



# Snort 初探

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# Outline

- ✦ How to IDSs detect intrusions
- ✦ Snort's Inner Workings
- ✦ Playing by the Rules
- ✦ Conclusion

# How to IDSs detect intrusions (1/6)

## ☀ Any way they can

- Specialized trick for BackOrifice
  - Magic string: `*!*QWTY?`
  - Random generator - `((holdrand = holdrand * 214013L + 2531011L) >> 16) & 0x7fff`
  - Bruce force decryption
- Snort - `spp_bo.c/spp_bo.h` preprocessor

## ☀ Pattern-match

- Searching network traffic for distinctive patterns
  - Alert tcp any any -> any any (msg: "RPC EXPLOIT startdx"; content: "/bin||c74604|sh"; sid: 600;)
  - Alert tcp any any -> any any (msg: "RPC EXPLOIT startdx", content: "/bin/|c74604|sh"; sid: 1281;)
- Snort – `sp_pattern_match` detection-plugins

Ref: How ISS RealSecure Network Sensor 7.0 Detects Intrusions

# How to IDSs detect intrusions (2/6)

## ☀ Reassembly

- Data could span more than one packets
- Snort -
  - IP deragment: spp\_frag2 preprocessor
  - TCP reassembly: spp\_stream4 preprocessor

## ☀ TCP connection state

- Data is come from client or server
  - alert tcp any any -> any 21 (msg: "FTP CWD ~root"; content: "CWD ~root"; sid:336; flow: to\_server;)
  - alert tcp any 21 -> any any (msg: "FTP bad login"; content: "530"; flow: from\_server;)
- Snort
  - spp\_stream4 preprocessor
  - :sp\_clientserver detection-plugins

# How to IDSs detect intrusions (3/6)

## ☀ Protocol-decodes (Protocol-analysis)

- Break down a packet into individual fields
  - Alert icmp any any -> any any (msg: "ICMP PING NMAP"; dsize:0; itype:8; sid:469;)
- Snort
  - IP, TCP, UDP, ICMP decodes
  - Detection plugins: sp\_icmp\_code\_check, sp\_icmp\_id\_check, sp\_icmp\_seq\_check, sp\_icmp\_type\_check ....

## ☀ Application-layer Preprocessors/normalizers

- Create some sort of "common" form
- Evade rule-1
  - alert tcp any any -> any 21 (msg: "FTP CWD ~root"; content: "CWD ~root"; sid:336; flow: to\_server;)
  - CWD ~root or CWD ~root
- Evade rule-2
  - Alert tcp any any -> any 80 (msg: "WEB-CGI phf access"; content: "/phf"; sid: 886)
  - http:// example.com/cgi-bin/%2F%70%68%66?Qalias=%0Acat+etc/password
- Snort
  - Processors: spp\_httpinspect, spp\_rpc\_decode, spp\_telnet\_negotiation ...



# How to IDSs detect intrusions (4/6)

- ✦ State-based application-layer protocol decode
  - ✦ Understand the state of application-layer protocol
    - Command mode and data mode switching
    - Alert tcp any any -> any 25 (msg: "SMTP vrfy decode"; content "VRFY decode"; sid: 672)
  - ✦ Snort
    - spp\_httpinspect, spp\_rpc\_decode, spp\_telnet\_negotiation preprocessors

# How to IDSs detect intrusions (5/6)

## ☀ Protocol-field pattern-match

- ☀ Decoding all the fields in the packets restrict searches only to the valid contexts
  - alert tcp any any -> any 80 (msg: "WEB-CGI phf access";  
uricontent: "/phf"; sid: 886;)
- ☀ Snort
  - spp\_httpinspect, spp\_rpc\_decode

## ☀ Protocol-validation, compliance-testing, RFC checking

- ☀ Detection 0-day exploits
- ☀ DNS query, HTTP method, SMTP ...

