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Module 17

Intrusion Detection System

An intrusion detection system (IDS) is a device or software application that monitors network and/or system activities for malicious activities or policy violations and produces reports to a Management Station.

Lab Scenario

Due to a growing number of intrusions and since the Internet and local networks have become so ubiquitous, organizations increasingly implementing various systems that monitor IT security breaches. Intrusion detection systems (IDSes) are those that have recently gained a considerable amount of interest. An IDS is a defense system that detects hostile activities in a network. The key is then to detect and possibly prevent activities that may compromise system security, or a hacking attempt in progress including reconnaissance/data collection phases that involve, for example, port scans. One key feature of intrusion detection systems is their ability to provide a view of unusual activity and issue alerts notifying administrators and/or block a suspected connection. According to Amoroso, intrusion detection is a "process of identifying and responding to malicious activity targeted at computing and networking resources." In addition, IDS tools are capable of distinguishing between insider attacks originating from inside the organization (coming from own employees or customers) and external ones (attacks and the threat posed by hackers) (Source: http://www.windowsecurity.com)

In order to become an expert penetration tester and security administrator, you must possess sound knowledge of network intrusion prevention system (IPSes), IDSes, malicious network activity, and log information.

Lab Objectives

The objective of this lab is to help students learn and detect intrusions in a network, log, and view all log files. In this lab, you will learn how to:

- Install and configure Snort IDS
- Run Snort as a service
- Log snort log files to Kiwi Syslog server
- Store snort log files to two output sources simultaneously

Lab Environment

To carry out this lab, you need:

- A computer running Windows Server 2012 as a host machine
- A computer running Windows server 2008, Windows 8, or Windows 7 as a virtual machine
- WinPcap drivers installed on the host machine

- Notepad++ installed on the host machine
- Kiwi Syslog Server installed on the host machine
- Active Perl installed on the host machine to run Perl scripts
- Administrative privileges to configure settings and run tools
- A web browser with Internet access

Lab Duration

Time: 40 Minutes

Overview of Intrusion Detection Systems

An intrusion detection system (IDS) is a device or software application that monitors network and/or system activities for malicious activities or policy violations and produces reports to a Management Station. Some systems may attempt to stop an intrusion attempt but this is neither required nor expected of a monitoring system. In addition, organizations use intrusion detection and prevention systems (IDPSes) for other purposes, such as identifying problems with security policies, documenting existing threats and deterring individuals from violating security policies. IDPSes have become a necessary addition to the security infrastructure of nearly every organization. Many IDPSes can also respond to a detected threat by attempting to prevent it from succeeding. They use several response techniques, which involve the IDPS stopping the attack itself, changing the security environment.

IDPSes are primarily focused on identifying possible incidents, logging information about them, attempting to stop them, and reporting them to security administrators.

TASK 1

Overview

Lab Tasks

Pick an organization that you feel is worthy of your attention. This could be an educational institution, a commercial company, or perhaps a nonprofit charity.

Recommended labs to assist you in using IDSes:

- Detecting Intrusions Using Snort
- Logging Snort Alerts to Kiwi Syslog Server
- Detecting Intruders and Worms using KFSensor Honeypot IDS
- HTTP Tunneling Using HTTPort

Lab Analysis

Analyze and document the results related to this lab exercise. Give your opinion on your target's security posture and exposure.

PLEASE TALK TO YOUR INSTRUCTOR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
RELATED TO THIS LAB.

Detecting Intrusions using Snort

Snort is an open source network intrusion prevention and detection system (IDS/IPS).

ICON KEY

📁 Valuable information

✎ Test your knowledge

💻 Web exercise

📖 Workbook review

Lab Scenario

The trade of the intrusion detection analyst is to find possible attacks against their network. The past few years have witnessed significant increases in DDoS attacks on the Internet, prompting network security to become a great concern. Analysts do this by IDS logs and packet captures while corroborating with firewall logs, known vulnerabilities, and general trending data from the Internet. The IDS attacks are becoming more cultured, automatically reasoning the attack scenarios in real time and categorizing those scenarios becomes a critical challenge. These result in huge amounts of data and from this data they must look for some kind of pattern. However, the overwhelming flows of events generated by IDS sensors make it hard for security administrators to uncover hidden attack plans.

In order to become an expert penetration tester and security administrator, you must possess sound knowledge of network IPSes, IDSes, malicious network activity, and log information.

📁 **Tools Demonstrated in this lab are located at D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 17 Evading IDS, Firewalls, and Honeypots**

Lab Objectives

The objective of this lab is to familiarize students with IPSes and IDSes.

In this lab, you need to:

- Install Snort and verify Snort alerts
- Configure and validate snort.conf file
- Test the working of Snort by carrying out an attack test
- Perform intrusion detection
- Configure Oinkmaster

Lab Environment

To carry out this lab, you need:

- A computer running Windows Server 2012 as a host machine
- Windows 7 running on virtual machine as an attacker machine
- WinPcap drivers installed on the host machine
- Notepad++ installed on the host machine
- Kiwi Syslog Server installed on the host machine
- Active Perl installed on the host machine to run Perl scripts
- Administrative privileges to configure settings and run tools

Lab Duration

Time: 30 Minutes

Overview of Intrusion Prevention Systems and Intrusion Detection Systems

📖 You can also download Snort from http://www.snort.org.

An IPS is a **network security** appliance that **monitors** a network and system activities for **malicious** activity. The main functions of IPSes are to **identify** malicious activity, **log information** about said activity, attempt to **block/stop** activity, and report activity.

An IDS is a device or software application that **monitors** network and/or system activities for **malicious** activities or **policy violations** and produces **reports** to a Management Station. It performs intrusion detection and attempt to **stop** detected possible **incidents**.

Lab Tasks

🖥 **T A S K 1**

Install Snort

1. Start **Windows Server 2012** on the host machine. Install Snort.
2. To install Snort, navigate to **D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 17 Evading IDS, Firewalls, and Honeypots\Intrusion Detection Tools\Snort**.
3. Double-click the **Snort_2_9_3_1_Installer.exe** file. The Snort installation wizard appears.
4. Accept the **License Agreement** and install Snort with the **default options** that appear **step-by-step** in the wizard.
5. A window appears after successful installation of Snort. Click the **Close** button.
6. Click **OK** to exit the **Snort Installation** window.

📂 Snort is an open source network intrusion prevention and detection system (IDS/IPS).
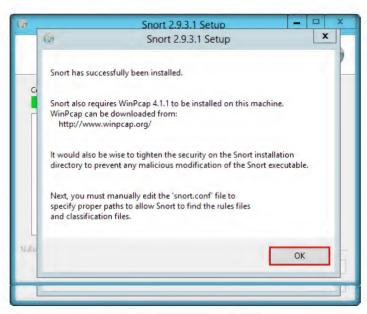
Figure 1.1: Snort Successful Installation Window

7. Snort requires **WinPcap** to be installed on your machine.

8. Install WinPcap by navigating to **D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 17 Evading IDS, Firewalls, and Honeypots\Intrusion Detection Tools\Snort**, and double-clicking **WinPcap_4_1_2.exe**.

9. By default, Snort installs itself in **C:\Snort** (C:\ or D:\ depending upon the disk drive in which OS installed).

10. Register on the Snort website **https://www.snort.org/signup** in order to download Snort Rules. After registration comples it will automatically redirect to a download page.

11. Click the **Get Rules** button to download the latest rules. In this lab we have downloaded **snortrules-snapshot-2931.tar.gz**.

12. Extract the downloaded rules and copy the extracted folder in this path: **D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 17 Evading IDS, Firewalls, and Honeypots\Intrusion Detection Tools\Snort**.

