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## ***Abstract: Topic of Discussion***

After determining the initial state of insecurity in an existing corporate firewall, the following discusses the process of building a hardened Solaris 8 Sun clone with SSH connectivity for remote firewall console access with Checkpoint NG FP1 firewall, an upgrade to FP3 then HF2, hardened further with JASS, and the last step remote syslog. Discussed below is the detailed account of the pre-existing insecurity, a brief note of the catalytic event precipitating the actual changes to the firewall, a discussion of the implementation, and the results and ultimate success of the procedure 'hardening' the corporate firewall.

## ***Before: Recognizing and Evaluating the Risk***

Shortly following the commencement of my employment at a multinational company, it came to my attention that the existing firewall required several security upgrades concurrently at a time that I needed to make a rule change on the existing Checkpoint firewall. Upon inquiry, I discovered the first potential flaw in the company's existing security measures, that the Checkpoint firewall was not maintained from within the company's IT infrastructure. It was handled by the company's ISP. This does not have to be a flaw. Electing to use an outside source for maintaining security is not an uncommon practice. Many ISP's also provide these services. Determining the choice of security maintenance is dependent upon a number of key factors, of which, first is finding a reputable, competent outside source. And, secondly, whether the company in question has a security professional on staff with a sufficient degree of expertise necessary to maintain an in-house firewall in appropriate and timely fashion. Ultimately, the company must make a decision as to which cost it is willing to bear.

In the matter in question, when the ISP's representative was asked some routine questions: what version of Checkpoint was on the firewall and what version of Solaris was installed on the Sun box, the representative did not know. The last and final question was how the firewall is maintained. The representative did have the answer, which was telnet. This was a rather obvious indication of a major security vulnerability. My concerns were mounting, and after further probing, I discovered that, contrary to standard security practices, the ISP had never patched either the Sun server or the Checkpoint firewall. It was chilling to discover that the very professionals relied upon, for a vital security function, were ignorant, and frankly, incompetent, when it came to our company's protection. Patching Solaris and Checkpoint on a regular basis is standard practice to reduce potential security risk and the procedure is strongly recommended by experts within the security community<sup>1,2</sup>. Additionally, it is never recommended to telnet to your firewall, internally let alone over the internet<sup>1,2</sup>.

Thus, upon investigation, there were several things contributing to the state of vulnerability and serious risk, stemming from the pre-existing state of the company's browsing firewall:

1. Solaris out of patch
2. Checkpoint out of patch
3. Security rules being managed by outside vendor with nobody able to see the rules internally
4. Management of the firewall over telnet, and
5. No firewall log reporting

At this point, it was obvious that the existing 'secure' state of the internet browsing firewall was completely inadequate and potentially open to malicious attack, which could result in serious consequences to the business. In fact, it was just such a malicious attack that brought all IT's attention to the serious lack of readiness on the part of the firewall. Due to the preceding circumstances, I took it upon myself to upgrade the firewall to bring it current with more acceptable standards of preparedness within the security community.

### ***During: Implementing A More Secure Standard***

Knowing that company IT security had become a priority, and after examining the options available, and ascertaining the IT budget for financial limitations, the decision was made to obtain and create an onsite managed firewall. Through the cooperation of several corporate and vendor contacts, I was able to acquire a new Fujitsu Sun Clone and Checkpoint NG FP1.

The actual set up process was straightforward. I commenced with a clean install of Solaris 8 from the point of booting with the Solaris CD. Of specific note is that the accessible version of Solaris 8 did not have the option of 64 bit installation for the Core install, thus for the purposes of this discussion, the install is based on 32 bit processes. In order to obtain the maximum benefit of the new security procedures I was implementing, I also researched to the method of hardening a Solaris system for firewall usage. I found that the most useful resource were Lance Spitzner's papers relating to Solaris Hardening<sup>3</sup>. In an additional effort to protect the company and create the highest level of security given the parameters given, I used Sun's JASS script to further harden the system<sup>4</sup>. After completion of the installation, I had a secure install of Solaris 8 fully patched and ready for Checkpoint installation.

