## **Network Forensics**

**Module 07** 

Designed by Cyber Crime Investigators. Presented by Professionals.











# Module Objectives



After successfully completing this module, you will be able to:	
1	Understand the importance of network forensics
2	Discuss the fundamental logging concepts
3	Summarize the event correlation concepts
4	Understand network forensic readiness and list the network forensics steps
5	Examine the Router, Firewall, IDS, DHCP and ODBC logs
6	Examine the network traffic
7	Document the evidence gathered on a network
8	Perform evidence reconstruction for investigation

### Scenario





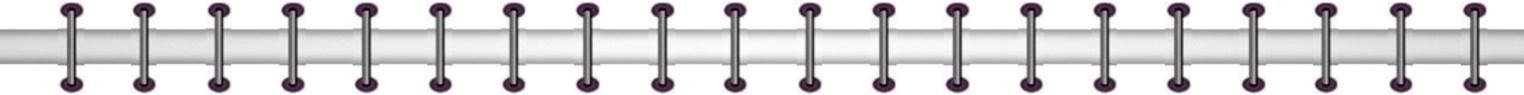
Jessica was missing from her home for a week. She left a note for her father mentioning that she was going to meet her school friend. A few weeks later Jessica's dead body was found near a dumping yard.

Investigators were called in to investigate Jessica's death. A preliminary investigation of Jessica's computer and logs revealed some facts that helped the cops trace the killer.

## **Network Forensics**



- Network forensics is the capturing, recording, and analysis of network event in order to discover the source of security incidents
- Capturing network traffic over a network is simple in theory, but relatively complex in practice; because of the large amount of data that flows through a network and the complex nature of the Internet protocols
- Recording network traffic involves a lot of resources, which makes it unfeasible to record all the data flowing through the network
- Further, an investigator needs to back up these recorded data to free up recording media and preserve the data for future analysis



#### Network forensics can reveal the following information:

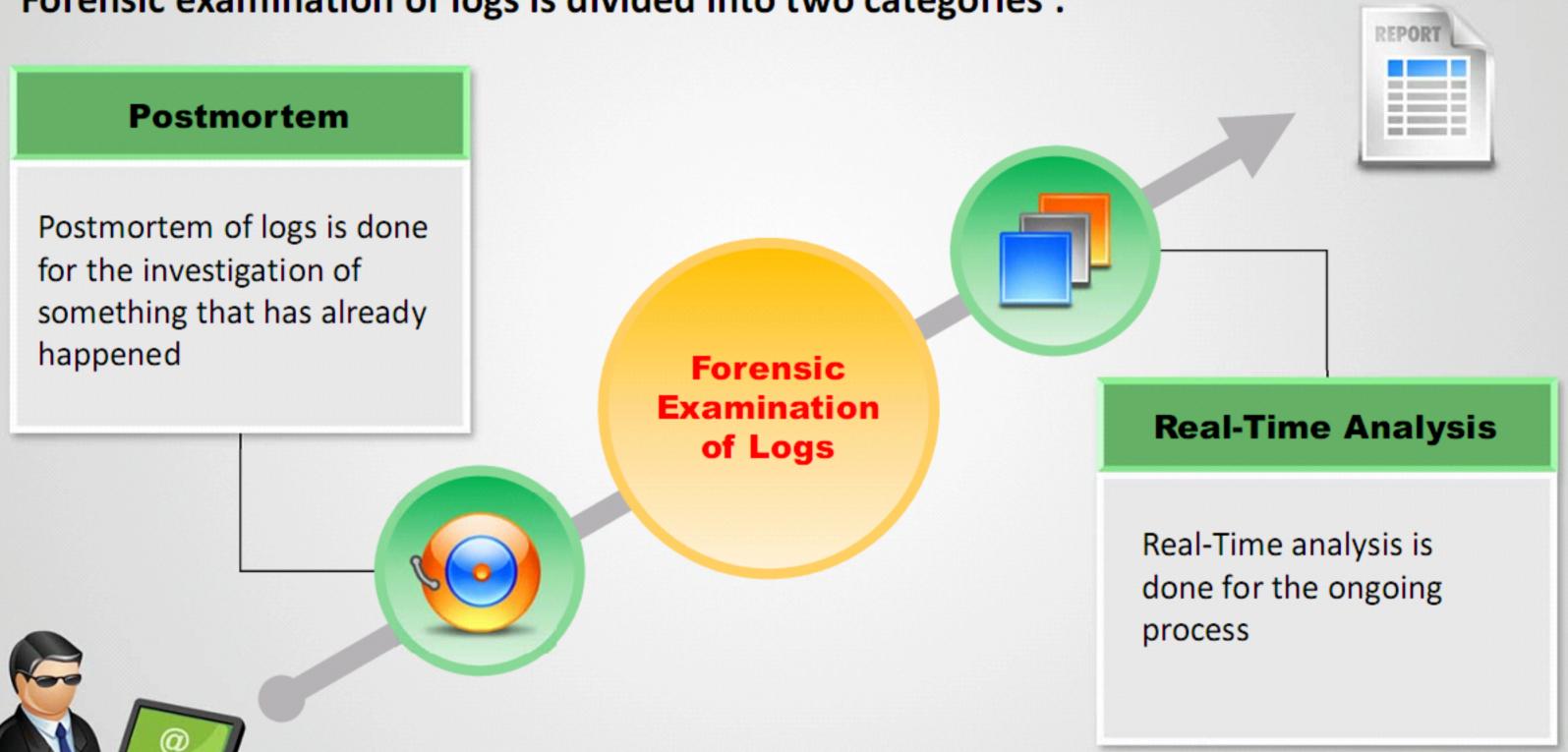
- Source of security incidents
- The path of intrusion
- The Intrusion techniques an attacker used
- Traces and evidence



# Postmortem and Real-Time Analysis



Forensic examination of logs is divided into two categories:



Note: Practically, IDS is the real-time analysis, whereas the forensic examination is postmortem

## Network Vulnerabilities



#### **Network Vulnerabilities**

#### Internal Network Vulnerabilities

These vulnerabilities occur due to the overextension of bandwidth and bottlenecks



#### External Network Vulnerabilities

These vulnerabilities occur due to the threats such as DoS/DDoS attacks and network data interception



### **Network Attacks**



# Most common attacks launched against networks:

- Eavesdropping
- Data Modification
- IP Address Spoofing
- Denial of Service Attack
- Man-in-the-Middle Attack
- Packet Sniffing
- Enumeration
- Session Hijacking
- Buffer Overflow
- Email Infection
- Malware attacks
- Password-based attacks
- Router Attacks



## Attacks specific to wireless networks:

- Rogue Access Point Attack
- Client Mis-association
- Misconfigured Access Point Attack
- Unauthorized Association
- Ad Hoc Connection Attack
- HoneySpot Access Point Attack
- AP MAC Spoofing
- Jamming Signal Attack



### Where to Look for Evidence



Logs collected in the network devices and applications can be used as evidence for investigating network security incidents

#### **Functions Protocols** Layers **Network Devices** and Applications Handles high-level protocols, File Transfer (TFTP, FTP, NFS), Servers/Desktops, Anti-virus, Application layer issues of representation, Email (SMTP), Network Business Applications, encoding, and dialog control Management (SNMP), Name Databases Management (DNS) Provides a logical connection Transmission Control Protocol Firewall, IDS/IPS between the endpoints and (TCP) and User Datagram Transport layer provides transport Protocol (UDP)

Internet layer

**Network Access layer** 

Selects the best path through the network for data flow

Defines how to transmit an IP datagram to the other devices Internet Protocol (IP), Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP), Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)

Ethernet, Fast Ethernet, SLIP, PPP, FDDI, ATM, Frame Relay, SMDS, ARP, Proxy ARP, RARP

Firewall, IDS/IPS, VPN

**Routers and Switches** 

## Log Files as Evidence





Log files are the primary records of user's activity on a system or a network



Investigators use these logs to recover any services altered and discover the source of illicit activities



The basic problem with logs is that they can be altered easily. An attacker can easily insert false entries into log files



Computer records are not normally admissible as evidence; they must meet certain criteria to be admitted at all

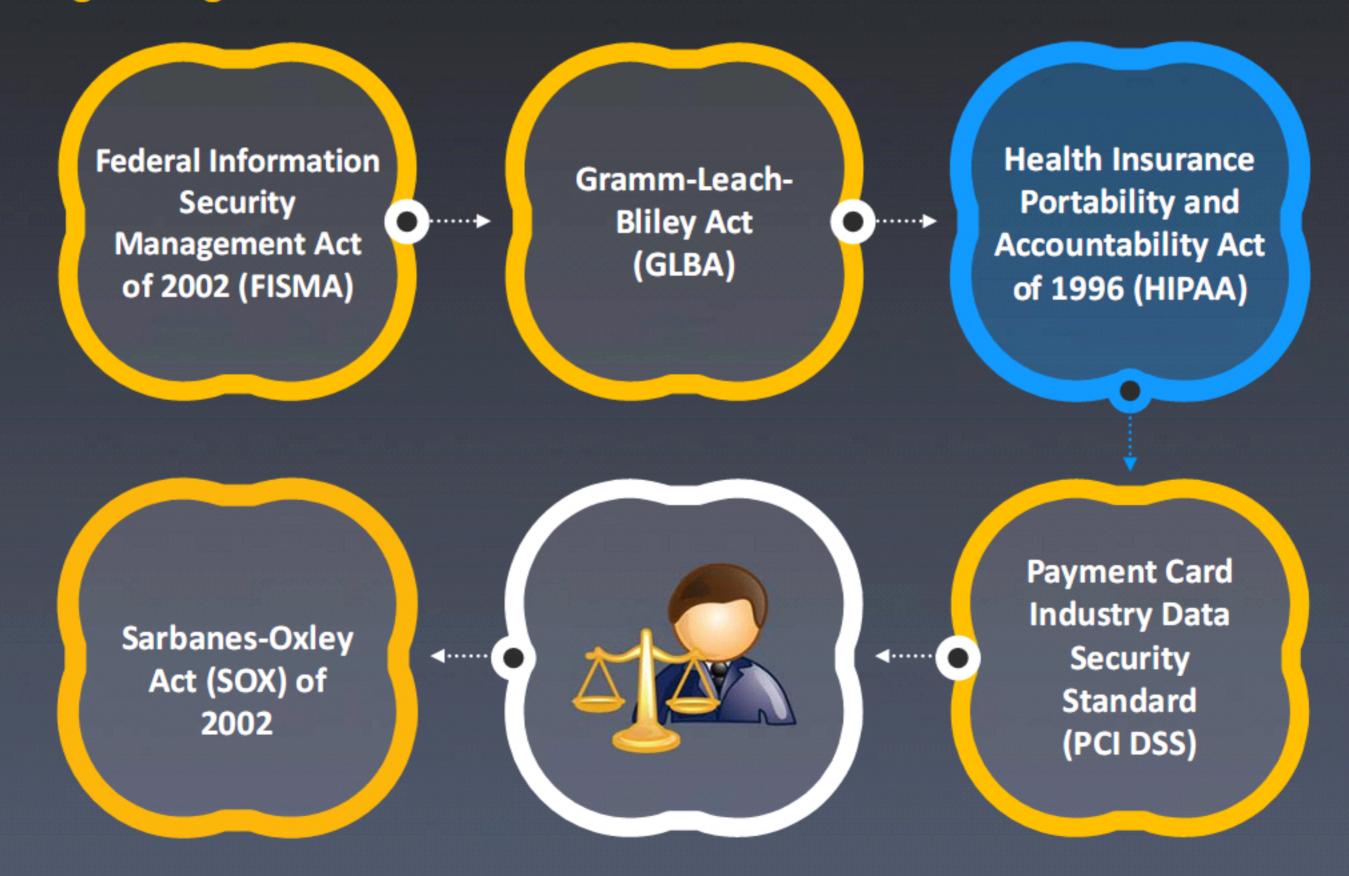


The prosecution must present appropriate testimony to show that logs are accurate, reliable, and fully intact

# Laws and Regulations



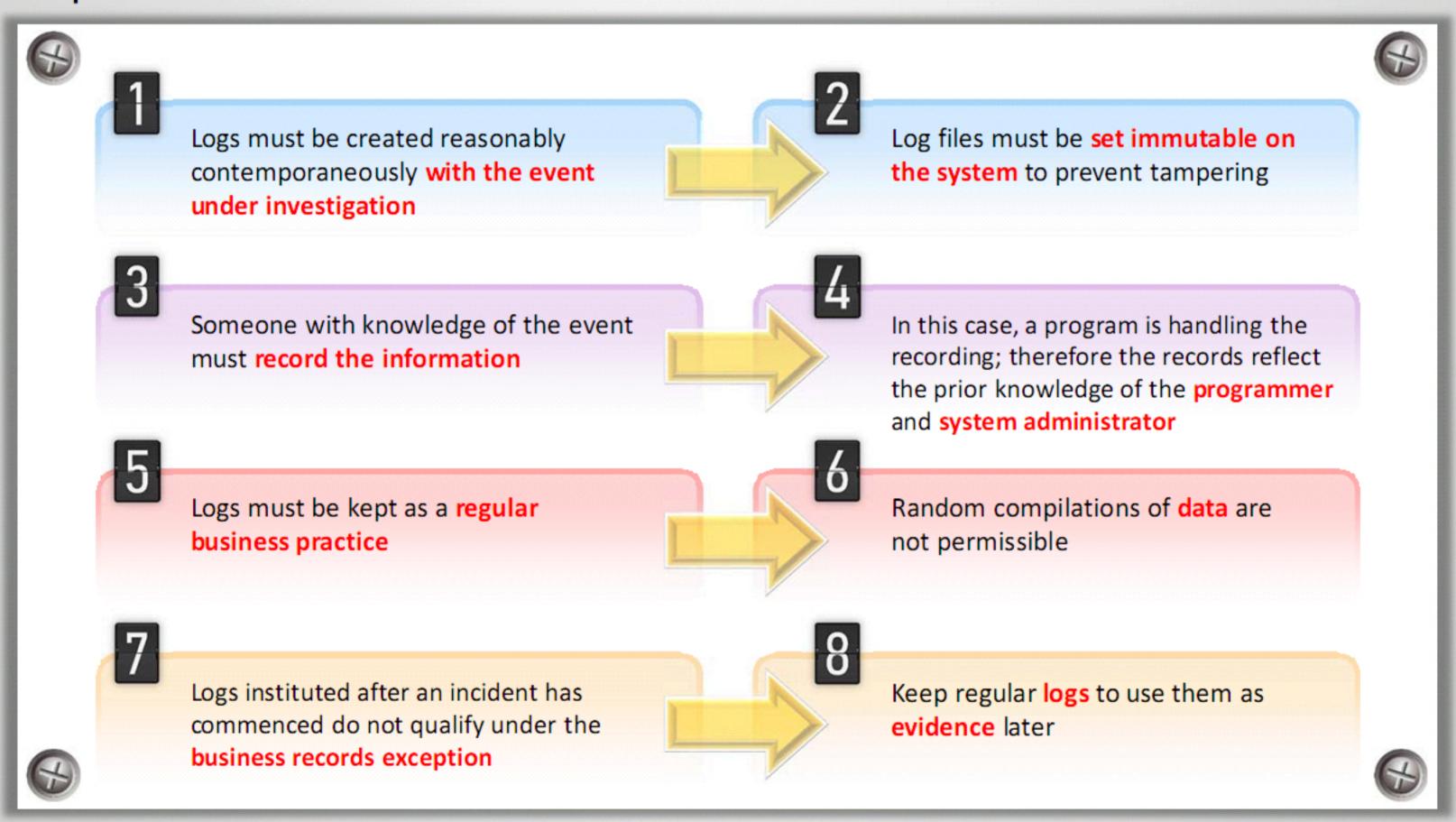
The following regulations, standards, and guidelines define organizations' needs for log management:



# Legality of using Logs



Some of the legal issues involved with creating and using logs that organizations and investigators must keep in mind:



# Legality of using Logs (Cont'd)





A "custodian or other qualified witness" must testify to the accuracy and integrity of the logs. This process is known as authentication

The custodian need not be the programmer who wrote the logging software; however, he or she must be able to offer testimony on what sort of system is used, where the relevant software came from, how and when the records are produced.





A custodian or other qualified witness must also offer testimony as to the **reliability** and integrity of the **hardware** and **software platform** used, including the logging software

A record of failures or of security breaches on the machine creating the logs will tend to impeach the evidence





If an investigator claims that a machine has been penetrated, log entries from after that point are inherently suspect

# Legality of using Logs (Cont'd)



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In a civil lawsuit against alleged hackers, anything in an organization's own records that would tend to exculpate the perpetrators can be used against the organization



2

An organization's own logging and monitoring software must be made available to the court so that the defense has an opportunity to examine the credibility of the records



5

If an organization can show that the relevant programs are trade secrets, the organization may be allowed to keep them secret or to disclose them to the defense only under a confidentiality order



The original copies of any files are preferred. A printout of a disk or tape record is considered to be an original copy, unless and until judges and jurors come equipped with computers that have USB or SCSI interfaces



# Records of Regularly Conducted Activity as Evidence





A memorandum, report, record, or data compilation, in any form, of acts, events, conditions, opinions, or diagnoses, made at or near the time by, or from information transmitted by, a person with knowledge, if kept in the course of a regularly conducted business activity, and if it was the regular practice of that business activity to make the memorandum, report, record, or data compilation, all as shown by the testimony of the custodian or other qualified witness, or a statute permitting certification, unless the source of information or the method of circumstances of preparation indicate lack of trustworthiness.