13. Rename the extracted folder to **snortrules**.

14. Now go to the **etc** folder in the specified location **D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 17 Evading IDS, Firewalls, and Honeypots\Intrusion Detection Tools\Snort\snortrules\etc** of the extracted Snort rules, copy the **snort.conf** file, and paste this file in **C:\Snort\etc**.

15. The **Snort.conf** file is already present in **C:\Snort\etc**; replace this file with the Snort rules **Snort.conf** file.

16. Copy the **so_rules** folder from **D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 17 Evading IDS, Firewalls, and Honeypots\Intrusion Detection Tools\Snort\snortrules** and paste it in **C:\Snort**.

📂 WinPcap is a tool for link-layer network access that allows applications to capture and transmit network packets bypass the protocol stack.

17. Replace the **preproc_rules** folder from **D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 17 Evading IDS, Firewalls, and Honeypots\Intrusion Detection Tools\Snort\snortrules** and paste it in **C:\Snort**.

18. Copy all the files from this location: **D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 17 Evading IDS, Firewalls, and Honeypots\Intrusion Detection Tools\Snort\snortrules\rules** to **C:\Snort\rules**.

19. Now navigate to **C:\Snort** and right-click folder **bin**, and click **CmdHere** from the context menu to open it in a command prompt.

20. Type **snort** and press **Enter**.
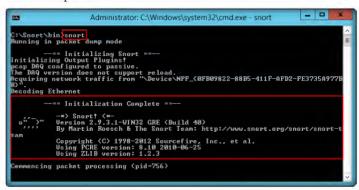
Figure 1.2: Snort Basic Command

21. The **Initialization Complete** message displays. Press **Ctrl+C**. Snort exits and comes back to **C:\Snort\bin**.

22. Now type **snort –W**. This command lists your machine's physical address, IP address, and Ethernet Drivers, but all are disabled by default.
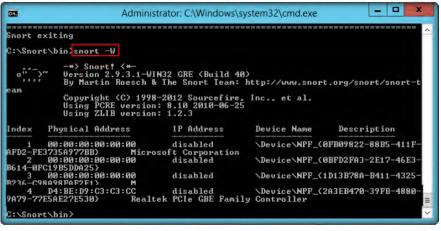
Figure 1.3: Snort -W Command

23. Observe your Ethernet Driver **index number** and write it down; in this lab, the Ethernet Driver index number is **1**.

24. To enable the Ethernet Driver, in the command prompt, type **snort –dev –i 2** and press **Enter**.

TASK 2

Verify Snort Alert

🖊 To print out the TCP/IP packet headers to the screen (i.e. sniffer mode), type: snort –v.

To specify a log into logging directory, type snort –dev –l /logdirectorylocationand, Snort automatically knows to go into packet logger mode.

25. You see a rapid scroll text in the command prompt. It means that the Ethernet Driver is enabled and working properly.

Figure 1.4: Snort –dev –i 4 Command

26. Leave the Snort command prompt window open, and launch another command prompt window.

27. In a new command prompt, type **ping google.com** and press **Enter**.

Ping [-t] [-a] [-n count] [-l size] [-f] [-i TTL] [-v TOS] [-r count] [-s count] [[-j host-list] | [-k host-list]] [-w timeout] destination-list

Figure 1.5: Ping google.com Command

28. This ping command triggers a Snort alert in the Snort command prompt with rapid scrolling text.

To enable Network Intrusion Detect ion System (NIDS) mode so that you don't record every single packet sent down the wire, type: snort -dev -l ./log -h 192.168.1.0/24 -c snort.conf.

Figure 1.6: Snort Showing Captured Google Request

29. Close both command prompt windows. The verification of Snort installation and triggering alert is complete, and Snort is working correctly in verbose mode.

30. Configure the **snort.conf** file located at **C:\Snort\etc**.

31. Open the **snort.conf** file with Notepad++.

32. The **snort.conf** file opens in Notepad++ as shown in the following screenshot.

☐ TASK 3

Configure snort.conf File

📁 Make sure to grab the rules for the version you are installing Snort for.
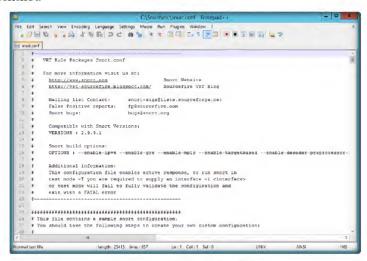
Figure 1.7: Configuring Snort.conf File in Notepad++

📖 Log packets in tcpdump format and to produce minimal alerts, type: snort -b -A fast -c snort.conf.

33. Scroll down to the **Step #1: Set the network variables** section (Line 41) of snort.conf file. In the **HOME_NET** line, replace any with the IP addresses (Line 45) of the machine where Snort is running.
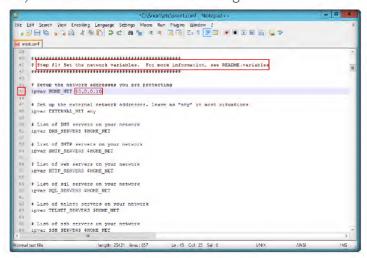
Figure 1.8: Configuring Snort.conf File in Notepad++

📖 Notepad++ is a free source code editor and Notepad replacement that supports several languages. It runs in the MS Windows environment.

34. Leave the **EXTERNAL_NET any** line as it is.

35. If you have a **DNS Server,** then make changes in the **DNS_SERVERS** line by replacing **$HOME_NET** with your DNS Server IP address; otherwise, leave this line as it is.

📖 The element 'any' can be used to match all IPs, although 'any' is not allowed. Also, negated IP ranges that are more general than non-negated IP ranges are not allowed.

36. The same applies to SMTP_SERVERS, HTTP_SERVERS, SQL_SERVERS, TELNET_SERVERS, and SSH_SERVERS.

37. Remember that if you don't have any servers running on your machine, leave the line as it is. **DO NOT** make any changes in that line.

38. Scroll down to **RULE_PATH** (Line 104). In Line 104 replace **../rules** with **C:\Snort\rules,** in Line 105 **../so_rules** replace with **C:\Snort\so_rules,** and in Line 106 replace **../preproc_rules** with **C:\Snort\preproc_rules.**

📖 Rule variable names can be modified in several ways. You can define meta-variables using the $ operator. These can be used with the variable modifier operators ? and -
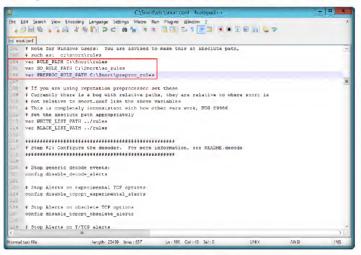
Figure 1.9: Configuring Snort.conf File in Notepad++

39. In Line 113 and 114 replace **../rules** with **C:\Snort\ rules.**
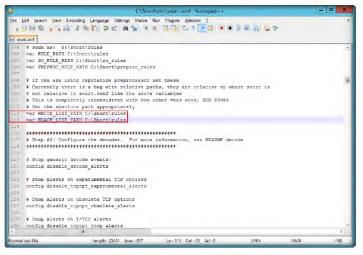
Figure 1.10: Configuring Snort.conf File in Notepad++

40. Navigate to **C:\Snort\rules** and create two files and name them **white_list.rules** and **black_list.rules** make sure the two files extensions are **.rules**.

41. Scroll down to **Step #4: Configure dynamic loaded libraries** section (Line 242). Configure **dynamic loaded libraries** in this section.

42. At path to dynamic preprocessor libraries (Line 247), replace **/usr/local/lib/snort_dynamicpreprocessor/** with your dynamic preprocessor libraries folder location.