# How to IDSs detect intrusions (6/6)

## ☀ Other detection method

### ☀ Protocol anomaly detection

- Too long request, overflow attempt

### ☀ Baseline anomaly detection

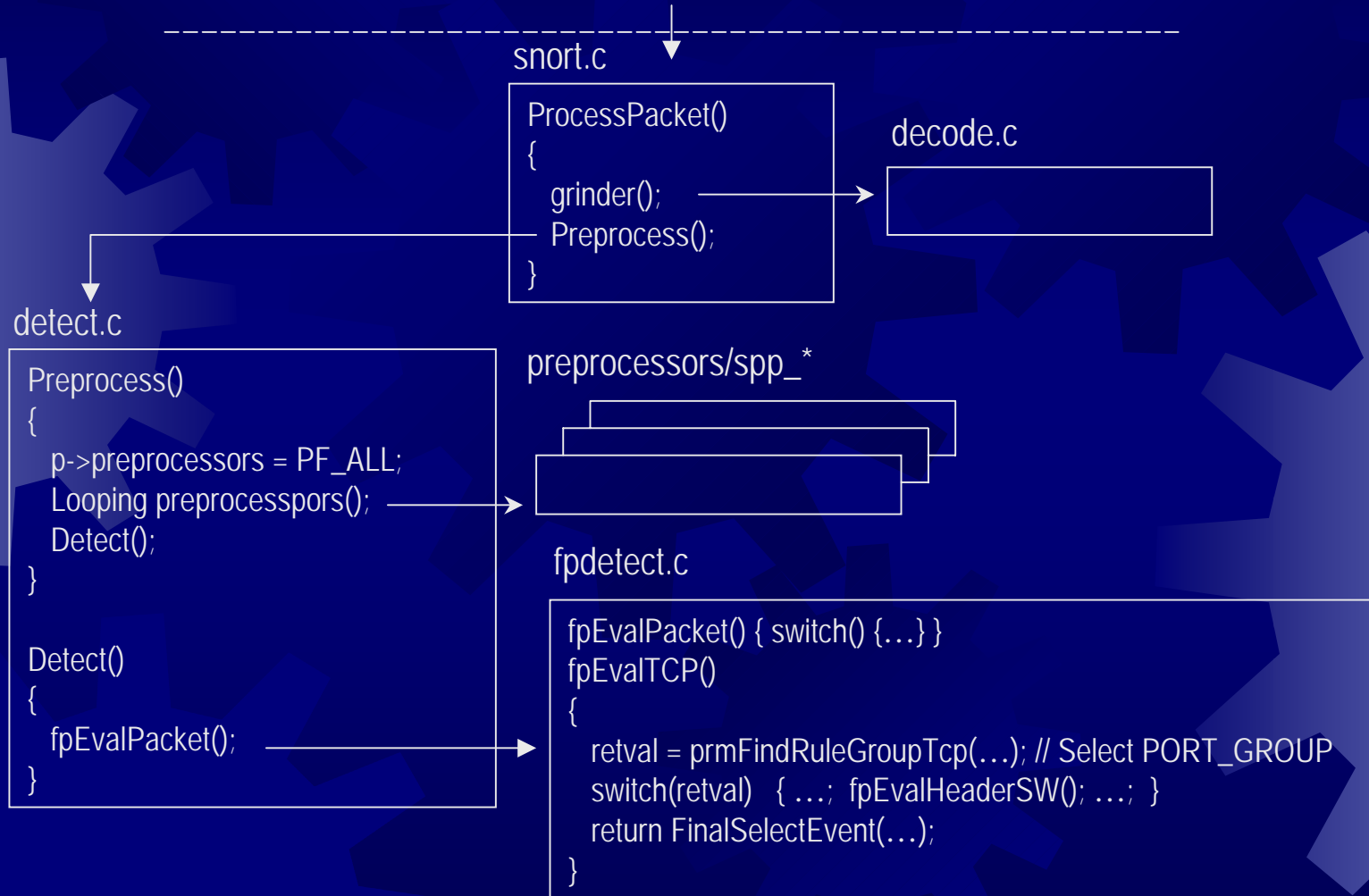
- SYN flooding, UDP flooding

### ☀ Heuristics and behavior analysis

- Login failed times  $\geq 3$  in short time



# Snort's Inner Workings (1/4)



# Snort's Inner Workings (2/4)

fpdetect.c

```
fpEvalPacket() { switch() {...} }
fpEvalTCP()
{
    retval = prmFindRuleGroupTcp(...); // Select PORT_GROUP
    switch(retval) { ...; fpEvalHeaderSW(); ...; }
    return FinalSelectEvent(...);
}
fpEvalHeaderSW()
{
    // multip-pattern detection engine
    mpseSearch(, ontx_match, );
    // No-content rules matching
    for(...)
    {
        fpEvalOTN();
        fpEvalRTN();
    }
}
```

# ListHead (Alert, Pass, Log, Activation, Dynamic)

```
