

WEEK 1

- Introduction to NIDS and Snort

What is NIDS (Network Intrusion Detection System)?

A **Network Intrusion Detection System (NIDS)** is a **security tool** that monitors network traffic in real-time to detect:

- Malicious activity
- Suspicious behavior
- Policy violations
- Attack signatures (e.g., port scans, malware, exploits)

How it works:

- It captures packets from a network interface.
 - It analyzes them using rules, heuristics, or machine learning.
 - If suspicious activity is detected, it logs or alerts the administrator.
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What is Snort?

Snort is one of the most widely used **open-source NIDS tools**, developed by **Martin Roesch** and now maintained by **Cisco**.

Snort can function as:

- A **Packet Sniffer** (like Wireshark)
 - A **Packet Logger** (stores network traffic)
 - A **Real-time Intrusion Detection System**
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Snort Features:

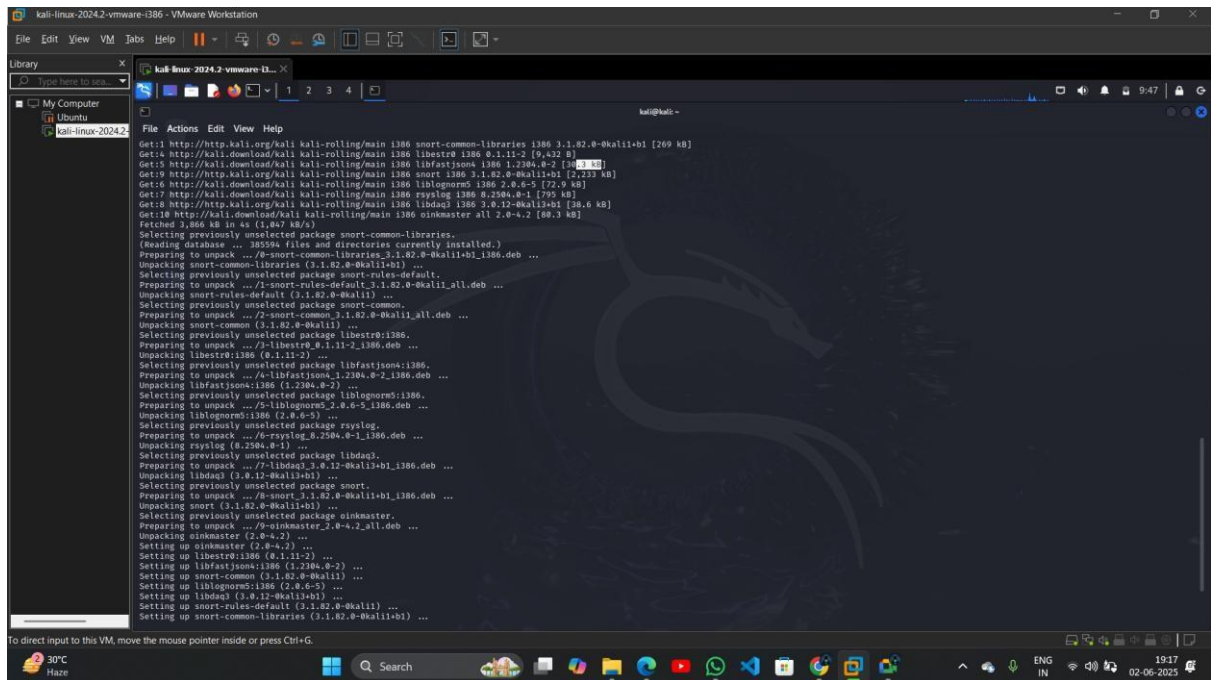
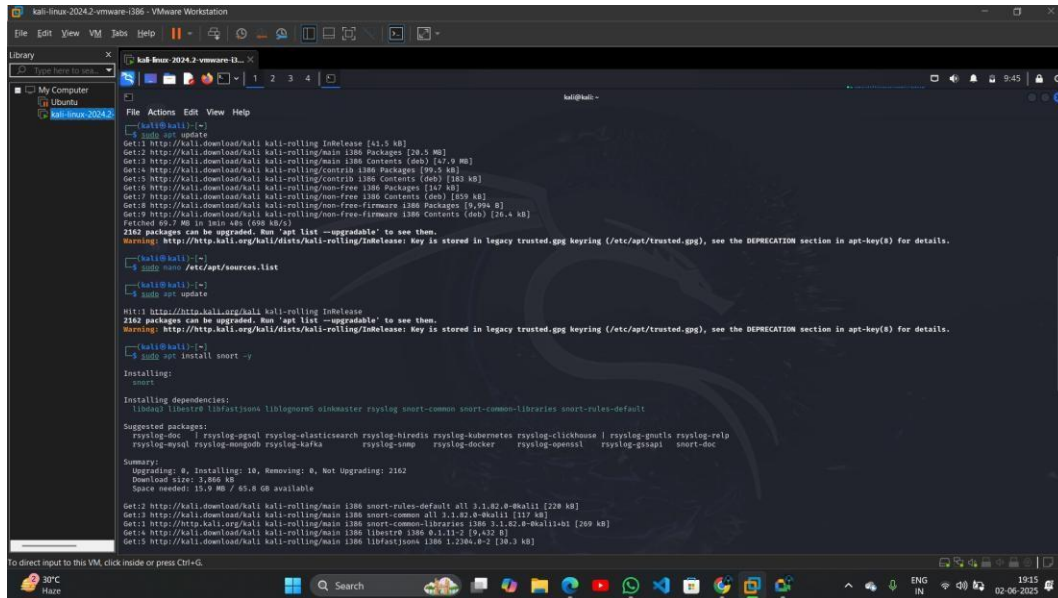
Feature	Description
Signature-based Detection	Detects known threats using pre-defined rule sets
Protocol Analysis	Inspects network protocols (TCP, UDP, ICMP, etc.)
Logging & Alerting	Logs suspicious activity or sends alerts
Custom Rule Creation	Users can write their own detection rules
Real-time Traffic Analysis	Works on live traffic from network interfaces

