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# **Auditing in the VNX Control Station**

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# **Executive summary**

In the 8.1 release family of VNX, the Control Station Linux-based operating system (OS) incorporates improvements to the auditing subsystem.

This technical note provides an introduction to the auditing infrastructure on the VNX Control Station as of release 8.x.

### Introduction

Auditing is a specialized form of logging. The purpose of auditing is to record the "security-relevant events" that happen on a system and provide sufficient information about who initiated the event and the event's effect on the system (for example, success or failure). The key, of course, is deciding on what the right set of security-relevant events happens to be for a particular environment.

Auditing differs from other kinds of logging in terms of the information that is captured. Of the various log files available on a VNX, many of them include informative messages about the overall status of the system. While these entries can be important for maintaining the VNX in peak operating condition, they are not necessarily security-relevant.

#### **Audience**

This technical note is aimed at VNX administrators and security officers responsible for monitoring administrative actions on a VNX.

## Terminology

### **Audit Daemon**

A process that manages audit log rotation and retention policies and is responsible for reading individual audit records from the kernel and writing them to the audit log.

#### **Audit Log or Audit Trail**

A file to which audit records are being (or have been) written by the audit daemon.

#### **Audit Record**

A portion of the information recorded about an audit event. An audit record has a type that indicates the fields that follow.

#### **Audit Event**

All the audit records associated with an individual activity on the system (for example, opening a file for read/write access). All audit records associated with a single event have the same serial number.

# Auditing and audit logs

The Linux operating system for the VNX Control Station has a native auditing capability. This facility has the ability to audit system calls and access to file system objects. In addition, some trusted programs can write audit log entries as well (for example, the SSH daemon). An overview of the auditing subsystem is presented in Figure 1.

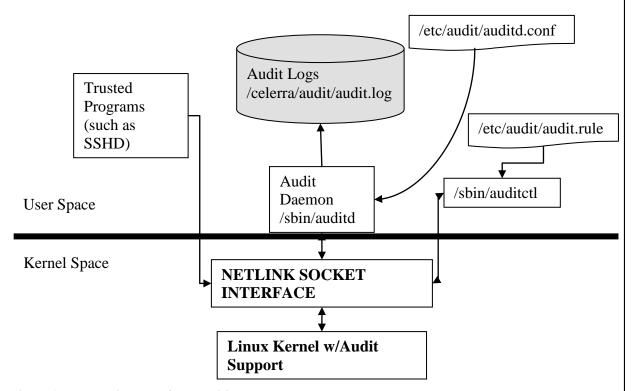


Figure 1 Diagram of the auditing system

Linux auditing is controlled by a combination of user and kernel space components. Configuration information is typically read from files and passed to the kernel via the <code>/sbin/auditctl</code> command. The kernel decides what is to be audited (or rather, which audit records are to be recorded) and writes them to the NETLINK interface. The job of the

audit daemon is to pull records off of the link as fast as possible and write them to the audit log. While the audit log is located at /var/log/audit by default, it is located at /celerra/audit/audit.log¹ on the Control Station. Trusted programs (such as SSHD, /bin/login, and other trusted applications) write audit records to the NETLINK interface and the kernel, in turn, passes these back out for the audit daemon to record. The daemon also handles log rotation tasks (to ensure that a valid log is always available for recording audit records).

The /sbin/auditctl command also provides information about operational characteristics (maximum message rate, backlog size, and so on) and the audit rules (an indication of what is to be audited). While audit rules can be added via the command line individually, strictly controlling the order of audit rules requires entering them into the audit rules file.

#### **Audit configuration**

The behavior of the audit subsystem is mainly controlled by two separate files:

/etc/audit/auditd.conf

Default location of the file that controls the configuration of the audit daemon. The details on what this file controls and its format are in the auditd.conf(8) man page. The suggested initial version of this file for the VNX Control Station is delivered in /nas/sys/auditd.conf as well as being installed in the default location.

/etc/audit/audit.rules

Default location of the file with the audit rules to load when auditing is started. Details on what the file controls (basically a description of what can be audited) and the format are in the audit.rules(8) man page. The suggested initial version of this file for the VNX Control Station is delivered in /nas/sys/audit.rules as well as being installed in the default location.

