



# IPv6 Intrusion Detection mit Snort

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## Intrusion Detection System



- Intrusion Detection System IDS
  - Erkennen von Angriffen auf Computernetze, sowie unerwünschtem und potentiell gefährlichem Netznutzungsverhalten
    - Signaturbasiert
      - Beschreibung von Mustern zur Erkennung einer oder mehrerer Angriffsarten
    - Anomalieerkennung
      - Erkennung von 'abnormalen' Nutzungsverhalten auf Basis eines Modells
    - Kombination beider Verfahren möglich
  - IDS + automatisierte Abwehrmaßnahmen = IPS (Intrusion Prevention Systeme)

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Was ist Snort?

## Intrusion Detection System



- Firewall vs. IDS
  - IDS typischerweise nicht 'intrusive'
  - Anomalieerkennung für große/schnelle Netze möglich durch Paket-Sampling
  - IDS testen typischerweise einige tausend Signaturen goes more deeply into the packets and detects anomalies
  - Firewall just blocks (or not) traffic
- Network-based IDS, Host-based IDS, Distributed IDS

## Was ist Snort



- **Snort**
  - Bekanntes und leistungsfähiges Open-Source Intrusion Detection und Preventionssystem (IDS/IPS)
  - Gestartet als 'Cross-platform' Sniffer 1998 von Martin Roesch
  - Signatur-basierte IDS
  - Januar 2001 Roesch gründet Sourcefire, Inc. um Snort auf einer kommerziellen Basis zu stellen
  - Snort 2.0 – neue Detektion Engine für Gigabit-Netzwerke (2002)
  - Experimenteller IPv6-Support (Dezember 2002)
  - Offizieller IPv6 Support mit Snort 2.8 (September 2007)
    - Seit Snort 2.8.4. werden alle Application Preprozessor unterstützt



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- **Warum SNORT?**
  - Open Source
  - Works with rules which can be customized
  - Widely used and well documented
  - It supposedly implements IPv6 support
  - Snort has proved to be stable, with no crashes, really fast and robustness
  
- **Definition and components**
  - Signature-based
  - Sniffer-decoder, preprocessor, detection engine, logging and alerting and output
  - Dynamic preprocessor



- **Packet Decoder**
  - Libpcap: external packet capturing library
  - The packet enters the decoder depending on the link layer from it has been read
  
- **Preprocessors**
  - Examine packets for suspicious anomalies
  - Modify packets, that is, normalize the traffic so that the detection engine can work with them.
  
- **Detection Engine**
  - Evaluates a packet against all the rules included in the Snort configuration
  - A huge amount of rules => Group of rules
  
- **Logging, alerting and output modules.**
  - Unified logging
    - Clear separation of privileges
    - Possible to be sniffing and communicating the info same time



## Installation eines IPv6-fähigen Snort-Systems

## Installation



- **Installation**
  - Konfigurationsoptionen: IPv6 Support

```
./configure --enable-ipv6 --enable-decoder-  
preprocessor-rules
```

```
$ snort --version
```

```
''_      -*> Snort! <*-  
o"  )~   Version 2.8.5.3 IPv6 (Build 124)  
' ''    By Martin Roesch & The Snort Team:  
        http://www.snort.org/snort/snort-team  
  
        Copyright (C) 1998-2009 Sourcefire, Inc., et al.  
        Using PCRE version: 6.6 06-Feb-2006
```



- **Installation**
  - Anpassung des Snort Systems (snort.conf):
- Output
  - Datenbank (MySQL, ...)
  - Barnyard
- Variablen
  - HomeNet: IPv4 und IPv6
  - ExternalNet: IPv4 und IPv6

