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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**:

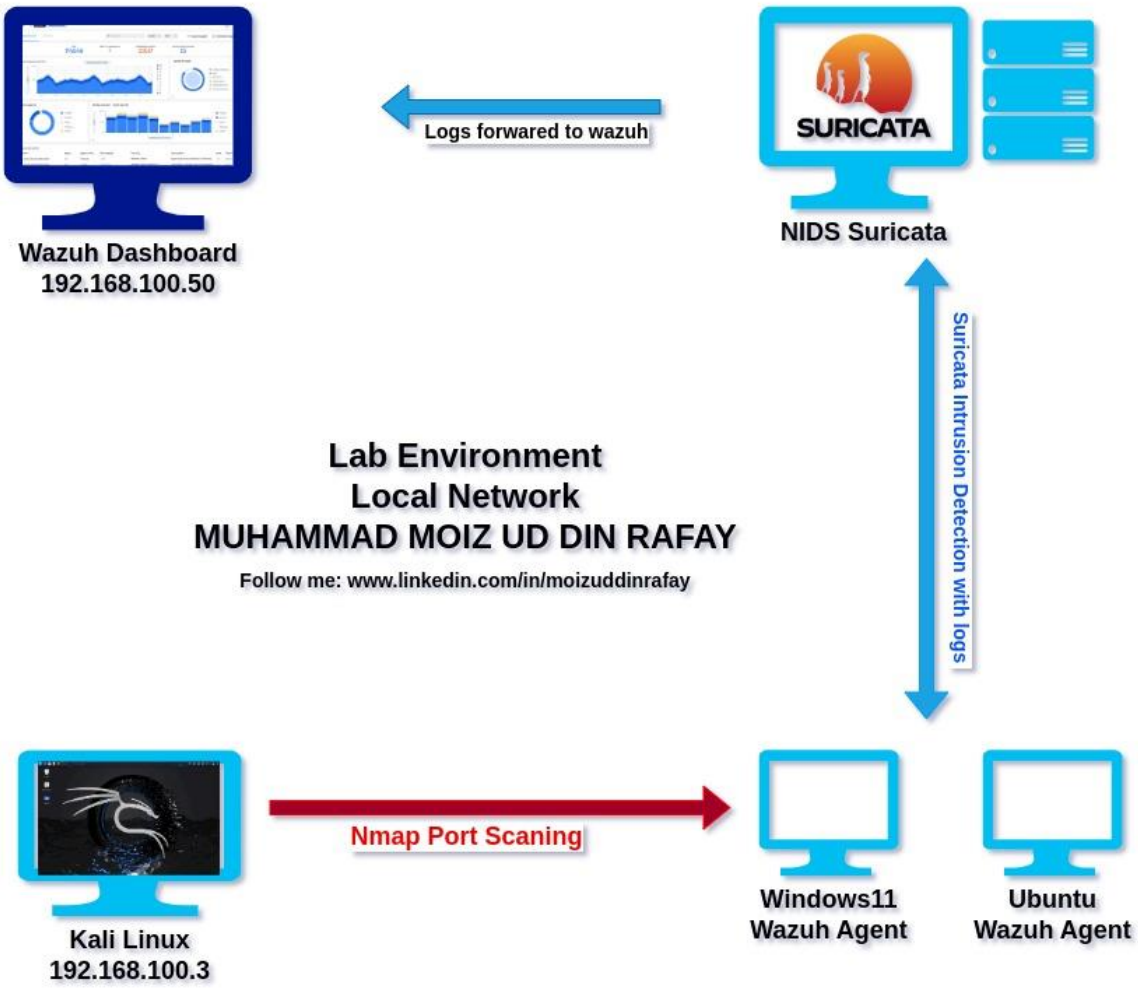
Both Wazuh and Suricata are designed to scale horizontally, making them suitable for deployment in environments of any size. Their integration allows organizations to expand their security monitoring capabilities without significant reconfiguration.

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.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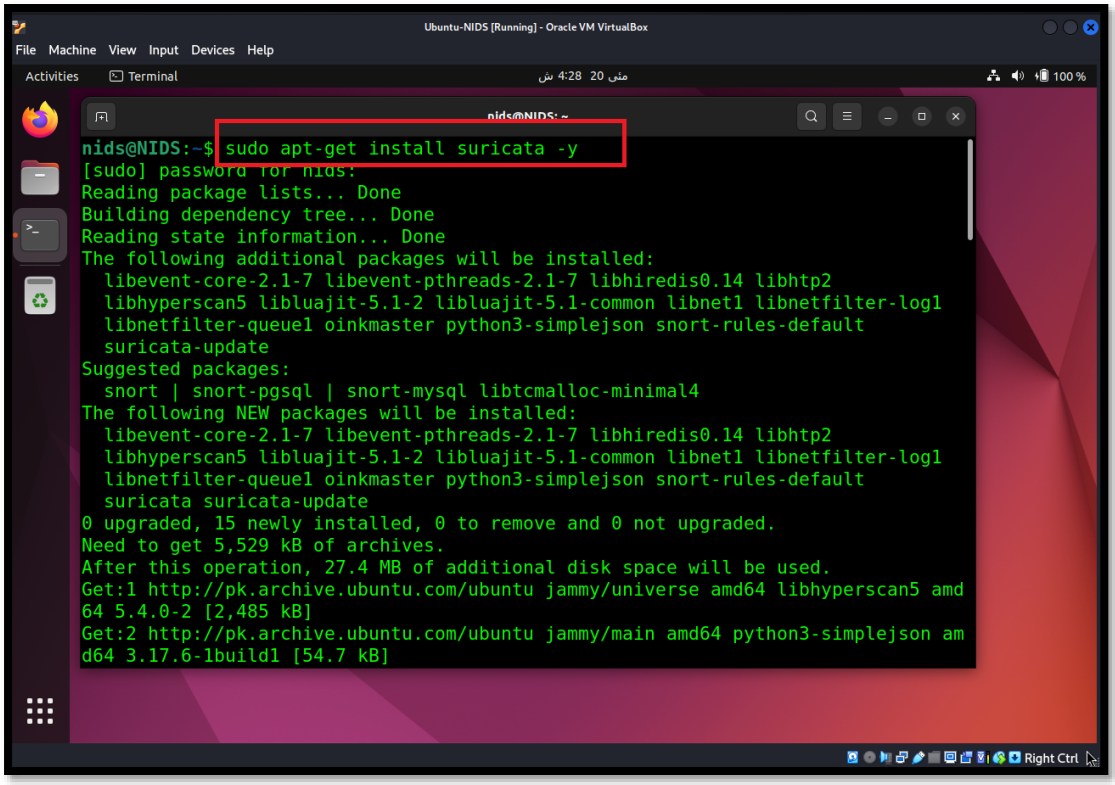
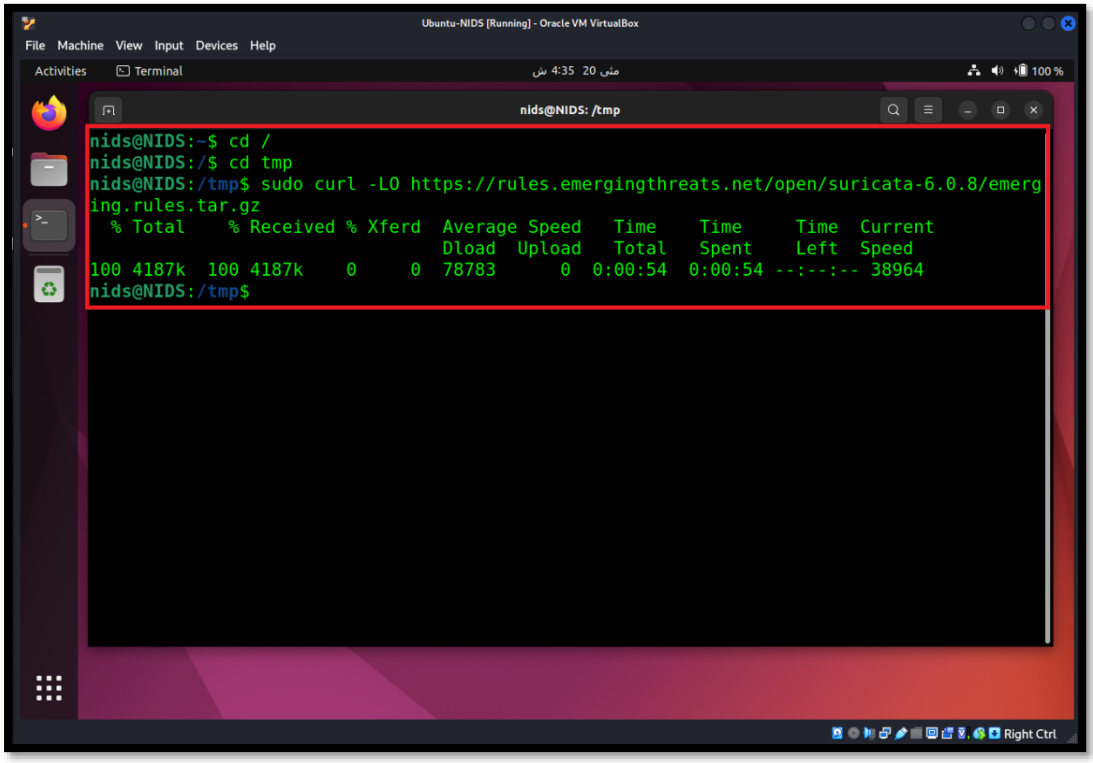
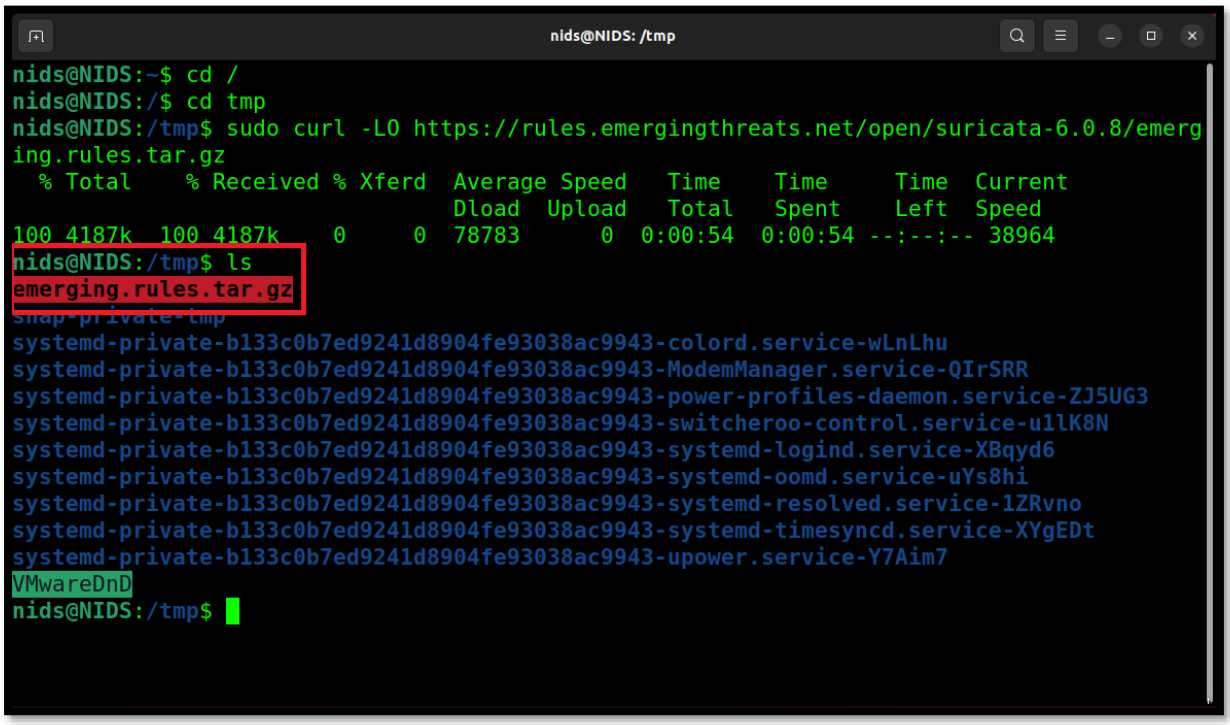
I installed new “Ubuntu-NIDS” virtual machine in my network and installing Suricata IDS on new machine.
Command: sudo apt install suricata -y



