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IDS Detection System

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Introduction

- **Topic Focus:** Setting up detection on an IDS server (Intrusion Detection System).
- **Concept:** Treating the IDS as a monitoring agent, not as a full server.
- **Goal:** Understanding how to manage IDS in different environments, the importance of logging for detection, and the integration of IDS systems like Suricata in organizations.

Main Points & Concepts

1. The Role of Documentation / دور التوثيق

- **Importance:** Documentation is vital for learning IDS products.
- Engineers should refer to official documentation (installation, security considerations, and configuration) to understand the system thoroughly. Using interfaces like Sguil alone is insufficient; in-depth knowledge of rules and logic is required.

○ التوثيق أمر بالغ الأهمية لتعلم IDS ، ويجب أن يعود المهندسون إلى التوثيق الرسمي لفهم النظام بشكل شامل.

2. Security Onion & Its Log Files / Security Onion

- **What is Security Onion:** An open-source IDS platform.
- **Key Log Files:**
 - **fast.log:** Contains attack alerts.
 - **eve.json:** Detailed forensic data about events.
 - **suricata.log / start.log:** Service status and troubleshooting information.

○ Security Onion هو منصة مفتوحة المصدر، وتوفر ملفات السجل مثل fast.log و eve.json لمعلومات حيوية عن الهجمات والأحداث.

3. How IDS/IPS Works / كيفية عمل IDS/IPS

- **Header Inspection (Firewall/Network Policy):** Like checking a passport/ID (source/destination IP/port).
- **Payload Inspection (IDS/IPS):** Like searching luggage for contraband (signatures/threats).
 - **IDS (Detection):** Alerts on suspicious traffic.
 - **IPS (Prevention):** Actively blocks malicious traffic.

○ فحص الهدر يشبه فحص جواز السفر، بينما فحص البيلود يشبه تفتيش الأمتعة للبحث عن التهديدات.

4. Practical Traffic Analysis & Attack Detection / التحليل العملي لحركة المرور والكشف عن الهجمات

- **Reconnaissance:** Using Nmap to scan a web server (Apache on port 80).
- **IDS Alert:** Detection of a web application attack in the fast.log.
- **Deep Analysis:** Analyzing the eve.json log for granular details.
- **Threat Intelligence:** Using frameworks like MITRE ATT&CK to understand the attacker's methodology.

- استخدام Nmap لفحص خادم ويب Apache ، ثم تحليل سجلات fast.log و eve.json للكشف عن الهجمات.
- 5. **Incident Response & Packet Capture (PCAP) Analysis / الاستجابة للحوادث وتحليل التقاط الحزم (PCAP)**
 - **PCAP Files:** Network traffic captured for forensic analysis.
 - **Response Actions:**
 - **Isolation:** Disconnect the compromised machine.
 - **Containment:** Block the attacker's IP.
 - **Eradication:** Follow threat mitigation advice (e.g., from MITRE ATT&CK).
 - استخدام ملفات PCAP في التحقيقات والتحليل، مع الإجراءات الفورية مثل العزل والاحتواء.

Main Points Discussed

1. IDS Basics and Configuration

- IDS detects suspicious activities within a network. Logs are essential in identifying and addressing potential threats.
- IDS often integrates with other systems for effective detection.

2. Suricata IDS Installation and Configuration

- Suricata is an open-source IDS system that also functions as an IPS. Installation includes security and performance configurations.
- Documentation is critical for setting up Suricata and other IDS/IPS systems.

3. Understanding Logs in IDS

- IDS logs (such as Suricata logs) are crucial for analyzing network anomalies.
- **Log Types:**
 - **fast.log:** Alerts about detected activities.
 - **json.log:** Detailed data for deep analysis.

4. Configuration and Use of Documentation

- Reading and understanding documentation is essential for effective use of IDS tools like Suricata.
- Documentation includes setup guides, security tips, and configuration recommendations.

5. Handling Alerts and Logs

- IDS generates alerts when suspicious activities are detected. These alerts need to be analyzed using logs like fast.log and json.log.

