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# **Design and Deployment of an Enterprise Network**

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# **ABSTRACT**

In the era of digital transformation, enterprises demand secure, reliable, and automated IT infrastructures to support mission-critical operations. This project titled Design and Deployment of an Enterprise Network presents a comprehensive model for building a robust network environment by integrating core infrastructure components and modern DevOps practices.

The enterprise network is designed using pfSense, which acts as a firewall and router to segment and protect network zones. A Web Server hosted in a DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) enables secure access to applications, while a Database Server resides in the internal LAN for data integrity and controlled access.

To facilitate automated software delivery, a CI/CD pipeline using Jenkins is implemented, allowing developers to continuously test and deploy code changes. System reliability is ensured by Nagios, a monitoring solution that tracks system performance and availability. For security, the network employs Snort Intrusion Detection and Prevention System (IDS/IPS) to monitor traffic and alert on potential threats.

The project highlights the complete configuration of each component, implementation of firewall rules, creation of deployment pipelines, and setup of real-time monitoring. This ensures a secure, scalable, and efficient enterprise IT environment suitable for modern organizational needs.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

Organizations rely heavily on enterprise networks to ensure seamless communication, resource sharing, and business continuity. A well-designed enterprise network serves as the backbone of an organization's IT infrastructure it connects departments, facilitates application deployment, enables secure communication, supports monitoring, and ensures that business operations run smoothly and securely.

The project Design and Deployment of an Enterprise Network focuses on creating a secure, scalable, and efficient network architecture tailored to the operational needs of a typical enterprise. It covers all aspects of network design including logical segmentation, secure routing, automated application deployment, real-time monitoring, and intrusion prevention.

The core idea behind this project is to integrate various services and technologies into a cohesive network system. It includes the implementation of pfSense as the firewall and router to manage internal and external traffic. The network is logically segmented into WAN (Wide Area Network), LAN (Local Area Network), and DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) to enhance security by isolating internal resources from publicly accessible servers.

A web server is deployed in the DMZ to host organizational applications or websites. Internally, a database server is used to store sensitive data securely.

To facilitate rapid and reliable software development practices, a Jenkins CI/CD pipeline is established. It automates the process of building, testing, and deploying applications, thereby reducing manual errors and accelerating the development lifecycle.

Nagios, a powerful monitoring tool, is employed to oversee the performance and availability of all critical systems and services. It alerts administrators in case of system failures, high resource usage, or other anomalies. To further strengthen the security posture of the network, Snort Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) is integrated. It inspects network traffic in real-time to detect and prevent potential threats or attacks.

The goal of this project is not only to design a network but also to demonstrate the deployment and management of enterprise IT services in a secure and automated manner.

The final setup replicates a real-world enterprise IT infrastructure capable of handling daily operations, ensuring security, and allowing for future scalability.

# 1.1 Applications

- E-Commerce Platforms: Web and database servers support customer-facing applications. CI/CD pipelines allow fast rollouts of new features and security patches. pfSense manages secure traffic routing between zones, Snort blocks malicious requests (like SQL injection), and Nagios prevents business downtime.
- Banking and Financial Services: Security and high availability are key. Jenkins supports
  frequent secure updates to financial software, pfSense separates internal services from the
  internet, Snort identifies threats in real time, and Nagios ensures high uptime. Web and
  database servers handle sensitive financial transactions and user data.
- Startups and Tech Incubators: Startups benefit from a scalable and secure infrastructure
  where they can rapidly build, test, and deploy applications using Jenkins. pfSense provides
  basic security with DMZs, Snort guards against data leaks or attacks, and Nagios ensures
  reliability—all at low cost.
- Government and Defense Networks: Used to separate public services (hosted in DMZ)
  from internal, sensitive systems. pfSense supports VPNs and firewall rules, Snort monitors
  for nation-state cyberattacks, and Nagios ensures services are always operational. Jenkins
  can automate policy updates and software rollouts.

