INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM

Zeek Cluster Scenarios

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1 Abstract

In the ever-evolving landscape of cybersecurity, the ability to dissect and understand the complex choreography of network traffic is paramount. As malicious actors continuously refine their tactics, defenders need advanced tools to unravel the intricacies of these dances. This report explores the multifaceted functionalities of Zeek, a versatile network security monitoring tool, with a particular emphasis on its anomaly-based detection capabilities.

2 Introduction

Zeek, formerly known as Bro, is a powerful network traffic analyzer. Imagine it as a watchful owl, perched high on a branch, observing the intricate dance of digital communication. It dissects protocols with the precision of a surgeon, extracting valuable insights from the raw data that courses through its veins. But its purpose is not mere observation; it is to expose the malicious intent hidden within, unmasking the whispers of potential attacks before they can cause harm.

In the complex realm of cybersecurity, the effectiveness of network security monitoring tools plays a pivotal role in fortifying digital landscapes against evolving threats. At the forefront of these tools is Zeek, This report embarks on an in-depth exploration of Zeek's multifaceted functionalities, delving into its adeptness in deciphering the intricate choreography of network traffic across crucial protocols such as SSH, HTTP, DNS, and UDP and threats like SQL Injection, Buffer Overflow, Brute-Force SSH.

As cyber threats become increasingly sophisticated, traditional security mechanisms often fall short in identifying subtle deviations from the norm. Herein lies the strength of Zeek's anomaly-based detection approach, where it excels in uncovering irregular patterns and behaviors within network traffic that may signify potential security breaches.

3 Buffer Overflow

It's a type of cyberattack that exploits a program's vulnerability to overwrite adjacent memory locations with malicious code. It occurs when more data is written to a buffer (a temporary data storage area) than it's designed to hold. This overflow can corrupt, crash, or even hijack control of the program, leading to serious consequences.

Increasing Buffer Sizes in Python Code as shown in the figure below:

Figure 1: Buffer Overflow code

Run the code to start buffer overflow attack to victim machine as shown in the figure below:

```
nloads$ ./bf.py
Sending buffer with length: 1000
Sending
        buffer with
                    length: 2000
Sending
        buffer with
                    length: 3000
Sending
        buffer with
                    length: 4000
Sending
        buffer with length: 5000
Sending
        buffer with
                    length:
                            6000
Sending buffer with
                    length: 7000
Sending
       buffer with length: 8000
        buffer with
Sending
                    length:
Sending
        buffer with
                    length: 10000
Sending
        buffer with
                    length: 11000
Sending buffer with length: 12000
Sending
        buffer with
                    length: 13000
Sending buffer with
                    length: 14000
Sending buffer with length: 15000
Sending
        buffer with
                    length:
                            16000
Sending buffer with length: 17000
Sending buffer with length: 18000
Sending buffer with length: 19000
Sending buffer with length: 20000
Sending buffer with length: 21000
Sending buffer with length: 22000
```

Figure 2: Run Buffer Overflow code

Bro (Zeek) can be used to detect buffer overflow attempts using anomaly-based techniques within a cluster environment as shown in the figure below:

```
oot@master:/opt/zeek/logs/current# ls
analyzer.log
                   dns.log
                                         ntlm.log
                                                              ssh.log
broker.log
                   dpd.log
                                         ntp.log
                                                              stats.log
capture_loss.log
                                         packet_filter.log
                                                              stderr.log
                   http.log
                   known_hosts.log
known_services.log
loaded_scripts.log
cluster.log
                                                              stdout.log
                                         reporter.log
conn.log
                                                              telemetry.log
                                         smb_mapping.log
                                         software.log
                                                              weird.log
dhcp.log
root@master:/opt/zeek/logs/current# tail -f dpd.log
#empty_field
                 (empty)
#unset_field
#path
        dpd
#open
        2024-01-17-18-39-33
                          id.orig_h id.ori
failure_reason
#fields ts
                 uid
                                           id.orig_p
                                                             id.resp_h
                                                                               id.resp_
        proto
                 analyzer
        time
                 string
                         addr
                                   port
                                           addr
                                                                      string
                                                                               string
#types
1705509573.838451
                          CiGBJx1yibmM5bHcSa
                                                    192.168.1.180
                                                                               192.168
                          HTTP
                                   not a http request line
        80
                 tcp
1705509573.838518
                          CyLYO
                                  VzgMX4YuWhk
                                                    192.168.
                                                                               192.168
1.13
        80
                          HTTP
                                  not a http
                                               request line
                 tcp
1705509573.838450
                          CjEbeta6sTC63Pgdc
                                                    192.168.1
                                                                      48868
                                                                               192.168
1.13
        80
                          HTTP
                                  not a http
                                               request line
                 tcp
1705509573.838501
                                                    192.168.1.180
                                                                      48868
                                                                               192.168
                          CvhTlcEz91c9hJiKi
                                   not a http request line
1.13
        80
                 tcp
                          HTTP
```

Figure 3: Detect Buffer Overflow by Zeek

4 SQL Injection

SQL injection is a type of cyber attack that occurs when an attacker is able to manipulate a database query by injecting malicious SQL (Structured Query Language) code into the input fields of a vulnerable application.

