CYBR371 Lab 5

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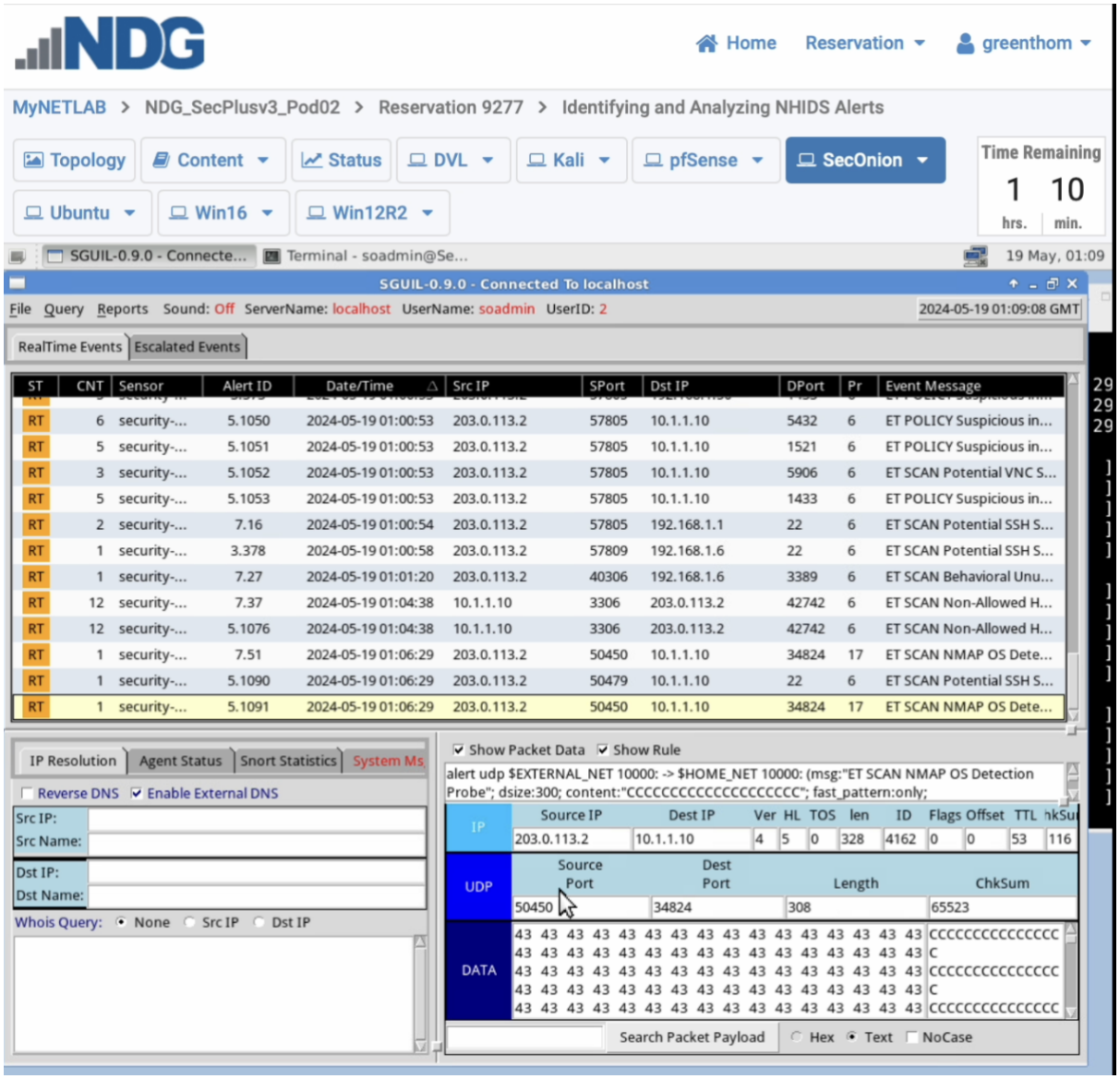
PART 1: IDS alerts

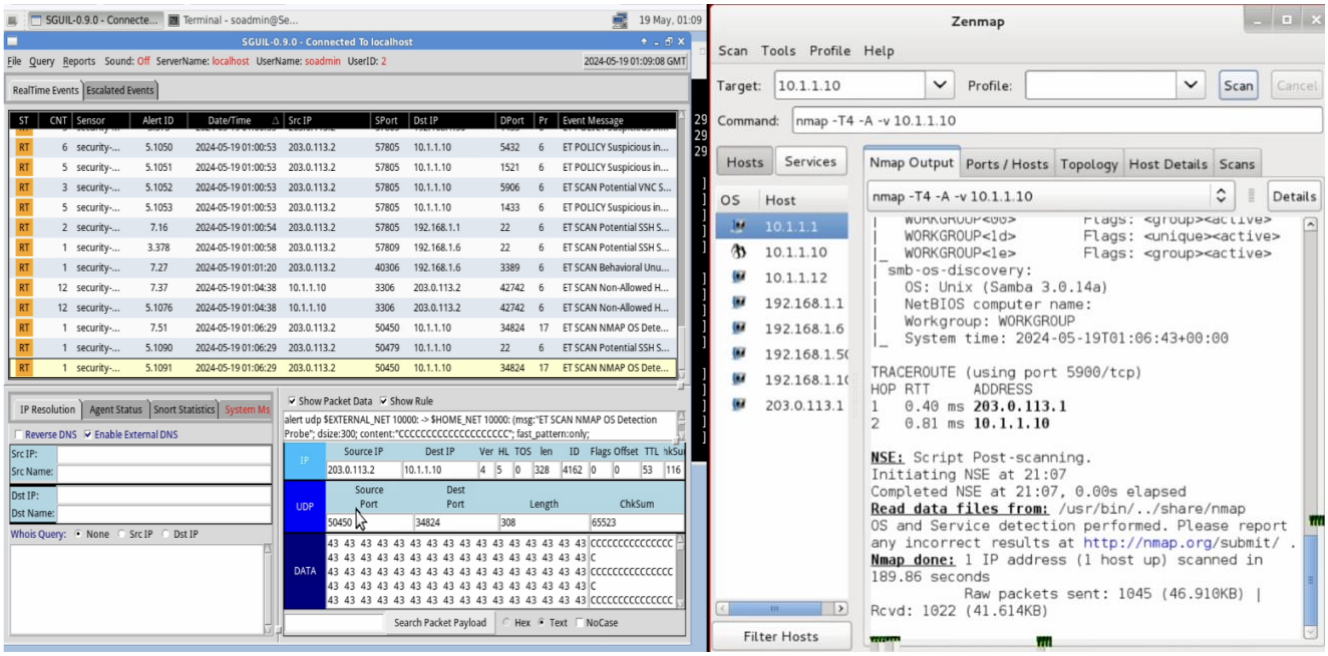
1. **Describe the columns in the Sguil. Do this by choosing one event log (of your choice), i.e., one row, explain the information in each column, along with the value for that example event.**



