

## Hands-On Exercises for

# Android Security Internals

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## Class Preparation Reference / Reminder

This section contains material that should have been used prior to class to prepare ahead of time. It's provided here as a reference/reminder.

### Class Preparation for Cuttlefish

WARNING: The list of prerequisites for Android development changes over time

1. Install Android Studio:

<https://developer.android.com/tools/studio/index.html>

This URL should give you access to all the instructions needed to get this installed and working.

2. Install the required packages to build Android:

See the "Installing required packages" instructions for the relevant Ubuntu version here: <http://source.android.com/source/initializing.html>

3. Make sure you have the "repo" tool available:

See the "Installing Repo" here: <https://source.android.com/setup/develop>

You may need to log out and back in if the "~/bin" directory wasn't already in your path.

4. Fetch the AOSP:

We'll be using 12.0.0 Note that the new lines that start with ">" are printed by the shell.

**Adding a ">" to the input you type will break the following commands.** Assuming you have a directory called "android" in your home directory:

```
$ cd ~/android
$ mkdir android-12.0.0_r2
$ cd android-12.0.0_r2
$ repo init -u https://android.googlesource.com/platform/manifest \
> -b android-12.0.0_r2
$ repo sync
```

Note that fetching the sources is a fairly lengthy process.

5. Check that you got the right AOSP version:

```
$ cat .repo/manifests/default.xml | grep revision
<default revision="refs/tags/android-12.0.0_r2"
```

Make sure it says "android-12.0.0\_r2" in this output.

## 6. Download the Android GKI kernel:

Note that we're just downloading the kernel for now, we aren't building it.

a. Create directory for working on kernel – assuming this is outside your the top-level of the AOSP:

```
$ cd ~/android/  
$ mkdir android12-5.10-kernel  
$ cd android12-5.10-kernel
```

b. Get the kernel itself and its tools:

```
$ repo init -u https://android.goesource.com/kernel/manifest \  
> -b common-android12-5.10  
$ repo sync
```

7. Download and setup the Cuttlefish tools. Follow the instructions at the following URL to install the tools needed to control Cuttlefish instances:

<https://android.goesource.com/device/google/cuttlefish/>

## 8. Build the AOSP:

Return to the AOSP directory and build it. We use “-j32” as 2X the number of CPUs (assumed 16 here as seen by typing “nproc” on the command line). Generally on a modern AOSP, you shouldn't need to specify “-jX”, it'll be automatically figured out.

```
$ cd ~/android/android-12.0.0_r2  
$ . build/envsetup.sh  
$ lunch aosp_cf_x86_64_phone-eng  
$ make -j32
```

You **MUST** check that the build completed successfully. Generally, you'll see this at the end of a successful build in the output (typically in green):

```
#### build completed successfully (...) ####
```

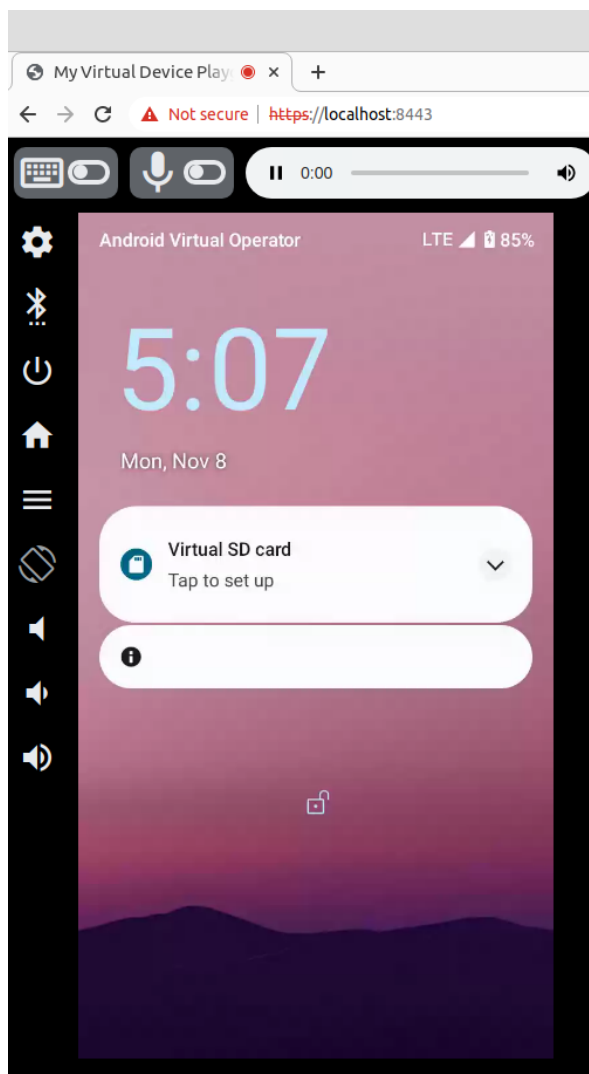
9. Give the AOSP a spin -- From the same directory where you build the AOSP, start the Cuttlefish target:

```
$ HOME=${PWD}/out launch_cvd
```

