

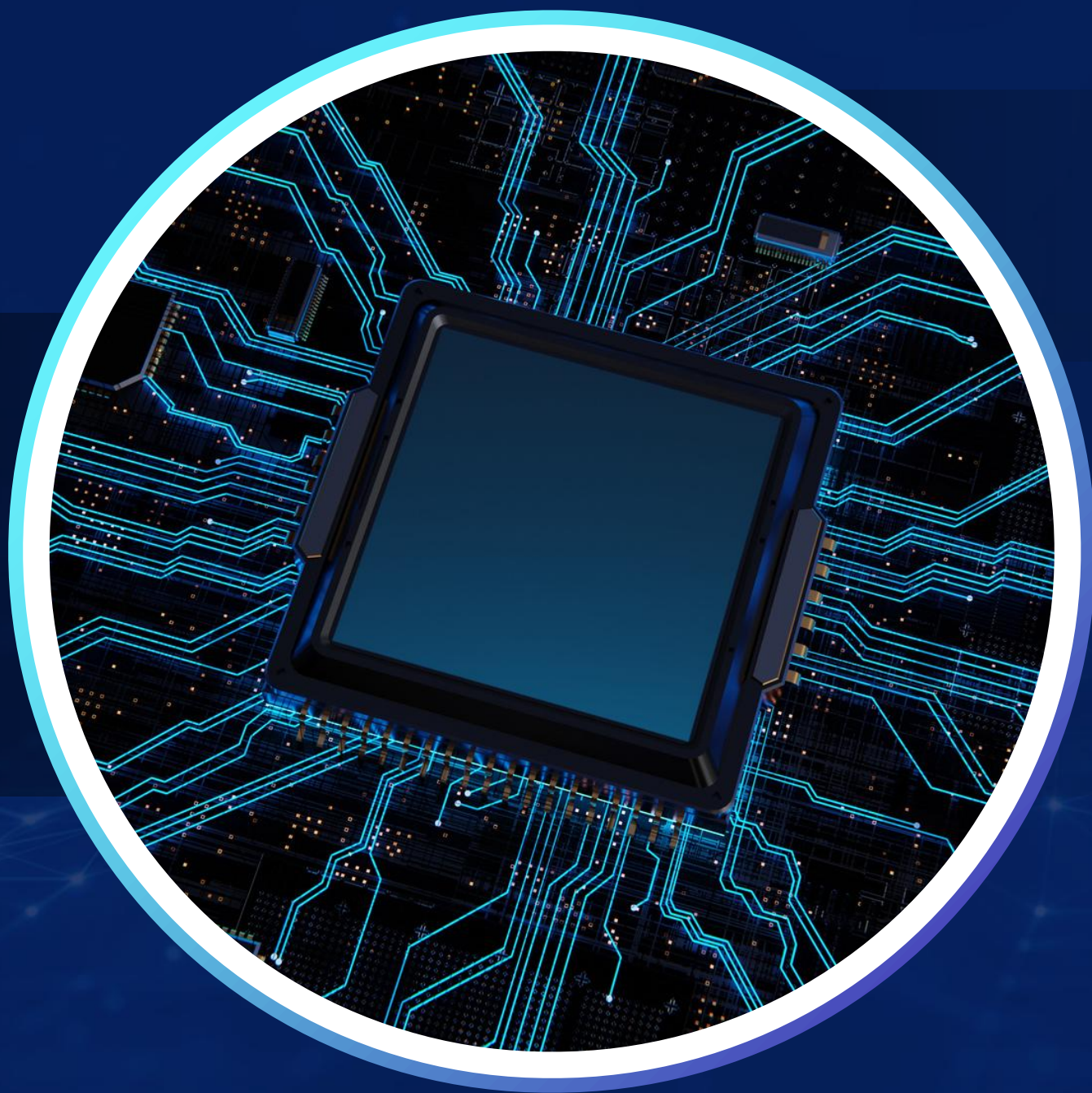


MINI-SOC PROJECT



https://github.com/Eng-Ahmed-Emad/A_mini_SOC-Project





Project Overview

This project proposes the development of a mini Security Operations Center (SOC) that combines three powerful tools:

- Wazuh SIEM for centralized log collection, analysis, and alerting.
- Atomic Red Team for simulating adversary techniques aligned with the MITRE ATTACK framework.
- VirusTotal API integration for automated detection and verification of malicious files on Linux systems.

By integrating these technologies, the project replicates a realistic SOC workflow — from log ingestion and correlation, to adversary emulation, to automated threat intelligence validation.

Objectives

- Deploy a Wazuh-based SIEM to collect and analyze security events from Linux hosts.
- Simulate common adversary techniques (e.g., brute force, privilege escalation, malware execution) using Atomic Red Team.
- Integrate VirusTotal API for automated file hash submission and malicious file detection.
- Generate real-time alerts and incident triage reports mapped to the MITRE ATT&CK framework.
- Document the SOC architecture, detection use cases, and incident workflows.



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WHY WAZUH?

USE CASES

Endpoint security	Threat intelligence	Security operations	Cloud security
<u>Configuration assessment</u>	<u>Threat hunting</u>	<u>Incident response</u>	<u>Container security</u>
<u>Malware detection</u>	<u>Log data analysis</u>	<u>Regulatory compliance</u>	<u>Posture management</u>
<u>File integrity monitoring</u>	<u>Vulnerability detection</u>	<u>IT hygiene</u>	<u>Workload protection</u>

STEPS

Install Ubuntu Server (VM) – Create a dedicated virtual machine for the SOC manager.

