
# audit2allow -la
allow dictd_t sysctl_kernel_t:file read;
```

```
# audit2allow -laR
require {
    type dictd_t;
}
#===== dictd_t =====
kernel_read_kernel_sysctls(dictd_t)
```

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# MOST IMPORTANT THING TO LEARN TODAY

**audit2allow – Just MAKE IT WORK?????**

```
# audit2allow -M myprelink -R -i  
/var/log/audit/audit.log
```

```
***** IMPORTANT *****
```

To make this policy package active, execute:  
semodule -i myprelink.pp

```
# ls myprelink*  
myprelink.fc myprelink.if myprelink.pp myprelink.te
```

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# sepolgen

```
# sepolgen /usr/sbin/dictd
```

Created the following files:

Type Enforcement file     ./dictd.te

Interface file             ./dictd.if

File Contexts file         ./dictd.fc

Setup Script               ./dictd.sh

```
# sh dictd.sh
```

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# Lets Start Generating Policy

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# selinux-polgengui

The image shows two overlapping windows from the SELinux Policy Generation Tool. The background window is titled "SELinux Policy Generation Tool" and contains the instruction "Select the policy type for the application or user role you want to confine:". It has three columns: "Applications", "Login Users", and "Root Users". Under "Applications", there are radio buttons for "Standard Init Daemon", "DBUS System Daemon", "Internet Services Daemon (inetd)", "Web Application/Script (CGI)", "User Application", and "Sandbox". Under "Login Users", there are radio buttons for "Existing User Roles", "Minimal Terminal User Role", "Minimal X Windows User Role", and "User Role". Under "Root Users", there is a radio button for "Root Admin User Role".

