Zeek

-Each log output consists of multiple fields, and each field holds a different part of the traffic data. Correlation is done through a unique value called "UID". The "UID" represents the unique identifier assigned to each session.

Zeek logs in a nutshell;

Category	Description	Log Files
Network	Network protocol logs.	conn.log, dce_rpc.log, dhcp.log, dnp3.log, dns.log, ftp.log, http.log, irc.log, kerberos.log, modbus.log, modbus_register_change.log, mysql.log, ntlm.log, ntp.log, radius.log, rdp.log, rfb.log, sip.log, smb_cmd.log, smb_files.log, smb_mapping.log, smtp.log, snmp.log, socks.log, ssh.log, ssl.log, syslog.log, tunnel.log.
Files	File analysis result logs.	files.log, ocsp.log, pe.log, x509.log.
NetControl	Network control and flow logs.	netcontrol.log, netcontrol_drop.log, netcontrol_shunt.log, netcontrol_catch_release.log, openflow.log.
Detection	Detection and possible indicator logs.	intel.log, notice.log, notice_alarm.log, signatures.log, traceroute.log.
Network Observations	Network flow logs.	known_certs.log, known_hosts.log, known_modbus.log, known_services.log, software.log.
Miscellaneous	Additional logs cover external alerts, inputs and failures.	barnyard2.log, dpd.log, unified2.log, unknown_protocols.log, weird.log, weird_stats.log.
Zeek Diagnostic	Zeek diagnostic logs cover system messages, actions and some statistics.	broker.log, capture_loss.log, cluster.log, config.log, loaded_scripts.log, packet_filter.log, print.log, prof.log, reporter.log, stats.log, stderr.log, stdout.log.

Please refer to Zeek's official documentation and Corelight log cheat sheet for more information. Although there are multiple log files, some log files are updated daily, and some are updated in each session. Some of the most commonly used logs are explained in the given table.

Update Frequency	Log Name	Description
Daily	known_hosts.log	List of hosts that completed TCP handshakes.
Daily	known_services.log	List of services used by hosts.
Daily	known_certs.log	List of SSL certificates.
Daily	software.log	List of software used on the network.
Per Session	notice.log	Anomalies detected by Zeek.
Per Session	intel.log	Traffic contains malicious patterns/indicators.
Per Session	signatures.log	List of triggered signatures.

Tool/Auxilary Name	Purpose
Zeek-cut	Cut specific columns from zeek logs.

Let's see the "zeek-cut" in action. Let's extract the uid, protocol, source and destination hosts, and source and destination ports from the conn.log. We will first read the logs with the cat command and then extract the event of interest fields with zeek-cut auxiliary to compare the difference.

```
zeek-cut usage example
root@ubuntu$ cat conn.log
#fields ts uid id.orig_h id.orig_p id.resp_h id.resp_p proto service duration
                                                                                   orig_bytes resp_bytes
conn_state local_orig local_resp missed_bytes history orig_pkts orig_ip_bytes resp_pkts resp_ip_bytes
tunnel_parents
#types time
              string addr
                                   addr
                                                          string interval
                                                                                          string bool
bool count string count count count
                                                  set[string]
1488571051.943250 CTMFXm1AcIsSnq2Ric 192.168.121.2
                                                         192.168.120.22 53 udp dns 0.001263
                                                                                              36 106 SF
1488571038.380901
                  CLsSsA3HLB2N6uJwW 192.168.121.10 50080
                                                          192.168.120.10 514 udp -
                                                                                   0.000505
-0 D 2 290 0
root@ubuntu$ cat conn.log | zeek-cut uid proto id.orig_h id.orig_p id.resp_h id.resp_p
CTMFXm1AcIsSnq2Ric udp 192.168.121.2 51153 192.168.120.22 53
CLsSsA3HLB2N6uJwW udp 192.168.121.10 50080
                                           192.168.120.10 514
```

As shown in the above output, the "zeek-cut" auxiliary provides massive help to extract specific fields with minimal effort. Now take time to read log formats, practice the log reading/extracting operations and answer the questions.

Zeek Scripts

Zeek has its own event-driven scripting language, which is as powerful as high-level languages and allows us to investigate and correlate the detected events. Since it is as capable as high-level programming languages, you will need to spend time on

Zeek scripting language in order to become proficient. In this room, we will cover the basics of Zeek scripting to help you understand, modify and create basic scripts. Note that scripts can be used to apply a policy and in this case, they are called policy scripts.

