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Network Security Controls - Technical Controls

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LAB SCENARIO

The most important aspect of security controls is the protection of organizational assets such as people, property, and data. By establishing security controls, an organization can either reduce or completely mitigate risks to their assets.

The labs in this module will provide you with a real-time experience in using various methods and techniques used to implement technical controls in the network, thereby, preventing the network from unauthorized access to critical assets and resources.

LAB OBJECTIVE

The objective of this lab is to provide expert knowledge in implementing technical controls. This knowledge is gained through the following tasks:

- · Implementation of Host-based firewall protection and Host-based firewall functionality
- Blocking access to unwanted website and insecure ports using pfSense firewall
- · Implementation of Host-based IDS functionality and Network-based IDS functionality
- Detecting malicious traffic in the network using HoneyBOT
- · Configuring VPN connection using tools such as SoftEther VPN
- Scanning the System for Viruses using Kaspersky Internet Security

OVERVIEW OF TECHNICAL CONTROL

Technical control is referred to as logical controls. It makes use of technology to control access to the physical assets or the facility of the organization. It is generally incorporated in the computer hardware, software, operations, or applications to control access to sensitive areas.



LAB TASKS

A cyber security professional or a security professional use numerous tools and techniques to implement technical controls in the network. Recommended labs that will assist you in learning various aspects of technical controls include the following:

- Implement Host-based Firewall Protection with iptables
- 1 Implement Host-based Firewall Functionality using Windows Firewall
- Implement Network-Based Firewall Functionality: Block Unwanted Website Access using pfSense Firewall
- Implement Network-Based Firewall Functionality: Block Insecure Ports using pfSense Firewall
- Implement Host-based IDS Functionality using Wazuh HIDS
- 1 Implement Network-based IDS Functionality using Suricata IDS

- Detect Malicious Network Traffic using HoneyBOT
- Establish Virtual Private Network Connection using SoftEther VPN

Scan System for Viruses using Kaspersky Internet Security

Note: Turn on PfSense Firewall virtual machine and keep it running throughout the lab exercises.



EXERCISE 1: IMPLEMENT HOST-BASED FIREWALL PROTECTION WITH IPTABLES

iptables is a command-line firewall utility that uses policy chains to allow or block traffic.

LAB SCENARIO

A security professional must know how to configure an iptables host-based firewall to allow or block traffic to or from a Linux system. iptables allows us to enter firewall rules into the existing tables using the command line.

LAB OBJECTIVE

This lab will demonstrate how to configure an iptables host-based firewall in an Ubuntu machine.

OVERVIEW OF IPTABLES

iptables is a standard firewall included in most Linux distributions. With the default chain policies configured, you can start adding rules to iptables, so that it knows what to do when it encounters a connection from or to a particular IP address or port.

LAB TASKS

Note: Ensure that PfSense Firewall virtual machine is running.



- 1. Turn on the Attacker Machine-1 virtual machine.
- 2. Select User **Bob** and type password **user@123** press the **Enter** button.
- 3. Open the Firefox web browser, type www.google.com in the URL, and press Enter.

Note: If a notification appears at the top section of a browser window, click Okay, Got it and in Before you continue to Google Search wizard, click I agree button.

Note: If a Software Updater pop-up appears, click on Remind Me Later.

- 4. Bob is able to access the website, which implies that Bob has internet access. A security professional can block internet access on the user machine using iptables.
- 5. Press ALT + CTL + T to open the terminal, type the sudo su command for the root user, and press Enter.



6. When prompted for the password, type the password for the **root** user (here the root user password is **user@123**), and press **Enter**. **Note**: The password that you type will not be visible.

LALEMENT HOST-BASED IMPLEMENT HOST-BASED FIREWALL PROTECTION WITH IPTABLES

```
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob
bob@bob-Virtual-Machine:~$ sudo su
[sudo] password for bob:
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob#
```



7. Next, to identify the user ID for Bob, type id bob in the terminal and press the Enter button. The user id displays as shown in the screenshot

EXERCISE IS IMPLEMENT HOST-BASED FIREWALL PROTECTION WITH IPTABLES

```
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:-$ sudo su
[sudo] password for bob:
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:-$ sudo su
[sudo] password for bob:
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob# id bob
uid=1000(bob) gid=1000(bob) groups=1000(bob),4(adm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),120(lpadmin),131(lxd),132(s
ambashare)
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob# ■
```



- 8. Note down the user id (uid) for Bob (here 1000).
- 9. Further, we use the **iptables** command for network management activity.
- 10. Type **iptables -L** and press **Enter** to check the existing rules for users.

LALEMENT HOST-BASED IMPLEMENT HOST-BASED FIREWALL PROTECTION WITH IPTABLES

```
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob#

root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob# iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source destination

Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source destination

root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob#
```



- 11. No rules exist currently. Next, we will create a new rule with the following command for the user **Bob**.
- 12. Type iptables -A OUTPUT o eth0 -m owner --uid-owner 1000 -j DROP as shown in the screenshot below, and press Enter.

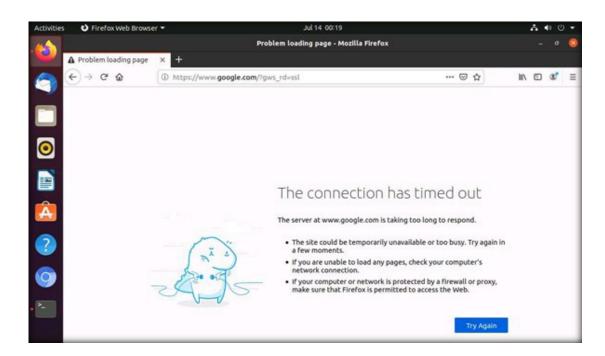
IMPLEMENT HOST-BASED FIREWALL PROTECTION WITH IPTABLES

root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob# iptables -A OUTPUT -o eth0 -m owner --uid-owner 1000 -j DROP
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob#



- 13. The rule will be applicable only for the user Bob who has 1000 as the UID, as we have already noted.
- 14. Test the Internet connection to check whether or not the iptables rule is applied.
- 15. Open the browser, type **www.google.com**, and press the **Enter** button.
- 16. As the screenshot below shows, the website is not accessible to the user.

exercise I: Implement Host-Based Firewall protection With Iptables





17. Now switch back to the terminal window, type **iptables -t filter --delete OUTPUT 1** in the terminal window and press **Enter**.

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```
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob# iptables -t filter --delete OUTPUT 1
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob#
```



18. This will delete the rule that was created in **step 12** and to enable Internet connection to user **Bob**, to check the rule type **iptables -L** and press **Enter**.

EXERCISE IS IMPLEMENT HOST-BASED FIREWALL PROTECTION WITH IPTABLES

```
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob# iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source destination

Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source destination

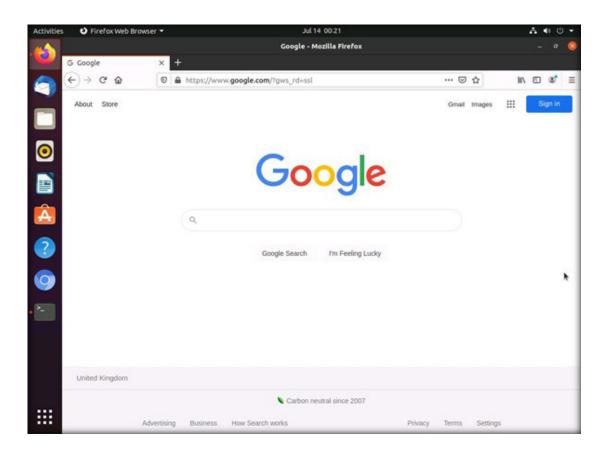
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source destination

root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob#
```



- 19. No rules exist currently, we have successfully deleted the rule, now we will check for connectivity.
- 20. Open the browser, type www.google.com, and press the Enter button.







EXERCISE 2: IMPLEMENT HOST-BASED FIREWALL FUNCTIONALITY USING WINDOWS FIREWALL

A host-based firewall protects the system from various threats.

LAB SCENARIO

A security professional must have the required knowledge to implement various security layers in the organization; a single breach in security can allow the attacker to leave malicious code or transfer the malicious file over the network. Host-based firewall implementation is another security layer where the administrator can allow or restrict specific individual endpoints. In this lab, you will learn how to configure a host-based firewall to protect the individual system connected to the network.

LAB OBJECTIVE

This lab will demonstrate how to secure an individual endpoint within the network. In this lab, you will learn how to do the following:

- Hardening the host within the network
- Applying rules in a host-based firewall

OVERVIEW OF A HOST-BASED FIREWALL

A host-based firewall is a software that makes the system or device secure. Configuring a host-based firewall will help achieve real security implementation and defense in depth within an organization. The normal strategy of a host-based firewall is to provide defense-in-depth and use a combination of layers of protection within the organization.

An example is the Windows firewall, which is inbuilt in the Windows platform. The Windows firewall developed by Microsoft Windows is an application that filters the incoming and outgoing Internet traffic and blocks the malicious program communicating to the individual endpoint. The Windows firewall (host-based) protects the individual endpoint over the network from various threats, viruses, and malware.

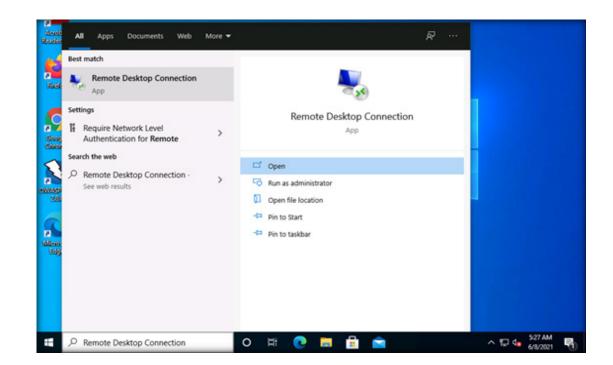
LAB TASKS

Note: Ensure that PfSense Firewall virtual machine is running.



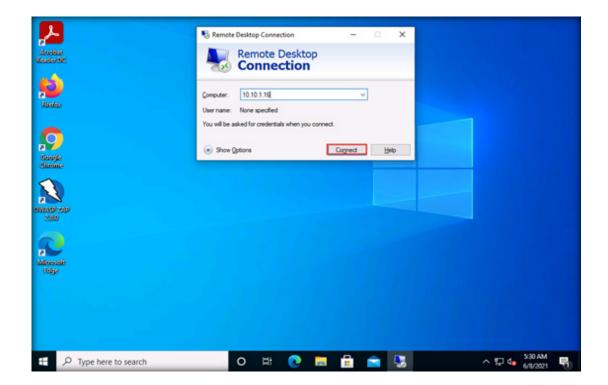
- 1. Turn on Admin Machine-1 and Web Server virtual machines.
- 2. In the Admin Machine-1 virtual machine, log in with the credentials Admin and admin@123. Note: If the network screen appears, click Yes.
- 3. Navigate to the **Windows Start** menu, type **Remote Desktop Connection**, and press **Enter**.





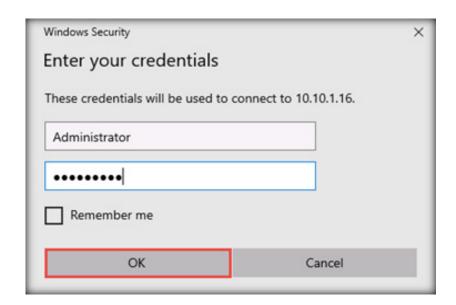


4. The **Remote Desktop Connection** window will appear as shown in the screenshot below. Type the 10.10.1.16 IP address of the **Web Server** machine and click **Connect**.





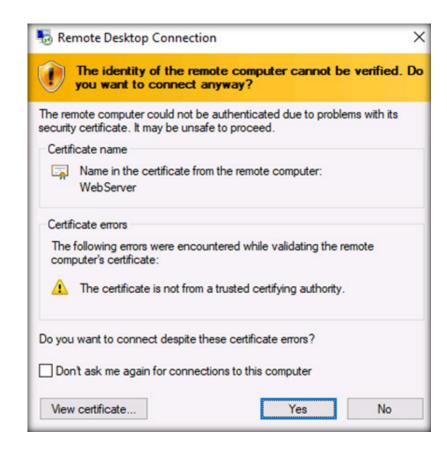
5. The Windows Security pop-up window will appear. Type the username Administrator and password admin@123, and click OK





6. The **Security Certificate** pop-up will appear as shown in the screenshot below. Click **Yes**.







7. After clicking Yes, the Web Server virtual machine will appear as 10.10.1.16 – Remote Desktop Connection in the Admin Machine-1.







8. Click **Restore down** button of Remote Desktop window, to view connected desktop properly.

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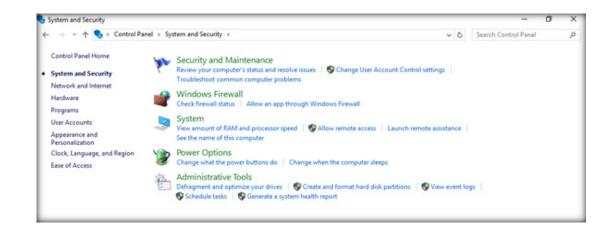


- 9. In the previous task, we were able to access the Windows machine remotely because there was no restriction for the individual system; therefore, another machine can access this machine remotely. A security professional needs to apply a host-based firewall on an individual machine to prevent the machine from being accessed remotely.
- 10. Switch to the **Web Server** virtual machine.
- 11. Login with the credentials **Administrator** and **admin@123**.
- 12. Open **Control Panel**.
- 13. Click the **System and Security** option.



14. The System and Security windows will appear. Click Windows Firewall.

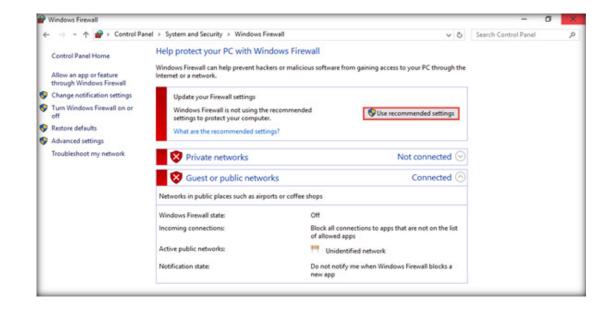






15. The Windows Firewall window opens. Click Use recommended settings.

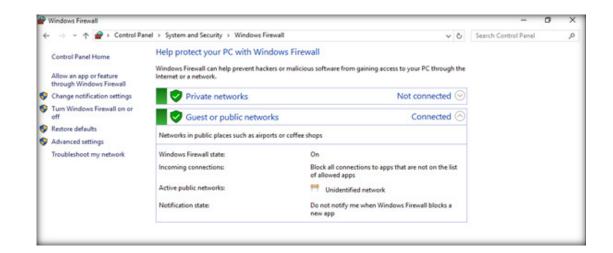






16. The Windows Defender Firewall is turned on for Domain, Private, and Guest or Public network settings as shown in the screenshot below.

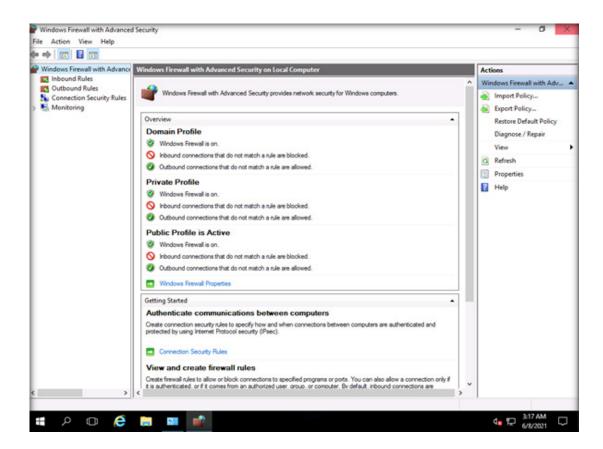






17. Click Advanced Settings in the left pane. The Windows Firewall with Advanced Security window opens.

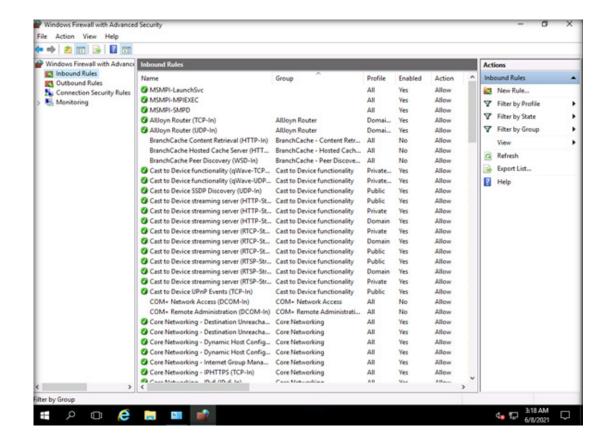






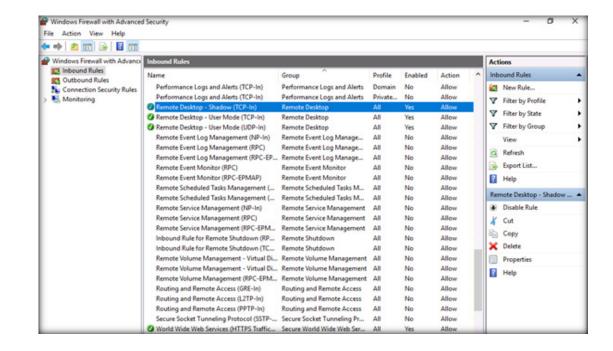
18. Click Inbound Rules option in the left side pane. The list of rules appears.







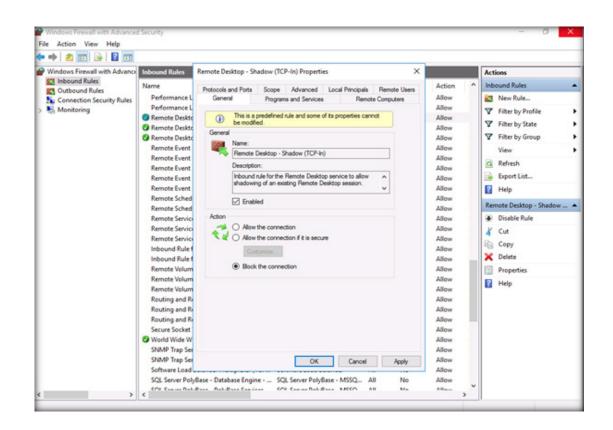
19. Search for Remote Desktop- Shadow (TCP-In) and double-click.





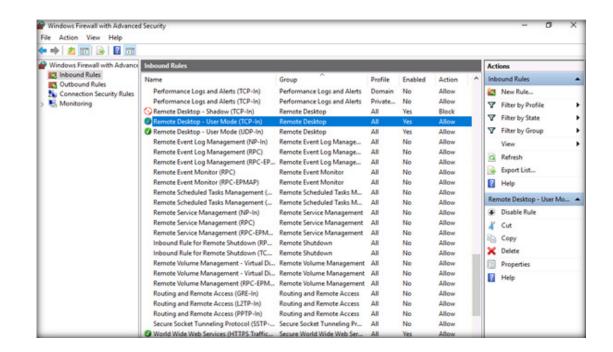
20. The Remote Desktop- Shadow (TCP-in) Properties window opens. Check radio button Block the connection and click OK.







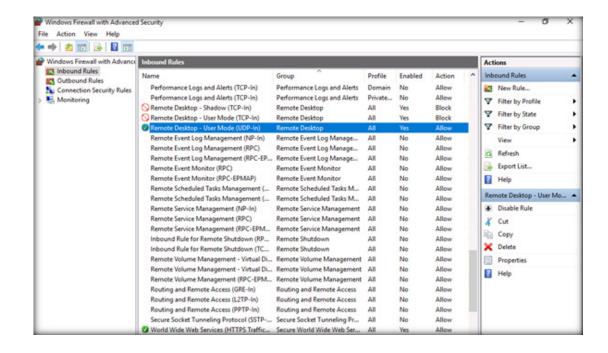
21. Next, search for Remote Desktop- User Mode (TCP-In) and double-click.





- 22. The Remote Desktop- User Mode (TCP-in) Properties window opens. Check radio button Block the connection and click OK.
- 23. Next, search for Remote Desktop- User Mode (UDP-In) and double-click.

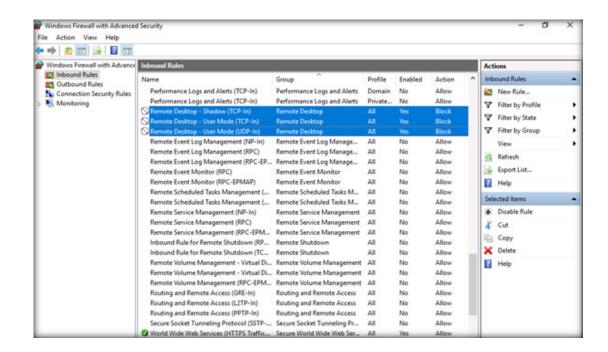






- 24. The Remote Desktop- User Mode (UDP-in) Properties window opens. Check radio button Block the connection and click OK.
- 25. Now, we have blocked Remote Desktop inbound connections. Let us verify this.

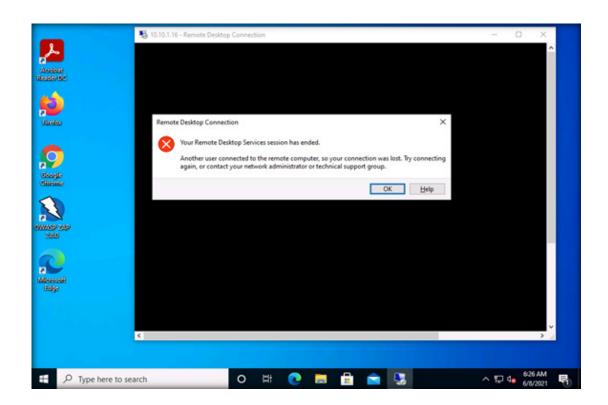






- 26. Close all open windows.
- 27. Switch back to the Admin Machine-1 virtual machine.
- 28. The previous session will end. Click OK.

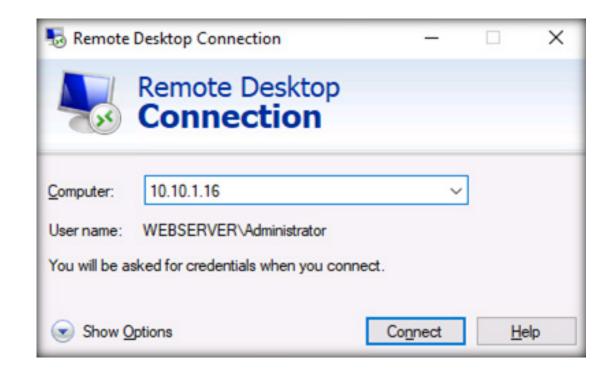






29. Next, try to access **Web Server** machine remotely. Type the **10.10.1.16** IP address of the **Web Server** machine in opened Remote Desktop connection window and click **Connect**.







- 30. This time, you will not be able to connect the Remote Desktop for 10.10.1.16.
- 31. The host-based Windows firewall on host 10.10.1.16 will not allow the other host (Admin Machine-1) to communicate with unchecked programs listed in the allowed app of the firewall in Web Server host (10.10.1.16).
- 32. You will get the error message shown in the screenshot below.





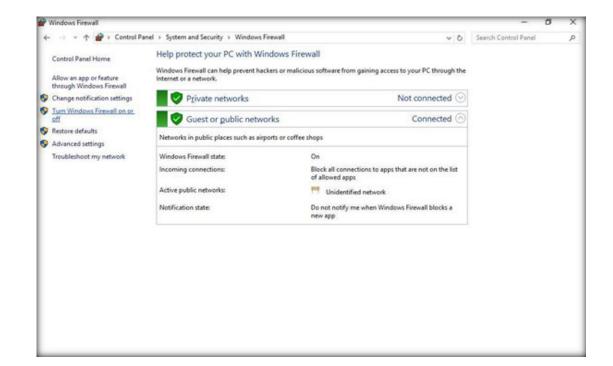


- 33. Close the **Remote Desktop Connection** window. Now we will try to connect to Web Server using FTP connection.
- 34. Switch to the **Web Server** virtual machine.
- 35. Open **Control Panel**.
- 36. Click the **System and Security** option.
- 37. The System and Security windows will appear. Click Windows Firewall.



38. The Windows Firewall window opens. Click Turn Windows Firewall on or off.

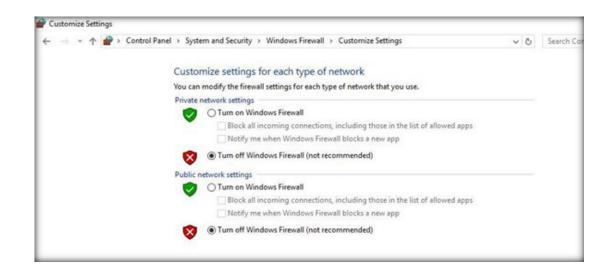






39. In the Customize Settings window select Turn off Windows Firewall under Private and Public networks and click OK.

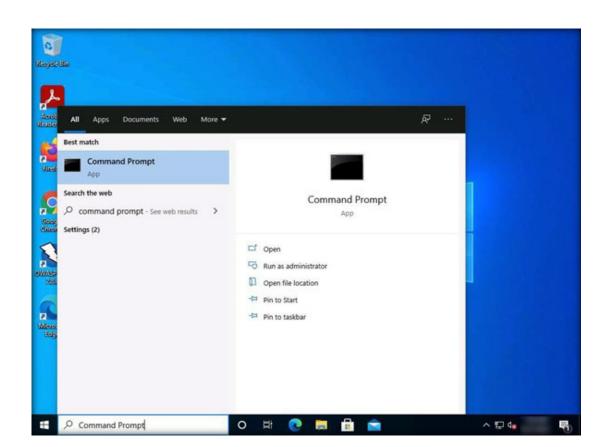






- 40. Close all open windows.
- 41. Switch to the **Admin Machine-1** virtual machine.
- 42. Navigate to the **Windows Start** menu, type **Command Prompt**, and press **Enter** to open a Command Prompt window.







43. In the Command Prompt window type ftp 10.10.1.16. It will ask for Username and Password for Login.

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```
Command Prompt-ftp 10.10.1.16

Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18363.1556]

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C:\Users\Admin>ftp 10.10.1.16

Connected to 10.10.1.16.

220 Microsoft FTP Service

200 OPTS UTF8 command successful - UTF8 encoding now ON.

User (10.10.1.16:(none)): ___
```



44. Enter Administrator in the User field and admin@123 in the Password field to login to ftp. You will be successfully logged in to ftp.

