Splunk Enterprise Project

Configure and Forward logs of Snort IDS to Splunk Enterprise

In this write up, I will be setting up and configuring Snort (In Ubuntu), a Splunk server(In Windows OS), and Splunk's universal forwarder. I will be documenting most of the configuration needed for this environment. Towards the end we will be using our fully working environment to play around with both Splunk and Snort. Along with using a tool to launch attacks that we can monitor and log in splunk.

Step 1 – We will install and configure Snort IDS in Ubuntu System. Follow the steps in given image.

Enter the Interface which snort should listen on,



Enter this command to find Address Range - "ip a s"

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Please use the CIDR form - for example, 192.168.1.0/24 for a block of 256 addresses or 192.168.1.42/32 for just one. Multiple values shoul spaces).

Please note that if Snort is configured to use multiple interfaces, it will use this value as the HOME_NET definition for all of them.

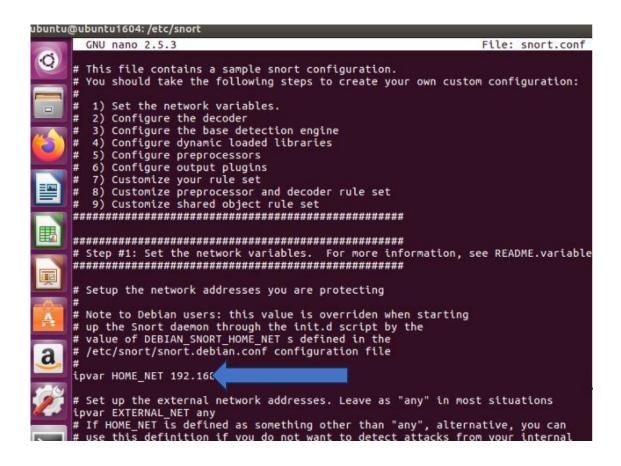
Address range for the local network:

192.168.29.0/24

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Step 2 – Make changes in snort.conf file





Run the Snort in Test Mode

```
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/home$ cd /home
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/home$ sudo snort -T -i ens33 -c /etc/snort/snort.conf
Running in Test mode

--== Initializing Snort ==-
Initializing proper solution in Test mode

--== Initializing Snort ==-
Initializing Preprocessors!
Initializing Preprocessors!
Initializing Pug-ins!
Parsing Rules file "/etc/snort/snort.conf"
Portvar 'HTTP_PORTS' defined : [ 80:81 311 383 591 593 901 1220 1414 1741 1830 2301 2381 2809 3037 3128 3702 4343 4
8028 8080 8085 8098 8090 8118 8129 8180:8181 8243 8280 8300 8800 8888 8899 9000 9060 9080 9090:9091 9443 9999 11371
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Step 3 – We need to add rule in local.rules file.

Enter this command to navigate file – "sudo nano /etc/snort/rules/local.rules" Add the rule for Ping command.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/home

GNU nano 2.5.3

# $Id: local.rules,v 1.11 2004/07/23 20:15:44 bmc Exp $

# LOCAL RULES

# This file intentionally does not come with signatures. Put your local
# additions here.
alert icmp any any -> any any (msg:"PING ATTEMPTED BY SOMEONE"; sid:1005; rev:1;)
```

Start the Snort IDS using this command – "sudo snort -A console -q -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -I ens33"

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ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/home$ sudo nano /etc/snort/rules/local.rules
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Snort IDS will Successfully Start.

Step 4 - Ping the Ubuntu System from other system.

