

Assignment Week 6

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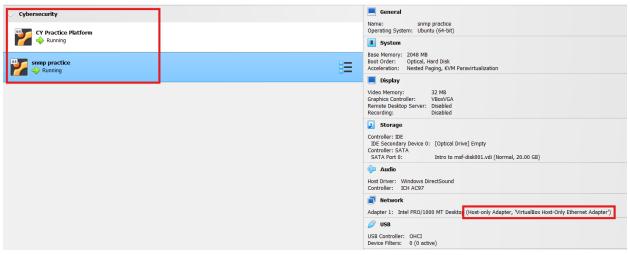
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Problem Statement

Practice Snort. Use snort to detect the flood of ICMP pings.

Environment

We utilize 2 virtual machines.

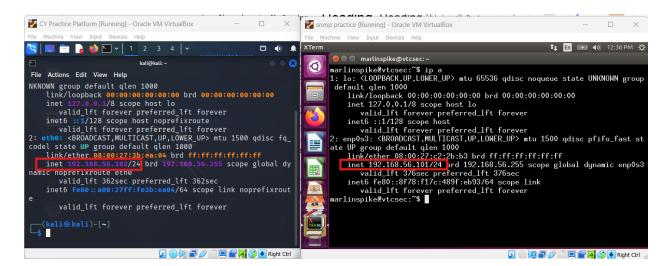


"snmp practice" machine is an Ubuntu v16.04 machine. We use this as the Target Machine.

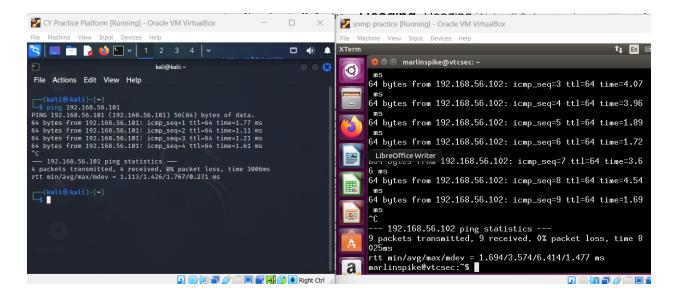
"CY Practice Platform" machine is a Kali 2023.3 machine. We use this as the Attacking Machine.

For both the virtual machines, we use the "Host-only Adapter" network settings. This ensures the devices can communicate with each other, but not with the host-machine.

We note down the IP Addresses of each of the machines:



To ensure they are communicating properly we ping both the machines from each other.



Flood.py: Attack Simulation Script

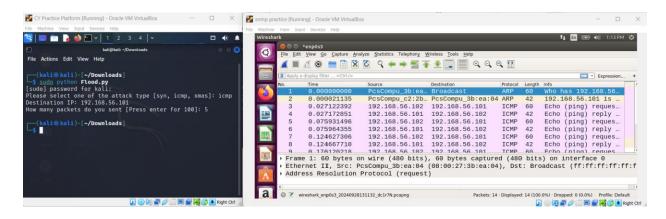
```
-(kali®kali)-[~/Downloads]
s cat Flood.py
#/usr/bin/python3
#@EmreOvunc
#@0×00
#Source - https://github.com/EmreOvunc/Icmp-Syn-Flood
#Requirements - pip3 install scapy
from scapy.all import *
def main():
    user_input = input("Please select one of the attack type [syn, icmp, xmas]: ")
    if user_input = "icmp":
        icmpflood()
    elif user_input = "syn":
        synflood()
    elif user_input = "xmas":
        xmasflood()
        print("[ERROR] Select one of the attack type !!!")
```

The Flood.py code simulates icmp, syn, or xmas flood attacks to specified IP-addresses and/or ports.

```
def icmpflood():
    lempreduc():
target = destinationIP()
cycle = input("How many packets do you sent [Press enter for 100]: ")
if cycle = "":
    cycle = 100
    for x in range (0,int(cycle)):
    send(IP(dst=target)/ICMP(), verbose=0)
def synflood():
    target = destinationIP()
    targetPort = destinationPort()
cycle = input("How many packets do you sent [Press enter for 100]: ")
if cycle = "":
    seq=RandShort(),
                                     ack=RandShort()
                                      sport=RandShort(),
sport=RandShort()), verbose=0)
def xmasflood():
    target = destinationIP()
    targetPort = destinationPort()
    cycle = input("How many packets do you sent [Press enter for 100]: ")
if cycle = "":
    ack=RandShort(),
sport=RandShort()), verbose=0)
```

Above are the functions we call to trigger the different flood attack.

