

Python Web Application Firewall for HTTP Request Smuggling Detection

Below is a full, single-file Python implementation of a Web Application Firewall (WAF) designed to detect and optionally block HTTP Request Smuggling (HRS) attacks. This WAF acts as a reverse proxy, supports modular rule-based detection, preserves original requests, and is suitable for research and test environments. It uses `asyncio` and `httptools` for efficient asynchronous networking and HTTP parsing, and provides CLI/config-file runtime controls.

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#!/usr/bin/env python3
import asyncio
import argparse
import logging
import sys
import re
from datetime import datetime
from httptools import HttpRequestParser

# ----- CONFIGURATION -----

DEFAULT_LISTEN_PORT = 7070
DEFAULT_BACKEND_HOST = '127.0.0.1'
DEFAULT_BACKEND_PORT = 8080

# ----- LOGGING SETUP -----

logger = logging.getLogger("pywaf")
logger.setLevel(logging.INFO)
ch = logging.StreamHandler()
formatter = logging.Formatter('%(asctime)s %(levelname)s %(message)s')
ch.setFormatter(formatter)
logger.addHandler(ch)

# ----- RULE ENGINE -----

class DetectionRule:
    def __init__(self, name, pattern, description, block_on_detect=True):
        self.name = name
        self.pattern = pattern
        self.description = description
        self.block_on_detect = block_on_detect

    def match(self, headers, raw_request):
        return self.pattern(headers, raw_request)

def rule_cl_te(headers, raw_request):
    # Both Content-Length and Transfer-Encoding present
    return 'content-length' in headers and 'transfer-encoding' in headers

def rule_te_cl(headers, raw_request):
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    # Both Transfer-Encoding and Content-Length present (same as above but for clarity)
    return 'transfer-encoding' in headers and 'content-length' in headers

def rule_cl_cl(headers, raw_request):
    # Duplicate Content-Length headers
    return len([k for k in headers_raw_list(raw_request) if k.lower() == 'content-length'])

def rule_te_te(headers, raw_request):
    # Duplicate Transfer-Encoding headers
    return len([k for k in headers_raw_list(raw_request) if k.lower() == 'transfer-encoding'])

def rule_obfuscated_headers(headers, raw_request):
    # Obfuscated headers: extra spaces, tabs, line folding, non-printable, null bytes
    obf_pattern = re.compile(rb'^(?:[^\r\n:]+)[ \t]+:', re.MULTILINE)
    null_bytes = b'\x00' in raw_request
    folding = re.search(rb'\r\n[ \t]+', raw_request)
    return bool(obf_pattern.search(raw_request) or null_bytes or folding)

def headers_raw_list(raw_request):
    # Extracts raw header names from the raw request bytes
    headers = []
    lines = raw_request.split(b'\r\n')
    for line in lines[1:]:
        if not line or b':' not in line:
            break
        header = line.split(b':', 1)[^1_0].decode('latin1', errors='replace')
        headers.append(header)
    return headers

DETECTION_RULES = [
    DetectionRule("CL-TE", rule_cl_te, "Both Content-Length and Transfer-Encoding headers"),
    DetectionRule("TE-CL", rule_te_cl, "Both Transfer-Encoding and Content-Length headers"),
    DetectionRule("CL-CL", rule_cl_cl, "Duplicate Content-Length headers"),
    DetectionRule("TE-TE", rule_te_te, "Duplicate Transfer-Encoding headers"),
    DetectionRule("Obfuscated-Headers", rule_obfuscated_headers, "Obfuscated or malformed headers")
]

# ----- CONFIGURATION HANDLING -----

class WAFConfig:
    def __init__(self, args):
        self.listen_port = args.listen_port
        self.backend_host = args.backend_host
        self.backend_port = args.backend_port
        self.log_all = args.log_all
        self.block = args.block
        self.rules = DETECTION_RULES

# ----- HTTP PARSING -----

class HTTPRequest:
    def __init__(self):
        self.method = None
        self.url = None
        self.headers = {}
        self.body = b''

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        self.complete = False
        self.raw = b''

    def on_url(self, url):
        self.url = url

    def on_header(self, name, value):
        self.headers[name.lower()] = value

    def on_headers_complete(self):
        pass

    def on_body(self, body):
        self.body += body

    def on_message_complete(self):
        self.complete = True

def parse_http_request(data):
    req = HTTPRequest()
    parser = HttpRequestParser(req)
    try:
        parser.feed_data(data)
    except Exception as e:
        logger.warning(f"Failed to parse HTTP request: {e}")
    return req

def extract_headers(raw_request):
    # Returns dict of headers from raw request bytes
    headers = {}
    lines = raw_request.split(b'\r\n')
    for line in lines[1:]:
        if not line or b':' not in line:
            break
        k, v = line.split(b':', 1)
        headers[k.strip().lower().decode('latin1')] = v.strip().decode('latin1', errors='
    return headers

# ----- DETECTION ENGINE -----

def detect_attack(headers, raw_request, rules):
    detected = []
    for rule in rules:
        if rule.match(headers, raw_request):
            detected.append(rule)
    return detected

# ----- PROXY LOGIC -----

class WAFProxy(asyncio.Protocol):
    def __init__(self, config):
        self.config = config
        self.transport = None
        self.peername = None
        self.buffer = b''
        self.headers = {}

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        self.request_detected = False

def connection_made(self, transport):
    self.transport = transport
    self.peername = transport.get_extra_info('peername')

def data_received(self, data):
    self.buffer += data
    # Try to parse a complete HTTP request
    if b'\r\n\r\n' not in self.buffer:
        return # Wait for more data

    # Parse headers and body
    headers = extract_headers(self.buffer)
    req_obj = parse_http_request(self.buffer)
    detected_rules = detect_attack(headers, self.buffer, self.config.rules)
    attack_detected = len(detected_rules) > 0

    # Logging
    now = datetime.now().strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')
    src_ip = self.peername[1] if self.peername else 'unknown'
    status = "SUSPICIOUS" if attack_detected else "BENIGN"
    logger.info(f"[{now}] {src_ip} {status} Request: {req_obj.method} {req_obj.url}")

    if self.config.log_all or attack_detected:
        logger.info(f"Headers: {headers}")
        if attack_detected:
            logger.warning(f"Attack Detected: {[r.name for r in detected_rules]}")

    # Terminal printout
    print(f"\n[{now}] {src_ip} {status} - {req_obj.method} {req_obj.url}")
    if attack_detected:
        print(f" >> Detected: {[r.name for r in detected_rules]}")

    # Block or forward
    if attack_detected and self.config.block:
        self.transport.write(b"HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden\r\nContent-Length: 0\r\n\r\n")
        self.transport.close()
        return

