

CYBERSECURITY AND ETHICAL HACKING PROJECT

TITLE: ENTERPRISE-LEVEL THREAT DETECTION & INCIDENT RESPONSE SYSTEM

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Security Monitoring and Incident Response Report

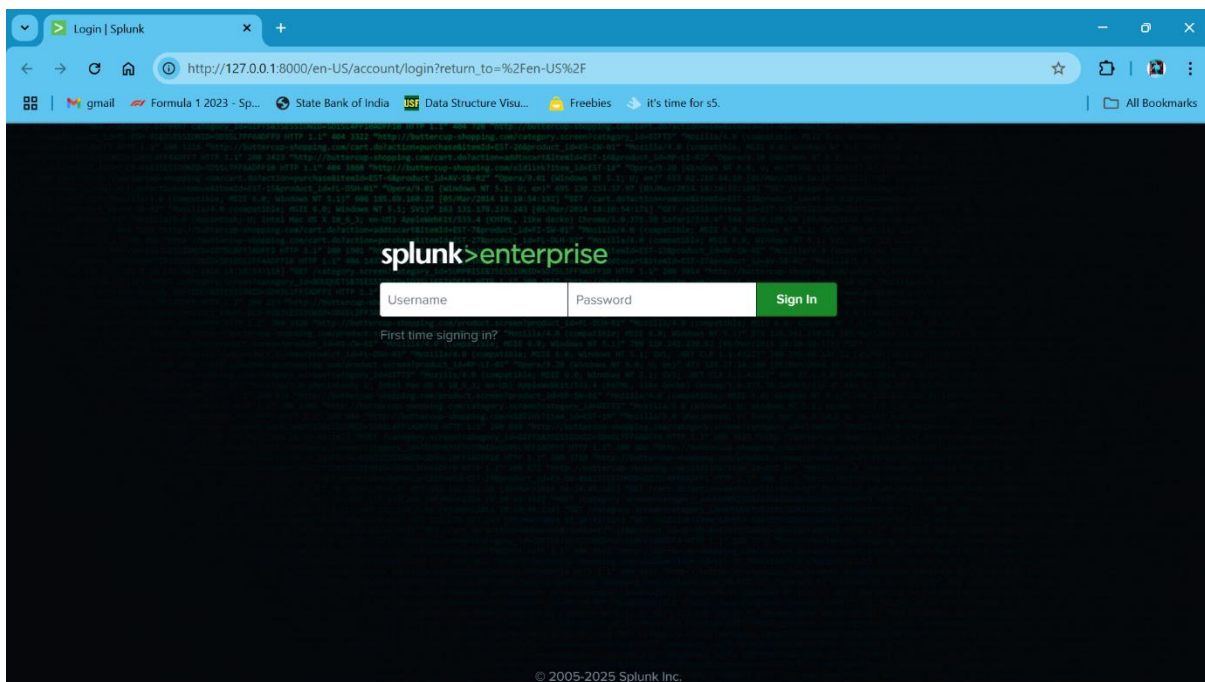
1. Introduction

This report provides a detailed analysis of the security monitoring architecture, log forwarding setup, automation scripts, intrusion detection system (IDS) configurations, and penetration testing activities. The goal is to document the setup, analyze logs, and provide security recommendations.

2. Splunk Setup Architecture

2.1 Overview

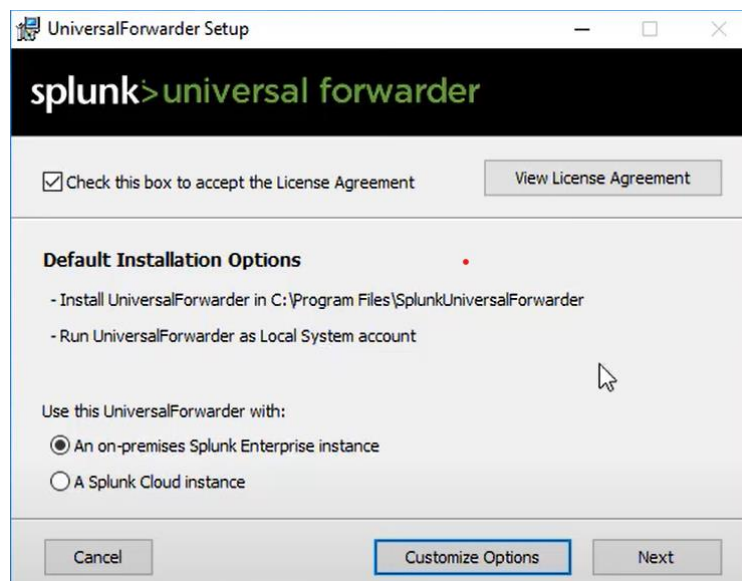
Splunk has been configured to collect and analyze logs from multiple devices using the Universal Forwarder. The logs are then indexed and monitored through Splunk's web interface.



