NSA builds a secure Linux

1999: National Security Agency applies a security architecture to the Linux kernel. The agency works with Mitre Corp., NAI Labs and Secure Computing Corp. on parts of the system.

Dec. 2000: NSA releases the first public prototype of SELinux.

March 2001: NSA briefs the Linux Kernel Summit on SELinux, officially presenting it to kernel programmers.

2001-2003: NSA works with the Linux community on a security framework and re-engineers SELinux to use the framework.

2003-present: NSA works with industry, specifically Red Hat Inc., to incorporate SELinux into commercial products.

Feb. 2005: Red Hat releases Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4, which includes SELinux.

Source: NSA