# 1.2 Project Plan

# **Table: Activities Details**

Sr. No.	ACTIVITY	WEEK				
		1	2	3	4	
1	Project group formation					
2	Project work to be started in respective labs					
3	First review with PPT presentation					
4	Design Use-Case view as per project					
5	Design Block diagram as per project					
6	Second review with PPT presentation					
7	Selection					
8	Final review with PPT presentation					
9	Implementation coding as per project					
10	Testing, Troubleshooting with different techniques					
11	Created Soft copy of project and then final hard copy					

# 2. LITERATURE SURVEY

# Paper 1: - Enterprise Network Design and Security Optimization

Author: Kavita Saini

**Description:** The project titled Enterprise Network Design and Security Optimization focuses on building a secure, scalable, and efficient network architecture for modern business environments. It emphasizes a layered design (core, distribution, access) with proper segmentation using VLANs and a DMZ to isolate public-facing services like web and mail servers from internal resources. Security is reinforced through firewalls, IDS/IPS systems (like Snort), and access control lists to detect and prevent unauthorized access.

Monitoring tools such as Nagios ensure continuous visibility into network health, while redundancy and failover mechanisms improve availability. Your project aligns with this framework by integrating pfSense for firewall and routing, Jenkins for CI/CD automation, Snort for intrusion detection, and Nagios for monitoring—all of which collectively enhance network performance, security, and manageability.

# 3.SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN

## 3.1 Proposed System

The proposed system for the project "Design and Deployment of an Enterprise Network" is a secure, scalable, and structured network architecture designed to meet enterprise-level performance, reliability, and security needs. It integrates multiple core services and follows a multi-layered security approach through network segmentation and specialized tools.

At the network perimeter, pfSense is deployed as the primary gateway and firewall, managing and filtering all traffic between the WAN (internet), LAN (internal network), and DMZ (public-facing servers). It enforces strict firewall rules, applies Network Address Translation (NAT), and allocates IP addresses via DHCP, ensuring controlled and secure access.

The DMZ zone hosts a web server such as Apache or Nginx to serve enterprise web applications. This server handles both static and dynamic content, with application code updates automatically deployed via Jenkins, which manages the CI/CD pipeline to ensure seamless and error-free releases.

The LAN zone contains a database server, securely isolated from public access, which stores critical enterprise data such as user information and transaction records. Access is strictly controlled via pfSense firewall policies, allowing only authorized systems to communicate with it.

To strengthen security, Suricata IDS/IPS monitors network traffic in real time, detecting and preventing suspicious or malicious activities using signature-based, protocol-based, and anomaly-based detection techniques. Nagios provides continuous monitoring of servers and services, issuing alerts in case of performance degradation, failures, or security incidents.

This architecture ensures high availability, proactive security, efficient automation, and centralized monitoring, making it suitable for robust enterprise IT environments.

#### 3.2 Flow chart

# Design and Deployment of an Enterprise Network External users Pfsense Firewall (IPS/Suricata) Internal LAN

Figure: Flowchart

Jenkins

Nagios

## 3.3 Technology used

## 3.3.1 pfSense (Firewall & Router)

Web Server

## Working:

pfSense is an open-source firewall and routing platform deployed as a gateway device to manage and secure traffic between the WAN (internet), LAN (internal network), and DMZ (public-facing servers). Acting as the first line of defense, it inspects and filters all inbound and outbound packets based on predefined firewall rules, blocking unauthorized or suspicious connections.

pfSense also performs Network Address Translation (NAT), allowing multiple internal devices to share a single public IP while hiding their private addresses from external

Database

Server

networks. It can function as a DHCP server, automatically assigning IP addresses to devices within the LAN and DMZ, simplifying network management.

By segmenting networks and controlling traffic flow, pfSense prevents direct exposure of internal systems to the internet. Its robust firewall policies, VPN support, and intrusion detection/prevention capabilities help ensure that only legitimate traffic is allowed, maintaining the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of enterprise network resources.

## **Key Features:**

- VLAN and DMZ setup
- NAT and port forwarding
- Stateful firewall with traffic filtering
- VPN support (IPSec, OpenVPN)
- Web-based GUI for configuration

## 3.3.2 Apache (Web Server)

#### Working:

In the enterprise network, a web server such as Apache or Nginx is deployed in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) to securely host the organization's web application. Positioned between the external network and the internal LAN, the DMZ ensures that the web server is accessible to users over the internet while keeping internal systems protected.

