Extra Credit Project Report

Intrusion Detection System using Snort

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Intrusion Detection System:

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

While monitoring networks for potentially harmful behavior, intrusion detection systems are also prone to raising false alarms. Consequently, enterprises must adjust their IDS products after initial installation. It entails correctly configuring intrusion detection systems to distinguish between legitimate network traffic and malicious activities. Network packets entering the system are also monitored by intrusion prevention systems to look for any malicious activity and immediately send out alerts.

Need of IDS:

A high level of security is necessary for today's networked corporate environments to provide reliable and secure information sharing between multiple entities. After conventional technologies fail, an intrusion detection

system serves as a flexible safety net for system security. The sophistication of cyberattacks will only increase, hence defense technology change must counter them.

IDS are classified into 5 types:

- 1. Network Intrusion Detection System (NIDS)
- 2. Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS)
- 3. Protocol-based Intrusion Detection System (PIDS)
- 4. Application Protocol-based Intrusion Detection System (APIDS)
- 5. Hybrid Intrusion Detection System

From these 5 types we worked on the first type, ie., Network Intrusion Detection System.

Snort:

Snort is a well-known IDS/IPS system that performs traffic/protocol analysis, and content matching, and may

be used to identify and stop different attacks based on predefined rules. It is free and open-source.

Numerous users and contributors to Snort actively participate in its development and create rules to keep it up to speed with the most recent attacks.

Snort has 3 main operational modes:

- Packet Sniffing Collects and displays network traffic as Wireshark does
- 2. Packet Logging Collects and logs network traffic into a file
- 3. Network intrusion Detection Analyzes packets and matches traffic against signatures

Snort uses pattern matching to find malicious communications or assaults. When activated, Snort collects packets, breaks them down, examines them, and then decides what should be done with the packet by established rules. Similar to standard firewall rules, Snort rules compare network activity to predefined patterns or signatures and then decide whether to issue an alert or discard the traffic as a result (in the case of IPS). Starting, Snort has several rule sets developed by the community that is quite helpful.

Snort Rules:

- Community rules Free rule sets created by the Snort community. Registered rules - Free rule sets created by Talos. To use them, you must register for an account.
- 2. Subscription-only rules These rule sets require an active paid subscription to be accessed and used.

An intrusion detection system with a snort:

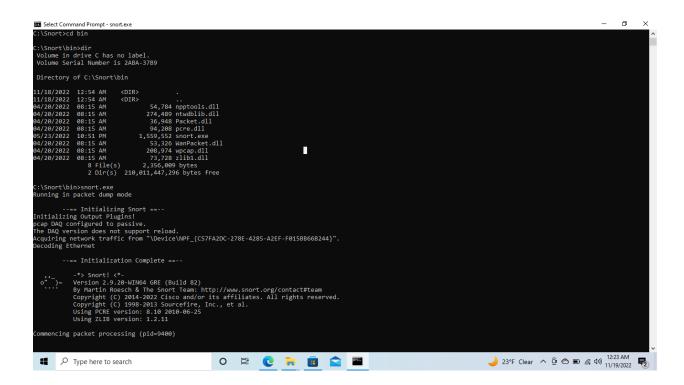
Snort offers a Windows setup and signatures that can be used with any operating system. Snort should be a dedicated computer in your network. This computer's logs should be reviewed often to see malicious activities on your network.

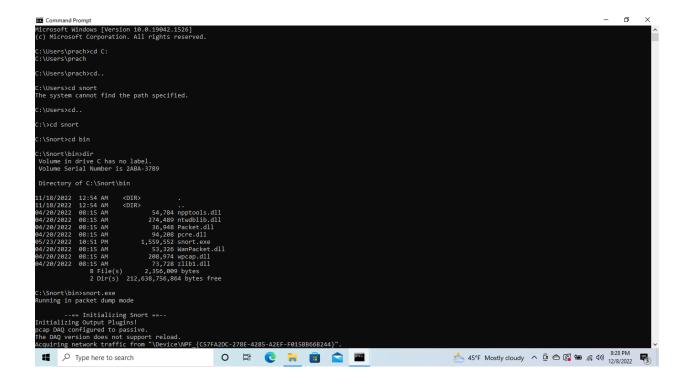
Firstly we need to install snort on our system. We used the Windows system to execute this project. Later we need to install WinPcap, it is important to have WinPcap installed.

