Lab 3: Perimeter Firewalling with Pfsense, and Snort IDS

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Aim:

The aim of this lab is to introduce the PfSense stateful firewall, using the Web Application for remote administration, exploring the stateful firewalling, and Snort IDS to explore the building of a secure network infrastructure, and to start using the Kali pen testing distribution for security testing.

Time to Complete:

Approx. 2-5 hours

Activities:

• Complete Lab 3: Creating Secure Architectures with Pfsense and Snort IDS

Learning activities:

At the end of this lab, you should understand:

- How to remotely configure a Pfsense firewall, and set up and test the firewalling.
- How stateful firewalling operates.
- How to use security audit features available in Pfsense, such as packet capture and logging.
- How to use Snort IDS to detect various policy violations and intrusions.
- How to use network security tools to scan networks and hosts, and to craft packets for testing.

Reflective statements (end-of-exercise):

- •Reflect on the differences between the Vyatta and Pfsense firewalls.
- •What are some of the additional features available in Pfsense that have not been covered in this lab?

References:

- Online References throughout the lab notes
- Pfsense online documentation: https://doc.pfsense.org/index.php/Main_Page

Lab Overview

Our challenge is to setup a perimeter network with an inside private subnet and a DMZ subnet, and test from inside and outside your perimeter network. Each of you will be allocated a network and hosts to configure and get on-line (Figure 1). For this you will be allocated your own network which you can access from the vSphere infrastructure (vSOC.napier.ac.uk).

You have a pfSense firewall, a Linux host, and a Windows host to achieve your objectives.

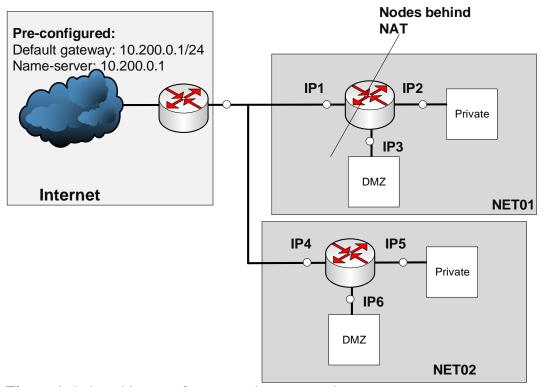


Figure 1: Lab architecture for two students networks

Setting up VMs and the Student Network

Your networks will be: 192.168.*x*.0/24 192.168.*y*.0/24 **From** Note:

First log into vCenter (vSOC.napier.ac.uk), and then select your network infrastructure addressing from addressing Allocation A. Use this to configure the network addresses for the rest of the lab.

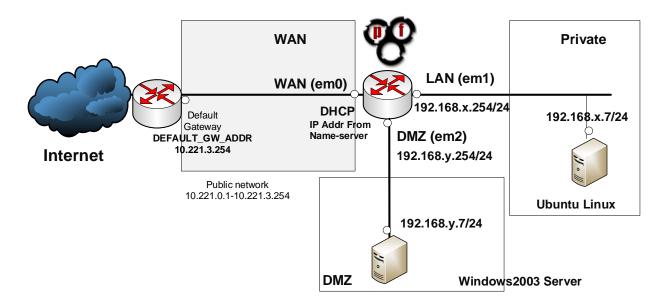


Figure 2: Individual Student Lab setup

Note: Sometimes the network interface cards are different on VM's to what you might expect, such as Eth3, Eth4 and Eth5. Firewall typically have the first network name as the Outside/Public network, the second is the Inside/Private network, and the third/fourth etc are the DMZs (typical for most firewalls)

Complete the addressing on the network diagram on the next page, filling in the boxes with your addressing - the allocated networks, subnets, and IP addresses, and use as reference, as you complete the lab.

Credentials: Users/Passwords for VMs

Windows 2003: User: Administrator, Password: napier

Ubuntu: User: root, password: napier123
Pfsense User: admin, Password: pfsense

Kali User: root Passrd:toor

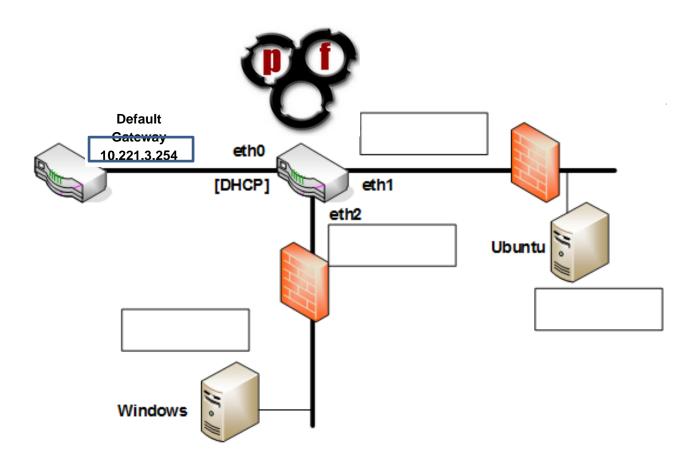


Figure 3: Each student or group's network – complete the diagram with your own IP Addressing from table and refer back to this while doing the lab!!

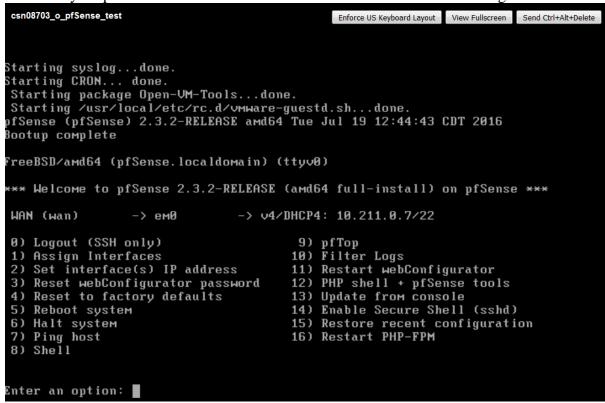
Initial Configuration of the PFSense Firewall



Ref for configuring the PFSense firewall:

https://doc.pfsense.org/index.php/Main_Page

Power on your pfsense firewall. You should see the menu driven initial configuration screen:



Note: at any point to get the mouse focus from the VM use CTRL+ALT)

Networking - Create Interface Names/ Config Interface IP Addressing

To create the interface names for the outside, inside and DMZ network interfaces, select 1) **Assign Interfaces** (saying no to setting up VLANs just now)

Assign the firewall's first 3 network interfaces:

Public WAN interface to em0,

Private LAN interface to em1

Optional interface **OPT1** to **em2** (DMZ network).

- **Q.** Has the WAN interface been given an IP address?
- **Q.** What is the IP Address?
- **Q.** How did this get an IP Address? And where from?

Test Connectivity

- Q. From pfsense firewall, can you ping the WAN interface? Yes/No
- Q. Can you ping the lab gateway (DEFAULT_GW_ADDR from Moodle)? Yes/No

Now we want to setup your Private Inside Network gateway.

