

# Evading IDS, Firewalls, and Honeypots

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# Course Overview



## IDS, Firewalls and Honeypots

- Concepts & Solutions
  - IDS, IPS, Firewalls and Honeypots
- Tactics & Techniques
  - IDS/Firewall evading tools
  - Detecting honeypots
- ~~Countermeasures~~

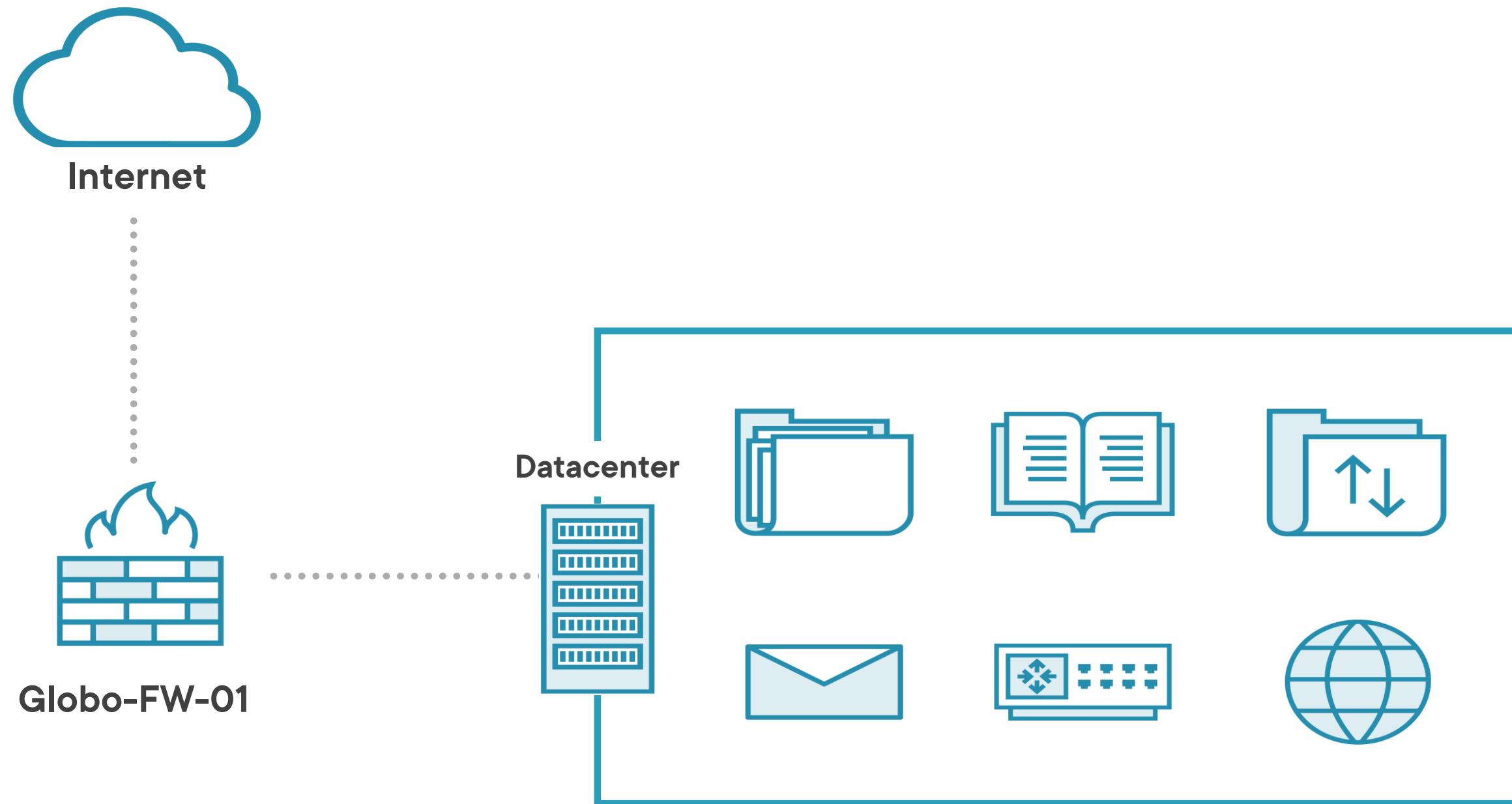


# IDS, Firewalls, and Honeypot Concepts

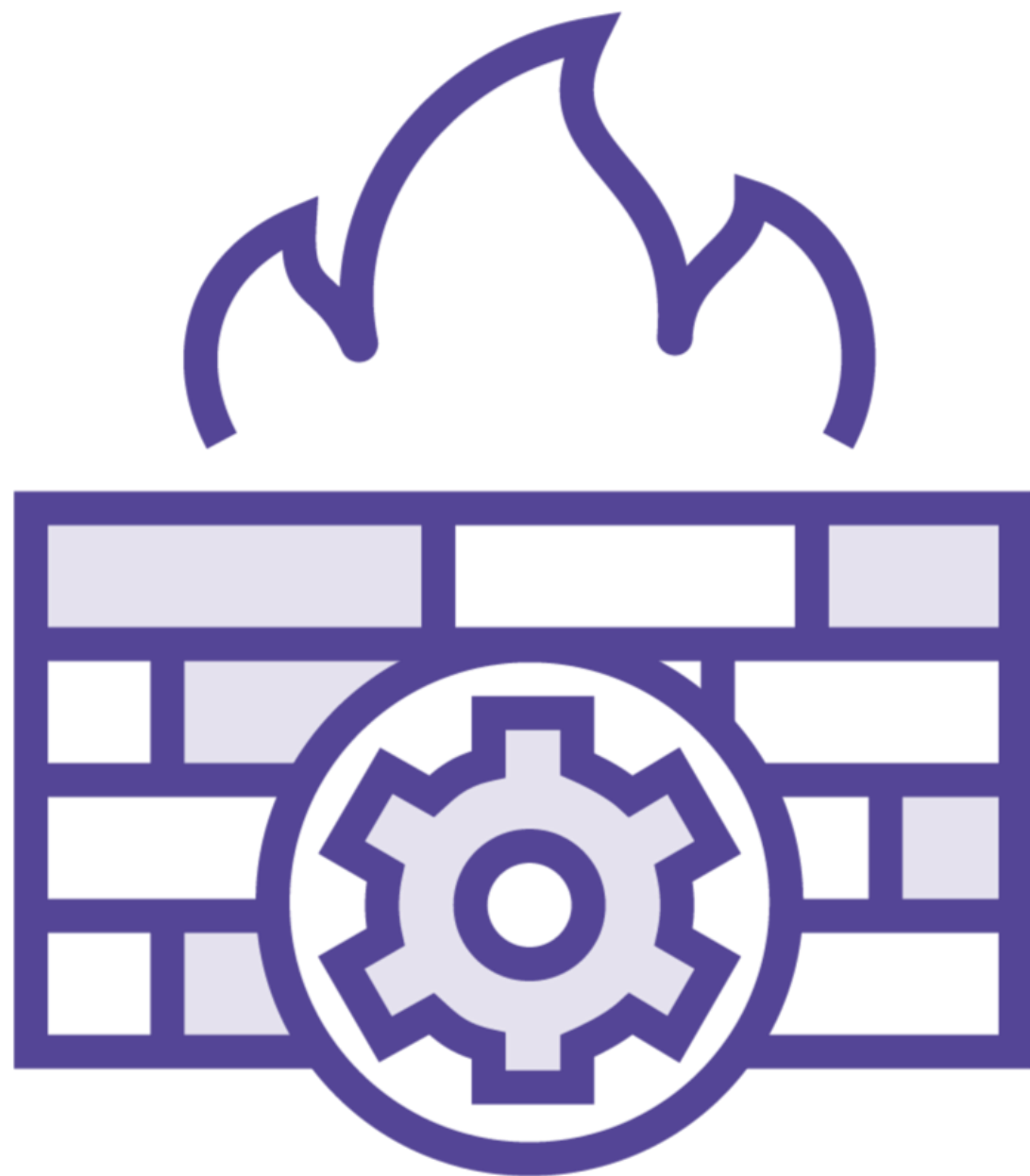
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# Firewalls