- Install Linux (Ubuntu/Kali)

Done

- Install and verify Snort

1. sudo apt update

2. `sudo apt install snort`

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- Basic Linux command-line navigation

1. pwd: Show current working directory

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ pwd  
/home/kali
```

2. ls: List files in current folder

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ ls  
Desktop  Documents  Downloads  Music  Pictures  Public  Templates  Videos
```

3. ls -a: Show hidden files

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ ls -a  
.  .bash_logout  .bashrc  .bashrc.original  .config  .dmrc  Downloads  .face.icon  .ICEauthority  .local  Music  .profile  .sudo_as_admin_successful  Videos  .xsession-errors  .zprofile  .zshrc  
..  .bashrc  .cache  Desktop  Documents  .face  .gnupg  .java  .mozilla  Pictures  Public  Templates  .Xauthority  .xsession-errors.old  .zsh_history
```

4. ls -l: Show detailed file list

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ ls -l  
2490410 Desktop 2490411 Downloads 2490416 Pictures 2490412 Templates  
2490414 Documents 2490415 Music 2490413 Public 2490417 Videos
```

5. cd folder/: Change directory

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ cd Desktop  
  
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]  
$
```

6. cd .. : Go up one directory

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]  
$ cd ..  
  
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$
```

7. cd ~ : Go to home directory

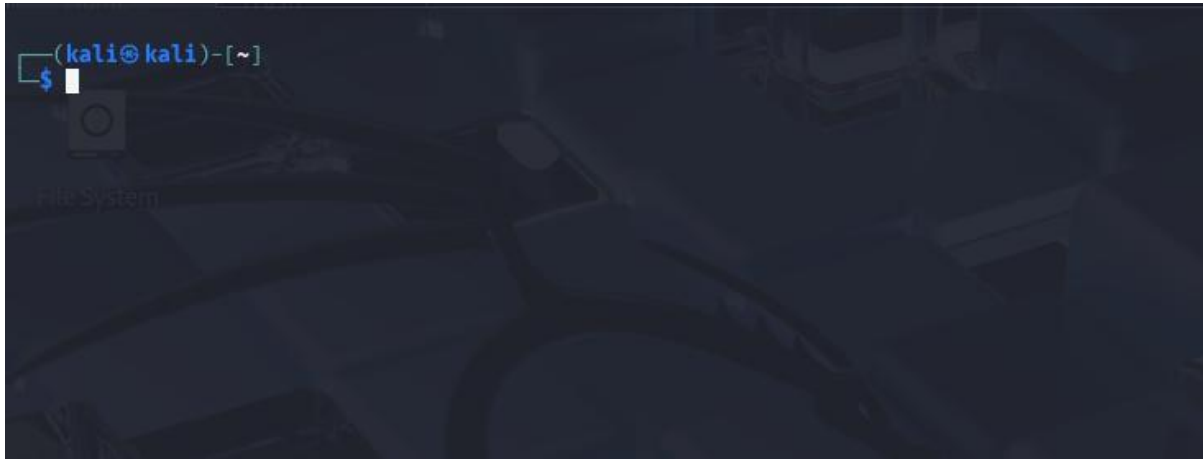
```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop]  
$ cd ~  
  
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$
```

