

Wazuh

Wazuh – Suricata IDS

Network Intrusion Detection

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Integrating Wazuh and Suricata for Enhanced Security Monitoring



Wazuh and **Suricata** are powerful open-source security tools that, when integrated, provide a robust and comprehensive security monitoring solution. This integration enhances the visibility and detection capabilities of an organization's security infrastructure by combining network and host-based monitoring.

Overview of the Integration

1. Data Collection and Analysis:

Suricata acts as a network-based intrusion detection and prevention system (IDS/IPS) that monitors network traffic for suspicious activity. It inspects incoming and outgoing packets, identifies potential threats using signature-based detection and anomaly detection techniques, and generates alerts for detected threats.

Wazuh serves as a centralized security management platform that collects logs from various sources, including Suricata. It processes these logs, correlates them with other security events, and provides comprehensive analysis and reporting.

2. Unified Threat Detection:

Suricata's network traffic alerts are sent to Wazuh for aggregation and correlation. Wazuh can then combine these network-based alerts with logs and events from endpoints and other sources, providing a holistic view of the security posture.

This unified approach enables security teams to detect complex threats that span both network and host environments, improving the overall detection accuracy and reducing false positives.

3. Incident Response and Forensics:

By leveraging Suricata's detailed network traffic analysis and Wazuh's extensive log management capabilities, organizations can conduct thorough investigations into security incidents.

Wazuh provides tools for incident response, such as real-time alerting, automated actions, and detailed reports, which are enriched with data from Suricata. This facilitates a faster and more effective response to threats.

4. Scalability and Flexibility:

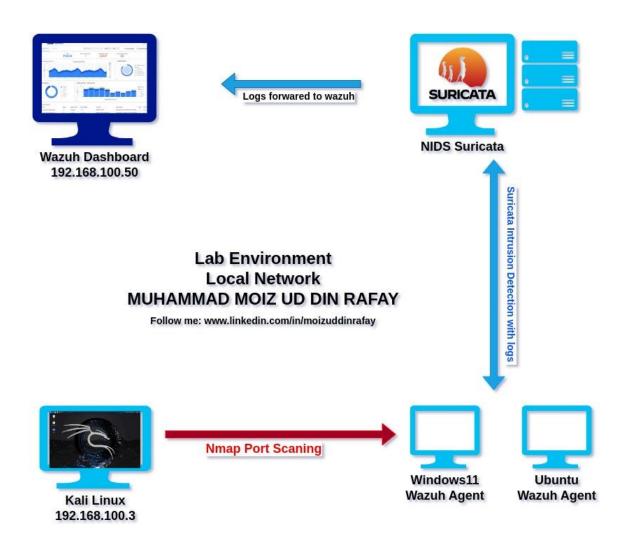
Both Wazuh and Suricata are designed to scale horizontally, making them suitable for deployment in environments of any size. Their integration allows organizations to expand their security monitoring capabilities without significant reconfiguration.

The flexibility of both tools ensures they can be tailored to specific organizational needs, allowing for customized rules, alerting mechanisms, and reporting formats.

5. Enhanced Visibility and Correlation:

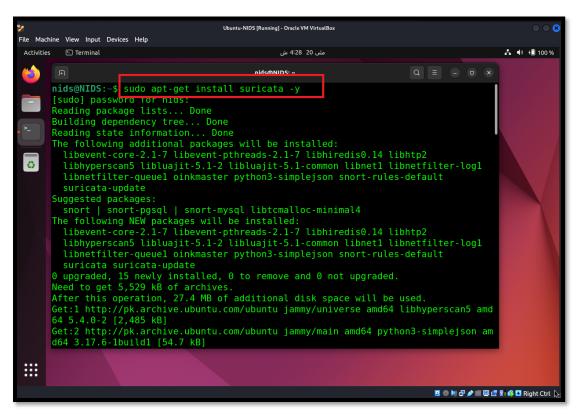
The integration allows for enhanced visibility into both network and endpoint activities. Wazuh's dashboard can display Suricata alerts alongside other security events, providing a single pane of glass for security monitoring.

Correlating Suricata's network-based alerts with Wazuh's host-based data can uncover sophisticated attack patterns and help identify the root cause of security incidents.