By default, the VNX Control Station has been configured to have a separate file system to hold audit trails. This file system is roughly 120 MB in size and is mounted at /celerra/audit. The auditd.conf configuration file is used to tell the audit subsystem to use this file system.

In the 5.6.x releases, the audit logs were located at /nas/var/auditing. By moving the location to /celerra/audit, the audit logs are stored on the Control Station's internal drive. This simplifies starting auditing automatically at boot time.

The audit daemon also controls log rotation and actions to take if the audit subsystem is unable to record audit events for some reason (for example, when the file system is full). The default values for controlling the audit daemon, as reflected in /etc/audit/auditd.conf, are:

Table 1 Audit Rule Default Values

Keyword	Value	Meaning
log_file	/celerra/audit/audit.log	Directory where the audit logs should be written. This is a separate file system on the Control Station.
log_format	RAW	Records are stored exactly as the kernel writes them. There are no other choices, presently.
priority_boost	0	No boost is provided to the audit daemon.
flush	Incremental	This value means that the "freq" parameter (below) controls how often records are flushed to disk.
freq	20	The audit daemon writes 20 records before issuing an explicit flush to disk command.
Dispatcher	/nasmcd/sbin/mt_mon	Monitoring process to faciltate auditing access to a Data Mover's root file system
num_logs	6	The number of log files to keep.
max_log_file	15	Log files can be up to 15 MB in size.
max_log_file_action	ROTATE	Once the current log file reaches 15 MB, the audit daemon will rotate to a new log file.
space_left	15	When 15 MB of space are left in /nasmcd/var/auditing, a message is sent to the syslog.
space_left_action	SYSLOG	
admin_space_left	12	When 12 MB of space are left in /celerra/audit, auditing is suspended.
admin_space_left_action	SUSPEND	
disk_full_action	SUSPEND	When /nasmcd/var/auditing is full, auditing is suspended.
disk_error_action	SUSPEND	If there is a problem writing the audit log, suspend the auditing.

These values were chosen as defaults to suit the needs of a security-conscious VNX user with a bias to maintaining service if there are any difficulties with auditing. While these values may be changed to a stronger security/monitoring bias, the administrator is urged to consider the potential consequences of such actions very carefully. For example, if the "disk\_error\_action" is set to "halt", then the Control Station will be

shut down if there is a problem writing the audit log. This may have severe repercussions on the overall functionality of your VNX. In addition, the log rotation values are designed to keep the file system from becoming full. If you change these values or add additional information to the file system, you should monitor the file system to ensure that free space for recording audit logs is maintained.

### Setting up the Control Station for auditing

In 5.6.x releases, auditing was not enabled on the Control Station by default. As of 6.0.x, auditing is enabled by default for new installations. In the case of upgrading from a 5.6.x system to a 6.0.x system, the auditing state (enabled or disabled) will be preserved on upgrade. EMC recommends that you enable auditing on your Control Station.

## Starting the audit service

In some circumstances, auditing is started by default and nothing more needs to be done for it to start automatically with each Control Station reboot. If auditing is stopped for some reason, it may be started manually with the command /sbin/service auditd start. You are required to be root to control the audit subsystem. You may check that auditing is running with the command /sbin/service auditd status.

If auditing is not enabled by default on your system (e.g., you upgraded from 5.6.x and it was disabled there), you may use the /sbin/chkconfig command to indicated the run levels for which the init process should start the audit daemon. For example, the command:

```
/sbin/chkconfig -levels 2345 auditd
```

would indicate that the audit daemon should be started for run levels 2, 3, 4, and 5.

#### **Audit commands**

The commands are:

/sbin/auditctl

A utility to assist controlling the kernel's audit system. It is used to check the status of auditing, change the rules for what to audit, disable auditing, and so on. Details on its usage are in the auditctl(8) man page.

/sbin/ausearch

A tool to query audit daemon logs. This is the tool for extracting information from the audit logs based upon some search criteria, such as a file or username. Details on its usage are in the ausearch(8) man page.

/sbin/aureport

A tool to produce summary reports of audit daemon logs. Details are in the aureport(8) man page.

/sbin/auditd

The actual audit daemon.

/sbin/service auditd (start | stop | status | restart | reload | rotate | condrestart)

The interface for starting, stopping, or otherwise controlling the audit subsystem.

