



DDOS mitigation with Cumulus Linux

A distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) is a large-scale DoS attack where the perpetrator uses more than one unique IP address, often thousands of them.^[10] A distributed denial of service attack typically involves more than around 3–5 nodes on different networks; fewer nodes may qualify as a DoS attack but is not a DDoS attack.^{[11][12]} Since the incoming traffic flooding the victim originates from different sources, it may be impossible to stop the attack simply by using ingress filtering. It also makes it difficult to distinguish legitimate user traffic from attack traffic when spread across multiple points of origin. As an alternative or augmentation of a DDoS, attacks may involve forging of IP sender addresses (IP address spoofing) further complicating identifying and defeating the attack.

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1- DDOS Protection with Cumulus Linux

Cumulus Linux Leaf Spine Topology





2- Test Environment Setup







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3- DDOS Simulation

1- Open Kali Linux and open terminal, write following command to start DDOS

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3- On Ntop note active connections after DDOS Attack

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4.0- Monitoring System Installation

We have installed Ntop, tshark, traffic monitoring on Cumulus

4.1- Ntop installation on Cumulus VX

1- Open Cumulus VX and login as a cumulus user and use password CumulusLinux! open file /etc/apt/sources.list



2- Add deb http://deb.debian.org/debian jessie main deb-src http://deb.debian.org/debian jessie main



3- User sudo apt-get update to update



4- User sudo apt-get upgrade -y for upgrade







5- Type sudo apt-get install ntop -y to install ntop



6- You will be prompted for a list of interfaces that ntop will listen on. Enter each interface that you want to monitor separated by a comma if more than one interface is needed. For this example, I will just use the first interface eth0 (the first interface on your machine may be different, you can check this with the ifconfig command).

Type in interfaces which you want monitor

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Please enter a Interfaces for	comma-separated list of interfaces that ntop should listen on. ntop to listen on:	
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7- You will then be prompted for an administrator's password. Type in a password and press enter to continue. You will need to confirm this password immediately after.



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8- Type sudo reboot and press enter to reboot system





9- To confirm ntop is running as expected. Use systemctl status ntop command



10- To access the ntop web interface, you will first need to find the IP address of the Cumulus Linux virtual machine. To find the IP address, use ifconfig command

cumulus@cumulus:~\$
cumulus@cumulus:~\$
cumulus@cumulus:~\$ ifconfig
eth0 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 08:00:27:39:b1:12
inet addr:192.168.18.67
inet6 addr: fe80::a00:27ff:fe39:b112/64 Scope:Link
UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:11321 errors:0 dropped:2 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:6110 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:13709132 (13.0 MiB) TX bytes:460506 (449.7 KiB)

11- Type http://<IP Address>:3000/ in webrowser Replace IP address by your EthO Ip address



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4.2 Tshark Installation (This is low level monitoring system)

1- Type sudo apt-get install tshark

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cumulus@cumulus:~\$ sudo apt-get install tshark
[sudo] password for cumulus:
Reading package lists Done
Ruilding dependency tree

2- You will be prompted with screen, here you can define who can capture traffic

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File Machine View Input Devices Help
Package configuration
Configuring wireshark-common
Dumpcap can be installed in a way that allows members of the "wireshark" system group to capture packets. This is recommended over the alternative of running Wireshark/Tshark directly as root, because less of the code will run with elevated privileges.
For more detailed information please see /usr/share/doc/wireshark-common/README.Debian.
Enabling this feature may be a security risk, so it is disabled by default. If in doubt, it is suggested to leave it disabled.
Should non-superusers be able to capture packets?
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3- Verify version of tshark



cumulus@cumulus:~\$ tshark -v TShark 1.12.1 (Git Rev Unknown from unknown)

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Compiled (64-bit) with GLib 2.42.1, with libpcap, with libz 1.2.8, with POSIX

4- Use sudo tshark -D to get a list of the available network interfaces



5- The simplest way of capturing data is by running tshark without any parameters, which will display all data on screen. You can stop data capturing by pressing Ctrl-C.