The web server listens for HTTP and HTTPS requests from clients, serving static content like HTML, CSS, and images, as well as dynamic content generated by server-side scripts or applications. It communicates with the backend database server over secure channels to retrieve or store data as required.

Jenkins is integrated into the deployment pipeline to automatically push code updates and new features directly to the web server. This setup enables continuous delivery, reduces manual intervention, and ensures that the latest version of the application is deployed quickly while maintaining security and performance.

# **Key Features:**

- Supports PHP, Python, HTML, and SSL
- Reverse proxy and load balancing (Nginx)

- Modular and extensible architecture
- High performance and scalable
- Logs access and errors for auditing

## 3.3.3 Mariadb (Database Server)

# Working:

The database server is a critical component that stores and manages application data such as user information, transaction logs, configurations, and other essential records. It operates as the backend of the application, responding to SQL queries sent by the web server to retrieve, insert, update, or delete data.

For security, the database server is hosted within the Local Area Network (LAN), isolated from direct internet access to minimize exposure to external threats. This isolation ensures that only authorized internal systems, such as the web server, can communicate with it. Firewall rules are implemented to strictly control access, allowing connections only from trusted IP addresses or specific network segments.

By restricting public access and enforcing authentication, encryption, and secure communication protocols, the database server remains protected from unauthorized access, data breaches, and malicious activity, ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of application data.

#### **Key Features:**

- ACID-compliant data handling
- Strong authentication and access control
- High-speed query processing
- Supports backups and replication
- Cross-platform compatibility

## 3.3.4 Jenkins (CI/CD Tool)

#### Working:

Jenkins is an open-source automation server that streamlines the software development lifecycle by automating repetitive tasks. It integrates with version control systems like GitHub to pull the latest source code whenever changes are committed. Once the code is retrieved, Jenkins automatically builds it, compiles necessary components, and runs automated tests to ensure quality and functionality.

If tests pass successfully, Jenkins proceeds to deploy the application to the target environment, such as a web server, eliminating the need for manual deployment steps. This continuous integration and continuous deployment (CI/CD) process reduces human errors, speeds up delivery, and ensures consistent, reliable releases.

Jenkins supports a wide range of plugins, enabling integration with various tools, cloud services, and deployment platforms. By automating building, testing, and deployment, Jenkins improves productivity, fosters collaboration between development and operations teams, and ensures that high-quality software reaches users faster and more efficiently.

## **Key Features:**

- Open-source with a large plugin ecosystem
- Supports Git integration and pipelines
- Automated build, test, and deploy processes
- Notifies build status via email
- Web-based interface for job management

#### 3.3.5 Suricata (IDS/IPS)

#### Working:

Suricata is an advanced, open-source real-time Intrusion Detection System (IDS) and Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) designed to monitor and secure network environments. It analyzes network traffic in real time to identify suspicious or malicious activities that may indicate cyberattacks, policy violations, or abnormal behavior. Suricata uses a combination of signature-based detection (matching traffic against known threat patterns), protocol-based detection (validating the correct use of network protocols), and anomaly-based detection (identifying deviations from normal traffic patterns).

By inspecting packets deeply (Deep Packet Inspection), Suricata can detect threats such as malware, exploits, port scans, and brute-force attempts. When deployed as an IDS, it

generates alerts for security teams to investigate. When configured as an IPS, it can actively block or drop malicious traffic, preventing threats from reaching their targets.

Suricata supports high-performance, multi-threaded processing, enabling it to handle large network loads efficiently. It can log detailed network events, export metadata, and integrate with tools like Kibana, ElasticSearch, and SIEM systems for advanced threat analysis. Additionally, Suricata can extract files from network streams for further examination. With its versatile detection methods and scalability, Suricata plays a crucial role in enhancing network visibility, detecting attacks, and safeguarding critical infrastructure from evolving cyber threats.