    # Forward to backend
    asyncio.create_task(self.forward_to_backend(self.buffer))

async def forward_to_backend(self, request_data):
    try:
        reader, writer = await asyncio.open_connection(
            self.config.backend_host, self.config.backend_port
        )
        writer.write(request_data)
        await writer.drain()
        response = await reader.read(65536)
        self.transport.write(response)
        self.transport.close()
        writer.close()
        await writer.wait_closed()
    except Exception as e:

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        logger.error(f"Error forwarding to backend: {e}")
        self.transport.close()

# ----- MAIN -----

def parse_args():
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Async Python WAF for HTTP Request Smuggler")
    parser.add_argument('--listen-port', type=int, default=DEFAULT_LISTEN_PORT, help='Port to listen on')
    parser.add_argument('--backend-host', type=str, default=DEFAULT_BACKEND_HOST, help='Backend host')
    parser.add_argument('--backend-port', type=int, default=DEFAULT_BACKEND_PORT, help='Backend port')
    parser.add_argument('--log-all', action='store_true', help='Log all requests, not just attacks')
    parser.add_argument('--block', action='store_true', help='Block detected attacks (other than 403)')
    return parser.parse_args()

def main():
    args = parse_args()
    config = WAFConfig(args)
    loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()
    server_coro = loop.create_server(lambda: WAFProxy(config), '0.0.0.0', config.listen_port)
    server = loop.run_until_complete(server_coro)
    logger.info(f"WAF listening on 0.0.0.0:{config.listen_port}, forwarding to {config.backend_host}:{config.backend_port}")
    try:
        loop.run_forever()
    except KeyboardInterrupt:
        logger.info("WAF shutting down...")
    finally:
        server.close()
        loop.run_until_complete(server.wait_closed())
        loop.close()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

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Features

- **Reverse Proxy:** Listens on a configurable port, forwards to backend, preserves original headers/body.
- **Detection Engine:** Modular, rule-based detection for CL-TE, TE-CL, CL-CL, TE-TE, and header obfuscation^[1].
- **Runtime Options:** CLI flags for logging, blocking, ports, backend.
- **Logging:** Timestamp, source IP, request status, headers, and attack details.
- **Extensible:** Add/remove/update rules in the DETECTION_RULES list.
- **Async:** High-performance, asyncio-based, suitable for research/test environments.
- **Well-Commented:** Code is organized and annotated for clarity.

Usage Example

```
python waf.py --listen-port 7070 --backend-host 127.0.0.1 --backend-port 8080 --log-all -
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- To only log attacks and not block: omit `--block`.
- To log all requests: add `--log-all`.
- Change backend/listen ports as needed.

This WAF is suitable for research and testing in environments focused on HTTP Request Smuggling and header obfuscation^{[2] [3]}. For more advanced detection or production use, further enhancements (such as full HTTP/1.1 pipelining support, config file parsing, or integration with security event systems) can be added as needed.

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The above code outputs to only terminal. output to a log file also.

give full working modified python code.

Below is the **full, working, single-file Python code** for your asyncio/h11/httptools-based WAF, now updated to log to both the terminal and a log file (`waf.log`) simultaneously. The logging setup uses two handlers: one for the console, one for the file, both with timestamps and clear formatting. This approach is robust and follows Python logging best practices^{[4] [5] [6]}.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import asyncio
import argparse
import logging
import sys
import re
from datetime import datetime
from httptools import HttpRequestParser

# ----- LOGGING SETUP -----

def setup_logging(logfile='waf.log'):
    logger = logging.getLogger("pywaf")
    logger.setLevel(logging.INFO)

    # Console handler
    ch = logging.StreamHandler(sys.stdout)
    ch.setLevel(logging.INFO)
    formatter = logging.Formatter('%(asctime)s %(levelname)s %(message)s')
    ch.setFormatter(formatter)

    # File handler
    fh = logging.FileHandler(logfile, encoding='utf-8')
    fh.setLevel(logging.INFO)
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fh.setFormatter(formatter)

# Add handlers if not already present
if not logger.handlers:
    logger.addHandler(ch)
    logger.addHandler(fh)
else:
    # Avoid duplicate handlers if re-initialized
    logger.handlers.clear()
    logger.addHandler(ch)
    logger.addHandler(fh)

return logger

logger = setup_logging()

# ----- CONFIGURATION -----

DEFAULT_LISTEN_PORT = 7070
DEFAULT_BACKEND_HOST = '127.0.0.1'
DEFAULT_BACKEND_PORT = 8080

# ----- RULE ENGINE -----

class DetectionRule:
    def __init__(self, name, pattern, description, block_on_detect=True):
        self.name = name
        self.pattern = pattern
        self.description = description
        self.block_on_detect = block_on_detect

    def match(self, headers, raw_request):
        return self.pattern(headers, raw_request)

def rule_cl_te(headers, raw_request):
    return 'content-length' in headers and 'transfer-encoding' in headers

def rule_te_cl(headers, raw_request):
    return 'transfer-encoding' in headers and 'content-length' in headers

def rule_cl_cl(headers, raw_request):
    return len([k for k in headers_raw_list(raw_request) if k.lower() == 'content-length'])

def rule_te_te(headers, raw_request):
    return len([k for k in headers_raw_list(raw_request) if k.lower() == 'transfer-encoding'])

def rule_obfuscated_headers(headers, raw_request):
    obf_pattern = re.compile(rb'^(?:[^\r\n:]+) [ \t]+:', re.MULTILINE)
    null_bytes = b'\x00' in raw_request
    folding = re.search(rb'\r\n[ \t]+', raw_request)
    return bool(obf_pattern.search(raw_request) or null_bytes or folding)

def headers_raw_list(raw_request):
    headers = []
    lines = raw_request.split(b'\r\n')
    for line in lines[1:]:

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        if not line or b':' not in line:
            break
        header = line.split(b':', 1)[^2_0].decode('latin1', errors='replace')
        headers.append(header)
    return headers

DETECTION_RULES = [
    DetectionRule("CL-TE", rule_cl_te, "Both Content-Length and Transfer-Encoding headers",
    DetectionRule("TE-CL", rule_te_cl, "Both Transfer-Encoding and Content-Length headers",
    DetectionRule("CL-CL", rule_cl_cl, "Duplicate Content-Length headers"),
    DetectionRule("TE-TE", rule_te_te, "Duplicate Transfer-Encoding headers"),
    DetectionRule("Obfuscated-Headers", rule_obfuscated_headers, "Obfuscated or malformed
]

# ----- CONFIGURATION HANDLING -----

class WAFConfig:
    def __init__(self, args):
        self.listen_port = args.listen_port
        self.backend_host = args.backend_host
        self.backend_port = args.backend_port
        self.log_all = args.log_all
        self.block = args.block
        self.rules = DETECTION_RULES

# ----- HTTP PARSING -----

class HTTPRequest:
    def __init__(self):
        self.method = None
        self.url = None
        self.headers = {}
        self.body = b''
        self.complete = False
        self.raw = b''

    def on_url(self, url):
        self.url = url

    def on_header(self, name, value):
        self.headers[name.lower()] = value

    def on_headers_complete(self):
        pass

    def on_body(self, body):
        self.body += body

    def on_message_complete(self):
        self.complete = True

def parse_http_request(data):
    req = HTTPRequest()
    parser = HttpRequestParser(req)
    try:
        parser.feed_data(data)

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except Exception as e:
    logger.warning(f"Failed to parse HTTP request: {e}")
return req

def extract_headers(raw_request):
    headers = {}
    lines = raw_request.split(b'\r\n')
    for line in lines[1:]:
        if not line or b':' not in line:
            break
        k, v = line.split(b':', 1)
        headers[k.strip().lower().decode('latin1')] = v.strip().decode('latin1', errors='
return headers

# ----- DETECTION ENGINE -----

def detect_attack(headers, raw_request, rules):
    detected = []
    for rule in rules:
        if rule.match(headers, raw_request):
            detected.append(rule)
    return detected

# ----- PROXY LOGIC -----

class WAFProxy(asyncio.Protocol):
    def __init__(self, config):
        self.config = config
        self.transport = None
        self.peername = None
        self.buffer = b''
        self.headers = {}
        self.request_detected = False

    def connection_made(self, transport):
        self.transport = transport
        self.peername = transport.get_extra_info('peername')

    def data_received(self, data):
        self.buffer += data
        if b'\r\n\r\n' not in self.buffer:
            return

        headers = extract_headers(self.buffer)
        req_obj = parse_http_request(self.buffer)
        detected_rules = detect_attack(headers, self.buffer, self.config.rules)
        attack_detected = len(detected_rules) > 0

        now = datetime.now().strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')
        src_ip = self.peername[^2_0] if self.peername else 'unknown'
        status = "SUSPICIOUS" if attack_detected else "BENIGN"
        logger.info(f"[{now}] {src_ip} {status} Request: {req_obj.method} {req_obj.url}")

    if self.config.log_all or attack_detected:
        logger.info(f"Headers: {headers}")
        if attack_detected:

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        logger.warning(f"Attack Detected: {[r.name for r in detected_rules]}")

    print(f"\n[{now}] {src_ip} {status} - {req_obj.method} {req_obj.url}")
    if attack_detected:
        print(f" >> Detected: {[r.name for r in detected_rules]}")

    if attack_detected and self.config.block:
        self.transport.write(b"HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden\r\nContent-Length: 0\r\n\r\n")
        self.transport.close()
        return

    asyncio.create_task(self.forward_to_backend(self.buffer))

    async def forward_to_backend(self, request_data):
        try:
            reader, writer = await asyncio.open_connection(
                self.config.backend_host, self.config.backend_port
            )
            writer.write(request_data)
            await writer.drain()
            response = await reader.read(65536)
            self.transport.write(response)
            self.transport.close()
            writer.close()
            await writer.wait_closed()
        except Exception as e:
            logger.error(f"Error forwarding to backend: {e}")
            self.transport.close()

# ----- MAIN -----

def parse_args():
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Async Python WAF for HTTP Request Smuggling")
    parser.add_argument('--listen-port', type=int, default=DEFAULT_LISTEN_PORT, help='Port to listen on')
    parser.add_argument('--backend-host', type=str, default=DEFAULT_BACKEND_HOST, help='Backend host')
    parser.add_argument('--backend-port', type=int, default=DEFAULT_BACKEND_PORT, help='Backend port')
    parser.add_argument('--log-all', action='store_true', help='Log all requests, not just attacks')
    parser.add_argument('--block', action='store_true', help='Block detected attacks (otherwise log and forward)')
    return parser.parse_args()

def main():
    args = parse_args()
    config = WAFConfig(args)
    loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()
    server_coro = loop.create_server(lambda: WAFProxy(config), '0.0.0.0', config.listen_port)
    server = loop.run_until_complete(server_coro)
    logger.info(f"WAF listening on 0.0.0.0:{config.listen_port}, forwarding to {config.backend_host}:{config.backend_port}")
    try:
        loop.run_forever()
    except KeyboardInterrupt:
        logger.info("WAF shutting down...")
    finally:
        server.close()
        loop.run_until_complete(server.wait_closed())
        loop.close()

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```
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    main()
```

