

EU-SEC The European Security Certification Framework

ARCHITECTURE AND TOOLS
FOR AUDITING



Objective & Motivation

- Objective

- develop and implement a unified way to configure and deploy existing tools to support standardized evaluation of controls

- Motivation

- Semantics of measurement results produced by measurement techniques have to be comparable, regardless of a measurement technique's
- Exemplary objective (SQO): Cloud Service's endpoints only use strong TLS cipher suites.
- Underlying general question: What do we measure?
- Core challenge: Unambiguous definition of evidence production and measurement to provide for comparability of evidence and measurement results generated by continuous security audit tools

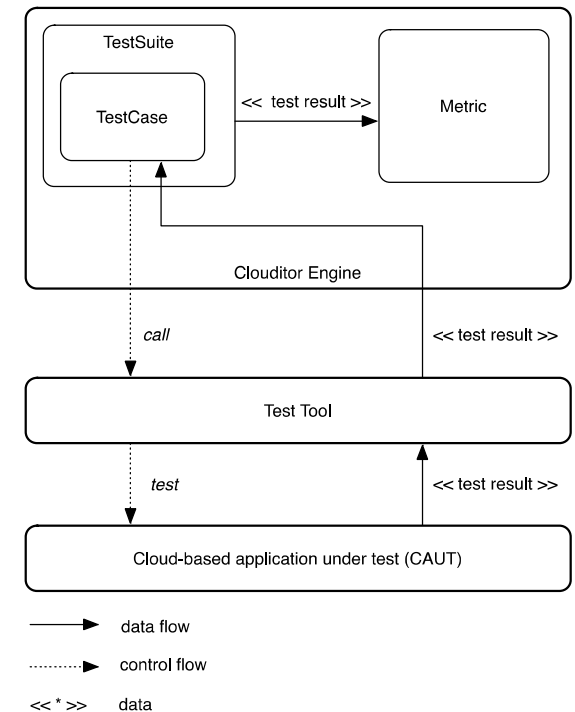
Approach

- Development of a domain-specific language (DSL)
 - allows for unified, rigorous representation of configurations of continuous security audits tools
- Scope
 - Test-based security audits (i.e., test-based evidence and measurement production)
- DSL Engineering Process (according to Mernik et al.):
 - Decision: Substantiate the choice to build a DSL.
 - Analysis: Identify common domain constructs which are needed to configure continuous security audit tools.
 - Design: Given the domain constructs, DSL is designed using a suitable formal grammar.
 - Implementation: Implement language and develop tool-specific code generators (e.g. for Clouditor) which compile the target configuration language (i.e., translate from DSL to specific configuration language)

- Decision: Why build a DSL?
 - General motivation: Provide comparability of evidence and measurement produced by continuous security audit tools
 - guide the development of future continuous security audit tools
 - having tools conform with a common set of domain concepts defined for continuous, test-based evidence and measurement production
 - using formal grammar to define DSL: conforming with the domain concepts is not merely informal but can be enforced through code generators
- Link to T3.1 and T3.3
 - T3.1: unified configuration language allows to define candidate configurations, that is, templates for configurations of continuous security audit tools and map them to corresponding controls
 - T3.3: Instances of evidence and measurement results have to contain the configuration of a continuous security audit tool which was used to produce it

