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# **SUSE LINUX ENTERPRISE SERVER (SLES) 12 STIG REVISION HISTORY**

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REVISION HISTORY			
Revision Number	Document Revised	Description of Change	Release Date
V3R5	- SLES 12 STIG, V3R4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-010000 - Added requirement to sunset STIG.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010270, SLES-12-010710, SLES-12-010730, SLES-12-010740, SLES-12-010750, SLES-12-010760, SLES-12-010770, SLES-12-010850 - Replaced actual names with generic ones.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010550 - Updated control to check for conflicts with the default zypper setting and not require a redundant setting.</li> </ul>	01 April 2026
V3R4	- SLES 12 STIG, V3R3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-010000 - Added release table to Vul Discussion.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010390 - Removed requirement; functionality handled by rsyslog.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010590 - Updated autofs requirement to prohibit the service.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010375, SLES-12-010420, SLES-12-010430, SLES-12-010440, SLES-12-010460 - Rule number updated due to changes in content management system.</li> </ul>	05 January 2026
V3R3	- SLES 12 STIG, V3R2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-010871 - Updated permissions discrepancy in Check and Fix.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010873 - Updated Check and Fix commands.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010875 - Added “/usr/lib64” to Check and Fix paths.</li> </ul>	02 July 2025
V3R2	- SLES 12 STIG, V3R1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-010240 - Updated hashing rounds to 100000 minimum.</li> <li>- Rule numbers updated throughout due to changes in the content management system.</li> </ul>	30 January 2025
V3R1	- SLES 12 STIG, V2R13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-010090 - Changed tmout to be consistent across STIGS.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010450 - Upgraded severity to CAT I.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010310, SLES-12-010599, SLES-12-010300, SLES-12-010310 - Removed based on NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 changes.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010060, SLES-12-010070, SLES-12-010110, SLES-12-010113, SLES-12-010114, SLES-12-010150, SLES-12-010160, SLES-12-010170, SLES-12-010180, SLES-12-010190, SLES-12-010220, SLES-12-010230, SLES-12-010240, SLES-12-010250, SLES-12-</li> </ul>	24 October 2024

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		<p>010260, SLES-12-010270, SLES-12-010280, SLES-12-010290, SLES-12-010340, SLES-12-010550, SLES-12-020000, SLES-12-020200, SLES-12-020210, SLES-12-020220, SLES-12-020230, SLES-12-020240, SLES-12-030140, SLES-12-030190, SLES-12-030191, SLES-12-030300, SLES-12-030500, SLES-12-030510, SLES-12-030520, SLES-12-030530 - Updated based on NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 changes.</p> <p>-Because this is a major revision, version numbers were incremented to the next whole number.</p> <p>- Rule numbers updated throughout due to changes in the content management system.</p>	
V2R13	- SLES 12 STIG, V2R12	- SLES-12-010599 - Removed "OPORD 16-0080" statement from check text and changed McAfee to Trellix in fix text.	24 January 2024
V2R12	- SLES 12 STIG, V2R11	<p>- SLES-12-010100 - Corrected misspelling in fix.</p> <p>- SLES-12-010340 - Revised check and fix text.</p> <p>- SLES-12-010360 - Removed duplicate requirement.</p>	25 October 2023
V2R11	- SLES 12 STIG, V2R10	- SLES-12-010877 - Revised use of sticky bits.	26 July 2023
V2R10	- SLES 12 STIG, V2R9	<p>- SLES-12-010120 - Corrected typo in check and fix text.</p> <p>- SLES-12-010331 - Created rule to revise explanation of emergency account versus temporary account.</p> <p>- SLES-12-010498 - Created new rule for "mailx".</p> <p>- SLES-12-010500, SLES-12-010510 - Updated cron configuration for AIDE.</p>	27 April 2023
V2R9	- SLES 12 STIG, V2R8	<p>- SLES-12-010375 - Created new rule to restrict access to DMESG.</p> <p>- SLES-12-010499 - Created new rule for AIDE installation and initialization.</p> <p>-SLES-12-010500 - Removed lines from check and fix text for checking if AIDE is installed. Updated check and fix text to</p>	26 January 2023

