Assignment 2 Report ACME-6

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1 Initial brainstorming

For the assignment we are asked to set a number of security policies regarding the use of services within the network and configure some of them. In particular we looked at how the **DNS server** should be set up and and how to set static DNS addresses to each individual host.

2 Evaluation of the security policy

Before we did anything, we read through all the rules that will need to be set so that we have the big picture.

Because many rules refer to multiple hosts located at different interfaces, to avoid repetition of rules we have grouped them together by defining a new group called **hosts**. The group was created in both firewalls and include interfaces corresponding to the networks of: **DMZ**, **external clients**, **servers**

and clients. The VPN hosts (in our case Alice, Bob and Charles) were also considered as host, however it was not possible to put the OpenVPN interface in the group, so every rule in the **hosts** group was repeated in the OpenVPN interface.

OPNsense processes the rules in the groups and finally checks the rules in the interfaces, however some rules have to be put to a single interface and if the group's rules are processed first then any rules in the interface would be ignored. To solve it, every group's rules are set with quick unchecked while interface's rules are set with quick checked. In this way the rules in the interfaces will be processed on the first match, otherwise the last rule matched in the group would go.

Finally the last security policy asks to block anything not made explicit previously, so we decided to whitelist all security policies and block anything else for both incoming and outgoing packets. Incoming packets by default are whitelisted, so we only needed to choose what to do with outgoing packets. To avoid putting a rule in IPsec output for every rule in input in the interface, we let anything goes through IPsec. Anything going outside from the firewall through the WAN is allowed.

3 Policy implementation in opnsense

Since there are two firewalls, we had to add a **host** group for each firewall, but essentially they have the same rules. As mentioned earlier since we could not add OpenVPN to the group, we repeated the same rules as the **Host** group, except that we placed them in the reverse order and with quick checked.

All the rules were first implemented on *IPv4* and afterwards by simply changing the addresses to IPv6 as well. Each rule that doesn't have any specific destination/source address was instead modified with IPv4+IPv6 in the field. IPv6addresses were also added in the aliases along with IPv4. Has mentioned on the Assignment 1, Graylog and Greenbone don't have a IPv6's address so their rule are only IPv4.

1. All hosts must use the internal DNS Server as a DNS resolver. First we have set the *DNS server* by following the video¹ provided by the teacher. Next we set the DHCPv4 service to also send the DNS server address in Service > DHCPv4 only for the Clients and Clients network

interfaces, all others had static IP's set directly in the configurations of the interfaces within the machine so they don't need it.

We then modified the interface configuration by inserting the address of the DNS and finally installed openresolv so that the configuration would be maintained even after reboot. Static DNS addresses for Graylog were added in the configuration in *netplan*.

¹Fonte: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGnpZnxWQ5c

Host on the VPN have also been configured to automatically accept the DNS address by following a guide on Github². We basically added push "dhcp-option DNS 100.100.1.2" in the OpenVPN configuration in $VPN \Rightarrow OpenVPN \Rightarrow Servers$, installed openresolv on the machine and appended the code written in Github on each OpenVPN client configuration.

Rules added:

- Let incoming packets on port 53 in **hosts group** (rule 4 Figure:7).
- Let outgoing packets on port 53 in **server network** (rule 8 Figure:8).
- 2. Only the webserver service provided in the DMZ has to be accessible from the Internet.

We first disabled the anti-lockout in $Firewall \Rightarrow Settings \Rightarrow Advanced$ because there was a rule in **DMZ** that was letting anything to port 80.

Rules added:

- Let incoming packets on port 80/443 to webserver in **WAN** (rule 6 Figure:4).
- Let outgoing packets on port 80/443 to webserver in **DMZ** (rule 3 Figure:5).
- 3. The proxy service provided in the DMZ has to be accessible only from the hosts of the Acme network. However, the proxy needs internet access.

Proxy server is already only reachable from internal hosts because by default from the **WAN** everything is blocked.