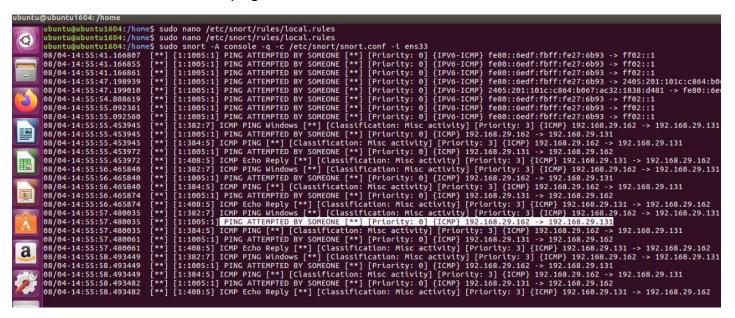
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Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19045.4651]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\Shantanu>ping 192.168.29.131

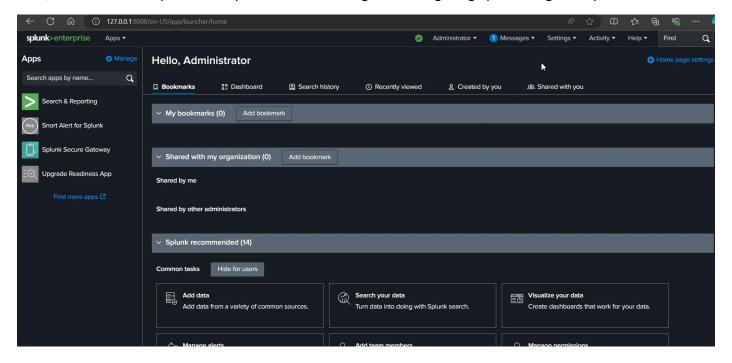
Pinging 192.168.29.131 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.29.131: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.29.131: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
Ping statistics for 192.168.29.131:

Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 1ms, Average = 0ms
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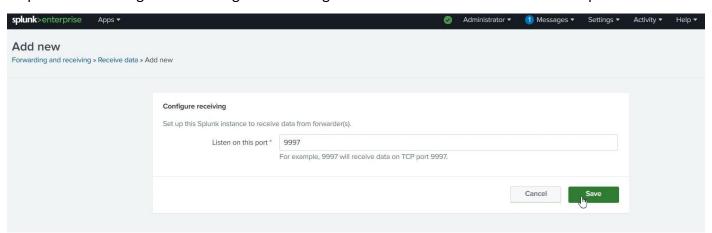
The Snort IDS will alert about the ping.



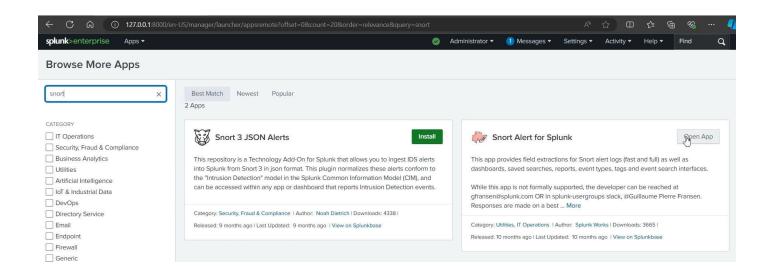
Now, Let's start with Splunk enterprise. After Installing and Configuring Splunk. Login to Splunk



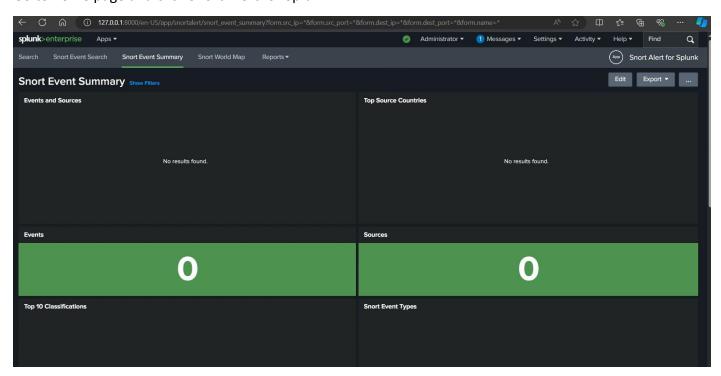
Step 5 - Go to Settings → Forwarding and receiving → In receive data click Add new → enter port no. and save.



