

IDS(intrusion detection system)_IPS(intrusion prevention system)_Using_SNORT

What is IDS?

An intrusion detection system (IDS) is a device or software application that monitors a network for malicious activity or policy violations. Any malicious activity or violation is typically reported or collected centrally using a security information and event management system.

What is IPS?

An intrusion prevention system, or IPS, monitors real-time network activity for a deeper examination and identification of possible security concerns. IPS looks for traffic patterns or attack characteristics and when identified, IPS generates alerts and blocks detected attacks.

What is SNORT Tool?

SNORT is a powerful open-source intrusion detection system (IDS) and intrusion prevention system (IPS) that provides real-time network traffic analysis and data packet logging. SNORT uses a rule-based language that combines anomaly, protocol, and signature inspection methods to detect potentially malicious activity.



The core component that collects and identifies packet structures from network traffic.

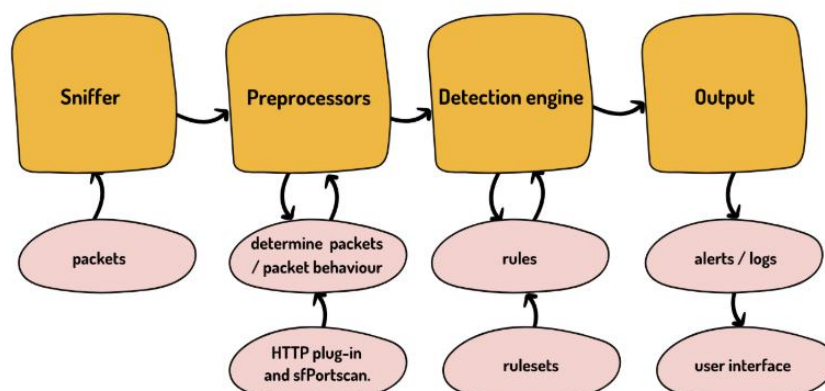
These analyze and modify packets to determine their type or behavior before passing them to the detection engine.

This compares packet data against a predefined ruleset to identify potential threats. Packets that match the rules are forwarded to the output.

Logs and triggers alerts based on detected threats. Logs can be saved in various formats and locations, and user interfaces like Snorby or ACID help manage and view this data.

Snort's architecture

consists of several key components working together to detect and analyze network traffic.



Set up SNORT for IDS and IPS →

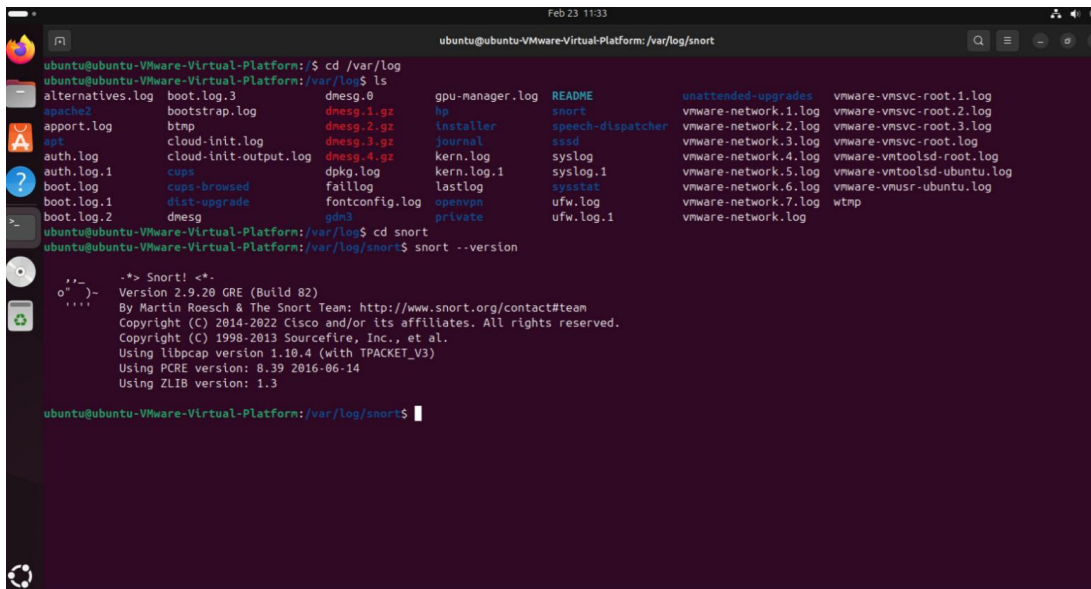
On ubuntu terminal:

Step-1: sudo apt-get install snort

Step -2: cd /var/log

Step-3: cd snort

Step-4: snort --version



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ubuntu@ubuntu-Virtual-Platform: /var/log$ ls
alternatives.log  boot.log.3      dmesg.0      gpu-manager.log  README      unattended-upgrades  vmware-vmsvc-root.1.log
apache2           bootstrap.log   dmesg.1.gz   hp               snort        vmware-network.1.log  vmware-vmsvc-root.2.log
appport.log       btup           dmesg.2.gz   installer        speech-dispatcher  vmware-network.2.log  vmware-vmsvc-root.3.log
apt              cloud-init.log  dmesg.3.gz   journal          ssid          vmware-network.3.log  vmware-vmsvc-root.log
auth.log          cloud-init-output.log  dmesg.4.gz   kern.log         syslog        vmware-network.4.log  vmware-vntoolsd-root.log
boot.log.1        cups           dpkg.log     kern.log.1       syslog.1      vmware-network.5.log  vmware-vntoolsd-ubuntu.log
boot.log          cups-browsed   faillog      lastlog          systemd       vmware-network.6.log  vmware-vmsvc-root.log
boot.log.2        dmesg          fontconfig.log  openvpn          ufw.log       vmware-network.7.log  wtmp
ubuntu@ubuntu-Virtual-Platform: /var/log$ cd snort
ubuntu@ubuntu-Virtual-Platform: /var/log/snort$ snort --version

