**Unit 11 Submission File: Network Security Homework**

**### Part 1: Review Questions**

**#### Security Control Types**

The concept of defense in depth can be broken down into three different security control types. Identify the security control type of each set of defense tactics.

**1.** Walls, bollards, fences, guard dogs, cameras, and lighting are what type of security control?

Answer:

PHYSICAL SECURITY

**2.** Security awareness programs, BYOD policies, and ethical hiring practices are what type of security control?

Answer:

MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY

**3.** Encryption, biometric fingerprint readers, firewalls, endpoint security, and intrusion detection systems are what type of security control?

Answer:

OPERATION SECURITY

**#### Intrusion Detection and Attack indicators**

**1.** What's the difference between an IDS and an IPS?

Answer:

IDS: alerts potential attacks/analyzes for known cyber attacks

IPS: can stop the attacks

**2.** What's the difference between an Indicator of Attack and an Indicator of Compromise?

Answer:

IOA: proactive; focus is on detecting the intent of the threat agent

IOC: reactive; "evidence on a computer that indicates that the security of the network has been breached" (CrowdStrike).

**#### The Cyber Kill Chain**

Name each of the seven stages for the Cyber Kill chain and provide a brief example of each.

**1.** Stage 1: Reconnaissance; malicious actor identifies their target and explores possible vulnerabilities within the network; gains information

**2.** Stage 2: Weaponization; attacker creates an "attack vector" to exploit the vulnerabilities that they found in Stage 1.

**3.** Stage 3: Delivery; attack is launched

**4.** Stage 4: Exploitation; malicious code is executed within the victim's system

**5.** Stage 5: Installation; immediately follows Step 4; attack vector is installed in the victim's system; threat actor has now entered the system

**6.** Stage 6: Command and Control; threat actor is able to assume remote control of the device or the target network; attacker can possibly expand their access and create points of entry for future attacks

**7.** Stage 7: Actions on Objectives; attacker carries out their goals such as data theft, destruction, encryption, etc.

(CrowdStrike).

**#### Snort Rule Analysis**

Use the Snort rule to answer the following questions:

Snort Rule #1

```bash

alert tcp $EXTERNAL\_NET any -> $HOME\_NET 5800:5820 (msg:"ET SCAN Potential VNC Scan 5800-5820"; flags:S,12; threshold: type both, track by\_src, count 5, seconds 60; reference:url,doc.emergingthreats.net/2002910; classtype:attempted-recon; sid:2002910; rev:5; metadata:created\_at 2010\_07\_30, updated\_at 2010\_07\_30;)

```

**1.** Break down the Sort Rule header and explain what is happening.

Answer: this rule is sending alerts to the user for inbound TCP traffic from port 5800 to port 5820; external network

**2.** What stage of the Cyber Kill Chain does this alert violate?

Answer: Stage 1

**3.** What kind of attack is indicated?

Answer: "Potential VNC Scan 5800-5820"

Snort Rule #2

```bash

alert tcp $EXTERNAL\_NET $HTTP\_PORTS -> $HOME\_NET any (msg:"ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file download HTTP"; flow:established,to\_client; flowbits:isnotset,ET.http.binary; flowbits:isnotset,ET.INFO.WindowsUpdate; file\_data; content:"MZ"; within:2; byte\_jump:4,58,relative,little; content:"PE|00 00|"; distance:-64; within:4; flowbits:set,ET.http.binary; metadata: former\_category POLICY; reference:url,doc.emergingthreats.net/bin/view/Main/2018959; classtype:policy-violation; sid:2018959; rev:4; metadata:created\_at 2014\_08\_19, updated\_at 2017\_02\_01;)

```

**1.** Break down the Sort Rule header and explain what is happening.

Answer: HTTP ports used as a way to deliver a malicious payload to any of the local ports

**2.** What layer of the Defense in Depth model does this alert violate?

Answer: Stage 3

**3.** What kind of attack is indicated?

Answer: Cross-Site Scripting

Snort Rule #3

**-** Your turn! Write a Snort rule that alerts when traffic is detected inbound on port 4444 to the local network on any port. Be sure to include the `msg` in the Rule Option.

