

Exp no: 05 configure IDPS/IPS in Cisco Router
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Aim:

To configure Intrusion Detection and Prevention System (IDPS/IPS) on Cisco Router, apply signatures, enable security features and verify intrusion alerts and packet blocking.

Procedure:

Device Required:

- 1 Router
- 2 PCs
- 1 System Server

Connections:

- PC0 \leftrightarrow R1 (Gigabit Ethernet 0/0)
- PC1 \leftrightarrow R1 (Gigabit Ethernet 0/1)
- Syslog Server \leftrightarrow R1 (connected to LAN)

Step 1: Enable user authentication

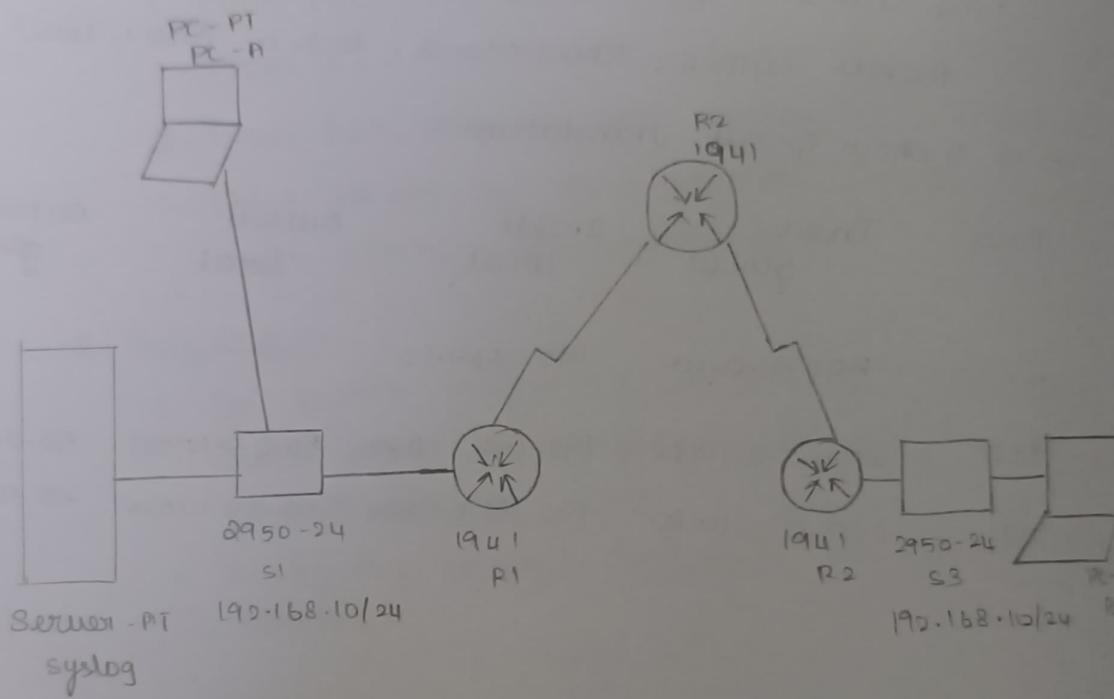
1. Create a local user account with a secret password.
2. Enable AAA authentication
3. Configure console line login using AAA.

Step 2: Enable security package

1. Verify available licenses using show version
2. Activate security no technology package
3. Save configuration and reload the router
4. After reload, re-check with show version

Step 3: Basic connectivity check

1. From PC0 \rightarrow Ping R1 \rightarrow should succeed
2. From PC1 \rightarrow Ping PC0 \rightarrow should succeed



Step 4: Configure IPS on Router

1. Create a directory in flash memory for files
2. Specify IPS configuration location in flash
3. Create an IPS Policy
4. Enable IPS notification to logs

Step 5: Configure time & logging

1. Set the correct clock on the router
2. Enable timestamp logging

Configure syslog server

Step 6: IPS signature configuration

1. Retain all default IPS signatures
2. Activate basic IPS signatures only

Step 7: Apply IPS to interface

1. On interface Gigabit Ethernet 0/1, apply IPS policy `iosips` in the outbound direction.

Step 8: Modify ICMP signature

1. Edit ICMP signature
2. Ensure signature is enabled and active
3. Define event actions:
 - a. Produce alert
 - b. Deny packet inline

Step 9: Verification

Use `show ip ips all` to verify IPS status, signatures and applied interfaces.

Step 10: Testing

- a. From PC0 → Ping PC1 → should fail
- b. From PC1 → Ping PC0 → should succeed
- c. On syslog server → check logs for IPS alerts generated during ping attempt

Result:

That the Cisco packet tracer is successfully configured and verified.