43. In this lab, dynamic preprocessor libraries are located at **C:\Snort\lib\snort_dynamicpreprocessor**.
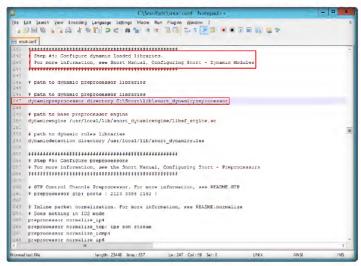
Figure 1.11: Configuring Snort.conf File in Notepad++

Preprocessors are loaded and configured using the 'preprocessor' keyword. The format of the preprocessor directive in the Snort rules file is: preprocessor <name>: <options>.

44. At path to base preprocessor (or dynamic) engine (Line 250), replace **/usr/local/lib/snort_dynamicengine/libsf_engine.so** with your base preprocessor engine **C:\Snort\lib\snort_dynamicengine\sf_engine.dll**.

Preprocessors allow the functionality of Snort to be extended by allowing users and programmers to drop modular plug-ins into Snort fairly easily.
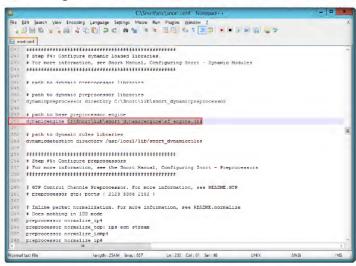
Figure 1.12: Configuring Snort.conf File in Notepad++

45. **Comment** (**#**) the dynamic rules libraries line as you already configured the libraries in dynamic preprocessor libraries (Line 253).
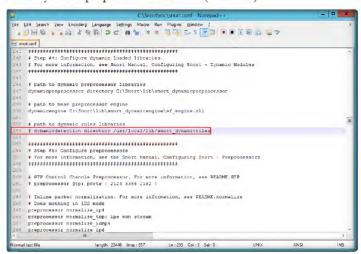
Figure 1.13: Configuring Snort.conf File in Notepad++

> Note: Preprocessor code is run before the detection engine is called, but after the packet has been decoded. The packet can be modified or analyzed in an out-of-band manner using this mechanism.

46. Scroll down to **Step #5: Configure Preprocessors** section (Line 256), the listed preprocessor. Do nothing in IDS mode, but generate errors at runtime.

> IPs may be specified individually, in a list, as a CIDR block, or any combination of the three.

47. Comment all the preprocessors listed in this section by adding **#** **before** each preprocessors.
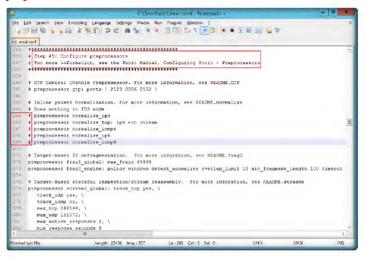
Figure 1.14: Configuring Snort.conf File in Notepad++

> Many configuration and command line options of Snort can be specified in the configuration file. Format: config <directive> [: <value>]
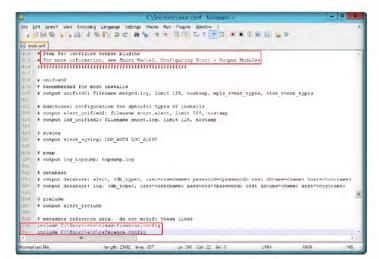
48. Scroll down to **Step #6: Configure output plugins** (Line 514). In this step, provide the location of the **classification.config** and **reference.config** files.

49. These two files are in **C:\Snort\etc**. Provide this location of files in configure output plugins (in Lines 540 and 541).

The frag3 preprocessor is a target-based IP defragmentation module for Snort.

Figure 1.15: Configuring Snort.conf File in Notepad++

50. In this **step #6**, add the line **output alert_fast: alerts.ids**, for Snort to dump all logs in the **alerts.ids** file.

Note: 'ipvar's are enabled only with IPv6 support. Without IPv6 support, use a regular 'var.'
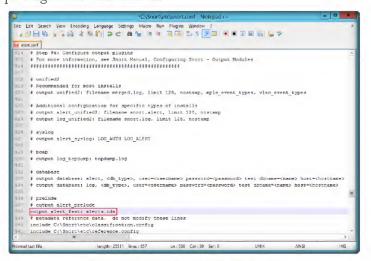
Figure 1.16: Configuring Snort.conf File in Notepad++

51. By default, the **C:\Snort\log** folder is empty, without any files in it. Go to the **C:\Snort\log** folder, and create a new text file with the name **alerts.ids**.

52. Ensure that extension of that file is **.ids**.

Frag3 is intended as a replacement for the frag2 defragmentation module and was designed with the following goals:
1. Faster execution than frag2 with less complex data management.
2. Target-based host modeling anti-evasion techniques.
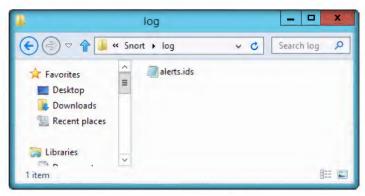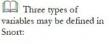
Figure 1.17: Configuring Snort.conf File in Notepad++

53. In the **snort.conf** file, find and replace the **ipvar** string with **var**. By default the string is **ipvar**, which is not recognized by Snort, so replace it with the **var** string.

Note: Snort now supports multiple configurations based on VLAN Id or IP subnet within a single instance of Snort. This allows administrators to specify multiple snort configuration files and bind each configuration to one or more VLANs or subnets rather than running one Snort for each configuration required.

📖 Three types of variables may be defined in Snort:

- Var
- Portvar
- ipvar
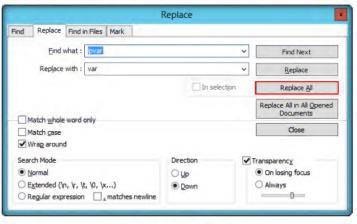
Figure 1.18: Configuring Snort.conf File in Notepad++

54. Save the **snort.conf** file.

55. Before running Snort you need to enable detection rules in the Snort rules file; for this lab we have enabled ICMP rule so that Snort can detect any host discovery ping probes to the system running Snort.

56. Navigate to **C:\Snort\rules** and open the **icmp-info.rules** file with Notepad ++.

57. **Uncomment** the Line number **47** and save and close the file.
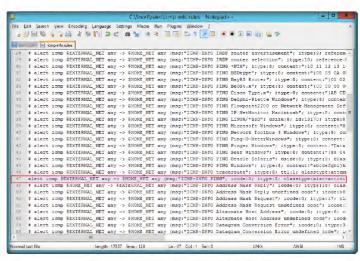
Figure 1.19: Configuring Snort.conf File in Notepad++

TASK 4

Validate Configurations

58. Now navigate to **C:\Snort** and right-click folder **bin**, select **CmdHere** from the context menu to open it in the command prompt.

59. Type **snort -iX -A console -c C:\Snort\etc\snort.conf -l C:\Snort\log -K ascii** and press **Enter** to start Snort (replace **X** with your device index number; in this lab: **X** is 1).

60. If you enter all the command information **correctly**, you receive a **graceful exit** as shown in the following figure.

61. If you receive a **fatal error**, you should first **verify** that you have typed all modifications correctly into the **snort.conf** file and then search through the file for **entries** matching your fatal error message.

62. If you receive an error stating "**Could not create the registry key**," then run the command prompt as an **Administrator**.

To run Snort as a daemon, add -D switch to any combination. Notice that if you want to be able to restart Snort by sending a SIGHUP signal to the daemon, specify the full path to the Snort binary when you start it, for example:
/usr/local/bin/snort -d -h 192.168.1.0/24 \ -l /var/log/snortlogs -c /usr/local/etc/snort.conf -s -D
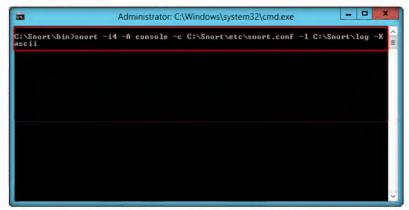
Figure 2.18: Snort Successfully Validated Configuration Window

TASK 5

Start Snort

63. Start Snort in IDS mode, in the command prompt type **snort –c C:\Snort\etc\snort.conf –l C:\Snort\log –i 2** and then press **Enter**.