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



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



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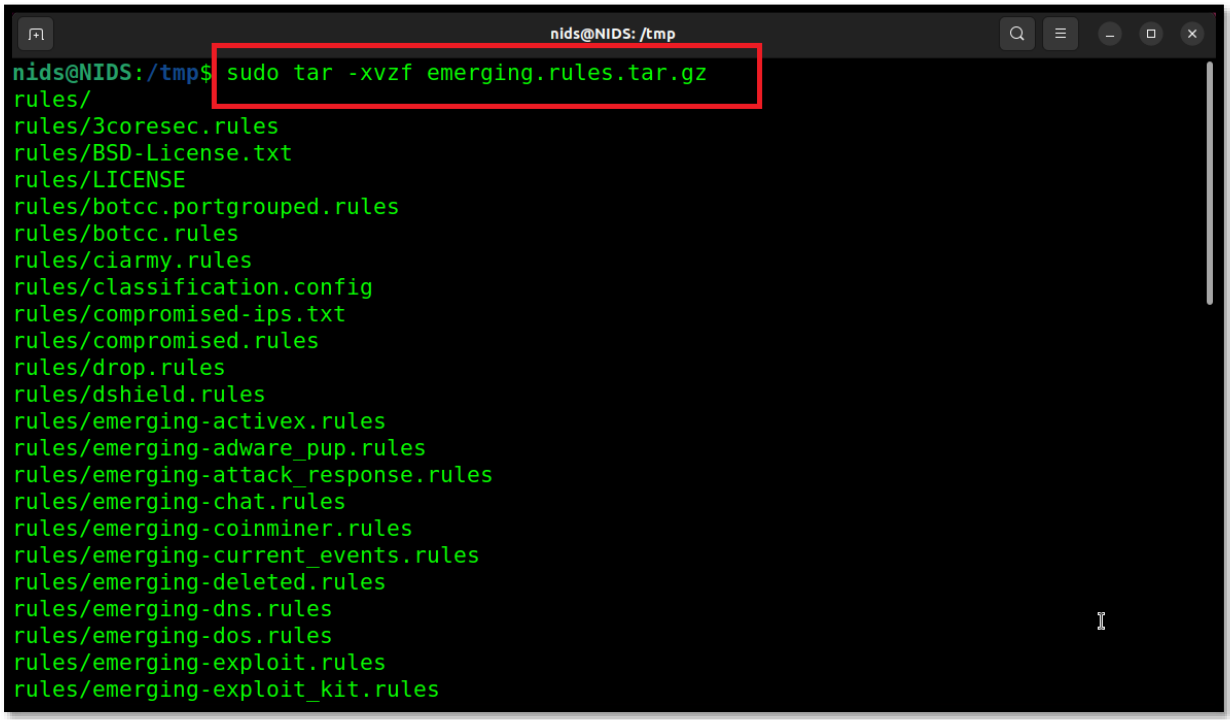
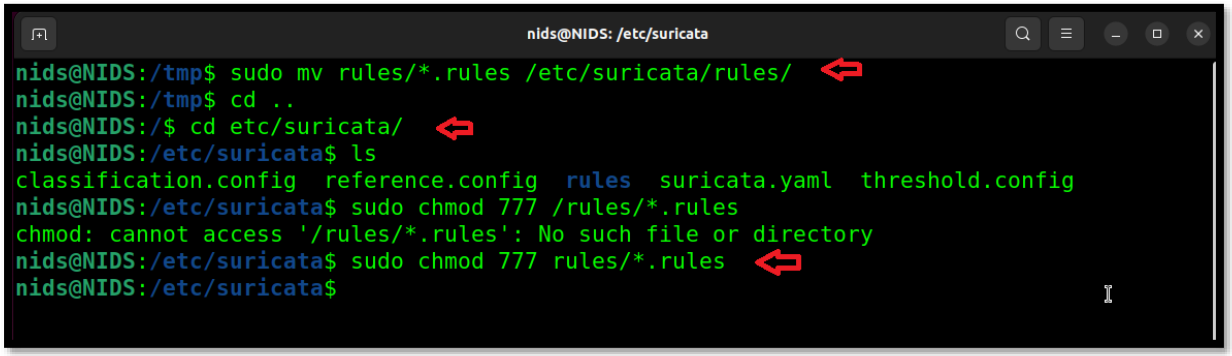
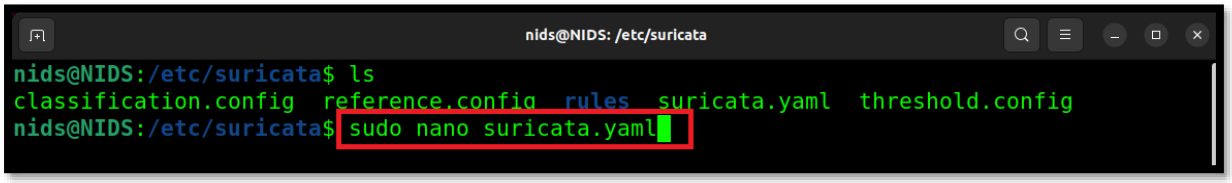
Command: sudo tar -xvzf emerging.rules.tar.gz



