

# AUTOMATED INTRUSION DETECTION USING SNORT PROGRAM

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# CSE 3501: INFORMATION SECURITY ANALYSIS AND AUDIT

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#### **ABSTRACT:**

Our lives have been recorded into digital clouds and stored on hard drives since the digital revolution took hold. In order to ensure privacy and security, protecting this data has become a top responsibility. One of the most pressing issues we face today is computer security. Furthermore, if the situation involves a networked computer, the problem becomes even worse. It's become critical to keep intruders from gaining access to our data over the internet.

In this project, we deal with various terms, strategies, and procedures connected to the Intrusion Detection and Prevention System (IDPS). There are numerous approaches to implementing IDPS that are based on a thorough examination of diverse research endeavors. We focus on the concept of an Intrusion Detection System (IDS) utilizing Snort, a famous network security tool. It is commonly regarded by corporate sectors as a means of securing their network. The document provides a thorough understanding of Snort, including its objective, associated modes, implementations, and applications.

#### AIM:

- To detect threats and notify the user about the intrusion and apply the appropriate rules for it.
- To detect malicious traffic and attacks against a network
- To act as a quality control operation for security design and management of vulnerable system
- To give important information regarding actual intrusions, enabling for better detection, improvement, and repair of contributory causes.

#### **SNORT:**

- Snort can be successfully deployed on any network environment.
- Snort can run on various operating systems including Linux, Windows, and Mac OS X.
- Snort can deliver real-time network traffic event information.
- There are thousands of ways that Snort can be deployed.
- Snort sensors are modular and can monitor multiple machines from one physical and logical location.

### **ADVANTAGES OF SNORT:**

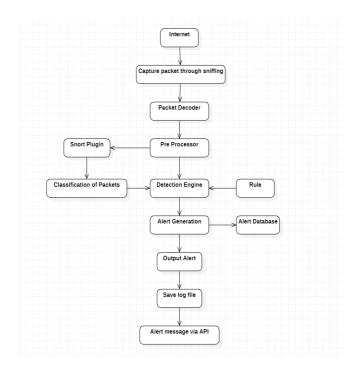
- Scalability: Snort can be successfully deployed on any network environment.
- Flexibility and Usability: Snort can run on various operating systems including Linux, Windows, and Mac OS X.
- Live and Real-Time: Snort can deliver real-time network traffic event information.

- Flexibility in Deployment: There are thousands of ways that Snort can be deployed and a myriad of databases, logging systems, and tools with which it can work.
- Speed in Detecting and Responding to Security Threats: Used in conjunction with a firewall and other layers of security infrastructure, Snort helps organizations detect and respond to system crackers, worms, network vulnerabilities, security threats, and policy abusers that aim to take down network and computer systems.
- Modular Detection Engine: Snort sensors are modular and can monitor multiple machines from one physical and logical location. Snort be placed in front of the firewall, behind the firewall, next to the firewall, and everywhere else to monitor an entire network. As a result, organizations use Snort as a security solution to find out if there are unauthorized attempts to hack in the network or if a hacker has gained unauthorized access into the network system.

#### **RULE BASED DETECTION:**

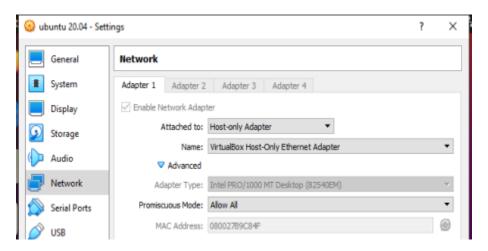
- Rule Based Detection uses a set of predefined rules to identify an intruder or attack.
- This category can be divided further into two subcategories; Anomaly detection and Penetration identification.
- Anomaly detection uses rules that are produced by looking at previous attack patterns or signatures of malicious traffic.
- Penetration identification uses an expert system containing rules written by security experts, that are used when searching for suspicious behavior in a network or on a host system

# **DEMO DESIGN:**



# **PROPOSED WORK:**

- SETTING UP THE VIRTUAL BOX ENVIRONMENT FOR SNORT
  - select the option of Host-only-Adapter available under the Attached to: option.
  - After this setting is selected, go to the advanced option on the same box and under promiscuous mode and select Allow all option.