Screenshot from the lab. Shows the Sguil network security monitor. Displays various events related to network security. ST: shows the status. In this particular column, the status is RT which stands for “Real Time” -> event appeared in Sguil and is waiting for validation. CNT: shows the count/frequency of the specific event type. In this event, the count is 1 -> only appeared once. Sensor: identifies the sensor detected in the event -> sensor generating the event. In this case, the sensor is security-onion. Alert ID: event

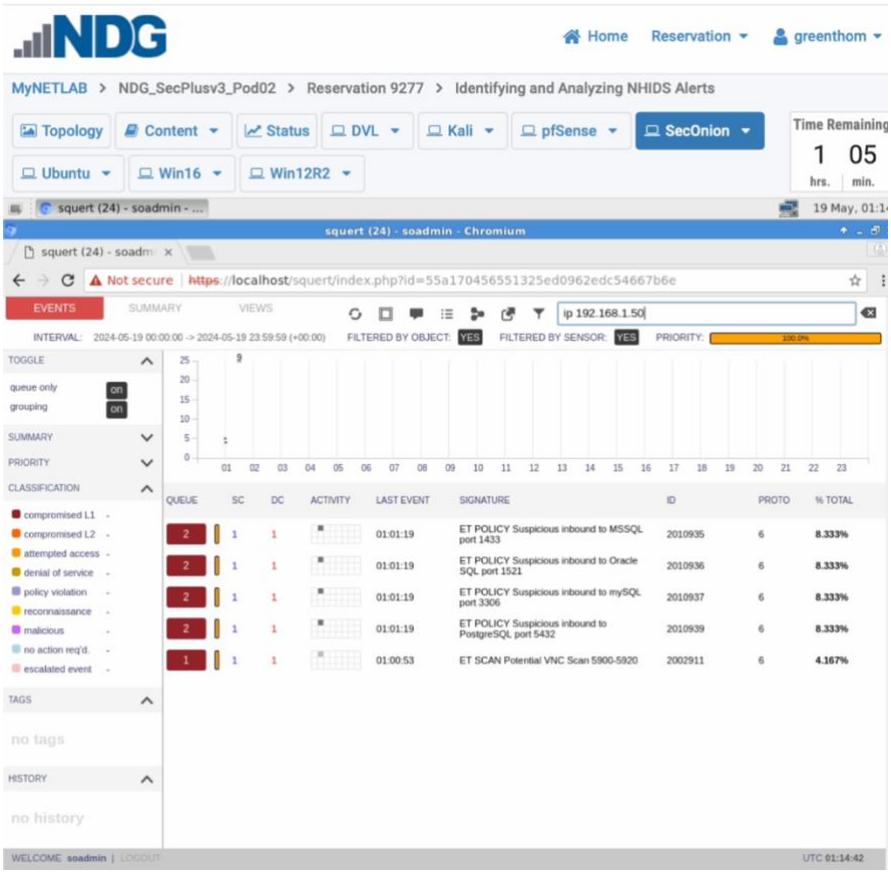
identifier to keep track of incident. This event identifier is 5.1091. Date/Time: indicates time event was detected -> 2024-05-19 01:00:58". Src IP: is the source IP from where the event originated -> 203.0.113.2. Sport: source port from which the connection was made -> 50450. Dst IP: is the destination IP where the event was directed -> 10.1.1.10. DPort: destination port used in connection -> Pr: protocol used during the event -> 17 -> UDP. Event Message: description about nature of the event -> ET SCAN NMAP OS Detection Probe.

2. **In Sguil, choose one event of your choice, find out the rule responsible for creating that alert, then explain why that rule was triggered for that event.**



Event I picked -> rule responsible for triggering the alert: ET SCAN NMAP OS Detection Probe". Triggered by a rule designed to detect network activities typical of an OS detection probe used by Nmap. The Nmap scan used in making this event happen was through the command 'nmap -T4 -A -v 10.1.1.10' -> -A enables OS detection, where it attempts to determine what operating system, the target is using, detects versions of services running on open ports, traces the path packets take to target. This is targeted at 10.1.1.10 IP which the Sguil picked up. The specific packet characteristics that we captured (Show Packet Data), as well as the Zenmap, would match the pattern expected by the intrusion detection system(IDS) rule for Nmap OS detection probes. The rule was triggered because a UDP packet met the criteria of; originating from external and going for internal with src. ports being <10000+. Packet size 300 bytes (dsize), payload with string "CCCC...C". These characteristics are an indicator of an Nmap OS detection probe which resulted in the rule and alert being triggered. By using these characteristics, identification of malicious scanning activity through IDS systems in place helps network admins secure the network.

