

Suricata 2.0, Netfilter and the PRC

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What is Suricata

- IDS and IPS engine
- Get it here:
<http://www.suricata-ids.org>
- Open Source (GPLv2)
- Funded by US government and consortium members
- Run by Open Information Security Foundation (OISF)
- More information about OISF at
<http://www.openinfosecfoundation.org/>



Suricata Features

- High performance, scalable through multi threading
- Protocol identification
- File identification, extraction, on the fly MD5 calculation
- TLS handshake analysis, detect/prevent things like Diginotar
- Hardware acceleration support:
 - Endace
 - Napatech,
 - CUDA
 - PF_RING

Suricata Features

- Rules and outputs compatible to Snort syntax
- useful logging like HTTP request log, TLS certificate log, DNS logging
- Lua scripting for detection

Suricata capture modes

IDS

- pcap: multi OS capture
- pf_ring: Linux high performance
- af_packet: Linux high performance on vanilla kernel
- ...

IPS

- NFQUEUE: Using Netfilter on Linux
- ipfw: Use divert socket on FreeBSD
- af_packet: Level 2 software bridge

Offline analysis

- Pcap: Analyse pcap files
- Unix socket: Use Suricata for fast batch processing of pcap files

Suricata 2.0 new features

- 'EVE' logging, our all JSON output for events: alerts, HTTP, DNS, SSH, TLS and (extracted) files
- much improved VLAN handling
- a detectionless 'NSM' runmode
- much improved CUDA performance

- Security oriented HTTP parser
- Written by Ivan Ristić (ModSecurity, IronBee)
- Support of several keywords
 - http_method
 - http_uri & http_raw_uri
 - http_client_body & http_server_body
 - http_header & http_raw_header
 - http_cookie
 - serveral more...
- Able to decode gzip compressed flows

Using HTTP features in signature

Signature example: Chat facebook

```
alert http $HOME_NET any -> $EXTERNAL_NET any \
(
  msg:"ET CHAT Facebook Chat (send message)"; \
  flow:established,to_server; content:"POST"; http_method; \
  content:"/ajax/chat/send.php"; http_uri; content:"facebook.com"; http_header; \
  classtype:policy-violation; reference:url,doc.emergingthreats.net/2010784; \
  reference:url,www.emergingthreats.net/cgi-bin/cvsweb.cgi/sigs/POLICY/POLICY_Facebook_Chat; \
  sid:2010784; rev:4; \
)
```

This signature tests:

- The HTTP method: *POST*
- The page: */ajax/chat/send.php*
- The domain: *facebook.com*

Extraction and inspection of files

- Get files from HTTP downloads and uploads
- Detect information about the file using libmagic
 - Type of file
 - Other details
 - Author (if available)
- A dedicated extension of signature language
- SMTP support coming soon

Dedicated keywords

- *filemagic* : description of content

```
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"windows exec"; \
                                filemagic:"executable for MS Windows"; sid:1; rev:1;)
```

- *filestore* : store file for inspection

```
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"windows exec";
                                filemagic:"executable for MS Windows"; \
                                filestore; sid:1; rev:1;)
```

- *fileext* : file extension

```
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"jpg claimed , but not jpg file"; \
                                fileext:"jpg"; \
                                filemagic:!"JPEG image data"; sid:1; rev:1;)
```

- *filename* : file name

```
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"sensitive file leak";
                                filename:"secret"; sid:1; rev:1;)
```

Examples

- Files sending on a server only accepting PDF

```
alert http $EXTERNAL_NET -> $WEBSERVER any (msg:"suspicious upload"; \
    flow:established,to_server; content:"POST" http_method; \
    content:"/upload.php"; http_uri; \
    filemagic:!"PDF document"; \
    filestore; sid:1; rev:1;)
```

- Private keys in the wild

```
alert http $HOME_NET any -> $EXTERNAL_NET any (msg:"outgoing private key"; \
    filemagic:"RSA private key"; sid:1; rev:1;)
```

Disk storage

- Every file can be stored to disk
- with a metadata file

TIME:	10/02/2009-21:34:53.796083
PCAP PKT NUM:	5678
SRC IP:	61.191.61.40
DST IP:	192.168.2.7
PROTO:	6
SRC PORT:	80
DST PORT:	1091
FILENAME:	/ww/aa5.exe
MAGIC:	PE32 executable for MS Windows (GUI) Intel 80386 32-bit
STATE:	CLOSED
SIZE:	30855