At this point, the Cuttlefish target will start with your custom-built Android running inside and print messages to the command line<sup>1</sup>. However Cuttlefish itself won't be visible. You'll need to use a Chrome-based browser (Firefox will NOT work) and direct it to localhost:8443. You will likely need to accept some security exceptions to access the web page on which you'll see a device listed since it doesn't have a proper certificate. Once you click on the device you'll

1 If you are seeing errors regarding “kvm” then see the next section.

then see the Cuttlefish device interface.



You can stop Cuttlefish on the command line as well:

```
$ HOME=${PWD}/out stop_cvd
```

## Extended Stack Addition to AOSP

For the purpose of the exercises we will do in class, you will need to add several components to create a new system service, a new HAL and a corresponding HAL module and driver. The details of these additions are covered in Opersys' Embedded Android class material (<https://www.opersys.com/training/embedded-android-training/>). The archive we use for the present class is tailored for the present exercise set. Hence, while you may want to refer to the Embedded Android class material for background, we suggest you continue referring to the present exercises for the hands-on portions of the present class.

1) Backup your AOSP's existing kernel (watch out for the differences between "x86\_64" and "x86-64") and remove the original kernel build artifacts from the output:

```
$ cd ~/android/android-12.0.0_r2
$ cd kernel/prebuilts/5.10/
$ mv x86_64 x86_64-orig
$ mkdir x86_64
$ git init x86_64/
$ cp x86_64-orig/Android.bp x86_64/
$ mv x86_64-orig/Android.bp x86_64-orig/Android.bp-disable
$ cd ../common-modules/virtual-device/5.10
$ mv x86-64 x86-64-orig
$ mkdir x86-64
$ git init x86-64/
$ cp x86-64-orig/Android.bp x86-64/
$ mv x86-64-orig/Android.bp x86-64-orig/Android.bp-disable
$ cd ~/android/android-12.0.0_r2/out/target/product/vsoc_x86_64/
$ rm kernel
$ rm -rf \
>./obj/PACKAGING/depmod_VENDOR_RAMDISK_intermediates/lib/modules/0.0/
$ rm -rf obj/PACKAGING/depmod_vendor_ramdisk_stripped_intermediates/
```

2) Download and apply the Opersys patch for adding a system service, a HAL, corresponding HAL module and driver, and replacement kernel for Cuttlefish.

```
$ cd ~/android/
$ wget opersys.com/downloads/halex-opersys-cuttlefish-12.0-no-se-211206.tar.bz2
$ tar xvjf halex-opersys-cuttlefish-12.0-no-se-211206.tar.bz2
$ find halex-opersys-cuttlefish-12.0-no-se-211206 -exec touch {} \;
$ cp -r halex-opersys-cuttlefish-12.0-no-se-211206/* android-12.0.0_r2
```

3) Rebuild your AOSP:

```
$ cd ~/android/android-12.0.0_r2
$ . build/envsetup.sh
$ lunch aosp_cf_x86_64_phone-eng
$ make -j32
```

4) Restart Cuttlefish to take into account the new additions (don't forget the "--noresume" parameter):

```
$ HOME=${PWD}/out launch_cvd --noresume
```

Cuttlefish should restart with no noticeable difference in the immediate.

## SEAndroid / SELinux Basics

In this section you will learn how to:

- Use the SELinux/SEAndroid tools
- Look for SELinux/SEAndroid information around the filesystem
- Check security errors in the logs

1. Familiarize yourself with the following tools and commands if you've never used the before:

- Check the status of SELinux enforcement:

```
vsoc_x86_64:/ # getenforce
Enforcing
```

- Disable SELinux enforcement:

```
vsoc_x86_64:/ # setenforce 0
vsoc_x86_64:/ # getenforce
Permissive
```

- Enable SELinux enforcement:

```
vsoc_x86_64:/ # setenforce 1
vsoc_x86_64:/ # getenforce
Enforcing
```