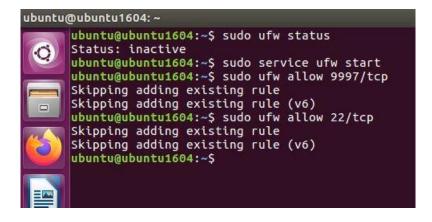
Step 6 – Go to home page \rightarrow Apps \rightarrow Find More Apps \rightarrow search snort \rightarrow Install.



Go to home page and click Snort Alert for Splunk.



Go to Ubuntu System and add the ufw rules

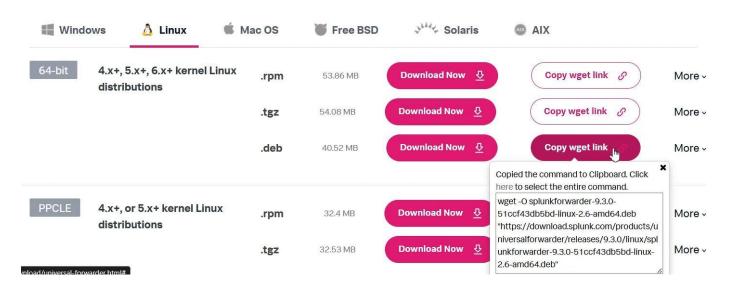


Step 7 - Go to splunk.com \rightarrow login account \rightarrow Products \rightarrow Free Trials & Downloads \rightarrow In Universal Forwarder click "Get my Free Download" \rightarrow Copy link as shown in given image.

Splunk Universal Forwarder 9.3.0

Universal Forwarders provide reliable, secure data collection from remote sources and forward that data into Splunk software for indexing and consolidation. They can scale to tens of thousands of remote systems, collecting terabytes of data.

Choose Your Installation Package



Go to Ubuntu system, enter wget -O and paste the link and enter command. And follow command as below

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ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/tmp$ wget -O splunkforwarder-9.3.0-51ccf43db5bd-linux-2.6-amd64.deb "https://download.splunk.com/products/universalforwarder/r
r-9.3.0-51ccf43db5bd-linux-2.6-amd64.deb"
 -2024-08-05 10:56:05-- https://download.splunk.com/products/universalforwarder/releases/9.3.0/linux/splunkforwarder-9.3.0-51ccf43db5bd-linux-2.6
Resolving download.splunk.com (download.splunk.com)... 2600:9000:2577:f000:1d:f9c1:d100:93a1, 2600:9000:2577:3e00:1d:f9c1:d100:93a1, 2600:9000:257
Connecting to download.splunk.com (download.splunk.com)|2600:9000:2577:f000:1d:f9c1:d100:93a1|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 42488486 (41M) [binary/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'splunkforwarder-9.3.0-51ccf43db5bd-linux-2.6-amd64.deb'
splunkforwarder-9.3.0-51ccf43db5bd-linux-2.6 100%[==============================
2024-08-05 10:56:10 (9.03 MB/s) - 'splunkforwarder-9.3.0-51ccf43db5bd-linux-2.6-amd64.deb' saved [42488486/42488486]
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/tmp$ ls
config-err-cUGsT8
                                                                                           systemd-private-91bcd9931ce54023bb7e46b6204b3e49-fwupd.service-2tJMAi
                                                                                           systemd-private-91bcd9931ce54023bb7e46b6204b3e49-rtkit-daemon.service-sa50
systemd-private-91bcd9931ce54023bb7e46b6204b3e49-colord.service-csXPOU systemd-private-91bcd9931ce54023bb7e46b6204b3e49-systemd-timesyncd.service
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/tmp$ sudo dpkg -i splunkforwarder-9.3.0-51ccf43db5bd-linux-2.6-amd64.deb
Selecting previously unselected package splunkforwarder.
(Reading database ... 251520 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack splunkforwarder-9.3.0-51ccf43db5bd-linux-2.6-amd64.deb ...
Unpacking splunkforwarder (9.3.0) ...
Setting up splunkforwarder (9.3.0) ...
/var/lib/dpkg/info/splunkforwarder.postinst: line 123: curl: command not found find: '/opt/splunkforwarder/lib/python3.7/site-packages': No such file or directory find: '/opt/splunkforwarder/lib/python3.9/site-packages': No such file or directory
complete
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/tmp$
```

Enter the below command.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/opt/splunkforwarder/bin

ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/tmp$ cd /opt/splunkforwarder/bin/
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/opt/splunkforwarder/bin$ sudo ./splunk start --accept-lisence
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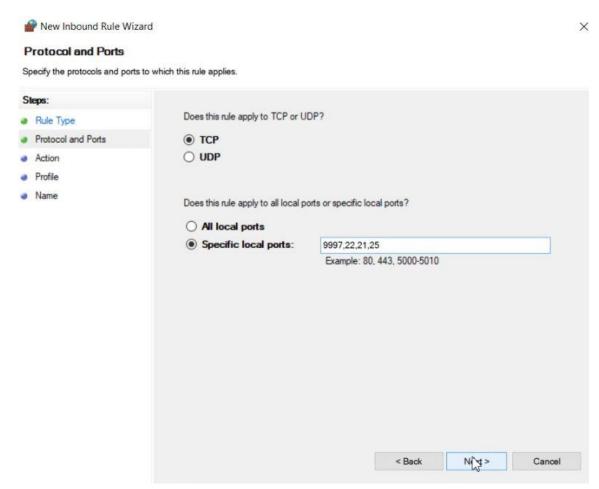
Output -