Rule 803, Federal Rules of Evidence

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### **Event Correlation**



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Event correlation is the process of relating a set of events that have occurred in a predefined interval of time The process includes analysis of the events to know how it could add up to become a bigger event

It usually occurs on the log management platform, after the users find certain logs having similar properties

In general, the event correlation process is implemented with the help of simple event correlator software



#### Steps in event correlation

- Event aggregation
- Event masking
- Event filtering
- Root cause analysis



## Types of Event Correlation



#### **Same-Platform Correlation**

- This correlation method is used when one common OS is used throughout the network in an organization
- E.g., an organization running Microsoft Windows OS (any version) for all their servers may be required to collect event log entries, do trend analysis diagonally





#### **Cross-Platform Correlation**

- This correlation method is used when different OS and network hardware platforms are used throughout the network in an organization
- E.g., clients may use Microsoft Windows, yet they use a Linuxbased firewall and email gateway

# Prerequisites of Event Correlation



#### **Transmission of Data**

- Transmitting data from one security device to another until it reaches a consolidation point in the automated system
- To have a secure transmission and to reduce the risk of exposure during data transmission, the data has to be encrypted and authenticated

#### **Normalization**

After the data is gathered, it must be formatted again from different log formats to a single or polymorphic log that can be easily inserted into the database



#### **Data Reduction**

- After collecting the data, repeated data must be removed so that the data can be correlated more efficiently
- Removing unnecessary data can be done by compressing the data, deleting repeated data, filtering or combining similar events into a single event and sending that to the correlation engine

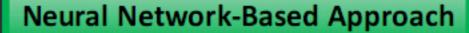
### **Event Correlation Approaches**





#### **Graph-Based Approach**

This approach constructs a graph with each node as a system component and each edge as a dependency among two components



This approach uses a neural network to detect the anomalies in the event stream, root causes of fault events, etc.



#### **Codebook-Based Approach**

This approach uses codebook to store a set of events and correlate them

#### **Rule-Based Approach**

In this approach, events are correlated according to a set of rules as follows: condition -> action





# Event Correlation Approaches (Cont'd)



#### Field-Based Approach

A basic approach where specific events are compared with single or multiple fields in the normalized data



#### Automated Field Correlation

This method checks and compares all the fields systematically and intentionally for positive and negative correlation with each other to determine the correlation across one or multiple fields



# Packet Parameter /Payload Correlation for Network Management

- This approach is used for correlating particular packets with other packets
- This approach can make a list of possible new attacks by comparing packets with attack signatures



# Event Correlation Approaches (Cont'd)



# Profile/Fingerprint -Based Approach

- A series of data sets can be gathered from forensic event data such as, isolated OS fingerprints, isolated port scans, finger information, and banner snatching to compare link attack data to other attacker profiles
- This information is used to identify whether any system is a relay or a formerly compromised host, and/or to detect the same hacker from different locations

#### Vulnerability-Based Approach

- This approach is used to map IDS events that target a particular vulnerable host with the help of a vulnerability scanner
- This approach is also used to deduce an attack on a particular host in advance, and it prioritizes attack data so that you can respond to trouble spots quickly

# Open-Port-Based Correlation

This approach determines the rate of successful attacks by comparing it with the list of open ports available on the host and that are being attacked

# Event Correlation Approaches (Cont'd)



#### **Bayesian Correlation**

This approach is an advanced correlation method that assumes and predicts what an attacker can do next after the attack by studying the statistics and probability, and uses only two variables



# Time (Clock Time) or Role-based Approach

 This approach is used to monitor the computers' and computer users' behavior and provide an alert if something anomalous is found



#### **Route Correlation**

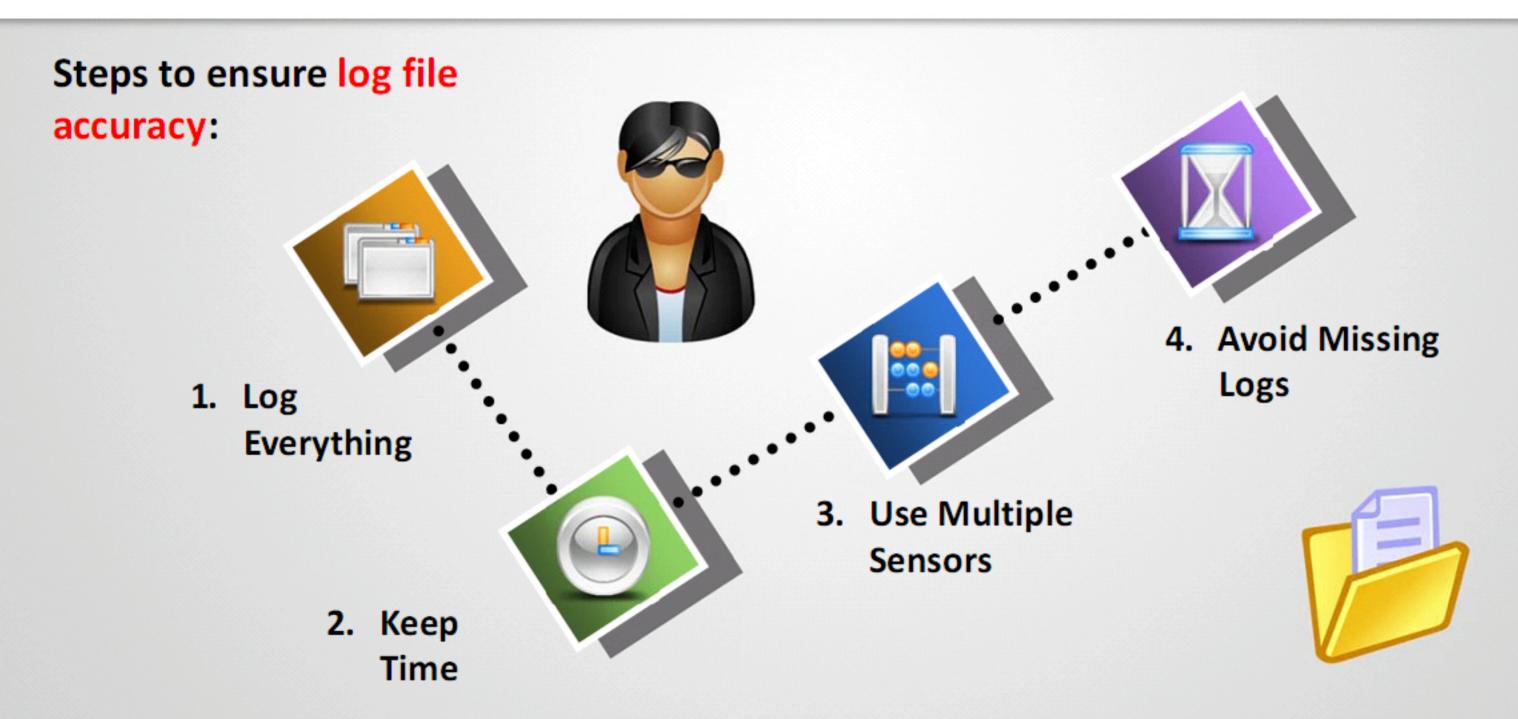
This approach is used to extract the attack route information and use that information to single out other attack data



### Ensuring Log File Accuracy



- The reliability of log files directly depends on their accuracy
- Accuracy means to present the log files of investigated system or server before the court in the same state as available
- Modification to the logs can impact the validity of the entire log and subject it to suspicion



# Log Everything





Do not consider any field in log files as less important, as every field can play a major role as evidence

Network administrators should always configure the server logs settings to record every field available

**E.g.:** Configure IIS logs to record web user information about the Web in order to gather clues about the attack origin either a logged-in user or external system

Consider a defendant who claims a hacker had attacked his system and installed a back-door proxy server on his computer. The attacker then used the back-door proxy to attack other systems. In such a case, how does an investigator prove that the traffic came from a specific user's Web browser or that it was a proxied attack from someone else?

# Keeping Time



- With the Windows time service, a network administrator can synchronize standalone servers to an external time source
- If you use a domain, the Time Service will automatically be synchronized to the domain controller



- A network administrator can synchronize a standalone server to an external time source by setting certain registry entries:
  - Key: HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\W32Time\Parameters\
  - Setting: Type
  - Type: REG SZ
  - Value: NTP
  - Key: HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet | Services\W32Time\Parameters\
  - Setting: NtpServer
  - Type: REG SZ
  - Value: ntp.xsecurity.com

# Why Synchronize Computer Times?





When an administrator is investigating intrusion and security events that involve multiple computers, it is essential to synchronize the computers' clocks





If computers' clocks are not synchronized, it becomes almost impossible to accurately correlate actions that are logged on different computers





If the clocks on these computers are not accurate, it also becomes difficult to correlate logged activities with outside actions



# What is Network Time Protocol (NTP)?



It is an Internet standard protocol (built on top of TCP/IP) used to synchronize the clocks of client computers

NTP sends time requests to known servers and obtains server time stamps. Using those stamps, it adjusts the client's time

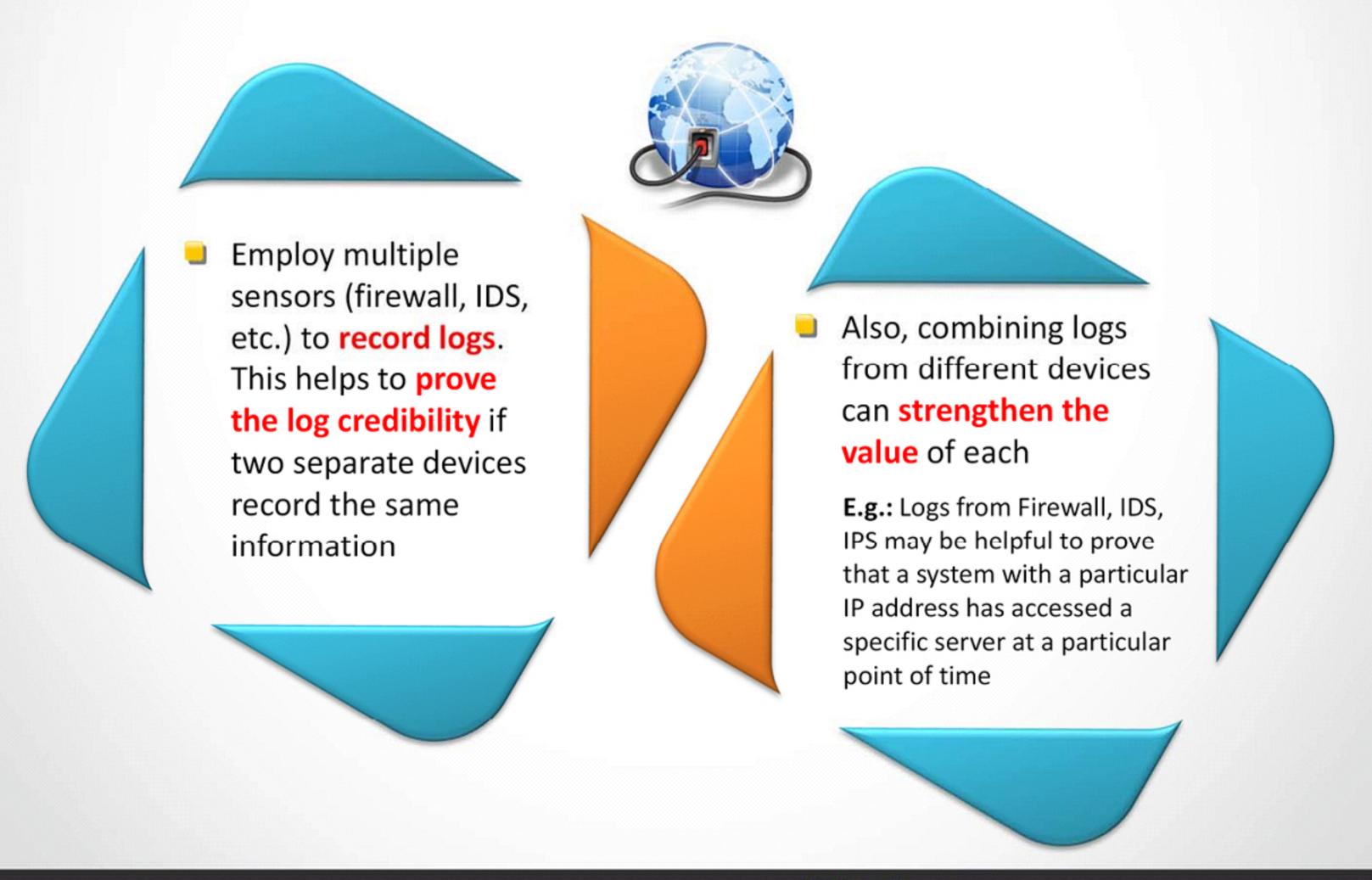
#### **Features of NTP:**

- It is fault tolerant and dynamically auto-configuring
- It synchronizes accuracy up to one millisecond
- It can be used to synchronize all computers in a network
- It uses UTC time
- It is available for every type of computer



# Using Multiple Sensors





# Avoiding Missing Logs



When a web server is offline or powered off, log files are not created





When a log file is missing, it is difficult to know if the server was actually offline or powered off, or if the log file was deleted



If the record of hits shows that the server was online and active at the time that log file data is missing, the administrator knows that the missing log file might have been deleted To combat this problem, an administrator can schedule a few hits to the server using a scheduling tool and then keep a log of the outcomes of these hits to determine when the server was active

## Implement Log Management



Log management is the process of dealing with large amounts of system generated logs and records It includes all the processes and techniques used to collect, aggregate, analyze, and report the computergenerated log messages

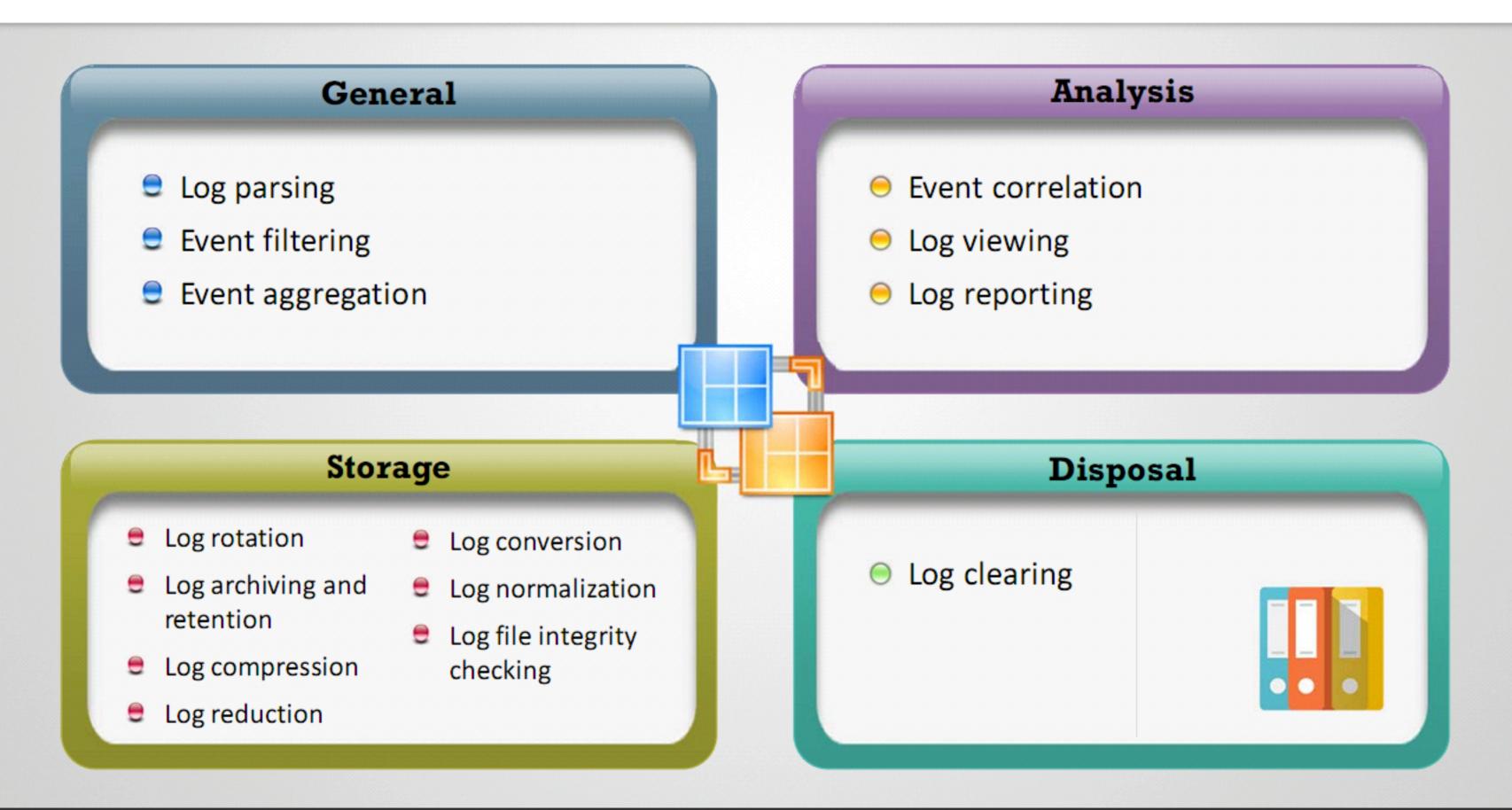
Log management infrastructure consists of the hardware, software, networks, and media used to generate, transmit, store, analyze, and dispose of log data