# Firewalls 101



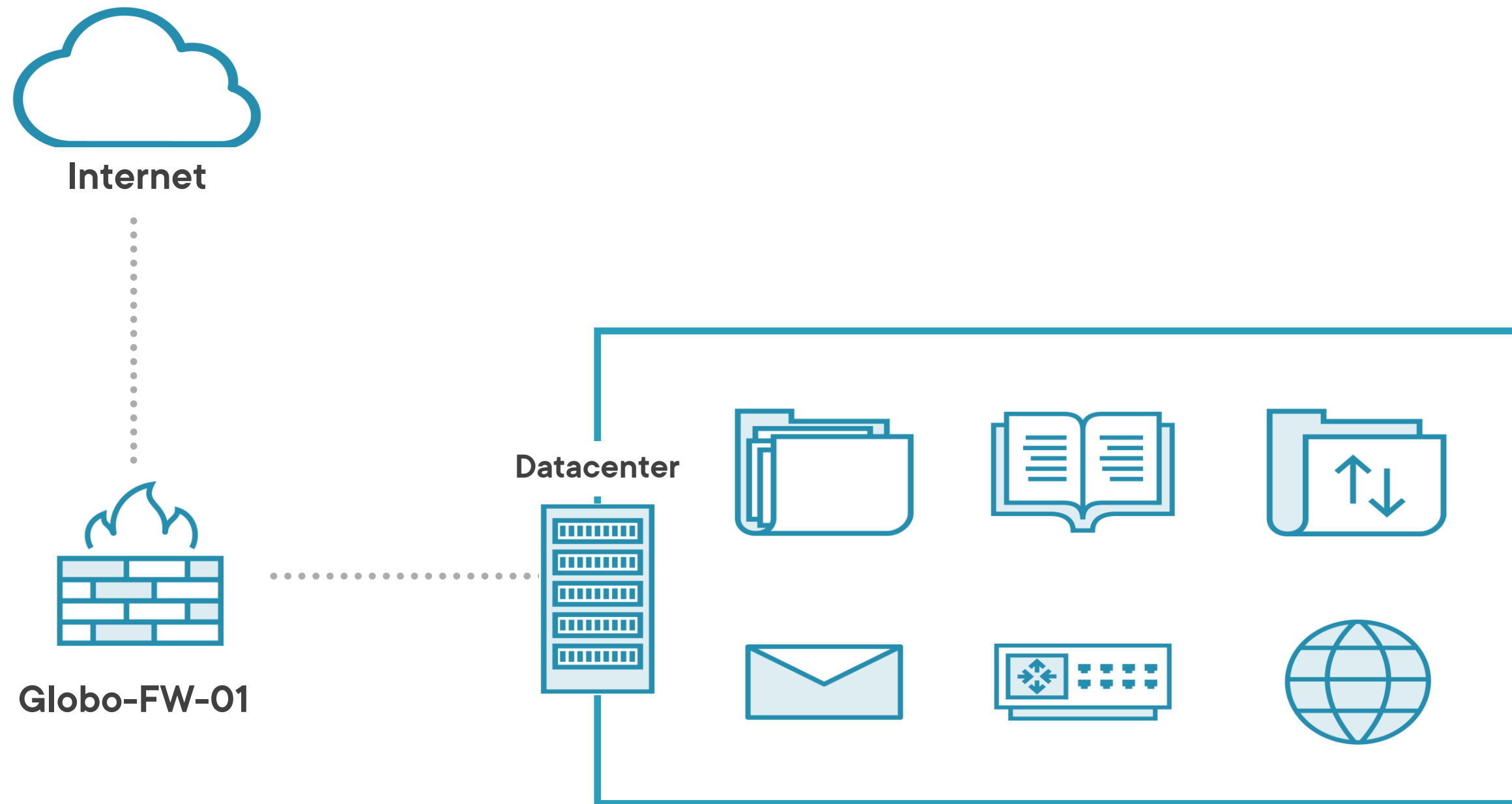
**It's an appliance within a network used to protect internal resources from external access**

