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Oracle Fabric OS Security

This document provides general security guidelines for the Oracle Fabric OS 1.0.2. This information is intended for experienced network administrators and provides both general guidelines and specific instructions to enhance security.

See these guides for security guidance for the other related products:

- [*Oracle Fabric Manager 5.0.2 Security Guide*](#)
- [*Oracle EDR InfiniBand Switch and Virtualized I/O Systems Hardware Security Guide*](#)

These topics explain the security guidelines for Oracle Fabric OS 1.0.2.

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Security Principles

These topics describe the fundamental principles that are required to use any application securely.

Keep Software and Updates Up to Date

Stay current with the version of the Oracle Fabric OS that you run. You can find current versions of the software to download at [My Oracle Support \(<https://support.oracle.com>\)](#).

Restrict Network Access to Critical Services

Keep the Oracle Fabric OS on devices that are on a secure management network. The devices should not be internet facing.

Follow the Principle of Least Privilege

Grant the user or administrator the least privilege that is required to accomplish the task to be performed. The Oracle Fabric OS has various roles that can be granted to users. These roles grant different types and amounts of privilege.

Monitor System Activity

Monitor system activity to determine how well the Oracle Fabric OS is operating and whether it is logging any unusual activity.

Keep Up to Date on Latest Security Information

You can access several sources of security information:

- For security information and alerts for a large variety of software products, refer to <http://www.us-cert.gov>.
- Run the most current version of Oracle Virtual Networking software and refer to its documentation.

User Security

The following topics describe security guidelines that you should follow for the Oracle Fabric OS.

User Accounts

The system is delivered with two default management accounts. Enforce complex passwords for these accounts through policy.

- `root` – Allows complete administrative access to the underlying Linux-based Oracle Fabric OS. Security credentials are controlled by Oracle Enterprise Linux 6.7 (UEK 4).
- `admin` – Allows administrative access to the Oracle Fabric OS management tools and security, including the ability to create new user accounts. These users have access to the chassis configuration, but they cannot reconfigure Linux settings. The Oracle Fabric OS supports password hardening through the `set system password` command. Use the procedure below to prevent an attacker from creating users on the system in a way that exploits these accounts

To avoid the shared use of accounts and passwords, provide each Oracle Fabric OS user with a unique user name and password, and assign the proper role to match the user's tasks.

The Oracle Fabric OS users are not allowed to modify anything at the Linux level. Five types of roles are supported for Oracle Fabric OS users:

- Administrator – Superuser. Allows creation, editing, and management of the Oracle Fabric OS.
- Network – Allows creation, editing, and deletion of server profiles, vNICs, Ethernet cards and ports, and network QoS.
- Operator – Allows read-only access, including all `show` commands.
- Server – Allows creation, editing, and deletion of server profiles, as well as the ability to operate the physical server.
- Storage – Allows creation, editing, and deletion of server profiles for vHBAs, and FC I/O cards and ports.

Note - Always assign users the least privilege required for their tasks.

User Account Password Criteria

Users are prompted for a password for authentication. Before you create user passwords, set the password strength by specifying criteria with the `set system password-strength` command in the Oracle Fabric OS. Use the following criteria:

- `min-length` – Sets the minimum number of characters allowed for the password string.
- `min-lower-case` – Sets the minimum number of lowercase letters required for passwords.
- `min-number` – Sets the minimum number of numbers required for passwords.
- `min-special` – Sets the minimum number of special characters required for passwords.
- `min-upper-case` – Sets the minimum number of uppercase letters required for passwords.

Note - When you install the system, determine the password strength criteria before you create user passwords. Configure user password strength to adhere to your organizational security policy.

▼ Set High User Password Strength

In this example, the password for non default local user accounts must be at least eight characters with at least three lower case, two numbers, two special characters, and one uppercase.

- 1. Log in to the Oracle Fabric OS.**

Refer to “[Log In to Oracle Fabric OS \(SSH\)](#)” in *Oracle Fabric OS 1.0.2 Administration Guide*.

- 2. Set the password strength.**

```
[OFOS] set system password-strength -min-length=8 -min-lower-case=3 -min-number=2 -min-special=2 -min-upper-case=1
```

For more information on using the Oracle Fabric OS to set a strong password, refer to “[Set System Password Strength](#)” in *Oracle Fabric OS 1.0.2 Administration Guide* or “[set system](#)” in *Oracle Fabric OS 1.0.2 Command Reference*.

▼ Add a User and Assign Appropriate Privilege

You must have administrator privileges to add users and assign roles.

For more information on adding users, refer to “[View Privileges for a User](#)” in *Oracle Fabric OS 1.0.2 Administration Guide* or “[user](#)” in *Oracle Fabric OS 1.0.2 Command Reference*.

- 1. Log in to the Oracle Fabric Manager GUI.**

Refer to “[Log In to Oracle Fabric Manager \(GUI\)](#)” in *Oracle Fabric OS 1.0.2 Administration Guide*.

- 2. In the GUI, add a user and assign a role to the user.**

Refer to “[Assign a Role to a User](#)” in *Oracle Fabric Manager 5.0.2 Administration Guide*. For a list of roles, refer to “[Users and Roles](#)” in *Oracle Fabric OS 1.0.2 Administration Guide*.

- 3. In the Oracle Fabric Manager GUI or the Oracle Fabric OS, verify that the user was configured correctly.**

```
[OFOS] show user frank
name          role          descr
-----
frank        administrators
1 record displayed
```

- 4. In the Oracle Fabric OS, test the new user account.**

```
[OFOS] quit
Connection to 192.168.8.133 closed.
$ ssh frank@192.168.8.133
Password:
[OFOS] pwd
/home/frank
```

Block Access by Unlisted Users

By default, unlisted users are not allowed to access Oracle Fabric OS. A listed user has a user role defined in Oracle Fabric OS, in addition to the underlying user account. If a setting is changed to allow unlisted users, then a user with an account that can authenticate to the host will be able to log in to Oracle Fabric OS and be given the operator role (read-only access). When unlisted users are blocked, an unlisted user's host authentication can succeed, but Oracle Fabric OS will deny that user access, causing it to appear that the authentication failed.

To verify this level of security, ensure that access by unlisted users is disabled.

Network Access Controls

The fabric advertises the following ports:

- **Port 22 ssh** – CLI management.
- **Port 8080 http** – Unencrypted Oracle Fabric Manager client access.
- **Port 7443 https** – Encrypted Oracle Fabric Manager client access.
- **Port 161 SNMP** – SNMP monitoring.
- **Port 6522** – Enables Oracle Fabric Manager to discover the Fabric Interconnects.

SNMP Configuration

The Oracle Fabric OS supports SNMP v3. Always use SNMP v3 and use the correct authentication protocol.

System Activity Monitoring

Log files are stored in the `/log` directory. A variety of subsystems have separate log file entries, including `dmesg`.

Standard `syslog` messages go to the `user.log` file, where log rotation and auto-archive occurs for up to 10 gzipped files:

Note - Monitor log files regularly and archive them to facilitate security reviews in case of a security breach.

1. **Show CLI login activity.**

```
[OFOS] more /log/cli.log
```

2. **Show daily boot messages.**

```
[OFOS] more /log/dmesg
```

For detailed information about log files, refer to “[Troubleshoot With System Log Files](#)” in *Oracle Fabric OS 1.0.2 Administration Guide*.