How it works:

- Logs are written to both the terminal and `waf.log` in the current directory, with the same detail and format [\[4\]](#) [\[5\]](#) [\[6\]](#).
- No duplicate log entries will occur due to handler checks.
- You can change the log file name in `setup_logging()` if desired.

This approach ensures you have a persistent log for research and compliance, while still seeing real-time output in your terminal.



2025-06-18 19:58:50,996 INFO WAF listening on 0.0.0.0:7070, forwarding to 127.0.0.1:8080

2025-06-18 19:58:56,001 INFO WAF shutting down...

2025-06-18 19:59:36,759 INFO WAF listening on 0.0.0.0:7070, forwarding to 127.0.0.1:7071

2025-06-18 19:59:45,018 INFO [2025-06-18 19:59:45] 127.0.0.1 BENIGN Request: None b'/'

2025-06-18 19:59:47,415 INFO [2025-06-18 19:59:47] 127.0.0.1 BENIGN Request: None b'/'

2025-06-18 19:59:51,070

WARNING Failed to parse HTTP request: Transfer-Encoding can't be present with Content-Length

2025-06-18 19:59:51,072 INFO [2025-06-18 19:59:51] 127.0.0.1 SUSPICIOUS Request: None b'/'

2025-06-18 19:59:51,072 INFO Headers: {'host': 'localhost:7070', 'content-type': 'application/x-www-form-urlencoded', 'content-length': '19', 'transfer-encoding': 'chunked'}

2025-06-18 19:59:51,074 WARNING Attack Detected: ['CL-TE', 'TE-CL']

2025-06-18 19:59:58,130 WARNING Failed to parse HTTP request: Transfer-Encoding can't be present with Content-Length

2025-06-18 19:59:58,131 INFO [2025-06-18 19:59:58] 127.0.0.1 SUSPICIOUS Request: None b'/'

2025-06-18 19:59:58,131 INFO Headers: {'host': 'localhost:7070', 'content-type': 'application/x-www-form-urlencoded', 'content-length': '19', 'transfer-encoding': 'chunked'}

2025-06-18 19:59:58,131 WARNING Attack Detected: ['CL-TE', 'TE-CL']

2025-06-18 20:00:02,254 WARNING Failed to parse HTTP request: Transfer-Encoding can't be present with Content-Length

2025-06-18 20:00:02,254 INFO [2025-06-18 20:00:02] 127.0.0.1 SUSPICIOUS Request: None b'/'

2025-06-18 20:00:02,255 INFO Headers: {'host': '192.168.100.2:7070', 'content-type': 'application/x-www-form-urlencoded', 'content-length': '175', 'transfer-encoding': 'chunked'}

2025-06-18 20:00:02,255 WARNING Attack Detected: ['CL-TE', 'TE-CL']

this is the format of logs appearing and printing in terminal. this is not understandable. for a single request , 3 same timestamp and 3 different log entry is stored.

for a single request give 1 timestamp ,below it the detection status,then body of request.

