

INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM USING CISCO PACKET TRACER

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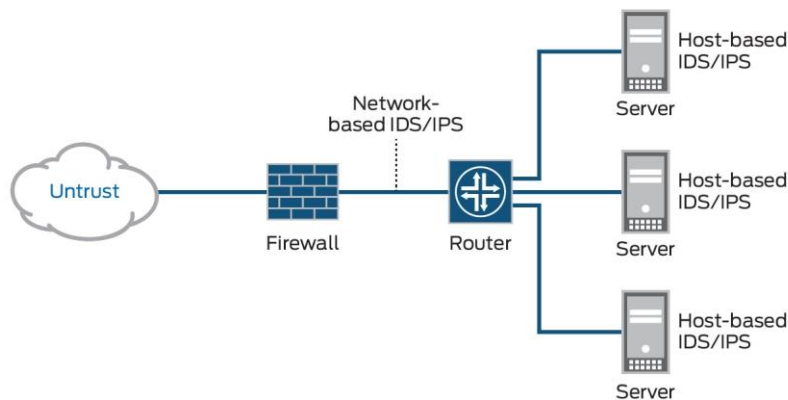
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ABSTRACT

Intrusion Detection System is a software or a device that can monitor all the suspicious activities in the network or that activities that violates its policy. IDS is very popular system to protect the networks from different types of attacks. Any intrusion activity or violation is reported or informed either to administrator or this information can be centrally collected in a system called SIEM (Security Information and Event Management). It collects and combine information from different sources and it uses alarm filtering techniques. There are two most common types of IDS. (NIDS) Network based Intrusion detection system and (HIDS) Host based Intrusion detection system. HIDS is used for monitoring important operating system files and NIDS are used to analyze incoming network traffic. Here's how IDS work, IDS when placed at a strategic point or points within a network to monitor traffic to and from all devices on the network, an IDS will perform an analysis of passing traffic, and match the traffic that is passed on the subnets to the library of known attacks. Once an attack is identified, or abnormal behaviour is sensed, the alert can be sent to the administrator. Modern networked business environments require a high level of security to ensure safe and trusted communication of information between various organizations. An intrusion detection system acts as an adaptable safeguard technology for system security after traditional technologies fail. Cyber-attacks will only become more sophisticated, so it is important that protection technologies adapt along with their threats.

INTRODUCTION

An IDS is basically a software or device that is categorised into two common parts one is NID i.e. Network Intrusion Detection and second is HID i.e. Host Intrusion Detection. The work of both the NID & HID is same but their level is different. But IDS are categorised into 5 types – NIDS, HIDS, PIDS, Hybrid IDS & APIDS. Work is same to detect intrusions but they are used at different levels.

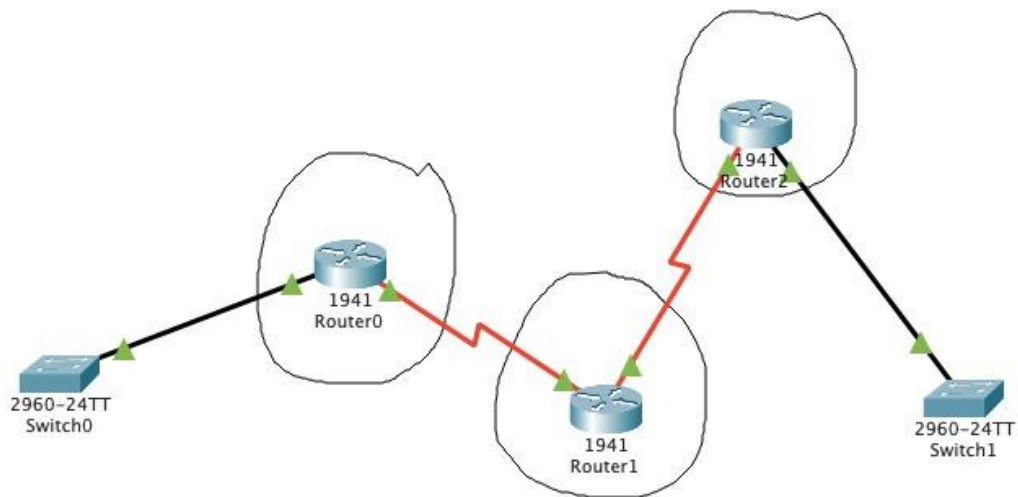


In Fig 1.1 you are now clear that where HIDSs are used and where NIDSs are used.