```
ubuntu@ubuntu1604: /opt/splunkforwarder/bin
          "Statement of Work" means the statements of work and/or any and all applicable Orders, that describe the specific services to be performed by Splunk, including any materials and deliverables to be delivered by Splunk.
          Do you agree with this license? [y/n]:
Do you agree with this license? [y/n]: y
          This appears to be your first time running this version of Splunk.
          Splunk software must create an administrator account during startup. Otherwise, you cannot log in.
          Create credentials for the administrator account.
          Characters do not appear on the screen when you type in credentials.
          Please enter an administrator username: splunkuf
          Password must contain at least:
              * 8 total printable ASCII character(s).
          Please enter a new password:
          Please confirm new password:
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          Creating unit file.
          Important: splunk will start under systemd as user: splunkfwd
          The unit file has been created.
          Splunk> See your world. Maybe wish you hadn't.
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          Checking prerequisites...
                      Checking mgmt port [8089]: open
                                   Creating: /opt/splunkforwarder/var/lib/splunk
                                  Creating: /opt/splunkforwarder/var/run/splunk
Creating: /opt/splunkforwarder/var/run/splunk/appserver/i18n
Creating: /opt/splunkforwarder/var/run/splunk/appserver/modules/static/css
                                  Creating: /opt/splunkforwarder/var/run/splunk/upload
Creating: /opt/splunkforwarder/var/run/splunk/search_telemetry
                                  Creating: /opt/splunkforwarder/var/run/splunk/search_log
Creating: /opt/splunkforwarder/var/spool/splunk
Creating: /opt/splunkforwarder/var/spool/dirmoncache
Creating: /opt/splunkforwarder/var/lib/splunk/authDb
Creating: /opt/splunkforwarder/var/lib/splunk/hashDb
Creating: /opt/splunkforwarder/var/run/splunk/sessions
          New certs have been generated in '/opt/splunkforwarder/etc/auth'.
Checking conf files for problems...
                      Done
                      Checking default conf files for edits...
Validating installed files against hashes from '/opt/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder-9.3.0-5
All installed files intact.
                      Done
          All preliminary checks passed.
          Starting splunk server daemon (splunkd)...
          Done
```

Step 8 – In Windows OS go to Firewall & Network Protection →Advance Settings →Inbound Rules

 \rightarrow New Rule \rightarrow Port \rightarrow TCP, Enter port no. "9997,22,21,25" \rightarrow Next \rightarrow Next \rightarrow Give name

→ Finish



Step 9 - Copy IP address of Windows OS.