- Log management infrastructure typically comprises the following three tiers:
  - Log generation
  - Log analysis and storage
  - Log monitoring

# Functions of Log Management Infrastructure



Common log management infrastructure functions include:



## Challenges in Log Management





Potential problems with the gathering of logs because of their variety and dominant occurrence



Compromise of confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the logs is often intentional or accidental



People performing log analysis have no formal training and often deprived of proper support

## Meeting the Challenges in Log Management







#### Requirements

Define requirements and goals for performing log management across the organization



Generate policies and procedures for log management to ensure a consistent method





#### **Training**

Provide the necessary training to all staff regarding their log management responsibilities

#### Security

Create and maintain infrastructure for secure log management

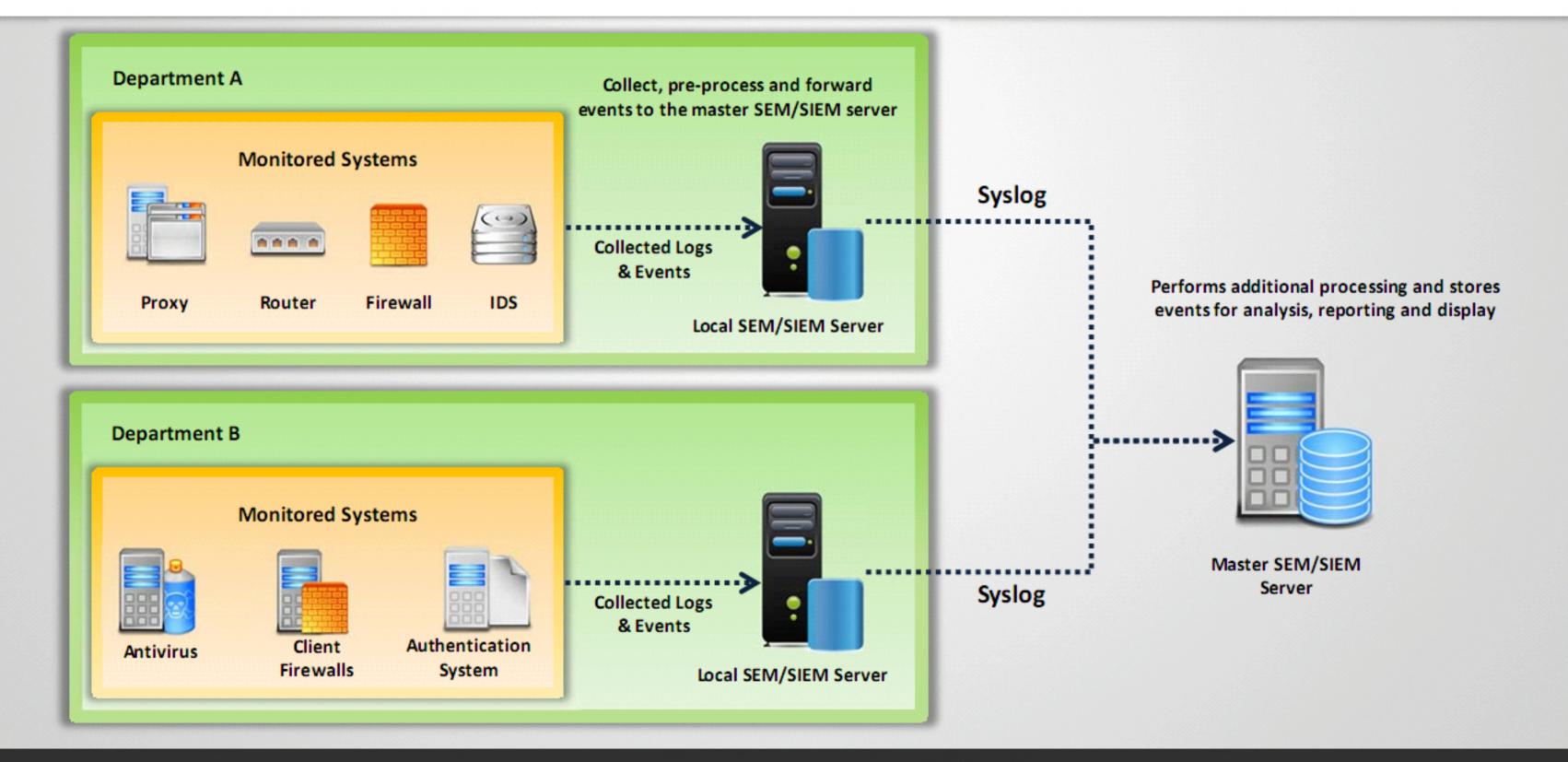




# Centralized Logging



- Centralized logging is defined as gathering the computer system logs for a group of systems in a centralized location
- It is used to efficiently monitor computer system logs with the frequency required to detect security violations and unusual activity



# Syslog



Syslog is a standard, network devices use to **forward log messages** to a server across an IP network

The term syslog refers to both the syslog protocol and the application or library sending syslog messages

Syslog sender sends log messages to the syslog receiver, also known as syslogd, syslog daemon or syslog server

Syslog uses either TCP or UDP to transfer log messages in a cleartext format

# IIS Centralized Binary Logging



- Centralized binary logging is a process in which many websites write binary and unformatted log data to a single log file
- An administrator needs to use a parsing tool to view and analyze the data. The files have the extension .ibl, which stands for the Internet binary log
- It is a server property, so all websites on that server write log data to the central log file
- It decreases the amount of system resources that are consumed during logging, therefore increasing performance and scalability





#### Fields that are included in the centralized binary log file format:

- Date
- Time
- Client IP address
- User name
- Site ID
- Server name

- Server IP address
- Server port
- Method
- URI stem
- URI query
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# Ensure System's Integrity



Always stay up-to-date on service packs and hotfixes to assure that the system's files are valid



Audit all changes to binary files in Windows System directory



If an intruder is able to modify system files that record log files, then the log files are not valid as evidence



### Control Access to Logs





- 1
- In order to prove the credibility of logs, an investigator or network administrator needs to ensure that any access to those files is audited
- 2
- The investigator or administrator can use NTFS permissions to secure and audit the log files

- 3
- Web server needs to be able to write to log files when the logs are open, but no one else should have access to write to these files

- 4
- Once a log file is closed, no one should have access to modify the contents of the file

### Ensure Log File Authenticity





An investigator can prove that log files are authentic if he or she can prove that the files have not been altered since they were originally recorded



- Log files are generally simple text files that are easy to alter. The date and time stamps on these files are also easy to modify. Hence, they cannot be considered authentic in their default state.
- If a server has been compromised, the investigator should move the logs off the server





to a master server and then moved offline to secondary storage media such as a DVD or portable disk





## Use Signatures, Encryption, and Checksums



- The only way to ensure the log file accuracy is to sign and encrypt the log using PGP or some other public-key encryption scheme
- File signatures are helpful because if a single file is corrupted, it does not invalidate the rest of the logs
- Tools such as Fsum can be used to generate MD5 hashes for the files
- Store the signatures and hashes with the logs, but also store a secure copy in a separate location

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Administrator: Command Prompt
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SlavaSoft Optimizing Checksum Utility - fsum 2.52.00337
Implemented using SlavaSoft QuickHash Library <www.slavasoft.com>
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Usage: fsum.exe <OPTIONS>... <FILE>...
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                    print only failed lines while checking
                    use SFV format
                    supress comments
                    recurse subdirectories
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                    warn about improperly formatted checksum lines
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http://www.slavasoft.com

### Work with Copies





As with all forensic investigations, an investigator should never work with the original files when analyzing log files



The investigator should create copies before performing any postprocessing or log file analysis



If the original files are unaltered, the investigator can prove more **easily** that they are authentic and in their original form



When using log files as evidence in court, an investigator is required to present the original files in their original form

### Maintain Chain of Custody



As with all forensic evidence, the chain of custody must be maintained for log files



This can be done with either technical or nontechnical methods, such as MD5 authentication



An investigator can prove that the log file has not been altered or modified since its capture; if he/she maintains the chain of custody

When an investigator or a network administrator moves log files from a server, and after that to an offline device, he or she should keep track of where the log file went and what other devices it passed through

### Condensing Log File





Log files can be sorted by using a syslog, but the output of the syslog contains a large log file



It is difficult for the forensic team to look for the important log entry





Log entries need to be filtered as per the requirement



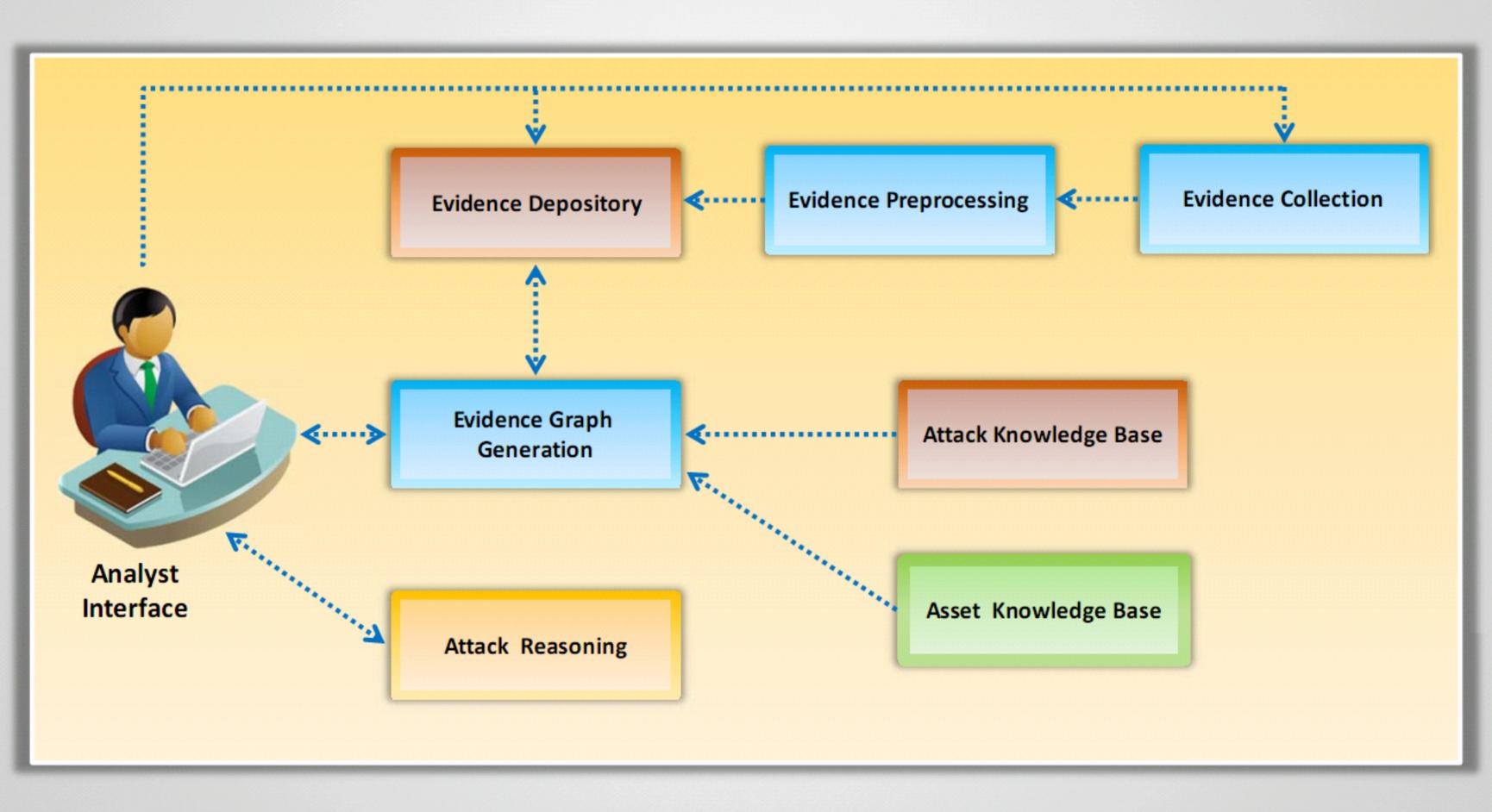


Tools that can be used:

- Swatch (https://sourceforge.net/projects/swatch)
- Logcheck (http://logcheck.org)

## Network Forensics Analysis Mechanism

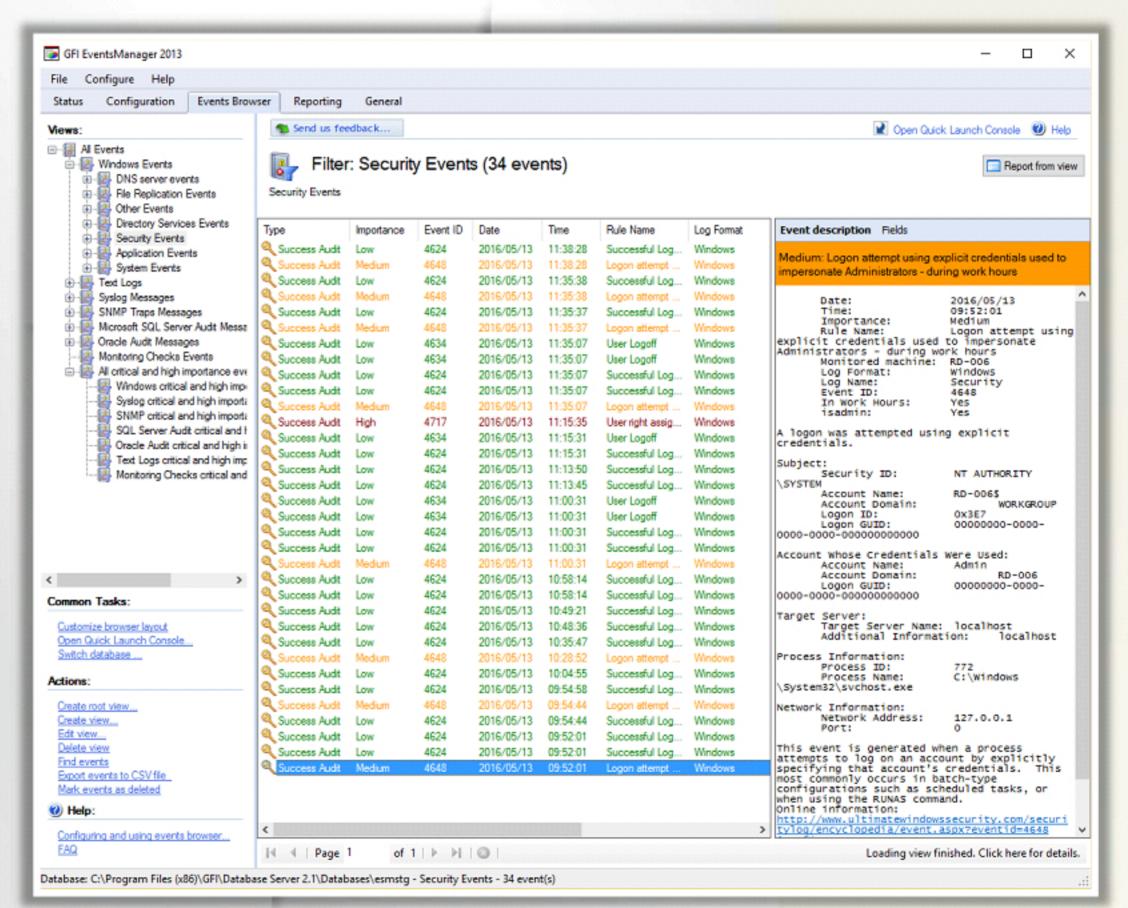




## Log Capturing and Analysis Tools: GFI EventsManager



- GFI EventsManager enables to manage event log data for system reliability, security, availability, and compliance
- It enables increased uptime by collecting, normalizing, analyzing, categorizing and consolidating log data from multiple sources across the network