- Disk usage limit can be set
- Scripts for looking up files / file md5's at Virus Total and others

A TLS handshake parser

- No traffic decryption
- Method
 - Analyse of TLS handshake
 - Parsing of TLS messages
- A security-oriented parser
 - Coded from scratch
 - Provide a hackable code-base for the feature
 - No external dependency (OpenSSL or GNUTls)
 - Contributed by Pierre Chifflier (ANSSI)
 - With security in mind:
 - Resistance to attacks (audit, fuzzing)
 - Anomaly detection

A handshake parser

- The syntax

```
alert tcp $HOME_NET any -> $EXTERNAL_NET 443
```

- becomes

```
alert tls $HOME_NET any -> $EXTERNAL_NET any
```

- Interest:

- No dependency to IP params
- Pattern matching is limited to identified protocol
 - Less false positive
 - More performance

TLS keywords

- *tls.version*: Match protocol version number
- *tls.subject*: Match certificate subject
- *tls.issuerdn*: Match the name of the CA which has signed the key
- *tls.fingerprint*: Match the fingerprint of the certificate
- *tls.store*: Store certificates chain and a meta file on disk

Example: verify security policy (1/2)

- Environnement:
 - A company with servers
 - With an official PKI
- The goal:
 - Verify that the PKI is used
 - Without working too much



Example: verify security policy (2/2)

- Let's check that the certificates used when a client negotiate a connection to one of our servers are the good one
- The signature:

```
alert tls any any -> $SERVERS any ( tls.issuerdn:!"C=NL, O=Staat der Nederlanden, \
    CN=Staat der Nederlanden Root CA";)
```

Luajit rules

- Rule language is really simple
- Some tests are really difficult to write
 - Logic can be obtained via flow counters (flowbit) usage
 - But numerous rules are necessary
- A true language can permit to
 - Simplify some things
 - Realize new things

Experimental rules: <https://github.com/EmergingThreats/et-luajit-scripts>

Declaring a rule

```
alert tcp any any -> any any (msg:"Lua rule"; luajit:test.lua; sid:1;)
```

An example script

```
function init (args)
    local needs = {}
    needs["http.request_line"] = tostring(true)
    return needs
end

— match if packet and payload both contain HTTP
function match(args)
    a = tostring(args["http.request_line"])
    if #a > 0 then
        if a:find("^POST%s+/.*%.php%s+HTTP/1.0$") then
            return 1
        end
    end
    return 0
end
```

The challenge

- No parsing of heartbeat, so hard solution
- Need pattern matching
- Easy to escape

Poor man solution

```
alert tcp any any -> any $TLS_PORTS (content:"|18 03 02|"; depth: 3; \
content:"|01|"; distance: 2; within: 1;content:!"|00|"; within: 1; \
msg: "TLSv1.1 Malicious Heartbleed RequestV2"; sid: 3;)
```

luajit to the rescue

- Heartbeat parameters are in clear (message type and length)
- Parsing of heartbeat messages can be done in luajit



```
alert tls any any -> any any ( \
  msg:"TLS HEARTBLEED malformed heartbeat record"; \
  flow:established,to_server; dsize:>7; \
  content:"|18 03|"; depth:2; lua:tls-heartbleed.lua; \
  classtype:misc-attack; sid:3000001; rev:1;)
```

heartbleed: the luajit script

```
function init (args)
    local needs = {}
    needs["payload"] = tostring(true)
    return needs
end

function match(args)
    local p = args['payload']
    if p == nil then
        --print ("no payload")
        return 0
    end

    if #p < 8 then
        --print ("payload too small")
        return 0
    end

    if (p:byte(1) ~= 24) then
        --print ("not a heartbeat")
        return 0
    end
end
```

```
-- message length
len = 256 * p:byte(4) + p:byte(5)
--print (len)

-- heartbeat length
hb_len = 256 * p:byte(7) + p:byte(8)

-- 1+2+16
if (1+2+16) >= len then
    print ("invalid length heartbeat")
    return 1
end

-- 1 + 2 + payload + 16
if (1 + 2 + hb_len + 16) > len then
    print ("heartbleed detected: " ..
    .. (1 + 2 + hb_len + 16) .. " > " .. len)
    return 1
end

--print ("no problems")
return 0

end
return 0
```

heartbleed: detection via the TLS parser

Using anomaly detection

- Decode protocol to fight evasion
- Available in suricata git 2 days after heartbleed and will be part of 2.0.1 (planned at beginning of May 2014)