Select 2) Set Interface IP Address option to change the IP addresses on the interfaces.

Setup a static IP address for the em1 LAN interface to **192.168**.*x***.254/24**. (**no ipv6**, **no DHCP**) Use **HTTP** and not HTTPS.

Firewall Remote Administration

PfSense firewalls, also have web-based configuration service running. Your firewall should now be displaying the URL that you can configure your firewall with from with the inside private LAN.

- **Q.** What is the URL for connecting to the **webConfigurator** client?
- **Q.** What is the protocol being used?

Is this encrypted? Yes/No

Test Connectivity

Q. Can you ping the LAN interface? Yes/No

We will now configure the hosts and further firewall configuration can then be done via a Web browser.

Configure Host Networking

Now we will configure the hosts on the Private and DMZ LAN networks.

Setup the Linux host with an IP Address of 192.168.x.7/24 and a default gateway of your firewall LAN interface (192.168.x.254/24).

```
sudo ip addr add 192.168.x.7/24 dev ethx sudo ip route add default via 192.168.x.254
```

If not set up already, setup the DNS name server on the Linux host by editing the /etc/resolv.config and adding a nameserver:

```
sudo nano /etc/resolv.conf
Add the nameserver DEFAULT_GW_ADDR
```

On the Windows server modify the static address on the interface with:

IP: 192.168.y.7

Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0 Gateway: 192.168.y.254 DNS: DEFAULT GW ADDR

Test Connectivity

Using the **ping** command to check the local host interfaces are up and running and then connectivity from one system to another, by pinging each interface, starting with the local machine interface and working to the other hosts one hop at a time.

Note: the DMZ LAN network does not have a gateway so this will be limited to the host.

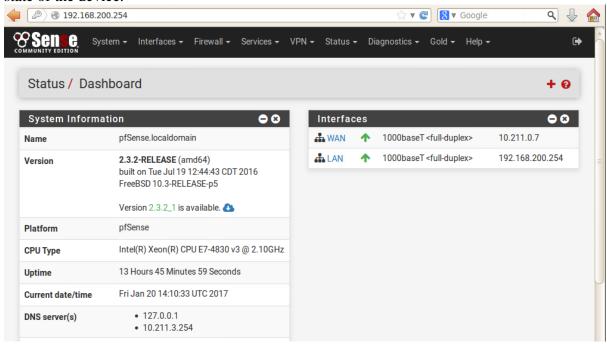
Firewall Remote Administration

Now we configure the firewall, via the webConfigurator web service running on the firewall:



Login with the pfsense credentials

The default page is the **Status>Dashboard** which shows general information on the current state of the device.



Q. From the dashboard, which interfaces are currently up?

Private LAN Network Connectivity

Layer 2 ARP

From the firewall web app, use the **Diagnostics menu**, to view the ARP table.

Q. Which physical MAC addresses are in the cache? For which IP Addresses?

From Ubuntu, check the physical MAC address using ip addr

Q. Does it match the entry for the Ubuntu IP Address in the Firewall ARP table? Yes/No

Layer 3 IP

From the firewall web app, use the **Diagnostics menu**, to check connectivity to the private network by using the web ping tool

Send each of the 192.168.x.254 and 192.168.x.7 interfaces some ICMP packets.

Q. Can you ping them? Yes/No

From the Ubuntu VM, use ping to check connectivity to the firewall interface and the lab DEFAULT_GW_ADDR

Q. Can you ping them? Yes/No

Configure DMZ Interface

From the web app, use the menu **Interfaces>OPT1** to edit the Optional 1 interface, **Enabling** it, renaming it to **DMZ**, and configure a static IP Address of **192.168.y.254** with a **24 bit** subnet mask.

Save and Apply (commit) the changes!

Check your configuration against your network diagram, using **Status>Interfaces** Go back to the Dashboard **Status > Dashboard** and check the interface is up

Q. Is the DMZ interface shown as up? Yes/No

DMZ Network Connectivity

Layer 2 ARP

From the firewall web app, use the **Diagnostics menu**, to view the ARP cache.

Have the MAC addresses been added for the DMZ? Yes/No

On the Windows host, check the physical MAC address using **ipconfig /all**Does it match the entry for the Windows IP Address in the Firewall ARP table? Yes/No
If the ARP entry does not appear for the DMZ, ping your Windows host from Ubuntu and refresh.

Q. Does it match the entry for the Windows IP Address in the Firewall ARP table now? Yes/No

Routing

Now we will investigate the routing table on the firewall.

On the firewall, investigate the Routing Table (in Diagnostics), and identify how the device makes decisions on the routing of data packets it receives from the connected networks.

Q. What is the firewall's default gateway?

Default Stateful Firewalling

Test the default firewalling which PFSense automatically puts in place. It's based on the interfaces being connected to the different types of networks. Outside untrusted, optional DMZ less trusted, and inside most trusted. i.e. carry out due diligence on the default state!

Firewall Connectivity

From pfsense, using the Diagnostic>Ping page test connectivity to Windows and Ubuntu.

Q. Are they both responding? Yes/No

If not run Wireshark and try again.

Q. Is the Windows host receiving/responding to the ICMP pkts from the Ping? Yes/No

Host Network Connectivity

From the Ubuntu host, can you ping the DMZ – try the firewall DMZ interface and then the Windows host itself.

Q. Can you ping them? Yes/No

From the Windows host, check the local interface is working using ping 192.168.y.7 and then check connectivity to the firewall interface at 192.168.y.254.

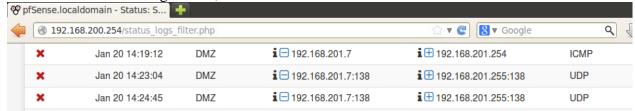
- **Q.** Are they both responding? Yes/No
- **Q.** Why is the 192.168.y.254 interface dropping the ICMP packets? What does this mean in terms of default firewalling for PfSense? If you are not sure, go on to the next section.
- Q. Similarly, are you able to browse the web from your Ubuntu VM? Yes/No
- Q. What about from your Windows VM? Yes/No

Firewall Logs

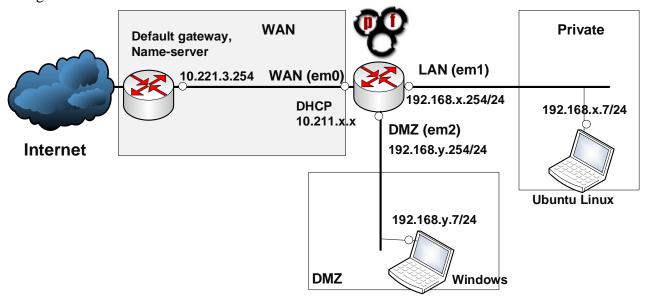
From pfsense, check the firewall log from the **System>Logs** menu and then **Firewall tab**

Q. Can you see the log entries for the pfsense dropping the ICMP packets at the 192.168.y.254 interface? Yes/No

You should see some log entries, such as



Note: not all default rule packets are logged, not all dropped packets are logged, and this also changes across different firewalls.



