Overview

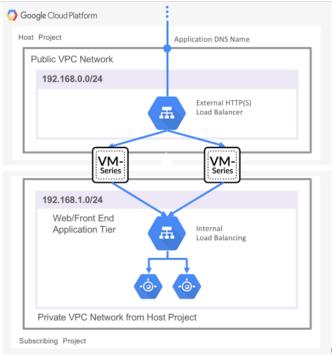
The following components are used in this demo:

- GCP Cloud Armor
- GCP Service Account
- Linux worker node

Prerequisites include:

- HTTP(S) Load Balancer
- Palo Alto Networks Firewall(s) with URLF and Threat subscriptions (duh)
- Webserver(s)

A typical deployment might resemble the diagram below (Shared VPC optional):



The gcp-aolf.py script may be downloaded from GitHub

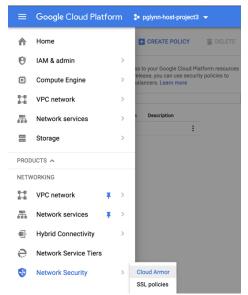
Introduction

- 1) In this demo we will use detectable threats between a browser and the web server (in this case we use a SQL Injection attack) to trigger action-oriented log forwarding.
- 2) The firewall will detect the SQL Injection threat and forward the log data to the worker node via an HTTP log forwarding action.

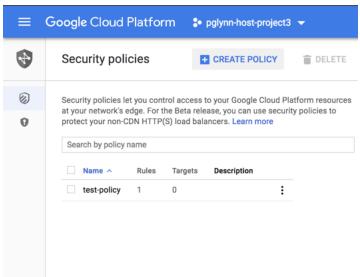
- 3) The worker node queries the firewall for additional information based on the sessionID, NAT Source Port, and received time of the detected threat. The response includes the IP address in the X-Forwarded-For HTTP header.
- 4) The worker node extracts the IP of the attacker from the X-Forwarded-For.
- 5) The worker node determines the correct rule priority and adds a rule to the Cloud Armor security policy.

Initial Setup

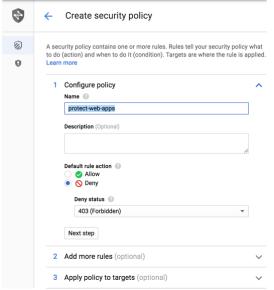
 Create the initial Cloud Armor security policy. Navigate to Networking > Network Security > Cloud Armor:



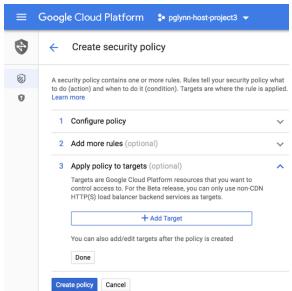
2) Click CREATE POLICY



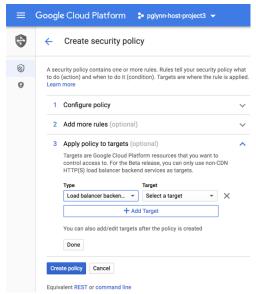
3) Specify a Name



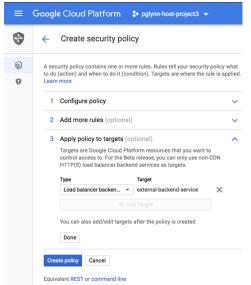
4) Click Apply policy to targets



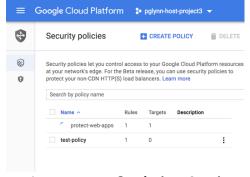
5) Click + Add Target



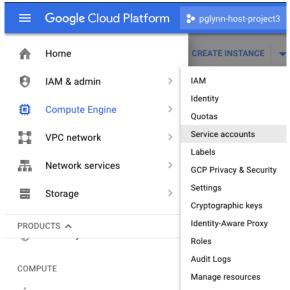
6) Select the public HTTP(S) Load Balancer



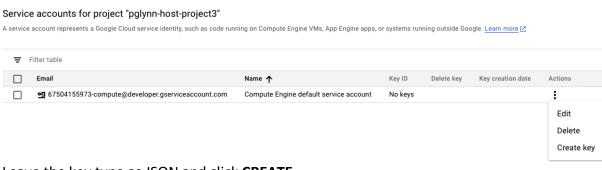
7) Click **Create policy.** It will take a few moments to create the policy.