Described in detail below are the steps taken to install Solaris 8, patch it, install SSH, install Checkpoint NG FP1, upgrade to NG FP3, apply hot fixes, harden Solaris using JASS and finally setup syslog to go to a remote syslog server:

## Solaris 8 Installation

1. The following files need to be downloaded on a separate secured workstation:
  - a. Latest Solaris patch (8\_Recommended <http://sunsolve.sun.com/pub-cgi/show.pl?target=home>)
  - b. openssh 3.4 or better (<http://www.sunfreeware.com>)
  - c. openssl (SSL) (<http://www.sunfreeware.com>)
  - d. prngd (Pseudo Random Generator Daemon) (<http://www.sunfreeware.com>)
  - e. zlib (Z library) (<http://www.sunfreeware.com>)
  - f. JASS (<http://www.sun.com/software/security/jass/> choose .z file v4.0.0 as of 7/15/03)
  - g. Checkpoint License file, if you have one. If you do not have a License file you can enter your license manually. Get the file from <http://www.checkpoint.com> with your user account
  - h. Checkpoint NG FP3 files (<http://www.checkpoint.com> )
2. It is always recommended to build your firewall off line; i.e., not connected to the network<sup>3</sup>. To that end, burn these files to a cdrom or put them on an isolated ftp server on a secure network.
3. Power up the Sun box and insert Solaris 8 CD 1 (Software 1) into your cdrom drive.
4. During boot up hit <stop>< a>, at ok prompt type boot cdrom1 or reboot cdrom1. The 1 at the end of cdrom was specific to my firewall.
5. Boot with cdrom, first option is: Select a Language, I chose 0 for English.
6. Select a locale, 45 for U.S.A (en\_US.ISO8859-1)
7. Open Windows boots up.
8. The first GUI (Graphical User Interface) screen is a screen telling you that Solaris installation is broken up into short sections. Click Continue.
9. The installation procedure then tells that you need to identify the system. Click Continue.
10. Identify the system (on the following screens after you select your choice click Continue)
  - a. Networked, yes
  - b. DHCP, no
  - c. Primary interface Qfe0 (assuming you have a Quad Ethernet card)

- d. Hostname, firewall (or something less conspicuous)
  - e. IP address x.x.x.x (internal address)
  - f. IPv6, no
  - g. Confirmation, continue or change
  - h. Kerberos, no
  - i. Continue
  - j. Name service, None
  - k. Continue or change
  - l. Part of a subnet, yes
  - m. Subnet mask, 255.255.255.0
  - n. Timezone, geographic region
  - o. US, pacific
  - p. Date and time
  - q. Continue or change
11. Next screen is asking if you want to upgrade or do initial install. Chose initial install.
12. It warns you that you will have to make some decisions and you can continue or go back, continue.
13. Next you select your geographic region again, choose your region, Continue.
14. Next you need to decide if you what type of system you are installing. For a firewall all you need is Core and then customize. Please see Appendix A for the file listing for a Core installation.
15. Select your boot disk, Continue.
16. Preserve data, continue will wipe the disk
17. Automatic Layout of file system? Choose Manual Layout.
18. File system and disk layout, Customize
19. Suggested disk partitions for a 9GB.
- |   |           |      |
|---|-----------|------|
| 0 | /         | 1024 |
| 1 | swap      | 512  |
| 2 | /opt      | 1024 |
| 3 | /var      | 1024 |
| 4 | /var/opt/ | 4608 |
| 5 | /usr      | 1024 |
- OK,  
Continue

20. Mount Remote File Systems? Continue
21. Profile, Begin Installation (or Change or Exit)
22. Auto Reboot or Manual, Auto Reboot.
23. Installation begins.
24. The system will reboot when the installation is finished.
25. Login as root. No password.
26. Change password of root.
  - a. Passwd root  
New password:  
Re-enter new password:  
Passwd (SYSTEM): passwd successfully changed for root
27. When I do a Core Installation with the above packages from my distribution of Solaris 8, I do not get gzip, SUNWter (required for Checkpoint installation) or bash. I have to add them separately from the Software Disk 2 of 2. They were in /cdrom/sol\_8\_sparc\_2/Solaris\_8/Product (/etc/init.d/volmgt start if needed).  
  

```
cd /cdrom/sol_8_sparc_2/Solaris_8/Product  
pkgadd -d . SUNWter  
pkgadd -d . SUNWbash  
pkgadd -d . SUNWgzip
```
28. Copy files from CDROM that you have downloaded and burned to a cd to a directory on the new system (/etc/init.d/volmgt start if needed). Copy to a directory of your choice (e.g., /usr/local)
  - a. Solaris 8 patch
  - b. JASS
  - c. Open SSH and all associate files
  - d. Any Checkpoint files (e.g., CPlicense.lic and hotfixes)
29. Remove un-necessary packages (See Appendix B for complete list of files that can be removed)
  - a. Pkgrm is the utility to remove packages. Run the utility and select packages that are un-necessary like: Audio, SUNWaudd
  - b. Scroll through the pkgrm list and write down your corresponding numbers to the list in Appendix B.
  - c. Select the packages 1,2,3,4,20,24,.. etc. To do more than one at a time.