Start SQL Injection attempt from attacker machine

Figure 4: SQL Injection command

Zeek can detect SQL injection attempts by analyzing network traffic and identifying patterns or anomalies in the SQL-related activity as shown in the figures below :

```
root@master: /opt/zeek/logs/current
        CaptureLoss::Too_Little_Traffic Only observed 0 TCP ACKs and was expecti
                                                                             Notice:
  at least 1.
                                                            logger-1
 CTION_LOG
                (empty) 3600.000000
 705493332.582195
        CaptureLoss::Too_Little_Traffic Only observed 0 TCP ACKs and was expecti
     least 1.
                                                            manager Notice::ACTION L
G (empty) 3600.000000
.705493334.301707 -
        CaptureLoss::Too_Little_Traffic Only observed 0 TCP ACKs and was expecti
     least 1. - - - - (empty) 3600.000000
                                                            proxy-1 Notice::ACTION_L
705493335.828384
       CaptureLoss::Too_Little_Traffic Only observed 0 TCP ACKs and was expecti
                                                                             Notice::
  at least 1.
                                                            worker-1
                (empty) 3600.000000
 CTION_LOG
 705493604.429548
        HTTP::SQL_Injection_Attacker
                                           An SQL injection attacker was discovered
       - 192.168.1.96
(empty) 3600.000000
                                                            manager Notice::ACTION L
1705493604.429<u>548</u>
                  Injection_Victim
       HTTP::SQL
                                           An SQL injection victim was discovered!-
192.168.1.13
                                           manager Notice::ACTION_LOG
                                                                              (empty)3
600.000000
```

Figure 5: Detect SQL Injection attempt from by zeek

1705511172.429806										CaptureL
oss::Too_Little_Traffic	Only ob	served 0	TCP ACKS	and v	was expecti	ing at	least 1.			
 manager Notice: 	ACTION_	LOG	(empty)	3600.0	90000					
1705511174.159369										CaptureL
oss::Too_Little_Traffic	Only ob	served 0	TCP ACKS	and v	was expecti	ing at	least 1.			
- proxy-1 Notice:	:ACTION_	LOG	(empty)	3600.0	90000					
1705511175.392988										CaptureL
oss::Too_Little_Traffic	Only ob	served 0	TCP ACKS	and v	was expecti	ing at	least 1.			
- worker-1	Notice:	:ACTION_L	.0G	(empty	/) 3600.000	0000				
-										
1705511287.090358										HTTP::SQ
L_Injection_Attacker	An SQL	injection	attacke	r was	discovered	!!		192.168	1.96	
 manager Notice: 	ACTION_	LOG	(empty)	3600.0	90000					
1705511287.090358										HTTP::SQ
L_Injection_Victim	An SQL	injection	victim	was di	iscovered!		192.168	.1.13		
manager Notice::ACTION_l	_OG	(empty)	3600.000	0000						-

Figure 6: Detect SQL Injection attempt from by zeek

5 SSH Bruteforce

SSH (Secure Shell) brute force attacks are attempts by malicious actors to gain unauthorized access to a system by systematically trying a large number of usernames and passwords.

Start guessing passwords by using hydra tool as shown in the figure below:

```
(kali@ kali)-[~]
$ sudo hydra -l "dana" -P /home/kali/Desktop/rockyou.txt 192.168.1.13 ssh
[sudo] password for kali:
Hydra 9/4 (c) 2022 by van Hauser/THC & David Maciejak - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or
for illegal purposes (this is non-binding, these *** ignore laws and ethics anyway).

Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2024-01-19 10:54:43
[WARNING] Many SSH configurations limit the number of parallel tasks, it is recommended to reduce the tasks: use -t 4
[DATA] max 16 tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tasks, 14344389 login tries (l:1/p:14344389), ~896525 tries per task
[DATA] attacking ssh://192.168.1.13:22/
```

Figure 7: hydra command to guess passwords

Zeek Detect Guessing SSH Password As Shown In The Figure Below :

```
root@master:/opt/zeek/logs/current# tail -f notice.log
#separator \x09
#set_separator
#empty_field
#unset_field
                (empty)
#path
        notice
#open
        2024-01-18-21-01-13
                                                                                                 file_mim
#fields ts
                uid
                        id.orig_h
                                        id.orig_p
                                                        id.resp_h
                                                                        id.resp_p
                                                                                         fuid
                        proto
e_type
        file_desc
                               note
                                        msg
                                                sub
                                                        src
                                                                dst
                                                                                         peer_descr
ctions
        email_dest
                        suppress_for
                                        remote_location.country_code
                                                                         remote_location.region
                                                                                                 remote_l
ocation.city
                remote location.latitude
                                                remote_location.longitude
                                                                                 community_id
                                                       string string string
m] set[string]
                string
                                                port
#types
                        addr
                                port
                                                                                 enum
                                                                                                 string s
tring
                                        string set[enum]
                                                                                                 string s
        addr
                addr
                        port
                                count
                                                                                 interval
tring
        string
               double
                       double string
1705604471.661249
                                                                                                 SSH::Pas
Sampled
                                      192.168.1.13, 192.168.1.13, 192.168.1.13

(empty) 3600.000000 -
                                                                                192.168.1.96
```

Figure 8: Detect guessing ssh password by zeek

6 HTTP Traffic

Zeek is a powerful network traffic analysis tool that can monitor and analyze network traffic in real-time. It can be used to identify a wide range of malicious activity, including HTTP attacks.

The top line in the figure below shows the command used to run ApacheBench: **ab -n 1000 c 100** http://192.168.1.13/. This tells us that ApacheBench was run with the following options:

- -n 1000: This specifies the number of requests to make (1000 in this case).
- -c 100: This specifies the concurrency level, meaning the number of concurrent requests to make (100 in this case).

http://192.168.1.13/: This specifies the target URL to benchmark.