To make your logs **clear and consolidated**—with a single timestamp per request, detection status, and the full request body—you should build the entire log message as one string, then log it once per request, instead of logging headers, status, and detection separately. This approach is a best practice for log clarity and post-analysis^{[7] [8]}.

Below is a **full, improved Python code**.

Key changes:

- All information for a request (timestamp, detection status, headers, body, detection result) is combined into a single formatted log entry.
- Only one log entry per request is made, both to terminal and file.
- The log format is easy to read and parse for security research.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import asyncio
import argparse
import logging
import sys
import re
from datetime import datetime
from httptools import HttpRequestParser

# ----- LOGGING SETUP -----

def setup_logging(logfile='waf.log'):
    logger = logging.getLogger("pywaf")
    logger.setLevel(logging.INFO)

    # Console handler
    ch = logging.StreamHandler(sys.stdout)
    ch.setLevel(logging.INFO)
    formatter = logging.Formatter('%(asctime)s %(levelname)s %(message)s')
    ch.setFormatter(formatter)

    # File handler
    fh = logging.FileHandler(logfile, encoding='utf-8')
    fh.setLevel(logging.INFO)
    fh.setFormatter(formatter)

    # Prevent duplicate handlers
    if not logger.handlers:
        logger.addHandler(ch)
        logger.addHandler(fh)
    else:
        logger.handlers.clear()
        logger.addHandler(ch)
        logger.addHandler(fh)

    return logger

logger = setup_logging()
```

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# ----- CONFIGURATION -----

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DEFAULT_BACKEND_PORT = 8080

# ----- RULE ENGINE -----

class DetectionRule:
    def __init__(self, name, pattern, description, block_on_detect=True):
        self.name = name
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        self.block_on_detect = block_on_detect

    def match(self, headers, raw_request):
        return self.pattern(headers, raw_request)

def rule_cl_te(headers, raw_request):
    return 'content-length' in headers and 'transfer-encoding' in headers

def rule_te_cl(headers, raw_request):
    return 'transfer-encoding' in headers and 'content-length' in headers

def rule_cl_cl(headers, raw_request):
    return len([k for k in headers_raw_list(raw_request) if k.lower() == 'content-length']) > 1

def rule_te_te(headers, raw_request):
    return len([k for k in headers_raw_list(raw_request) if k.lower() == 'transfer-encoding']) > 1

def rule_obfuscated_headers(headers, raw_request):
    obf_pattern = re.compile(rb'^(?:[^\r\n:]+) [ \t]+:', re.MULTILINE)
    null_bytes = b'\x00' in raw_request
    folding = re.search(rb'\r\n[ \t]+', raw_request)
    return bool(obf_pattern.search(raw_request) or null_bytes or folding)

def headers_raw_list(raw_request):
    headers = []
    lines = raw_request.split(b'\r\n')
    for line in lines[1:]:
        if not line or b':' not in line:
            break
        header = line.split(b':', 1)[^3_0].decode('latin1', errors='replace')
        headers.append(header)
    return headers

DETECTION_RULES = [
    DetectionRule("CL-TE", rule_cl_te, "Both Content-Length and Transfer-Encoding headers", True),
    DetectionRule("TE-CL", rule_te_cl, "Both Transfer-Encoding and Content-Length headers", True),
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# ----- CONFIGURATION HANDLING -----

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class WAFConfig:
    def __init__(self, args):
        self.listen_port = args.listen_port
        self.backend_host = args.backend_host
        self.backend_port = args.backend_port
        self.log_all = args.log_all
        self.block = args.block
        self.rules = DETECTION_RULES

# ----- HTTP PARSING -----

class HTTPRequest:
    def __init__(self):
        self.method = None
        self.url = None
        self.headers = {}
        self.body = b''
        self.complete = False
        self.raw = b''

    def on_url(self, url):
        self.url = url

    def on_header(self, name, value):
        self.headers[name.lower()] = value

    def on_headers_complete(self):
        pass

    def on_body(self, body):
        self.body += body

    def on_message_complete(self):
        self.complete = True

def parse_http_request(data):
    req = HTTPRequest()
    parser = HttpRequestParser(req)
    try:
        parser.feed_data(data)
    except Exception as e:
        req.parse_error = str(e)
    return req

def extract_headers(raw_request):
    headers = {}
    lines = raw_request.split(b'\r\n')
    for line in lines[1:]:
        if not line or b':' not in line:
            break
        k, v = line.split(b':', 1)
        headers[k.strip().lower().decode('latin1')] = v.strip().decode('latin1', errors='
return headers

# ----- DETECTION ENGINE -----

```

```

def detect_attack(headers, raw_request, rules):
    detected = []
    for rule in rules:
        if rule.match(headers, raw_request):
            detected.append(rule)
    return detected

# ----- PROXY LOGIC -----

class WAFProxy(asyncio.Protocol):
    def __init__(self, config):
        self.config = config
        self.transport = None
        self.peername = None
        self.buffer = b''

    def connection_made(self, transport):
        self.transport = transport
        self.peername = transport.get_extra_info('peername')

    def data_received(self, data):
        self.buffer += data
        if b'\r\n\r\n' not in self.buffer:
            return

        headers = extract_headers(self.buffer)
        req_obj = parse_http_request(self.buffer)
        detected_rules = detect_attack(headers, self.buffer, self.config.rules)
        attack_detected = len(detected_rules) > 0

        now = datetime.now().strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')
        src_ip = self.peername[0] if self.peername else 'unknown'
        status = "SUSPICIOUS" if attack_detected else "BENIGN"
        detected_names = [r.name for r in detected_rules] if detected_rules else []

        # Prepare request body for logging (limit for huge bodies)
        body_bytes = req_obj.body if hasattr(req_obj, 'body') else b''
        if not body_bytes:
            # Try to extract body manually if parser failed
            try:
                split = self.buffer.split(b'\r\n\r\n', 1)
                if len(split) == 2:
                    body_bytes = split[1]
            except Exception:
                body_bytes = b''
        body_str = body_bytes.decode('utf-8', errors='replace')
        if len(body_str) > 2048:
            body_str = body_str[:2048] + "\n[...truncated...]"

        # Consolidated log entry
        log_entry = (
            f"\n=== HTTP REQUEST @ {now} ===\n"
            f"Source IP: {src_ip}\n"
            f"Detection Status: {status}\n"
            f"Detected Rules: {detected_names if detected_names else 'None'}\n"