Zeek has base scripts installed by default, and these are not intended to be modified.	These scripts are located in "/opt/zeek/share/zeek/base".
User-generated or modified scripts should be located in a specific path.	These scripts are located in "/opt/zeek/share/zeek/site".
Policy scripts are located in a specific path.	These scripts are located in "/opt/zeek/share/zeek/policy".
Like Snort, to automatically load/use a script in live sniffing mode, you must identify the script in the Zeek configuration file. You can also use a script for a single run, just like the signatures.	The configuration file is located in "/opt/zeek/share/zeek/site/local.zeek".

- · Zeek scripts use the ".zeek" extension.
- Do not modify anything under the "zeek/base" directory. User-generated and modified scripts should be in the "zeek/site" directory.
- You can call scripts in live monitoring mode by loading them with the command load @/script/path or load @script-name in local.zeek file.
- · Zeek is event-oriented, not packet-oriented! We need to use/write scripts to handle the event of interest.

Scripts contain operators, types, attributes, declarations and statements, and directives. Let's look at a simple example event called "zeek_init" and "zeek_done". These events work once the Zeek process starts and stops. Note that these events don't have parameters, and some events will require parameters.

```
volew Script

event zeek_init()
{
    print ("Started Zeek!");
    }
event zeek_done()
    {
    print ("Stopped Zeek!");
    }

# zeek_init: Do actions once Zeek starts its process.
# zeek_done: Do activities once Zeek finishes its process.
# print: Prompt a message on the terminal.
```

Let's print the packet data to the terminal and see the raw data. In this script, we are requesting details of a connection and extracting them without any filtering or sorting of the data. To accomplish this, we are using the "new_connection" event. This event is automatically generated for each new connection. This script provides bulk information on the terminal. We need to get familiar with Zeek's data structure to reduce the amount of information and focus on the event of interest. To do so, we need to investigate the bulk data.

```
event new_connection(c: connection)
{
   print c;
}
```

Run Zeek with the script

```
Run Zeek with a script

ubuntu@ubuntu$ zeek -C -r sample.pcap 102.zeek
[id=[orig_h=192.168.121.40, orig_p=123/udp, resp_h=212.227.54.68, resp_p=123/udp], orig=[size=48, state=1, num_pkts=0, num_bytes_ip=0, flow_label=0, 12_addr=00:16:47:df:e7:c1], resp=[size=0, state=0, num_pkts=0, num_bytes_ip=0, flow_label=0, 12_addr=00:00:0c:9f:f0:79], start_time=1488571365.706238, duration=0 secs, service={}, history=D, uid=CajwDY2vSUtLkztAc, tunnel=, vlan=121, inner_vlan=, dpd=, dpd_state=, removal_hooks=, conn=, extract_orig=F, extract_resp=F, thresholds=, dce_rpc_, dce_rpc_state=, dce_rpc_backing=, dhcp=, dnp3=, dns=, dns_state=, ftp=, ftp_data_reuse=F, ssl=, http=, http_state=, irc=, krb=, modbus=, mysql=, ntlm=, ntp=, radius=, rdp=, rfb=, sip_, sip_state=, snmp=, smb_state=, smtp=, smtp_state=, socks=, ssh=, syslog=]
```

The above terminal provides bulk data for each connection. This style is not the best usage, and in real life, we will need to filter the information for specific purposes. If you look closely at the output, you can see an ID and field value for each part. To filter the event of interest, we will use the primary tag (in this case, it is c --comes from "c: connection"--), id value (id=), and field name. You should notice that the fields are the same as the fields in the log files.

The above output shows that we successfully extract specific information from the events. Remember that this script extracts the event of interest (in this example, a new connection), and we still have logs in the working directory. We can always modify and optimise the scripts at any time.

Scripts 201 | Use Scripts and Signatures Together

Up to here, we covered the basics of Zeek scripts. Now it is time to use scripts collaboratively with other scripts and signatures to get one step closer to event correlation. Zeek scripts can refer to signatures and other Zeek scripts as well. This flexibility provides a massive advantage in event correlation.

Let's demonstrate this concept with an example. We will create a script that detects if our previously created "**ftp-admin**" rule has a hit.

```
View Script

Sample Script

event signature_match (state: signature_state, msg: string, data: string)
{
  if (state$sig_id == "ftp-admin")
     {
      print ("Signature hit! --> #FTP-Admin ");
     }
}
```

This basic script quickly checks if there is a signature hit and provides terminal output to notify us. We are using the "signature_match" event to accomplish this. You can read more about events here. Note that we are looking only for "ftp-admin" signature hits. The signature is shown below.