```
thernet adapter VMware Network Adapter VMnet1:
 Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
 Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address. . : 169.254.241.55
 Default Gateway . . . . . . . :
thernet adapter VMware Network Adapter VMnet8:
 Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
 Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address. . : 169.254.118.138
 Default Gateway . . . . . . . :
Jireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:
 Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
                            192.168.29.162
 IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . :
 Default Gateway . . . . . . : 192.168.29.1
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Enter Below Commands, Check if the server address is same as Windows OS ip address in outputs.conf

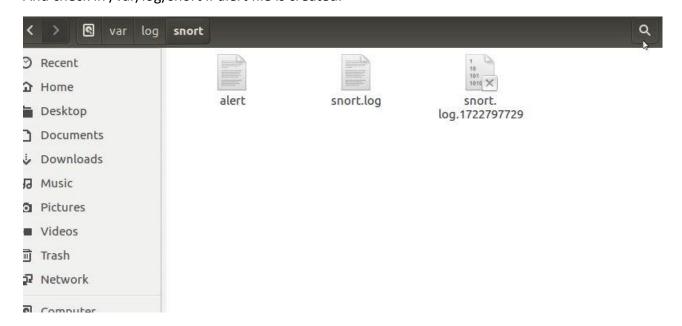
```
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system/local

ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/opt/splunkforwarder/bin$ sudo ./splunk add forward-server 192.168.29.162:9997

Warning: Attempting to revert the SPLUNK_HOME ownership
Warning: Executing "chown -R splunkfwd:splunkforwarder"
Splunk username: splunkuf
Password:
Added forwarding to: 192.168.29.162:9997.
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/opt/splunkforwarder/bin$ cd /opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system/local$ ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system/local$ ls
outputs.conf README server.conf
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system/local$ sudo nano outputs.conf
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system/local$
```

Enter the command "sudo snort -q -l /var/log/snort/ -i ens33 -A full -c /etc/snort/snort.conf" in ubuntu.

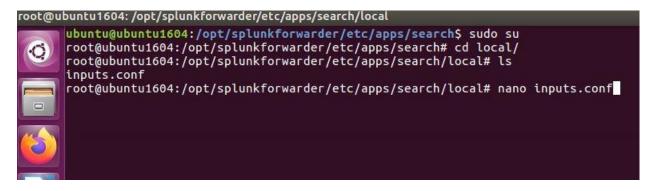
And check in /var/log/snort if alert file is created.



