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Network Security Project

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Network Security (T29)

Introduction

At this project we are going to simulate and perform a passive attack "Nmap Scan" to web server, then we are going to analysis the traffic in the server using "Wireshark" to know how to detect Nmap scan. Next, we are going to apply firewall and IDS to avoid such attacks.

In our scenario we have two virtual machines , the first one is Web Server "Ubuntu" which has IP address is 10.0.2.15 , the attacker machine "Ubuntu" his IP address is 10.0.2.4. All the machines are in the same network.

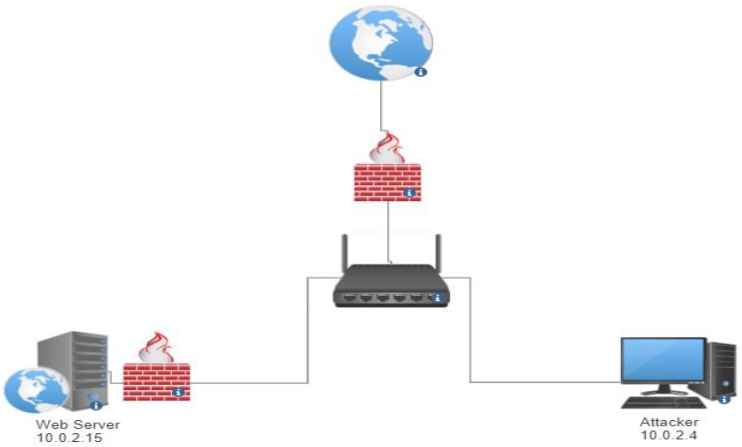


Figure 1: Network Diagram AS shown above the network diagram with IP addresses of each end point.

Tools will be needed.

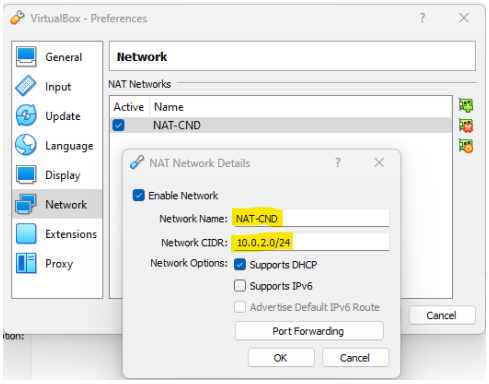
Attacker Machine	Server Machine
Nmap	Apache server
	Wireshark
	Snort
	Iptables

Part 1: Network Setup

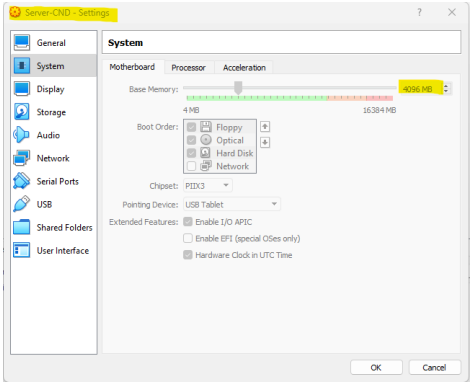
1.1: Server Setting

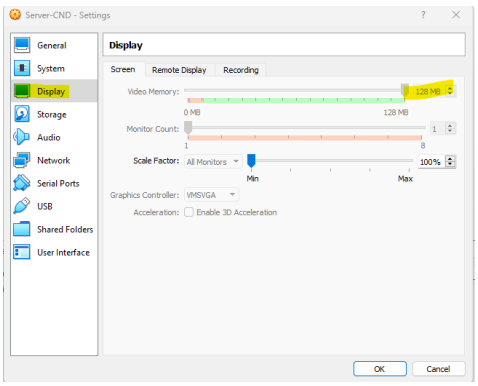
In our project we are going to use VirtualBox as hypervisor and we are going to configure the server and attacker Ubuntu machines as following.

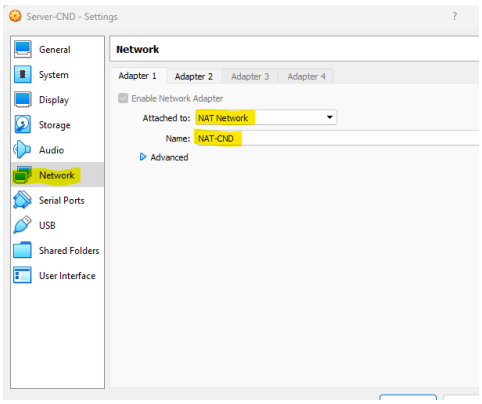
First configure NAT "VLAN" in VirtualBox , file→ properties→ Network



Then configuring server machine in VirtualBox:







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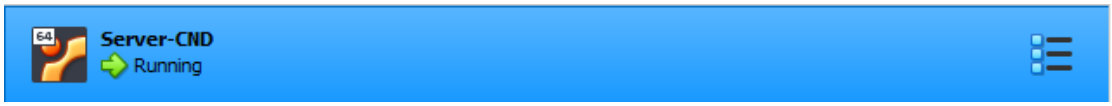
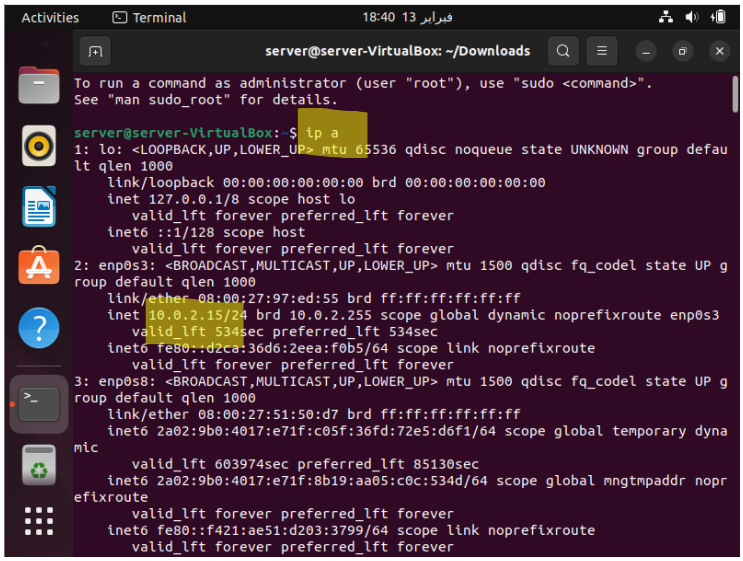
After we configure the server in VirtualBox lets lunch it.

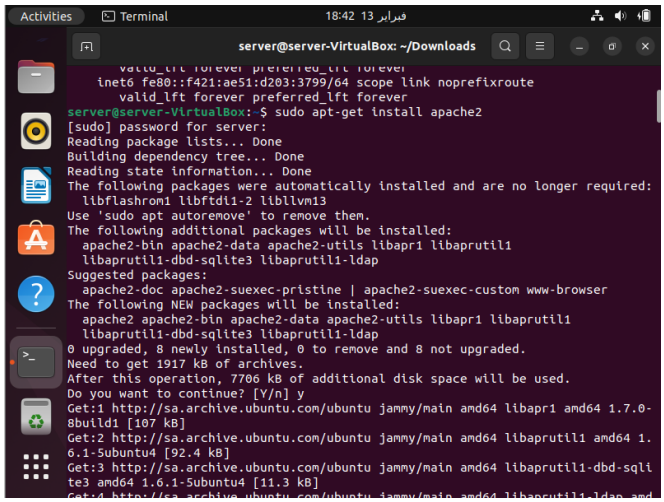


Now let's check our IP address , → IP a



As we can see it is 10.0.2.15

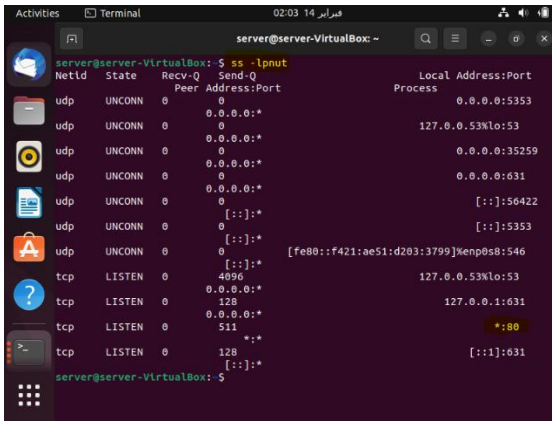
The next step is installing Apache2 server. → sudo apt-get install apache2



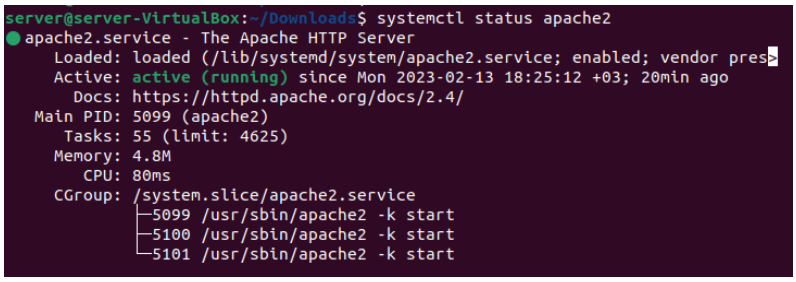
1.1: Server Setting

As you can see in the figures below Apache server is running and port 80 is open and listing.