- Check kernel logs for SELinux denials:

```
vsoc_x86_64:/ # dmesg | grep avc
[ 9.290319] type=1400 audit(1603625582.200:4): avc: denied { execute_no_trans } for comm="init"
path="/vendor/bin/toybox_vendor" dev="dm-1" ino=228 scontext=u:r:init:s0 tcontext=u:object_r:vendor_toolbox_exec:s0 tclass=file
permissive=0 b/132695863
[ 9.304479] type=1400 audit(1603625582.216:5): avc: denied { execute_no_trans } for comm="init"
path="/vendor/bin/toybox_vendor" dev="dm-1" ino=228 scontext=u:r:init:s0 tcontext=u:object_r:vendor_toolbox_exec:s0 tclass=file
permissive=0 b/132695863
[ 22.821163] type=1107 audit(1603625595.732:6): uid=0 auid=4294967295 ses=4294967295 subj=u:r:init:s0 msg='avc: denied { set }
for property=vendor.wlan.firmware.version pid=305 uid=1010 gid=1010 scontext=u:r:hal_wifi_default:s0
tcontext=u:object_r:vendor_default_prop:s0 tclass=property_service permissive=0' b/131598173
[ 22.824328] type=1107 audit(1603625595.736:7): uid=0 auid=4294967295 ses=4294967295 subj=u:r:init:s0 msg='avc: denied { set }
for property=vendor.wlan.driver.version pid=305 uid=1010 gid=1010 scontext=u:r:hal_wifi_default:s0
tcontext=u:object_r:vendor_default_prop:s0 tclass=property_service permissive=0' b/131598173
...
```

- Check Android logs for SELinux denials:

```
vsoc_x86_64:/ # logcat | grep avc
10-25 07:33:02.200 188 188 W init : type=1400 audit(0.0:4): avc: denied { execute_no_trans } for
path="/vendor/bin/toybox_vendor" dev="dm-1" ino=228 scontext=u:r:init:s0 tcontext=u:object_r:vendor_toolbox_exec:s0 tclass=file
permissive=0 b/132695863
10-25 07:33:02.216 190 190 W init : type=1400 audit(0.0:5): avc: denied { execute_no_trans } for
path="/vendor/bin/toybox_vendor" dev="dm-1" ino=228 scontext=u:r:init:s0 tcontext=u:object_r:vendor_toolbox_exec:s0 tclass=file
permissive=0 b/132695863
10-25 07:33:15.501 148 148 E SELinux : avc: denied { find } for interface=android.hardware.opensys::IOpersys
sid=u:r:system_server:s0 pid=483 scontext=u:r:system_server:s0 tcontext=u:object_r:default_android_hwservice:s0
tclass=hwservice_manager permissive=0
10-25 07:33:15.501 147 147 E SELinux : avc: denied { add } for pid=483 uid=1000 name=opersys scontext=u:r:system_server:s0
tcontext=u:object_r:default_android_service:s0 tclass=service_manager permissive=0
10-25 07:33:15.732 1 1 W /system/bin/init: type=1107 audit(0.0:6): uid=0 auid=4294967295 ses=4294967295 subj=u:r:init:s0
msg='avc: denied { set } for property=vendor.wlan.firmware.version pid=305 uid=1010 gid=1010 scontext=u:r:hal_wifi_default:s0
tcontext=u:object_r:vendor_default_prop:s0 tclass=property_service permissive=0' b/131598173
10-25 07:33:15.736 1 1 W /system/bin/init: type=1107 audit(0.0:7): uid=0 auid=4294967295 ses=4294967295 subj=u:r:init:s0
msg='avc: denied { set } for property=vendor.wlan.driver.version pid=305 uid=1010 gid=1010 scontext=u:r:hal_wifi_default:s0
tcontext=u:object_r:vendor_default_prop:s0 tclass=property_service permissive=0' b/131598173
10-25 07:34:03.185 0 0 I selinux : avc: received setenforce notice (enforcing=0)
10-25 07:34:03.725 148 148 I SELinux : avc: received setenforce notice (enforcing=0)
10-25 07:34:05.456 147 147 I SELinux : avc: received setenforce notice (enforcing=0)
...
```

- Compare output from “ps” with and without security context information:

```
vsoc_x86_64:/ # ps -A
USER          PID     PPID    VSZ    RSS WCHAN          ADDR S  NAME
```



```

root          1          0 10782796  7236 do_epoll_+      0 S init
...
system       4100      4039 13830920 274624 do_epoll_+      0 S system_server
bluetooth    4225      4039 12964824 126764 do_epoll_+      0 S com.android.bluetooth
u0_a104      4243      4039 13043784 234340 do_epoll_+      0 S com.android.systemui
webview_zyg+ 4322      4040 1768136  69960 do_sys_po+      0 S webview_zygote
...

```

vsoc\_x86\_64:/ # ps -A -Z

```

LABEL          USER          PID  PPID  VSZ  RSS WCHAN          ADDR S NAME
u:r:init:s0    root          1    0    10782796  7236 do_epoll_+      0 S init
...
u:r:system_server:s0  system      4100  4039 13830968 275908 do_epoll_+      0 S system_server
u:r:bluetooth:s0    bluetooth   4225  4039 12964824 126764 do_epoll_+      0 S com.android.bluetooth
u:r:platform_app:s0:c512,c768  u0_a104    4243  4039 13043824 234604 do_epoll_+      0 S com.android.systemui
u:r:webview_zygote:s0  webview_zyg+ 4322  4040 1768136  69960 do_sys_po+      0 S webview_zygote
...