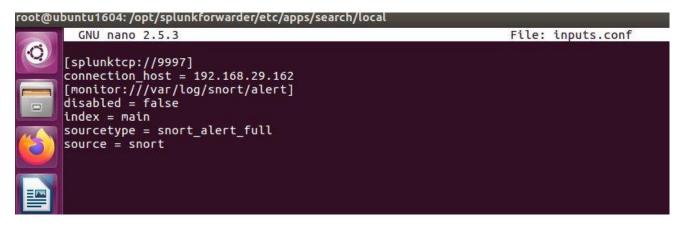
Add the alert file to monitor in splunk using this command.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu1604: /opt/splunkforwarder/bin
         ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system$ cd ...
         ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/opt/splunkforwarder/etc$ cd ..
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/opt/splunkforwarder$ cd /bin
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/bin$ cd /opt/splunkforwarder/bin/
ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/opt/splunkforwarder/bin$ ls
         2to3-3.7
                      bzip2
                                           genSignedServerCert.sh
                                                                             idle3.9
                                                                                                           prichunkpng
                                                                                                pip
                                                                                                                             pripamtopng
                                           genWebCert.sh
                                                                                                pip3
                                                                                                                             pripnglsch
         2to3-3.9
                      classify
                                                                                                           priforgepng
                                                                             openssl
                       copyright.txt idle3
                                                                                                pip3.7
         btool
                                                                             pcre2-config
                                                                                                           prigreypng
                                                                                                                             pripngtopam