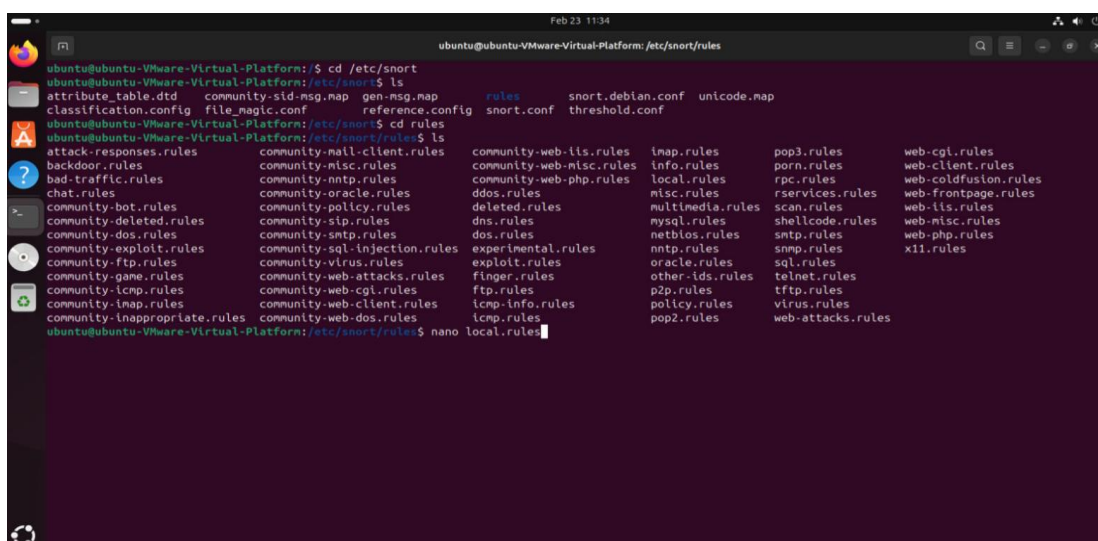
--> Snort! <--
Version 2.9.20 GRE (Build 82)
By Martin Roesch & The Snort Team: http://www.snort.org/contact#team
Copyright (C) 2014-2022 Cisco and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.
Copyright (C) 1998-2013 Sourcefire, Inc., et al.
Using libpcap version 1.10.4 (with TPACKET_V3)
Using PCRE version: 8.39 2016-06-14
Using ZLIB version: 1.3

ubuntu@ubuntu-Virtual-Platform: /var/log/snort$
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Step-5: cd /etc/snort

Step-6: ls

Step-7: cd /etc/snort/rules



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ubuntu@ubuntu-Virtual-Platform: /etc/snort$ ls
attribute_table.dtd  community-sid-msg.map  gen-msg.map  rules  snort.debian.conf  unicode.map
classification.config  file_magic.conf  reference.config  snort.conf  threshold.conf

ubuntu@ubuntu-Virtual-Platform: /etc/snort$ cd rules
ubuntu@ubuntu-Virtual-Platform: /etc/snort/rules$ ls
attack-responses.rules  community-mail-client.rules  community-web-lis.rules  inap.rules  pop3.rules  web-cgi.rules
backdoor.rules         community-misc.rules         community-web-misc.rules  info.rules  porn.rules  web-client.rules
bad-traffic.rules      community-nntp.rules         community-web-php.rules  local.rules  rpc.rules   web-coldfusion.rules
chat.rules             community-oracle.rules       deleted.rules            misc.rules  rservices.rules  web-frontpage.rules
community-bot.rules    community-policy.rules       dns.rules               multimedia.rules  scan.rules  web-lis.rules
community-deleted.rules  community-sip.rules         dos.rules               mysql.rules  shellcode.rules  web-misc.rules
community-dos.rules     community-smtp.rules        experimental.rules      netbios.rules  smtp.rules      web-php.rules
community-exploit.rules  community-sql-injection.rules  exploit.rules          nntp.rules   snmp.rules      x11.rules
community-ftp.rules     community-virus.rules       finger.rules            oracle.rules  sql.rules
community-game.rules    community-web-attacks        ftp.rules              other-ids.rules  telnet.rules  tftp.rules
community-icmp.rules    community-web-cgi.rules     icmp.info.rules        p2p.rules    virus.rules
community-inap.rules    community-web-client.rules   icmp.rules             policy.rules  web-attacks.rules
community-inappropriate.rules  community-web-dos.rules    tcp.rules              pop2.rules   web-attacks.rules
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SET UP OF RULES ->

STEP-8: cd rules

After the step-7 several rules appers , we have to configure the rules according to the alert message.

For example: nano local.rules