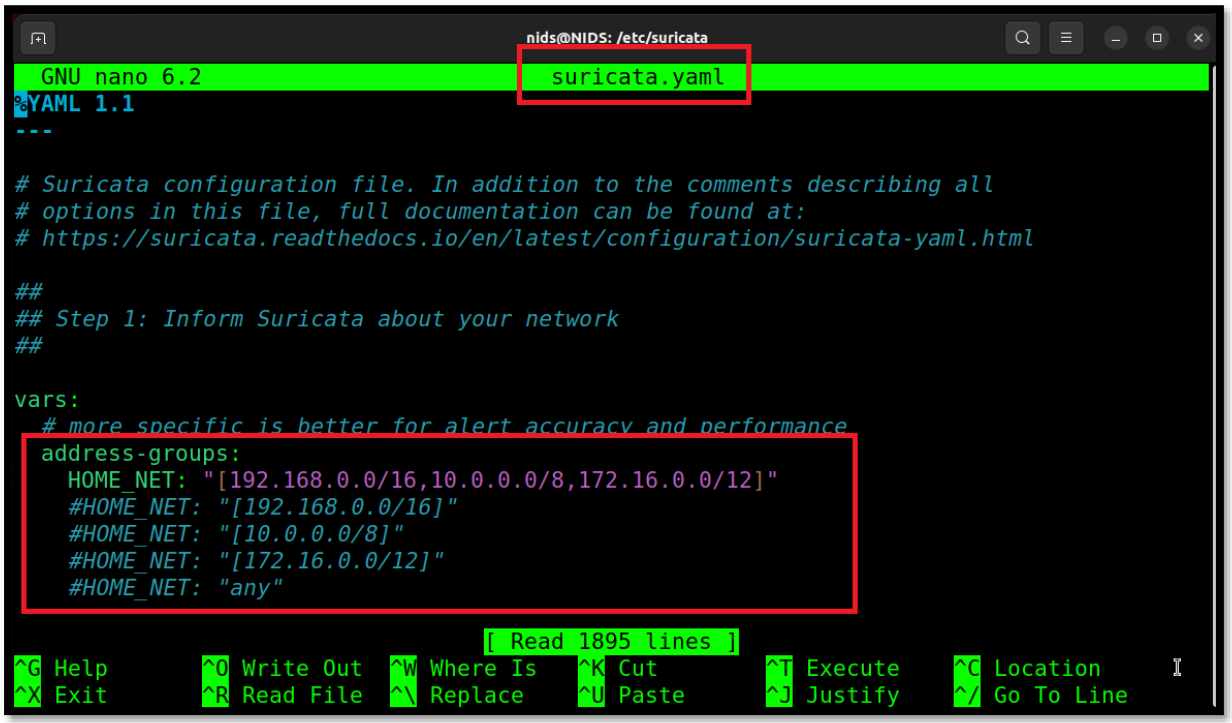
Now we have to move rules into suricata rules directory and give the permission to all rules. Follow as shown in figure.



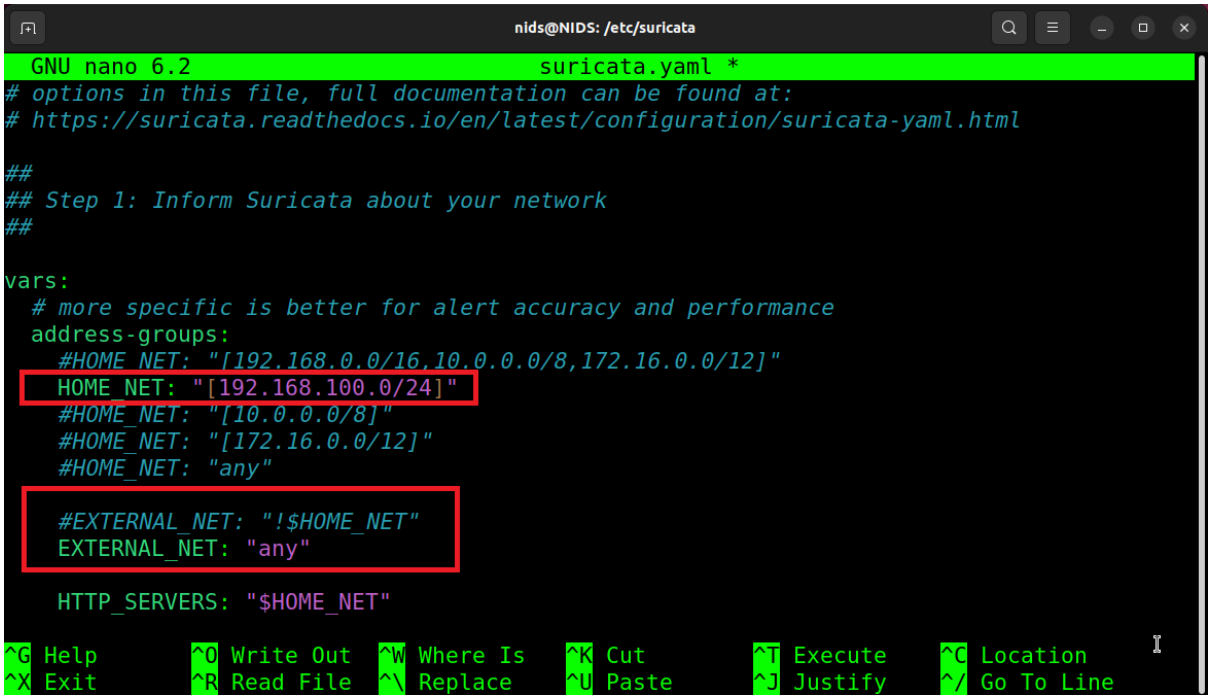
Now we have to configure suricata according to our network setting.



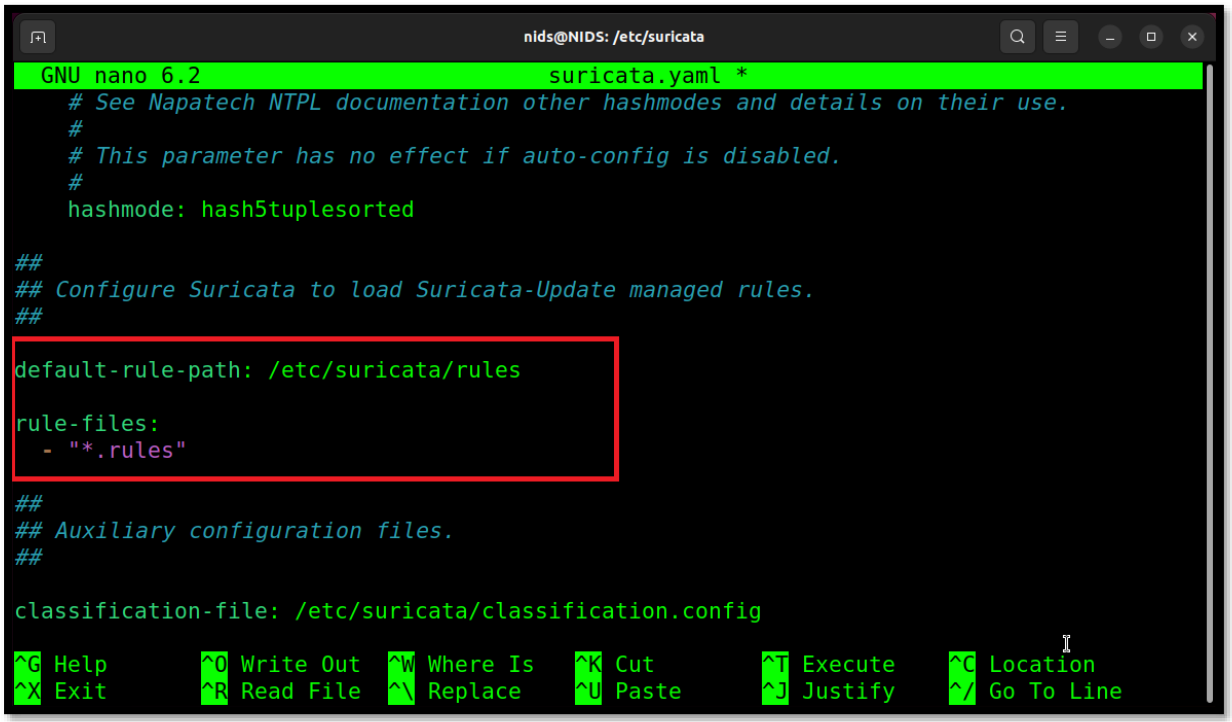
Here is “suricata.yaml” configuration file. We have to Edit “HOME_NET” and “EXTERNAL_NET” follow same as shown in figure.