## **Audits and actions**

When auditing is enabled, you must specify exactly what should be audited. Too much detailed information can be as bad as no information at all. The VNX Control Station delivers a suggested initial version of audit.rules that is designed to capture an interesting set of security-relevant events but not overtax the Control Station resources or an administrators ability to monitor them.

The suggested initial version of audit.rules is designed to audit the following:

- Administrators accessing the root file system of a Data Mover
- Access to particularly sensitive system files on the Control Station
- Changes to the auditing infrastructure
- Users authenticating to the system

The last three sets of actions are easy to audit; however, auditing access to the root file system of a Data Mover is more difficult. Because these file systems are automounted, it is not possible to set a file system watch for the relevant pathnames at boot time. The file systems need to be mounted when the watch is set. Even if they were mounted, the watch is cleared when the file systems are unmounted (which happens automatically after they are not accessed for some period of time).

Enhancements in the underlying auditing subsystem have made it possible to provide a more elegant solution to this issue than was possible before. The dispatcher line in the configuration file /etc/audit/auditd.conf refers to a program that will monitor all

audit records as they are generated. These records are analyzed and when the dispatcher detects that the root file system of a Data Mover has been mounted, it will set the appropriate file system watch. This has the desired behavior since the file system is mounted when the watch is issued. Direct access to the file system by any administrator or service provider will be recorded in the audit log unless auditing is disabled.

This approach means that fewer file open events are recorded for administrators than was previously the case. This will record a more security-relevant set of events in the audit log and make it easier to identify events of interest

# Reading audit records

As mentioned previously, an *audit event* is a specific action that may have multiple *audit records* associated with it. One consequence of this is that the audit records associated with a particular audit event may not be grouped together in the raw audit trail. In addition, the raw audit trail has numerical values for values that have text-based representations (for example, names associated with UIDs and GIDs, system call names). This means that the best way to read audit events from an audit trail is with the ausearch command.

The complete list of record types that can show up in audit records are recorded in Appendix A: Audit Record Types.

The type of an audit record indicates the fields that are present in the record and, hence, the information that a record type might contain. While there are on the order of 100 record types, only a handful will normally show up in VNX Control Station audit logs (based upon the initial /etc/audit/audit.rules file). These types are:

- SYSCALL Information associated with a system call invocation by a process or thread
- PATH Information about a file being accessed
- CWD The current working directory of the process when the event occurred
- USER\_xxxx Events associated with a user authenticating to the system
- FS\_WATCH Access to a file system object that has an explicit watch placed on it

Brief field descriptions are in Appendix B: Audit record field names and descriptions. Most field names are self-explanatory. The field names that are most audit-specific are:

- Auid The Audit ID is set when a user authenticates to the system and follows them through all their actions, including actions via the sudo command or after su-ing to root.
- Items In a SYSCALL type record, this indicates how many PATH records are associated with the call.

## **Example: A user logging in via SSH**

The following six audit events are associated with a single login event. This output was generated with the ausearch command, using the -i switch (to convert numeric values to a human readable form). This makes timestamps and system calls much more intelligible.

```
type=USER_AUTH msq=audit(07/11/2007 12:04:58.826:52810) : user
pid=19373 uid=root auid=unknown(4294967295) msg='PAM
authentication: user=taylot1 exe="/usr/sbin/sshd" (hostname=
sys7dhcp59, addr=192.168.7.59, terminal=ssh result=Success)'
type=USER_ACCT msg=audit(07/11/2007 12:04:58.831:52811) : user
pid=19373 uid=root auid=unknown(4294967295) msg='PAM accounting:
user=taylot1 exe="/usr/sbin/sshd" (hostname= sys7dhcp59,
addr=192.168.7.59, terminal=ssh result=Success)'
type=LOGIN msg=audit(07/11/2007 12:04:58.854:52812) : login
pid=19375 uid=root old auid=unknown(4294967295) new auid=taylot1
{\tt type=USER\_START\ msg=audit(07/11/2007\ 12:04:58.856:52813)\ :\ user}
pid=19375 uid=root auid=taylot1 msg='PAM session open:
user=taylot1 exe="/usr/sbin/sshd" (hostname= sys7dhcp59,
addr=192.168.7.59, terminal=ssh result=Success)
type=CRED_REFR msq=audit(07/11/2007 12:04:58.858:52814) : user
pid=19375 uid=root auid=taylot1 msg='PAM setcred: user=taylot1
exe="/usr/sbin/sshd" (hostname= sys7dhcp59, addr=192.168.7.59,
terminal=ssh result=Success)'
type=USER_LOGIN msg=audit(07/11/2007 12:04:58.868:52815) : user
pid=19373 uid=root auid=unknown(4294967295) msg='uid=765961:
exe="/usr/sbin/sshd" (hostname= sys7dhcp59, addr=192.168.7.59,
terminal=/dev/pts/3 res=success)'
```