Once the benchmark is finished, it displays information about the server, including its software (Server Software: Apache/2.4.41), hostname (Server Hostname: 192.168.1.13), port (Server Port: 80), document path (Document Path: /), document length (Document Length: 10918 bytes), and concurrency level (Concurrency Level: 100).

```
|a@pop-os:~$ ab -n 1000 -c 100 http://192.168.1.13/
This is ApacheBench, Version 2.3 <$Revision: 1879490 $>
Copyright 1996 Adam Twiss, Zeus Technology Ltd, http://www.zeustech.net/
Licensed to The Apache Software Foundation, http://www.apache.org/
Benchmarking 192.168.1.13 (be patient)
Completed 100 requests
Completed 200 requests
Completed 300 requests
Completed 400 requests
Completed 500 requests
Completed 600 requests
Completed 700 requests
Completed 800 requests
Completed 900 requests
Completed 1000 requests
Finished 1000 requests
                        Apache/2.4.41
Server Software:
                        192.168.1.13
Server Hostname:
Server Port:
                        80
Document Path:
                        10918 bytes
Document Length:
Concurrency Level:
                        100
```

Figure 9: HTTP requests (Attacker machine)

the images from first machine to second machine shows the results of a performance test conducted on a web server using ApacheBench. It provides information about the server's response time and performance under a specific load as shown in the figure below.

```
Total transferred:
                        11192000 bytes
HTML transferred:
                        10918000 bytes
Requests per second:
                        2096.09 [#/sec] (mean)
                        47.708 [ms] (mean)
Time per request:
                        0.477 [ms] (mean, across all concurrent requests)
Time per request:
Transfer rate:
                        22909.64 [Kbytes/sec] received
Connection Times (ms)
              min mean[+/-sd] median
                                         max
Connect:
                0
                         0.6
                                  0
                    44
                         9.8
                                          82
Processing:
                    44
Waiting:
                        10.0
                                          79
                         9.5
Total:
                                          82
WARNING: The median and mean for the initial connection time are not withir
        These results are probably not that reliable.
Percentage of the requests served within a certain time (ms)
 50%
 66%
          49
 75%
 80%
          54
 90%
 95%
 98%
 99%
          82 (longest request)
 100%
```

Figure 10: HTTP requests (Attacker machine)

The command in the figure below sudo tail -f /opt/zeek/logs/current/http.log, is used to view the Zeek HTTP log file in real-time.

This command in second machine (victim) , when applied, shows the traffic information captured by Zeek and stored in a log file , such as victim ip and attacker ip and port number ... etc.

By default, Zeek stores its logs in the /opt/zeek/logs/current directory, with separate files for different protocols like HTTP, DNS, and SSH.

dana@r	master:/opt/zeek/	logs\$	sudo tail	-f /opt/	/zeek/logs/current	/http.l	og			
170276	51748.285996	CgBg	jd2PRleXR	hn2Yd	192.168.1.180	56650	192.168.1.13	80	1	
ET	192.168.1.13	/		1.1	ApacheBench/2.3		0 10918	200	OK	
· i	(empty) -					Feu53e	iBZ2LA5Q0Qa		text	/htm
170276	51748.287496	CYfhi	Dc2aI78rL	.clv97	192.168.1.180	56676	192.168.1.13	80	1	G
ET	192.168.1.13	/		1.1	ApacheBench/2.3		0 10918	200	OK	-
- l	(empty) -					FQ7jUQ	3NmmNNOQwv4l		text	/htm
170276	51748.287032	CVoL	k48PARiOh	wvXf	192.168.1.180	56662	192.168.1.13	80	1	G
ET	192.168.1.13	/		1.1	ApacheBench/2.3		0 10918	200	OK	
- 1	(empty) -					FleGdC	2EsIc62Ee6pf		text	/htm
170276	51748.287899	CLSl	tiLPBpIjr	vmGd	192.168.1.180	56692	192.168.1.13	80	1	G
ET	192.168.1.13	1		1.1	ApacheBench/2.3		0 10918	200	OK	
i	(empty) -					FpcFix	3WMYD1PWgEg1		text	/htm
170276	51748.288426	Ciie	Rj3ATKNFD	D3NM5	192.168.1.180	56696	192.168.1.13	80	1	G
ET	192.168.1.13	/		1.1	ApacheBench/2.3		0 10918	200	OK	
l	(empty) -					F0WN6u	208yeHGTijj		text	/htm
170276	51748.288969	C52nl	kR2l9yj3F	WoM9g	192.168.1.180	56710	192.168.1.13	80	1	
ET	192.168.1.13			1.1	ApacheBench/2.3		0 10918	200	OK	

Figure 11: HTTP response (Victim machine)

```
FAXh0C2IhuuvJhPy2j
                                                                                                                  text/htm
 .
1702761758.405890
ET 192.168.1.13
(empty) -
                                                         192.168.1.180
                                                         ApacheBench/2.3
                                                                                                                  ОК
                                                                            FkrDCLaubPkXp78Dh
                                                                                                                  text/htm
                            CL8qr53HClNq8caYMi
                                                         192.168.1.180
                                                                            50734
                                                                                     192.168.1.13
         192.168.1.13 (empty) -
                                                                                                                  OK -
text/htm
                                                                            - 0 109
F95m5A4Y1Z7Q4rC7e2
1702761758.407212
ET 192.168.1.13
                                                        192.168.1.180
ApacheBench/2.3
                                                                                     192.168.1.13
0 10918
                            CGFgBF1zijY0L2tec8
                                                                                                                  text/htm
                                                                            FBPU0U3U0oPFPavb
         (empty)
1702761758.407854
                            CQCUWiLRkj25JoHE7
                                                         192.168.1.180
                                                                            50750
                                                                                     192.168.1.13
         192.168.1.13
                                                         ApacheBench/2.3
                                                                                               10918
         (empty)
                                                                            FoHcv025pKBZLWkt75
                                                                                                                  text/htm
 702761758.408571
                                                         192.168.1.180
                                                                                     192.168.1.13
                                                                                                                 OK -
text/htm
         192.168.1.13
                                                                                                        200
                                                                                               10918
         (empty)
  nna@master:/opt/zeek/logs$
```

Figure 12: HTTP response (Victim machine)

```
root@master:/opt/zeek/logs# awk <mark>-F '\t' '{print $1, $2, $3, $4, $5, $6}' /opt/zeek/logs/current/http.log</mark>
#separator \x09
#set_separator
#empty_fteld (empty)
```