In this project we have implemented Intrusion Detection System by creating 3 different networks as in Fig 1.2. Implementing the IDS is very challenging task as it needs the implementor to have proper knowledge with prior knowledge with some common and special network devices and ethernet cables. One have to know that how to deal with the CLI i.e. Command Line Interface. As I am performing this project on Cisco Packet Tracer – A best available simulation tool which allows users to see the working of network in real time.

A layout of the network should be made prior to the implementation of IDS as I'm implementing NIDS. There are various parameters which are to be kept in mind while I designed network and configure IDS. Here are some 'can's and 'can not's about the IDS.

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- CAN detect when your system is under attack.
- CAN detect errors in your system configuration.
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BACKGROUND

IDS

By the 1960s, financial systems began to introduce audit practice into their processes to inspect data and check for fraud or errors in systems. However, some questions have arisen: what should be detected, how to analyse what has been discovered and how to protect the various levels of security clearance on the same network without compromising security? Between 1984 and 1986, Dorothy Denning and Peter Neumann developed a first model of IDS, a prototype named as Intrusion Detection Expert System (IDES).

The IDES model is based on the hypothesis that the behaviour pattern of an intruder is different enough from a legitimate user to be detected by usage statistics analyses. Therefore, this model tries to create a pattern of behaviour for users in relation to programs, files and devices, both in the short and long term, to make the detection, besides feeding the system based on the rules for representing known violations. By the end of the 1980s, many other systems were developed, based on an approach combining statistical and expert systems.

However, we must differentiate between IDS and IPS (Intrusion Prevention System). The first one is a software that automates the process of intrusion detection; the latter is an intrusion prevention software, which aims to prevent possible attacks. One therefore works in a reactive and informative way, while the IPS reduces the risk of compromising an environment.

How it is Invented?

The IDS journey started thirty years ago when increasing enterprise network access spawned a new challenge: the need for user access and user monitoring. As day-to-day operations grew increasingly dependent upon shared use of information systems, levels of access to these systems and clear visibility into user activity was required to operate safely and securely.

Much of the initial headway on IDS was made within the U.S. Air Force. In 1980, James P. Anderson, a pioneer in information security and member of the Defence Science Board Task Force on Computer Security at the U.S. Air Force, produced "Computer Security Threat Monitoring and Surveillance," a report that is often credited with introducing automated IDS. Soon after this report was released, the first model was built, born out of the same methods used by anti-virus applications: rule-based systems that constantly scanned and compared network traffic against a list of known threats.

Advantages

- It monitors the working of routers, firewall, key servers and files. It uses its extensive attack signature database, raises an alarm and sends appropriate notifications on detecting a breach.
- By using the signature database, IDS ensures quick and effective detection of known anomalies with a low risk of raising false alarms.
- It analyses different types of attacks, identifies patterns of malicious content and help the administrators to tune, organize and implement effective controls.
- It helps the company maintain regulatory compliance and meet security regulations as it provides greater visibility across the entire network.

Motivation

When we had all individually registered for this project none of us were quite sure what and how to implement IDS and what planning should be done to complete this project. But we all knew we wanted to do something interesting and most importantly something fun. We have seen some of the networking projects but all those were of basic level and we somehow knew all the basics of networking and worked under some basic projects so we decided to do some intermediate level. This IDS has many projects including the expert mode where some high level commands are used but if I talk about network security we all were new so we picked from basic IDS security that how it worked and secure the network. Anyone can understand this project it's easy to understand and it's fun to implement. Whenever anyone does anything it is important he/she should have a strong motive and encouragement to do that task.

Goals and Specifications

The goal of this project is to design, implement and test a stable and secure IDS that can be used to secure any type of network. It also has the ability to immediately inform the administration about the intrusion or any suspicious activity. It collects all the different protocols and traffic information directly to the admin of the network and after informing the admin the work of the IDS is completed, next admin decides what to do with this traffic, whether to continue the traffic or block.

The final IDS design after all the configurations it should meet the following specifications:

1. The IDS must be capable of detecting the type of traffic which admin assigned to it.
2. The IDS must be capable of informing admin about any suspicious activity related to the signatures assigned by the admin.
3. The IDS should create a log report in the server which is specifically meant for logging these activities.
4. The IDS must be capable of scanning the traffic which is entering inside the network.