```

The -Z flag enables you to see the security context associated with each process running in the system.

- Compare the output from “ls” with and without security context information:

vsoc\_x86\_64:/ # ls -al

```

dr-xr-xr-x  64 root  root          0 2020-10-25 07:32 acct
drwxr-xr-x  48 root  root        960 2020-10-25 07:33 apex
lrw-r--r--   1 root  root         11 2020-10-25 07:27 bin -> /system/bin
lrw-r--r--   1 root  root         50 2020-10-25 07:27 bugreports -> ... bugreports
drwxrwx---   2 system cache    4096 2020-10-25 06:59 cache
drwxr-xr-x   3 root  root          0 2020-10-25 07:32 config
lrw-r--r--   1 root  root         17 2020-10-25 07:27 d -> /sys/kernel/debug
drwxrwx--x  47 system system    4096 2020-10-25 07:35 data
drwx-----   5 root  system      100 2020-10-25 07:33 data_mirror
...

```

vsoc\_x86\_64:/ # ls -al -Z

```

dr-xr-xr-x  64 root  root          u:object_r:cgroup:s0          0 2020-10-25 07:32 acct
drwxr-xr-x  48 root  root          u:object_r:apex_mnt_dir:s0    960 2020-10-25 07:33 apex
lrw-r--r--   1 root  root          u:object_r:rootfs:s0         11 2020-10-25 07:27 bin -> /system/bin
lrw-r--r--   1 root  root          u:object_r:rootfs:s0         50 2020-10-25 07:27 bugreports -> ...
drwxrwx---   2 system cache    u:object_r:cache_file:s0    4096 2020-10-25 06:59 cache
drwxr-xr-x   3 root  root          u:object_r:configfs:s0       0 2020-10-25 07:32 config
lrw-r--r--   1 root  root          u:object_r:rootfs:s0         17 2020-10-25 07:27 d -> ...
drwxrwx--x  47 system system    u:object_r:system_data_root_file:s0 4096 2020-10-25 07:35 data
drwx-----   5 root  system      u:object_r:mirror_data_file:s0 100 2020-10-25 07:33 data_mirror
...

```

The -Z flag enables you to see the security context associated with each file and directory in the filesystem.

- Compare the output of “id” with and without security context information:

vsoc\_x86\_64:/ # id

```

uid=0 (root) gid=0 (root)
groups=0 (root),1004 (input),1007 (log),1011 (adb),1015 (sdcard_rw),1028 (sdcard_r),3001 (net_bt_admin),
3002 (net_bt),3003 (inet),3006 (net_bw_stats),3009 (readproc),3011 (uhid) context=u:r:su:s0

```

vsoc\_x86\_64:/ # id -Z

```

u:r:su:s0

```

2. The filesystem also contains various entries that are related to SELinux and provide information about some key parts. Here are some examples for you to try:

- You can see the SELinux subsystem’s entries in sysfs:

vsoc\_x86\_64:/ # cd /sys/fs/selinux

vsoc\_x86\_64:/ # ls -al

```

total 0
-rw-rw-rw-   1 root  root          0 2020-10-25 11:52 access
dr-xr-xr-x   2 root  root          0 2020-10-25 11:52 avc

```

```

dr-xr-xr-x    2 root root      0 2020-10-25 11:52 booleans
-rw-r--r--    1 root root      0 2020-10-25 11:52 checkreqprot
dr-xr-xr-x 101 root root      0 2020-10-25 11:52 class
--w-----    1 root root      0 2020-10-25 11:52 commit_pending_bools
-rw-rw-rw-    1 root root      0 2020-10-25 11:52 context
-rw-rw-rw-    1 root root      0 2020-10-25 11:52 create
-r--r--r--    1 root root      0 2020-10-25 11:52 deny_unknown
--w-----    1 root root      0 2020-10-25 11:52 disable
-rw-r--r--    1 root root      0 2020-10-25 11:52 enforce
...

