
Intrusion Prevention

Overview

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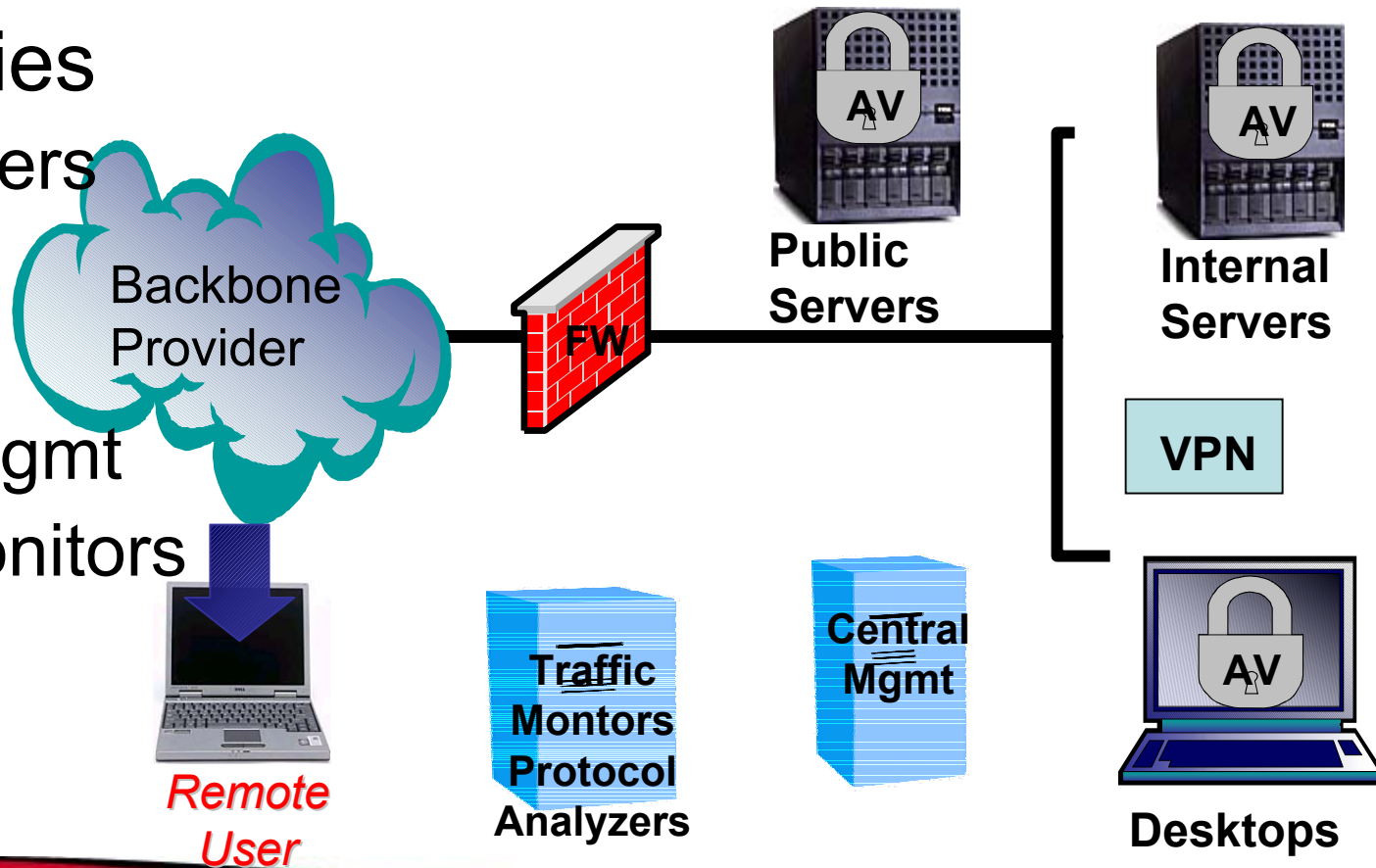
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Intrusion Prevention (history)