View Script Sample Script signature ftp-admin { ip-proto == tcp ftp /.*USER.*admin.*/ event "FTP Username Input Found!" }

```
Bun Zeek with signature and script

ubuntu@ubuntu$ zeek -C -r ftp.pcap -s ftp-admin.sig 201.zeek

Signature hit! --> #FTP-Admin Signature hit! --> #FTP-Admin

Signature hit! --> #FTP-Admin Signature hit! --> #FTP-Admin
```

The above output shows that we successfully combined the signature and script. Zeek processed the signature and logs then the script controlled the outputs and provided a terminal output for each rule hit.

Scripts 202 | Load Local Scripts

Load all local scripts

We mentioned that Zeek has base scripts located in "/opt/zeek/share/zeek/base". You can load all local scripts identified in your "local.zeek" file. Note that base scripts cover multiple framework functionalities. You can load all base scripts by easily running the local command.

```
Load local scripts

ubuntu@ubuntu$ zeek -C -r ftp.pcap local
ubuntu@ubuntu$ ls

101.zeek 103.zeek clear-logs.sh ftp.pcap packet_filter.log stats.log
102.zeek capture_loss.log conn.log loaded_scripts.log sample.pcap weird.log
```

The above output demonstrates how to run all base scripts using the "local" command. Look at the above terminal output; Zeek provided additional log files this time. Loaded scripts generated loaded_scripts.log, capture_loss.log, notice.log, stats.log files. Note that, in our instance, 465 scripts loaded and used by using the "local" command. However, Zeek doesn't provide log files for the scripts doesn't have hits or results.

```
Load local scripts

ubuntu@ubuntu$ zeek -C -r ftp.pcap /opt/zeek/share/zeek/policy/protocols/ftp/detect-bruteforcing.zeek

ubuntu@ubuntu$ cat notice.log | zeek-cut ts note msg
1024380732.223481 FTP::Bruteforcing 10.234.125.254 had 20 failed logins on 1 FTP server in 0m1s
```

The above output shows how to load a specific script. This script provides much more information than the one we created. It provides one single line output and a connection summary for the suspicious incident. You can find and read more on the prebuilt scripts and frameworks by visiting Zeek's online book here.

Zeek Signatures

Signatures:

Signatures need to run when zeek starts in order for zeek to look for a signature.

Zeek signatures are composed of three logical paths; signature id, conditions and action. The signature breakdown is shown in the table below;

Signature id	Unique signature name.	
Conditions	Header: Filtering the packet headers for specific source and destination addresses, protocol and port numbers. Content: Filtering the packet payload for specific value/pattern.	
Action	Default action: Create the "signatures.log" file in case of a signature match. Additional action: Trigger a Zeek script.	

Now let's dig more into the Zeek signatures. The below table provides the most common conditions and filters for the Zeek signatures.

Condition Field	Available Filters	
Header	src-ip: Source IP. dst-ip: Destination IP. src-port: Source port. dst-port: Destination port. ip-proto: Target protocol. Supported protocols; TCP, UDP, ICMP, ICMP6, IP, IP6	
Content	payload: Packet payload. http-request: Decoded HTTP requests. http-request-header: Client-side HTTP headers. http-request-body: Client-side HTTP request bodys. http-reply-header: Server-side HTTP headers. http-reply-body: Server-side HTTP request bodys. ftp: Command line input of FTP sessions.	
Context	same-ip: Filtering the source and destination addresses for duplication.	
Action	event: Signature match message.	
Comparison Operators	==, !=, <, <=, >, >=	
NOTE!	Filters accept string, numeric and regex values.	

Sample Singature:

```
signature http-password {
   ip-proto == tcp
   dst_port == 80
   payload /.*password.*/
   event "Cleartext Password Found!"
}

# signature: Signature name.
# ip-proto: Filtering ICP connection.
# dst-port: Filtering destination port 80.
# payload: Filtering the "password" phrase.
# event: Signature match message.
```

Zeek FrameWorks

We mentioned that Zeek highly relies on scripts, and the frameworks depend on scripts. Let's have a closer look at the file hash framework and see the script behind it.

You can read more on the intelligence framework <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.

Scripts 203 | Load Frameworks

Zeek has 15+ frameworks that help analysts to discover the different events of interest. In this task, we will cover the common frameworks and functions. You can find and read more on the prebuilt scripts and frameworks by visiting Zeek's online book here.