Summary

The aim of this project was to build a security technique to secure a network for malicious activity. This project was a great learning opportunity for all of us as we come to know some new things which we don't. There were many difficulties for us during the whole process but we didn't lose hope and tried to complete this as soon as possible. In 2.0 Section you read about the IDS, it's History and Advantages of having it in the network.

SYSTEM DESIGN

Project Overview

In this section you will find all the explanations about this project and how it was approached. All the software components and commands used for implementing this project will be discussed in this project. Problems encountered during the journey of this project will also be discussed in this section. The Ultimate goal of this project is to log all the suspicious activity entering into the network. This made possible with a specialised software called IDS.

The Research Stage

The research stage was a critical stage that provided our team with the knowledge necessary to complete the other stages of our project. This stage was ongoing process throughout the project until it is completed. During the development stage we have learnt many new things by researching in the web. Our research encompassed a wide range of sources, which included studies done at different universities and hobby enthusiast sources. Our research includes different signatures used to activate detection against different types of traffic protocols.

Project Layout Stage

The network layout stage includes the whole network blueprint that on which type of network our IDS will be implemented. We are using 3 different types of networks which has some hosts and servers inside it.

The First Network is made of IPv4 Addressing having the IP addresses in the range of 192.168.1.2 – 192.168.1.7

Default Gateway for this Network is 192.168.1.1

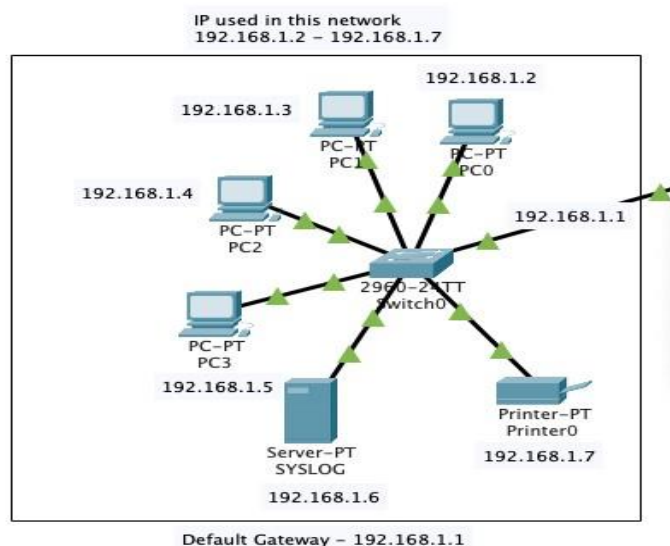


Fig 3.1 Network 1

Devices in this network – -

- 4 Different PCs
- 1 SYSLOG Server
- 1 Printer
- 1 Switch as shown in Fig 3.1

The First Network is made of IPv4 Addressing having the IP addresses in the range of 192.168.10.2 – 192.168.10.8
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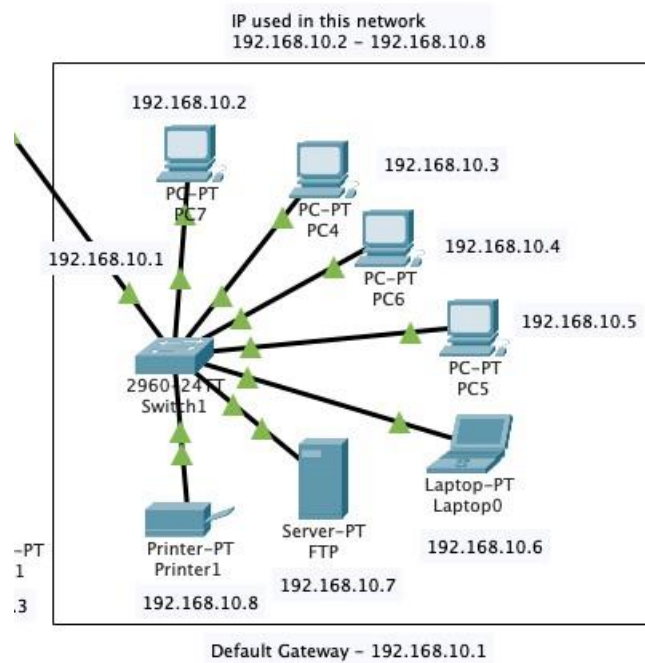


Fig 3.2 Network 2

Devices in this network –

- 4 Different PCs
- 1 FTP Server
- 1 Printer
- 1 Laptop
- 1 Switch as shown in Fig 3.2

The Third Network is made of IPv4 Addressing having the IP addresses in the range of 192.168.30.2 – 192.168.30.4
Default Gateway for this Network is 192.168.30.1

Devices in this network – -

- 1 PC
- 1 Laptop
- 1 Switch as shown in Fig 3.3

2 Different Servers are put across the networks to perform some more functions like Web Access, File transfer.

These Servers are HTTP and FTP.