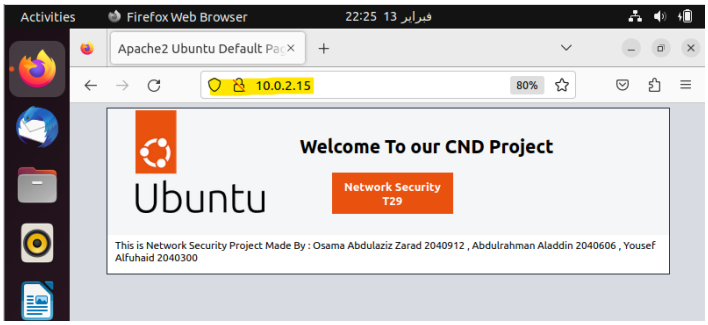
➔ **ss -lpnut**



➔ **systemctl status apache2**

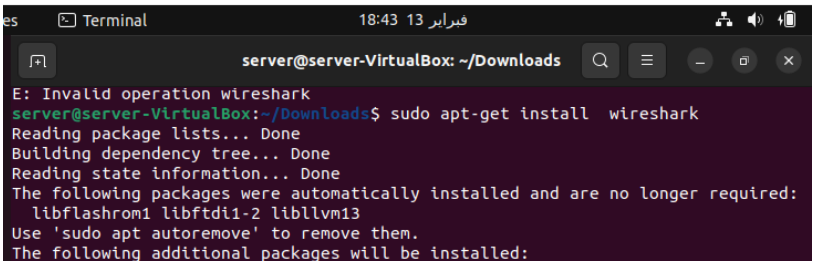


web page is working successfully through http://localhost , you can edit the web page using this command ➔ sudo nano /var/www/html/index.html



1.1: Server Setting

Now let's download Wireshark in our server. → sudo apt install Wireshark



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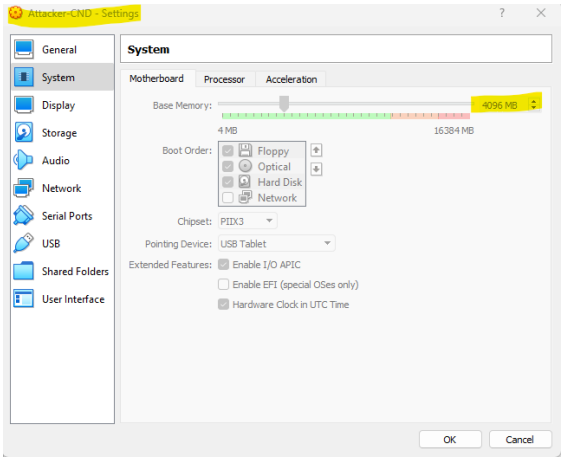
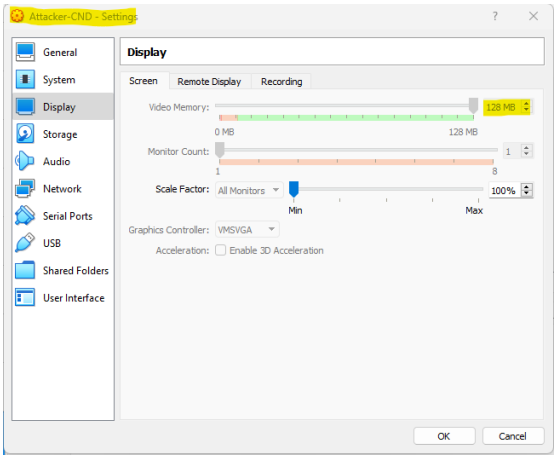
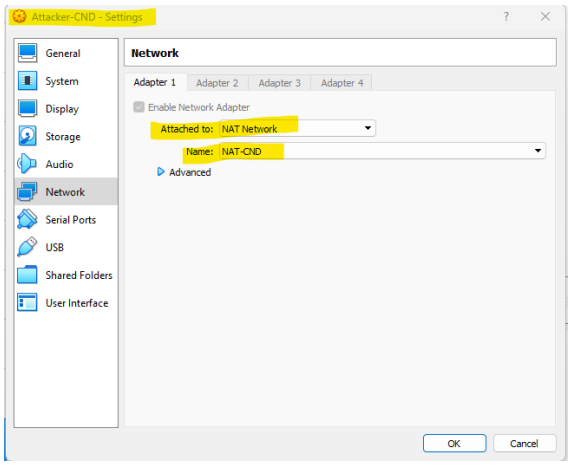