```

```

        f"Request Line: {req_obj.method} {req_obj.url}\n"
        f"Headers:\n"
    )
    for k, v in headers.items():
        log_entry += f" {k}: {v}\n"
    log_entry += f"Body:\n{body_str}\n"
    log_entry += "=== END REQUEST ===\n"

    # Log once per request
    logger.info(log_entry)

    # Terminal printout (optional, can be removed if only logger is desired)
    print(log_entry)

    # Block or forward
    if attack_detected and self.config.block:
        self.transport.write(b"HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden\r\nContent-Length: 0\r\n\r\n")
        self.transport.close()
        return

    asyncio.create_task(self.forward_to_backend(self.buffer))

async def forward_to_backend(self, request_data):
    try:
        reader, writer = await asyncio.open_connection(
            self.config.backend_host, self.config.backend_port
        )
        writer.write(request_data)
        await writer.drain()
        response = await reader.read(65536)
        self.transport.write(response)
        self.transport.close()
        writer.close()
        await writer.wait_closed()
    except Exception as e:
        logger.error(f"Error forwarding to backend: {e}")
        self.transport.close()

# ----- MAIN -----

def parse_args():
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Async Python WAF for HTTP Request Smuggling")
    parser.add_argument('--listen-port', type=int, default=DEFAULT_LISTEN_PORT, help='Port to listen on')
    parser.add_argument('--backend-host', type=str, default=DEFAULT_BACKEND_HOST, help='Backend host')
    parser.add_argument('--backend-port', type=int, default=DEFAULT_BACKEND_PORT, help='Backend port')
    parser.add_argument('--log-all', action='store_true', help='Log all requests, not just attacks')
    parser.add_argument('--block', action='store_true', help='Block detected attacks (otherwise forward)')
    return parser.parse_args()

def main():
    args = parse_args()
    config = WAFConfig(args)
    loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()
    server_coro = loop.create_server(lambda: WAFProxy(config), '0.0.0.0', config.listen_port)
    server = loop.run_until_complete(server_coro)
    logger.info(f"WAF listening on 0.0.0.0:{config.listen_port}, forwarding to {config.backend_host}:{config.backend_port}")

```



```

try:
    loop.run_forever()
except KeyboardInterrupt:
    logger.info("WAF shutting down...")
finally:
    server.close()
    loop.run_until_complete(server.wait_closed())
    loop.close()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

```

Now, for each HTTP request, you get a single, consolidated log entry with one timestamp, detection status, detected rules, headers, and body—making analysis and research much easier^{[7] [8]}.

**

now i need the response of the request to also include "HTTP Request Smuggling Attack Detected" with the attack parameters also mentioned in reply, if attack requested and if '--block' is enabled.

To meet your requirements:

- **If an attack is detected and --block is enabled**, the WAF should respond with a message like:
"HTTP Request Smuggling Attack Detected"
and include the detected attack parameters (e.g., which rules were triggered).

Below is the **full, updated Python code**.

Key changes:

- When blocking, the response body contains a clear message and the detected attack rule names.
- The Content-Length is set correctly for the response.
- The rest of the logic and logging remains as previously structured.

```

#!/usr/bin/env python3
import asyncio
import argparse
import logging
import sys
import re
from datetime import datetime
from httptools import HttpRequestParser

```

```

def setup_logging(logfile='waf.log'):
    logger = logging.getLogger("pywaf")
    logger.setLevel(logging.INFO)
    ch = logging.StreamHandler(sys.stdout)
    ch.setLevel(logging.INFO)
    formatter = logging.Formatter('%(asctime)s %(levelname)s %(message)s')
    ch.setFormatter(formatter)
    fh = logging.FileHandler(logfile, encoding='utf-8')
    fh.setLevel(logging.INFO)
    fh.setFormatter(formatter)
    if not logger.handlers:
        logger.addHandler(ch)
        logger.addHandler(fh)
    else:
        logger.handlers.clear()
        logger.addHandler(ch)
        logger.addHandler(fh)
    return logger

logger = setup_logging()

DEFAULT_LISTEN_PORT = 7070
DEFAULT_BACKEND_HOST = '127.0.0.1'
DEFAULT_BACKEND_PORT = 8080

class DetectionRule:
    def __init__(self, name, pattern, description, block_on_detect=True):
        self.name = name
        self.pattern = pattern
        self.description = description
        self.block_on_detect = block_on_detect

    def match(self, headers, raw_request):
        return self.pattern(headers, raw_request)

def rule_cl_te(headers, raw_request):
    return 'content-length' in headers and 'transfer-encoding' in headers

def rule_te_cl(headers, raw_request):
    return 'transfer-encoding' in headers and 'content-length' in headers

def rule_cl_cl(headers, raw_request):
    return len([k for k in headers_raw_list(raw_request) if k.lower() == 'content-length'])

def rule_te_te(headers, raw_request):
    return len([k for k in headers_raw_list(raw_request) if k.lower() == 'transfer-encoding'])

def rule_obfuscated_headers(headers, raw_request):
    obf_pattern = re.compile(rb'^(?:[^\r\n:]+) [ \t]+:', re.MULTILINE)
    null_bytes = b'\x00' in raw_request
    folding = re.search(rb'\r\n[ \t]+', raw_request)
    return bool(obf_pattern.search(raw_request) or null_bytes or folding)

def headers_raw_list(raw_request):
    headers = []
    lines = raw_request.split(b'\r\n')

```

```

for line in lines[1:]:
    if not line or b':' not in line:
        break
    header = line.split(b':', 1)[0].decode('latin1', errors='replace')
    headers.append(header)
return headers

DETECTION_RULES = [
    DetectionRule("CL-TE", rule_cl_te, "Both Content-Length and Transfer-Encoding headers"),
    DetectionRule("TE-CL", rule_te_cl, "Both Transfer-Encoding and Content-Length headers"),
    DetectionRule("CL-CL", rule_cl_cl, "Duplicate Content-Length headers"),
    DetectionRule("TE-TE", rule_te_te, "Duplicate Transfer-Encoding headers"),
    DetectionRule("Obfuscated-Headers", rule_obfuscated_headers, "Obfuscated or malformed")
]

class WAFConfig:
    def __init__(self, args):
        self.listen_port = args.listen_port
        self.backend_host = args.backend_host
        self.backend_port = args.backend_port
        self.log_all = args.log_all
        self.block = args.block
        self.rules = DETECTION_RULES

class HTTPRequest:
    def __init__(self):
        self.method = None
        self.url = None
        self.headers = {}
        self.body = b''
        self.complete = False
        self.raw = b''

    def on_url(self, url):
        self.url = url

    def on_header(self, name, value):
        self.headers[name.lower()] = value

    def on_headers_complete(self):
        pass

    def on_body(self, body):
        self.body += body

    def on_message_complete(self):
        self.complete = True

def parse_http_request(data):
    req = HTTPRequest()
    parser = HttpRequestParser(req)
    try:
        parser.feed_data(data)
    except Exception as e:
        req.parse_error = str(e)
    return req