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Command Prompt-ftp 10.10.1.16
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18363.1556]
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C:\Users\Admin>ftp 10.10.1.16
Connected to 10.10.1.16.
220 Microsoft FTP Service
200 OPTS UTF8 command successful - UTF8 encoding now ON.
User (10.10.1.16:(none)): Administrator
331 Password required
Password:
230 User logged in.
ftp>
```



- 45. Close the **Command Prompt** window.
- 46. Switch to the **Web Server** virtual machine.
- 47. Open **Control Panel**.
- 48. Click the **System and Security** option.
- 49. The **System and Security** windows will appear. Click **Windows Firewall**.



50. The Windows Firewall window opens. Click Use recommended settings.







51. The Windows Defender Firewall is turned on for Domain, Private, and Guest or Public network settings as shown in the screenshot below.

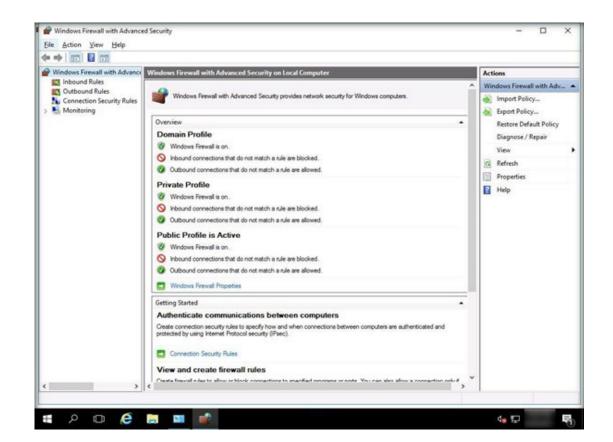






52. Click Advanced Settings in the left pane. The Windows Firewall with Advanced Security window opens.

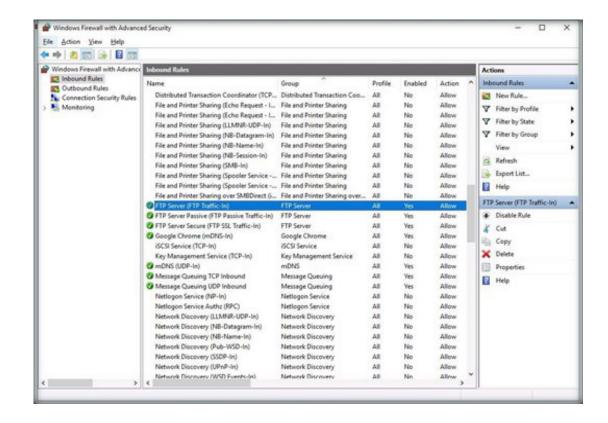






- 53. Click **Inbound Rules** option in the left side pane. The list of rules appears.
- 54. Search for FTP Server (FTP Traffic-In) and double-click.

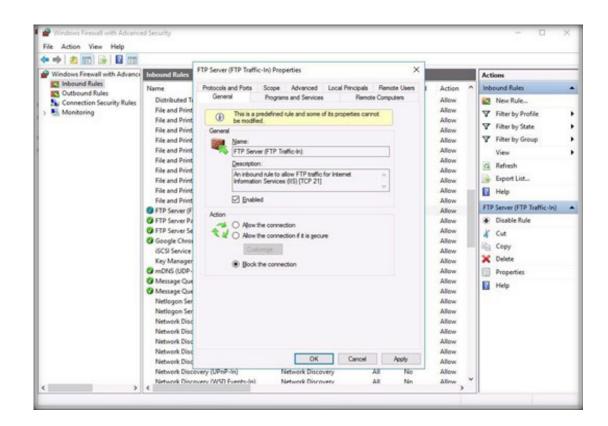






55. The FTP Server (FTP Traffic-In) Properties window opens. Check radio button Block the connection and click OK.

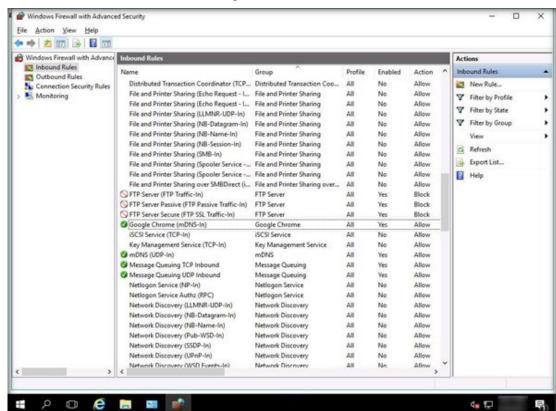






- 56. Next, search for FTP Server Passive (FTP Passive Traffic-In) and double-click.
- 57. The FTP Server Passive (FTP Passive Traffic-In) Properties window opens. Check radio button Block the connection and click OK.
- 58. Next, search for FTP Server Secure (FTP SSL Traffic-In) and double-click.
- 59. The FTP Server Secure (FTP SSL Traffic-In) Properties window opens. Check radio button Block the connection and click OK.
- 60. Now, we have blocked FTP inbound connection. Let us verify this.

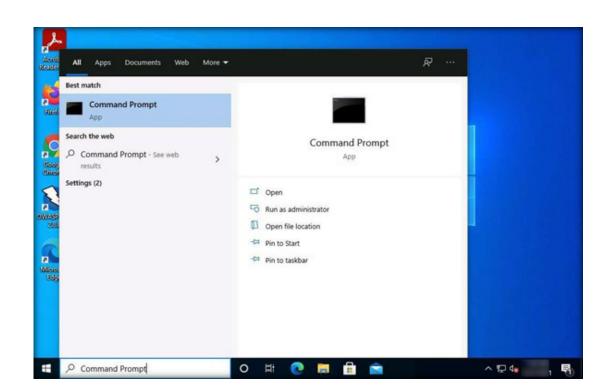






- 61. Close all open windows.
- 62. Switch to the Admin Machine-1 virtual machine.
- 63. Navigate to the **Windows Start** menu, type **Command Prompt**, and press **Enter** to open a Command Prompt window.







64. In the **Command Prompt** window type **ftp 10.10.1.16**, We will get **Connection timed out** error message. **Note**: It might take a while for the error message to appear.

IMPLEMENT HOST-BASED FIREWALL FUNCTIONALITY USING WINDOWS FIREWALL

```
Command Prompt-ftp 10.10.1.16

Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18363.1556]

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C:\Users\Admin>ftp 10.10.1.16