The rules

```
alert tls any any -> any any ( \
  msg:"SURICATA TLS overflow heartbeat encountered, possible exploit attempt (heartbleed)"; \
  flow:established; app-layer-event:tls.overflow_heartbeat_message; \
  flowint:tls.anomaly.count,+,1; classtype:protocol-command-decode; \
  reference:cve,2014-0160; sid:2230012; rev:1;)
alert tls any any -> any any ( \
  msg:"SURICATA TLS invalid heartbeat encountered, possible exploit attempt (heartbleed)"; \
  flow:established; app-layer-event:tls.invalid_heartbeat_message; \
  flowint:tls.anomaly.count,+,1; classtype:protocol-command-decode; \
  reference:cve,2014-0160; sid:2230013; rev:1;)
```

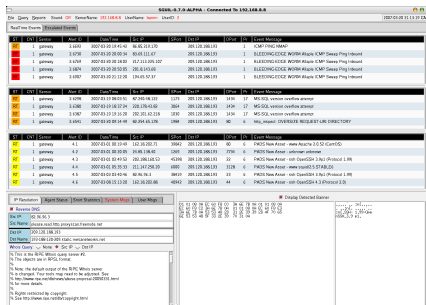
More info on Victor Julien's blog

<http://blog.inliniac.net/2014/04/08/detecting-openssl-heartbleed-with-suricata/>

Defensive security

Total lack of sexiness

- Interface done by tech guys
- Good productivity
- But no fun



Defensive security



Let's get rid of the 90's

Let's kill unified2

- Binary format without real design
- Dedicated to alert
- Very hard to extend
- No API on devel side

We need something extensible

- To log alert and to log protocol request
- Easy to generate and easy to parse
- Extensible

JavaScript Object Notation

JSON

- JSON (<http://www.json.org/>) is a lightweight data-interchange format.
- It is easy for humans to read and write.
- It is easy for machines to parse and generate.
- An object is an unordered set of name/value pairs.

Logging in JSON

```
{ "timestamp": "2012-02-05T15:55:06.661269", "src_ip": "173.194.34.51",  
  "dest_ip": "192.168.1.22",  
  "alert": { "action": "allowed", "rev": 1, "signature": "SURICATA TLS store" } }
```

The structure

- IP information are identical for all events and alert
- Follow Common Information Model
- Allow basic aggregation for all Suricata events and external sources

Example

```
{
  "timestamp": "2014-03-06T05:46:31.170567", "event_type": "alert",
  "src_ip": "61.174.51.224", "src_port": 2555,
  "dest_ip": "192.168.1.129", "dest_port": 22, "proto": "TCP",
  "alert": {
    "action": "Pass", "gid": 1, "signature_id": 2006435, "rev": 8,
    "signature": "ET SCAN LibSSH Based SSH Connection - Often used as",
    "category": "Misc activity", "severity": 3
  }
}
```

Network Security Monitoring

Protocols

- HTTP
- File
- TLS
- SSH
- DNS

Example

```
{ "timestamp": "2014-04-10T13:26:05.500472", "event_type": "ssh",  
  "src_ip": "192.168.1.129", "src_port": 45005,  
  "dest_ip": "192.30.252.129", "dest_port": 22, "proto": "TCP",  
  "ssh": {  
    "client": {  
      "proto_version": "2.0", "software_version": "OpenSSH_6.6p1 Debian-2" },  
    "server": {  
      "proto_version": "2.0", "software_version": "libssh-0.6.3"}  
  }  
}
```

At the beginning was syslog

Pre Netfilter days

- Flat packet logging
- One line per packet
 - A lot of information
 - Non searchable