In the above diagram, draw on a copy of the pdf (or take a snip and save and edit), the **allowed traffic flows** of the current PfSense firewalling setup. Use arrows to indicate how the traffic is allow from/to where.

Maybe red for blocked, green for allowed, and maybe dotted for return traffic!

Default Firewall Rules

From the firewall web app, review the current rules applied to the 3 firewall interfaces using **Firewall>Rules** (and then the interface tabs)

- **Q. WAN** What is the security stance being applied to the outside WAN interface? Open/Closed
- **Q.** Is any traffic allowed from the outside network through the WAN eth0 interface by default? Yes/No
- **Q.** Would a ping to the WAN interface from another student be responded to? Yes/No Ask another student to ping your WAN interface from their firewall/Ubuntu host to check
- **Q. LAN** What is the security stance being applied to the inside LAN interface? Open/Closed
- **Q.** If the * means **any**, what type of traffic from which hosts is allowed from the LAN network to the DMZ?

- **Q. DMZ** What is the security stance being applied to the DMZ interface? Open/Closed
- **Q.** If we wanted to allow ping tool to check connectivity from DMZ to other networks what would we have to do?

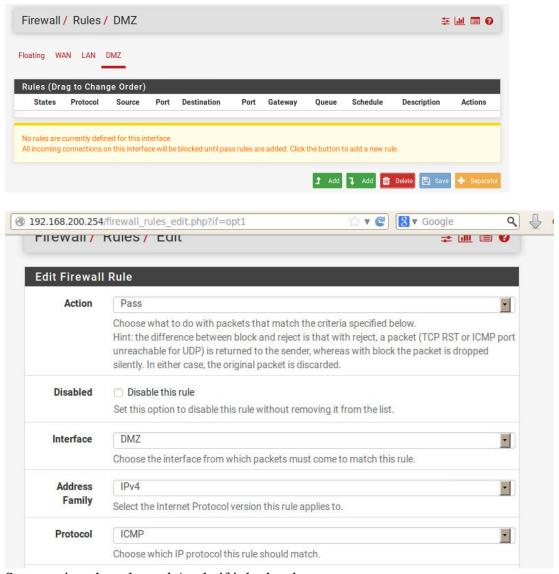
Configuring Stateful Firewalling

Create Firewall Rules

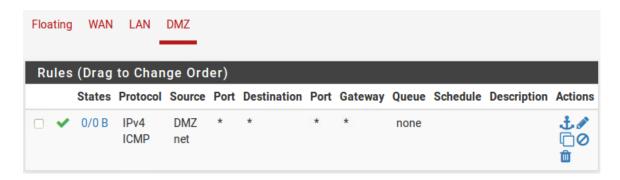
Now we will investigate configuration of the stateful firewalling which PfSense firewall provides.

Firewall Rule to allow ICMP from DMZ

On the firewall, under the DMZ firewall rules, use the **Add button** create a rule which allows any host on the DMZ to use ICMP to any destination network address.



Save, review the rule, and Apply if it looks ok.



On the Windows host check that you now have connectivity to the LAN network, ping 192.168.x.254 and 192.168.x.7 interfaces.

- Q. Do you have connectivity with the LAN Network interfaces? Yes/No
- **Q.** How is this different from the Vyatta rules we had to create? (Hint: how many rules would we need on Vyatta?)

```
C:\>ping -n 2 192.168.200.7

Pinging 192.168.200.7 with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 192.168.200.7: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=63

Reply from 192.168.200.7: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=63

C:\>ping -n 2 192.168.201.254

Pinging 192.168.201.254 with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 192.168.201.254: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64

Reply from 192.168.201.254: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
```

Firewall Rule to allow ICMP from Public WAN Network

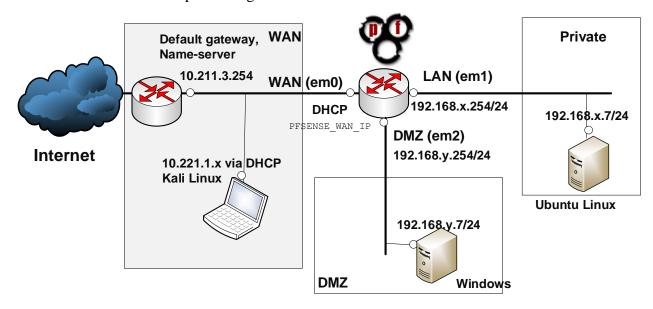
Test current setup using **Diagnostics>Ping** but use the f/w WAN interface as the Source Address to mimic ICMP traffic from an external network.

While doing this run Wireshark on the hosts to check if packets are getting through to them!

Q. From the firewall, can you ping the hosts in the DMZ and Private network from the WAN port? Yes/No

Test current setup from Kali Linux VM

We will now use our Kali pen testing Linux VM on the external network to test this also.



Kali VM on the WAN network

Power on, and open a console to the Kali VM. Log in to the VM.

On Kali VM, check it has received an IP address via DHCP.

On your Kali box, check the routing table:

```
Q. what is the default root set up? Yes/No Q.
```

```
kali:~# route -n
Kernel IP routing table
                 Gateway
Destination
                                  Genmask
                                                   Flags Metric Ref
                                                                        Use Iface
0.0.0.0
                 10.211.3.254
                                  0.0.0.0
                                                   UG
                                                         0
                                                                 0
                                                                          0 eth0
10.211.0.0
                 0.0.0.0
                                  255.255.252.0
                                                         0
                                                                          0 eth0
```

Network Scan the Firewall WAN Interface

On Kali, run wireshark to monitor packets we send using our pen testing tools.

From Kali, use **nmap** to run a Host Discovery Scan on the pfsense WAN interface nmap -sn -n PFSENSE WAN IP

Note: syntax for host scan is slightly diff from Ubuntu nmap version (newer tool)

- **Q.** Is nmap reporting the host is up? Yes/No
- **Q.** Which protocol did it use to send packets?

Why?

```
Starting Nmap 6.47 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2017-01-20 15:57 GMT
Nmap scan report for 10.211.0.7
Host is up (0.00019s latency).
MAC Address: 00:50:56:95:8F:EE (VMware)
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.01 seconds
root@kali:~# nmap -sn -n 10.211.0.7

Starting Nmap 6.47 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2017-01-20 15:57 GMT
Nmap scan report for 10.211.0.7
Host is up (0.00020s latency).
MAC Address: 00:50:56:95:8F:EE (VMware)
```

Connect to Internal Networks

As we don't have WAN IP Addresses set up for our internal machines, we will need to point our Kali machine directly at the firewall WAN interface so it can connect.