HTTP is used for Web traffic like if we want to access any website HTTP protocol or server comes into play.

FTP is used for file transfer like if we want to store some files on the server or download some files from a server FTP protocol or server comes into play.

In proper connection IP addresses are very important to communicate across the network.

IP used in this network is Class A and Class C

From Class A IPs used are –

100.50.0.1 @ router interface gigabit ethernet 0/1

100.50.0.2 @ HTTP Server Port fast ethernet 0

10.10.10.1 @ router interface Serial 0/0/0

10.10.10.2 @ router interface Serial 0/0/0 20.20.20.1 @

router interface Serial 0/0/1

20.20.20.2 @ router interface Serial 0/0/0

As large number of IPs are from Class C because it has the most number of hosts from other classes such as A and B.

Software and Hardware Requirements

To implement this project we have to meet some software and hardware requirements.

For Software Requirement it is required to have (CISCO PACKET TRACER) installed on the System.

Every implementation is done on this tool.

For Hardware Requirement it is required to have the followings -

Intel Pentium 4, 2.53GHz or equivalent Processor

- 2GB Ram
- 1GB of free storage space
- Display of resolution 1024*768
- Language fonts supporting Unicode encoding
- Latest video card and OS updates

Project Implementation

In this section we have gone through all the processes done in implementing the IDS successfully.

Configuring the Network

Placing the devices and connecting it with cables is not enough! We have to do far more than this. After connecting with cables first task is to assign them IP addresses. As discussed above Class A and C IPv4 are used. After assigning IP to each interface in the network. Next step is to check connectivity from one PC to another. But here connectivity only works inside the network, our network is still not capable of communicating with outside PCs as you can see in Fig 3.5, 3.6 & 3.7