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#### **Key Features:**

- Multi-threaded performance (faster than Snort)
- IDS/IPS support (can detect *and* block)
- Supports protocol identification, TLS, HTTP, DNS, FTP, etc.
- Works with modern rule sets (ET, Suricata-Community)
- Generates logs in JSON, compatible with SIEM tools like ELK stack
- Real time detection

#### 3.3.6 Nagios (Monitoring Tool)

#### Working:

Nagios is an open-source monitoring solution used to track the availability, performance, and overall health of IT infrastructure. It monitors a wide range of components, including servers (web, database, Jenkins, application servers) and services (HTTP, SSH, MySQL, SMTP, etc.). Nagios relies on plugins, which are small scripts or executables that collect real-time data about system status and service performance. These plugins run periodic checks, measuring parameters like uptime, CPU and memory usage, disk space, network connectivity, and service response time.

When a check runs, Nagios compares the collected data against predefined thresholds. If a service is down, unreachable, or performing poorly, it changes the status from "OK" to "Warning" or "Critical" based on severity. This triggers alerts, which can be sent via email, SMS, or integrated messaging tools, enabling system administrators to respond quickly.

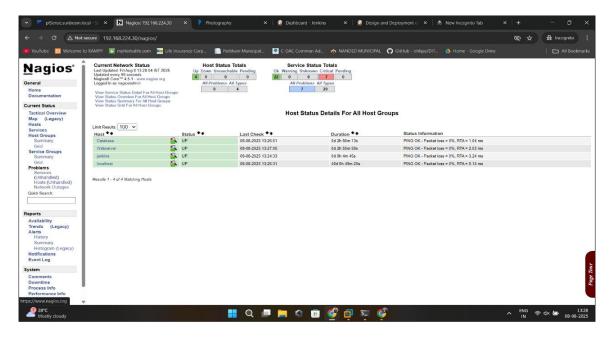
Nagios also maintains detailed logs and provides web-based dashboards for visualizing performance trends and identifying recurring problems. This proactive monitoring helps organizations prevent outages, optimize resource usage, and ensure critical applications remain available to users. By automating health checks and providing early warnings, Nagios plays a vital role in maintaining reliable, secure, and high-performing IT systems across diverse environments.

# **Key Features**:

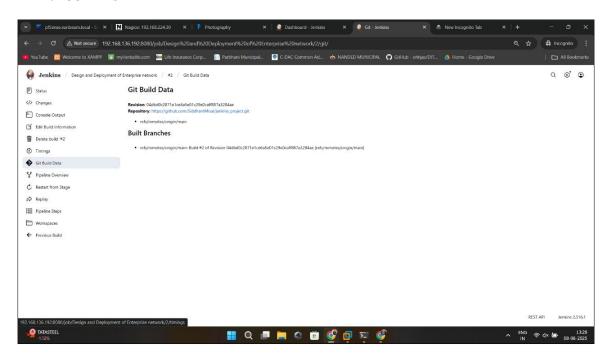
- Host and service monitoring
- Alerting via email/SMS
- Custom plugin support
- Web-based dashboard
- Historical reporting and graphs

