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NGFW - Next Generation Firewalls

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since 1996

Open Source Software: Linux, SAMBA, verinice.

Information Security: GDPR, ISO 27001

IT Security: Firewalls, VPN

Interoperability: Linux, Mac, Windows





firewalls

- packet filter firewalls: IP:Port
 - almost gone: 21, 23, 25, 80, 110, 143
 - still alive: 53, 123, 443, 465, 587
- Proxy: rule based, pattern based, subscription based
 - user, time, AV pattern, block lists, heuristics
 - lots of snake oil AV or questionable helping block lists
- reverse Proxies: WAF against injection, XSS, ...
- Open Source firewalls: no secrets!

UTM: Unified Threat Management is a threat

- UTM firewall: everything build on top of on one OS kernel:
- firewall
- ALG &Proxy
- Mail
- Anti Virus
- VPN
- Web
- Wifi
- IDS & IPS



compliant firewall setup

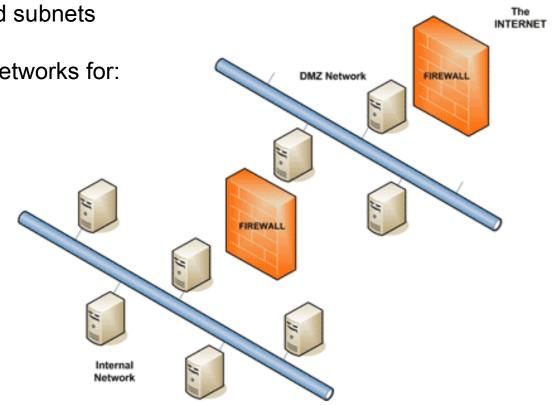
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- different machines, different OS, complex architecture
- external Firewall: border control

internal Firewall: screened subnets

a bunch of DMZ or LAN networks for:

- VPN (client access)
- VPN (site2site)
- Proxies
- Mailer
- Webserver
- Datebase



challenges

- internet of platforms
- more and more services via port 443
- the Browser is the new OS (DoH)
- zero days
- DDoS
- phishing and other social engineering

Next Gen Firewalls: UTM reloaded













problems with current NGFW

- UTM: everything on one kernel connecting internet and LAN
 - full awareness: packet application session identities
- GDPR issues
 - identity management: corporate compliance based on Active Directory
 - SSL decryption
- closed source OS and applications
 - no public bug tracking
 - Fortinet, Juniper, Sophos, Cisco:
 CVE score 10 entry every year, each of them
- no open source solutions in sight :-(

what to do

- build firewall sandwiches, multi tiered
- protect and observe your NGFW
- utilize your ISMS, reflect and implement controls and measures
- know your information security and data protection officers
- carefully evaluate cloud services for firewalls (better don't use them)
- collaborate on open source solutions!

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