#### DOWNLOADING AND INSTALLING THE SNORT SYSTEM:

- To download and install snort, just execute the following command.
  - sudo apt-get install snort
- After this, the system will ask for the interface for which snort system should listen to.
- Just type the interface we selected before this step under "ip addr" option. For this case, we select enp0s3 and then press tab and then enter.

# **CREATING A BACKUP FILE FOR SNORT AND FUTURE PURPOSE:**

This step is optional but might result as a very important decision in future purpose. To create a backup

- file just execute the command under the snort directory "cd /etc/snort/" and then execute these
  - \$ cp snort.conf snort.conf.back
  - \$ sudo cp snort.conf snort.conf.back

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#### MAKING A TESTING FILE TO WORK WITH RULES AND TESTING THEM:

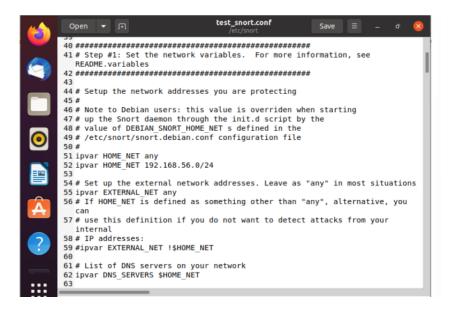
- To create a test configuration file, just execute the following command:
  - \$ sudo cp snort.conf test snort.conf

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mickey@mickey:/etc/snort$
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# **SETTING UP THE HOME NETWORK:**

- Here, we first set the configuration for our home network.
- To do this, we first open the test\_snort.conf file by following command:
  - \$ sudo gedit test\_snort.conf

Since, for this purpose, we have an IP of 192.168.56.101/24, our home network's IP becomes 192.168.56.0/24. After knowing the IP address, just add this line: ipvar HOME\_NET 192.168.56.0/24



#### REMOVING THE DEFINED RULES ALREADY PRESENT IN THE SNORT FOR ADDING OUR NEW RULES:

- For this, open the same file in the previous step where we added our own network.
  - \$ sudo gedit test\_snort.conf
- After this, go in line 579 where you can see a statement starting with a rule of
  - #include \$RULE\_PATH/app-detect.rules

# CONFIGURING THE SYSTEM AFTER REMOVING ALL THE PREDEFINED RULES:

 After removing all the rules, we need to configure the system after removing the rules. For this, run this command - \$ sudo snort -T -i enp0s3 -c /etc/snort/test snort.conf

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Using libpcap version 1.9.1 (with TPACKET_V3)
Using PCRE version: 8.39 2016-06-14
Using ZLIB version: 1.2.11

Rules Engine: SF_SNORT_DETECTION_ENGINE Version 2.4 <Build 1>
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# **WRITING OUR CUSTOM RULES:**

- Since all the rules are written in the custom rules section, we have to first go to the directory and open
- the local rules named file. To go to the rules directory, write the given command:
  - \$ cd /etc/snort/rules/
- After getting to the required path, open the local rules files to add any sort of manual or custom rules.
- To open the local.rules, type the following command:
  - \$ sudo nano local.rules
- One example of custom rule is:
  - alert icmp any any -> \$HOME NET any (msg:"MICKEY ALERT"; sid: 1000001; rev:1;)

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mickey@mickey: /etc/snort/rules Q = - 0 
GNU nano 4.8 local.rules