The foreground window is also titled "SELinux Policy Generation Tool" and contains the instruction "Enter name of application or user role:". It has three input fields: "Name" with the value "dictd", "Executable" with the value "/usr/sbin/dictd", and "Init script" with the value "/etc/rc.d/init.d/dictd". Each input field has a browse button (three dots) to its right. At the bottom of this window are three buttons: "Cancel", "Back", and "Forward".

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**Now your turn, I want you to confine rwhod.  
Hint, it listens on port 513.**

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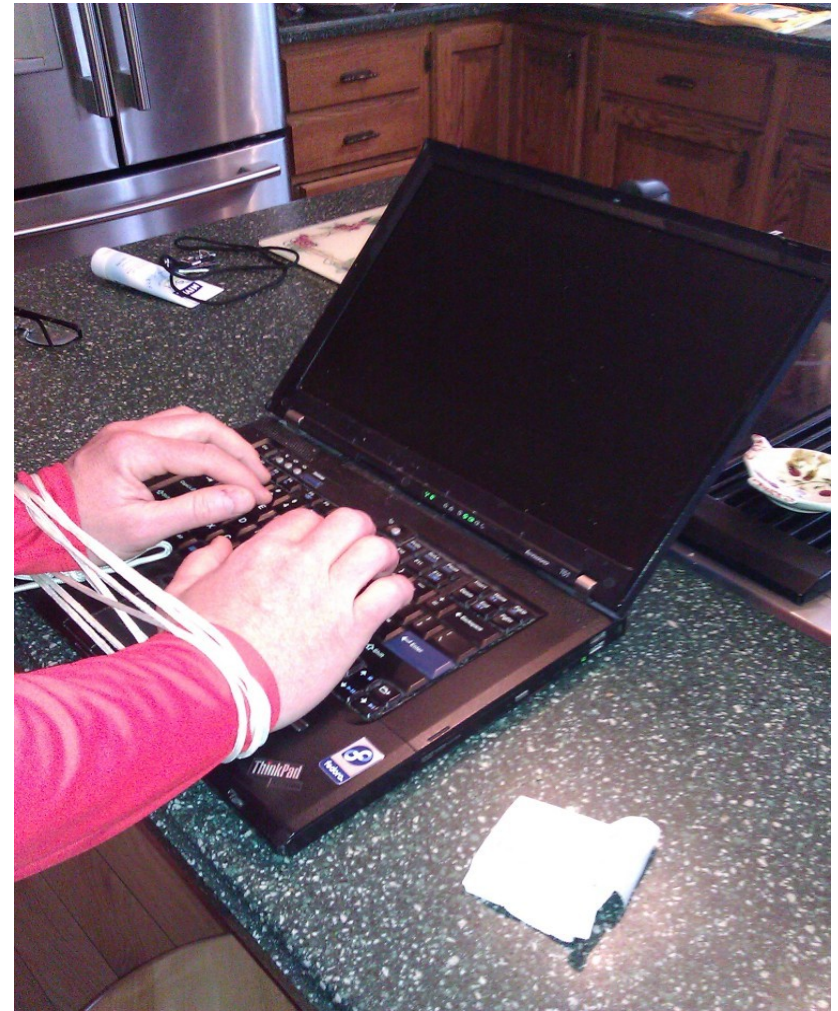
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# Confining Administrators

- RBAC
  - Roles Based Access Control
- At most two roles:
  - User Role - Always
  - Administrator Role
    - Role as root.



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# SELinux USER Selection

**staff\_u:webadm\_r:webadm\_t:s0**

- Linux User :
  - dwalsh
  - root
  - \_\_default\_\_
- SELinux User :
  - staff\_u
  - unconfined\_u
  - guest\_u
  - xguest\_u



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# SELinux ROLE Selection

- SELinux User : [dwalsh](#)
  - staff\_u
- SELinux Roles : [staff\\_u](#)
  - staff\_r webadm\_r system\_r
    - SELinux Types: [staff\\_r](#)
      - staff\_t sudo\_staff\_t



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# Confining User

## Step One

- Confine User
- Unconfined user/confined admin possible
- Can't know password