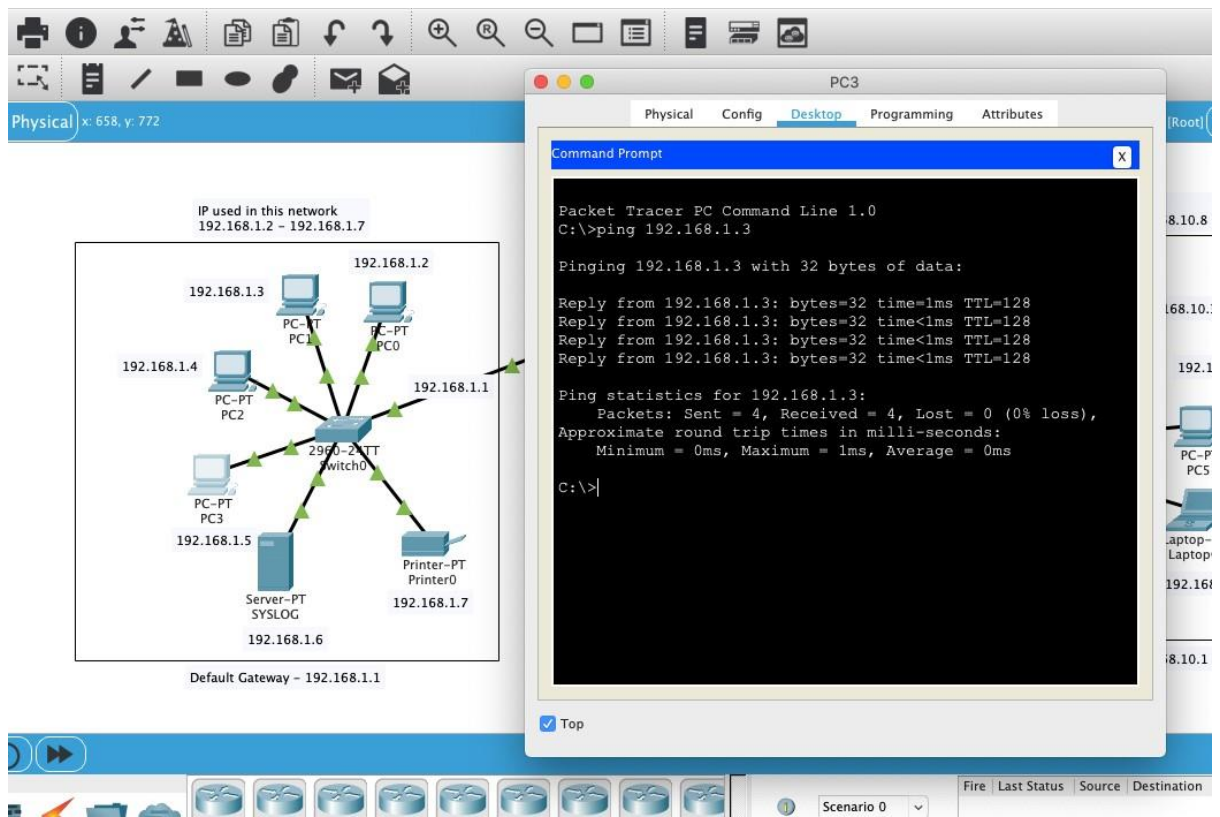


Fig 3.4 Ping test from PC3 to PC1

Ping is a command used to test connectivity between two hosts or devices.

Ping test from PC3 to PC1 is successful.

Let's take another test of sending a ICMP packet from PC 3 to PC7 (other network) and check whether it successfully reached or not.

As you can see in Fig 3.5 & 3.6, it didn't reached its destination.

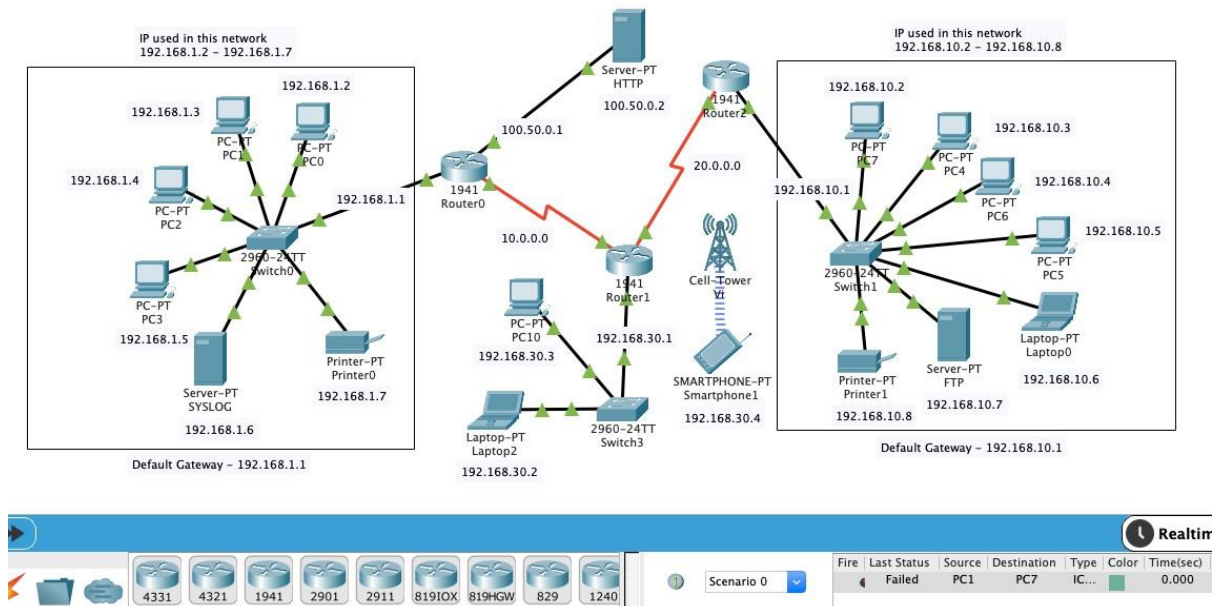


Fig 3.6 ICMP Packet Sent from PC3 to PC7

Realtime Simul									
Fire	Last Status	Source	Destination	Type	Color	Time(sec)	Periodic	Num	
	Failed	PC1	PC7	IC...		0.000	N	0	

Fig 3.7 Failed ICMP packet history from PC3 to PC7

This failure occurs because we have not told router, where it should send the packet it comes to it. The concept of Routing comes here. There are two types of routing.

- Static Routing
- Dynamic Routing

For our project we have used dynamic routing concept because it is more easy to use.