> ftp: connect :Connection timed out

ftp>
```



- 65. We have successfully blocked the FTP connection to Web Server.
- 66. Switch to the Web Server virtual machine. Navigate to **Control Panel > System and Security > Windows Firewall** and follow **step 53** to **step 60** and click on **Allow the connection** in the **FTP Server (FTP Traffic-In) Properties**, **FTP Server Passive (FTP Passive Traffic-IN) Properties** and **FTP Server Secure (FTP SSL Traffic-In)** Properties windows.
- 67. Follow steps 35 to step 40 to turn off the firewall in Web Server virtual machine.
- 68. Close all open windows.



EXERCISE 3: IMPLEMENT NETWORK-BASED FIREWALL FUNCTIONALITY: BLOCK UNWANTED WEBSITE ACCESS USING PFSENSE FIREWALL

The pfSense firewall/router is the world's most trusted open-source network security solution software.

LAB SCENARIO

To prevent users from visiting malicious websites and to secure against phishing attacks, security professionals must block known malicious websites and protect the network from various viruses and malware. As a security measure organizations need to prevent employees from accessing unwanted websites for employees.

LAB OBJECTIVE

The lab will demonstrate how to use the pfSense firewall alias to block access to unwanted websites. If we implement one rule per host, the number of rules will be greater and more difficult to manage. Using an alias for multiple hosts requires the use of only one rule.

OVERVIEW OF PFSENSE FIREWALL

pfSense is a free, open-source Operating System that functions like a firewall, intrusion detection system, and router. Firewall features are integrated into pfSense, and it contains basic firewall rules and firewall logs. A security professional can use the pfSense firewall to manage network security easily.

Aliases act as placeholders for real hosts, networks, or ports and help in reducing the number of changes required when the host, network, or port changes. The name of an alias can be used instead of specifying the host, network, or port for defining firewall rules.

LAB TASKS

Note: Ensure that Admin Machine-1, Web Server and PfSense Firewall virtual machines are running.



- 1. Turn on the AD Domain Controller virtual machine.
- 2. Login with the credentials **CCT\Administrator** and **admin@123**. **Note**: If the network screen appears, click **Yes**.
- 3. Switch to the Admin Machine-1 virtual machine.
- 4. Open the Google Chrome browser, and type www.rediff.com and press Enter, the rediff.com website opens.

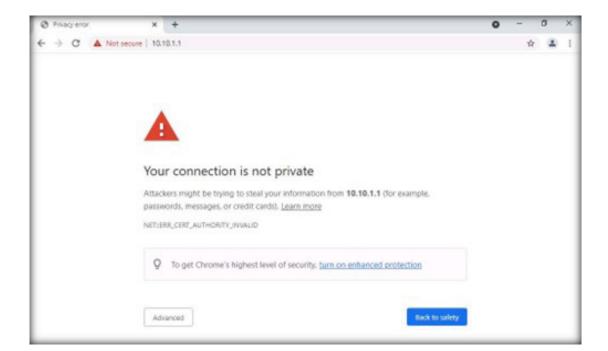
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- 5. Close the browser. This infers that the www.rediff.com website is accessible to users. You can block access to this website using the pfsense firewall as follows.
- 6. Open the Google Chrome browser, and type https://10.10.1.1 and press Enter to access the web interface of pfSense.

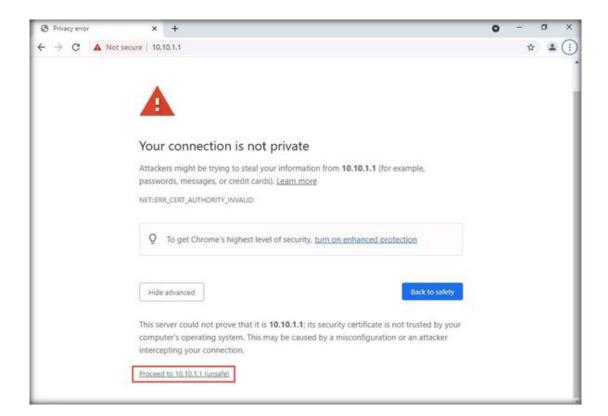
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7. The privacy error shows. Click **Advanced** button and click on **Proceed to 10.10.1.1 (unsafe)** link.

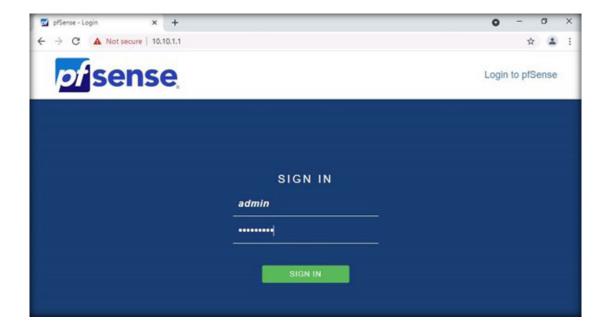
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8. The login page appears, use the Username as admin and Password as admin@123. Click SIGN IN.

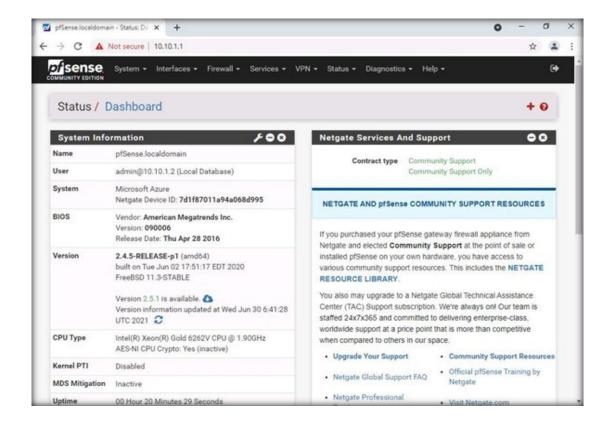
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FUNCTIONALITY: BLOCK
UNWANTED WEBSITE ACCE
USING PFSENSE FIREWALL





9. The pfSense home page will appear, as shown in the screenshot below.

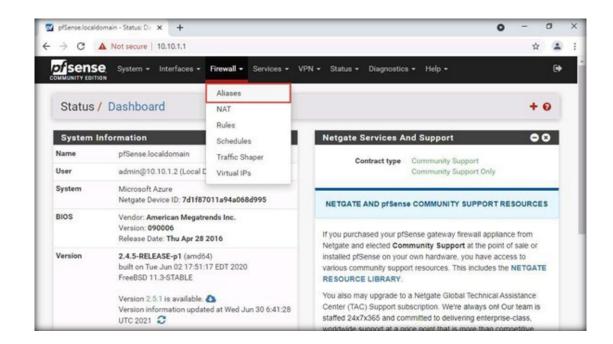






10. Navigate to the Firewall > Aliases option menu from the main menu to add the list of websites for restricting access.

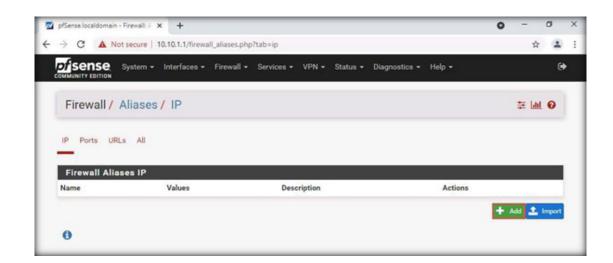






11. The Firewall/ Aliases/ IP page will appear. Click on the Add button.







- 12. Next, we will check the domain IP address of (www.rediff.com) website to block. Minimize the browser.
- 13. To check the domain address of rediff.com, we need to ping the domain. To open the command prompt, type **cmd** in the windows search option and click **Command Prompt** app.
- 14. The **Command Prompt** will appear. To ping the domain name, type the command **ping rediff.com**, and press **Enter** as shown in the below screenshot.



15. The result of ping **rediff.com** shows the IP address of the **rediff.com** server. Note down the **IP address** to include it in the aliases list of pfSense firewall.

Note: Ensure that you have added all IP addresses related to **rediff.com**. As, sometimes, one domain name might have multiple IP addresses and these IP addresses are changed timely. Similarly, you can also add other unwanted hosts also within the alias.

Note: IP address may differ from the one shown in the above screenshot. Ensure that you have noted all IP addresses related to **rediff.com**. As, sometimes, one domain name might have multiple IP addresses.

EXERCISE S:
IMPLEMENT NETWORKBASED FIREWALL
FUNCTIONALITY: BLOCK
UNWANTED WEBSITE ACCE
USING PFSENSE FIREWALL

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C:\Users\Admin>ping rediff.com

Pinging rediff.com [84.53.185.208] with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 84.53.185.208: bytes=32 time=19ms TTL=49
Reply from 84.53.185.208: bytes=32 time=21ms TTL=49
Reply from 84.53.185.208: bytes=32 time=25ms TTL=49
Reply from 84.53.185.208: bytes=32 time=19ms TTL=49
Reply from 84.53.185.208: bytes=32 time=19ms TTL=49
Ping statistics for 84.53.185.208:
Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
Minimum = 19ms, Maximum = 25ms, Average = 21ms

C:\Users\Admin>
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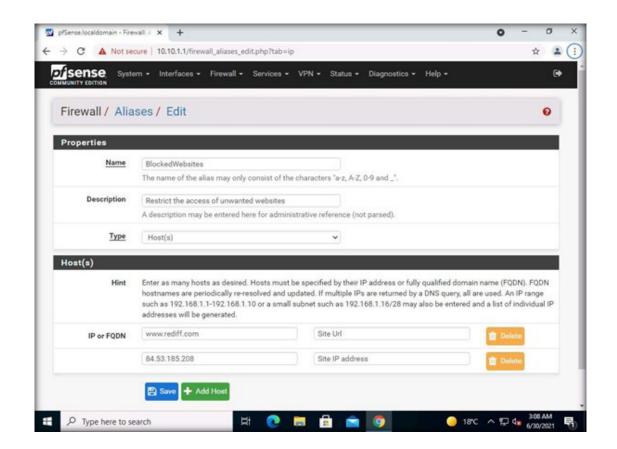


16. Next, switch to the **Google Chrome** web browser and add the following details. Under the Properties section, enter the following in the respective fields as shown in the following screenshot.

- Name: BlockedWebsites
- Description: Restrict the access of unwanted websites
- **Type**: Host(s)
 - Under the Host(s) section, add domain url and IP addresses for the aliases list:
- IP or FQDN: www.rediff.com
- **Description**: Site Url
 - Click Add Host button and add following IP address and description.
- IP or FQDN: 84.53.185.208 (Viewed rediff.com IP address from Command Prompt)
- **Description**: Site IP address



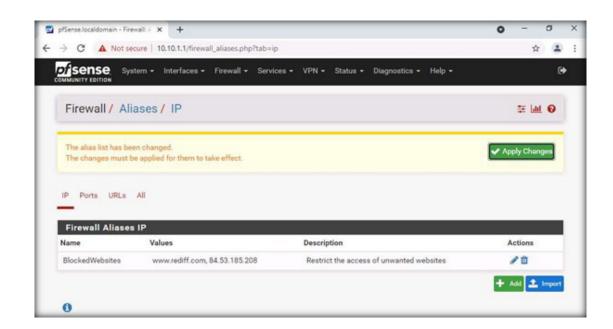
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- 17. Click Save.
- 18. Click on Apply Changes button.

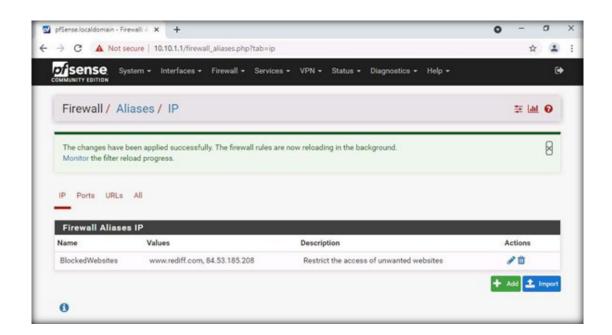






19. You will see the following message:

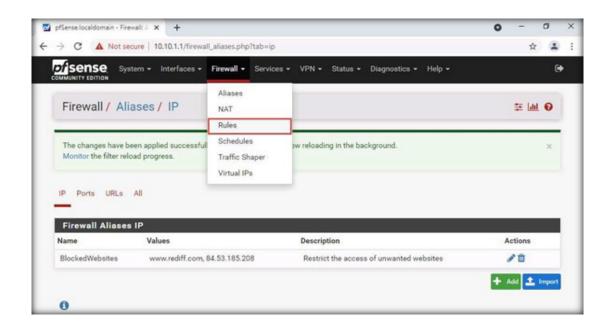
The changes have been applied successfully. The firewall rules are now reloading in the background. Monitor the filter reload process.





20. Next, we will add a firewall rule in pfSense to block the websites listed in the aliases. To add the rule, click on **Firewall > Rules** from the main menu in the pfSense web interface as shown in the screenshot below.

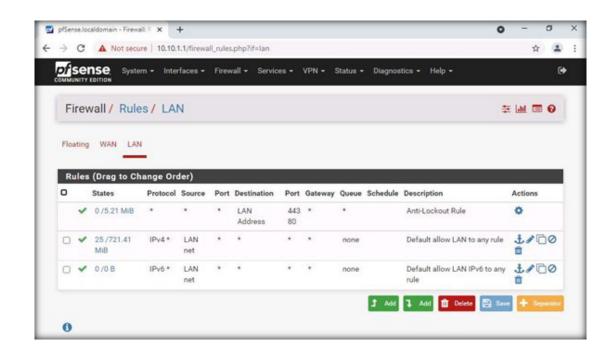






21. The Rules page will appear. Select the LAN option to see the default rules list as shown in the screenshot below.



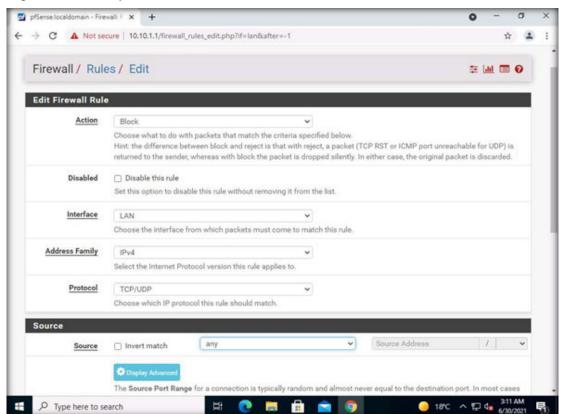




- 22. Click upper arrow Add to set a new rule on top of the default rule.
- 23. Under Edit Firewall Rule section, set below details.
- Action: BlockInterface: LAN
- Address Family: IPv4
- Protocol: TCP/UDP

Under Source section, select any from the dropdown.

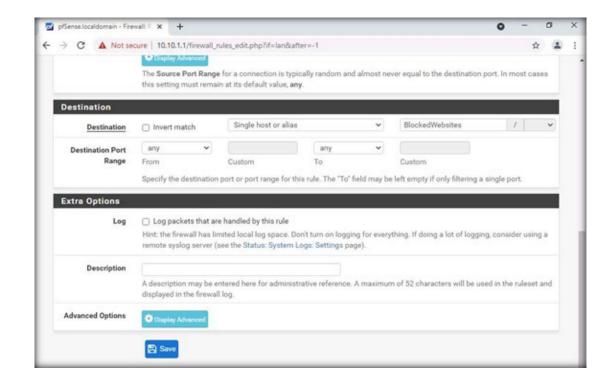
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24. Under **Destination**, select **Single host or alias** from the dropdown and type **BlockedWebsites** in the text box, select **Destination Port Range** as **any**.

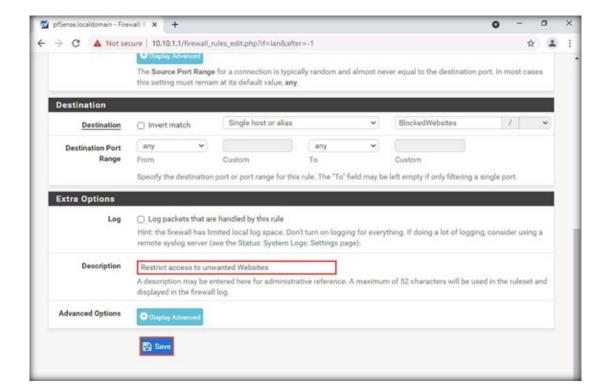
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25. Scroll down, enter the text Restrict access to unwanted Websites in the Description field, and click Save.

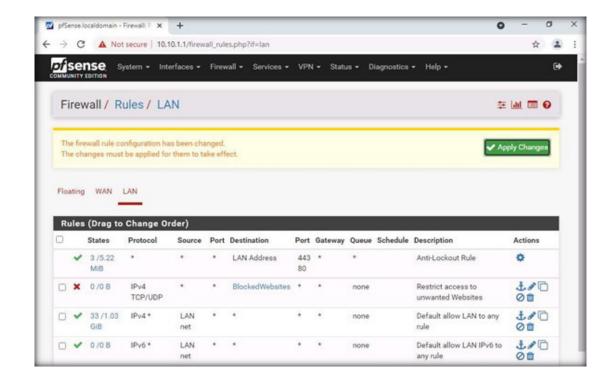






26. The page will redirect to the Firewall/ Rules page. Click Apply Changes.

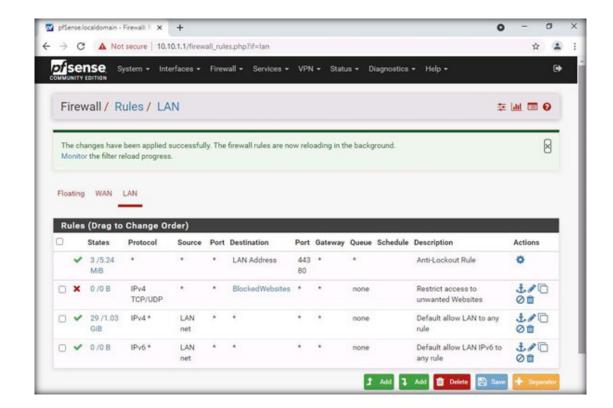






27. The firewall rule has been successfully created as shown in the screenshot below.





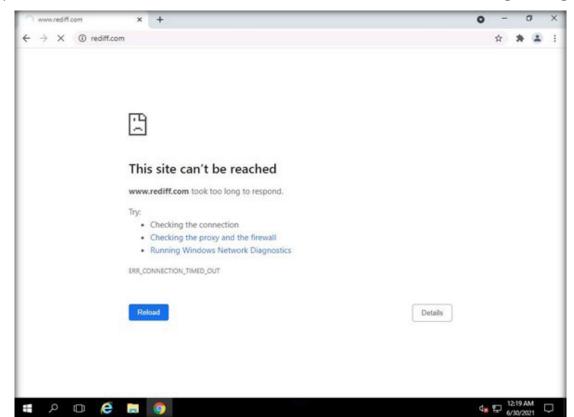


- 28. Close all open windows.
- 29. Switch to the Web Server virtual machine.

Note: If you are already logged into the Web Server virtual machine, then skip to Step#31.

- 30. Log in with the credentials Administrator and admin@123.
- 31. Open the browser and type www.rediff.com to check if rediff is accessible. You will see the following message: This site can't be reached.

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- 32. This indicates that the firewall is blocking the website listed in the firewall rule.
- 33. Close all open windows.
- 34. Turn off the **AD Domain Controller** virtual machine.



EXERCISE 4: IMPLEMENT NETWORK-BASED FIREWALL FUNCTIONALITY: BLOCK INSECURE PORTS USING PFSENSE FIREWALL

Firewall rules allow a computer to send or receive packets from a program, services, computers, and/or users.

LAB SCENARIO

To keep the computer resources of the organization secure, the security professional needs to configure outbound traffic because outbound traffic leaves the network vulnerable to malware that targets organizational resources. These threats can be protected by using firewall rules. The pfSense firewall allows specific traffic on specific ports while blocking all other traffic.

LAB OBJECTIVE

This lab will demonstrate how to block insecure ports using the pfSense firewall and protect endpoints within the network using the pfSense firewall.

OVERVIEW OF FIREWALL RULES

Firewall rules can be created for either inbound or outbound traffic.

- · An inbound firewall rule protects the network against incoming malicious traffic from the Internet or other network segments.
- An outbound firewall protects against outgoing traffic originating inside an enterprise network. Firewall rules can be configured to specify computers, users, programs, services, ports, and protocols.

LAB TASKS

Note: Ensure that Admin Machine-1, Web Server and PfSense Firewall virtual machines are running.



- 1. Turn on the AD Domain Controller virtual machine.
- 2. Log in with the credentials CCT\Administrator and admin@123.

Note: If the network screen appears, click Yes.

3. Switch to the **Web Server** virtual machine.

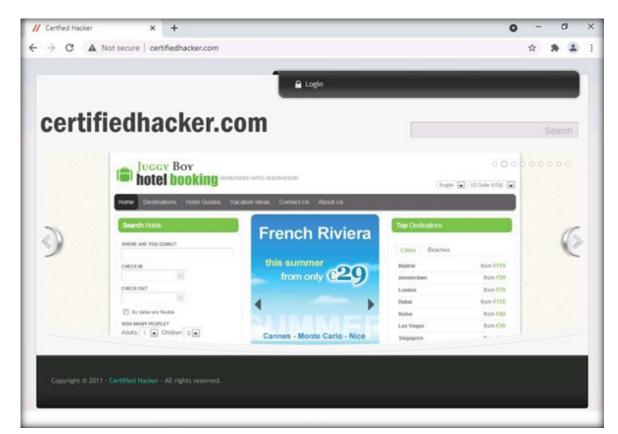
Note: If you are not logged into the machine, then log in using credentials Administrator / admin@123.

4. In Web Server virtual machine, to open the browser, double click the Google Chrome icon on the Desktop.



5. Type http://certifiedhacker.com/ in the address bar, and press Enter. You will be able to access the web page, as shown in the below screenshot.



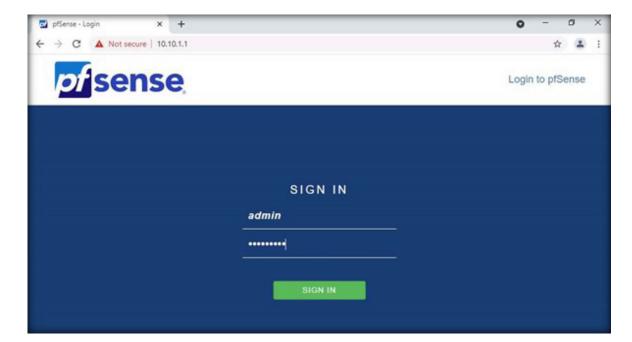




- 6. Next, we shall create a rule to restrict a user from accessing **HTTP-enabled** websites (**by blocking port http 80**), so that they can access only https-enabled websites on the Internet.
- 7. Switch to the **Admin Machine-1** virtual machine. **Note**: If you are not logged into the machine, then log in with the credentials **Admin** and **admin@123**.
- 8. To open the browser, double click the **Google Chrome** icon on the **Desktop**.
- 9. Browse pfSense web interface. Type https://10.10.1.1 in the address bar, and press Enter. Click Advanced button and click proceed to 10.10.1.1 (unsafe) link.



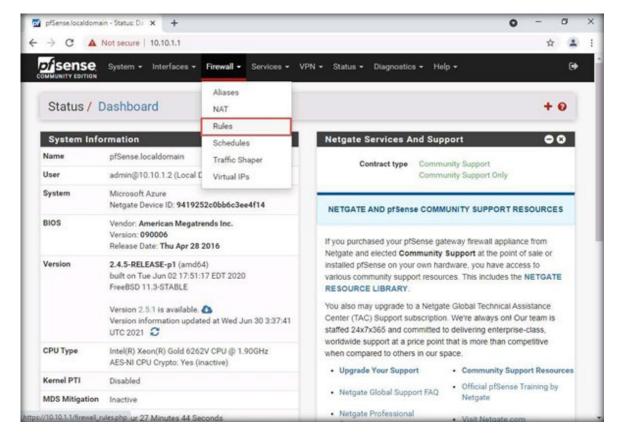
10. The pfSense login page will appear. Type the username as **admin** and password as **admin@123**, and click the **SIGN IN** button, as shown in the screenshot below.





11. The **pfSense Dashboard** will appear. Navigate to **Firewall > Rules** from the main menu.

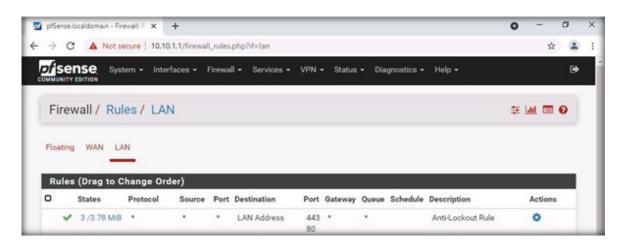






12. The Firewall/Rules/WAN page will appear. Click the LAN option.

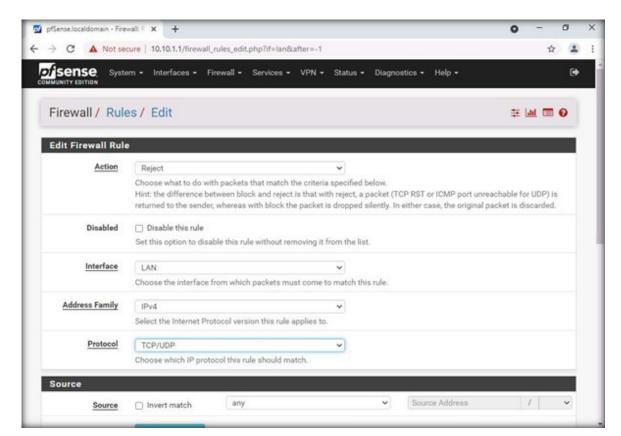






- 13. To create a rule, click the up arrow Add button.
- 14. Set the following details under Edit Firewall Rule section:
- Action > Reject
- Interface > LAN
- Address Family > IPv4
- Protocol > TCP/UDP.

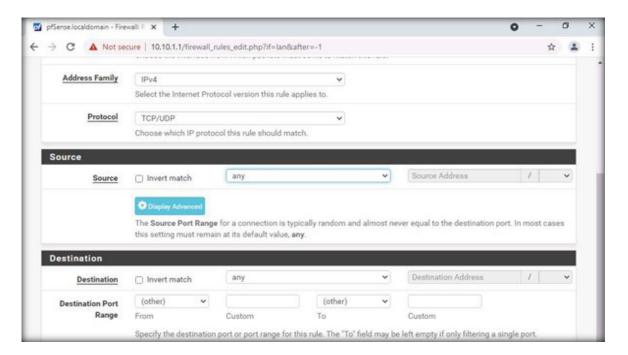






15. Under **Source** section, select **any** from the dropdown as shown in the below screenshot.

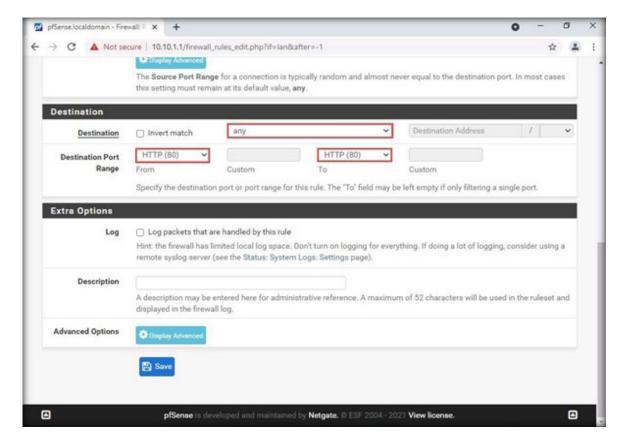






16. Under **Destination** section, select **any** from the dropdown and set **Destination Port Range to HTTP (80)** from the dropdown.

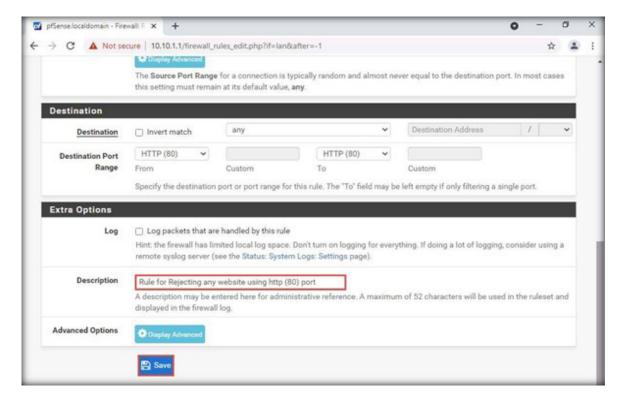






17. Scroll down. Under Extra Options, enter Rule for Rejecting any website using http (80) port in the Description field, and click Save.

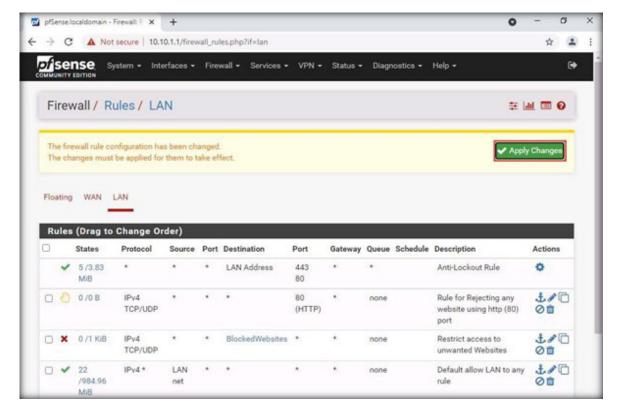






18. The page will redirect to the Firewall/Rules/LAN page. Click Apply Changes.

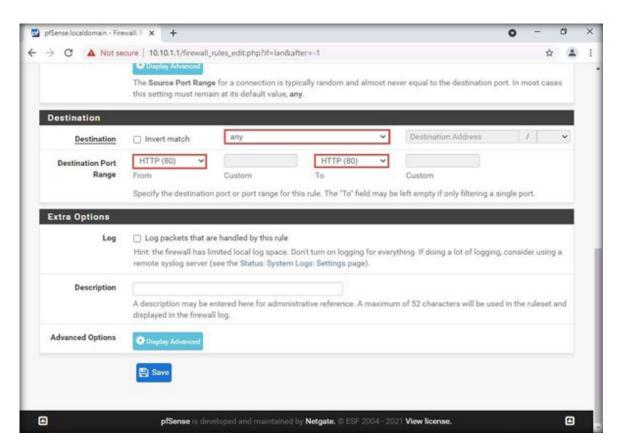






- 19. The firewall rule has been successfully created.
- 20. Close browser window.
- 21. Switch back to the Web Server virtual machine.

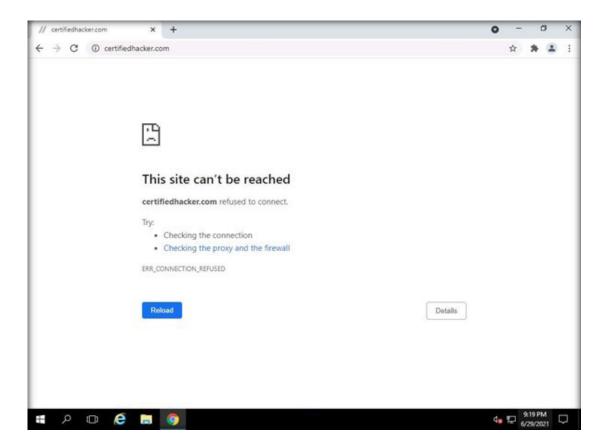






22. In the Chrome browser (it is already opened, or you can launch a new window), enter http://certifiedhacker.com/ in the address bar, and press Enter. You will see the message as This site can't be reached. This is because the pfSense firewall rule is now preventing the traffic from the port http.

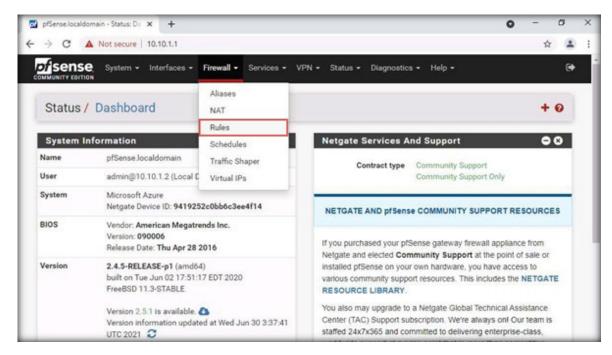
Note: If changes are not affecting, then reboot the pfSense firewall and clear the Chrome browser cache.





- 23. Close browser window.
- 24. Delete the firewall rules created in this exercise and previous exercise.
- 25. To delete the firewall rules, switch to **Admin Machine-1** virtual machine. Repeat steps **Step 9** to **Step 11**. Navigate to **Firewall > Rules** from the main menu.

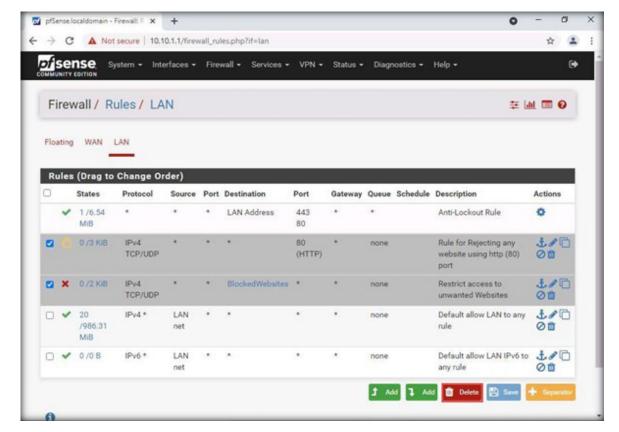






26. The Firewall/Rules/WAN page will appear. Click the **LAN** option. Select both the created rules by checking the checkboxes against the rules. and click **Delete** button.

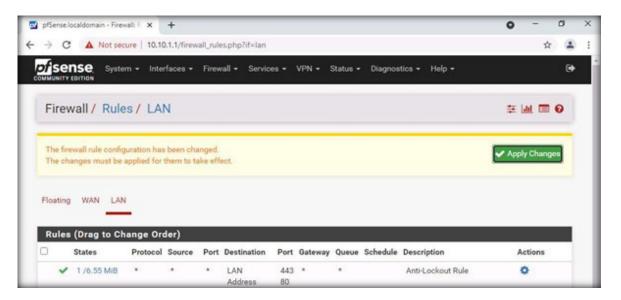






- 27. Click **OK** in the Rule deletion confirmation pop-up.
- 28. The page will redirect to the Firewall/Rules/LAN page. Click Apply Changes.

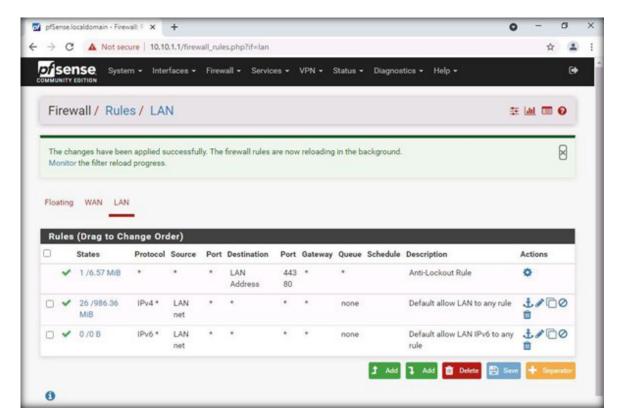






29. The selected rules will be deleted.

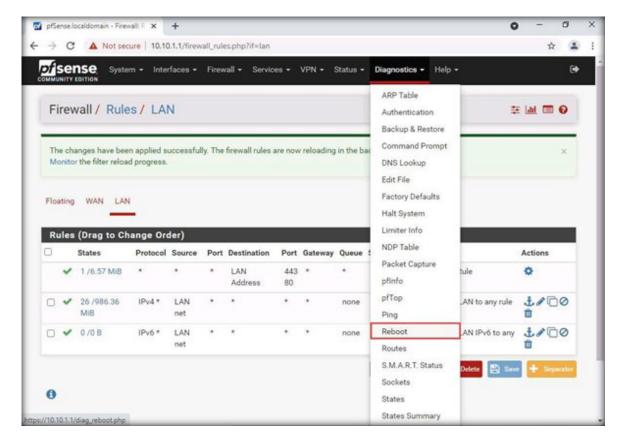






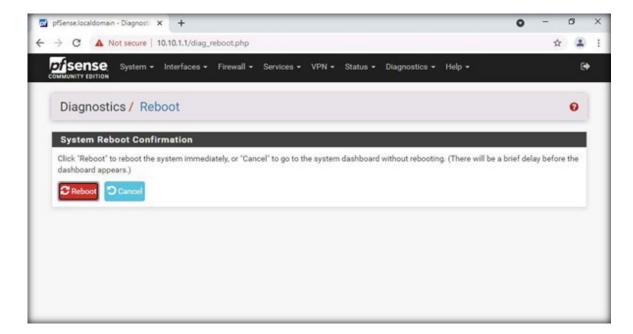
30. To reboot pfSense, navigate to **Diagnostics > Reboot** option from the main menu.





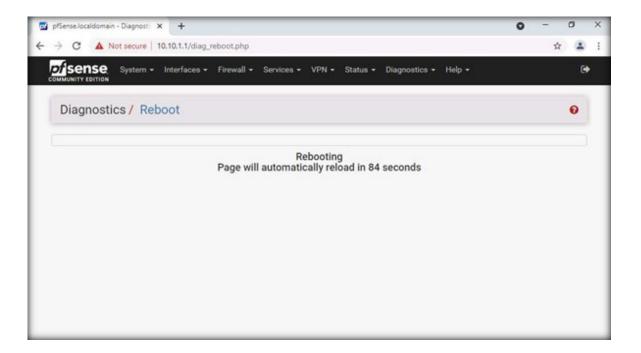


31. Click on Reboot button.





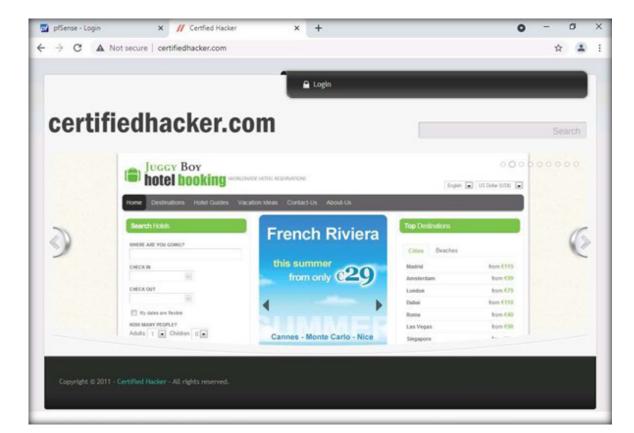
- 32. Click **OK** in the Reboot confirmation pop-up.
- 33. The pfSense firewall will reboot and load automatically.





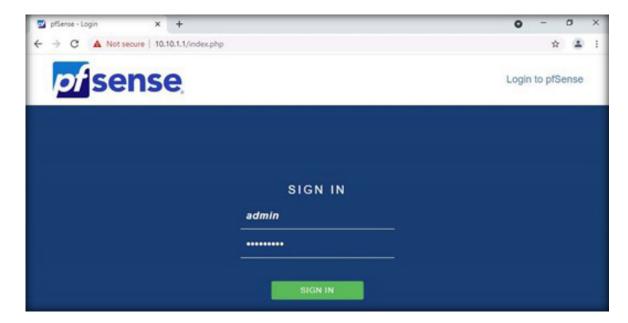
34. The pfSense Sign in page will appear.

35. Now Open a new tab in Chrome browser and type http://certifiedhacker.com/ in the address bar, and press Enter. You will be able to access the web page as shown in the below screenshot:





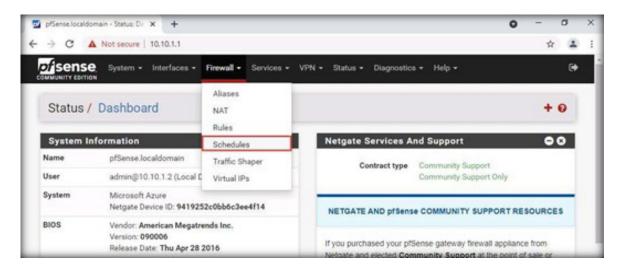
- 36. Close the tab and navigate to the pfSense **SIGN IN** page.
- 37. Now we will configure schedules for time-based rules
- 38. Type the username admin and password admin@123 and click the SIGN IN button, as shown in the screenshot below.





39. The pfSense Dashboard will appear. Navigate to Firewall > Schedules from the main menu.

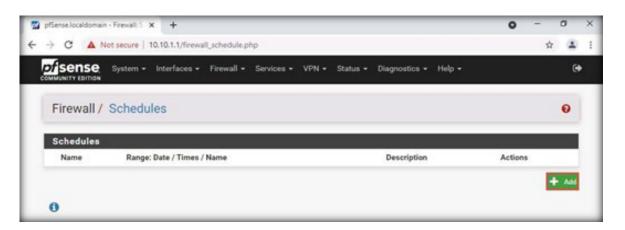






40. Click + Add button in the Firewall/ Schedules window.

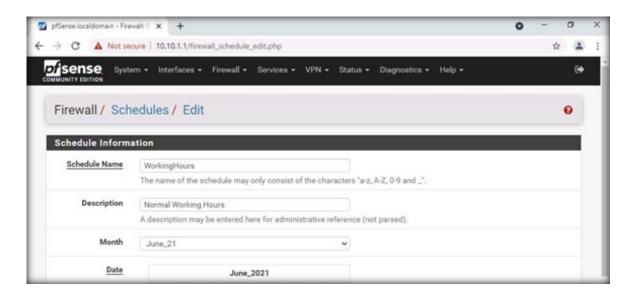






41. The **Firewall/Schedules/Edit** window opens. Enter a name in the **Schedule Name** section under **Schedule Information** and enter description in the **Description** field.

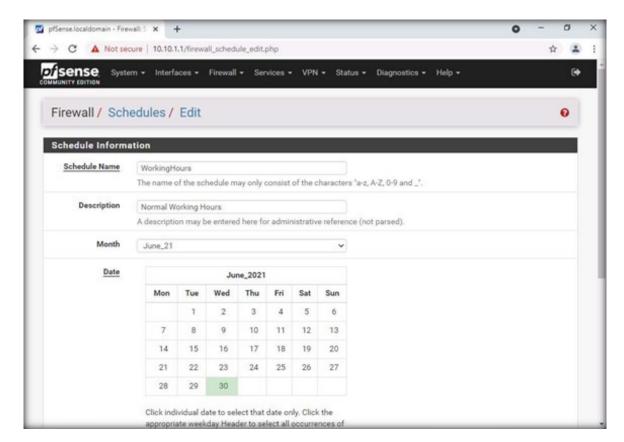
Note: Schedule name must only contain letters and digits, no spaces. Here we have given the name as **WorkingHours** and **Normal Working Hours** as **Description**.





42. Now set the **Month** by selecting a specific month and days, or by clicking the day of the week header for weekly recurring schedules. **Note**: Here we are selecting a single day in a month.



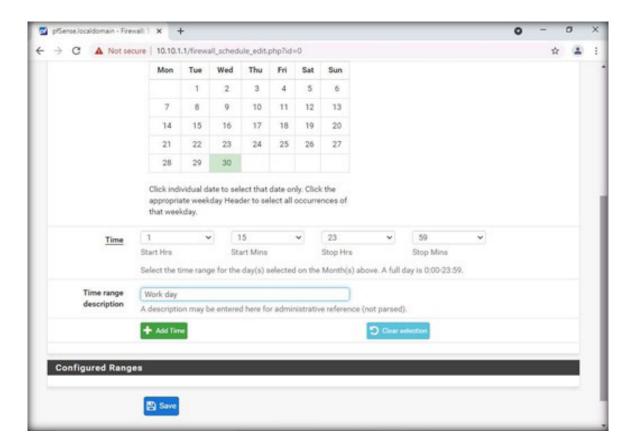




43. Choose a **Start Time** and **Stop Time** which control when the rule is active on the selected days. Enter an optional Time Range Description for this specific range.

Note: The time cannot cross midnight on any day. A full day is 0:00 to 23:59.

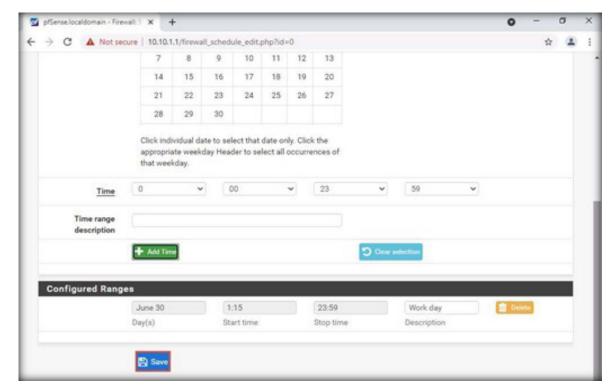
Note: While performing the task in the lab, make sure that the time you are selecting is 5 to 10 minutes ahead of the time.





44. Click on + Add Time to add the choices as range and click Save.

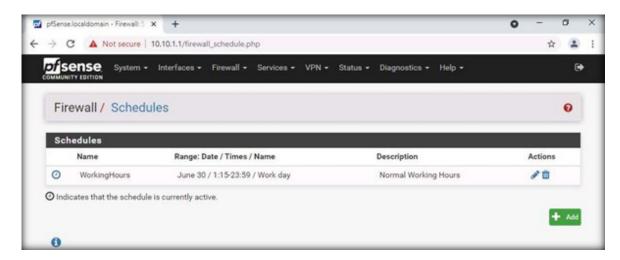






45. You will be redirected to the **Firewall/ Schedules** page with the new schedule listed.

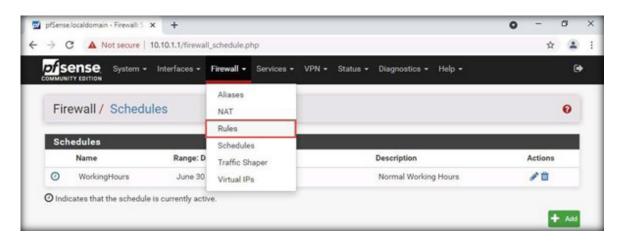






46. To create a new firewall rule, navigate to **Firewall > Rules** from the main menu.

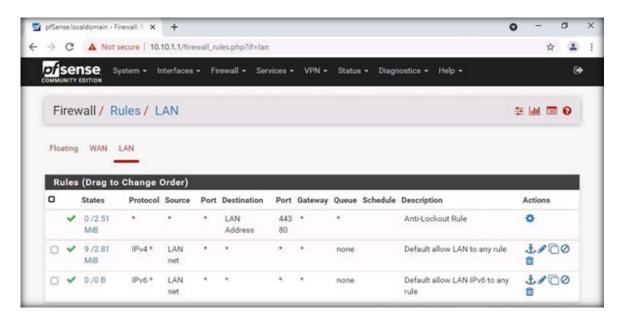






47. The Firewall/Rules/WAN page will appear. Click the LAN option.

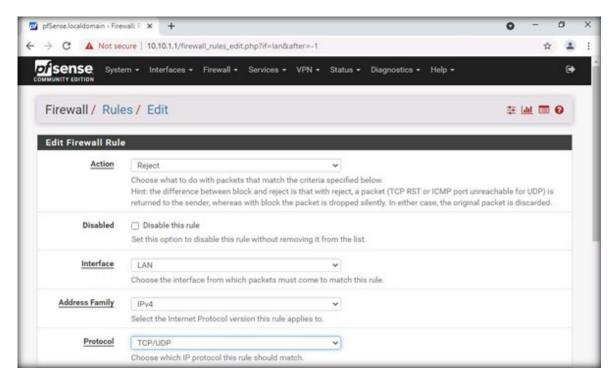






- 48. To create a rule, click the up arrow **Add** button.
- 49. Set following details under Edit Firewall Rule section
- Action > Reject
- Interface > LAN
- Address Family > IPv4
- Protocol > TCP/UDP.

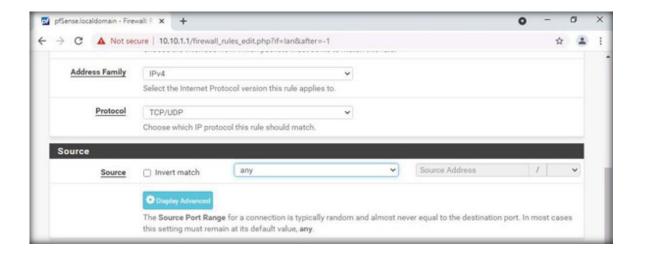






50. Under Source section, select any from the dropdown as shown in the below screenshot.

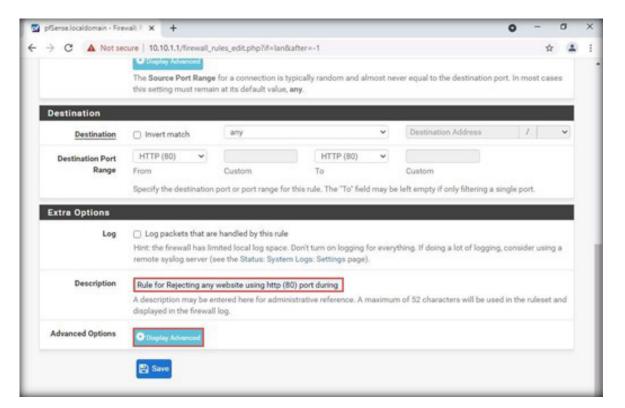
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- 51. Under **Destination** section, select **any** from the dropdown and set **Destination Port Range** to **HTTP (80)** from the dropdown.
- 52. Scroll down. Under Extra Options, enter Rule for Rejecting any website using http (80) port during Working Hours in the Description field, and click on Display Advanced.

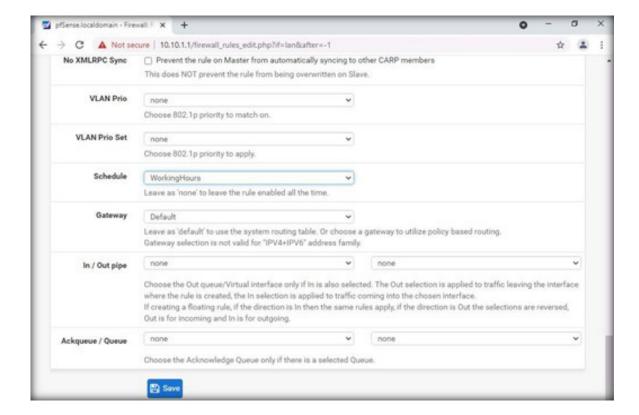






- 53. In Advanced Options go to Schedule section and select the newly created WorkingHours Schedule from the drop down.
- 54. Leaving the other options set to default scroll down the page and click on Save.

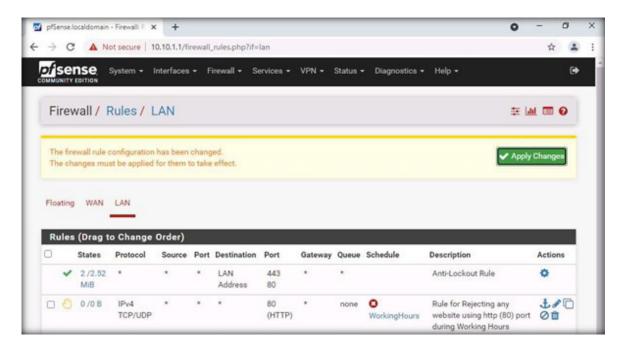
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55. The page will redirect to the Firewall/Rules/LAN page. Click Apply Changes.



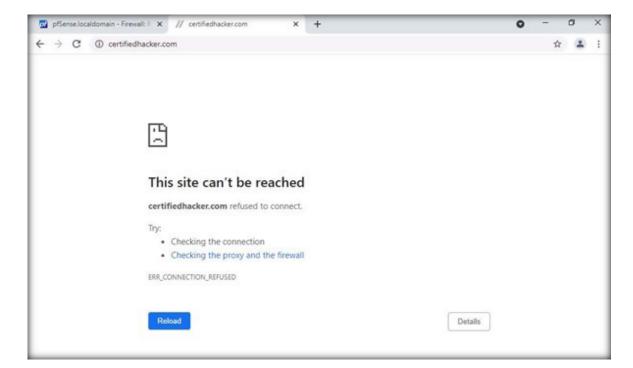




56. Reload the webpage and open a new tab in chrome browser and type http://certifiedhacker.com/ in the address bar, and press Enter Note: If a pop-up appears while reloading webpage, click on Continue.

Note: If changes are not affecting, then reboot the pfSense firewall and clear the Chrome browser cache.

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- 57. You will see the message as **This site can't be reached**. This is because the pfSense firewall rule is now preventing port http.
- 58. Delete the newly created firewall rule before proceeding to the next lab.
- 59. Close the current tab and perform **Step 25** to **Step 34** to delete the newly created rule and to reboot the pfSense firewall.
- 60. After the pfSense firewall is rebooted, close all open windows.
- 61. Turn off Admin Machine-1 and AD Domain Controller virtual machines.



EXERCISE 5: IMPLEMENT HOST-BASED IDS FUNCTIONALITY USING WAZUH HIDS

Host-based Intrusion Detection Systems (HIDS) detect the events on the server and generate alerts.

LAB SCENARIO

Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS) helps monitor network activity. HIDS enables a security professional to monitor the network traffic for malicious activity or policy violations. Using Wazuh enables security professionals to perform continuous monitoring and respond to advanced threats.

LAB OBJECTIVE

This lab will demonstrate the use of Wazuh HIDS and agent to capture network traffic and show how to monitor the captured traffic for malicious activities. In this lab, you will learn the following:

- · Installing and configuring Wazuh HIDS and Wazuh agent
- Monitoring network traffic for malicious activity using Sguil

OVERVIEW OF THE LAB

Host Intrusion Detection is a requirement for today's networks. Attacks and threats can be monitored easily because the full communication stream can be inspected using HIDS. Host-based IDS (HIDS) deployment is done with proper planning and care, as deploying these on a large-scale environment has the potential to generate numerous false alarms, which can get quite difficult to manage. Initial deployment of a HIDS is done on critical servers only. Security professional must consider implementing an IDS management console before adding additional hosts.

LAB TASKS

Note: Ensure that Web Server and PfSense Firewall virtual machines are running.



- 1. Turn on Admin Machine-2 and Attacker Machine-1 virtual machines.
- 2. Log in with the username sam and password admin@123.
- 3. To configure Wazuh HIDS for detecting endpoint suspicious activity, right-click on the desktop, and select the **Open Terminal** option from the pop-up list as shown in the screenshot below.





4. When the terminal window appears, type command **sudo su**, and press the **Enter** button. When it prompts for the password, type the system password **admin@123** and press **Enter**.

Note: The password that you type will not be visible.

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	root@sam-Virtual-Machine: /home/sam	
File Edit View Search Terminal Help		
sam(sam-Virtual-Machine:~\$ sudo su [sudo] password for sam: root@sam-Virtual-Machine:/home/sam#		



5. To add the **Web Server** virtual machine as the Wazuh agent, type command **/var/ossec/bin/manage_agents** and press **Enter**, as shown in the screenshot below.

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root@sam-Virtual-Machine:/home/sam

File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@sam-Virtual-Machine:/home/sam# /var/ossec/bin/manage_agents

* Wazuh v3.9.5 Agent manager.

* The following options are available: *

(A)dd an agent (A).
(E)xtract key for an agent (E).
(L)ist already added agents (L).
(R)emove an agent (R).
(Q)uit.

Choose your action: A,E,L,R or Q: ■
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6. The list of options is displayed. Type A to add the new agent (Web Server) for the monitor and press Enter.

7. You will be prompted to add new agent details. Provide the following details as shown in the screenshot below, and press Enter:

- A name for the new agent: WebServer
- The IP address of the new agent: 10.10.1.16
- Confirm adding it? (y/n): y

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Applications Places
                   Terminal
                                                    root@sam-Virtual-Machine: /home/sam
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@sam-Virtual-Machine:/home/sam# /var/ossec/bin/manage_agents
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 Wazuh v3.9.5 Agent manager.
 The following options are available: *
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(E)xtract key for an agent (E).
   (L)ist already added agents (L).
   (R)emove an agent (R).
   (Q)uit.
Choose your action: A, E, L, R or Q: A
 Adding a new agent (use '\q' to return to the main menu).
 Please provide the following:
  * A name for the new agent: WebServer
* The IP Address of the new agent: 10.10.1.16
Confirm adding it?(y/n): y
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8. The Wazuh agent manager will add a new agent. The agent ID here is 001. (It may differ in your lab).

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 root@sam-Virtual-Machine:/home/sam# /var/ossec/bin/manage_agents
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(E)xtract key for an agent (E).
(L)ist already added agents (L).
(R)emove an agent (R).
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- Adding a new agent (use '\q' to return to the main menu).
Please provide the following:
    A name for the new agent: WebServer
    The IP Address of the new agent: 10.10.1.16
Confirm adding it?(y/n): y
Agent added with ID [35].
  ...........
   Wazuh v3.9.5 Agent manager.
  The following options are available: *
    (A)dd an agent (A).
(E)xtract key for an agent (E).
(L)ist already added agents (L).
     (R)emove an agent (R).
    (Q)uit.
 Choose your action: A,E,L,R or Q:
```