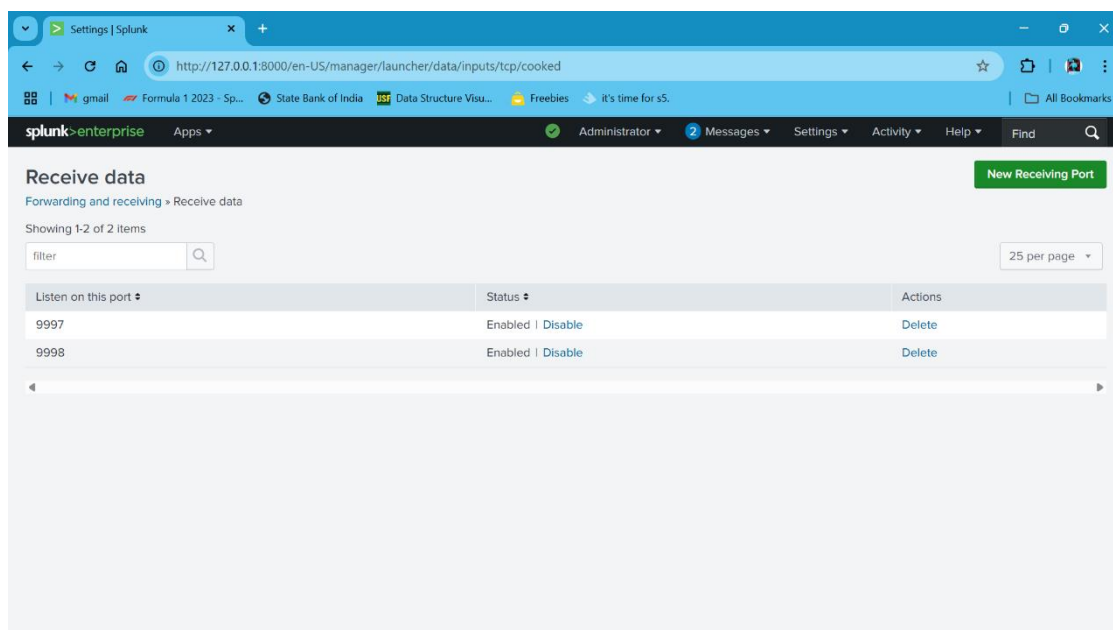
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2.2 Configuration Details

- **Universal Forwarder Setup:** Installed and configured on multiple devices.



- **Receiving Ports:** Configured on Splunk to accept logs from Universal Forwarders.



- **Indexing:** Separate indexes created for each system.

system1	Edit	Delete	Disable	Events	search	18 MB	2 GB	102K	3 months ago	42 minutes ago	D:\Splunk Data\splunk\system1\db	N/A
system2	Edit	Delete	Disable	Events	search	17 MB	2 GB	106K	2 months ago	3 days ago	D:\Splunk Data\splunk\system2\db	N/A

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- **Log Forwarding:** Successfully verified for each system.

Home Search | Splunk 9.3.1

http://127.0.0.1:8000/en-US/app/search/search?q=search%20index%3Dsystem1&display.page.search.mode=verbose&dispatch.sample_ratio=1&...

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index=system1 Today

✓ 2,689 events (4/2/25 12:00:00.000 AM to 4/2/25 9:38:09.000 PM) No Event Sampling Job

Events (2,689) Patterns Statistics Visualization

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SELECTED FIELDS
a host 1
a source 3
a sourcetype 3

INTERESTING FIELDS
a Account_Domain 8
a Account_Name 15
a ComputerName 1
EventCode 100+

i	Time	Event
>	4/2/25 8:52:34.000 PM	04/02/2025 08:52:34 PM LogName=System EventCode=2 EventType=4 ComputerName=Karthikeya Show all 15 lines host = KARTHIKEYA source = WinEventLog:System sourcetype = win_system
>	4/2/25 8:52:32.000 PM	04/02/2025 08:52:32 PM LogName=System

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http://127.0.0.1:8000/en-US/app/search/search?q=search%20index%3Dsystem2&display.page.search.mode=verbose&dispatch.sample_ratio=1&...

Search Analytics Datasets Reports Alerts Dashboards

New Search

Save As Create Table View Close

index=system2 All time

✓ 105,525 events (before 4/2/25 9:39:03.000 PM) No Event Sampling Job

Events (105,525) Patterns Statistics Visualization

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SELECTED FIELDS
a host 1
a source 3
a sourcetype 3

INTERESTING FIELDS
a ComputerName 1
EventCode 100+
EventType 5
a index 1
a Keywords 12

i	Time	Event
>	3/30/25 10:41:15.000 PM	03/30/2025 10:41:15 PM LogName=Security EventCode=4798 EventType=0 ComputerName=LAPTOP-117H8462 Show all 27 lines host = LAPTOP-117H8462 source = WinEventLog:Security sourcetype = WinEventLog:Security
>	3/30/25 10:41:15.000 PM	03/30/2025 10:41:15 PM LogName=Security EventCode=4798

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- **Alerts and Reports:** Configured periodic alerts and automated reports.

The screenshot shows the 'Searches, Reports, and Alerts' page in Splunk Enterprise. The page title is 'Searches, Reports, and Alerts' with buttons for 'New Report' and 'New Alert'. Below the title, there's a summary: '3 Searches, Reports, and Alerts'. A filter bar shows 'Type: All', 'App: Search & Reporting (search)', 'Owner: Administrator (admin)', and a search filter. A table lists the configured items:

Name	Actions	Type	Next Scheduled Time	Display View	Owner	App	Alerts	Sharing	Status
Multiple Event Occurrences	Edit Run View Recent	Report	2025-04-02 22:00:00 India Standard Time	none	admin	search	0	Private	Enabled
System Event Occurrences	Edit Run View Recent	Alert	2025-04-02 22:00:00 India Standard Time	none	admin	search	0	Private	Enabled
Windows Events Summary	Edit Run View Recent	Report	2025-04-02 22:00:00 India Standard Time	none	admin	search	0	Private	Enabled

- **Search Queries:** Queries for monitoring logs and triggering alerts.