Another task for configuring this network was configuration of Servers i.e. Syslog, HTTP, FTP. For Syslog server I have turned down all the service except logging service called 'SYSLOG' so that it can focus only to logging information come from IDS.

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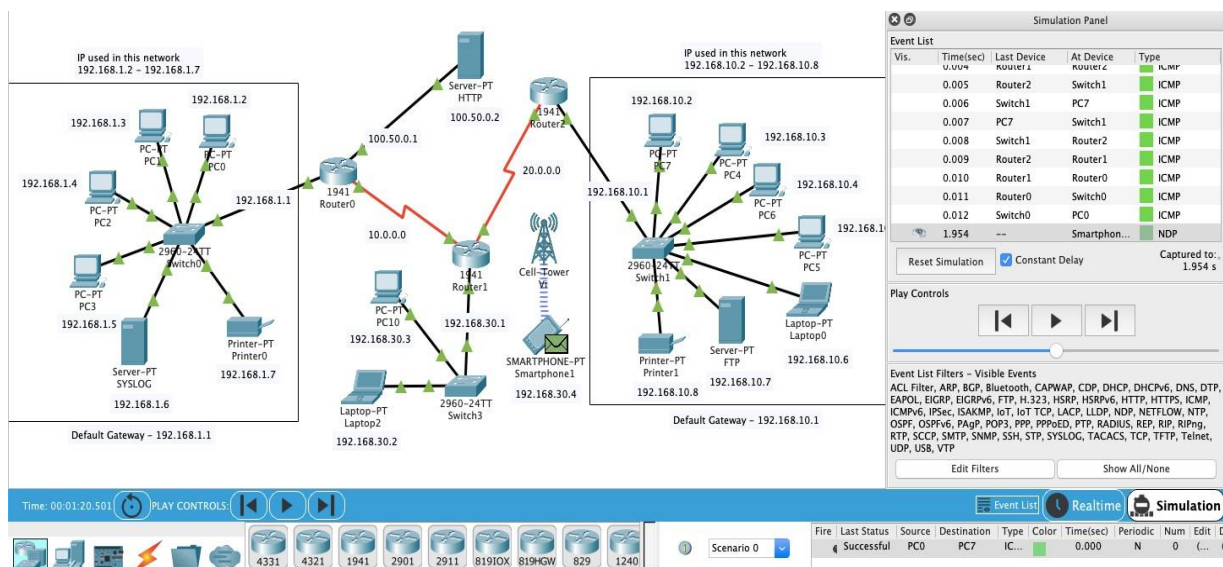
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So now our entire network is configured properly.

Testing the Network

Before moving towards the implementation of IDS. It is important to test the connectivity of the entire network.

So here are the testing results.



In this a Packet is sent to PC7 from PC1 and acknowledgement of that packet is received back to the PC1 and the whole process is successfully completed.

Implementation of NIDS using CLI

Now the main task has reached. We have to apply IDS into this network for securing it.

Our IDS will be implemented on Router0 on interface (gigabit ethernet 0/0). Our IDS will scan all the ICMP traffic which is coming into the Network 1 from this interface.

Although we have a list of different Signatures which made for different types of data traffic. Some signatures are –

- 2001 ICMP Host Unreachable (Info, Atomic)
- 1101 Unknown IP Protocol (Attack, Atomic)
- 2007 ICMP Timestamp Request (Info, Atomic)
- 3040 TCP - no bits set in flags (Attack, Atomic)
- 3100 Smail Attack (Attack, Compound)

For implementing IDS on router0 we have to firstly activate security package of that router. We have activated 'securityk9' package as shown in Fig 3.8