RuleTreeNode *IpList;  
RuleTreeNode *TcpList;  
RuleTreeNode *UdpList;  
RuleTreeNode *IcmpList;
```

alert tcp any any → any 21 (msg: “FTP CWD ~root”;  
content: “CWD ~root”; flow: to\_server; sid: 336;)

## RuleTreeNode

```
RuleFpList *rule_func;  
Source IP;  
Destination IP;  
Source Port;  
Destination Port;  
RuleTreeNode *right;  
OptTreeNode *down;
```

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## OptTreeNode

```
OptFpList *opt_func;  
void *ds_list[64];  
OptTreeNode *next;
```

## OptFpList

```
void *context;  
int (*OptTestFunc)(...);  
OptFpList *next;
```

## OptTreeNode

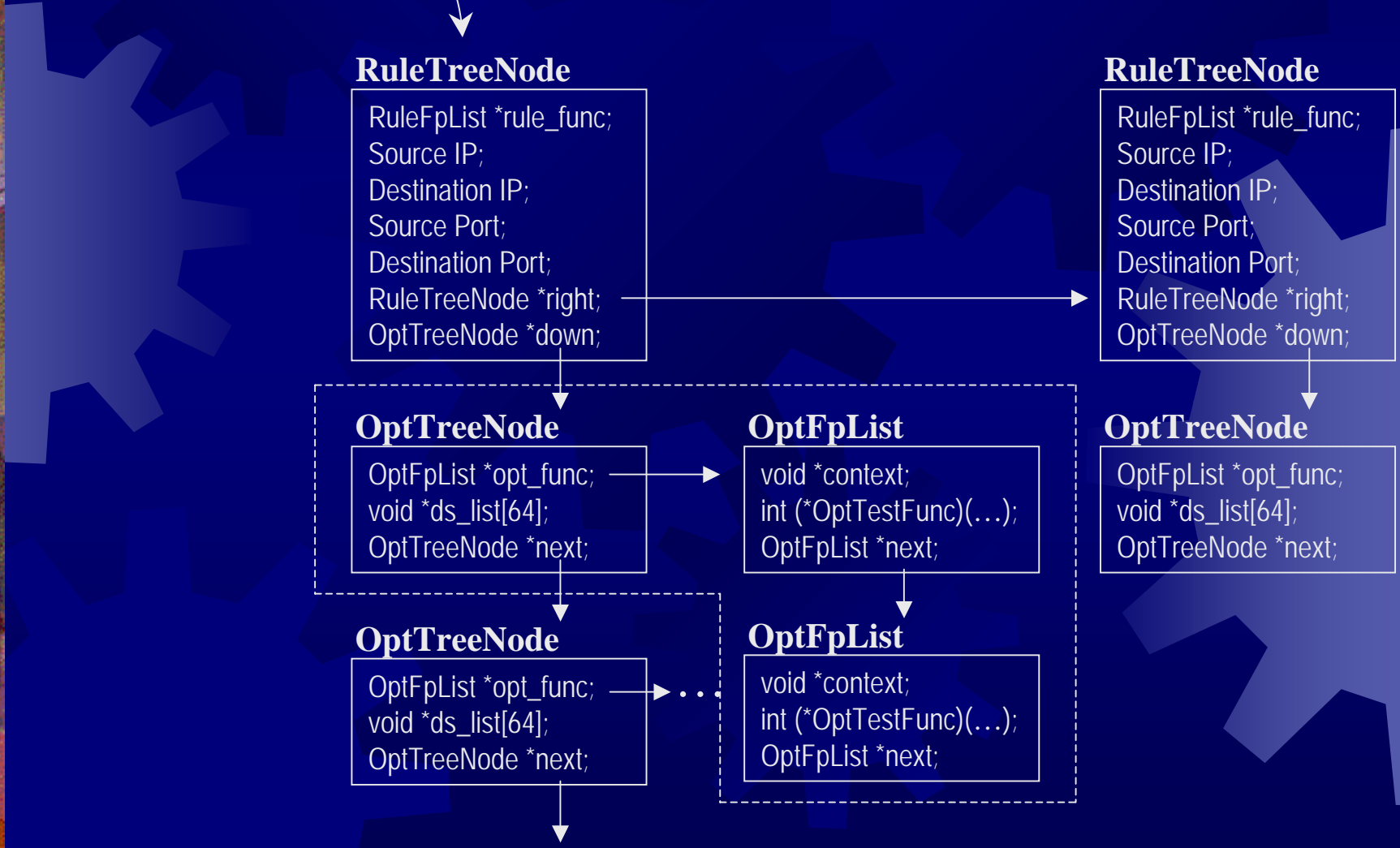
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## PORT\_RULE\_MAP

```
PORT_GROUP *prmSrcPort[MAX_PORTS];  
PORT_GROUP *prmDstPort[MAX_PORTS];  
PORT *prmGeneric;
```