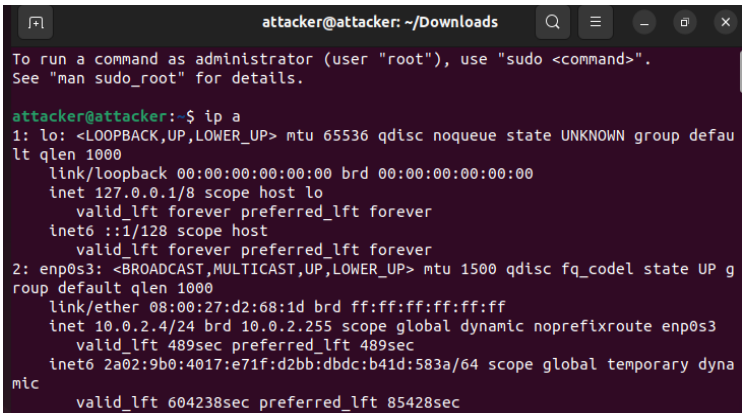




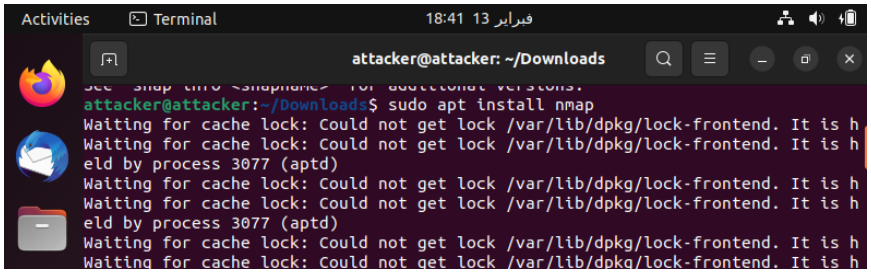
Now let's lunch the machine.

1.2: Attacker Setting

Check what is the IP address which is 10.0.2.4 → ip a



Now let's download Nmap in the attacker machine. → sudo apt install nmap

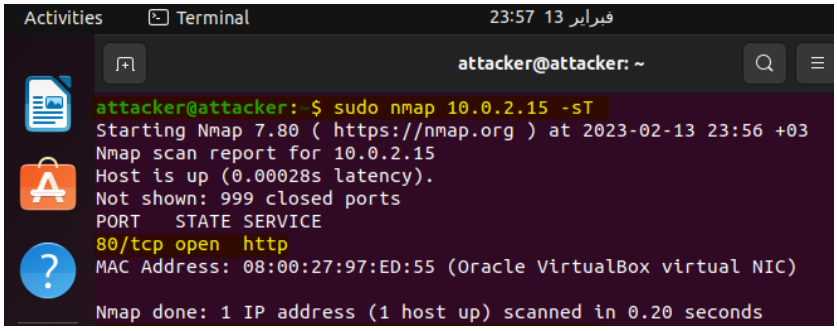


Part 2: Performing passive attack

2.1 : Perform TCP scan using Nmap :

TCP scan is passive attack used to discover whether a port is open, closed or filtered , Nmap will send TCP connect and implement the concept of a full three-way handshake , SYN , SYN ACK , ACK.

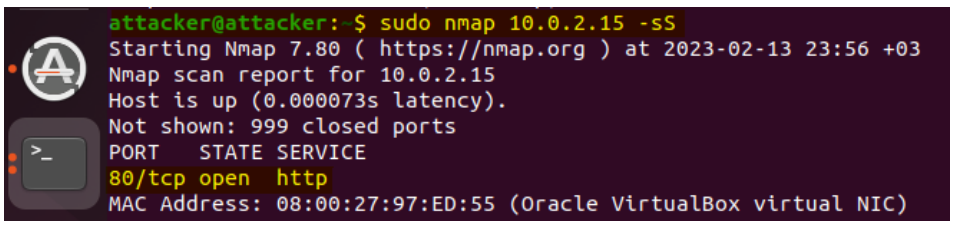
To perform this type of attack → nmap IPaddress -sT



2.2 : Perform stealth "Syn" scan using Nmap :

Stealth or Syn scan is passive attack used to discover whether port is open, closed or filtered, but it is faster than TCP scan because Nmap will send packets but without having a fully TCP three-way handshake ,moreover syn scan not hampered by IDS and firewall and can pass them.

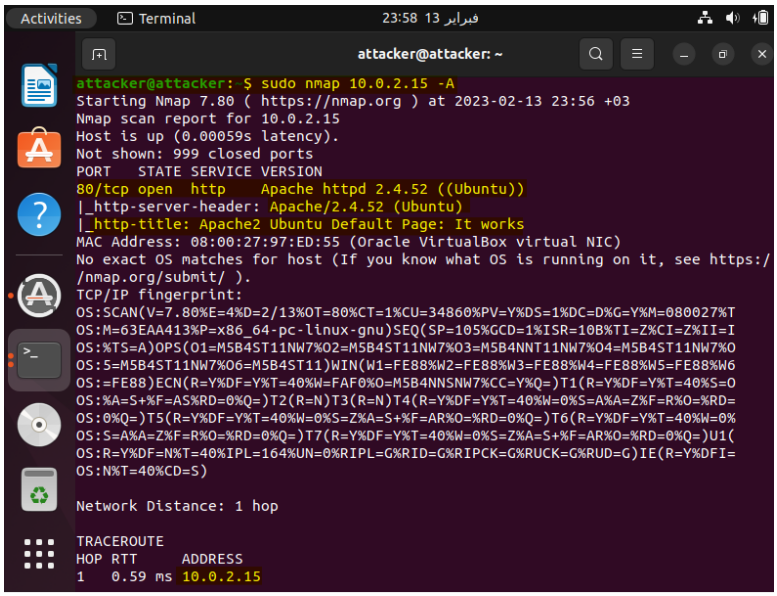
To perform this type of attack → nmap Ipaddress -sS