Update System Packages – Run updates to ensure stability and security.

Install Wazuh Manager – Set up the SIEM for log collection and analysis.

Install OpenSearch & Dashboard – Enable visualization and alert monitoring.

Deploy Wazuh Agent – Install agents on Windows/Linux endpoints to collect logs.

Register Agents – Connect agents to the Wazuh Manager for monitoring.

STEPS

Configure Log Sources – Collect Windows Event Logs, Sysmon, and Linux syslog.

Enable Detection Rules – Apply Wazuh's ruleset for threat detection.

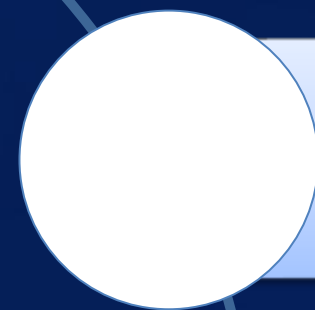
Enable File Integrity Monitoring (FIM) – Track changes in critical files/directories on Windows & Linux.

Integrate VirusTotal API – Enrich alerts with threat intelligence data.

Run Atomic Red Team Tests – Simulate real-world attack techniques.

Verify Alerts – Check if Wazuh detects and generates alerts correctly.

STEPS



Investigate & Respond – Analyze alerts, isolate systems, and take response actions.



Document Results – Summarize detection performance and lessons learned.



Create Custom Dashboards – Build tailored views for alerts, FIM, and attack simulations.

Simulated Attacks (Atomic Red Team)

- 🛑 Brute Force Login Attempts – repeated failed logins
- 🔑 Privilege Escalation – sudo abuse on Ubuntu
- 🐍 Malware Execution – malicious binaries & scripts
- 📁 Data Exfiltration – outbound suspicious traffic
- 🧬 Process Injection – tampering with legitimate processes



Detection Effectiveness

- ☒ Brute Force → alerts triggered after threshold logins
- ☒ Privilege Escalation → sudo misuse flagged
- ☒ Malware Execution → suspicious process behavior detected
- ☒ Data Exfiltration → flagged by outbound traffic rules
- ☒ Process Injection → abnormal process behavior detected
- ☒ VirusTotal Integration → malicious files auto-removed



Alerts before vs after attack (Windows)