- Technologies

- Router filters
- Firewalls
- Antivirus
- Central Mgmt
- Traffic Monitors
- VPN/PKI

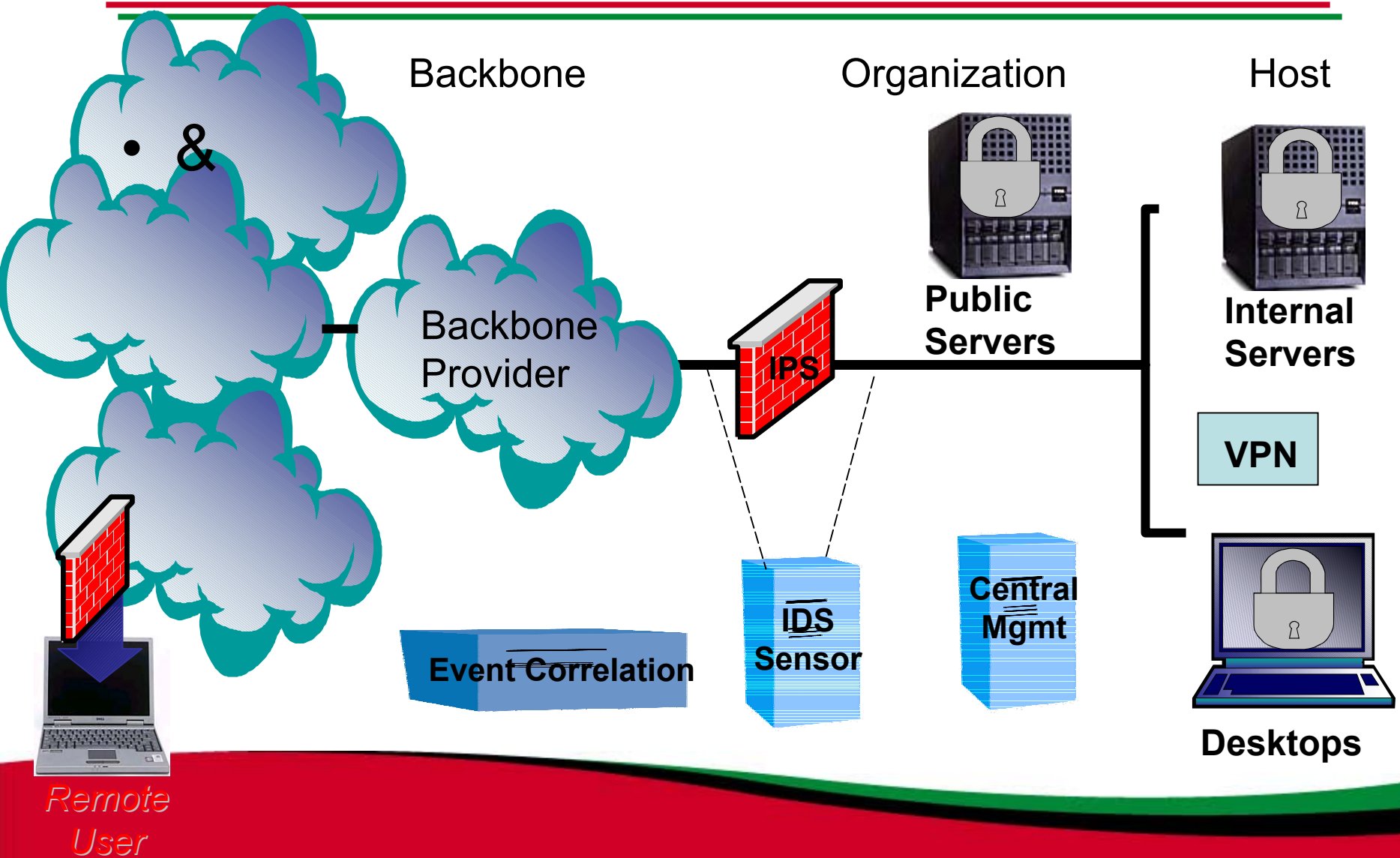


Defense-in-depth players



- Backbone (availability, optimization)
 - Expedite legitimate traffic (no false positives)
 - Remove bulk attacks (e.g. denial-of-service)
- Organization (content, liability)
 - Block attacks (inbound or outbound!)
 - Filter content based on organizational mission
 - (what is “spam” to one is “news” to another)
- Desktop (safe and reliable computing)
 - Protect with antivirus and desktop firewalls / IPS
 - Learn security awareness and best practices