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		<p>correct mail spool location, and updated IMO to ISSM in vulnerability discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-010510 - Updated check and fix text to correct mail spool location.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010520, SLES-12-010530 - Removed lines for checking if AIDE is installed.</li> <li>- SLES-12-030220 - Updated rule to reflect revised SSH key permissions guidance from vendor.</li> <li>- SLES-12-030250 - Added note specifying which OS version the rule applies to.</li> </ul> <p>Updated formatting in the Fix text.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-030270 - Created new rule for SSH key exchange algorithms configuration.</li> </ul>	
V2R8	- SLES 12 STIG, V2R7	- SLES-12-010390, SLES-12-030130 - Updated CCI.	27 October 2022
V2R7	- SLES 12 STIG, V2R6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-010109, SLES-12-010113 - Updated Check and Fix text.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010882 - Updated Rule Title, Check, and Fix text.</li> <li>- SLES-12-020490 - Corrected typos in Check and Fix text.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010112 - Updated Check text.</li> </ul>	27 July 2022
V2R6	- SLES 12 STIG, V2R5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-010109 - Added requirement to specify the default “include” directory for the /etc/sudoers file.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010112, SLES-12-010113 - Updated the finding statement.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010114 - Added requirement to explicitly prevent the bypass of password requirements for privilege escalation.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010221 - Added requirement to not allow accounts configured with blank or null passwords.</li> <li>- SLES-12-020370, SLES-12-020420, SLES-12-020460, SLES-12-020490, SLES-12-020740 - Grouped like syscalls into this requirement.</li> <li>- SLES-12-020380, SLES-12-020390, SLES-12-020400, SLES-12-020410 - Combined requirement with SLES-12-020370.</li> </ul>	27 January 2022

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-020411 - Added a requirement for auditing of unlink, unlinkat, rename, renameat, and rmdir syscalls.</li> <li>- SLES-12-020430, SLES-12-020440, SLES-12-020450 - Combined requirement with SLES-12-020420.</li> <li>- SLES-12-020470, SLES-12-020480 - Combined requirement with SLES-12-020460.</li> <li>- SLES-12-020500, SLES-12-020510, SLES-12-020520, SLES-12-020530, SLES-12-020540 - Combined requirement with SLES-12-020490.</li> <li>- SLES-12-020750 - Combined requirement with SLES-12-020740.</li> </ul>	
V2R5	- SLES 12 STIG, V2R4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-010113 - Fixed typo in check text.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010770 - Updated check command syntax.</li> </ul>	27 October 2021
V2R4	- SLES 12 STIG, V2R3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-010599 - Updated ESS verbiage throughout the requirement.</li> <li>- SLES-12-030170, SLES-12-030180 - Updated statement in Discussion.</li> <li>- SLES-12-030250 - Updated Check and Fix content.</li> </ul>	23 July 2021
V2R3	- SLES 12 STIG, V2R2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-010110, SLES-12-010390, SLES-12-010520, SLES-12-010530, SLES-12-030300, SLES-12-030320, SLES-12-030330, SLES-12-030530 - Updated Check content.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010040, SLES-12-010210, SLES-12-010280, SLES-12-010290, SLES-12-010380, SLES-12-010550, SLES-12-010600, SLES-12-010610, SLES-12-010611, SLES-12-010780, SLES-12-010890, SLES-12-010910, SLES-12-020050, SLES-12-020130, SLES-12-030210, SLES-12-030220, SLES-12-030310 - Updated Check and Fix content.</li> <li>- SLES-12-030151 - Updated Rule Title and Vulnerability Discussion.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010113 - Added requirement to require re-authentication when using sudo.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010112 - Added requirement to invoke the user's password when using sudo.</li> </ul>	23 April 2021