Figure 13: HTTP response (Victim machine)

```
#unset_field -
#path http
#open 2023-12-17-15-00-09
#fields ts uid id.orig_h id.orig_p id.resp_h
#types time string addr port addr
1702817887.824170 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702817889.354309 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702817892.689061 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702817922.037895 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702817923.950346 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702817966.406824 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702817967.008754 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702817967.008754 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702817967.808028 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702817971.677939 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702817981.570782 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702818088.741041 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702818088.741041 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
170281808.7404041 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
170281808.74020288 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702818100.568085 CqKQMQlPz40321837 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702818212.105760 C7ZQwwlbkxFdflPwwa 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702818259.157785 CqmklkX72Z25FGPVJ 192.168.1.13 34224 91.189.91.82 80
1702818259.157785 CqmklkX7Z2Z5FGPVJ 192.168.1.180 47522 3160.196.3 80
1702818508.225525 CQpLstzDr5cciCjsa 192.168.1.180 4752 3160.196.3 80
1702818508.225525 CQpLstzDr5cciCjsa 192.168.1.180 4752 3160.196.3 80
```

Figure 14: HTTP response (Victim machine)

This command is used to filter captured traffic so that it appears in clear, organized fields

```
root@master:/opt/zeek/logs# awk -F '\t' '$3 == "192.168.1.180" {print $1, $2, $3, $4, $5, $6}' /opt/zeek /logs/current/http.log
1702818259.157789 Cen08ik1K72Z25f6PVj 192.168.1.180 47522 3.160.196.53 80
1702818659.518062 CK4VQp4Qf5KexQXN7C 192.168.1.180 34452 65.9.112.39 80
1702818681.093075 CiiRvd25irXk5X7C5E 192.168.1.180 56378 13.33.93.12 80
1702818659.501165 CIPSG54WgVbitSYcya 192.168.1.180 37516 192.229.221.95 80
1702819121.629733 CBSTHPazTi3uwk0Bt 192.168.1.180 37516 192.229.221.95 80
1702819121.639732 CPNEMLaMY2CugtIr8 192.168.1.180 37520 192.229.221.95 80
1702819121.639643 CU6Krnr9SSUKESH4a 192.168.1.180 37520 192.229.221.95 80
1702819123.220502 CBSTHPazTi3uwk0Bt 192.168.1.180 37526 192.229.221.95 80
1702819123.320502 CBSTHPazTi3uwk0Bt 192.168.1.180 37526 192.229.221.95 80
1702819123.3254147 CU6Krnr9SSUKESH4a 192.168.1.180 37520 192.229.221.95 80
1702819123.354147 CU6Krnr9SSUKESH4a 192.168.1.180 37520 192.229.221.95 80
1702819152.664125 CdYDb12ygK0VuqkJh8 192.168.1.180 37520 192.229.221.95 80
1702819152.664125 CdYDb12ygK0VuqkJh8 192.168.1.180 37520 192.229.221.95 80
1702819159.262021 CBYGCm2RuwXDmtSkre 192.168.1.180 37520 192.229.221.95 80
1702819159.262021 CBYGCm2RuwXDmtSkre 192.168.1.180 37520 192.229.221.95 80
17028199459.727830 CALaZg1eILXnatcop5 192.168.1.180 37520 192.229.221.95 80
17028199459.727830 CABZGYGENGYANDESKRE 192.168.1.180 37520 192.229.221.95 80
1702819961.731530 CBYGCm2RuwXDmtSkre 192.168.1.180 37520 192.258.180
1702819961.731530 CBYGCm2RuwXDmtSkre 192.168.1.180 39280 192.168.1.13 80
1702819961.731530 CG45YB2AAPZtEdSWTd 192.168.1.180 39180 192.168.1.13 80
1702819961.731530 CG49Bj33KUd9iFuc9w9 192.168.1.180 39280 192.168.1.13 80
1702819961.731530 CYBEtrkcVANK3eRrh 192.168.1.180 39280 192.168.1.13 80
1702819961.731530 CSQHM3TLGERGMJ8D0 192.168.1.13 80
1702819961.731530 CYBEtrkcVANK3eRrh 192.168.1.180 39280 192.168.1.13 80
1702819961.731530 CYBEtrkcVANK3eRrh 192.168.1.180 39280 192.168.1.13 80
1702819961.731530 CYBEtrkcVANK3eRrh 192.168.1.180 39280 192.168.1.13 80
1702819961.731530 CYBEtr
```

Figure 15: HTTP response (Victim machine)

This command is used to filter captured traffic from Attacker machine so that it appears Attacker IP address and some information .

Zeek is successfully detecting and logging the suspicious activity, to analyze the attack and take appropriate security measures.

7 DNS Queries

Zeek acts like a vigilant detective in the digital realm, watching the network with keen eyes. When it sees suspicious DNS traffic, like unusual domain requests or sudden spikes in activity, it raises alarms. It analyzes patterns, compares them to past threats, and identifies potential DNS attacks hiding in the shadows.

```
inet6 ::1/128 scope host
    valid_lft forever preferre
enp3s0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,U
p default qlen 1000
    link/ether 1c:6f:65:c6:6f:2f
    inet 192.168.1.180/24 brd 192
3s0
    valid_lft 6945sec preferre
inet6 fe80::fa79:4626:44d5:d6</pre>
```

Figure 16: Attacker IP address

The command **nslookup zajel.najah.edu** at attacker machine performs a DNS lookup of the domain zajel.najah.edu as shown in the figure below.

```
dana@pop-os:~$ nslookup zajel.najah.edu
                127.0.0.53
Server:
                127.0.0.53#53
Address:
Non-authoritative answer:
Name: zajel.najah.edu
Address: 172.67.27.164
       zajel.najah.edu
Name:
Address: 104.22.42.139
Name:
       zajel.najah.edu
Address: 104.22.43.139
       zajel.najah.edu
Name:
Address: 2606:4700:10::ac43:1ba4
Name:
       zajel.najah.edu
Address: 2606:4700:10::6816:2b8b
       zajel.najah.edu
Name:
Address: 2606:4700:10::6816:2a8b
```

Figure 17: nslookup command (Attacker machine)

Detecting the DNS Lookup: Zeek monitors outgoing DNS traffic from the attacker's machine. and capture the corresponding DNS request and response messages as shown in the figure below.