## PORT\_GROUP

```
RULE_NODE *pgHead;  
RULE_NODE *pgHeadNC;  
RULE_NODE *pgUriHead;  
void *pgPatData;  
Void *pgPatDataUri;
```

## RULE\_NODE

```
RULE_NODE *next;  
RULE_PTR rnRuleData;  
int iRuleNodeID;
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## Multi-Pattern Matching Structure

## OptTreeNode

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OptTreeNode *next;
```

## OptFpList

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# Playing by the Rules (1/10)

## ☀ Snort Rule Format

Rule Header

```
alert tcp $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HOME_NET 6666:7000 \
```

Rule Body

```
(msg:"EXPLOIT CHAT IRC topic overflow";
```

Meta-Data

```
flow:to_client,established;\
```

Non-Payload Detection Options

```
content:"|EB|K|S2|E4 83 C3 0B|K|88 23 B8|Pw"; \
```

Payload Detection Options

```
react: block, msg; tag: session, 10, seconds;\
```

Post-Detection Rule Options

```
reference:bugtraq,573; reference:cve,1999-0672; \
```

Meta-Data

```
classtype:attempted-user; sid:307; rev:9;)
```



# Playing by the Rules (2/10)

## ☀ Rule Header

### ☀ Rule Action

- Alert – Alert and log packets
- Log – Log packets
- Pass – Ignore packets (note: Snort -o : Pass|Alert|Log)
- Activate – Alert and turn on another dynamic rule
- Dynamic – remain idle until activated by an activate rule

### ☀ Protocols, IP Addresses, Port Numbers, Direction operator

# Playing by the Rules (3/10)

## ☀ Meta-Data Rule Options

- ☀ Provide related information to describe the rule
- ☀ msg, reference, rev, classtype, priority

## ☀ Payload Detection Rule Options

- ☀ Look for the data inside the packet payload and can be **inter-related**
- ☀ Options
  - content, uricontent, byte\_test, pcre
  - depth, offset, distance, within, byte\_jump
  - nocase, rawbytes, isdataat