9. To extract the key for the agent (WebServer), type **E** and press **Enter**. You will be prompted to provide the agent ID to extract the key. Type **001** (In your lab, it may differ).

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Applications Places Terminal
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                                                             root@sam-Virtual-Machine: /home/sam
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@sam-Virtual-Machine:/home/sam# /var/ossec/bin/manage_agents
 .......
 Wazuh v3.9.5 Agent manager. * The following options are available: *
   (A)dd an agent (A).
(E)xtract key for an agent (E).
(L)ist already added agents (L).
    (R)emove an agent (R).
 hoose your action: A,E,L,R or Q: A
  Adding a new agent (use '\q' to return to the main menu). Please provide the following:
* A name for the new agent: WebServer
* The IP Address of the new agent: 10.10.1.16
Confirm adding it?(y/n): y
Agent added with ID 001.
 ...........
  Wazuh v3.9.5 Agent manager.
  The following options are available: *
   (A)dd an agent (A).
(E)xtract key for an agent (E).
(L)ist already added agents (L).
    (R)emove an agent (R).
   (Q)uit.
Choose your action: A,E,L,R or Q: E
ID: 861, Name: WebServer, IP: 10.10.1.16
Provide the ID of the agent to extract the key (or "\q" to quit): 881
Agent key information for '001' is:
MDAXIF4DYINIcnZlciAxMC4xMC4xLjE2IDY2NGJhODY8NTM5MDY5YTJlOTQ2MTRmNjdjY2A5MwZmZjQ3ZTk5ODdmMGJjNjdmMDY2ZjZmNmJiYjM4M2QzOGU=
   Press ENTER to return to the main menu.
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10. Press **Enter** to continue, and type **Q** to quit agent configuration. **Copy** the extracted **key**.

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root@sam-Virtual	-Machine: /home/sam		-	×
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(Q)uit. Choose your action: A,E,L,R or Q: A				
Adding a new agent (use '\q' to return to the main menu). Please provide the following:				
* A name for the new agent: WebServer				
* The IP Address of the new agent: 10.10.1.16				
Confirm adding it?(y/n): y Agent added with ID 001.				
Wazuh v3.9.5 Agent manager.				
The following options are available:				
(A)dd an agent (A).				
(E)xtract key for an agent (E). (L)ist already added agents (L).				
(R)emove an agent (R).				
(Q)uit.				
Choose your action: A,E,L,R or Q: E				
Available agents:				
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Agent key information for '001' is: MDAXIFdlYlNlcnZlciAXMC4XMC4xLjEZIDY2NGJhODY0NTM5MDY5YTJlOTQ2MTF	-Widiv-Leasur-Tinattlens		Cille	_
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	Paste			
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* The following options are available: *				
	☐ Read-Only			
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(L)ist already added agents (L).				
(R)emove an agent (R). (O)uit.				
Choose your action: A,E,L,R or Q: Q				
manage_agents: Exiting.				
root@sam-Virtual-Machine:/home/sam# []				



11. Open another terminal window and type **sudo gedit key.txt**. Press **Enter**. If prompts for password type **admin@123** as password. **Note**: The password that you type will not be visible.

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Applications Places Terminal		
	sam@sam-Virtual-Machine: ~	
File Edit View Search Terminal Help		
am@sam-Virtual-Machine:-\$ sudo gedit key.	txt	



12. The new key.txt file opens. Paste the copied extracted key.

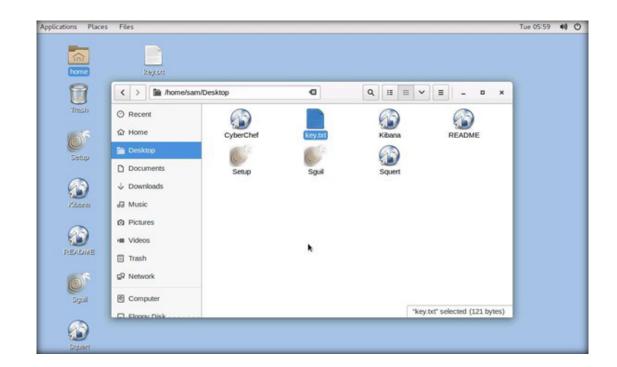






13. Save the file. Close all windows. Open home folder from Desktop, copy key.txt file to Desktop.

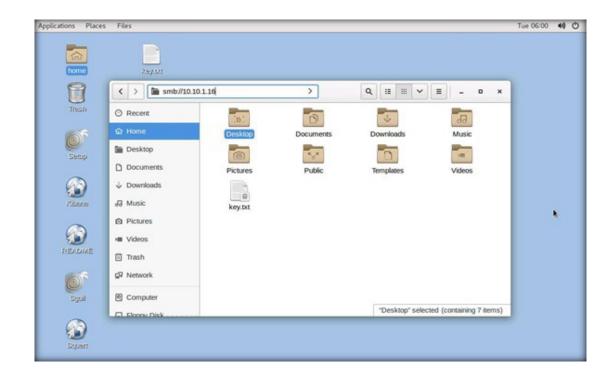
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14. Open the **home** folder from the Desktop and press **CTRL + L** This will enable the search textbox. Type **smb://10.10.1.16** and press the **Enter** button.

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15. If prompted to enter the password, type the username Administrator and password admin@123. Click Connect.

16. The Windows share folder opens, open **C\$** folder. Go to the desktop and copy the **key.txt** file. Switch back to the Windows share folder, open the **C\$** folder, and paste the **key.txt** file.





17. We have shared the agent key to **Web Server**. To configure the firewall to communicate with the agent, open terminal and type **sudo ufw allow proto udp from 10.10.1.16 to 10.10.1.79 port 1514** as shown in the screenshot below, and press the **Enter** button, if prompts for the password, then type **admin@123** as password and press **Enter** button.

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Applications Places Terminal	
	sam@sam-Virtual-Machine: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help	
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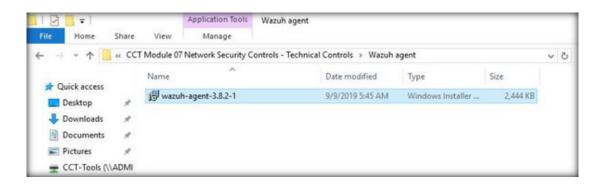


- 18. The firewall will be configured to allow communication between Web Server and Admin Machine-2 machines.
- 19. Switch to the Web Server virtual machine.

Note: If you are not logged into the Web Server virtual machine, then log in using credentials Administrator and admin@123.

20. Navigate to **Z:\CCT Module 07 Network Security Controls - Technical Controls\Wazuh agent**. Double click **Wazuh-agent-3.8.2-1** and follow the wizard-driven installation.

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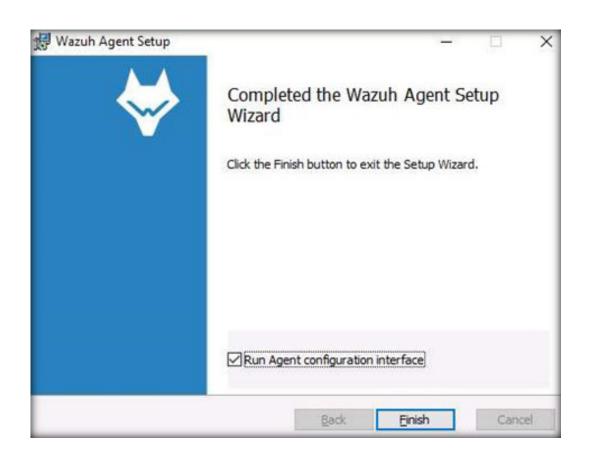




Note: If an Open File-Security Warning appears click Run.

- 21. Check I accept the terms in the License Agreement and click Install.
- 22. Check **Run Agent configuration interface** and click **Finish** to complete the installation.

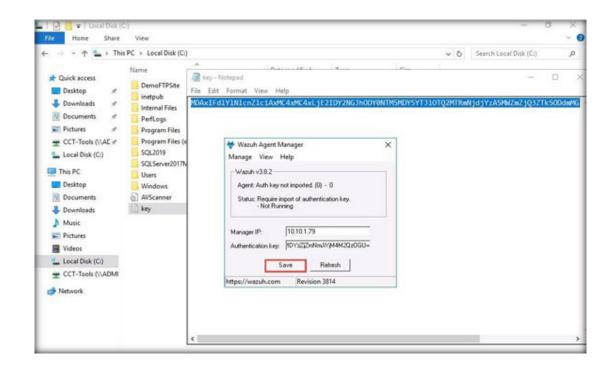
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- 23. Once the installation is complete, the Wazuh Agent Manager window will open.
- 24. Type the IP address (10.10.1.79) of the Wazuh manager that is **Admin Machine-2** into the Manager IP field. Copy the agent key from the shared **C:\key.txt file** and paste into the Authentication key field. Click **Save**.