2.3 : Perform a scan that enables OS detection, version detection, script scanning, and traceroute

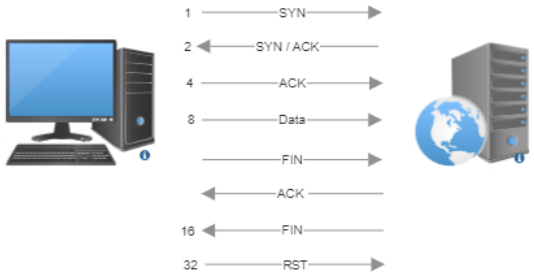
To perform this type of scan you have two ways implement each scan individually , option -O for OS detection , -sV for version detection, -sC for script scanning , -packet-trace fore trace route or you can use option -A which will run all the previous options.

➔ **nmap Ipaddress -A**



Part 3: Analysis the attack using Wireshark

Before we start the analysis, we need to understand the concept of three-way handshake, the healthy connection must has data transfer, to know what if the connection is healthy or not , check the value of conversation completeness if is it more than 39 or not , next figure will explain it more.



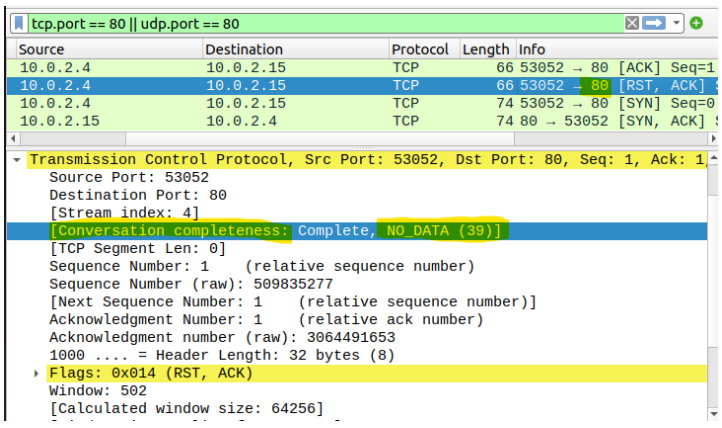
Values of Conversation completeness :

SYN = 1
SYN / ACK = 2
ACK = 4
DATA = 8
FIN =16
RST = 32

As you can see the value of each step , if conversation completeness was equal to 39 that means this connection is not healthy and subspecies because , 1 for SYN , 2 for SYN / ACK , 4 for ACK , 32 for RST combining them equals 39 , that means there was a full hand shake but the connection terminate and there is no data transferred , which tells you that might there is a scan running on your network.

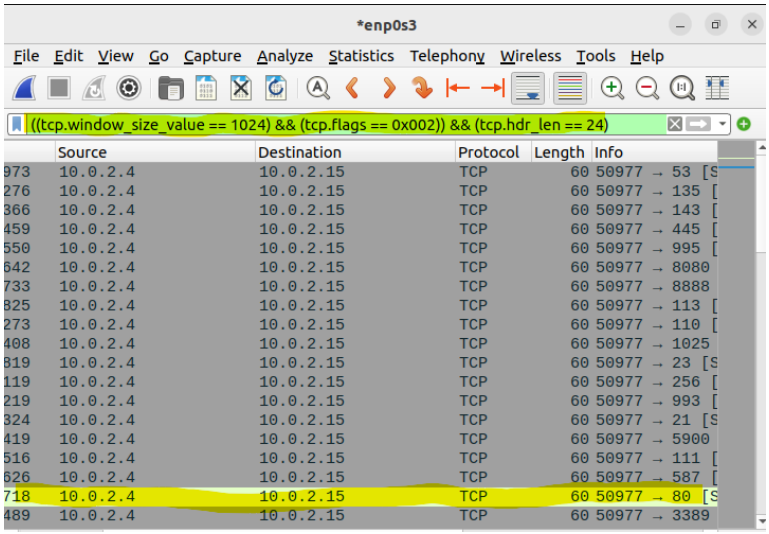
3.1: analysis traffic of TCP scan

By analysis the PCAP file we can see clearly that there was hundred of packets that the value of conversation completeness equal to 39 and the connection terminate without transferring any data, and as you can see the three-way handshakes are appears which also tell us the type of the scan was TCP scan .