# Playing by the Rules (4/10)

## ★ Payload Detection Rule Options

### ★ content

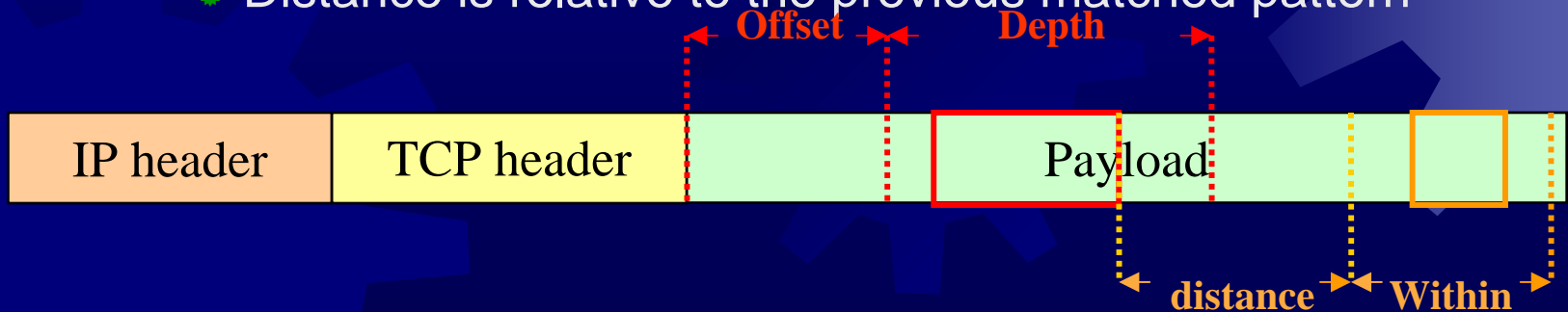
- Search specified content in the payload
- content: “abcde” or content: “|0d0a 0921|”

### ★ offset, within

- **Where** to start searching
- Within is relative to the previous matched pattern

### ★ depth, distance

- **How far** into a packet snort should be search
- Distance is relative to the previous matched pattern



# Playing by the Rules (5/10)

```
C:\WINNT\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows 2000 [Version 5.00.2195]
(C) Copyright 1985-2000 Microsoft Corp.

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator>
```

```
C:\ 命令提示字元
Microsoft Windows XP [版本 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

C:\Documents and Settings\aphyr>
```

```
alert tcp $HOME_NET !21:23 -> $EXTERNAL_NET any \
(msg:"ATTACK-RESPONSES Microsoft cmd.exe banner";\
flow:from_server,established;\
content:"Microsoft Windows"; depth:128;\
content:"|28|C|29| Copyright 1985-"; within:60;\
content:"Microsoft Corp."; distance:5; within:15;\
reference:nessus,11633; classtype:successful-admin; sid:2123; rev:2;)
```



# Playing by the Rules (6/10)

## ★ Payload Detection Rule Options

### ★ byte\_test

- Testing binary values or converting representative bytes testing
- byte\_test: <bytes\_to\_convert>, <operator>, <value>, <offset> ,[, [relative], [big], [little], [string], [hex], [dec], [oct]]

### ★ byte\_jump

- Grap bytes, convert them to values and jump up that many bytes
- byte\_test: <bytes\_to\_convert>, <operator>, <offset> ,[, [relative], [big], [little], [string], [hex], [dec], [oct], [align]]



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
7	0.004390	10.9.65.207	10.9.65.81	SMB	Session Setup AndX Response, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE, Error: 317
8	0.005515	10.9.65.81	10.9.65.207	SMB	Session Setup AndX Request, NTLMSSP_AUTH
9	0.006934	10.9.65.207	10.9.65.81	SMB	Session Setup AndX Response, Error: STATUS_LOGON_FAILURE
10	0.008555	10.9.65.81	10.9.65.207	TCP	3039 > microsoft-ds [FIN, ACK] Seq=3860964124 Ack=3335605350

```

Frame 8 (352 bytes on wire, 352 bytes captured)
Ethernet II, Src: 00:50:ba:75:d7:6f, Dst: 00:03:47:73:d9:33
Internet Protocol, Src Addr: 10.9.65.81 (10.9.65.81), Dst Addr: 10.9.65.207 (10.9.65.207)
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 3039 (3039), Dst Port: microsoft-ds (445), Seq: 3860963826, Ack: 3335605350, Len:
NetBIOS Session Service
SMB (Server Message Block Protocol)
  SMB Header
    Session Setup AndX Request (0x73)
      word Count (wct): 12
      AndXCommand: No further commands (0xff)
      Reserved: 00
      AndXoffset: 294
      Max Buffer: 4356
      Max Mpx Count: 10
      VC Number: 0
      Session Key: 0x00000000
      Security Blob Length: 162
      Reserved: 00000000
    Capabilities: 0xa00000d4
    Byte Count (bcc): 235
    Security Blob: 4E544C4D535350000300000018001800...
      Native OS: windows 2002 2600
      Native LAN Manager: windows 2002 5.1
      Primary Domain:
  