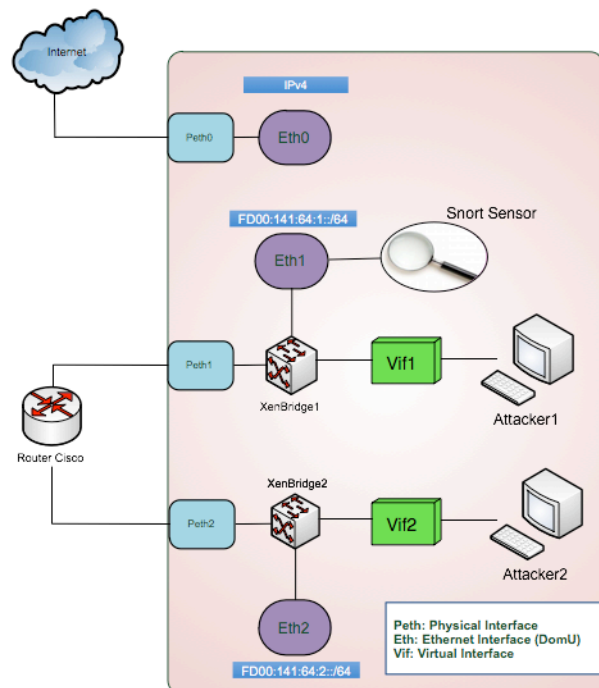
```
HOME_NET [2001::0/64,10.10.10.10]
```

- Anpassung der Regelbasis



## Virtualisiertes IPv6 Testbed

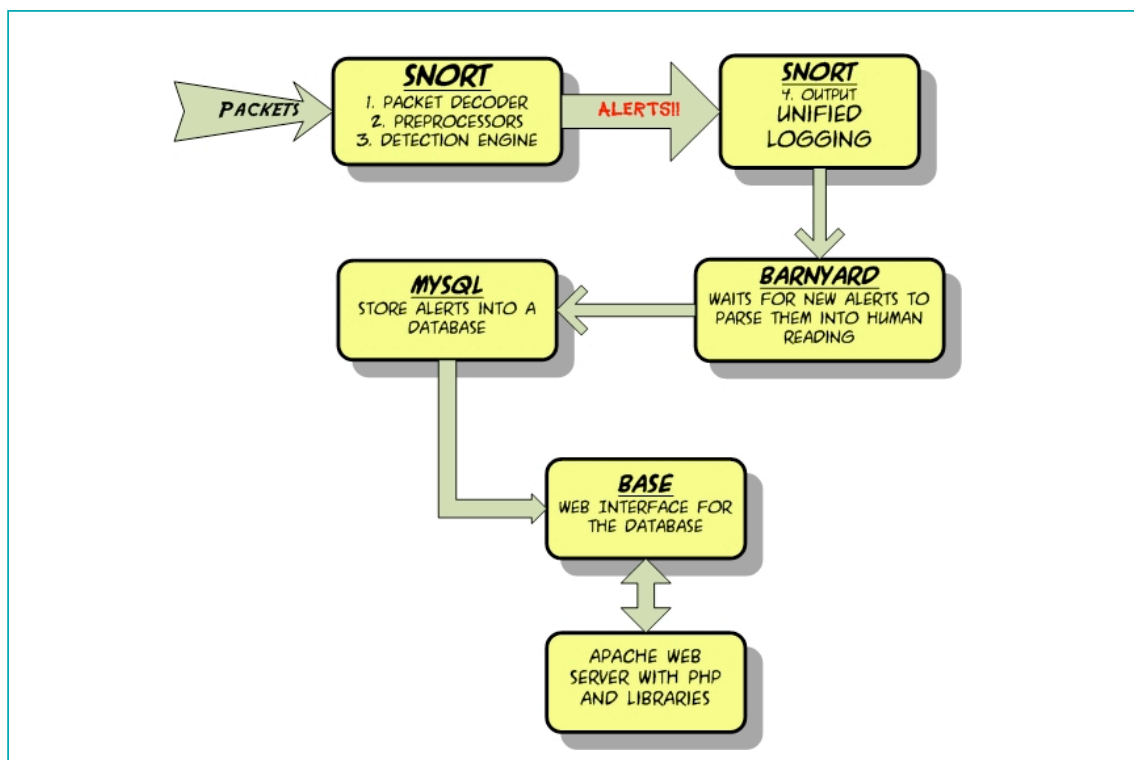
- Xen-basiert
- Snort in Dom0 installiert
  - flexible Anordnung der Sensoren möglich
- IPv6 Routing über Cisco2600
- Attacker1
  - CentOS Gast
- Attacker2
  - CentOS Gast





Was funktioniert?