6. Tools and Techniques

- **Nmap:** A network scanning tool used to detect open ports and services.
- **Apache Server Setup:** Understanding web server setups and vulnerability scanning using Nmap.

Key Terminology and Concepts Explained

1. **IDS (Intrusion Detection System):** Detects and alerts on potential security breaches in the network.
2. **IPS (Intrusion Prevention System):** Detects and prevents attacks.
3. **Suricata:** An open-source IDS engine used for network monitoring and attack prevention.
4. **fast.log:** A log format used by Suricata to store brief alerts on detected activities.
5. **json.log:** A detailed log format used for deeper inspection and analysis.
6. **Nmap:** A tool used to scan networks for open ports and services.
7. **Log Correlation:** The process of analyzing and combining logs to gain deeper insights into network activity.

Examples Used in the Lecture

1. **Suricata Logs:**
 - Configuring Suricata, analyzing logs (fast.log, json.log), and correlating them to understand network anomalies.
2. **Real-Time Alerts:**
 - Demonstrating how Suricata triggers alerts in real-time based on unusual network patterns.
3. **Nmap Tool Example:**
 - Using Nmap to scan for open ports and services, demonstrating the risks associated with unsecured ports.
4. **Apache Web Server Setup:**
 - Setting up an Apache web server, scanning for open ports with Nmap, and ensuring correct server installation.

Introduction / المقدمة

- **Topic Focus:** Setting up detection on an IDS server, focusing on using IDS as a monitoring agent rather than a full server.
- **Concept:** The goal is to manage IDS systems based on the environment and focus on logging as a critical element in detecting and managing threats, particularly in organizations using Suricata IDS.

- الموضوع يركز على كيفية إعداد الكشف على خادم IDS واستخدامه كأداة مراقبة بدلاً من خادم كامل. الهدف هو إدارة أنظمة IDS بناءً على البيئة والتركيز على السجلات كعنصر رئيسي في اكتشاف وإدارة التهديدات، خصوصاً في المنظمات التي تستخدم سوركاتا. IDS.

النقاط الرئيسية والمفاهيم / Main Points & Concepts

1. The Role of Documentation / دور التوثيق

- Importance:** Documentation is vital for learning IDS products and understanding their functionality. Engineers should always refer to official documentation, not just the product's interface.

التوثيق أمر بالغ الأهمية لتعلم منتجات IDS وفهم كيفية عملها. يجب على المهندسين دائماً الرجوع إلى التوثيق الرسمي وليس فقط واجهة المنتج.

2. Security Onion & Its Log Files / Security Onion وملفات السجلات الخاصة بها

- What is Security Onion:** An open-source IDS platform that helps monitor network traffic for intrusions.
- Key Log Files:**
 - fast.log:** Contains potential attack alerts.
 - eve.json:** Provides detailed forensic data.
 - suricata.log / start.log:** Contains service status and startup information.

Security Onion هو منصة IDS مفتوحة المصدر تساعد في مراقبة حركة مرور الشبكة لاكتشاف التسربات. تشمل الملفات الرئيسية fast.log و eve.json و suricata.log.

3. How IDS/IPS Works / كيفية عمل IDS/IPS

- Header Inspection:** Checking source and destination IPs/ports.
- Payload Inspection:** Searching for known threats (signatures).
- IDS (Detection):** Alerts on suspicious traffic.
- IPS (Prevention):** Prevents attacks by blocking malicious traffic.

فحص الهيدر وفحص البيلود يساعدان في الكشف عن التهديدات. يقوم IDS بالكشف والتنبيه، بينما يمنع IPS الهجمات.

4. Practical Traffic Analysis & Attack Detection / التحليل العملي لحركة المرور والكشف عن الهجمات

- Reconnaissance:** Using tools like Nmap to scan a server.
- IDS Alert:** An alert for a web application attack in fast.log.
- Deep Analysis:** Using eve.json to analyze the attack details.
- Threat Intelligence:** Mapping detected activity to frameworks like MITRE ATT&CK to understand the attacker's tactics.