8) Create a service account key. Navigate to IAM & admin > Service accounts



9) Click on the vertical ellipses beside the default service account and select Create key



10) Leave the key type as JSON and click CREATE

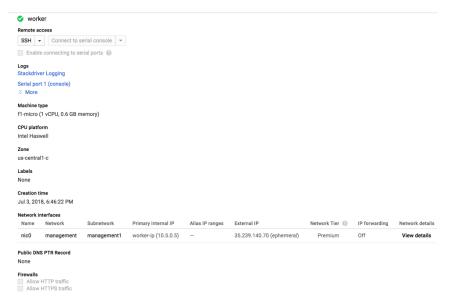


Downloads a file that contains the private key. Store the file securely because this key can't be recovered if lost.



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- 11) Save the key to a secure location as it allows API access to GCP resources
- 12) (optional) Rename the key to reflect the service account to which it is attached
- 13) Deploy a worker node with the following settings:
 - a. Machine type: F1-micro
 - b. Network: FW management subnet
 - c. Internal IP: static
 - d. External IP (optional): ephemeral



14) Copy the service account key and Python code to the worker node

```
DFWMACPoFQG8WL:python pglynn$ ls
67504155973-compute@developer.gserviceaccount.com.json
gcp-aolf.py
DFWMACPoFQG8WL:python pglynn$ scp * 35.239.140.70
35.239.140.70: No such file or directory
DFWMACPoFQG8WL:python pglynn$ scp * 35.239.140.70:
Warning: Permanently added '35.239.140.70' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
67504155973-compute@developer.gserviceaccount 100% 2330 33.8KB/s 00:00
gcp-aolf.py
DFWMACPoFQG8WL:python pglynn$ 

100% 9663 53.8KB/s 00:00
```

15) Connect to the worker node and "su" to root

```
1.pglynn@worker:~(ssh)

DF WMACPo FQG8 WL: python pglynn$ ssh 35.239.140.70' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.

Linux worker 4.9.0-6-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 4.9.88-1+deb9u1 (2018-05-07) x86_64

The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software; the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

Last login: Thu Jul 5 14:36:52 2018 from 47.183.68.140

pglynn@worker:~$ ls
67504155973-compute@developer.gserviceaccount.com.json gcp-aolf.py

pglynn@worker:~$ sudo su -
```

16) Copy the Python script and service account key to root's home directory

```
1. pglynn@worker: ~ (ssh)

root @worker: ~ # cp / home / pglynn / * .

root @worker: ~ # ls

67504155973 - compute @developer.gserviceaccount.com.json gcp-aolf.py

root @worker: ~ # | |
```

17) Create an environment variable pointing to the service account key. This is necessary as the Python script will need the key to authenticate to the GCP environment. The format is: export GOOGLE_APPLICATION_CREDENTIALS=/path/to/service_account_key.json

```
1.pglynn@worker:~(ssh)

root@worker:~# cp /home/pglynn/* .
root@worker:~# ls
67504155973-compute@developer.gserviceaccount.com.json gcp-aolf.py
root@worker:~# export GOOGLE_APPLICATION_CREDENTIALS=/root/67504155973-compute\@
developer.gserviceaccount.com.json
root@worker:~#
```

18) Add execute permission to the Python script:

19) Edit the Python script and replace the FW API key with the one specific to your implementation

```
#!/usr/bin/python

import json
import requests
import socket
import ssl
import ssl
import time
import xml.etree. ElementTree as ElementTree

from oauth2client.client import GoogleCredentials
from googleapiclient import discovery
from BaseHTTPServer import BaseHTTPRequestHandler, HTTPServer
from pprint import pprint
from urllib3.exceptions import InsecureRequestWarning

requests.packages.urllib3.disable_warnings(InsecureRequestWarning)

# Define various variables
API Key to login to the FW
Epi Key = "LUFRPTICUodMRHITOWFETOJUNZNaTmRoYmkwdjBkWWM9alUvUjBFTTNEQmg3VmxoOVhFRlNkOXdJNmVwYWk5Zmw4bEs3NjgwMkh5QTo="
# Flag for verbose logging
debug = 1
# Host name of the local server. Must be defined but can be empty.
"gcp-aolf.py" 275L, 9663C
```