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Alerts summary

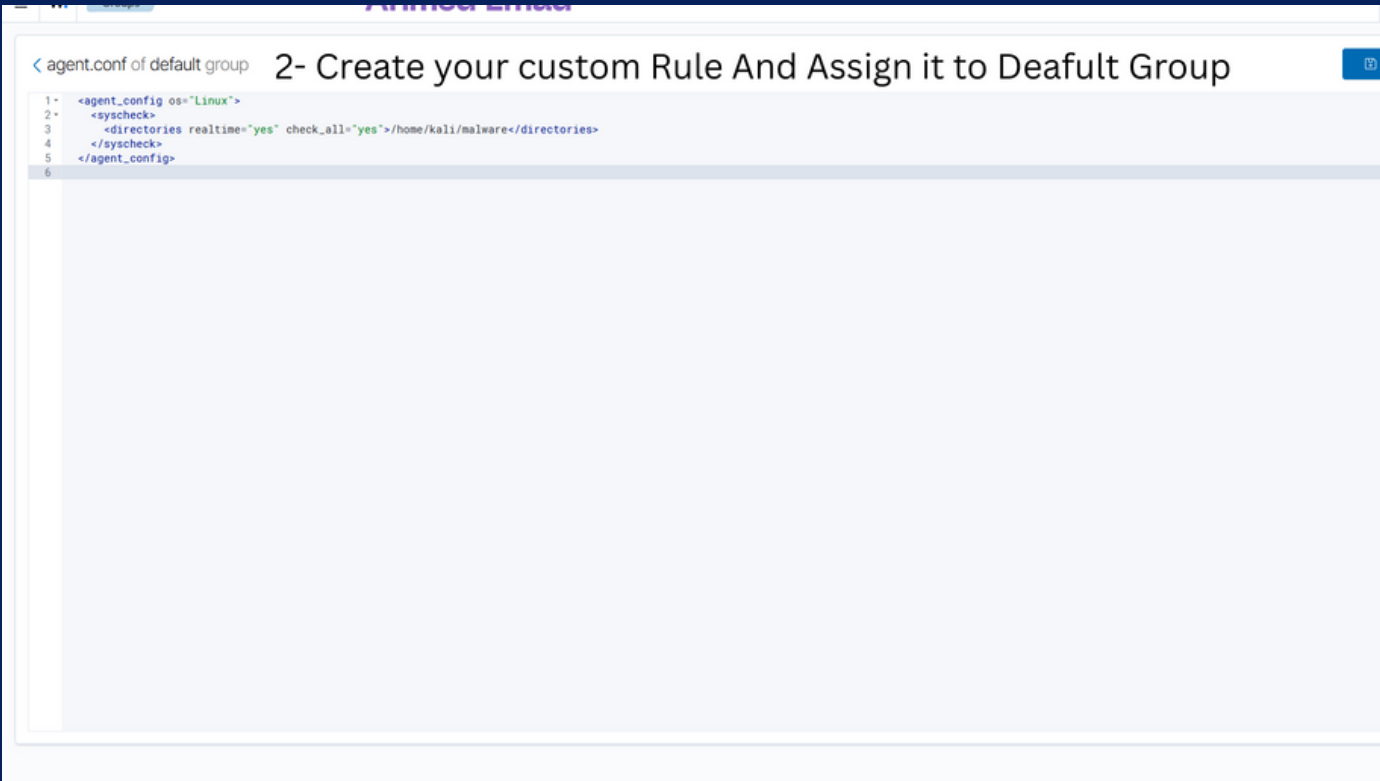
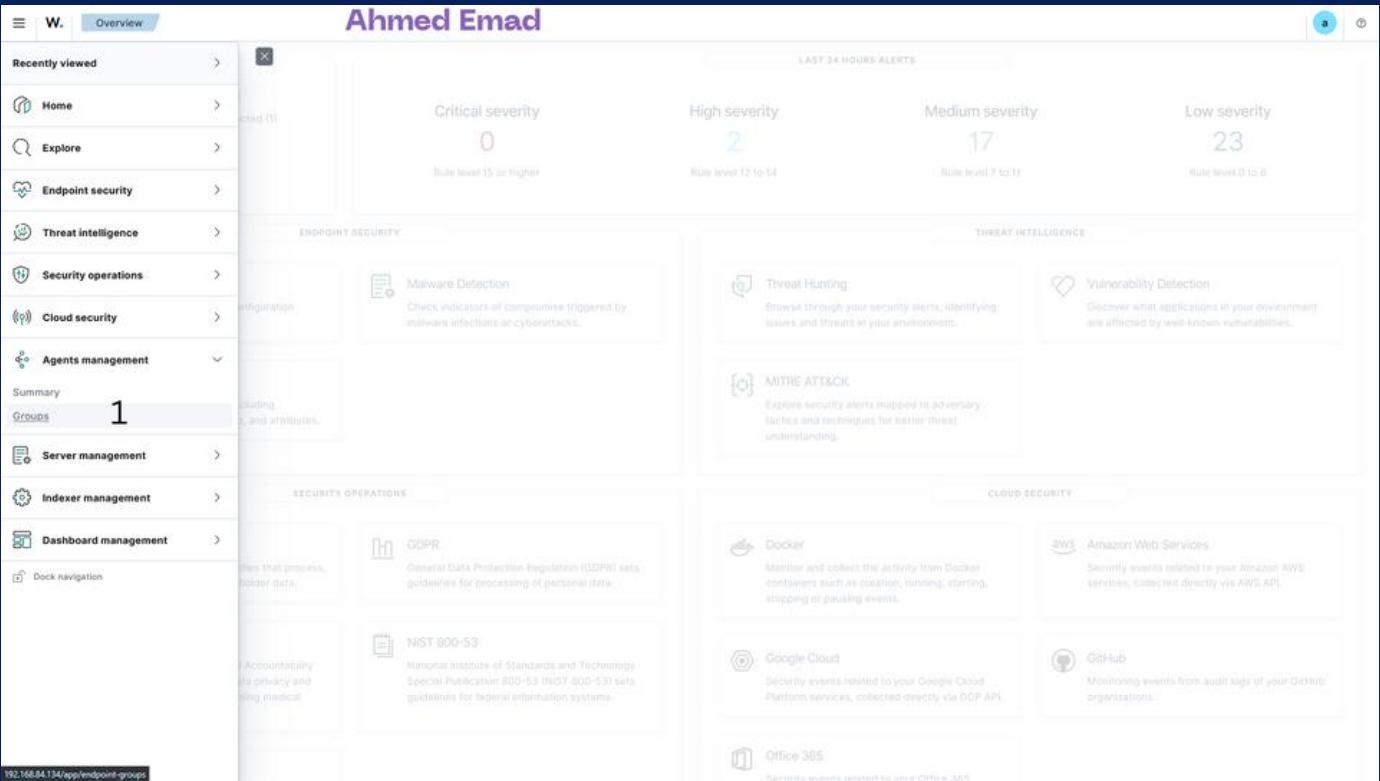
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60106	Windows Logon Success	3	3
506	Wazuh agent stopped.	3	1