The output will scroll very fast on a busy network, so it won't be helpful at all.

cumulus@cumulus:~\$ sudo tshark	
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uperuser. see http://wiki.wiresnark.org/Capturesetup/CaptureiPiorieges for	help in running wireshark
as an unprivileged user.	
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81, ttl=128	
2 0.000058 192.168.18.67 -> 192.168.18.232 ICMP 74 Echo (ping) reply	id=0x0009, seq=61811/296
81, ttl=64 (request in 1)	
3 0.008690 192.168.18.232 -> 192.168.18.67 ICMP 74 Echo (ping) request	id=0x0009, seq=61812/299
37, ttl=128	
4 0.008730 192.168.18.67 -> 192.168.18.232 ICMP 74 Echo (ping) reply	id=0x0009, seq=61812/299
37, ttl=64 (request in 3)	
5 0.215474 Dell_d6:81:85 -> Broadcast ARP 60 Who has 192.168.18.58?	Tell 192.168.18.187
^C5 packets captured	
cumulus@cumulus:~\$	



6- As a root user tshark -c 500 -w LJ.pcap command captures 500 network packets (-c 500) and saves them into a file called LJ.pcap (-w LJ.pcap)

root@cumulus:~# tshark -c 500 LJ.pcap_

🞽 cumulus-linux-3.7.6-vx-am	d64-1556861587.374c939z4060bc9 [Running] - Oracle VM Vir — 🛛 🛛 🗙			
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Miscellaneous: -h -v -o <name>:<value> -K <keytab> -G [report]</keytab></value></name>	display this help and exit display version info and exit override preference setting keytab file to use for kerberos decryption dump one of several available reports and exit default report="fields" use "-G ?" for more help			
WARNING: dumpcap will enable kernel BPF JIT compiler if available. You might want to reset it By doing "echo 0 > /proc/sys/net/core/bpf_jit_enable"				

The second-most useful parameter is -r. When followed by a valid filename, it allows you to read and process a previously captured file with network data



5.0- DDOS Mitigation

5.1 Hardware-enabled DDOS Protection

1- Open /etc/cumulus/datapath/traffic.conf file in a text editor. Enable DOS prevention checks by changing the following value to true, and save the file

```
# To turn on/off Denial of Service (DOS) prevention checks
dos_enable = true
```

2- Open the /usr/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/cumulus/__chip_config/bcm/datapath.conf file in a text editor and set the following checks to true, and save the file



3- Configuring any of the following settings affects the BFD echo function. For example, if you enable dos.udp_ports_eq, all the BFD packets will get dropped because the BFD protocol uses the same source and destination UDP ports.

dos.sip_eq_dip

dos.smac_eq_dmac

dos.tcp_ctrl0_seq0

dos.tcp_flags_fup_seq0

dos.tcp_flags_syn_fin

dos.tcp_ports_eq

dos.tcp_syn_frag

dos.udp_ports_eq



4- Restart Switchd to enable DDOS protection

Sudo systemctl restart switchd.service

5.2 Installation of DDOS-Deflate

(D)DoS Deflate is a lightweight bash shell script designed to assist in the process of blocking a denial of service attack. It utilizes the command below to create a list of IP addresses connected to the server, along with their total number of connections. It is one of the simplest and easiest to install solutions at the software level. IP addresses with over a pre-configured number of connections are automatically blocked in the server's firewall, which can be direct ipfw, iptables, or Advanced Policy Firewall (APF).

1- Installing unzip package.

Use su – and enter password CumulusLinux! (or you can log in as a root user)

Use apt-get install unzip and press enter

```
cumulus@cumulus:~$ sudo su -
[sudo] password for cumulus:
root@cumulus:~# apt-get install unzip
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
Suggested packages:
zip
```

2- Use apt-get update command to update



3- Use apt-get upgrade for upgrade



4- As root user execute the following commands:

wget https://github.com/jgmdev/ddos-deflate/archive/master.zip unzip master.zip *p* +61 1300 113 112 *e* info@hyperscalers.com **Solving** Information Technology's **Complexity**



cd ddos-deflate-master

./install.sh

O upgraded, O newly installed, O to remove and O not upgraded. root@cumulus:~# wget https://github.com/jgmdev/ddos-deflate/archive/master.zip --2019-05-02 01:33:35-- https://github.com/jgmdev/ddos-deflate/archive/master.z ip Resolving github.com (github.com)... 192.30.255.113, 192.30.255.112 Connecting to github.com (github.com)!192.30.255.113!:443... connected. HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 302 Found Location: https://codeload.github.com/jgmdev/ddos-deflate/zip/master [following] --2019-05-02 01:33:36-- https://codeload.github.com/jgmdev/ddos-deflate/zip/master