Rules added:

- Let incoming packets from *dns server* to outside in **DMZ** (rule 5 Figure:5).
- Let incoming packets to dns server in hosts group (rule 4 Figure:7).
- Let ougoing packets to dns server in **DMZ** (rule 7 Figure:5).
- 4. Beside the DNS resolver, the other services in the Internal server network have to be accessible only by hosts of Client and DMZ networks.

We added a new aliases to group \mathbf{DMZ} and $\mathbf{Clients}$ $\mathbf{network}$.

Rules added:

- Let incoming packets to servers network **DMZ** (rule 9 Figure:5).
- Let incoming packets to servers network Clients (rule 4 Figure:9).
- Let ougoing packets from **clients** and **DMZ network** in **servers** (rule 10 Figure:8).

 $^{^2} Fonte: \ \mathtt{https://github.com/alfredopalhares/openvpn-update-resolv-conf}$

5. All the hosts (but the Client network hosts) have to use the syslog and the log collector services on the Log server (syslog) and on Graylog server.

We added a new aliases to group **Graylog** and **Logserver**. Since **DMZ** already has access to **servers network**4 there is no need to add a rule for **DMZ**. Hosts in **clients network** have access to **servers network** and therefore should be blocked if they try to connect to *Logserver* and *Graylog*. This latter rule must come before the pass rule or else would be ignored.

Rules added:

- Let incoming packets to *Logserver* and *Graylog* in **external clients network** (rule 3 Figure:6).
- Let outgoing packets to *Logserver* and *Graylog* in **servers** (rule 7 Figure:8).
- Block outgoing packets from **clients network** to *Logserver* and *Graylog* in **servers** (rule 5 Figure:8).
- 6. The Greenbone server has to access all the hosts of the network. Rules added:
 - Let incoming packets from *Greenbone* in **servers network** (rule 11 Figure:8).
 - Let outgoing packets from *Greenbone* in **hosts group** (rule 8 Figure:7).
- 7. All network hosts have to be managed via ssh only from hosts within the Client network.

The last rule was added because the security policy5 otherwise did not allow access from **clients networks** to *Logserver* and *Greenbone*, so to let them have *SSH* we need to let the packets pass before the block from rule5.

Rules added:

- Let incoming packets on port 22 to AMCE's network in clients network (rule 6 Figure:9).
- Let outgoing packets on port 22 from clients network in hosts group (rule 9 Figure:7).
- Let outgoing packets on port 22 from clients network in servers network (rule 3 Figure:8).
- 8. All the Client network hosts have only access to external web services (HTTP/HTTPS).

There's no need add an out rule in \mathbf{WAN} because by default everything pass.

Rules added:

- Let incoming packets on port 80/443 to outside in **clients network** (rule 8 Figure:9).
- 9. Any packet received by the Main Firewall on port 65432 should be redirected to port 80 of the fantasticcoffee host.

We added a new rule in $Firewall \Rightarrow NAT \Rightarrow PortForwarding$ to redirect these packets, the rule was applied in any interfaces. The only thing left was to let packets go to fantasticcoffee.



Figure 1: Port forwarding rules.

Rules added:

- Let outgoing packets on port 80 to fantasticcoffee in external clients network (rule 4 Figure:6).
- 10. The firewalls should protect against IP address spoofing. On the WAN, DMZ, external clients, clients, and servers network interfaces, we added a rule that blocks any incoming packet with a wrong source IP. For example, the local DMZ network has IP 100.100.6.0/24, so there should be no packets generated in the DMZ with an IP that doesn't belong to that subnet.