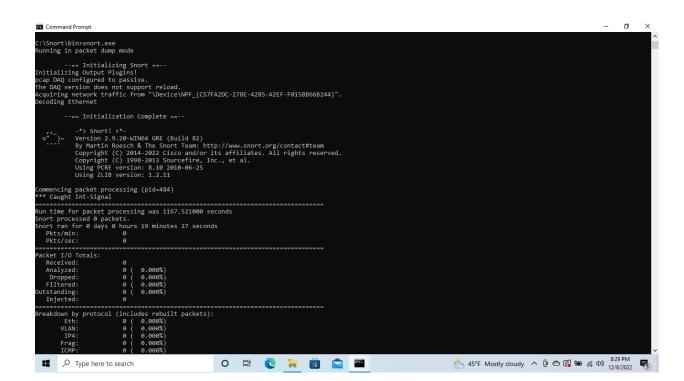
Then we need to use the command prompt to start snort.

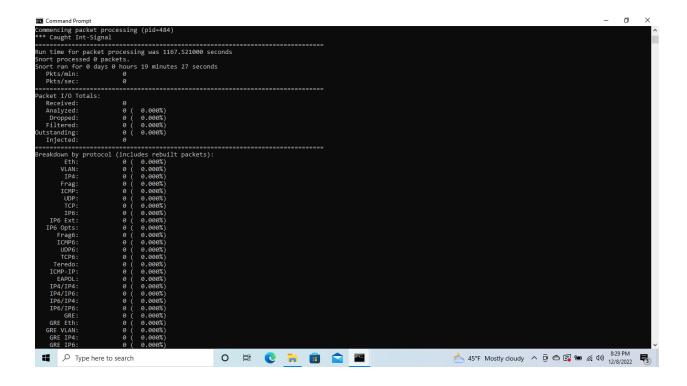
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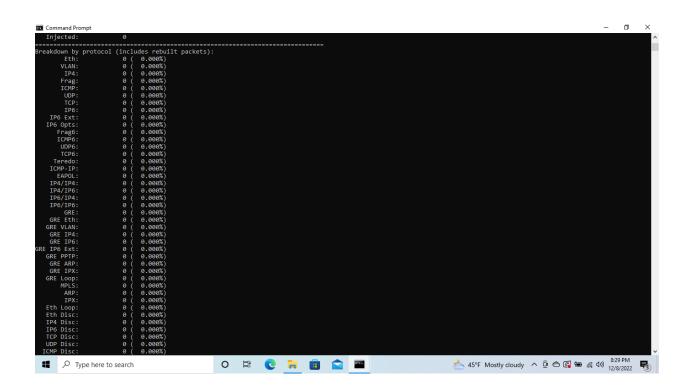
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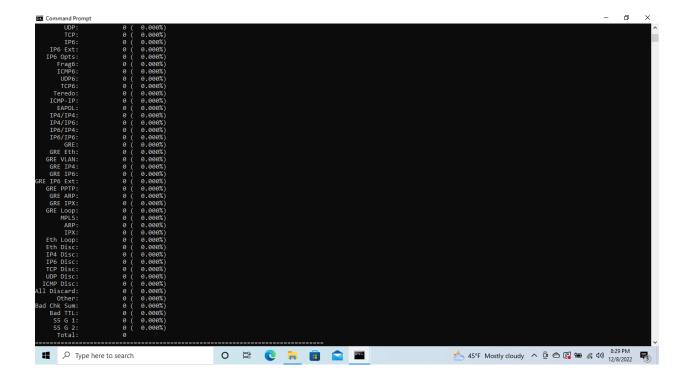