20) (optional) To monitor script execution or for debugging purposes, set the debug flag to "1"

```
* Define various variables

* API Key to login to the FW

api Key = "LUFRPT1CUodMRHIrOWFEToJUNzNaTmRoYmkwdjBkWWM9alUvUjBFTTNEQm93VmxoOVhFRl

NkOXdJNmVwYWk5Zmw4bEs3NjgwMkh5QTo="

* Flag for verbose logging

debug = 1

* Host name of the local server. Must be defined but can be empty.

hostName = ""

* Port on local server on which to listen

hostPort = 80

* List 1-999 that is used to determine the first available priority for rule creation

priority_list = range(1, 1000)

* List of rule priorities

rule_priorities = []

* Create the query that is sent to the FW to retrieve the XFF from the URLF log

fw_url_log_cmd1 = "https://"

fw_url_log_cmd2 = "/api/?type=log&log-type=url&key="+apiKey+"&query=((sessionid%

20eq%20'"

fw_url_log_cmd3 = "') %20and%20(natsport%20eq%20'"

fw_url_log_cmd4 = "') %20and%20(receive_time%20geq%20'"

fw_url_log_ccmd5 = "'))"
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21) Install pip

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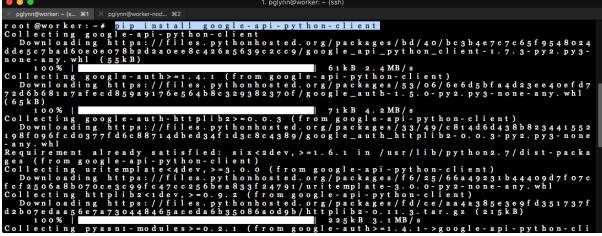
x pglynn@worker:~(s.m. %2)  

x pglynn@worker:~(s.m. %3)  

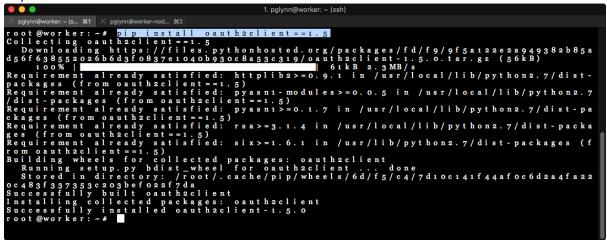
x pglynn@worker:~(s.m. %4)  

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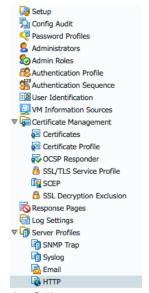
22) Install the Google API Client Library



23) Install the OAuth client



24) Login to the firewall and navigate to **Device > Server Profiles > HTTP**

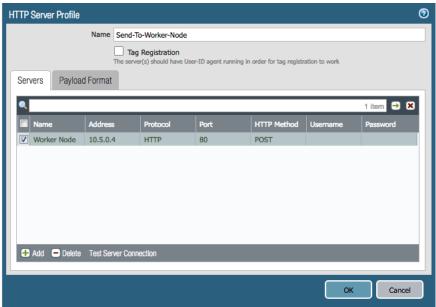


- 25) Add a new server profile with the following parameters:
 - a. Name: free-form text (e.g. Worker Node)
 - b. Address: Internal IP of the worker node

c. Protocol: HTTP

d. Port 80

e. HTTP Method: POST



26) Under **Payload Format**, edit the log type for **Threat** and create a new payload format:

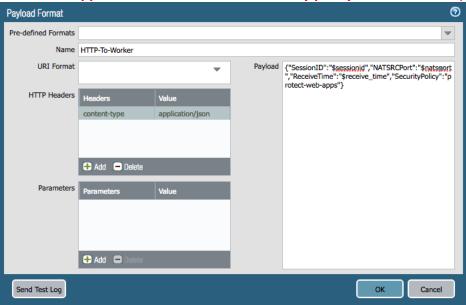
a. Name: Free-form text

b. Content-type: application/json

c. Payload:

 $\{ "SessionID": "\$sessionid", "NATSRCPort": "\$natsport", "ReceiveTime": "\$receive_time", "SecurityPolicy": "protect-web-apps" \} \\$

(replace "protect-web-apps" with the name of the security policy created earlier!)



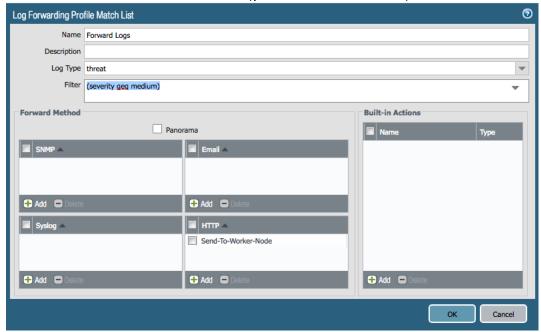
27) Navigate to **Objects > Log Forwarding** and add a new log forwarding profile with the following parameters:

a. Name: Free-form text

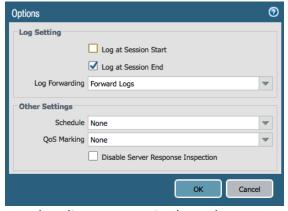
b. Log Type: Threat

c. Filter: (severity geq medium)

d. Forward Method: HTTP > (your HTTP Sever Profile)



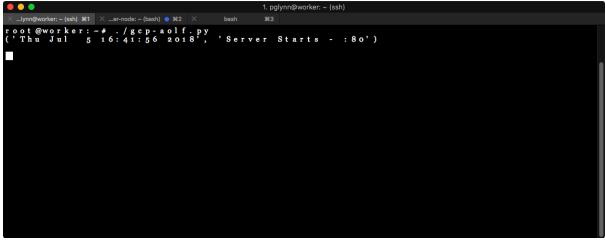
28) Edit the policy permitting web traffic from the untrust/internet side of the FW and add the log forwarding profile to the **Options**



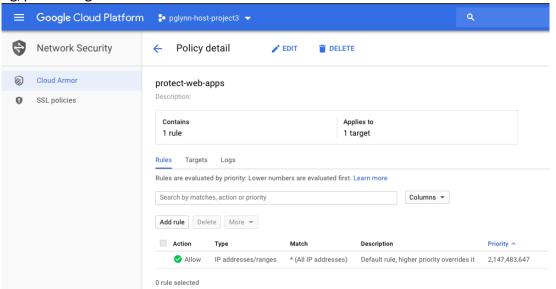
29) Commit the changes and replicate as required to other FW

Testing/Verification

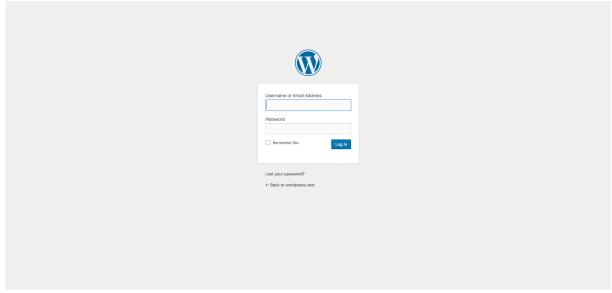
1) Launch the Python script from the worker node. You will have to be root if launching it manually as the script listens on a well-known port (TCP/80)



2) Check the Security Policy. In a production environment, there may be multiple rules blocking/permitting access.



3) Navigate to the web page (we are using a wordpress server for this example)



4) Input a valid username and for the password, simulate an XSS or SQL Injection attack. Examples include

<script>alert("HI")</script> %' or '0'='0 1' or '1' = '1



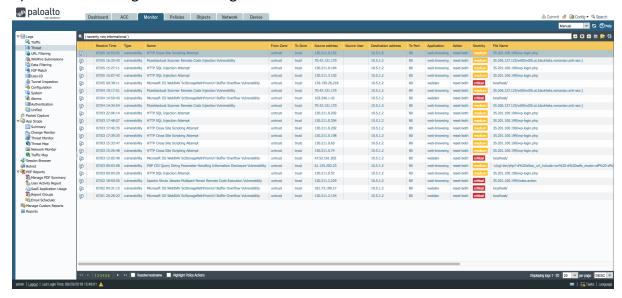
5) The firewall should block the attempted login

Error: Server Error

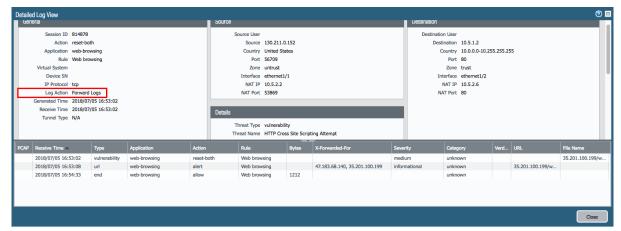
The server encountered a temporary error and could not complete your request.

Please try again in 30 seconds.

6) A Threat log event will be generated



7) Details on the log entry will show the Traffic, URL, and Threat logs as well as the log forwarding action



8) If debugging is enabled, you will see a large amount of output culminating in the acceptance of the request to create a new rule