Answer: alert tcp $EXTERNAL\_NET any -> $HOME\_NET 4444 (msg: "ET inboundtraffic")

**### Part 2: "Drop Zone" Lab**

**#### Log into the Azure `firewalld` machine**

Log in using the following credentials:

**-** Username: `sysadmin`

**-** Password: `cybersecurity`

**#### Uninstall `ufw`**

Before getting started, you should verify that you do not have any instances of `ufw` running. This will avoid conflicts with your `firewalld` service. This also ensures that `firewalld` will be your default firewall.

**-** Run the command that removes any running instance of `ufw`.

```bash

$ sudo apt remove ufw

```

**#### Enable and start `firewalld`**

By default, these service should be running. If not, then run the following commands:

**-** Run the commands that enable and start `firewalld` upon boots and reboots.

```bash

$ sudo systemctl enable firewalld.service

$ sudo /etc/init.d/firewalld start

```

Note: This will ensure that `firewalld` remains active after each reboot.

**#### Confirm that the service is running.**

**-** Run the command that checks whether or not the `firewalld` service is up and running.

```bash

$ sudo systemctl status firewalld.service

```

Active: active (running) since Tuesday 2022-03-15 13:21:39 EDT; 8min ago

**#### List all firewall rules currently configured.**

Next, lists all currently configured firewall rules. This will give you a good idea of what's currently configured and save you time in the long run by not doing double work.

**-** Run the command that lists all currently configured firewall rules:

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --list-all

```

**-** Take note of what Zones and settings are configured. You many need to remove unneeded services and settings.

**#### List all supported service types that can be enabled.**

**-** Run the command that lists all currently supported services to see if the service you need is available

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --get-services

```

**-** We can see that the `Home` and `Drop` Zones are created by default.

**#### Zone Views**

**-** Run the command that lists all currently configured zones.

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --list-all-zones

```

**-** We can see that the `Public` and `Drop` Zones are created by default. Therefore, we will need to create Zones for `Web`, `Sales`, and `Mail`.

**#### Create Zones for `Web`, `Sales` and `Mail`.**

**-** Run the commands that creates Web, Sales and Mail zones.

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permannent --new-zone=web

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --new-zone=sales

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --new-zone=mail

```

**#### Set the zones to their designated interfaces:**

**-** Run the commands that sets your `eth` interfaces to your zones.

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --zone=public --change-interface=eth0

$ sudo firewall-cmd --zone=drop --change-interface=eth1

$ sudo firewall-cmd --zone=web --change-interface=eth2

$ sudo firewall-cmd --zone=sales --change-interface=eth3

$ sudo firewall-cmd --zone=mail --change-interface=eth4

```

**#### Add services to the active zones:**

**-** Run the commands that add services to the \*\*public\*\* zone, the \*\*web\*\* zone, the \*\*sales\*\* zone, and the \*\*mail\*\* zone.

**-** Public:

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=public --add-service=http

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=public --add-service=https

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=public --add-service=pop3

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=public --add-service=smtp

```

**-** Web:

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=web --add-service=http

```

**-** Sales

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=sales --add-service=https

```

**-** Mail

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=mail --add-service=smtp

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=mail --add-service=pop3

```

**-** What is the status of `http`, `https`, `smtp` and `pop3`?

"ACTIVE"

**#### Add your adversaries to the Drop Zone.**

**-** Run the command that will add all current and any future blacklisted IPs to the Drop Zone.

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=drop --add-source=10.208.56.23

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=drop --add-source=135.95.103.76

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=drop --add-source=76.34.169.118

```

**#### Make rules permanent then reload them:**

It's good practice to ensure that your `firewalld` installation remains nailed up and retains its services across reboots. This ensure that the network remains secured after unplanned outages such as power failures.