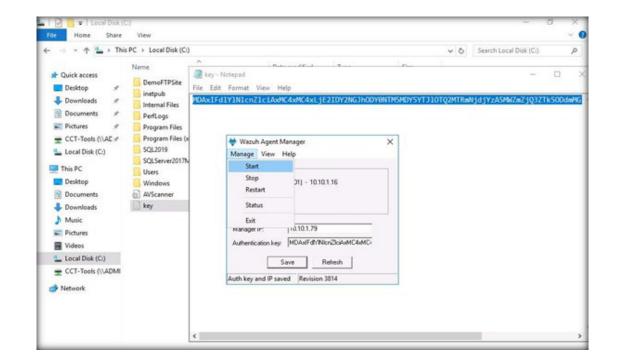




25. Click **OK** to confirm the importing key.

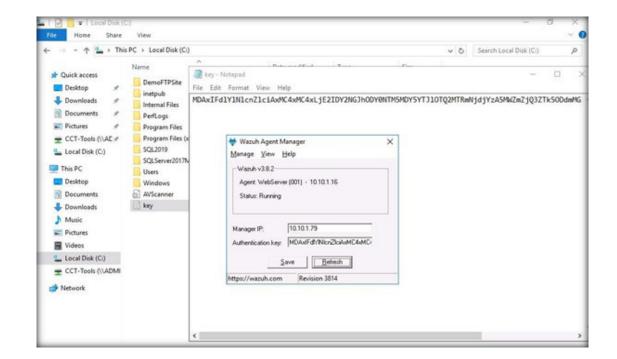
26. Manager IP will be added. By default, the Wazuh agent manager will be **stopped**. Select **Manage > Start** from the main menu and click **OK** for the prompted message.

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27. Click **Refresh** to view the **Running** status of the agent.





- 28. Switch back to the Admin Machine-2 virtual machine, login with password admin@123.
- 29. Open terminal in root privileges using sudo su command and type /var/ossec/bin/ossec-control restart, press Enter.

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30. To check whether the agent is active, type /var/ossec/bin/agent_control -I and press Enter. You will see the WebServer agent that we added as Active.

Applications Places Terminal		
	root@sam-Virtual-Machine: /home/sam	
File Edit View Search Terminal Help root@sam-Virtual-Machine:/home/sam#	/var/ossec/bin/agent_control -1	
Wazuh agent_control. List of availal ID: 000, Name: sam-Virtual-Machir ID: 001, Name: WebServer, IP: 10	ne (server), IP: 127.0.0.1, Active/Local	
List of agentless devices:		
root@sam-Virtual-Machine:/home/sam#	1	
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- 31. Switch to the Attacker Machine-1 virtual machine, select username as Bob and type password as user@123, press Enter.
- 32. Copy the wrd.txt file and pwd.txt file from the home directory (bob) and paste on the Desktop.

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33. Launch the **terminal** and type the below command to perform FTP attack on **Web Server**. hydra -L 'wrd.txt' -P 'pwd.txt' ftp://10.10.1.16

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bob@bob-Virtual-Machine:- Q = - 0  

bob@bob-Virtual-Machine:- S hydra -L 'wrd.txt' -P 'pwd.txt' ftp://10.10.1.16
Hydra v9.0 (c) 2019 by van Hauser/THC - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes.

Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2021-08-17 02:22:06
[DATA] max 16 tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tasks, 25 login tries (l:5/p:5), ~2 tries per task
[DATA] attacking ftp://10.10.1.16:21/
[21][ftp] host: 10.10.1.16 login: Administrator password: admin@123
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) finished at 2021-08-17 02:22:10
bob@bob-Virtual-Machine:- S

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Note: Re-execute the command if you don't get the result showed in the above screenshot.

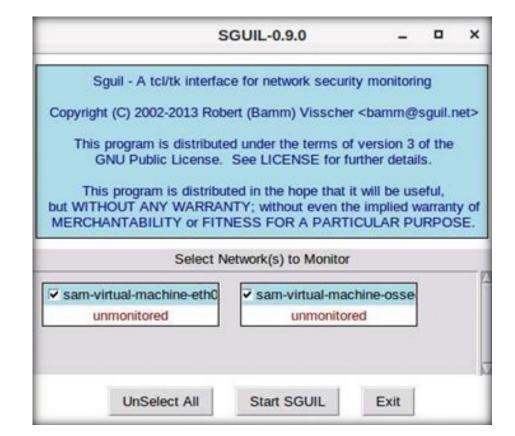
- 34. This indicates that the attacker can extract the FTP username and password over the network using insecure ports.
- 35. Switch to the Admin Machine-2 machine. Login with password admin@123.
- 36. Launch the **sguil** application from the desktop.
- 37. The Sguil window appears. Type the username as martin and password as user@123. Click the OK button.

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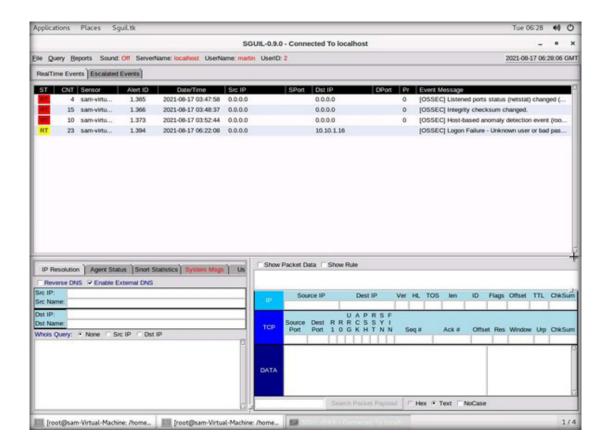
38. Network interfaces will be displayed. Click the **Select All** button.





- 39. All available interfaces will be selected. Click the **Start SGUIL** button.
- 40. You will see the Sguil window, as shown in the screenshot below.

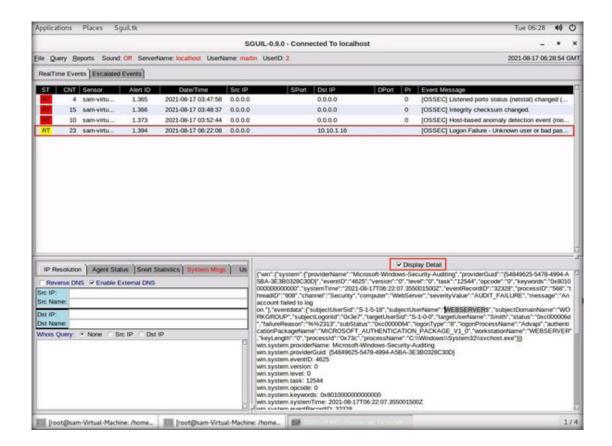






- 41. The Windows Login Failure event is captured by the Wazuh agent.
- 42. You can observe the Dst IP 10.10.1.16 OSSEC alert.
- 43. Click on the OSSEC Windows: Logon Failure-unknown user record from the list and check the Display Detail pane/option.







- 44. As described above, a security professional can use Wazuh to detect malicious activity on the host machine.
- 45. Close all open windows.
- 46. Turn off the Admin Machine-2 virtual machine.



EXERCISE 6: IMPLEMENT NETWORK-BASED IDS FUNCTIONALITY USING SURICATA IDS

Network-based intrusion detection systems (NIDS) check every packet entering the network for the presence of anomalies and incorrect data.

LAB SCENARIO

A security professional must have the required knowledge to use Suricata for real-time Intrusion Detection System (IDS), inline Intrusion Prevention System (IPS), Network Security Monitoring (NSM), and offline pcap processing.

LAB OBJECTIVE

This lab will demonstrate how to use Suricata IDS. In this lab, you will also learn how to:

- · Use the intrusion detection tool Suricata
- · Review information in the Suricata Logs.

OVERVIEW OF NETWORK-BASED IDS

By limiting the firewall to drop large numbers of data packets, the NIDS checks every packet thoroughly. A NIDS captures and inspects all traffic. It generates alerts at the IP or application level based on the content. NIDS are more distributed than host-based IDS. The NIDS identifies the anomalies at the router and host levels. It audits the information contained in the data packets and logs the information of malicious packets; furthermore, it assigns a threat level to each risk after receiving the data packets.

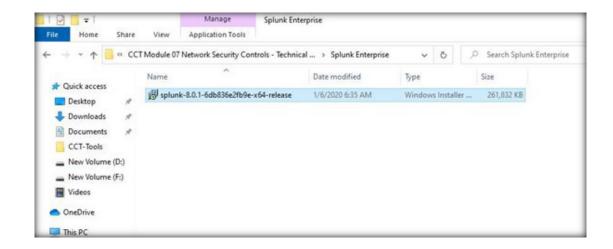
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Note: Ensure that Admin Machine-1, Web Server, Attacker Machine-1 and PfSense Firewall virtual machines are running.



- 1. Switch to the Admin Machine-1 virtual machine.
 - Note: If you are not logged into the machine, then log in using credentials Admin and admin@123.
- 2. Next, install Splunk Enterprise SIEM, to view the captured Suricata logs in SIEM.
- 3. Navigate to Z:\CCT-Tools\CCT Module 07 Network Security Controls Technical Controls\Splunk Enterprise.

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4. Double-click **splunk-8.0.1-6db836e2fb9e-x64-release.msi** to start the installation. If the **Open File - Security Warning** pop-up appears, click **Run**.

Note: If a "SmartScreen has prevented the app from running" message appears, click More info, and then click Run anyway.

- 5. The Splunk Enterprise Installer window appears. Click checkbox to accept the license agreement and click Next.
- 6. Enter the credential for Splunk Enterprise with username admin, password and confirm password as admin@123. Click Next.



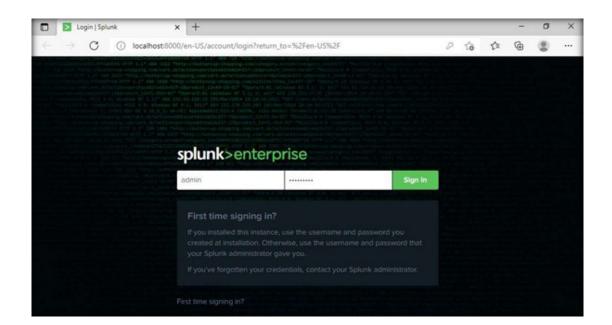


- 7. Click Install to install Splunk Enterprise.
- 8. The User Account Control pop-up window appears; click Yes to continue.
- 9. Wait for the installation to complete. Click **Finish** to complete the Splunk Enterprise setup.





- 10. Splunk Enterprise launches in your default browser.
- 11. The **First time signing in?** page appears. Enter the username (**admin**) and password (provided while installation as **admin@123**) in their respective fields and click **Sign In**.

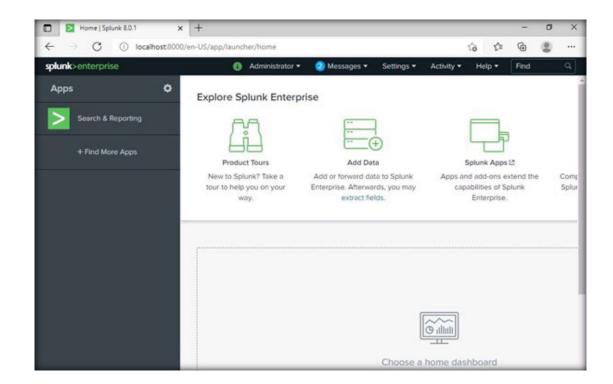




12. You will be successfully logged in to Splunk Enterprise.

Note: If Helping You Get More Value from Splunk Software window appears, click on Got it!, in Important changes coming! window click on Don't show me this again.

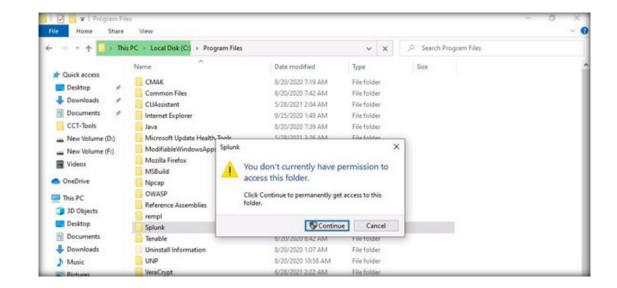
Note: If Save password pop-up appears, click on Never.





13. Close the browser, to increase the default maximum number of concurrent of searches per CUP in Splunk Enterprise, navigate to C:\Program Files\Splunk\etc\system\default.

14. If the permission alert window opens, click **Continue** to access the Splunk folder.

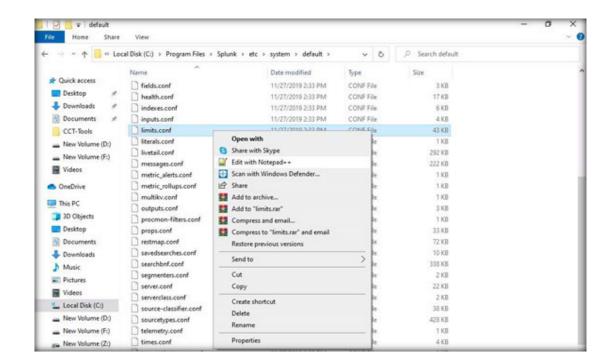




15. Open limits.conf with Notepad++.

Note: If the Notepad++ update pop-up appears click No.

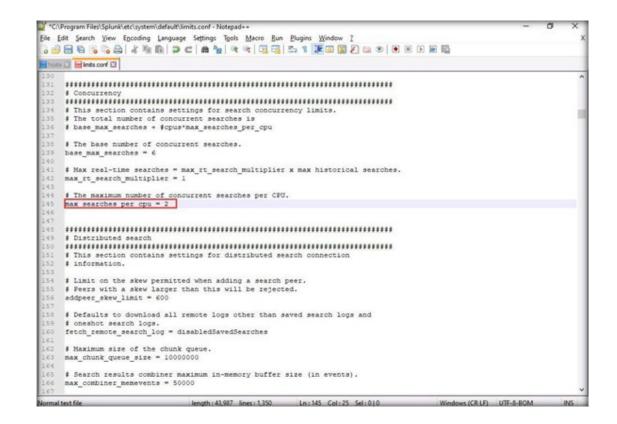
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16. Go to line number 145 and set max_searches_per_cpu=2; click save and close the file.

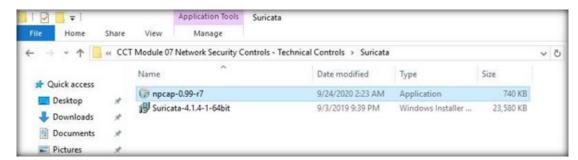
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- 17. Restart the Admin Machine-1 virtual machine.
- 18. The Suricata IDS configuration needs to be on the web server; therefore, we need to configure the Suricata IDS on Web Server.
- 19. Switch to the **Web Server** virtual machine. **Note**: If you are note logged into the machine, then log in using credentials **Administrator** and **admin@123**.
- 20. Navigate to Z:\CCT Module 07 Network Security Controls Technical Controls\Suricata and copy npcap-0.99-r7.exe.





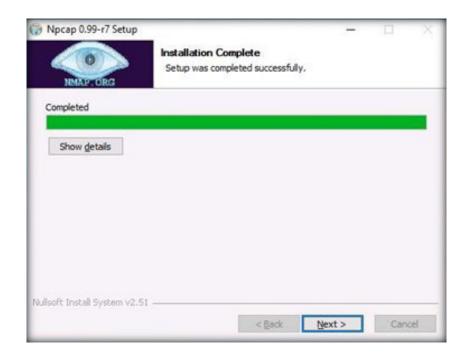


- 21. Paste the npcap-0.99-r7.exe file on the Desktop.
- 22. Npcap is a tool used for network packet capturing and injection library for Windows.
- 23. Suricata uses **npcap** for capturing network packets and alerts. The following steps demonstrate the installation of the npcap tool.
- 24. Double click on **npcap-0.99-r7.exe**. Click on **I Agree** to continue the installation. **Note**: If the **Security Warning** pop-up appears, click **Run**.
- 25. Check Install Npcap in WinPcap API-compatible Mode and click Install.



26. The installation will start in a few seconds. Once the installation is completed successfully, click **Next** to continue.

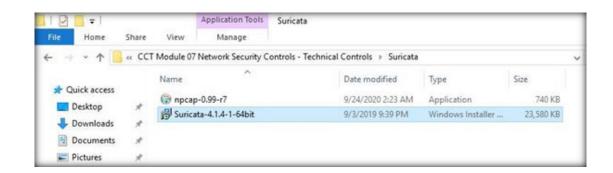
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- 27. Click **Finish** to complete the installation.
- 28. Navigate to Z:\CCT-Tools\CCT Module 07 Network Security Controls Technical Controls\Suricata and copy Suricata-4.1.4-1-64bit.msi.





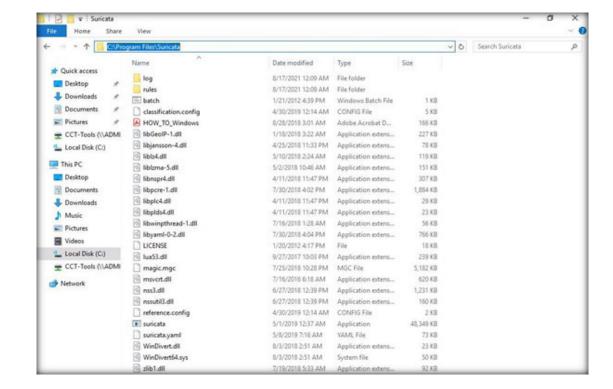


- 29. Paste the Suricata-4.1.4-1-64bit.msi file on the desktop.
- 30. Double click Suricata-4.1.4-1-64bit.msi. The Suricata.IDS/IPS2.1.2-1-64bit Setup window will appear. Click Next.
- 31. Check I accept the terms in the License Agreement to accept the license and click Next.
- 32. Click **Next** to continue the installation as shown in the screenshot below.
- 33. Click Install to continue the installation process.
- 34. Click **Finish** to complete the installation process.



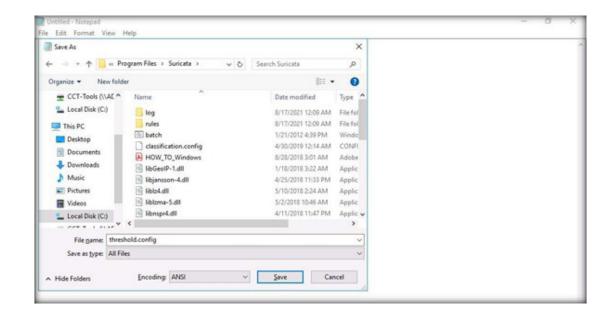


35. After Suricata IDS is successfully installed, the Suricata directory will be created under the C:\Program Files\Suricata.





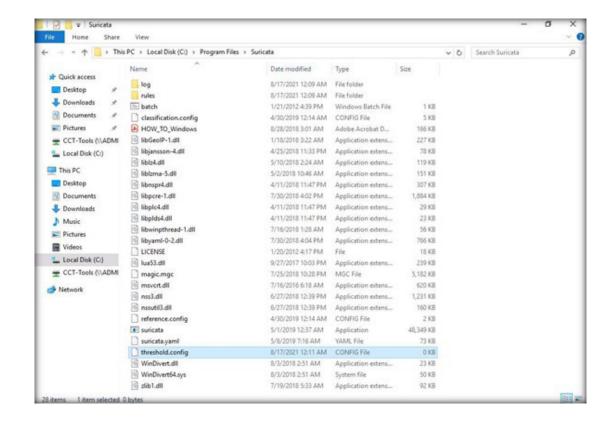
36. From Windows search, Open **Notepad** and save the empty **threshold.config** file under **C:\Program Files\Suricata** location, as shown in the screenshot below (ensure that you have selected **All Files** in the **Save as type:** option while saving the file).





37. The **threshold.config** file will be created, as shown in the screenshot below.

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- 38. The Suricata IDS generates the alert based on the ruleset. A security professional can set the custom rule using the .rule file as shown in the following steps.
- 39. First, the **local.rules** file needs to be created. The **local.rules** file includes custom rules. We can create 'n' number of files for various rules (the rule file must have a .rule extension).
- 40. Here, we have created a rule for generating a PING alert.
- 41. Open **Notepad**, and type the following:

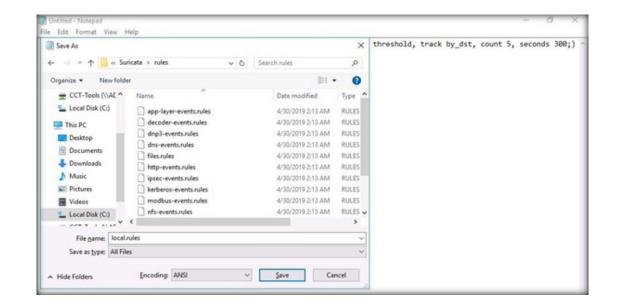
alert tcp any 21 -> any (msg:"ET SCAN Potential FTP Brute-Force attempt"; flow:from_server,established; dsize:<100; content:"530 "; depth:4; pcre:"/530\s+(Login|User|Failed|Not)/smi"; classtype:unsuccessful-user; threshold: type threshold, track by_dst, count 5, seconds 300;)





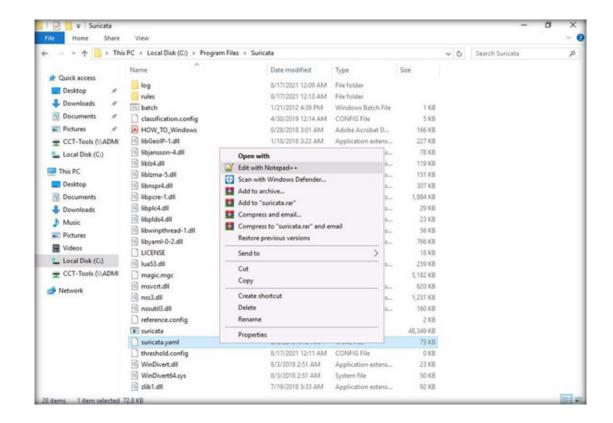


42. Save the file as **local.rules** under the **C:\Program Files\Suricata\rules** location as shown in the screenshot below (ensure that you have selected **All Files** in the Save as type option while saving the file).





43. Navigate to C:\Program Files\Suricata, and open suricata.yaml file in Notepad++.

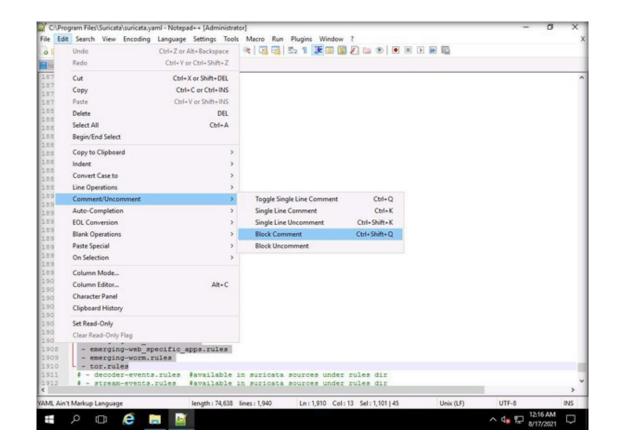




44. The suricata.yaml file opens in Notepad++.

Note: If the Notepad++ update pop-up appears, click No.

45. To comment on the default rules files, select line numbers **1866** to **1910**, navigate to the **Edit** menu, and select **Comment/Uncomment > Block Comment** as shown in the screenshot below.





46. Add - local rules below the line number 1865 as shown in the screenshot below and click Save.

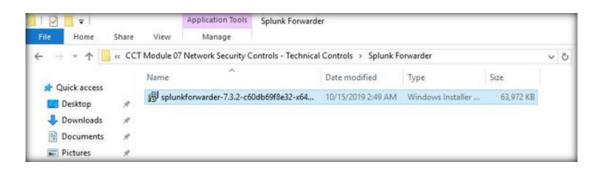
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        ## If this section is completely commented out move down to the "Advanced rule
1848
        ## file configuration".
1851
        #default-rule-path: C:\\Program Files\\Suricata\\rules\\
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1853
        #rule-files:
        # - suridata.rules
1854
1856
        ## Advanced rule file configuration.
1858
        ## If this section is completely commented out then your configuration
1859
1860
1861
        ## is setup for suricata-update as it was most likely bundled and
        ## installed with Suricata.
1862
1863
        default-rule-path: C:\\Program Files\\Suricata\\rules\\
1865
        - local.rules
1866
       | # - botcc.rules
1868
         # - botcc.portgrouped.rules
         # - ciarmy.rules
         # - compromised.rules
         # - drop.rules
         # - dshield.rules
         # - emerging-activex.rules
         # - emerging-attack response.rules
         # - emerging-chat.rules
         # - emerging-current_events.rules
         # - emerging-dns.rules
         # - emerging-dos.rules
         # - emerging-exploit.rules
         # - emerging-ftp.rules
          # - emerging-games.rules
           - emerging-icmp info.rules
                                  length: 74,743 lines: 1,941
                                                          Ln:1,866 Col:2 Sel:0]0
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- 47. Close all open folders and files.
- 48. Navigate to C:\Program Files\Suricata\log. Observe that there is no log file under the log\files directory.
- 49. We will capture the Suricata logs in Splunk, next we forward Suricata logs to Splunk on the monitoring machine using Splunkforwarder.
- 50. To install Splunk forwarder, navigate to **Z:\CCT Module 07 Network Security Controls Technical Controls\Splunk Forwarder**.
- 51. Double-click on **splunkforwarder-7.3.2-c60db69f8e32-x64-release.msi**. **Note**: If a **Security Warning** pop-up appears, click on **Run**.