3. **(a) Repeat the first question now with Squert. (b) Compare and contrast the kind of information that Squert provides versus Sguil. In particular, is there any information that one provides and not the other?**



a. Screenshot from the lab. Shows the Squert web application. Used to query and view event data stored in the Sguil database (IDS). QUEUE: refers to the number of grouped events in the queue -> 2. SC: number of distinct source IPs for the given alert -> 1. DC: number of distinct destination Ips for the given alert -> 1. ACTIVITY: number of events for a given alert on a per-hour basis -> top column above. LAST EVENT: time event last occurred -> 01:01:19. SIGNATURE: event IDS signature -> ET POLICY Suspicious inbound to MSSQL port 1433. ID: event signature ID -> 2010935. PROTO: protocol relative/recognized within/in regard to event -> 6, TCP. % TOTAL: percentage of event grouping/entire event count -> 8.333%.

QUEUE	SC	DC	ACTIVITY	LAST EVENT	SIGNATURE	ID	PROTO	% TOTAL
2	1	1		01:01:19	ET POLICY Suspicious inbound to MSSQL port 1433	2010935	6	**8.333%**

THOUGHT WE HAD TO REDO QUESTION TWO (JUST LEAVING IT HERE JUST IGNORE): Rule (MSSQL port 1433) looks for traffic directed at port 1433 which is the default port for Microsoft SQL. The IP address that is filtered for this event is 192.168.1.50 which does not run MSSQL, so the presence of traffic directed at this port on Ubuntu can be

flagged as suspicious because it is unusual and potentially indicates an attempt to probe network services that might be misconfigured or incorrectly reported. The rule may have been triggered due to characteristics of the inbound traffic that may match malicious scanning. The Ubuntu VM, located behind the pfSense firewall on the internal network (192.168.1.0) suggests that this traffic passed through network security measures and was still deemed suspicious.

b. **Compare and contrast the kind of information that Squert provides versus Sguil. In particular, is there any information that one provides and not the other?**

SGUIL specializes in real-time data monitoring for immediate response capabilities which is vital for detecting and mitigating security incidents effectively. SGUIL also shows the alerts for the attacks by providing investigation tools for deep analysis which allows security admins to investigate packet captures as well as session data which helps in examining potential threats as they occur.

SQUERT prioritises its UI as well as reviewing historical data which helps users who do not have extensive technical expertise to understand data. SQUERT uses metadata and time series representations to help provide further context to each event. Its interface and visualization of data make it easier for non-technical users to understand complex security information. Analysis of historical data also enables users to identify long-term patterns and trends in the system.

PART 2: IDS evasion

4. **There are 3 IDS evasion techniques presented in this lab:**
   - **Low MTU Scan**
   - **Decoy Scan**
   - **Spoofed MAC scan**

a. **Provide the nmap command that corresponds to the first technique(low MTU scan – hint: remember what happens to packets that are bigger in size than the MTU! – Describe the command in simple words (what does it do). Finally, explain in simple terms how this achieves the IDS evasion.**

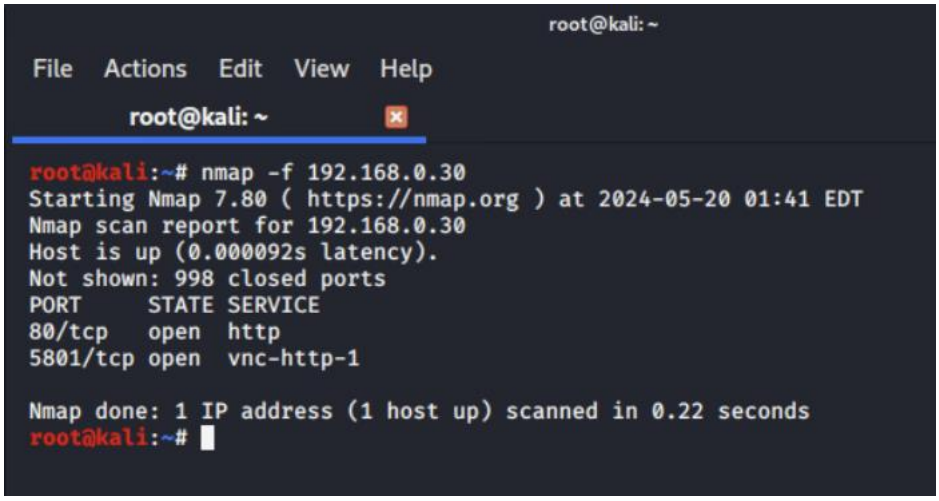
Command: nmap –f 192.168.0.30 (low mtu), nmap 192.168.0.30(standard)

Description of command: Configures Nmap to perform a network scan with packets fragmented. This Nmap scan is directed at IP address 192.168.0.30. This size ensures that each packet sent during the scan is much smaller than usual.