Not sexy

```
INPUT DROP IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=00:1a:92:05:ee:68:00:b0:8e:83:3b:f0:08:00 SRC=62.212.121.211 DST=91.12
IN IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=d4:be:d9:69:d1:51:00:11:95:63:c7:5e:08:00 SRC=31.13.80.7 DST=192.168.11.3 LEN=
IN IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=d4:be:d9:69:d1:51:00:11:95:63:c7:5e:08:00 SRC=31.13.80.23 DST=192.168.11.3 LEN=
IN IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=d4:be:d9:69:d1:51:00:11:95:63:c7:5e:08:00 SRC=31.13.80.7 DST=192.168.11.3 LEN=
IN IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=d4:be:d9:69:d1:51:00:11:95:63:c7:5e:08:00 SRC=31.13.80.7 DST=192.168.11.3 LEN=
```

Ulogd2: complete Netfilter logging

Ulogd2

- Interact with the post 2.6.14 libraries
- multiple output and input through the use of stacks

libnetfilter_log (generalized ulog)

- Packet logging
- IPv6 ready
- Few structural modification

libnetfilter_conntrack (new)

- Connection tracking logging
- Accounting, logging

libnetfilter_nfacct (added recently)

- High performance accounting

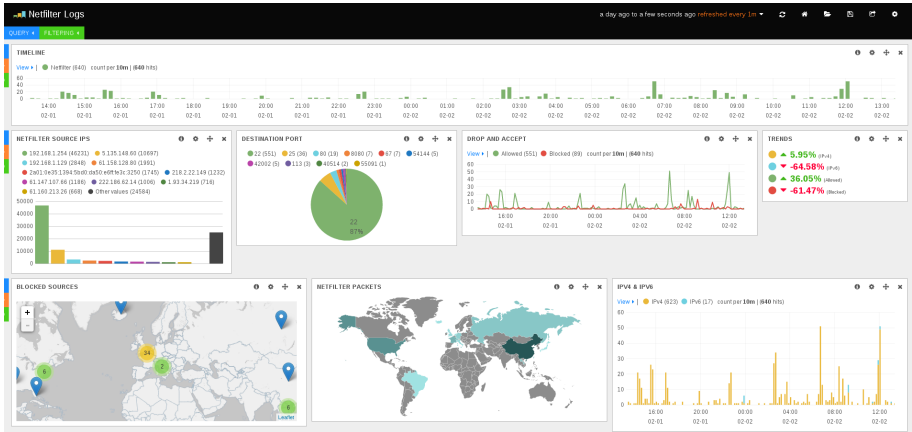
Ulogd: output and configuration

Sexify output

- Syslog and file output
- SQL output: PGSQL, MySQL, SQLite
- Graphite
- JSON output

Some stack examples

```
stack=log2:NFLOG,base1:BASE,ifi1:IFINDEX, \  
    ip2str1:IP2STR,mac2str1:HWHDR,json1:JSON  
stack=ctl:NFCT,mark1:MARK,ip2str1:IP2STR,pgsql2:PGSQL
```

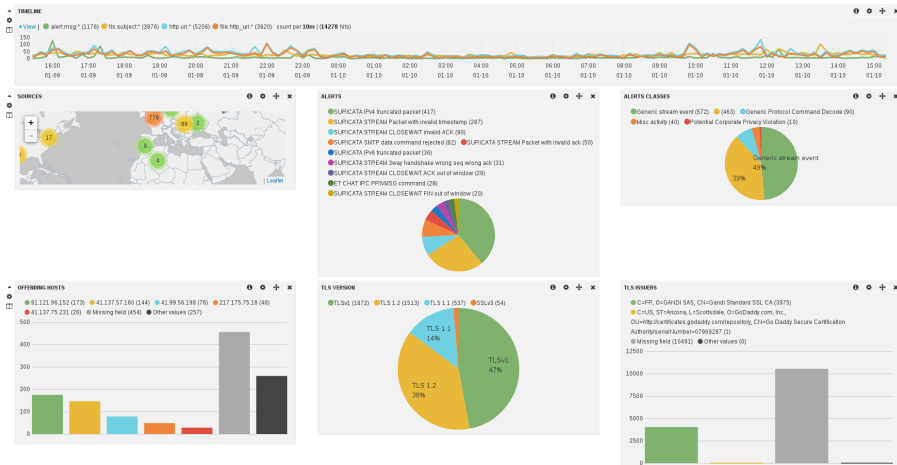
- Elasticsearch is a distributed restful search and analytics
- Full text search, schema free
- Apache 2 open source license
- ELK stack
 - Elasticsearch
 - Logstash: log shipping
 - Kibana: web interface