```

- You can see the classes of objects that are managed by SELinux in that directory along with the permissions for each class:

```

vsoc_x86_64:/ # cd class
vsoc_x86_64:/ # ls -al
...
dr-xr-xr-x    3 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 alg_socket
dr-xr-xr-x    3 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 appletalk_socket
dr-xr-xr-x    3 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 association
dr-xr-xr-x    3 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 atmpvc_socket
dr-xr-xr-x    3 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 atmsvc_socket
dr-xr-xr-x    3 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 ax25_socket
dr-xr-xr-x    3 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 binder
dr-xr-xr-x    3 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 blk_file
dr-xr-xr-x    3 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 bluetooth_socket
dr-xr-xr-x    3 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 bpf
dr-xr-xr-x    3 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 caif_socket
...
vsoc_x86_64:/sys/fs/selinux/class # ls -al binder/perms/
...
-r--r--r--    1 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 call
-r--r--r--    1 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 impersonate
-r--r--r--    1 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 set_context_mgr
-r--r--r--    1 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 transfer
vsoc_x86_64:/sys/fs/selinux/class # ls -al socket/perms
...
-r--r--r--    1 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 accept
-r--r--r--    1 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 append
-r--r--r--    1 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 bind
-r--r--r--    1 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 connect
-r--r--r--    1 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 create
-r--r--r--    1 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 getattr
-r--r--r--    1 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 getopt
-r--r--r--    1 root root    0 2020-10-25 11:52 ioctl
...

```

By exploring this directory, you can see all the types of classes managed by SELinux/SEAndroid in Android and what types of permissions are associated with each.

- You can also see the initial set of security contexts which are statically defined as part of the kernel sources and which are used to kickstart the system:

```
vsoc_x86_64:/ # cd ../initial_contexts
```

```
vsoc_x86_64:/ # ls -al
...
-r--r--r-- 1 root root 0 2020-10-25 11:52 any_socket
-r--r--r-- 1 root root 0 2020-10-25 11:52 devnull
-r--r--r-- 1 root root 0 2020-10-25 11:52 file
-r--r--r-- 1 root root 0 2020-10-25 11:52 file_labels
-r--r--r-- 1 root root 0 2020-10-25 11:52 fs
-r--r--r-- 1 root root 0 2020-10-25 11:52 icmp_socket
-r--r--r-- 1 root root 0 2020-10-25 11:52 igmp_packet
-r--r--r-- 1 root root 0 2020-10-25 11:52 init
-r--r--r-- 1 root root 0 2020-10-25 11:52 kernel
-r--r--r-- 1 root root 0 2020-10-25 11:52 kmod
...
```

- You can also see process-specific SELinux information under /proc:

```
vsoc_x86_64:/ # ps -A | grep system_server
system          3279    3219 13834392 275112 do_epoll_wait      0 S system_server
vsoc_x86_64:/ # ls /proc/3279/attr/ -al
...
-rw-rw-rw- 1 system system 0 2020-10-25 15:11 current
-rw-rw-rw- 1 system system 0 2020-10-25 15:11 exec
-rw-rw-rw- 1 system system 0 2020-10-25 15:11 fscreate
-rw-rw-rw- 1 system system 0 2020-10-25 15:11 keycreate
-r--r--r-- 1 system system 0 2020-10-25 15:11 prev
-rw-rw-rw- 1 system system 0 2020-10-25 15:11 sockcreate
...
```

3. If you look into the logcat logs, you'll see that there are several security denial errors related to the Opersys system service that was added by the patches earlier:

```
vsoc_x86_64:/ # logcat | grep -i opersys
10-25 11:52:40.844 475 475 I SystemServer: Opersys Service
10-25 11:52:40.844 475 475 I OpersysService: System service initialized
10-25 11:52:40.844 147 147 E SELinux : avc: denied { find } for
interface=android.hardware.opersys::IOpersys sid=u:r:system_server:s0 pid=475
scontext=u:r:system_server:s0 tcontext=u:object_r:default_android_hwservice:s0
tclass=hwservice_manager permissive=0
10-25 11:52:40.844 475 475 E OpersysService: Unable to get IOpersys interface.
10-25 11:52:40.844 475 475 I OpersysService: test() returns 0
10-25 11:52:40.844 475 475 I OpersysService: read() returns
10-25 11:52:40.844 146 146 E SELinux : avc: denied { add } for pid=475 uid=1000
name=opersys sccontext=u:r:system_server:s0 tcontext=u:object_r:default_android_service:s0
tclass=service_manager permissive=0
10-25 11:52:40.845 475 475 E SystemServer: BOOT FAILURE starting OpersysService Service
...
```

Also, if you check to see if the system service is present you'll see that it isn't:

```
vsoc_x86_64:/ # service list | grep -i opersys
1|vsoc_x86_64:/ #
```

The SELinux rules don't permit this system service to operate. There's therefore no way for it to start.

4. Compare the output of "dmesg | grep -i opersys" to the output of the "logcat | grep -i opersys" above. You'll notice that the errors reported aren't the same. This is consistent with

the fact that the SEAndroid functionality is deeply integrated into the Android user-space and isn't limited to just kernel checks.