Here, we see the following taking place:

- User taylot1 has authenticated to the system via SSH. Notice that PAM authentication is enabled.
- PAM authentication is typically a three-step process, going through

- an auth, account, and session stage (see the pam(8) man page for details). In the second audit event, we see that the PAM accounting step has been completed successfully.
- In the fourth audit event, we see that the PAM session step is completed successfully. An important part of this step is that the auid value has been set to "taylot1" from the previously "unknown" value. The value of 4294967295 represents an unset auid value.

## Example: A failed login attempt via SSH

An example of what happens when a login attempt fails.

```
type=USER_LOGIN msg=audit(07/11/2007 12:05:14.047:52816) : user
pid=19397 uid=root auid=unknown(4294967295) msg='acct=foobar:
exe="/usr/sbin/sshd" (hostname=?, addr=?, terminal=sshd
res=failed)'
----

type=USER_AUTH msg=audit(07/11/2007 12:05:18.951:52817) : user
pid=19397 uid=root auid=unknown(4294967295) msg='PAM
authentication: user=foobar exe="/usr/sbin/sshd" (hostname=
sys7dhcp59, addr=192.168.7.59, terminal=ssh result=Authentication
failure)'
----

type=USER_LOGIN msg=audit(07/11/2007 12:05:18.952:52818) : user
pid=19397 uid=root auid=unknown(4294967295) msg='acct=foobar:
exe="/usr/sbin/sshd" (hostname=?, addr=?, terminal=sshd
res=failed)'
```

#### **Example:** A file open event

Here we see an example of a single system call to open a file. These three audit *records* make up a single audit *event*. This is determined by looking at the msg=audit(timestamp:event id) field. A unique audit event ID is associated with each record and occurs after the colon that follows the timestamp.

The timestamps for the records associated with a single event may not always be identical.

A single audit event may have several audit records associated with it for a variety of reasons. They may be triggered by multiple rules or conditions. For example, the system may be auditing open system call invocations and watching the particular file being opened. One of the things an administrator can do with a file system watch is to associate an

arbitrary test string (a filter key) with the record for easy searching later. Audit records may be generated separately, but they have the same audit event ID.

```
type=PATH msg=audit(07/11/2007 11:16:07.944:52585):
name=/etc/audit/auditd.conf flags=open inode=3428178 dev=fd:00
mode=file,640 ouid=root ogid=root rdev=00:00
type=CWD msg=audit(07/11/2007 11:16:07.944:52585): cwd=/root

type=FS_INODE msg=audit(07/11/2007 11:16:07.944:52585):
inode=3428178 inode_uid=root inode_gid=root inode_dev=fd:00
inode_rdev=00:00

type=FS_WATCH msg=audit(07/11/2007 11:16:07.944:52585):
watch_inode=3428178 watch=auditd.conf filterkey=CFG_auditd.conf
perm=read,write,exec,append perm_mask=read

type=SYSCALL msg=audit(07/11/2007 11:16:07.944:52585): arch=i386
syscall=open success=yes exit=3 a0=8052273 a1=20000 a2=5 a3=0
items=1 pid=19201 auid=taylot1 uid=root gid=root euid=root
suid=root fsuid=root egid=root sgid=root fsgid=root comm=ausearch
exe=/sbin/ausearch
```

The audit event above shows that the user taylot1, while su-ed to root, has executed the /sbin/ausearch command and this command issued an open system call against the /etc/audit/auditd.conf file. The FS\_WATCH record corresponds to a watch placed on the /etc/audit/auditd.conf file and the SYSCALL record was generated because the open system call was being audited. The CWD record is reporting the current working directory in effect for the command invocation. Note that all the records have event ID 52585.