**-** Run the command that reloads the `firewalld` configurations and writes it to memory

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --reload

```

**#### View active Zones**

Now, we'll want to provide truncated listings of all currently \*\*active\*\* zones. This a good time to verify your zone settings.

**-** Run the command that displays all zone services.

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --get-active-zones

```

**#### Block an IP address**

**-** Use a rich-rule that blocks the IP address `138.138.0.3`.

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-rich-rule='rule family="ipv4" source address="138.138.0.3" reject'

```

**#### Block Ping/ICMP Requests**

Harden your network against `ping` scans by blocking `icmp ehco` replies.

**-** Run the command that blocks `pings` and `icmp` requests in your `public` zone.

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --zone=public --add-icmp-block=echo-reply --add-icmp-block=echo-request

```

**#### Rule Check**

Now that you've set up your brand new `firewalld` installation, it's time to verify that all of the settings have taken effect.

**-** Run the command that lists all of the rule settings. Do one command at a time for each zone.

```bash

$ sudo firewall-cmd --zone=public --list-all

$ sudo firewall-cmd --zone=sales --list-all

$ sudo firewall-cmd --zone=mail --list-all

$ sudo firewall-cmd --zone=web --list-all

$ sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --zone=drop --list-all

```

**-** Are all of our rules in place? If not, then go back and make the necessary modifications before checking again.

Yes

Congratulations! You have successfully configured and deployed a fully comprehensive `firewalld` installation.

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**### Part 3: IDS, IPS, DiD and Firewalls**

Now, we will work on another lab. Before you start, complete the following review questions.

**#### IDS vs. IPS Systems**

**1.** Name and define two ways an IDS connects to a network.

Answer 1: Network Intrusion Detection System (NIDS) - “... an independent platform that identifies intrusions by examining network traffic and monitors multiple hosts” (Yadav, infosecinstitute.com). According to Yadav, sensors are placed and capture all network traffic, then analyze the packets for malicious traffic.

Answer 2: Host-based Intrusion Detection System (HIDS) - detects/pinpoints where the intrusion attempts have occurred on the fences of critical infrastructures. PIDS “detects disturbances on the fence… if an intrusion is detected and deemed by the system as an intrusion attempt, an alarm is triggered” (Yadav, infosecinstitute.com).

**2.** Describe how an IPS connects to a network.

Answer: IPS connects inline with the flow of data, between the firewall and network switch. Internet -> Firewall -> IPS -> Switch -> Management System.

(from 11.2 class presentation)

**3.** What type of IDS compares patterns of traffic to predefined signatures and is unable to detect Zero-Day attacks?

Answer: Signature-Based IDS.

**4.** Which type of IDS is beneficial for detecting all suspicious traffic that deviates from the well-known baseline and is excellent at detecting when an attacker probes or sweeps a network?

Answer: Anomaly-Based IDS.

**#### Defense in Depth**

**1.** For each of the following scenarios, provide the layer of Defense in Depth that applies:

**1.**  A criminal hacker tailgates an employee through an exterior door into a secured facility, explaining that they forgot their badge at home.

Answer: Physical/Perimeter

**2.** A zero-day goes undetected by antivirus software.

Answer: Application

**3.** A criminal successfully gains access to HR’s database.

Answer: Data

**4.** A criminal hacker exploits a vulnerability within an operating system.

Answer: Host

**5.** A hacktivist organization successfully performs a DDoS attack, taking down a government website.

Answer: Network

**6.** Data is classified at the wrong classification level.

Answer: Data

**7.** A state sponsored hacker group successfully firewalked an organization to produce a list of active services on an email server.

Answer: Perimeter

**2.** Name one method of protecting data-at-rest from being readable on hard drive.

Answer: Encryption

**3.** Name one method to protect data-in-transit.

Answer: VPN

**4.** What technology could provide law enforcement with the ability to track and recover a stolen laptop.

Answer: software such as LoJack

**5.** How could you prevent an attacker from booting a stolen laptop using an external hard drive?

Answer: Encrypt your harddrive

**#### Firewall Architectures and Methodologies**

**1.** Which type of firewall verifies the three-way TCP handshake? TCP handshake checks are designed to ensure that session packets are from legitimate sources.