## Security Context Rule Basics

In this section you will learn how to:

- Investigate and follow SELinux/SEAndroid security contexts
- Understand how security contexts and rules are written
- Create and work with SELinux/SEAndroid rules in a variety of scenarios

1. In the previous exercises we saw that the Opersys system service and relevant components weren't getting started due to SELinux issues. Let's try getting them working by "cheating". Let's disable the SELinux policy checking and restart the framework:

```
vsoc_x86_64:/ # stop
vsoc_x86_64:/ # setenforce 0
vsoc_x86_64:/ # start
```

Now let's check what the logs say and check if the system service was started:

```
vsoc_x86_64:/ # logcat | grep -i opersys
10-25 12:11:44.827 1938 1938 I SystemServer: Opersys Service
10-25 12:11:44.827 1938 1938 I OpersysService: System service initialized
10-25 12:11:44.827 147 147 E SELinux : avc: denied { find } for
interface=android.hardware.opersys::IOpersys sid=u:r:system_server:s0 pid=1938
scontext=u:r:system_server:s0 tcontext=u:object_r:default_android_hwservice:s0
tclass=hwservice_manager permissive=1
10-25 12:11:44.831 1938 1938 I android.hardware.opersys@2.0-impl: HIDL_FETCH_IOpersys()
10-25 12:11:44.824 1938 1938 I Binder:1938_3: type=1400 audit(0.0:10): avc: denied { read }
for name="android.hardware.opersys@2.0-impl.so" dev="dm-1" ino=549 sccontext=u:r:system_server:s0
tcontext=u:object_r:vendor_file:s0 tclass=file permissive=1
10-25 12:11:44.835 1938 1938 D opersyshw_hal_module: OPERSYS HW has been initialized
10-25 12:11:44.835 1938 1938 I android.hardware.opersys@2.0-impl: HIDL_FETCH_IOpersys()
successfull
10-25 12:11:44.835 1938 1938 I android.hardware.opersys@2.0-impl: Default Opersys HW HIDL
implementation constructor
10-25 12:11:44.835 1938 1938 I android.hardware.opersys@2.0-impl: test()
10-25 12:11:44.835 1938 1938 I OpersysService: test() returns 20
10-25 12:11:44.835 1938 1938 I android.hardware.opersys@2.0-impl: write()
10-25 12:11:44.835 1938 1938 D opersyshw_hal_module: OPERSYS HW - write()for 5 bytes called
10-25 12:11:44.836 1938 1938 I android.hardware.opersys@2.0-impl: write() successfull
10-25 12:11:44.836 1938 1938 I android.hardware.opersys@2.0-impl: read()
10-25 12:11:44.836 1938 1938 D opersyshw_hal_module: OPERSYS HW - read()for 50 bytes called
10-25 12:11:44.838 1938 1938 I android.hardware.opersys@2.0-impl: read() successfull
10-25 12:11:44.838 1938 1938 I OpersysService: read() returns Hello
10-25 12:11:44.838 146 146 E SELinux : avc: denied { add } for pid=1938 uid=1000
name=opersys sccontext=u:r:system_server:s0 tcontext=u:object_r:default_android_service:s0
tclass=service_manager permissive=1
10-25 12:11:44.824 1938 1938 I Binder:1938_3: type=1400 audit(0.0:11): avc: denied { open }
for path="/vendor/lib64/hw/android.hardware.opersys@2.0-impl.so" dev="dm-1" ino=549
scontext=u:r:system_server:s0 tcontext=u:object_r:vendor_file:s0 tclass=file permissive=1
10-25 12:11:44.824 1938 1938 I Binder:1938_3: type=1400 audit(0.0:12): avc: denied { getattr }
for path="/vendor/lib64/hw/android.hardware.opersys@2.0-impl.so" dev="dm-1" ino=549
scontext=u:r:system_server:s0 tcontext=u:object_r:vendor_file:s0 tclass=file permissive=1
10-25 12:11:44.824 1938 1938 I Binder:1938_3: type=1400 audit(0.0:13): avc: denied { map } for
path="/vendor/lib64/hw/android.hardware.opersys@2.0-impl.so" dev="dm-1" ino=549
scontext=u:r:system_server:s0 tcontext=u:object_r:vendor_file:s0 tclass=file permissive=1
10-25 12:11:44.828 1938 1938 I Binder:1938_3: type=1400 audit(0.0:14): avc: denied { execute }
for path="/vendor/lib64/hw/android.hardware.opersys@2.0-impl.so" dev="dm-1" ino=549
scontext=u:r:system_server:s0 tcontext=u:object_r:vendor_file:s0 tclass=file permissive=1
...
vsoc_x86_64:/ # service list | grep -i opersys
```

```
113  opersys: [android.os.IOpersysService]
```

Clearly SELinux isn't happy and complains quite loudly in the logs, but the system service does actually come up. Still, this isn't a viable approach. We've now disabled the entirety of SELinux/SEAndroid and this won't help us much.