```

```

def extract_headers(raw_request):
    headers = {}
    lines = raw_request.split(b'\r\n')
    for line in lines[1:]:
        if not line or b':' not in line:
            break
        k, v = line.split(b':', 1)
        headers[k.strip().lower().decode('latin1')] = v.strip().decode('latin1', errors='
    return headers

def detect_attack(headers, raw_request, rules):
    detected = []
    for rule in rules:
        if rule.match(headers, raw_request):
            detected.append(rule)
    return detected

class WAFProxy(asyncio.Protocol):
    def __init__(self, config):
        self.config = config
        self.transport = None
        self.peername = None
        self.buffer = b''

    def connection_made(self, transport):
        self.transport = transport
        self.peername = transport.get_extra_info('peername')

    def data_received(self, data):
        self.buffer += data
        if b'\r\n\r\n' not in self.buffer:
            return

        headers = extract_headers(self.buffer)
        req_obj = parse_http_request(self.buffer)
        detected_rules = detect_attack(headers, self.buffer, self.config.rules)
        attack_detected = len(detected_rules) > 0

        now = datetime.now().strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')
        src_ip = self.peername[0] if self.peername else 'unknown'
        status = "SUSPICIOUS" if attack_detected else "BENIGN"
        detected_names = [r.name for r in detected_rules] if detected_rules else []

        body_bytes = req_obj.body if hasattr(req_obj, 'body') else b''
        if not body_bytes:
            try:
                split = self.buffer.split(b'\r\n\r\n', 1)
                if len(split) == 2:
                    body_bytes = split[1]
            except Exception:
                body_bytes = b''
        body_str = body_bytes.decode('utf-8', errors='replace')
        if len(body_str) > 2048:
            body_str = body_str[:2048] + "\n[...truncated...]"

```

```

log_entry = (
    f"\n=== HTTP REQUEST @ {now} ===\n"
    f"Source IP: {src_ip}\n"
    f"Detection Status: {status}\n"
    f"Detected Rules: {detected_names if detected_names else 'None'}\n"
    f"Request Line: {req_obj.method} {req_obj.url}\n"
    f"Headers:\n"
)
for k, v in headers.items():
    log_entry += f"    {k}: {v}\n"
log_entry += f"Body:\n{body_str}\n"
log_entry += "\n=== END REQUEST ===\n"

logger.info(log_entry)
print(log_entry)

if attack_detected and self.config.block:
    attack_msg = (
        "HTTP Request Smuggling Attack Detected\n"
        f"Detected Parameters: {' '.join(detected_names) if detected_names else ''}
    )
    resp_body = attack_msg.encode('utf-8')
    response = (
        b"HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden\r\n"
        b"Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8\r\n"
        + f"Content-Length: {len(resp_body)}\r\n".encode('utf-8')
        + b"\r\n"
        + resp_body
    )
    self.transport.write(response)
    self.transport.close()
    return

    asyncio.create_task(self.forward_to_backend(self.buffer))

    async def forward_to_backend(self, request_data):
        try:
            reader, writer = await asyncio.open_connection(
                self.config.backend_host, self.config.backend_port
            )
            writer.write(request_data)
            await writer.drain()
            response = await reader.read(65536)
            self.transport.write(response)
            self.transport.close()
            writer.close()
            await writer.wait_closed()
        except Exception as e:
            logger.error(f"Error forwarding to backend: {e}")
            self.transport.close()

    def parse_args():
        parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Async Python WAF for HTTP Request Smuggling")
        parser.add_argument('--listen-port', type=int, default=DEFAULT_LISTEN_PORT, help='Port to listen on')
        parser.add_argument('--backend-host', type=str, default=DEFAULT_BACKEND_HOST, help='Backend host')
        parser.add_argument('--backend-port', type=int, default=DEFAULT_BACKEND_PORT, help='Backend port')

```

```

        parser.add_argument('--log-all', action='store_true', help='Log all requests, not just attacks')
        parser.add_argument('--block', action='store_true', help='Block detected attacks (other than 403 Forbidden)')
        return parser.parse_args()

def main():
    args = parse_args()
    config = WAFConfig(args)
    loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()
    server_coro = loop.create_server(lambda: WAFProxy(config), '0.0.0.0', config.listen_port)
    server = loop.run_until_complete(server_coro)
    logger.info(f"WAF listening on 0.0.0.0:{config.listen_port}, forwarding to {config.backend}")
    try:
        loop.run_forever()
    except KeyboardInterrupt:
        logger.info("WAF shutting down...")
    finally:
        server.close()
        loop.run_until_complete(server.wait_closed())
        loop.close()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

```

Now, if an attack is detected and `--block` is enabled, the client receives:

```

HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: <len>

HTTP Request Smuggling Attack Detected
Detected Parameters: CL-TE, TE-CL

```

This meets your requirement for clarity and research usability.

now this is the log format:

```

2025-06-18 22:02:31,394 INFO WAF listening on 0.0.0.0:7070, forwarding to 127.0.0.1:7071
2025-06-18 22:02:34,647 INFO
=== HTTP REQUEST @ 2025-06-18 22:02:34 ===
Source IP: 127.0.0.1
Detection Status: BENIGN
Detected Rules: None
Request Line: None b'/'
Headers:
host: localhost:7070
content-type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
content-length: 11
Body:
hello world
=== END REQUEST ===

```

here on top add a line with HTTP Status code also , like status 200 , or 400 or similar according to request and a description like HTTP Request Smuggling DETECTED, or Normal Request , and reason. if HRS detected.

modify the code and tell me where you have modified and how to do it

To add an HTTP status code and a description line at the top of each log entry—such as HTTP Status: 400 - HTTP Request Smuggling DETECTED or HTTP Status: 200 - Normal Request—you should modify the section of your code where the `log_entry` string is constructed, just before logging and printing it.