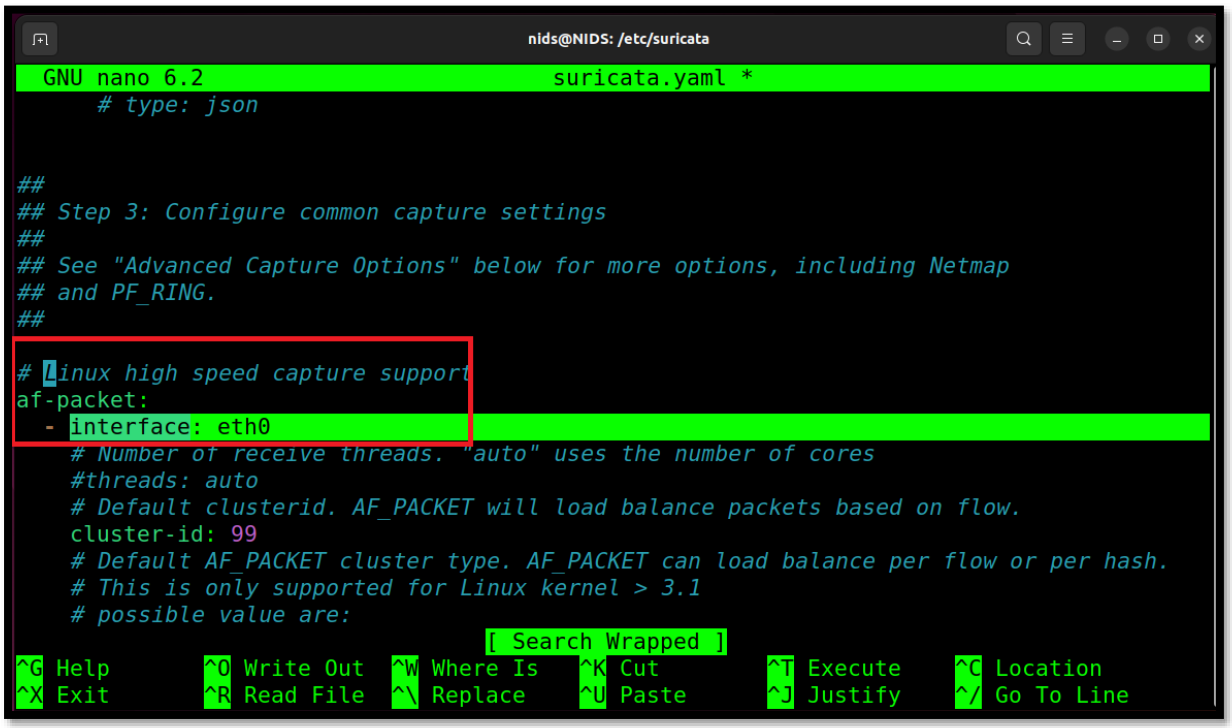
Make sure you are following according to your own network.



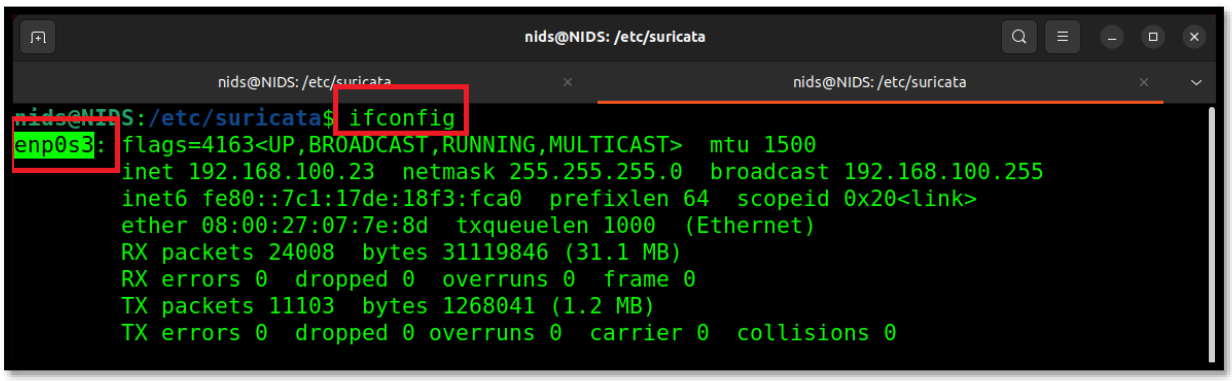
Now scroll down and edit “rule-files:” section. Follow same as shown in figure.