2. Let's try another approach. Now that we've tried putting the system in permissive mode, let's try to retrieve some of the information we gathered in the logs to create SELinux rules that attempt to fix the problem. First, let's try to dump the SELinux errors we get into a text file on the device:

```
vsoc_x86_64:/ # logcat | grep -i opersys | grep avc > \
> /data/local/tmp/selinux-errors
```

Now, let's go back to the host, in the AOSP project and try to see how we can use the "audit2allow" tool to create rules that fix the problem:

```
$ adb pull /data/local/tmp/selinux-errors
$ audit2allow -i selinux-errors
```

```
#===== system_server =====
allow system_server default_android_hwservice:hwservice_manager find;
allow system_server default_android_service:service_manager add;
allow system_server vendor_file:file { execute getattr map open read };
```

As you can see, audit2allow seems able to generate rules to take care of the issues. Now, try feeding that into your build system and see what happens:

```
$ audit2allow -i selinux-errors > \
> device/google/cuttlefish/shared/sepolicy/vendor/my-rules.te
$ make -j32
```

3. As you will have noticed in the previous exercise, the existing ruleset in Android won't allow you to just arbitrarily add rules to fix your problems. The "neverallow" rules included by default by Google preclude blanket additions such as those suggested to you by "audit2allow". You need to be more judicious in your changes and look at the errors more closely to see what needs to be changed. Try the following changes instead:

- Add this snippet to the tail end of

"device/google/cuttlefish/shared/sepolicy/vendor/file\_contexts":

```
# Opersys HAL/HIDL
/vendor/lib(64)?/hw/android.hardware.opersys@2.0-impl.so          u:object_r:same_process_hal_file:s0
/vendor/lib64/hw/opersyshw.default.so      u:object_r:same_process_hal_file:s0
/dev/circchar                          u:object_r:tty_device:s0
```

- You will also need to modify the selinux policies in order to allow your system service to be registered at startup. If you fail to do so then even if all your code is included at build time, the system service will fail to register at startup. To allow registration, you need to modify 2 files under the "system/sepolicy" directory:

- “private/service\_contexts”
- “prebuilts/api/31.0/private/service\_contexts”

Both files have to be identical and must be modified to add this entry:

```
opersys                                u:object_r:serial_service:s0
```

We suggest you modify only one of the files and copy it over to the second. If there is any difference between the 2 files, including just whitespace differences, then the build will fail. You need to modify 2 files because once a version of Android is released by Google then the core security policies are supposed to be fixed in stone. Yet, here we are messing with those rules. So we need to act as if we had amended the prebuilt definitions that Google itself would have published.

Also, note that we are tagging our system service as belonging to the serial\_service domain. This is a hack to simplify SELinux rule definitions. If we wanted to do this properly, we'd need to define a new domain called “oeprsys\_service” and make modifications to several other SELinux files. As this isn't an SELinux exercise, we're using an existing definition that already works.

- In the same way as you need to modify service\_contexts, you'll find a n hwservice\_contexts in the same directory which needs to be modified in the same way to add this entry:

```
android.hardware.opersys::IOpersys u:object_r:hal_power_hwservice:s0
```

Much like the previous addition, this too is a hack.

- Compare these additions to those suggested to you by audit2allow. You should notice that these are far more targeted than the blanket rules suggested by the latter.

Now, rebuild your AOSP, restart Cuttlefish (don't forget the --noresume) and check your logs. You shouldn't see any errors any more. Still, this isn't a full fix, we are reusing existing contexts to avoid creating our own.

4. Go back to the added snippets and rework them to define new security contexts for the driver, the system service and the HAL. Specifically, add:

- opersys\_device for /dev/circchar
- opersys\_service for the system service
- hal\_opersys\_hwservice for the HAL

This is not as easy as it seems. You'll need to look at existing definitions for other devices, system services and HAL layers. Try starting from the security contexts we suggested you use in the rules we used in the snippets earlier to get started. You are likely going to need to change files under both “private/” and “public/” subdirectories under “system/sepolicy/”. Once you've added your rules, restart Cuttlefish to validate that they work and that no SELinux

errors are generated by any of the Opersys components.



## Security Contexts for New Processes

In this section we will expand on the learning of the previous section with a slightly more difficult problem to solve since we won't have existing files from existing processes to start from to add our own SELinux/SEAndroid rules. Instead, we'll be adding new processes and their corresponding rules. Also, the current exercises have less "hand holding" than previous ones since it's assumed that you've now got a bit of experience with the different parts of the system. Feel free to refer to the previous exercises as a reference.