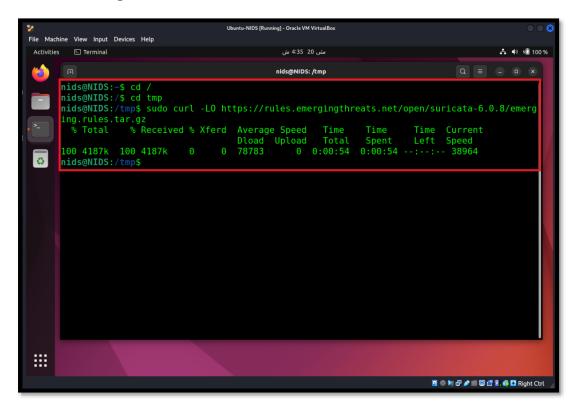


I installed new "Ubuntu-NIDS" virtual machine in my network and installing Suricata IDS on new machine.

Command: sudo apt install suricata -y



After installing we have to download suricata rules, follow as shown.



Here is the downloaded file of suricata rules "emerging.rules.tar.gz"

```
nids@NIDS: /tmp
                                                                          Q = _ _
nids@NIDS:~$ cd /
nids@NIDS:/$ cd tmp
nids@NIDS:/tmp$ sudo curl -LO https://rules.emergingthreats.net/open/suricata-6.0.8/emerg
ing.rules.tar.gz
            % Received % Xferd Average Speed
  % Total
                                                         Time
                                                                 Time
                                                                       Current
                                Dload Upload
                                                 Total
                                                         Spent
                                                                 Left Speed
100 4187k 100 4187k
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                                78783
                                                       0:00:54 --:-- 38964
nids@NIDS:/tmp$ ls
 merging.rules.tar.gz
systemd-private-b133c0b7ed9241d8904fe93038ac9943-colord.service-wLnLhu
systemd-private-b133c0b7ed9241d8904fe93038ac9943-ModemManager.service-QIrSRR
nids@NIDS:/tmp$
```

Now we have to extract tar.gz file

Command: sudo tar -xvzf emerging.rules.tar.gz

```
nids@NIDS: /tmp
nids@NIDS:/tmp$ sudo tar -xvzf emerging.rules.tar.gz
rules/
rules/3coresec.rules
rules/BSD-License.txt
rules/LICENSE
rules/botcc.portgrouped.rules
rules/botcc.rules
rules/ciarmy.rules
rules/classification.config
rules/compromised-ips.txt
rules/compromised.rules
rules/drop.rules
rules/dshield.rules
rules/emerging-activex.rules
rules/emerging-adware pup.rules
rules/emerging-attack_response.rules
rules/emerging-chat.rules
rules/emerging-coinminer.rules
rules/emerging-current events.rules
rules/emerging-deleted.rules
rules/emerging-dns.rules
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rules/emerging-dos.rules
rules/emerging-exploit.rules
rules/emerging-exploit_kit.rules
```

Now we have to move rules into suricata rules directory and give the permission to all rules. Follow as shown in figure.

```
nids@NIDS:/tmp$ sudo mv rules/*.rules /etc/suricata/rules/
nids@NIDS:/tmp$ cd ..
nids@NIDS:/$ cd etc/suricata/
nids@NIDS:/$ cd etc/suricata/
classification.config reference.config rules suricata.yaml threshold.config
nids@NIDS:/etc/suricata$ sudo chmod 777 /rules/*.rules
chmod: cannot access '/rules/*.rules': No such file or directory
nids@NIDS:/etc/suricata$ sudo chmod 777 rules/*.rules
nids@NIDS:/etc/suricata$ sudo chmod 777 rules/*.rules
```