8. history: Show command history

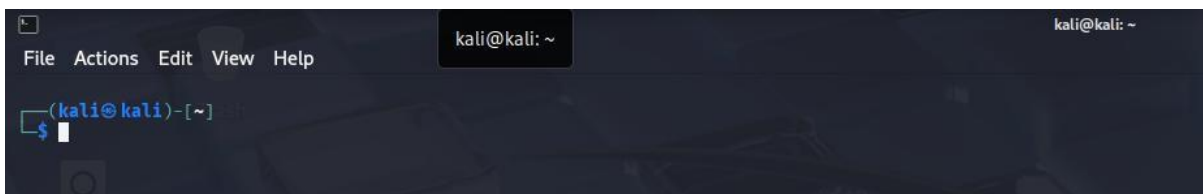
```
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ history  
1  sudo adduser nabil\n  
2  sudo usermod -m -d /home/nabil -s /bin/bash nabil\n  
3  sudo reboot\n  
4  sudo nano /etc/snort/rules/local.rules  
5  sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -i eth0 -A alert_fast  
6  clear  
7  sudo nano /etc/snort/rules/local.rules  
8  ip a  
9  sudo nano /etc/snort/rules/local.rules  
10 sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort-minimal.lua -i eth0 -T  
11 sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort-minimal.lua -i eth0 -A fast  
12 sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i eth0 -A alert_fast\n  
13 sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i eth0 -T\n  
14 sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i eth0 -A fast  
15 sudo cat /var/log/snort/alert\n  
16 sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i eth0 -A alert_fast -l /var/log/snort\n  
17 sudo cat /var/log/snort/alert\n  
18 sudo /var/log/snort/alert\n  
19 sudo nano /etc/snort/rules/local.rules  
20 sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i eth0 -A alert_fast -l /var/log/snort\n  
21 sudo nano /etc/snort/snort.lua  
22 sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i eth0 -A alert_fast\n  
23 sudo nano /etc/snort/rules/local.rules\n  
24 sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i eth0 -A alert_fast -l /var/log/snort\n  
25 sudo cat /var/log/snort/alert\n  
26 sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i lo -A alert_fast\n  
27 sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i eth0 -A alert_fast  
28 sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i lo -A alert_fast -l /var/log/snort\n  
29 clear  
30 pwd  
31 ls  
32 ls -a  
33 ls -i  
34 cd  
35 cd folder/  
36 cd Desktop  
37 cd ..  
38 cd ~  
39 cd Desktop  
40 cd ~  
41 cd ~Go to home directory  
42 cd Desktop  
43 cd ~
```

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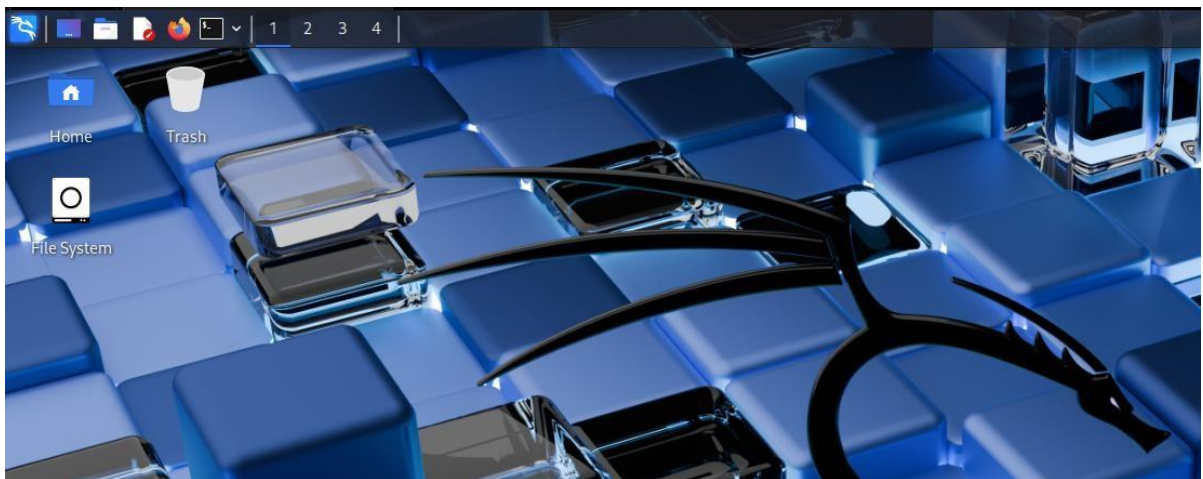
9. clear: Clear terminal screen



10. exit: Exit terminal session



After enter the command 'exit' the terminal shutdown and we see desktop interface



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- Identify active network interface

Commands:

Method 1: Using ip a (recommended)

ip a

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ ip a
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 00:0c:29:01:84:ae brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.163.131/24 brd 192.168.163.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute eth0
        valid_lft 1097sec preferred_lft 1097sec
    inet6 fe80::51b1:ebc1:aa5b:198b/64 scope link noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