- d. Answer y to all the packages as they scroll by.

### 30. Patch Solaris 8

- a. Unzip 8\_Recommended
- b. Creates a directory named 8\_Recommended
- c. ./install\_cluster from 8\_Recommended dir.
- d. Reboot

### 31. Network <sup>5</sup>

- a. Netmasks file
  - i. Add external net
    - 1. x.x.x.v 255.255.255.248
    - 2. x.x.x.y is the external subnet
- b. ifconfig
  - i. ifconfig qfe1 plumb
  - ii. ifconfig qfe1 x.x.x.x netmask 255.255.255.248 up
  - iii. x.x.x.x is the external IP address that we will protect with Checkpoint.
- c. hostname
  - i. echo x.x.x.x > /etc/hostname.qfe1
- d. default route
  - i. echo x.x.x.z > /etc/defaultrouter
  - ii. x.x.x.z is the next hop interface

### 32. Add Routes <sup>6</sup>:

- a. Edit /etc/rc2.d/S69inet with vi.
- b. At the end of the file put  
#Internal Routes  
route add net x.x.0.0 255.255.0.0 1
- c. x.x.0.0 is your internal subnet.

## **Secure Shell (SSH) Installation:**

Prior to my upgrade the only way to manage the firewall was to telnet to it. This is considered extremely insecure. I did not want to telnet to the firewall but instead chose to use SSH as the means for remote administration of the firewall <sup>7</sup>. The following is a procedure to install SSH on Solaris 8 <sup>8</sup>.

- 1. The following files are necessary and available at <http://www.sunfreeware.com>.
  - a. openssh
  - b. openssl (SSL)

- c. prngd (Pseudo Random Generator Daemon)
  - d. zlib (Z library)
2. **Installation:** Copy the files from your cdrom to the hard drive and expand, unzip, gzip -d, etc, for whatever format your files come in.
  3. **#pkgadd -d openssl-0.9.6g-sol8-sparc-local**
  4. **#pkgadd -d prngd-0.9.25-sol8-sparc-local**
  5. **#pkgadd -d zlib-1.1.4-sol8-sparc-local**
  6. **#pkgadd -d openssh-3.4p1-sol8-sparc-local**
  7. Create Startup scripts: Startup scripts are located in Appendix C.
  8. Start prngd: This never works the first time.

```
# /etc/init.d/prngd start  
starting PRNG daemon  
Info: Random pool not (yet) seeded  
Could not bind socket to /var/spool/prngd/pool: No such file or directory  
If you get nothing try a reboot or try 9 then 16 below.
```

9. Try making a directory as follows:

```
# mkdir -p /var/spool/prngd  
#/etc/init.d/prngd start  
starting PRNG daemon  
# Info: Random pool not (yet) seeded
```

10. I had to reboot a couple of times on one install to get prngd to work. If you still cannot get PRNG started try looking at 16 below.

11. Start the ssh daemon,

```
# /etc/init.d/sshd start  
starting SSHD daemon  
Could not load host key: /usr/local/etc/ssh_host_key  
Could not load host key: /usr/local/etc/ssh_host_rsa_key  
Could not load host key: /usr/local/etc/ssh_host_dsa_key  
Disabling protocol version 1. Could not load host key  
Disabling protocol version 2. Could not load host key  
sshd: no hostkeys available -- exiting.
```