$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.
alert icmp any any -> $HOME_NET any (msg:"sashank"; sid:10000001; rev:1;)
```

#### CONFIGURING THE SYSTEM AFTER ADDING THE CUSTOM RULE.

- After writing the custom rule, we need to configure the snort system for the rules that are added. For this, go to the path
  - \$ cd /etc/snort/
- And the run the following command:
  - \$ sudo snort -T -i enp0s3 -c /etc/snort/test\_snort.conf
- After running this, it takes some time to configure the system. After configuring, you might see
  the message like

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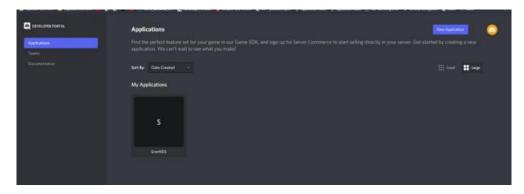
# **ENABLING THE SNORT SYSTEM TO SNIFF FOR ANY SORT OF INTRUSIONS:**

- Now, after the written rules are configured, we can enable the snort system for detecting any sort of intrusions.
- For this, run the command
  - \$ sudo snort -A console -q -i enp0s3 -c /etc/snort/test snort.conf
- Description of the command:
  - -c: specifies the config file
  - -i: specifies the interface mode, if a loopback address is running then "lo" will be written, for Ethernet
- "eth0" or "eth1" will be written. -A: It will print the output to the console
- We can enable the snort using two modes. One is the console mode and other is the fast mode.
   Console

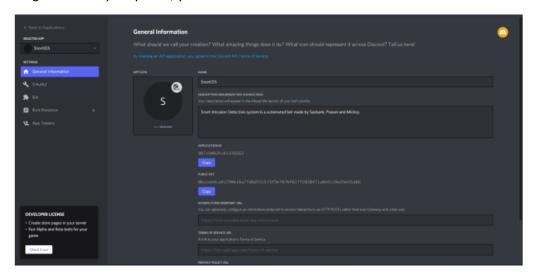
- mode is used for printing and displaying any alerts in the terminal itself. This can be used when the user in available in the system.
- The other mode is the fast mde. For this, we can use the command:
  - \$ sudo snort -A fast -q -i enp0s3 -c /etc/snort/test\_snort.conf

# SETTING UP THE DISCORD DEVELOPERS ACCOUNT AND CREATING THE DISCORD BOT:

• For interacting the snort system with the discord, we first need to create a developers account in the discord and the make a discord bot application for it.



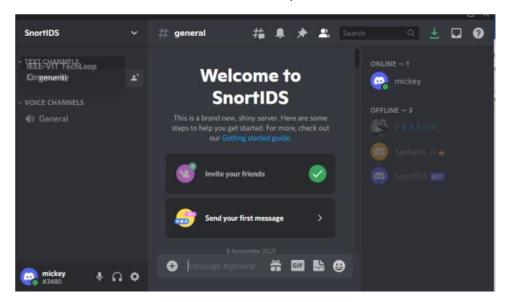
After creating the developers portal, you can make a discord bot:



# SETTING UP THE DISCORD BOT AND ADDING IT TO OUR OWN SERVER:

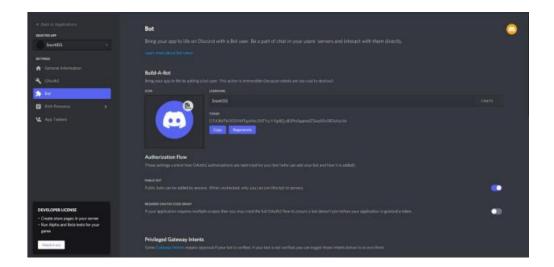
• After creating the discord bot, we need a server to deploy it so that the user can check his system from anywhere. For this, after creating the discord bot, create a new server with any name in the discord application and add the bot to it along with other members associated with the project. For this, the members for our server are:

- ID: mickey ( MICKEY KUMAR ROUNIYAR )
- ID: P R A S O N ( PRASON POUDEL)
- ID: Sashank\_11 ( SASHANK RIJAL )
- The discord bot named "SnortIDS" will be currently in offline status as it is not in used.



# WRTING THE PYTHON SCRIPT FOR THE CONNECTION OF OUR SYSTEM WITH THE DISCORD API:

- After the server is created and all the members along with the discord bot is added to it, we then need
- to make connection between our snort system and the discord. For this, we will be writing a python code.
- Before writing the python code, we need to know the token number of our bot for interaction.
- From here, copy the token number which will be used further in the script of the python.
  - TOKEN NUMBER:
     OTA3MTk0ODI1MTgxMzc2NTYy.YYjpBQ.sB3PtxSqanndZSwo50nSR3uNxU4
- We are using python here as python is pre-installed in the Linux environment. Apart from python, we
- need to download some other libraries before running the script. The additional libraries can be
- downloaded by running the following command like:
  - \$ sudo apt install python3-pip3
  - \$ sudo pip3 install discord.py



• After this, write the following code and save it as file in the desktop or other known location with the extension .py (python file).

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Import discord
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# **RESULTS:**

- Detects all kinds of intrusion like ICMP FTP, SHH and generates alert for specific kind on intrusion
- It logs it to the input packet into a snort.config file.
- Saves the log file into the system and sends the alert message to the user using the communication medium to discord bot API

 Moderates and processes the intrusion and takes specific action based on the predefined rules or the rules (icmp rules, ftp rules) written by the user.

At first, we configured the rules in the terminal by using the command:

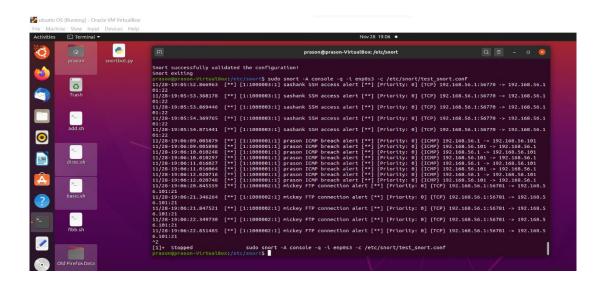
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After the written rules are configured, we enabled the snort system for detecting any sort of intrusions in the console by running the command:

\$ sudo snort -A console -q -i enp0s3 -c /etc/snort/test\_snort.conf



Alongside, we perform ssh attack from kali-Linux terminal to the host by using the command:

\$ssh 192.168.56.101



Also we perform TCP and ICMP attacks from the windows terminal to the host by using the commands:

Ping 192.168.56.101 and ftp 192.168.56.101.

The other mode is the fast mode. For this, we can use the command:

\$ sudo snort -A fast -q -i enp0s3 -c /etc/snort/test\_snort.conf



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Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22000.318]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\Admin>ping 192.168.56.101

Pinging 192.168.56.101 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.56.101: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
Ping statistics for 192.168.56.101:
Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms

C:\Users\Admin>ftp 192.168.56.101
> ftp: connect :Connection refused
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Then after running the fast mode command we need to run the snortbot.py file to fetch the information to the discord bot using the command:

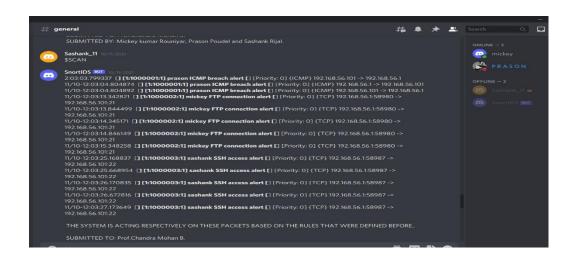
\$ python3 snortbot.py

After running the python file we logged in to our snortIDS where we can get alert about the intrusions.



After we logged in to the snortIDS, we can get all the alert information in our discord server by using the commands:

\$SCAN → for all the intrusion alerts



After we use the command in the discord server it will display

```
----ok-----
```

for each time in the terminal. It depends on how many times you use the command to check alert. If you use the command multiple times then it will appear multiple times.