Method 2: Using ip route

ip route

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ ip route
default via 192.168.163.2 dev eth0 proto dhcp src 192.168.163.131 metric 100
192.168.163.0/24 dev eth0 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.163.131 metric 100
```

Method 3: Using ifconfig (legacy)

Ifconfig

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.163.131 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.163.255
    inet6 fe80::51b1:ebc1:aa5b:198b prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 00:0c:29:01:84:ae txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 61174 bytes 91909032 (87.6 MiB)
    RX errors 891 dropped 1109 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 21579 bytes 1176008 (1.1 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
    device interrupt 19 base 0x2000

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 12 bytes 680 (680.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 12 bytes 680 (680.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Method 4: With nmcli (if using NetworkManager)

nmcli device status

```
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ [200~nmcli device status  
zsh: bad pattern: [200~nmcli
```

• Configure Snort with monitored IP range

1. Define your monitored IP range in your Lua config

Open your Snort config file (/home/kali/snort.lua):

nano /home/kali/snort.lua

```
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ nano /home/kali/snort.lua
```

```
-- Snort++ configuration  
  
-- there are over 200 modules available to tune your policy.  
-- many can be used with defaults w/o any explicit configuration.  
-- use this conf as a template for your specific configuration.  
  
-- 1. configure defaults  
-- 2. configure inspection  
-- 3. configure bindings  
-- 4. configure performance  
-- 5. configure detection  
-- 6. configure filters  
-- 7. configure outputs  
-- 8. configure tweaks  
  
-- 1. configure defaults  
  
-- HOME_NET and EXTERNAL_NET must be set now  
-- setup the network addresses you are protecting  
HOME_NET = '192.168.1.0/24'  
  
-- set up the external network addresses.  
-- (leave as "any" in most situations)  
EXTERNAL_NET = 'any'  
  
dofile('/etc/snort/snort_defaults.lua')
```

```
-- 2. configure inspection  
  
-- mod = { } uses internal defaults  
-- you can see them with snort --help-module mod  
  
-- mod = default_mod uses external defaults  
-- you can see them in snort_defaults.lua  
  
-- the following are quite capable with defaults:  
  
stream = { }  
stream_ip = { }  
stream_icmp = { }  
stream_tcp = { }  
stream_udp = { }  
stream_user = { }  
stream_file = { }  
  
arp_spoof = { }  
back_orifice = { }  
dns = { }  
imap = { }  
netflow = { }  
normalizer = { }  
pop = { }  
rpc_decode = { }  
sip = { }  
ssh = { }  
ssl = { }  
telnet = { }  
  
cip = { }  
dnp3 = { }  
iec104 = { }  
mms = { }  
modbus = { }  
s7commplus = { }
```

```
dce_smb = { }
dce_tcp = { }
dce_udp = { }
dce_http_proxy = { }
dce_http_server = { }

-- see snort_defaults.lua for default_*
gtp_inspect = default_gtp
port_scan = default_med_port_scan
smtp = default_smtp

ftp_server = default_ftp_server
ftp_client = { }
ftp_data = { }

http_inspect = { }
http2_inspect = { }

-- see file_magic.rules for file id rules
file_id = { rules_file = '/etc/snort/file_magic.rules' }
file_policy = { }

js_norm = default_js_norm

-- the following require additional configuration to be fully effective:

appid =
{
  -- appid requires this to use appids in rules
  --app_detector_dir = 'directory to load appid detectors from'
}

--[[
reputation =
{
  -- configure one or both of these, then uncomment reputation
  -- (see also related path vars at the top of snort_defaults.lua)

  --blacklist = 'blacklist file name with ip lists'
  --whitelist = 'whitelist file name with ip lists'
}
--]]
```

```
GNU nano 8.0 /home/ka
-- 3. configure bindings

wizard = default_wizard

binder =
{
  -- port bindings required for protocols without wizard support
  { when = { proto = 'udp', ports = '53', role='server' }, use = { type = 'dns' } },
  { when = { proto = 'tcp', ports = '53', role='server' }, use = { type = 'dns' } },
  { when = { proto = 'tcp', ports = '111', role='server' }, use = { type = 'rpc_decode' } },
  { when = { proto = 'tcp', ports = '502', role='server' }, use = { type = 'modbus' } },
  { when = { proto = 'tcp', ports = '2123 2152 3386', role='server' }, use = { type = 'gtp_inspect' } },
  { when = { proto = 'tcp', ports = '2404', role='server' }, use = { type = 'iec104' } },
  { when = { proto = 'udp', ports = '2222', role = 'server' }, use = { type = 'cip' } },
  { when = { proto = 'tcp', ports = '44818', role = 'server' }, use = { type = 'cip' } },

  { when = { proto = 'tcp', service = 'dcerpc' }, use = { type = 'dce_tcp' } },
  { when = { proto = 'udp', service = 'dcerpc' }, use = { type = 'dce_udp' } },
  { when = { proto = 'udp', service = 'netflow' }, use = { type = 'netflow' } },