File Framework | Hashes

Not all framework functionalities are intended to be used in CLI mode. The majority of them are used in scripting. You can easily see the usage of frameworks in scripts by calling a specific framework as Load @ \$PATH/base/frameworks/framework-name. Now, let's use a prebuilt function of the file framework and have MD5, SHA1 and SHA256 hashes of the detected files. We will call the "File Analysis" framework's "hash-all-files" script to accomplish this. Before loading the scripts, let's look at how it works.

```
■ View file framework
ubuntu@ubuntu$ cat hash-demo.zeek
# Enable MD5, SHA1 and SHA256 hashing for all files.
@load /opt/zeek/share/zeek/policy/frameworks/files/hash-all-files.zeek
```

The above output shows how frameworks are loaded. In earlier tasks, we mentioned that Zeek highly relies on scripts, and the frameworks depend on scripts. Let's have a closer look at the file hash framework and see the script behind it.

```
View file framework

ubuntu@ubuntu$ cat /opt/zeek/share/zeek/policy/frameworks/files/hash-all-files.zeek
# Enable MD5, SHA1 and SHA256 hashing for all files.

@load base/files/hash
event file_new(f: fa_file)
{
    Files::add_analyzer(f, Files::ANALYZER_MD5);
    Files::add_analyzer(f, Files::ANALYZER_SHA1);
    Files::add_analyzer(f, Files::ANALYZER_SHA256);
}
```

Now let's execute the script and investigate the log file.

Look at the above terminal outputs. Both of the scripts provided the same result. Here the preference is up to the user. Both of the usage formats are true. Prebuilt frameworks are commonly used in scriptings with the "@load" method. Specific scripts are used as practical scripts for particular use cases.

File Framework | Extract Files

The file framework can extract the files transferred. Let's see this feature in action!

```
ubuntu@ubuntu$ zeek -C -r case1.pcap /opt/zeek/share/zeek/policy/frameworks/files/extract-all-files.zeek

ubuntu@ubuntu$ ls

101.zeek 102.zeek 103.zeek case1.pcap clear-logs.sh conn.log dhcp.log dns.log extract_files files.log ftp.pcap http.log

packet_filter.log pe.log
```

We successfully extracted files from the pcap. A new folder called "extract_files" is automatically created, and all detected files are located in it. First, we will list the contents of the folder, and then we will use the file command to determine the file type of the extracted files.

Zeek extracted three files. The "file" command shows us one .txt file, one .doc/.docx file and one .exe file. Zeek renames extracted files. The name format consists of four values that come from conn.log and files.log files; default "extract" keyword, timestamp value (ts), protocol (source), and connection id (conn_uids). Let's look at the files.log to understand possible anomalies better and verify the findings. Look at the below output; files.log provides the same results with additional details. Let's focus on the .exe and correlate this finding by searching its connection id (conn_uids). The given terminal output shows us that there are three files extracted from the traffic capture. Let's look at the file.log and correlate the findings with the rest of the log files.

The "grep" tool helps us investigate the particular value across all available logs. The above terminal output shows us that the connection id linked with .exe appears in conn.log, files.log, and http.log files. Given example demonstrates how to filter some fields and correlate the findings with the rest of the logs. We've listed the source and destination addresses, file and connection id numbers, MIME types, and file names. Up to now, provided outputs and findings show us that record number three is a .exe file, and other log files provide additional information.

Notice Framework | Intelligence

The intelligence framework can work with data feeds to process and correlate events and identify anomalies. The intelligence framework requires a feed to match and

create alerts from the network traffic. Let's demonstrate a single user-generated threat intel file and let Zeek use it as the primary intelligence source.

Intelligence source location: /opt/zeek/intel/zeek intel.txt

There are two critical points you should never forget. First, the source file has to be tab-delimited. Second, you can manually update the source and adding extra lines doesn't require any re-deployment. However, if you delete a line from the file, you will need to re-deploy the Zeek instance.