# Additional sources of monitoring information

For now, the auditing subsystem is not intended to capture all the potentially security-relevant information that a security administrator might desire in the VNX Control Station environment. The auditing subsystem is designed to capture events that would be difficult to capture otherwise for those who require more extensive auditing.

There are additional sources of monitoring or log information for the Control Station, and, for completeness' sake, they are mentioned below. For additional information on these logs, please read the relevant documentation, such as the *VNX System Operations* technical module.

## /nas/log/cmd\_log

This file displays a list of most successfully-executed VNX-specific commands. Commands that only display information or commands that reside in the /nas/sbin directory are not logged. Log entries look like:

- 2007-02-21 16:35:55.532 server\_2:0:21096:S: /nas/bin/server\_mount server\_2 -p root\_fs\_2 /
- 2007-02-21 16:35:56.526 server\_2:0:21096:E: /nas/bin/server\_mount server\_2 -p root\_fs\_2 /

The fields contained in these log entries and their values in the example above are:

- Data & Time: 2007-02-21 16:35:55.532
- Source: server\_2
- User ID: 0
- PID: 21096
- Start or End Marker: S or E
- The Actual Command: /nas/bin/server\_mount server\_2 -p root\_fs\_2 /

## /nas/log/sys\_log

This log file displays a cumulative list of system event and log messges from the most recent Control Station reboot.

#### /nas/log/osmlog (aka /var/log/messages)

This is the standard Linux "syslog." Many of the non-VNX specific commands will record security-relevant messages to this file.

#### /nas/http/logs/access\_log

This file records activity via Unisphere and includes the authenticated user identity of the issuer of HTTP requests. The fields most likely to be of interest are:

- Originating IP address
- User Identity (as a name)
- Date and Timestamp
- URL accessed
- HTTP Return Status (for example, 200 to indicate success)

# **References**

There are man pages on the VNX Control Station for each of the audit commands and audit configuration files mentioned. In addition, the default audit configuration files include comments.

# **Appendix A: Audit Record Types**

All audit records begin with a "type=<type name>" entry. This characterizes the audit record as having a particular set of information and provides a handle for searches (using /sbin/ausearch -m, for example).

ADD\_GROUP ADD\_USER ANOM\_ACCESS\_FS ANOM\_ADD\_ACCT ANOM\_AMTU\_FAIL ANOM\_CRYPTO\_FAIL ANOM\_DEL\_ACCT ANOM\_EXEC ANOM\_LOGIN\_ACCT ANOM\_LOGIN\_FAILURES ANOM\_LOGIN\_LOCATION ANOM\_LOGIN\_SESSIONS ANOM\_LOGIN\_TIME ANOM\_MAX\_DAC ANOM\_MAX\_MAC ANOM\_MK\_EXEC ANOM\_MOD\_ACCT ANOM\_PROMISCUOUS ANOM\_RBAC\_FAIL

ANOM\_RBAC\_INTEGRITY\_FAIL

ANOM\_SEGFAULT

AVC AVC\_PATH CHGRP\_ID CONFIG\_CHANGE CRED\_ACQ CRED\_DISP CRED\_REFR **CWD** DAC CHECK DAEMON\_ABORT DAEMON\_CONFIG DAEMON\_END DAEMON\_ROTATE DAEMON\_START DEL\_GROUP DEL\_USER **EXECVE** FD\_PAIR

FS\_RELABEL

IPC
IPC\_SET\_PERM
KERNEL
KERNEL\_OTHER

LABEL\_LEVEL\_CHANGE LABEL\_OVERRIDE

LOGIN

MAC\_CIPSOV4\_ADD
MAC\_CIPSOV4\_DEL
MAC\_CONFIG\_CHANGE
MAC\_IPSEC\_ADDSA
MAC\_IPSEC\_ADDSPD
MAC\_IPSEC\_DELSA
MAC\_IPSEC\_DELSPD
MAC\_MAP\_ADD
MAC\_MAP\_DEL
MAC\_POLICY\_LOAD
MAC\_STATUS
SOCKADDR