Now we have to configure suricata according to our network setting.

```
nids@NIDS:/etc/suricata$ ls classification.config reference.config rules suricata.yaml threshold.config nids@NIDS:/etc/suricata$ sudo nano suricata.yaml sudo nano sudo nano suricata.yaml sudo nano suricata.yaml sudo nano suricata.yaml sudo nano such sudo nano sudo na
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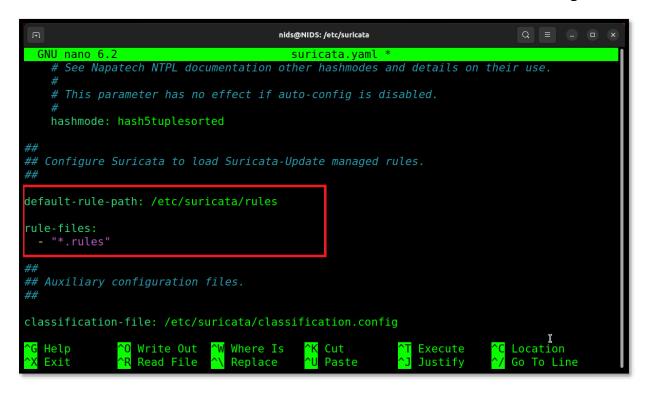
Here is "suricata.yaml" configuration file. We have to Edit "HOME_NET" and "EXTERNAL NET" follow same as shown in figure.

```
nids@NIDS: /etc/suricata
  GNU nano 6.2
                                              suricata.yaml
%YAML 1.1
# Suricata configuration file. In addition to the comments describing all
# https://suricata.readthedocs.io/en/latest/configuration/suricata-yaml.html
## Step 1: Inform Suricata about your network
##
vars:
  # more specific is better for alert accuracy and performance
  address-groups:
    HOME_NET: "[192.168.0.0/16,10.0.0.0/8,172.16.0.0/12]"
#HOME_NET: "[192.168.0.0/16]"
#HOME_NET: "[10.0.0.0/8]"
    #HOME NET: "[172.16.0.0/12]"
    #HOME NET: "any"
                                        [ Read 1895 lines ]
   Help
                   Write Out
                                   Where Is
                                                                   Execute
                                                   Cut
                                                                                   Location
                   Read File
                                   Replace
                                                   Paste
                                                                    Justify
                                                                                   Go To Line
```

Make sure you are following according to your own network.

```
Q = _ _
                                          nids@NIDS: /etc/suricata
 GNU nano 6.2
                                            suricata.yaml *
 options in this file, full documentation can be found at:
 https://suricata.readthedocs.io/en/latest/configuration/suricata-yaml.html
## Step 1: Inform Suricata about your network
/ars:
 # more specific is better for alert accuracy and performance
 address-groups:
   #HOME NET: "[192.168.0.0/16,10.0.0.0/8,172.16.0.0/12]"
  HOME NET: "[192.168.100.0/24]"
   #HOME_NET: "[10.0.0.0/8]"
#HOME_NET: "[172.16.0.0/12]"
#HOME_NET: "any"
   #EXTERNAL_NET: "!$HOME_NET"
   EXTERNAL_NET: "any"
   HTTP SERVERS: "$HOME NET"
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  Help
                 Write Out
                                 Where Is
                                                 Cut
                                                                 Execute
                                  Replace
```

Now scroll down and edit "rule-files:" section. Follow same as shown in figure.



Now edit the interface configuration

```
nids@NIDS: /etc/suricata
 GNU nano 6.2
                                           suricata.yaml *
      # type: json
## Step 3: Configure common capture settings
## See "Advanced Capture Options" below for more options, including Netmap
#oldsymbol{\mathsf{L}}inux high speed capture suppor
af-packet:
 - interface: eth0
     Number of receive threads.
                                    "auto" uses the number of cores
    cluster-id: 99
    # This is only supported for Linux kernel > 3.1
    # possible value are:
                                     [ Search Wrapped ]
                  Write Out
   Help
                                 Where Is
   Exit
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```

