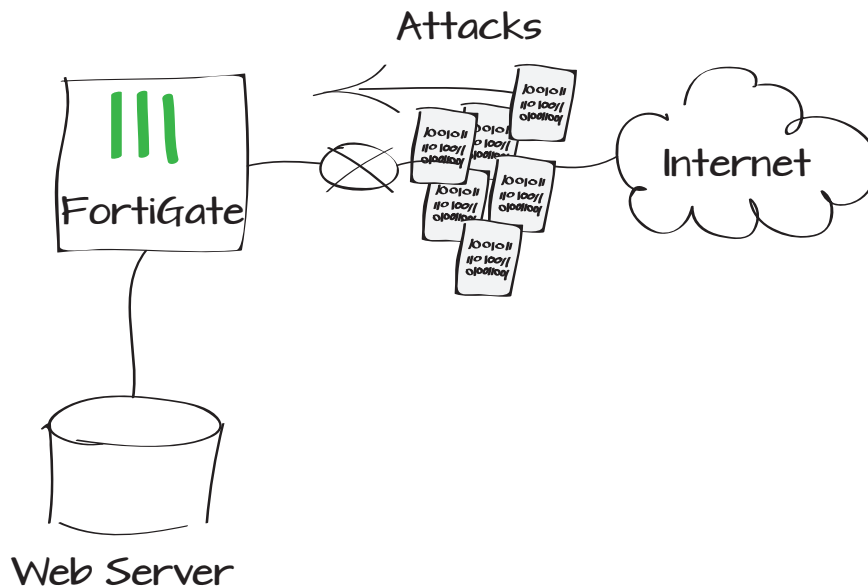


Protecting a web server from external attacks

This example uses the FortiOS intrusion protection system (IPS) to protect a web server by configuring an IPS sensor to protect against common attacks and adding it to the policy which allows external traffic to access the server. A denial of service (DoS) security policy is also added to further protect the server against that specific type of attack.

1. Configuring an IPS sensor to protect against common attacks
2. Adding the IPS sensor to a security policy
3. Adding a DoS security policy
4. Results



Configuring an IPS sensor to protect against common attacks

Go to **Security Profiles > Intrusion Protection > IPS Sensors**. Select the plus icon in the upper right corner of the window to create a new sensor.

Create a new IPS filter. Set the **Target** to **server** and set the **Action** to **Block All**.

Apply

Sensor Type Filter Based Specify Signatures

[Filter Options]

Severity

- critical
- high
- medium
- low
- info

Target

- client
- server

OS

- BSD
- Linux
- MacOS
- Other
- Solaris
- Windows

Name	Severity	Target	OS
2Wire.Wireless.Router.XSRF.Password.Reset	medium	server, client	Windows
3Com.3CDaemon.FTP.Server.Buffer.Overflow	high	server	Windows
3Com.Intelligent.Management.Center.Directory.Traversal	medium	server	Windows
3Com.Intelligent.Management.Center.Information.Disclosure	medium	server	Windows
3Com.OfficeConnect.ADSL.Wireless.Firewall.Router.DoS	medium	server	Windows
4D.WebStar.FTP.Command.Buffer.Overflow	high	server	Windows
4D.WebStar.Tomcat.Plugin.Remote.Buffer.Overflow	medium	server	Windows
7T.IGSS.ODBC.Server.Memory.Corruption	medium	server	Windows
7T.Interactive.Graphical.SCADA.File.Operations.Buffer.Overflow	high	server	Windows
7Technologies.IGSS.SCADA.System.Directory.Traversal	medium	server	Windows
427BB.Cookie.Based.Authentication.Bypass	medium	server	All
427BB.Showthread.PHP.ForumID.Parameter.SQL.Injection	medium	server	All
1024CMS.Standard.PHP.File.Inclusion	high	server	Windows
ABB.Multiple.Products.RobNetScanHost.exe.Stack.Buffer.Overflow	critical	server	Windows

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Action Signature Defaults Monitor All Block All Reset Quarantine

Packet Logging

Adding the IPS sensor to a security policy

Go to **Policy > Policy > Policy**. Edit the security policy allowing traffic to the web server from the Internet.