Capturing the ICMP Flood attacks on Wireshark



Now, we can send the 5 ICMP packets to the target machine. And for the ping requests we are also able to get the ping replies. As we can see the request and reply packets both in Wireshark.

IPTables on the Target Machine

Below are the default policies we already have on the IPTables of our Target Ubuntu machine:

```
😕 🛑 📵 marlinspike@vtcsec: ~
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$ alias ipt=
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$ alias ipt='sudo iptables'
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$ ipt -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target
           prot opt source
                                          destination
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target
           prot opt source
                                          destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
                                          destination
target
           prot opt source
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$
```

We see that it accepts all sorts of incoming packets.

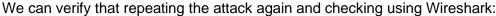
Inserting new IPTable Rules

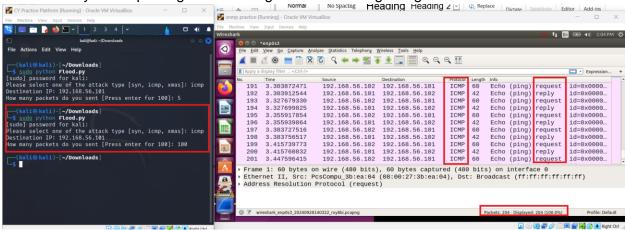
```
🔞 🗐 🗊 marlinspike@vtcsec: ~
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$ ipt -I INPUT -p icmp -m limit --limit 1/s -j ACCEPT
[sudo] password for marlinspike:
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$ ipt -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source
                                         destination
ACCEPT
        icmp -- anywhere
                                         anywhere
                                                             limit: avg 1/s
ec burst 5
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target
          prot opt source
                                         destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
          prot opt source
                                         destination
target
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$
```

Here, we insert a new IPTable rule: ipt -I INPUT -p icmp -m limit -limit 1/s -j ACCEPT

It tells the system accept only 1 icmp packet per second.

However, even after this, the iptable checks the next rule if the limit is crossed for that rule. If there are no other rules then it will follow the default rule, which is to accept the incoming icmp packets.





Here, we can see that for the 100 ICMP packets we sent from the attacking machine, all were received in the target machine, and all were also replied to.

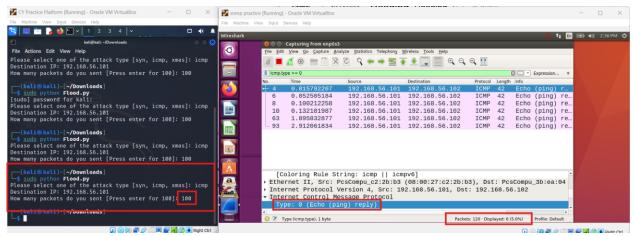
```
marlinspike@vtcsec: ~
ec burst 5
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target
            prot opt source
                                               destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source destination
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$<mark>    ipt -A INPUT -p icmp -j DROP</mark>
                                              destination
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$ ipt -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
                                               destination
ACCĒPT
                                                                       limit: avg 1/s
            icmp --
                                               anywhere
                      anywhere
ec burst 5
DROP
                      anywhere
                                               anywhere
            icmp -
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target
            prot opt source
                                               destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
                                               destination
            prot opt source
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$
```

Then, we add another rule – lpt -A INPUT -p icmp -j DROP

This rule helps drop any extra icmp packets.

Note:

These two iptables rules work together to limit the number of ICMP (ping) packets allowed through the firewall to one per second. The first rule (ipt -I INPUT -p icmp -m limit --limit 1/s -j ACCEPT) allows ICMP packets, but only at a rate of one packet per second by using the limit module. Any packets exceeding this rate are not accepted. The second rule (ipt -A INPUT -p icmp -j DROP) drops all other ICMP packets that do not match the first rule. Together, these rules ensure that only one ICMP packet per second is allowed, while the rest are ignored.



Now, we can see that out of the 100 icmp requests received it replied to 6 of them, and dropped the rest.

Before we start experimenting with Snort IDS, let us flush all the iptables rules we created.

```
🔊 🖨 👨 marlinspike@vtcsec: ~
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$ ipt -L
[sudo] password for marlinspike:
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target
            prot opt source
                                             destination
ACCĒPT
                                                                    limit: avg 1/s
            icmp -- anywhere
                                             anywhere
ec burst 5
DROP
            icmp -- anywhere
                                             anywhere
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
            prot opt source
                                             destination
target
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target
            prot opt source
                                             destination
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$ ipt -F
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$ ipt -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target
            prot opt source
                                             destination
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target
            prot opt source
                                             destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target
            prot opt source
                                             destination
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$
```

We use the command:

lpt -F

All the rules are deleted, and it goes back to the original settings.