Figure 2.19: Start Snort in IDS Mode Command

64. Snort starts running in IDS mode. It first initializes output plug-ins, preprocessors, plug-ins, load dynamic preprocessors libraries, rule chains of Snort, and then logs all signatures.

65. After initializing interface and logged signatures, Snort starts and waits for an attack and trigger alert when attacks occur on the machine.
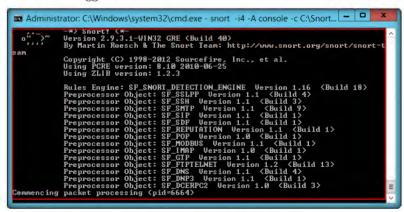
Figure 1.20: Initializing Snort Rule Chains Window

66. After initializing the interface and logged signatures, Snort starts and waits for an attack and trigger alert when attacks occur on the machine.

67. Leave the Snort command prompt running.

68. Attack your own machine and check whether Snort detects it or not.

69. Launch your Windows 8 Virtual Machine (**Attacker Machine**).

70. Open the command prompt and type **ping XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX -t** from the **Attacker Machine** (XXX.XXX.XXX.XX is your Windows Server 2012 **IP address**).

71. Go to **Windows Server 2012**, open the Snort command prompt, and press **Ctrl+C** to **stop** Snort. Snort exits.

72. Now go to the **C:\Snort\log\10.0.0.12** folder and open the **ICMP_ECHO.ids** text file.

TASK 6

Attack Host Machine

Note that to view the snort log file, always stop snort and then open snort log file.
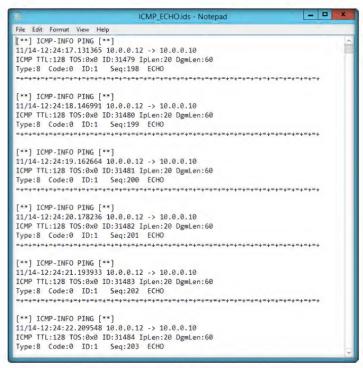
Figure 1.21: Snort Alerts.ids Window Listing Snort Alerts

73. You see that all the log entries are saved in the **ICMP_ECHO.ids** file. This means that your Snort is working correctly to trigger alert when attacks occur on your machine.

Lab Analysis

Analyze and document the results related to this lab exercise. Give your opinion on your target's security posture and exposure.

Tool/Utility	Information Collected/Objectives Achieved
Snort	**Output:** victim machine log are captured

Questions

1. Determine and analyze the process to identify and monitor network ports after intrusion detection.

2. Evaluate how you process Snort logs to generate reports.

Internet Connection Required	
☐ Yes	☑ No
Platform Supported	
☑ Classroom	☑ iLabs

Lab

2

Logging Snort Alerts to Kiwi Syslog Server

Snort is an open source network intrusion prevention and detection system (IDS/IPS).

Lab Scenario

Increased connectivity and the use of the Internet have exposed organizations to subversion, thereby necessitating the use of intrusion detection systems to protect information systems and communication networks from malicious attacks and unauthorized access. An intrusion detection system (IDS) is a security system that monitors computer systems and network traffic, analyzes that traffic to identify possible security breaches, and raises alerts. An IDS triggers thousands of alerts per day, making it difficult for human users to analyze them and take appropriate actions. It is important to reduce the redundancy of alerts, intelligently integrate and correlate them, and present high-level view of the detected security issues to the administrator. An IDS is used to inspect data for malicious or anomalous activities and detect attacks or unauthorized use of system, networks, and related resources.

In order to become an expert penetration tester and security administrator, you must possess sound knowledge of network intrusion prevention system (IPSes), IDSes, identify network malicious activity, and log information, stop, or block malicious network activity.

Lab Objectives

The objective of this lab is to help students learn and understand IPSes and IDSes.

In this lab, you need to:

📁 **Tools demonstrated in this lab are located at D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 17 Evading IDS, Firewalls, and Honeypots**

- Install Snort and configure snort.conf file
- Validate configuration settings
- Perform an attack on the Host Machine
- Perform an intrusion detection
- Attempt to stop detected possible incidents

Lab Environment

To carry-out this lab, you need:

- A computer running Windows Server 2012 as a host machine
- Windows 8 running on virtual machine as an attacker machine
- WinPcap drivers installed on the host machine
- Kiwi Syslog Server installed on the host machine
- Administrative privileges to configure settings and run tools

📁 You can also download Kiwi Syslog Server from http://www.kiwisyslog.com

Lab Duration

Time: 10 Minutes

Overview of of IPSes and IDSes

An intrusion detection system (IDS) is a device or **software** application that monitors network and/or system activities for **malicious** activities or policy violations and produces reports to a management station.

Intrusion detection and prevention systems (IDPS) are primarily focused on identifying possible **incidents**, **logging** information about them, attempting to stop them, and reporting them to **security** administrators.

Lab Tasks

💻 **TASK 1**

Log Snort Alerts to Syslog Server

1. Navigate to **D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 17 Evading IDS, Firewalls, and Honeypots\Intrusion Detection Tools\Kiwi Syslog Server** double click on **Kiwi_Syslog_Server_9.3.4.Eval.setup.exe** and install **Kiwi Syslog Server** on the Windows Server 2012 host machine.

2. The **License Agreement** window appears, Click **I Agree**.
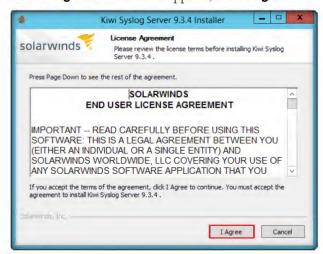
Figure 2.1: kiwi syslog server installation

3. In the **Choose Operating Mode** wizard, check the **Install Kiwi Syslog Server as an Application** check box and click **Next >**.

Figure 2.2: Kiwi Syslog server installation

4. In the **Install Kiwi Syslog Web Access** wizard, uncheck the option selected and click **Next >**.

Figure 2.3: kiwi syslog server

5. Leave the settings as their defaults in the **Choose Components** wizard and click **Next >**.
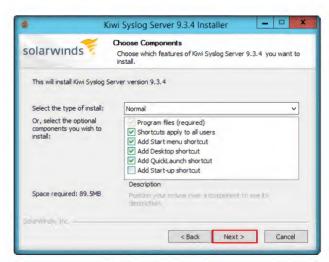
Figure 2.4: adding components

6. In the **Choose Install Location** wizard, leave the settings as their defaults and click **Install** to continue.

Figure 2.5: Give destination folder

7. Click **Finish** to complete the installation.

 You should see a test message appear, which indicates Kiwi is working.

Figure 2.6: kiwi syslog server finish window

8. Click **OK** in the **Kiwi Syslog Server – Default Settings Applied** dialog box.
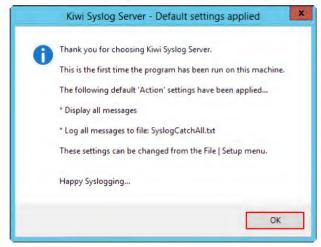
Figure 2.7: Default setting applied window

9. To launch the **Kiwi Syslog Server Console** move your mouse cursor to lower-left corner of your desktop and click **Start**.

Figure 2.8: starting menu in windows server 2012

📖 Kiwi Syslog Server is a free syslog server for Windows. It receives logs, displays and forwards syslog messages from hosts such as routers, switches, UNIX hosts and other syslog-enabled devices.