Answer: Circuit-Level Gateway Firewalls

**2.** Which type of firewall considers the connection as a whole? Meaning, instead of looking at only individual packets, these firewalls look at whole streams of packets at one time.

Answer: Stateful Inspection Firewalls

**3.** Which type of firewall intercepts all traffic prior to being forwarded to its final destination. In a sense, these firewalls act on behalf of the recipient by ensuring the traffic is safe prior to forwarding it?

Answer: Application/Proxy Firewalls

**4.** Which type of firewall examines data within a packet as it progresses through a network interface by examining source and destination IP address, port number, and packet type- all without opening the packet to inspect its contents?

Answer: Packet-filtering Firewalls

**5.** Which type of firewall filters based solely on source and destination MAC address?

Answer: Next-generation Firewalls

**### Bonus Lab: "Green Eggs & SPAM"**

In this activity, you will target spam, uncover its whereabouts, and attempt to discover the intent of the attacker.

**-** You will assume the role of a Jr. Security administrator working for the Department of Technology for the State of California.

**-** As a junior administrator, your primary role is to perform the initial triage of alert data: the initial investigation and analysis followed by an escalation of high priority alerts to senior incident handlers for further review.

**-** You will work as part of a Computer and Incident Response Team (CIRT), responsible for compiling \*\*Threat Intelligence\*\* as part of your incident report.

**#### Threat Intelligence Card**

\*\*Note\*\*: Log into the Security Onion VM and use the following \*\*Indicator of Attack\*\* to complete this portion of the homework.

Locate the following Indicator of Attack in Sguil based off of the following:

**-** \*\*Source IP/Port\*\*: `188.124.9.56:80`

**-** \*\*Destination Address/Port\*\*: `192.168.3.35:1035`

**-** \*\*Event Message\*\*: `ET TROJAN JS/Nemucod.M.gen downloading EXE payload`

Answer the following:

**1.** What was the indicator of an attack?

**-** Hint: What do the details of the reveal?

Answer: The Event Message was the indicator of an attack; Trojan Downloader Activity

**2.** What was the adversarial motivation (purpose of attack)?

Answer: The adversarial motivation of the attack was to download malware.

**3.** Describe observations and indicators that may be related to the perpetrators of the intrusion. Categorize your insights according to the appropriate stage of the cyber kill chain, as structured in the following table.

**| TTP | Example | Findings |**

**| --- | --- | --- |**

**|** \*\*Reconnaissance\*\* **|** How did they attacker locate the victim? **|**

**|** \*\*Weaponization\*\* **|** What was it that was downloaded?**|**

**|** \*\*Delivery\*\* **|** How was it downloaded?**|**

**|** \*\*Exploitation\*\* **|** What does the exploit do?**|**

**|** \*\*Installation\*\* **|** How is the exploit installed?**|**

**|** \*\*Command & Control (C2)\*\* **|** How does the attacker gain control of the remote machine?**|**

**|** \*\*Actions on Objectives\*\* **|** What does the software that the attacker sent do to complete it's tasks?**|**

Answer:

**4.** What are your recommended mitigation strategies?

Answer:

**5.** List your third-party references.

Answer:

<https://www.crowdstrike.com/cybersecurity-101/indicators-of-compromise/ioa-vs-ioc/#:~:text=Indicators%20of%20attack%20(IOA)%20focus,intrusions%20and%20zero%2Dday%20exploits>.

<https://www.crowdstrike.com/cybersecurity-101/cyber-kill-chain/>

<https://paginas.fe.up.pt/~mgi98020/pgr/writing_snort_rules.htm>

<http://books.gigatux.nl/mirror/snortids/0596006616/snortids-CHP-7-SECT-3.html>

<https://resources.infosecinstitute.com/topic/network-design-firewall-idsips/>

<https://www.techtarget.com/searchsecurity/feature/The-basics-of-network-intrusion-prevention-systems>