This project explores how to capture and analyze network traffic on a pfSense firewall using Wireshark and tcpdump. The goal is to gain insight into the traffic passing through the firewall and identify any potential security issues or suspicious activity.

To start with go to Wireshark

After it has been running for a few minutes go to the website of your choice

On the pfSense firewall, access the shell by selecting option 8

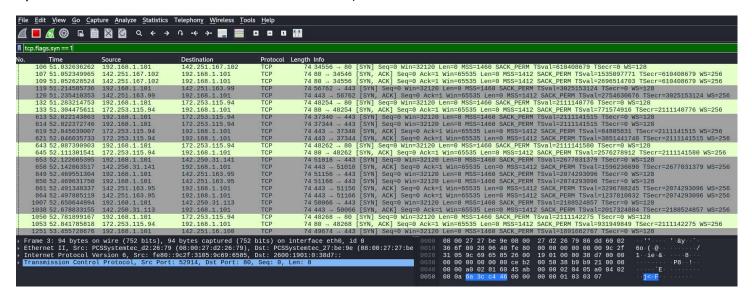
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Enter an option: 8
[2.6.0-RELEASE][root@pfSense.home.arpa]/root:
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In the shell, run the following topdump command to capture all HTTP traffic on the em0 interface and save it to a file named http.pcap: "topdump -i em0 -s0 -w http.pcap port 80"

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[2.6.9-RELEASE][root@pfSense.home.arpa]/root: tcpdump -i em0 -s0 -w http.pcap port 80
tcpdump: listening on em0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
compackets captured
2184 packets received by filter
0 packets dropped by kernel
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In Wireshark, you can apply the following filters to view specific traffic:

ip.dst == 192.168.1.101 to see traffic to a specific IP address



tcp.port == 80 to see only HTTP traffic

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http to see HTTP protocol-specific information

■ http					
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info
-	101 171.83096847	1 192.168.1.101	172.253.122.94	0CSP	500 Request
1	102 171.83138265	3 192.168.1.101	172.253.122.94	OCSP	500 Request
+	105 171.87691444	3 172.253.122.94	192.168.1.101	OCSP	1171 Response
1	106 171.87691474	8 172.253.122.94	192.168.1.101	OCSP	1171 Response
1	150 172.32915749	3 192.168.1.101	23.64.114.214	OCSP	497 Request
1	151 172.33450938	7 192.168.1.101	23.64.114.203	OCSP	497 Request
1	152 172.33523833	1 192.168.1.101	23.64.114.214	OCSP	497 Request
1	154 172.34404461	7 23.64.114.214	192.168.1.101	OCSP	955 Response
1	158 172.35043438	2 23.64.114.214	192.168.1.101	OCSP	956 Response
1	159 172.35043459	9 23.64.114.203	192.168.1.101	OCSP	956 Response
1	235 172.65030391	8 192.168.1.101	172.253.122.94	OCSP	494 Request
1	238 172.69768031	8 172.253.122.94	192.168.1.101	OCSP	768 Response
1	542 173.01974638	3 192.168.1.101	23.64.114.203	OCSP	497 Request
- 1	622 173.04032475	4 23.64.114.203	192.168.1.101	OCSP	955 Response
1	855 173.10533839	4 192.168.1.101	23.64.114.203	OCSP	497 Request
1	1046 173.14940625	2 23.64.114.203	192.168.1.101	OCSP	955 Response
1	4133 174.41390778:	1 192.168.1.101	23.64.114.203	OCSP	497 Request
1	4142 174.42962726	7 23.64.114.203	192.168.1.101	OCSP	956 Response
1	4145 174.43034271	6 192.168.1.101	23.64.114.203	OCSP	497 Request
1	4150 174.44022239	7 192.168.1.101	34.107.221.82	HTTP	376 GET /success.txt?ipv4 HTTP/1.1
1	4153 174.44770052	9 23.64.114.203	192.168.1.101	OCSP	956 Response
1	4168 174.46183730		192.168.1.101	HTTP	282 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/plain)
4	1000 475 04004740	400 400 4 404	00 04 444 044	0000	107 D

Following the TCP stream by right-clicking on a packet and select "Follow" > "TCP Stream"

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Wireshark · Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 18) · eth0
GET /success.txt?ipv4 HTTP/1.1
Host: detectportal.firefox.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:128.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/128.0
Accept: */*
Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Priority: u=4
Pragma: no-cache
Cache-Control: no-cache
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: nginx
Content-Length: 8
Via: 1.1 google
Date: Tue, 03 Dec 2024 04:05:11 GMT
Age: 50490
Content-Type: text/plain
Cache-Control: public,must-revalidate,max-age=0,s-maxage=3600
success
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In this project, you can see how to capture and analyze network traffic on a pfSense firewall using Wireshark and topdump. By applying various filters and techniques, you can identify suspicious activity and investigate potential security issues within your network. This knowledge can be valuable for maintaining the security and integrity of your network infrastructure.