On Kali VM, change the default gateway to your PfSense WAN interface, e.g.:

ip route change default via PFSENSE WAN IP

```
WAN (wan) -> emθ -> ν4/DHCP4: 10.200.0.98/24
LAN (lan) -> em1 -> ν4: 192.168.111.254/24
DMZ (opt1) -> em2 -> ν4: 192.168.112.254/24
```

On your Kali box, check the routing table:

```
route -n
```

You should see an output similar to the following with the default gateway set to your firewall outside interface:

```
oot@kali:~# route -n
Kernel IP routing table
Destination
                                                                      Use Iface
                Gateway
                                                 Flags Metric Ref
                                 Genmask
0.0.0.0
                10.211.0.7
                                                              0
                                 0.0.0.0
                                                 UG 0
                                                                       0 eth0
10.211.0.0
                0.0.0.0
                                 255.255.252.0
                                                       0
                                                               0
                                                                        0 eth0
```

From the Kali VM, ping both the Windows and Ubuntu VMs.

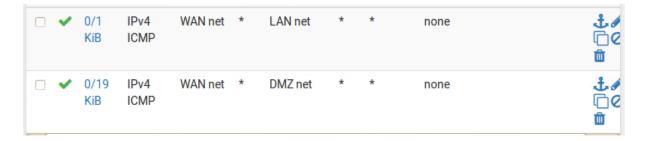
- **Q.** Are you able to ping from Kali to your Windows server? Yes/No
- **Q.** Are you able to ping from Kali to your Ubuntu VM? Yes/No

Check the firewall log, and you should see these being blocked.

Add ICMP Firewall Rules for WAN>DMZ and WAM>LAN

On the firewall, create a rule which **allows** the Public (WAN) network to be able to ping (send ICMP traffic) both to the DMZ and Private network.

Rules should be similar to:



Test Rules

From the Kali VM, ping both the Windows and Ubuntu VMs.

Q. Are you able to ping from Kali to your Windows server? Yes/NoQ. Are you able to ping from Kali to your Ubuntu VM? Yes/No

You should be able to ping because rules should now allow for this.

```
root@kali:~# ping -c2 192.168.201.7
PING 192.168.201.7 (192.168.201.7) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.201.7: icmp_req=1 ttl=127 time=0.670 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.201.7: icmp_req=2 ttl=127 time=0.573 ms
--- 192.168.201.7 ping statistics ---
2 packets transmitted, 2 received, 0% packet loss, time 999ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.573/0.621/0.670/0.054 ms
root@kali:~# ping -c2 192.168.200.7
PING 192.168.200.7 (192.168.200.7) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.200.7: icmp_req=1 ttl=63 time=1.06 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.200.7: icmp_req=2 ttl=63 time=0.636 ms
```

Network Scan the Firewall WAN Interface

On Kali, run wireshark to monitor packets we send using our pen testing tools.

From Kali, use **nmap** to run a Host Discovery Scan on the host VMs

```
nmap -sn -n 192.168.x.7
nmap -sn -n 192.168.y.7
```

- **Q.** Is nmap reporting the host is up? Yes/No
- **O.** Which protocol did it successfully use to find the host? Why?

```
root@kali:~# nmap -n -sn 192.168.201.7

Starting Nmap 6.47 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2017-01-20 17:20 GMT

Nmap scan report for 192.168.201.7

Host is up (0.00065s latency).

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.00 seconds

root@kali:~# nmap -n -sn 192.168.200.7

Starting Nmap 6.47 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2017-01-20 17:21 GMT

Nmap scan report for 192.168.200.7

Host is up (0.00075s latency).

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.00 seconds
```

Test WAN>DMZ Web Server

From your DMZ Windows server check a web server is running using netstat -ap tcp

Q. Is a web server running? Yes/No Q. What port is it running on? (-n flag might help)

From Kali, attempt to connect to your DMZ Windows web server (port 80).

Q. Is it successful? Yes/No

Check the Firewall Logs

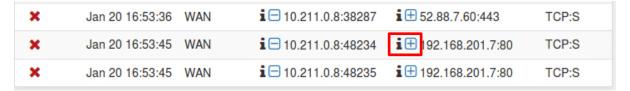
In your firewall web interface, navigate to **Status>System logs**, and if necessary in the **firewall** tab, filter the logs for port 80.



Q. Can you identify the web traffic destined for the DMZ server that has been dropped by the firewall? Yes/No

Create a WAN>DMZ Web Server Firewall Rule Automatically

Now click on the little "plus" sign next to the destination IP address, highlighted above. This will add a rule automatically to pass this particular type of connection.

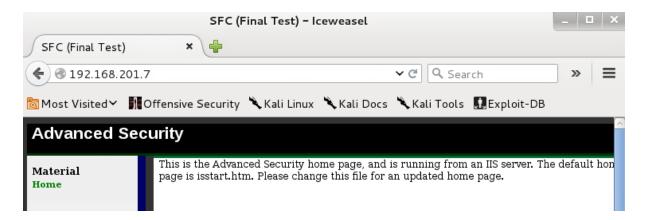


Review the rule: it should be similar to:



Test by connecting from your Kali VM to your Windows web server.

Q. Does it now work? Yes/No



From Kali, use **nmap** to run a Port Scan on the host VM to check what the firewall is now allowing the outside Kali system to have access to

```
nmap -sS -n 192.168.x.7
```

Q. Which services are open on the DMZ Windows server?

On pfsense, review the firewall rule that was automatically added to allow access.

Q. Will this allow any host to connect to our DMZ webserver?

To test, we could try to connect by spoofing the source IP Address: nmap -n -e eth0 -s 10.211.3. KALI+50 192.168.y.7

- **Q.** Was the spoofed source IP scan able to check the DMZ webserver port being open? Yes/No
- **Q.** Why did the spoofed source scan not work?

The **non-spoofed port scan** output should be similar to:

```
root@kali:~# nmap -n -sS 192.168.201./
Starting Nmap 6.47 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2017-01-20 17:20 GMT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.201.7
Host is up (0.00054s latency).
Not shown: 999 filtered ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
```

Instead, you could get another student to compare with a normal port scan of your DMZ sever from their Kali VM. (they would have to change their Kali default gw)

Q. What is the difference with their output?

WAN>DMZ Web Server Firewall Rule - Any Hosts

Typically you want to allow any machine from outside your network to access the forward facing DMZ web server.

Edit the rule to allow **any source IP Address** to access the web server, rather than just the Kali IP Address.

Get another student to try a normal port scan of your DMZ sever from their Kali VM.

Get them to connect to your web server with a browser also.

- **Q.** Did the port scan show the web server port open?
- **Q.** Was the other students Kali browser able to connect now?

(it should now connect if your rules are correct)

WAN>DMZ - Allow Other Public Services

From the Windows VM, check the FTP and Telnet services are running with **netstat** and on which ports.

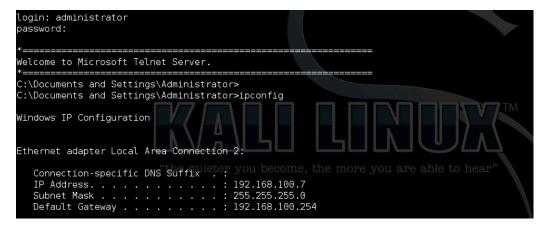
Q. Are the services running? Yes/No **Q.** What ports are they running on?