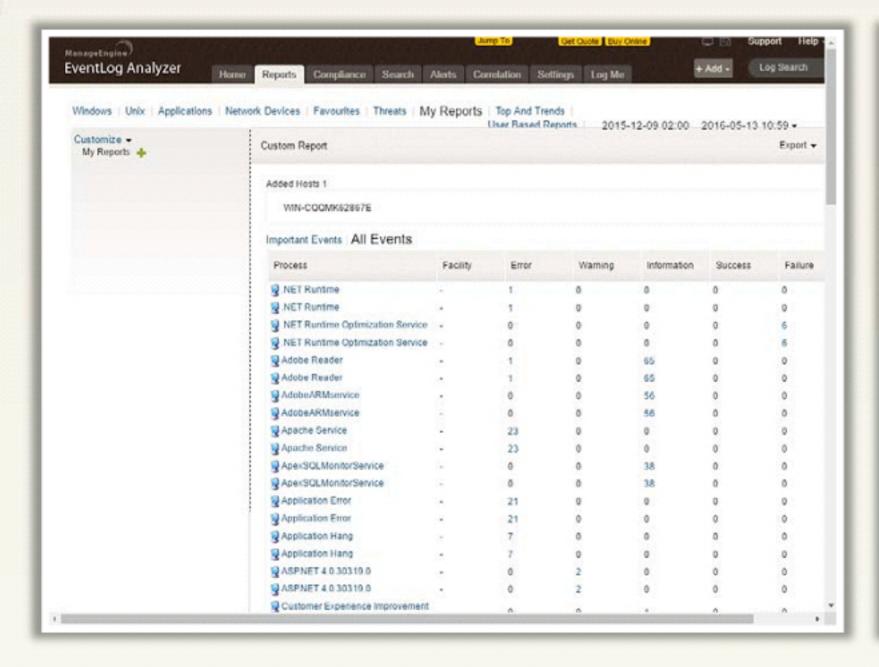


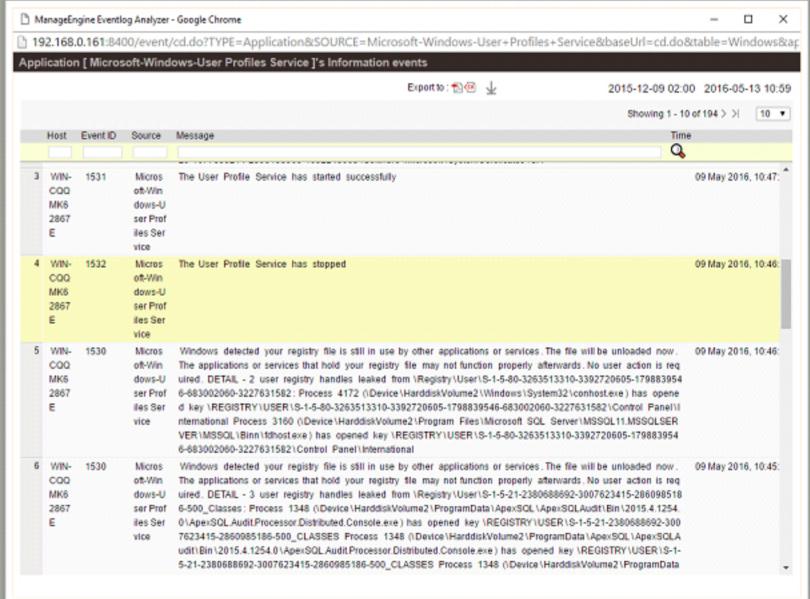
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## Log Capturing and Analysis Tools: EventLog Analyzer



EventLog Analyzer allows organizations to automate the process of managing machine generated logs by collecting, analyzing, correlating, searching, reporting, and archiving from one central location





https://www.manageengine.com





Kibana

https://www.elastic.co



Syslog-ng

https://syslog-ng.org



**RSYSLOG** 

http://www.rsyslog.com



Firewall Analyzer

https://www.manageengine.com



Simple Event Correlator (SEC)

https://simple-evcorr.github.io



**OSSEC** 

http://ossec.github.io



**Ipswitch Log Management** 

https://www.ipswitch.com



**Veriato Server Manager** 

http://www.veriato.com



Log Management Utility

http://www.biz.konicaminolta.com



Snare

https://www.intersectalliance.com





**Splunk Enterprise** 

http://www.splunk.com



Loggly

https://www.loggly.com



#### vRealize Log Insight

http://www.vmware.com



**Sumo Logic** 

https://www.sumologic.com



**TIBCO LogLogic** 

http://www.tibco.com



Logscape

http://logscape.com



ArcSight ESM

http://www8.hp.com



**XpoLog Log Management** 

http://www.xpolog.com



LogRhythm

https://www.logrhythm.com



Sawmill

https://www.sawmill.net





McAfee Enterprise Log Manager

http://www.mcafee.com



Log & Event Manager

http://www.solarwinds.com



**Papertrail** 

https://papertrailapp.com



**EventReporter** 

http://www.eventreporter.com



Kiwi Log Viewer

http://www.kiwisyslog.com



**Event Log Explorer** 

http://www.eventlogxp.com



WebLog Expert

https://www.weblogexpert.com



**ELM Enterprise Manager** 

http://tntsoftware.com



**EventSentry** 

http://www.eventsentry.com



LogMeister

http://www.logmeister.com





InTrust

http://software.dell.com



#### Alert Logic Log Manager

https://www.alertlogic.com



#### Sentinel Log Manager

https://www.netiq.com



#### **Tripwire Log Center**

http://www.tripwire.com



#### AlienVault Unified Security Management

https://www.alienvault.com



#### MyEventViewer

http://www.nirsoft.net



#### WinAgents EventLog Translation Service

http://www.winagents.com



#### EventTracker Enterprise

http://www.eventtracker.com



Logstash

http://www.netwrix.com



#### SecurityCenter CV

https://www.tenable.com





The Elastic Stack

https://www.elastic.co



CorreLog

https://correlog.com



Assuria Log Manager

http://www.assuria.com



BlackStratus LOGStorm

http://www.blackstratus.com



**PowerBroker Event Vault** 

https://www.beyondtrust.com



Logsene

https://www.sematext.com



SaaS Log Management

http://www.cloudaccess.com



ApexSQL Log

http://www.apexsql.com



**FortiSIEM** 

https://www.fortinet.com



Graylog

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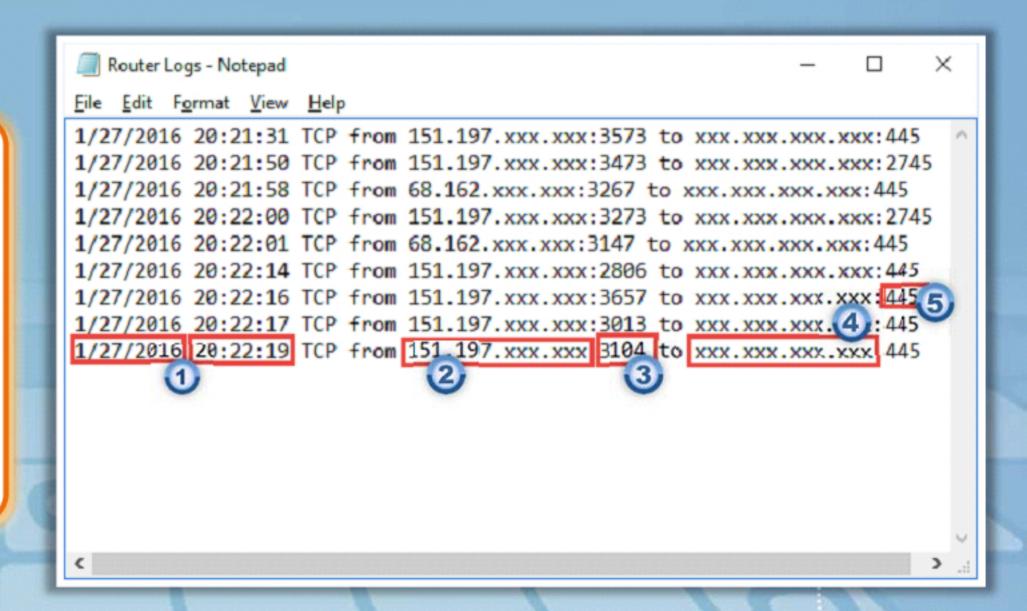
### Analyzing Router Logs



- Routers store network connectivity logs with details such as date, time, source and destination IPs and Ports used
- This information can help investigators in verifying the timestamps of an attack and correlate various events to find the source and destination IP
- Routers have many standards for storing the log details of a network

The incoming log details are as follows:

- 1. Date and time
- 2. Source IP address
- 3. Source-port
- 4. Destination IP address
- 5. Destination-port



## Evidence Gathering from ARP Table



The ARP table of a router comes in handy for investigating network attacks, as the table contains IP addresses associated with the respective MAC addresses

An investigator can view the ARP table in Windows by issuing the command arp -a

The ARP table maintained on the router is of crucial importance, as it can provide information about the MAC address of all the hosts that were involved in recent communications

### Analyzing Router Logs (Cont'd)



#### The outgoing log details are as follows:

- 1. Date
- 2. Time
- 3. Source IP address
- **4.** Source-port
- 5. URL accessed
- **6.** URL IP address
- 7. Port Used

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Router Logs - Notepad
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10/27/2004 20:19:21 TCP from 192.168.1.100:103 pspringmount-services.com
(108.167.161.72):80
10/27/2004 20:20:18 TCP from 192.168.1.100:1037 to www.agarbot.ovh
(104.31.88.182):86
10/27/2004 20:23:32CP from 192.133.100:1040 to support cen Everizon.net
(206.46.187.54):80
10/27/2004 20:23:52 TCP from 192.168.1.100:1041 to toshibadirect.com
(216.23.181.216):80
10/27/2004 20:23:56 TCP from 192.168.1.100:1048 to crs.akamai.com
(65.161.97.137):80
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(63.236.111.50):80
10/27/2004 20:23:56 TCP from 192.168.1.100:1051 to tracking.rangeonlinemedia.com
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[63.236.111.50]:80
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### Analyzing Router Logs: Cisco



- Cisco routers run on specific operating system, the Cisco IOS
- The OS has a built in security manager that defines policies regarding basic logging parameters
- The router complies with syslog standards to define severity levels using numeric code

Level	System	Description
Emergency	0	System unusable messages
Alert	1	Immediate action required messages
Critical	2	Critical condition messages
Error	3	Error condition messages
Warning	4	Warning condition messages
Notification	5	Normal but significant messages
Information	6	Informational messages
Debugging	7	Debugging messages

## Analyzing Router Logs: Cisco (Cont'd)



#### Cisco IOS helps users to classify logs using certain predefined identifiers such as:

Mnemonic	Severity	Description
%SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGDP	6	A packet matching the log criteria for the given access list has been detected.
%SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGNP	6	A packet matching the log criteria for the given access list has been detected.
%SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGP	6	A packet matching the log criteria for the given access list has been detected (TCP or UDP)
%SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGRL	6	Some packet-matching logs were missed because the access list log messages were rate limited, or no access list log buffers were available.
%SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGRP	6	A packet matching the log criteria for the given access list has been detected.
%SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGS	6	A packet matching the log criteria for the given access list was detected.
%SEC-4-TOOMANY	4	The system was not able to process the packet because there was not enough room for all of the desired IP header options. The packet has been discarded.
%IPV6-6-ACCESSLOGP	6	A packet matching the log criteria for the given access list was detected.
%IPV6-6-ACCESSLOGDP	6	A packet matching the log criteria for the given access list was detected.
%IPV6-6-ACCESSLOGNP	6	A packet matching the log criteria for the given access list was detected.

## Analyzing Router Logs: Cisco (Cont'd)



#### The Cisco router log details are as follows:

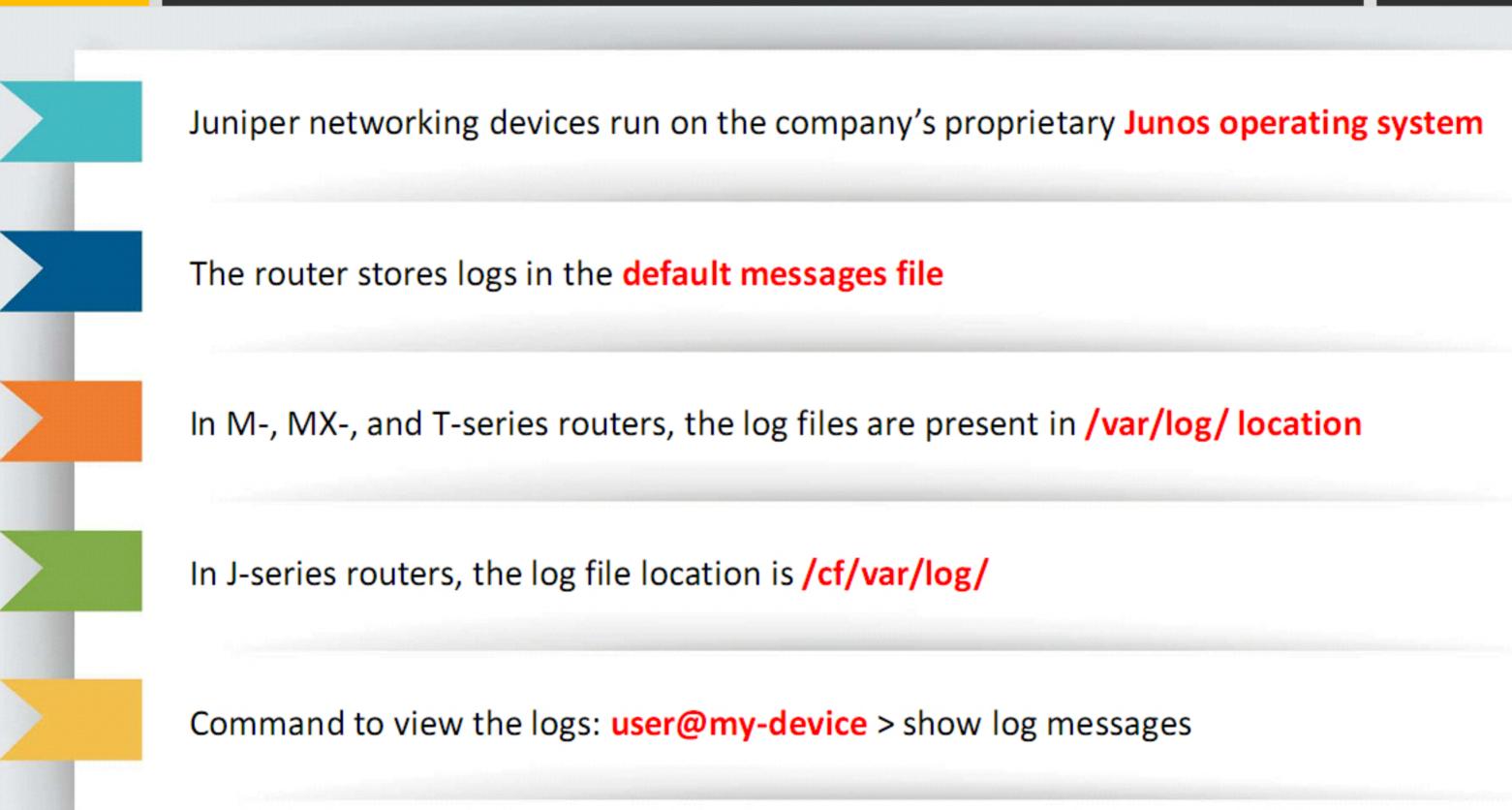
- 1. Event ID
- 2. Date
- 3. Time
- 4. Identifier