10. In the **Start** menu apps click **Kiwi Syslog Server Console** to launch the app.
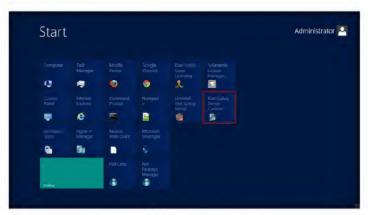
Figure 2.9: click kiwi syslog server application

11. Configure Syslog alerts in the **snort.conf** file.

12. To configure **Syslog alerts**, first exit from the Snort command prompt (press **Ctrl+C**).

13. Go to **C:\Snort\etc** and open the **snort.conf** file with **Notepad++**.

14. Scroll down to **Step #6: Configure output plugins**, in the syslog section (Line 527), remove **#** and modify the line to **output alert_syslog: host=127.0.0.1:514, LOG_AUTH LOG_ALERT**.

Snort.conf before modification Syslog

The reason why you have to run snortstart.bat batch file as an administrator is that, in your current configuration, you need to maintain rights to not only output your alerts to Kiwi, but to write them to a log file.
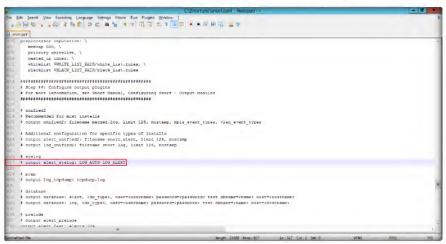
Figure 2.10: Snort.config before modification

Snort.conf after modification Syslog
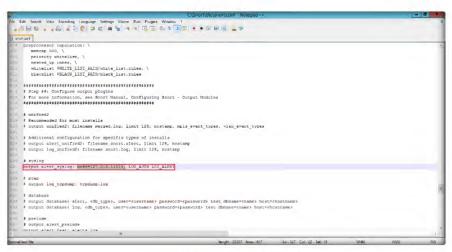
Figure 2.11: Snort.config after configuration

15. **Save** the file and close it.

16. Open **Kiwi Syslog Server Console** and press **Ctrl+T**. This is to test Kiwi Syslog Server alert logs.
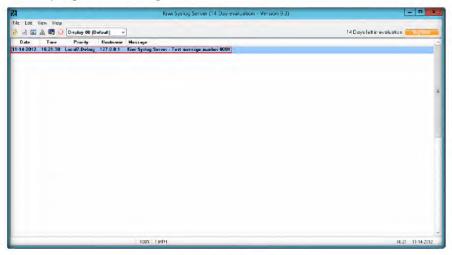
Figure 2.12: Kiwi Syslog Service Manager window

17. Leave the Kiwi Syslog Server Console. Do not close the window.

18. Now open a command prompt with Snort and type this command: **snort – iX –A console –c C:\Snort\etc\snort.conf –l C:\Snort\log –K ascii –s** and press **Enter** (here X is index number of your Ethernet card) .

Figure 2.13: Snort Alerts.ids Window Listing Snort Alerts

Kiwi Syslog Server filtering options:

- Filter on IP address, hostname, or message text

- Filter out unwanted host messages or take a different logging action depending on the host name

- Perform an action when a message contains specific keywords.

19. Open a command prompt in your Windows 8 virtual machine and type this command: **ping 10.0.0.10** (IP address of your host machine where Kiwi Syslog Server Console is running).

20. Go to **Kiwi Syslog Service Manager** window (that is already open) and observe the triggered alert logs.
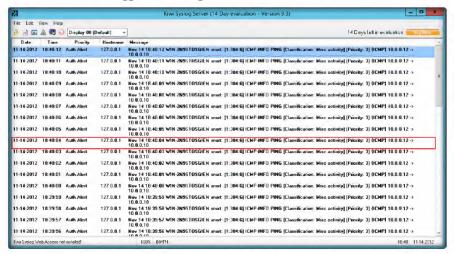
Figure 2.14: Kiwi Syslog Service Manager with Snort Logs

21. In **Kiwi Syslog**, you see the Snort alerts outputs listed in Kiwi Syslog Service Manager.

22. You have successfully output Snort Alerts to two sources.

Lab Analysis

Analyze and document the results related to this lab exercise. Give your opinion on your target's security posture and exposure.

Tool/Utility	Information Collected/Objectives Achieved
Kiwi Syslog Server	**Output:** The Snort alerts outputs listed in Kiwi Syslog Service Manager.

Questions

1. Evaluate how you can capture a memory dump to confirm a leak using Kiwi Syslog Server.

2. Determine how you can move Kiwi Syslog Daemon to another machine.

3. Each Syslog message includes a priority value at the beginning of the text. Evaluate the priority of each Kiwi Syslog message and on what basis messages are prioritized.

Internet Connection Required	
☐ Yes	☑ No
Platform Supported	
☑ Classroom	☑ iLabs

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3

Detecting Intruders and Worms Using KFSensor Honeypot IDS

KFSensor is a Windows based honeypot Intrusion Detection System (IDS).

Lab Scenario

Intrusion detection systems are designed to search network activity (we are considering both host and network IDS detection) for evidence of malicious abuse. When an IDS algorithm "detects" some sort of activity and the activity is not malicious or suspicious, this detection is known as a false positive. It is important to realize that from the IDS's perspective, it is not doing anything incorrect. Its algorithm is not making a mistake. The algorithm is just not perfect. IDS designers make many assumptions about how to detect network attacks.

An example assumption could be to look for extremely long URLs. Typically, a URL may be only 500 bytes long. Telling an IDS to look for URLs longer than 2000 bytes may indicate a denial of service attack. A false positive could result from some complex e-commerce web sites that store a wide variety of information in the URL and exceed 2000 bytes.

In order to become an expert penetration tester and security administrator, you must possess sound knowledge of network intrusion prevention systems (IPSes), intrusion detection systems (IDSes), identify network malicious activity and log information, and stop or block malicious network activity.

Lab Objectives

The objective of this lab is to make students learn and understand IPSes and IDSes.

In this lab, you need to:

- Detect hackers and worms in a network
- Provide network security

Lab Environment

To carry-out this lab, you need:

- **KF Sensor** located at **D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 17 Evading IDS, Firewalls, and Honeypots\Honeypot Tools\KFSensor**

- Install KF Sensor in **Windows 8**

- **MegaPing** located at **D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 03 Scanning Networks\Scanning Tools\MegaPing**

- Install Mega ping in **Windows Server 2012**

- If you have decided to download latest of version of these tools, then screen shots would be differ

- Administrative privileges to configure settings and run tools

📁 You can also download KFSensor from http://www.keyfocus.net

Lab Duration

Time: 10 Minutes

Overview of IPSes and IDSes

An intrusion prevention system (IPS) is a **network security** appliance that **monitors** network and system activities for **malicious** activity. The main functions of IPSes are to **identify** malicious activity, **log related information**, attempt to **block/stop** activity, and report activity.

An IDS is a software device or application that **monitors** network and/or system activities for **malicious** activities or **policy violations** and delivers **reports** to a Management Station. It performs intrusion detection and attempts to **stop** detected possible **incidents**.

🖥 **TASK 1**

Configure KFSensor

Lab Tasks

1. Launch **Windows 8** virtual machine and follow the wizard-driven installation steps to install **KFSensor**.

2. After installation it will prompt to reboot the system. **Reboot** the system.

3. In Windows 8 launch KFSensor. To Launch KFSensor move your mouse cursor to the lower-left corner of your desktop and click **Start**.

FIGURE 3.1: KFSensor Window with Setup Wizard

4. In the **Start** menu apps, right click the **KFSensor** app, and click **Run as Administrator** at the bottom.

FIGURE 3.2: KFSensor Window with Setup Wizard

5. At the first-time launch of the **KFSensor Set Up Wizard**, click **Next**.

FIGURE 3.3: KFSensor main Window

The Set up Wizard is used to perform the initial configuration of KFSensor.

