

Snort – Detect potentially malicious activity

Problem – detect potentially malicious activity

Goal: find malware alerts from a signature

Process:

- extract relevant field and sort descending on the numeric field: found malware

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bob@snort:~/test$ cat pcap-signatures.txt | cut -d "]" -f 3 | cut -d "[" -f 1 | cut -d "'" -f 2 | sort | uniq -c | sort -nr
161 (arp_spoof) unicast ARP request
53 (ipv4) IPv4 option set
29 (http_inspect) not HTTP traffic or unrecoverable HTTP protocol error
29 (http_inspect) invalid request line
8 (http_inspect) HTTP chunked message body was truncated
4 (icmp4) ICMP destination unreachable communication with destination host is administratively prohibited
3 (ipv4) IPv4 packet to broadcast dest address
3 (ipv4) IPv4 packet from 'current net' source address
2 (port_scan) TCP portsweep
2 (http_inspect) HTTP Content-Length message body was truncated
1 MALWARE-OTHER Win.Trojan.WhisperGate backwards DLL download attempt
1 (http_inspect) Content-Transfer-Encoding used as HTTP header
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- Identify the malware traffic characteristics

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bob@snort:~/test$ grep -i malware pcap-signatures.txt
02/23-18:29:20.007846 [**] [1:59181:1] "MALWARE-OTHER Win.Trojan.WhisperGate backwards DLL download attempt" [*
*] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 156.96.154.210:80 -> 172.16.0.131:49200
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- Use Wireshark to analyze the IP address highlighted above