                       genRootCA.sh
                                           idle3.7
                                                                             pid_check.sh
                                                                                                pip3.9
         btprobe
                                                                                                           pripalpng
                                                                                                                             priweavepng
         ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/opt/splunkforwarder/bin$ sudo ./splunk add monitor /var/log/snort/alert
         Warning: Attempting to revert the SPLUNK_HOME ownership
Warning: Executing "chown -R splunkfwd:splunkfwd /opt/splunkforwarder"
         Warning: Executing "chown -R splunkfwd:
Added monitor of '/var/log/snort/alert
         ubuntu@ubuntu1604:/opt/splunkforwarder/bin$
```

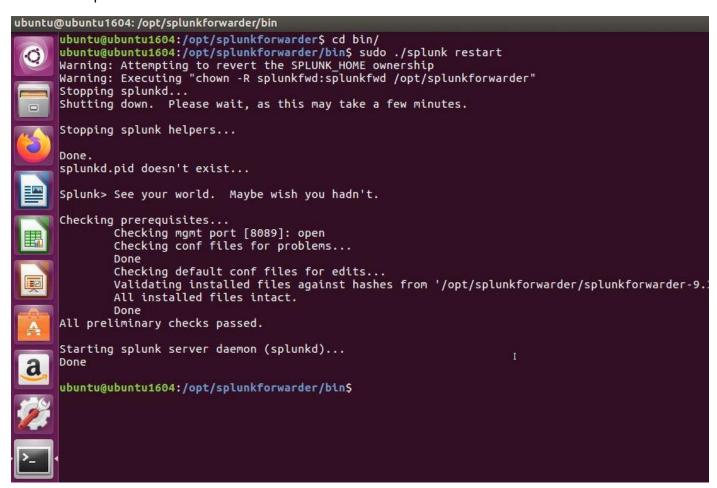
Go to inputs.conf



And make this changes to inputs.conf file, enter ip address of Windows OS in host.

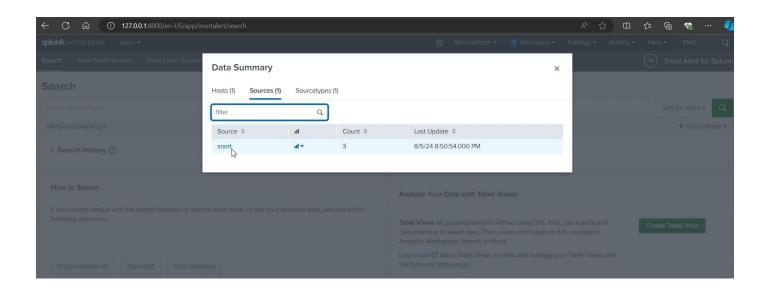


Restart the Splunk server

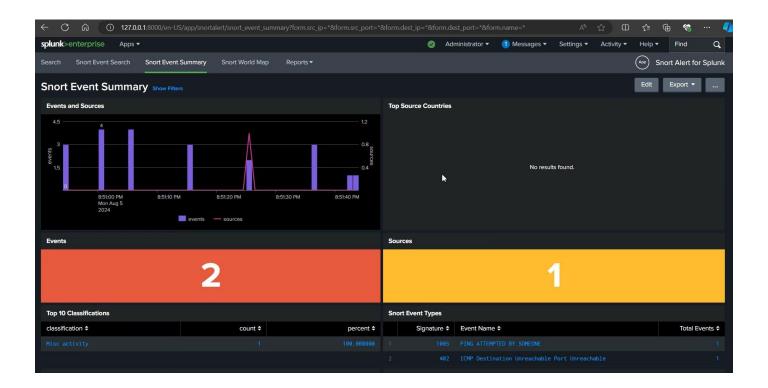


Enter the command "sudo snort -q -l /var/log/snort/ -i ens33 -A full -c /etc/snort/snort.conf" in ubuntu To start Snort in Ubuntu System.

Step 10 – Go to Splunk server \rightarrow Search \rightarrow Data Summary \rightarrow snort.



We can see the logs of snort of Ubuntu system are forwarding in Splunk.

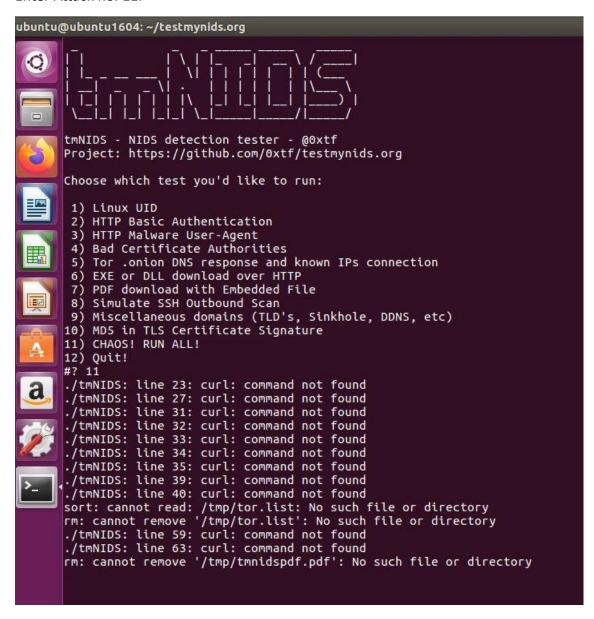


Step 10 – Let's attack Ubuntu system and check if the logs are forwarding in Splunk.

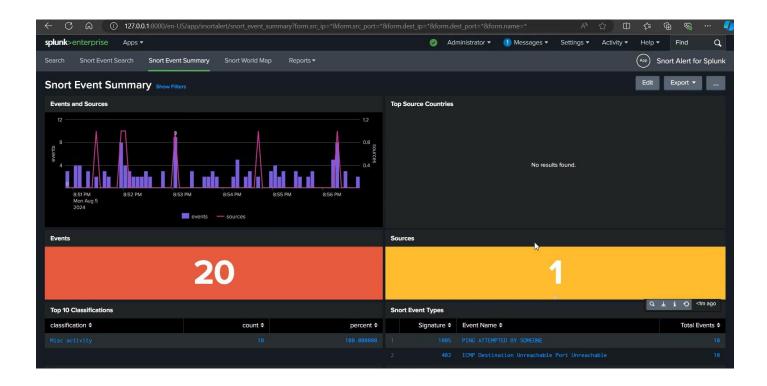
Go to your browser and search "github tmnids." Open it and copy tool link → then follow below Steps.

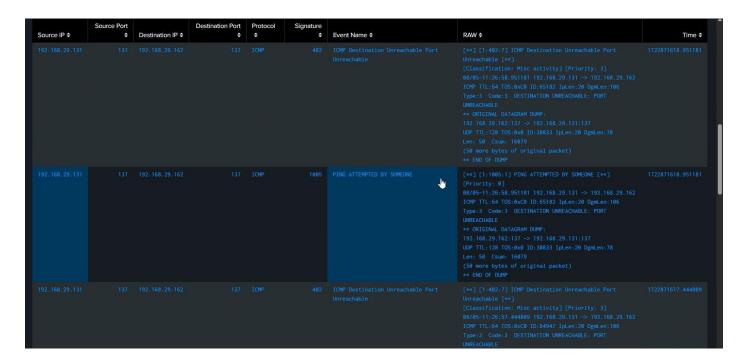


Enter Attack no. 11.



We can see the attach logs are being detected live in Splunk.





Conclusion

We now have a working Splunk environment with snort, that will allow us to monitor and create logs within our virtual machines. Setting up these tools from scratch helps you get familiar with both of these tools.