- 52. Once the UniversalForwarder Setup window appears, check **Check the box to accept the License Agreement** and click on **Customize Options**.
- 53. Leave the installation path set to the default location and click on Next.
- 54. Click on **Next** in the Splunk certificate section.
- 55. In the next step, select the Local System radio button to install Universal Forwarder as a Local System and then click on Next.

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- 56. Next, check all entities under Windows Event Logs, Active Directory Monitoring and Performance Monitor and click on Next.
- 57. Create credentials for the administrator account; type username "admin" and password "admin@123" and click on Next.

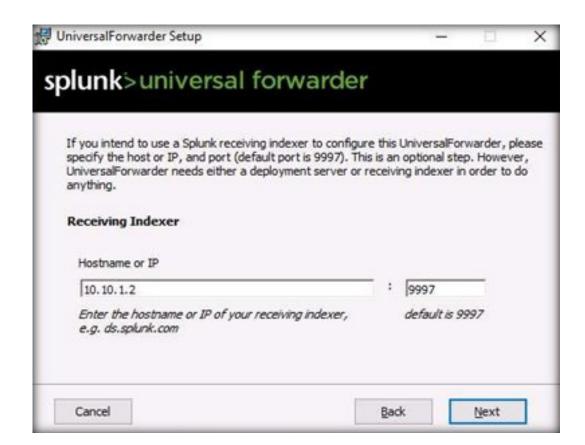
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58. Leave the **Deployment Server** section without issuing the deployment IP and port number details and click on **Next**.

59. In the **Receiving Indexer** section, enter the IP address for **Admin Machine-1**, namely, **10.10.1.2** in the Hostname or IP field; enter Port **9997** in the port field and click on **Next**.





- 60. Once you are through with the configuration, click on Install. At this time, if a User Account Control pop-up appears, click on Yes.
- 61. Click on Finish after the installation completes.

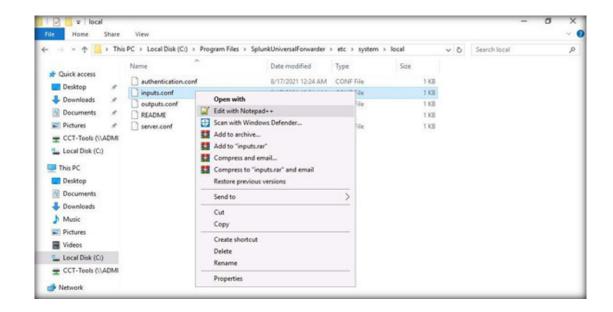






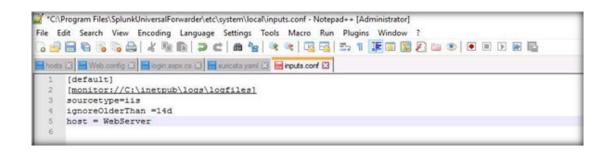
Note: You do not need any explicit configuration for **Splunk Forwarder** to collect Windows event logs, since Splunk Forwarder has default configuration done during installation. You need to configure Splunk Forwarder explicitly to collect logs from IIS and Snort IDS.

- 62. To configure Splunk Universal Forwarder to collect IIS logs from the Web Server machine, go to the Web Server machine.
- 63. Navigate to C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\etc\system\local, right-click on inputs.conf, and then on Edit with Notepad++.





64. Add the following lines in the **inputs.conf** file like in the below screenshot. [monitor://C:\inetpub\logs\logfiles] sourcetype=iis ignoreOlderThan =14d host = WebServer





- 65. Click on Save to save the file and close it.
- 66. Right-click on outputs.conf, and then on Edit with Notepad++.
- 67. Add the following lines in the **outputs.conf file**, as shown in the screenshot below.

 [iis*]

 Pulldown_type=true

 MAXTIMESTAMPLOOKAHEAD =32

 SHOULD_LINEMERGE = False

 CHECK_FOR_HEADER

 REPORT iis2 =iis2

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****C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\etc\system\local\outputs.conf - Notepad++ [Administrator]

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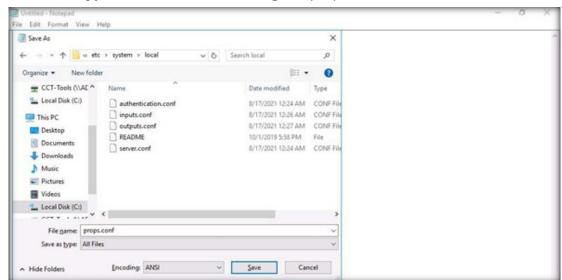
68. Click on Save to save the file and then Close it.

69. Open **Notepad** and type the below code. [iis*]
Pulldown_type=true
MAXTIMESTAMPLOOKAHEAD =32
SHOULD_LINEMERGE =False
CHECK_FOR_HEADER
REPORT -iis2 =iis2

70. Save the notepad as props.conf at C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\etc\system\local path and close the file.

Note: Ensure you have selected Save type as: All Files while saving the props.conf file.

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71. Open Notepad again, add the following lines in the new opened file and save the file as transforms.conf at C:\Program Files\ SplunkUniversalForwarder\etc\system\local.

Note: Ensure you have selected Save type as: All Files while saving the transforms.conf file.

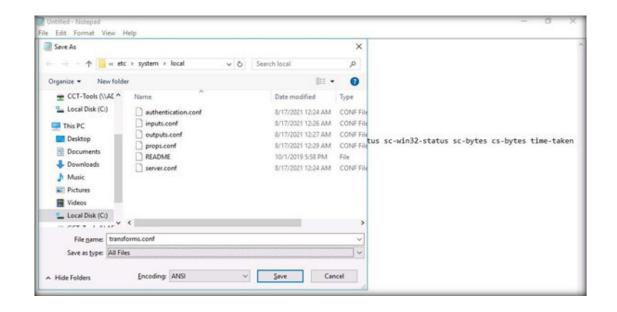
[default] host -WebServer

[ignore_comments]
REGEX = ^#.*
DEST_KEY =queue
FORMAT =nullQueue

[iis2] DELIMS =" "

FIELDS = date time s-ip cs-method cs-uri-stem cs-uri-query s-port cs-username c-ip cs(User-Agent) cs(Cookie) cs(Referer) cs-host sc-status sc-substatus sc-win32-status sc-bytes cs-bytes time-taken

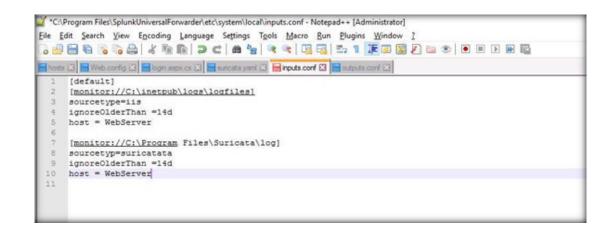






72. To forward the Suricata logs, navigate to the C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\etc\system\local folder and open inputs.conf file Edit with Notepad++. Add the following configuration lines of code at the end of the file and Save. Close the file.

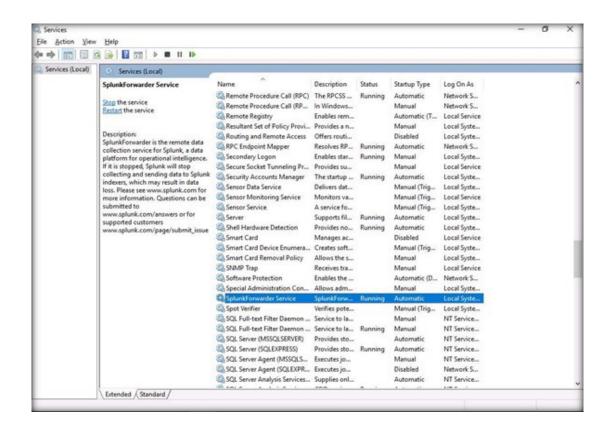
[monitor://C:\Program Files\Suricata\log] sourcetyp=suricatata ignoreOlderThan =14d host = WebServer





73. Close all open files in Notepad.

74. Navigate to **Windows Start > Administrative Tools**. Double-click on **Services** in the Administrative Tools window. The services window opens, search for **SplunkForwarder Service**.





- 75. Click on **SplunkForwarder Service**, and then **Restart** the service.
 - Note: If an error occurs while restarting, click Start again.
- 76. Next, launch Suricata to capture the network traffic, navigate to the desktop, and double click the Suricata-4.1.4-64bit IDS-IPS shortcut.
- 77. The Suricata Command Prompt will open.

```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
           runmode <runmode_id>
                                                  supplied should be the id for the runmode obtained by running
        --engine-analysis
                                                  print reports on analysis of different sections in the engine and exit.
                                                  Please have a look at the conf parameter engine-analysis on what reports
                                                  can be printed
                                                : write pid to this file
: enable fatal failure on signature init error
        --pidfile <file>
        --init-errors-fatal
--disable-detection
                                                 disable detection engine
                                                : show the running configuration 
: display build information
        --dump-config
        --build-info
        --pcap[=<dev>]
                                                : run in pcap mode, no value select interfaces from suricata.yaml
         -pcap-file-continuous
                                                : when running in pcap mode with a directory, continue checking directory for pc
   until interrupted
        --pcap-file-delete
                                                : when running in replay mode (-r with directory or file), will delete pcap file
  that have been processed when done 
--pcap-buffer-size
                                                : size of the pcap buffer value from 0 - 2147483647
                                                : force engine into IPS mode. Useful for QA
        --simulate-ips
                                                : process an ERF file
        --erf-in <path>
        --windivert <filter>
                                                : run in inline WinDivert mode
        --windivert-forward <filter>
                                                : run in inline WinDivert mode, as a gateway
                                                : set a configuration value
        --set name-value
 orun the engine with default configuration on interface eth0 with signature file "signatures.rules", run the command as:
  ricata.exe -c suricata.yaml -s signatures.rules -i eth0
  \Program Files\Suricata>
```



78. Type the suricata.exe -c suricata.yaml -i 10.10.1.16 command to run Suricata for capturing network traffic, and press Enter.

```
Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe - suricata.exe -c suricata.yaml -i 10.10.1.16
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         --init-errors-fatal
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                                                        : disable detection engine
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17/8/2021 -- 00:35:07 - <1nfo> - Running as service: no
17/8/2021 -- 00:35:07 - <1nfo> - translated 10.10.1.16 to pcap device \Device\NPF_{4145D27B-2359-4013-9F71-D0D908E70D6A}
17/8/2021 -- 00:35:07 - <Notice> - This is Suricata version 4.1.4 RELEASE
 7/8/2021 -- 00:35:08 - <Warning> - [ERRCODE: SC_ERR_NIC_OFFLOADING(284)] - NIC offloading on \Device\NPF_{41450278-2359-4013
 9F71-DBD988E78D6A): Checksum IPv4 Rx: 0 Tx: 0 IPv6 Rx: 1 Tx: 1 LSOv1 IPv4: 0 LSOv2 IPv4: 0 IPv6: 0 7/8/2021 -- 00:35:00 - <Notice> - all 2 packet processing threads, 4 management threads initialized, engine started.
```



- 79. The Suricata engine will start. Leave the command prompt open and Suricata running.
- 80. We need to perform the attack from the attacker machine to the **Web Server**. Suricata will then generate the alert and store it in the **fast. log** file.
- 81. The fast.log file is the default alert log file that is already set into the suricatata.yaml file.
- 82. Switch to the Attacker Machine-1 virtual machine.
- 83. Select username as Bob and type password as user@123 and press Enter.
- 84. To perform a brute-force attack, use the tool Hydra from Ubuntu OS (Attacker Machine).

 Note: Hydra uses two files for performing a brute-force attack. The first file has the list of usernames, and the second file has a list of passwords. Hydra uses these lists of usernames and passwords for performing a brute-force attacks.