6. Check all the **port classes** to include and click **Next**.

FIGURE 3.4: KFSensor Window with Setup Wizard

Domain Name is the domain name used to identify the server to a visitor. It is used in several Sim Servers.

7. Live the domain name field as default and click **Next**.

FIGURE 3.5: KFSensor Window with Setup Wizard

8. If you want to send **KFSensor alerts** by email and then specify the email address details and click **Next**.

FIGURE 3.6: KFSensor Window with Setup Wizard-email alerts

9. Choose options for **Denial of Service**, **Port activity**, **Proxy Emulation**, and **Network Protocol Analyzer** and click **Next**.

FIGURE 3.7: KFSensor Window with Setup Wizard-options

📖 The KFSensor Monitor is a module that provides the user interface to the KFSensor system. With it you can configure the KFSensor Server and examine the events that it generates.
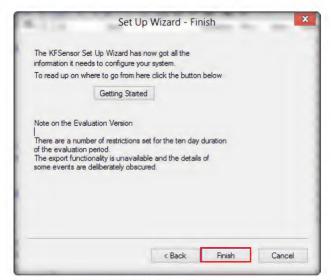
10. Check the **Install as system service** option and click **Next**.

FIGURE 3.8: KFSensor Window with Setup Wizard-system service

📖 The Ports View is displayed on the left panel of the main window. It comprises of a tree structure that displays the name and status of the KFSensor Server and the ports on which it is listening.

11. Click **Finish** to complete the **Set Up wizard**.

FIGURE 3.9: KFSensor finish installation

12. The **KFSensor** main window appears. It displays list of **ID protocols**, **Visitor**, and **Received** automatically when it starts. In the following window, all the nodes in the left block crossed out with **blue lines** are the **ports** that are being used.
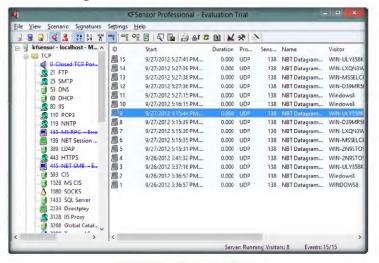
FIGURE 3.10: KFSensor Main Window

13. Open a command prompt from the **Start** menu apps.

14. In the command prompt window, type **netstat -an**.
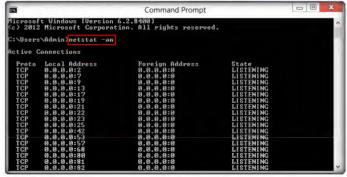
FIGURE 3.11: Command Prompt with netstat -an

15. This will display a list of listening ports.

☐ The protocol level of KFSensor is used to group the ports based on their protocol; either TCP or UDP.
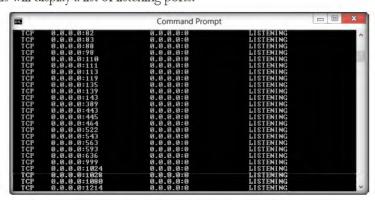
FIGURE 3.12: Command Prompt with netstat -an

16. Leave the **KF Sensor** tool running.

17. Follow the wizard-driven installation steps to install MegaPing in **Windows Server 2012 (Host Machine)**.

18. To launch **MegaPing** move your mouse cursor to the lower-left corner of your desktop and click **Start**.
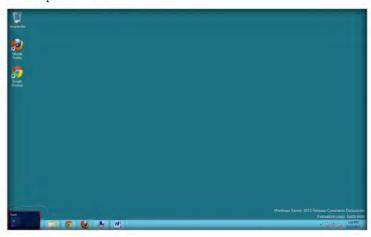
FIGURE 3.13: starting windows in windows server 2012

19. Click the **MegaPing** app in the **Start** menu apps.
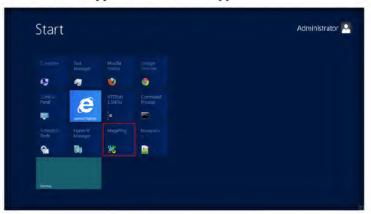
FIGURE 3.14: click on megaping

20. The main window of **MegaPing** appears as shown in the following screenshot.

FIGURE 3.15: MegaPing on Windows Server 2012

21. Select **Port Scanner** from left side of the list.

22. Enter the IP address of **Windows 8** (in this lab IP address is **10.0.0.12**) machine in which KFSensor is running in Destination Address List and click **Add**.
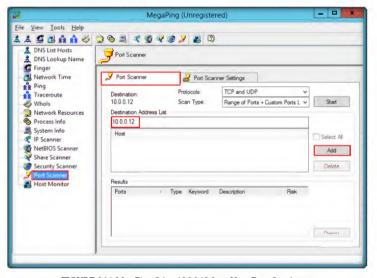
FIGURE 3.16: MegaPing: Select 10.0.0.12 from Host, Press Start button

23. Check the IP address and click the **Start** button to start listening to the traffic on **10.0.0.12**.

FIGURE 3.17: MegaPing Data of the packets recieved

24. The following image displays the identification of Telnet on port 23.

FIGURE 3.18: MegaPing Telnet port data

25. The following image displays the identification of Socks on port 1080.

Visitor is obtained by a reverse DNS lookup on the visitor's IP address. An icon is displayed indicating the last time the visitor connected to the server:

The Visitors View is linked to the Events View and acts as a filter to it. If you select a visitor then only those events related to that visitor will be displayed in the Events View.

☐ The events are sorted in either ascending or descending chronological order. This is controlled by options on the View Menu.
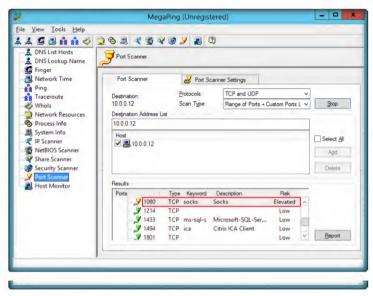
FIGURE 3.19: MegaPing: Blackjack virus

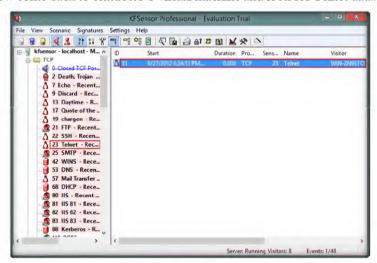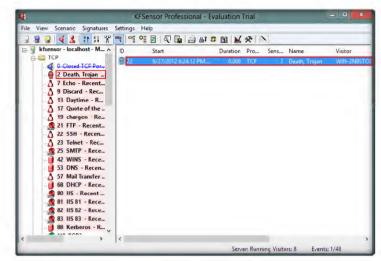26. Now come back to **Windows 8** virtual machine and look for Telnet data.

☐ The events that are displayed are filtered by the currently selected item in the Ports View or the Visitors View.

FIGURE 3.20: Telnet data on KFSensor

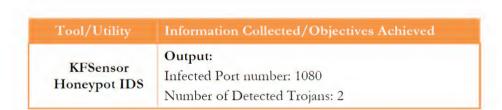27. The following image displays the data of a Death Trojan.

Exit: Shuts down the KFSensor Monitor. If the KFSensor Server if not installed as a systems service then it will be shut down as well.
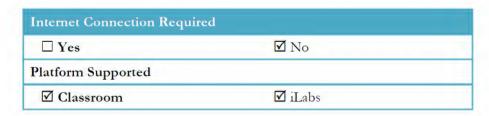
FIGURE 3.21: Death Trojan data on KFSensor

Lab Analysis

Analyze and document the results related to the lab exercise. Give your opinion on your target's security posture and exposure.