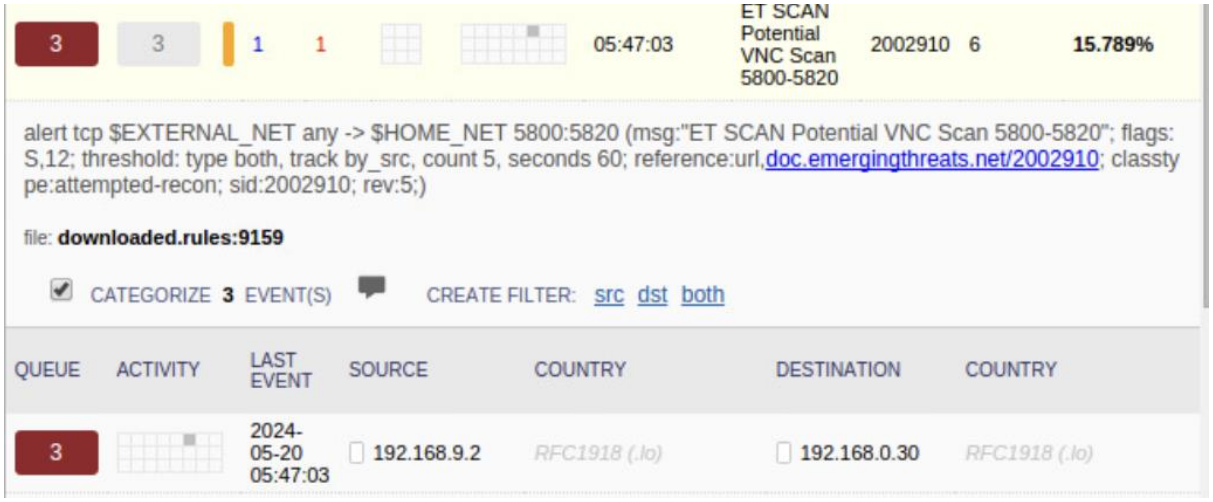
How it achieves IDS evasion: Fragmenting packets makes it harder for IDS to recognize harmful patterns, as key elements might be spread across multiple packets. Smaller packets often avoid detection because they don't fit the typical profiles for scanning activity monitored by many IDS configurations. Additionally, some IDS tools might not effectively reassemble fragmented packets, missing out on detecting the full content. This technique helps to sneak past network defenses by mimicking normal, fragmented network traffic, reducing the likelihood of triggering alerts.

b. **Evaluate the success of the "Low MTU scan" (in the previous part) in evading the NIDs by comparing its effect on the NIDS logs compared with the simple nmap scan.**

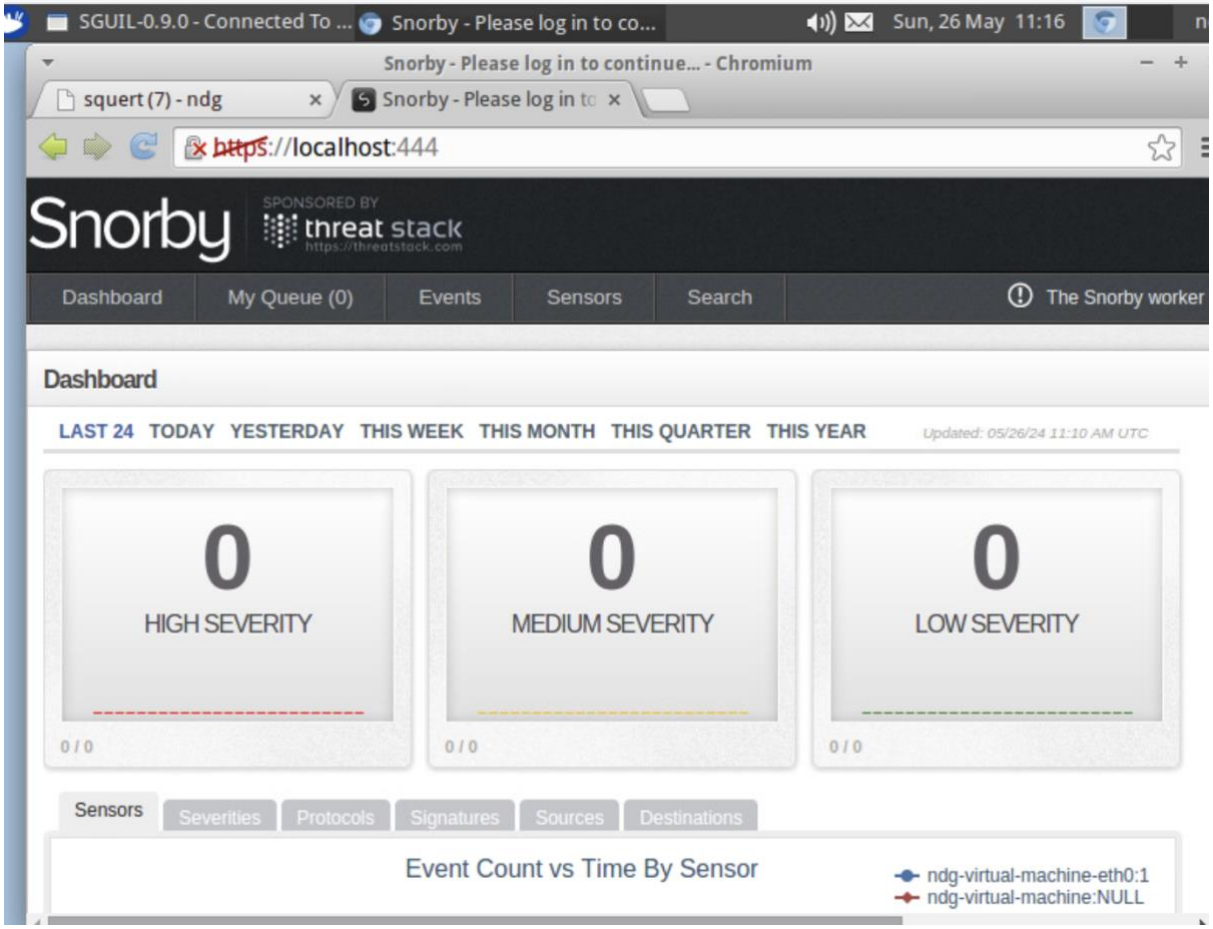
Low MTU Scan:



Scanned 5801 (vnc-http-1).



Getting potential scan at 5800-5820 which relates to the port scanned. Snorby which is a network monitoring tool does not pick up on the fragmented packet -> successfully evading IDS.



