Secure Browsing Environment

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Abstract

This paper will describe the current browsing environment and potential security issues. This is a very relevant topic as one reads about zero-day exploits or vulnerabilities in current browsers and/or applications like Adobe Flash or Acrobat Reader. Also, this paper will describe and detail the technical implementation of a Linux-based VM browsing environment with a step-by-step install and configuration guide. As people use web browsers on a daily basis, an interest in how one can securely and confidently conduct financial business using Windows is critical in today's computing environment.
1. Introduction

Today’s computing environment is fraught with much treachery. It used to be that one could surf the web without any thought of infection or loss of private information. Those times have changed! One might argue that the safest connection to the web is no connection at all. However, this is not feasible in today’s social networked world (Powell, 2011). The target has only increased for hackers.

The challenge is how to be an interactive player in a scary playground called the web. From image searches that are poisoned by cybercriminals (Hecht, 2011), to high-profile websites with booby-trapped ads (Smith, 2011), one can only sense a fear of an impending cybergeddon attack on a much larger and disruptive scale (Davis, 2011).

With the recent report from McAfee described as “Operation Shady RAT,” that hackers have been lurking in the systems of major organizations for up to five years, accessing and reviewing top-secret data, is a scary thought (Lau, 2011). While this attack is sophisticated and advanced, it is one of many similar attacks taking place daily.

Additionally, older exploits are continually being updated and morphed into more serious threats. A recent example is the Ramnit worm variant that was transformed into financial-focused malware capable of draining bank accounts, which has reportedly incorporated bits and pieces of the publicly available Zeus malcode to make it more effective (Westervelt, 2011).

The question one must seriously consider is, “How can one defend themselves against such seemly impossible odds?” To this end, this research paper attempts to present a Secure Browsing Environment Virtual Machine (SBE VM) in which to provide a fighting chance against today’s sophisticated and determined hacker.

2. Current Trends

One of the best sources to depict the current trends in IT security is the annual report produced by Sophos, Security Threat Report 2011. A highlight from the report really depicts the strategy of the cybercriminal: “By preying on our curiosity,

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cybercriminals are able to use psychological traps to profit from unsuspecting users of technology. Malware scams and exploits are targeting social networking websites, applications, devices, and users proliferate” (Sophos, 2011, p. 2).

The report goes on to indicate that 95,000 malware pieces were analyzed by SophosLabs every day in 2010, nearly doubling the number of malware pieces tracked in 2009 (Sophos, 2011, p. 4). This is an extraordinary rate of growth.

Symantec publishes an annual report, *Symantic Internet Security Threat Report – Trends for 2010*, that presents some very alarming numbers. As summarized in this report, “Polymorphism and new delivery mechanisms such as Web-attack toolkits continued to drive up the number of malware variants in common circulation. In 2010, Symantec encountered more than 286 million unique variants of malware (Fossl, 2011, p. 6). The 2010 trend showed attacks through spear phishing, focusing on compromising specific organizations or individuals through social engineering techniques. There is a growing prevalence of Web-based attacks and the increased use of attack toolkits. “The Phoenix toolkit was responsible for the largest amount of Web-based attack activity in 2010. This kit, as well as many others, also incorporates exploits for Java vulnerabilities” (Fossl, 2011, p. 12).

Another report that epitomizes the current trend is from Blue Coat, *2011 Mid-Year Security Report*, and detailed in the Executive Overview, “The majority of web threats are now delivered from trusted and popular web sites that have been hacked for use by cybercrime. For this reason, reputation defenses become less effective. The once obscure link farm for search engine poisoning now resides within popular web sites. Phishing attacks overwhelmingly come from popular and trusted web sites hacked by cybercrime. Search engine Poisoning (SEP) ranks as the number one web threat delivery method at this point in the year” (Clare, 2011, p. 2). Also from their press release, “Web-based malware has become so dynamic that it is nearly impossible to protect every user from every new attack with traditional defenses.” Continuing on, the leading malware delivery network, Shnakule, “had 2,000 unique host names per day with a peak of more than 4,300 per day. It is a broad-based malware delivery network whose malicious activities include drive-by downloads, fake anti-virus and codecs, fake flash and Firefox updates, fake warez, and botnet/command and controls” (Blue Coat, 2011).

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In addition, a report from McAfee Labs, *McAfee Threats Report: Second Quarter 2011*, summarizes, “Malware continued its overall growth during the quarter as did rootkit malware. Rootkits, used primarily for stealth and resilience, makes malware more effective and persistent; its popularity is rising. The amount of malware that attacks vulnerabilities in Adobe products continues to overwhelm those in Microsoft products” (Dirro, Greve, Kashyap, Marcus, Paget, Schmugar, Shah, Wosotowsky, 2011, p. 2).

A common denominator to any malware delivery system is the human element. A quote from the book, *Information Security Management Handbook, Sixth Edition*, “It is well recognized that the greatest information security danger to any organization is not a particular process, technology, or equipment, rather it is the people who work within the “system” that hide the inherent danger” (Tipon, Krause, 2007, Ch. 43). No matter how secure we make our browsing environment, it still depends heavily on the human factor. Common sense must be prevalent in browsing habits and tendencies.

### 3. Introduction of VM

As current research has confirmed, the need of a secure browsing environment is very evident. Oracle VM VirtualBox, originally created by software company innotek GmbH, purchased by Sun Microsystems, and now owned by Oracle, is a general-purpose virtualization product for x86 and AMD64/intel64 hardware was selected as the virtualization environment (innotek GmbH). It is also the only professional solution that is freely available as Open Source Software under the terms of the GNU General Public License version 2 (VirtualBox).

VirtualBox was chosen over other virtualization products due to its feature set, and most importantly, being Open Source. Oracle Corporation has continued to aggressively develop Virtualbox after it completed its acquisition of Sun Microsystems in 2010 (Oracle Media Relations, 2010).

VirtualBox provides a special software package, Guest Additions, which is designed to be installed inside the VM to improve performance of the guest OS and to add extra features. Guest Additions offers the following features:

- **Mouse pointer integration** which provides seamless mouse support.
- **Shared folders** provides an easy way to exchange files between the host and the

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guest. VirtualBox makes this available to the guest operating system as a network share, even without networking support enabled.

- **Better video support** provides extra high and non-standard video modes as well as accelerated video performance. To further enhance video support, one can resize the virtual machine’s window.

- **Seamless windows** suppresses the display of the Desktop background of the guest, allowing to run the windows of your guest operating system seamlessly next to the windows of your host. As shown in the screenshot below, SBE VM is running within Windows 7 environment with the LXPanel displayed just above the Windows task bar.

- **Generic host/guest communication channels** enables one to control and monitor guest execution.

- **Time synchronization** ensures the guest’s system time is better synchronized with that of the host.

- **Shared clipboard** can be optionally shared with the host OS as well. (Introduction to Guest Additions, 2011, Chpt. 4).

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3.1. SBE VM Objectives

The main objectives in researching and developing SBE VM are twofold: 1) Minimize, or ultimately, eliminate malware and/or virus infection in Windows operating systems by leveraging a Linux-based VM, and 2) Provide a bridge between the native OS and the virtual environment by the means of a shared directory. Introducing Windows users to a Linux-based browsing framework built using all Open-Source tools and custom scripts, is a critical element of this research paper.

4. Development of SBE VM

4.1. Linux wattOS Distribution Base

In conducting research for this project, many Linux distributions were considered. These included Aptosid, XPud, TinyLinux, CromeOS, Puppy Linux, Lubuntu, CrunchBang, Damn Small Linux, and SalixOS. Distrowatch.com was my main source of evaluating potential distribution where the top 100 Linux distributions are tracked and ranked (Distrowatch). Even though wattOS is ranked in the bottom third of the distributions according to Distrowatch, the description found on its web site is what set it apart from the many other distributions that were evaluated. “wattOS is a lightweight Linux operating system re-mastered from the core Ubuntu Linux build. It is a free operating system that focuses on a small footprint, low power, and a simple quick interface. Bring your old computer back to life again with a fresh install of wattOS!” (Baxter, 2011). In addition to meeting the performance objectives, the look and feel of wattOS felt right with the simple and efficient interface based on OpenBox (OpenBox) and LXDE (LXDE). When wattOS was initially installed on VirtualBox, it rocked! The only distribution found to have a faster boot time was ChromeOS, which lacked the ability to add custom security enhancements. Mainstream distributions like Ubuntu or Fedora were not even considered due to the bloated nature of them. All of the other lightweight distributions were eliminated for various aesthetic and/or performance issues.

A detailed step-by-step installation and configuration guide is included in Appendix A – SBE VM Step-by-Step Guide. It was felt that this detailed approach can

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allow setup of their own SBE VM from scratch using the tools and techniques outlined in this guide. The following screenshot shows the desktop of the fully installed and configured SBE VM. Key applications have desktop shortcuts as well as panel shortcuts to facilitate ease of use and functionality of the environment.

4.2. Browser Security in Depth

Just like architecting a solution for the enterprise, one designs security in depth. This would include perimeter router with appropriate ACLs, firewalls, IDS/IPS, and anti-virus/anti-spam enterprise solution. Quoting an article concerning this, “No matter how good any single security application is, there is someone out there smarter than the people who designed it with more time on his hands than scruples who will eventually get past it. It is for this reason that common security practice suggests multiple lines of defense,

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or in-depth security” (Bradley, 2009). This would allow the enterprise to attempt to protect and defend more vulnerable hosts. This is where SBE VM comes into play. It adds an additional layer on the client side, because we all know, no matter how good the enterprise defenses are, with targeted spear phishing or social engineering attacks, the host is still vulnerable.

In their book entitled, *Counter Hack Reloaded*, Ed Skoudis and Tom Liston points out browser vulnerabilities are discovered on a regular basis, especially (but not exclusively) in Internet Explorer. “Various types of browser holes, including buffer overflows, flaws that let an attacker escape the security restrictions on scripts or other active Web content (such as Java runtime environment), exploits that let malicious code bypass cryptographic signature checks, and problems that let malicious code execute in a different security zone than it should. All of these problem could be triggered if the victim surfs to the wrong Web site with a vulnerable browser” (Skoudis, and Liston, 2006, p. 432). The majority of these vulnerabilities exposes the Windows operating system, and thus, using SBE VM Linux-based OS, reduces the risk.

OpenDNS will be configured to provide an initial defense against phishing websites. Shared folders are established between host OS and SBE VM and all downloads are scanned for viruses using clamAV. In addition, Snort has been configured to act as a Host-based Intrusion Prevention System (HIPS). Finally, browser “add-ons” or “extensions” have been installed and configured to provide an additional front-line defense. These security features will now be discussed in more detail.

### 4.3. OpenDNS

OpenDNS is a free DNS server that typically outperforms local ISP DNS services due to the many millions of IP addresses of websites stored in their cache, thus taking less time to resolve a request. Another big advantage of using OpenDNS is that it blocks phishing websites from loading onto your computer. It uses data from Phishtank, a collaborative clearing house for data and information about phishing on the Internet (Phishtank). Another advantage of OpenDNS is that it addresses typos that one might make while entering a URL. For example, one might type “gogle.com.” OpenDNS will open the main “google.com” web site automatically (Agarwal, 2008).

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To configure OpenDNS in SBE VM, we first need to introduce a new network manager. The default manager that is installed in wattOS is ‘wicd.’ In order to configure OpenDNS, as well as have the network settings compatible with our later configuration of Snort in-line, it necessitates the change to ‘network-manager’ that is standard with a typical Ubuntu install. The details can be found in Appendix A – SBE VM Step-by-Step Guide.

4.4. VM Shared Folder - ClamAV – goinotify Script

To meet one of the main objectives of the project, there has to be a bridge tying the native OS with the virtual environment. This bridge is provided by the VirtualBox Shared Folders feature and can be established even without any network established. Much thought was given on how best to allow downloads from SBE VM back to the native OS in a safe manner. This was accomplished using a custom script and clamAV GPL open source project owned by SourceFire (clamAV).

A script, goinotify, was developed to monitor and scan those files that are expressly downloaded. The core component of the script is the use of the event-monitoring built-in starting with the 2.6 Linux kernel. Inotifywait is part of the inotify-tools package, which efficiently waits for changes to files using Linux’s inotify interface (inotify-tools). This was found to be a very efficient manner of validating downloads before moving them to the shared folder between the native OS and SBE VM.