استخدم Nmap لفحص الخوادم، وتحليل التنبيهات مثل "هجوم على تطبيق ويب" باستخدام سجلات fast.log و eve.json.

5. Incident Response & Packet Capture (PCAP) Analysis / الاستجابة للحوادث وتحليل التقاط الحزم (PCAP)

- **PCAP Files:** Network traffic captured for analysis.
- **Response Actions:**
 - **Isolation:** Disconnect compromised machines.
 - **Containment:** Block the attacker's IP address.
 - **Eradication:** Follow threat intelligence advice.
- استخدام ملفات PCAP للتحقيقات وتحليل الهجمات مع اتخاذ إجراءات مثل العزل والاحتواء.

Main Points Discussed / النقاط الرئيسية التي تم مناقشتها

1. IDS Basics and Configuration / الإعدادات أساسيات IDS

- IDS detects suspicious network activity. Logs are essential for detecting threats and understanding network behavior.

○ نظام IDS يكتشف الأنشطة الشبكية المشبوهة. السجلات أساسية لاكتشاف التهديدات وفهم سلوك الشبكة.

2. Suricata IDS Installation and Configuration / إعداد وتكوين سوركاتا

- Suricata is an open-source IDS that also acts as an IPS. Installation involves configuring multiple aspects, including security.

○ سوركاتا هو نظام IDS مفتوح المصدر يعمل أيضًا كنظام IPS. يشمل التثبيت تكوين جوانب متعددة، بما في ذلك الأمان.

3. Understanding Logs in IDS / فهم السجلات في IDS

- IDS logs like **fast.log** and **json.log** are crucial for detecting and analyzing intrusions.

○ سجلات IDS مثل **fast.log** و **json.log** مهمة جدًا للكشف عن التسللات وتحليلها.

4. Configuration and Use of Documentation / التوثيق والاستخدام الفعال

- Understanding documentation is crucial for setting up IDS like Suricata.
- فهم الوثائق أمر بالغ الأهمية عند إعداد IDS مثل سوركاتا.

5. Handling Alerts and Logs / التعامل مع التنبيهات والسجلات

- Alerts generated by IDS need to be analyzed using logs like **fast.log** and **json.log** for severity and correlation.

○ التنبيهات التي يولدها IDS يجب تحليلها باستخدام سجلات مثل **fast.log** و **json.log** لتحديد شدتها وربط الأحداث.

6. Tools and Techniques / الأدوات والتقنيات

- **Nmap:** Scanning tool for detecting open ports and services.
- **Apache Server Setup:** Understanding web server setups and vulnerabilities.

Nmap أداة لفحص الشبكة لاكتشاف البورتات المفتوحة والخدمات. تم شرح إعداد خوادم Apache وكيفية مسحها للكشف عن الثغرات.

شرح المصطلحات والمفاهيم الرئيسية / Key Terminology and Concepts Explained

1. **IDS:** Intrusion Detection System - Detects and alerts on potential security breaches.
2. **IPS:** Intrusion Prevention System - Detects and prevents attacks.
3. **Suricata:** Open-source IDS engine.
4. **fast.log:** A log format for quick alerts.
5. **json.log:** Detailed log format for deep analysis.
6. **Nmap:** A tool for network scanning.
7. **Log Correlation:** Analyzing and combining logs to understand deeper network activities.

- **IDS:** نظام كشف التسلل، **IPS:** نظام منع التسلل، **سوركاتا:** محرك IDS مفتوح المصدر، **Nmap:** أداة مسح الشبكة، **R:** ربط السجلات: عملية دمج وتحليل السجلات لاكتشاف الأنشطة.

