

WEBVTT

00:01.200 --> 00:05.600

We want to recap the architectural components by examining a captured event.

00:06.640 --> 00:11.680

This starts at the time when the events arrive at their first collection point, the Event Collector.

00:12.880 --> 00:19.560

We follow the events as they proceed through correlation, accumulation, and storage on the Event Processor

00:19.920 --> 00:23.480

and finally end up as part of a larger event on the Console.

00:25.600 --> 00:28.240

Let's begin with what happens in an Event Collector.

00:28.960 --> 00:32.840

In this scenario, we follow a stack of Checkpoint Firewall deny events.

00:33.640 --> 00:40.360

The firewall denies many communication requests from an individual IP source and logs those request denials.

00:41.360 --> 00:45.200

These FW Deny events arrive at the QRadar Event Collector.

00:46.200 --> 00:53.240

The overflow filter counts all the incoming raw events to ensure that the license limit for the appliance is not exceeded.

00:54.120 --> 01:01.680

If the license limit is exceeded, the events are buffered and fed back into the stream when the input drops below the license limit.

01:02.120 --> 01:08.520

If the buffer is already full, the new events are dropped and a special event for the Console is generated.

01:09.280 --> 01:13.600

The Collector enforces licensing limits that it inherits from the Processor.

01:14.360 --> 01:20.720

If your deployment uses Processors to collect events and flows, then licensing is enforced on the Processor.

01:21.320 --> 01:27.800

In our case, the limit is not exceeded and the FW Deny events are passed on to the Traffic Analysis module.

01:28.880 --> 01:33.080  
The Traffic Analysis Module performs the auto discovery of log sources.

01:34.280 --> 01:41.640  
If the log source is already known (like in our case: Firewall),  
the records are handed over to the appropriate DSM module.

01:42.440 --> 01:47.760  
If the log source is not known yet  
but is recognized, a new log source is generated.

01:47.800 --> 01:51.400  
Then, the event is handed over to the appropriate DSM module.

01:52.280 --> 01:56.440  
If the event cannot be attributed to either a known or a new log source,

01:56.760 --> 02:00.720  
the event is stored as "unknown" and listed as such on the Console.

02:02.000 --> 02:08.080  
The individual FW deny events are now parsed inside the applicable  
(Firewall) Device Support Module.

02:08.520 --> 02:15.920  
The event ID is extracted from the event data,  
and a QID (QRadar identifier) is assigned to the event.

02:16.640 --> 02:25.240  
This QID is used later in the CRE (Custom Rules Engine) to evaluate and  
correlate our events together with other events and flows.

02:26.160 --> 02:29.360  
All events are then passed through the coalescing filter.

02:29.880 --> 02:33.720  
An unidentified event has a "stored" low level category.

02:34.920 --> 02:42.080  
Here, duplicate events (examined within 10 second intervals)  
are combined into one event with a counter,

02:42.320 --> 02:48.840  
which helps to reduce storage space and processing capability  
when data is handed to the Event Processor.

02:50.080 --> 02:56.080  
In our case, many FW Deny events are coalesced  
because they occurred within 10 second intervals.

02:56.760 --> 03:04.200  
These normalized FW Deny events (with QID) are now ready  
to be sent off to the Event Processor for further processing.

03:07.640 --> 03:10.680

In the Event Processor, just as in the Event Collector,

03:11.000 --> 03:17.200

the overflow filter counts the incoming normalized events to ensure that the license limit for the appliance is not exceeded.

03:17.840 --> 03:24.000

Again, if the license limit is exceeded, the events are buffered and fed back into the stream when the input is below the license limit.

03:24.560 --> 03:30.040

And, if the buffer is already full, again the new events are dropped and a special event for the Console is generated.

03:31.280 --> 03:35.160

The CRE evaluates every single event against every active rule.

03:35.920 --> 03:40.680

If none of the rules are triggered on the event, the event is dropped from further processing.

03:41.600 --> 03:43.240

If at least one rule triggers

03:43.240 --> 03:47.240

(which happens in our FW Deny events example

03:47.240 --> 03:51.280

because the number of events within a certain time period exceeds a threshold value in a test rule),

03:51.600 --> 03:54.640

then the event is properly marked for further processing.