85. Press Ctrl + Alt + T to open the terminal, type hydra -L 'wrd.txt' -P 'pwd.txt' ftp://10.10.1.16, and press Enter.

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bob@bob-Virtual-Machine:~

bob@bob-Virtual-Machine:~\$ hydra -L 'wrd.txt' -P 'pwd.txt' ftp://10.10.1.16



- 86. The Attacker Machine-1 will try to match the combination of usernames and passwords with the Web Server.
- 87. The matched username and password are shown in the terminal in green color. Close the terminal window.

```
bob@bob-Virtual-Machine:-

bob@bob-Virtual-Machine:-

hydra v9.8 (c) 2019 by van Hauser/THC - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes.

Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2021-08-17 03:37:02

[DATA] max 16 tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tasks, 25 login tries (l:5/p:5), -2 tries per task

[DATA] attacking ftp://10.10.1.16:21/

[21] [ftp] host: 10.101.16 login: Administrator password: admin@123

1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found

Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) finished at 2021-08-17 03:37:03

bob@bob-Virtual-Machine:-

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- 88. After the attack is complete, switch to the Admin Machine-1 virtual machine.
- 89. Log in using the credentials Admin and admin@123.

Note: If the network screen appears, click Yes.

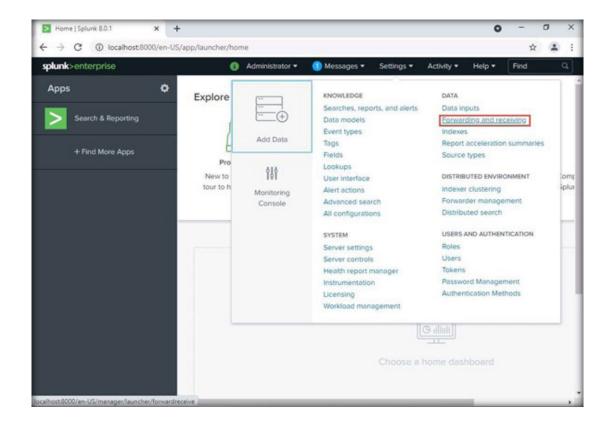
- 90. Launch the web browser, and access Splunk Enterprise with the URL http://localhost:8000/en-US/account/login? and press Enter.
- 91. Log in with the username admin and password admin@123.

Note: If the Splunk Enterprise page is not opening, make sure the splunkd service is running. If not, then press "Windows+R" on your keyboard and type "services.msc". Click on OK. Next, the Services window opens. Search for the splunkd service and restart. Wait for the service to start.

Note: If Important Changes coming! pop-up appears, click Don't show me this again.

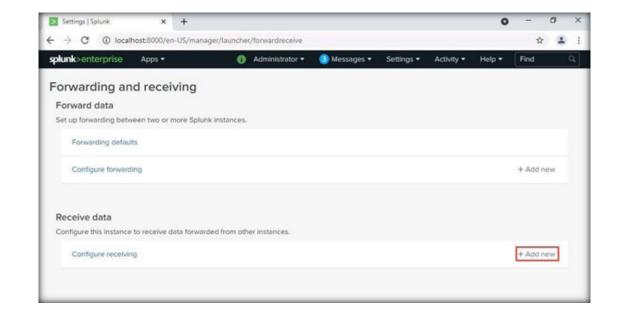


92. The Splunk web console appears; click Settings menu, select Forwarding and receiving link under the DATA section



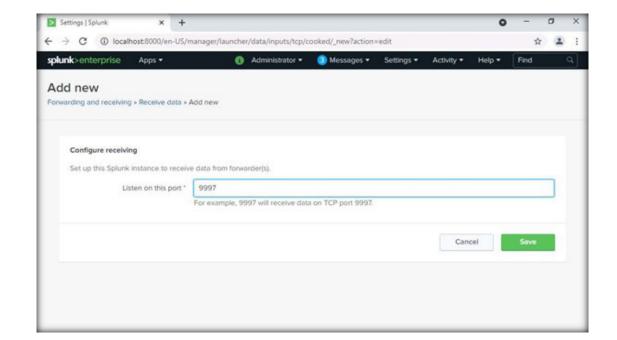


93. The Forwarding and receiving console will appear. This is where a new instance will be added to receive the data forwarded from Universal Forwarder. Click on the **+Add new** link in the bottom right corner to **Configure receiving**.



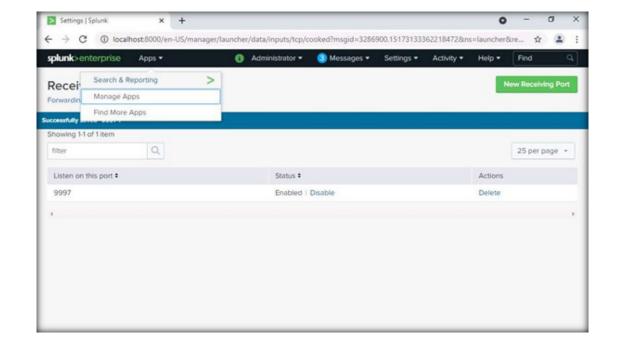


94. The Add new console appears; in the Listen on this port* field, type 9997 and click on Save.





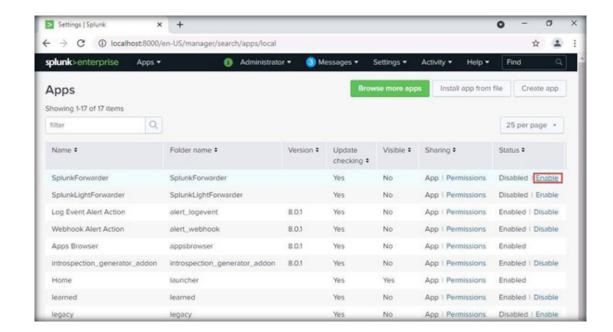
95. Once the port is added, go to Apps menu, and then select Manage Apps.





96. The Apps console appears; click on the **Enable** link toward the extreme right associated with the **SplunkForwarder** application.

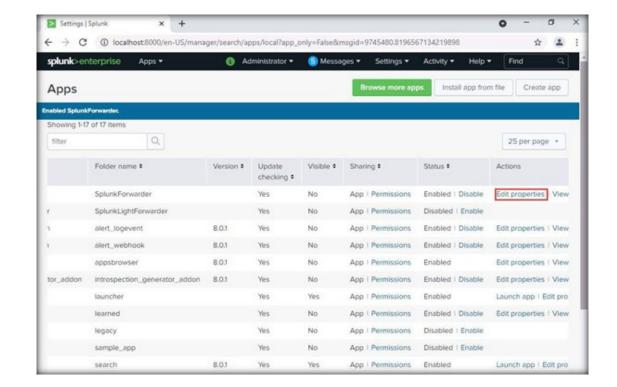






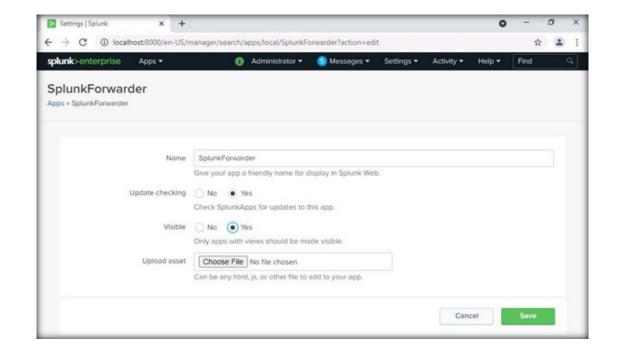
97. When the application is enabled, click on Edit properties under Actions column associated with SplunkForwarder.





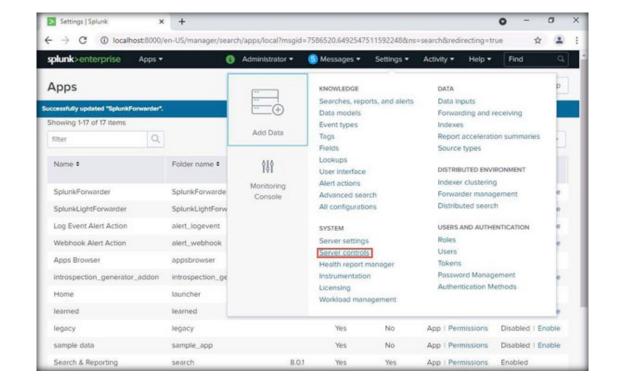


98. The SplunkForwarder console appears; click on Yes under the Visible section, and then on Save.



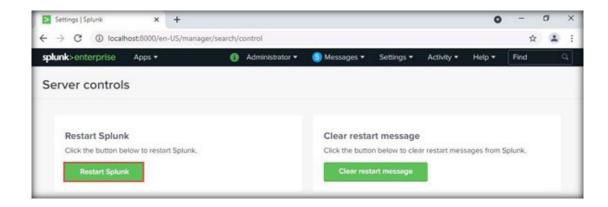


99. Go to **Settings** and select **Server controls** under the **SYSTEM** section.



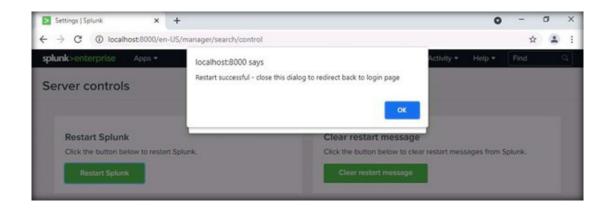


100. The Server controls console appears; click on Restart Splunk. A confirmation pop-up appears; click on OK.



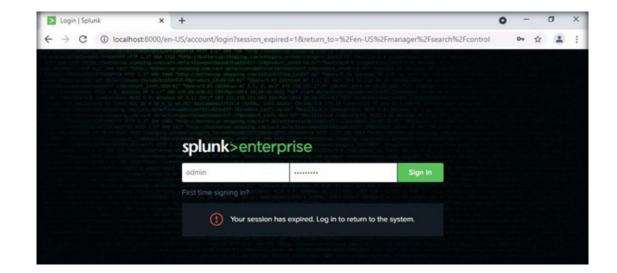


101. Wait for few seconds, on a successful restart, a pop-up appears with the message "Restart successful". Click OK to log back into Splunk. Click on OK.





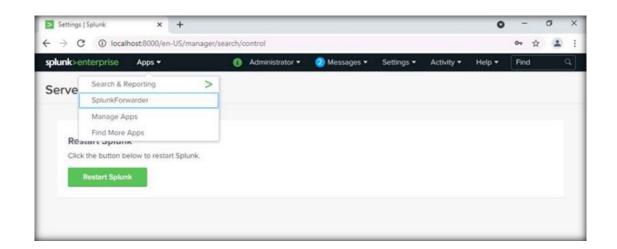
102. You will be redirected to the login page. Enter the user credentials (username admin and password admin@123) and click on Sign In.





Note: If Splunk is properly not restarted, click Restart Splunk again.

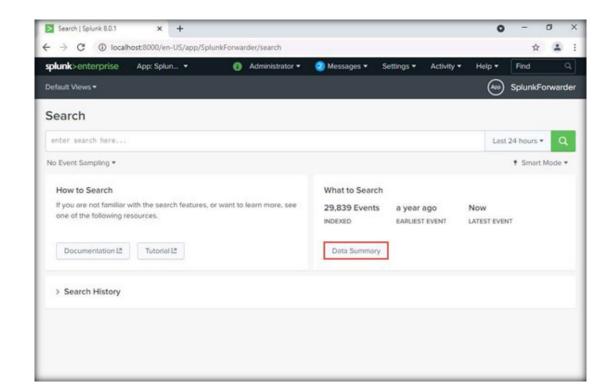
103. Once you log in, click on **Apps > SplunkForwarder** from menu.





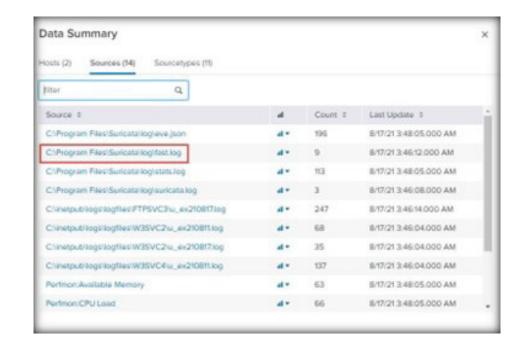
Note: Make sure Splunk Forwarder service is running. If it is not running, start the Splunkforwarder service in Windows services.

104. The Search console appears; click on Data Summary under the What to Search section.



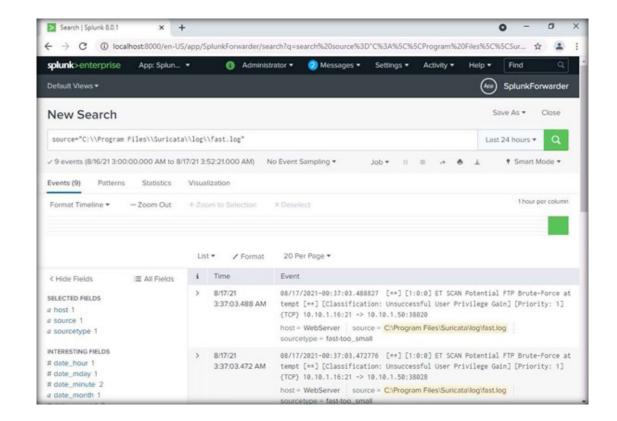


105. The **Data Summary** pop-up appears. Select the **Sources (_)** tab, wait for some time, and then click the **C:\Program Files\Suricata\log\fast. log** link to continue.



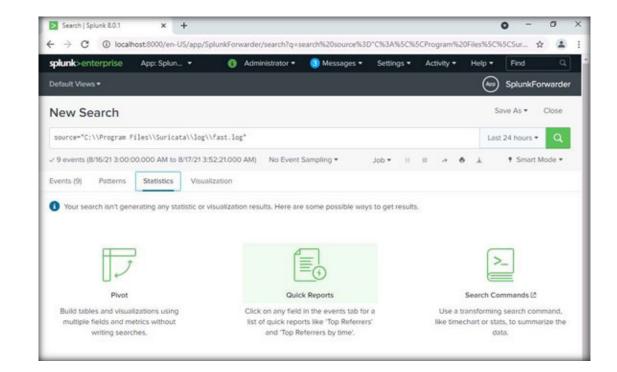


- 106. Once the fast.log file is selected, the page redirects to the search page and displays the detailed logs.
- 107. The brute-force attempt was made from Attacker Machine-1 (10.10.1.50) to the Web Server (10.10.1.16). **Note**: The number of **Events** might vary in your lab environment.



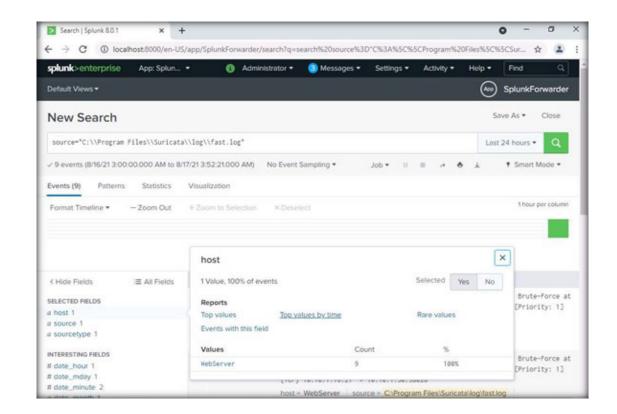


108. Click on **Statistics** tab and **Quick Reports**.



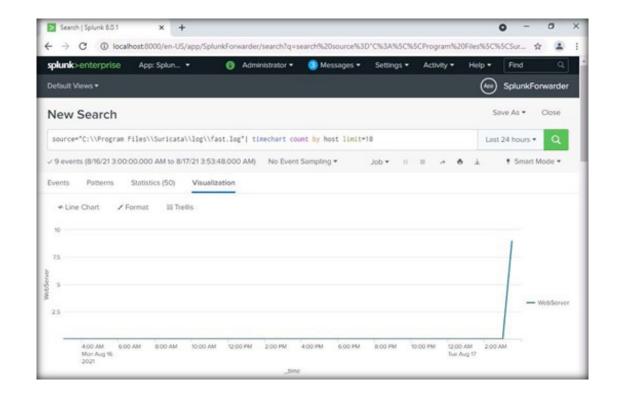


109. You will be redirected to the host window, in the host window click on any value under Reports to see the graphical representation of that value. Here we are selecting **Top values by time**.





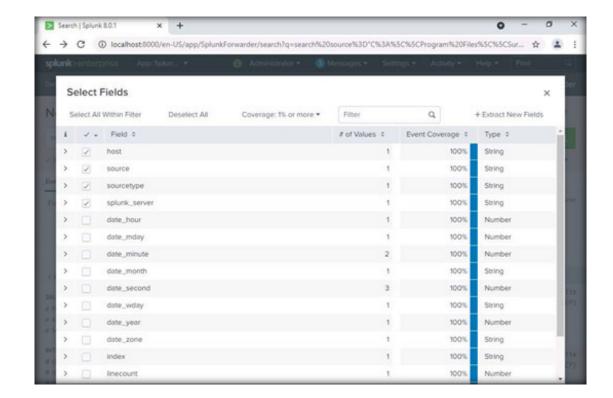
110. You will be redirected to Visualization tab where you can find the Line Chart of the selected option.





111. Click on back button on the chrome browser to get back to the **Events** tab.

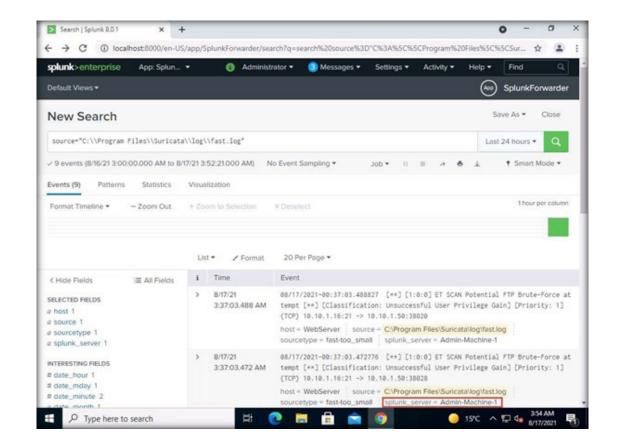
112. Click on **All Fields** option at the left panel of the window to select the options that can be visible in the events tab. Here we are selecting **splunk_server** option, after selecting the options close the **Select Fields** window.





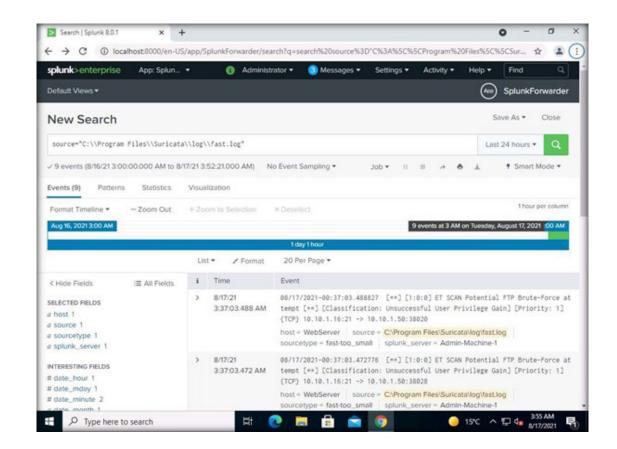
113. We can see that the **splunk_server (Admin Machine-1)** is visible in the **Event** tab.







114. Scroll the cursor under the **Format Timeline** option you can see that the events are recorded in hourly basis, in real time the Administrator can just click on the time in which he wants to review the information.





- 115. Close the web browser in **Admin Machine-1** virtual machine.
- 116. Close all open windows in **Web Server** virtual machine.
- 117. Turn off the **Web Server** virtual machine.



EXERCISE 7: DETECT MALICIOUS NETWORK TRAFFIC USING HONEYBOT

Network traffic monitoring is the process of capturing network traffic and inspecting it closely to determine what is happening on the network.

LAB SCENARIO

A security professional must have the required knowledge to detect malicious traffic in the network. You should constantly strive to maintain smooth network operation. If a network goes down even for a small period, productivity within a company may decline. To be proactive rather than reactive, the traffic movement and performance must be monitored to ensure that no security breach occurs within the network.

LAB OBJECTIVE

This lab demonstrates how to detect malicious network traffic using HoneyBOT.

OVERVIEW OF NETWORK TRAFFIC MONITORING

The network monitoring process involves sniffing the traffic flowing through the network. For this purpose, network packets must be captured, and a signature analysis must be conducted to identify any malicious activity.

Networking monitoring assists security professionals in identifying possible issues before they affect business continuity. If an issue occurs in the network, the root cause can be determined easily with network monitoring, and with network automation tools, the problem can be fixed automatically. Networking monitoring not only prevents outages but also gives visibility to potential issues. Continuous network monitoring minimizes downtime and increases the performance of the network.

LAB TASKS

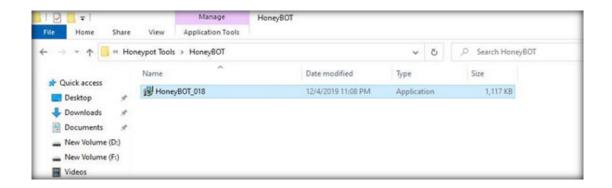
Note: Ensure that Admin Machine-1, Attacker Machine-1 and PfSense Firewall are running.



- 1. Switch to the **Admin Machine-1** virtual machine.
- 2. Navigate to Z:\CCT-Tools\CCT Module 07 Network Security Controls Technical Controls\Honeypot Tools\HoneyBOT. Double-click HoneyBOT_018.exe to launch the HoneyBOT installer. Follow the wizard-driven steps to install HoneyBOT.

 Note: If the User Account Control window appears, click Yes.

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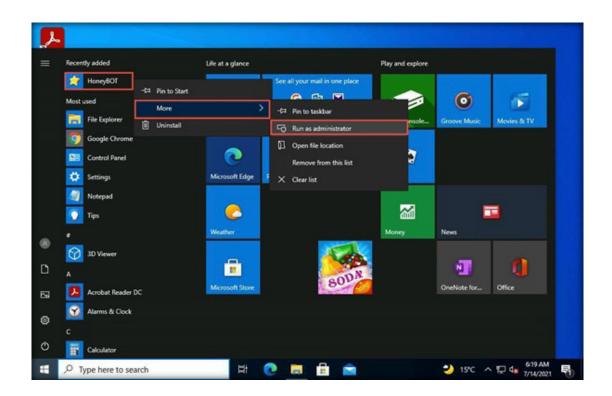




- 3. Once the installation of HoneyBOT completes, in the **Completing the HoneyBot Setup Wizard** window, uncheck the **Launch HoneyBOT** option, click **Finish**.
- 4. Now, click the **Start** icon from the left-bottom of **Desktop**. Under **Recently added** applications, right-click **HoneyBOT > More > Run as administrator**, as shown in the screenshot.

Note: If the User Account Control window appears, click Yes.

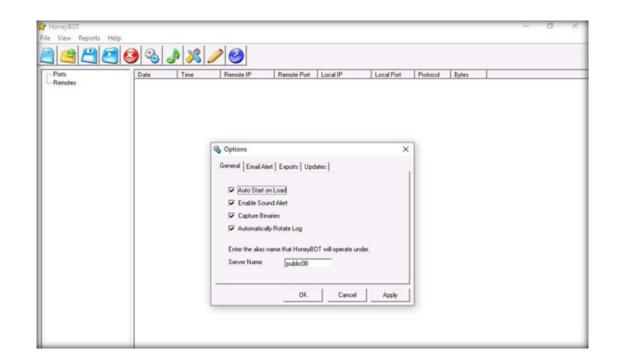
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- 5. The **HoneyBOT** configuration pop-up appears; click **Yes** to configure HoneyBOT.
- 6. The HoneyBOT **Options** window appears with default options checked on the **General** settings tab. Leave the default settings or modify them accordingly.
- 7. In this task, we are leaving the settings on default for the **General** tab in the **Options** window.

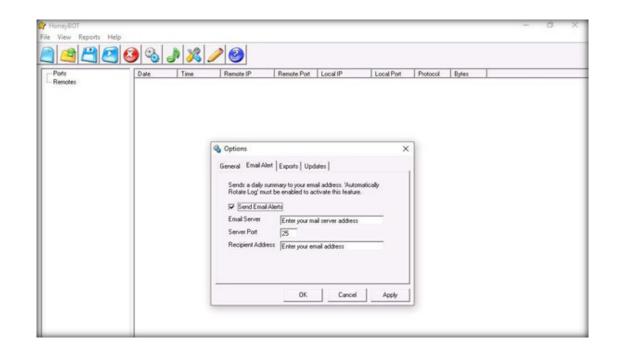






8. Click the **Email Alert** tab; if you want HoneyBOT to send you email alerts, check **Send Email Alerts**, and fill in the respective fields. **Note**: In this task, we will not be providing any details for email alerts.

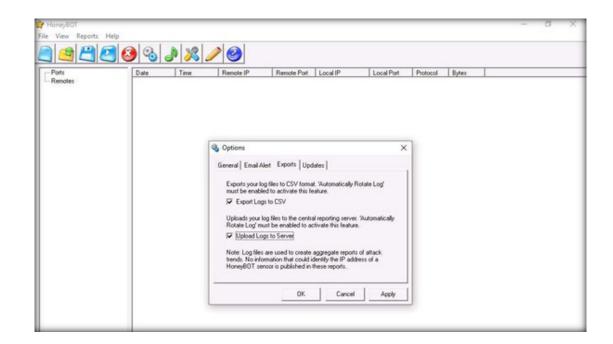






9. On the **Exports** tab, in which you can export the logs recorded by HoneyBOT, choose the required option to view the reports, and then proceed to the next step. (Here, **Export Logs to CSV** and **Upload Logs to Server** checkbox are selected)

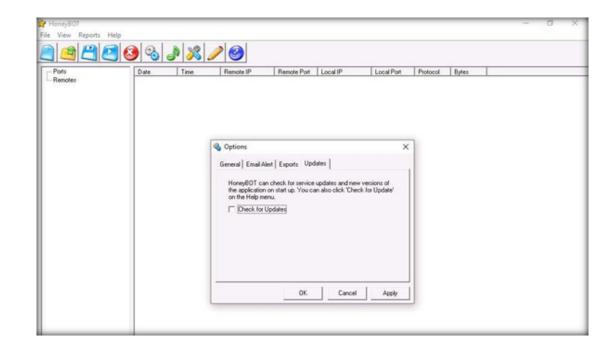






10. On the **Updates** tab, uncheck **Check for Updates**; click **Apply** and click **OK** to continue. **Note**: If a **Bindings** pop-up appears, click **OK** to continue.

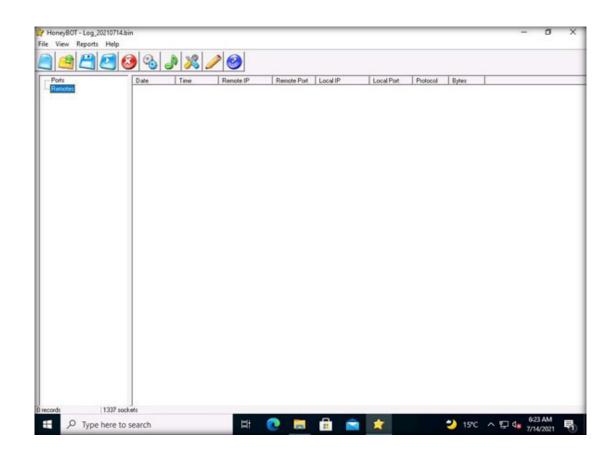






11. The **HoneyBOT** main window appears, as shown in the screenshot.







- 12. Now, leave the HoneyBOT window running on Admin Machine-1 virtual machine.
- 13. Switch to the Attacker Machine-1 virtual machine.
- 14. Select User **Bob** and type password **user@123** press the **Enter** button.
- 15. Press ALT + CTL + T to open the terminal, type the sudo su command for the root user, and press Enter.
- 16. When prompted for the password, type the password for the root user (here the **root** user password is **user@123**), and press **Enter**. **Note**: The password that you type will not be visible.



root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob
bob@bob-Virtual-Machine:-\$ sudo su
[sudo] password for bob:
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob#



- 17. In the terminal window, type ftp [IP Address of the Admin Machine-1] and press Enter.
- 18. You will be prompted for the ftp credentials of the Admin Machine-1 machine.
- 19. In this task, the IP address of **Admin Machine-1** is **10.10.1.2**; this may differ in your lab environment.

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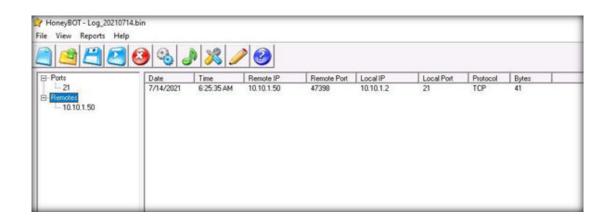
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root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob

bobgbob-Virtual-Machine:-$ sudo su
[sudo] password for bob:
root@bob-Virtual-Machine:/home/bob# ftp 10.10.1.2
Connected to 10.10.1.2.
220 PUBLIC08 FTP Service (Version 5.0).
Name (10.10.1.2:bob):
```



- 20. Switch back to the Admin Machine-1 virtual machine. In the HoneyBOT window, expand the Ports and Remotes node from the left-pane.
- 21. Under Ports, you can see the port numbers from which Admin Machine-1 received requests or attacks.
- 22. Under Remotes, you can view the recorded IP addresses through which Admin Machine-1 received requests.

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23. Now, right-click any IP address or Port on the left, and click **View Details**, as shown in the screenshot, to view the complete details of the request or attack recorded by HoneyBOT.

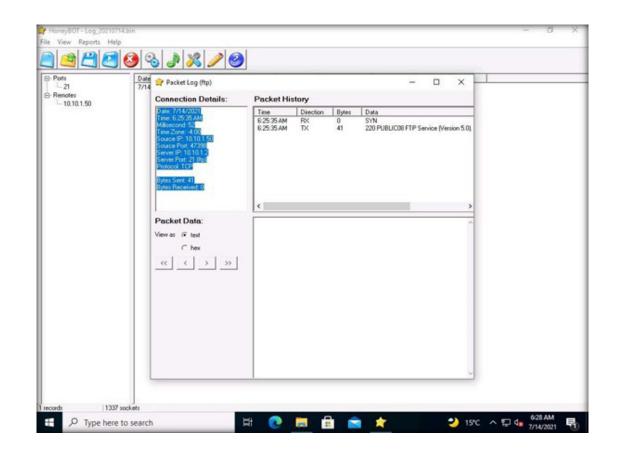
exercise 7: Detect Malicious Network Traffic Using Honeybot





- 24. The Packet Log window appears, as shown in the screenshot. This displays the complete log details of the request captured by HoneyBOT.
- 25. In the screenshot, under Connection Details, you can view the Date and Time of the connection established as well as the protocol used.
- 26. Connection Details also shows the Source IP, Port, and Server Port, as shown below.







- 27. Similarly, you can run the telnet command on the **Attacker Machine-1** virtual machine and observe the log recorded by **HoneyBOT** on **Admin Machine-1**.
- 28. After the completion of this task, open Control Panel in the Admin Machine-1 and uninstall HoneyBOT.
- 29. Turn off the Attacker Machine-1 virtual machine.



EXERCISE 8: ESTABLISH VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK CONNECTION USING SOFTETHER VPN

Virtual private network is a private network that uses a public network to connect users/sites remotely.

LAB SCENARIO

Most of the organization has its offices located at different locations around the world. There is a need for establishing a remote connection between these offices as a result. Previously, remote access was established through leased lines with the help of dial-up telephone links such as ISDN, DSL, cable modem, satellite, and mobile broadband. However, establishing remote connections with these leased lines is quite expensive and the costs rise when the distance between the offices increases.

A security professional must have the required knowledge to establish a VPN connection to provide a secure remote access to organization's employees and distant offices.

LAB OBJECTIVE

This lab will demonstrate how to establish a Virtual Private Network (VPN) connection using SoftEther VPN.

OVERVIEW OF VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK

A virtual private network (VPN) offers an attractive solution for security professionals to connect their organization's network securely over the Internet. VPN is used to connect distant offices or individual users to their organization's network over a secure channel. VPN uses a tunneling process to transport encrypted data over the internet.

IPsec is the common protocol used in VPN at the IP level. VPN ensures the data integrity check by using a message digest and ensures data transmission is not tampered with. VPN guarantees the quality of service (QoS) through service level agreements (SLA's) with the service provider.



LAB TASKS

Note: Before starting this lab exercise, make a note of your public IP. To know your public IP, open up any web browser and browse for google. com. In the Google search, type **what is my IP** and click **search**. Your public IP will be displayed.

Note: Ensure that Admin Machine-1 and PfSense Firewall virtual machines are running.

- 1. Turn on the AD Domain Controller virtual machine.
- 2. Log in with the credentials CCT\Administrator and admin@123.

Note: If the network screen appears, click Yes.

3. To install SoftEther VPN Server, navigate to Z:\CCT Module 07 Network Security Controls - Technical Controls\SoftEther VPN\SoftEther VPN\So

Note: If the Open File - Security Warning window appears, click Run.

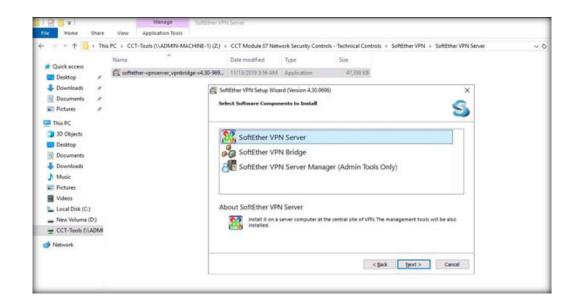
Note: You can download the latest version of **SoftEther VPN Server** from **https://www.softether-download.com**. If you use the downloaded file, the screenshots in the lab may vary.

4. The **SoftEther VPN Setup Wizard** appears. Click **Next**.



5. In the Select Software Components to Install wizard, SoftEther VPN Server is selected by default. Retain the default selection and click Next.



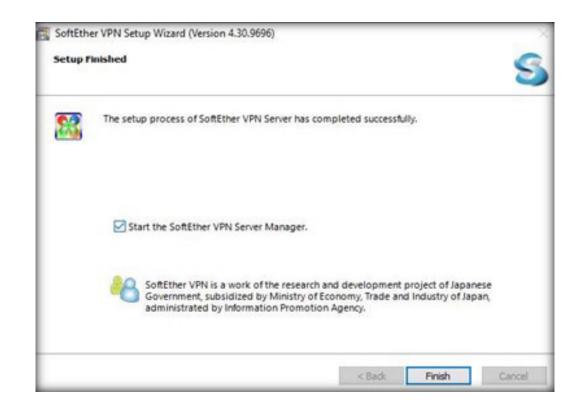




- 6. The **End User License Agreement** wizard appears. Check **I agree to the End User License Agreement**. Click **Next**. Follow the wizard-driven installation steps to install **SoftEther VPN Server Manager**.
- 7. The Important Notice window appears. Click Next.
- 8. Continue the installation until you see the **Setup Finished** wizard appears. Ensure that the **Start the SoftEther VPN Server Manager** option is checked to launch it automatically. Click **Finish**.

Note: Alternatively, you can also launch the application by double-clicking the shortcut icon on the Desktop.

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9. The **SoftEther VPN Server Manager** window appears. Click the **Connect** button to configure the VPN Server. **Note**: If an **Update Available** pop-up appears, click on **Do Not Show this Message Again**.

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10. When you connect for the first time, you will be prompted to set the Administrator password for the Server Manager. Type in the password in the **New Password** field and retype the same password in the **Confirm Password** field (in this lab, the password was set to **user@123**). Click **OK**.

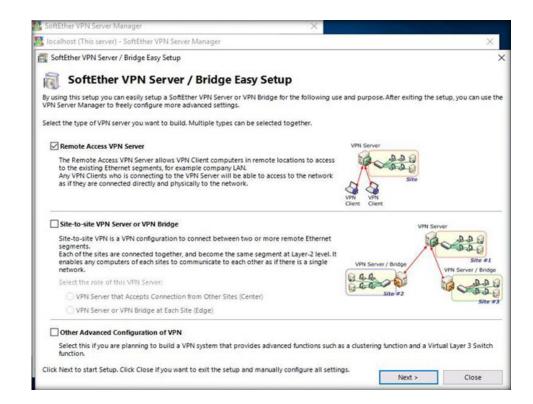
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- 11. After this, the password will be changed. A confirmation pop-up appears. Click OK.
- 12. The **SoftEther VPN Server / Bridge Easy Setup** wizard appears. Check **Remote Access VPN Server**. Click **Next**. **Note**: If an **Update Available** pop-up appears, click on **Do Not Show this Message Again**.







- 13. The SoftEther VPN Server Manager pop-up appears. Click Yes.
- 14. The **Easy Setup Decide the Virtual Hub Name** pop-up appears. Specify the **Virtual Hub Name** in the field (in this exercise, the name is set as **CCT-VPN**) and click **OK**.

