

# **Snort Sniffing Tool**

### Theory:

Snort is an open-source security software product that looks at network traffic in real time and logs packets to perform detailed analysis used to facilitate security and authentication efforts.

Snort was released by Martin Roesch in 1998.

Snort is useful for developers or others working on different types of system troubleshooting.

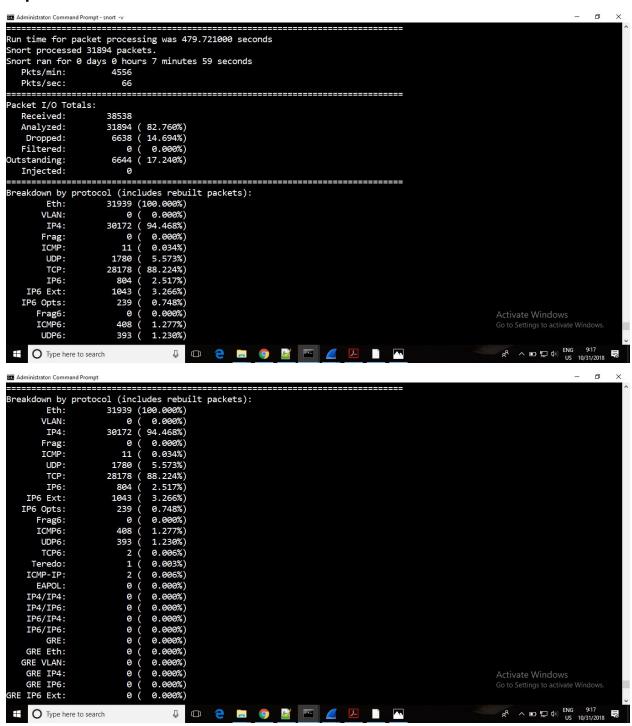
The security tool has three different modes, as follows:

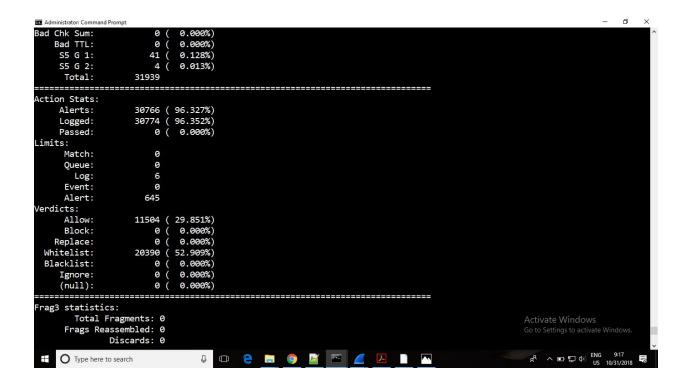
- Packet sniffer
- Consistent logging of network traffic to facilitate debugging
- Active network intrusion handling system

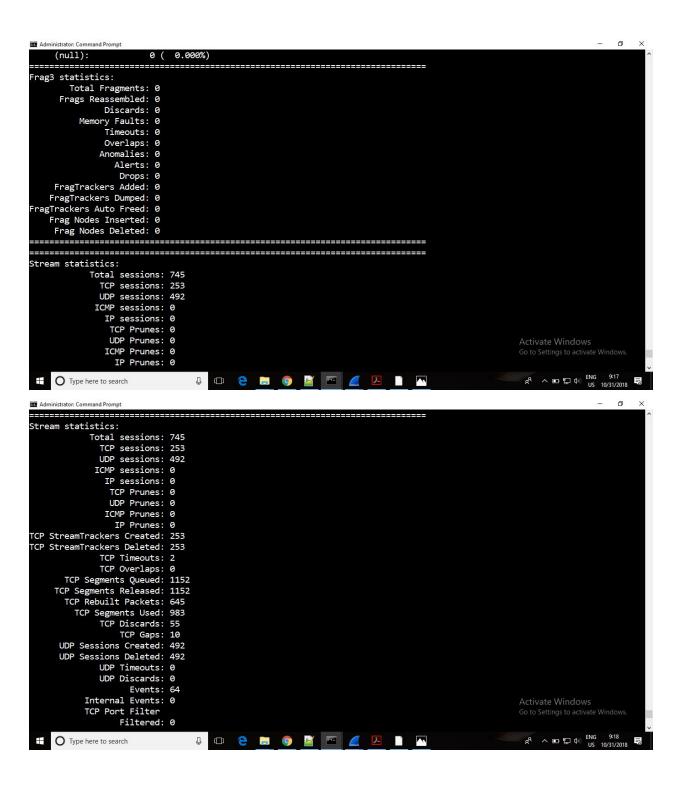
Snort is built to detect various types of hacking and uses a flexible rules language to determine the types of network traffic that should be collected.