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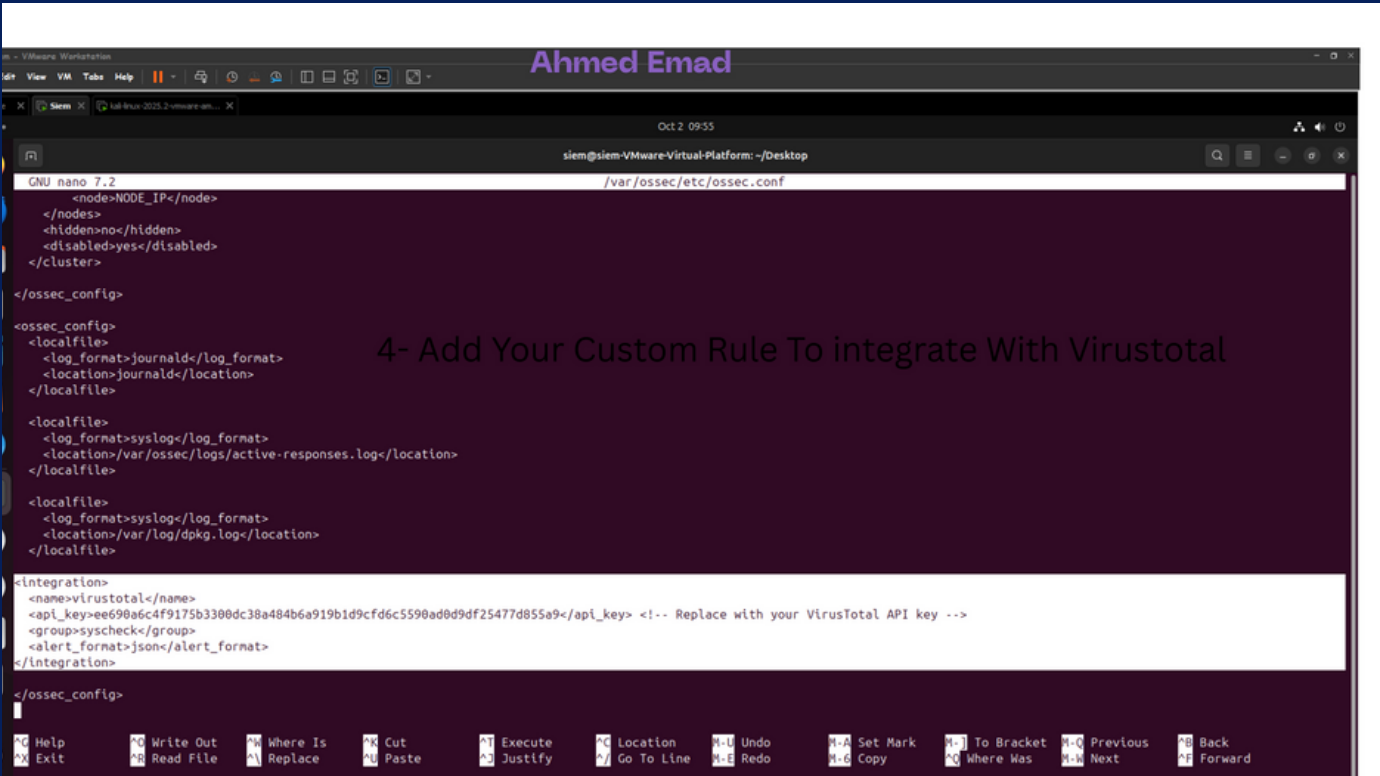
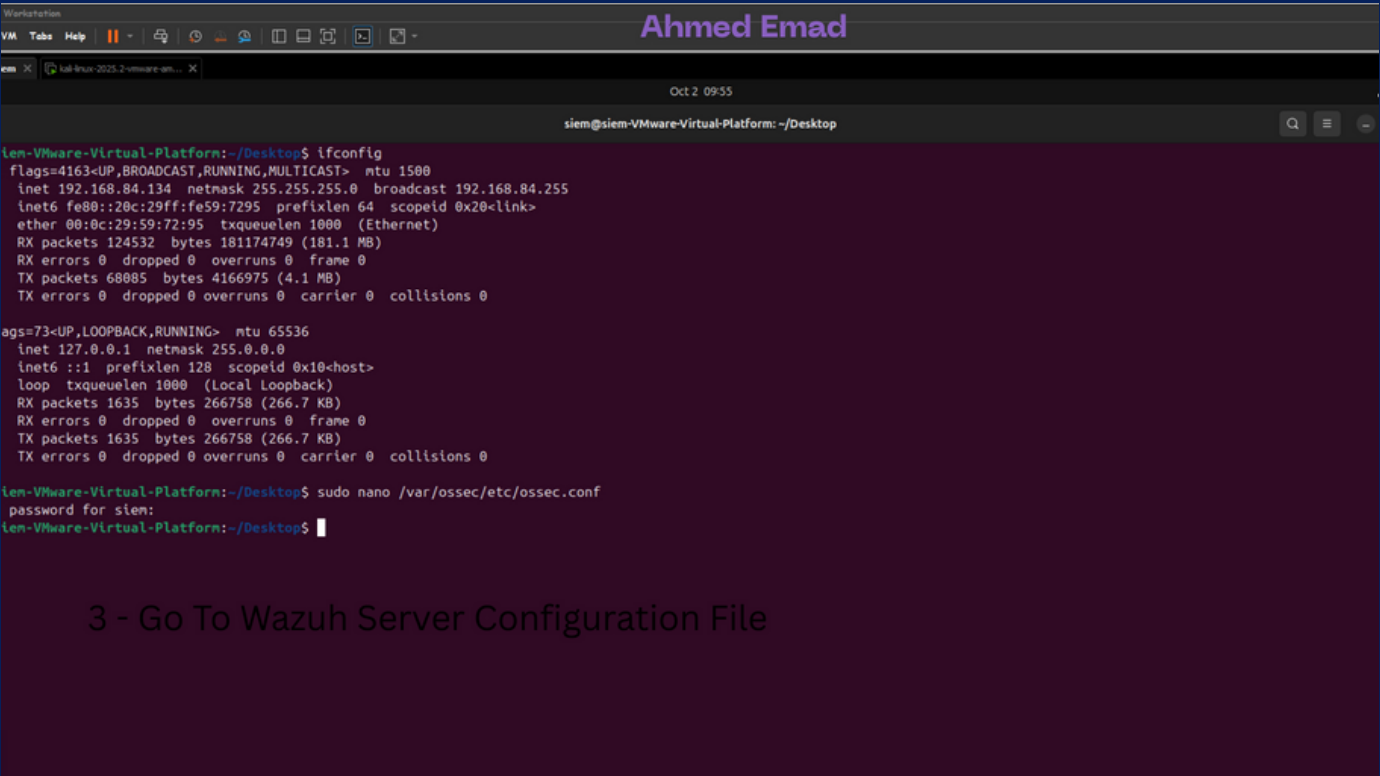
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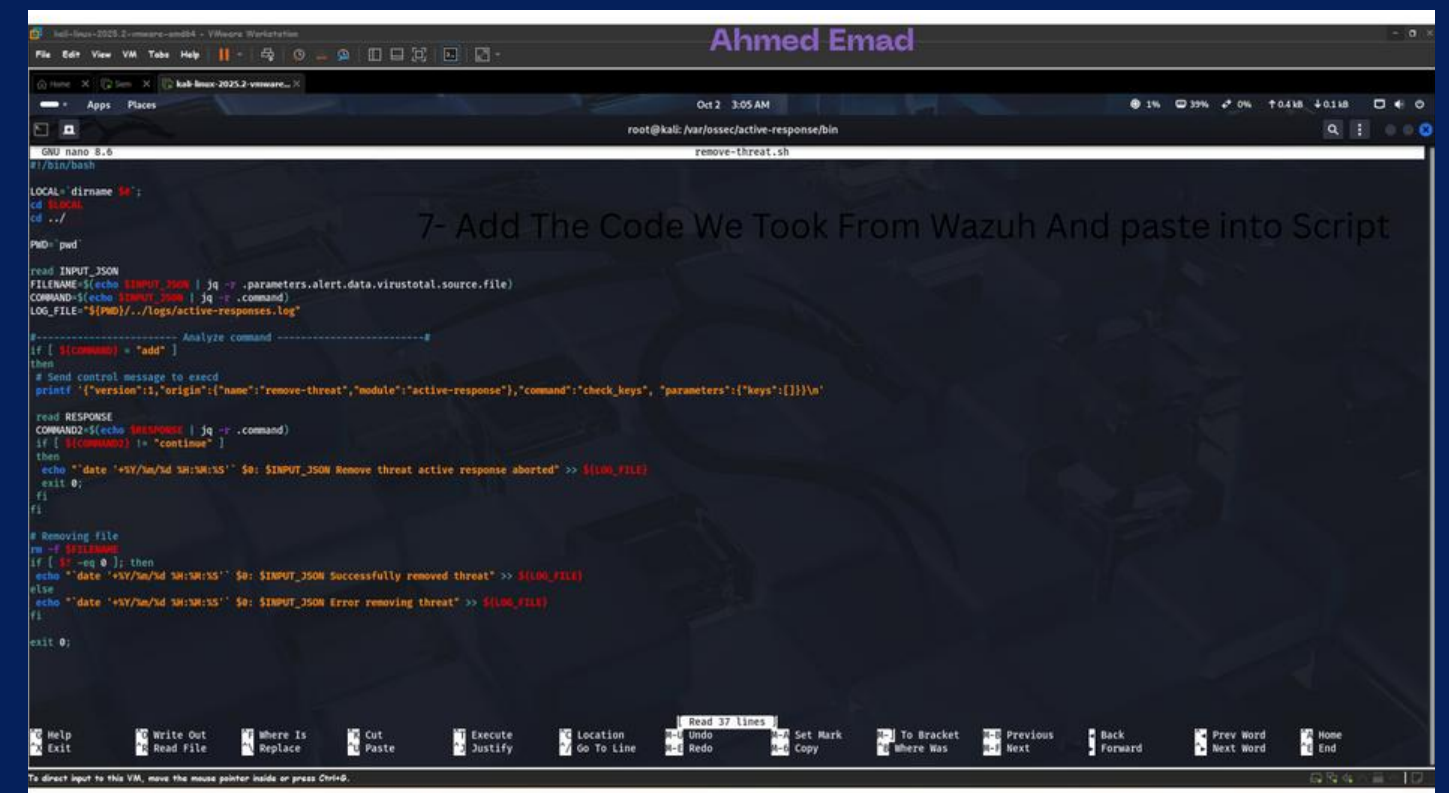