Add rules to allow **DMZ server FTP and Telnet** from **only the Kali VM** (perhaps that is a sys admin machine out on the Internet)

Test each of these services from the WAN network using your Kali Linux VM. Telnet and FTP can be tested from the command line clients, and check with a port scan using nmap!

Q. Is Telnet working? Yes/No

Telnet access from Kali should look similar to:



FTP access from Kali should look similar to:

```
root@kali: # ftp 192.168.100.7

Connected to 192.168.100.7.

220 Microsoft FTP Service

Name (192.168.100.7:root): administrator

331 Password required for administrator.

Password:

230 User administrator logged in.

Remote system type is Windows_NT.

ftp>
```

Muli-channel FTP Protocol - Optional Challenge (only if you have extra time)

While connected to FTP server, try the **help** command. Try listing the current FTP directory using the **ls** command.

Q. Does the FTP list **ls** command return anything? Yes/No

It shouldn't as FTP opens a 2nd channel to send data (src port 20)

Run Wireshark and try to analyse the traffic, and also try reviewing the firewall logs and find traffic from the DMZ server to the Kali VM with source port 20.

Now add a rule to allow the data channel.

Q. Is FTP ls working? Yes/No

Q. Outline the rule:

The working Is command should look like:

NAT

Now we will investigate the NAT setup on the Pfsense firewall.

Run the packet capture tool on the firewall using **Diagnostics > Packet Capture** select the WAN interface to capture on.

Ping the public network gateway at DEFAULT_GW_ADDR from both the Windows host and the Linux host.

Stop the trace, and view the captured packets.

Q. Which IP address is shown as the source IP Address in the captured packet output?

Q. Why?

Packets Captured 17:46:29.657653 IP 10.211.0.7 > 10.211.3.254: ICMP echo request, id 20275, seq 5317, length 8 17:46:29.657849 IP 10.211.3.254 > 10.211.0.7: ICMP echo reply, id 20275, seq 5317, length 8 17:46:30.169495 IP 10.211.0.7 > 10.211.3.254: ICMP echo request, id 20275, seq 5318, length 8 17:46:30.169693 IP 10.211.3.254 > 10.211.0.7: ICMP echo reply, id 20275, seq 5318, length 8 17:46:30.677130 IP 10.211.0.7 > 10.211.3.254: ICMP echo request, id 20275, seq 5319, length 8

Pfsense has some default NAT configured!

From your DMZ or inside VM, ping your Kali VM.

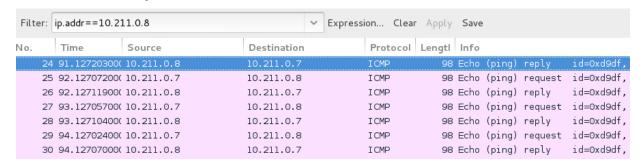
From Kali, to anlayse our Wireshark capture, add the following display filter so we filter only traffic to and from our Kali VM:

- **Q.** Why is it just a single address?
- **Q.** What type of NAT is this?

Static / Masquerade NAT

Q. Reviewing your packet captures, can you explain the high number of ICMP packets being sent from your PfSense WAN interface?

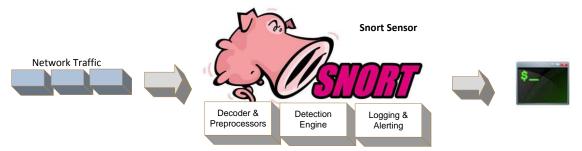
Kali Wireshark analysis:



Snort IDS

On the DMZ Windows server, check the interfaces available to Snort with: C:\Snort\bin> snort -W

Run the **Snort IDS sensor as a packet sniffer** to test it can inspect traffic



Start by using **–v to only display the TCP/UDP/ICMP headers** of packets captured: (and adding the filter of host IP_Adress to only display traffic to/from your local interface)

```
snort -v -i 3 host 192.168.y.7
```

Test by sending 1 ICMP packet from Kali, by pinging your DMZ Windows server. (-c 1)

Q. What is the contents of the payload of an ping ICMP packet from Kali Linux?

(cant see it? Move on to next question)

Now try using **-vd** to display the headers and the packet payloads, and test with another single ping from Kali.

Q. What is the contents of the payload of an ping ICMP packet from Kali Linux?

Q. Can you identify the HEX values for 01234?

Now try using **-vde** to display the headers and the packet payloads, and the layer 2 MAC Addresses,

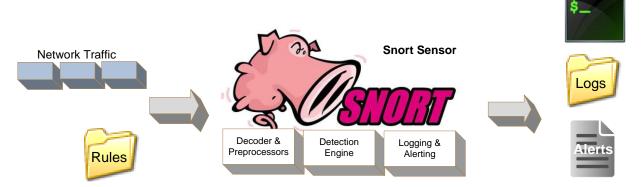
Test with another single ping from Kali.

- Q. Can you identify the DMZ Windows server MAC Address in the output? Yes/No
- Q. Can you identify the Kali MAC Address in the output? Yes/No
- **Q.** Why not? And what is the dest MAC address otherwise?

You should be able to confirm your answer by checking with Wireshark and a ping from Windows VM, or check the interface config on the pfsense f/w.

Signature-based IDS Sensor

To run Snort as a signature-based IDS Sensor, a *Snort Detection Rules file* is used as input to the Snort software to specify the traffic to detect and report on, as shown below.



Snort can be used as a signature-based IDS, with signatures defined in the rules. Signature-based IDS can compare signatures against each packets application protocol data (the packet payload). This is sometimes called *deep packet inspection*.

Firewalls tend to filter at lower levels as inspecting deep inside each packet can drastically reduce throughput. As IDS sensors are typically inspecting copies of the packets off-line, there is no effect on throughput. This means IDS sensors can inspect packets much more thoroughly than most firewalls.

Create DMZ Recon IDS Detection Rule

On the DMZ Windows server using Windows Explorer and a text editor, create a Snort Detection Rules file c:\snort\rules\rules\txt where our Snort rules will be created.

To detect possible reconnaissance against the DMZ servers, a simple IDS detection rule can be created:

alert icmp any any -> any any (msg: "Possible Recon detected"; sid:10000;)

Test Detection Rule

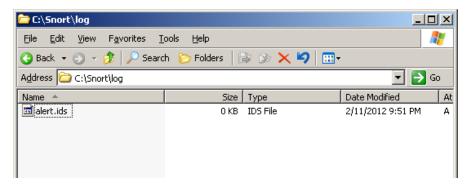
From Windows VM, navigate to C:\rules

Create a log folder, using mkdir command

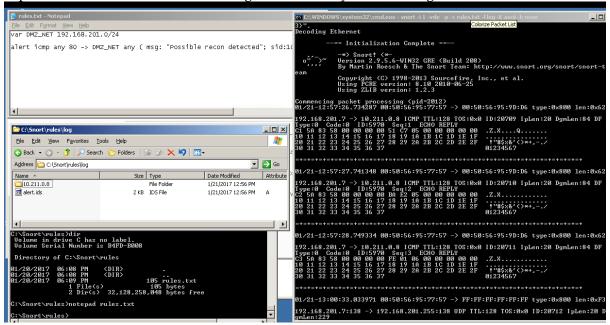
Run the Snort IDS sensor using the rules.txt file as its detection signatures, and logging alerts to a Snort log folder, using:

snort -dev -i INDEX -p -c rules\rules.txt -l log -K ascii -k none
(you can use a filter by adding to reduced output by adding on the end: host 192.168.y.7)

Now monitor the output log folder with Windows Explorer. Right click the file panel and select **View>Details**, as shown below. The timestamp and size of the file can now be viewed, and used to check if a rule has caused an alert to be raised, and packet details to be logged.



