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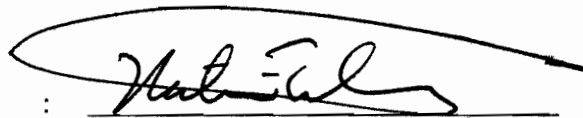
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Abstract

Network intrusion detection systems (NIDS) are an important part of any network security architecture. They provide a layer of defense which monitors network traffic for predefined suspicious activity or patterns, and alert system administrators when potential hostile traffic is detected. Network Intrusion Detection Systems (NIDS) perform deep packet inspection on packet payloads to identify, prevent, and inhibit malicious attacks over the Internet[1]. Snort is a lightweight intrusion detection system that can log packets coming across your network. This program can be used on smaller networks but on larger ones, with Gigabit Ethernet, snort can become unreliable. Snort doesn't require that you recompile your kernel or add any software or hardware to your existing distribution but it does require that you have root privileges.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CIDR	Classless InterDomain Routing
CPU	Central Processing Unit
DDOS	Distributed Denial-of-Service
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
DNS	Domain Name Service
FTP	File Transfer Provider
HTTP	HyperText Transfer Protocol
ICMP	Internet Control Message Protocol
IDS	Intrusion Detection System
IIS	Internet Information Services
IP	Internet Protocol
IRC	Internet Relay Chat
ISP	Internet Service Provider
NAT	Network Address Translation
NSAT	Network Security Analysis Tool
NSM	Network Security Monitor
ROC	Relative Operating Characteristic
RPC	Remote Procedure Call
SMB	Server Message Block
SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
SSH	Secure Shell

TCP Transmission Control Protocol
TRW Threshold Random Walk
UDP User Datagram Protocol
UPnP Universal Plug and Play
PCRE Perl Compatible Regular Expressions
NIDS Network Intrusion Detection System
HIDS Host-Based Intrusion Detection System
GNU Government of National Unity
CGI Common Gateway Interface
SMB Server Message Block
LAN Local Area Network
ACID Analysis Console for Intrusion Databases
PHP Hypertext Preprocessor
NFR National Finals Rodeo
Cisco Computer Information System Company
SLIP Serial Line Internet Protocol
TFTP Traffic File Transfer Provider
SYN Synchronize
FIN Freedom to Innovate Network
CSV Comma Separated Value

Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Preamble

Security is a big issue for all networks in today's enterprise environment. Hackers and intruders have made many successful attempts to bring down high-profile company networks and web services. Many methods have been developed to secure the network infrastructure and communication over the Internet, among them the use of firewalls, encryption, and virtual private networks. Intrusion detection is a relatively new addition to such techniques.

Intrusion detection methods started appearing in the last few years. Using intrusion detection methods, you can collect and use information from known types of attacks and find out if someone is trying to attack your network or particular hosts. The information collected this way can be used to harden your network security, as well as for legal purposes. Both commercial and open source products are now available for this purpose. Many vulnerability assessment tools are also available in the market that can be used to assess different types of security holes present in your network. A

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