How to Modify

1. Determine HTTP Status Code and Description

Inside your `data_received` method in the `WAFProxy` class, after you've determined if an attack is detected (`attack_detected`) and before building the `log_entry`, add logic like this:

```
if attack_detected:
    http_status_code = 400
    description = "HTTP Request Smuggling DETECTED"
    reason = f"Detected Parameters: {' '.join(detected_names)}"
else:
    http_status_code = 200
    description = "Normal Request"
    reason = "None"
```

2. Update Log Entry Construction

Then, when you build the `log_entry` string, add these new fields at the top, right after the timestamp line:

```
log_entry = (
    f"\n=== HTTP REQUEST @ {now} ===\n"
    f"HTTP Status: {http_status_code} - {description}\n"
    f"Reason: {reason}\n"
    f"Source IP: {src_ip}\n"
    f"Detection Status: {status}\n"
    f"Detected Rules: {detected_names if detected_names else 'None'}\n"
    f"Request Line: {req_obj.method} {req_obj.url}\n"
    f"Headers:\n"
)
```

The rest of the log entry construction remains the same (headers, body, end marker).

Summary of Changes

- **Where:**
In `WAFProxy.data_received`, just before building and logging `log_entry`.
- **What to add:**
 - Logic to set `http_status_code`, `description`, and `reason` based on whether an attack is detected.
 - Add these fields to the top of the `log_entry` string.

Example Log Output

```
=== HTTP REQUEST @ 2025-06-18 22:02:34 ===  
HTTP Status: 400 - HTTP Request Smuggling DETECTED  
Reason: Detected Parameters: CL-TE, TE-CL  
Source IP: 127.0.0.1  
Detection Status: SUSPICIOUS  
Detected Rules: ['CL-TE', 'TE-CL']  
Request Line: POST /foo  
Headers:  
  host: localhost:7070  
  content-type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded  
  content-length: 11  
Body:  
hello world  
=== END REQUEST ===
```

or for a benign request:

```
=== HTTP REQUEST @ 2025-06-18 22:02:34 ===  
HTTP Status: 200 - Normal Request  
Reason: None  
Source IP: 127.0.0.1  
Detection Status: BENIGN  
Detected Rules: None  
Request Line: GET /  
Headers:  
  host: localhost:7070  
Body:  
  
=== END REQUEST ===
```

Only the log entry construction section needs to be changed; all other logic remains the same.

This will make your logs more informative and easier to analyze.



now i need to add a flag which enables to log all requests or to log only attack requests.

You can add a flag (such as `--log-all`) to control whether **all requests** are logged or **only attack (suspicious) requests**. This is a standard feature in many WAFs and logging systems^{[9] [10] [11]}.

Below is how to implement this in your code:

1. Add the CLI Flag

In your `parse_args()` function, you likely already have:

```
parser.add_argument('--log-all', action='store_true', help='Log all requests, not just at
```

This means the flag is already present.

2. Use the Flag in Logging Logic

In your `WAFProxy.data_received` method, you currently log every request.

Change this so logging only occurs if:

- `self.config.log_all` is True, **or**
- the request is detected as an attack (`attack_detected` is True)

Replace:

```
logger.info(log_entry)
print(log_entry)
```

With:

```
if self.config.log_all or attack_detected:
    logger.info(log_entry)
    print(log_entry)
```

3. Full Example of the Modified Section

```
# ... (inside data_received)
log_entry = (
    f"\n=== HTTP REQUEST @ {now} ===\n"
    f"HTTP Status: {http_status_code} - {description}\n"
    f"Reason: {reason}\n"
    f"Source IP: {src_ip}\n"
    f"Detection Status: {status}\n"
    f"Detected Rules: {detected_names if detected_names else 'None'}\n"
```

```

        f"Request Line: {req_obj.method} {req_obj.url}\n"
        f"Headers:\n"
    )
    for k, v in headers.items():
        log_entry += f"    {k}: {v}\n"
    log_entry += f"Body:\n{body_str}\n"
    log_entry += "=== END REQUEST ===\n"

    # Only log if log_all is set or attack detected
    if self.config.log_all or attack_detected:
        logger.info(log_entry)
        print(log_entry)

```

4. How to Use

- To **log all requests**: run with `--log-all`
- To **log only attacks**: omit `--log-all`

Summary of Changes

- Add or confirm `--log-all` flag in CLI.
- Wrap your logging code with `if self.config.log_all or attack_detected:`.
- This makes your logs concise and configurable, as seen in professional WAF and SIEM systems^{[9] [11]}.

This is a standard and efficient way to control logging verbosity in WAFs and security tools.

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now i need another flag which only logs basic request parameters, status code, and if flag is enabled it logs full request body and further details as mentioned before.

You can add a flag (for example, `--log-details`) to control **whether to log only basic request parameters, or to include the full request (headers, body, rules, etc.)**. This is a common logging pattern and can be implemented with a few changes.

Below is how to do it:

1. Add the CLI Flag

In your `parse_args()` function, add:

```
parser.add_argument('--log-details', action='store_true', help='Log full request details')
```

2. Update Logging Logic

In your `WAFProxy.data_received` method, after you prepare all the request data, **build two log formats**:

- **Basic log** (always includes): timestamp, HTTP status, description, reason, source IP, detection status, request line.
- **Detailed log** (only if `--log-details` is set): everything in the basic log, plus headers, body, and detected rules.

Example code:

```
basic_log_entry = (
    f"\n=== HTTP REQUEST @ {now} ===\n"
    f"HTTP Status: {http_status_code} - {description}\n"
    f"Reason: {reason}\n"
    f"Source IP: {src_ip}\n"
    f"Detection Status: {status}\n"
    f"Request Line: {req_obj.method} {req_obj.url}\n"
)

detailed_log_entry = basic_log_entry + (
    f"Detected Rules: {detected_names if detected_names else 'None'}\n"
    f"Headers:\n"
)
for k, v in headers.items():
    detailed_log_entry += f"  {k}: {v}\n"
detailed_log_entry += f"Body:\n{body_str}\n"
detailed_log_entry += "=== END REQUEST ===\n"
```

3. Log According to the Flag

Replace your logging call with:

```
if self.config.log_all or attack_detected:
    if self.config.log_details:
        logger.info(detailed_log_entry)
        print(detailed_log_entry)
    else:
        logger.info(basic_log_entry)
        print(basic_log_entry)
```

4. Pass the Flag in Config

In your `WAFConfig` class, add:

```
self.log_details = args.log_details
```

5. Summary of Changes

- Add `--log-details` flag to CLI.
- In config class, store the flag.
- In logging code, use this flag to choose between basic and detailed log formats.
- All other logic (attack detection, blocking, etc.) remains unchanged.

Sample Output

With `--log-details`:

```
=== HTTP REQUEST @ 2025-06-18 22:02:34 ===
HTTP Status: 400 - HTTP Request Smuggling DETECTED
Reason: Detected Parameters: CL-TE, TE-CL
Source IP: 127.0.0.1
Detection Status: SUSPICIOUS
Request Line: POST /foo
Detected Rules: ['CL-TE', 'TE-CL']
Headers:
  host: localhost:7070
  content-type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
  content-length: 11
Body:
hello world
=== END REQUEST ===
```

Without `--log-details`:

```
=== HTTP REQUEST @ 2025-06-18 22:02:34 ===
HTTP Status: 400 - HTTP Request Smuggling DETECTED
Reason: Detected Parameters: CL-TE, TE-CL
Source IP: 127.0.0.1
Detection Status: SUSPICIOUS
Request Line: POST /foo
```

Where to Change

- Add the flag in `parse_args()`.
- Add the flag to `WAFConfig`.
- In `WAFProxy.data_received`, build both log strings and use the flag to select which to log.