Let's add the suspicious URL gathered from the case1.pcap file as a source intel and see this feature in action! Before executing the script, let's look at the intelligence file and the script contents.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu$ cat /opt/zeek/intel/zeek_intel.txt
#fields indicator indicator_type meta.source meta.desc
smart-fax.com Intel::DOMAIN zeek-intel-test Zeek-Intelligence-Framework-Test

ubuntu@ubuntu$ cat intelligence-demo.zeek
# Load intelligence framework!
@load policy/frameworks/intel/seen
@load policy/frameworks/intel/do_notice
redef Intel::read_files += { "/opt/zeek/intel/zeek_intel.txt" };
```

The above output shows the contents of the intel file and script contents. There is one intelligence input, and it is focused on a domain name, so when this domain name appears in the network traffic, Zeek will create the "intel.log" file and provide the available details.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu$ zeek -C -r case1.pcap intelligence-demo.zeek

ubuntu@ubuntu$ cat intel.log | zeek-cut uid id.orig_h id.resp_h seen.indicator matched

CZ1jLe2nHENdGQX377 10.6.27.102 10.6.27.1 smart-fax.com Intel::DOMAIN

C0440t10xBt8qCk7f2 10.6.27.102 107.180.50.162 smart-fax.com Intel::DOMAIN
```

The above output shows that Zeek detected the listed domain and created the intel.log file. This is one of the easiest ways of using the intelligence framework.

Zeek Packacges

Scripts 204 | Package Manager

Zeek Package Manager helps users install third-party scripts and plugins to extend Zeek functionalities with ease. The package manager is installed with Zeek and available with the zkg command. Users can install, load, remove, update and create packages with the "zkg" tool. You can read more on and view available packages here and here. Please note that you need root privileges to use the "zkg" tool.

Basic usage of zkg;

Command	Description
zkg install package_path	Install a package. Example (zkg install zeek/j-gras/zeek-af_packet-plugin).
zkg install git_url	Install package. Example (zkg install https://github.com/corelight/ztest).
zkg list	List installed package.
zkg remove	Remove installed package.
zkg refresh	Check version updates for installed packages.
zkg upgrade	Update installed packages.

There are multiple ways of using packages. The first approach is using them as frameworks and calling specific package path/directory per usage. The second and most common approach is calling packages from a script with the "@load" method. The third and final approach to using packages is calling their package names; note that this method works only for packages installed with the "zkg" install method.

Packages | Cleartext Submission of Password

Let's install a package first and then demonstrate the usage in different approaches. **Note:** The package is installed in the given VM.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu$ zkg install zeek/cybera/zeek-sniffpass
The following packages will be INSTALLED:
    zeek/cybera/zeek-sniffpass (master)
Proceed? [Y/n] Y
Installing "zeek/cybera/zeek-sniffpass"
Installed "zeek/cybera/zeek-sniffpass" (master)
Loaded "zeek/cybera/zeek-sniffpass"

ubuntu@ubuntu$ zkg list
zeek/cybera/zeek-sniffpass (installed: master) - Sniffpass will alert on cleartext passwords discovered in HTTP POST requests
```

The above output shows how to install and list the installed packages. Now we successfully installed a package. As the description mentions on the above terminal, this package creates alerts for cleartext passwords found in HTTP traffic. Let's use this package in three different ways!

```
Execute/load package

### Calling with script
ubuntu@ubuntu$ zeek -Cr http.pcap sniff-demo.zeek

### View script contents
ubuntu@ubuntu$ cat sniff-demo.zeek
@load /opt/zeek/share/zeek/site/zeek-sniffpass

### Calling from path
ubuntu@ubuntu$ zeek -Cr http.pcap /opt/zeek/share/zeek/site/zeek-sniffpass

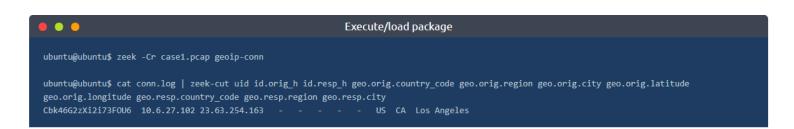
### Calling with package name
ubuntu@ubuntu$ zeek -Cr http.pcap zeek-sniffpass
```

The above output demonstrates how to execute/load packages against a pcap. You can use the best one for your case. The "zeek-sniffpass" package provides additional information in the notice.log file. Now let's review the logs and discover the obtained data using the specific package.

The above output shows that the package found cleartext password submissions, provided notice, and grabbed the usernames. Remember, in **TASK-5** we created a signature to do the same action. Now we can do the same activity without using a signature file. This is a simple demonstration of the benefit and flexibility of the Zeek scripts.

Packages | Geolocation Data

Let's use another helpful package called "geoip-conn". This package provides geolocation information for the IP addresses in the conn.log file. It depends on "GeoLite2-City.mmdb" database created by MaxMind. This package provides location information for only matched IP addresses from the internal database.



Up to now, we've covered what the Zeek packages are and how to use them. There are much more packages and scripts available for Zeek in the wild. You can try ready or third party packages and scripts or learn Zeek scripting language and create new ones.