- 5. Protocol applied
- 6. Source IP address
- 7. Destination IP address



### Analyzing Router Logs: Juniper





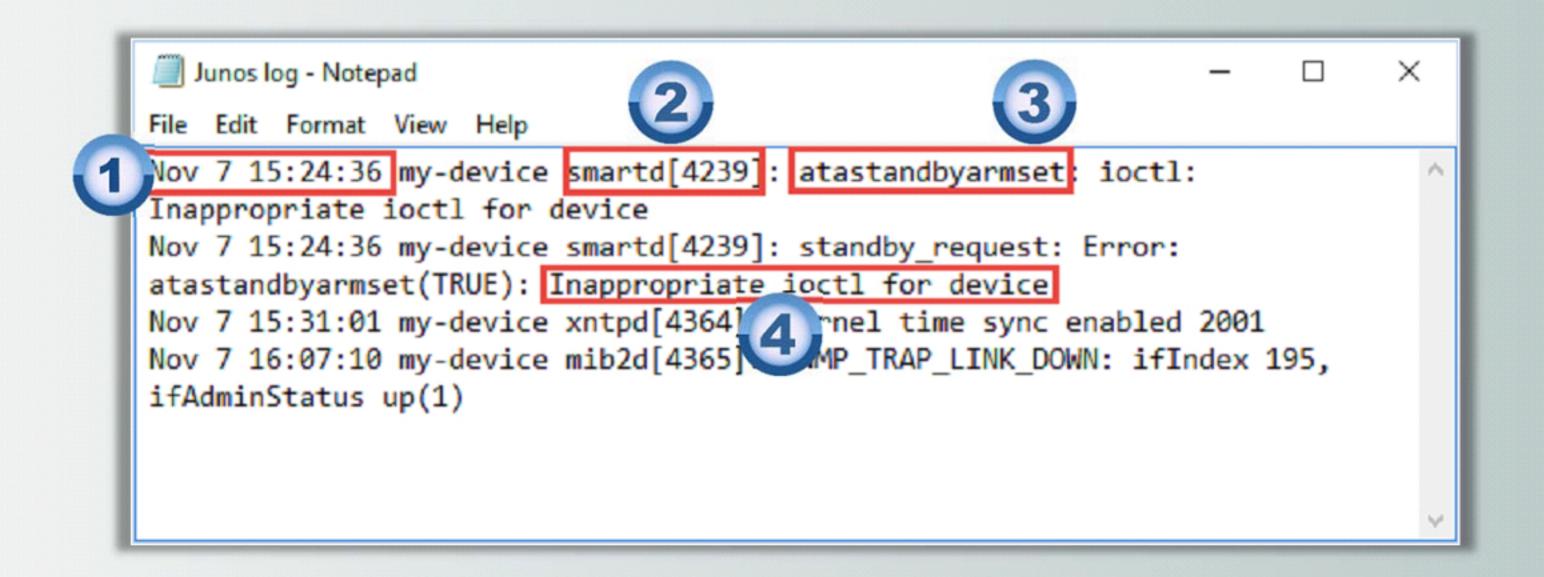
The OS complies with syslog severity level standards

## Analyzing Router Logs: Juniper (Cont'd)



- Juniper router logs include the following details:
  - 1. Router name and ID
  - 2. Status
  - 3. Message
  - 4. Date and Time





## Analyzing Firewall Logs



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1	þ	Firewalls are the <b>first entry points to a network</b> and store details of all the data packets moving in and out of a network
2	þ	The network <b>firewall logs collect network traffic data</b> such as request source and destination, ports used, time and date, priority, etc.
3	þ	These details will help investigators correlate the data with other suspicious files to find the source and other targets of an attack
4	þ	Network firewalls come with management software that allow users to monitor the logs, control security settings and perform other maintenance tasks over the firewall
5	þ	Investigators need to analyze the logs carefully based on the timings and suspicious IP addresses
6	Q	Check for the application generated requests, DNS queries, suspicious IP addresses and URLs

#### Analyzing Firewall Logs: Cisco



Cisco Firewall uses mnemonics as identifiers to represent severity of any event

Mnemonic	Severity	Description
4000nn	4	IPS:number string from IP_address to IP_address on interface_name
106001	2	Inbound TCP connection denied from IP_address/port to IP_address/port flags tcp_flags on interface interface_name
106002	2	protocol Connection denied by outbound list acl_ID src inside_address dest outside_address
106006	2	Deny inbound UDP from outside_address/outside_port to inside_address/inside_port on interface interface_name
106007	2	Deny inbound UDP from outside_address/outside_port to inside_address/inside_port due to DNS {Response   Query}
106010	3	Deny inbound protocol src interface_name:dest_address/dest_port dst
106012	3	Deny IP from IP_address to IP_address, IP options hex
106013	3	Dropping echo request from IP_address to PAT address IP_address
106014	3	Deny inbound icmp src interface_name: IP_address dst interface_name: IP_address (type dec, code dec)
106015	6	Deny TCP (no connection) from IP_address/port to IP_address/port flags tcp_flags on interface interface_name
106016	2	Deny IP spoof from (IP_address) to IP_address on interface interface_name.
106017	2	Deny IP due to Land Attack from IP_address to IP_address
106018	2	ICMP packet type ICMP_type denied by outbound list acl_ID src inside_address dest outside_address
106020	2	Deny IP teardrop fragment (size = number, offset = number) from IP_address to IP_address
106021	1	Deny protocol reverse path check from source_address to dest_address on interface interface_name
106022	1	Deny protocol connection spoof from source_address to dest_address on interface interface_name
106023	4	Deny protocol src [interface_name:source_address/source_port] dst interface_name:dest_address/dest_port [type {string}, code {code}] by access_group acl_ID
106100	4	access-list acl_ID {permitted   denied   est-allowed} protocol interface_name/source_address(source_port) -> interface_name/dest_address(dest_port) hit-cnt number ({first hit   number-second interval})
710003	3	{TCP UDP} access denied by ACL from source_IP/source_port to interface_name:dest_IP/service

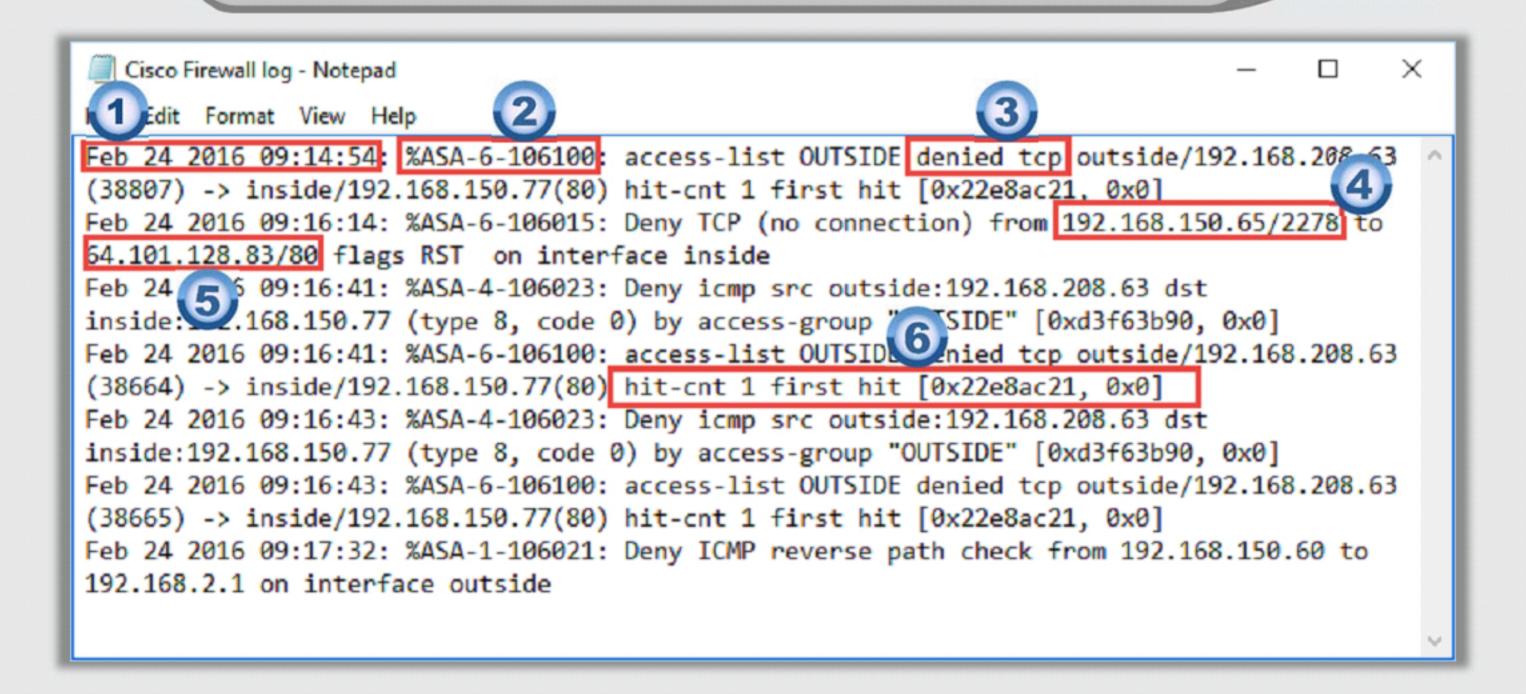
## Analyzing Firewall Logs: Cisco (Cont'd)



#### Cisco firewall logs include the following details:

- 1. Date and Time
- 2. Mnemonic message
- 3. Firewall Action

- 4. Source IP address and port
- 5. Destination IP address and port
- 6. Type of request



### Analyzing Firewall Logs: Checkpoint



- Checkpoint Firewall logs can be viewed through a Check Point Log viewer that uses icons and colors in the log table to represent different security events and their severity
- Red represents the connection attempts blocked by firewall in accordance with the security policy or user-defined rules
- Orange signifies traffic detected as suspicious, but accepted by the firewall
- Green color is for the traffic accepted by the firewall
- Icons used in checkpoint logs include:

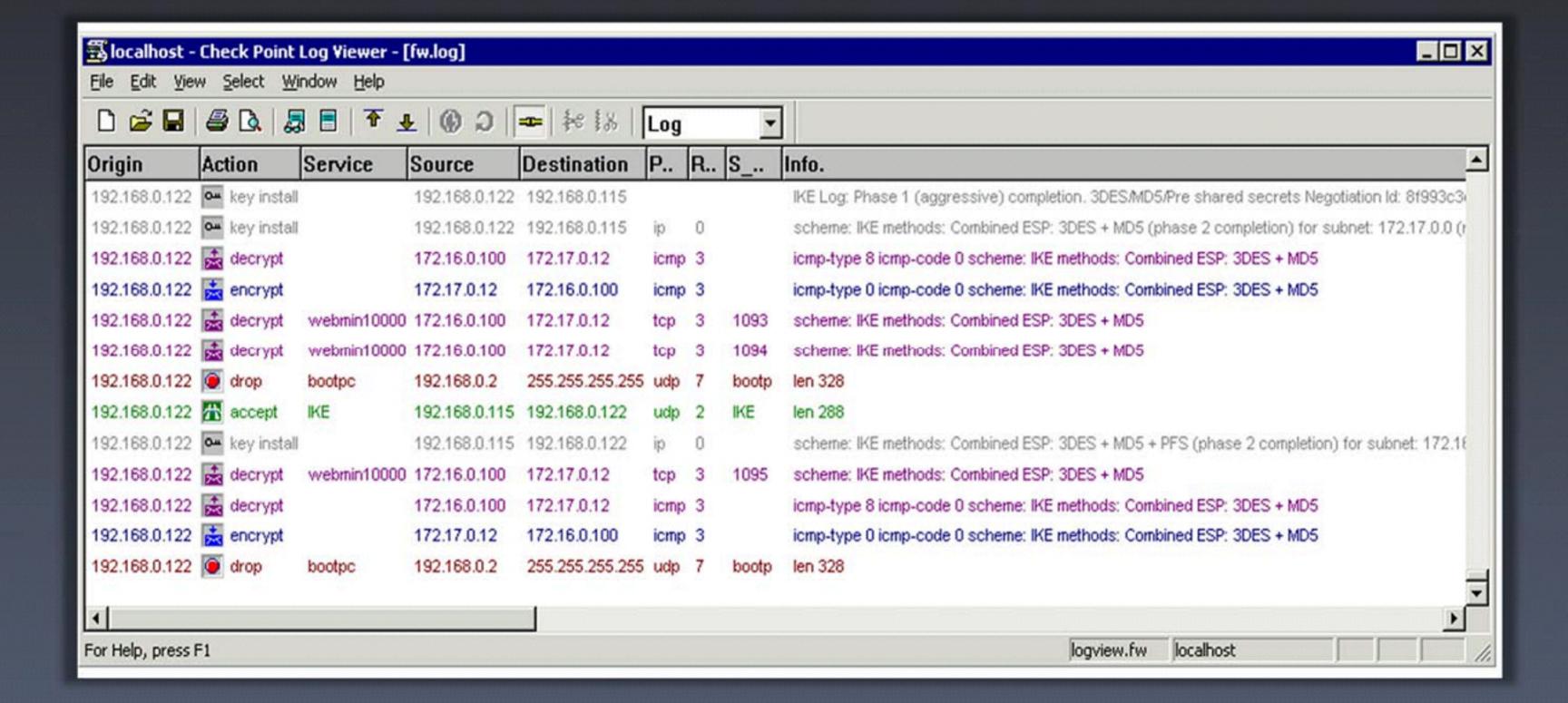
Action	lcon	Description
Connection Accepted	<b>@</b>	The firewall accepted a connection
Connection Decrypted	0	The firewall decrypted a connection
Connection Dropped	◉	The firewall dropped a connection
Connection Encrypted	0	The firewall encrypted a connection
Connection Rejected	0	The firewall rejected a connection
Connection Monitored	<b>(2)</b>	A security event was monitored; however, it was not blocked, due to the current configuration
URL Allowed	<b>3</b>	The firewall allowed a URL
URL Filtered		The firewall blocked a URL
Virus Detected	0	A virus was detected in an email
Potential Spam Stamped	2	An email was marked as potential spam
Potential Spam Detected	0	An email was rejected as potential spam
Mail Allowed	0	A non-spam email was logged
Blocked by VStream Antivirus	*	VStream Antivirus blocked a connection

## Analyzing Firewall Logs: Checkpoint (Cont'd)



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Checkpoint firewall log when viewed through Check Point Log viewer displays the result as follows



### Analyzing IDS Logs



- IDS Logs provide information helpful in finding suspicious packet types, determining the probes, generating new attack signatures and measuring attack statistics
- Most common IDS devices include Juniper and Checkpoint
- General indicators of intrusion:

Requests targeted towards known vulnerabilities



Repeated unusual network activity

Failure to comply with protocols and syntaxes



Address anomalies in traffic

Unexpected elements such as date, time, system resources, etc.



Occurrence of mistyped command

### Analyzing IDS Logs: Juniper



- Juniper IDS comes with in-built Network and Security Manager (NSM), which stores event logs
- Users need the NSM log viewer to view and analyze the logs
- Juniper IDS stores logs with the information mentioned in the table



Column	Description
Log ID	Unique ID for the log entry, derived by combining the date and log number.
Time Received	Date and time that the management system received the log entry.
Alert	NSM-defined alert for this type of log entry. Configure alerts in policy rules.
User Flag	To set a flag, right-click the log row, select Flag, and then select one of the following flags from high, medium, low, closed, false positive, assigned, investigate, follow-up, pending
Src Addr	Source IP address of the packet that generated the log entry.
Dst Addr	Destination IP address of the packet that generated the log entry.
Action	Action the security device performed on the packet/connection that generated this log entry:  •Accepted—Did not block the packet.  •Closed Client—Closed the connection and sent an RST packet to the client, but did neither to the server.  •Closed Server—Closed the connection and sent an RST packet to the server, but did neither to the client.  •Closed—Closed the connection and sent an RST packet to both the client and the server.  •Dropped—Dropped the connection without sending an RST packet to the sender, preventing the traffic from reaching its destination.  •Dropped Packet—Dropped a matching packet before it could reach its destination but did not close the connection.  •Ignored—Matched the attack, did not take action, and ignored the remainder of the connection.
Protocol	Protocol that the packet that generated the log entry used.
Dst Port	Destination port of the packet that generated the log entry.



Rule #	Security policy rule that generated the log entry.
Nat Src Addr	NAT source address of the packet that generated the log entry.
Nat Dst Addr	NAT destination address of the packet that generated the log entry.
Details	Miscellaneous string associated with log entry.
Category	Type of log entry:  •Admin  •Alarm—The device generates event alarms for any security event that has a predefined severity level of emergency, critical, or alert.  Additionally, the device generates traffic alarm log entries when it detects network traffic that exceeds the specified alarm threshold in a rule (the traffic alarm log entry describes the security event that triggered the alarm).  •Config—A configuration change occurred on the device.  •Custom—A match with a custom attack object was detected.  •Implicit—An implicit rule was matched.  •Info—General system information.  •Predefined—A match with a predefined attack object was detected.  •Profiler—Traffic matches a Profiler alert setting.  •Screen—Not applicable for IDP Series devices. Generated by ScreenOS firewall devices.  •Self—The device generated this log for a non-traffic related reason.  •Sensor.  •Traffic—Traffic matches a rule you have configured for harmless traffic.  •URL Filtering—Not applicable for IDP Series devices. Generated by ScreenOS firewall devices.  •User.
Subcategory	Category-specific type of log entry (examples are "Reboot" or message ID).



Severity	Severity rating associated (if any) with this type of log entry:  Not Set (the device could not determine a severity for this log entry)  Info  Device_warning_log  Minor and Major  Device_critical_log  Emergency  Error  Notice  Informational  Debug
Device	Device that generated this log entry.
Comment	User-defined comment about the log entry.
Application Name	Application associated with the current log.
Bytes In	For sessions, specifies the number of inbound bytes.
Bytes Out	For sessions, specifies the number of outbound bytes.
Bytes Total	For sessions, specifies the combined number of inbound and outbound bytes.
Dev Domain Ver	Domain version that generated this log entry.
Device Domain	Domain for the device that generated this log entry.



