

Report on Security Implementation

1. Firewall Rule Implementation

A firewall protects the network by controlling traffic based on rules.

Example Rule: Allow HTTPS traffic (port 443) from the internal network (192.168.1.0/24) to the internet, and block all other outbound traffic.

Configuration:

```
ALLOW TCP 192.168.1.0/24 ANY 443
DENY ALL
```

- **Purpose:** Ensures secure web traffic is allowed, while blocking unauthorized communication.

2. IDS (Intrusion Detection System) Configuration

An IDS monitors traffic for suspicious activity and alerts administrators.

Example Configuration: Snort IDS to detect port scans.

```
alert tcp any any -> any any (msg:"Port scan detected"; flags:S;
threshold:type both, track by_src, count 5, seconds 10;)
```

- **Purpose:** Triggers an alert if more than 5 connection attempts from a single source are detected within 10 seconds, signaling a possible port scan.

3. IPS (Intrusion Prevention System) Configuration

An IPS not only detects threats but also blocks them in real-time.

Example Configuration: Blocking SQL injection attempts using an IPS:

```
drop tcp any any -> any 80 (msg:"SQL Injection attempt blocked";
content:"' OR '1'='1"; nocase; sid:1000001;)
```

- **Purpose:** Prevents malicious SQL commands from reaching a server by recognizing patterns commonly used in attacks.

4. Example of Detected Event

- The following example is from IBM documentation
- In this example, IDS detected an intrusion on the local system and sent an e-mail notification to the systems administrator.

The following is an example of an e-mail notification received for a restricted IP options attack:

To: Sysadmin

Subject: A possible intrusion, suspicious inbound activity, was detected on sys1234.

The following information was gathered about the event:

Time of Event: *date time*

Extrusion Type: ATTACK

Attack Type: RESTOPT

Local IP Address: 224.0.0.1

Local Port: 0

Remote IP Address: 9.5.211.4

Remote Port: 0

Protocol: 2

Throttling Active: *NO

Discarded Packet Count: 0

Condition ID: 11

Stack: P

Event Correlator: 0001

Detection Point ID: 1001

Suspected Packet:

X'*<long hexadecimal string>*'