Intrusion Prevention Overview (now)

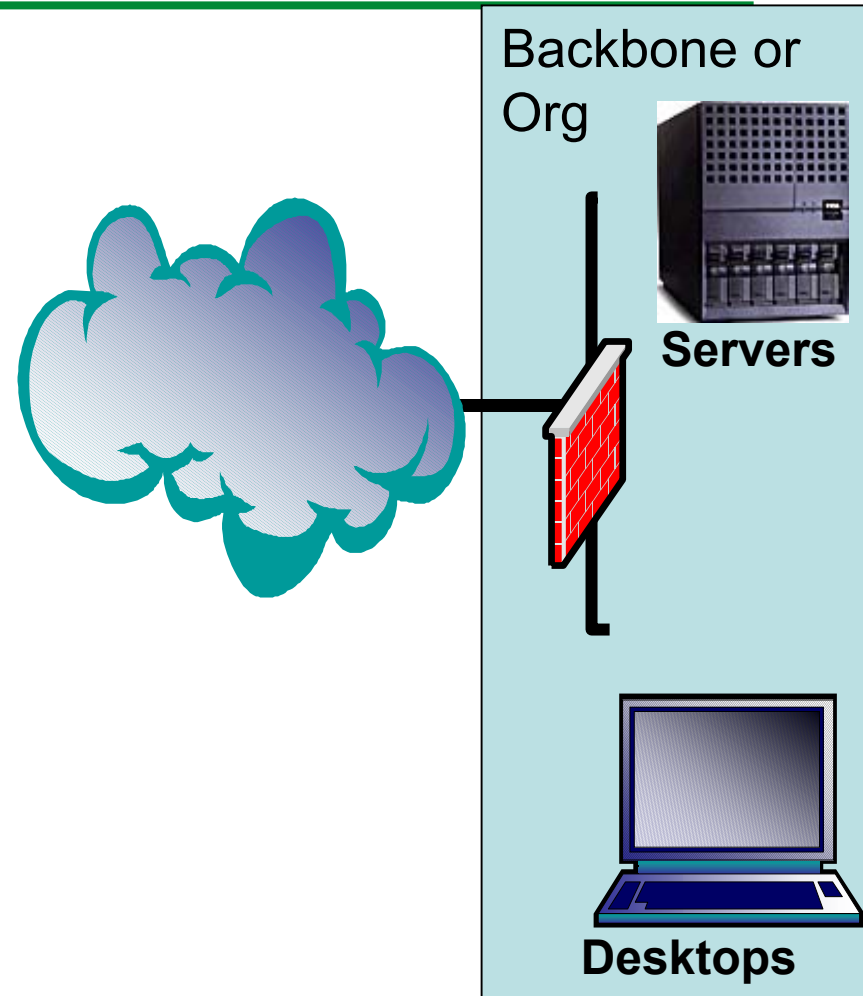


Network Intrusion Prevention adds:

- More Stateful Analysis
 - Protocol Decode with Pattern Matching
 - blocks buffer overflows, protocol defects, program invocations, single packet attacks
 - Traffic/signature normalization
 - block evasions
 - Anomaly Detection
- Heuristic Analysis
 - Port Sweep, Synflood