Find network interface in my case it's "enp0s3" Command: ifconfig

```
nids@NIDS: /etc/suricata
  GNU nano 6.2
                                         suricata.yaml *
      # type: json
## Step 3: Configure common capture settings
##
## See "Advanced Capture Options" below for more options, including Netmap
##
# Linux high speed capture support
af-packet:
  - interface: enp0s3
    # Number of receive threads. "auto" uses the number of cores
    #threads: auto
   # Default clusterid. AF PACKET will load balance packets based on flow.
   cluster-id: 99
    # Default AF_PACKET cluster type. AF_PACKET can load balance per flow or per hash.
    # This is only supported for Linux kernel > 3.1
    # possible value are:
  Help
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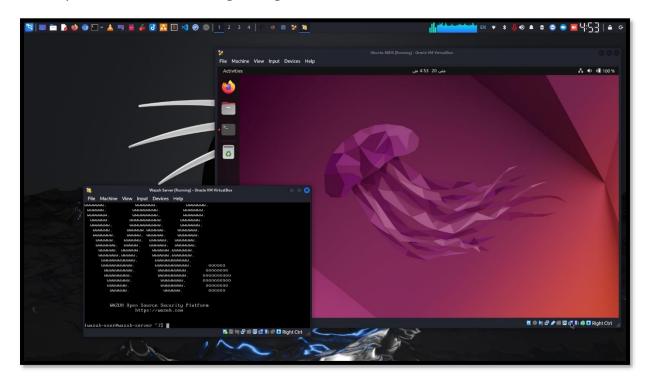
Now save the configuration and restart suricata.

Command: sudo systemctl restart suricata

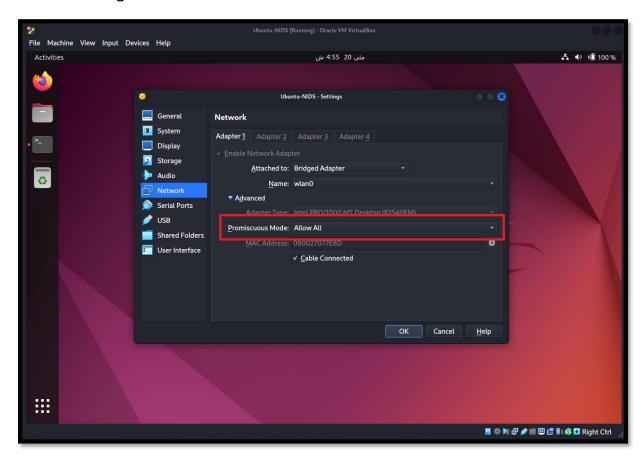
Command: sudo systemctl enable suricata (For enable at boot time)

```
nids@NIDS:/etc/suricata$ ls
classification.config reference.config rules suricata.yaml threshold.config
nids@NIDS:/etc/suricata$ sudo nano suricata.yaml
nids@NIDS:/etc/suricata$ cd
nids@NIDS:-$ sudo systemctl restart suricata
sudo systemctl enable suricata
Synchronizing state of suricata.service with SysV service script with /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install.
Executing: /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable suricata
nids@NIDS:-$
```

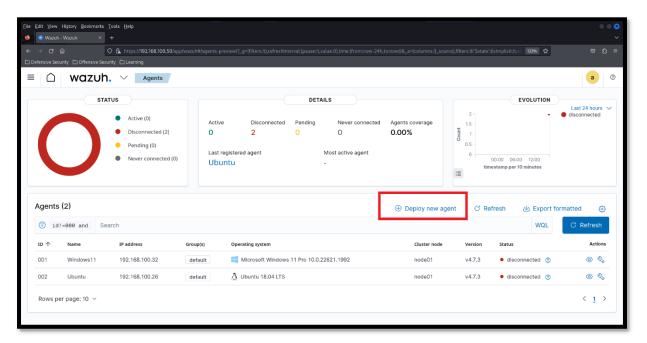
Now open Wazuh and configure agent.



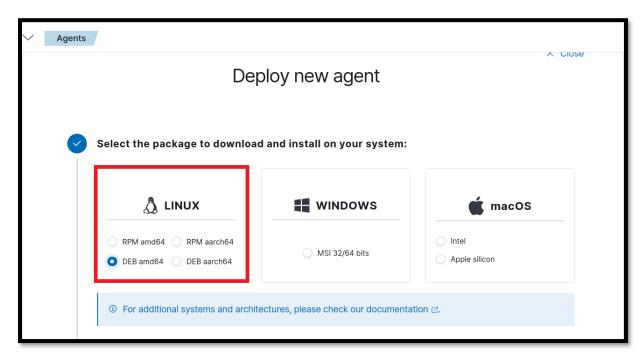
Before moving on wazuh we have to enable "Promiscuous Mode" Allow All.



Go to Wazuh Dashboard and click on "Deploy new agent"



Now chose Linux (DEB amd64) if you are using ubuntu os.



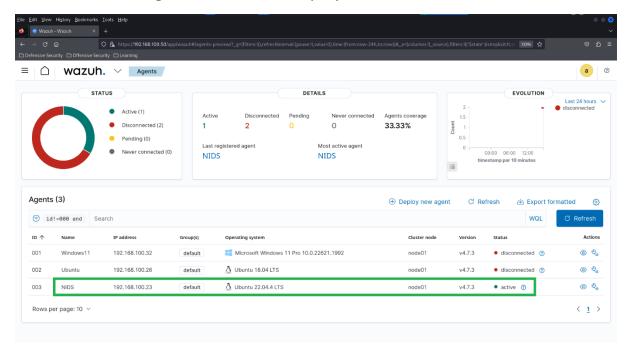


Follow same as shown in figure.