A tool for managing events and logs

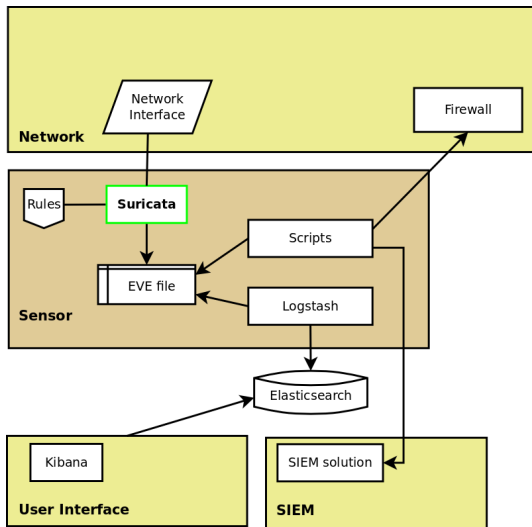
- collect logs, parse them, and store them in different outputs
 - elasticsearch
 - graphite
 - IRC
 - ...
- Apache 2.0 license
-

A simple configuration (for JSON)

```
input {  
  file {  
    path => [ "/var/log/suricata/eve.json", "/var/log/ulogd.json"]  
    codec => json  
  }  
}
```



Suricata Ecosystem



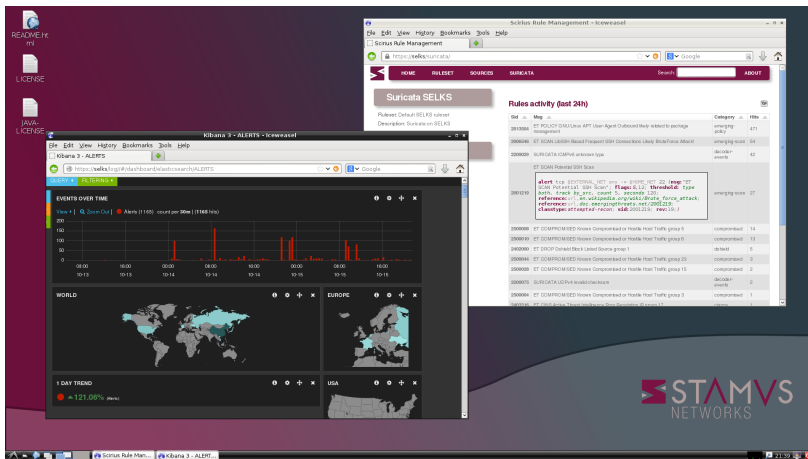
An installable and live ISO

- Based on Debian live
- A running Suricata configured and manageable via a web interface

Contenu

- Suricata: 2.1beta3 version
- Elasticsearch: database, full search text
- Logstash: collect info and store them in Elasticsearch
- Kibana: dashboard interface for data analysis
- Scirius: web interface for suricata ruleset management


Screenshot: the desktop



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Screenshot: Scirius

 Home Rulesets Sources Suricata About

Test Ruleset
Created: Oct. 22, 2014, 12:39 p.m.
Updated: Oct. 22, 2014, 12:39 p.m.
Action
Changelog
Update
Edit
Copy
Delete
Display
Show structure
Show rules
Export rules file

Source: ET Open@HEAD
Categories

Name	Descr	Date Created
emerging-user_agents	---	10/20/2014 9:04 p.m.
emerging-misc_specific_apps	---	10/20/2014 9:04 p.m.
emerging-inappropriate	---	10/20/2014 9:04 p.m.
emerging-dos	---	10/20/2014 9:04 p.m.
emerging-mobile_malware	---	10/20/2014 9:04 p.m.