The screenshot shows the 'Windows Events Summary' search results page. The search query is: `index=system source="WinEventLog:*" | stats dc(EventCode) AS UniqueEventCodes, values(SourceName) AS SourceNames, values(Message) AS Messages BY EventCode | table EventCode SourceNames Messages`. The results show 2,739 events from 4/1/25 9:30:00.000 PM to 4/2/25 9:42:49.000 PM. The 'Statistics (136)' tab is selected, showing a table with columns: EventCode, SourceNames, and Messages.

EventCode	SourceNames	Messages
0	EMP_UDSA IntelDalJhi K7EmIPxy K7RTScan K7TSMngr LMS MiService OSDService	Intel(R) Dynamic Application Loader Host Interface Service started. Service started/resumed Service stopped. The operation completed successfully.

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Multiple Event Occurrences

index=system1 sourcetype="WinEventLog:Security" | stats dc(EventCode) AS EventCodes, values(SourceName) AS SourceNames, values(Message) AS Messages BY EventCode | table EventCode SourceNames Messages

✓ 2,040 events (4/1/25 12:00:00.000 AM to 4/2/25 12:00:00.000 AM) No Event Sampling

Events (2,040) Patterns **Statistics (24)** Visualization

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EventCode	SourceNames	Messages
1100	Microsoft-Windows-Eventlog	The event logging service has shut down.
4608	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	Windows is starting up.
4624	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	An account was successfully logged on.
4634	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	An account was logged off.
4647	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	User initiated logoff:
4648	Microsoft Windows security	A logon was attempted using explicit credentials.

System Event Occurrences

index=system1 sourcetype="WinEventLog:Security"
| bin _time span=1d
| stats count by _time, EventCode, SourceName, Message
| where count > 2
| table EventCode, SourceName, Message

✓ 2,040 events (4/1/25 12:00:00.000 AM to 4/2/25 12:00:00.000 AM) No Event Sampling

Events (2,040) Patterns **Statistics (14)** Visualization

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EventCode	SourceName	Message
4624	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	An account was successfully logged on.
4634	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	An account was logged off.
4648	Microsoft Windows security auditing.	A logon was attempted using explicit credentials.

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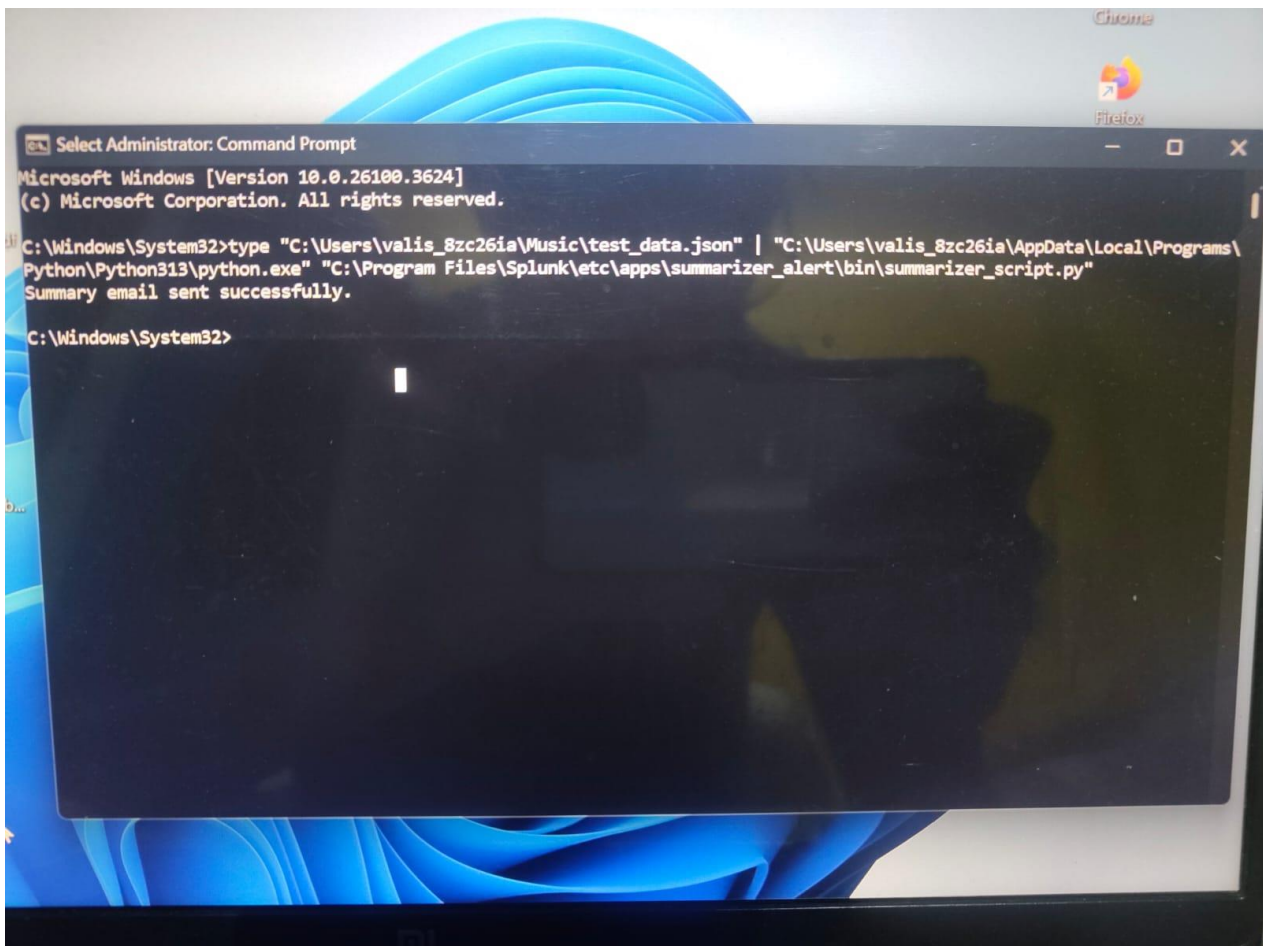
3. Python Log Analysis Automation