Resize/rearrange your windows, so you can see the Snort rules, output alert.ids file in explorer, the console window running snort, and any other testing windows.



From Kali, test the rule by sending 2 ICMP packets to your DMZ Windows server, using ping -c 2 192.168.y.7

Check if an alert has been generated, by checking the log folder, and the timestamp/size of file being updated. Stop Snort running with <CTRL+C>, and open the alert file in an editor.

 Try using ping to send ICMP packets from Windows VM to another machine, such as the Ubuntu VM on the inside network.

Q. Has an alert been generated for this traffic? Yes/No

Refine Rule for Networks

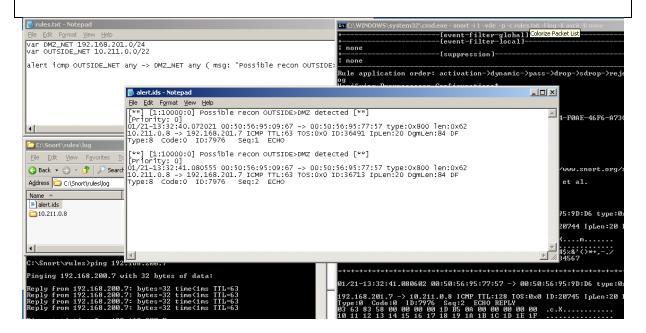
We can improve the rule by specifying networks the recon comes from and where it is aimed at.

```
var DMZ_NET 192.168.y.0/24
var OUTSIDE_NET 10.211.0.0/22
```

alert icmp any any -> DMZ_NET any (msg: "Possible Recon OUTSIDE>DMZ net
detected"; sid:10000;)

Note: if you have to rerun tests, its easiest to stop Snort, delete the alert file, and restart Snort.

Q. Has an alert been generated for the recon traffic? Yes/No



Try using ping to send ICMP packets from Windows VM to another machine, such as the Ubuntu VM on the inside network.

Q. Has an alert been generated for this traffic? Yes/No

Stop the Snort sensor, delete the alert files, start Snort again.

From Kali, use **nmap** to run a Host Discovery Recon Scan on the DMZ VM

nmap -sn -n 192.168.y.7

Q. Is nmap reporting the host is up? Yes/No

Q. Has an alert been generated for the recon traffic? Yes/No

Review the alerts raised.

Q. Which types of ICMP packets have nmap sent in its Host Discovery recon traffic?

Nmap uses various different packets to look for hosts:

Snort Rule Creation Methodology

To develop your own Snort rules, it is recommended that the vulnerability be researched or the intrusion traffic generated in a controlled environment while Snort or another packet sniffer capture the network traffic. The traffic should then be analysed, along with researching any protocols involved, and a Snort rule(s) created based in any triggering conditions (Roesch, 1999).

1- Analysis of Intrusion Traffic

Before creating rules, we should analyse the intrusion and the traffic we want to detect. We will now look to detect recon coming from the DMZ server.

To capture traffic, run Wireshark on the Windows VM, and listen on the interface which you can send packets through.

From the local command line, open a new command windows, and Ping another machine, an outside network server, or inside VM, as shown below.

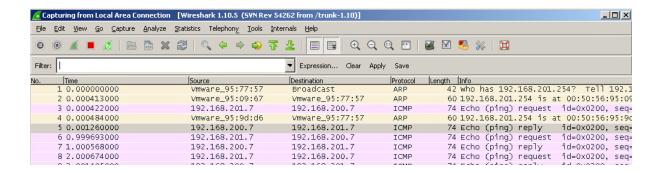
```
C:\Snort\rules>ping 192.168.200.7

Pinging 192.168.200.7 with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 192.168.200.7: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=63

Reply from 192.168.200.7: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=63
```

Stop the wireshark capture, and filter out the IP of the Windows VM. Find the Ping packets, as shown.



Select an ICMP Ping packet and review the details.

Q. What is the protocol of the packets generated by the ping tool?			
Q. What is the payload (data) within the packet?			
Q. Is this the same for all the Ping packets?	Yes/No		
Q. What are the 2 types of ICMP packets associated with the ping?		Yes/No	

2-Create Snort Detection Rule

Create a new Snort rule (add it to the rules.txt file with a new SID) to detect the DMZ server outgoing Ping packets only. The alert should be "DMZ Ping Detected – Possible Reconnaissance"

3-Test the rule

First delete everything in the log folder with Windows Explorer. Run Snort sensor again, while monitoring the output log directory as before.

Generate traffic using ping from the command line, while monitoring the log file for alerts.

Q. What is the working Snort rule?
Q. How might this signature differ for Ping traffic from the DMZ server only to the DMZ network?
Q. How many alerts did the ping generate?
Q. Why this many alerts?

The alert file should look similar to the following:

4- Refine the Rule (repeat)

Change the Snort ICMP detection rule to only alert on Pings which are outgoing from your host system and to only the DMZ network. The alert should be "Possible Recon Pivoting Detected - DMZ>DMZ servers"

Test the changed rule by pinging the pfsense 192.168.y.254 gateway address.

Q. How many alerts did the ping generate?	
Q. What is the working Snort rule?	

Add a new Snort ICMP detection rule to only alert on ICMP recon which are generated within the local DMZ network, but are destined for another network . (Hint: the negation operator! might help)

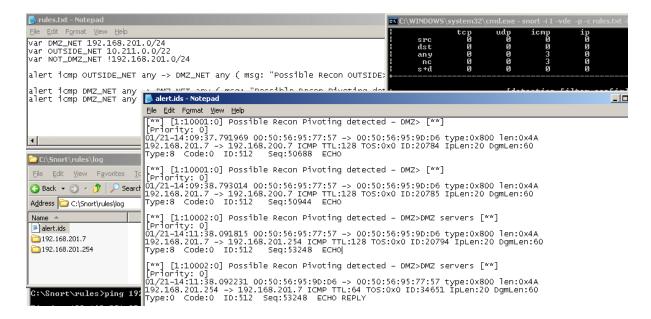
The alert should be "Possible Recon Pivoting Detected - DMZ>NON_DMZ_NETWORK"

Test the rule **DOES NOT** fire for Pings on the local network first.

Now test the rule for Pings from the Windows VM to an external network. Ping server on the inside network, then a web server on the internet, such as **google.com**.