5 categories

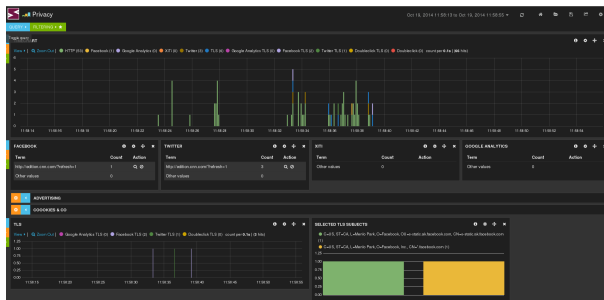
Disabled rules

Sid	Msg
2191326	GPL INAPPROPRIATE fuck movies

1 rule

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Small demo



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXtgHRmZkNc>

Plotting TCP window at start

OS passive fingerprinting

- Value of TCP window at start is not specified in RFC
- The value is a choice of the OS
- We can use this for identification

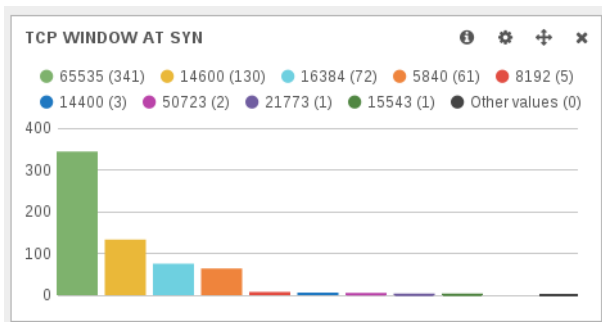
Value for some OSes

- 8192: Windows 7 SP1
- 65535: Mac OS X 10.2 - 10.7
- 14600: Some Linux
- 5840: Some other Linux

Source: <http://noc.to/#Help:TcpSynPacketSignature>

Let's pray Murphy

The facts



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The facts

@timestamp ▾ ▹	◀ src_ip ▶	◀ src_port ▶	◀ dest_port ▶
2014-02-02T12:58:11.735Z	61.174.51.219	6000	22
2014-02-02T12:55:24.699Z	222.186.62.20	6000	22
2014-02-02T12:49:04.621Z	222.186.62.42	6000	22
2014-02-02T12:28:28.150Z	222.186.62.53	6000	22
2014-02-02T12:26:02.045Z	61.160.195.250	6000	22
2014-02-02T12:21:00.961Z	61.160.215.5	6000	22
2014-02-02T11:45:40.916Z	61.174.51.201	6000	22
2014-02-02T11:44:09.874Z	115.230.126.87	6000	22

The facts

@timestamp ^>	src_ip ^>	src_port ^>	dest_port ^>	geolip.country_name ^>	tcp.window ^>
2014-01-31T08:11:15.214Z	61.160.223.102	6000	22	China	16384
2014-01-31T08:19:16.371Z	61.160.223.102	4585	22	China	65535
2014-01-31T08:20:08.378Z	61.160.223.102	1901	22	China	65535
2014-01-31T08:20:35.381Z	61.160.223.102	2363	22	China	65535
2014-01-31T08:20:44.383Z	61.160.223.102	2919	22	China	65535
2014-01-31T08:20:57.385Z	61.160.223.102	1208	22	China	65535
2014-01-31T08:21:07.387Z	61.160.223.102	4382	22	China	65535
2014-01-31T08:21:30.390Z	61.160.223.102	4519	22	China	65535
2014-01-31T08:21:51.393Z	61.160.223.102	4219	22	China	65535
2014-01-31T08:22:13.396Z	61.160.223.102	3548	22	China	65535
2014-01-31T08:22:33.399Z	61.160.223.102	1798	22	China	65535
2014-01-31T08:22:55.402Z	61.160.223.102	1275	22	China	65535
2014-02-02T10:56:04.435Z	61.160.223.102	6000	22	China	16384
2014-02-02T11:04:29.575Z	61.160.223.102	4075	22	China	65535
2014-02-02T11:04:52.582Z	61.160.223.102	4793	22	China	65535

Don't forget the French hospitality

Interaction is limited

- Suricata just have the user agent
- Syslog just give the username
- We don't have the used passwords
- We need to trap the offenders

How can we identify them ?

```
{ "timestamp": "2014-04-10T13:26:05.500472", "event_type": "ssh",  
  "src_ip": "192.168.1.129", "src_port": 45005,  
  "dest_ip": "192.30.252.129", "dest_port": 22, "proto": "TCP",  
  "ssh": {  
    "client": {  
      "proto_version": "2.0", "software_version": "OpenSSH_6.6p1 Debian-2" },  
    "server": {  
      "proto_version": "2.0", "software_version": "libssh-0.6.3"}  
  }  
}
```