```
nids@NIDS:~$ sudo systemctl daemon-reload 
nids@NIDS:~$ sudo systemctl enable wazuh-agent 
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/wazuh-agent.service → /lib/sy 
stemd/system/wazuh-agent.service.
nids@NIDS:~$ sudo systemctl start wazuh-agent 
nids@NIDS:~$
```

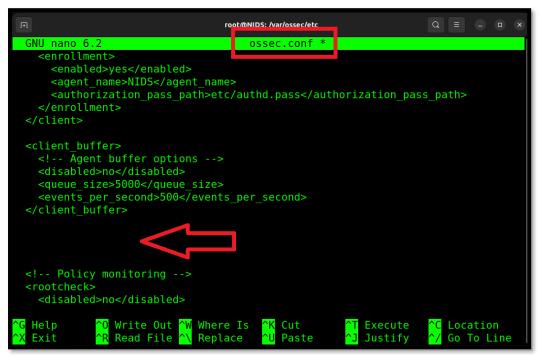
Note: In first lab of Wazuh series I already covered how to configure agents.

You can see new agent is active and deployed.



Now we have to configure suricata logs into Wazuh-agent "ossec.conf" file.





Here is the location of suricata logs "eve.json"

Now configure suricata logs into "ossec.conf" file.s

```
root@NIDS: /var/ossec/etc
GNU nano 6.2
                                    ossec.conf 3
    <authorization_pass_path>etc/authd.pass</authorization_pass_path>
  </enrollment>
</client>
<cli>ent_buffer>
  <!-- Agent buffer options -->
  <disabled>no</disabled>
  <queue size>5000</queue size>
  <events per second>500</events per second>
</client_buffer>
      <localfile>
      <log_format>json</log_format>
      <location>/var/log/suricata/eve.json</location>
      </localfile>
<!-- Policy monitoring -->
<rootcheck>
  <disabled>no</disabled>
  <check files>yes</check files>
Help
            O Write Out ^W
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                                         Cut
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                                                                     Location
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```

After saving we have to restart wazuh-agent.

```
nids@NIDS: ~
nids@NIDS:~$ sudo -i
root@NIDS:~# cd /var/ossec/etc
root@NIDS:/var/ossec/etc# ls
client.keys
                       local internal options.conf
                                                     ossec.conf
                                                                 wpk root.pem
internal options.conf localtime
                                                     shared
root@NIDS:/var/ossec/etc# nano ossec.conf
root@NIDS:/var/ossec/etc# cd
root@NIDS:~# exit
logout
nids@NIDS:~9
            sudo systemctl restart wazuh-agent
nids@NIDS:~
```