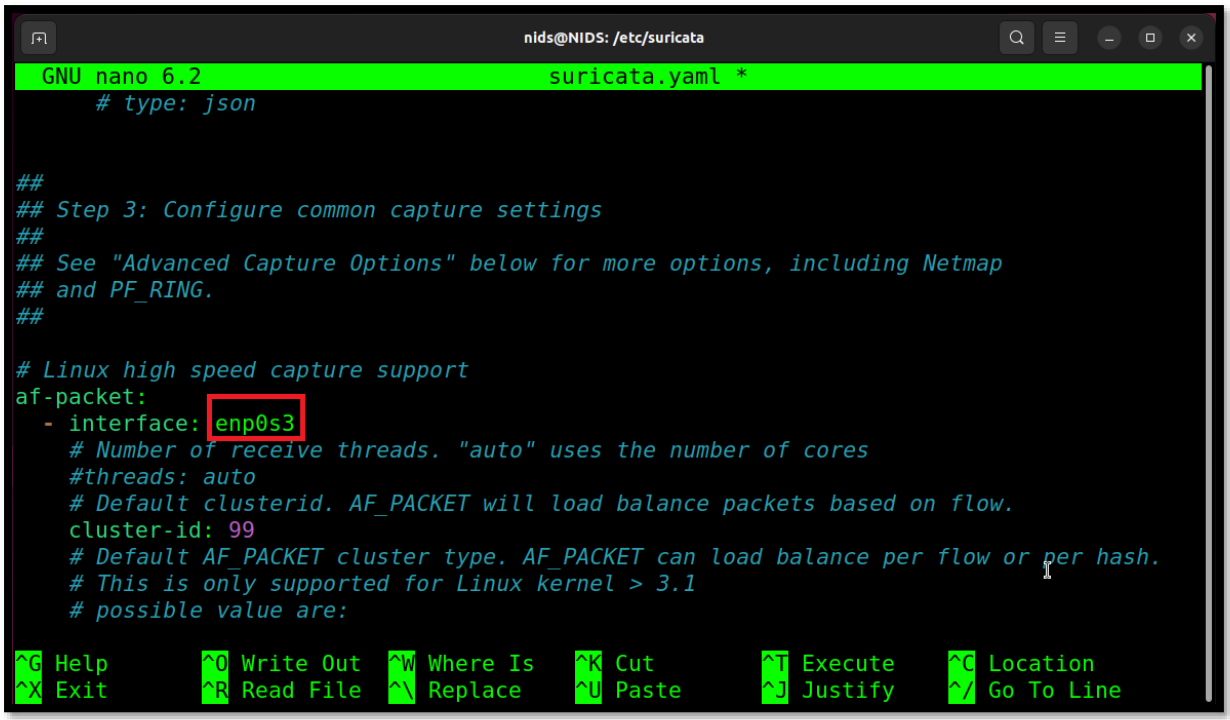


Now edit the interface configuration



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

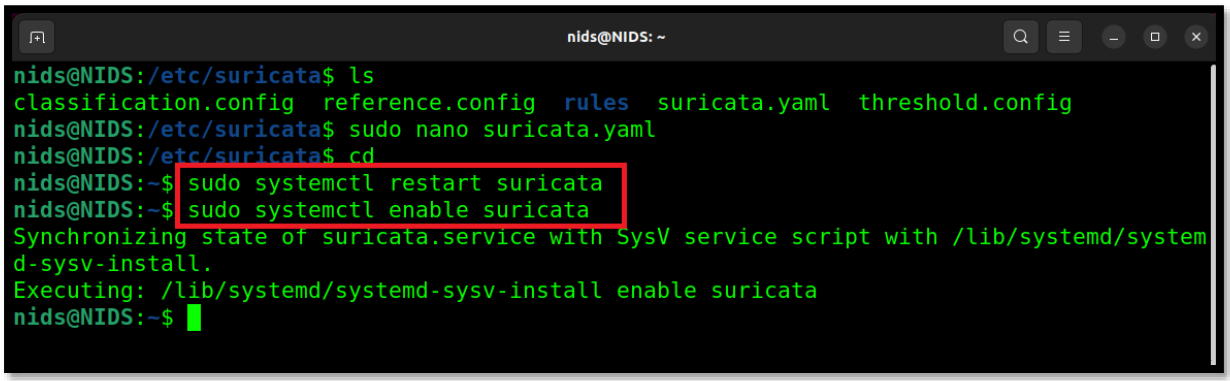




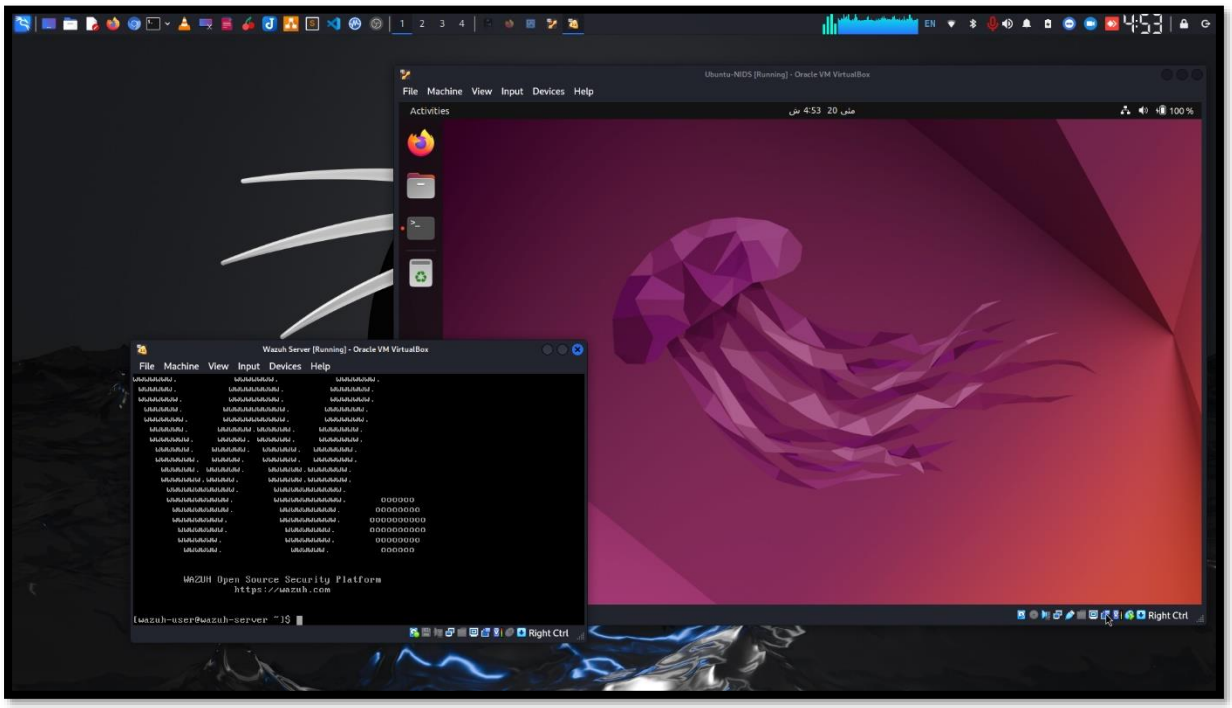
Now save the configuration and restart suricata.

Command: sudo systemctl restart suricata

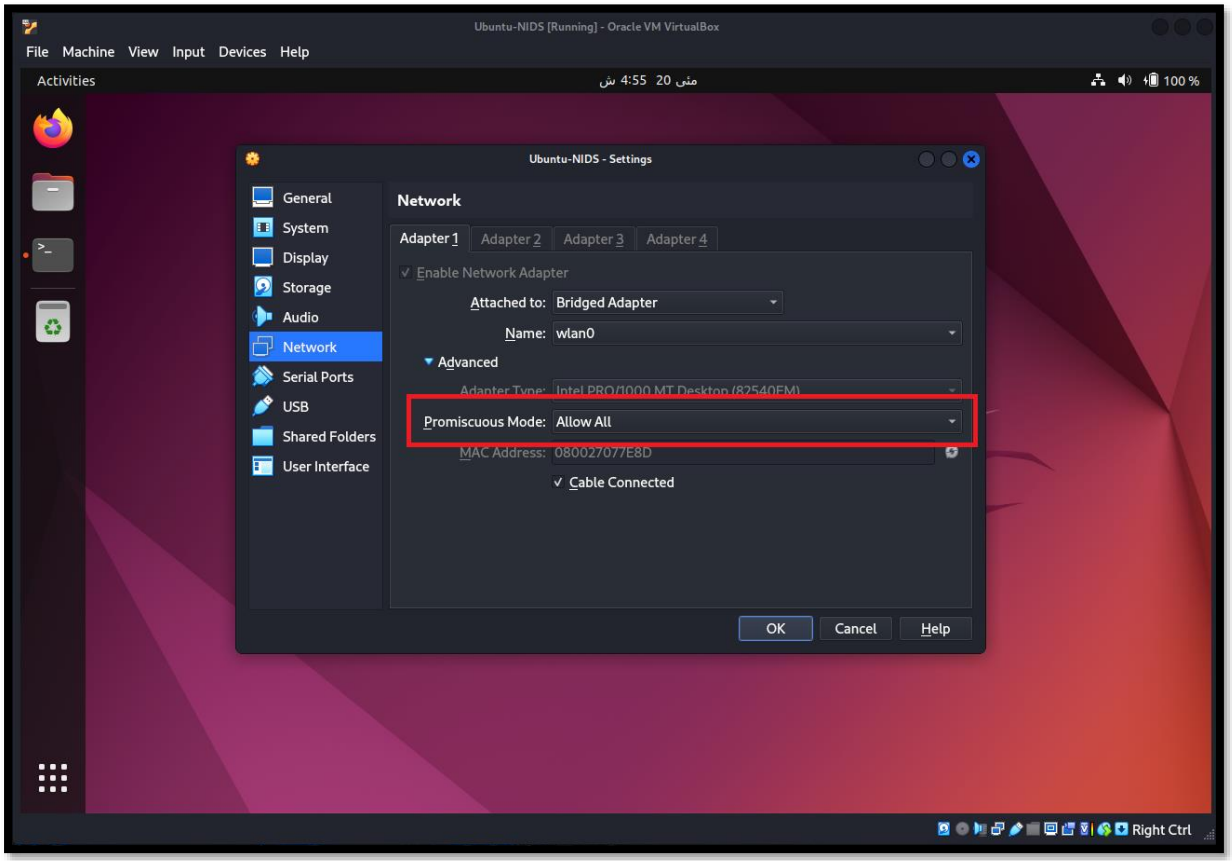
Command: sudo systemctl enable suricata (For enable at boot time)



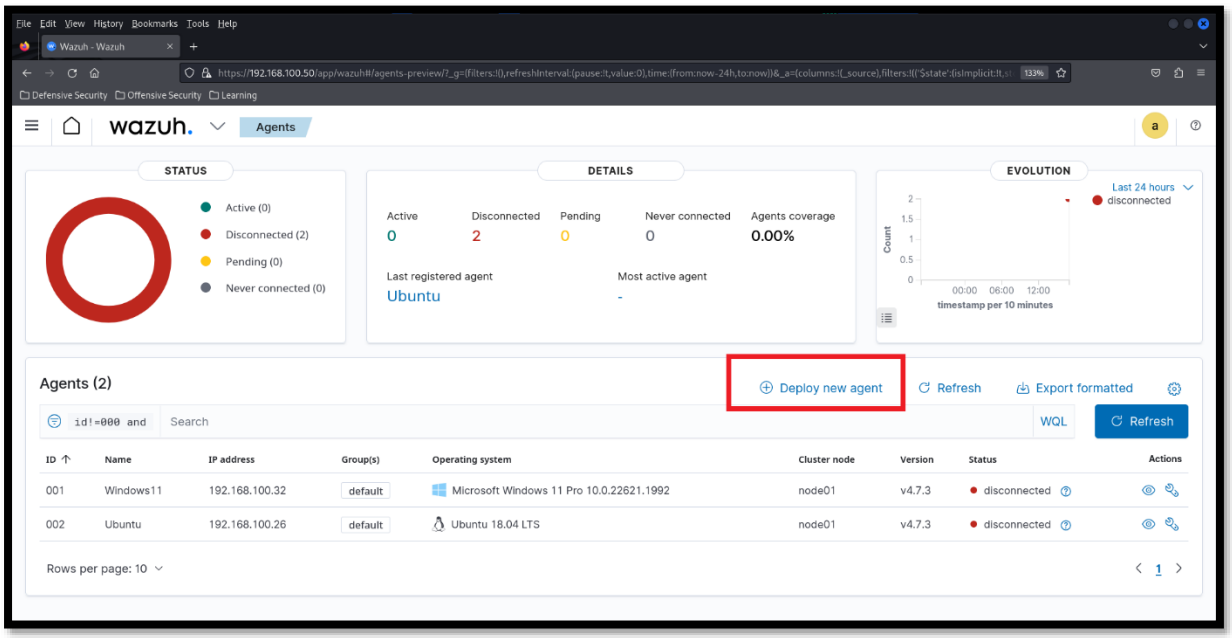
Now open Wazuh and configure agent.



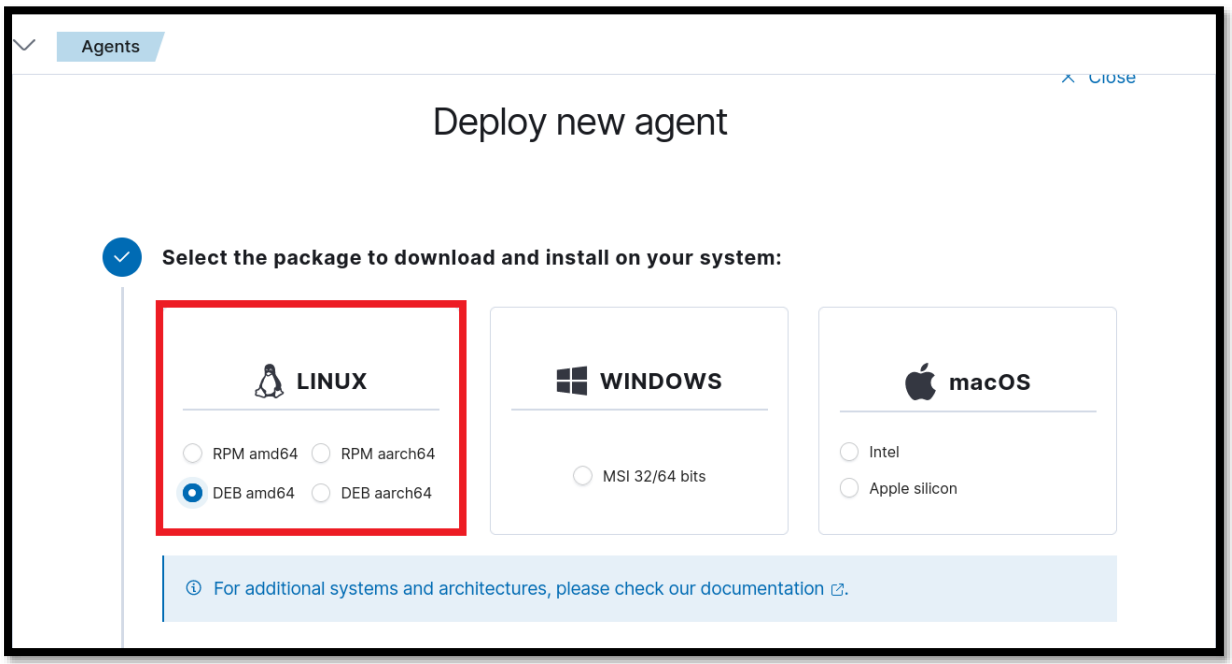
Before moving on wazuh we have to enable “Promiscuous Mode” Allow All.