Tool/Utility	Information Collected/Objectives Achieved
KFSensor Honeypot IDS	**Output:** Infected Port number: 1080 Number of Detected Trojans: 2

Internet Connection Required	
☐ Yes	☑ No
Platform Supported	
☑ Classroom	☑ iLabs

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4

HTTP Tunneling Using HTTPort

HTTPort is a program from HTTHost that creates a transparent tunnel through a proxy server or firewall.

Lab Scenario

Attackers are always in a hunt for clients that can be easily compromised and they can enter your network by IP spoofing to damage or steal your data. The attacker can get packets through a firewall by spoofing the IP address. If attackers are able to capture network traffic as you have learned to do in the previous lab, they can perform Trojan attacks, registry attacks, password hijacking attacks, etc., which can prove to be disastrous for an organization's network. An attacker may use a network probe to capture raw packet data and then use this raw packet data to retrieve packet information such as source and destination IP address, source and destination ports, flags, header length, checksum, Time to Live (TTL), and protocol type.

Hence, as a network administrator you should be able to identify attacks by extracting information from captured traffic such as source and destination IP addresses, protocol type, header length, source and destination ports, etc. and compare these details with modeled attack signatures to determine if an attack has occurred. You can also check the attack logs for the list of attacks and take evasive actions.

Also, you should be familiar with the HTTP tunneling technique by which you can identify additional security risks that may not be readily visible by conducting simple network and vulnerability scanning and determine the extent to which a network IDS can identify malicious traffic within a communication channel. In this lab, you will learn HTTP tunneling using HTTPort.

Lab Objectives

This lab will show you how networks can be scanned and how to use **HTTPort** and **HTTHost**.

Lab Environment

In the lab, you need the HTTPort tool.

- **HTTPort** is located at **D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 16 Evading IDS, Firewalls and Honeypots\HTTPort**

- You can also download the latest version of **HTTPort** from the link http://www.targeted.org

- If you decide to download the latest version, then screenshots shown in the lab might differ

- Install HTTHost on **Windows 8** Virtual Machine

- Install HTTPort on **Windows Server 2012** Host Machine

- Follow the wizard-driven installation steps and **install it**

- **Administrative privileges** are required to run this tool

📂 **Tools demonstrated in this lab are available in D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 16 Evading IDS, Firewalls and Honeypots**

Lab Duration

Time: 20 Minutes

Overview of HTTPort
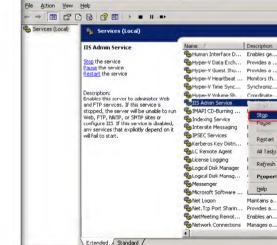
HTTPort creates a transparent tunnel through a proxy server or firewall. HTTPort allows using all sorts of Internet software from behind the proxy. It bypasses **HTTP proxies** and **HTTP, firewalls,** and **transparent accelerators**.

TASK 1

Stopping IIS Services

Lab Tasks

1. Before running tool you need to stop **IIS Admin Service** and **World Wide Web services** on **Windows Server 2008 virtual machine**.

2. Select **Administrative Privileges → Services → IIS Admin Service**, right-click and select **Stop**.

📖 **HTTPort creates a transparent tunnel through a proxy server or firewall. This allows you to use all sorts of Internet software from behind the proxy.**

FIGURE 4.1: Stopping IIS Admin Service in Windows Server 2008

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3. Select **Administrative Privileges** → **Services** → **World Wide Web Services**, right-click and select **Stop**.

☞ **It bypasses HTTPS and HTTP proxies, transparent accelerators, and firewalls. It has a built-in SOCKS4 server.**
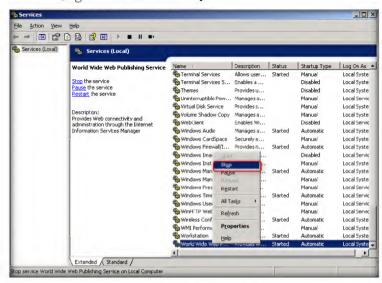

FIGURE 4.2: Stopping World Wide Web Services in Windows Server 2008

4. Log in to **Windows Server 2008** virtual machine.

5. Open Mapped Network Drive **CEH-Tools** at **Z:\CEH-Tools\CEHv8 Module 16 Evading IDS, Firewalls and Honeypots**.

📖 **It supports strong traffic encryption, which makes proxy logging useless, and supports NTLM and other authentication schemes.**

6. Open the **HTTHost** folder and double-click **htthost.exe**.

7. A **HTTHost** wizard will open; select the **Options** tab.

8. On the **Options** tab leave all the settings as their defaults except the **Personal Password** field, which should be filled with any other password. In this Lab the Personal Password is "**magic**."

9. Check the **Log Connections** option and click **Apply**.
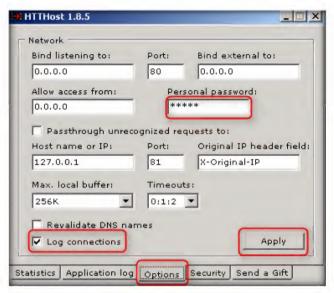
FIGURE 4.3: HTTHost Options tab

☐ **Tools demonstrated in this lab are available in Z:\ Mapped Network Drive**

10. Now leave **HTTHost** intact, and don't turn off **Windows Server 2008** Virtual Machine.

11. Now switch to **Windows Server 2008 Host Machine**, and install HTTPort from **D:\CEH-Tools\CEHv7 Module 16 Evading IDS, Firewalls and Honeypots**.

12. Follow the wizard-driven installation steps.

13. Now open **HTTPort** from **Start → All Programs → HTTPort 35NFM → HTTPort 35NFM**.

14. The **HTTPort** window appears as shown in the following figure.

☐ **To set up HTTPort need to point your browser to 127.0.0.1**
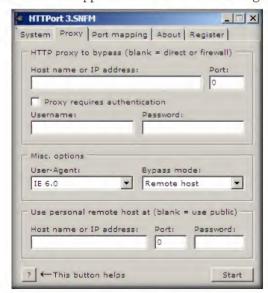
FIGURE 4.4: HTTPort Main Window

15. Select the **Proxy** tab and enter the **Host name** or **IP address** of the targeted machine.

16. Here, as an example, enter the **Windows Server 2008** virtual machine **IP address**, and enter **Port number 80**.

17. You cannot set the **Username** and **Password** fields.

18. In **User personal remote host at section**, enter the targeted **Host machine IP address** and the port should be **80**.

19. Here any password could be chosen. Here as an example the password is **magic**.

FIGURE 4.5: HTTPort Proxy settings window

20. Select the **Port Mapping** tab and click **Add** to create **New Mapping**.
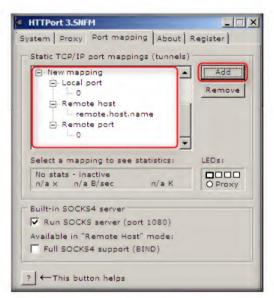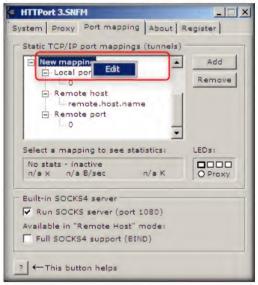
FIGURE 4.6: HTTPort creating a New Mapping

21. Select **New Mapping Node**, and right-click **New Mapping**, and select **Edit**.

FIGURE 4.7: HTTPort Editing to assign a mapping

📖 HTTHost supports the registration, but it is free and password-free - you will be issued a unique ID, which you can contact the support team and ask your questions.

22. Rename it to **ftp certified hacker**, and select **Local port node**, right-click to **Edit** and enter a **Port value** to **80**.