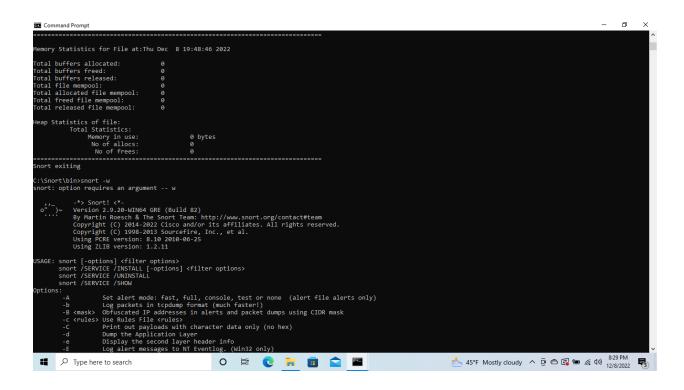


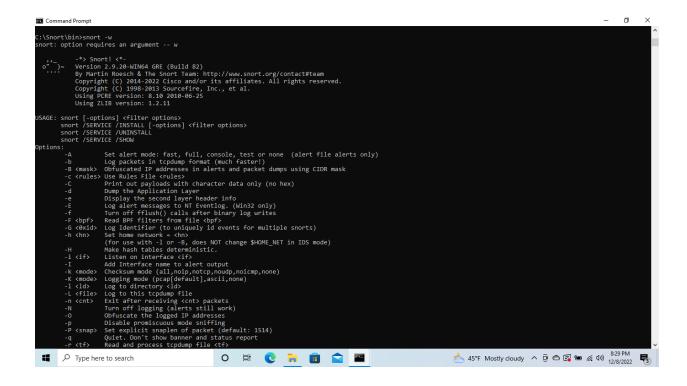


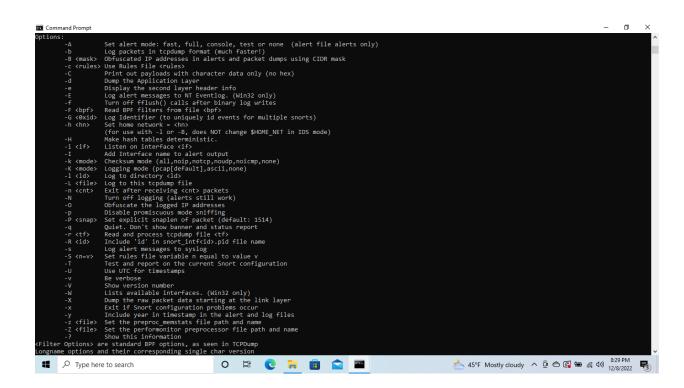


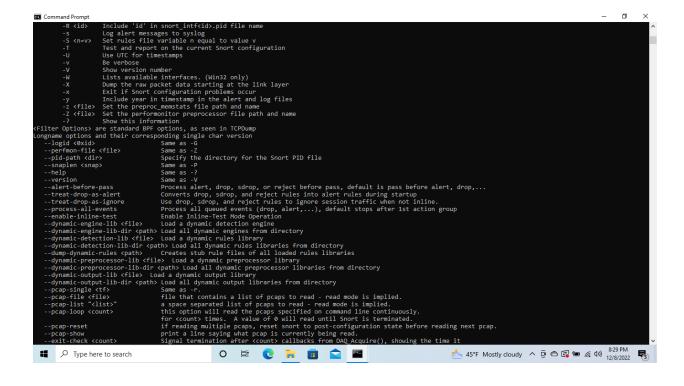


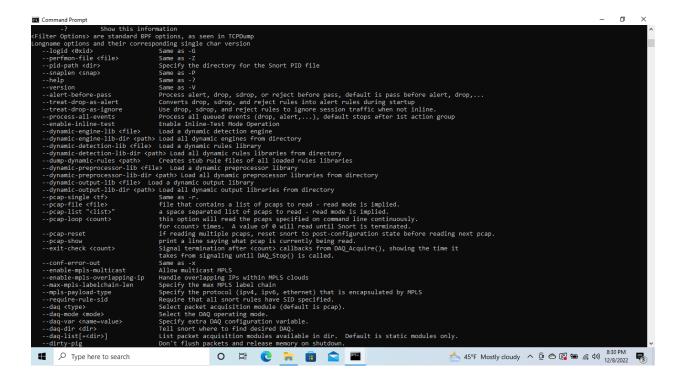






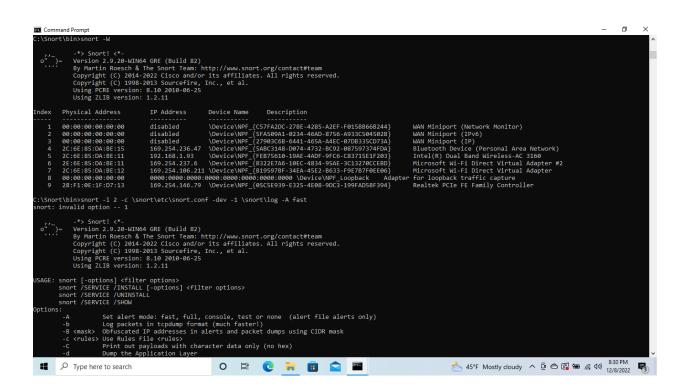


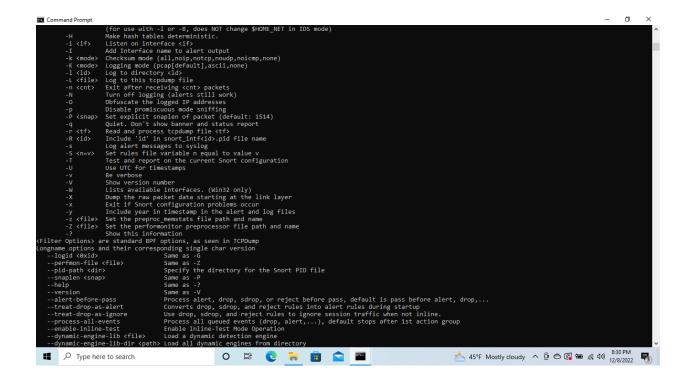




Command Prompt

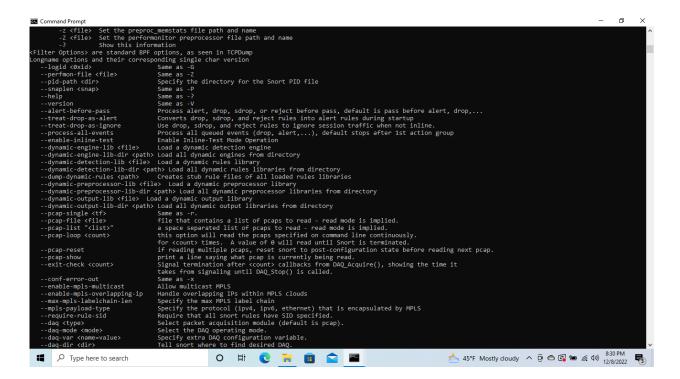
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-pcap-list (file)
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GitHub Link:

https://github.com/prachi24s/Intrusion Detection System

Next steps for Intrusion Detection System with Snort on windows:

Steps to install Snort on Windows:

- 1. Download Snort from https://snort.org/downloads
- 2. Download Rules from https://snort.org/downloads
- 3. Double-click on the .exe to install snort. This will install snort in the "C:\Snort" folder
- 4. Install WinPcap from https://www.winpcap.org/install/
- 5. Extract the Rules file.
- 6. Copy all files from the "rules" folder of the extracted folder. Now paste the rules into the.
 - "C:\Snort\rules" folder
- 7. Copy the "Snort.conf" file from the "etc" folder of the extracted folder. Now paste it into the "C:\Snort\etc" folder.
- Open a command prompt (cmd.exe) and navigate the folder to the.
 - "C:\Snort\bin" folder.
- 9. To start (execute) snort in sniffer mode use the command:
 - snort -dev -i 3
- 10. To check the interface list, use the command: snort -W

- 11. To run snort in IDS mode, you will need to configure the file "snort.conf" according to your network environment.
- 12. Specify the network address that you want to protect in snort.conf file, look for the following line. var HOME_NET 192.168.1.0/24 (You will normally see any here)
- 13. You may also want to set the addresses of DNS_SERVERS if you have some on your network.
- 14. Change the RULE_PATH variable to the path of the rules folder.
 var RULE PATH c:\snort\rules