We first need to establish the shared folder environment. A specific directory structure is created in the home directory of the SBE VM user, sbe. Next, clamAV and inotify-tools are installed.

```
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ mkdir GuestVBShare
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ mkdir .infected
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ mkdir clamscan
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ touch clamscan/clamscan.log
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo apt-get install inotify-tools clamav
[sudo] password for sbe:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following extra packages will be installed:
  clamav-base clamav-freshclam libclamav6 libtommath0
```

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Suggested packages:
  clamav-docs libclamunrar6
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  clamav clamav-base clamav-freshclam inotify-tools libclamav6 libtommath0
0 upgraded, 6 newly installed, 0 to remove and 2 not upgraded.
Need to get 4,302 kB of archives.
After this operation, 12.1 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue [Y/n]? y
Setting up libclamav6 (0.97+dfsg-2ubuntu1.1) ...
Setting up clamav-base (0.97+dfsg-2ubuntu1.1) ...
Setting up clamav-freshclam (0.97+dfsg-ubuntu1.1) ...
* Starting ClamAV virus database updater freshclam                     [ OK ]
Setting up clamav (0.97+dfsg-2ubuntu1.1) ...
Setting up inotify-tools (3.13-3) ...

Now that clamAV and inotify-tools are installed and a directory structure created,
VirtualBox shared folders will now be configured. As mentioned earlier, VirtualBox
Guest Additions must be installed in order to establish this shared folder structure. With
SBE VM shutdown, shared folders are configured.

- From Oracle VM VirtualBox Manager, highlight ‘sbe’ VM and click
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- Select ‘Shared Folders’ on left, then click on ‘Add Shared Folder’ icon.

- Select desired folder on host OS, typically, the ‘Downloads’ folder is selected but any folder can be shared. For the Folder Name, it must be ‘VBShare’ when the share is mounted at boot up.
• With a shared folder created, click ‘OK’ to close settings dialogue.

In order to automatically mount the share upon boot up, the following entry must be made in /etc/rc.local, which runs at the end of all the multi-user boot levels. The mount type ‘-t vboxsf’ is enabled by Guest Additions. Once the mount command is added, reboot the VM. The ‘VBShare’ will now be available and mounted as /home/sbe/GuestVBShare.

```
#!/bin/sh -e
#
# /etc/rc.local
#
# This script is executed at the end of each multiuser runlevel.
# Make sure that the script will "exit 0" on success or any other
# value on error.
#
# In order to enable or disable this script just change the execution
# bits.
#
# By default this script does nothing.

mount -t vboxsf -o uid=1000,gid=1000 VBShare /home/sbe/GuestVBShare/
```

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```bash
/usr/local/bin/goinotify >/dev/null 2>&1
exit 0
```

```
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo reboot
```

```
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo df -h
Filesystem            Size  Used  Avail  Use%  Mounted on
/dev/sda1             6.0G  2.6G   3.1G   45% /
udev                  997M   4.0K   997M    1% /dev
tmpfs                 403M  760K   403M    1% /run
none                  5.0M  4.0K   5.0M    1% /run/lock
none                 1007M  4.0K 1007M    1% /run/shm
VBShare               922G  668G  255G   73% /home/sbe/GuestVBShare/
```

With the share now established, the ‘goinotify’ script will be created in
/usr/local/bin.

```
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo vi /usr/local/bin/goinotify
[Paste contents of /usr/local/bin/goinotify script]
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo chmod 755 /usr/local/bin/goinotify
```

```
#!/bin/bash
# /usr/local/bin/goinotify

IFS='\n'
dl_dir=/home/sbe/Downloads
infect_dir=/home/sbe/.infected
share_dir=/home/sbe/GuestVBShare
log_file=/home/sbe/clamscan/clamscan.log

# Verify after copy/paste echo -e command is one line
dline () {
  echo -e
  "=====================================================================
  tee -a $log_file"
}

# inotifywait command below is one line!!
inotifywait --monitor --exclude=".com.google.com|.crdownload|.part" --
event moved_to,close_write --format '%:e%f' "$dl_dir" | while read file;
do
  file=`echo $file | awk -F@ ' { print $2 }'`
  if [ "$file" = "" ]
    then
```
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The line in the code, inotifywait, will be explained based on the parameters associated with the command.

```
inotifywait --monitor --exclude=".com.google.com\.crdownload\.part" --event moved_to,close_write --format '%:e@%f "$dl_dir" | while read file; do
```

---

```
--monitor: Instead of exiting after receiving a single event, execute indefinitely.
--exclude <pattern>: Do Not process any events whose filename matches the specified POSI extended regular expressions, case sensitive.
--event <event>: Listen for specific event(s) only. Included here are
```

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moved_to, close_write.
--format <fmt>: "%e@%f"
%e – Replaced with the Event(s) which occurred, comma-separated.
@ - Delimiter
%f – When an event occurs within a directory, this will be replaced with the
name of the File which caused the event to occur.

When a file download triggers inotifywait, the file name event is passed in the do
loop of the script. Each file is then verified to ensure that it is a valid file name as both
Chrome and Firefox uses temporary file names during download. Once a download is
deemed complete, it is scanned by clamAV using the command that is described below:

```bash
clamscan --move=$infect_dir --no-summary --infected --bell --log=$log_file $dl_dir/$file
```

--move=Directory: Move any infected files to $infect_dir
--no-summary: Do not display summary at the end of scanning.
--infected: Only print infected files.
--bell: Sound bell on virus detection.
--log: Log to file defined in $log_file

$dl_dir/$file – file passed to clamscan from inotifywait event

After the file is processed by ‘clamscan’, if the file is still in the download
directory, it was found clean and will then be moved to the shared folder to be available
by the host OS.

### 4.5. Snort In-Line/Oinkmaster/Swatch alert scripts

The goal for SBE VM is to provide security in depth. The already obvious
advantage of running in a Linux environment is only enhanced when a host-based
intrusion prevention system like Snort in-line is incorporated. An excellent resource to
build Snort in-line as provided by Phillip Bailey was used as a guide (Bailey, 2010).

The installation and configuration of Snort in-line will now be outlined. Some
dependent packages are installed. Libdnet is downloaded from code.google.com. It
provides a simplified, portable interface to several low-level networking routines,
including network address manipulation, kernel arp cache, network firewalling, network
interface lookup and manipulation, IP tunneling, and raw IP packet and Ethernet frame
transmission (Libdnet).

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Snort Data AcQuisition (DAQ) library is downloaded and compiled. The DAQ replaces direct calls into packet capture libraries like PCAT with an abstraction layer that make it easy to add additional software or hardware packet capture implementations (DAQ, 2010).

Finally, Snort source code is downloaded and compiled to support inline mode. Specific switches are included when running the ‘./configure’ command. One additional package, libzip-dev, was required to support compression.

```
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ mkdir temp; cd temp
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp$ sudo apt-get install flex bison checkinstall libpcap0.8-dev libnet1-dev libpcre3-dev libnetfilter-queue-dev iptables-dev
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following extra packages will be installed:
  libnet1 libnetfilter-queue1 libnfnetlink-dev libpcrecpp0 m4 pkg-config
Suggested packages:
  bison-doc gettext
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  bison checkinstall flex iptables-dev libnet1-dev libnetfilter-queue-dev libnetfilter-queue1 libnfnetlink-dev
  libpcap0.8-dev libpcre3-dev libpcrecpp0 m4 pkg-config
0 upgraded, 14 newly installed, 0 to remove and 6 not upgraded.
Need to get 1,812 kB of archives.
After this operation, 6,722 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue [Y/n]? y

sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp$ wget http://libdnet.googlecode.com/files/libdnet-1.12.tgz
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp$ tar xvfz libdnet-1.12.tgz
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp/libdnet-1.12$ cd libdnet-1.12/
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp/libdnet-1.12$ ./configure CFLAGS="-fPIC -g -O2"
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp/libdnet-1.12$ make
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp/libdnet-1.12$ sudo checkinstall
[sudo] password for sbe:
checking if /usr/bin/checkinstall is up-to-date... no
Preparing package documentation...OK

checkinstall 1.6.2, Copyright 2009 Felipe Eduardo Sanchez Diaz Duran
This software is released under the GNU GPL.

The package documentation directory .doc-pak does not exist.
Should I create a default set of package docs? [y]: ENTER

Preparing package documentation...OK
```

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Please write a description for the package.
End your description with an empty line or EOF.

>> ENTER

*****************************************
**** Debian package creation selected ***
*****************************************

This package will be built according to these values:

0 - Maintainer: [ root@vb-sbe ]
1 - Summary: [ Package created with checkinstall 1.6.2 ]
2 - Name: [ libdnet ]
3 - Version: [ 1.12 ]
4 - Release: [ 1 ]
5 - License: [ GPL ]
6 - Group: [ checkinstall ]
7 - Architecture: [ i386 ]
8 - Source location: [ libdnet-1.12 ]
9 - Alternate source location: [ ]
10 - Requires: [ ]
11 - Provides: [ libdnet ]
12 - Conflicts: [ ]
13 - Replaces: [ ]

Enter a number to change any of them or press ENTER to continue: ENTER

Installing with make install...

**********************************************************************
Done. The new package has been installed and saved to
/home/sbe/temp/libdnet-1.12/libdnet_1.12-1_i386.deb
You can remove it from your system anytime using:

dpkg -r libdnet
**********************************************************************

Build AFPacket DAQ module.. : yes

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Build Dump DAQ module......: yes
Build IPFW DAQ module......: yes
Build IPQ DAQ module......: yes
Build NFQ DAQ module......: yes
Build PCAP DAQ module......: yes

sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp/daq-0.5$ make
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp/daq-0.5$ sudo checkinstall
[sudo] password for sbe:

checkinstall 1.6.2, Copyright 2009 Felipe Eduardo Sanchez Diaz Duran
This software is released under the GNU GPL.

The package documentation directory ./doc-pak does not exist.
Should I create a default set of package docs? [y]: ENTER

Preparing package documentation...OK

Please write a description for the package.
End your description with an empty line or EOF.
>> ENTER

*******************************
**** Debian package creation selected ****
*******************************

This package will be built according to these values:

0 - Maintainer: [ root@vb-sbe ]
1 - Summary: [ Package created with checkinstall 1.6.2 ]
2 - Name: [ daq ]
3 - Version: [ 0.6.2 ]
4 - Release: [ 1 ]
5 - License: [ GPL ]
6 - Group: [ checkinstall ]
7 - Architecture: [ i386 ]
8 - Source location: [ daq-0.6.2 ]
9 - Alternate source location: [ ]
10 - Requires: [ ]
11 - Provides: [ daq ]
12 - Conflicts: [ ]
13 - Replaces: [ ]

Enter a number to change any of them or press ENTER to continue: ENTER

Installing with make install...

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sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp/daq-0.6.2$ sudo dpkg -i daq_0.6.2-1_i386.deb
(Reading database ... 132264 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to replace daq 0.6.2-1 (using daq_0.6.2-1_i386.deb) ...
Unpacking replacement daq ... Setting up daq (0.6.2-1) ...

sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp$ cd..
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp$ sudo apt-get install libzip-dev

sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp$ wget http://www.snort.org/downloads/1538
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp$ tar xvfz 1538
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp$ cd snort-2.9.2.2
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp/snort-2.9.0.5$ ./configure --enable-build-dynamic-examples --enable-gre --enable-reload --enable-linux-smp-stats --enable-zlib --enable-active-response --enable-react --enable-flexresp3 --enable-ipv6
[Note: Best to type in the ./configure options! Copy/paste may not work properly.]
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp/snort-2.9.2.2$ make
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp/snort-2.9.2.2$ sudo make install

sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp/snort-2.9.2.2$ cd..
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp$ sudo mv snort-2.9.2.2/ /root
sbe@vb-sbe:~/temp$ sudo bash
root@vb-sbe:~/temp# cd /root/snort-2.9.2.2/
root@vb-sbe:/root/snort-2.9.2.2# checkinstall
checkinstall 1.6.2, Copyright 2009 Felipe Eduardo Sanchez Diaz Duran
This software is released under the GNU GPL.

The package documentation directory ./doc-pak does not exist.
Should I create a default set of package docs? [y]: ENTER

Preparing package documentation...OK

Please write a description for the package.
End your description with an empty line or EOF.
>> ENTER

***************************************************************
**** Debian package creation selected ***
***************************************************************

This package will be built according to these values:

0 - Maintainer: [ root@vb-sbe ]
1 - Summary: [ Package created with checkinstall 1.6.2 ]
2 - Name: [ snort ]
3 - Version: [ 2.9.2.2 ]
4 - Release: [1]
5 - License: [GPL]
6 - Group: [checkinstall]
7 - Architecture: [i386]
8 - Source location: [snort-2.9.2.2]
9 - Alternate source location: [ ]
10 - Requires: [ ]
11 - Provides: [snort]
12 - Conflicts: [ ]
13 - Replaces: [ ]

Enter a number to change any of them or press ENTER to continue: ENTER

Installing with make install...

**********************************************************************
Done. The new package has been installed and saved to
/root/snort-2.9.2.2/snort_2.9.2.2-1_i386.deb

You can remove it from your system anytime using:

dpkg -r snort

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Due to the fact that the libdnet source was downloaded and compiled specifically
for Snort, we must guarantee that no Ubuntu updates for this library are applied. If
libdnet is ever updated via apt-get, it will break Snort. In addition, ‘libdbus-1-3’ will be
withheld as well to prevent a similar situation.

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sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo bash
[sudo] password for sbe:
root@vb-sbe:~# echo "libdnet hold" | dpkg --set-selections
dpkg: error: wrong argument, use --set-selections <package> <state>
root@vb-sbe:~# echo "libdbus-1-3 hold" | dpkg --set-selections
root@vb-sbe:~# apt-get upgrade
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following packages have been kept back:
  libdnet
The following packages will be upgraded:
  ecryptfs-utils firefox firefox-globalmenu flashplugin-installer
  foomatic-filters gnome-keyring google-chrome-stable gvfs gvfs-backends
  gvfs-fuse libecryptfs0 libgcr0 libgp11-0 libgvfscommon0
  libpam-gnome-keyring linux-libc-dev udisks xserver-common xserver-xorg-core
19 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 1 not upgraded.
Need to get 48.9 MB of archives.
After this operation, 152 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue [Y/n]? y
...
Setting up firefox-globalmenu (6.0.1+build1+nonobinonly-0ubuntu0.11.04.1) ...
sbe@vb-sbe:~$

Once Snort is installed and verified, configuration is the next critical step. Also, oinkmaster will be installed and configured to support the ease of updating the emerging-threat rule base that is used in SBE VM.

sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo vi /etc/snort/snort.conf

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<td>ipvar HOME_NET any</td>
<td>ipvar HOME_NET 10.0.2.15/32</td>
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<td>48</td>
<td>ipvar EXTERNAL_NET any</td>
<td>ipvar EXTERNAL_NET !$HOME_NET</td>
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<td>80</td>
<td>var RULE_PATH ../rules</td>
<td>var RULE_PATH rules</td>
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<td>159-161</td>
<td># config daq: &lt;type&gt;</td>
<td>config daq: nfq</td>
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<td># config daq_dir: &lt;dir&gt;</td>
<td>config daq_dir: /usr/local/lib/daq</td>
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<td># config daq_mode: &lt;mode&gt;</td>
<td>config daq_mode: inline</td>
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<td>265-269</td>
<td>preprocessor normalize_ip4</td>
<td>#preprocessor normalize_ip4</td>
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<td>preprocessor normalize_tcp: ips ecn stream</td>
<td>#preprocessor normalize_tcp: ips ecn stream</td>
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<td>preprocessor normalize_icmp4</td>
<td>#preprocessor normalize_icmp4</td>
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<td>#preprocessor normalize_ip6</td>
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| 273  | ```
preprocessor frag3_engine:
policy windows
detect_anomalies
overlap_limit 10
min_fragment_length 100
timeout 180
``` |
| 283  | ```
preprocessor stream5_tcp:
policy windows,
detect_anomalies,
require_3whs 180,
``` |
| 297  | ```
preprocessor http_inspect:
global iis_unicode_map
unicode.map 1252
compress_depth 65535
decompress_depth 65535
``` |
| 506-511 | ```
preprocessor reputation:
  \memcap 500,
  \priority whitelist,
  \nested_ip inner,
  \whitelist
$WHITE_LIST_PATH/white_list.rules,
  \blacklist
$BLACK_LIST_PATH/black_list.rules
``` |
| 540  | ```
include classification.config
``` |
| 541  | ```
include rules/classification.config
``` |
| 552  | ```
include $RULE_PATH/local.rules
``` |
| 554-607 | ```
include $RULE_PATH/attack-responses.rules
  ...
  include $RULE_PATH/x11.rules
``` |

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We next need to download and create the /etc/snort/rules/emerging.conf file.