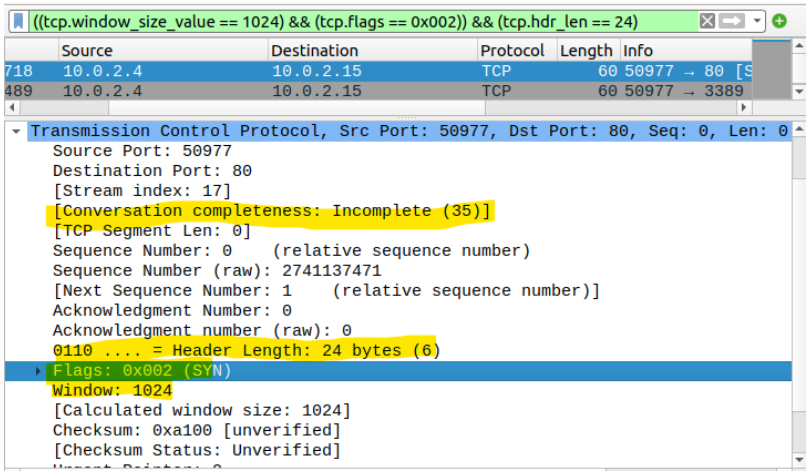


3.2: analysis traffic of Stealth scan

First of all we need to know that TCP header without any option is equal to 20 bytes so if there is any more option TCP header will be bigger, another thing window size usually in healthy connection or full three-way handshake will be much bigger as we see previously , but usually in stealth scan Nmap will generate packets with 1024 windows size , last thing that we can look for it is the size of conversation completeness if it is equal to 35 → 1 for SYN , 2 for SYN/ ACK , 32 for RST .So, let's prepare our filter , we need the size of the window equal to 1024 and flag of syn packet which it's value in hex equal to 0x002 and the TCP header equal to 24.



As you can see, we capture the packets successfully



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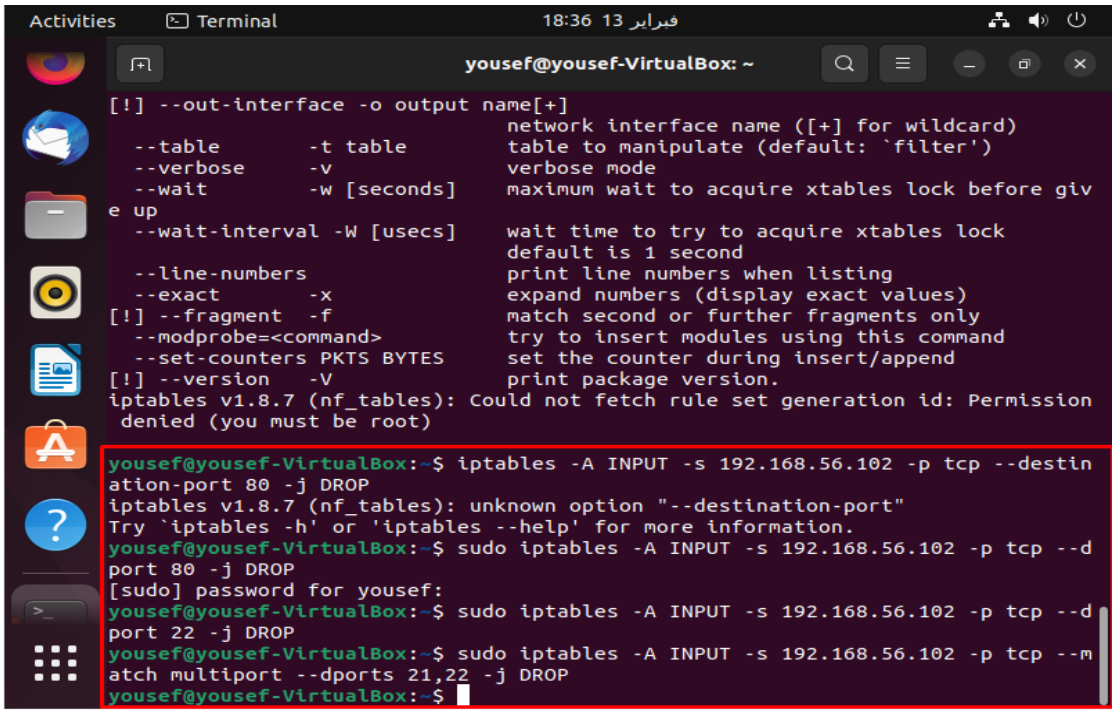


The first command: iptables -A INPUT -s 192.168.56.102 -p tcp --dport 80 -j DROP

adds a new rule to the INPUT chain in Iptables to block incoming traffic from the IP address

The options used in the command are as follows:

-A: This option adds a new rule to the end of the INPUT chain.