Simple Nmap Scan:

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root@kali:~# nmap 192.168.0.30
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-05-20 01:43 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.30
Host is up (0.00013s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed ports
PORT     STATE SERVICE
80/tcp   open  http
5801/tcp open  vnc-http-1

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.21 seconds
root@kali:~#
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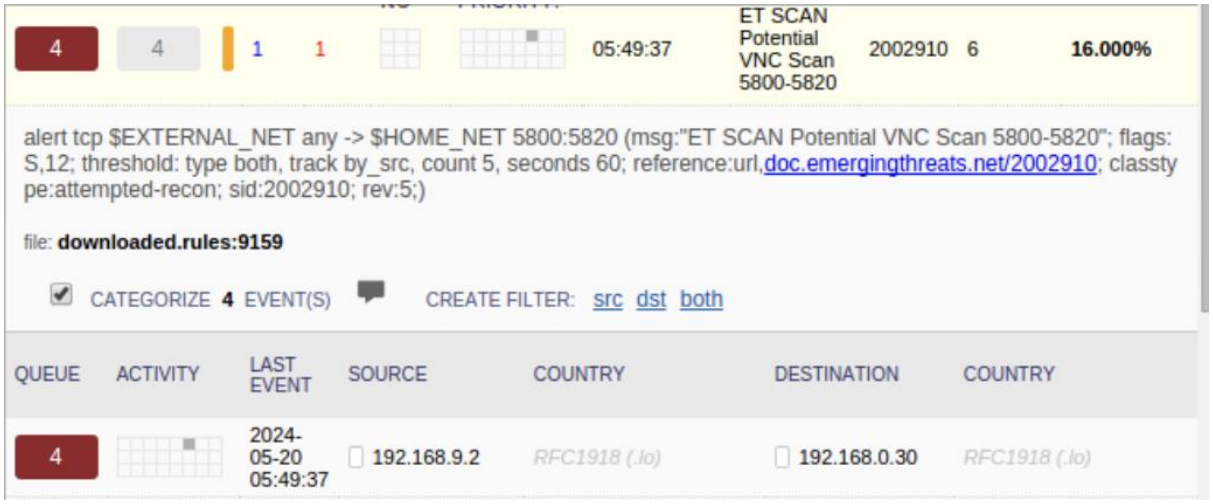
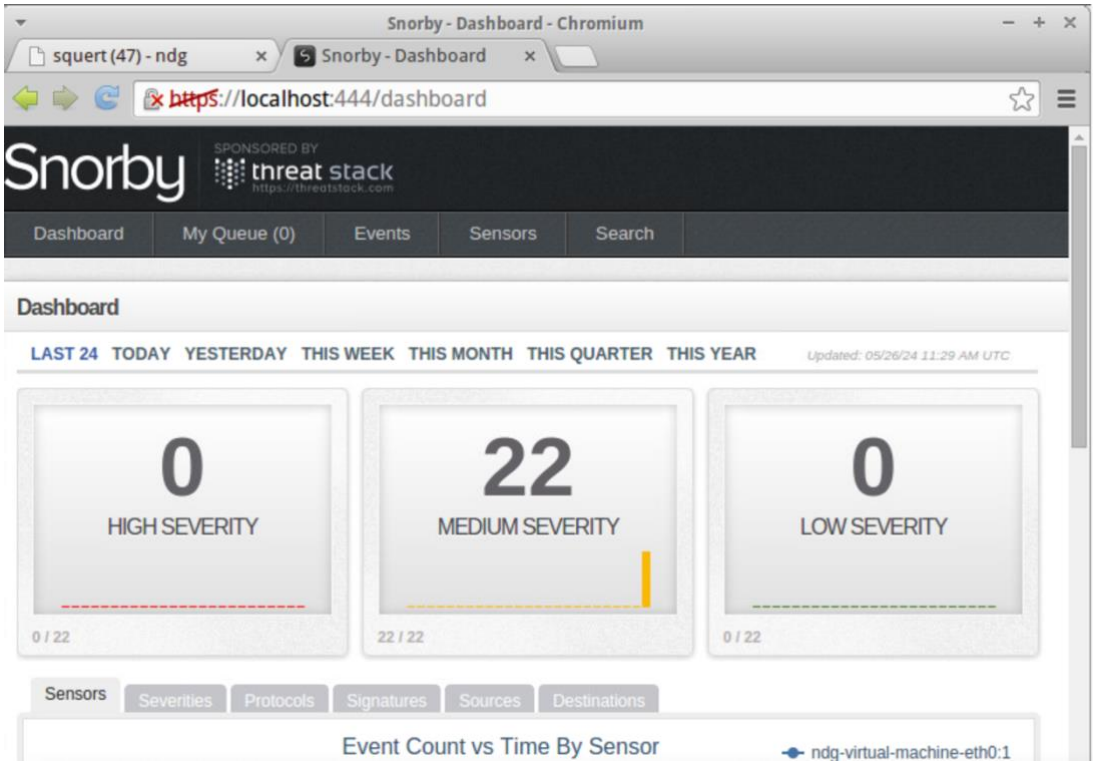




Picked up on a normal Nmap scan.

c. **Describe the nmap command that was used for the "Decoy scan" method in simple words, i.e., explain what the command does in simple English.**