23. Now right-click **Remote host node** to **Edit** and rename it as **ftp.certifiedhacker.com**.

24. Now right click **Remote port** node to **Edit** and enter the port value of **21**.

FIGURE 4.8: HTTPort Static TCP/IP port mapping

25. Click **Start** on the **Proxy** tab of HTTPort to run the HTTP tunneling.

FIGURE 4.9: HTTPort to start tunneling

26. Now switch to **Windows Server 2008** virtual machine and click the **Applications log** tab.

27. Check the last line. If **Listener: listening at 0.0.0.0:80**, then it is running properly.

FIGURE 4.10: HTTHost Application log section

28. Now switch to **Windows Server 2008** host machine and turn **ON** the **Windows Firewall**.

29. Go to **Windows Firewall with Advanced Security**.

30. Select **Outbound rules** from the left pane of the window, then click **New Rule** in the right pane of the window.
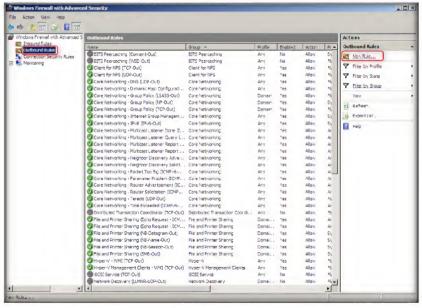

FIGURE 4.11: Windows Firewall with Advanced Security window in Windows Server 2008

31. In the **New Outbound Rule Wizard**, check the **Port** option in the **Rule Type** section and click **Next**.

📁 **Tools demonstrated in this lab are available in Z:\ Mapped Network Drive in Virtual Machines**

FIGURE 4.12: Windows Firewall selecting a Rule Type

📖 HTTPort doesn't really care for the proxy as such, it works perfectly with firewalls, transparent accelerators, NATs and basically anything that lets HTTP protocol through.
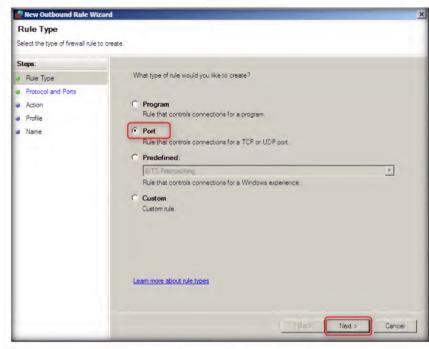
32. Now select **All local ports** in the **Protocol and Ports** section.

💻 You need to install htthost on a PC, who is generally accessible on the Internet - typically your "home" PC. This means that if you started a webserver on the home PC, everyone else must be able to connect to it. There are two showstoppers for htthost on home PCs
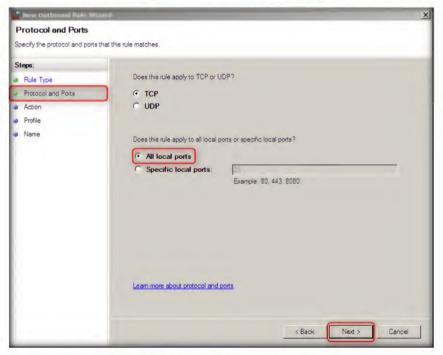

FIGURE 4.13: Windows Firewall assigning Protocols and Ports

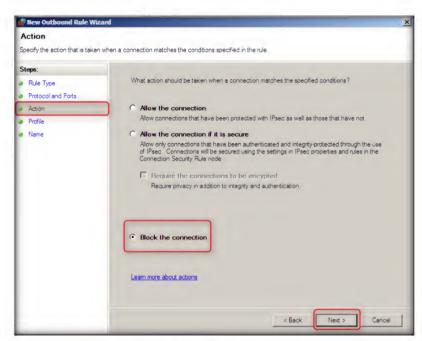33. In the **Action** section, select **Block the connection** and click **Next**.

FIGURE 4.14: Windows Firewall setting an Action

34. In the **Profile** section, select all the three options. The rule will apply to: **Domain, Public, Private** and click **Next**.

FIGURE 4.15: Windows Firewall Profile settings

35. Type **Port 21 Blocked** in the **Name** field, and click **Finish**.

FIGURE 4.16: Windows Firewall assigning a name to Port

📖 The default TCP port for FTP connection is port 21. Sometimes the local Internet Service Provider blocks this port and this will result in FTP connection issues.

36. New Rule **Port 21 Blocked** is created as shown in the following figure.

📁 HTTPort doesn't really care for the proxy as such: it works perfectly with firewalls, transparent accelerators, NATs and basically anything that lets the HTTP protocol through.

📖 HTTP is the basis for Web surfing, so if you can freely surf the Web from where you are, HTTPort will bring you the rest of the Internet applications.
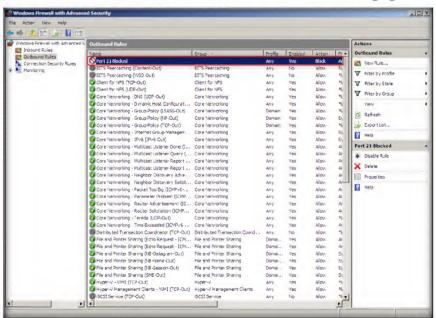
FIGURE 4.17: Windows Firewall New rule

37. Right-click the newly created rule and select **Properties**.

☐ HTTPort then intercepts that connection and runs it through a tunnel through the proxy.

FIGURE 4.18: Windows Firewall new rule properties

☐ Enables you to bypass your HTTP proxy in case it blocks you from the Internet

38. Select the **Protocols and Ports** tab. Change the **Remote Port** option to **Specific Ports** and enter the **Port number** as **21**.

39. Leave the other settings as their defaults and Select **Apply → OK**.

☐ With HTTPort, you can use various Internet software from behind the proxy, e.g., e-mail, instant messengers, P2P file sharing, ICQ, News, FTP, IRC etc. The basic idea is that you set up your Internet software
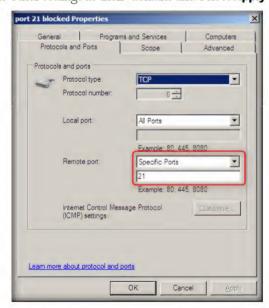

FIGURE 4.19: Firewall Port 21 Blocked Properties

40. Type **ftp 127.0.0.1** in the command prompt and press **Enter**. The connection is blocked at the local host in **Windows Server 2008**.

FIGURE 4.20: ftp connection is blocked

📖 HTTPort does neither freeze nor hang. What you are experiencing is known as "blocking operations"

41. Now open a command prompt in **Windows Server 2008** host machine and type **ftp ftp.certifiedhacker.com** and Press **Enter**

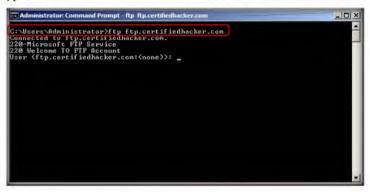FIGURE 4.21: Executing ftp command

📂 HTTPort makes it possible to open a client side of a TCP/IP connection and provide it to any software. The keywords here are: "<u>client</u>" and "<u>any software</u>".

Lab Analysis

Document all the IP addresses, open ports and running applications, and protocols you discovered during the lab.

PLEASE TALK TO YOUR INSTRUCTOR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS RELATED TO THIS LAB.

Tool/Utility	Information Collected/Objectives Achieved
HTTPort	**Proxy server Used:** 10.0.0.4
	Port scanned: 80
	Result: <u>ftp 127.0.0.1</u> connected to 127.0.0.1

Questions

1. How would you set up an HTTPort to use an email client (Outlook, Messenger, etc.)?

2. Examine if the software does not allow editing the address to connect to.

Internet Connection Required	
☑ Yes	☐ No
Platform Supported	
☑ Classroom	☐ iLabs