A Darknet Traffic Monitoring using Honeypot

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Abstract - A "Darknet" is a portion of routed, unallocated IP space in which no active services or servers reside. Any packet entering a Darknet should not be valid traffic, It could reach it due to errors such as poor security policies. The fineness of the Darknet is that it cuts down considerably on the false positives for any device or technology. Darknet monitoring, in which there are no legitimate computers and no reason that legitimate traffic would be monitored. The darknet collects traffic as a result of wide range of events, including misconfiguration (e.g., a human being mis-typing an IP address). High interaction and low-interaction honeypots are trap systems deployed in a darknet that pretend vulnerable computers to attract attacks and collect malware samples. Monitoring network packets on more than one network is important because each network may be biased in the traffic it is receiving. To overcome the bias problem, with distributed multiple networks rather than a single network with large address blocks. We develop network monitoring system for some organization use and try to conduct network monitoring unused address spaces.

Index Terms - DarkIP, honeypot, malware.

I. INTRODUCTION

As use of internet is increasing exponentially with time, everyone is now trying to get maximum benefit from it. Any organization or individual, whether associated with IT directly or not, use Internet in daily life for different uses. Basically and used to share information not to protect it. So it is security professionals’ job to provide the missing feature. Moreover the world is full of bad guys who are eager to exploit any vulnerability as soon an opportunity strikes. Sometimes products and features designed for the benefits of benign end users are used by attackers to exploit loop holes and weaknesses in applications and software.

Now-a-days the products and applications have become so complex it is very difficult to protect them. Security should be provided at various layers. One solution cannot alone provide all the security. Moreover attacks are being advanced and sophisticated in nature. It is very difficult to predict the nature of future attacks and security solutions needed to combat New types of attacks are introduced continuously. So it is required to detect attacks as soon as possible before they harm enterprise or individual beyond repair.[8]

To protect enterprise against threats and attacks, it is must to provide network security to whole organization. Network security includes any activity designed to secure network. These activities protect the usability, reliability, integrity and safety of network and data. Many network security threats are spread over Internet. The most common include:[6]

- Virus
- Worm
- DOS Attacks
- Trojan Horse
- Identity theft

II. ATTACK MONITORING AND DETECTION SYSTEM USING DARK IPS

It is totally independent monitoring system, No need to communicate with the other machines on the network, so it will not generate ant TCP or UDP packets.

- Monitoring server will be placed in the same intranet where all other systems are placed.[4]
- Monitoring server will receive the packets based on the mac address traffic, so it can also monitor the traffic coming from the internet and traffic coming from the internal network also.[3]

To prepare a Dark IP address spaces, a method in which Monitoring server will automatically defines the Dark IP and monitors traffic destined to that Dark IP. In it real time identification of the Dark IPs based on the ARP requests for the particular IP address. If the machine is up, machine will immediately replies ARP request with its MAC address, if machine is down, the reply of ARP request never responded.

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III. DARKNET MONITORING USING HONEYPOT

In Darknet Traffic Monitoring using Honeypot there are main three components:
1. Honeyd: Honeyd is a daemon that creates more than one honeypot network. honeyd is a collection of honeypot. honeyd can work on many ports like FTP, HTTP, SMTP. If we can use honeyd so first it can be configure. honeyd does not intercept any network traffic. honeyd uses its own IP address.

2. Honeypot: Honeypot can be used to network designed, not used to create a lot of traffic in the network. So any traffic can enter or leave a network and it is comes under the rule of detection and prevention that time honeypot can stop that type of attack or malicious activity. Honeypot is a one type of fake system that can attack to the attacker, and it is look like as original system, so any attacker can attack in honeypot so attack can easily identify using their signature and we can protect our original system easily.

3. Monitoring server: This server will first create list of Dark IPs excluding the Live IPs from given list. After that, it will start capturing all the traffic destined for Dark IPs and analyze it for any malicious activities. Dark IPs: Here Dark IPs are addresses which have not been allocated to hosts by DHCP server or have been released by hosts. Such IP addresses are scattered between Live IPs and random in nature as shown in figure below.

![Figure 1 Darknet Monitoring using Honeypot](image)

Honeypot can attract the attacker so we can easily identify the attackers. We can also use the snort for detecting darkip's or bad traffic and alert the system and also we can analyze that packets and store into our monitoring server. We can block or allow particular IP addresses using iptables or we can also filter addresses, so only good traffic can go to our LAN and our network can easily safe from unwanted traffic or bad IP addresses.

IV. EXISTING MONITORING SYSTEM OF DARK IP'S

Practical Darknet Measurement

In Darknet Configuration, the method suggested with DHCP and fall through route uses static routing. The subnets used as IMS are continuous and statically configured which is not appropriate in dynamic environment.

Darknet Monitoring on Real Operated Network

They proposed a method for network monitoring which explains unused IP addresses on real-operated network: production network. They considered two major issues. They have considered to major issues in darknet:

1. Preparing of IP address space for monitoring.
2. Configuration of Monitoring Server.

Problems identified in the existing monitoring system

In self registration algorithm the problems are,

1. Only used for large networks.
2. First divided traffic through router the monitoring perform.
3. Large IP address needed to identified attacker.

V. CONCLUSION

We have already studied some existing Darkip Monitoring System to mitigate Darkip's, but these do not provide complete protection against attack. Although this architecture will be capable of detecting attack host and port scanning performed by external hosts. It will also identify the outsider attacks. Dynamic and distributed nature of Dark IPs will increase the chances of threat and attack detection. I hope that the proposed system will provide accurate and valuable information for network as other existing systems and models provide information for public networks.
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