TEST

TRUSTED\_APP USER

USER\_ACCT USER\_AUTH USER\_AVC

USER\_CHAUTHTOK USER\_CMD

USER\_CMD USER\_END USER\_ERR

USER\_LABELED\_EXPORT

USER\_LOGIN USER\_LOGOUT USER\_MGMT

USER\_ROLE\_CHANGE USER\_SELINUX\_ERR

USER\_START

USER\_UNLABELED\_EXPORT

USYS\_CONFIG MQ\_GETSETATTR MQ\_NOTIFY MQ\_OPEN MQ\_SENDRECV

OBJ\_PID

PATH

RESP\_ACCT\_LOCK

RESP\_ACCT\_LOCK\_TIMED

RESP\_ACCT\_REMOTE

RESP\_ACCT\_UNLOCK\_TIMED

RESP\_ALERT

RESP\_ANOMALY

RESP\_EXEC

RESP\_HALT

RESP\_KILL\_PROC

RESP\_SEBOOL

RESP\_SINGLE

RESP\_TERM\_ACCESS

RESP\_TERM\_LOCK

ROLE\_ASSIGN

ROLE\_REMOVE

SELINUX\_ERR

**SOCKADDR** 

SYSCALL

TEST

TRUSTED\_APP

USER

USER\_ACCT

USER\_AUTH

USER\_AVC

USER\_CHAUTHTOK

USER\_CMD

USER\_END

USER\_ERR

USER\_LABELED\_EXPORT

USER\_LOGIN

USER\_LOGOUT

USER\_MGMT

USER\_ROLE\_CHANGE

USER\_SELINUX\_ERR

USER\_START

USER\_UNLABELED\_EXPORT

USYS\_CONFIG

# Appendix B: Audit record field names and descriptions

Field names in audit records capture the various pieces of information that are associated with the record. Of course, not all audit record types have the same fields.

Possible field names and their meaning are:

Table 2 Field names and meanings

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Name	Meaning			
ao, a1, a2, or a3	alphanumeric, the first four arguments to a syscall			
acct	alphanumeric, a user's account name			
addr	the remote address that the user is connecting from			
arch	numeric, the elf architecture flags			
audit_backlog_limit	numeric, audit system's backlog queue size			
audit_enabled	numeric, audit system's enable/disable status			
audit_failure	numeric, audit system's failure mode			
auid	numeric, login user id, once set this should be immutable. The idea is that this value should always represent the user's true identity.			
comm	alphanumeric, command line program name			
cwd	path name, the current working directory			
dev	numeric, in path records, major and minor for device			
dev	in avc records, device name as found in /dev			
egid	numeric, effective group id			
euid	numeric, effective user id			
exe	path name, executable name			
exit	numeric, syscall exit code			
file	file name			
flags	numeric, file system namei flags			
format	alphanumeric, audit log's format			
fsgid	numeric, file system group id			
fsuid	numeric, file system user id			
gid	numeric, group id			
hostname	alphanumeric, the hostname that the user is connecting from			
id	numeric, during account changes, the user id of the account			
inode	numeric, inode number			
inode_gid	numeric, group id of the inode's owner			

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inode_uid	numeric, user id of the inode's owner
item	numeric, which item is being recorded
items	numeric, the number of path records in the event
list	numeric, the audit system's filter list number
mode	numeric, mode flags on a file
msg	alphanumeric, the payload of the audit record
nargs	numeric, the number of arguments to a socket call
name	file name in avcs
obj	alphanumeric, lspp object context string
ogid	numeric, object owner's group id
old	numeric, old audit_enabled, audit_backlog, or audit_failure value
old_prom	numeric, network promiscuity flag
ор	alphanumeric, the operation being performed that is audited
ouid	numeric, object owner's user id
parent	numeric, the inode number of the parent file
path	file system path name
perm	numeric, the file permission being used
perm_mask	numeric, file permission audit mask that triggered a watch event
pid	numeric, process id
prom	numeric, network promiscuity flag
qbytes	numeric, ipc objects quantity of bytes
range	alphanumeric, user's SE Linux range
rdev	numeric, the device identifier (special files only)
res	alphanumeric, result of the audited operation (success/fail)
result	alphanumeric, result of the audited operation (success/fail)
role	alphanumeric, user's SE Linux role
saddr	alphanumeric, socket address
sauid	numeric, sending login user id
scontext	alphanumeric, the subject's context string
seuser	alphanumeric, user's SE Linux user acct
sgid	numeric, set group id
spid	numeric, sending process id
subj	alphanumeric, lspp subject's context string
success	alphanumeric, whether the syscall was successful or not
suid	numeric, sending user id
syscall	numeric, the syscall number in effect when the event occurred
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## Appendix B: Audit record field names and descriptions