**Used to monitor traffic and either *allows* or *denies* traffic based on predefined rules**

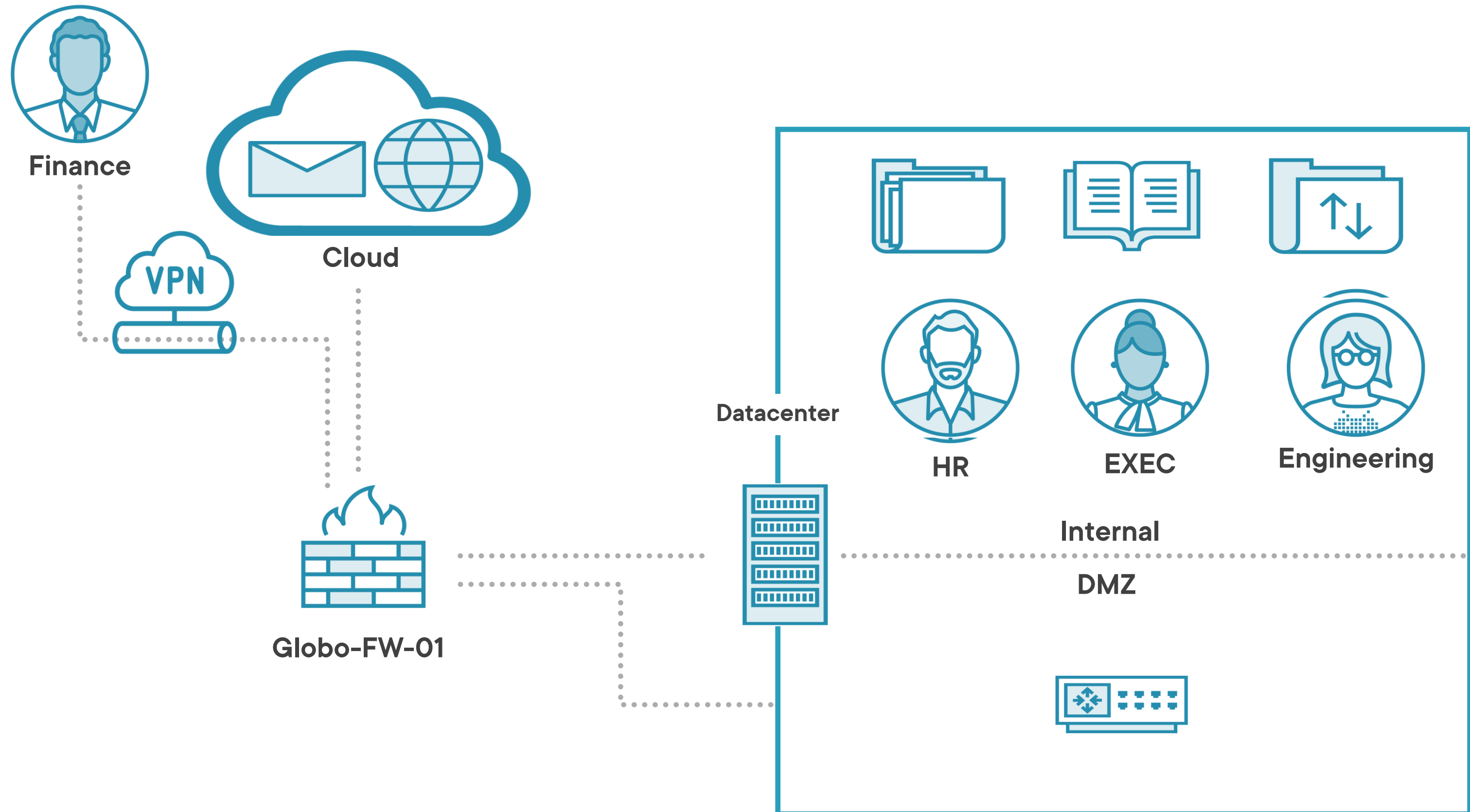
**Most firewalls are multi-homed, one interface connected to the internal network, another to the external**