Rules added:

- Block incoming packets with source IP in 100.100.0.0/16 in **WAN** (rule 3 Figure:4).
- Block incoming packets with source IP different from 100.100.6.0/24 in **DMZ** (rule 1 Figure:5).
- Block incoming packets with source IP different from 100.100.4.0/24 in external clients (rule 1 Figure:6).
- Block incoming packets with source IP different from 100.100.2.0/24 in **clients** (rule 2 Figure:9).
- Block incoming packets with source IP different from 100.100.1.0/24 in servers (rule 1 Figure:8).
- Block incoming packets with source IP different from 100.100.253.0/24 in **OpenVPN** (OpenVPN figure is the same as the Host's one).
- 11. All the internal hosts should use the public IP address of the Main Firewall to exit towards the Internet.

The rule was already active, so the security policy was already working and we didn't have to do anything.



Figure 2: Port forwarding outbound rules in the external firewall.

12. The rate of ICMP echo request packets should be limited to 10 Kbit/s.

We followed the OPNsense's doc^3 to limit a bandwidth of a user and remodeled it to our use case. Basically we added two new pipes in $Firewall \Rightarrow Shaper \Rightarrow Pipes$ with $10 \ kb/s$ bandwidth (there's two pipes because the docs suggests it in order to avoid undefined behaviour). Then we added two rules per interface with those two pipes.



Figure 3: Shaper rules in the external firewall.

13. Anything that is not explicitly allowed has to be denied.

Any undefined incoming packet is blocked by a floating rule, it remains to block outgoing packets, this needs to be the last rule evaluated.

Rule added:

• Block any outgoing packets in **Hosts** (rule 1 Figure:7).

Finally, all the rules applied.