```
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo bash
root@vb-sbe:~# cd /etc/snort
root@vb-sbe:/etc/snort# wget http://rules.emergingthreats.net/open/snort-2.9.0/emerging.conf
Resolving rules.emergingthreats.net... 69.195.137.28, 216.40.222.19
Connecting to rules.emergingthreats.net|69.195.137.28|:80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 3543 (3.5K) [text/plain]
Saving to: `emerging.conf'
100%[======================================] 3,543 --.-K/s in 0.04s
2011-09-13 20:26:37 (85.9 KB/s) - 'emerging.conf' saved [3543/3543]
root@vb-sbe:/etc/snort# vi emerging.conf
```

Uncomment the following rules:

```
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-policy.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-trojan.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-games.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-user_agents.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-activex.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-virus.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-attack_response.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-icmp.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-icmp_info.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-shellcode.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-web_client.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-current_events.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-inappropriate.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-deleted.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-malware.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-worm.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-dns.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-misc.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-dos.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-telnet.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-exploit.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-p2p.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-tftp.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-mobile_malware.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-botcc.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-compromised.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-drop.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-dshield.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-rbn.rules
```
Include $RULE_PATH/emerging-rbn-malvertisers.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-tor.rules
include $RULE_PATH/emerging-ciarmy.rules

Refer to ‘Appendix B – Configuration Files’, for full version of /etc/snort/emerging.conf.

Create local.rules by copy/pasting into file as shown below.

```
sbe@vb-sbe:$ sudo /etc/snort/rules/local.rules
[Copy/paste rules below.]

#/etc/snort/rules/local.rules
#drop icmp any any -> any any (msg:"ICMP Packet Dropped!"; sid:100001; rev:3;)
alert icmp any any -> any any (msg:"ICMP Packet Allowed"; sid:100001; rev:3;)
```

```
sbe@vb-sbe:$ sudo apt-get install oinkmaster
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  oinkmaster
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 3 not upgraded.
Need to get 0 B/93.1 kB of archives.
After this operation, 340 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Selecting previously deselected package oinkmaster.
(Reading database ... 115527 files and directories currently installed.)
Unpacking oinkmaster (from .../oinkmaster_2.0-3_all.deb) ...
Processing triggers for man-db ...
Setting up oinkmaster (2.0-3) ...
```

Oinkmaster is configured to pull and configure the Emerging Threats open community ruleset. They are considered the fastest moving and most diverse Snort rulesets and firewall rules available (Emerging Threats). Emerging Threats exists because of the contributors of intelligence and signatures by the community. Updates are provided on a daily basis. Oinkmaster runs every time the system is booted to ensure that the rules are current and up to date. A script, goinkmaster, was written to facilitate this process and can be run at any point to update the rulesets. Another script, pop, is used to capture the process ID of the active Snort process.

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#!/bin/bash
#!/usr/local/bin/gooinkmaster

echo -e "Updating Snort rule set...\n"
oinkmaster -o /etc/snort/rules/

snort_pid=`/usr/local/bin/pop snort.conf | awk '{ print $2 }'`

echo -e "Bumping Snort to reload updated rule set...\n"
echo -e "kill -HUP $snort_pid...\n"

kill -HUP $snort_pid

#!/bin/bash
#!/usr/local/bin/pop

ps aux | egrep -i $1 | egrep -v "pop|grep"

Create the scripts by copy/pasting into files as shown below.

sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo vi /usr/local/bin/gooinkmaster
[sudo] password for sbe:
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo chmod 755 /usr/local/bin/gooinkmaster
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo vi /usr/local/bin/pop
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo chmod 755 /usr/local/bin/pop

One of the key features enabled in the /etc/oinkmaster.conf file is the ability to modify rules after they have been downloaded. An example of the syntax is taken from the configuration file, modifysid * “replacethis” | “withthis.” Two directives have been implemented in SBE VM:

- modifysid * "^alert" | "reject"
- modifysid * "msg:" | "msg:"Rejected!"
- modifysid emerging-rbn.rules "(.+) \[(.+)] (.+) \$HOME_NET (.+)
  \$HOME_NET $\{3\} \[$\{2\}\] $\{4\}\"
- modifysid emerging-rbn-malvertisers.rules "(.+) tcp (.+) any \n-> \$HOME_NET (.+)
  "$\{1\} tcp \$HOME_NET any \n-> $\{2\} $\{3\}\"
- modifysid emerging-rbn-malvertisers.rules "(.+) udp (.+) any \n-> \$HOME_NET (.+)
  "$\{1\} udp \$HOME_NET any \n-> $\{2\} $\{3\}\"

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The first directive, changes each rule to have the action “reject” instead of just “alert”. ‘Reject – remove the packet from the wire and return an ICMP “Communication administratively prohibited” (ICMP type 3, code 13) error packet’ was chosen over ‘drop – remove the packet from the wire and generate no error packet’ to reduce retransmission time and provide the user with immediate results. An excellent comparison of reject verses drop is provided by Peter Benie and his conclusions summaries the reason why ‘reject’ was chosen, “Drop offers no effective barrier to hostile forces but can dramatically slow down applications run by legitimate users. Drop should not normally be used” (Benie).

The second directive changes the Snort alert to annotate in the alert that the packet was rejected. Swatch is configured to watch for ‘Rejected!’ and alert accordingly.

The third directive changes the emerging-rbn and emerging-rbn-malvertisers rules to switch the src/dst to trigger any connections to known Russian Business Networks.

In addition to the directive changes, two SIDs will be disabled. They are associated with the Ubuntu apt-get update/upgrade cycle and are SIDs 2013504 and 1390. Snort was preventing access to the updates due to a potential policy violation. As this is a functionality that must exist in SBE VM, steps were implemented in the /etc/oinkmaster.conf file to ensure these SIDs are disabled.

It is straightforward to disable specific SIDs in oinkmaster. Based on the guidance provided in the /etc/oinkmaster.conf file, SIDs to comment out, i.e. disable, after each update is done by placing a ‘#’ in front of the rule. Syntax: disablesid SID. The following entries were added at the end of this section in order to disable these specific rules.

- disablesid 1390 [Generic GPL SHELLCODE NOOP (False Positive)]
- disabledsid 2013504 [Allow apt-get updates for Ubuntu]

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sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo vi /etc/oinkmaster.conf

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<td>#Snort site in your registered user profile.</td>
<td>#Snort site in your registered user profile. url = /<a href="http://rules.emergingthreats.net/open/snort-2.9.0/emerging.rules.tar.gz">http://rules.emergingthreats.net/open/snort-2.9.0/emerging.rules.tar.gz</a></td>
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<td>skipfile snort.conf</td>
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<td>244</td>
<td># skipfile threshold.conf</td>
<td>skipfile threshold.conf</td>
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<tr>
<td>383</td>
<td># modifysid 100 “foo”</td>
<td>&quot;bar&quot;</td>
</tr>
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<td>modifysid emerging-rbn.rules</td>
<td>&quot;(.+) [(.+)] (.+) $HOME_NET (.+)&quot;</td>
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<td>&quot;${1} $HOME_NET ${3} [${2}] ${4}&quot;</td>
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<td>modifysid emerging-rbn-malvertisers.rules</td>
<td>&quot;(+) tcp (.+) any -&gt; $HOME_NET (.+)&quot;</td>
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<td>&quot;${1} tcp $HOME_NET any -&gt; ${2} ${3}&quot;</td>
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<td>&quot;(+) udp (.+) any -&gt; $HOME_NET (.+)&quot;</td>
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<td>&quot;${1} udp $HOME_NET any -&gt; ${2} ${3}&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>453</td>
<td># disablesid 4,5,6</td>
<td># disablesid 4,5,6</td>
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Refer to ‘Appendix B – Configuration Files’, for full version of /etc/oinkmaster.conf.

sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo gooinkmaster

Updating Snort rule set...

Loading /etc/oinkmaster.conf

Downloading file from http://rules.emergingthreats.net/open/snort-2.9.0/emerging.rules.tar.gz... done.

Archive successfully downloaded, unpacking... done.

Setting up rules structures... done.

Processing downloaded rules... disablesid 2, enablesid 0, modifysid 29022, localsid 0, total rules 15831

Setting up rules structures... done.

Comparing new files to the old ones... done.

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Checking flowbits dependencies... problems found:

WARNING: SID 2012816 depends on flowbit "ET.http.binary" which is set in INACTIVE SID 2000427 (SID 2012816 is broken unless you also enable SID 2000427).
WARNING: SID 2001984 depends on flowbit "is_proto_ssh" which is set in INACTIVE SID 2001983 (SID 2001984 is broken unless you also enable SID 2001983).

[***] Results from Oinkmaster started 20110902 10:00:58 [***]

[*] Rules modifications: [*]
  None.

[*] Non-rule line modifications: [*]
  None.

[*] Added files: [*]
  None.

Bumping Snort to reload updated rule set...
kill -HUP 1422...

The way Snort and oinkmaster starts upon reboot is slightly different due to the fact that a plumbed interface is required before Snort can be activated. With the way Snort is configured to be in-line, it must be running in order to pass any traffic. After much trial and error in attempting to get Snort and oinkmaster to start at boot time, it was discovered the best way was to incorporate the startup script in /etc/network/if-up.d/upstart configuration file.

