



# Porkroll – A Snort SO Compiler

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# Who am I?

- Newb
- Former Cisco Talos employee
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- Security engineer
- Cofounder of HardenedBSD
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- Lover of ZFS and Dtrace
- Opensource enthusiast

# What and Why?



www.talosintel.com/so-rule-generator/

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## TALOS SHARED OBJECT RULE GENERATOR

Paste regular Short rule into the text box and click Submit. The Shared Object equivalent source will be displayed below the box.

```
alert tcp $HOME_NET any -> $EXTERNAL_NET $HTTP_PORTS (msg:"MALWARE-QING Win.Trojan.Yakex variant dropper"; flow:to_server,established; content:"/document.php?rnd="; fast_pattern/only; http_uri; content:"&id="; depth:4; offset:22; http_uri; metadata:impact_flag red, policy balanced-ips drop, policy security-ips drop, ruleset community, service http; reference:url www.virustotal.com/en/file/ff0ae81f0dece17baf8480d866c9462c9f3d49be9adde8b16f105e244eb31d67/analysis/; classtype:trojan-activity; sid:36202; rev:1)
```

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Script not available at this time. Try again later.



# What and why?

- Customer can't use plaintext rules, requires Snort Shared Object (aka, SO) rules
- Cisco Talos already has a nifty tool
  - Web form only
  - Screen scrape?
  - Only produces C code, not deployable SO
- Takes a plaintext Snort rule json object (lolwut?)
  - Converts it to a fully-deployable SO
  - Automation!

<https://gist.github.com/j105rob/1341bfc44c32c00c3a0a>

# Moar JSON!



- Parsing Snort rules is hard
- Too difficult to do in zsh, python needed
- I suck at regex
- Coworker, Rob Weiss, wrote:  
<https://gist.github.com/j105rob/1341bfc44c32c00c3a0a>
- Official project will happen soon
- May integrate with PulledPork



# Example Snort Rule

```
alert tcp $HOME_NET any -> $EXTERNAL_NET $HTTP_PORTS  
(msg:"MALWARE-CNC Win.Trojan.Kovtar outbound connection";  
flow:to_server,established; content:"/counter/?id="; fast_pattern:only; http_uri;  
content:"&rnd="; offset:13; http_uri; content:"UA-CPU"; http_header;  
metadata:impact_flag red, policy balanced-ips drop, policy security-ips drop,  
ruleset community, service http;  
reference:url,www.virustotal.com/en/file/9d6b1bd74848dd0549ad3883b7292d3ba  
0a4fa06d0aaf562032b0bf6dc198249/analysis/; classtype:trojan-activity;  
sid:37045; rev:1;)
```

# Example JSON Snort Rule



```
hbsd-dev-laptop[shawn]:/home/shawn/tmp/porkrollstage $ jq -r . 1933-13.rule
{
  "header": {
    "activatedynamic": null,
    "direction": "->",
    "protocol": "tcp",
    "action": "alert",
    "srcports": "any",
    "dstaddresses": "$HTTP_SERVERS",
    "srcaddresses": "$EXTERNAL_NET",
    "dstports": "$HTTP_PORTS"
  },
  "nonpayload": {
    "flow": "to_server,established"
  },
  "payload": [
    {
      "content": "\/cart.cgi\"",
      "fast_pattern": "only",
      "seq": "0",
      "http_uri": "http_uri"
    }
  ],
  "general": {
    "reference": [
      "bugtraq,1115",
      "cve,2000-0252",
      "nessus,10368"
    ],
    "classtype": "web-application-activity",
    "rev": "13",
    "sid": "1933",
    "msg": "\SERVER-WEBAPP cart.cgi access\"",
    "metadata": "ruleset community, service http"
  }
}
```





# Compilation Steps

- JSONify rules
  - One rule per JSON file
- Run Porkroll:
  - Untar snort source code
  - Inspect each JSON rule
  - Output C source code matching the JSON object
  - Tie in to Snort build scripts
  - Re-run autotools
  - `./configure; make`