Enable **IPS** and set it to use the new sensor.

Policy Type Firewall VPN

Policy Subtype Address User Identity Device Identity

Incoming Interface

Source Address

Outgoing Interface

Destination Address

Schedule

Service

Action

Enable NAT

Logging Options

No Log

Adding a DoS security policy

Go to **Policy > Policy > DoS Policy**.

Create a new policy. The **Incoming Interface** is your Internet-facing interface.

In the **Anomalies** list, enable **Status** and **Logging** and set the **Action** to **Block** for all types.

Incoming Interface

Source Address

Destination Address

Service

Anomalies

Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Logging	Action	Threshold
tcp_syn_flood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Block	20
tcp_port_scan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Block	1000
tcp_src_session	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Block	5000
tcp_dst_session	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Block	5000
udp_flood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Block	2000
udp_scan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Block	2000
udp_src_session	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Block	5000
udp_dst_session	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Block	5000
icmp_flood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Block	250
icmp_sweep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Block	100
icmp_src_session	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Block	300
icmp_dst_session	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Block	1000

Results



WARNING: Causing a DoS attack is illegal, unless you own the server under attack. Before performing an attack, make sure you have the correct server IP.

Perform an DoS tcp_sync_flood attack to the web server IP address. IPS blocks the TCP sync session when it reaches the **tcp_syn_flood** threshold, in this case 20.

Go to **Log & Report > Security Log > Intrusion Protection** to view the results of the DoS policy.

Select an entry to view more information, including the severity of the attack and the attack name.

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Severity	Src	Protocol	Count	Attack Name	Attack ID	Level	
critical	172.20.120.123	tcp	4	tcp_syn_flood	100663396	critical	anomaly: tcp_syn_flood, 21
critical	172.20.120.123	tcp	3	tcp_syn_flood	100663396	critical	anomaly: tcp_syn_flood, 21
critical	172.20.120.123	tcp	2	tcp_syn_flood	100663396	critical	anomaly: tcp_syn_flood, 21
critical	172.20.120.123	tcp	1	tcp_syn_flood	100663396	critical	anomaly: tcp_syn_flood, 21
critical	172.20.120.123	tcp	5	tcp_syn_flood	100663396	critical	anomaly: tcp_syn_flood, 21
critical	172.20.120.123	tcp	9	tcp_syn_flood	100663396	critical	anomaly: tcp_syn_flood, 21
critical	172.20.120.123	tcp	2	tcp_syn_flood	100663396	critical	anomaly: tcp_syn_flood, 21
critical	172.20.120.123	tcp	7	tcp_syn_flood	100663396	critical	anomaly: tcp_syn_flood, 21
critical	172.20.120.123	tcp	3	tcp_syn_flood	100663396	critical	anomaly: tcp_syn_flood, 21
critical	172.20.120.123	tcp	4	tcp_syn_flood	100663396	critical	anomaly: tcp_syn_flood, 21
critical	172.20.120.123	tcp	2	tcp_syn_flood	100663396	critical	anomaly: tcp_syn_flood, 21
critical	172.20.120.123	tcp	11	tcp_syn_flood	100663396	critical	anomaly: tcp_syn_flood, 21

Dst	172.20.120.24	Virtual Domain	root
Protocol Number	6	Severity	critical
Service	http	Protocol	tcp
Identity Index	0	Message	anomaly: tcp_syn_flood, 21 > threshold 20, repeats 4 times
Dst Port	80	Reference	http://www.fortinet.com/ids/VID100663396
roll	65522	Status	clear_session
Timestamp	Wed Apr 24 16:04:33 2013	Sequence Number	0
Policy ID	0	Src Interface	wan1
Src	172.20.120.123	Count	4
Level	alert	Sensor	DoS-policy1
pcap_id	100663396	Src Port	62132
Log ID	18432	Sub Type	anomaly
Attack ID	100663396	Attack Name	tcp_syn_flood
Date/Time	04-24 16:04 (Wed Apr 24 16:04:33 2013)		