Intrusion Detection Systems and Working with Snort

4.1 Briefly answer the following questions.

- o Outline the components of an Intrusion Detection System (IDS).
- o Describe network-based and host-based IDSs and their differences.
- o Discuss the difference between passive and reactive systems.

4.2 Let Home_Net set to 10.130.4.25 and External_Net set to! Home_Net

- o Create a snort rule that alerts for FTP connection from any IP address different from Home Net.
- o Create a snort rule that alerts for "worm" in content outgoing from Home Net.
- o Does the rule you have written at the previous question raise an alert when a google search for "Internet Worm" is executed from Home_Net? Explain your answer.
- o Create a snort rule that alerts for pings from External_Net.
- o Explain the following rule:

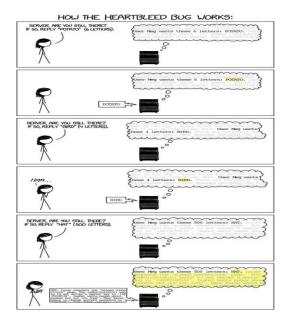
alert tcp any any -> 10.1.1.0/24 6000:6010 (msg: "X Windows Service traffic";)

4.3 State how each of the following rules work:

- o alert tcp \$EXTERNAL_NET any -> \$HOME_NET any (msg:"SCAN FIN"; flags: F; reference: arachnids,27;)
- o alert tcp \$HOME_NET 23 -> \$EXTERNAL_NET any (msg:"TELNET login incorrect"; content:"Login incorrect"; flags: A+; reference: arachnids,127;)
- alert icmp any any -> any any (msg:"ICMP Source Quench"; itype: 4; icode:0;)

4.4 OpenSSL Heartbleed Vulnerability

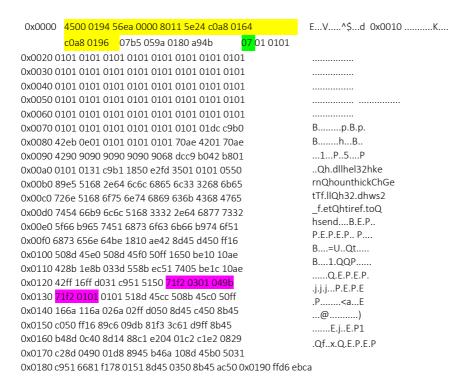
The OpenSSL Heartbleed vulnerability is a pretty serious weakness in OpenSSL that can lead to information disclosure, in some cases even to private key leakage. The OpenSSL Heartbleed vulnerability has been assigned the Common Vulnerabilities and Exposure (CVE) ID CVE-2014-0160. This issue occurs because the vulnerable software packages do not properly handle Heartbeat Extension packets (RFC6520). For more information, see the Sourcefire Vulnerability Research Team (VRT) analysis at http://vrt-blog.snort.org/2014/04/heartbleed-memory-disclosureupgrade.html. The following comic (from http://xkcd.com/1354/) nicely explains the Heartbleed bug.



- o Describe and analyze the following snort rules for Heartbleed released by Sourcefire
- alert tcp \$EXTERNAL_NET any -> \$HOME_NET 443 (msg:"SERVEROTHER OpenSSL TLSv1.2 heartbeat read overrun attempt"; flow:to_server,established; content:"|18 03 03|"; depth:3; dsize:>40; detection_filter:track by_src, count 3, seconds 1; metadata:policy balanced-ips drop, policy security-ips drop, service ssl; reference:cve,2014-0160; classtype:attempted-recon; sid:30513; rev:2;)
- o alert tcp \$HOME NET 443 -> \$EXTERNAL NET any
- o (msg:"SERVER-OTHER `TLSv1 large heartbeat response possible ssl heartbleed attempt"; flow:to_client,established; content:"|18 03 01|"; depth:3; byte_test:2,>,128,0,relative; detection_filter:track by_dst, count 5, seconds 60; metadata:policy balanced-ips drop, policy security-ips drop, service ssl; reference:cve,2014-0160; classtype:attempted-recon; sid:30515; rev:3;)

4.6 A Computer Worm

Suppose you need to detect a computer worm that aims at causing a denial of service on some Internet hosts. The following is the tcp dump output that resulted by running the worm script against a machine on a test network:



Write a snort rule to detect this worm. The rule must include the following:

- 1. The head of the snort signature must alert on attempts to port tcp/1045 from an external network to the "home network".
- 2. The message placed in the alert must specify "Internet Worm to be stopped".
- 3. The rule must search for the binary string '07' (highlighted in green) in the first byte of the payload. The section highlighted in yellow is the IP header, followed by the next 8 bytes of TCP header, followed by the start of the payload and the match highlighted in green.
- 4. If the '07' match succeeds the rule must search for the binary string "71 f2 03 01 04 9b 71 f2 01". This match is highlighted in pink above.
- 5. If the rule matches the previous check, the next part of the rule must search for the text "tire" (highlighted in grey).