03:55.480 --> 03:59.440

This way the Magistrate on the Console knows how to handle this event

03:59.880 --> 04:04.160

(it creates a new offense and adds the event to any number of existing offenses).

04:05.160 --> 04:06.360

In our case,

04:06.360 --> 04:14.240

the number of accumulated FW Deny events is sufficient evidence to instruct the Magistrate that these events are worthy of an offense.

04:15.120 --> 04:23.280

If you have configured any live streaming views on the Console, the CRE can also stream every incoming event to the log activity tab.

04:24.000 --> 04:29.360

This way all our FW Deny events are displayed in a streaming Dashboard on the Console.

04:30.440 --> 04:36.320

The event storage component is responsible for storing all events and flows in the Ariel database.

04:37.120 --> 04:40.160

The filter then passes on the data to the Accumulator.

04:40.920 --> 04:47.920

The Accumulator manages all the defined searches such as Reports and Dashboards, that were set up by an analyst on the Console.

04:48.480 --> 04:54.440

Based on the search parameters, the Accumulator stores data in the Accumulations Ariel database.

04:55.040 --> 05:00.680

This data will be used later by the Console to display results through the GUI or by creating reports.

05:01.960 --> 05:07.680

The Host Profiler also receives the event data and searches for any new host or port events.

05:08.800 --> 05:17.240

If any new hosts or ports are detected, they are sent to the Console's Vulnerability Information Server.

05:18.840 --> 05:25.320

Now, in the Console, our processed and coalesced FW Deny events are received from the Event Processor.

05:26.920 --> 05:33.800

Once again, the overflow filter counts the incoming normalized events to ensure that the license limit for the appliance is not exceeded.

05:34.320 --> 05:40.640

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05:47.120 --> 05:51.000

The Magistrate receives our FW Deny events from the Event Collector.

05:51.880 --> 05:59.160

Based on the Index Property and Index Property Value, the Magistrate knows that these events need to be raised as an offense.

05:59.480 --> 06:05.200

Before creating the new offense,  
the CRE inside the Magistrate makes sure if these events

06:05.240 --> 06:11.120  
should either be assigned to a new offense  
or whether they can be attributed to other existing offenses.

06:11.720 --> 06:19.320  
Collecting this additional data also helps to provide a clearer review  
to analysts in the GUI (by displaying related events and flows).

06:20.120 --> 06:24.200  
In case the Magistrate needs to access  
additional event and flow records,

06:24.200 --> 06:31.040  
it uses the Ariel Proxy to communicate with Ariel Query Servers  
that are on other the Event Processor appliances.

06:31.480 --> 06:37.160  
In addition to the Magistrate component,  
the Console also houses the Anomaly Detection Engine.

06:37.760 --> 06:41.520  
It examines behavioral, anomaly, or threshold-based rules

06:41.520 --> 06:46.960  
that can be used to create new offenses or add  
additional evidence and details to existing offenses.

06:48.160 --> 06:50.880  
Based on collected event and flow data,

06:50.880 --> 06:55.840  
the Vulnerability Information Server component on the Console receives  
information about

06:55.840 --> 06:59.960  
new hosts or ports that are not yet contained in its Asset database.

07:00.720 --> 07:04.400  
Those new assets are added to the PostgreSQL Asset database.

07:08.480 --> 07:15.000  
In this video, you experienced how a set of FW Deny events,  
which originated on a Checkpoint firewall log source,

07:15.000 --> 07:21.800  
traversed a set of QRadar SIEM components comprised of Event Collector,  
Event Processor and Console,

07:21.920 --> 07:29.800  
until they are displayed in a security analyst's user interface,  
where they are linked to an offense; all in a fraction of a second.

07:30.200 --> 07:36.160

Employing this powerful collaboration allows security analysts to make timely and accurate decisions

07:36.160 --> 07:39.840

regarding maintaining the security posture of their organization.

07:42.600 --> 07:46.680

This concludes the QRadar Architecture course. Thank you