```
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo vi /etc/network/if-up.d/upstart [Modify file]
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo vi /usr/local/bin/goSNORT [Paste in contents script below]
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo vi /usr/local/bin/gosnort [Paste in contents script below]
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo chmod 755 /usr/local/bin/gosnort /usr/local/bin/goSNORT
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ 

#!/bin/sh
#/etc/network/if-up.d/upstart
MARK_DEV_PREFIX="/run/network/ifup."
MARK_STATIC_NETWORK_EMITTED="/run/network/static-network-up-emitted"
set -e

# lo emission handled by /etc/init/network-interface.conf
if [ "$IFACE" != lo ]; then
```

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Breaking down the iptables entries above will provide an explanation of how iptables are configured. This pushes all traffic going in, out, and through the machine into IP queue from which Snort in-line will read its packet instead of using libpcap.

```
iptables -A INPUT -i lo -j ACCEPT
iptables -A INPUT -j QUEUE
iptables -A OUTPUT -j QUEUE
iptables –A FORWARD –j QUEUE
```

- **-A:** Append one or more rules to end of the selected chain.
- **INPUT:** For packets coming into the box itself
- **OUTPUT:** Packets generated by local processes, i.e. Snort.
- **FORWARD:** Packets being routed through the box.
- **-i lo –j ACCEPT:** Pass (ACCEPT) all traffic form local interface
- **-j:** Jump to target. This specifies the target of the rule, what to do if the packet matches it.
- **QUEUE:** Means to pass the packet to userspace, i.e., Snort.

Breaking down the snort command and switches.

```
snort -D -N -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -A fast
```

- **-D:** Run Snort in daemon mode. Alerts are sent to /var/log/snort/alert unless otherwise specified.
- **-N:** Turn off packet logging. The program still generates alerts normally.
- **-c /etc/snort/snort.conf**
- **-A fast:** Alert mode. Fast writes alerts to the default “alert” file in a single-line, syslog style alert message.

Additional memory needs to be allocated for certain memory buffers to avoid errors like “packet recv contents failure: No buffer space available.” The following settings increase the buffer that NFQ uses for its queue (Ristic, 2008).

```
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo bash
[sudo] password for sbe:
root@vb-sbe:# echo -e "net.core.rmem_default = 4194304\nnet.core.wmem_default = 4194304\n\nnet.ipv4.tcp_wmem = 1048576 4194304 16777216\nnet.ipv4.tcp_rmem = 1048576 4194304 16777216" >\>/etc/sysctl.conf
```

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The last piece of the Snort puzzle will be to implement Swatch, which is designed to monitor system activity. There is so much flexibility associated with configuring Swatch that we can easily monitor Snort alert logs for the predefined ‘Rejected!’ message. Swatch and wmctrl, which is a command that can be used to interact with an X Window manager, are installed as a prerequisite.

```
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo apt-get install swatch wmctrl
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following extra packages will be installed:
  libbit-vector-perl libcarp-clan-perl libdate-calc-perl libdate-manip-perl
  libfile-tail-perl libyaml-syck-perl
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  libbit-vector-perl libcarp-clan-perl libdate-calc-perl libdate-manip-perl
  libfile-tail-perl libyaml-syck-perl swatch wmctrl
0 upgraded, 8 newly installed, 0 to remove and 6 not upgraded.
Need to get 3,302 kB of archives.
After this operation, 17.6 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue [Y/n]? y
Setting up libcarp-clan-perl (6.04-1) ...
Setting up libbit-vector-perl (7.1-1build1) ...
Setting up libdate-calc-perl (6.0-2build1) ...
Setting up libyaml-syck-perl (1.17-1build1) ...
Setting up libdate-manip-perl (6.24-1) ...
Setting up libfile-tail-perl (0.99.3-4) ...
Setting up swatch (3.2.3-1) ...
Setting up wmctrl (1.07-6) ...
```

```
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo apt-get install roxterm
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  roxterm
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 6 not upgraded.
Need to get 0 B/210 kB of archives.
After this operation, 975 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Setting up roxterm (1.22.2-1) ...
```
The ‘/etc/swatchrc’ configuration file contains a pattern to watch for and an action to perform when the pattern is found. Much effort went into developing the right pattern and syntax to fire off a zenity alert pop-up message.

```
#!/etc/swatchrc

# Snort Alerts
watchfor /Rejected!/
echo=red
exef echo "$_ | /usr/bin/sed 's/(\(/\\(/ | /usr/bin/sed 's/\)/\\)/') | /usr/bin/zenity --warning --text "$_"

# ClamAV Virus Alerts
watchfor /FOUND/
echo=red
exef echo "$_ | /usr/bin/sed 's/(\(/\\(/ | /usr/bin/sed 's/\)/\\)/') | /usr/bin/zenity --warning --text "$_"
```

watchfor - regex pattern
echo=red – Echo the matched line. The text mode is set for red.
exef – Command to execute when /Rejected!/ is found. The command may contain variables which are substituted with fields from the matched line. A $_ will be replaced by the entire line. The sed command cleans up extra () that aren’t compatible with the zenity --warning command.
zenity --warning – Used to display a warning dialogue pop-up.

A script is set to activate the real-time alerting of Snort.

```
#!/bin/bash
#/usr/local/bin/goswatch
count=0
roxsession=0  # Default=0
# 0=kill roxterm sessions (Alerts will display in current Workspace).
# 1=roxterm sessions opened in Workspace 2 (Alerts always displayed in Workspace 2).

# Verify that inotifywait is started
icount=`/usr/local/bin/pop inotifywait | wc -l`
if [ $icount -eq 0 ]
then
  /usr/local/bin/goinotify >/dev/null 2>&1
else
  echo -e "inotifywait watch already running...\n"
fi
count=`/usr/local/bin/pop swatch_script | wc -l`
if [ $count -eq 0 ]
```

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then
   echo -e "Starting Swatch in Workspace 2...\n"
   wmctrl -sl
# roxterm command must be one line!
   roxterm --geometry=100x30 --color-scheme=Tango --hide-menubar -T
   "Snort - Monitoring /var/log/snort/alert..." -e swatch -c /etc/swatchrc
   -t /var/log/snort/alert
   &
   roxterm --geometry=100x30 --color-scheme=Tango --hide-menubar -T
   "Clamscan - Monitoring /home/sbe/clamscan/clamscan.log..." -e swatch -c
   /etc/swatchrc -t /home/sbe/clamscan/clamscan.log &
   sleep 1
   wmctrl -s0
   if [ $roxsession -eq 0 ]
     then
       zenity --window-icon=/home/sbe/Pictures/images/snort_swatch.png
       --title="Swatch Watch" --info --text="Swatch launched and is monitoring
       for Snort and ClamAV virus alerts. \nA Pop-up warning will be
       displayed when a file is infected or when traffic is rejected!"
       pkill roxterm
     else
       zenity --window-icon=/home/sbe/Pictures/images/snort_swatch.png
       --title="Swatch Watch" --info --text="Swatch launched in Workspace 2
       monitoring for Snort and ClamAV virus alerts. \nA Pop-up warning will
       be displayed when a file is infected or when traffic is rejected!"
     fi
else
   zenity --timeout=3 --info --text="Swatch is already running...\n"
   echo -e "Swatch is already running. Exiting...\n"
   exit 1
fi

Create the scripts by copy/pasting into files as shown below. Verify that the
longer lines in the scripts not broken up into separate lines when performing the
copy/paste function. Also, create Desktop shortcuts to launch ‘goSWATCH, and
‘GOSnort’.

sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo vi /etc/swatchrc
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo vi /usr/local/bin/goswatch
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo chmod 755 /usr/local/bin/goswatch
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ vi Desktop/goswatch [paste from below]
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ vi Desktop/gosnort [paste from below]
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ vi Desktop/gosnort [paste from below]

#goswatch Desktop Entry
[Desktop Entry]
Encoding=UTF-8
Name=goswatch
Exec=goswatch
Icon=/home/sbe/Pictures/images/snort_swatch.png

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Since ‘GOsnort’ requires sudo privilege, we’ll add the following line to /etc/sudoers. This allows this script to run in privileged mode without having to enter the sudo password every time. Notice, it is limited to the two scripts associated with running Snort.