# 4. Project Output

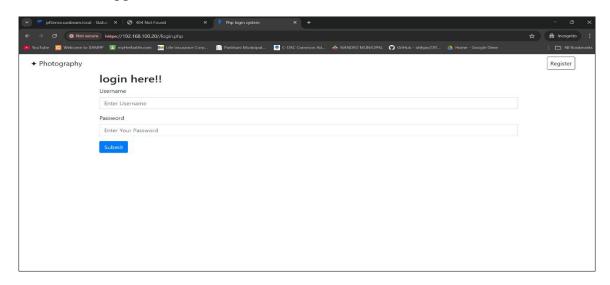
## 4.1 Nagios



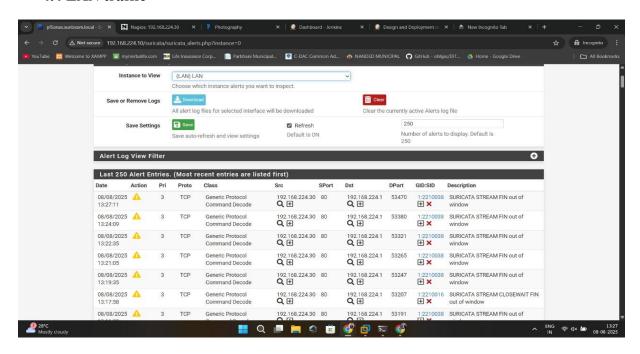
#### 4.2 Jenkins



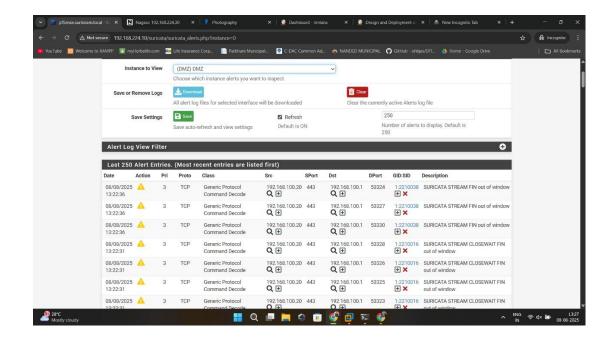
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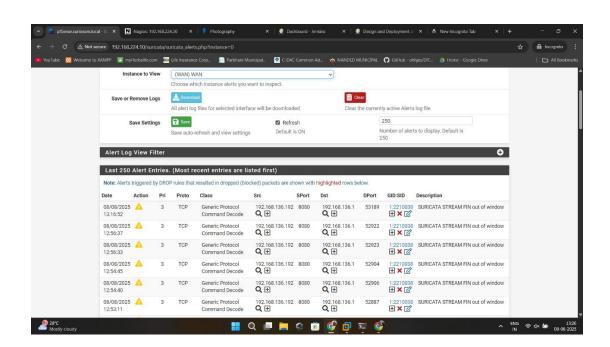
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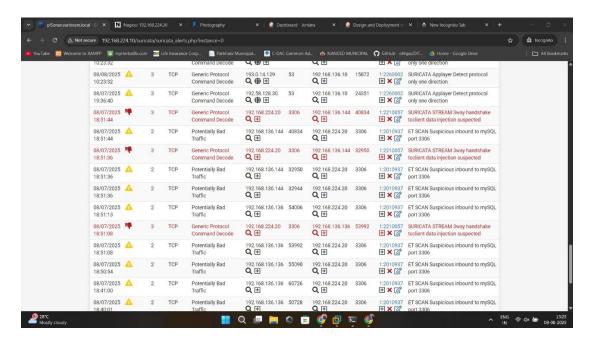
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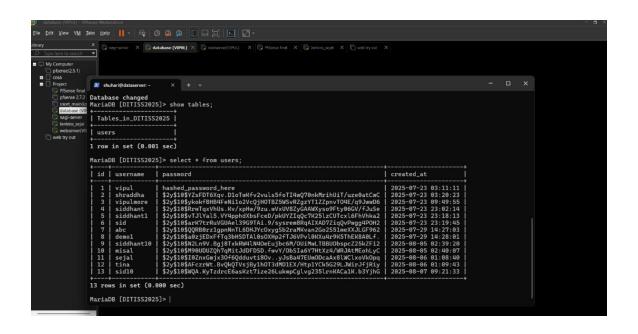
#### **4.6 WAN**



#### 4.7 Blocked traffic



#### 4.8 Database Server



# 5. CONCLUSION

#### 5.1 Conclusion

The project successfully demonstrates the design and implementation of a secure, scalable, and automated enterprise network infrastructure using open-source technologies. By integrating key components such as pfSense for firewall and routing, Jenkins for CI/CD automation, Nagios for monitoring, Suricata for intrusion detection, and Apache and Mariadb/PostgreSQL for application hosting, the network ensures high availability, efficient performance, and strong security. The segmentation of services using DMZ and VLANs minimizes the attack surface, while automated deployment and monitoring significantly reduce administrative overhead and response time.

Overall, the system reflects a real-world enterprise environment that balances performance, automation, and cybersecurity.

# **5.2 Future Scope**

Docker is majorly considered as a best solution for service availability. It can be attached to implement continuous integration and continuous development i.e., CICD. It can be used in development when the software is getting develop this tool can used there to continuous security evaluation of software so that developers can program it more securely. As we have developed this tool for small scale. In future It can be used for large scale.

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