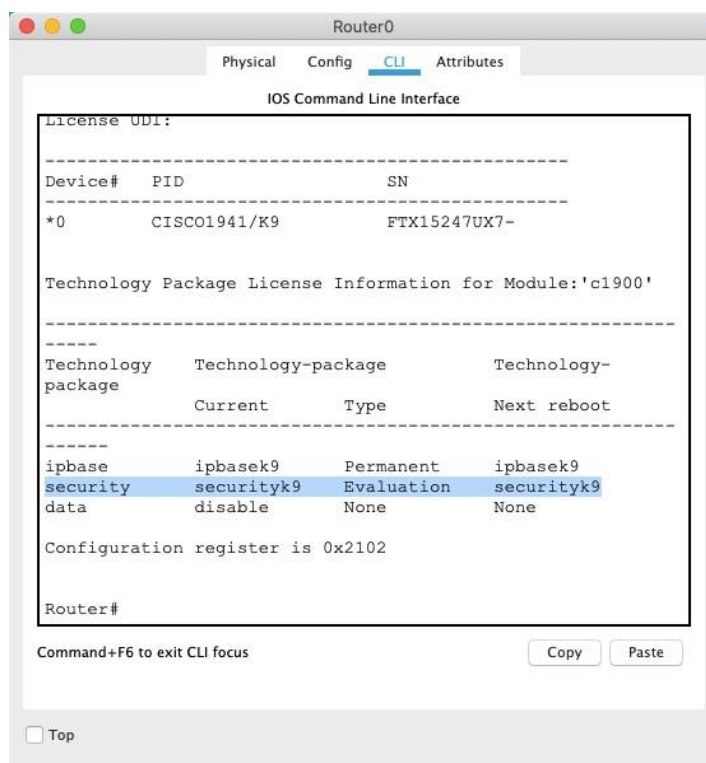


Fig 3.8 Security Package

Commands for Implementing IDS

There are different commands used for implementing and enabling IDS on that specific interface.

Commands	Description
enable	It is used to enable the networking device.
config t	It will enter the device into configuration mode.
show version	It is used to show version of router with some other details and security & data packages.
license boot module c1900 technologypackage securityk9	It is used to activate the securityk9 package in the router for IDS implementation.
do reload	For reloading the router.
mkdir (directory_name)	Used for make a directory in router
ip ips config location (directory_name)	Assigning the location to store IPS signatures.
ip ips (name)	For creating a IPS rule

ip ips signature-category	For checking or entering the IPS signature categories.
category all	For entering into all the categories of IPS.
retired true	For retiring a category.
retired false	For unretiring a category.
category (name) basic	For entering into a category which we made earlier as IPS rule. And unretiring all the basic categories of this rule.
int (interface_name)	To enter into an interface.
ip ips (rule_name) out	To apply the IPS signature inward at a interface.
logging on	Turning on the logging capability of the router.
logging host (ip_address)	Assigning the syslog server for logging
service timestamps log datetime msec	To synchronize clock between system clock and log message.
ip ips signature-definition	To enter a specific signature and change the definition of that signature
signature 2004 0	2004 is the signature ID and 0 is the SubID of the IPS signature we have used in our system.
status	To enter the status of this signature
enabled	To enable this category signature
engine	This command is used to change the action of that signature whether to inform or block.
event-action	Action of the signature is configured in the event-action section
produce-alert	This will alert the admin by logging into syslog server
deny-packet-inline	This will block all the packet if it matches with the signature we have configured. THIS IS NOT USED AS THIS IS ONLY IDS NOT IPS.
do show	This will show all the configuration of IDS implemented on that router interface.

IDS Enabled & Protected Network

Network-based intrusion detection systems (NIDS) are devices intelligently distributed within networks that passively inspect traffic traversing the devices on which they sit. NIDS can be hardware or software-based systems and, depending on the manufacturer of the system, can attach to various network mediums such as Ethernet, FDDI, and others. Oftentimes, NIDS have two network interfaces. One is used for listening to network conversations in promiscuous mode and the other is used for control and reporting. With the advent of switching, which isolates unicast conversations to ingress and egress switch ports, network infrastructure vendors have devised port-mirroring techniques to replicate all network traffic to the NIDS. There are other means of supplying traffic to the IDS such as network taps. Cisco uses Switched Port Analyzer (SPAN) functionality to facilitate this capability on their network devices and, in some network equipment, includes NIDS components directly within the switch. We'll discuss Cisco's IDS products in the next chapter.

While there are many NIDS vendors, all systems tend to function in one of two ways; NIDS are either signature-based or anomaly-based systems. Both are mechanisms that separate benign traffic from its

malicious brethren. Potential issues with NIDS include high-speed network data overload, tuning difficulties, encryption, and signature development lag time. We'll cover how IDS work and the difficulties involved with them later in this section.