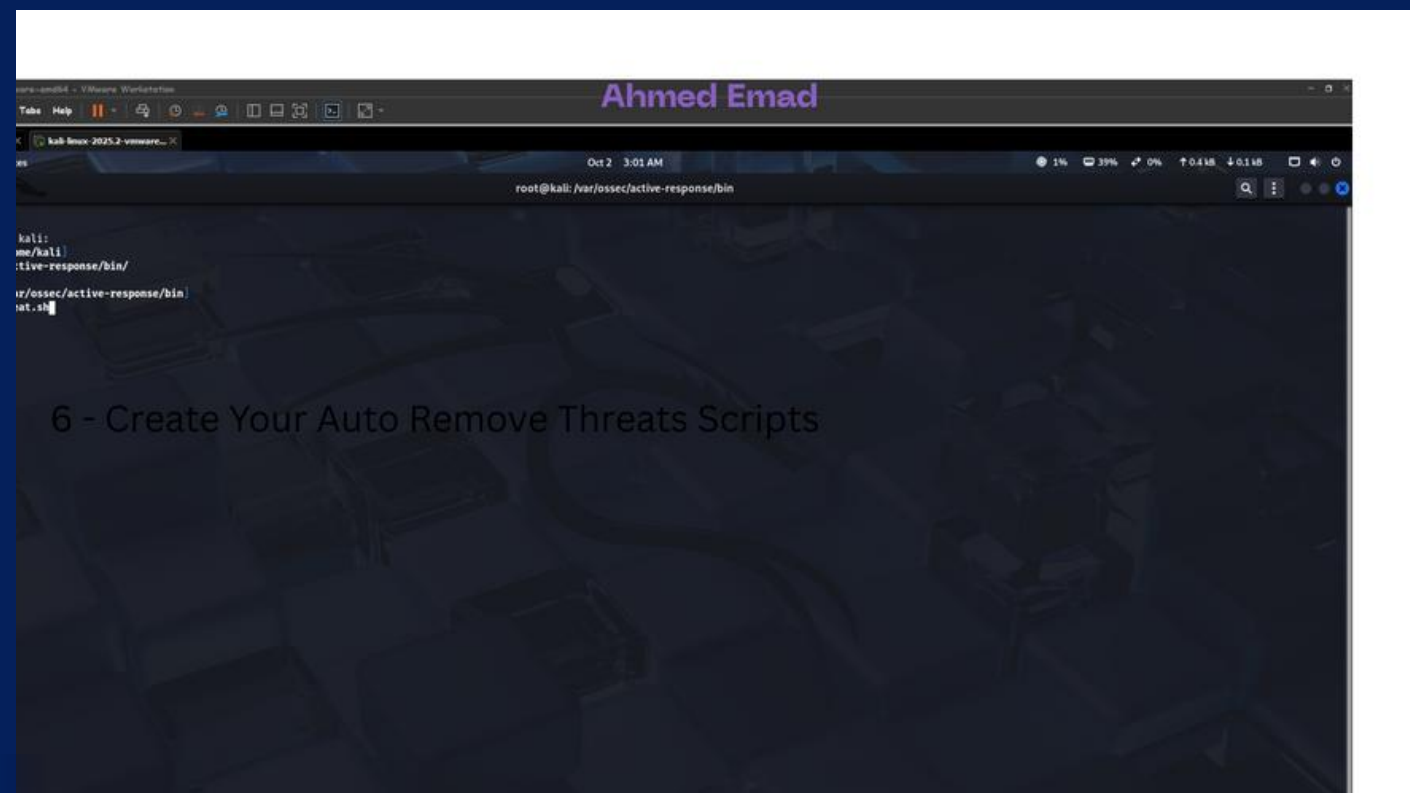
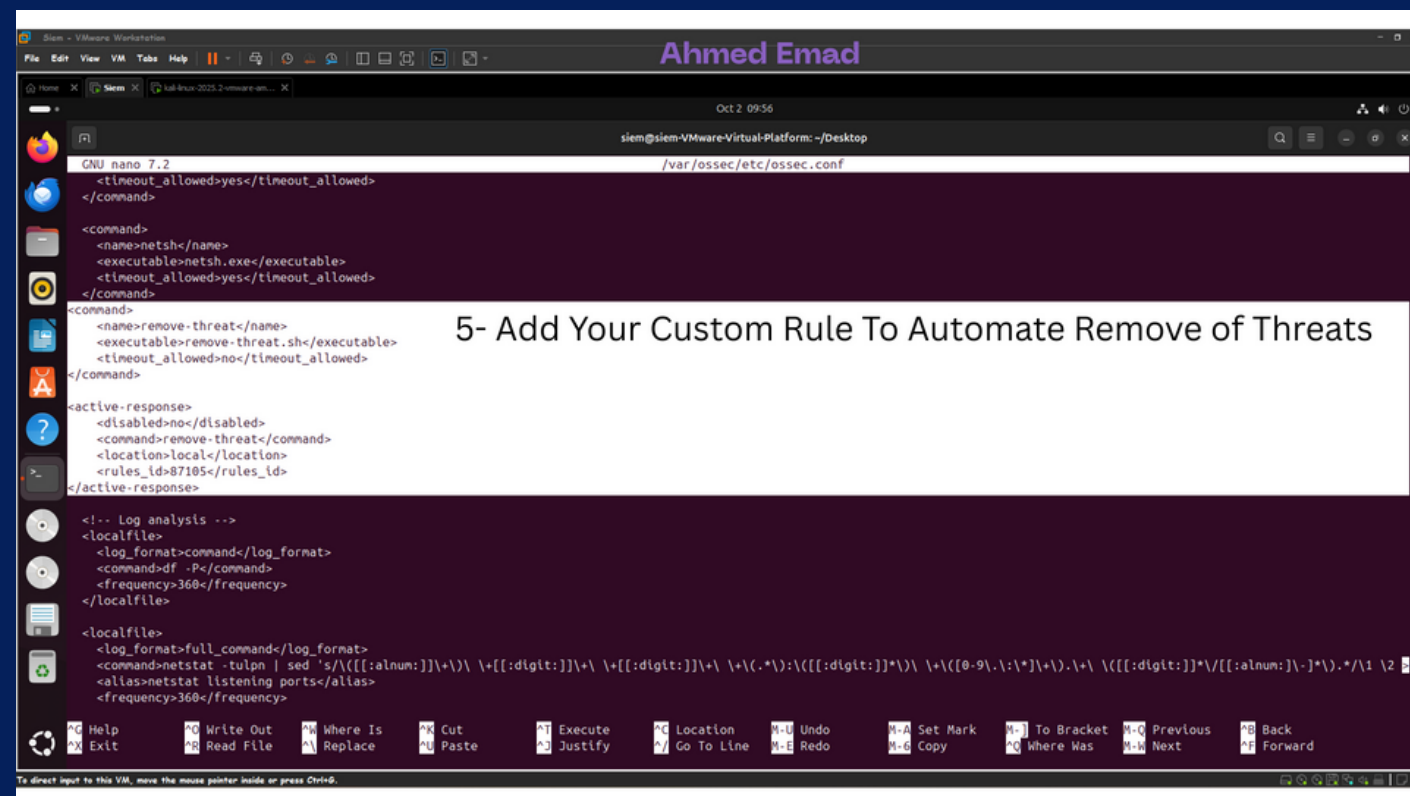
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60106	Windows Logon Success	3	340
67018	System shutdown initiated.	3	11
553	File deleted.	7	8
506	Wazuh agent stopped.	3	3
550	Integrity checksum changed.	7	3
61138	New Windows Service Created	5	2
60747	WMI service started successfully.	3	1