الأمثلة التي تم استخدامها / Examples Used

1. **Suricata Logs / سجلات سوركاتا**
 - Practical example of configuring Suricata and analyzing its logs to detect network anomalies.
 - المثال العملي حول كيفية تكوين سوركاتا وتحليل سجلاته لاكتشاف الأنماط المشبوهة في الشبكة.
2. **Real-Time Alerts / التنبيهات في الوقت الفعلي**
 - Demonstration of how Suricata triggers real-time alerts based on network traffic patterns.
 - عرض كيفية تشغيل سوركاتا للتنبيهات في الوقت الفعلي بناءً على أنماط حركة المرور الشبكية.
3. **Nmap Tool Example / مثال على أداة Nmap**
 - Nmap used to scan for open ports and detect vulnerabilities.
 - استخدم Nmap لفحص الشبكة واكتشاف البورتات المفتوحة.
4. **Apache Web Server Setup / إعداد خادم Apache**
 - Setting up Apache web server and using Nmap to scan open ports and services.
 - إعداد خادم Apache ثم استخدام Nmap لمسح البورتات المفتوحة والخدمات.

```

kazim@kazim:~$ sudo apt install apache2
[sudo] password for kazim:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  apache2-bin apache2-data apache2-utils libapr1t64 libaprutil1-dbd-sqlite3 libaprutil1-ldap libaprutil1t64 liblua5.4-0 ssl-cert
Suggested packages:
  apache2-doc apache2-suexec-pristine | apache2-suexec-custom www-browser
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  apache2 apache2-bin apache2-data apache2-utils libapr1t64 libaprutil1-dbd-sqlite3 libaprutil1-ldap libaprutil1t64 liblua5.4-0
  ssl-cert
0 upgraded, 10 newly installed, 0 to remove and 2 not upgraded.
Need to get 2,090 kB of archives.
After this operation, 8,113 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n]

```

Figure (1) shows installing apache 2

we will run **Nmap scripts**, in network security they refer to prewritten scripts that automate tasks such as information gathering, vulnerability scanning, and exploitation. These scripts are essential for identifying potential weaknesses in a network or web application of the given Ip address over ubuntu server port 80

```

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ nmap --script http-enum -p 80 192.168.100.44
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2026-02-07 05:26 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.100.44
Host is up (0.00060s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
80/tcp    open  http
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:8F:67:A8 (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.40 seconds

```

Figure (2) shows simple network scanning

Log Analysis and HTTP Requests

Now, after running the enumeration scripts, we need to analyze the logs generated by the system. In this case, using **sudo cat** to view the logs in **/var/log/fast.log** is one way to inspect the activities taking place.

For example, if Nmap detects a port scan or an HTTP request, the log will show the source IP address (e.g., 192.168.1.270), indicating that someone is probing your server.

A common classification for this type of behavior is **Web Application Attacks**. If an attacker is scanning the server for vulnerabilities, the log will indicate an attempt to exploit the system.

Example log line:

```
02/07/2026-11:18:53.218744 [**] [Priority: 1] {TCP}
192.168.100.41:40434 -> 192.168.100.48:80 Nmap User-Agent
Observed [**] [Classification: Web Application Attack]
```

1. Date and Time:

```
02/07/2026-11:18:53.218744
```

^: This is the **timestamp** when the event was recorded. It includes the **date** (02/07/2026) and **time** (11:18:53) with **microsecond precision** (218744).

2. Priority Level:

```
[Priority: 1]
```

^: **Priority 1** indicates the **severity level** of the event, with "1" representing a **critical event** that requires immediate attention.

3. Protocol Type:

```
{TCP}
```

^: This shows that the **protocol used** for this communication is **TCP** (Transmission Control Protocol), which ensures reliable delivery of data across networks.

4. Source IP and Port:

```
192.168.100.41:40434
```

^: This is the **source IP address** (192.168.100.41) and **source port** (40434) from which the network traffic originated. It shows where the request is coming from.

5. Destination IP and Port:

```
-> 192.168.100.48:80
```

^: This part indicates the **destination IP address** (192.168.100.48) and **destination port** (80). Port 80 is commonly used for HTTP traffic, which suggests the request is targeting a web server.

6. Action/Alert Message:

Nmap User-Agent Observed

^: This part indicates that a **network scan** using **Nmap** was observed, specifically a probe for the **User-Agent** (often related to identifying a web application). It is part of the detection that recognizes this as a potential attack attempt.