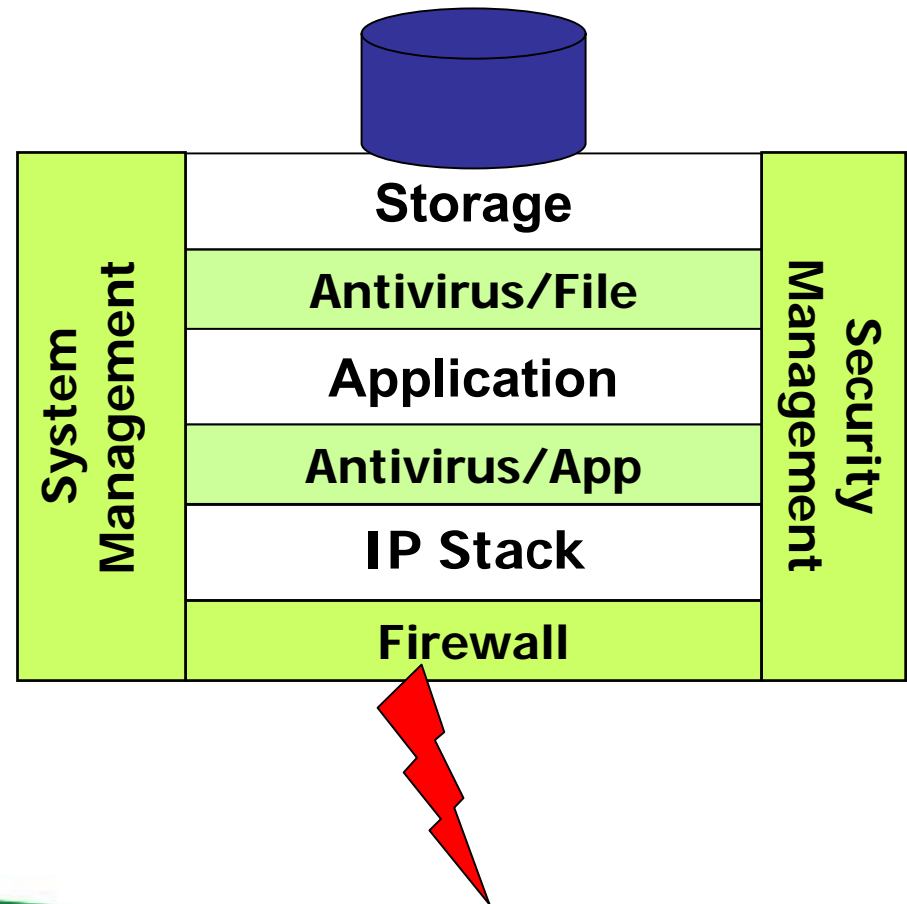
Attack Mitigation (anti-DOS)

- Dividing traffic into “known good”, “known bad”, and “suspicious”
- Resource limiting with thresholds
 - Flood detection
 - Connection limiting
 - Rate limiting