Go to Wazuh Dashboard and click on “Deploy new agent”



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



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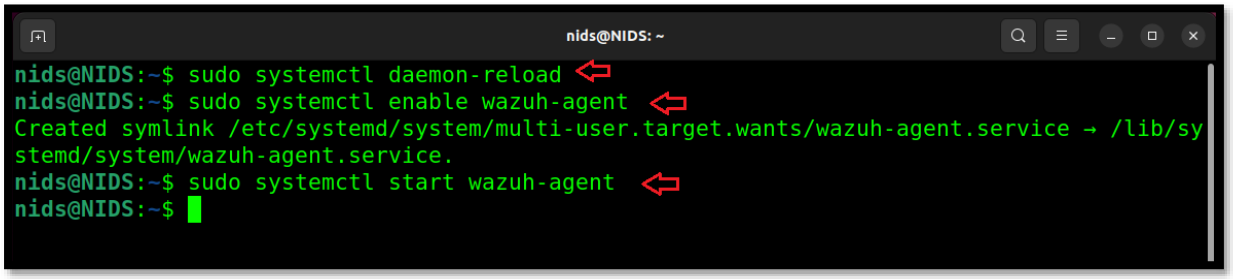
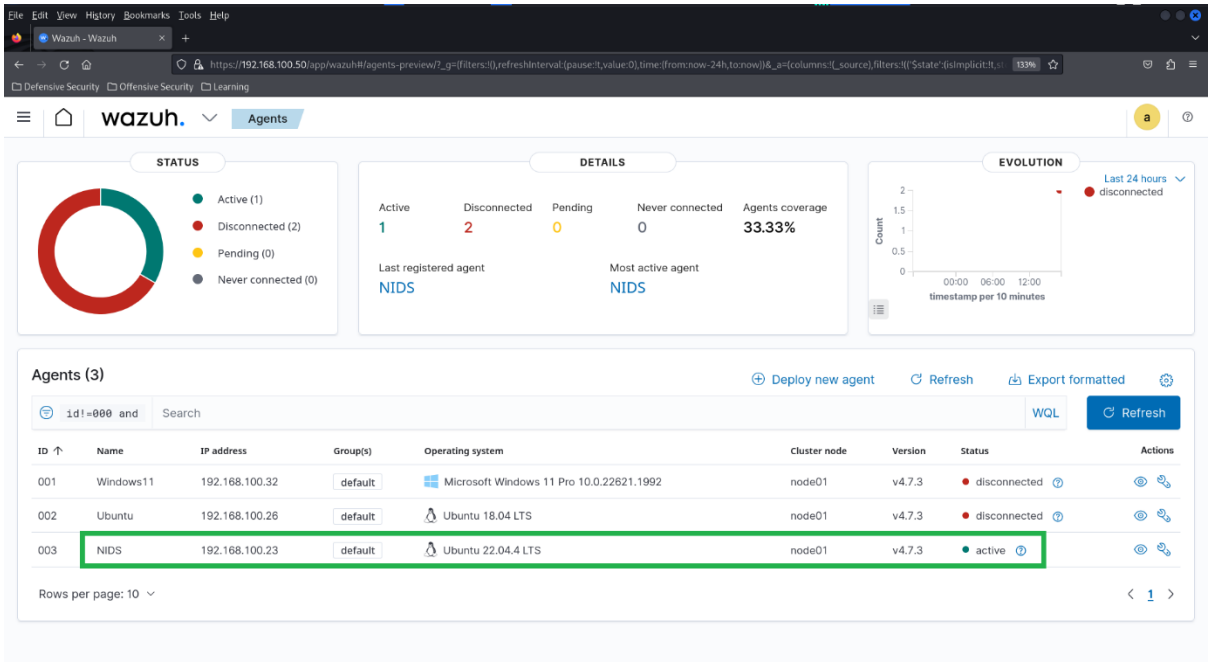
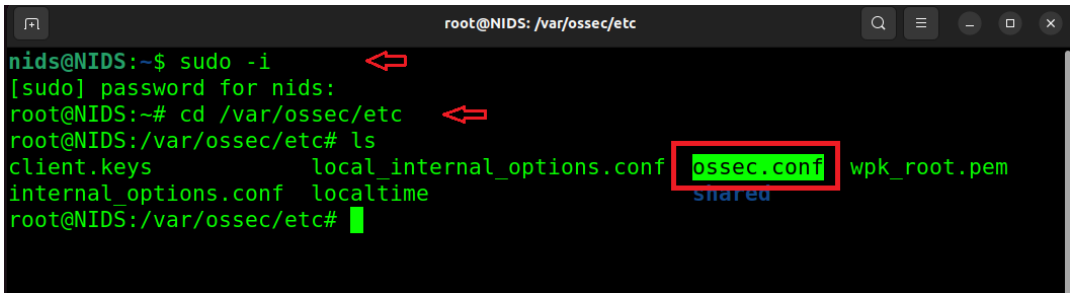


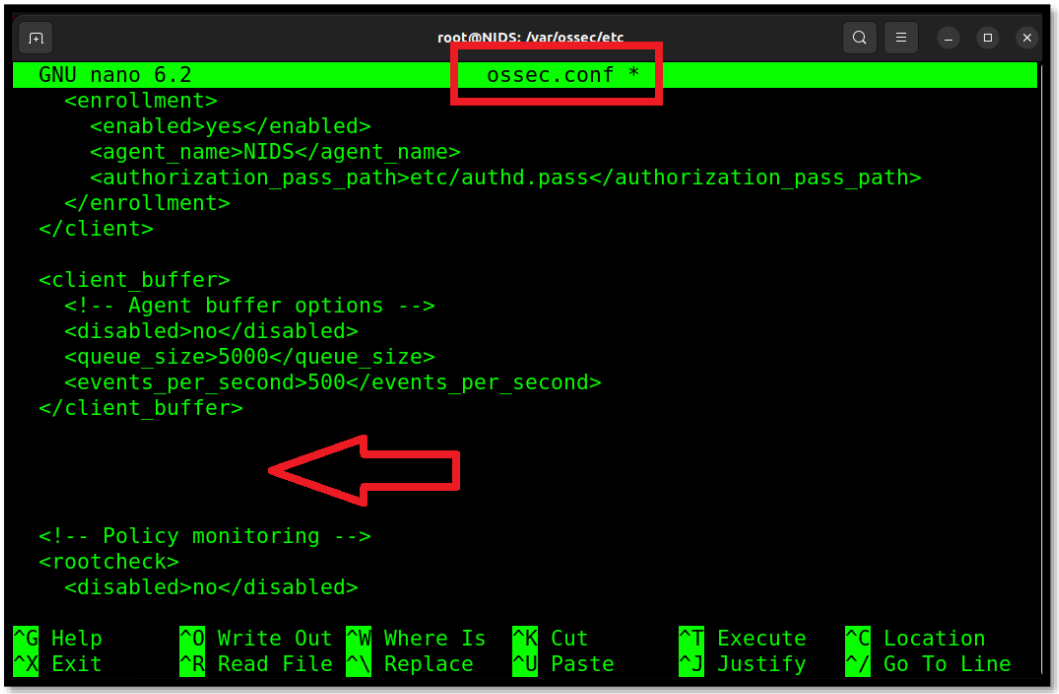
Note: In first lab of Wazuh series I already covered how to configure agents.

You can see new agent is active and deployed.

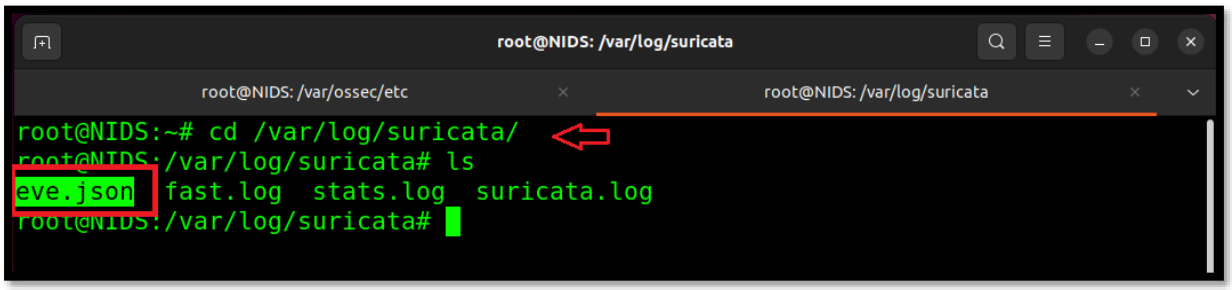


Now we have to configure suricata logs into Wazuh-agent “ossec.conf” file.