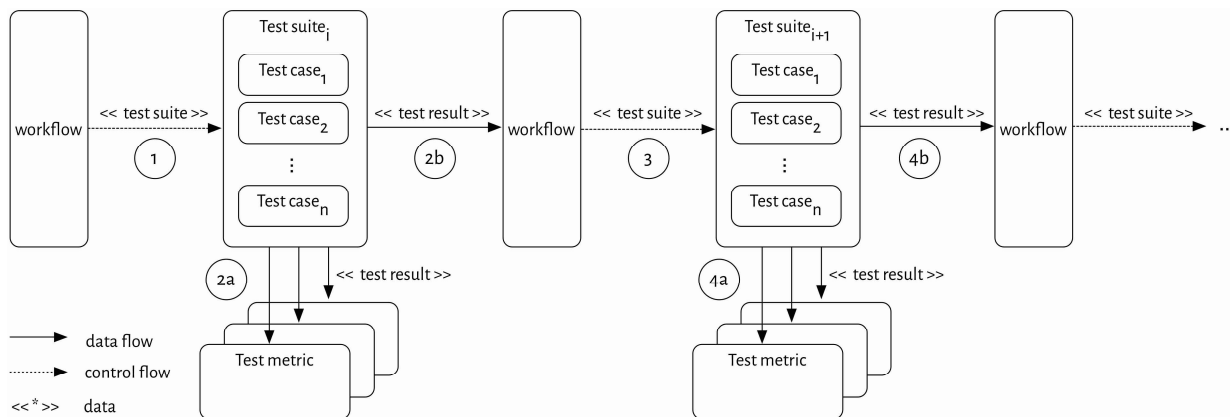
Solution Overview

- Analysis: Building blocks of continuous test-based security audits
 - Test cases: primitive
 - Example: perform TLS handshake with endpoint and compare supported cipher suites with predefined whitelist
 - Test suites: combine test cases, schedules singular test execution
 - Example: Check supported cipher suites every 30 minutes
 - Workflow: test suite to be run next
 - Example: If cipher suites not contained in the whitelist are supported, check supported cipher suites every 10 seconds



Solution Overview

- Analysis: Building blocks of continuous test-based security audits
 - Test metrics: produce measurement results based on test (suite) results
 - Example: Computes a the time a the endpoint of the cloud service supported vulnerable cipher suites
 - Preconditions: Check assumptions about environment before or in parallel to test execution
 - Example: Ping before test execution and only execute test if ping succeeded
 - Process



Solution Overview

- **Design:** Given the domain constructs, DSL is designed using a suitable formal grammar
 - Building blocks serve as input to design language constructs
 - Extended-Backus-Naur Form (EBNF) is used to define the context-free grammar which generates ConTest
- **Implementation:** Implement language and develop tool-specific code generators
 - xText: open source framework to support the development and implementation of domain-specific languages
 - provides various features such as parser generation, code generator or interpreter
 - integrates with the Eclipse IDE and providing editor features such as syntax coloring, code completion and source code navigation
 - uses a proprietary language to specify the grammar of a DSL (but very similar to EBNF)

Solution Overview

- Example configuration written in EBNF to continuously check supported cipher suites of a cloud service endpoint

```
1 TestID d9ecdea3-e9da-4f78-b041-69b7509e3462
2 TestName PortConTest
3 TestDescription "Continuously tests whether the interfaces of a cloud service component are securely configured."
4
5 TestMetrics{
6   TestMetricID c5fddea3 {
7     TestMetricName "InsecureConfigurationCounterMetric"
8     TestMetricModule "basicResultCounter"
9     Description "Counts the occurrences of failed tests for secure interface configurations."
10  }
11   TestMetricID a5fddea3 {
12     TestMetricName "YearlyInsecureConfigurationMetric"
13     TestMetricModule "cumulativeFailedPassedSequenceDuration"
14     Description "Calculates the ratio between measured insecure interface configuration duration since
15                  test start and 31557600 seconds in a year of 365.25 days."
16  }
17   TestMetricID b5fddea3 {
18     TestMetricName "DailyInsecureConfigurationMetric"
19     TestMetricModule "cumulativeFailedPassedSequenceDuration"
20     Description "Calculates the daily insecure interface configuration duration starting from 00:00 am to 23:59."
21  }
22 }
23
24 Workflow {
25   WorkflowID "PortTestWorkflow"
26   WorkflowName "PortTestwithICMPPPreconditionWorkflow"
27   WorkflowModule "BasicIterator"
28   BoundTestsuites {
29     TestSuiteID "PortTestNampTestSuite" {
30       TestSuiteName "SecureInterfaceConfigurationTestSuite"
31       NumberOfMaxIteration infinite
32       IntervalBetweenTests {
33         randomizeIntervalDuration [30,180]
34       }
35       Offset 15
36       Timeout 300
37       BoundTestCases {
38         TestCaseID PingTest {
39           TestCaseName "PreConditionPingTestCase"
40           TestCaseModule "Ping"
41           Order 1
42           InputParameters {
43             <"count": 10>,
44             <"host": "10.244.250.9">
45           }
46           AssertParameters {
47             <"round-trip-avg-$lte":"50 ms">,
48             <"round-trip-sd-$lte":"25 ms">
49           }
50         }
51
52         TestCaseID PortTest {
53           TestCaseName "PortTestCase"
54           TestCaseModule "nmap"
55           Order 1
56           InputParameters {
57             <"host": "10.244.250.9">
58           }
59           AssertParameters {
60             <"WhiteListedPortsSeq": [80,443,486,993]>,
61             <"BlackListedPortsSeq": [21,22,25]>
62           }
63         }
64       }
65     }
66   }
67 }
```