```
# semanage login -a -s staff_u dwalsh
```

```
# semanage login -m -s user_u __default__
```

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SELinux Policy Generation Tool

Select the policy type for the application or user role you want to confine:

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<input type="radio"/> DBUS System Daemon	<input type="radio"/> Minimal Terminal User Role	
<input type="radio"/> Internet Services Daemon (inetd)	<input type="radio"/> Minimal X Windows User Role	
<input type="radio"/> Web Application/Script (CGI)	<input type="radio"/> User Role	
<input type="radio"/> User Application	<input type="radio"/> Admin User Role	
<input type="radio"/> Sandbox		

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SELinux Policy Generation Tool

Enter name of application or user role:

Name

Executable

Init script

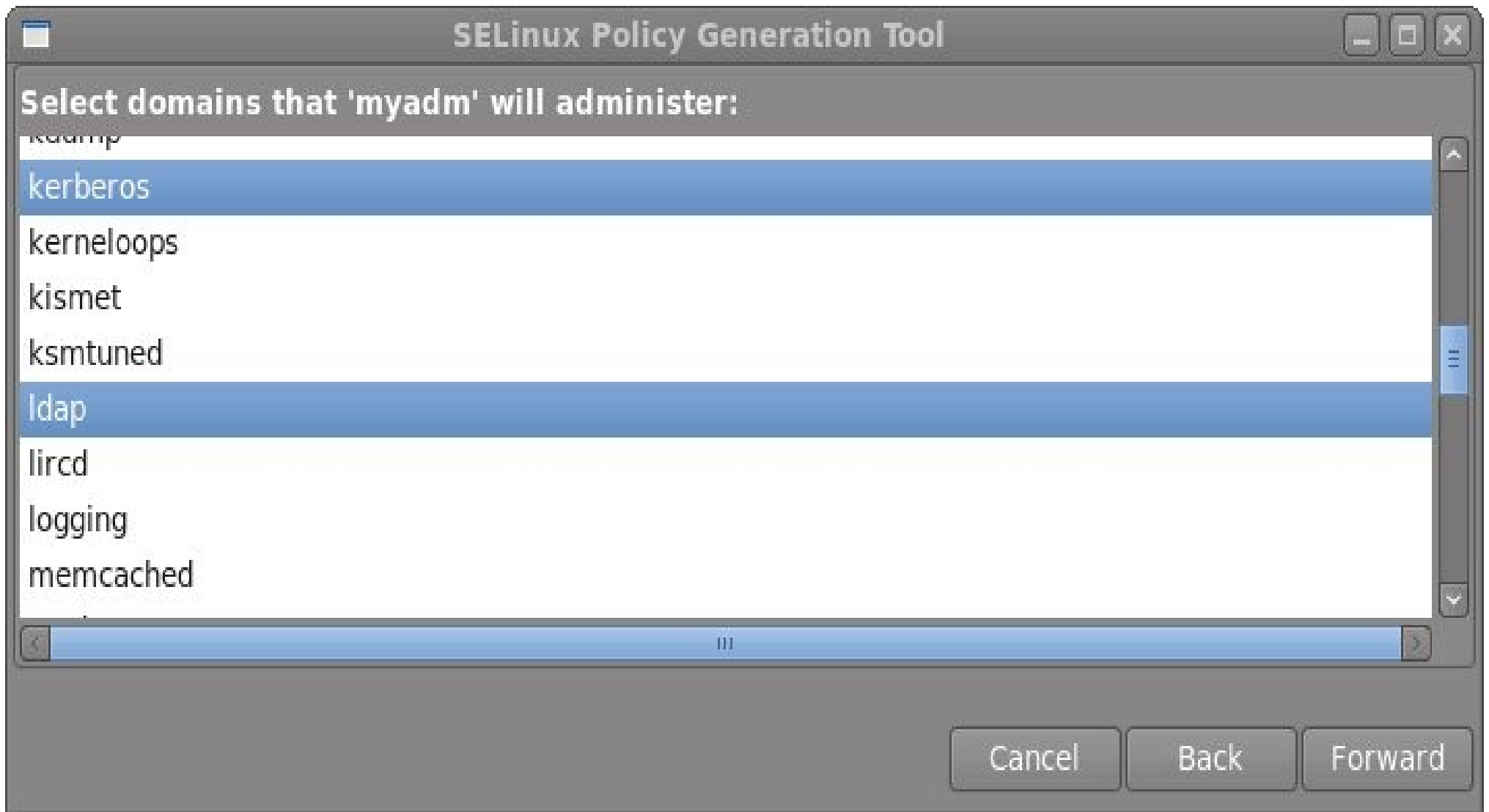
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## SELinux Policy Generation Tool

Select the user\_roles that will transition to 'myadmin':

git\_shell

guest

staff

sysadm

unconfined

user

xguest

Cancel

Back

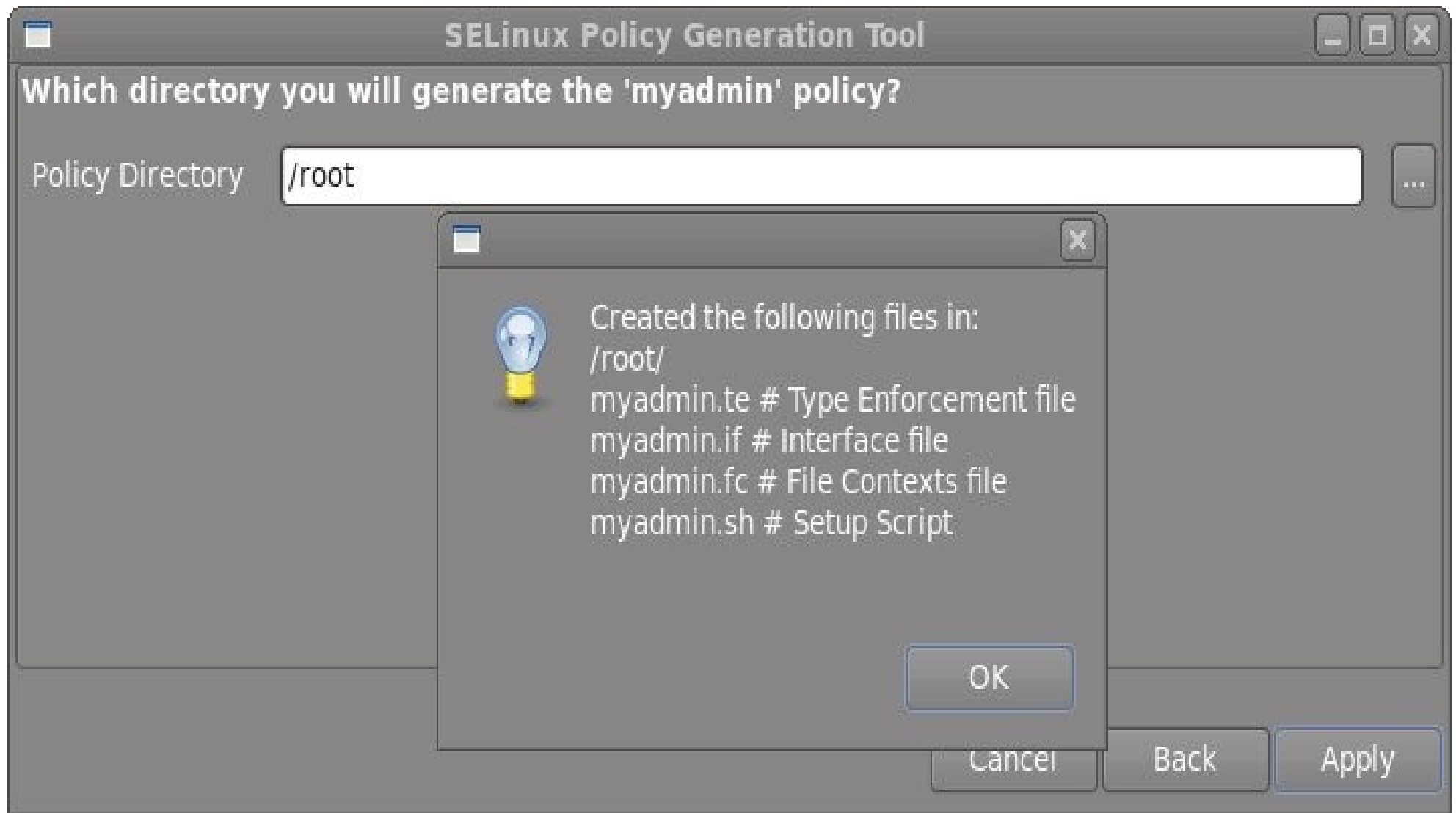
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# Compile and install policy