## Snort System





## Kleines 1x1 der Snort-Regeln

## Eine kurze Übersicht der Snort Rules Language



- Regeln bestehen aus zwei Sektionen: Header und Options
- **HEADER:**
  - Festlegen der Aktion: alert, log (drop – im Inline-Modus)
  - Protokoll: IP, TCP, UDP and ICMP (keine IPv6 Spezifika)
  - Quell-IP Adresse
  - Ziel-IP Adresse
    - ✓ 192.168.1.1/24
    - ✓ 192.168.1.1/24,10.0.1.0
  - Quell-Ports
  - Ziel-Ports
    - Einzelne Ports: 21
    - Festlegen von Bereichen: 1:1024



## Snort Regeln: Options



- Werden durch ein Semikolon abgeschlossen(;), einschließlich der letzten Option
- Der Doppelpunkt(:) kennzeichnet Option-Schlüsselworte
- Drei Hauptkategorien:
  - General, inklusive Meta-data und verschiedener Rule Optionen
  - Payload
  - Non-payload

## Snort Rules: General Options



- **msg**
  - **reference**
  - **sid**
    - Great importance
    - Identifying uniquely the Snort rules
- |                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Less than 100          | Reserved for future use   |
| 100 to 1,000,000       | For the rules from <a href="http://www.snort.org">www.snort.org</a> rulesets. |
| Greater than 1,000,000 | Use for local rules   |
- Along with **rev**
  - **classtype**
  - **priority**
  - **tag**
    - Log additional packets when a packet has triggered

## Snort Rules: Payload Options



- **content**
  - Looks for a specific pattern in the packet payload and in case it matches, it triggers the rule
- **nocase**
- **depth**
  - Tells Snort to look for the specific pattern within the first X bytes
- **offset**
  - From which byte Snort should start looking for the pattern
- **distance**
  - How many bytes Snort should ignore before searching for the specific pattern after the end of the previous pattern match
- **within**
  - The pattern must be within these bytes

```
alert tcp any any -> any 23 (content: "administrator"; nocase; depth:10;)
```

## Snort Regeln: NON-Payload Options



- **itype**
  - To check for a specific ICMP type value
- **icode**
  - To check for a specific ICMP code value



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- **In Snort Rules**
  - *ip\_proto* keywords (icmp, tcp, ip, udp) make no difference between the two protocols
  - No extra keywords for IPv6 new header fields
  - Difference in defining variables with addresses:
    - ✓ IPv4 => var 192.168.1.10/32
    - ✓ IPv6 => ipvar ff02::00

```
alert icmp 192.68.1.2 1567 -> any any (msg:"PING"; itype:8; sid:234567892; rev:1;)
```

```
alert icmp ff02::02 1567 -> any any (msg: "PINGv6"; itype:128; sid:23456792; rev:1;)
```

## What is working in IPv6?



- **SNORT**
  - Not all the preprocessors are supported in this version
  - Does not yet support the reassembly of IPv6 packets and therefore these are treated as individual, unfragmented packets
- **BASE**
  - Still working for IPv6 support
- **MySQL**
  - Handles the data for IPv4 addresses in with special data structures => IPv6 addresses have a different structure
  - Working on it

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Szenarien

## Mögliche Erkennungsszenarien mit Snort



1. Erkennung von Routing Headern
2. Erkennung eines Rough Routers
3. Erkennung von Portscans
4. Erkennung von unerwünschten Inhalten