```

```

alert tcp $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HOME_NET 139\
(msg:"NETBIOS SMB NTLMSSP_AUTH unicode overflow attempt";\
flow:to_server,established;\
content:"|FF|SMB|73|"; depth:5; offset:4; nocase;\
byte_test:1,>,127,6,relative;\
byte_jump:1,32,relative,word;\
byte_test:2,>,512,0,relative;)
  
```

0000	00 03 47 73 d9 33 00 50	ba 75 d7 6f 08 00 45 00	..Gs.3.P .u.o..E.
0010	01 52 06 bc 40 00 80 06	5b b8 0a 09 41 51 0a 09	.R..@... [...AQ..
0020	41 cf 0b df 01 ba e6 21	a1 f2 c6 d1 4c 66 50 18	A.....! .....LFP.
0030	f9 78 ac f8 00 00 00 00	01 26 ff 53 4d 42 73 00	.x..... .&.SMBs.
0040	00 00 00 18 07 c8 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....&..
0050	00 00 00 00 ff fe 00 08	20 00 0c ff 00 26 01 04	.....&..
0060	11 0a 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 a2 00 00 00 00 00 d4	.....
0070	00 00 a0 eb 00 4e 54 4c	4d 53 53 50 00 03 00 00	... .NTL MSSP....
0080	00 18 00 18 50 62 00 00	00 18 00 18 00 7a 00 00	....b.....Z..
0090	00 0c 00 0c 00 40 00 00	00 0a 00 0a 00 4c 00 00	.....@.. .....L..
00a0	00 0c 00 0c 00 56 00 00	00 10 00 10 00 92 00 00	.....V.....
00b0	00 15 82 88 e0 43 00 4f	00 4d 00 50 00 41 00 51	....C.O .M.P.A.Q
00c0	00 61 00 70 00 68 00 79	00 72 00 43 00 4f 00 4d	.a.p.h.y .r.C.O.M
00d0	00 50 00 41 00 51 00 0e	1e bb d3 4d 45 b2 96 00	.P.A.Q.. ...ME..

# Playing by the Rules (8/10)

## ☀ Payload Detection Rule Options

### ☀ rawbytes

- Look at the raw packet data, ignoring any decoding by preprocessing

### ☀ uricontent

- Searches the NORMALIZED request URI field

### ☀ pcre (Perl Compatible Regular expression)

- Using regular expression to search payload or URI field
- pcre: [!]/regex/ismxAEGRUB

# Playing by the Rules (9/10)

## ★ Non-Payload Detection Rule Options

- ★ Look for non-payload data
- ★ IP fields: fragoffset, ttl, id, ipopts, fragbits, ip\_proto
- ★ TCP fields: flags, seq, ack, window
- ★ ICMP fields: icode, icmp\_id, icmp\_seq
- ★ Flow: to\_client, to\_server, established, stateless, no\_stream, only\_stream
- ★ Flowbits: set, isset

# Playing by the Rules (10/10)

## ★ Post-detection

- Triggers that happen after a rule fired
- Logto – output to file
- Session – extract user data from TCP sessions
- Sesp – close sessions (reset)
- React – close connection and send visible messages (to browser)
- Tag – allow to log more than one packets after a rule is fired

# Discussion