Unzipping master.zip

root@cumulus:~# unzip master.zip Archive: master.zip 8b99b5eaa709f96259f7642428581142c1ab0055 creating: ddos-deflate-master/ inflating: ddos-deflate-master/ChangeLog inflating: ddos-deflate-master/LICENSE

Installing .sh

inflating: ddos-deflate-master/uninstall.sh
root@cumulus:~# cd ddos-deflate-master
root@cumulus:~/ddos-deflate-master# ./install.sh
error: Required dependency 'grepcidr' is missing.
Autoinstall dependencies by 'apt-get'? (n to exit)

inflating: ddos-deflate-master/uninstall.sh
root@cumulus:~# cd ddos-deflate-master
root@cumulus:~/ddos-deflate-master# ./install.sh
error: Required dependency 'grepcidr' is missing.
Autoinstall dependencies by 'apt-get'? (n to exit) y
Reading package lists Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information Done

coot@cumulus:~/ddos-deflate-master# cd coot@cumulus:~#

5- Open /etc/ddos/ignore.ip.list

On this file you can add a list of ip addresses and subnets to be whitelisted

root@cumulus:~# /etc/ddos/ignore.ip.list -su: /etc/ddos/ignore.ip.list: Permission denied root@cumulus:~# sudo nano /etc/ddos/ignore.ip.list





6- After editing DDOS configuration type sudo systemctl restart ddos



5.3 Fail2ban installation

Fail2ban works in a similar way to DDoS Deflate, as it also bans traffic based on malicious IP address profiling. It's a good performer and some of the main features are as follows:

- \checkmark Easy to configure with some automation features included.
- ✓ Compatible with existing firewalls, e.g. iptables.
- ✓ Customizable blacklisting and whitelisting features.
- ✓ Ability to block automated brute force attacks.
- ✓ Time-based IP blocking.



✓ Fail2Ban is good option for any web server that has SSH and few other services.

1 - As a root user type apt-get install fail2ban and press enter root@cumulus:~# apt-get install fail2ban

Reading package lists... Done Building dependency tree Reading state information... Done

2- The fail2ban configuration is kept in the /etc/fail2ban directory. The configuration file that specifies the default banning rules is called jail.conf. Because of the way that fail2ban updates its configuration files when the program has a new version, we should not edit the default configuration file. Instead, we should copy it to a new location and edit it there:

Use following commands on Cumulus VX

cd /etc/fail2ban sudo cp jail.conf jail.local

sudo nano jail.local

cumulus@cumulus:~\$ cd /etc/fail2ban cumulus@cumulus:/etc/fail2ban\$ sudo cp jail.conf jail.local cumulus@cumulus:/etc/fail2ban\$ sudo nano jail.local_ <

3- Verify the configuration you can edit



5- Change normal ssh port and retry option



in /etc/fail2ban/jail.local.
Optionally you may override any other parameter (e.g. banaction
action, port, logpath, etc) in that section within jail.local
[ssh]
enabled = true
port = 9000
filter = sshd
logpath = /var/log/auth.log
maxretry = 3
[dropbear]
enabled = false
port = 9000
filter = dropbear

6- Enabling SSH DDOS



7- Defining bantime, maxretry limits



8- For our purposes, amend the actionstart command in the [Definition] section. This command (or commands) executes when the jail starts. To override the default action, create a corresponding. local file and add the amended actionstart command:

sudo nano /etc/fail2ban/action.d/iptables-multiport.local





9- Open file /etc/fail2ban/ip.blocklist and enter IP addresses to ban - one per line

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- 10- Restart Fail2Ban for the changes to be applied. If you run sudo iptables -S now, you should see rules cumulus/cumulus:/etc/fail2ban5 restart fail2ban -bash: restart: command not found cumulus@cumulus:/etc/fail2ban\$ sudo service fail2ban restart_
- 11- Alternatively, IP address, mac address and other filter rules can be applied directly via Iptables as well. Example of Blocking Mac address via Ip tables



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