```
sbe@ubuntu:~/Desktop$ sudo visudo
%sbe ALL=NOPASSWD: /usr/local/bin/goSNORT, /usr/local/bin/gosnort
```
When the ‘goswatch’ script runs from the desktop (double-click the Snort icon), it launches two ROXTerm windows in Workspace 2 (one monitoring Clamscan virus alerts; other monitoring Snort alerts), switches back to Workspace 1, and presents the informational pop-up dialogue. It then monitors /home/sbe/clamscan/clamscan.log for any infected files and /var/log/snort/alert logs for any traffic that was rejected by Snort.
Going to a known Russian Business Network IP, 184[dot]168[dot]184[dot]1, Snort instantly blocks the traffic and generates an alert. As this example demonstrated, Swatch displayed the alert in red text and generated the ‘zenity’ warning pop-up. Clicking ‘OK’, will close the warning dialogue. The script will continually monitor for alerts. To close Swatch, just hit ‘CTRL-C’ within the terminal windows.
To display the alerts within the current Workspace, edit the /usr/local/bin/goswatch script and change the variable ‘roxsession=0’ as detailed in the script comments. This is the default setting.

4.6. Browser Security

Firefox is the web browser of choice when it comes to Linux distributions. Google Chrome is gaining more and more of the market share for Linux as well as Windows. For this reason, both Firefox and Google Chrome are part of SBE VM. The current web browser market share shows Internet Explorer garnering 36.3%, with Firefox second at 28.2%, and Chrome a solid third with 18.7%. Firefox and Chrome together make up almost half of the current web browser market share (Web Browser Market Share, 2011).

One of Firefox’s main attractions is the abundance of available add-ons. Exploring the category, ‘Privacy & Security’ turned up a staggering 584 add-ons (Mozilla Security Add-Ons). One could become completely overwhelmed trying to determine what add-ons are truly beneficial for enhancing security. Knowing that the expertise of many is far superior to the expertise of one, input was solicited from the SANS Advisory Board Open.

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The following add-ons were deemed to provide the best security while not requiring a technical expertise. Or as Lance Spitzner asked in the discussion, “Which addons/extensions would you recommend for the Ordinary Computer User (OCU), people with absolutely no technical skills (Spitzner, 2011)? The concept is to provide a level of protection without overwhelming a regular user. Based on the feedback from this collective group, in addition to my own research and experience, the following Firefox add-ons were included in SBE VM as outlined in Table below:

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<th>Firefox Add-ons</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Add-on</strong></td>
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<td>Adblock Plus</td>
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<td>BetterPrivacy</td>
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<td>Ghostery</td>
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<td>HTTPS Everywhere</td>
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<td>HTTPS Finder</td>
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<td>Locationbar</td>
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<tr>
<th>Add-on</th>
<th>Version</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>ShareMeNot</td>
<td>1.11</td>
<td>Designed to prevent third-party buttons (such as the Facebook “Like” button or the Twitter “tweet” button) embedded by sites across the Internet from tracking you until you actually interact with them (ShareMeNot)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WOT (Web of Trust)</td>
<td>20120302</td>
<td>A leading website reputation rating tool. The safe surfing tool uses an intuitive traffic-light style rating system to help determine which websites are trusted when they are searched. WOT ratings are powered by a global community of millions of trustworthy users, who have rated millions of websites based on their experiences (WOT).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Speed Dial</td>
<td>0.9.6.6</td>
<td>Direct access to your most visited websites (Speed Dial).</td>
</tr>
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Some of the above add-ons require some additional configuration in order to get the most desired benefit. It also shows the settings incorporated in SBE VM. Detailed screenshots and configuration settings are listed in Appendix C – Browser Add-on/Extensions Guide.

Google Chrome is a web browser developed by Google and released on September 2, 2008. Google released the Chrome source code as an open source project called ‘Chromium’ (Paul, 2008). Chrome was built from the ground up with security in mind. It has built-in features to protect one from malicious websites using technology such as Safe Browsing, sandboxing, and auto-updates to protect against phishing and malware attacks (Google Chrome and Browser Security).

Again, Chrome has flourished with the many extensions available. Pruning through the list yielded the following extensions that were installed in SBE VM.

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<td>Add-on</td>
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<td>Adblock Plus for Google</td>
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<th>Software</th>
<th>Version</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ghostery</td>
<td>3.0.0</td>
<td>Ghostery helps protect your privacy by detecting trackers, web bugs, pixels, and beacons placed on web pages by Facebook, Google analytics, and over 500 other add networks (Ghostery Chrome).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Google Safe Browsing</td>
<td>1.1</td>
<td>A simple extension that verifies the reliability of a site with a simple redirect to the Google Safe Browsing (Google Safe Browsing).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KB SSL Enforcer</td>
<td>1.0.20</td>
<td>Extension enforces encryption for websites that support it as much as currently possible in Chrome. Automatically detects if a site supports SSL (TLS) and redirects to it (KB SSL Enforcer).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KB SSL Enforcer</td>
<td>0.0.5</td>
<td>Provides a browser button for easy access to KB SSL Enforcer. Automatic security, browse encrypted. Requires KB SSL Enforcer extension (KB SSL Enforcer Browser Button).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WOT (Web of Trust)</td>
<td>1.2.12</td>
<td>The Web of Trust extension shows you which websites people trust for safe surfing, shopping and searching on the web. WOT ratings are powered by a global community of millions of trustworthy users, who have rated millions of websites based on their experiences (WOT Chrome).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Speed Dial</td>
<td>2.1</td>
<td>Direct access to your most visited websites (Speed Dial Chrome).</td>
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5. Validation Testing of SBE VM

How do we know if the security concepts built into SBE VM are effective? The best method will be to test the different levels of protection that have been incorporated in the VM. The first test will be validating the effectiveness of the shared folder between the host OS and the guest VM by downloading a known infected file and seeing if clamAV will quarantine the file. A known good file will also be downloaded to show how it gets shared back to the host OS.

Another interesting test will be doing some basic web browsing to a known news website, www.msnbc.com. Will there be aspects of a typical web site that might prove to be a means of possible infections? Our test will attempt to prove this.

Finally, an active site will be visited that is known to infect a Windows system to validate the effectiveness of the Linux-based browsing environment.

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5.1. **Shared Folder/clamAV Test**

To test downloads from the Internet from SBE VM to our host OS, the eicar test virus will be downloaded. The “EICAR Standard Anti-Virus Test File” is a legitimate DOS program used by all vendors to test their products ability to detect a known virus signature. Four different versions of the test file will be downloaded. The first, eicar.com, contains the ASCII string, “X5O!P%@AP\4\PZX54(P^)7CC)7}$EICAR-STANDARD-ANTIVIRUS-TEST-FILE!$H+H*” which makes up the test file. The second file, eicar.com.txt, is a copy of this file with a different name. The third version contains the test file inside a zip archive. A good anti-virus scanner will spot a ‘virus’ inside an archive file. The last version is a zip archive containing the third file. This file can be used to see whether the virus scanner checks archives more than only one level deep (Eicar).


The log file written out by the ‘goinotify’ script will be tailed as these four test files are downloaded. Then a legitimate download of Adobe Reader will be downloaded. Finally, two virus-laden files will be downloaded from VX Heavens website (VX Heavens).

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<th>Date</th>
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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wed Aug 24</td>
<td>21:37:01 MDT</td>
<td>Starting scan... /home/sbe/Downloads/eicar.com: Eicar-Test-Signature FOUND</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>File 'eicar.com' was infected! Moved to /home/sbe/.infected...</td>
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<td>----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Starting scan... /home/sbe/Downloads/eicar.com.txt: Eicar-Test-Signature FOUND</td>
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<td>File 'eicar.com.txt' was infected! Moved to /home/sbe/.infected...</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Starting scan... /home/sbe/Downloads/eicar_com.zip: Eicar-Test-Signature FOUND</td>
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<td>File 'eicar_com.zip' was infected! Moved to /home/sbe/.infected...</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
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<td>Starting scan... /home/sbe/Downloads/eicarcom2.zip: Eicar-Test-Signature FOUND</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>File 'eicarcom2.zip' was infected! Moved to /home/sbe/.infected...</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Starting scan... File 'AdbeRdr1010_en_US.exe' was clean! Moving to /home/sbe/GuestVBShare...</td>
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<td>----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Starting scan... /home/sbe/Downloads/Trojan-Banker.Win32.Banker2.n.zip: Trojan.Agent-119144 FOUND</td>
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<td>File 'Trojan-Banker.Win32.Banker2.n.zip' was infected! Moved to /home/sbe/.infected...</td>
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Our test provided the exact results one would expect. Infected files were identified and moved to the quarantine folder, ‘/home/sbe/.infected’, while the clean download was moved to the shared folder, ‘/home/sbe/GuestVBShare’ that is visible by the host OS.

5.2. Snort in-line/Swatch Alert Test

Snort in-line mode using the latest Emerging Threat ruleset provides an immediate front line defense against known malware and other threat vectors. With the associated Swatch alert script in place, one will have immediate awareness of any threats that were blocked.

An excellent example proving the unseen potential threats that can and should be blocked was from the www.cnbc.com web site (cnbc.com). Immediately eight Swatch alerts popped up. A known Russian Business Network Malvertiser IP address was blocked in addition to insecure executable code was detected and blocked. As seen by the screenshot of the web page, no significant content was blocked except for the potentially malicious content.
One can track the effectiveness of Snort in-line by watching the Swatch alerts as web sites are accessed. Is it not comforting to know that this functionality is built into SBE VM?

5.3. wattOSR5 Linux-based OS Environment

My organization is running FireEye Malware Analysis appliance that is very effective at detecting malware callbacks that are a 100% indication that the host was infected (FireEye). FireEye provides a pre-configured sandbox or live-mode analysis for unknown code and suspicious Web objects as well as identifies outbound malware transmissions across multiple protocols.

Another case study that demonstrates the effectiveness of SBE VM at preventing infections occurred on July 19, 2011. FireEye picked up a malware callback from a Windows host that downloaded the Backdoor.Cycbot (Backdoor.Cycbot). The URL that contained the infected java code was one that did not require the user to even click on a link but just by going to the site, triggered the infection. The URL being 188[dot]65[dot]208[dot]132[dot]/cgi-bin/counter.
A malware test environment (Windows XP VM) was used to browse to the infected site, and to make it appear the website was down, the script redirected the browser to the default google.com search page. Shortly after, the system was infected and malware downloaded and ran.
The exact same URL was immediately accessed from SBE VM. Nothing other than the redirect to google.com occurred. Due to the nature of this environment being immune to Windows-based vulnerabilities, it was not infected.

5.4. Browser Security Tests

We need to next look at how the browser “add-ons” or “extensions” are helping to secure our privacy and browsing sessions. Not every one will be covered in our tests, but rest assured, they will play their role in securing our web browsing.

Locationbar in Firefox highlights the base domain of the website visited. The current version of Chrome has this capability built in the browser. It places the emphasis on the domain to reduce spoofing risk.
In the example of opening the denverpost.com page, Ghostery, supported on both Firefox and Chrome browsers, helped protect privacy by blocking 13 different trackers, beacons such as Facebook Social Plugins, Adlexus, DoubleClick, Twitter Button, etc.

The Firefox “add-on” BetterPrivacy checks every time the browser is closed for LSO cookies and removes them if found. Check the ‘Don’t ask again, on exit always delete LSO cookies automatically’ box, then ‘OK’.

The Web of Trust (WOT) “add-on/extension” for Firefox and Chrome again warned when browsing to a site that has a poor reputation based on the global community of millions of trustworthy users who have rated their browsing experience. This plugin prevented us from exposing our browser to a potentially risky website.

All of the fore mentioned browser “add-ons/extensions” add another layer of security and enhances the SBE VM.

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6. Conclusions

Exploring many aspects of providing a safe browsing environment, this paper provided a means whereby Windows users can leverage a virtual Linux-based operating system that has incorporated enhanced security features. A step-by-step guide provides an eager learner the ability to create and experience the benefits of this approach.

This has been an incredible learning experience and with this, the community can benefit as well from this research. Many layers of security have been built into the SBE VM to include anti-virus scanning of downloaded files, host-based intrusion prevention system build around Snort. Also, browser “add-ons/extensions” have been installed to further layer and protect from the pitfalls that lurk on the Internet.

The last piece of the puzzle, of course, is the human element. Awareness of browsing tendencies and habits, and avoiding the potentially dangerous social engineering traps, one can truly dive head first into this wonderful innovation called the “World Wide Web!”

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Appendix A – SBE VM Step-by-Step Guide

SBE VirtualBox VM – Create

Appendix A will detail the step-by-step installation and configuration of SBE VM. There are sections for the creation of the VM using VirtualBox, VirtualBox settings, wattOSR5 installation, wattOSR5 configuration and customization, and finally, maintenance of the wattOSR5-based SBE VM. This guide assumes VirtualBox is currently installed and ready to create new VM. Let’s get started!

• From Oracle VM VirtualBox Manager, click ‘New’

• Welcome to the New Virtual Machine Wizard! Click ‘Next’

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Create New Virtual Machine - VM Name and OS Type. Enter 'sbe' for Name, select 'Linux'/Ubuntu' for Operating System/Version. Click 'Next'.

Create New Virtual Machine – Memory. Select '512 MB' for Base Memory Size. If your host system has additional memory, recommend ‘1024 MB’. Click 'Next'.

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• Create New Virtual Machine – Virtual Hard Disk. Select 'Boot Hard Disk – Create new hard disk'. Click 'Next'.

• Create New Virtual Disk – Welcome to the virtual disk creation wizard. Select 'VDI (VirtualBox Disk Image)'. Click 'Next'.

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• Create New Virtual Disk – Virtual disk storage details. Select 'Dynamically allocated'. Click 'Next'.

• Create New Virtual Disk – Virtual disk file location and size. Select 'sbe' for location and '8.00 GB' for size. Click 'Next'.
• Create New Virtual Disk – Summary. Review new virtual disk parameters. Click 'Create'.

• Create New Virtual Machine – Summary. Review new virtual machine parameters. Click 'Create'.

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VirtualBox SBE VM - Settings

- Highlight 'sbe', click 'Settings'.

- Under 'General' tab, accept the defaults for Basic/Advanced. Add an appropriate description under 'Description' tab. Click 'System' tab on left.

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- Under 'System – Motherboard' tab, uncheck 'Floppy' from Boot Order. Set Base Memory to '512 MB' as a minimum. Note: If your system has at least 4 GB of memory, change this to 1024 MB. Click 'System - Processor' tab.

- Under 'System – Processor' tab, select number of processor(s). Again, if your system supports it, select an appropriate number of processors. Click 'Display' tab on left.

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• Under 'Display – Video' tab, select '64 MB' for Video Memory. Check 'Enable 3D Acceleration' under Extended Features. Click 'Storage' tab on left.
• Under 'Storage', click drop-down CD icon next to CD/DVD Drive, and choose 'Choose a Virtual CD/DVD Disk file' and select 'wattOSR5.iso' that has been downloaded and saved (http://www.planetwatt.com/wattiso/wattOSR5.iso). This will complete the configuration of the VM at this stage. Click 'OK'.
wattOSR5 - Install

- Select 'sbe' VM, then click 'Start'.

- Highlight 'live – boot the Live System', then hit 'Enter'.

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Double-click 'Install wattOSR5'

• Install – Welcome. Select 'English'. Click 'Forward'.

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• Check 'Download updates while installing' and 'Install this third-party software'. Click 'Continue'.

• Install – Allocate drive space. Select 'Erase disk and install wattOS5'. Click 'Continue'.

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• Install – Erase disk and Install wattOS5. Select 'SCSI3 (0,0,0) (sda) – 8.6 ATA VBOX HARDDRIVE'. Click 'Install Now'.

• Install – Where are you? Select 'Denver' or appropriate time zone. Click 'Continue'.

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• Install – Keyboard layout. Select 'English (US)/English(US)' or appropriate keyboard layout. Click 'Continue'.

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• Install – Who are you?
  o Enter Your name: 'Secure Browsing Environment User'
  o Your computer's name: 'vb-sbe'
  o Pick a username: 'sbe'
  o Choose a password: 'enter passwd'; Confirm your password: 'reenter passwd'.
  o Check 'Log in automatically'. Click 'Continue'.

• Installation Complete. Click 'Restart Now'.

• Release 'wattOSR5.iso' from CD/DVD Devices by selecting 'Remove disk from virtual drive'. Hit 'Enter' to continue reboot.
wattOS5 - Configure

Now that wattOS is installed, we now need to begin the real work of configuring the VM to provide a secure browsing environment. This will include installing the Guest Additions from Virtualbox, installing other key applications, and configuration of existing apps.

VirtualBox Guest Additions

• Select 'Devices → Install Guest Additions' from VirtualBox pull down menu.
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- Click 'Cancel' on Removable medium is inserted window. We will be installing this from a terminal window.

We must first install a compiler in order to build the kernel modules that are part of the Guest Additions. Below are the commands that were run in osorder to install Guest Additions. Open a LXterminal window and follow the steps below:

```
# List disk usage
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ df -h
Filesystem          Size  Used  Avail Use% Mounted on
/dev/sda1           6.9G  2.2G  4.4G  33% /
udev                 491M  4.0K  491M   1% /dev
tmpfs                201M  764K  200M   1% /run
none                 5.0M   0  5.0M   0% /run/lock
none                 502M  4.0K  501M   1% /run/shm
/dev/sr0             49M   49M   0 100% /media/VBOXADDITIONS_4.1.10_76795

# Navigate to the installation directory
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ cd /media/VBOXADDITIONS_4.1.10_76795/

# Install the necessary packages
sbe@vb-sbe:/media/VBOXADDITIONS_4.1.10_76795$ sudo apt-get install build-essential

[sudo] password for sbe:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following extra packages will be installed:
  binutils dpkg-dev fakeroot g++ g++-4.5 gcc gcc-4.5 libalgorithm-diff-perl libalgorithm-diff-xs-perl
  libalgorithm-merge-perl libc-dev-bin libc6-dev libdpkg-perl libstdc++6-4.5-dev linux-libc-dev make patch
Suggested packages:
  binutils-doc debian-keyring g++-multilib g++-4.5-multilib gcc-4.5-doc libstdc++6-4.5-db
  glibc-doc libtool flex bison gdb gcc-doc gcc-4.5-multilib libmudflap0-4.5-dev gcc-4.5-locales libgcc1-db
  libgomp1-db libmudflap0-db binutils-gold glibc-doc libstdc++6-4.5-doc make-doc diffutils-doc
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  binutils build-essential dpkg-dev fakeroot g++ g++-4.5 gcc gcc-4.5 libalgorithm-diff-perl
  libalgorithm-diff-xs-perl
  libalgorithm-merge-perl libc-dev-bin libc6-dev libdpkg-perl libstdc++6-4.5-dev linux
  libc-dev make patch
0 upgraded, 18 newly installed, 0 to remove and 1 not upgraded.
Need to get 22.9 MB of archives.
After this operation, 72.7 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue [Y/n]? y
Setting up build-essential (11.5ubuntu1) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin ...
ldconfig deferred processing now taking place
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sbe@vb-
sbe:/media/VBOXADDITIONS_4.1.10_76795$ sudo ./VBoxLinuxAdditions.run
Verifying archive integrity... All good.
Uncompressing VirtualBox 4.1.10 Guest Additions for Linux........
VirtualBox Guest Additions installer
Removing existing VirtualBox DKMS kernel modules ...done.
Removing existing VirtualBox non-DKMS kernel modules ...done.
Building the VirtualBox Guest Additions kernel modules
The headers for the current running kernel were not found. If the following
module compilation fails then this could be the reason.

Building the main Guest Additions module ...done.
Building the shared folder support module ...done.
Building the OpenGL support module ...done.
Doing non-kernel setup of the Guest Additions ...done.
Starting the VirtualBox Guest Additions ...
Installing the Window System drivers
Installing X.Org Server 1.10 modules ...
Setting up the Window System to use the Guest Additions ...
You may need to restart the hal service and the Window System (or just restart
the guest system) to enable the Guest Additions.

Installing graphics libraries and desktop services components ...done.
sbe@vb-sbe:/media/VBOXADDITIONS_4.1.10_76795$ sudo reboot

Package Updates

By default wattOSR5 is installed with the Midori browser. SBE is configured and
designed to support Firefox and Google Chrome browsers, and as such, Midori will be
removed along with the default email program that wattOS installed. Also, java browser
plugin support will be installed as added features.

sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo apt-get install firefox
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  apturl apturl-common firefox firefox-globalmenu ubufox xul-ext-ubufox
0 upgraded, 6 newly installed, 0 to remove and 43 not upgraded.
Need to get 19.1 MB of archives.
After this operation, 40.1 MB of additional disk space will be used.
you want to continue [Y/n]? y
...
Setting up firefox (11.0+build1-0ubuntu0.11.10.1) ...
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo apt-get install icedtea-6-jre-cacao icedtea6-plugin
[sudo] password for sbe:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree

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sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo apt-get remove midori
Removing midori ...
Processing triggers for hicolor-icon-theme ...
Processing triggers for man-db ...

sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo apt-get autoremove
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following packages will be REMOVED:
gir1.2-gstreamer-0.10 gir1.2-timezonemap-1.0 libtimezonemap1 libxklavier16 python-appindicator python-xklavier
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 6 to remove and 41 not upgraded.
After this operation, 2,343 kB disk space will be freed.
Do you want to continue [Y/n]? y
(Reading database ... 130600 files and directories currently installed.)
Removing gir1.2-gstreamer-0.10 ...
Removing gir1.2-timezonemap-1.0 ...
Removing libtimezonemap1 ...
Removing python-xklavier ...
Removing libxklavier16 ...
Removing python-appindicator ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin ...
ldconfig deferred processing now taking place

- Close Firefox and associated download/install windows.
- Add Firefox shortcut to desktop by right-clicking on ‘Internet -> Firefox Web Browser’ then click ‘Add to desktop’.

We will now install Google-Chrome.

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- Select ‘32 bit .deb (For Debian/Ubuntu)’. Click ‘Accept and Install’.
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- Click ‘Save File’, then ‘OK’.
- Open up LXTerminal window proceed to install google-chrome.

```
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ cd Downloads/
sbe@vb-sbe:~/Downloads$ sudo dpkg -i google-chrome-stable_current_i386.deb
[sudo] password for sbe:
Selecting previously deselected package google-chrome-stable.
(Reading database ... 130495 files and directories currently installed.)
Unpacking google-chrome-stable (from google-chrome-stable_current_i386.deb) ...
Setting up google-chrome-stable (18.0.1025.142-r129054) ...
update-alternatives: using /usr/bin/google-chrome to provide /usr/bin/x-www-browser (x-www-browser) in auto mode.
update-alternatives: using /usr/bin/google-chrome to provide /usr/bin/gnome-www-browser (gnome-www-browser) in auto mode.
Processing triggers for man-db ...
```

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• Add Google Chrome shortcut to desktop by right-clicking on ‘Internet -> Google Chrome’ then click ‘Add to desktop’.

• Add LXTerminal shortcut to desktop by right-clicking on ‘Accessories ->LXTerminal’ then click ‘Add to desktop’.

Next, clean up unused icons from Desktop.

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• Highlight ‘Audacious/Midori’ Icons on Desktop, right-click and select ‘Delete’.

• Click ‘Yes’ to confirm moving selected Icons to trash can.

Align icons on desktop by highlighting all icons, **Right-click - Snap to Grid**

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We will add shortcuts to the panel bar for quickly launching browsers and other applications.


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- Shortcuts for key apps are now added to LXPanel for quick access.

Date/Time Configuration

An update to the date and time display in the lower right side of the LXPanel will be modified. This will allow for the display of the date as well as the current time.
Right-click on time in lower right hand corner of LXPanel. Select "Digital Clock" Settings’

Update Clock Format with ‘%a %b %d,%l:%M %p’. Click ‘Bold font’ check box, then click ‘Close’.

The result is a nicely formatted date and time display.

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LXTerminal Configuration

A few tweaks are made to LXTerminal to fit into the new SBE theme. Open LXTerminal and select 'Edit → Preferences'.

• LXTerminal – Style. Change Terminal Font to 'Monospace – 13'. Click 'Display'.

• LXTerminal – Background 'Pick a Color'. Change the Color name: to '#498F6A'. Click 'Ok'. Next Select 'Foreground'.

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• LXTerminal – Foreground 'Pick a Color'. Change the Color name: to '
  #21202F'. Click 'OK' to close color selection, then 'OK' to exit preferences.

Network Configuration

Configure an IPv4 static network address and OpenDNS servers via the ‘nm-
applet’ that is shown in the LXPanel near far right next to the time applet.

Click on ‘nm-applet’ icon in LXPanel, then select ‘Edit Connections’.
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- Under ‘Wired’ Network Connections, Click ‘Add’, Enter Connection Name: ‘Wired-SBE’.

- Select ‘IPv4 Settings’ tab. For Method type, Select ‘Automatic (DHCP) addresses only’. Enter DNS Servers: 208.67.220.220, 208.67.222.222. Check ‘Available to all users’ box, then click ‘Save’.

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- Enter ‘sudo’ Password, click ‘Authenticate’, then ‘Close’. Finally, click on network icon and select ‘Wired-SBE’. You might need to disconnect in order to activate new setting.

Panel Configuration

A few adjustments to the panel configuration will now be made. Increase workspaces from default of two to four under the Desktop “Pager” Settings. In order to adjust the settings, need to run, ‘obconf,’ which is a configuration utility for Openbox.

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• Select ‘**Desktops**’ tab on left. Change number of desktops to ‘4’. Update Desktop names to ‘**Workspace 1, Workspace 2, etc.**’. Click ‘Close’.

![Panel Preferences]

• Right-click on panel, select ‘**Panel Preferences**’. Click on ‘**Panel Applets**’, highlight ‘**Desktop Pager**’ and move down to right before ‘Volume Control’. This will place it to the right side of the panel.

![Desktop Pager]

**Customization**

Customized background, login/logout banner will now be applied to SBE VM. One must first download the customized images from picasaweb.google.com. Download and save images to the ‘/home/sbe/Pictures/images’ directory.

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- greenbackground_SBE.png:  
  https://picasaweb.google.com/rssoren/SBEVMCustomizedImages#5726621486876619442
- greenlogin_SBE.png:  
  https://picasaweb.google.com/rssoren/SBEVMCustomizedImages#5726615865482355106
- logout-banner_sbe.png:  
  https://picasaweb.google.com/rssoren/SBEVMCustomizedImages#5641147408434187506
- SBEbuttonGo.png:  
  https://picasaweb.google.com/rssoren/SBEVMCustomizedImages#5641147425337741218
- snort_swatch.png:  
  https://picasaweb.google.com/rssoren/SBEVMCustomizedImages#5652430566324630370
- gosnort.png:  
  https://picasaweb.google.com/rssoren/SBEVMCustomizedImages#5737407492664935218
• Update the Start menu button by right-clicking the wattOS button, select ‘Menu Settings’. Click ‘Browse’ and select `/home/sbe/Pictures/images/SBEbuttonGo.png`. Click ‘Close’. The result will be the SBE customization button.

• Update the background image by right-clicking anywhere on the desktop, select ‘Desktop Preferences’. Click on ‘Appearance’ tab and select ‘Wallpaper’ browse link. Browse to ‘/home/sbe/Pictures/images/greenbackground_SBE.png’ and click ‘Open’. Click ‘Close’ to exit the Desktop Preferences window.

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• Update the login background image by modifying `/etc/lxdm/lxdm.conf` file.

```bash
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo vi /etc/lxdm/lxdm.conf
```

Change the `bg=` line as shown below

```bash
[display]
gtk_theme=Clearlooks
From:
  bg=/usr/share/backgrounds/default.png
To:
  bg=/home/sbe/Pictures/images/greenlogin_SBE.png
```
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Logout LXDE session?

- Shutdown
- Reboot
- Suspend
- Hibernate
- Logout
- Cancel

- Update logout banner by backing up and replacing the
/usr/share/lxde/images/logout-banner.png file.

```
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ cd Pictures/images/
sbe@vb-sbe:~/Pictures/images$ sudo mv /usr/share/lxde/images/logout-banner.png
/usr/share/lxde/images/logout-banner_wattos.png
[sudo] password for sbe:
sbe@vb-sbe:~/Pictures/images$ sudo cp logout-banner_sbe.png
/usr/share/lxde/images/logout-banner.png
```

As a final clean up step, a shell script, gozero, was developed to clean up old install files and to zero out the dead space so the VirtualBox .vdi file will allow to be compressed.

```
#!/bin/bash
#/usr/local/bin/gozero script – Clean up and zero out empty space.

if [ "$UID" -ne "0" ]
then
  echo -e "Usage: sudo $0 [must run as root!]"\n
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```
exit 0
else
  echo -e "Cleaning up and zeroing out empty space...\n"

  apt-get autoclean
  apt-get clean
  dd if=/dev/zero of=/0bit bs=20971520
  if [ -f /0bit ]
    then
      echo -e "0bit file created. `ls -l /0bit`...\n"
      echo -e "Removing file...\c"
      rm -f /0bit
      echo -e " Done\n"
    else
      echo -e "0bit file not created...\n"
    fi
  echo -e "Make sure you compress the .vdi file outside of this VM!\n"
fi

Running the program performs an apt-get autoclean, which clears out the local repository of retrieved package files. Then all empty space is written with the “\0 character” which makes for very efficient compression.

```
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo leafpad /usr/local/bin/gozero
[sudo] password for sbe:
[Paste in ‘gozero’ script.]
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo chmod 755 /usr/local/bin/gozero
sbe@vb-sbe:~$ sudo gozero
Cleaning up and zeroing out empty space...

Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
dd: writing `/0bit': No space left on device
183+0 records in
182+0 records out
3828588544 bytes (3.8 GB) copied, 13.9324 s, 275 MB/s
0bit file created. -rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3828588544 2012-03-29 20:55 /0bit...
Removing file... Done

Make sure you compress the .vdi file outside of this VM!
```

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**wattOSR5 – Maintenance**

As with any other Linux distribution, packages are constantly being updated with either security updates or enhancements. For this reason, it is prudent to periodically run an ‘`apt-get update; apt-get upgrade`’. An example session is shown below:

```
sbe@vb-sbe:$ sudo apt-get update
Ign http://ppa.launchpad.net oneiric InRelease
Ign http://ppa.launchpad.net oneiric InRelease
Ign http://ppa.launchpad.net oneiric InRelease
Ign http://dl.google.com stable InRelease
....
Hit http://us.archive.ubuntu.com oneiric-backports/restricted Translation-en
Hit http://us.archive.ubuntu.com oneiric-backports/universe Translation-en
Ign http://ppa.launchpad.net oneiric/main Translation-en
Ign http://ppa.launchpad.net oneiric/main Translation-en
Ign http://ppa.launchpad.net oneiric/main Translation-en
Ign http://ppa.launchpad.net oneiric/main Translation-en
Ign http://ppa.launchpad.net oneiric/main Translation-en
Get:2 http://dl.google.com stable Release [1,347 B]
Get:3 http://dl.google.com stable/main i386 Packages [1,237 B]
Ign http://dl.google.com stable/main TranslationIndex
Fetched 2,782 B in 1min 2s (44 B/s)
Reading package lists... Done
sbe@vb-sbe:$ sudo apt-get upgrade
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following packages have been kept back:
  jupiter linux-generic linux-headers-generic linux-image-generic smplayer
The following packages will be upgraded:
  apt apt-transport-https apt-utils flashplugin-installer
gir1.2-javascriptcoregtk-3.0 gir1.2-webkit-3.0 gstreamer0.10-plugins-good
```

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libapt-inst1.3 libapt-pkg4.11 libfreetype6 libgudev-1.0-0
libjavascriptcoregtk-1.0-0 libjavascriptcoregtk-3.0-0 libmysqlclient16
libnautilus-extension1 libpng12-0 libudev0 libwebkitgtk-1.0-0
libwebkitgtk-1.0-common libwebkitgtk-3.0-0 libwebkitgtk-3.0-common libxml2
linux-headers-3.0.0-16 linux-headers-3.0.0-16-generic
linux-image-3.0.0-16-generic multiarch-support mysql-common python-libxml2
python-pkg-resources udev xserver-xorg-video-openchrome
36 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 5 not upgraded.
Need to get 75.3 MB of archives.
After this operation, 1,233 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue [Y/n]? y
....
Setting up libjavascriptcoregtk-3.0-0 (1.6.3-1~oowkt3) ...
Setting up libwebkitgtk-3.0-common (1.6.3-1~oowkt3) ...
Setting up libwebkitgtk-3.0-0 (1.6.3-1~oowkt3) ...
Setting up gir1.2-javascriptcoregtk-3.0 (1.6.3-1~oowkt3) ...
Setting up gir1.2-webkit-3.0 (1.6.3-1~oowkt3) ...
Setting up gstreamer0.10-plugins-good (0.10.30-1ubuntu7.1) ...
Setting up jockey-common (0.9.4-0ubuntu10.1) ...
Setting up jockey-gtk (0.9.4-0ubuntu10.1) ...
Setting up libwebkitgtk-1.0-common (1.6.3-1~oowkt3) ...
Setting up libjavascriptcoregtk-1.0-0 (1.6.3-1~oowkt3) ...
Setting up libwebkitgtk-1.0-0 (1.6.3-1~oowkt3) ...
Setting up mysql-common (5.1.61-0ubuntu0.11.10.1) ...
Setting up libmysqlclient16 (5.1.61-0ubuntu0.11.10.1) ...
Setting up libnautilus-extension1 (1:3.2.1-0ubuntu4.2) ...
Setting up linux-headers-3.0.0-16 (3.0.0-16.29) ...
Setting up linux-headers-3.0.0-16-generic (3.0.0-16.29) ...
Setting up python-libxml2 (2.7.8.dfsg-4ubuntu0.2) ...
Setting up python-pkg-resources (0.6.16-1ubuntu0.1) ...
Setting up xserver-xorg-video-openchrome (1:0.2.904+svn920-1ubuntu0.2) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin ...
ldconfig deferred processing now taking place
Processing triggers for initramfs-tools ...
update-initramfs: Generating /boot/initrd.img-3.0.0-16-generic

This completes the base installation, configuration and maintenance of wattOSR5 in our VirtualBox SBE VM.

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Appendix B – Configuration Files

/etc/snort/snort.conf

#--------------------------------------------------
# VRT Rule Packages Snort.conf
# For more information visit us at:
# http://www.snort.org Snort Website
# http://vrt-sourcefire.blogspot.com/ Sourcefire VRT Blog
# Mailing list Contact: snort-sigs@lists.sourceforge.net
# False Positive reports: fp@sourcefire.com
# Snort bugs: Bugs@snort.org
# Compatible with Snort Versions:
# VERSIONS: 2.9.2.2
# Snort build options:
# Additional information:
# This configuration file enables active response, to run snort in
test mode -T you are required to supply an interface -i <interface>
or test mode will fail to fully validate the configuration and
exit with a FATAL error
#--------------------------------------------------

### This file contains a sample snort configuration.
### You should take the following steps to create your own custom configuration:
### 1) Set the network variables.
### 2) Configure the decoder
### 3) Configure the base detection engine
### 4) Configure dynamic loaded libraries
### 5) Configure preprocessors
### 6) Configure output plugins
### 7) Customize your rule set
### 8) Customize preprocessor and decoder rule set
### 9) Customize shared object rule set
###--------------------------------------------------

### Step #1: Set the network variables. For more information, see README.variables
###--------------------------------------------------

# Setup the network addresses you are protecting
ipvar HOME_NET 10.0.2.15/32
# Set up the external network addresses. Leave as "any" in most situations
ipvar EXTERNAL_NET !$HOME_NET

# List of DNS servers on your network
ipvar DNS_SERVERS $HOME_NET

# List of SMTP servers on your network
ipvar SMTP_SERVERS $HOME_NET

# List of web servers on your network
ipvar HTTP_SERVERS $HOME_NET

# List of sql servers on your network
ipvar SQL_SERVERS $HOME_NET

# List of telnet servers on your network

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# Configure PCRE match limitations
config pcregex_match_limit: 3500
config pcregex_match_limit_recursion: 1500

# Configure the detection engine See the Snort Manual, Configuring Snort - Includes -
Config
detection: search-method ac-split search-optimize max-pattern-len 20

# Configure the event queue. For more information, see README.event_queue
config event_queue: max_queue 8 log 3 order_events content_length

# Configure GTP if it is to be used.
# For more information, see README.GTP

# config enable_gtp

# Per packet and rule latency enforcement
# For more information see README.ppm

# Per Packet latency configuration
config ppm: max-pkt-time 250, \fastpath-expensive-packets, \pkt-log

# Per Rule latency configuration
config ppm: max-rule-time 200, \threshold 3, \suspend-expensive-rules, \suspend-timeout 20, \rule-log alert

# Configure Perf Profiling for debugging
# For more information see README.PerfProfiling

#config profile_rules: print all, sort avg_ticks
#config profile_preact: print all, sort avg_ticks

# Configure protocol aware flushing
# For more information see README.stream5

config paf_max: 16000

# Step #4: Configure dynamic loaded libraries.
# For more information, see Snort Manual, Configuring Snort - Dynamic Modules

dynamicpreprocessor directory /usr/local/lib/snort_dynamicpreprocessor/
dynamicengine /usr/local/lib/snort_dynamicengine/libsf_engine.so
dynamicdetection directory /usr/local/lib/snort_dynamicrules

# GTP Control Channel Preprocessor. For more information, see README.GTP

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# SMTP normalization and anomaly detection. For more information, see README.SMTP
preprocessor smtp: ports { 25 465 587 691 }\n  inspection_type stateful \n  b64_decode_depth 0 \n  qp_decode_depth 0 \n  bitenc_decode_depth 0 \n  uu_decode_depth 0 \n  log_mailfrom \n  log_rcptto \n  log_filename \n  log_email_hdrs \n  normalize_cmds\n  normalize_cmds { ATRN AUTH BDAT CHUNKING DATA DEBUG EHLO EMAL ESAM ESND ESOM ETRN EVFY } \n  normalize_cmds { EXPN HELO HELP IDENT MAIL NOOP ONEX QUEU QUIT RCPT RSET SAML SEND SOML } \n  normalize_cmds { STARTTLS TICK TIME TURN TURNME VERB VRFY X-ADAT X-DRCP X-ERC PC X-EXCH50 } \n  normalize_cmds { X-EXPS X-LINK2STATE XADR XAUTH XCI R XEXCH50 XGEN XLICENSE XQUE XSTA XTRN XUSR } \n  max_command_line_len 512 \n  max_header_line_len 1000 \n  max_response_line_len 512 \n  alt_max_command_line_len 260 { MAIL } \n  alt_max_command_line_len 300 { RCPT } \n  alt_max_command_line_len 500 { HELP HELO ETRN } \n  alt_max_command_line_len 246 { SEND SAML SOML AUTH TURN ETRN DATA RSET QUIT ONEX QUEU STARTTLS TICK TIME TURN TURNME VERB VRFY X-ADAT X-DRCP X-ERC PC X-EXCH50 } \n  valid_cmds { ATRN AUTH BDAT CHUNKING DATA DEBUG EHLO EMAL ESAM ESND ESOM EVFY } \n  valid_cmds { EXPN HELO HELP IDENT MAIL NOOP ONEX QUEU QUIT RCPT RSET SAML SEND SOML } \n  valid_cmds { STARTTLS TICK TIME TURN TURNME VERB VRFY X-ADAT X-DRCP X-ERC PC X-EXCH50 } \n  valid_cmds { X-EXPS X-LINK2STATE XADR XAUTH XCI R XEXCH50 XGEN XLICENSE XQUE XSTA XTRN XUSR } \n  xlink2state { enabled }\n
# Portscan detection. For more information, see README.sfportscan\n# preprocessor sfportscan: proto { all } memcap { 10000000 } sense_level { low }\n
# ARP spoof detection. For more information, see the Snort Manual - Configuring Snort - Preprocessors - ARP Spoof Preprocessor\n# preprocessor arpspoof\n# preprocessor arpspoof_detect_host: 192.168.40.1 f0:0f:00:f0:0f:00\n
# SSH anomaly detection. For more information, see README.ssh\npreprocessor ssh: server_ports { 22 } \n  autodetect \n  max_client_bytes 19600 \n  max_encrypted_packets 20 \n  max_server_version_len 100 \n  enable_respoverflow enable_ssh1crc32 \n  enable_srvoverflow enable_protomismatch\n
# SMB / DCE-RPC normalization and anomaly detection. For more information, see README.dcerpc2\npreprocessor dcerpc2: memcap 102400, events [co] \npreprocessor dcerpc2_server: default, policy WinXP, \n  detect [smb [139,445], tcp 135, udp 135, rpc-over-http-server 593], \n  autodetect [tcp 1025:, udp 1025:, rpc-over-http-server 1025:], \n  smb_max_chain 3, smb_invalid_shares ["C", "D", "ADMIN"]\n
# DNS anomaly detection. For more information, see README.dns\npreprocessor dns: ports { 53 } enable_rdata_overflow\n
# SSL anomaly detection and traffic bypass. For more information, see README.ssl\npreprocessor ssl: ports { 443 465 563 636 989 992 993 994 995 7801 7802 7900 7901 7902\n
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# Step #6: Configure output plugins
# For more information, see Snort Manual, Configuring Snort - Output Modules

# unified2
# Recommended for most installs
# output unified2: filename merged.log, limit 128, nostamp, mpls_event_types, vlan_event_types

# Additional configuration for specific types of installs
# output alert_unified2: filename snort.alert, limit 128, nostamp
# output log_unified2: filename snort.log, limit 128, nostamp

# syslog
# output alert_syslog: LOG_AUTH LOG_ALERT

# pcap
# output log_tcpdump: tcpdump.log

# database
# output alert_database: alert, <db_type>, user=<username> password=<password> test dbname=<dbname> host=<hostname>
# output log_database: log, <db_type>, user=<username> password=<password> test dbname=<dbname> host=<hostname>

# prelude
# output alert_prelude

# metadata reference data. do not modify these lines
include rules/classification.config
include rules/reference.config

# Step #7: Customize your rule set
# For more information, see Snort Manual, Writing Snort Rules
#
# NOTE: All categories are enabled in this conf file

# site specific rules
include $RULE_PATH/local.rules
include emerging.conf
#include $RULE_PATH/attack-responses.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/backdoor.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/bad-traffic.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/blacklist.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/botnet-cnc.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/chat.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/content-replace.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/ddos.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/dns.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/dos.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/exploit.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/file-identify.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/finger.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/ftp.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/icmmp.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/icmp-info.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/imap.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/info.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/misc.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/multimedia.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/mysql.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/netbios.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/nntp.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/oracle.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/other-ids.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/p2p.rules
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#include $RULE_PATH/phishing-spam.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/policy.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/pop2.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/pop3.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/rpc.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/rservices.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/scada.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/scan.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/shellcode.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/smtp.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/snmp.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/specific-threats.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/spyware-put.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/sql.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/telnet.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/tftp.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/virus.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/vmsp.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/web-activex.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/web-attacks.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/web-cgi.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/web-client.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/web-coldfusion.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/web-frontpage.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/web-iis.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/web-misc.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/web-php.rules
#include $RULE_PATH/x11.rules

# Step #8: Customize your preprocessor and decoder alerts
# For more information, see README.decoder_preproc_rules

# decoder and preprocessor event rules
# include $PREPROC_RULE_PATH/preprocessor.rules
# include $PREPROC_RULE_PATH/decoder.rules
# include $PREPROC_RULE_PATH/sensitive-data.rules

# Step #9: Customize your Shared Object Snort Rules
# For more information, see http://vrt-sourcefire.blogspot.com/2009/01/using-vrt-certified-shared-object-rules.html

# dynamic library rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/bad-traffic.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/chat.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/dos.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/exploit.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/icmp.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/imap.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/misc.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/multimedia.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/ntbios.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/ntoptimized.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/p2p.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/smtp.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/snmp.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/specific-threats.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/web-activex.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/web-client.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/web-iis.rules
# include $SO_RULE_PATH/web-misc.rules

# Event thresholding or suppression commands. See threshold.conf
include threshold.conf
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# Example for rules from the Emerging Threats site (previously known as Bleeding Snort).
# url = http://www.emergingthreats.net/rules/emerging.rules.tar.gz
# Old url:
# url = http://www.emergingthreats.net/rules/bleeding.rules.tar.gz

# If you prefer to download the rules archive from outside Oinkmaster,
# you can then point to the file on your local filesystem by using
# file://<filename>, for example:
# url = file:///tmp/snortrules.tar.gz

# In rare cases you may want to grab the rules directly from a
# local directory (don’t confuse this with the output directory).
# url = dir:///etc/snort/src/rules

# Example to use scp to copy the rules archive from another host.
# Only OpenSSH is tested. See the FAQ for more information.
# url = scp://user@somehost.example.com:/somedir/snortrules.tar.gz

# If you use -u scp://... and need to specify a private ssh key (passed
# as -i <key> to the scp command) you can specify it here or add an
# entry in ~/.ssh/config for the Oinkmaster user as described in the
# OpenSSH manual.
# scp_key = /home/oinkmaster/oinkmaster_privkey

# The PATH to use during execution. If you prefer to use external
# binaries (i.e. use_external_bins=1, see below), tar and gzip must be
# found, and also wget if downloading via ftp, http or https. All with
# optional .exe suffix. If you're on Cygwin, make sure that the path
# contains the Cygwin binaries and not the native Win32 binaries or
# you will get problems.
# The following UNIX style path is assumed by default:
# path = /bin:/usr/bin:/usr/local/bin

# Example if running native Win32 or standalone Cygwin:
# path = c:\oinkmaster;\c:\oinkmaster\bin

# Example if running standalone Cygwin and you prefer Cygwin style path:
# path = /cygdrive/c/oinkmaster:/cygdrive/c/oinkmaster/bin

# We normally use external binaries (wget, tar and gzip) since they're
# already available on most systems and do a good job. If you have the
# Perl modules Archive::Tar, IO::Zlib and LWP::UserAgent, you can use
# those instead if you like. You can set use_external_bins below to
# choose which method you prefer. It's set to 0 by default on Win32
# (i.e. use Perl modules), and 1 on other systems (i.e. use external
# binaries). The reason for that is that the required Perl modules
# are included on Windows/ActivePerl 5.8.1+, so it's easier to use
# those than to install the ported Unix tools. (Note that if you're
# using scp to download the archive, external scp binary is still
# used.)
# use_external_bins = 0

# Temporary directory to use. This directory must exist when starting and
# Oinkmaster will then create a temporary sub directory in here.
# Keep it as a #comment if you want to use the default.
# The default will be checked for in the environment variables TMP,
# TMPDIR or TEMPDIR, or otherwise use ”/tmp” if none of them was set.
# Example for UNIX.
# tmpdir = /home/oinkmaster/tmp/
# Example if running native Win32 or Cygwin.
# tmpdir = c:\tmp

# Example if running Cygwin and you prefer Cygwin style path.
# tmpdir = /cygdrive/c/tmp

# The umask to use during execution if you want it to be something...
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# Ignore local.rules from the rules archive by default since we might
# have put some local rules in our own local.rules and we don't want it
to get overwritten by the empty one from the archive after each
# update.
skipfile local.rules

# The file deleted.rules contains rules that have been deleted from
# other files, so there is usually no point in updating it.
skipfile deleted.rules

# Also skip snort.conf by default since we don't want to overwrite our
# own snort.conf if we have it in the same directory as the rules. If
# you have your own production copy of snort.conf in another directory,
# it may be really nice to check for changes in this file though,
# especially since variables are sometimes added or modified and
# new/old files are included/excluded.
skipfile snort.conf

skipfile emerging.conf

# You may want to consider ignoring threshold.conf for the same reasons
# as for snort.conf, i.e. if you customize it locally and don't want it
to become overwritten by the default one. It may be better to put
local thresholdingsuppressing in some local file and still update
and use the official one though, in case important stuff is added to
it some day. We do update it by default, but it's your call.
skipfile threshold.conf

# If you update from multiple URLs at the same time you may need to
# ignore the sid-msg.map (and generate it yourself if you need one) as
# it's usually included in each rules tarball. See the FAQ for more info.
skipfile sid-msg.map

#########################################################################
# SIDs to modify after each update (only for the skilled/stupid/brave).
# Don't use it unless you have to. There is nothing that stops you from
# modifying rules in such ways that they become invalid or generally
# break things. You have been warned.
# If you just want to disable SIDs, please skip this section and have a
# look at the "disablesid" keyword below.
#
# You may specify multiple modifiesid directives for the same SID (they
# will be processed in order of appearance), and you may also specify a
# list of SIDs on which the substitution should be applied.
# If the argument is in the form something.something it's regarded
# as a filename and the substitution will apply on all rules in that
# file. The wildcard ("*"") can be used to apply the substitution on all
# rules regardless of the SID or file. Please avoid using # comments
# at the end of modifiesid lines, they may confuse the parser in some
# situations.
# Syntax:
#  modifiesid SID "replacethis" | "withthis"
or:
#  modifiesid SID1, SID2, SID3, ... "replacethis" | "withthis"
or:
#  modifiesid file "replacethis" | "withthis"
or:
#  modifiesid * "replacethis" | "withthis"
#
# The strings within the quotes will basically be passed to a
# s/replacethis/withthis/ statement in Perl, so they must be valid
# regular expressions. The strings are case-insensitive and only the
# first occurrence will be replaced. If there are multiple occurrences
# you want to replace, simply repeat the same modifiesid line.
# As the strings are regular expressions, you MUST escape special
# characters like $ \ / ( ) | by prepending a "\" to them.

If you specify a modifiesid statement for a multi-line rule, Oinkmaster
will first translate the rule into a single-line version and then

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# perform the substitution, so you don't have to care about the trailing #
# backslashes and newlines.
#
# If you use backreference variables in the substitution expression,
# it's strongly recommended to specify them as $1\(1\) instead of $1 and so #
on, to avoid parsing confusion with unexpected results in some #
situations. Note that modifysid statements will process both active #
and inactive (disabled) rules.
#
# You may want to check out README.templates and template-examples.conf #
to find how you can simplify the modifysid usage by using templates.
#******************************************************************************

Example to enable a rule (in this case SID 1325) that is disabled by #
default, by simply replacing leading "#alert" with "alert". #
(You should really use 'enablesid' for this though.)
# Oinkmaster removes whitespaces next to the leading "#" so you don't #
have to worry about that, but be careful about possible whitespace in #
other places when writing the regexps.
# modifysid 1325 "^#alert" | "alert"

You could also do this to enable it no matter what type of rule it is #
(alert, log, pass, etc)...
# modifysid 1325 "^#" | ""

Example to enable ALL rules in ALL files (usually not a good idea).
# modifysid * "^#" | ""

Example to add "tag" stuff to SID 1325.
# modifysid 1325 "sid:1325;" | "sid:1325; tag: host, src, 300, seconds;"

Example to make SID 1378 a 'drop' rule (valid if you're running #
Snort_inline).
# modifysid 1378 "^alert" | "drop"

Example to replace first occurrence of $EXTERNAL_NET with $HOME_NET #
in SID 302.
# modifysid 302 "\$EXTERNAL_NET" | "\$HOME_NET"

You can also specify that a substitution should apply on multiple SIDs.
# modifysid 302,429,1821 "\$EXTERNAL_NET" | "\$HOME_NET"

You can take advantage of the fact that it's regular expressions and #
do more complex stuff. This example (for Snort_inline) adds a 'replace' #
statement to SID 1324 that replaces "/bin/sh" with "/foo/sh".
# modifysid 1324 "(content:s*:\s*/bin\/<sh\>\s\*;)" | \ #
# "$1 replace:"/foo/<sh>;"

If you for some reason would like to add a comment inside the actual #
rules file, like the reason why you disabled this rule, you can do #
like this (you would normally add such comments in oinkmaster.conf #
though).
# modifysid 1324 "(.+)" | "# 20020101: disabled this rule just for fun:
#$1"

Here is an example that is actually useful. Let's say you don't care #
about incoming Welchia pings (detected by SID 483 at the time of #
writing) but you want to know when infected hosts on your network #
sends hosts on the outside. (Remember that watching for outgoing #
malicious packets is often just as important as watching for incoming #
one, especially in this case.) The rule currently looks like #
"alert icmp $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HOME_NET any ..."
# but we want to switch that so it becomes #
"alert icmp $HOME_NET any -> $EXTERNAL_NET any ...".
# Here is how it could be done.
# modifysid 483 
# "(.+) $EXTERNAL_NET (.+) "$HOME_NET (.+)" | \ # "$1 $HOME_NET $2 $EXTERNAL_NET $3"

The wildcard (modifysid * ...) can be used to do all kinds of #
interesting things. The substitution expression will be applied on all #
matching rules. First, a silly example to replace "foo" with "bar" in

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/content/snort/emerging.conf

Emerging Threats Configuration Include

This file is intended to be added to your snort.conf as an include. The intention is to make sure that any specific variables and the like are included in your instance of snort.

Add a line like this to your snort.conf, or just use this file to decide which variables to add to your own snort.conf:

```bash
include $RULE_PATH/emerging.conf
```

This file is valid for both Emerging Threats open and ET Pro rulesets

More information available at www.emergingthreats.net or www.emergingthreatspro.com

This var is required for several sigs in the POLICY ruleset. It is plural because you can do a range of ports

```bash
var SSH_PORTS 22
```

These vars are required if you're using the Digitalbond Scada signatures in the scada.rules category

```bash
var DNP3_SERVER $HOME_NET
var DNP3_CLIENT $HOME_NET
var DNP3_PORTS 20000
var MODBUS_CLIENT $HOME_NET
var MODBUS_SERVER $HOME_NET
```
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Appendix C – Browser Add-on/Extensions Guide

Firefox Add-ons Configuration

AdBlock Plus

- Accept the default ‘Filter subscription: EasyList (English)’, Check ‘Enabled’ box.
• An example of ‘AdBlock Plus’ in action of Youtube video being played. Notice the items blocked on this page.

Better Privacy

• BetterPrivacy settings to remove all LSO’s/SuperCookies. Highlight the LSOs, then click ‘Remove All LSO’s.

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Ghostery

Best way to configure Ghostery is through the Configuration Wizard.

- Go to Firefox Add-ons -> Ghostery Preference -> Ghostery Configuration Wizard. Click ‘Get Started’.

- Your preference to support GhostRank or not. Accept default settings of not enabling GhostRank by not selecting ‘Click here to enable GhostRank’. Click ‘Next’
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• Notification – Check ‘Click here to enable Alert Bubble’. Click ‘Next’.

• Bug List Updates – Check ‘Click here to enable library Auto-Update’. Click ‘Next’.
• Blocking – Check ‘Bugs and Cookies’. Click ‘Next’.

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