5185		WPAD	1	C_INTERNET	32	NIMLOC			F	F	T	F
1			F									
170283	31041.286	5431	Сурос	K2KIyQMHaVzN5	192.168	.1.40	137	192.168	.1.255	137	udp	4
5185		WPAD	1	C_INTERNET	32	NIMLOC			F	F	Т	F
1			F									
170283	31041.286	5525	Сурос	K2KIyQMHaVzN5	192.168	.1.40	137	192.168	.1.255	137	udp	4
5185		WPAD	1	C_INTERNET	32	NIMLOC			F	F	Т	F
1			F									
70283	31063.765	5266	CwUyZ	7XthlsJ7Jvvk	192.168	.1.180	34694	192.168	.1.1	53	udp	2
3933	0.015	535	zajel	.najah.edu 1	C_INTER	NET	1	Α	0	NOERROR	F	F
Γ =	Т	0	104.2	2.43.139,172.67.2	27.164,104	.22.42.1	139	247.000	000,247	7.000000,2	47.000	000
170283	31063.781	1788	CiXiY	FJXaIhTD59l5	192.168	.1.180	53939	192.168	.1.1	53	udp	1
3283	0.015	548	zajel	.najah.edu 1	C INTER	NET	28	AAAA	0	NOERROR	F	F
Γ	T	0	2606:	4700:10::ac43:1ba	a4,2 6 06:47	00:10::0	6816:2b8l	2606:47	00:10::	6816:2a8b	289.0	000
00,289	0.000000	,289.0006	000	F								
170283	31066.562	2125	Ca6no	M12S2XT9ONB5k	192.168	.1.180	52441	192.168	.1.1	53	udp	1
3800	0.0872	212	204.p	op-os.org 1	C INTER	NET	28	AAAA	0	NOERROR	F	F
	T	0	2600:	9000:269b:aa00:16	5:ce8a:548	0:93a1,2	2600:9000	9:269b:70	00:16:0	e8a:5480:	93a1,2	600
9000:	269b:2c0	00:16:ce8	8a:5480:	93a1,2600:9000:26	59b:e200:1	6:ce8a:	5480:93a:	1,2600:90	00:269t	:fc00:16:	ce8a:5	480
:93a1,	.2600:900	00:269b:c	:00:16:c	e8a:5480:93a1,260	00:9000:26	9b:6a00:	:16:ce8a	:5480:93a	1,2600:	9000:269b	:4a00:	16:
ce8a:	5480:93a1	1 60.000	0000,60.	000000,60.000000	,60.000000	,60.0000	000,60.00	00000,60.	000000.	60.000000	F	
170283	31067.706	5589	Cvyv7	e18ComGLbydx	192.168	.1.180	41196	192.168	.1.1	53	udp	1
9261	0.0635	507		op-os.org 1	C INTER		1	Α	0	NOERROR	F	F
Г	T	0		.196.89,3.160.196				96.53	60.000	0000,60.00	0000,6	0.0
คดดดด	60 00000	an F										

Figure 18: Capture traffic by ZEEK (Victim machine)

1702831	946.139	903	CZLxhi1	HyAWrzNa	eje			44604	192.168	1.1	53	udp	4
7745	0.0006	52	13.1.16	8.192.in	-addr.arp	a	1	C_INTERN	IET	12	PTR	0	N
DERROR	T	F	T	T	0	master	0.000000		F				
L702831	947.171	816	C5FJLD1	Gn0MpAqC	t6h			46237	192.168	1.1	53	udp	6
1058	0.0008	02	13.1.16	8.192.in	-addr.arp	a	1	C_INTERN	IET	12	PTR	0	N
DERROR	T	F	T	T	0	master	0.000000		F				
1702831	947.771	794	C7RmKL2	iB0U0ov7	rtg			45706	192.168	1.1	53	udp	4
3257	0.0008	38	13.1.16	8.192.in	-addr.arp	a	1	C_INTERN	IET	12	PTR	0	N
DERROR	T	F	T	T	0		0.000000		F				
\c													

Figure 19: Capture traffic by ZEEK (Victim machine)

Here it shows the traffic captured by zeek and stored in the **dns.log file** Coming specifically from the attacker's device.

8 Secure Shell(SSH)

The command in the figure below to establish an SSH connection to a server with the IP address 192.168.1.180. The username for the login is "dana", to gain access to systems.

```
dana@master:~$ ssh dana@192.168.1.180
The authenticity of host '192.168.1.180 (192.168.1.180)' can't be established. ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:HaJ2g989wxNT7ooFyy+10Acl8r37DSZ8iVj0LX9D9/U.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.1.180' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
dana@192.168.1.180's password:
Welcome to Pop! OS 22.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 6.0.12-76060006-generic x86 64)
 * Homepage: https://pop.system76.com
 * Support: https://support.system76.com
Last login: Sat Dec 16 18:42:04 2023 from 192.168.1.96
dana@pop-os:~$ exit
logout
Connection to 192.168.1.180 closed.
dana@master:~$ ssh dana@192.168.1.180
dana@192.168.1.180's password:
Welcome to Pop!_OS 22.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 6.0.12-76060006-generic x86_64)
 * Homepage: https://pop.system76.com
   Support: https://support.system76.com
Last login: Sun_Dec 17 16:47:15 2023 from 192.168.1.13
dana@pop-os:~$
```