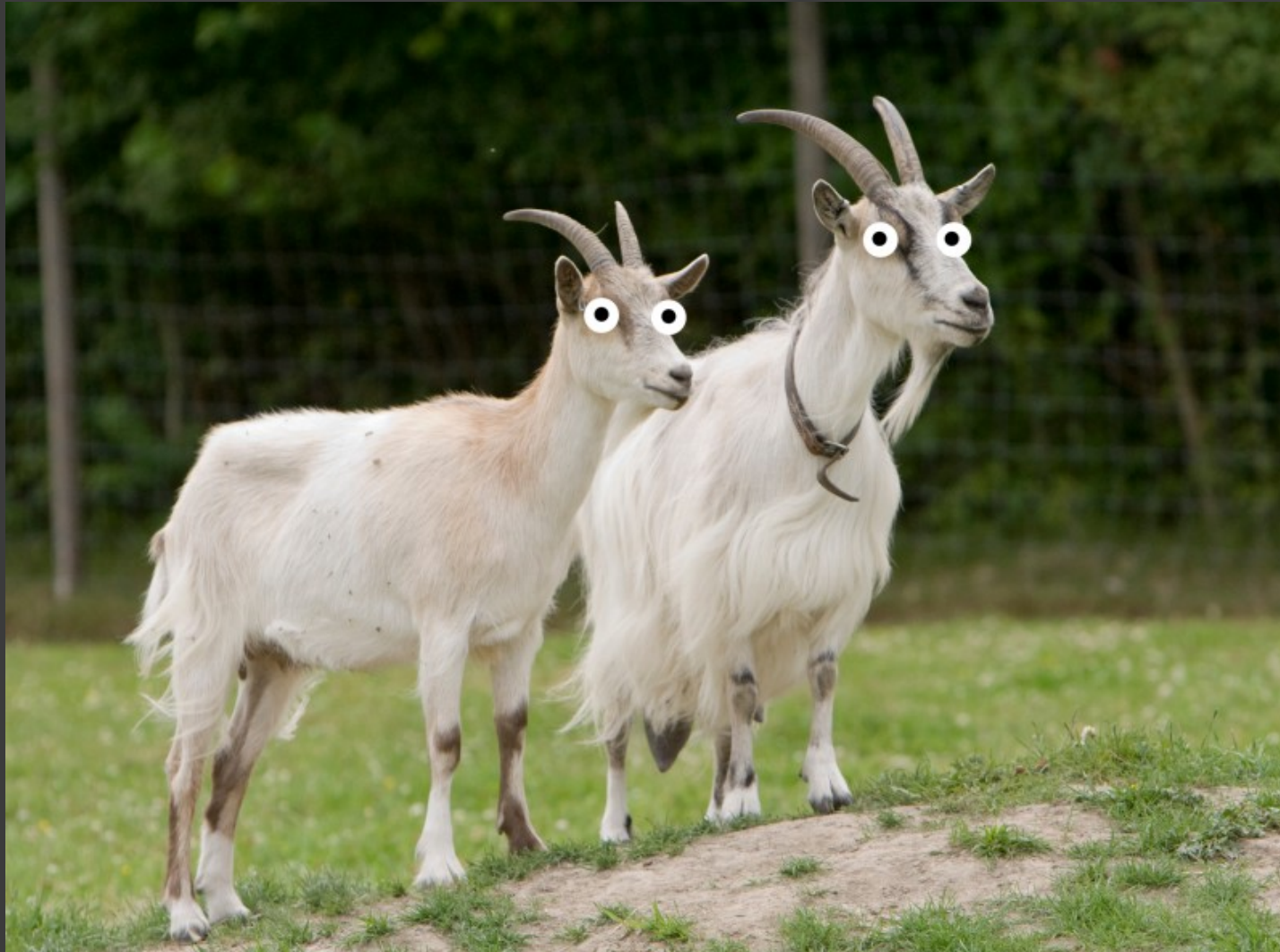


# TODO



- More complex rules
  - Lots of keywords not implemented
- Integration with PulledPork
  - Get rid of the JSONification
- Create Snort .stub file
- Launch in production

# Demo



# Questions



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<https://github.com/lattera/porkroll>