Now launch new terminal in kali linux and perform network scanning with Nmap tool. You can perform any command of nmap.

```
File Actions Edit View Help

(kali% kali)-[~]

$ sudo nmap -sT 192.168.100.23

[sudo] password for kali:
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN (https://nmap.org) at 2024-05-20 17:31 PKT

Nmap scan report for 192.168.100.23

Host is up (0.00037s latency).

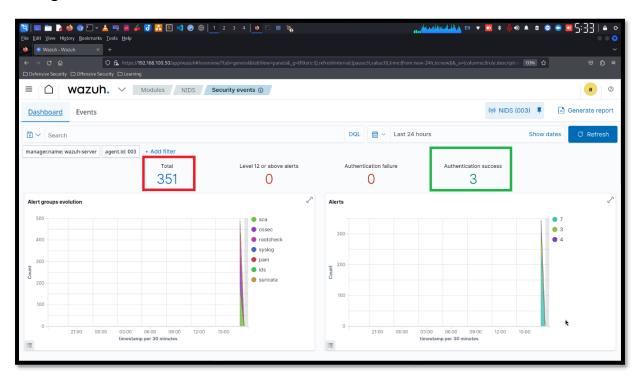
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.100.23 are in ignored states.

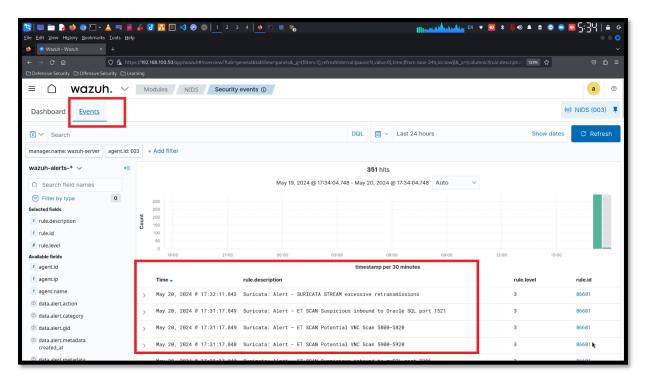
Not shown: 1000 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)

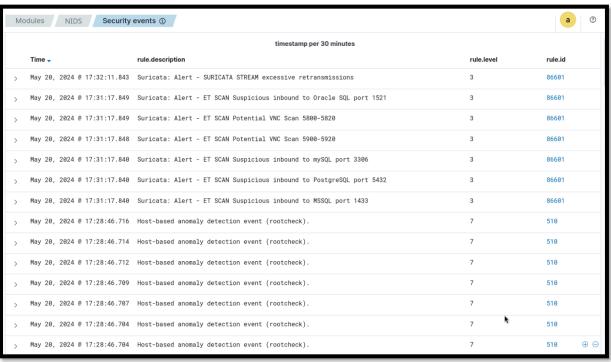
MAC Address: 08:00:27:07:7E:8D (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)

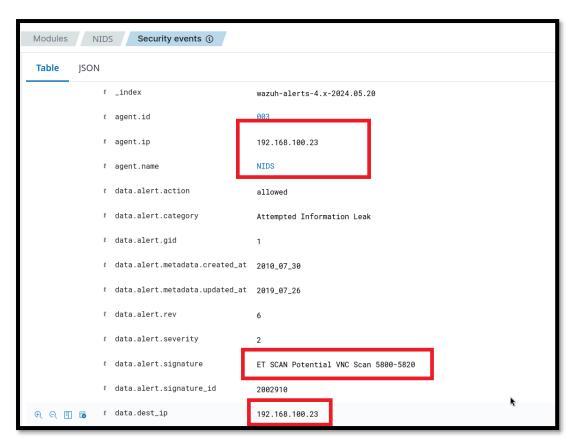
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.27 seconds
```

Now go to wazuh dashboard and see the Events.



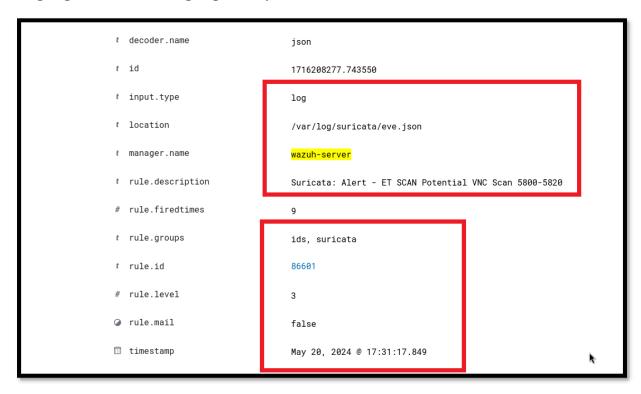








I highlighted interesting logs analysis fields here.



SUMMARY

In summary, Integrating Wazuh and Suricata can provide a comprehensive security solution that leverages the strengths of both platforms. Suricata can be used to monitor network traffic for threats and intrusions, while Wazuh can collect and analyze logs from Suricata, correlating network-based events with host-based activities for a holistic view of the security landscape. This integration enables organizations to detect, investigate, and respond to threats more effectively by combining network and endpoint security data into a unified system.