Figure 20: Start SSH connection to 192.168.1.180

ls command used to list the contents of the /opt/zeek/logs/current directory on a Zeek server, as show in the figure below.

```
root@master:/opt/zeek/logs/current# ls
analyzer.log
                  files.log
                                       loaded_scripts.log
                                                           packet_filter.log
                                                                               stderr.log
capture_loss.log
                  http.log
                                       notice.log
                                                            software.log
                                                                               stdout.log
                                                           ssl.log
                                                                               telemetry.log
conn.log
                  known_hosts.log
                                       ntp.log
dns.log
                   known services.log
                                      ocsp.log
                                                           stats.log
                                                                               weird.log
```

Figure 21: List log files by using ls command

tail -f /opt/zeek/logs/current/software.log command on a Zeek server. This command continuously displays the last lines of the /opt/zeek/logs/current/software.log file, which is a log file used by Zeek to record information about the software itself.

```
root@master:/opt/zeek/logs/current# tail -f /opt/zeek/logs/current/software.log
#separator \x09
#set_separator
#empty_field
#unset_field
                 (empty)
#path
        software
#open
        2023-12-17-18-13-23
#fields ts
                 host
                         host_p
                                  software_type
                                                            version.major
                                                                              version.minor
                                                                                               version.minor2
ersion.minor3
                 version.addl
                                  unparsed version
                         port
                                  enum
                                                   count
                                                            count
                                                                     count
                                                                                      string
1702829603.717167
                          192.168.1.180
                                                   HTTP::BROWSER
                                                                     Firefox
                                                                             118
                                                                                      0
Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux
                         x86_64; rv:109.0)
                                                   /20100101 Firefox/118.0
1702829958.152975
                          192.168.1.180
                                                    SSH::SERVER
                                                                     OpenSSH
        OpenSSH_8.9p1 Ubuntu-3ubuntu0.1
root@master:/opt/zeek/logs/current# 🗌
```

Figure 22: The tail command to shows the last few lines of the software log file

The first line shows the header information for the log file, including the timestamp, unparsed version, and additional version details.

The subsequent lines show individual log entries. Each entry includes the following information:

Timestamp: The date and time the event occurred.

Host: The hostname or IP address of the machine that generated the event (192.168.1.180).

Software type: The type of software involved in the event (OpenSSH server).

Name: The specific name of the software (Firefox web browser).

Version information: (version 118.0).

The figure below shows command cat /opt/zeek/logs/current/weird.log — grep "192.168.1.180". This command uses two parts: cat /opt/zeek/logs/current/weird.log: This reads the contents of the /opt/zeek/logs/current/weird.log file on the system. This file, as its name suggests, contains logs of unusual events detected by Zeek.

— grep "192.168.1.180": This pipes the output of the cat command (the contents of the log file) to the grep command, which filters the lines based on a pattern. In this case, the pattern is the IP address "192.168.1.180". So, this part of the command only shows lines in the log file that mention this specific IP address.

```
oot@master:/opt/zeek/logs/current# cat /opt/zeek/logs/current/weird.log | grep "192.168.1.180
                        CkXidUJh22X6dPMfk
1702824597.235502
                                                                          18.161.111.75
                                                                                                   bad_TCP
                                                                  39650
                                                                                          443
                                zeek
                                        TCP
checksum
                                                                                           22
                                                 192.168.1.13
                                                                                                   active_c
1702825075.536222
                        CBV8qQ3fZQKV0iqv57
                                                                  39698
onnection_reuse
                                 zeek
                                         TCP
oot@master:/opt/zeek/logs/current#
```

Figure 23: List weird.log content Regarding a specific IP (192.168.1.180)

Hydra is a password cracking tool that can be used to try to guess passwords for a variety of different services, including SSH. It works by trying a large number of different passwords until it finds one that works.

Figure 24: Start Hydra tool to guess the password for an SSH server on the IP address 192.168.1.13

In the figure below search for lines containing the $\mathbf{IP"192.168.1.96"}$ within the log of SSH connections.

ssh.log file records information about individual SSH connections.

^C										
		ogs/current# tail -f	/opt/zeek/	logs/cur	rent/ssh.	.log gr	ep "192	.168.1.	96"	
1702902129.		CUj8Ux4WgIhzXXJ3Yc			42484	192.168	.1.13	22		
9 - 	SSH-2.0	-libssh_0.10.4 -								
702902129.	175622	CJ7l0n2e17xfJhyffa			42488	192.168	.1.13	22		
	SSH-2.0	-libssh_0.10.4 -								
702902129.	175275	CZmE5113tvvaF3ocu1			42496	192.168	.1.13	22		
3 -	SSH-2.0	-libssh_0.10.4 -								
702902129.1	175815	C75tAMSOCeD1WcTZh			42506	192.168	.1.13	22		
-	SSH-2.0	-libssh_0.10.4 -								
1702902129.1	175777	CeK6y01dBUfLxPNtN2			42518	192.168	.1.13	22		
	SSH-2.0	-libssh_0.10.4 -								
702902129.	175834	CeqtUm1dYE0EHAEtMb			42534	192.168	.1.13	22		
	SSH-2.0	-libssh_0.10.4 -								
1702902129.	175848	C9avym1LujphArv2Lj			42554	192.168	.1.13	22		
	SSH-2.0	-libssh_0.10.4 -								
1702902129.1		Cwa7ANZ67ZC57Vvto1			42540	192.168	.1.13	22		

Figure 25: Show the result of ssh.log file especially from 192.168.1.96

9 UDP Port Scanning

The local zeek file is used to load additional scripts and customizations specific to Zeek deployment.

These customizations can include :Loading additional Zeek policy scripts, Defining local network information, Tuning Zeek settings.

