

CSH - 0735

Assignment - 5

Unit - 5

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a) Design firewall rules to block facebook and allow research traffic.

Priority	Source	Destination
1	Lab subnet	facebook.com

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1	Lab subnet	facebook.com IPs	Any	Deny
2	Lab subnet	157.240.0.0/16	Any	Deny
3	Lab subnet	Research servers	Any	Allow
4	Lab subnet	Internet	80/443	Allow
5	Any	Any	Any	Deny (default)

b) ~~Total~~ Calculate total delay in packet processing:

- Rule processing time per rule: 1 ms.

- Number of rules: 100

Total Delay = $100 \times 1 \text{ ms} = 100 \text{ ms}$ per packet.

c. Recommended rule optimization techniques.

1. Place most frequently matched rules at the top.
eg (block facebook first)
2. Combine rules using subnets instead of multiple single-IP rules
3. Use object groups (eg group all social media IPs)
4. Remove redundant or shadowed rules.
5. Implement policy-based routing for research traffic to bypass unnecessary checks.

d. Suggest logging policies for compliance.

1. Log only denied traffic to reduce storage overhead.
2. Enable logging for security-critical rules.
3. Store logs centrally using syslog or SIEM.
4. Apply log rotation and retention policies (eg keep 90 days)
5. Anonymize student data for privacy compliance.