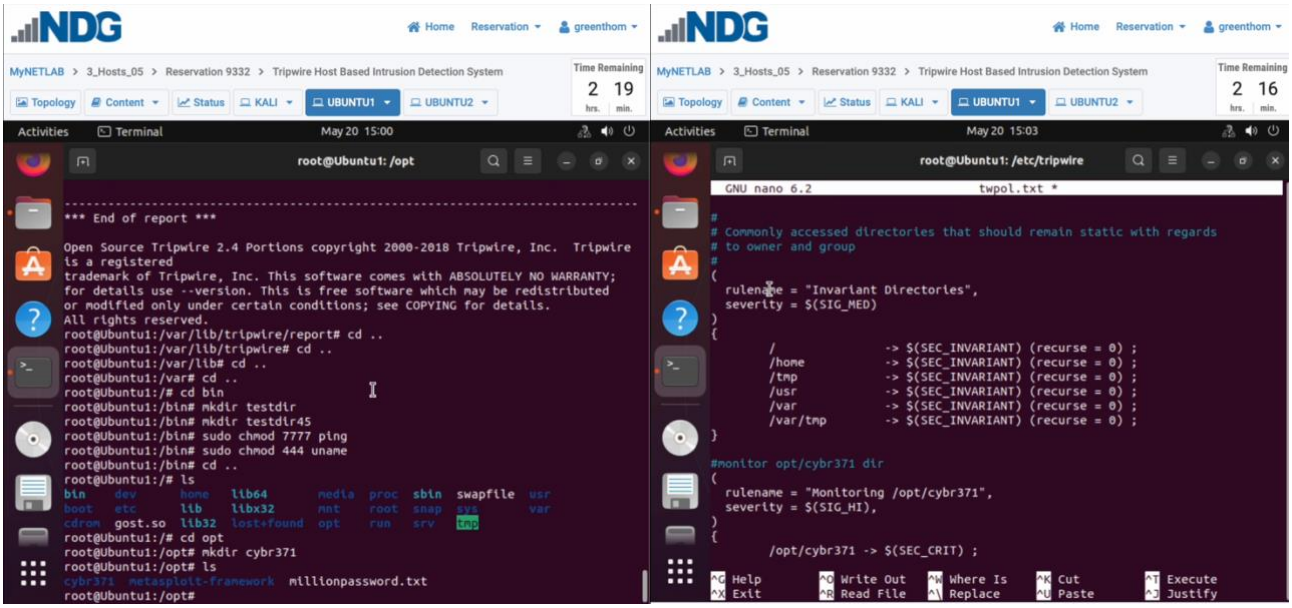
Command: nmap -D 192.168.9.20 192.168.9.30 192.168.9.40 192.168.0.30

Explanation: This command tells Nmap to scan the target IP address 192.168.0.30, but it also includes a decoy feature ('-D'). The decoy feature makes the scan appear as if it is coming from multiple other IP addresses ('192.168.9.20 192.168.9.30 192.168.9.40 192.168.0.30') in addition to the real scanning machine. This tactic is used to confuse and mislead the network's IDS, making it harder to identify where the scan is actually coming from and potentially disguising the real IP of the attacker.