  { when = { service = 'netbios-ssn' }, use = { type = 'dce_smb' } },
  { when = { service = 'dce_http_server' }, use = { type = 'dce_http_server' } },
  { when = { service = 'dce_http_proxy' }, use = { type = 'dce_http_proxy' } },

  { when = { service = 'cip' }, use = { type = 'cip' } },
  { when = { service = 'dnp3' }, use = { type = 'dnp3' } },
  { when = { service = 'dns' }, use = { type = 'dns' } },
  { when = { service = 'ftp' }, use = { type = 'ftp_server' } },
  { when = { service = 'ftp-data' }, use = { type = 'ftp_data' } },
  { when = { service = 'gtp' }, use = { type = 'gtp_inspect' } },
  { when = { service = 'imap' }, use = { type = 'imap' } },
  { when = { service = 'http' }, use = { type = 'http_inspect' } },
  { when = { service = 'http2' }, use = { type = 'http2_inspect' } },
  { when = { service = 'iec104' }, use = { type = 'iec104' } },
  { when = { service = 'mms' }, use = { type = 'mms' } },
  { when = { service = 'modbus' }, use = { type = 'modbus' } },
  { when = { service = 'pop3' }, use = { type = 'pop' } },
  { when = { service = 'ssh' }, use = { type = 'ssh' } },
  { when = { service = 'sip' }, use = { type = 'sip' } },
  { when = { service = 'smtp' }, use = { type = 'smtp' } },
  { when = { service = 'ssl' }, use = { type = 'ssl' } },
  { when = { service = 'sunrpc' }, use = { type = 'rpc_decode' } },
}
```


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```
-- 4. configure performance

-- use latency to monitor / enforce packet and rule thresholds
--latency = { }

-- use these to capture perf data for analysis and tuning
--profiler = { }
--perf_monitor = { }

-- 5. configure detection

RULE_PATH = "/etc/snort/rules"
references = default_references
classifications = default_classifications

ips =
{
    rules = [[
        include /etc/snort/rules/local.rules
    ]],

    variables = default_variables
}

-- use these to configure additional rule actions
-- react = { }
-- reject = { }

-- use this to enable payload injection utility
-- payload_injector = { }
```

```
-- 6. configure filters

-- below are examples of filters
-- each table is a list of records

--[[
suppress =
{
    -- don't want to any of see these
    { gid = 1, sid = 1 },

    -- don't want to see anything for a given host
    { track = 'by_dst', ip = '1.2.3.4' },

    -- don't want to see these for a given host
    { gid = 1, sid = 2, track = 'by_dst', ip = '1.2.3.4' },
}
--]]

--[[
event_filter =
{
    -- reduce the number of events logged for some rules
    { gid = 1, sid = 1, type = 'limit', track = 'by_src', count = 2, seconds = 10 },
    { gid = 1, sid = 2, type = 'both', track = 'by_dst', count = 5, seconds = 60 },
}
--]]

--[[
rate_filter =
{
    -- alert on connection attempts from clients in SOME_NET
    { gid = 135, sid = 1, track = 'by_src', count = 5, seconds = 1,
      new_action = 'alert', timeout = 4, apply_to = '[$SOME_NET]' },

    -- alert on connections to servers over threshold
    { gid = 135, sid = 2, track = 'by_dst', count = 29, seconds = 3,
      new_action = 'alert', timeout = 1 },
}
--]]
```

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```
-- 7. configure outputs

-- event logging
-- you can enable with defaults from the command line with -A <alert_type>
-- uncomment below to set non-default configs
--alert_csv = { }
--alert_fast = { }
--alert_full = { }
--alert_sfsocket = { }
--alert_syslog = { }
--unified2 = { }

-- packet logging
-- you can enable with defaults from the command line with -L <log_type>
--log_codecs = { }
--log_hex = { }
--log_pcap = { }

-- additional logs
--packet_capture = { }
--file_log = { }

-- 8. configure tweaks

if ( tweaks ~= nil ) then
    include(tweaks .. '.lua')
end
```

Edit local.rules file:

```
sudo nano /etc/snort/rules/local.rules
```

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo nano /etc/snort/rules/local.rules
```

Add this rule to detect all ICMP packets:

alert icmp any any -> any any (msg:"ICMP Packet Detected"; sid:1000001; rev:1;)

```
GNU nano 8.3 /etc/snort/rules/local.rules
alert icmp any any -> any any (msg:"ICMP Packet Detected"; sid:1000001; rev:1;)
# $Id: local.rules,v 1.11 2004/07/23 20:15:44 bmc Exp $
#
# LOCAL RULES
#
# This file intentionally does not come with signatures. Put your local
# additions here.
```