Here is the location of suricata logs “eve.json”



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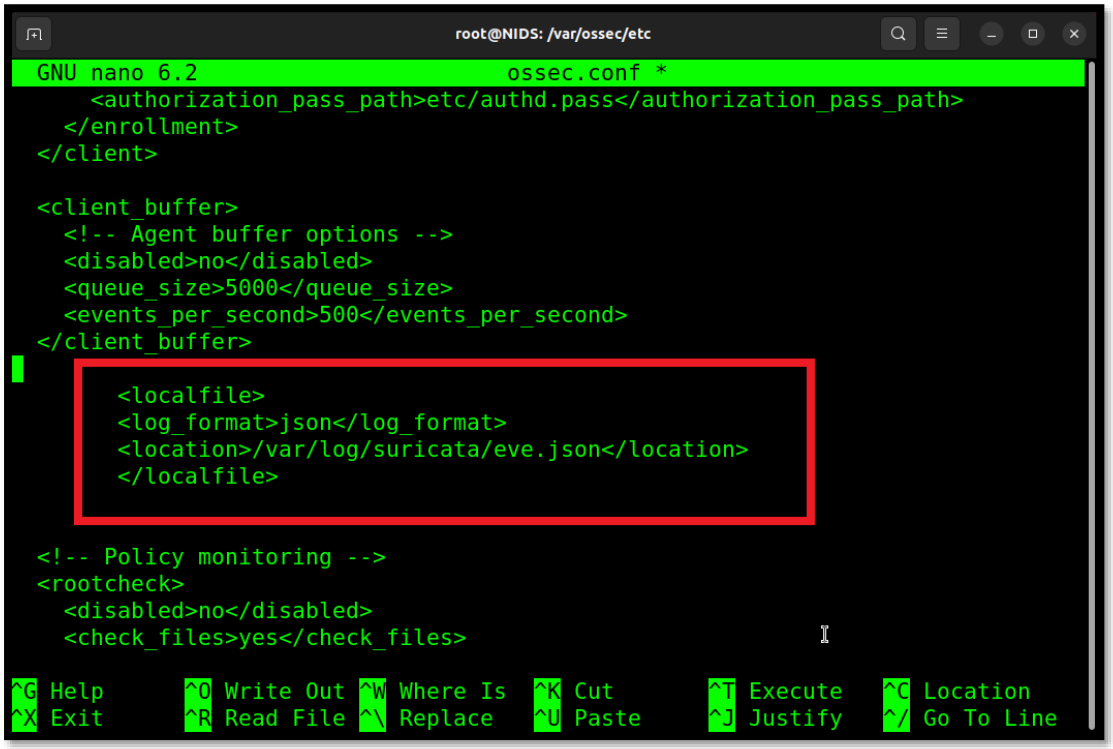
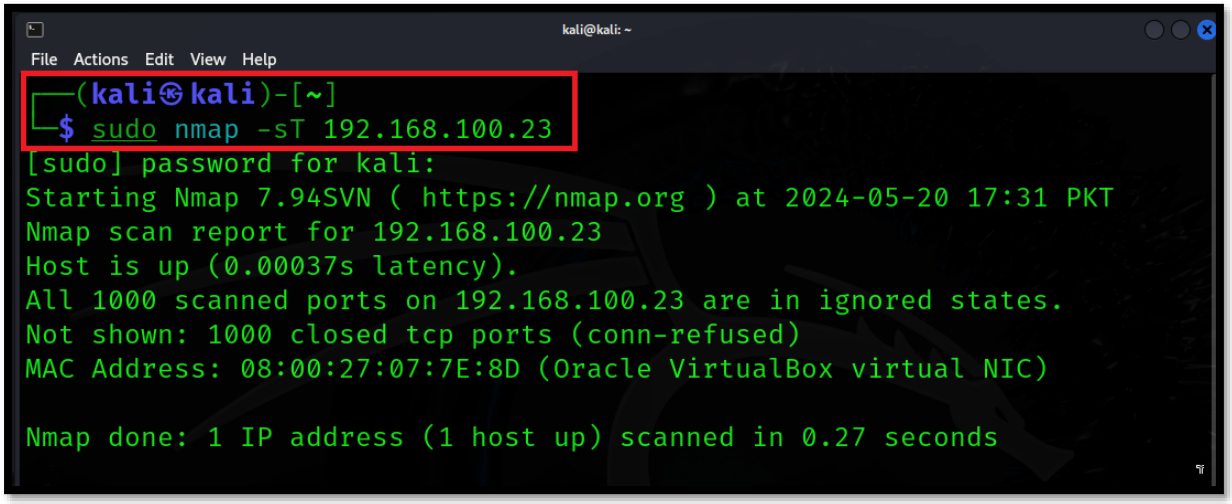
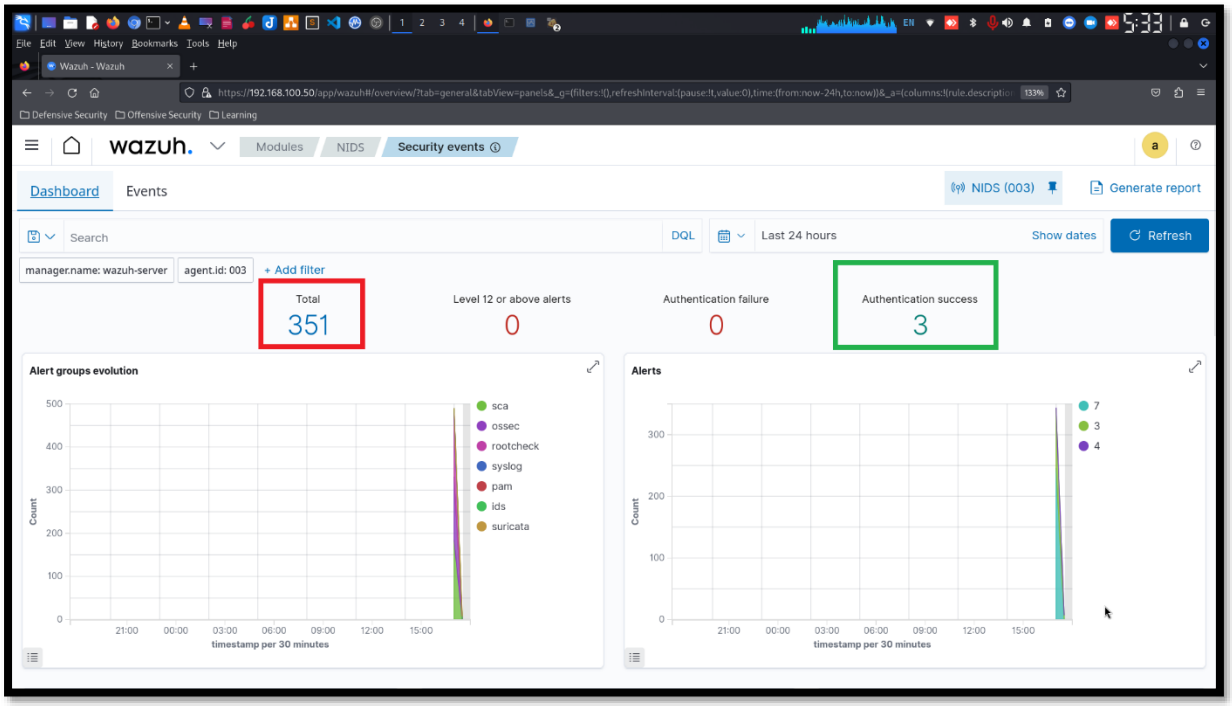


