



## Module 12 Day 2: 07 Security Onion and NSM

### Activity File: Security Onion and NSM Overview

In this activity, you will continue your role as an SOC Analyst for the California DMV.

- You've implemented a new security control as part of your network security monitoring (NSM) program.
- Your NSM program will help your organization understand the limits of what it can detect, adversarial tactics, and how to quickly apply lessons learned to mitigate security vulnerabilities.
- Your CISO has advocated for using Security Onion as your open source NSM system to detect and analyze all intrusion attempts.
- Your CISO provided the following questions to help you test your knowledge of Security Onion and NSM before launching the new system.

### Instructions

Open the Security Onion Console

1. Pick one alert and answer the following questions:
  - What is the alert status? **allowed**
  - What are the source and destination IP addresses? **192.168.10.128 -> 200.223.236.53**
  - What are the source and destination ports? **1615-> 51275**
  - In the IP resolution section, perform a reverse DNS lookup of the attacker. What information is revealed? **Non existent domain**
  - What is the alert ID for the alert you chose? **20000334**
2. Define the IDS (Suricata) rule that triggers the alert you chose:
  - Action **alert**
  - Protocol **tcp**
  - Source IP **\$HOME\_NET**
  - Source port **any**
  - Direction **outbound**

- Destination IP **\$EXTERNAL\_NET**
- Destination port **!7680**
- Message **msg:"ET P2P BitTorrent peer sync"; flow:established; content:"|00 00 00 0d 06 00|"; depth:6; threshold: type limit, track by\_dst, seconds 300, count 1; reference:url,bitconjurer.org/BitTorrent/protocol.html; classtype:policy-violation; sid:2000334; rev:13; metadata:created\_at 2010\_07\_30, updated\_at 2019\_07\_26;**

## Bonus Questions

True or false:

1. NSM is vulnerability-centric, with its primary focus on the vulnerability and not the adversary. **False**
2. The strength of NSM is its focus on the visibility of an attack, not its control. **True**
3. NSM can see inside encrypted traffic. **False**
4. Alerts in Security Onion's console are the equivalent of an Indicator of Attack, or IOA. **True**
5. NSM allows organizations to track and uncover malware. **True**
6. The Suricata IDS engine drives much of the functionality of the Security Onion analyst's console. **True**

Answer the following:

1. Name two methods for physically connecting an IDS to a network. **Mirrored or tapping**
2. Name the two stages of NSM and their processes. **Escalation and resolution**

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