@load directives instruct Zeek to load specific scripts during startup like:

protocols/ssh/detect-bruteforcing: This script detects brute-force login attempts against SSH servers.

protocols/ssh/interesting-hostnames: This script flags login attempts originating from hosts with unusual names, potentially indicating suspicious activity.

protocols/ssh: This script provides general analysis and logging for SSH traffic.

protocols/http/detect-sqli: This script detects potential SQL injection attacks in HTTP traffic.

UDP Scan: This script likely detects and analyzes UDP scans on the network as shown below.

```
CNU nano 4.8

@load protocols/ssh/detect-bruteforcing
# Detect Logins using "interesting" hostnames.
@load protocols/ssh/interesting-hostnames
@load protocols/ssh
# Detect SQL injection attacks.
@load protocols/http/detect-sqli

@load UDP_Scan

#### Network File Handling ###

# Enable MD5 and SHA1 hashing for all files.
@load frameworks/files/hash-all-files

# Detect SHA1 sums in Team Cymru's Malware Hash Registry.
@load frameworks/files/detect-MHR

# Extend email alerting to include hostnames
@load policy/frameworks/notice/extend-email/hostnames

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```

Figure 26: Local.zeek

```
# Enable logging of telemetry data into telemetry.log and
# telemetry histogram.log.
# Code frameworks/telemetry/log
# Enable metrics centralization on the manager. This opens port 9911/tcp
# on the manager node that can be readily scraped by Prometheus.
# Uncomment the following line to enable detection of the heartbleed attack. Enabling
# this might impact performance a bit.
# @load policy/protocols/conn/scan
# Uncomment the following line to enable logging of Community ID hashes in
# the conn.log file.
# @load policy/protocols/conn/community-id-logging
# Uncomment the following line to enable logging of connection VLANs. Enabling

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```

Figure 27: Local.zeek

The figures below show UDP scan.zeek content like:

Source and destination IP addresses.

Scanned ports.

Packet sizes and timings.

Protocol versions.

Any suspicious patterns or anomalies.

```
# Define the module and import necessary namespaces.

# Define the module and import necessary namespaces.

# Import the base module for event handling.

# Import base/protocols/udp;

# Define a global variable to store the threshold for UDP packets per host.

global udp_scan_threshold: count = 100;

# Register an event handler for the connection_established event.

event udp_request(c: connection, udp: udp_header)

{

# Check if the UDP packet is going to a specific port (e.g., 53 for DNS).

if ( udp$dst_port == 53 ) {

# Access the connection record to get source and destination IPs.

local src_ip = c$id$orig_h;

local dst_ip = c$id$resp_h;

# Access the UDP length to approximate packet size.

[ Read 45 lines ]

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Figure 28: UDP scan.zeek

module UDP scan.

Figure 29: UDP scan.zeek

custom log file for UDP scan events.

Figure 30: UDP scan.zeek

sudo nmap -sU -p 35 192.168.1.13 192.168.1.180, involves scanning specific IP addresses on network using a UDP scan with root privileges.

nmap: This is a popular network scanning tool used to discover open ports on devices and gather information about the services running on them.

- -sU: This option specifies a UDP scan. Unlike SYN scans (TCP), UDP scans are more stealthy but can still be intrusive and raise concerns about malicious intent.
- -p 35: This specifies port 35 as the target port to scan.
- 192.168.1.13 192.168.1.180: These are the IP addresses of the target devices. sudo

```
(kali@ kali)-[~]
$ sudo nmap -sU -p 35 192.168.1.13 192.168.1.180
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-12-18 07:40 EST
Nmap scan report for master (192.168.1.13)
Host is up (0.00030s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE
35/udp closed priv-print
MAC Address: 08:00:27:92:E0:13 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Nmap scan report for pop-os (192.168.1.180)
Host is up (0.00019s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE
35/udp closed priv-print
MAC Address: 1C:6F:65:C6:6F:2F (Giga-byte Technology)
Nmap done: 2 IP addresses (2 hosts up) scanned in 0.20 seconds
```

Figure 31: Start UDP scan

nmap -sT -p 35 192.168.1.13 192.168.1.180, involves scanning specific IP addresses on network using a TCP SYN scan with root privileges.

-sT: specifies a TCP SYN scan.

```
(kali@kali)=[~]
$ sudo nmap -sT -p 35 192.168.1.13 192.168.1.180
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-12-18 07:40 EST
Nmap scan report for master (192.168.1.13)
Host is up (0.00034s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE
35/tcp closed priv-print
MAC Address: 08:00:27:92:E0:13 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)

Nmap scan report for pop-os (192.168.1.180)
Host is up (0.00021s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE
35/tcp closed priv-print
MAC Address: 1C:6F:65:C6:6F:2F (Giga-byte Technology)

