

Step-by-Step Procedure: Intrusion Detection System using Packet Analysis

1. Set Up Your Host Machine (Windows)

- Install Python from <https://www.python.org/downloads/> and add it to PATH.
- Open CMD or PowerShell and run: `pip install scapy`
- Download and install Npcap from <https://nmap.org/npcap/>
- During install, check 'Install Npcap in WinPcap API-compatible mode' and 'Support raw 802.11 traffic'.

2. Create Virtual Machine (Attacker)

- Download Kali Linux ISO: <https://www.kali.org/get-kali/>
- Create VM in VirtualBox with Bridged Adapter selected for networking.

3. Verify Network Connection

- On Host: Run `ipconfig` and note IPv4 (e.g., 192.168.0.20).
- On Kali: Run `ip a` and verify similar subnet (e.g., 192.168.0.21).
- From Kali: `ping 192.168.0.20`. If it fails, adjust firewall settings.

4. Create the IDS Python Script (main.py)

- Use the following code:
- `from scapy.all import sniff, IP, TCP`
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- `packet_count = {}`
- `THRESHOLD = 100`
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- `def detect_syn_flood(pkt):`
- `if IP in pkt and TCP in pkt:`
- `if pkt[TCP].flags == 'S':`
- `src_ip = pkt[IP].src`
- `packet_count[src_ip] = packet_count.get(src_ip, 0) + 1`
- `print(f"[LOG] SYN from {src_ip}, count: {packet_count[src_ip]}")`
- `if packet_count[src_ip] > THRESHOLD:`
- `print(f"[ALERT] Possible SYN Flood from {src_ip}!")`
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- sniff(filter="tcp", prn=detect_syn_flood, store=0)

5. Run the IDS on Windows Host

- Open CMD or PowerShell as Administrator.
- Run: python main.py

6. Simulate Attack from Kali VM

- Install hping3: sudo apt update && sudo apt install hping3
- Start SYN flood: sudo hping3 -S -p 80 --flood 192.168.0.20

7. Observe Logs on Host

- Expected Output:
- [LOG] SYN from 192.168.0.21, count: 1
- [LOG] SYN from 192.168.0.21, count: 101
- [ALERT] Possible SYN Flood from 192.168.0.21!

8. Analyze the Behavior

- Stop both scripts with Ctrl+C.
- Explain how detection worked, threshold used, and number of packets.