7. Event Classification:

[Classification: Web Application Attack]

^: This indicates the **classification** of the event, marking it as a **Web Application Attack**, which suggests that the network scan is aimed at finding vulnerabilities in a web application.

Full Explanation:

1. The log captures a **network scanning event** at a specific time (02/07/2026-11:18:53.218744), marked as a **critical event** (priority 1).
2. The scan is coming from the source IP (192.168.100.41) and port (40434), targeting the destination IP (192.168.100.48) at port 80 (standard for HTTP services).
3. The scan is identified as coming from a **User-Agent** that was observed in the logs, which is indicative of an **Nmap scan**, a tool used for discovering open ports and vulnerabilities.
4. This type of scan is classified as a **Web Application Attack**, which often involves probing the web server for weaknesses.

Network Traffic Analysis with Wireshark and Packet Capturing

```

File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Wireless Tools Help
dnsS
No. Time Source Destination Protocol Length Info
53897 110.128821940 192.168.100.38 192.168.100.1 DNS 88 Standard query 0xaa16 A contile.services.mozilla.com
53898 110.128984775 192.168.100.38 192.168.100.1 DNS 88 Standard query 0x0815 AAAA contile.services.mozilla.com
53899 110.186596031 192.168.100.1 192.168.100.38 DNS 236 Standard query response 0x0815 AAAA contile.services.mozilla.com CNAME mozilla.map.fastly.net AAAA 2
53900 110.186596559 192.168.100.1 192.168.100.38 DNS 188 Standard query response 0xaa16 A contile.services.mozilla.com CNAME mozilla.map.fastly.net A 151.10
53905 110.411398172 192.168.100.38 192.168.100.1 DNS 79 Standard query 0x0ecd A spocs.getpocket.com
53906 110.411549509 192.168.100.38 192.168.100.1 DNS 79 Standard query 0x0ad2 AAAA spocs.getpocket.com
53908 110.478314311 192.168.100.1 192.168.100.38 DNS 227 Standard query response 0x0ad2 AAAA spocs.getpocket.com CNAME mozilla.map.fastly.net AAAA 2a04:4e42:
53909 110.482282145 192.168.100.1 192.168.100.38 DNS 179 Standard query response 0xecd A spocs.getpocket.com CNAME mozilla.map.fastly.net A 151.101.65.91 A
53973 113.2862525262 192.168.100.38 192.168.100.1 DNS 95 Standard query 0x293f A content-signature-2.cdn.mozilla.net
53974 113.286394816 192.168.100.38 192.168.100.1 DNS 95 Standard query 0x7b39 AAAA content-signature-2.cdn.mozilla.net
53975 113.292356365 192.168.100.1 192.168.100.38 DNS 111 Standard query response 0x293f A content-signature-2.cdn.mozilla.net A 34.160.144.191
53976 113.292356796 192.168.100.1 192.168.100.38 DNS 123 Standard query response 0x7b39 AAAA content-signature-2.cdn.mozilla.net AAAA 2600:1901:0:92a9::
53999 114.404900367 192.168.100.38 192.168.100.1 DNS 87 Standard query 0x2310 A safebrowsing.googleapis.com
54000 114.405012201 192.168.100.38 192.168.100.1 DNS 87 Standard query 0xb612 AAAA safebrowsing.googleapis.com
54001 114.415522184 192.168.100.1 192.168.100.38 DNS 103 Standard query response 0x2310 A safebrowsing.googleapis.com A 172.217.17.106
54002 114.415524518 192.168.100.1 192.168.100.38 DNS 115 Standard query response 0xb612 AAAA safebrowsing.googleapis.com AAAA 2a00:1450:4017:810::200a
54012 114.625504531 192.168.100.38 192.168.100.1 DNS 70 Standard query 0x3585 A o.pk1.goog
54013 114.625691501 192.168.100.38 192.168.100.1 DNS 70 Standard query 0x748a AAAA o.pk1.goog

> Frame 54000: 87 bytes on wire (696 bits), 87 bytes captured (696 bits) on interface eth0, 0000 3c 86 9a 15 5c 1c 00 0c 29 12 1b d9 08 00 45 00 < \ ) E
> Ethernet II, Src: VMware_12:1b:d9 (00:0c:29:12:1b:d9), Dst: HuaweiTechno_15:5c:1c (3c:80:00:10:00:15), Proto: 0x2310 (103), Len: 87, Info: (Standard query response 0x2310 A safebrowsing.googleapis.com A 172.217.17.106)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.100.38, Dst: 192.168.100.1
> User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 58045, Dst Port: 53
> Domain Name System (query)

