Intrusion Detection Systems: Investigation of Evaluation Corpora

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Big Picture

- No one is 100% secure
- Types of intrusions
 - DoS
 - U2R
 - R2L
 - Port Scan/Sniff
- QoS is a driving force in most all industries
 - Rule of five 9's
 - →Detection is paramount

My Interest

Focus: Denial of Service (DoS) attack

- Why?
- What is it?

Normal vs DoS Connection



DoS Complexity

TCP/IP protocol suite

 Protocol + protocol field settings = many variations of DoS

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OSI Model and TCP/IP Stack

OSI	TCP/IP
Layer 7	Application
Application	Telnet, FTP, NFS, NIS
Layer 6	Session
Presentation	e.g. RPC
Layer 5	Transport
Session	Sockets/Streams - TLI
Layer 4 Transport	TCP UDP
Layer 3	Network
Network	IP + ARP/RARP/ICMP
Layer 2	Physical Protocol
Data Link	Ethernet/TR/FDDI/PPP
Layer 1	Transmission medium
Physical	Coax, Fiber, 10baseT

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Evaluating the Detection

- Penetration testing
 - Need test cases
 - Specific to type of attack
 - Attack signature
 - Ideally common across industry
 - DARPA

Data Sets

• DARPA 98, 99, 2000..... Why no more?

Few updated/available

 Could be valuable asset to cyber security and network technology development

Must be complete and exhaustive

Initial Strategy

 Show that I can detect attacks represented by DARPA data set

 Show that there exist DoS attacks not present in DARPA data set

Create suitable signatures for the new attacks

Reality

- DARPA data set not tailored to this kind of approach
 - Not ready to be sent into the test bed network
 - More beneficial to machine learning
 - Majority of time spent learning how to inject the attack into the network

What the data looks like

duration protocol type service flag src bytes dst bytes land wrong fragment urgent hot num failed logins logged in num compromised root shell su attempted num root num file creations num shells num access files num outbound cmds is host login is quest login

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Original Approach

Experiment test bed

Show that test bed can detect the known attacks

Develop signatures for the attacks not known

 Show that test bed can detect the new signature(s)

What I was Hoping to do

- Take the traffic log from data set and translate into an attack
- And have the IDS detect the attack

Or

Use IDS rules to translate into an attack

Difficulties

- The data sets and attacks are not easily translated.
- Snort IDS rules not easily translated into attacks

Lessons Learned

This is not easily done

- For data sets
- From rules





Reality Part 2

- Using python CLI and Scapy.py
- Creating specific IDS rules for each attack that I'm testing



Test Bed

- Attacker
- Cisco 1600 router

Cisco 2950 switch

SNORT IDS

Victim Network

End Result

Test bed fully functional

 Constructed 3 distinct attack signature/ payloads

- Future work
 - Constructing attacks not in the data set.

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