12. The errors here are due to not creating any key pairs for our ssh server. Create a public key pair to support the new, DSA-based version 2 protocol
- ```
# /usr/local/bin/ssh-keygen -d -f /usr/local/etc/ssh_host_dsa_key -N ""
```
- Generating public/private dsa key pair.  
Your identification has been saved in /usr/local/etc/ssh\_host\_dsa\_key.  
Your public key has been saved in /usr/local/etc/ssh\_host\_dsa\_key.pub.  
The key fingerprint is:  
ef:c17d:56:39:66:0f:21:c3:9c:0a:32:22:78:62:e8 root@firewall
13. Create a public key pair to support the old, RSA-based version 1 protocol
- ```
# /usr/local/bin/ssh-keygen -b 1024 -f /usr/local/etc/ssh_host_rsa_key -t rsa -N ""
```
- Generating public/private rsa1 key pair.  
Your identification has been saved in /usr/local/etc/ssh\_host\_rsa\_key.  
Your public key has been saved in /usr/local/etc/ssh\_host\_rsa\_key.pub.  
The key fingerprint is:  
ef:c17d:56:39:66:0f:20:c3:9c:0a:22:22:78:62 root@firewall
- ```
# /usr/local/bin/ssh-keygen -t rsa1 -f /usr/local/etc/ssh_host_key -N ""
```
- Generating public/private rsa1 key pair.  
Your identification has been saved in /usr/local/etc/ssh\_host\_key.  
Your public key has been saved in /usr/local/etc/ssh\_host\_key.pub.  
The key fingerprint is:  
ef:c17d:56:39:66:0f:20:c3:9c:0a:22:22:78:62:ea root@firewall
14. Edit ssh daemon configuration file /usr/local/etc/sshd\_config, enable protocol 2 and 1  
Uncomment the line, that says  
protocol 2,1
15. **# /etc/init.d/sshd start**  
starting SSHD daemon  
#
16. If there are issues try the following:
- mkdir /dev/urandom
  - ln -s /var/spool/prngd/pool /dev/urandom/pool
  - cat /var/adm/messages > /usr/local/etc/prngd/prngd-seed
  - mkdir dir /var/spool/prngd
  - /usr/local/sbin/prngd /var/spool/prngd/pool
- These directories are dependent on your own install.
17. Once you do those steps, go back and generate the keys (step 12) and start the services.

18. I received the following error: "Privilege separation user sshd does not exist when the service starts". To fix that error:

- a. Create a user called "sshd". Passwd, make it a difficult password.
- b. Create a directory /var/empty

19. Once I did the following "/etc/init.d/sshd start" gives the following:

Starting SSHD daemon

20. SSH was loaded and port 22 was open. You will have to create a rule in Checkpoint to allow this through to the firewall.

### **Checkpoint Installation:**

1. Install Checkpoint NG. My Checkpoint install was from a NG FP1 cd. I found that Checkpoint installs cleaner if you install Checkpoint before JASS hardening.

```
/etc/init.d/volmgt start (if it is not started)
cd /cdrom/cp_ng_fp1 (x = what ever fp you have I had fp1)
./UnixInstallScript
```

2. Hit N for next

3. Scroll through the License Agreement and hit y to accept the agreement.

4. The software does a quick check to see if your install meets minimum requirements for patches and then installs SVN Foundation.

5. Select what you are installing. I chose 1. [\*] VPN-1 & Firewall-1, N for next

6. Choose the type of Installation: 1.(\*) Enterprise Primary Management and Enforcement Module, N for next

7. Would you like to install backward compatability?

1. ( ) Yes.

2. (\*) No.

Hit N for next.

8. Your choices are valid. You have selected:

VPN-1 & Firewall-1 Enterprise Primary Management and Enforcement Modules,  
N for next.

9. Installation of Checkpoint proceeds.

10. The next screen that comes up is the Configuration screens.
11. It asks if you want to add licenses, I wait till it is done and add later.
12. Next is to add administrators: add an admin, and a password and give W, Write all. Confirm and add another if needed.
13. Gui clients: [A]dd or [D]elete one? A if you know the IP address or the resolvable name of the client station. You can always add one later.
14. Add a group if you want, or do it later.
15. Configuring Random Pool... Just keep typing till you fill the bar....
16. Configuring Certificate Authority... Press Enter.
17. Configuring Certificate Fingerprint... Save to file.
18. Would you like to reboot the machine [y/n]: y, system reboots and firewall is installed.
19. You will get some warnings the first reboot because there is no license or rules installed.

## **FP3 Installation and Hot Fix 2:**

1. The version of Checkpoint that I had was pre-FP3. Patch Checkpoint with the FP3 patch.

After expanding gzip -d then tar -xvf:

Pkgadd -d . CPshrd-53 (from the directory right above CPshrd-53)

Pkdadd -d . CPfw1-53 (from the directory right above CPshrd-53)

2. Hot fix 2 (after expanding)
  - a. ./cpshared\_HF2\_53957\_4  
It will ask: "Do you wish to proceed with installation of Check Point SVN Foundation NG FP3 Hotfix2 for Check Point SVN NG FP3 on this computer? If you choose to proceed, installation will perform CPSTOP.  
(y=yes, else no): y"
  - b. ./fw1\_HF2\_53945\_1  
It will ask: "Do you wish to proceed with installation of Check Point VPN-1/Firewall-1 NG FP3 Hotfix2 for Check Point VPN-1/Firewall-1 NG FP3 on this computer? If you choose to proceed, installation will perform CPSTOP.  
(y=yes, else no): y"

It will remind you to reboot. Reboot.