```
1.pglynn@worker:~(ssh)

x pglynn@worker:~(ssh)

14, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 9

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46, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 9

62, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 9

94, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999])

('next_available_priority = ', 1)

('service = ', <googleapiclient.discovery.Resource object at ox7f8188f7e810>)

('poject_id = ', u'pglynn-host-project3')

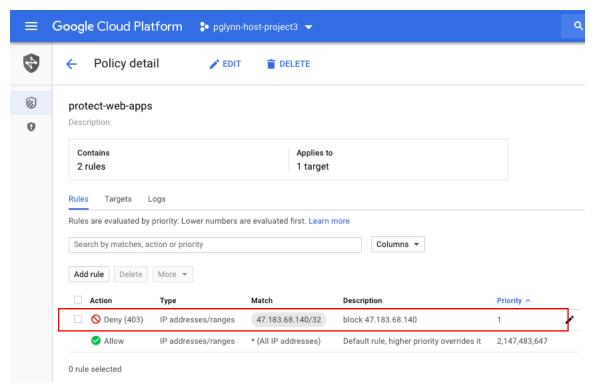
('policy_name = ', u'protect-web-apps')

('next_available_priority = ', 1)

('security_policy_body = ', {'priority': 1, 'action': 'deny(403)', 'preview': False, 'description': 'block 47.183.68.140', 'match': {'config': {'srclpRanges': ['47.183.68.140', 'match': {'config': {'srclpRanges': ['47.183.68.140', 'match': u'PENDING', u'kind': u'compute a poperation', u'name': u'operation-1530809758869-570436be56608-d88eb5f3-28ab34ea, u'insertTime': u'2018-07-05T09:55:59.122-07:00', u'targetId': u'7657455601816

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9) Check the security policy after a few moments (a browser refresh may be required)



10) Verify by re-attempting the XSS/SQL Injection attempt from the browser. You should see a **403 Forbidden** error

11) Interrupt the Python script with <CRTL>-<C>

Troubleshooting

- For the script to be able to execute, it needs to load two python libraries: google-apipython3-client and oauth2client==1.5. If those two libraries are not installed prior to running the script, it will exit with an error
- If the service account does not have the correct permissions or the authentication key has not been loaded, the script will run but fail when attempting to query the GCP environment. For more details on the API calls, including required IAM permissions, see

https://cloud.google.com/compute/docs/reference/rest/beta/securityPolicies/list https://cloud.google.com/compute/docs/reference/rest/beta/securityPolicies/addRule

```
I.pglynn@worker:~(s. %1) × bash %2

File "/usr/lib/python2.7/SocketServer.py", line 318, in process_request self.finish_request(request, client_address)

File "/usr/lib/python2.7/SocketServer.py", line 331, in finish_request self.Request Handler Class(request, client_address, self)

File "/usr/lib/python2.7/SocketServer.py", line 652, in __init__
self.handle()

File "/usr/lib/python2.7/BaseHTTPServer.py", line 340, in handle
self.handle_one_request()

File "/usr/lib/python2.7/BaseHTTPServer.py", line 328, in handle_one_request
method()

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File "/usr/localf.py", line 241, in do_POST
    list_priorities = get_rule_priorities(service, project_id, policy_name)

File "/gcp-aolf.py", line 113, in get_rule_priorities

response = request.execute()

File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/googleapiclient/_helpers.py", line
130, in positional_wrapper
    return wrapped(*args, **kwargs)

File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/googleapiclient/http.py", line 84

o, in execute
    raise HttpError(resp, content, uri=self.uri)

HttpError: <HttpError 403 when requesting https://www.googleapis.com/compute/bet
a/projects/pglynn-host-project3/global/securityPolicies?filter=name+eq+protect-w

eb-apps&alt=json_returned "Insufficient_Permission">
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