# Firewalls



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# Firewall Terms

## Bastion hosts

Moderates traffic

Hardened to withstand attacks

## DMZ

Screened subnet firewall

Secure servers accessible from Internet

## Access Control Lists

Packet filtering rules allowing or denying traffic

## Stateful Packet Inspection

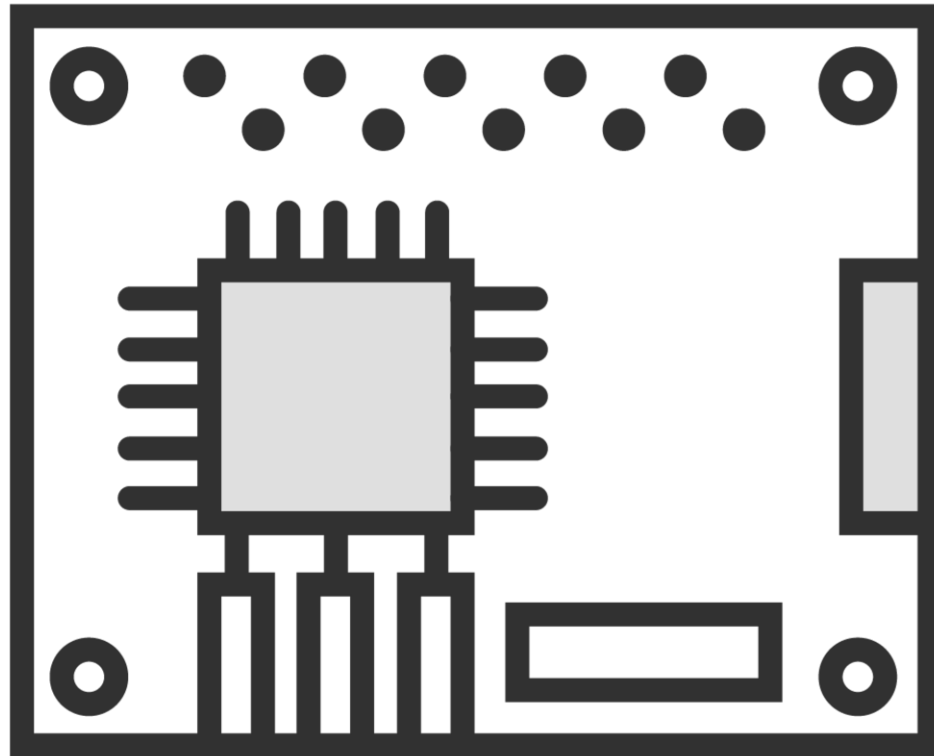
Examines packets headers, destination, protocol, dest. port, flags

## Network Address/Port Translation (NAPT)

Multiple internal IPs mapped to single public IP



# Types of Firewalls



**Circuit level gateway**



**Application layer  
firewall**



**Web Application  
Firewall (WAF)**



# Intrusion Detection/Prevention Systems



**Detects intrusions and can send alerts and/or blocks the attack**



**Filters inbound *and* outbound streams of traffic looking for malicious behavior**



**Malicious behavior detection is based on configured rules/signatures**



**Compares packets against known patterns or anomalies**



**Can be host-based or network-based**



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## Snort

Snort is an open-source intrusion prevention system offered by Cisco. It is capable of real-time traffic analysis and packet logging on IP networks. It can perform protocol analysis, content searching/matching, and can be used to detect a variety of attacks and probes, such as buffer overflows, stealth port scans, CGI attacks, SMB probes, OS fingerprinting attempts, and much more.