Device family	Family of the device that generated this log entry.
Dst Intf	Name of the outbound interface of the packet that generated this log entry.
Dst Zone	Destination zone associated with a traffic log entry.
Elapsed Secs	For sessions, specifies how long the session lasted.
Has Packet Data	Indicates whether the log entry has associated packet data.
NAT Dst Port	The NAT destination port of the packet that generated the log entry.
NAT Src Port	The NAT source port of the packet that generated the log entry.
Packets In	For sessions, specifies the number of inbound packets.
Packets Out	For sessions, specifies the number of outbound packets.
Packets Total	For sessions, specifies the combined number of inbound and outbound packets.
Policy	Security policy that generated the log entry.
Roles	Role group associated with this log entry.
Rule Domain	The domain of the rule that generated the log entry.



Rule Domain Ver	The domain version of the rule that generated the log entry.
Rulebase	Security policy rulebase that generated the log entry.
Src Intf	Name of the inbound interface of the packet that generated this log entry.
Src Port	Source port of the packet that generated the log entry.
Src Zone	Source zone associated with a traffic log entry.
Time Generated	Date and time the device generated the log entry.
User	User associated with this log entry.



#### Details provides by the IDS in logs include:

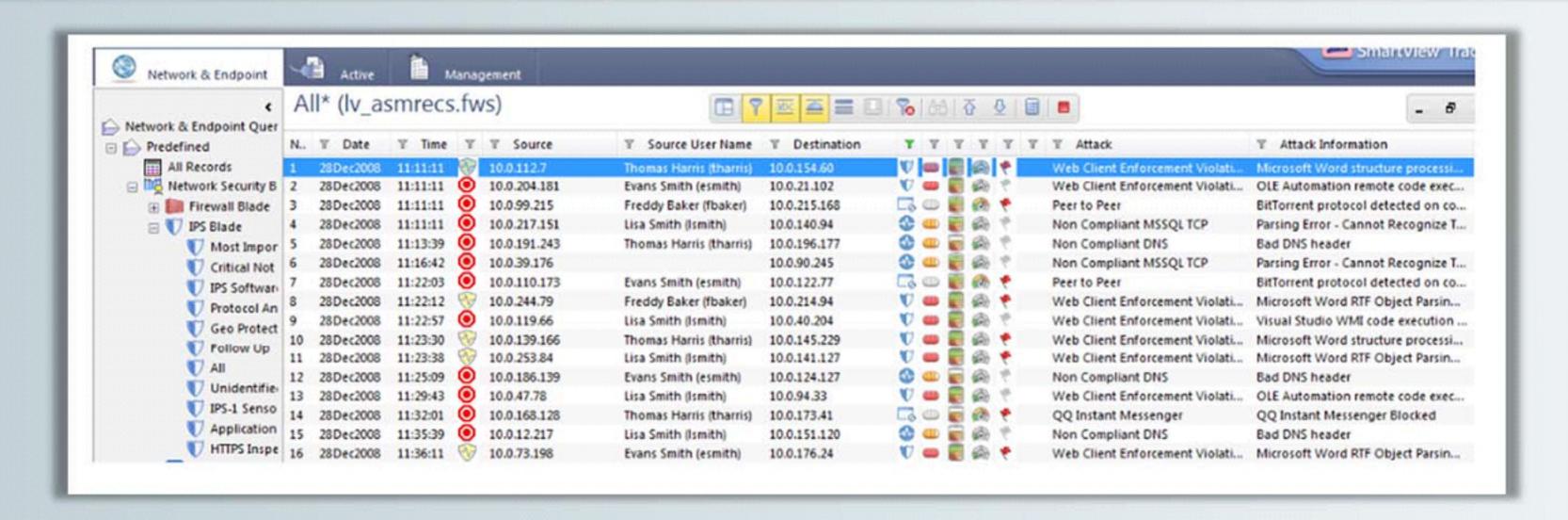
- Date and Time
- Device IP address
- 3. Attack type
- 4. Source Address

- 5. Source Port
- Destination Address
- 7. Severity of the attack

#### Analyzing IDS Logs: Checkpoint



- Checkpoint IPS has an in-built software for managing the device
- Users can view and analyze the logs using this software
- Steps to view and access logs in checkpoint IDS:
  - Go to SmartDashboard, click SmartConsole → select SmartView Tracker
  - Select the Network & Endpoint tab, expand Predefined → Network Security Blades → IPS Blade
  - Double-click All to view the complete log information

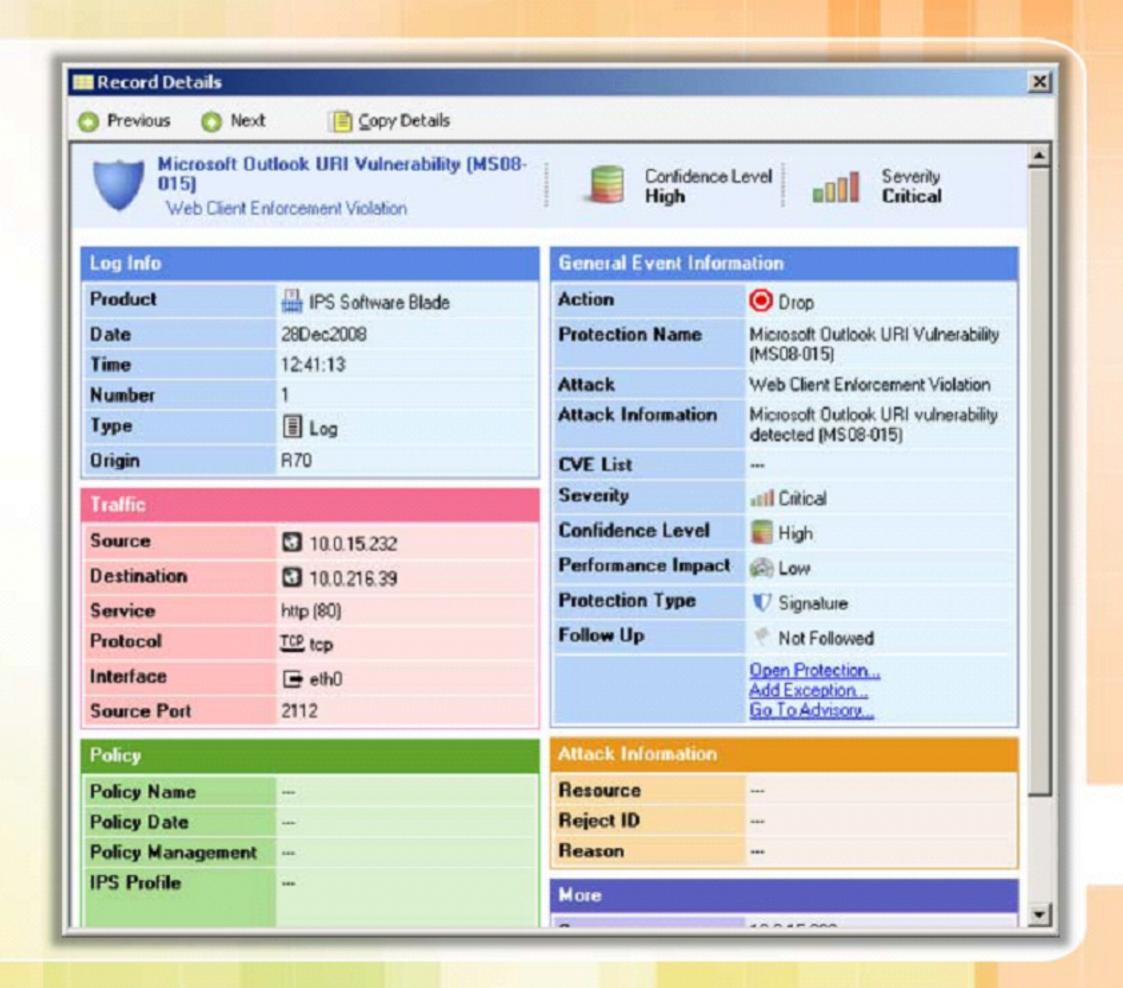


## Analyzing IDS Logs: Checkpoint (Cont'd)



- Checkpoint IPS also provides details of each log
- To view the details of any log, go to the SmartView Tracker records list and double-click on the event





# Analyzing Honeypot Logs



Honeypots are the devices that pretend to contain very useful information in order to lure attackers and find their whereabouts and techniques

O2 Kippo is one of the most commonly used honeypots

O3 Logs stored in Kippo contain the following information:

- 1. Timestamp
- 2. Type of session
- Session ID and Source IP address
- Message with other details

# DHCP Logging





- The DHCP logs are saved in the C:\Windows\System32\dhcp folder on DHCP servers
- DHCP server log file format
  - Double, Time, Description, IP Address, Host Name, MAC Address

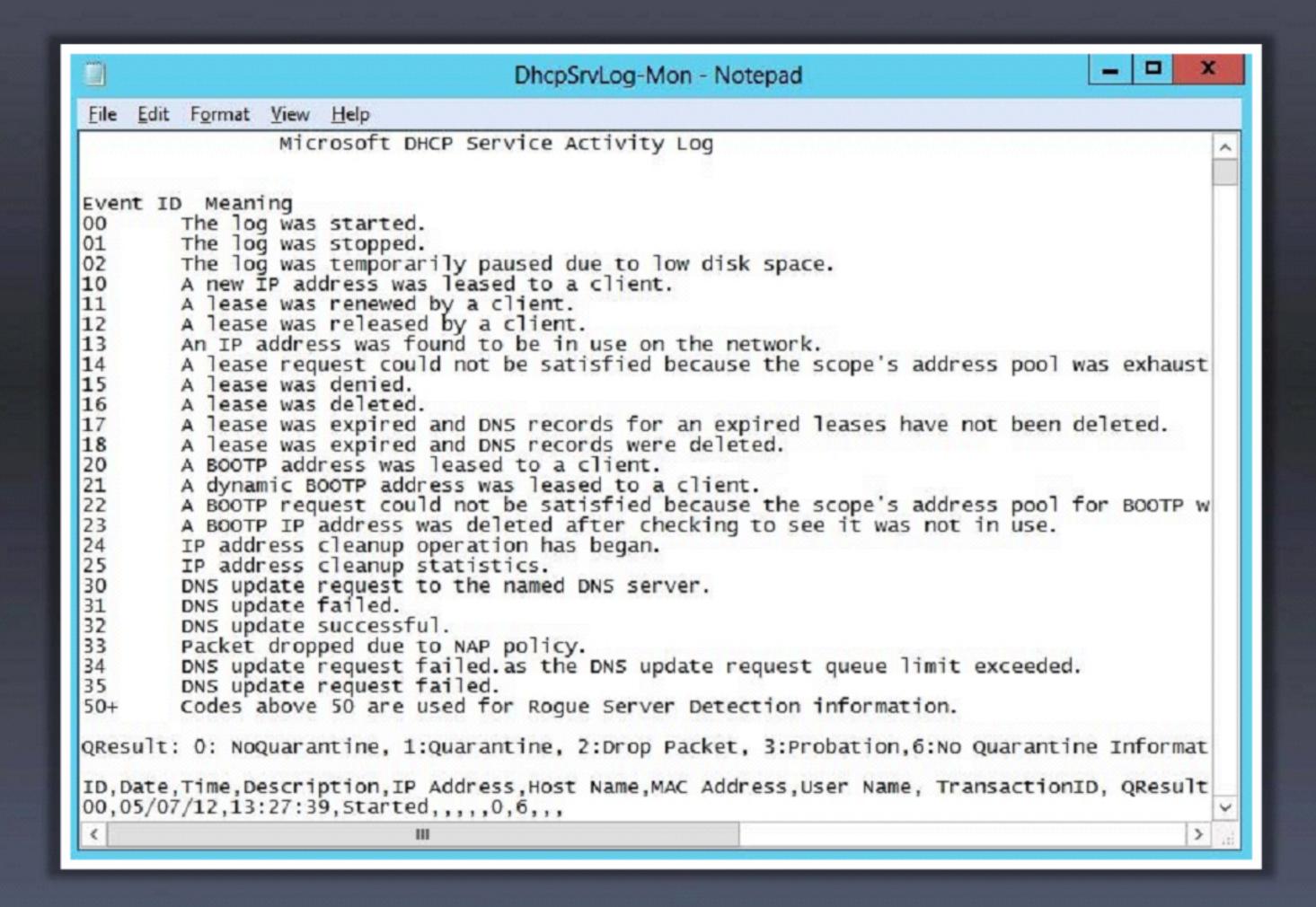




Field	Description
ID	A DHCP Event ID code
Date	The date on which this entry was logged on the DHCP server
Time	The time at which this entry was logged on the DHCP server
Description	A description of this DHCP server event
IP Address	The IP address of the DHCP client
Host Name	The host name of the DHCP client
MAC Address	The media access control (MAC) address used by the network adapter hardware of the client

## Sample DHCP Audit Log File





### Evidence Gathering at the Data-Link Layer: DHCP Database



The DHCP database provides a means for determining the MAC address associated with the computer in custody

This database helps DHCP to conclude the MAC address in case DHCP is unable to maintain a permanent log of requests

The DHCP server maintains a list of recent queries along with the MAC address and IP address

The database can be queried by providing the time duration during which the given IP address accessed the server

# ODBC Logging



Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) logging records a set of data fields in an ODBC-compliant database like Microsoft Access or Microsoft SQL Server

With ODBS logging, the administrator must specify both the database to be logged, and set up the database to receive the data

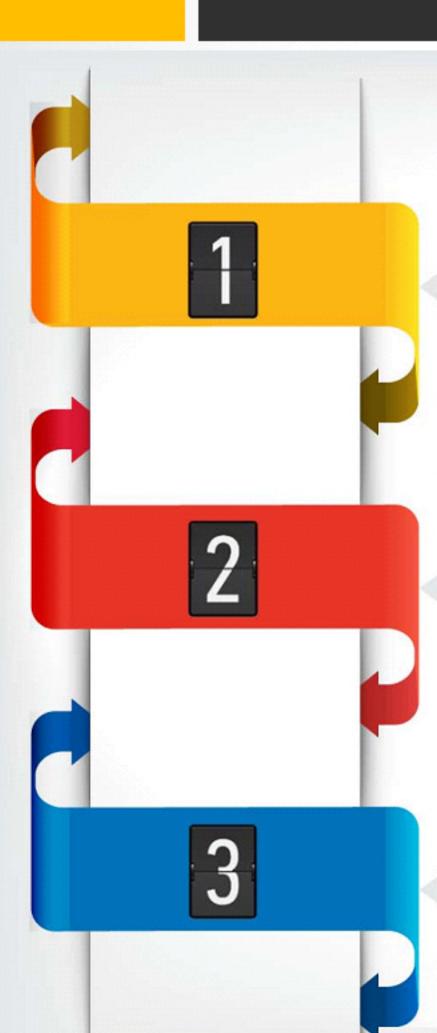
Some of logged information includes the user's IP address, user name, request date and time, HTTP status code, bytes received, bytes sent, action carried out, and the target file

When ODBC logging is enabled, IIS disables the HTTP.sys kernel-mode cache. This is the reason, implementing ODBC logging can degrade overall server performance

Field Name	SQL Server Field Type	MS Access Field Type
ClientHost	varchar(255)	text(255)
Username	varchar(255)	text(255)
LogTime	date time	date time
Service	varchar(255)	text(255)
Machine	varchar(255)	text(255)
ServerIP	varchar(50)	text(50)
ProcessingTime	int	int
BytesRecvd	int	int
BytesSent	int	int
ServiceStatus	int	int
Win32Status	int	int
Operation	varchar(255)	text(255)
Target	varchar(255)	text(255)
Parameters	varchar(255)	text(255)

### Why Investigate Network Traffic?





Some of the reasons investigators analyze network traffic:

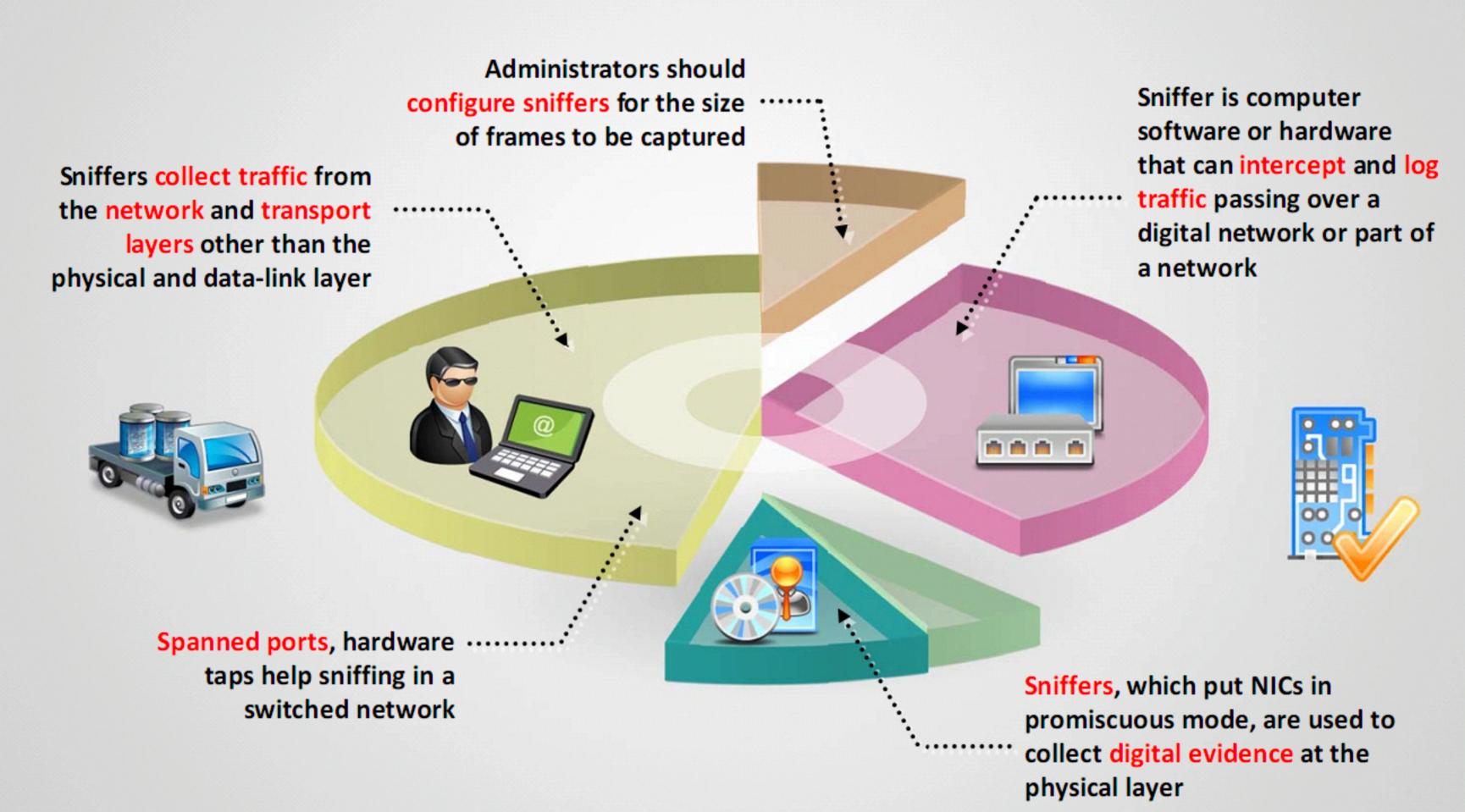
To locate suspicious network traffic

To know which network is generating the troublesome traffic and where the traffic is being transmitted to or received from

To identify network problems

## Evidence Gathering via Sniffing





# Sniffing Tool: Wireshark

Wireshark Tool

**Network Administrator** 

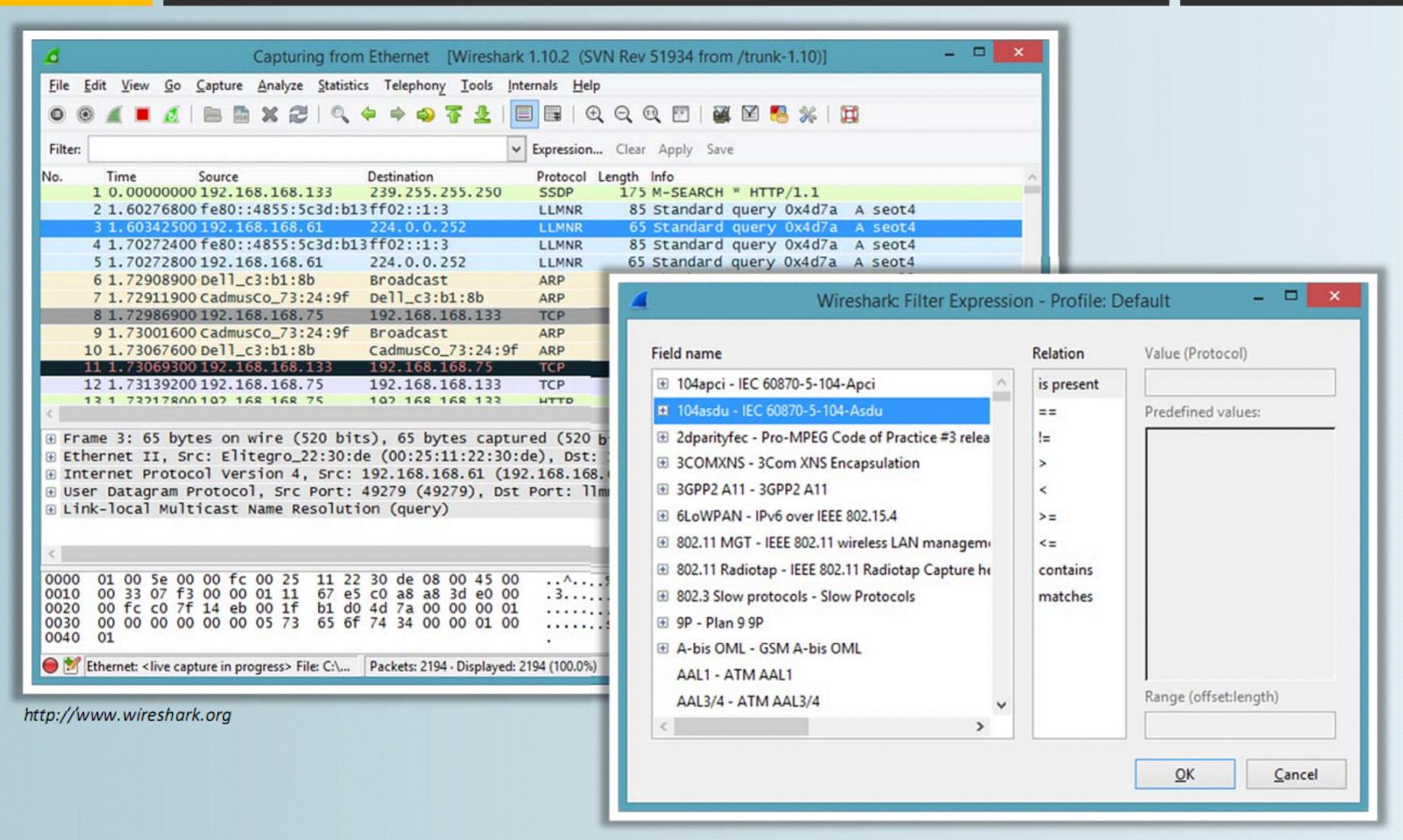


It lets you capture and interactively browse the traffic running on a computer network	01
Wireshark uses Winpcap to capture packets, therefore, it can only capture the packets on the networks supported by Winpcap	02
It captures live network traffic from Ethernet, IEEE 802.11, PPP/HDLC, ATM, Bluetooth, USB, Token Ring, Frame Relay, FDDI networks	03
Captured files can be programmatically edited via command-line	04
A set of filters for customized data display can be refined using a display filter	05

Network

### Sniffing Tool: Wireshark (Cont'd)





## Display Filters in Wireshark



#### Display filters are used to change the view of packets in the captured files

Display Filtering by Protocol

E.g.: Type the protocol in the filter box; arp, http, tcp, udp, dns, ip



Monitoring the Specific Ports

tcp.port==23

ip.addr==192.168.1.100 machine ip.addr==192.168.1.100 && tcp.port=23

Filtering by Multiple IP Addresses

ip.addr == 10.0.0.4 or
ip.addr == 10.0.0.5

Filtering by IP Address

ip.addr == 10.0.0.4

5

**Other Filters** 

• ip.dst == 10.0.1.50 && frame.pkt\_len > 400

• ip.addr == 10.0.1.12 && icmp && frame.number >

15 && frame.number < 30
</pre>

ip.src==205.153.63.30 or ip.dst==205.153.63.30

### Additional Wireshark Filters



01

tcp.flags.reset==1

**Displays all TCP resets** 

02

udp contains 33:27:58

Sets a filter for the HEX values of 0x33 0x27 0x58 at any offset

03

http.request

**Displays all HTTP GET requests** 

04

tcp.analysis. retransmission

Displays all retransmissions in the trace

05

tcp contains traffic

Displays all TCP packets that contain the word 'traffic'

06

!(arp or icmp or dns)

Masks out arp, icmp, dns, or other protocols and allows you to view traffic of you interest







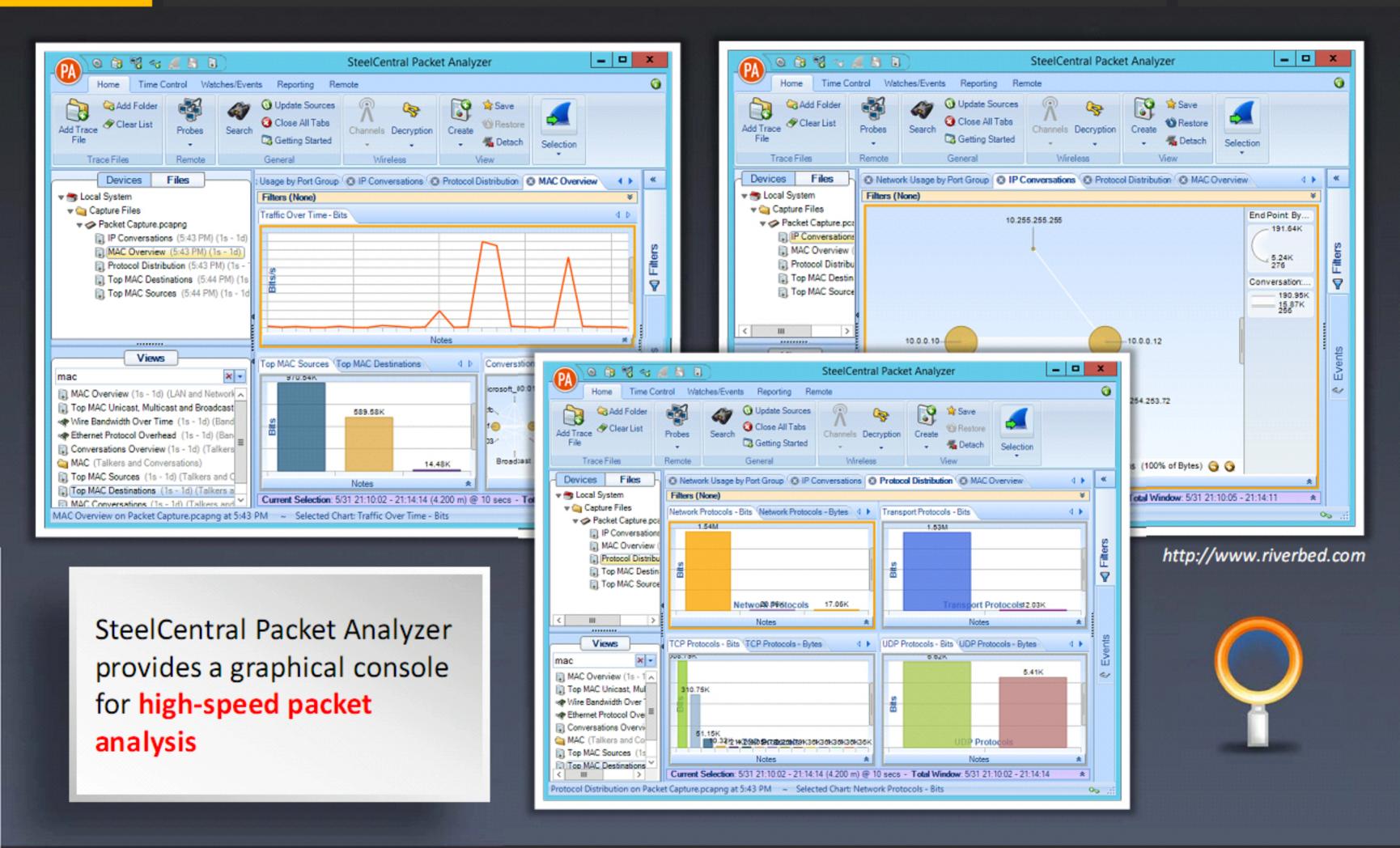






# Sniffing Tool: SteelCentral Packet Analyzer





### Sniffing Tool: Tcpdump/Windump



TCPdump is a command line interface packet sniffer which runs on Linux and Windows



#### **TCPDump**

Runs on Linux and UNIX systems

```
root@kali: ~
                                                              0 0 0
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
     kali:~# tcpdump -i eth0
topdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol dec
listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 byt
05:17:26.804527 IP 192.168.0.134.netbios-ns > 192.168.0.255.netbios-ns:
 NBT UDP PACKET(137): QUERY; REQUEST; BROADCAST
05:17:26.898597 IP 192.168.0.33.mdns > 224.0.0.251.mdns: 0 AAAA (QU)? E
CC-iMac.local. (32)
AAA (QU)? ECC-iMac.local. (32)
05:17:26.899415 IP 192.168.0.27.mdns > 224.0.0.251.mdns: 0*- [0q] 0/0/0
05:17:26.899417 IP6 fe80::1828:de86:7fe2:77dc.mdns > ff02::fb.mdns: 0*
05:17:27.049655 ARP, Request who-has 192.168.0.8 tell kali, length 28
05:17:27.070314 IP 192.168.0.33.mdns > 224.0.0.251.mdns: 0*- [0q] 1/0/2
 (Cache flush) AAAA fe80::3e07:54ff:fe57:9367 (90)
05:17:47.061653 ARP, Request who-has 192.168.0.8 tell kali, length 28
05:18:06.879551 IP 192.168.0.189.netbios-ns > 192.168.0.255.netbios-ns:
NBT UDP PACKET(137): QUERY; REQUEST; BROADCAST
05:18:27.097654 ARP, Request who-has 192.168.0.8 tell kali, length 28
05:18:36.865858 ARP, Request who-has 192.168.0.8 tell kali, length 28
05:18:46.876451 ARP, Request who-has 192.168.0.8 tell kali, length 28
```

http://www.tcpdump.org

#### WinDump

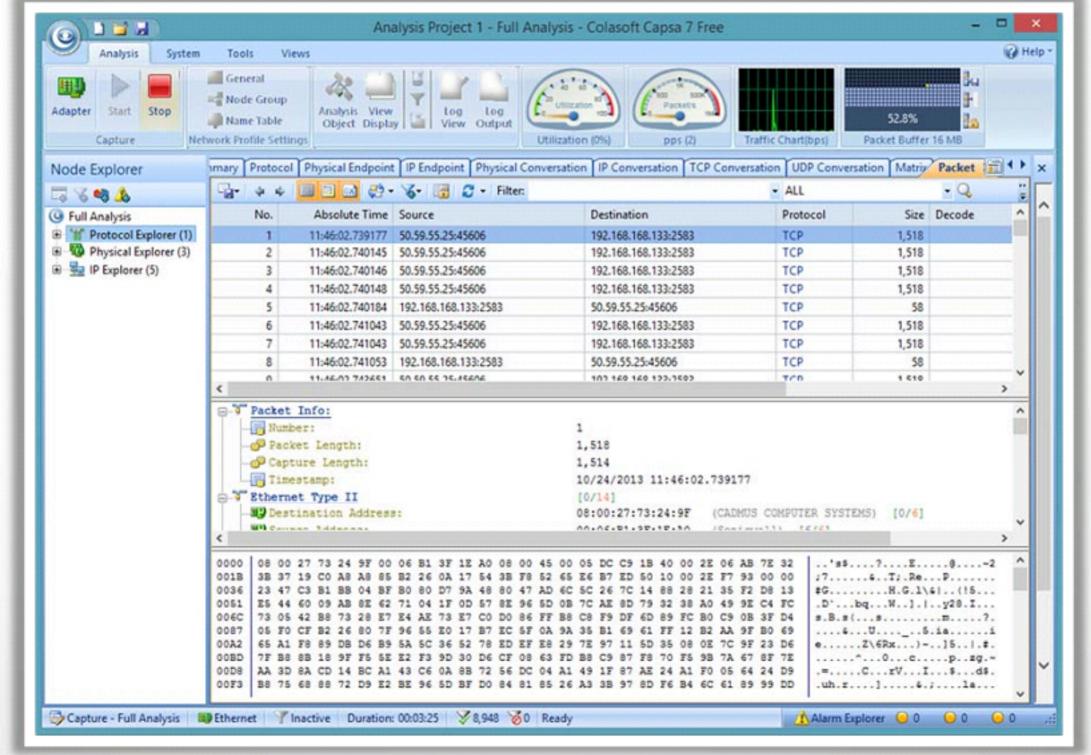
Runs on Windows systems

http://www.winpcap.org

## Packet Sniffing Tool: Capsa Network Analyzer



Capsa Network Analyzer captures all data transmitted over the network and provides a wide range of analysis statistics in an intuitive and graphical way





