



# TippingPoint Perceptions..

Auditor: Do you have security for your network..?

CEO: yes, we have multiple firewall and anti-virus gateways

Auditor: do you have IPS ..?

CEO: Yes we have IDS, we are secure.

Firewall: A network policy device. Through tough policy some security is yielded. IDS: Intrusion Detection System. A forensic device. No real time business value.

# IDS // IPS..??

#### TippingPoint What is an IPS ..?

- >IT IS: A network centric flow based classification engine, which acts.
- >IT DOES: Block malicious traffic
- >IT DOES: Block or Rate Limit undesirable traffic
- >IT DOES NOT : Impact the network
- >IT IS: Not known of; neither by the network team, nor the end users.
- >IT DOES : only block the offending flow(s).
- >IT IS: easy to install and administer
- >IT IS NOT: a firewall
- >IT IS NOT : an anti virus gateway
- >IT CANNOT : be addressed, therefore not targeted.
- >IT MUST : step up to the challenge, or step off.
- >IT MUST : provide immediate protection and business value
- >IT IS: A simple concept, but a real engineering challenge

#### TippingPoint Why not take an IDS, and call it an IPS..?

- IDS and IPS engineering teams have vastly different design goals -

#### **IDS**

- >False Positive : OK, Accepted
- >False Negative : OK, Accepted
- >Unable to handle traffic load: no problem.
- >System Crash: No problem
- >Excessive Tuning : False Dangers, Time to install
- >Protocol Decoders: Understood, Accepted
- >Exploit Signatures : OK, Easily obfuscated

#### **IPS**

- >False Positive : Impact, Fear, Removal
- >False Negative : Questions, Anger, Impact
- >Unable to handle traffic load: Impact
- >System Crash : Impact
- >Excessive Tuning : Not Acceptable, Install time
- >Protocol Decoders : False Positives, Impact
- >Exploit Signatures : Vulnerability Filters instead

Contrast: TippingPoint IPS // SNORT IDS

"It takes less engineering effort to design a IPS from ground up than to convert an IDS"

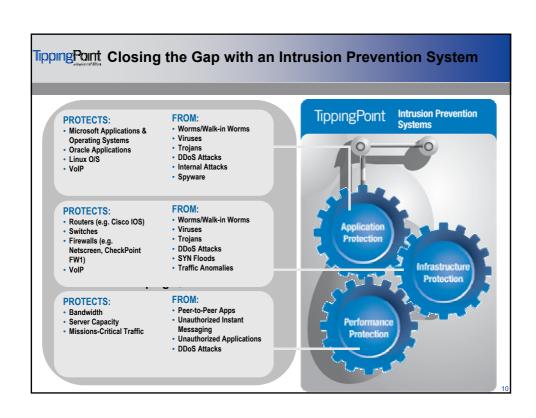
# TippingPoint Design Priorities for IPS

- 1.ZERO NETWORK IMPACT
- 2.NO FALSE POSITIVES
- 3.NO FALSE NEGATIVES

#### TippingPoint High Availability and Stateful Network Redundancy **Intrinsic High Availability Stateful Network Redundancy** TippingPoint **TippingPoint** Router Router Access > Dual Hot-Swappable Power > Stateful Redundancy Supplies -Active-Active > Self-Monitoring Watchdog Timers -Active-Passive -Security and Management Engines > No IP Address or MAC Address -L2 switch fallback > Transparent to Router Protocols > 99.999% Network Reliability -HSRP, VRRP, OSPF

> Zero Power HA

> Underlying OS - VxWorks



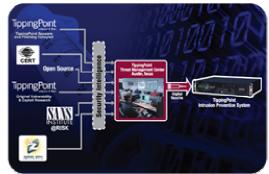
#### TippingPoint Management - Key in day to day operations

- >Deployment must be simple, straight out of the box
- > IPS & MGMT should be appliances
- >What is the underlying OS used, any issues arising from these..?
- >Scalability
- >Filter Control must be simple, not requiring extensive tuning
- >Category Control, with Filter level control if desired
- >There should be a 'Recommended' set of filters which are enabled
- >A need to create trust rules and exceptions nmap etc.
- > Change an entire ORG policy with one operation fast responses.
- >The IPS must be complemented by the MGMT system, not rely on it
- >Reporting should be comprehensive & flexible but also 100% open

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# TippingPoint Filter Update Service

- > Your IPS is good the day you buy it!
- > Must be weekly at least
- > Emergency Filter updates
- > Check it for value:
  - Microsoft Tuesday
  - SANS Top 20
  - Your environment
  - False claims
- > Must be zero downtime to update
- > Accuracy is key BLOCKING!
- > Extensibility
  - Signatures, vulnerabilities, traffic and protocol anomalies
  - New Threats: P2P, Instant Messaging, Spyware, Phishing, VOIP



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#### TippingPoint Trials // Bakeoffs

- > The vendor must be comfortable to put the device straight inline & blocking
- > Don't use the IDS mindset : All Filters on Permit & Notify you're buying IPS!
- > Look for the fit in YOUR environment
- > Use your OWN data to test the unit with same data, for all vendors
- > How easy is it to understand and drive the IPS..?
- > Put the vendor to the test..:
  - Check claims made in tenders
  - Contact Support
  - Ease of 'out of box' experience... no vendor SE coaxing
- > Test speed lots of traffic, and attacks at the same time, measure results
- > Look to understand the architecture what is the underlying OS and hardware..?
- > Check Filter accuracy and repeatability under load
- > Police very closely what the vendor tells you..!
- > If the SE has a hard time, you will also!

# TippingPoint Testing methodologies

- •Beware of '3rd' party independent test houses Miercom etc
- •Look for solid logic in testing, not vendor bias
- •Don't use any PCAP's that you have not created yourself
- •Let Vendors use their PCAP's only on THEIR equipment
- •The circular debate : Compare results from one IPS to another..
- •Look for external feedback Secunia, Google, vendor reputation..
- •When you don't have time or expertise look to the experts





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#### TippingPoint The IPS market: Today

- >User education still showing to be low
- >Network Giants power up the marketing engines and FUD
- >Most every customer tries to turn the IPS into an IDS
- >Every 'security' vendor has an IPS even Novell..? mixed messaging
- >Many IPS's deployed but offering literally no business value
- >Corporate Governance dictating IPS installations
- >Banks : closing branches, more online transactions
- >Education : Default Open makes it hard to police with firewalls
- >Mission Critical system protection : Car manufacturing etc
- >An increasing mindset change : VPN Links / WAN Links etc.

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#### TippingPoint VoIP issues

- >The issues with VoIP
  - Confidentiality
  - DoS
- >Average IT life span is 3-5 years
- >VoIP is experiencing wide deployments today, and increasing
- > Vendors moving to deliver full feature set over SIP
- >Many SIP vulnerabilities today, increasing...
- >Call Servers should NOT be treated as just another server etc
- >What is the impact to your business if your call server is DoS'd..?



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