Snort can be used as a packet sniffer like tcpdump, a packet logger (useful for network traffic debugging, etc), network file logging device (capturing files in realtime from network traffic), or as a full blown network intrusion prevention system. The mission for Snort is to develop the most effective and comprehensive real-time network defense solutions on the planet.

Talos authors the official Snort Subscriber Rule Set.

### IRC:

Service: irc.freenode.net

Channel: #snort

```
# The include files commented below have been disabled
# because they are not available in the stock Debian
# rules. If you install the Sourcefire VRT please make
# sure you re-enable them again:
```

```
#include $RULE_PATH/app-detect.rules
include $RULE_PATH/attack-responses.rules
include $RULE_PATH/backdoor.rules
include $RULE_PATH/bad-traffic.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/blacklist.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/botnet-cnc.rules
include $RULE_PATH/browser-chrome.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/browser-firefox.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/browser-ie.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/browser-other.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/browser-plugins.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/browser-webkit.rules
include $RULE_PATH/chat.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/content-replace.rules
include $RULE_PATH/ddos.rules
include $RULE_PATH/dns.rules
include $RULE_PATH/dos.rules
include $RULE_PATH/experimental.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/exploit-kit.rules
include $RULE_PATH/exploit.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/file-executable.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/file-flash.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/file-identify.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/file-image.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/file-multimedia.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/file-office.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/file-other.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/file-pdf.rules
include $RULE_PATH/finger.rules
include $RULE_PATH/ftp.rules
include $RULE_PATH/icmp-info.rules
include $RULE_PATH/icmp.rules
include $RULE_PATH/imap.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/indicator-compromise.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/indicator-obfuscation.rules
```



# Rules

```
alert icmp any any -> any any (msg:"Pinging like a boss! MJT...";sid:1000004;)
```



Snort rules

**Action->Protocol->Source Addr->Source Port->Direction->Dest. Addr->Dest. Port**

# Snort Console Log

```
08/08-14:36:17.844276  [**] [1:382:7] ICMP PING windows [**] [Classification: Misc activity] [Priority: 3] {ICMP} 192.168.0.27 -> 192.168.0.176
08/08-14:36:17.844276  [**] [1:1000004:0] Pinging like a boss! MJT... [**] [Priority: 0] {ICMP} 192.168.0.27 -> 192.168.0.176
08/08-14:36:17.844276  [**] [1:384:5] ICMP PING [**] [Classification: Misc activity] [Priority: 3] {ICMP} 192.168.0.27 -> 192.168.0.176
08/08-14:36:17.844307  [**] [1:1000004:0] Pinging like a boss! MJT... [**] [Priority: 0] {ICMP} 192.168.0.176 -> 192.168.0.27
08/08-14:36:17.844307  [**] [1:408:5] ICMP Echo Reply [**] [Classification: Misc activity] [Priority: 3] {ICMP} 192.168.0.176 -> 192.168.0.27
08/08-14:36:18.852029  [**] [1:382:7] ICMP PING windows [**] [Classification: Misc activity] [Priority: 3] {ICMP} 192.168.0.27 -> 192.168.0.176
```