This approach is efficient, clear, and follows Python logging best practices^{[12] [13] [14]}.

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explain the full code of WAF server given in detail .

Certainly! Here's a detailed, section-by-section explanation of the Python WAF (Web Application Firewall) server code you've been working with, focusing on its architecture, detection logic, proxying, configurability, and logging features. This explanation is tailored for researchers, testers, and developers interested in HTTP request smuggling defense.

1. Purpose and Overview

This WAF server acts as a **reverse proxy**: it receives HTTP requests from clients (such as browsers or security tools), inspects them for signs of HTTP Request Smuggling (HRS) attacks, and either blocks or forwards the requests to a backend server. Its modular, extensible design allows for flexible detection, logging, and runtime configuration.

2. Key Components

a. Imports and Dependencies

- **asyncio**: For asynchronous networking and high-performance I/O.
- **httptools**: For fast, robust HTTP request parsing.
- **argparse**: For command-line argument parsing.
- **logging**: For structured logging to both terminal and file.
- **re**: For regular expressions in header analysis.
- **datetime**: For timestamping logs.

b. Logging Setup

A `setup_logging()` function configures logging to both the terminal and a file (`waf.log`). It uses Python's `logging` module with a consistent format for easy analysis.

c. Configuration and CLI Flags

The server supports several command-line options:

- **--listen-port**: Which port the WAF listens on (default: 7070).
- **--backend-host/--backend-port**: Where to forward requests if not blocked.
- **--log-all**: Log all requests, not just attacks.
- **--block**: Block detected attacks instead of forwarding.
- **--log-details**: Log full request details (headers, body, rules) instead of just basic info.

These are parsed with `argparse` and stored in a `WAFConfig` object for easy access throughout the program.

d. Detection Rules

Detection is handled by a set of **modular rules**, each implemented as a function and wrapped in a `DetectionRule` object. Rules include:

- **CL-TE**: Both Content-Length and Transfer-Encoding present.
- **TE-CL**: Order reversed, but same check.
- **CL-CL**: Duplicate Content-Length headers.
- **TE-TE**: Duplicate Transfer-Encoding headers.
- **Obfuscated-Headers**: Malformed headers (extra spaces, tabs, line folding, null bytes, etc.).

Each rule returns `True` if it matches the suspicious pattern in the request headers or raw bytes.

e. HTTP Request Parsing

- Uses `httptools.HttpRequestParser` to parse the raw HTTP request into method, URL, headers, and body.
- If parsing fails (e.g., due to conflicting headers in a smuggling attempt), the error is caught and noted.

f. Detection Engine

- The WAF runs all detection rules on each request.
- If any rule matches, the request is flagged as **suspicious** (potential smuggling attack).
- The names of triggered rules are recorded for logging and response.

g. Proxy Logic (WAFProxy Class)

- **Connection Handling:** Each client connection is handled as an `asyncio.Protocol`.
- **Request Buffering:** Data is buffered until a full HTTP request is received.
- **Attack Detection and Logging:**
 - The request is parsed, analyzed, and logged according to `--log-all` and `--log-details` flags.
 - Logs include timestamp, HTTP status, detection status, rules, request line, headers, and body (if enabled).
- **Blocking or Forwarding:**
 - If an attack is detected and `--block` is set, the WAF responds with a 403 Forbidden status and a message listing detected attack parameters.
 - Otherwise, the request is forwarded to the backend server, and the backend's response is relayed back to the client.

h. Logging Logic

- **Basic Logging:** Always includes timestamp, HTTP status, detection status, request line, and source IP.
- **Detailed Logging:** If `--log-details` is enabled, logs also include headers, body, and triggered rule names.
- **Selective Logging:** If `--log-all` is set, all requests are logged; otherwise, only attacks are logged.

i. Response Handling

- For blocked (attack) requests, the WAF returns a clear message:

```
HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: <len>

HTTP Request Smuggling Attack Detected
Detected Parameters: CL-TE, TE-CL
```

- For benign or forwarded requests, the backend server's response is passed through unchanged.

j. Main Loop and Server Startup

- The `main()` function parses arguments, creates the configuration, and starts the asyncio server.
- The server listens on the specified port and handles connections using the `WAFProxy` protocol.
- Graceful shutdown is handled on keyboard interrupt.

3. How Detection Works (Request Smuggling)

- **HTTP Request Smuggling** exploits discrepancies in how front-end and back-end servers interpret HTTP headers, especially around Content-Length and Transfer-Encoding^{[15] [16] [17]}.
- The WAF inspects each request for these discrepancies using its rules. If a request contains conflicting or duplicate headers, or obfuscation tricks (e.g., extra spaces, line folding), it is flagged as suspicious.
- This approach covers classic CL:TE, TE:CL, CL:CL, TE:TE, and header obfuscation attacks, which are the most common vectors for HTTP request smuggling^{[15] [16] [17]}.

4. Extensibility and Research Use

- **Modular Rules:** New detection rules can be added easily by defining a function and adding it to the `DETECTION_RULES` list.
- **Configuration:** All runtime options are accessible via CLI flags, making it easy to adapt for different test setups.
- **Logging:** Supports both concise and detailed logging, with output to both terminal and file, suitable for research, compliance, or automated analysis.

5. Example Use Cases

- **Security Testing:** Integrate with tools like Burp Suite or custom scripts to test for request smuggling vulnerabilities in web applications.
- **Research:** Analyze real-world HTTP traffic for smuggling attempts and study attack patterns.
- **Education:** Demonstrate how HTTP request smuggling works and how WAFs can detect and mitigate these attacks.

6. Relation to Industry Practice

While commercial WAFs may use advanced AI/ML or multi-layered detection^{[18] [19]}, this Python WAF provides a transparent, research-friendly, rule-based approach that is easy to audit, extend, and adapt for specific HRS scenarios. Its architecture reflects best practices in modern

WAF and reverse proxy design, including modular detection, flexible logging, and runtime configurability^[18] ^[19] ^[16] ^[17] .

In summary:

This WAF is a modular, extensible, and configurable reverse proxy that detects and optionally blocks HTTP request smuggling attacks using rule-based analysis of incoming HTTP requests. It is designed for clarity, research, and ease of integration into test environments, with robust logging and clear separation of detection, logging, and proxying responsibilities.

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