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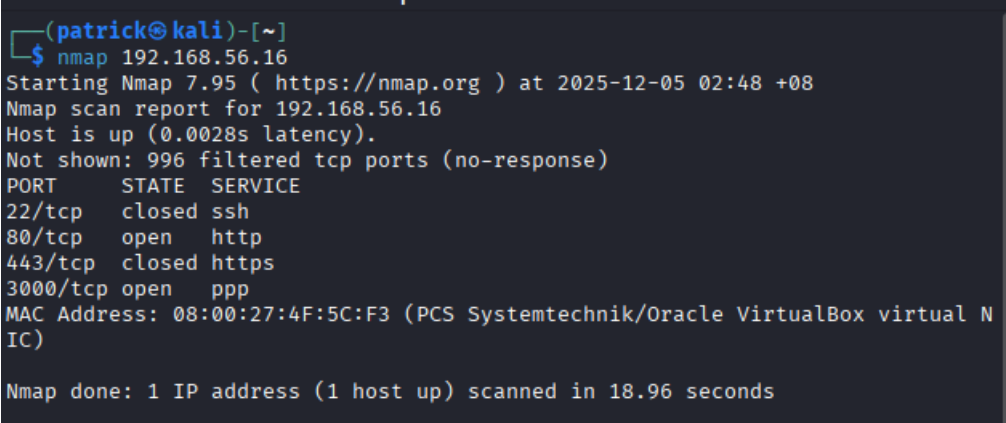
1.0 Testing and Problem-Solving

A thorough testing process was conducted to validate the security measures and identify potential vulnerabilities. Testing was performed from the Kali administrative machine, simulating realistic attacks against the Ubuntu server.

1.1 Nmap Scanning

Nmap is a network scanning tool that detects open ports, running services, and system fingerprints. Several scans were performed:

Basic Scan: Identified open ports (80, 3000).



```
(patrick@kali)-[~]  
$ nmap 192.168.56.16  
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-12-05 02:48 +08  
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.16  
Host is up (0.0028s latency).  
Not shown: 996 filtered tcp ports (no-response)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE  
22/tcp    closed ssh  
80/tcp    open  http  
443/tcp    closed https  
3000/tcp   open  ppp  
MAC Address: 08:00:27:4F:5C:F3 (PCS Systemtechnik/Oracle VirtualBox virtual N  
IC)  
  
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 18.96 seconds
```

Figure 1 Nmap Scan

Service Version Scan: Revealed software versions such as nginx 1.29.3 and Juice Shop application, enabling assessment of outdated or vulnerable services.

```
SF:Port3000-TCP:V=7.95%I=7%D=12/5%Time=6931D816%P=x86_64-pc-linux-gnu%(Ge
SF:tRequest,3890,"HTTP/1.1\x20200\x200K\r\nAccess-Control-Allow-Origin:\x
SF:20*\r\nX-Content-Type-Options:\x20nosniff\r\nX-Frame-Options:\x20SAMEO
SF:RIGIN\r\nFeature-Policy:\x20payment\x20'self'\r\nX-Recruiting:\x20/#/jo
SF:bs\r\nAccept-Ranges:\x20bytes\r\nCache-Control:\x20public,\x20max-age=0
SF:\r\nLast-Modified:\x20Thu,\x2004\x20Dec\x202025\x2016:36:48\x20GMT\r\nE
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SF:20No\x20Content\r\nAccess-Control-Allow-Origin:\x20*\r\nAccess-Control
SF:-Allow-Methods:\x20GET,HEAD,PUT,PATCH,POST,DELETE\r\nVary:\x20Access-Co
SF:ntrol-Request-Headers\r\nContent-Length:\x200\r\nDate:\x20Thu,\x2004\x2
SF:0Dec\x202025\x2018:51:02\x20GMT\r\nConnection:\x20close\r\n\r\n")%r(RTS
SF:Prequest,EA,"HTTP/1.1\x20204\x20No\x20Content\r\nAccess-Control-Allow-
SF:Origin:\x20*\r\nAccess-Control-Allow-Methods:\x20GET,HEAD,PUT,PATCH,PO
```

Figure 2 Service Version Scan

The scan identified the OWASP Juice Shop application running on port 3000 and a web server on port 80. Enumerating these service versions is critical for identifying potential vulnerabilities and focusing subsequent security testing.