# Honeypots



**A decoy to lure attackers who are trying to access the network**



**Loaded with vulnerabilities to distract the attacker**



**Any interaction is a sign of malicious activity**



**Types range from low to high interaction, research and production**



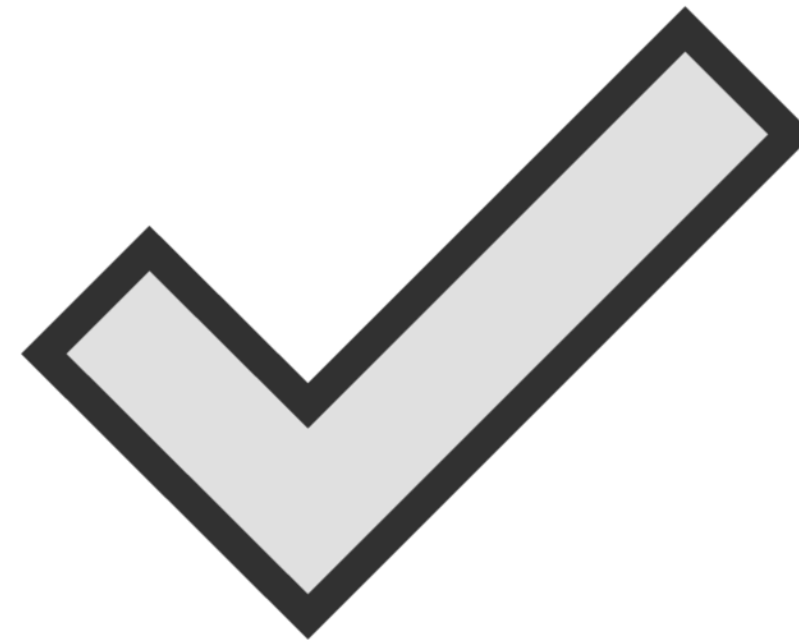
# Types of Honeypots



**High-interaction**



**Medium-  
interaction**



**Low-interaction**



**Pure/production**



HELP STOP SPAMMERS  
BEFORE THEY EVEN  
GET YOUR ADDRESS!

SIGN UP FOR FREE

LOGIN

More about Project Honey Pot...

"Now a group of white hats is riding across the prairie to take a bite out of spam."

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Project Statistics

Trap Addresses Monitored  
494,476,913

Trap Monitoring Capability  
388,180,000,000

Spam Servers Identified  
106,088,317

IPs Monitored  
137,998,484

Harvesters Identified  
891,540

Dictionary Attackers  
28,378,278

Comment Spammers  
1,304,500

Search Engines  
2,176,250

Rule Breakers  
37,248

**NEW** Bad Web Hosts **NEW**  
1,343,101

https://projecthoneypot.org

# Tactics and Techniques

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# Evading Firewalls/IDS



## Use fragmented packets

- ***nmap -f 10.x.y.z***

## Firewalking

- ***nmap --script=firewalk 10.x.y.z***

## HTTP/ICMP tunneling

- Bypasses rules through obfuscation of traffic

## DNS Tunneling

- Provides a TCP tunnel through DNS protocol

## Banner Grabbing

- ***nmap -sV --script=banner 10.x.y.z***



# Evading Firewalls/IDS



**Denial of service**

**False positive generation**

**Libwhisker**

**Nessus**

**Countermeasures?**

- Keep security appliances up to date
- Review ACLs and test



# “E-voiding”/Tactics for Honeypots



**Well configured honeypots are hard to detect**

**Target known IPs for valid machines**

**DO NOT put any useful information on honeypots**

**Place your honeypot outside your network, in a DMZ preferably**

**Honeypot Hunter**

- Commercial scanner



# Demo



**Snort Live**

**Nmap evasion techniques**



# Learning Check



**Network Address/Port Translation (NAT or NAPT)**



**IDS/IPS**



**Production or pure honeypot**



**Stateful packet inspection**



# Module Review

## Key Learnings



**Firewall, IDS, IPS and honeypot concepts**



**Tactics and Techniques**



**~~Countermeasures~~.Evasion**



Up Next:  
Domain Review

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