Snort Intrusion Detection System (IDS)

We locate snort in the following directory: cd /etc/snort

```
marlinspike@vtcsec:/etc/snort
marlinspike@vtcsec:~$ cd /etc/snort
marlinspike@vtcsec:/etc/snort$ ls
classification.config reference.config snort.conf.bk unicode.map
community-sid-msg.map rules snort.debian.conf
gen-msg.map snort.conf threshold.conf
marlinspike@vtcsec:/etc/snort$
```

In the directory rules we can see that there are so many rules:

```
marlinspike@vtcsec: /etc/snort/rules
community-game.rules
                               oracle.rules
marlinspike@vtcsec:/etc/snort/rules$ ls
attack-responses.rules
                                ftp.rules.bk
backdoor.rules
                                icmp-info.rules
bad-traffic.rules
                               icmp.rules
chat.rules
                                imap.rules
community-bot.rules
                                info.rules
community-deleted.rules
                               local.rules
                               misc.rules
community-dos.rules
                               multimedia.rules
community-exploit.rules
community-ftp.rules
                               mysql.rules
community-game.rules
                               netbios.rules
community-icmp.rules
                               nntp.rules
community-imap.rules
                               oracle.rules
community-inappropriate.rules
                               other-ids.rules
community-mail-client.rules
                               p2p.rules
                               policy.rules
community-misc.rules
community-nntp.rules
                               pop2.rules
community-oracle.rules
                               pop3.rules
community-policy.rules
                               porn.rules
community-sip.rules
                               rpc.rules
                               rservices.rules
community-smtp.rules
community-sql-injection.rules
                               scan.rules
                                shellcode.rules
community-virus.rules
community-web-attacks.rules
                               smtp.rules
community-web-cgi.rules
                               snmp.rules
community-web-client.rules
                                sql.rules
```

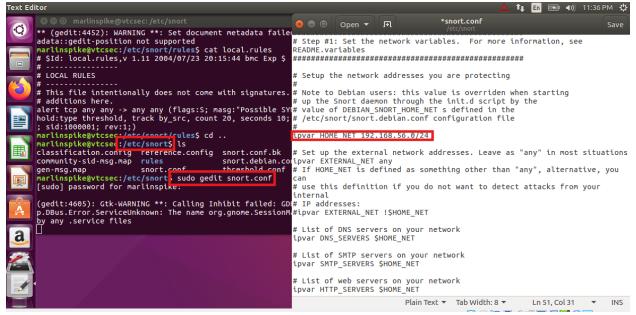
But we will only work with the "local.rules" file.

In the local rules file in snort>rules, we add the following rule configuration:

alert tcp any any -> any any (flags:S; msg:"Possible SYN Flood Detected"; threshold:type threshold, track by_src, count 20, seconds 10; classtype:attempted-dos; sid:1000001; rev:1;)

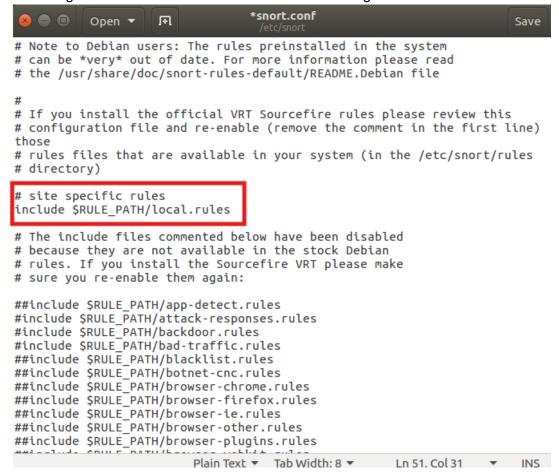
This Snort rule is designed to detect potential SYN flood attacks. A SYN flood occurs when many SYN requests are sent to overwhelm a server. The rule tracks SYN packets from a single source IP and triggers an alert if more than 20 SYN packets are detected in 10 seconds from that source, indicating a potential SYN flood attack.

Next, we open the "snort.conf" file from the snort folder, and make the following update:



1. We change the ipvar HOME_NET value to the subnet value of the attacking machine.

2. We need to make sure that the local rules file path is included in the snort conf so that the changes made there or rules added there are configured.