VirusTotal Integration in Mini SOC





Alerts after attack (Linux+FIM+VirusTotal)

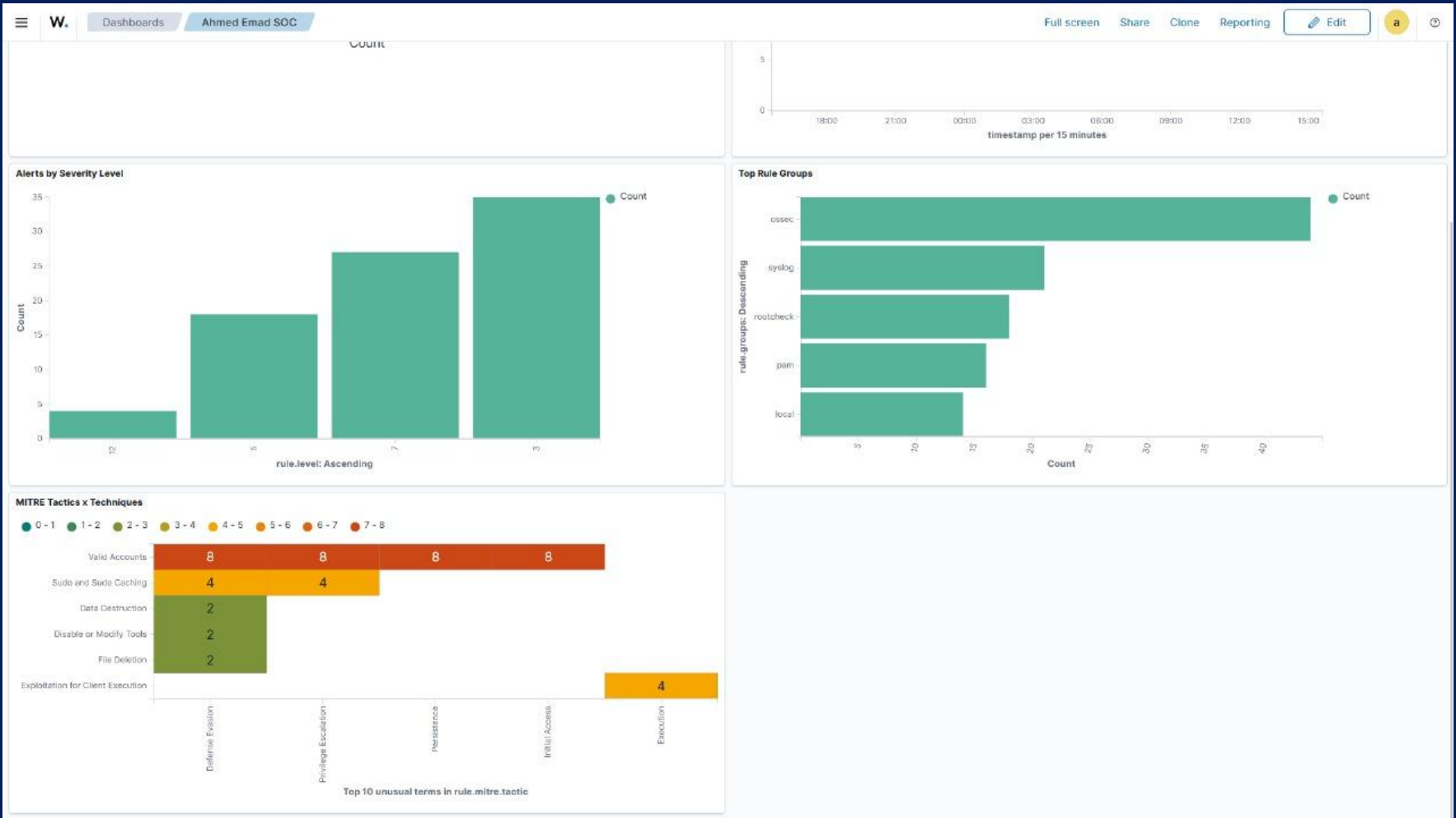
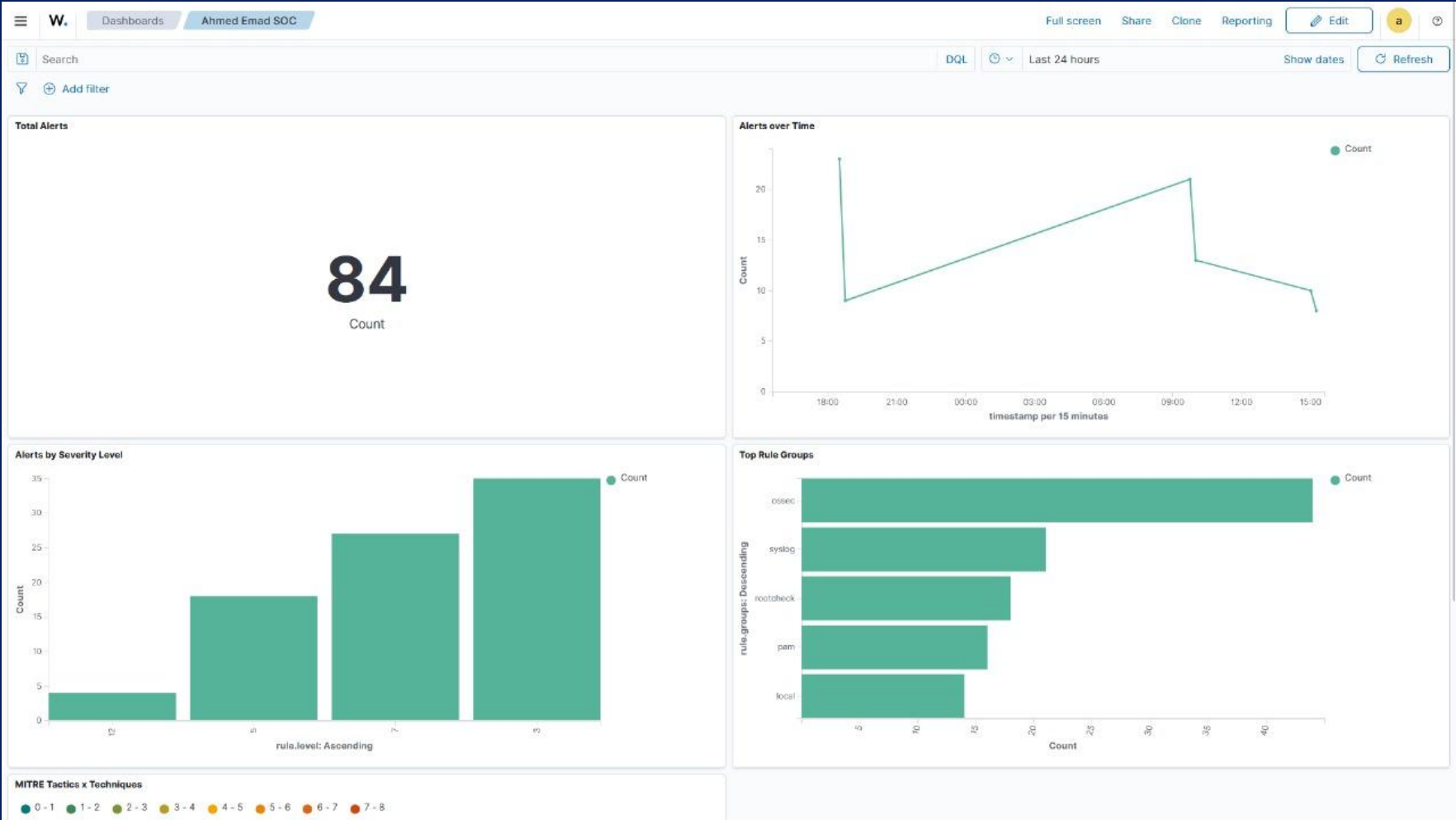