Solution Overview

- Example configuration written in ConText to continuously check supported cipher suites of a cloud service endpoint (implemented using xText)

```
1 TestID: @SecDec3-e9da-4f78-b041-69b7599a3462
2 TestName "PortConTest"
3 Description "Continuously tests whether the interfaces of a cloud service component are securely configured"
4
5 TestMetrics {
6   TestMetricID: c5fddae3 {
7     TestMetricName "InsecureConfigurationCounterMetric"
8     TestMetricModule "BasicResultCounter"
9     Description "Counts the occurrences of failed tests for secure interface configurations."
10    }
11   TestMetricID: a5fddae3 {
12     TestMetricName "YearlyInsecureConfigurationMetric"
13     TestMetricModule "cumulativeFailedPassedSequenceDuration"
14     Description "Calculates the ratio between measured insecure interface configuration duration since test start and 31557600 seconds in a year of 365.25 days."
15    }
16   TestMetricID: b5fddae3 {
17     TestMetricName "DailyInsecureConfigurationMetric"
18     TestMetricModule "cumulativeFailedPassedSequenceDuration"
19     Description "Calculates the daily insecure interface configuration duration starting from 00:00 am to 23:59."
20    }
21 }
22
23 TestCases {
24   TestCaseID: PingTest
25   TestCaseName "PreConditionPingTestCase"
26   TestCaseModule "Ping"
27   Order 1
28   InputParameters {
29     <"count":10>,
30     <"host":10.244.250.0>
31   }
32   AssertParameters {
33     <"round-trip-time-50ms":75 ms>,
34     <"round-trip-time-25ms":25 ms>
35   }
36   TestCaseID: PortTest
37   TestCaseName "PortTestCase"
38   TestCaseModule "Icmp"
39   Order 1
40   InputParameters {
41     <"host":10.244.250.0>
42   }
43   AssertParameters {
44     <"WhitelistedPortsSeg": [80,443,486,993]>,
45     <"BlacklistedPortsSeg": [21,22,25]>
46   }
47 }
48
49 TestSuites
50 {
51   TestSuiteID: PortTestNmapTestSuite
52   {
53     TestSuiteName "SecureInterfaceConfigurationTestSuite"
54     BoundTestCases {PingTest, PortTest}
55     NumberOfMaxIteration infinite
56     IntervalBetweenTests {
57       randomizedInterval [30,180]
58     }
59     Offset 15
60     Timeout 300
61   }
62 }
63
64 Workflow {
65   WorkflowID: PortTestWorkflow
66   WorkflowName "PortTestWithIcmpPreconditionWorkflow"
67   WorkflowModule "BasicIterator"
68   BoundTestSuites {PortTestNmapTestSuite}
69 }
```

Solution Overview

- Generated example configuration to continuously check supported cipher suites of a cloud service endpoint
 - Tool specific YAML configuration file
 - Configuration used for Cloudfitor

```
1 name: PortConTest
2 id: d9ecdea3-e9da-4f78-b041-69b7509e3462
3 description: Continuously tests whether the interfaces of a cloud service component are securely configured
4
5 metrics:
6   - class: basicResultCounter
7     name: InsecureConfigurationCounterMetric
8     description: Counts the occurrences of failed tests for secure interface configurations.
9   - class: cumulativeFailedPassedSequenceDuration
10    name: YearlyInsecureConfigurationMetric
11    description: Calculates the ratio between measured insecure interface configuration duration since test start and 31557600 seconds in a year
12    of 365.25 days.
13   - class: cumulativeFailedPassedSequenceDuration
14    name: DailyInsecureConfigurationMetric
15    description: Calculates the daily insecure interface configuration duration starting from 00:00 am to 23:59.
16
17 testCases:
18   PreConditionPingTestCase:
19     '@id': PingTest
20     order: 1
21     count: 10
22     host: 10.244.250.9
23     round-trip-avg-$lte: 75 ms
24     round-trip-sd-$lte: 25 ms
25
26   PortTestCase:
27     '@id': PortTest
28     order: 1
29     host: 10.244.250.9
30     WhiteListedPorts$eq: [80, 443, 486, 993]
31     BlackListedPorts$eq: [21, 22, 25]
32
33 workflow:
34   class: BasicIterator
35   name: PortTestwithICMPPreconditionWorkflow
36   testSuites:
37     PortTestNampTestSuite:
38       name: PortTestNampTestSuite
39       label: SecureInterfaceConfigurationTestSuite
40       randomized: true
41       iteration: -1
42       interval: [30,180]
43       offset: 15
44       timeout: 300
45       testCases: ['@ref': PingTest, '@ref': PortTest]
```