tclass	alphanumeric, target's object classification
tcontext	alphanumeric, the target's or object's context string
terminal	alphanumeric, terminal name the user is running programs on
tty	alphanumeric, tty interface that the user is running programs on
type	alphanumeric, the audit record's type
uid	numeric, user id
user	alphanumeric, account the user claims to be prior to authentication
ver	numeric, audit daemon's version number
watch	the file name in a watch record

## Appendix C: /etc/audit/audit.rules for the VNX Control Station

This is the initial version of the file /etc/audit.rules delivered on the VNX Control Station. The contents of this file determine what is audited when an administrator starts auditing (along with audit events from trusted programs regarding authentication events). These audit rules are intended to be mostly self-explanatory, at least after reading the auditctl(8) man page.

```
# Copyright 2008 EMC Corporation
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# This file contains the auditctl rules that are loaded
# when the audit daemon is started. If you feel that you need to
# audit additional events, please expand the set of audit events
# carefully to avoid undue impact on the performance of your VNX
# Control Station.
# Details on what these entries mean can be found in the auditctl(8)
# man page.
## These rules are for those interested in roughly a "medium low" level of
## scrutiny. They are also designed to minimize the impact on Control
## Station functionality.
# First rule - delete all current rules so that this file completely
# defines the initial set of audit rules.
-D
###-----Configure Audit System Parameters-----###
# Increase the buffer size to survive stress events
-b 256
# Enable Auditing
-e 1
# Print to console and syslog if audit failures occur
###-----###
## These rules apply to all system call invocations, regardless of
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## which process is involved. Note that they are order-dependent.
# Audit exec operations performed by users. This captures commands
# that are run by all users with an auid between 200 and 10,000.
# This is intended to exclude system processes, daemons, and unset
# auid values.
## NOTE: If these rules are extended to capture additional audit
          events, carefully monitor the impact to your Control Station
##
          and to how quickly log files fill up and are rotated off the
##
##
          Control Station.
-a exit,always -S execve -F success=1 -F auid>=200 -F auid<=10000
## Also note that user authentication events via SSH are also captured
## in the audit trail.
##-----Set File System Watches-----###
## These are audit events associated with particular files or
## directories on the system. According to the auditctl(8) man page,
## the number of watches set does not impact performance.
-w /nas/quota -p rwa -k CFG_Backend
-w /nbsnas/quota -p rwa -k CFG_Backend
-w /nasmcd/quota -p rwa -k CFG_Backend
-w /nas/rootfs -p rwa -k CFG Backend
-w /nbsnas/rootfs -p rwa -k CFG_Backend
-w /nasmcd/rootfs -p rwa -k CFG_Backend
# Audit changes (or attempted changes) to the audit configuration
# files.
-w /etc/audit/auditd.conf -p wa -k CFG_Audit
-w /etc/audit/audit.rules -p wa -k CFG_Audit
# Audit all attempts to access the audit logs
-w /celerra/audit -k Audit_Log_Access
## Changes to the PAM Configuration Files
-w /etc/pam.d/atd -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/authconfig -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/check user -p wa -k CFG Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/chfn -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/chsh -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
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-w /etc/pam.d/crond -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/cups -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/halt -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/internet -p wa -k CFG_Authentication-druid
-w /etc/pam.d/kbdrate -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/login -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/neat -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/newrole -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/other -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/passwd -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/poweroff -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/ppp -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/reboot -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/remote -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/rexec -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/rlogin -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/rsh -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/run_init -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/screen -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/smtp -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/smtp.sendmail -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/sshd -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/su -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/sudo -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/system-auth -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/system-config-mouse -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/system-config-network -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/system-config-network-cmd -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
-w /etc/pam.d/system-config-network-druid -p wa -k CFG_Authentication
## Audit changes to user management and roles databases
-w /nas/site/role -p wa -k CFG_User_Roles
-w /nas/site/user_db -p wa -k CFG_User_Roles
-w /nas/site/group_db -p wa -k CFG_User_Roles
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