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510	Host-based anomaly detection event (rootcheck).	7	78
40704	Systemd: Service exited due to a failure.	5	30
5502	PAM: Login session closed.	3	23
5501	PAM: Login session opened.	3	20
503	Wazuh agent started.	3	12
506	Wazuh agent stopped.	3	12
5402	Successful sudo to ROOT executed.	3	8
553	File deleted.	7	8
657	Active response: active-response/bin/remove-threat.sh - add	3	8
554	File added to the system.	5	7
87105	VirusTotal: Alert - /home/kali/malware/ecir - 66 engines detected this file	12	6
87103	VirusTotal: Alert - No records in VirusTotal database	3	6
2902	New dpkg (Debian Package) installed.	7	4
2904	Dpkg (Debian Package) half configured.	7	4
533	Listened ports status (netstat) changed (new port opened or closed).	7	4
1004	Syslogd exiting (logging stopped).	5	3
87105	VirusTotal: Alert - /home/kali/malware/ecir - 65 engines detected this file	12	2
100201	File added to /home/kali/malware	7	2
2901	New dpkg (Debian Package) requested to install.	3	2
5403	First time user executed sudo.	4	2
87104	VirusTotal: Alert - /home/kali/malware/3omda2.txt - No positives found	3	2

Created a custom dashboard



RISK MANAGEMENT

■ Risk Assessments

Identified key risks (misconfigurations, API limits, delays) and applied mitigation strategies.

■ Policy Development

- Access Control → Strong authentication & least privilege enforced.
- Log Management → Centralized log collection in Wazuh, retained for analysis & compliance.
- Incident Response → Defined thresholds, rapid triage, and automated actions (e.g., quarantine, block).
- Malware Handling → Files auto-scanned with VirusTotal; malicious files quarantined/deleted.
- Continuous Improvement → Regular tuning of rules, scheduled attack simulations, and policy updates.



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