1.2 Intrusion Detection Logs

Suricata IDS Running Status: To show that Suricata was actively monitoring the DMZ interface, you would use the screenshot that proves the engine started successfully and loaded the detection rules.

```

Info: suricata: Setting engine mode to IDS mode by default
Info: exception-policy: master exception-policy set to: auto
Info: ioctl: enp0s8: MTU 1500
Info: logopenfile: fast output device (regular) initialized: fast.log
Info: logopenfile: eve-log output device (regular) initialized: eve.js
on
Info: logopenfile: stats output device (regular) initialized: stats.lo
g
Info: detect: 1 rule files processed. 46600 rules successfully loaded,
0 rules failed, 0
Info: threshold-config: Threshold config parsed: 0 rule(s) found
Info: detect: 46603 signatures processed. 1006 are IP-only rules, 4423
are inspecting packet payload, 40944 inspect application layer, 108 a
re decoder event only
Info: runmodes: enp0s8: creating 4 threads
Info: unix-manager: unix socket '/var/run/suricata-command.socket'
Notice: threads: Threads created -> W: 4 FM: 1 FR: 1 Engine started.

```

Figure 3 Suricata IDS Running

Confirmed that the Suricata engine was successfully initialized and running in IDS mode, monitoring the DMZ network interface (enp0s8) and processing 46603 detection rules. During testing, Suricata captured various suspicious activities, including Nmap OS detection, SYN scans, and service enumeration.

1.3 Suricata Alerts and Detection Summary

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Info: suricata: time elapsed 240.513s
Info: counters: Alerts: 78
Notice: device: enp0s8: packets: 3874, drops: 0 (0.00%), invalid checksum: 0

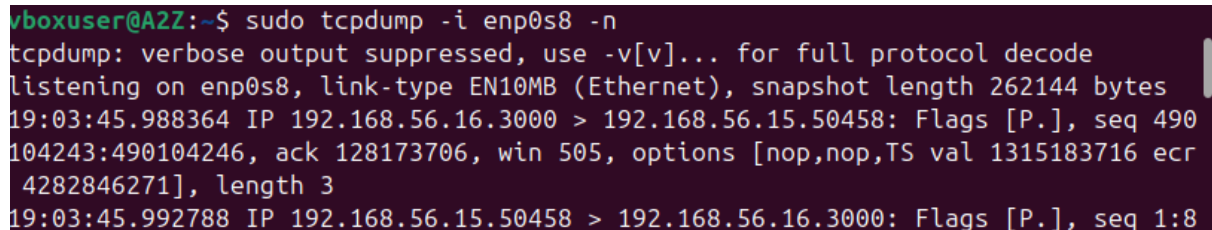
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Figure 4 Suricata Detection Summary

- During testing, Suricata captured various suspicious activities, including Nmap OS detection, SYN scans, and service enumeration.
- The alert counters confirmed that the Intrusion Detection System successfully generated a total of 78 alerts against the target traffic, demonstrating the IDS's ability to identify probing attempts.
- These logs demonstrate that the IDS can detect attempts to probe system vulnerabilities, allowing timely intervention before an attacker can exploit any service. By monitoring

both payload content and network patterns, Suricata ensures that even subtle reconnaissance attempts are logged.

1.4 Traffic Capture Verification



```
vboxuser@A2Z:~$ sudo tcpdump -i enp0s8 -n
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v[v]... for full protocol decode
listening on enp0s8, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), snapshot length 262144 bytes
19:03:45.988364 IP 192.168.56.16.3000 > 192.168.56.15.50458: Flags [P.], seq 490
104243:490104246, ack 128173706, win 505, options [nop,nop,TS val 1315183716 ecr
4282846271], length 3
19:03:45.992788 IP 192.168.56.15.50458 > 192.168.56.16.3000: Flags [P.], seq 1:8
```

Figure 5 TCPCDump Traffic Capture

Traffic Capture Verification tcpdump was executed on the Ubuntu server's DMZ interface to capture and inspect raw network packets. This process confirmed that all traffic, including scanning attempts and normal web requests to the Juice Shop on port 3000, was being logged at the network layer. This validates that the monitoring infrastructure is functional and capable of capturing detailed traffic for analysis, supporting both reactive incident response and proactive security measures.

1.5 Vulnerability Assessment and Recommended Improvements

Vulnerability	Impact/Risk	Recommended Improvement
Unencrypted HTTP Traffic	High - vulnerable to MITM attacks	Enforce HTTPS with Nginx reverse proxy
Direct Exposure of Juice Shop	High - intentionally vulnerable app	Restrict port 3000 to trusted IPs / use WAF
Software Version Disclosure	Medium - helps attackers find exploits	Mask Nginx version numbers
High IDS Alert Volume	Low - operational risk	Integrate Suricata logs with SIEM

1.6 Conclusion of Assessment

The testing confirmed that the implemented defence-in-depth model (UFW, Docker, Suricata) is fundamentally functional and prevents unauthorized services from being exposed. The immediate next steps must focus on hardening the application access plane by enforcing encryption and limiting the exposure of the vulnerable application to maintain the security posture required by A2Z Corporation.