3.1 Overview

A Python script was developed for log analysis automation, executing predefined search queries and sending summarized reports via email.

3.2 Configuration Details

- **Checkout the script here:**
https://github.com/Karthikeya1125/Automation_Scripts/tree/main/Python_Scripts
- **Execution Commands:** Commands required to run the script documented.
`"C:\Users\valis_8zc26ia\Music\test_data.json" | "C:\Users\valis_8zc26ia\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\python.exe" "C:\Program Files\Splunk\etc\apps\summarizer_alert\bin\summarizer_script.py"`
- **Output Verification:** Screenshot of script execution results.



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- **Email Notifications:** Verified successful email alerts upon execution.

Splunk Windows Logs Summary Alert



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```
{
  "Total Events": 2,
  "Most Common Event Codes": {
    "4624": 1,
    "4625": 1
  },
  "Most Frequent Sources": {
    "Security": 2
  },
  "Event Messages": {
    "4624": [
      "User logged in"
    ],
    "4625": [
      "Login failed"
    ]
  }
}
```

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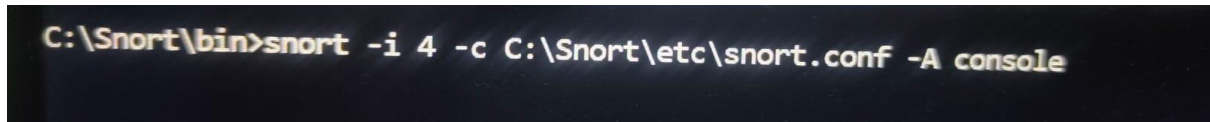
4. Snort Intrusion Detection System Setup

