

FIREWALLS

Are designed to control and filter which communications are allowed in and out. They can be installed on one computer and in this case called Host-Based Firewall or be standalone Protect Network and in this case called Network-based Firewall.

TYPES

- (1) *Network Layer Firewall*: It filters communication based on the source and destination IP address.
- (2) *Transport Layer Firewall*: It filters communication based on the source and destination data port and the connection status.
- (3) *Application Layer Firewall*: It filters communication based on the application, program, and service.
- (4) *Context Aware Layer Firewall*: It filters communication based on the user, device, role, application type, and threat profile.
- (5) *Proxy Server*: It filters web content requests, URL, domain names, and media types.
- (6) *Reverse Proxy Server*: It is in front of the web server to protect, hide, offload, and distribute access to the web server.
- (7) *Network Address Translation NAT Firewall*: It hides and masquerades the private address of network hosts.
- (8) *Host-Based Firewall*: Filters ports and system service calls on a single computer operating system.

PORT SCANNING

Each application running on a device is assigned to a port number used in source and destination so that data is passed to the correct application. Open ports can be used maliciously to identify the operating system of the device and services OR it may be used by the system admin to verify security policy.

Programs for port scanning: NMAP, ZENMAP

Intrusion Detection System IDS

Doesn't Take Action It only Detects ,logs it and alert the network administrator and reports and won't prevent the attack from happening

As IDS Slow down the network It is Preferred to work offline to over come latency so data passed to the switch then it copies it to the IDS

Intrusion Prevention System IPS

It Blocks and Deny Malicious Traffic based on positive Rule or Signature match one of IDS/IPS System is Snort.

The commercial version of Snort is Cisco's Sourcefire. Sourcefire can perform real-time traffic and port analysis, logging, content searching and matching, as well as detect probes, attacks and execute port scans.