Let's build a honeypot

- Parse EVE JSON file to get user with interesting client version
- Add them to an IPSET set
- Redirect all IP in the IPPSET set to a honeypot
- Get info from fake server
- Store them in Elasticsearch

Deny On Monitoring: simple code

Principle

- Parse EVE JSON file (like tail)
- Check for client version
- Call the ipset command if the version is matching given string

Get it

- Written in Python
- Available under GPLv3
- Hosted on github: <https://github.com/regit/DOM>

Deny On Monitoring: simple code

```
def main_task(args):
    setup_logging(args)
    file = open(args.file, 'r')
    while 1:
        where = file.tell()
        line = file.readline()
        if not line:
            # Dodo
            time.sleep(0.3)
            file.seek(where)
        else:
            try:
                event = json.loads(line)
            except json.decoder.JSONDecodeError:
                time.sleep(0.3)
                break
            if event['event_type'] == 'ssh':
                if 'libssh' in event['ssh']['client']['software_version']:
                    # Vas-y Francis, c'est bon bon bon
                    call([IPSET, 'add', args.ipset, event['src_ip']])
```

Deny On Monitoring

Some users feedback

Dom is one of the key protection of IMF network.

Christine Lagarde

Dom, c'est vraiment bien contre le scan de porc.

Marcela Lacub

Dom, y nique trop de scans!

Dodo la saumure

Passwords of SSH Intruders Transferred to Text

- Fake SSH server
- Write username and password tried in a file using JSON format

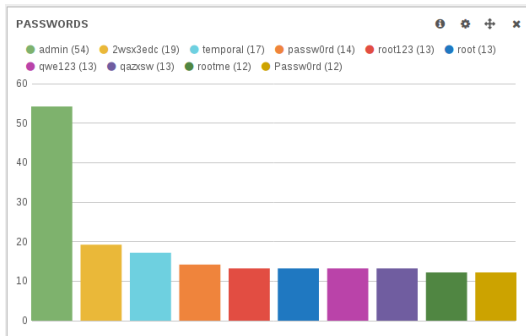
Get it

- Written in Python
- Use paramiko for SSH part
- Available under GPLv3
- Hosted on github: <https://github.com/regit/pshitt>

























The complete setup

```
# create IPSET set
ipset create libssh hash:ip
# start DOM to populate set
cd DOM
./dom -f /usr/local/var/log/suricata/eve.json \
      -m OpenSSH -i -s libssh
# start pshitt that will liste to port 2200
cd pshitt
./pshitt
# add a rules to redirect source IP from the set
iptables -A PREROUTING -t nat \
      -m set --match-set libssh src \
      -i eth0 -p tcp -m tcp --dport 22 \
      -j REDIRECT --to-ports 2200
```

Some results: most used passwords



Some results: less used passwords

LESS USED PASSWORDS						
Term	Count	Action				
!!!111	1	 				
!\$*lixiangyu610098	1	 				
!1@2#3	1	 				
!2#4	1	 				
!2#4%6	1	 				
!2#4%6&	1	 				
!@#\$zzidcQWER10.3	1	 				
!@#19841010	1	 				
!Q2w#E4r%T6y	1	 				
!QAZ1qaz	1	 				
Other values	6127					

Some results: clever guys in the place

◀ src_ip ▶	◀ username ▶	◀ password ▶
61.143.139.11	greatwallchina	root
61.143.139.11	greatwall	root
61.143.139.11	greatbritain	root
61.143.139.11	grasiele	root
61.143.139.11	grace123	root
61.143.139.11	grace	root
61.143.139.11	gr3abwa1l	root
61.143.139.11	gr3abrita1n	root
61.143.139.11	gowmo12	root
61.143.139.11	government	root

Suricata 2.1 new features

- Improved 'EVE' logging
- SMTP support with file extraction
- Lua output support
- MPLS over Ethernet support
- Huge performance (mpm) optimization
- ...

Conclusion

Don't fear to be sexy

- Sexy charts and interfaces are not only for finance guys thanks to Elasticsearch
- Suricata can boost the sex appeal of network monitoring

More information

- **Suricata:** <http://www.suricata-ids.org/>
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