3. Add license and management stations. Use cpconfig. I copied the .lic file to the same cdrom that had the other files (SSH, JASS, etc). Using the [F]etch method is much easier than typing in the key.
4. Add rules using the management client for Checkpoint NG FP3, default and ssh through the gui. Nothing allowed inbound. Allow only what is needed outbound; e.g., http, https, ftp, ssh...etc.

### **AS400:**

In order to allow our AS400 out to the internet using ICMP, I had to open up the ICMP packet size from the default 64byte to 260 byte size. Located under Policy/Smartdefense settings/IP and ICMP/Max Ping Size. Change to 260 bytes.

### **FTP fix.**

My company has requirements to FTP to servers that do not send the newline at the end of each line. Because of this, certain ftp sites (e.g., [ftp.compaq.com](http://ftp.compaq.com)) will not allow you to connect. The following will fix the requirement for a newline at the end of each line <sup>9</sup>.

```
Modify the $FWDIR/lib/base.def file.  
Close all open GUI clients.  
Open the file $FWDIR/lib/base.def in vi.  
Find the line  
#define FTP_ENFORCE_NL  
Comment it out:  
// #define FTP_ENFORCE_NL  
Save the file. The fix will not work until you re-apply rules.
```

### **Harden Solaris:**

I chose the JASS <sup>4</sup> hardening script from Solaris as my way of a final hardening process. The main objective of the Solaris Security Toolkit, JASS is to simplify and automate the process of securing Solaris systems. It implements the recommendations in the Sun BluePrints Online security articles. The script goes through the Solaris system and hardens and minimizes services in the Solaris Operating Environment <sup>10</sup>. I do this as a final step in the build of the firewall.

1. After expanding the JASS package
2. ./jass-execute -d secure.driver

3. Test the firewall by attaching to it using the management tools.
4. Vulnerability/Port scan, on all interfaces.

### **FW-1 Errors after JASS install:**

“FW-1 driver could not be informed. This may be due to the driver being removed from the system, or a failure of the fw bootd process. If this message keeps appearing after rebooting the machine, please contact Check Point technical support. This message can be safely ignored in the following cases: FW-1 has just been uninstalled or upgraded and has not been rebooted yet or the machine is now in single user mode. This message will be suppressed for the next 127 times. ”

This error is due to the hardening portion of JASS that modifies the way syslog starts. It starts with the `-t` option. If you edit `/etc/init.d/syslog` and take the `-t` out of the line that starts `syslogd` this error goes away<sup>11</sup>. According to the Unix man pages the `-t` “disables the syslogd UDP port to turn off logging of remote messages”<sup>12</sup>. Since the firewall is not allowing UDP port 514 connections to the firewall this should not be a security issue.

### **Syslog setup**

It is more secure to save the system log files from the firewall off to another server<sup>2</sup>. Solaris has a facility to send the syslog logs to a remote host.

1. Edit `/etc/syslog.conf` file with `vi`
2. Uncomment or put in the following lines
3. `*.alert @loghost`
4. `*.emerg @loghost`
5. `*.debug @loghost`
6. Edit `/etc/hosts` file with `vi`
7. Modify the line that has `loghost` or add the following
8. `x.x.x.x loghost`

9. x.x.x.x should be a secure machine on the inside network with some form of syslogd running on a secured pc. For example, Kiwi Syslog Deamon from <http://www.kiwisyslog.com>.

## ***After: Enhanced Security***

Initially, the implementation was a by the book, straightforward use of standard security concepts and measures that I gleaned from my personal research of current, available, well respected resources. However, since that time, I have continued to maintain the firewall at its current level, and I have modified it further to suit the company's purposes. IT security is an ever changing environment, and is a priority for companies wishing to do business internationally, effectively, and efficiently.