- 15. Change the path of all library files with the name and path on your system. and you must change the path of snort_dynamicpreprocessorvariable.
 C:\Snort\lib\snort_dynamiccpreprocessor
 You need to do this to all library files in the
 - "C:\Snort\lib" folder. The old path might be: "/usr/local/lib/...".
 - you will need to replace that path with your system path using,
 - C:\Snort\lib
- 16. Change the path of the "dynamicengine" variable value in the "snort.conf" file. Example: dynamicengine C:\Snort\lib\snort_dynamicengine\sf_engine.dll
- 17. Add the paths for the "include classification.config" and "include reference.config" files. include c:\snort\etc\classification.config; include c:\snort\etc\reference.config

- 18. Remove the comment (#) on the line to allow ICMP rules, if it is commented with a #. include \$RULE_PATH/icmp.rules
- 19. You can also remove the comment of the ICMP-info rules comment if it is commented. include \$RULE_PATH/icmp-info.rules
- 20. To add log files to store alerts generated by snort, search for the "output log" test in snort.conf and add the following line: output alert fast: snort-alerts.ids
- 21. Comment (add a #) the whitelist \$WHITE_LIST_PATH/ white_list.rules and the blacklist: Change the nested_ip inner, \ to nested_ip inner #,\
- 22. Comment out (#) following lines:

 #preprocessor normalize_ip4

 #preprocessor normalize_tcp: ips ecn stream

 #preprocessor normalize_icmp4.

 #preprocessor normalize_ip6.

 #preprocessor normalize_icmp6
- 23. Save the "snort.conf" file.
- 24. To start snort in IDS mode, run the following command: snort -c c:\snort\etc\snort.conf -l c:\snort\log -i 3
- 25. Scan the computer that is running snort from another computer by using PING or NMap (ZenMap). After scanning or during the scan you can check the snort-alerts.ids file in the log folder to insure it is logging properly. You will see IP address folders appear.