1. Get the client and server programs from [http://www.linuxhowtos.org/C\\_C++/socket.htm](http://www.linuxhowtos.org/C_C++/socket.htm). Place both in vendor/ and add the relevant Android.mk files to compile them in your AOSP. For example, to compile the C server:

- Add a new subdirectory:  

```
$ cd ~/android/android-12.0.0_r2  
$ mkdir -p vendor/example-server/
```
- Add the server.c file to the just-created subdirectory
- In recent versions of Android (including 12), you need to "#include <strings.h>" to the C file for it to build. Note that there already is a "string.h" (singular) that's present. That's not sufficient nor does it need to be removed or replaced. You really need to add "strings.h" (plural).
- Make sure "server" is added to a "PRODUCT\_PACKAGES" list in [aosp]/device/google/cuttlefish/shared/phone/device\_vendor.mk.
- Make sure you have an appropriate Android.mk within the "example-server" directory to get your app to build. Here's a sample:

```
LOCAL_PATH:= $(call my-dir)  
include $(CLEAR_VARS)
```

```
LOCAL_SRC_FILES:= \  
    server.c
```

```
LOCAL_VENDOR_MODULE := true
```

```
LOCAL_SHARED_LIBRARIES := \  
    libcutils
```

```
LOCAL_MODULE:= server
```

```
include $(BUILD_EXECUTABLE)
```

Follow a similar technique to add the client binary. For reference, once you rebuild your AOSP and restart your device, you should in principle be able to have the client and server interact in the following way:

To start the server (from the device's command line):

```
# server 4444 &
```

To connect to the server from the client:

```
# client localhost 4444
```

The client will prompt you for a message to send to the server and the server will acknowledge reception.

2. Add an `.rc` file to the server build to have it get started by `init` at startup. Rebuild your AOSP and check if the server does indeed start. If it doesn't, check the logs to see what is happening.

3. You should have noticed in the previous exercise that the `init` process refuses to start your server. The reason for this is that there isn't a security context defined for it and `init` won't allow a process to be spawned directly from it without a security context. In short, we don't want any child of `init` to get the same security context as `init` itself. To fix this problem, you'll need to add the relevant rules in `device/google/cuttlefish/shared/sepolicy/` to:

- Define `example_server` and `example_client` domains
- Use an `domain_auto_trans()` rule (or better yet, an `init_daemon_domain()`) to transition from `init` to `example_server` when the server is run.
- Enable `example_server` and `example_client` domains to communicate over sockets

4. Once your server is running, you can take this a step further and investigate how a server process can retrieve the client's SE context and operate on it. In the present case, modify the server you just added to use `libselenium` to retrieve the client's SE context and print it out when client connects.

## Security Contexts for Special Apps

This is a fairly advanced exercise, but it's representative of what you may need to do in real life. Because it's an advanced exercise, this section also provides a lot less hand-holding than many of the previous exercises.

1. Modify Opersys stack (see the `halex-opersys-cuttlefish-12.0-no-se-211206.tar.bz2` contents downloaded above) to start as separate platform-signed persistent APK with its own user ID:
  - put under top-level "vendor/" directory
  - `android:persistent = true` (see `packages/services/Telephony`)
  - Shared USER ID == one in the OEM range (look for "OEM" in `system/core/include/cutils/android_filesystem_config.h`)
2. Change SELinux rules to match the persistent app just added instead of a built-in system service as in the previous exercise.
  - Move all non-hidl definitions to `device/google/cuttlefish/shared/sepolicy` files
  - Use `seapp_contexts` to set domain based on user ID and app package name

## SELinux in the Kernel

This section involves driver and kernel development. It may or may not apply to the type of task you need to do. In order to carry out this exercise, you will need to get the kernel sources for your AOSP along with the sources for the module for the Opersys service that we provided to you in binary form as part of the package you downloaded at the beginning of this class to conduct the previous exercises. Refer to the exercises document from our Embedded Android class (<https://www.opersys.com/training/embedded-android-training/>) and specifically to the “Kernel Basics” and “Linux Device Driver” exercise sections.

1. Modify the circular character driver to print the security context SID of the process opening it. Have a look at:

- struct file's `f_security` field
- `security/selinux/hooks.c`
- `file_security_struct` in `security/selinux/include/objsec.h`

2. (optional) There's a `security_sid_to_context()` in `security/selinux/include/security.h` and `security/selinux/ss/services.c`, but it's not exported for modules to use. Try exposing it using `EXPORT_SYMBOL()` and use it in your module to convert the SID to a string context and print it out.

## AOSP User-Space

The exercises are extra exercises which may or may not be relevant within the context of your instance of this run of the class. To be discussed with instructor.

1. Generate a pair of adb keys using “adb keygen”
2. Create your own cert for signing the system service APK created in the previous exercises and integrate that new cert into your AOSP build and SELinux rules. There is some “googling” involved here.
3. Generate your own release keys for slide 334
4. Generate a full OTA zip file (see slide 336)
5. Make a modification to your AOSP (your choice) and rebuild the AOSP
6. Generate an incremental OTA zip file (see slide 337)
7. Modify your service and client commands from the earlier section to make them updatable as an Apex.