Following the successful implementation of the proposed creation and internally maintained Solaris 8 system with Checkpoint NG FP3 installed, patched, hardened, and ready for rule base installation, it was my welcome task to maintain, and monitor the firewall. Thus, I set up hiding NAT, basic rules, and set the system so that there is no ICMP allowed to the firewall. Prior to this installation, you could ping the firewall from the internet, rendering it potentially vulnerable to Denial of Service attacks.

An additional precaution was taken which is that all ports were blocked outbound, with the exceptions of permissible traffic (HTTP, HTTPS, FTP, Telnet, etc). This is a marked departure to the standard procedure of the preceding firewall in which all ports were open outbound. By reducing the number of ports allowed outbound we reduced the risk of Trojans being used as backdoors to our network. This additionally, effectively eliminated Peer-2-Peer file trading as well as eliminating various IRC channels.

Additional procedures set into place relate to rules, remote administration, and logs. Now, rules are controlled by an internal security engineer whose reporting structure is within the company's IT division; the remote administration of the firewall is performed over a secure channel (SSH) internally, which is in direct contrast to the previous method of remote administration which was over clear channel telnet, over the internet; and system logs are sent to a secured syslog server off of the firewall, which is more secure in that if the firewall is compromised, the attacker would have to attack an additional system to cover their tracks.

Prior to the upgrade we suffered a detrimentally effective Code Red II attack which caused the firewall to cease functioning<sup>13</sup>. In fact, it was the Code Red II incursion that precipitated the changes leading to our current state of preparedness. Among the numerous companies recently affected by the multi-pronged attacks, our network experienced an MSBlast/Welchia worm attack on August 20, 2003. The firewall withstood a heavy beating from this malicious worm from numerous internally infected hosts that attempted connections to random hosts on the internet. However, despite the worms' extensive attempts at connecting to more hosts on the internet and before

we could get a handle on the worm, the firewall withstood the attack with no decrease in performance. There were some errors on the firewall (errors sent to the remote syslog), but we were still able to get out to the internet and continue the daily operation of the company, without detriment.

Unfortunately, there are some security implications with the FTP fix I applied in which there exists a potential vulnerability on un-patched Solaris systems that have Tooltalk installed <sup>14</sup>. Fortunately, Tooltalk is not installed on this firewall which eliminates the potential vulnerability.

### ***Impact: Does it Actually Work?***

The decision to create the Checkpoint firewall and physically house and maintain the system has had a significantly positive impact. In contrast to the previous firewall in use: this firewall is more stable and up to date; the rules are now maintained internally; and, logs are viewable by security engineers within the company. We have been successfully using this firewall for two years, since its implementation. Our bandwidth has been increased to 6Mb and the firewall has experienced no issues in keeping up with the increased bandwidth. We have no internal services going through this particular firewall and only perform internet browsing through it therefore, do not need to worry about passing traffic internally. I do weekly vulnerability scans on the firewall to look for new potentially vulnerable open access points in a continuing security presence.

It is worthwhile to note that regardless of the time and energy security professionals spend in protecting systems and building, maintaining, updating, patching, and hardening firewalls there still exist those malicious enough to spend their time, effort and energy in inventing and seeking methods in which to destroy those things that others build and protect. It is always easier to destroy a thing than it is to build and maintain it. I prefer to work on the side that builds something to be safely used and to that end, it is of paramount importance to continue to learn, study, and create effective methods of customizing the firewall that guards a company's network systems.

## Appendix A: Core file listing<sup>3</sup>.

The following are the files that were the final file selection on my version of Solaris. Most come with the Core install of Solaris. Some were selected for firewall functionality. I chose to add some additional files for ease of firewall management.

