

PRACTICAL-4

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Implementation of Windows/Linux security using firewall.

A. Block ICMP ping using OUTPUT chain and echo- reply.

B. Setup SPI Firewall that:

- a. Allow all outgoing connection.
- b. Block all unwanted incoming connection

THEORY

Firewall

- A firewall is a network security device that monitors incoming and outgoing network traffic and decides whether to allow or block specific traffic based on a defined set of security rules.
- They establish a barrier between secured and controlled internal networks that can be trusted and untrusted outside networks, such as the Internet.

ICMP

- The Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) is a protocol that devices within a network use to communicate problems with data transmission

SPI Firewall

- An SPI (stateful packet inspection) firewall protects you by examining incoming packets against existing connections.
- An SPI firewall can remember the attributes of each connection and use this info to determine the validity of a packet.
- It stores information it obtains by examining the packets and establishing rules. Thus, it sees the broader context of a packet, not only its contents.
- Due to this memory, the SPI firewall does not have to inspect every packet thoroughly, so it works faster than deep packet inspection (DPI).

- The latter deconstructs the packets to check whether they are formed correctly and whether they include any malicious code.
- DPI is used for a wide variety of purposes including network management, security, data mining or internet censorship. It provides security at the expense of speed.

IMPLEMENTATION

Steps to block ICMP ping using output chain

- To show the permission of iptables command.
 - `sudo iptables -L -v`

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -L -v
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source            destination
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source            destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source            destination
```

- To enable Firewall perform the following.
 - `sudo iptables -P INPUT DROP`
 - `sudo iptables -P FORWARD DROP`
 - `sudo iptables -P output ACCEPT`

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -P INPUT DROP
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -P FORWARD DROP
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -P output ACCEPT
iptables: Bad built-in chain name.
```

- To block ICMP ping, follow the commands:
 - `sudo iptables -A OUTPUT -s 192.168.200.49 -p icmp --icmp-type echo-reply -j DROP`

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -A OUTPUT -s 192.168.200.49 -p icmp --icmp-type echo-reply -j DROP

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -L -v
Chain INPUT (policy DROP 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source         destination

Chain FORWARD (policy DROP 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source         destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source         destination
```

Allow all outgoing connections

- Perform the following commands:
 - `sudo iptables -A INPUT -s 192.168.200.49 -j ACCEPT`

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -s 192.168.200.49 -j ACCEPT

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -L -v
Chain INPUT (policy DROP 2 packets, 256 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source         destination
    0    0 ACCEPT    all  --  any    any    192.168.200.49  anywhere

Chain FORWARD (policy DROP 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source         destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source         destination
    0    0 DROP     icmp  --  any    any    192.168.200.49  anywhere
```

Block all unwanted incoming connections

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(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -L -v
Chain INPUT (policy DROP 11 packets, 2408 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source         destination
    0    0 ACCEPT    all  --  any    any    192.168.200.49  anywhere

Chain FORWARD (policy DROP 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source         destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source         destination
    0    0 DROP     icmp  --  any    any    192.168.200.49  anywhere    icmp echo-reply

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -s 192.168.200.49 -j DROP

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -s 192.168.200.49 -j ACCEPT

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo iptables -L -v
Chain INPUT (policy DROP 16 packets, 3248 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source         destination
    0    0 ACCEPT    all  --  any    any    192.168.200.49  anywhere
    0    0 DROP     all  --  any    any    192.168.200.49  anywhere
    0    0 ACCEPT    all  --  any    any    192.168.200.49  anywhere

Chain FORWARD (policy DROP 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source         destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target    prot opt in     out     source         destination
```

CONCLUSION

- In this practical, I learnt how to block ICMP ping using output chain and echo-reply and how to setup SPI firewall.