³https://docs.opnsense.org/manual/how-tos/shaper_limit_per_user.html

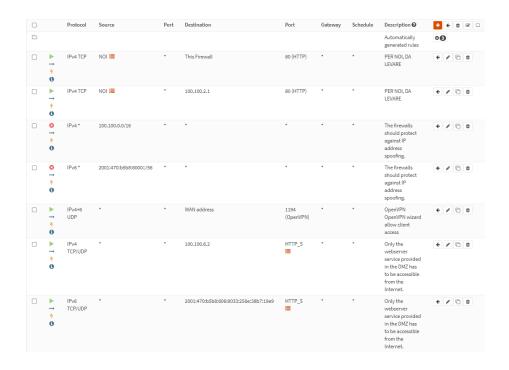


Figure 4: WAN's rules interface

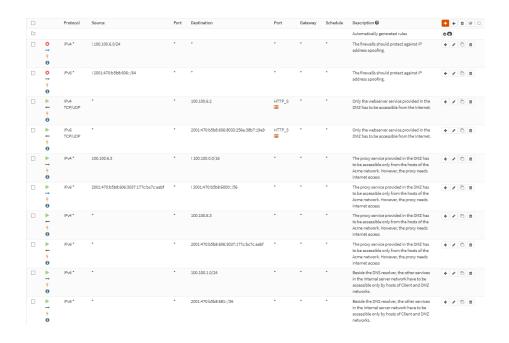


Figure 5: DMZ's rules interface



Figure 6: External client's rules interface

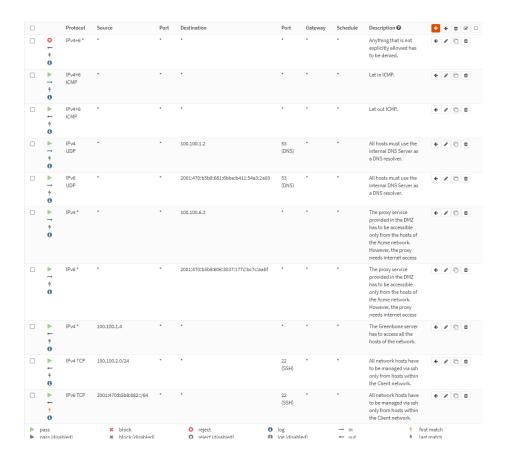


Figure 7: Hosts's rules interface

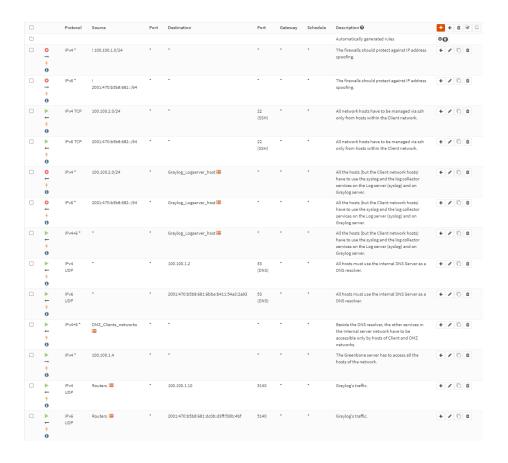


Figure 8: Servers's rules interface

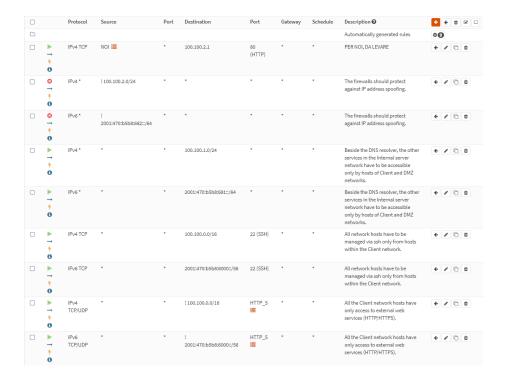


Figure 9: Clients's rules interface.

4 Test of the new configuration

For each rule we ran a test and to make sure that the rules were working well we enabled any logs for every rules and checked in $Firewall \Rightarrow Log\ files \Rightarrow Live\ view$ that packets were being rejected or accepted by going through the right rules and not some other unexpected rules. In order to have better readability, **Ipsec** interfaces were omitted since every packets don't have any blocking rule.

Tests involving hosts outside the network were tested with the machine with IP 100.101.0.2 which is one of the VPN's IP given to us to do the homework. Most of the time, test were done with netcat, this because the ping does pass everywhere inside the network without problem.

We could not test with fantasticcoffee because the machine is not accessible.

1. Security Policy 1

With a script in each host we pinged all hosts in the network using the hostname instead of the IP.

Figure 10: Ping test of one of webserver host.

From the outside using *curl* we can get the *webserver* page without any problems, however you can't ping neither the *webserver* nor reach any other host in the network.

Figure 11: Curl goes without any problem but ping is timed out.

	Interface	Time	Source	Destination	Proto	Label	
0	wan 🗦	2023-05-16T07:59:24	100.101.0.2	100.100.1.10	icmp	Default deny rule	0
0	wan 🗦	2023-05-16T07:59:21	100.101.0.2	100.100.1.4	icmp	Default deny rule	0
0	wan 🗦	2023-05-16T07:59:19	100.101.0.2	100.100.1.3	icmp	Default deny rule	0
0	wan 🔷	2023-05-16T07:59:16	100.101.0.2	100.100.1.2	icmp	Default deny rule	0
0	wan 🗦	2023-05-16T07:59:10	100.101.0.2	100.100.2.254	icmp	Default deny rule	0
0	wan 🗦	2023-05-16T07:59:05	100.101.0.2	100.100.2.101	icmp	Default deny rule	0
0	wan 🔷	2023-05-16T07:59:00	100.101.0.2	100.100.4.10	icmp	Default deny rule	0
0	wan 🗦	2023-05-16T07:58:57	100.101.0.2	100.100.4.101	icmp	Default deny rule	0
0	wan 🗦	2023-05-16T07:58:53	100.101.0.2	100.100.6.3	icmp	Default deny rule	0
0	wan 🔷	2023-05-16T07:58:50	100.101.0.2	100.100.6.2	icmp	Default deny rule	0
0	wan 🗦	2023-05-16T07:58:24	100.101.0.2	100.100.253.13	icmp	Default deny rule	0
0	wan 🗦	2023-05-16T07:58:21	100.101.0.2	100.100.253.9	icmp	Default deny rule	0
0	wan 🔷	2023-05-16T07:58:17	100.101.0.2	100.100.253.5	icmp	Default deny rule	0

Figure 12: Live view of the **external firewall**. Anything that our host from the outside tries to ping is unreachable.