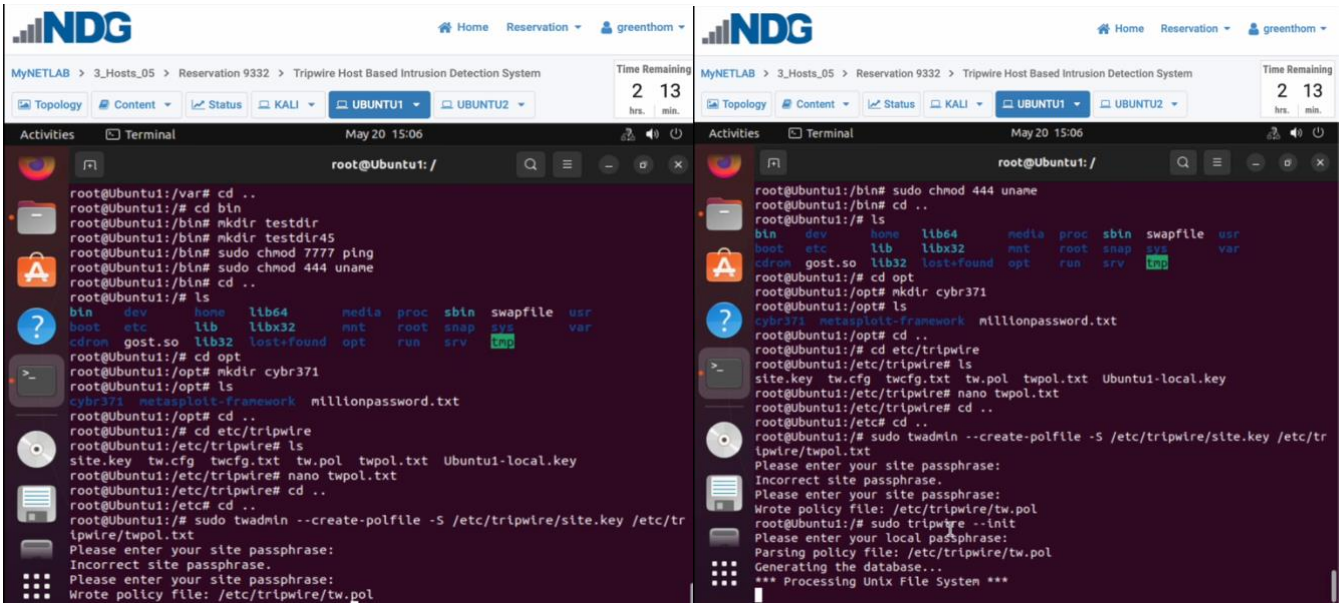
PART 3: Tripwire HIDS

5. **Do the following:**

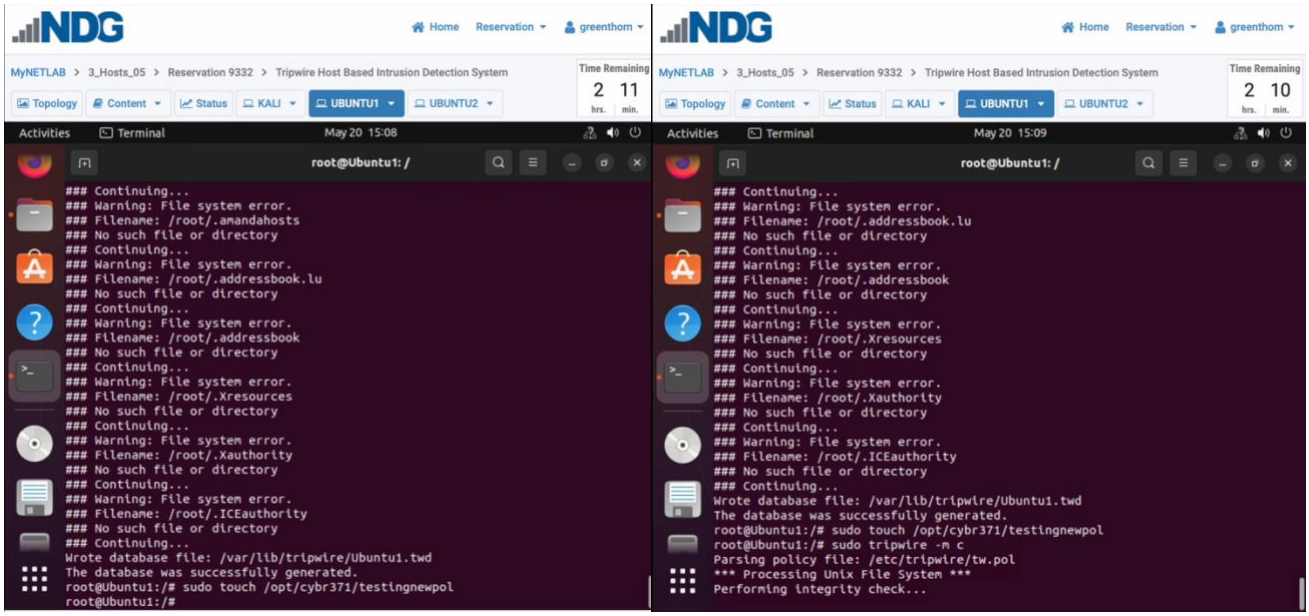
a. **Create a directory /opt/cybr371. Then add a rule to the tripwire's policy file that watches the integrity of this directory, i.e., generates an alert if something is changed in that directory. Provide the rule here.**



Created cybr371 directory inside of opt/. Added rule inside of the twpol.txt directory to generate an alert if something has changed inside of the directory. From here, update the policy information file. We then update the tripwire database:



From here we want to add a modification to the /opt/cybr371 directory. We do this by creating a file ('testingnewpol'). From here we want to check if it has been identified by the IDS that we created a modification(file) inside of the opt/cybr371 directory.



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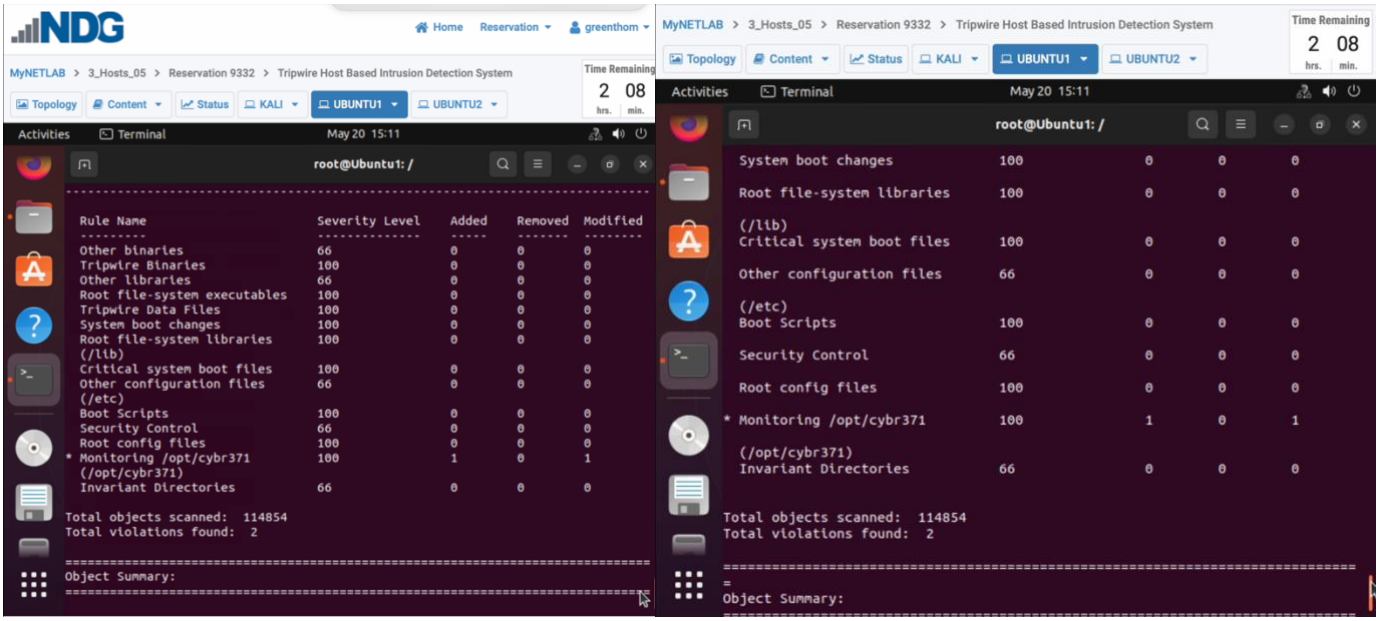
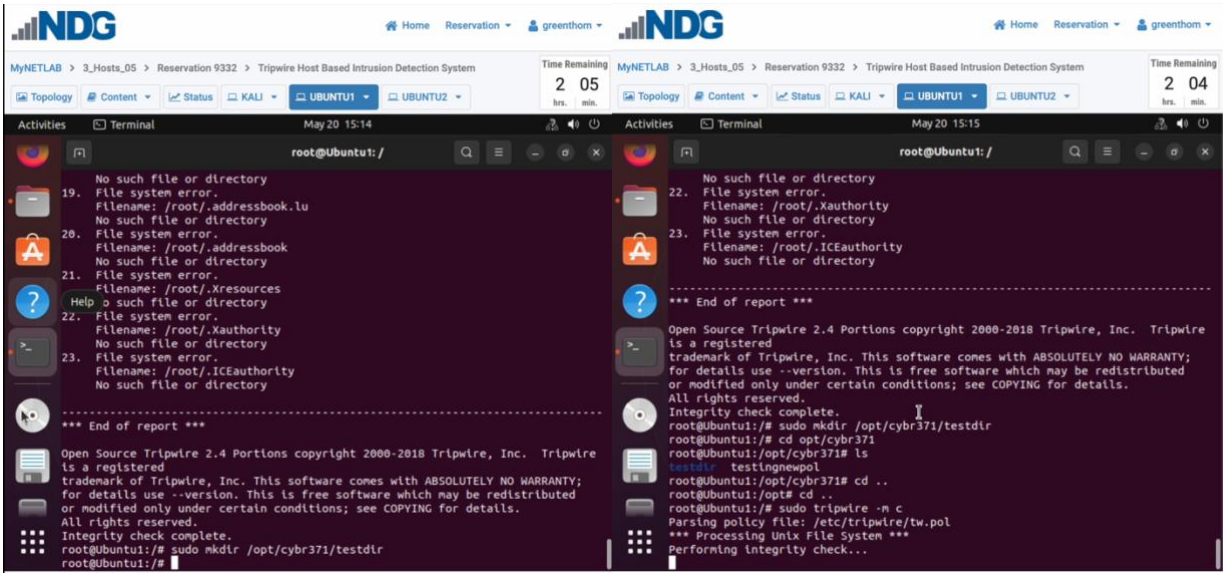