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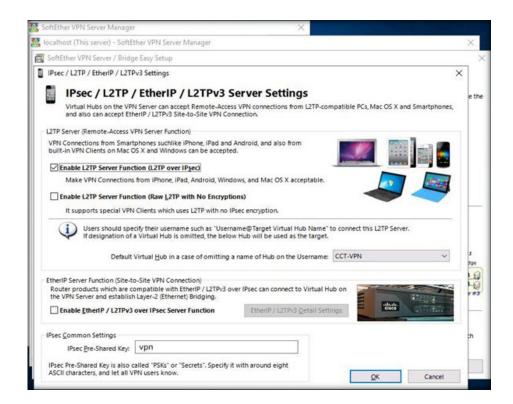




15. The **Dynamic DNS Function** window appears. Click **Exit** to continue.

16. The IPsec / L2TP / EtherIP / L2TPv3 Server Settings window appears. Check Enable L2TP Server Function (L2TP over IPsec). Retain the other settings as default and click OK.

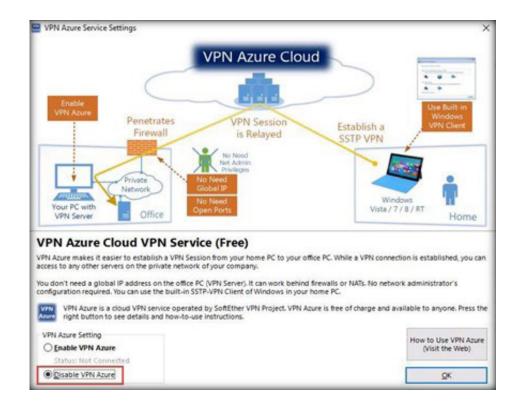
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17. The **VPN Azure Service Settings** wizard appears. You can choose any option according to your organization network policy. In this exercise, we select the **Disable VPN Azure** radio button. Click **OK**.

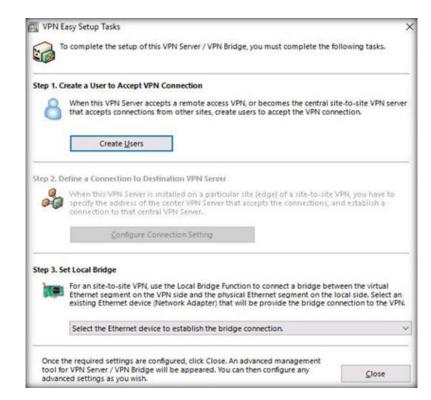
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18. The **VPN Easy Setup Tasks** wizard appears; in this wizard, we create users who can access the organization network using VPN. To create new users, click **Create Users**.

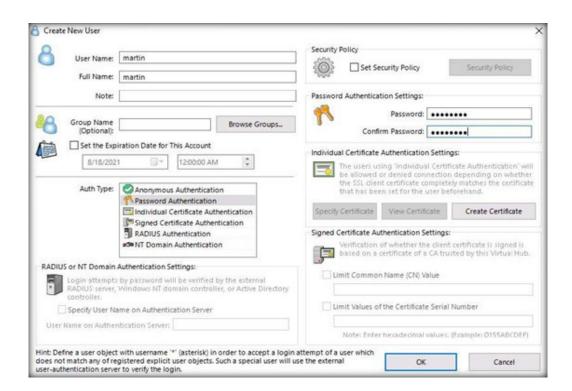






19. The Create New User wizard appears. Fill in the required details. As can be seen, we have created a new username martin and password user@123. Click OK.

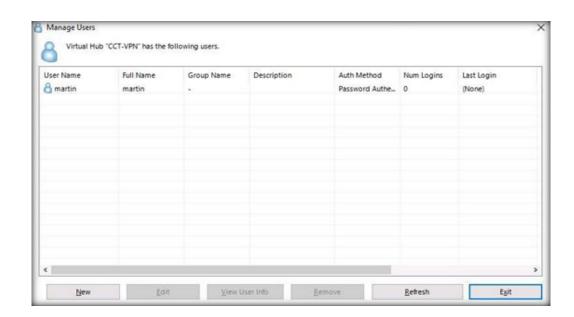






- 20. A pop-up notifying that the user has been created appears. Click **OK**.
- 21. The **Manage Users** window appears. Here, you can create new users, edit created users, view user information, and remove users. Click the **Exit** button.

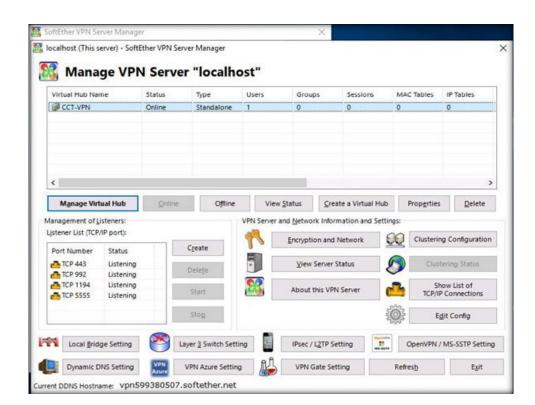
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- 22. The VPN Easy Setup Tasks wizard appears. Click Close.
- 23. The **Manage VPN Server** "localhost" dashboard appears. Here, you can see the connected users through the VPN network. You can also manage the VPN settings using different options on this dashboard.







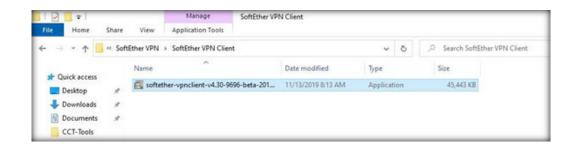
24. Switch to the Admin Machine-1 virtual machine.

Note: If you are not logged into the machine, then login with the credentials Admin and admin@123.

25. To install the SoftEther VPN client, navigate to Z:\CCT-Tools\CCT Module 07 Network Security Controls - Technical Controls\SoftEther VPN\SoftEther VPN Client.

26. Double-click softether-vpnclient-v4.30-9696-beta-2019.07.08-windows-x86_x64-intel.exe.







Note: You can download the latest version of SoftEther VPN Client from **https://www.softether-download.com**. If you use the downloaded file, then the screenshots may not exactly match the version you will use.

Note: If an Open File - Security Warning window appears, click Run.

27. The **SoftEther VPN Setup Wizard** appears. Click **Next**. **Note**: If **User Account Control** window appears, click **Yes**.

28. The Select Software Components to Install wizard appears. Choose the SoftEther VPN Client. Click Next.

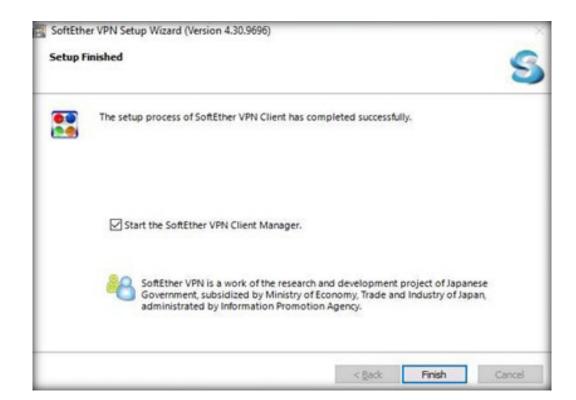
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29. Follow the wizard-driven installation steps to complete the installation process. When the **Setup Finished** wizard appears, ensure that **Start the SoftEther VPN Client Manager** is checked to launch the application automatically. Click **Finish**.

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Note: Alternatively, you can also launch the application by double-clicking the shortcut icon on the desktop or from the Start menu installed apps.

30. The **SoftEther VPN Client Manager** window appears.

Note: If an Update Available pop-up appears, click on Do Not Show this Message Again.

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- 31. Double-click **Add VPN Connection** to add a system to the VPN network.
- 32. Before creating a VPN Connection Setting, we need to create a Virtual Network Adapter. When the **SoftEther VPN Client Manager** prompts to create a Virtual Network Adapter, click **Yes**.

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33. The Create New Virtual Network Adapter pop-up appears. Type the name in the Virtual Network Adapter Name field. Click OK. Retain the default settings.

Note: The Virtual Network Adapter Name should be VPN or should range from VPN2 to VPN127 as shown in the pop-up (you can create a maximum of 127 Virtual Network Adapters).

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You can specify a name for the Virtual Network Adapter, which can be a maximum of 31 alphanumeric characters.

Virtual Network Adapter Name: VPN

The name of a Virtual Network Adapter must be "VPN" or "VPN2" to "VPN127". (Maximum 127 adapters can be created.)



34. The SoftEther VPN client will create a new Virtual Network Adapter. Wait until the process is completed.

35. The newly created **Virtual Network Adapter** can be seen in the lower pane of the **SoftEther VPN Client Manager** window with the assigned **Status, MAC Address, and Version**. In this exercise, the newly created Virtual Network Adapter is **VPN Client Adapter - VPN**. **Note**: The MAC Address might differ in your lab environment.

EXERCISE 8: ESTABLISH VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK CONNECTION USING SOFTETHER VPN SoftEther VPN Client Manager

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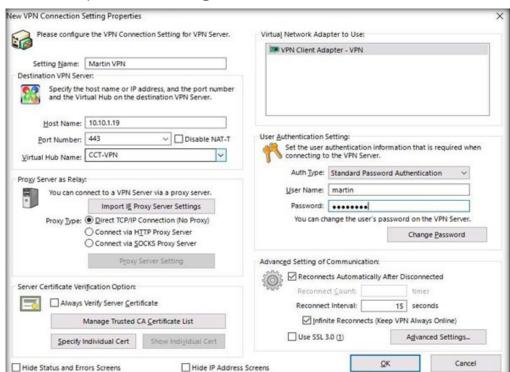
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- 36. Next, we need to configure the adapter. Double-click on the newly created Virtual Network Adapter.
- 37. The New VPN Connection Setting Properties wizard appears.
- 38. In the **Setting Name** field, provide a name for the VPN Connection [Martin VPN]. Under the **Destination VPN Server** section, type your public IP in the **Host Name** field [10.10.1.19]. You can choose any port from the **Port Number** dropdown [443]. In the **Virtual Hub Name** field, choose the appropriate name. In this exercise, we have created a virtual hub name **CCT-VPN** in **Step 14**. If you have created multiple virtual hubs, choose the appropriate one. Retain the other default settings.
- 39. On the right side in the **User Authentication Setting:**, type the username and password of the user that you have created in **Step 19**. In this exercise, the username is **martin** and the password is **user@123**. Click **OK** and retain the other default settings.

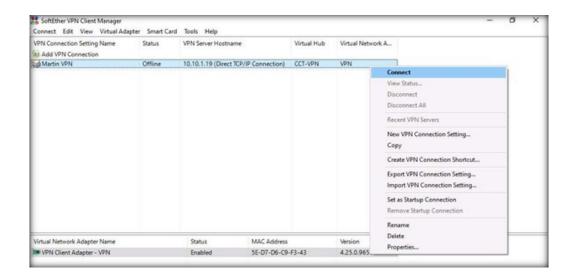






- 40. A newly created VPN connection appears in the SoftEther VPN Client Manager window with the status showing as Offline.
- 41. Right-click Martin VPN and select Connect from the context menu to connect the organization network through the VPN.

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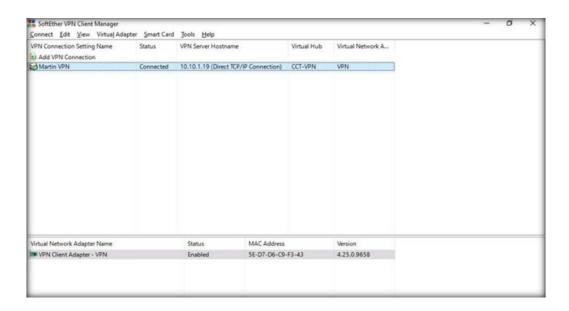




Note: If the **Login to 10.10.1.19** pop-up window appears and if it keeps connecting, type the Username and Password. (Here, we use the username as **martin** and password as **user@123** used in the **Step 40**).

- 42. The Connected to VPN Server pop-up appears, requesting to assign an IP. Wait until the process is completed.
- 43. The status of the VPN changes to Connected from Offline.

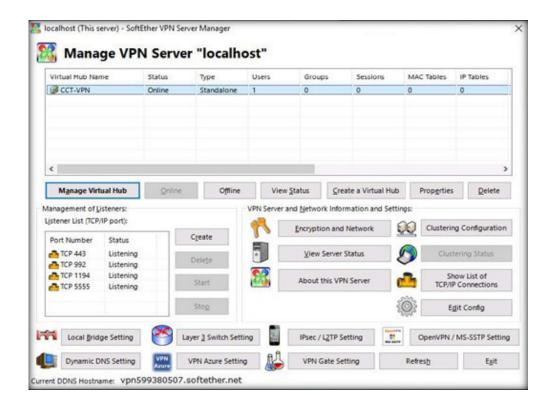
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44. Switch back to the **AD Domain Controller** virtual machine, where the **SoftEther VPN Server** is installed. See the active sessions using the VPN. You can see **0** Sessions.

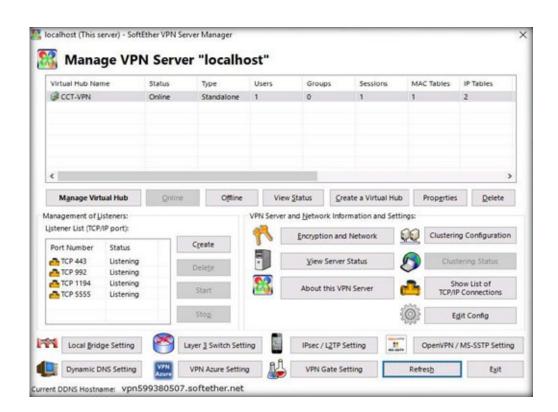






45. Click the Refresh button. You can see the active sessions that are accessed by the users.







- 46. To view and manage the sessions; click **Manage Virtual Hub** button or double-click the available VPN Hub in the dashboard. The **Management of Virtual Hub (Virtual Hub Name)** window appears.
- 47. Traverse through all the required options available in the wizard. You can manage the sessions and settings of the VPN Network.
- 48. For instance, to access the **Manage Sessions** option, click the **Manage Sessions** button.

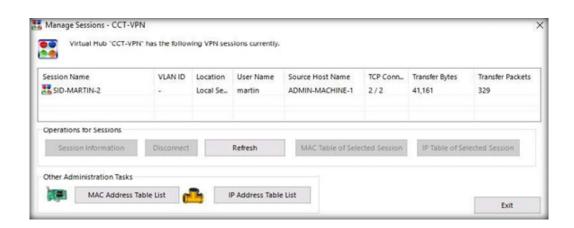






- 49. The **Manage Sessions** window appears, where you can see connected users through the VPN Network. You can use different options to manage the VPN users.
- 50. Click on **Exit** to close the **Manage Sessions** window.

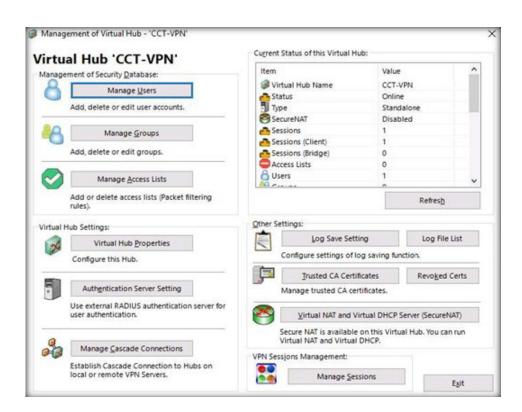






51. Now in the Management of Virtual Hub – (Virtual Hub Name) window, click the Manage Users button.

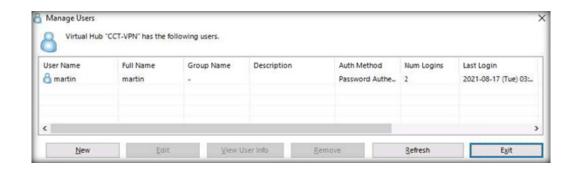






- 52. The Manage Users window appears, where you can see the details of the users.
- 53. Click on Exit to close the Manage Users window to return to Management of Virtual Hub (Virtual Hub Name) window.







54. In the same way you can explore different options in the Management of Virtual Hub – (Virtual Hub Name) window like Manage Groups, Manage Access lists etc.

55. Close all the open windows in both machines.

56. Turn off the AD Domain Controller virtual machine.



EXERCISE 9: SCAN SYSTEM FOR VIRUSES USING KASPERSKY INTERNET SECURITY

Anti-virus software is a tool or program that is designed to identify and prevent malicious Trojans or malware from infecting computer systems or electronic devices.

LAB SCENARIO

An attacker uses malware to commit online fraud or theft. Thus, the use of antivirus or anti-malware software is recommended to help detect malware, remove it, and repair any damage it might cause.

A security professional must have the required knowledge to scan the systems in the network with Antivirus or Anti-malware software to remove any unwanted or malicious files which can be harmful to the system and overall network security.

LAB OBJECTIVE

This lab will demonstrate how to perform a scan on a system using Kaspersky Internet Security.

OVERVIEW OF ANTI-VIRUS

Anti-virus systems and threat intelligence platforms use Indicators of Compromise (IoCs) to spot and stop malicious activities at an initial stage. Examples for IoCs include using specific registry entries, domain names of botnet command-and-control (C&C) servers, hashes of malware files, virus signatures, and Internet Protocol (IP) addresses.



LAB TASKS

Note: Ensure that Admin Machine-1, Web Server and PfSense Firewall virtual machines are running.

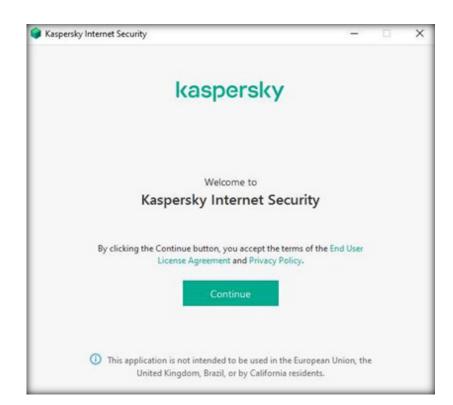
- 1. Switch to the Admin Machine-1 virtual machine.
- 2. To install the **Kaspersky Internet Security**, navigate to **Z:\CCT-Tools\CCT Module 07 Network Security Controls Technical Controls\Kaspersky Internet Security**.
- 3. Double-click Kis21.3.10.391en_26096.exe.

Note: You can download the latest version of **Kaspersky Internet Security** from **https://www.kaspersky.com**. If you use the downloaded file, the screenshots in the lab may vary.



4. The **Kaspersky Internet Security** window appears. After the connection to the server has been established, the **Continue** button appears, click on it.







5. The **Everything is ready for installation** wizard appears, uncheck both the checkboxes and click Install button.

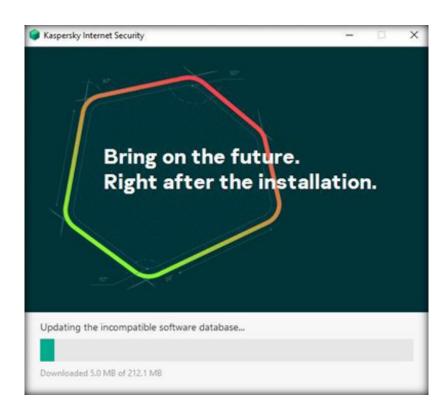


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- 6. The User Account Control window appears, click Yes.
- 7. Application begins downloading, wait for it to finish. It will take approximately 5 minutes for the download to finish.

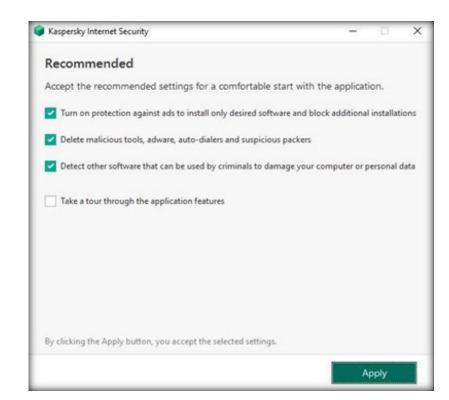
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8. After the application finishes downloading, the **Recommended** wizard appears. Uncheck **Take a tour through the application features** checkbox and click **Apply**.

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9. The application is installed successfully, click **Done** button.



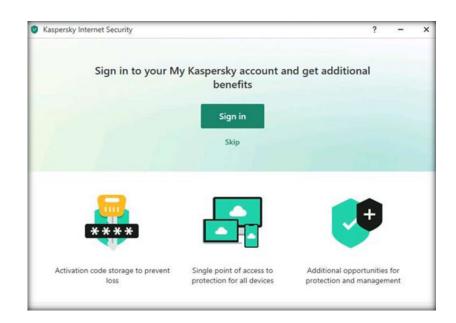




10. Sign in wizard appears, click **Skip** to skip the sign in process.

Note: If Kaspersky VPN window appears, close it.





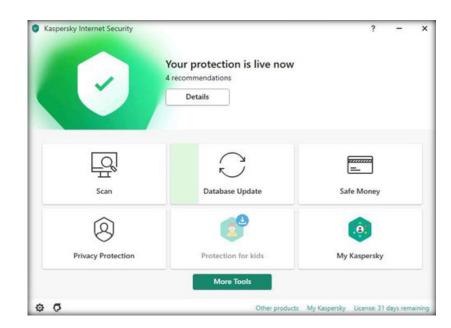


- 11. The Activation completed successfully wizard appears, click Done.
- 12. The Kaspersky main window appears, allow Database Update to finish installing updates.

Note: If database update is not started automatically, click on Database Update and in the next window click on Run update.

Note: The status will be indicated in green color.

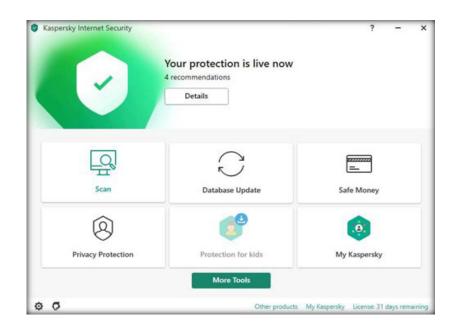
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13. Now, click the **Scan** button to scan the system for malicious files.

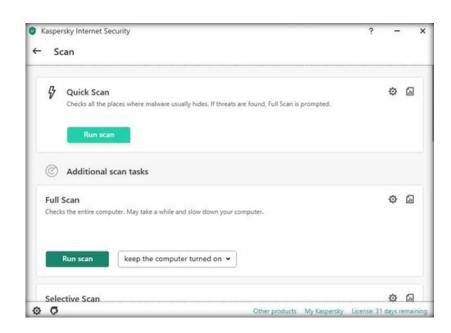






- 14. The **Scan** wizard appears. Here, you will perform a quick scan.
- 15. To do so, click **Run scan** button under the **Quick Scan** section.

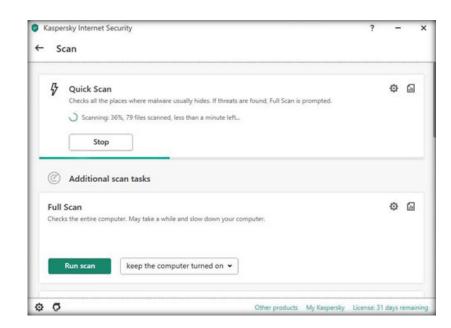






16. The scanning process initializes, the scan status will appears above the **Stop** button, you will have to wait for the status to reach **100**%. **Note**: Scanning process will take approximately 5 minutes to finish.

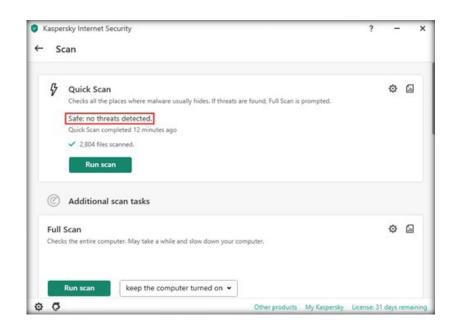
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17. After the completion of scan, you can observe the status as **Safe:no threats detected** indicating that the system is free from viruses and malicious files.







- 18. Scroll-down in the **Scan** wizard. As you so do, you will be able to see different types of scans that can be performed on the system. The scanning may vary depending on the type of scan being performed.
- 19. Similarly, you can navigate back to the main window of **Kaspersky** and explore the other tools offered by application.
- 20. This concludes the demonstration of scanning a system using Kaspersky Internet Security.
- 21. Close all open windows.
- 22. Turn off Admin Machine-1 and PfSense Firewall virtual machines.