Next, we can test if the "snort.conf" i.e. the snort configuration is working or not. We use the command:

sudo snort -T -c /etc/snort/snort.conf

```
Unix-to-Unix Decoding Depth: Unlimited
Non-Encoded MIME attachment Extraction: Enabled
Non-Encoded MIME attachment Extraction Depth: Unlimited
Modbus config:
Ports:
502
DNP3 config:
Memcap: 262144
Check Link-Layer CRCs: ENABLED
Ports:
20000

Initializing sule chains
ERROR: /etc/snort/rules/local.rules(7) Unknown rule option: 'masg'.
Fatal Error, Outting.:
```

First, we found the following error. The error message clearly shows, we made some typo in our "local.rules" file. So, we went and fixed it.

On the next try, we see that the snort configuration test was successful:

```
Rules Engine: SF SNORT DETECTION ENGINE Version 2.4
                                                                                 <Build 1>
             Preprocessor Object: SF DNP3 Version 1.1 <Build 1>
             Preprocessor Object: SF IMAP Version 1.0 <Build 1>
             Preprocessor Object: SF DNS Version 1.1 <Build 4>
             Preprocessor Object: SF MODBUS Version 1.1 <Build 1>
             Preprocessor Object: SF REPUTATION Version 1.1 <Build 1>
             Preprocessor Object: SF_GTP Version 1.1 <Build 1>
             Preprocessor Object: SF_SDF
                                                 Version 1.1
                                                                  <Build 1>
             Preprocessor Object: SF_SSH Version 1.1 <Build 3>
             Preprocessor Object: SF_POP Version 1.0 <Build 1>
             Preprocessor Object: SF_SMTP Version 1.1 <Build 9>
Preprocessor Object: SF_SIP Version 1.1 <Build 1>
Preprocessor Object: SF_ETPTELNET Version 1.2 <Bui
             Preprocessor Object: SF_FTPTELNET Version 1.2 <Build 13>
Preprocessor Object: SF_DCERPC2 Version 1.0 <Build 3>
Preprocessor Object: SF_SSLPP Version 1.1 <Build 4>
Snort successfully validated the configuration!
Snort exiting
 marlinspike@vtcsec:/etc/snort$
```

Now let us run the snort configuration with the command: sudo snort -A console -q -u snort -g snort -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -i enp0s3

We are running Snort with administrative privileges, using the specified Snort configuration file. Snort will listen on the enp0s3 network interface, and it will display alerts directly to the console in a quiet mode (suppressing most output). Additionally, Snort will be run as the snort user and group, which is a good security practice.

First, we run the command:

```
marlinspike@vtcsec:/etc/snort

marlinspike@vtcsec:/etc/snort$ sudo snort -A console -q -u snort -g snort -c /et c/snort/snort.conf -i enp0s3
[sudo] password for marlinspike:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for marlinspike:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for marlinspike:
```

Then, we run the Flood.py code from the attacker machine to initiate a SYN flood.

```
(kali⊗kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ sudo python Flood.py
[sudo] password for kali:
Please select one of the attack type [syn, icmp, xmas]: syn
Destination IP: 192.168.56.101
Destination Port: 1236
How many packets do you sent [Press enter for 100]: 19
```

When we send 19 SYN packets.

```
marlinspike@vtcsec:/etc/snort
marlinspike@vtcsec:/etc/snort$ sudo snort -A console -q -u snort -g snort -c /et c/snort/snort.conf -i enp0s3
[sudo] password for marlinspike:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for marlinspike:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for marlinspike:
```

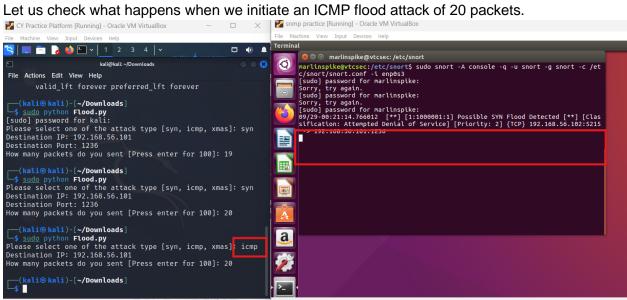
The Snort IDS detects nothing.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ sudo python Flood.py
Please select one of the attack type [syn, icmp, xmas]: syn
Destination IP: 192.168.56.101
Destination Port: 1236
How many packets do you sent [Press enter for 100]: 20
```

Then, we sent 20 SYN Packets.