Q. What is the working Snort rule?	

The alert file should look similar to the following:



User Policy Breach IDS Detection Rule

Now we will set up detection on the Linux VM on the inside network, initially for some user misuse. The users from the inside network can access the Internet but are not allowed to browse certain content. First we will detect policy breaches of looking at websites with the **inappropriate content** about **cyber warfare**.

1- Analysis of Intrusion Traffic

To capture traffic, run Wireshark on the Linux VM, and listen on the interface which you can send packets through.

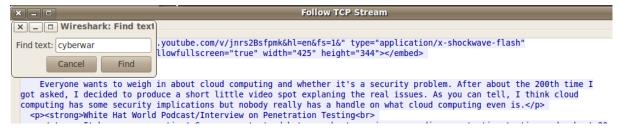


Stop the wireshark capture, and Filter out the http traffic for your Linux VM.

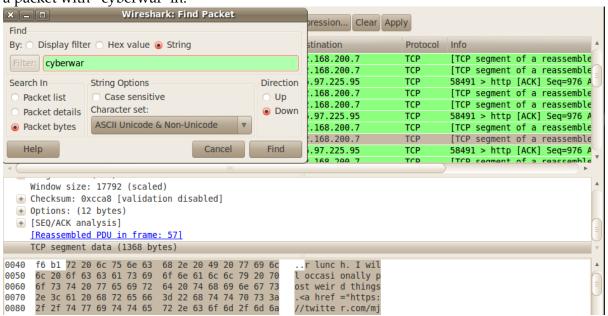


Scroll down, or search on the webpage for the section on 'cyberwar'. This is an example of a policy breach.

In Wireshark, follow the http stream containing the website content, and search for the string 'cyberwar'



Use the packet content search tool under Edit>Find Packet. Select the string search and find a packet with 'cyberwar' in.



Look at the web packet and review the details.

- **Q.** What is the application protocol of the web packets?
- **Q.** What is the port number and transport protocol used for HTTP?

2-Create Snort Detection Rule

To detect employees browsing the website with the bad content, a simple IDS detection rule can be created which will detect the text "cyberwar" in the HTTP packets being downloaded from a web server.

Create and edit a Snort IDS rules such as **detect_sigs** as previously.

Edit the file, and create a Snort Detection Rule in the file.

```
alert tcp any 80 -> any any (content: "cyberwar"; msg:"HTTP
inappropriate content detected - cyberwar"; sid:10000;)
```

3-Test the rule

First delete the any residual alert file in the snort_logs folder with

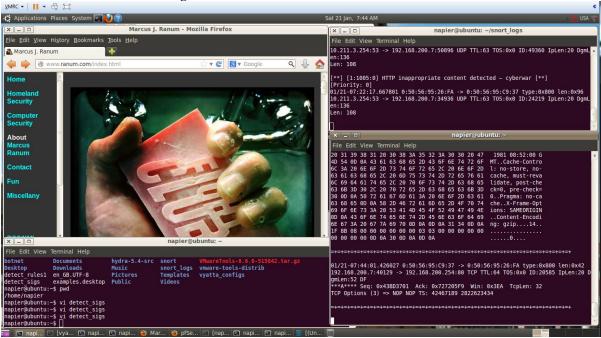
To monitor the alerts being generated by the Snort IDS Sensor The output file can be checked for any lines being appended to it using the tail command, as shown below.

```
sudo tail -f snort logs/alert
```

Run Snort sensor again, while monitoring the output log directory as before.

To test, run a web browser, and navigate to the **Marcus Ranum blog** page.

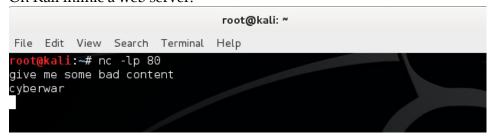
Resize/rearrange your windows, so you can see the monitoring of the Snort output alert file, the console window running snort, and the web browser window etc.



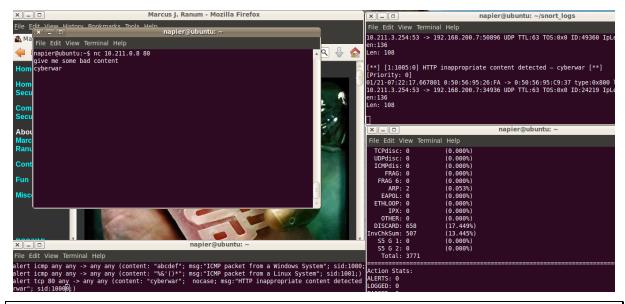
Create Synthetic Test Traffic

If you need a quick way of testing rules, telnet, netcat and hping are good tools for quickly creating appropriate client/server test traffic.

On Kali mimic a web server:



On Linux box, mimic the web browser requesting content, nc Kali ip addr 80



Q. What is the working Snort rule?

Try Creating the Following Snort IDS Detection Rules

As well as developing your own detection rules, peer reviewed Snort detection rules can be downloaded and used from the Internet, such as from the Snort web site. These can then be tailored quickly to specific needs.

Note: Each snort rule must have a unique **SID.**

Telnet Detection Rule

Create a simple rule to generate alerts for attempted connections out to the Telenet from anywhere, and a rule for connections to the SSH service from all machines except the Ubuntu machine. Use wireshark to analyse the traffic from Ubuntu to the SSH and Telnet servers on Windows VM. Protocol and Port should be enough to create rules. The alert should be "Intrusion – Telnet Traffic Detected".

Q. What is the working Snort rule?		

Outbound Policy Breach - Job Search Detection Rule

Create another Snort detection rule to detect employees doing internet searches for the word "jobs" or similar. The alert should be "Policy Breach - Job searching found in Web traffic".

Test Detection Rules

Test the rule, by using a search engine to search for the string "Security jobs", or again create synthetic test traffic using a tool such as netcat.

Q. What is the working Snort rule?

FTP CWD to ~root Dir Detection Rule

Create a rule to detect the FTP command "CWD ~root", which is could be an indication of an intrusion:

alert tcp any any -> any 21 (msg:"FTP cwd ~root attempt"; content:"CWD";
nocase; content:"~root"; sid:10005;)

Run Snort with your new rule, and monitor alert output.

From Kali, connect to the Windows FTP server with netcat:

```
nc 192.168.x.7 21
220 Microsoft FTP Service
USER Administrator
331 Password required for Administrator
PASS napier
230 User Administrator logged in.
CWD ~root
```

Q. What is the working Snort rule?

Reverse Shell Detection Rule

Create a simple rule to generate alerts for connections out to port 4444 (often used by attackers for reverse shells).

From Kali, use netcat as a server, to start a listener service on port 4444:

nc -lp 4444

Check the listener is running using netcat

From Windows/Ubuntu, after running Snort with your new rule, connect to Kali using netcat as a client:

nc KALI_IP_ADDRESS 4444

Q. What is the working Snort rule?

Identifying Running Services Locally

Within a network infrastructure we have services which run on hosts. These services provide a given functionality, such as for sending/receiving email, file storage, and so on.