4.1 Overview

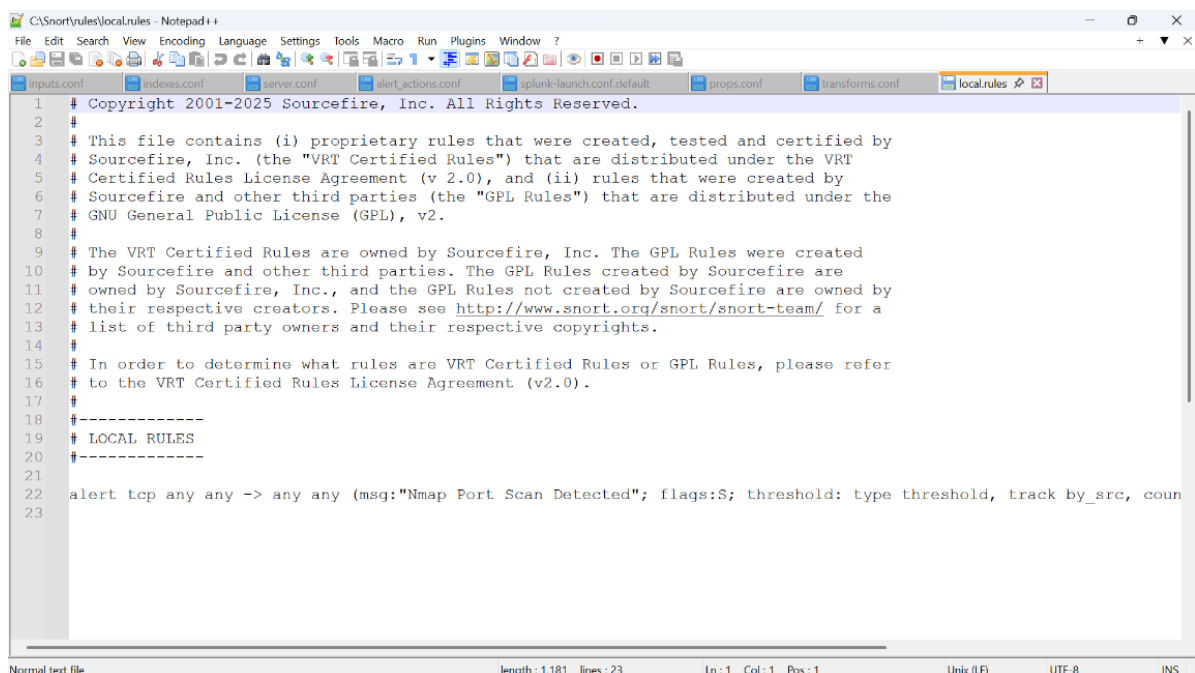
Snort has been installed and configured to detect network intrusions and generate logs for security analysis.

4.2 Configuration Details

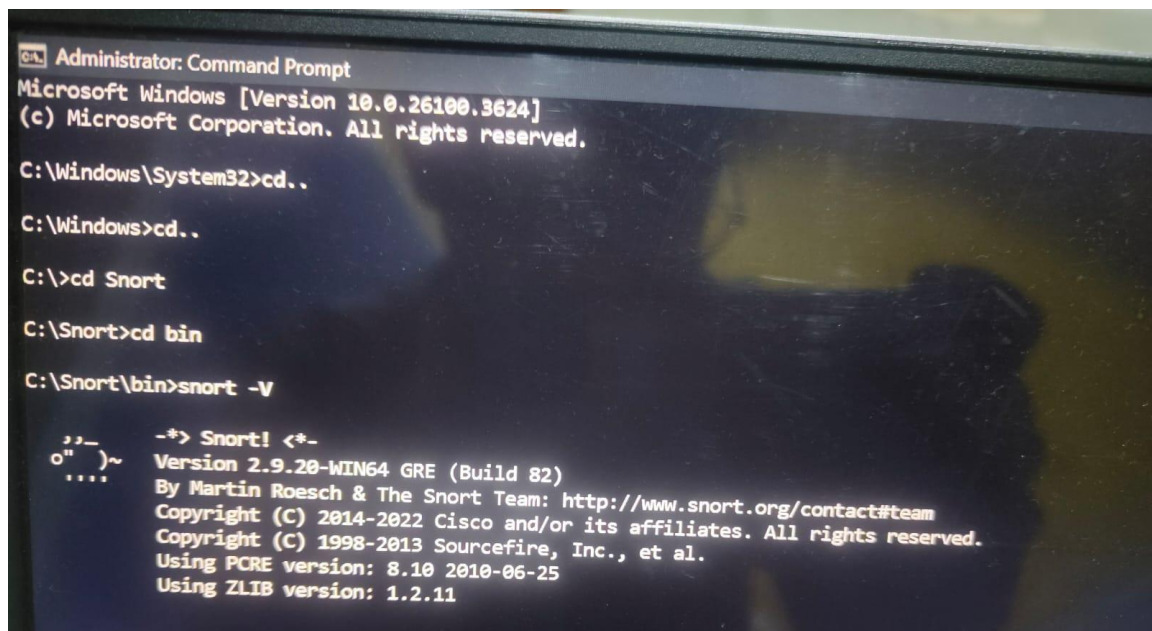
- **Snort Configuration:** Configured snort.conf for IDS mode.



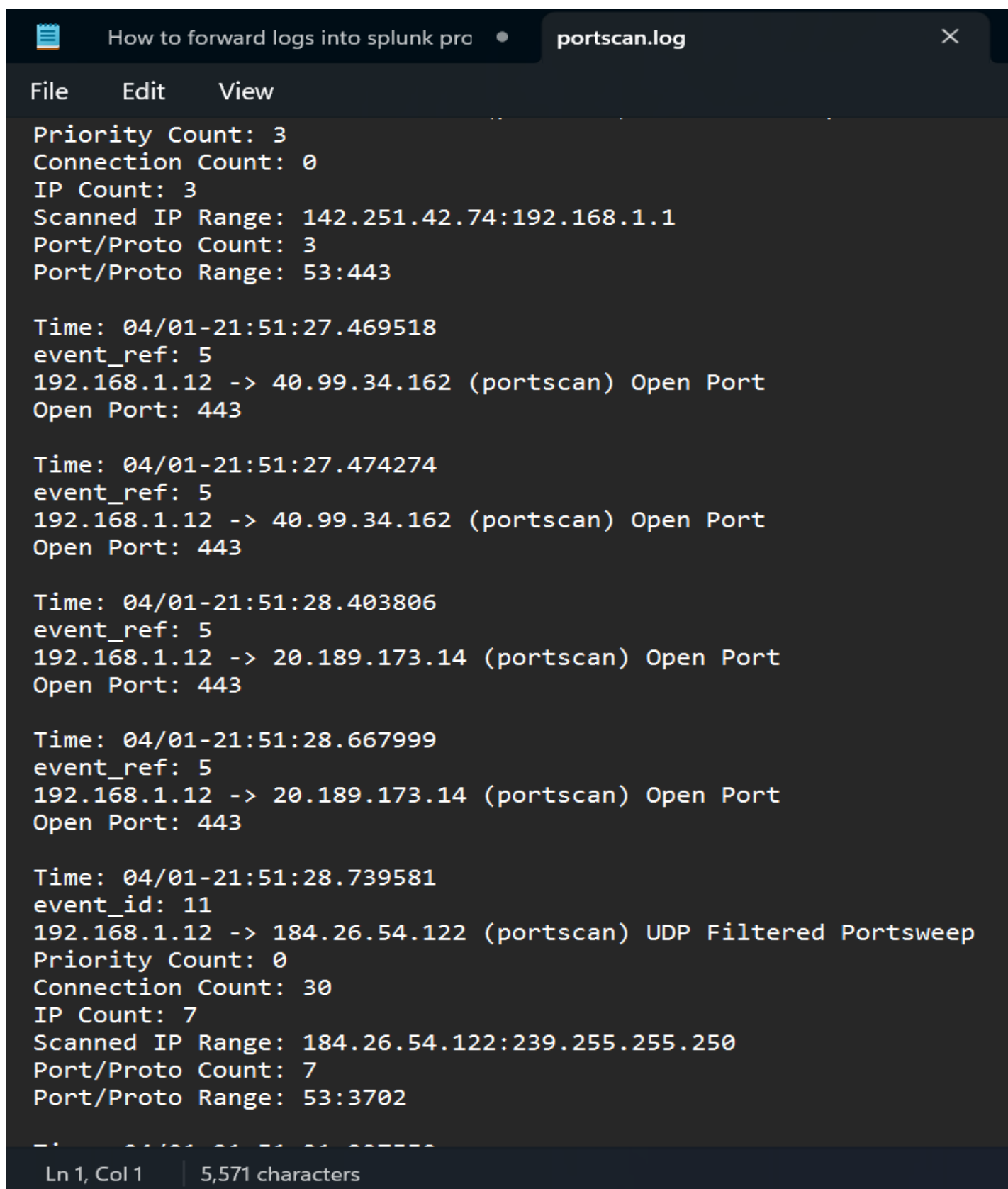
- **Custom Rules:** Added local rules in local.rules file to detect suspicious activities.



- **Version Check:** Verified Snort version using terminal commands.



- **Running Snort in IDS Mode:** Documented commands and execution results.
- **Log Analysis:** Verified logs generated in portscan.log, including detection of an Nmap scan.



The screenshot shows a code editor window with a dark theme. The title bar at the top contains a file icon, the text "How to forward logs into splunk pro", a separator, and the filename "portscan.log" with a close button (X) on the right. Below the title bar is a menu bar with "File", "Edit", and "View". The main area displays the contents of "portscan.log" in a monospaced font. The log contains several entries, including summary statistics and detailed scan results for different IP ranges and ports. At the bottom of the editor, a status bar shows "Ln 1, Col 1" and "5,571 characters".