We first tested if the *proxy server* has internet with *wget* and then if every hosts on the network can reach it with *netcat*.

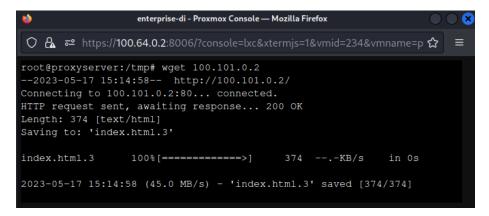


Figure 13: *Proxy server* command promt, it can *wget* the *webserver* on our host without problem.

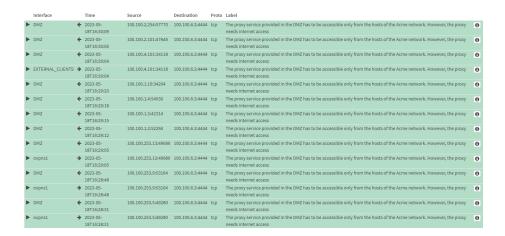


Figure 14: Live view of the **external firewall**. Any host can reach the *proxy* server without any problem.



Figure 15: Live view of the **internal firewall**. Any host can reach the *proxy* server without any problem.

To test this rule, we used *netcat* from different host to *Greenbone*. We selected *Greenbone* because due to other security policy, all of the other host in the **internal server network** are already accessible to some host of the network.

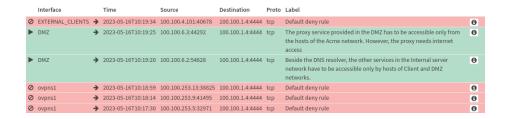


Figure 16: Live view of the **external firewall**. **VPN** and **external client** host are blocked.



Figure 17: Live view of the **internal firewall**. Everything pass without problem to the **internal servers network**.

We basically performed the same test as the previous one but this time we used the *Logserver*. **IPsec** interface is not omitted because some packets are blocked in the interface, this because in the first assignment we setted that Bob and Charles cannot reach the **internal Network**.



Figure 18: Live view of the **external firewall**. *Netcat* pass without any problem.

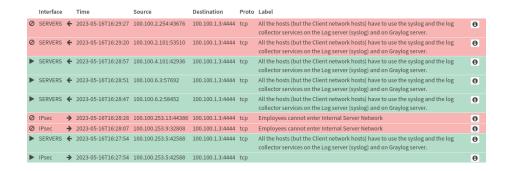


Figure 19: Live view of the *internal firewall*. The packets that are being blocked are from **clients network** and the two *Employees* of the **OpenVPN**.

For this test we used *netcat* from *Greenbone* to the other hosts.

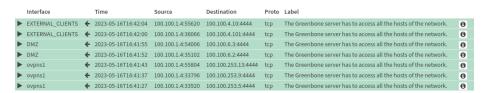


Figure 20: Live view of the **external firewall**. *Netcat* goes without any problem.

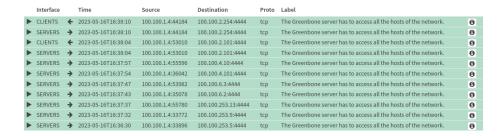


Figure 21: Live view of the **internal firewall**. *Netcat* goes without any problem.

We test if a host in *clients network* (in this case we used arpwatch) can connect with SSH to every host inside the network.



Figure 22: Live view of the **external firewall**. SSH goes without any problem.



Figure 23: Live view of the **internal firewall**. *SSH* goes without any problem except for the one that tries to connect to an outside host.