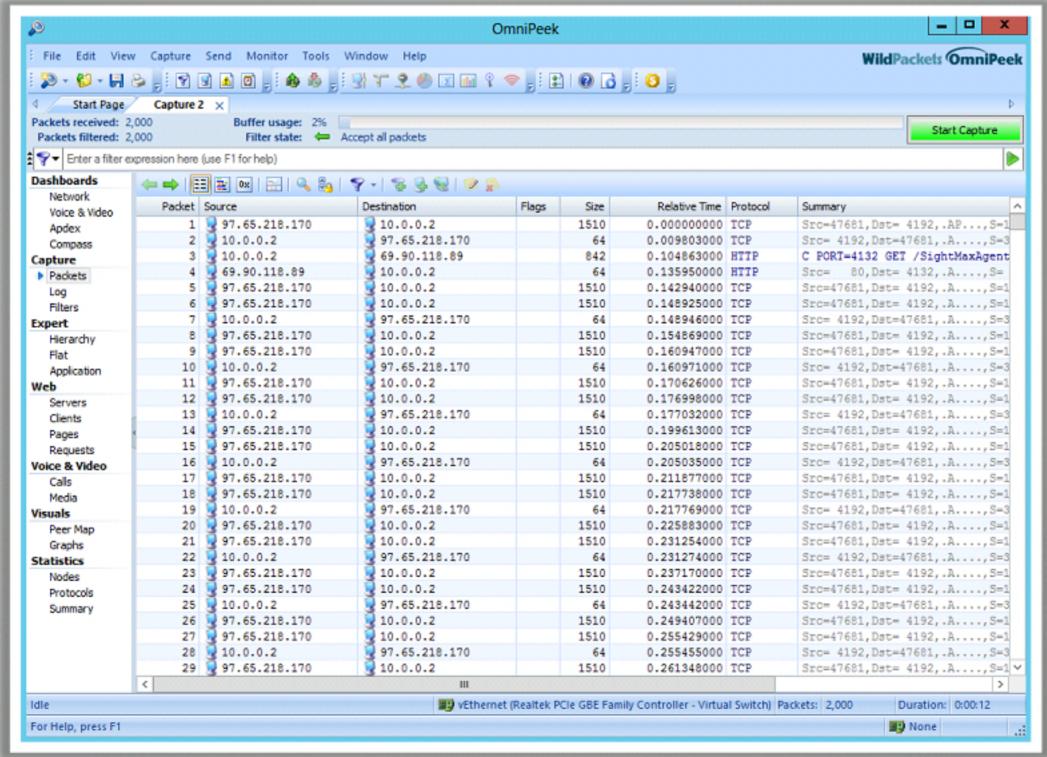


# Network Packet Analyzer: OmniPeek Network Analyzer



- OmniPeek sniffer displays a Google Map in the OmniPeek capture window showing the locations of all the public IP addresses of captured packets
- This feature is a great way to monitor the network in real time, and track that traffic







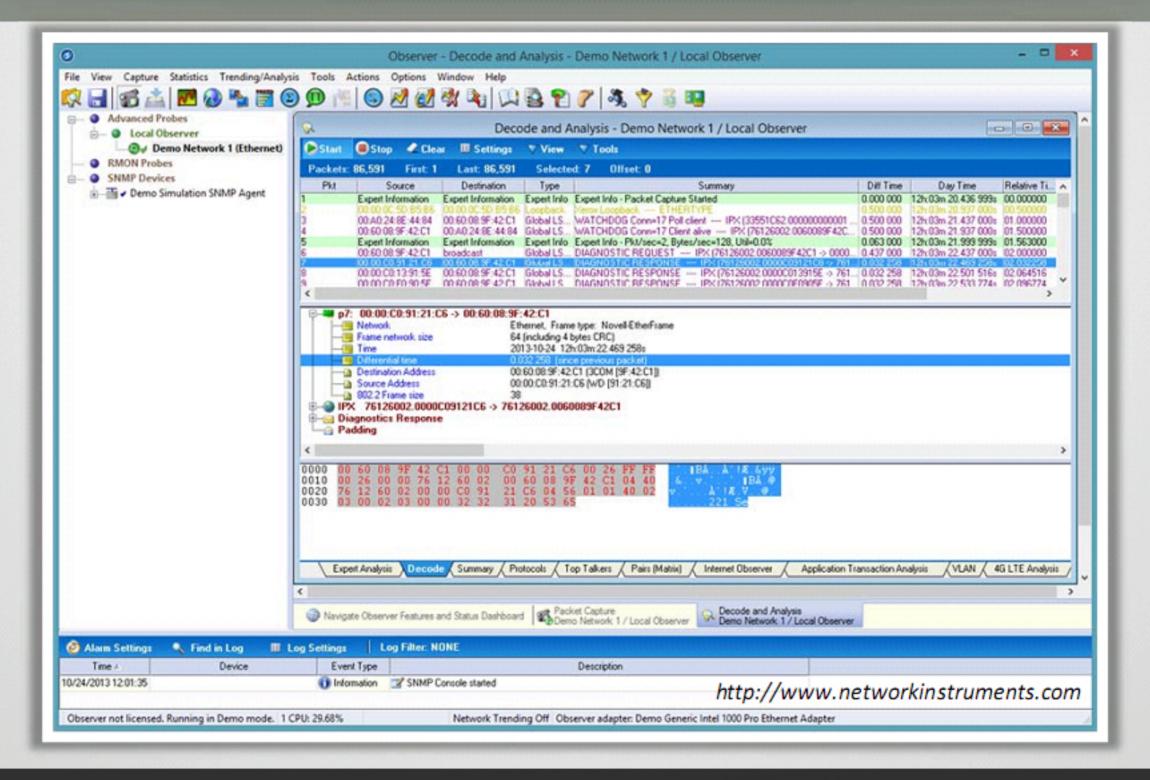
http://www.wildpackets.com

# Network Packet Analyzer: Observer



Observer provides a comprehensive drill-down into network traffic and provides back-in-time analysis, reporting, trending, alarms, application tools, and route monitoring capabilities





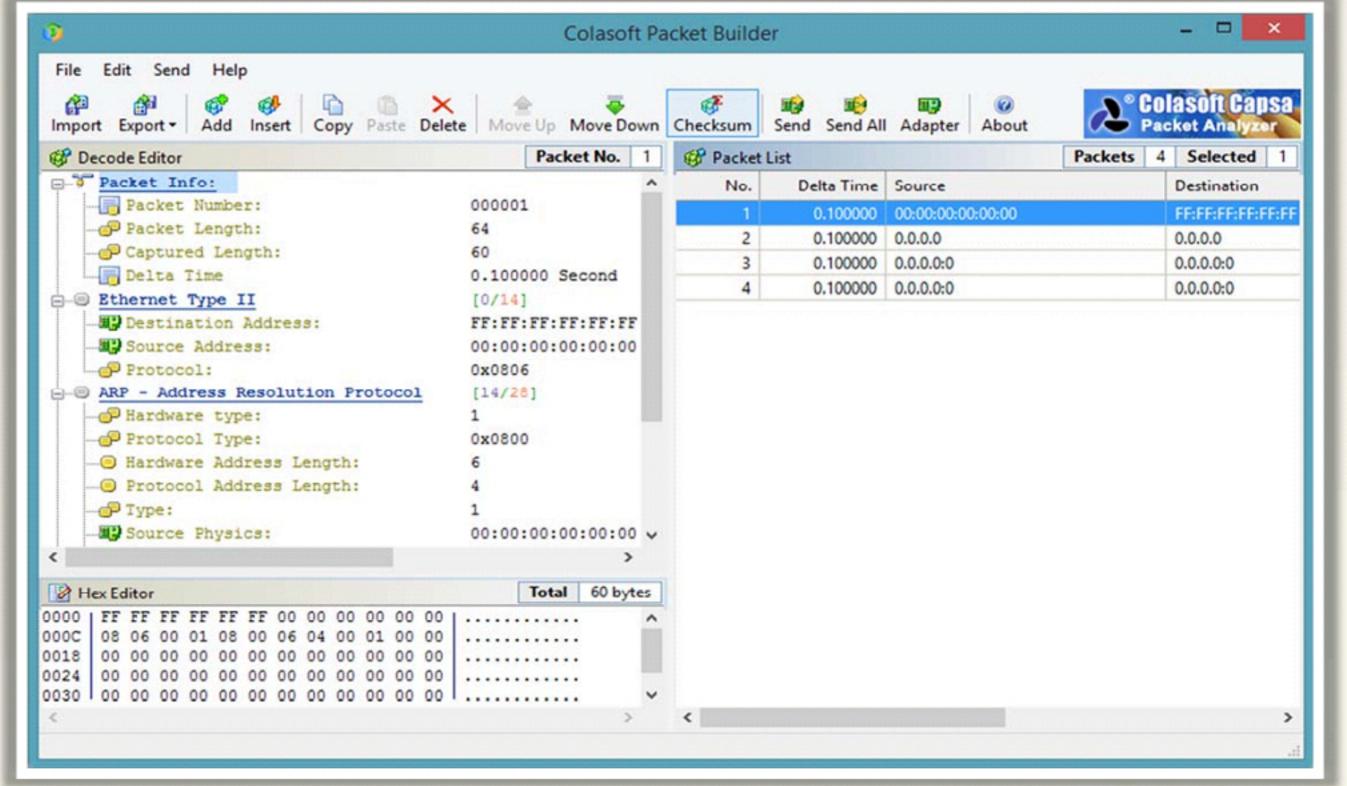


# TCP/IP Packet Crafter: Colasoft Packet Builder



Colasoft Packet Builder allows user to select one from the provided templates: **Ethernet Packet, ARP Packet, IP Packet, TCP Packet** and **UDP Packet**, and **change the parameters**in the decoder editor, hexadecimal editor, or ASCII editor to create a packet



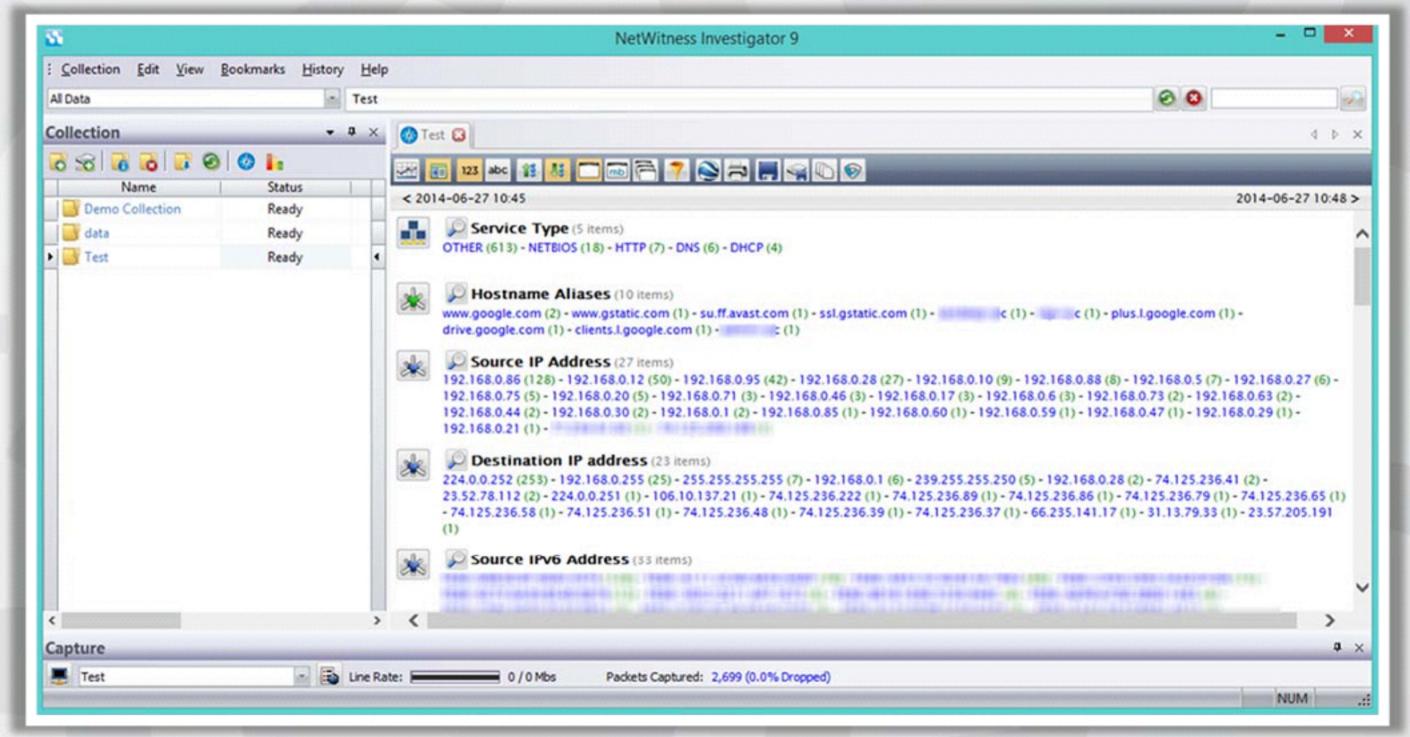


http://www.calasaft.com

# Network Packet Analyzer: RSA NetWitness Investigator



RSA NetWitness Investigator captures live traffic and process packet files from virtually any existing network collection devices









http://www.emc.com

## Additional Sniffing Tools





#### Ace Password Sniffer

http://www.effetech.com



#### **IPgrab**

http://ipgrab.sourceforge.net



#### **Big Mother**

http://www.tupsoft.com



#### **EtherDetect Packet Sniffer**

http://www.etherdetect.com



#### dsniff

https://www.monkey.org



#### **EffeTech HTTP Sniffer**

http://www.effetech.com



#### ntopng

http://www.ntop.org



#### Ettercap

http://ettercap.sourceforge.net



#### SmartSniff

http://www.nirsoft.net



#### **EtherApe**

http://etherape.sourceforge.net

## Additional Sniffing Tools (Cont'd)





#### **Network Probe**

http://www.objectplanet.com



#### WebSiteSniffer

http://www.nirsoft.net



#### **ICQ** Sniffer

http://www.etherboss.com



#### MaaTec Network Analyzer

http://www.maatec.com



#### Alchemy Eye

http://www.alchemy-lab.com



#### CommView

http://www.tamos.com



#### NetResident

http://www.tamos.com



#### **Kismet**

http://www.kismetwireless.net



#### **AIM Sniffer**

http://www.effetech.com



#### NetworkMiner

http://www.netresec.com

### Gathering Evidence from an IDS



An administrator can configure an IDS to capture network traffic when an alert is generated However, this data is not a sufficient source of evidence because integrity checks cannot be performed on the log files In a network investigation, preserving digital evidence is difficult, as data is displayed on-screen for a few seconds Investigators can record examination results from networking devices such as routers, switches, and firewalls through a serial cable and software such as the Windows HyperTerminal program or a script on UNIX If the amount of information to be captured is large, an investigator can record the on-screen event using a video camera or a related software program The disadvantage of this method is that there is no integrity check, making it difficult to authenticate the information

# Documenting the Evidence Gathered on a Network





Documenting the evidence gathered on a network is easy if the **network logs** are small, as a **printout** can be taken and attested



Documenting digital evidence on a network becomes more complex when the evidence is gathered from systems located remotely, because of the unavailability of date and time stamps of the related files



If the evidence resides on a remote computer, detailed information about collection and location should be documented. The investigator should specify the server containing the data to avoid confusion



For documentation and integrity of the document, it is advisable to follow a standard methodology



To support the **chain of custody**, the investigator should print out **screenshots** of important items and attach a record of actions taken during the **collection process** 

# **Evidence Reconstruction for Investigation**



#### Gathering evidence on a network is cumbersome for the following reasons:

- Evidence is not static and not concentrated at a single point on the network. The variety of hardware and software found on the network makes the evidence-gathering process more difficult
- Once the evidence is gathered, it can be used to reconstruct the crime to produce a clearer picture of the crime and identify the missing links in the picture

#### Fundamentals of reconstruction for investigating a crime:

#### **Temporal analysis**

It produces a sequential event trail, which sheds light on important factors such as what happened and who was involved

#### Relational analysis

It correlates the actions of suspect and victim

#### **Functional analysis**

It provides a description of the possible conditions of a crime. It testifies to the events responsible for a crime in relation to their functionalities

## Module Summary



■ Network forensics is the capturing, recording, and analyzing network traffic and event logs to discover the source of security attacks ☐ Network Addressing Schemes are of two types, LAN Addressing and Internetwork Addressing Log files are the primary recorders of a user's activity on a system and of network activities ☐ The accuracy of log files determines their credibility. Any modification to the logs causes the validity of the entire log file being presented to be suspect. ☐ Routers store network connectivity logs with details such as date, time, source and destination IPs and Ports used that help investigators in verifying the timestamps of an attack and correlate various events to find the source and destination IP ☐ Investigators analyze network traffic to locate suspicious traffic, find the network generating the troublesome traffic, and identify network problems Documenting the evidence gathered on a network is easy if the network logs are small, as a printout can be taken and attested ☐ Gathering evidence on a network is cumbersome for the following reasons since the evidence is not static and not concentrated at a single point on the network