```
Priority Count: 3
Connection Count: 0
IP Count: 3
Scanned IP Range: 142.251.42.74:192.168.1.1
Port/Proto Count: 3
Port/Proto Range: 53:443

Time: 04/01-21:51:27.469518
event_ref: 5
192.168.1.12 -> 40.99.34.162 (portscan) Open Port
Open Port: 443

Time: 04/01-21:51:27.474274
event_ref: 5
192.168.1.12 -> 40.99.34.162 (portscan) Open Port
Open Port: 443

Time: 04/01-21:51:28.403806
event_ref: 5
192.168.1.12 -> 20.189.173.14 (portscan) Open Port
Open Port: 443

Time: 04/01-21:51:28.667999
event_ref: 5
192.168.1.12 -> 20.189.173.14 (portscan) Open Port
Open Port: 443

Time: 04/01-21:51:28.739581
event_id: 11
192.168.1.12 -> 184.26.54.122 (portscan) UDP Filtered Portsweep
Priority Count: 0
Connection Count: 30
IP Count: 7
Scanned IP Range: 184.26.54.122:239.255.255.250
Port/Proto Count: 7
Port/Proto Range: 53:3702
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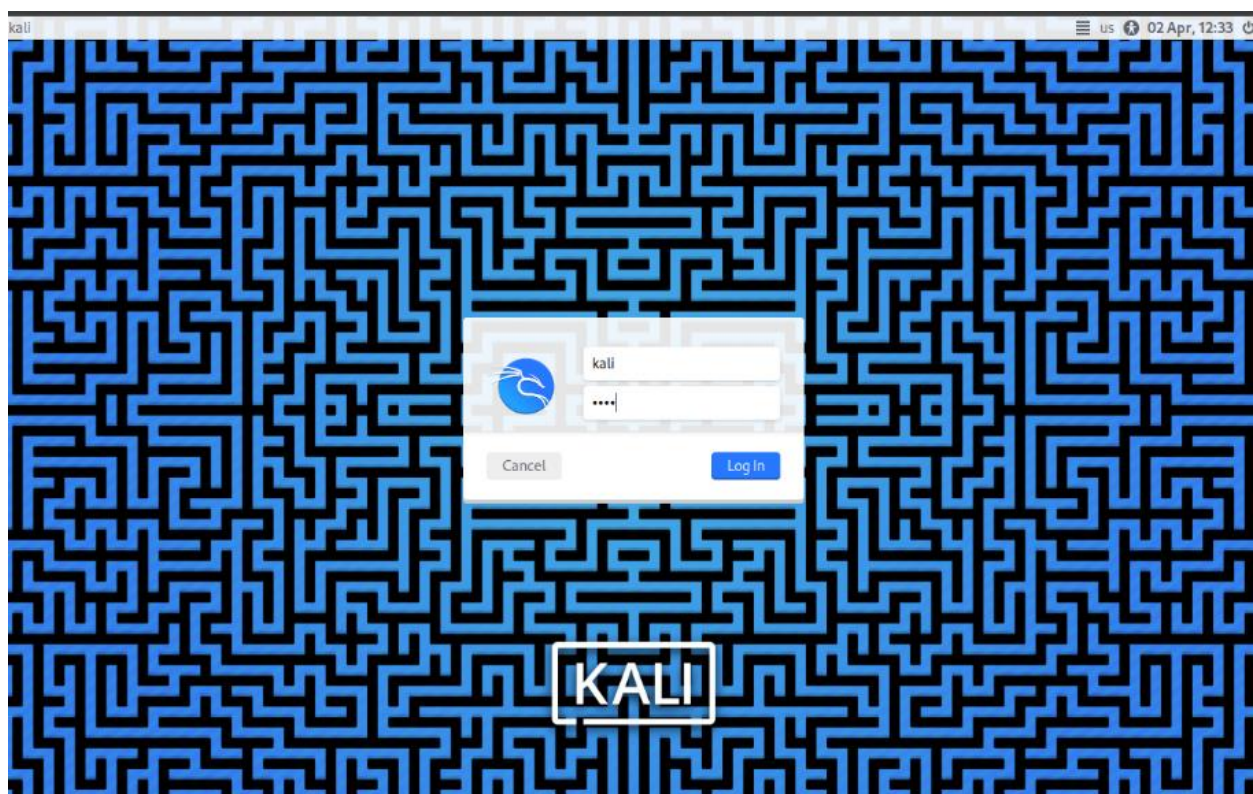
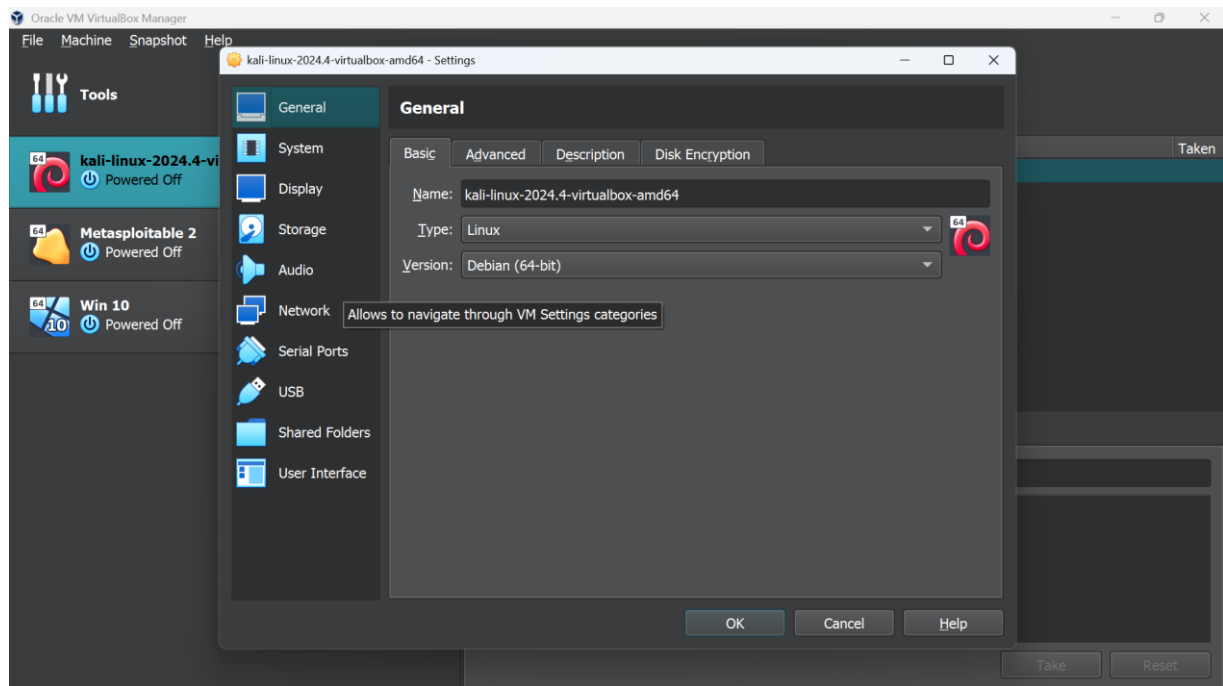
5. Kali Linux Setup and Penetration Testing