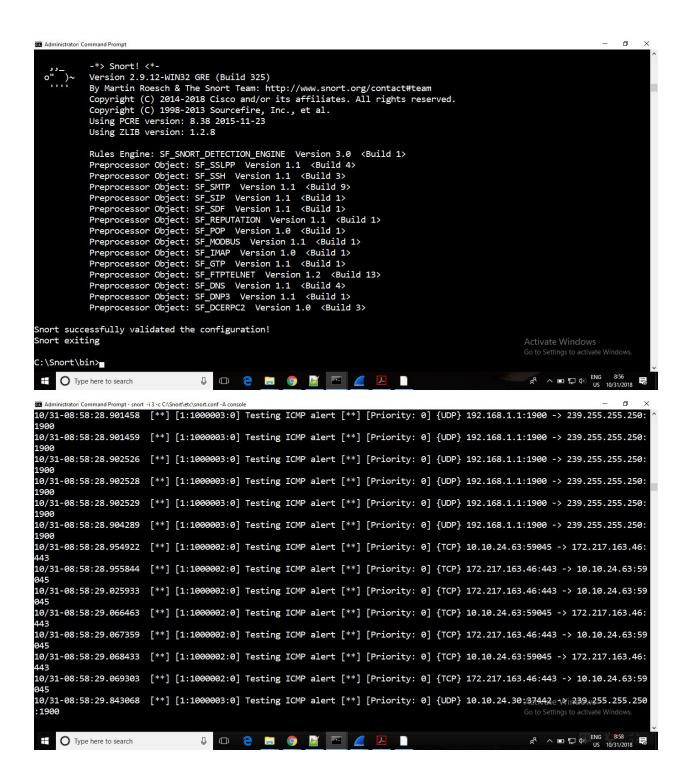
For Snort to work correctly, users must identify directories for use and perform calibrations to specify how the program should work in any of its three basic modes.

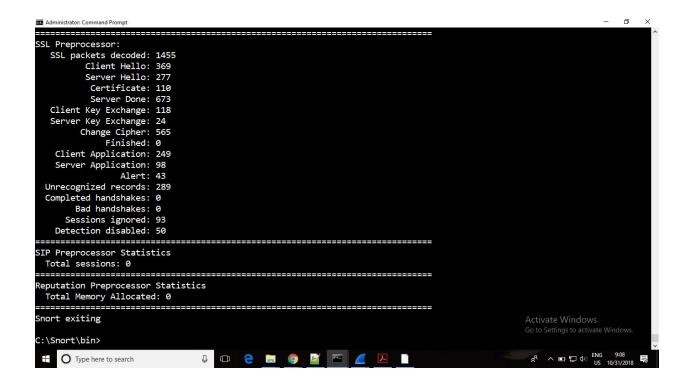
#### Implementation:











#### What is zero day attack?

A zero-day (also known as 0-day) vulnerability is a computer-software vulnerability that is unknown to those who would be interested in mitigating the vulnerability (including the vendor of the target software). Until the vulnerability is mitigated, hackers can exploit it to adversely affect computer programs, data, additional computers or a network. An exploit directed at a zero-day is called a zero-day exploit, or zero-day attack

In the jargon of computer security, "Day Zero" is the day on which the interested party (presumably the vendor of the targeted system) learns of the vulnerability. Up until that day, the vulnerability is known as a zero-day vulnerability. Similarly, an exploitable bug that has been known for thirty days would be called a 30-day vulnerability. Once the vendor learns of the vulnerability, the vendor will usually create patches or advise workarounds to mitigate it.<sup>[2]</sup>

The fewer the days since Day Zero, the higher the chance no fix or mitigation has been developed. Even after a fix is developed, the fewer the days since Day Zero, the higher is the probability that an attack against the afflicted software will be successful, because not every user of that software will have applied the fix. For zero-day exploits, the probability that a user has patched their bugs is zero, so the exploit should always succeed. [3] Zero-day attacks are a severe threat. [4]

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## Can Snort catch zero day attacks? why?

A frequent claim that has not been validated is that signature based network intrusion detection systems (SNIDS) cannot detect zero-day attacks. This paper studies this property by testing 356 severe attacks on the SNIDS Snort, configured with an old official rule set. Of these attacks, 183 attacks are zero-days' to the rule set and 173 attacks are theoretically known to it. The results from the study show that Snort clearly is able to detect zero-days' (a mean of 17% detection). The detection rate is however on overall greater for theoretically known attacks (a mean of 54% detection). The paper then investigates how the zero-days' are detected, how prone the corresponding signatures are to false alarms, and how easily they can be evaded. Analyses of these aspects suggest that a conservative estimate on zero-day detection by Snort is 8.2%

Conclusion: How to use sniffing tool to capturing attack is studied