8. Security Policy 8

We tested *netcat* and *netcat* from the **clients network** to our host, there's only two hosts which are *Kali* and *Arpwatch*. The **IPsec** interface this time was not omitted.



Figure 24: Command line of the *Kali* host. *Netcat* is blocked while *curl* goes without any problem.

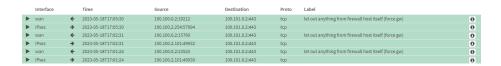


Figure 25: Live view of the external firewall.

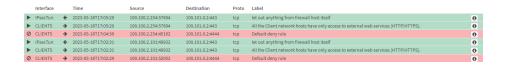


Figure 26: Live view of the internal firewall.

9. Security Policy 9

From our machine we tried to access using 100.100.0.2:65432 as the link. We cannot see that our host tried to use port 65432 because I think that the NAT is applied before the rules are evaluated.



Figure 27: Page from the browser.

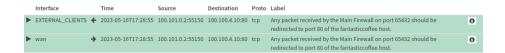


Figure 28: Live view of the external firewall.

We tried changing the webserver ip to 100.100.4.101 and sending ping to another host.

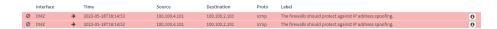


Figure 29: Live view of the **external firewall**. Rule block the IP-spoofing attempt.

11. Security Policy 11

For this test we used the *proxy server* because is the only host with the complete access to the internet. We placed a listener on our host and waited for the connection.

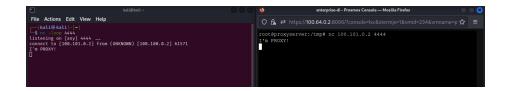


Figure 30: On the left we have our host, while on the right we have the *proxy* server. Even if we connected using the *proxy* server, the IP that is displayed is the firewall's IP.



Figure 31: Live view of the **external firewall**. From here you can see that the source IP has been replaced with the firewall IP.

For testing, we used Iperf, a tool for measuring bandwidth between two hosts. Iperf doesn't have a specific command to test only ICMP packets so we changed the rule to filter all of the IP packets (instead of only ICMP) in $Firewall \Rightarrow Shaper \Rightarrow Rules$.

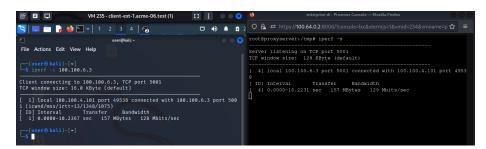


Figure 32: On the left the client, on the right the server. This is was before we applied the filter.

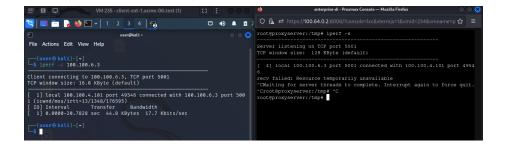


Figure 33: On the left the client, on the right the server. This is was after we applied the filter, we can see that the bandwidth has decreased significantly from before.

As for the last security policy, which requires all packet not included in the previous rules must be blocked, we can state that this requirement is already satisfied otherwise, in the previous tests, all these packets should have been passed. However we verified that are all blocked.

5 Final remarks

The rules were initially implemented individually for each interface. However, we opted for a more efficient solution. In order to reduce redundancy by repeating the same multiple times we decided to group the rules and use the group in both firewalls, including the interfaces corresponding to the networks in the topology.

Another aspect to take into account is the in which order to apply the rules. This was a sensitive task because we needed to define the correct order to apply the rules in order to prevent any conflict between them and avoid packets to be treated in the wrong way.

We used Live View to check how the rules performed in our firewalls. It was not immediate to understand how Live View behaves but we figured that we needed to activate the logs on each rule we added. The output shows how packets are treated by our firewalls. We used labels to identify the flow of the packets and understand which rule it matched and its output: the green ones are accepted and the red ones are blocked.