5.1 Overview

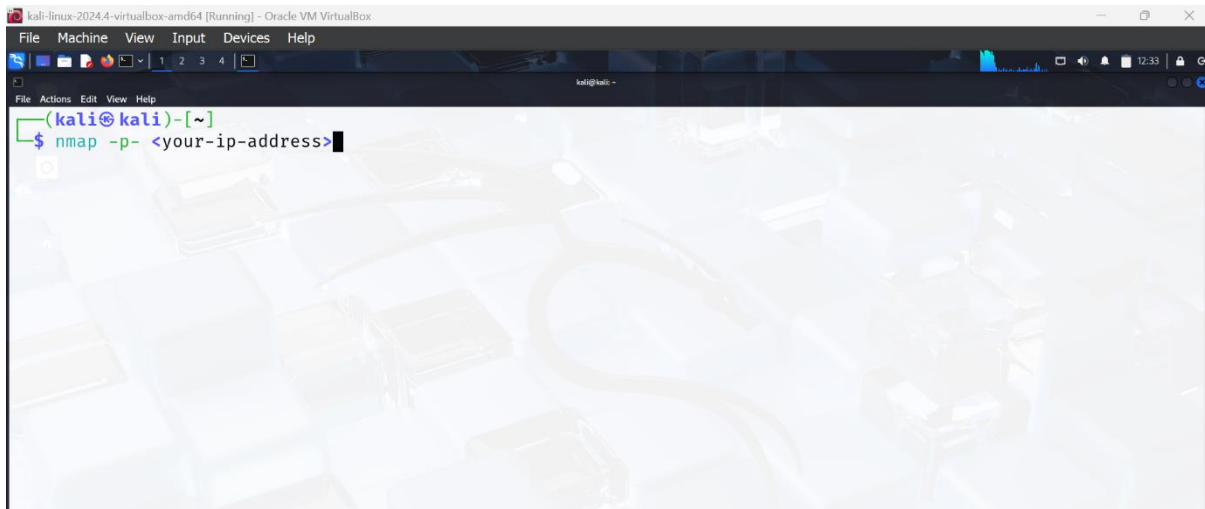
Kali Linux was used for penetration testing to assess network security.

5.2 Configuration Details

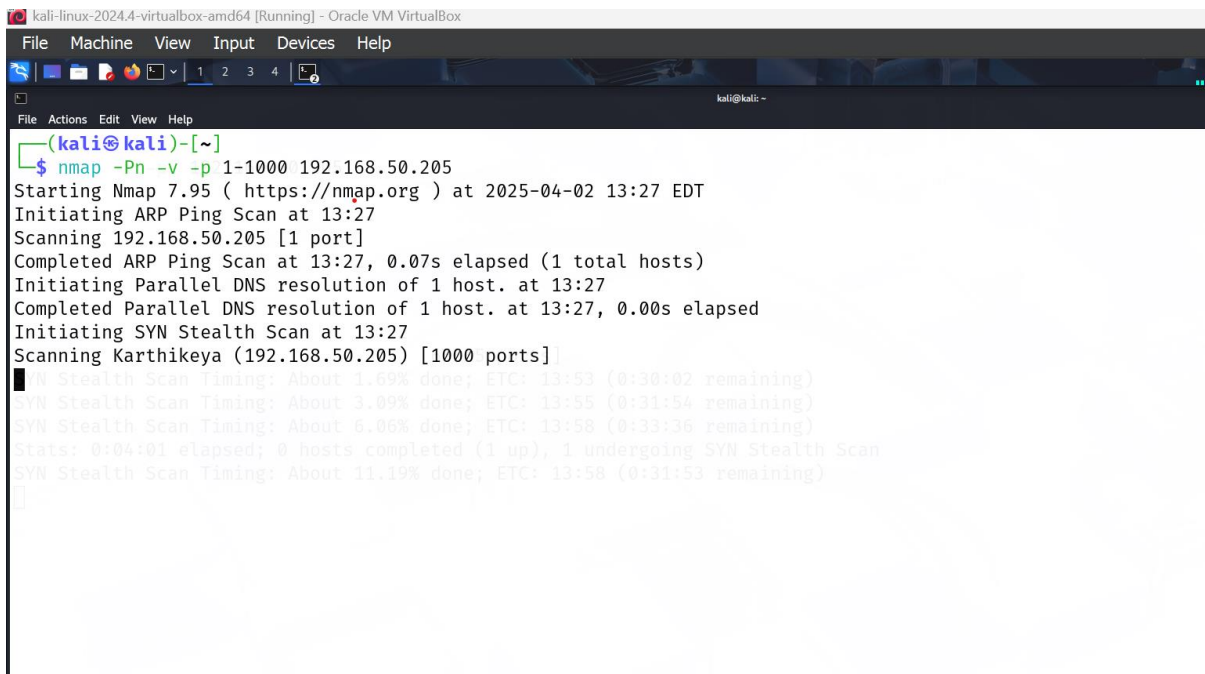
- **Kali Linux Installation:** Successfully set up and configured.



- **Nmap Scan Execution:** Conducted an Nmap scan on a target system.



- **Command Documentation:** Screenshots of commands used.



- **Scan Results:** Analyzed scan output to identify open ports and vulnerabilities.

6. Incident Response and Findings

6.1 Security Event Detection

- Splunk alerts successfully triggered based on predefined queries.
- Snort detected unauthorized network scanning activity (Nmap scan).
- Python automation script provided timely log summaries via email.

6.2 Security Recommendations

- **Splunk Optimization:** Implement advanced correlation rules and dashboards.
- **Snort Enhancement:** Expand rule set to detect a wider range of attacks.
- **Network Hardening:** Limit open ports and monitor suspicious activities.
- **Incident Response Plan:** Establish a standardized incident response framework.

7. Conclusion

This report documents the security setup and its effectiveness in detecting security events. Based on the findings, recommendations have been provided to improve overall cybersecurity resilience. Continuous monitoring, log analysis, and proactive security measures are essential for maintaining a robust security infrastructure.