-s: This option specifies the source IP address

-p: This option specifies the protocol

--dport: This option specifies the destination port

-j: This option specifies the target of the rule

The command iptables -A INPUT -s 192.168.56.102 -j LOG --log-prefix "Blocked by iptables: "

adds a new rule to the INPUT chain in Iptables to log incoming traffic from the IP address specified as 192.168.56.102

The options used in the command are as follows:

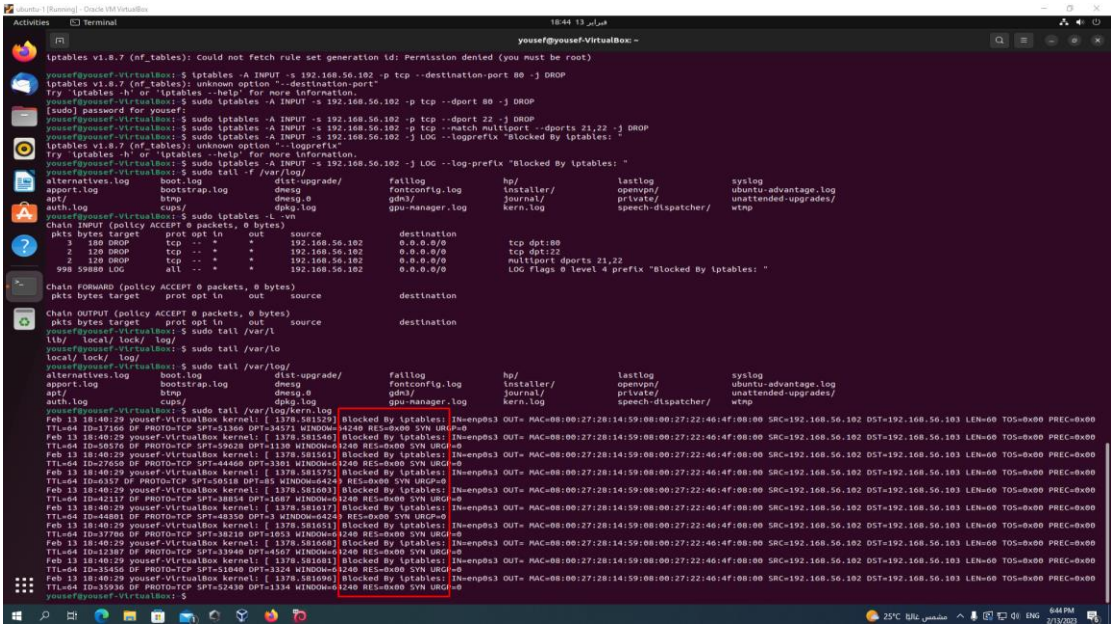
-A: This option adds a new rule to the end of the INPUT chain.

-s: This option specifies the source IP address, in this case, the IP address of the attacker.

-j: This option specifies the target of the rule, in this case, the LOG target, which will log all incoming traffic that matches the rule.

--log-prefix: This option specifies a prefix for the log messages generated by this rule.

The prefix "Blocked by iptables: " will be added to the beginning of each log message generated by this rule.



iptables detection from the log

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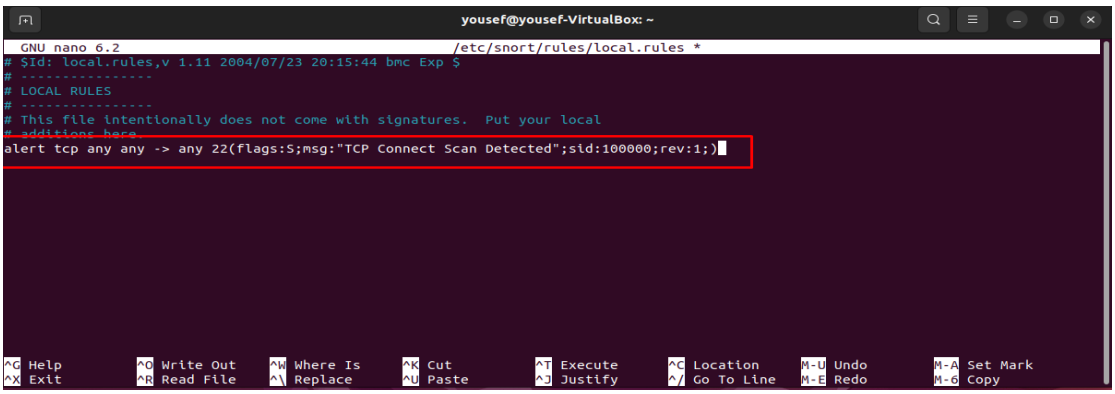

The options used in the rule are as follows:

tcp: This specifies the protocol type, in this case, TCP.

any: This specifies the source and destination IP addresses, in this case, any IP address.

any: This specifies the source and destination ports, in this case, any port.