```
# sh ./myadmin.sh
```

Building and Loading Policy

```
+ make -f /usr/share/selinux/devel/Makefile
```

Compiling targeted myadmin module

```
/usr/bin/checkmodule: loading policy configuration from tmp/myadmin.tmp
```

```
/usr/bin/checkmodule: policy configuration loaded
```

```
/usr/bin/checkmodule: writing binary representation (version 10) to tmp/myadmin.mod
```

Creating targeted myadmin.pp policy package

```
rm tmp/myadmin.mod.fc tmp/myadmin.mod
```

```
+ /usr/sbin/semodule -i myadmin.pp
```

## Add roles to confined user

```
# semanage user -m -R "staff_r sysadm_r system_r myadm_r" staff_u
```

```
# semanage user -a -R "staff_r system_r myadm_t" myadm_u
```

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Add line to /etc/sudoers to allow dwalsh root access

```
# visudo
```

```
dwalsh ALL=(ALL) TYPE=myadmin_t ROLE=myadmin_r ALL
```

Login as dwalsh

```
# ssh dwalsh@localhost
```

```
> id -Z
```

```
staff_u:staff_r:staff_t:s0-s0:c0.c1023
```

```
> sudo sh
```

```
# id -Z
```

```
staff_u:myadmin_r:myadm_r:s0-s0:c0.c1023
```

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**I want you to build an admin who can manage  
httpd and databases.**

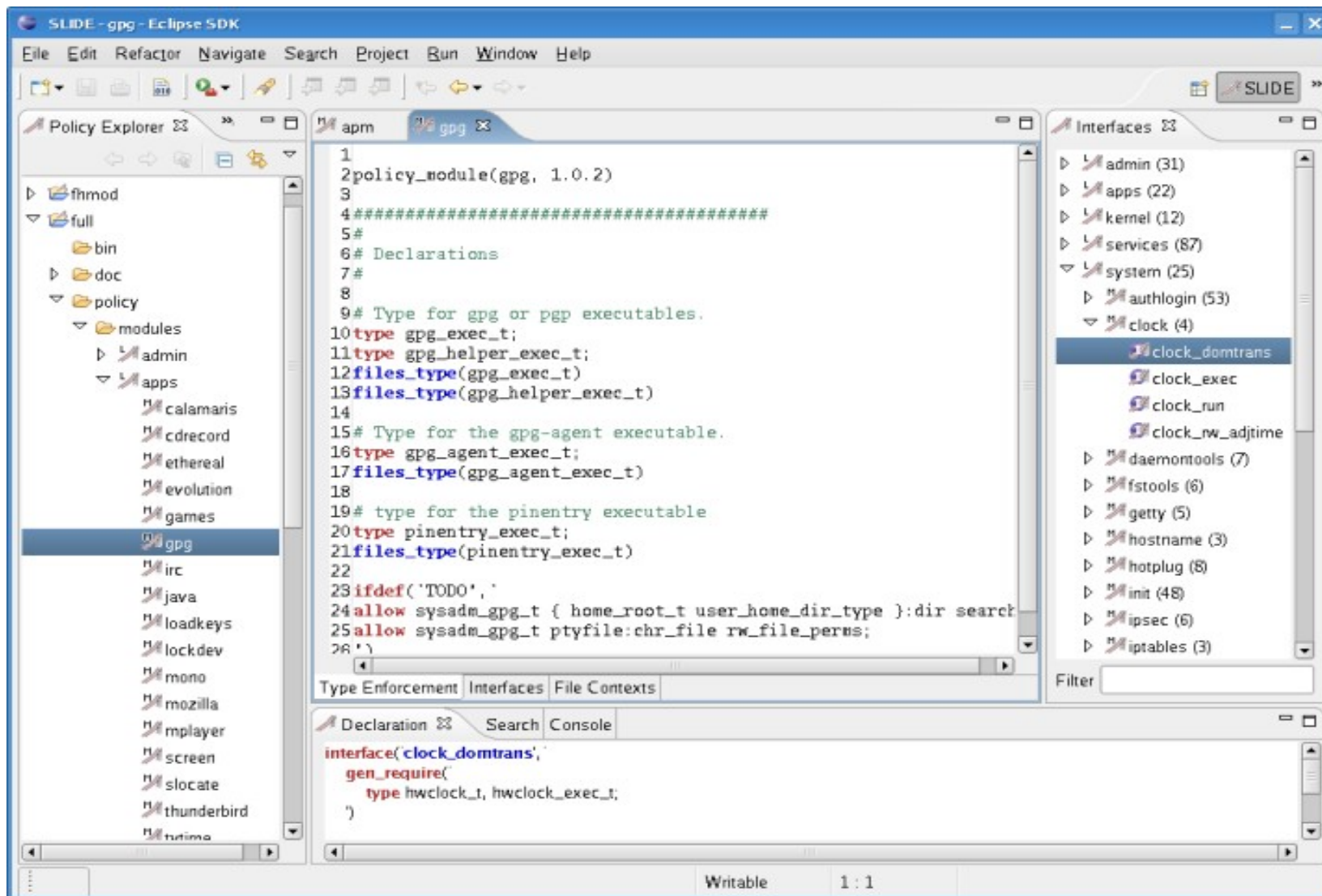
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# Slide - Eclipse Policy Editor



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