```
marlinspike@vtcsec:/etc/snort$ sudo snort -A console -q -u snort -g snort -c /et c/snort/snort.conf -i enp0s3
[sudo] password for marlinspike:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for marlinspike:
Sorry, try again.
[sudo] password for marlinspike:
09/29-00:21:14.766012 [**] [1:1000001:1] Possible SYN Flood Detected [**] [Clas sification: Attempted Denial of Service] [Priority: 2] {TCP} 192.168.56.102:5215
-> 192.168.56.101:1236
```

The IDS detects the 20th packet as a Possible SYN Flood attempted DoS attack. Just as we configured in the local rules of the Snort IDS.



That does not trigger anything in the Snort IDS.

Custom Rule for handling ICMP flood attacks

Let us add a new custom rule in the local rules file of Snort IDS: alert icmp any any -> any any (msg:"Possible ICMP Flood Detected"; threshold:type threshold, track by_src, count 20, seconds 10; classtype:attempted-dos; sid:1000002; 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.
alert tcp any any -> any any (flags:S; msg:"Possible SYN Flood Detected";
threshold:type threshold, track by_src, count 20, seconds 10;
classtype:attempted-dos: sid:1000001: rev:1:)
alert icmp any any -> any any (msg:"Possible ICMP Flood Detected";
threshold:type threshold, track by_src, count 20, seconds 10;
classtype:attempted-dos; sid:1000002; rev:1;)
```

Now, let us test the configuration:

```
Copyright (C) 1998-2013 Sourcefire, Inc., et al.
Using libpcap version 1.7.4
Using PCRE version: 8.38 2015-11-23
Using ZLIB version: 1.2.8

Rules Engine: SF_SNORT_DETECTION_ENGINE Version 2.4 <Build 1>
Preprocessor Object: SF_DNP3 Version 1.1 <Build 1>
Preprocessor Object: SF_MOBUS Version 1.0 <Build 1>
Preprocessor Object: SF_MOBUS Version 1.1 <Build 4>
Preprocessor Object: SF_EPUTATION Version 1.1 <Build 1>
Preprocessor Object: SF_SDF Version 1.1 <Build 1>
Preprocessor Object: SF_SDF Version 1.1 <Build 1>
Preprocessor Object: SF_SDF Version 1.1 <Build 1>
Preprocessor Object: SF_SSH Version 1.1 <Build 1>
Preprocessor Object: SF_SSH Version 1.1 <Build 3>
Preprocessor Object: SF_SHP Version 1.1 <Build 1>
Preprocessor Object: SF_SIP Version 1.1 <Build 1>
Preprocessor Object: SF_SIP Version 1.1 <Build 1>
Preprocessor Object: SF_SIP Version 1.1 <Build 3>
Preprocessor Object: SF_SIP Version 1.1 <Build 4>

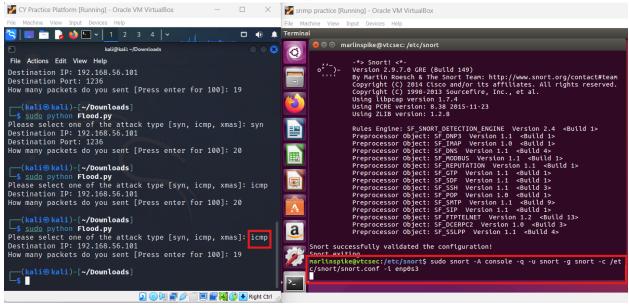
Snort successfully validated the configuration!
Snort exiting
```

Test successful.

Let us run the configuration:

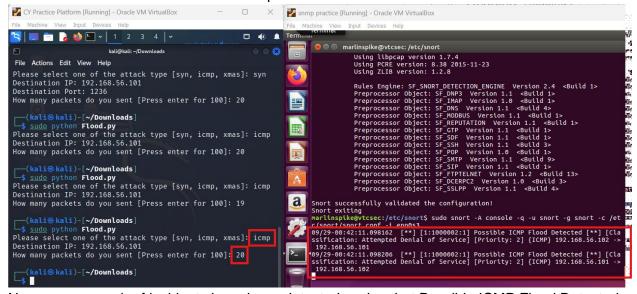
```
marlinspike@vtcsec:/etc/snort$ sudo snort -A console -q -u snort -g snort -c /et
c/snort/snort.conf -i enp0s3
```

Now let us initiate a ICMP flood attack with 19 packets:



No incident detected in the Snort IDS.

Let us do the ICMP flood attack with 20 packets:



Now we see a pair of incidents have been detected saying that Possible ICMP Flood Detected.

So, this is a great example of how Intrusion Detection Systems and Firewalls are configured and how they usually work.