

Technical Incident Response Policy for Gotham Ltd.: Malicious Packet Threshold

1. Definition of Malicious Packets:

- Malicious packets are data packets involved in unauthorized access attempts or attacks such as viruses, worms, DDoS (Distributed Denial of Service) attacks, and other forms of cyber threats.

2. Threshold for Red Alert:

- If malicious packets constitute 20% of the total network traffic at the Gotham factory, a red alert will be triggered to indicate a potential security intrusion.

3. Calculation and Monitoring:

- The threshold is calculated based on real-time network traffic analysis.
- The system should continuously monitor network traffic and check for malicious packets in defined time intervals (e.g., every 5 minutes).

4. Response Protocol:

- Upon detection of malicious packets reaching the 20% threshold:
 - **Automated Responses:** Implement automated measures such as blocking suspicious IP addresses, isolating affected segments of the network, and logging detailed information for further analysis.
 - **Notifications:** Immediately notify the cybersecurity team for investigation and mitigation.

5. False Positives Mitigation:

- Incorporate additional checks to distinguish between malicious traffic and legitimate spikes in traffic.
- Use machine learning algorithms to adapt detection thresholds based on historical data and network behavior patterns.

6. Integration with Existing Security Measures:

- Ensure that the 20% threshold works alongside other security measures like firewalls, intrusion prevention systems (IPS), and endpoint protection solutions.
- Coordinate with these systems for a layered defense approach.

7. Categorization of Malicious Packets:

- Categorize malicious packets into types (e.g., DDoS traffic, phishing attempts) to enhance detection accuracy and response strategies.

8. Alignment with Industry Standards:

- Review and align the policy with industry standards and best practices for cybersecurity to ensure effectiveness and recognition by security professionals.

9. Tools and Technologies:

- Ensure that existing tools and technologies are capable of detecting, quantifying, and categorizing malicious packets.
- Consider upgrading or adding new systems if necessary to meet these detection requirements.

10. Training and Awareness:

- Provide regular training for IT staff on interpreting alerts related to the 20% threshold and appropriate response protocols.
- Emphasize understanding what constitutes a malicious packet and how to handle different types of security incidents.

11. Review and Update Mechanism:

- Regularly review and update the threshold and associated policies as network traffic patterns evolve or new attack vectors emerge.
- Maintain flexibility in adjusting thresholds and detection criteria to adapt to changing cybersecurity threats.

By implementing these measures, Gotham Ltd. can enhance its cybersecurity posture with a robust and adaptive defense mechanism against potential intrusions.