Nmap done: 2 IP addresses (2 hosts up) scanned in 0.13 seconds

(kali@kali)-[~]
```

Figure 32: Start TCP scan

In the figures below search for lines containing the $\bf IP"192.168.1.96"$ within the log of conn .

conn.log is one of the most important logs Zeek creates.

									1700	
root@master:/opt/zeek/l			pt/zeek/l	ogs/curr	ent/conn	.log g	гер "192	.168.1.9	6"	
1702903222.015672	CISCRw3dnJZUJK	CC26			37777	192.168	.1.1	53	udp	d
ns 0.000700	41 57	SF	T	T	0	Dd	1	69	1	8
5 -										
1702903222.264194	CS32Mh3jrEyrXx	aetf			44550	192.168	.1.1	53	udp	d
ns 0.000617	41 57	SF	T	T	0	Dd	1	69	1	8
5 -						-		-		ŭ
1702903231.355647	Cfdlif2V5uGPzL	Toof			60218	192.168	1 100	35	tcp	10000
		requ	192.100							17
0.000025 0	0 REJ		T	0	Sr	1	60	1	40	-
1702903231.355737	CKnHrR2VQ9yZSs	KFp9			46444	192.168	.1.13	35	tcp	-
0.000059 0	0 REJ	T	T	0	Sr	1	60	1	40	- 1
1702903222.017244	CGqBVC3koVp0YV	q7n3			33808	149.154	.167.99	443	tcp	s
sl 12.722471	674122 9970	RSTR	T	F	412856	ShADadg	tCGCGTTC	Gfrrr	198	2
66898 368 33762										- 1
1702903234.728264	Ci9P6E30PS1yHE	28N5			56542	149.154	.167.99	443	tcp	s
sl 0.897270	802 6306	SF	T	F	1640	ShADadt	cqFRf	14	1514	1
0 5194 -										
1702903236.304362	C9cTqh2PNhxuRR	3VV2			40252	192.168	.1.180	35	tcp	-
	REJ T	T	Θ	Sr	1	60	1	40		
1702903236.304362	C3PCp8WA9uz6Nv	UMd			42692	192.168	.1.13	35	tcp	-
0.000056 0	0 REJ	T	T	0	Sr	1	60	1	40	3.5
1702903231.354372	CoFBvz3zCMcYop	Ycvb			41569	192.168	.1.1	53	udp	d
ns A AA1136	87 127	SF	Т	т	Θ	Dd	2	143	2	1

Figure 33: List last lines in conn.log

The figure below show TCP results.

1702903231.354372	CoEByz3zCMcVopVoyb	102 160 1 06	41569	192.168.1.1	53	udp	d
	CoFBvz3zCMcYopYcvb	192.108.1.90					9
ns 0.001136	87 127 SF	ТТ	0	Dd 2	143	2	1
83 -			20000	the same of the same	22		111
1702903181.716552	CD707Q1FpHMX0AplQ7		51991	192.168.1.180	35	udp	-
	S0 T T	0 D	1	28 0	Θ		
1702903181.716629	Cg1gJj2MFUzilzQRj2		51991	192.168.1.13	35	udp	-
	SO T T	0 D	1	28 0	0		
1702903237.719688	C7Ut7p3uAl9d2sFNd9		40260	192.168.1.180	35	tcp	-
	REJ T T	0 Sr	1	60 1	40		
1702903237.719737	CjYDaHl2mKigwfJyi		42700	192.168.1.13	35	tcp	-
0.000049 0	0 REJ T	Т 0	Sr	1 60	1	40	-
1702903183.262449	C195HLwkgVHyTsyc2		48845	192.168.1.180	35	udp	-
	SO T T	0 D	1	28 0	Θ		
1702903183.262449	CrOuEt3MEMZgWCEJPb		48845	192.168.1.13	35	udp	_
	SO T T	0 D	1	28 0	Θ		725
1702903239.064222	CwjeAnXkM2cZrWhKj	192.168.1.96	40274	192,168,1,180	35	tcp	-
	REJ T T	0 Sr	1	60 1	40	-	
1702903239.064222	CTzVPK3dhuDrFVQ2c	192.168.1.96	42704	192.168.1.13	35	tcp	-
0.000059 0	0 REJ T	T 0	Sr	1 60	1	40	-
1702903184.318899	C1xhqm41q63bGXbNMq		38970	192.168.1.13	35	udp	- 1
	SO T T	0 D	1	28 0	0		- 1
1702903184.318899	CyWthb38FdWVIWrLai		38970	192.168.1.180	35	udp	. II
	S0 T T	0 D	1	28 0	0	-	
1702903234,478031	C9PamtX5Un7U4dN75	192 168 1 96	41282	192.168.1.1	53	udp	d l
ns 0.000825	41 57 SF	T T	0	Dd 1	69	1	8
0.000823	71 3/ 3		<u> </u>	1	0,5	-	•

Figure 34: List last lines in conn.log

The figure below show UDP results.

2 6938 -	1.2									
	COFFERNITATE	176			45244	402 460				
1702903181.665324	CQfiiXLLI4Ft		192.10	8.1.90	45214	192.168		53	udp	a
ns 0.001142	87 127	SF	T	T	0	Dd	2	143	2	1
83 -										
1702903183.211215	C6gd3h3u2do2	pB6CE9			41380	192.168	.1.1	53	udp	d
ns 0.001223	87 127	SF	T	T	0	Dd	2	143	2	1
83 -										
1702903184.267789	C7Y40q3W6o1r	CeJKfh			37881	192.168	.1.1	53	udp	d
ns 0.000980	87 127	SF	T	T	0	Dd	2	143	2	1
83 -										
1702903185.020991	CTYuEA1ttf04	OvnRi5			32913	192,168	1.1	53	udp	d
ns 0.001158	87 127	SF	T	T	0	Dd	2	143	2	1
83 -	01 121	31			U	Du	-	143	-	-
	67-040404140				25020	400 460				
1702903135.556494	C7n8A81PMhHD	191315			35930	192.168		35	udp	-
	S0 T	T	0	D	1	28	0	0		
1702903135.556647	CUHrxc1vISQS	QzXUqe			35930	192.168	.1.13	35	udp	77-
-	SO T	T	0	D	1	28	0	0		
1702903185.577858	CplFYI14wpQG	kmjW5d			57831	192.168	.1.1	53	udp	d
ns 0.000940	41 57	SF	T	T	0	Dd	1	69	1	8
5 -										
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Figure 35: List last lines in conn.log

10 conclusion

This report serves as a comprehensive exploration of Zeek's anomaly-based detection capabilities, showcasing its effectiveness in unraveling the complex tapestry of network traffic. By focusing on protocols such as SSH, HTTP, DNS, and UDP, and honing in on threats like SQL injection and buffer overflow attacks, Zeek emerges as a formidable ally in the ongoing battle against cyber threats. As organizations navigate the digital landscape, Zeek stands as a sentinel, providing insights and defenses to safeguard against the ever-evolving tactics of malicious actors.

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