From → To	Command	Observation
DMZ	On your Windows host, run the command: netstat -a and outline some of the services which are running on your host (define the port number and the name of the service and only pick off the LISTENING status on the port).	Outline some of the services which are running on your host (define the port number and the name of the service):
LAN	For the Ubuntu Virtual Machine, and run the command: netstat -1.	Outline some of the services which are running on your host (define the port number and the name of the service):
DMZ	Next we will determine if these services are working. There should be a Web server working on each of the virtual machines (Ubuntu and Windows 2003), so from the Windows host and using a Web browser, access the home page: http://192.168.x.7	Is the service working: [Yes] [No]
LAN	From Ubuntu, access the Web server at:	Is the service working: [Yes] [No]

	http://192.168.y.7	
LAN	Next we will determine if these services are working using a command line. From your UBUNTU host, undertake the following: telnet 192.168.y.7 80 then enter: GET /	Outline the message that is returned:
DMZ	Repeat the previous example from the WINDOWS host: telnet 192.168.x.7 80	
DMZ	There should be an FTP server working on Ubuntu and Windows 2003. From WINDOWS, access the FTP server on the UBUNTU server: telnet 192.168.x.7 21 then enter:	Outline the messages that you received: What happens to each of these when you try with an incorrect username and password:
LAN	PASS napier123 QUIT From UBUNTU access the WINDOWS host with	Outline the messages that you received:
	telnet 192.168.x.7 21	
	then enter: USER Administrator PASS napier QUIT	What happens to each of these when you try with an incorrect username and password:

DMZ	On the UBUNTU instance you will see that the VNC service is running, which is the remote access service. From your WINDOWS host, access the VNC service using a VNC client, and see what happens.	What does this service do:
DMZ	Next we will assess the SMTP service running on the WINDOWS virtual machine. From your UBUNTU machine console run a service to access SMTP:	On the WINDOWS virtual machine, go into the C:\inetpub\mailroot\queue folder, and view the queued email message.
	telnet 192.168.y.7 25	Was the mail successfully queued? If not, which mail folder has the file in?
	Table 1 outlines the commands to use.	Outline the format of the EML file?

Table 1: SMTP commands

```
220 napier Microsoft ESMTP MAIL Service, Version: 6.0.3790.3959 ready at Sun, 2 Dec 2009 21:56:01 +0000
help
214-This server supports the following commands:
214 HELO EHLO STARTTLS RCPT DATA RSET MAIL QUIT HELP AUTH TURN ETRN BDAT VRFY
helo me
250 napier Hello [192.168.75.1]
mail from: email@domain.com
250 2.1.0 email@domain.com....Sender OK
rcpt to: fred@mydomain.com
250 2.1.5 fred@mydomain.com
Data
354 Start mail input; end with <CRLF>.<CRLF>
From: Bob <bob@test.org>
To: Alice <alice@test.org >
Date: Sun, 20 Dec 2013
Subject: Test message
Hello Alice.
This is an email to say hello
```

Enumeration – Host scan

Use **nmap** to perform various recon network scans:

From → To	Command	Observation
KALI to WAN	sudo nmap -sn -n 10.200.0.0/24	Which hosts are on-line:
KALI to DMZ	sudo nmap -sn -n 192.168.y.0/24	Which hosts are on-line:
DMZ to LAN	nmap -sP -n 192.168.x.0/24	Which hosts are on-line:
LAN to DMZ	Run Wireshark on host in LAN, and run: sudo nmap -sP -n 192.168.y.0/24	Which transport layer protocol does NMAP use to discover the host: [ICMP] or [ARP]
LAN to LAN	Run Wireshark on host in LAN, and run: sudo nmap -sP -n 192.168.x.0/24	Which transport layer protocol does NMAP use to discover the host: [ICMP] or [ARP]

Recon Network Scanning Detection Rule

Research the nmap processor which can be used to detect network scanning, and add to the beginning of your snort rule file. Test using nmap.

Q. What is the working Snort preprocessor?	
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Part 2: NAT and 1:1 mappings

No other group can access any of your hosts, as you are behind NAT. Now we need to setup a 1:1 mapping and a virtual IP address (with Proxy ARP) to map an internal address to an external one. First we need to find an IP address from the 10.200.0.0/24 network **which is not being used**, and then we will use this to allow other group's access to the hosts in the DMZ (Figure 3).

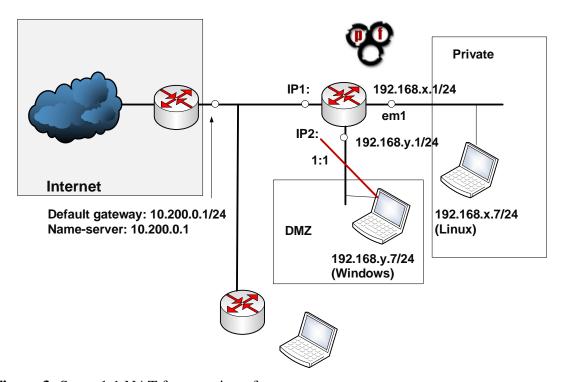


Figure 3: Setup 1:1 NAT for mapping of servers

Find an Public Network IP Address we can map our DMZ server to - Run NMAP from the Private network with:

Run NMAP from the Private network with: nmap -sP 10.200.0.0/24

Which hosts are on-line?

Pick and address which is not being used, and tell others in the lab which address you are picking:

Now, on the firewall, setup a 1:1 mapping of the External IP address that you have selected and the Internal IP address on the DMZ (Figure 4).

Next, setup a Virtual IP address (with Proxy ARP) for the external address you have selected, which will advertise the IP address (Figure 5).

Test 1:1 NAT mapping

Now from the WAN interface, ping the host in the DMZ. Can you ping it?

Finally ask, someone in another group to ping your host in the DMZ. Can they ping it?

Now get them to access the Web server on your host.

Finally get them to NMAP your host? What can you observe from the NMAP?

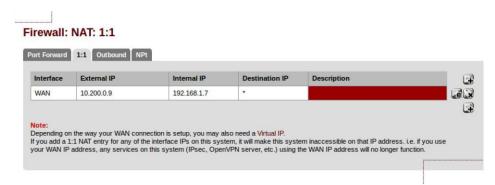


Figure 4: 1:1 NAT settings

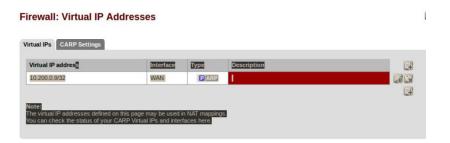


Figure 5: Virtual IP addresses

Note: this creates an implicit Firewall Rule

Connecting to another network

Now, wait for other teams to finish (or use the Test setup). You should have ready:

- A forward facing Web and FTP site ready to connect from outside your network.

NMAP their server, and then make sure you can connect to the service. Now get them to block your specific source (just one address), and recheck that you cannot connect. Finally change your IP address, and re-do the NMAP, and make sure you can connect.

Please note some of the information related to their server. What information can you determine? Can you determine the MAC address of their server?