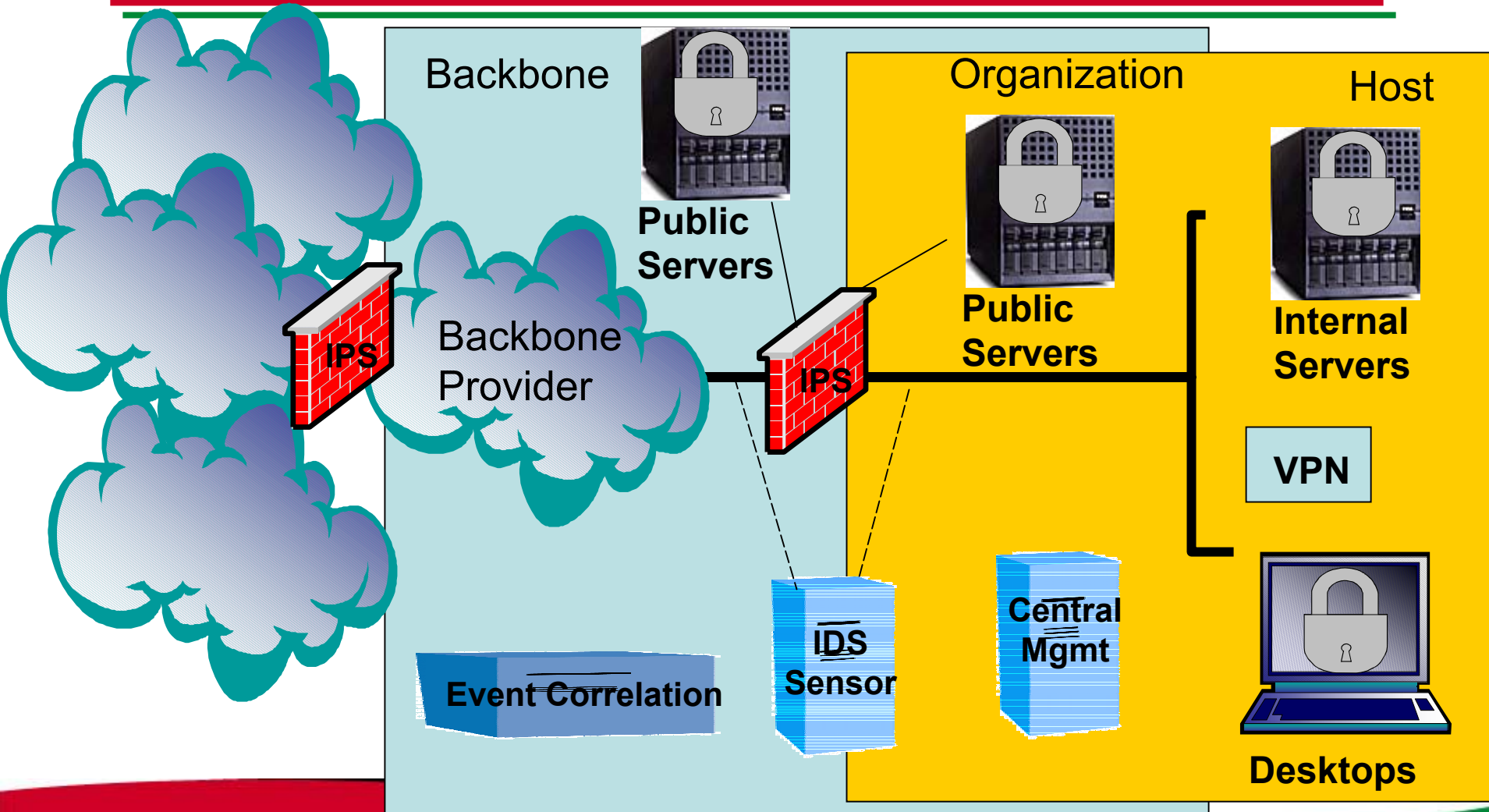


Host Intrusion Prevention

- Antivirus / Spam & Spyware
 - File integrity checking
 - E-mail/download quarantine
 - Application blocking
 - Content filtering
- Host IDS/IPS (System)
 - Logs and audit trails
 - Authentication
 - OS-Intercepts
- Desktop Firewall
 - Stateful Access Control
 - Intrusion Prevention Filters
- Central Management
 - Administration, Configuration, Monitoring



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Further Reading

- NSS
 - <http://www.nss.co.uk/>
- InfoSecurity Nov 2005 “On the Line” (Gigabit IPS devices)
 - http://informationsecurity.techtarget.com/magPrintFriendly/0,293813,sid42_gci1137925,00.html
- Network World 20 Questions to ask your IPS vendor
 - <http://www.networkworld.com/reviews/2004/0216ips20qs.html>

Some Evaluation Criteria for IPS

- Where is this product designed to sit on the network?
 - Performance (latency, throughput, and jitter)?
- Attack-blocking mechanisms
 - rate-based and content/anomaly-based mechanisms?
 - how does this product block (DoS, UDP attacks, buffer overflow attacks, fragmentation attacks, spoofing attacks , application-layer attacks, etc.)?
 - How does this product protect against false positives?
- Reporting and management capabilities?
 - Alerts, logging, interoperability