```

Figure(4) shows DNS queries being captured. This indicates that you are monitoring the network traffic, which is essential for understanding the data being exchanged over the network.

```

(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
└─$ sudo python3 -m http.server 9595
[sudo] password for kali:
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 9595 (http://0.0.0.0:9595/) ...
192.168.100.44 - - [07/Feb/2026 07:56:37] "GET /trafic.pcap HTTP/1.1" 200 -

```

Figure (5) shows using Python's built-in HTTP server to transform files attempting to transfer a **trafic.pcap** file over an HTTP server running on port 9000 using Python's built-in HTTP server. Despite successfully analyzing the file with the Suricata Intrusion Detection System (IDS), an error stating "Scheme missing" arises during the attempt to download the file using **wget**. This report investigates the root cause of the issue and suggests corrective actions to resolve it.

```

kazim@kazim:~$ wget http://192.168.100.38:9595/trafic.pcap
--2026-02-07 12:56:38-- http://192.168.100.38:9595/trafic.pcap
Connecting to 192.168.100.38:9595... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 11775 (11K) [application/vnd.tcpdump.pcap]
Saving to: 'trafic.pcap'

trafic.pcap          100%[=====] 11.50K  --.-KB/s  in 0s
2026-02-07 12:56:38 (828 MB/s) - 'trafic.pcap' saved [11775/11775]

kazim@kazim:~$ ls
index.html index.html.1 index.html.2 index.html.3 trafic.pcap
kazim@kazim:~$

```

Figure (6) shows the file has been transferred

The Suricata Intrusion Detection System successfully parsed the **trafic.pcap** file, detecting 40 alerts related to network traffic anomalies. This confirms that the file is intact and can be

processed by network security tools. The IDS executed the analysis without errors, but the issue arises during the file transfer process.

```
kazim@kazim:~$ sudo suricata -r traffic.pcap
[sudo] password for kazim:
Notice: suricata: This is Suricata version 8.0.3 RELEASE running in USER mode
Info: cpu: CPUs/cores online: 2
Info: suricata: Setting engine mode to IDS mode by default
Info: exception-policy: master exception-policy set to: auto
Info: suricata: Preparing unexpected signal handling
Info: logopenfile: fast output device (regular) initialized: fast.log
Info: logopenfile: eve-log output device (regular) initialized: eve.json
Info: logopenfile: stats output device (regular) initialized: stats.log
Info: detect: 1 rule files processed. 48236 rules successfully loaded, 0 rules failed, 0 rules skipped
Info: threshold-config: Threshold config parsed: 0 rule(s) found
Info: detect: 48240 signatures processed. 1257 are IP-only rules, 4467 are inspecting packet payload, 42281 inspect application layer,
110 are decoder event only
Notice: mpm-hs: Rule group caching - loaded: 113 newly cached: 0 total cacheable: 113
Info: pcap: Starting file run for traffic.pcap
Info: pcap: pcap file traffic.pcap end of file reached (pcap err code 0)
Notice: threads: Threads created -> RX: 1 W: 2 FM: 1 FR: 1 Engine started.
Notice: suricata: Signal Received. Stopping engine.
Info: suricata: time elapsed 0.184s
Notice: pcap: read 1 file, 80 packets, 10471 bytes
Info: counters: Alerts: 40
kazim@kazim:~$ █
```

Figure (7) the Suricata IDS has successfully processed the traffic.pcap file and detected 40 alerts