b. Violate the integrity of the directory by creating a sub-directory inside it. Did tripwire produce an alert? If so, provide the report here. If not, explain why it was not generated.

To test if the rule change that we added to the policy was effective against the creation of a sub-directory, we want to create a directory inside of opt/cybr371. From here we want to check if it has been identified by the IDS that we created a modification(directory) inside of the opt/cybr371 directory.



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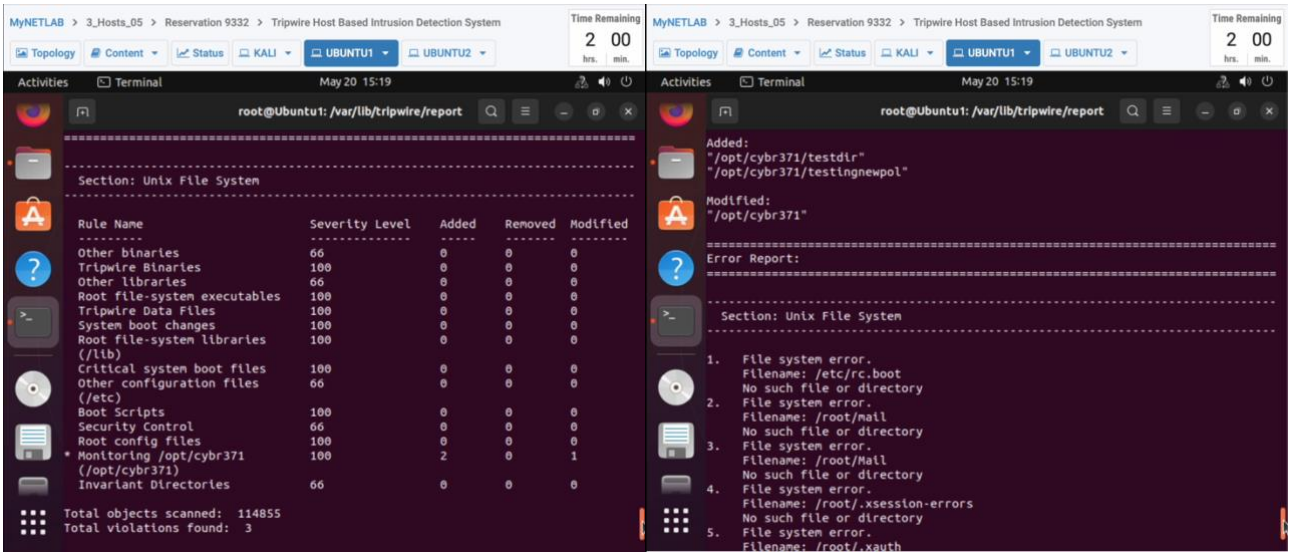
changes of adding a sub-directory inside of /opt/cybr371. It specifies the added files also. We can see that added is at 2 meaning the file created before in a. as well as the directory. Also signifies the latest modifications (directory).



6. **Can tripwire be used to create alerts when a file or directory is only accessed (is read) but not modified? If the answer is affirmative, provide an example rule, if the answer is negative, discuss an alternative.**

Tripwire is used to detect changes in file systems based on attributes like file content, permissions, timestamps, and other properties that indicate modifications. It does not monitor or log simple read accesses (not modifying contents) to files or directories because this kind of monitoring does not alter any attributes that Tripwire checks.

Tripwire uses cryptographic hashes to check the integrity of files and directories. When a file or directory is only read and not modified, its hash remains unchanged. Therefore, Tripwire does not generate alerts for read-only accesses since its primary function is to detect modifications that could signify unauthorized changes, corruption, or other security threats.

An alternative solution is using kernels such as SELinux (Security-Enhanced Linux), which is a Linux kernel security module that provides mandatory access controls and other access control security policies to directories. It provides mandatory access control architecture to its subsystems which enforces the separation of information within the system based on confidentiality and integrity requirements. Provides alert system (SELinux access control errors section) which is provided in a table -> provides access control errors.