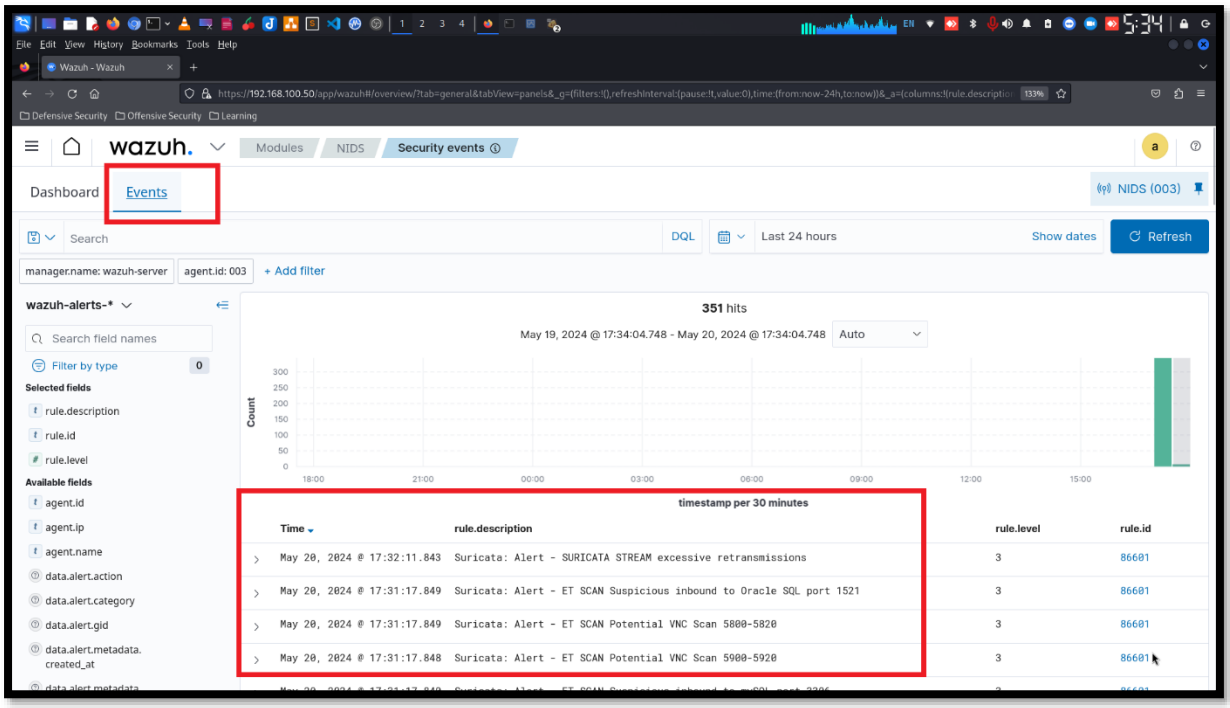
After saving we have to restart wazuh-agent.

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



Now go to wazuh dashboard and see the Events.

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Security events
Dashboard
Events
NIDS (003)
Search
DQL
Last 24 hours
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manager.name: wazuh-server
agent.id: 003
+ Add filter
wazuh-alerts-*
Search field names
Filter by type
Selected fields
rule.description
rule.id
rule.level
Available fields
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agent.name
data.alert.action
data.alert.category
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data.alert.metadata.created_at
351 hits
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JSON
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agent.ip 192.168.100.23
agent.name NIDS
data.alert.action allowed
data.alert.category Attempted Information Leak
data.alert.gid 1
data.alert.metadata.created_at 2010_07_30
data.alert.metadata.updated_at 2019_07_26
data.alert.rev 6
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data.alert.signature ET SCAN Potential VNC Scan 5800-5820
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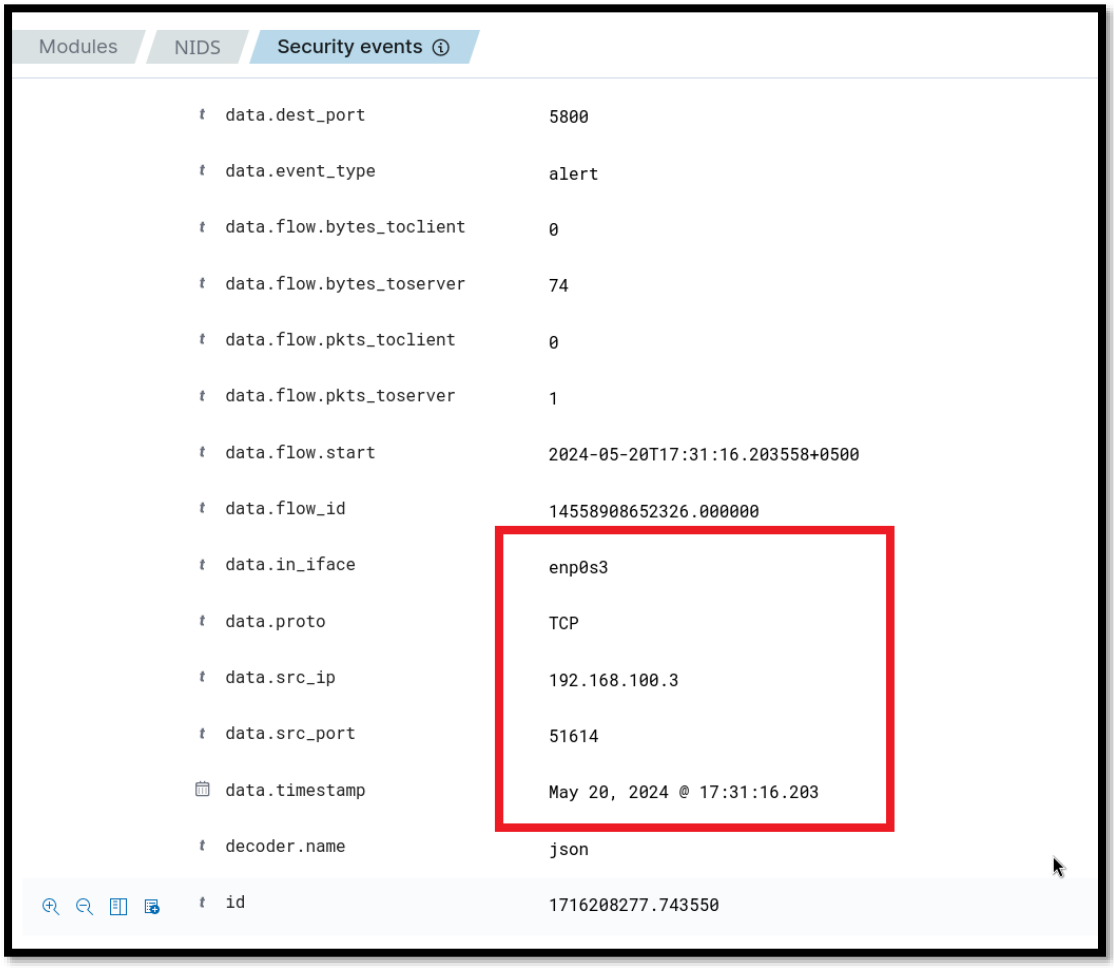
data.dest_ip 192.168.100.23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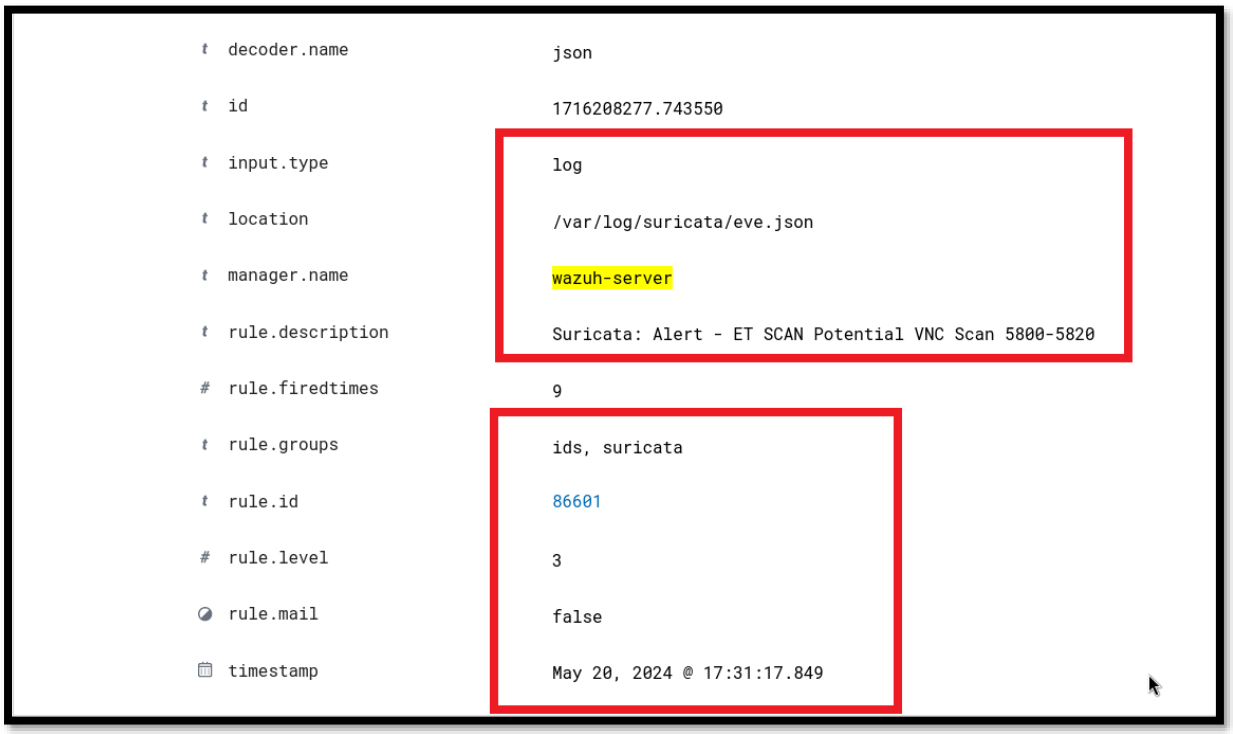
I highlighted interesting logs analysis fields here.



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.