## Erkennung von Routing Headern



- Snort-Regeln arbeiten auf L4-Ebene
- Erkennung des Next-Headers möglich (aber nicht bei geschachtelten Headern)
- Kein direkter Zugriff auf Datenstrukturen im Header



## A Possible Solution for Fake Routers

eth1: Capturing - Wireshark

Filter: `ipv6.dst == ff02::1`

| No.  | Time        | Source                  | Destination | Protocol | Info                 |
|------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------|----------------------|
| 4691 | 146578.8755 | fe80::250:fff:fe08:48c0 | ff02::1     | ICMPv6   | Router advertisement |
| 4695 | 146728.7693 | fe80::250:fff:fe08:48c0 | ff02::1     | ICMPv6   | Router advertisement |
| 4698 | 146892.1226 | fe80::250:fff:fe08:48c0 | ff02::1     | ICMPv6   | Router advertisement |
| 4702 | 147053.9132 | fe80::250:fff:fe08:48c0 | ff02::1     | ICMPv6   | Router advertisement |
| 4706 | 147224.1666 | fe80::250:fff:fe08:48c0 | ff02::1     | ICMPv6   | Router advertisement |
| 4710 | 147423.9716 | fe80::250:fff:fe08:48c0 | ff02::1     | ICMPv6   | Router advertisement |
| 4714 | 147611.4270 | fe80::250:fff:fe08:48c0 | ff02::1     | ICMPv6   | Router advertisement |
| 4718 | 147769.5592 | fe80::250:fff:fe08:48c0 | ff02::1     | ICMPv6   | Router advertisement |
| 4722 | 147960.2602 | fe80::250:fff:fe08:48c0 | ff02::1     | ICMPv6   | Router advertisement |
| 4726 | 148129.3635 | fe80::250:fff:fe08:48c0 | ff02::1     | ICMPv6   | Router advertisement |
| 4730 | 148285.7086 | fe80::250:fff:fe08:48c0 | ff02::1     | ICMPv6   | Router advertisement |
| 4734 | 148485.1000 | fe80::250:fff:fe08:48c0 | ff02::1     | ICMPv6   | Router advertisement |
| 4738 | 148646.3385 | fe80::250:fff:fe08:48c0 | ff02::1     | ICMPv6   | Router advertisement |

Internet Control Message Protocol v6

- Type: 134 (Router advertisement)
- Code: 0
- Checksum: 0x6ecd [correct]
- Cur hop limit: 64
- Flags: 0x00
- Router Lifetime: 1800
- Reachable time: 0
- Retrans timer: 0
- ICMPv6 Option (Source link-layer address)
  - Type: Source link-layer address (1)
  - Length: 8
  - Link-layer address: 00:50:0f:08:48:c0

## A Possible Detection of Rough Routers



- **Write our own rule:**

1. Define the variables:

```
ipvar CISCO_ROUTER fe80:250:fff:fe08:48c0
```

```
ipvar ALL_NODES FF02::1
```

2. Define which information we are going to use

3. Define the Options

```
alert icmp $CISCO_ROUTER any -> $ALL_NODES any  
(msg:"ROUTER ADVERTISEMENT"; icode:0; itype:134;  
content: !"|00 50 0f 08 48 c0|"; offset:14; depth:20;  
content: !"|fc 00 01 41 00 64 00 01 00 00 00 00 00  
00 00|" ; distance:24; sid:23456790; rev:2;)
```

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- **Tools:**
  - Scapy
    - Python-basiertes Paketcrafting-Tool
    - <http://www.secdev.org/projects/scapy/>
  - Bekannte Test- und Angriffswerkzeuge
    - Nmap
    - Nessus
  - ...

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- Future approach
  - Iptables and firewall (SnortSam)
  - Write our own preprocessor

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## Literatur und Verweise