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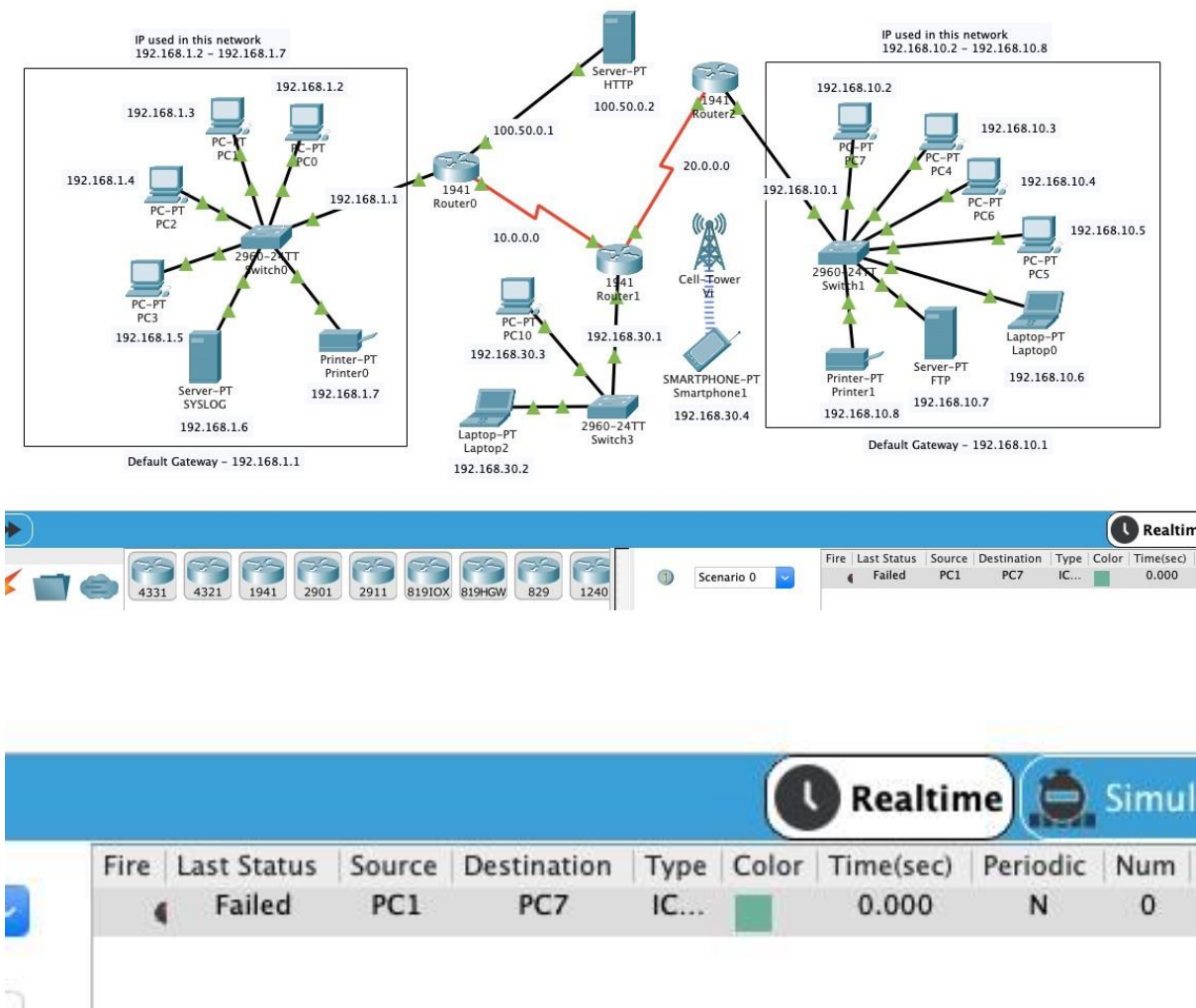
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CONCLUSION

In this project of implementing an Intrusion detection System using Cisco Packet Tracer, we created a network using different components like pc's, routers, switches, servers, connecting wires, hubs, etc. After Connecting the network, we accessed the networks and allotted different protocols to different components like FTP, HTTP etc. to servers, IP's to all the devices in the network, And Shared ICMP packets through the network to ensure its flawless working.

Then we fed and flooded the network using Pings and monitored the ping, type of message and connection status. This was done to test the NIDS and implemented the IDS.

Difficulties

- Setting up the IP address of all the systems in the network
- Then we had Issue with Routing which was then tackled and solved using the concept of Dynamic routing which enabled us to transfer files and packet from one system to another.
- Setting the protocols for http and ftp servers.
- Having the command lines to work and prevent the intrusion with syslog.

Future Work

In future reference we need to work on the Honeypot System to implement and work the Intrusion Prevention System along with the Intrusion Detection System.