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo snort -c /home/kali/snort.lua -i eth0 -A alert_fast
```

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sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i eth0 -A alert_fast

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo snort -c /home/kali/snort.lua -i eth0 -A alert_fast
o")~ Snort++ 3.1.82.0
Loading /home/kali/snort.lua:
File Sy  file_policy
         js_norm
         appid
         wizard
         binder
         ips
         file_id
         references
         classifications
         http2_inspect
         http_inspect
         ftp_data
         ftp_server
         smtp
         port_scan
         gtp_inspect
         dce_http_proxy
         trace
         dce_udp
         output
         dnp3
         ssh
         daq
         normalizer
         imap
         hosts
         stream_tcp
         packets
         process
         search_engine
         so_proxy
         stream
         stream_ip
         stream_icmp
         stream_udp
         stream_user
         stream_file
         arp_spoof
         back_orifice
         dns
```

```
netflow
Tra  active
    pop
    rpc_decode
    sip
    ssl
    telnet
    cip
File Sy  iec104
         mms
         modbus
         s7commplus
         dce_smb
         dce_tcp
         dce_http_server
         alerts
         decode
         host_cache
         host_tracker
         network
         ftp_client
Finished /home/kali/snort.lua:
Loading file_id.rules_file:
Loading /etc/snort/file_magic.rules:
Finished /etc/snort/file_magic.rules:
Finished file_id.rules_file:

ips policies rule stats
      id loaded shared enabled file
      0  208      0      208 /home/kali/snort.lua

rule counts
  total rules loaded: 208
    text rules: 208
  option chains: 208
    chain headers: 1

service rule counts
      to-srv to-cli
file_id:   208   208
  total:   208   208

fast pattern groups
  to_server: 1
  to_client: 1

search engine (ac_bnfa)
  instances: 2
  patterns: 416
```

```
pattern chars: 2508
num states: 1778
num match states: 370
memory scale: KB
total memory: 48.3691
pattern memory: 12.1973
match list memory: 13.6641
transition memory: 22.3125
appid: MaxRss diff: 1920
appid: patterns loaded: 300
```

```
pcap DAQ configured to passive.
Commencing packet processing
++ [0] eth0
```

Now open new terminal tab and ping:

Ping 8.8.8.8

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ ping 8.8.8.8
PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=1 ttl=128 time=6.80 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=128 time=5.75 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=128 time=8.52 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=4 ttl=128 time=5.01 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=5 ttl=128 time=6.20 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=6 ttl=128 time=19.4 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=7 ttl=128 time=4.66 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=8 ttl=128 time=6.38 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=9 ttl=128 time=6.14 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=10 ttl=128 time=6.69 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=11 ttl=128 time=13.9 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=12 ttl=128 time=7.03 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=13 ttl=128 time=39.1 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=14 ttl=128 time=6.11 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=15 ttl=128 time=5.44 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=16 ttl=128 time=5.14 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=17 ttl=128 time=5.27 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=18 ttl=128 time=8.12 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=19 ttl=128 time=5.34 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=20 ttl=128 time=9.26 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=21 ttl=128 time=4.54 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=22 ttl=128 time=15.2 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=23 ttl=128 time=9.98 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=24 ttl=128 time=8.68 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=25 ttl=128 time=5.91 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=26 ttl=128 time=13.4 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=27 ttl=128 time=9.23 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=28 ttl=128 time=5.79 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=29 ttl=128 time=6.19 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=30 ttl=128 time=6.71 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=31 ttl=128 time=7.33 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=32 ttl=128 time=5.12 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=33 ttl=128 time=7.44 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=34 ttl=128 time=7.12 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=35 ttl=128 time=7.11 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=36 ttl=128 time=4.82 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=37 ttl=128 time=5.33 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=38 ttl=128 time=82.8 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=39 ttl=128 time=71.7 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=40 ttl=128 time=35.6 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=41 ttl=128 time=25.8 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=42 ttl=128 time=4.20 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=43 ttl=128 time=6.87 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=44 ttl=128 time=6.87 ms
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After Pinging, Go back where you started snort you'll detect Packets:

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```

After killing or stopping the process:

```
Packet Statistics
-----
daq
    received: 238
    analyzed: 238
    allow: 238
    rx_bytes: 25260

codec
    total: 238 (100.000%)
    discards: 4 ( 1.681%)
    arp: 22 ( 9.244%)
    eth: 238 (100.000%)
    icmp4: 196 ( 82.353%)
    ipv4: 210 ( 88.235%)
    ipv6: 6 ( 2.521%)
    udp: 20 ( 8.403%)

Module Statistics
-----
appid
    packets: 212
    processed_packets: 212
    total_sessions: 7
    service_cache_adds: 6
    bytes_in_use: 912
    items_in_use: 6

arp_spoof
    packets: 22

back_orifice
    packets: 16

binder
    raw_packets: 22
    new_flows: 7
    inspects: 29
```