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-010111 - Added requirement to restrict privilege elevation to authorized personnel</li> <li>- SLES-12-010260, SLES-12-010270 - Updated command syntax and verbiage throughout.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010599 - Updated ESS verbiage throughout the requirement.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010631 - Added requirement to limit account capabilities.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010710 - Updated command syntax.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010871 - Added requirement to set permissions on system library files.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010872 - Added requirement to set permissions on system library directories.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010873 - Added requirement to set the owner of system library files.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010874 - Added requirement to set the owner of system library directories.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010875 - Added requirement to set the group-owner of system library files.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010876 - Added requirement to set the group-owner of system library directories.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010877 - Added requirement to set permissions on system commands.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010878 - Added requirement to set permissions on system command directories.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010879 - Added requirement to set the owner of system commands.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010880 - Removed requirement.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010881 - Added requirement to set the owner of system command directories.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010882 - Added requirement to set the group-owner of system commands.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010883 - Added requirement to set the group-owner of system command directories.</li> <li>- SLES-12-020199 - Updated command syntax and Rule Title typo.</li> <li>- SLES-12-030010 - Removed requirement and combined with SLES-12-030011.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-030011 - Added requirement to remove vsftpd package.</li> <li>- SLES-12-030362 - Added requirement to prevent forwarding of IPV6 source-routed packets.</li> <li>- SLES-12-030363 - Added requirement to prevent acceptance of IPV6 ICMP redirect messages.</li> <li>- SLES-12-030364 - Added requirement to prevent IPV6 packet forwarding.</li> <li>- SLES-12-030365 - Added requirement to set default IPV6 packet forwarding behavior</li> </ul>	
V2R2	- SLES 12 STIG, V2R1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-030170, SLES-12-030180 - Updated Vulnerability Discussion, Check Content, and Fix Content to reflect cipher order requirement.</li> <li>- SLES-12-030260 - Updated Rule Title, Vulnerability Discussion, Check Content, Fix Content to disable X11Forwarding and downgraded requirement to a CAT II.</li> <li>- SLES-12-030191 - Fixed typos in the Vulnerability Discussion and Check Content.</li> <li>- SLES-12-020250, SLES-12-020260, SLES-12-020280, SLES-12-020310, SLES-12-020320, SLES-12-020550, SLES-12-020560, SLES-12-020570, SLES-12-020580, SLES-12-020600, SLES-12-020610, SLES-12-020620, SLES-12-020630, SLES-12-020640, SLES-12-020670, SLES-12-020680, SLES-12-020690, SLES-12-020700, SLES-12-020710, SLES-12-020720 - Updated audit from 500 to 1000 in Check and Fix Text.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010660 - Removed requirement because it is not a technical control.</li> <li>- SLES-12-030261 - Added requirement to bind the X11 forwarding server to the loopback address.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010710, SLES-12-010730, SLES-12-010740, SLES-12-010750, SLES-12-010790, SLES-12-010850 - Updated Check Content command.</li> </ul>	22 January 2021
V2R1	- SLES 12 STIG, V1R6	- DISA migrated the SLES 12 STIG to a new content management system. The new	23 October 2020

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		<p>content management system renumbered all Groups (V-numbers) and Rules (SV-numbers). With the new Group and Rule numbers, DISA incremented the version number from V1R6 to V2R1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLES-12-010040 - Updated fix text to include command to update the system database as part of the fix.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010070 - Removed incorrect statement referencing a graphical user interface in the check text.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010130 - Updated rule title, vulnerability discussion, check, fix, and CCIs.</li> <li>- SLES-12-010131 - Combined requirement with SLES-12-010130.</li> </ul>	
V1R6	- SLES 12 STIG, V1R5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- V-92249 - Updated the Parent SRG control and CCI.</li> <li>- V-78003 - This requirement was never published in the SLES 12 STIG. Due to the outdated wording and to minimize confusion we decided to remove this requirement from DPMS and add SLES-12-030611 in its place.</li> <li>- V-102727 - Added a requirement for an anti-virus program to be installed and operating on the system.</li> </ul>	24 July 2020
V1R5	- SLES 12 STIG, V1R4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- V-77049, V-77055, V-77057, V-77059, V-77061, V-77065, V-77133 - Removed references to specific graphic display managers and changed "GUI" to graphical user interface to reduce possible confusion.</li> <li>- V-99011 - Downgraded the severity of the requirement from CAT I to CAT II.</li> </ul>	24 April 2020
V1R4	- SLES 12 STIG, V1R3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- V-98987 - Added a new requirement for CTRL-ALT-DEL disablement in a Graphical User Interface.</li> <li>- V-99011 - Added a new requirement to check for "PermitUserEnvironment".</li> <li>- V-77051 - Updated the requirement to use /etc/issue.</li> <li>- V-77069 - Updated the requirement to utilize the systemd file structure.</li> </ul>	24 January 2020