->: This specifies the direction of the traffic, in this case, incoming traffic.

22: This specifies the destination port, in this case, port 22 (SSH).

flags:S: This option specifies the TCP flag that is used to trigger the alert, in this case, the SYN (Synchronize) flag.

msg: This option specifies the message that will be displayed when the alert is triggered, in this case, "NMAP TCP Scan".

sid: This option specifies a unique identifier for the rule, in this case, 10000.

rev: This option specifies the revision number for the rule, in this case, 1.

This rule is designed to detect and alert on a TCP connect scan that is initiated from any IP address and directed to port 22 (SSH)

```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ nmap 192.168.56.103 -p 22
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-13 11:14 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.103
Host is up (0.00045s latency).

PORT   STATE  SERVICE
22/tcp closed ssh

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 13.08 seconds

┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$
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Here is the attacker trying to scan the port 22 of the server

```
yousef@yousef-VirtualBox: ~
yousef@yousef-VirtualBox:~$ sudo tail /var/lo
local/ lock/  log/
yousef@yousef-VirtualBox:~$ sudo tail /var/log/snort/
[sudo] password for yousef:
tail: error reading '/var/log/snort/': Is a directory
yousef@yousef-VirtualBox:~$ sudo tail /var/log/snort/snort.
snort.alert       snort.alert.fast  snort.log
yousef@yousef-VirtualBox:~$ sudo tail /var/log/snort/snort.alert
4ce◆e   ◆◆◆◆◆8f◆◆8ge◆yousef@yousef-VirtualBox:~$ sudo tail /var/log/snort/snort.
snort.alert       snort.alert.fast  snort.log
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yousef@yousef-VirtualBox:~$ sudo tail /var/log/snort/snort.alert.fast
02/13-19:01:01.337854  [**] [1:527:8] BAD-TRAFFIC same SRC/DST [**] [Classification: Potentially Bad Traffic] [Priority: 2] {UDP} 0.0.0.0:68 -> 255.255.255.255:67
02/13-19:01:01.339144  [**] [1:527:8] BAD-TRAFFIC same SRC/DST [**] [Classification: Potentially Bad Traffic] [Priority: 2] {UDP} 0.0.0.0:68 -> 255.255.255.255:67
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02/13-19:13:38.632729  [**] [1:100000:1] TCP Connect Scan Detected [**] [Priority: 0] {TCP} 192.168.56.102:40626 -> 192.168.56.103:22
yousef@yousef-VirtualBox:~$
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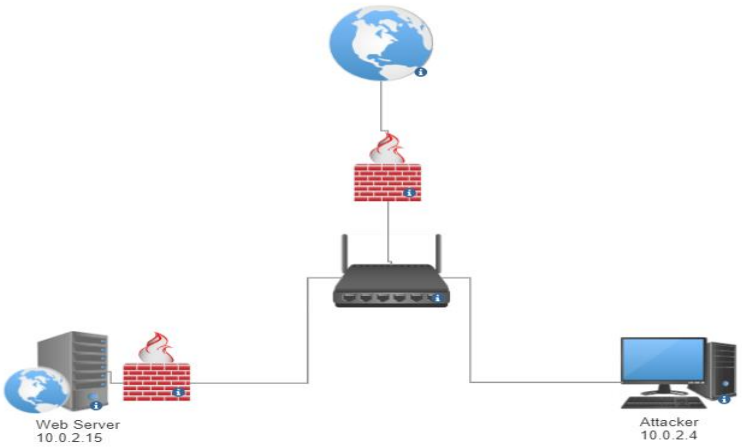
And lastly here is the IDS detection “snort” after the attacker tries to scan port 22

Part 6 : report

Network setup of the project (a diagram with labels and IP addresses) :



List of software or tools used in the project and their configurations. :

Attacker Machine	Server Machine
Nmap	Apache server
	Wireshark
	Snort
	Iptables

Step-by-step project description (screenshots are required) :

shown above

Conclusion :

After we finish the tasks, we have the ability to detect, protect, and attack the network.

At part 2 task 1, we are the attacker; we scan the TCP connection and stealthily scan

At part 3, we install the Wireshark tool to use for capturing the TCP scan and stealth scan.

Its job is to provide monitoring to discover and then take action.

At part 4, we configure the firewall to block the HTTP, SSH, and FTP connections from the attacker.

At part 5, we install and configure SNORT on the server VM to alert on TCP connect scan on port 22 from the attacker VM.

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