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```
detection
    analyzed: 238
    hard_evals: 196
    alerts: 196
    total_alerts: 196
    logged: 196

port_scan
    packets: 216
    trackers: 10

search_engine
    qualified_events: 196

stream
    flows: 7

stream_icmp
    sessions: 1
    max: 1
    created: 1
    released: 1

stream_udp
    sessions: 6
    max: 6
    created: 6
    released: 6
    total_bytes: 3634

udp
    bad_udp4_checksum: 4

wizard
    udp_scans: 6
    udp_misses: 6

Appid Statistics
detected apps and services
Application: Services  Clients  Users  Payloads  Misc  Referred
unknown: 2          0      0      0         0      0

Summary Statistics

process
    signals: 1

timing
    runtime: 00:02:20
    seconds: 140.536687
    pkts/sec: 2
o")~ Snort exiting
```

• Run Snort in detection mode

```
sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i eth0 -T
```

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```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i eth0 -T

o")~    Snort++ 3.1.82.0

Loading /etc/snort/snort.lua:
Loading snort_defaults.lua:
Finished snort_defaults.lua:
  active
  alerts
  daq
  decode
  host_cache
  host_tracker
  hosts
  network
  process
  search_engine
  so_proxy
  stream
  stream_ip
  stream_tcp
  stream_udp
  stream_user
  stream_file
  arp_spoof
  back_orifice
  dns
  imap
  netflow
  normalizer
  pop
  rpc_decode
  sip
  ssh
  telnet
  iec104
  mms
  modbus
  s7commplus
  dce_smb
  dce_tcp
  dce_udp
  ssl
```

```
  classifications
  references
  stream_icmp
  dnp3
  cip
  ips
  file_id
  dce_http_proxy
  dce_http_server
  gtp_inspect
  port_scan
  smtp
  ftp_server
  ftp_client
  ftp_data
  http_inspect
  http2_inspect
  file_policy
  js_norm
  appid
  wizard
  binder
  output
  trace
  packets
Finished /etc/snort/snort.lua:
Loading file_id.rules_file:
Loading file_magic.rules:
Finished file_magic.rules:
Finished file_id.rules_file:
Loading ips.rules:
Loading /etc/snort/rules/local.rules:
Finished /etc/snort/rules/local.rules:
Finished ips.rules:

ips policies rule stats
      id loaded shared enabled file
      0   209      0    209 /etc/snort/snort.lua

rule counts
  total rules loaded: 209
    text rules: 209
  option chains: 209
    chain headers: 2
```

```
port rule counts
      tcp      udp      icmp      ip
any      0      0      1      0
total    0      0      1      0

service rule counts      to-srv  to-cli
      file_id:      208      208
      total:      208      208

fast pattern groups
      to_server: 1
      to_client: 1

search engine (ac_bnfa)
appid: MaxRss diff: 2876
appid: patterns loaded: 300

pcap DAQ configured to passive.

Snort successfully validated the configuration (with 0 warnings).
o")~  Snort exiting
```

- Monitor live traffic and alerts

sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i eth0 -T

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.lua -i eth0 -T

o")~  Snort++ 3.1.82.0

Loading /etc/snort/snort.lua:
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  so_proxy
  stream
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  stream_tcp
  stream_udp
  stream_user
  stream_file
  arp_spoof
  back_orifice
  dns
  imap
  netflow
  normalizer
  pop
  rpc_decode
  sip
  ssh
  telnet
  iec104
  mms
  modbus
  s7commplus
  dce_smb
  dce_tcp
  dce_udp
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classifications
references
stream_icmp
dnp3
cip
ips
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dce_http_server
gtp_inspect
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http_inspect
http2_inspect
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js_norm
appid
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binder
output
trace
packets
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ips policies	rule	stats					
	id	loaded	shared	enabled		file	
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```

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fast pattern groups
      to_server: 1
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```

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Week 3

- **Simulate attacks (e.g., ping flood)**

1. Basic Ping Flood (Using ping)

```
sudo ping -f 192.168.1.10
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo ping -f 192.168.1.10

PING 192.168.1.10 (192.168.1.10) 56(84) bytes of data.
.....^C
— 192.168.1.10 ping statistics —
2174 packets transmitted, 0 received, 100% packet loss, time 37164ms
```

2. Advanced Ping Flood (Using hping3)

```
sudo hping3 -1 --flood 192.168.1.10
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ sudo hping3 -1 --flood 192.168.1.10  
  
HPING 192.168.1.10 (eth0 192.168.1.10): icmp mode set, 28 headers + 0 data bytes  
hping in flood mode, no replies will be shown  
  
^C  
— 192.168.1.10 hping statistic —  
446706 packets transmitted, 0 packets received, 100% packet loss  
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.0/0.0/0.0 ms
```

Use this for learning:

- How firewalls react
- How to detect ICMP floods
- How to create signatures for IDS/IPS (e.g., Snort or Suricata)

• Observe Snort alerts

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• Understand Snort alert formats

Example in our case:

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{ICMP} 192.168.163.133 -> 8.8.8.8
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Field	Description
Timestamp	06/19-00:35:28.427905 – The date and time when the alert was triggered. Format: MM/DD-HH:MM:SS.milliseconds.
Alert Markers	[**] – Visual separators to distinguish alert sections.
Rule Metadata	<p>[1:1000001:1] – This consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1: Generator ID (GID), indicates Snort itself triggered the alert. 1000001: Signature ID (SID), uniquely identifies the rule. 1: Rule revision number. <p> Message "ICMP Packet Detected" – The alert message defined in the msg: field of the rule. </p> <p> Priority [Priority: 0] – Indicates severity (0 = lowest). Priority is set manually in the rule or inferred. </p> <p> Protocol {ICMP} – The detected packet's protocol. </p> <p> Source → Destination 192.168.163.133 -> 8.8.8.8 – The IP addresses of the packet's origin and destination. </p>

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• Review alert logs

Review in our case:

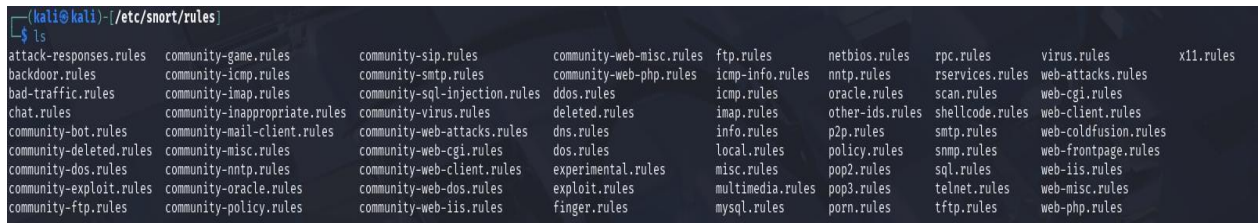
```
06/19-00:35:28.427905 [**] [1:1000001:1] "ICMP Packet Detected" [**] [Priority: 0]
{ICMP} 192.168.163.133 -> 8.8.8.8
```

This log tells you:

- A Snort rule was triggered by **ICMP traffic**
- The alert was logged on **June 19 at 00:35:28**
- The **source IP** was your machine (192.168.163.133)
- The **destination** was Google DNS (8.8.8.8)

WEEK 4

• Explore default Snort rules and structure



• Learn rule components (actions, protocols, etc.)

Rule:

```
alert icmp any any -> any any (msg:"ICMP Packet Detected"; sid:1000001; rev:1;)
```

Component	Value	Description
Action	alert	Tells Snort to generate an alert when this rule matches traffic
Protocol	icmp	Matches ICMP packets (used in ping, traceroute, etc.)
Source IP	any	Matches traffic from any source IP
Source Port	any	ICMP doesn't use ports, but format requires this
Direction	->	Matches traffic from source to destination
Destination IP	any	Matches traffic to any destination IP
Destination Port	any	Placeholder, ICMP does not use ports
Options	(msg:"ICMP Packet Detected"; sid:1000001; rev:1;)	Rule-specific metadata and message

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• Prepare a basic report with screenshots on configuration and alerts

The screenshots for the following tasks have already been included in their relative sections in this report:

1. Identifying active network interface
2. Configuring Snort with the monitored IP range.
3. Running Snort in detection mode.
4. Monitoring live traffic and alerts.
5. Simulating attacks such as ping and ping flood.
6. Observing Snort alerts.
7. Understanding Snort alert formats.
8. Reviewing Snort alert logs.

What I got to learn?

Using Snort as an Intrusion Detection System (IDS), I was able to obtain hands-on experience in network security monitoring. Important lessons learnt include:

1. Setting up and installing Snort on a Linux computer.
2. Finding and keeping an eye on active network interfaces.
3. Creating and evaluating unique Snort rules with appropriate syntax and organisation.
4. Using traffic simulation (ICMP, ping flood, etc.) to set off alarms.
5. Examining log files and Snort alert analysis.
6. Using key Linux commands for log analysis and configuration.

My knowledge of network traffic analysis and real-time intrusion detection has improved as a result of this experience.

Summary – Month 1

It was found for Month 1 that installation, configuration, and testing of Snort were undertaken successfully. One custom ICMP detection rule was created, and alerts were generated using the ping and hping3 tools. Snort was started in detection mode, and the logs were reviewed for verification of rule efficacy.

While understanding and explaining the rule structure and alert format, screenshots were provided for all major steps, including rule setup, configuration, traffic simulation, and alert output.

All Month 1 milestones were achieved, thus setting a firm base for further developments and testing of the IDS.