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- V-77089 - Combined this requirement with V-77105.</li> <li>- V-77105 - Combined V-77089 with this requirement.</li> <li>- V-77117 - Updated the check command to properly identify misconfigured accounts.</li> <li>- V-77123 - Updated the requirement to also include the "retry" value.</li> <li>- V-77131 - Updated the requirement to allow for a delay greater than or equal to 4 seconds.</li> <li>- V-77143, V-77145 - Modified the requirement so that "root" was not the primary account referenced.</li> <li>- V-77149 - Added a note to the requirement that each locally defined partition should be checked.</li> <li>- V-77151, V-77153 - Updated the check and fix to better address the actual OS configuration.</li> <li>- V-77155 - Corrected a typo where "xattr" was referenced in the requirement.</li> <li>- V-77171 - Updated the requirement to focus on CLI only.</li> <li>- V-77253 - Added a note to the requirement that each locally defined partition should be checked.</li> <li>- V-77307 - Updated the Rule Title.</li> <li>- V-77327 - Updated the check command to use "grep -iw".</li> <li>- V-77329 - Removed the requirement because it is a symlink to "sudo".</li> <li>- V-77333, V-77335 - Corrected a typo in the audit rules.</li> <li>- V-77341 - Removed the requirement.</li> <li>- V-77343, V-77345 - Removed the requirement because it is a symlink to "kmod".</li> <li>- V-77439 - Combined V-77445 with this requirement.</li> <li>- V-77443 - Added "INFO" as a valid configuration option.</li> <li>- V-77445 - Combined this requirement with V-77439.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- V-77451 - Removed the “PermitUserEnvironment” from this requirement and added it as a standalone requirement.</li> <li>- V-77469 - Added “sandbox” as a valid configuration option.</li> <li>- V-77471 - Removed “delayed” as a valid configuration option.</li> <li>- V-77509 - Updated a typo in the finding statement.</li> <li>- V-81709 - Updated the requirement to use the “pam_tally2” module.</li> </ul>	
V1R3	- SLES 12 STIG, V1R2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- V-77045 - Updated the check content with current version information.</li> <li>- V-77053, V-77055, V-77445 - Updated the requirement to use the correct banner path</li> <li>- V-77059 - Updated the rule title, check, and fix to reflect that “vloc” is now a part of the “kbd” package.</li> <li>- V-77071, V-81709 - Updated the check and fix to reference the correct location for the desired configuration settings.</li> <li>- V-81785 - Updated the removal action in the fix text to reflect the correct file paths</li> <li>- V-77121 - Corrected the “useauthtok” typo in the check and fix.</li> <li>- V-77137, V-77139 - Updated the command listed in the check.</li> <li>- V-77145 - Updated the file paths in the check and fix.</li> <li>- V-77183, V-77185 - Added a Not Applicable statement to the requirement.</li> <li>- V-77237 - Fixed typo in check text by replacing “nouid” with “nosuid”.</li> <li>- V-77293 - Updated the check and fix content to better address the requirement.</li> <li>- V-77297 - Updated the check to verify the root account is assigned to an actual person. Updated the fix to include a command to implement changes to the /etc/aliases file.</li> <li>- V-77301 - Updated the check and fix to ensure that the au-remote plugin was enabled.</li> </ul>	25 October 2019

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- V-77311 - Updated the required permissions for /var/log/audit</li> <li>- V-77431 - Updated the check and fix to use the correct configuration "banner_file".</li> <li>- V-77469 - Added a version check and a "Not Applicable" statement to the requirement.</li> <li>- V-77479 - Updated the commands in the Fix Text.</li> <li>- V-77491, V-77493, V-77495 - Updated the commands in the check and fix text.</li> <li>- V-77499 - Updated the command in the check text.</li> <li>- V-77509 - Updated the Vulnerability discussion. Corrected typos in the check and fix text.</li> <li>- V-77311 - Updated the Check and Fix to include "/etc/audit/rules.d/audit.rules".</li> <li>- V-77315, V-77317, V-77319, V-77321, V-77333, V-77335, V-77341, V-77343, V-77345, V-77347, V-77349, V-77351, V-77353, V-77355, V-77357, V-77359, V-77361, V-77363, V-77365, V-77367, V-77369, V-77371, V-77373, V-77375, V-77377, V-77379, V-77381, V-77383, V-77393, V-77405, V-77407, V-77421, V-77423, V-77425, V-77427 - Updated the finding statement to require both 32-bit and 64-bit rules are defined. Updated the fix to use "/etc/audit/rules.d/audit.rules".</li> <li>- V-77323 - Updated the Check and Fix to be consistent with other Unix STIGs.</li> <li>- V-77325, V-77327, V-77329, V-77331, V-77337, V-77339, V-77385, V-77387, V-77389, V-77391, V-77395, V-77397, V-77399, V-77401, V-77403, V-77409, V-77411, V-77413, V-77415, V-77417, V-77419 - Removed the architecture references from the audit rule. Updated the fix to use "/etc/audit/rules.d/audit.rules".</li> <li>- V-97227 - Added a new requirement to remove a default audit rule.</li> </ul>	

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		- V-77475 - Updated the example output and lowered the maximum allowable value for “maxpoll”.	
V1R2	- SLES 12 STIG, V1R1	- V-77169 - Added a Not Applicable statement if HIP or HBSS is installed. - V-102351 - Added a requirement for the use of a host-based intrusion detection tool.	23 April 2019
V1R1	- SLES 12 STIG	- Initial release.	28 September 2018