|        |           |                                                        |
|--------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| system | SUNWcar   | Core Architecture, (Root)                              |
| system | SUNWcarx  | Core Architecture, (Root) (64-bit)                     |
| system | SUNWcsd   | Core Solaris Devices                                   |
| system | SUNWcsl   | Core Solaris, (Shared Libs)                            |
| system | SUNWcslx  | Core Solaris Libraries (64-bit)                        |
| system | SUNWcsr   | Core Solaris, (Root)                                   |
| system | SUNWcsu   | Core Solaris, (Usr)                                    |
| system | SUNWcsxu  | Core Solaris (Usr) (64-bit)                            |
| system | SUNWkvm   | Core Architecture, (Kvm)                               |
| system | SUNWkvmx  | Core Architecture (Kvm) (64-bit)                       |
| system | SUNWdoc   | Documentation Tools                                    |
| system | SUNWesu   | Extended System Utilities                              |
| system | SUNWfns   | Federated Naming System                                |
| system | SUNWfnsx  | Federated Naming System (64-bit)                       |
| system | SUNWswmt  | Install and Patch Utilities                            |
| system | SUNWnamos | Northern America OS Support                            |
| system | SUNWman   | On-Line Manual Pages                                   |
| system | SUNWpd    | PCI Drivers                                            |
| system | SUNWpdx   | PCI Drivers (64-bit)                                   |
| system | SUNWtoo   | Programming Tools                                      |
| system | SUNWtoox  | Programming Tools (64-bit)                             |
| system | SUNWqfed  | Sun Quad FastEthernet Adapter Driver                   |
| system | SUNWqfedx | Sun Quad FastEthernet Adapter Driver (64-bit)          |
| system | SUNWlibC  | Sun Workshop Compilers Bundled libC                    |
| system | SUNWlibCx | Sun WorkShop Bundled 64-bit libC                       |
| system | SUNWlibms | Sun WorkShop Bundled shared libm                       |
| system | SUNWlmsx  | Sun WorkShop Bundled 64-bit shared libm                |
| system | SUNWhmd   | SunSwift SBus Adapter Drivers                          |
| system | SUNWhmdx  | SunSwift SBus Adapter Drivers (64-bit)                 |
| system | SUNWadmc  | System administration core libraries                   |
| system | SUNWadmfw | System & Network Administration Framework              |
| system | SUNWloc   | System Localization                                    |
| system | SUNWlocx  | System Localization (64-bit)                           |
| system | SUNWvolr  | Volume Management, (Root) (optional for cdrom access)  |
| system | SUNWvolu  | Volume Management, (Usr) (optional for cdrom access)   |
| system | SUNWCvolx | Volume Management (64-bit) (optional for cdrom access) |

Optional packages for firewall functionality that even though they are selected did not get installed with the core install of Solaris that I had.

|        |           |                                        |
|--------|-----------|----------------------------------------|
| system | SUNWbash  | GNU Bourne-Again shell (bash)          |
| system | SUNWbzip  | The bzip compression utility           |
| system | SUNWbzipx | The bzip compression library (64-bit)  |
| system | SUNWgzip  | The GNU Zip (gzip) compression utility |
| system | SUNWzip   | The Info-Zip (zip) compression utility |
| system | SUNWter   | Terminal Information                   |

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## Appendix B: Files that can be removed<sup>3</sup>:

|        |           |                                                          |
|--------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| system | SUNWatfsr | AutoFS, (Root)                                           |
| system | SUNWatfsu | AutoFS, (Usr)                                            |
| system | SUNWauda  | Audio Applications                                       |
| system | SUNWaudd  | Audio Drivers                                            |
| system | SUNWauddx | Audio Drivers (64-bit)                                   |
| system | SUNWcg6   | GX (cg6) Device Driver                                   |
| system | SUNWcg6x  | GX (cg6) Device Driver (64-bit)                          |
| system | SUNWdfb   | Dumb Frame Buffer Device Drivers                         |
| system | SUNWdtcor | Solaris Desktop /usr/dt filesystem anchor                |
| system | SUNWfcip  | Sun FCIP IP/ARP over FibreChannel Device Driver          |
| system | SUNWfcipx | Sun FCIP IP/ARP over FibreChannel Device Driver (64 bit) |
| system | SUNWfcp   | Sun FCP SCSI Device Driver                               |
| system | SUNWfcpx  | Sun FCP SCSI Device Driver (64-bit)                      |
| system | SUNWfctl  | Sun Fibre Channel Transport layer                        |
| system | SUNWfctlx | Sun Fibre Channel Transport layer (64-bit)               |
| system | SUNWftpr  | FTP Server, (Root)                                       |
| system | SUNWftpu  | FTP Server, (Usr)                                        |
| system | SUNWi15cs | X11 ISO8859-15 Codeset Support                           |
| system | SUNWi1cs  | X11 ISO8859-1 Codeset Support                            |
| system | SUNWkey   | Keyboard configuration tables                            |
| system | SUNWluxdx | Sun Enterprise Network Array sf Device Driver (64-bit)   |
| system | SUNWluxop | Sun Enterprise Network Array firmware and utilities      |
| system | SUNWluxox | Sun Enterprise Network Array libraries (64-bit)          |
| system | SUNWm64   | M64 Graphics System Software/Device Driver               |
| system | SUNWm64x  | M64 Graphics System Software/Device Driver (64-bit)      |
| system | SUNWmdi   | Sun Multipath I/O Drivers                                |
| system | SUNWmdix  | Sun Multipath I/O Drivers (64-bit)                       |
| system | SUNWnamow | Northern America OW Support                              |
| system | SUNWnisr  | Network Information System, (Root)                       |
| system | SUNWnisu  | Network Information System, (Usr)                        |
| system | SUNWpcelx | 3COM EtherLink III PCMCIA Ethernet Driver                |
| system | SUNWpcmci | PCMCIA Card Services, (Root)                             |
| system | SUNWpcmcu | PCMCIA Card Services, (Usr)                              |
| system | SUNWpcmcx | PCMCIA Card Services (64-bit)                            |
| system | SUNWpcmem | PCMCIA memory card driver                                |
| system | SUNWpcser | PCMCIA serial card driver                                |
| system | SUNWpl5u  | Perl 5.005_03                                            |
| system | SUNWpsdpr | PCMCIA ATA card driver                                   |
| system | SUNWrmodu | Realmode Modules, (Usr)                                  |
| system | SUNWses   | SCSI Enclosure Services Device Driver                    |
| system | SUNWsesx  | SCSI Enclosure Services Device Driver (64-bit)           |
| system | SUNWsndmr | Sendmail root                                            |
| system | SUNWsndmu | Sendmail user                                            |

|        |           |                                                      |
|--------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------|
| system | SUNWsolnm | Solaris Naming Enabler                               |
| system | SUNWssad  | SPARCstorage Array Drivers                           |
| system | SUNWssadx | SPARCstorage Array Drivers (64-bit)                  |
| system | SUNWtleux | Thai Language Environment user files (64-bit)        |
| system | SUNWudf   | Universal Disk Format 1.50, (Usr)                    |
| system | SUNWudfr  | Universal Disk Format 1.50                           |
| system | SUNWudfrx | Universal Disk Format 1.50 (64-bit)                  |
| system | SUNWusb   | USB Device Drivers                                   |
| system | SUNWusbx  | USB Device Drivers (64-bit)                          |
| system | SUNWwsr2  | Solaris Product Registry & Web Start runtime support |
| system | SUNWxwdv  | X Windows System Window Drivers                      |
| system | SUNWxwdvx | X Windows System Window Drivers (64-bit)             |
| system | SUNWxwmod | OpenWindows kernel modules                           |
| system | SUNWxwmox | X Window System kernel modules (64-bit)              |

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## Appendix C: Startup scripts for sshd<sup>8</sup>

### Startup Scripts:

Create a startup script for the ssh daemon.

/etc/init.d/ssh

```
#!/bin/sh
#
# start/stop the secure shell daemon

case "$1" in

'start')
# Start the ssh daemon
if [ -f /usr/local/sbin/sshd ]; then
echo "starting SSHD daemon"
/usr/local/sbin/sshd &
fi
;;

'stop')
# Stop the ssh daemon
PID=`/usr/bin/ps -e -u 0 | /usr/bin/fgrep sshd | /usr/bin/awk '{print $1}'`
if [ ! -z "$PID" ]; then
/usr/bin/kill ${PID} >/dev/null 2>&1
fi
;;

*)
echo "usage: /etc/init.d/ssh {start|stop}"
;;

esac
```

Make the script executable and create a startup script on run level 2.

```
#chmod +x /etc/init.d/ssh
#ln -s /etc/init.d/ssh /etc/rc2.d/S99ssh
```

Create a startup script for the pseudo random generator daemon.

/etc/init.d/prngd

```
#!/bin/sh
#
# start/stop the pseudo random generator daemon
```

```
case "$1" in

'start')
# Start the ssh daemon
if [ -f /usr/local/bin/prngd ]; then
echo "starting PRNG daemon"
/usr/local/bin/prngd /var/spool/prngd/pool&
fi
;;

'stop')
# Stop the ssh daemon
PID=`/usr/bin/ps -e -u 0 | /usr/bin/fgrep prngd | /usr/bin/awk '{print $1}'`
if [ ! -z "$PID" ]; then
/usr/bin/kill ${PID} >/dev/null 2>&1
fi
;;

*)
echo "usage: /etc/init.d/prngd {start|stop}"
;;

esac
```

Make the script executable and create a startup script on run level 2.

```
#chmod +x /etc/init.d/prngd
#ln -s /etc/init.d/prngd /etc/rc2.d/S99prngd
```

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