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DETECTION AND PREVENTION OF ZERO DAY ATTACKS USING HEURISTIC ALGORITHM

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ABSTRACT

Presentation zero day attack, which intentions at disrupting function examination relatively than depleting the arrangement supply, has emerged as a superior warning to network services, compared to the classic zero day attack. Outstanding to its from head to foot correspondence to appropriate traffic in addition considerable poorer beginning directly above than typical zero day occurrence, this innovative pasting type cannot be capably distinguished or barred by existing recognition clarifications. To ascertain application zero day attack, we propose a novel group testing (GT)-based methodology set up on back-end servers ,which not merely offers a theoretical means to acquire podgy appreciation interruption in totaling to truncated fabricated positive/negative percentage, but then another time correspondingly arrange for an Underlying arrangement qualed to wide-ranging multifarious occurrences. More unambiguously, project opening spread out characteristic GT prototypical by means of size checks for preparation dedications.

Keywords: GT, Prototypical, Zero day attack.

1. INTRODUCTION

DENIAL-OF-SERVICE (Zero Day) attack, which aims to make a service unavailable to legitimate clients, has become a severe threat to the Internet security .Traditional Zero Day attacks mainly abuse the network bandwidth around the Internet subsystems and degrade the quality of service by generating congestions at the network. Consequently, several network-based defense methods have tried to detect these attacks by controlling traffic volume or differentiating traffic patterns at the intermediate routers .However, with the boost in network bandwidth and application service types, recently, the target of Zero Day attacks has shifted from network to server resources and application procedures themselves, forming a new application Zero Day attack.As stated in, by exploiting flaws in application design and implementation, application Zero Day attacks exhibit three advantages over traditional Zero Day attacks which help evade normal detections: malicious traffic is always indistinguishable from normal traffic, adopting automated script to avoid the need for a large amount of “zombie” machines or bandwidth to launch the attack, much harder to be traced due to multiple redirections at proxies.

2. RELATED WORK

According to these characteristics, the malicious traffic can be classified into legitimate-like requests of two cases: 1) at a high inter arrival rate and 2) consuming more service resources.

The identification of attackers can be much faster if we can find them out by testing the clients in group instead of one by one. Thus, the key problem is how to group clients and assign them to different server machines in a sophisticated way, so that if any server is found under attack, we can immediately identify and filter the attackers out of its client set. Apparently, this problem resembles the group testing (GT) theory which aims to discover defective items in a large population with the minimum number of tests where each test is applied to a subset of items, called pools, instead of testing them one by one. Therefore, we apply GT theory to this network security issue and propose specific algorithms and protocols to achieve high detection performance in terms of short detection latency and low false positive/negative rate. Since the detections are me rely based on the status of service resources usage of the victim servers, no individually signature-based authentications or data classifications are required; thus, it may overcome the limitations of the current solutions.

3. EXISTING SYSTEM

Application ZERO DAY attack, which aims at disrupting application service rather than depleting the network resource, has emerged as a larger threat to network services, compared to the classic ZERO DAY attack. Owing to its high similarity to legitimate traffic and much lower launching overhead than classic ZERO DAY attack, this new assault type cannot be efficiently detected or prevented by existing detection solutions. In existing there was no absolute protection guaranteefor Application Server.

4. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The objectives of this paper is to identify application Zero Day attack, we propose a novel group testing (GT)-based approach deployed on back-end servers, which not only offers a theoretical method to obtain short detection delay and low false positive/negative rate, but also provides an underlying framework against general network attacks.

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SYSTEM MODULES

Login Process DENIAL OF SERVICES

It may be possible to overwhelm the login process by continually sending login-requests that require the presentation tier to access the authentication mechanism, rendering it unavailable or unreasonably slow to respond.

When a user enters an incorrect username and/or password, the application should respond with a generic error message stating that the information entered was incorrect. If the application explicitly states which component of the username/password pair was incorrect then an attacker can automate the process of trying common usernames from a dictionary file in an attempt to enumerate the users of the application. Whilst applications may handle authentication failure messages correctly, many still allow attackers to enumerate users through the forgotten password feature.

Group attacker modules.

The maximum destruction caused by the attacks includes the depletion of the application service resource at the server side, the unavailability of service access to legitimate user, and possible fatal system errors which require rebooting the server for recovery. We assume that any malicious behaviors can be discovered by monitoring the service resource usage, based on dynamic value thresholds over the monitored objects. Data manipulation and system intrusion are out of this scope. That application interface presented by the servers can be readily discovered and clients communicate with the servers using HTTP/1.1 sessions on TCP connections.

Since the detection scheme proposed will be orthogonal to the session affinity, we do not consider the repeated one-shot attack mentioned in. We further assume that the number of attackers d << n where n is the total client amount. This arises from the characteristics of this attack. Due to the benefits of virtual server s we employee, this constraint can be relaxed, but we keep it for the theoretical analysis in the current work.

Group testing modules.

The classic GT model consists of t pools and n items (including at most d positive ones). This model can be represented by a t _ n binary matrix M where rows represent the pools and columns represent the items. An entry M[I, j]= 1 if and only if the I th pool contains the j th item; otherwise, M[I, j]= 0. The t-dimensional binary column vector V denotes the test outcomes of these t pools, where 1-entry represents a positive outcome and 0-entry represents a negative one. Note that a positive outcome indicates that at least one positive item exists within this pool; whereas negative one means that all the items in the current pool are negative.

A detection model based on GT can be assume that there are t virtual servers and n clients, among which d clients are . Binary testing matrix M and testing outcome vector V. Attackers. Consider the matrix M t*n in Fig. 1, the clients can be mapped into the columns and virtual servers into rows in M, where M[I, j]= 1 if and only if the requests from client j are distributed to virtual server i.

Victim/Detection modules.

The victim model in our general framework consists of multiple back-end servers, which can be Web/application servers, database servers, and distributed file systems. We do not take classic multitier Web servers as the model, since our detection scheme is deployed directly on the victim tier and identifies the attacks targeting at the same victim tier; thus, multitier attacks should be separated into several classes to utilize this detection scheme. We assume that all the back-end servers provide multiple types of application services to clients using HTTP/1.1 protocol on TCP connections.

Each back-end server is assumed to have the same amount of resource. Moreover, the application services to clients are provided by K virtual private servers (K is an input parameter), which are embedded in the physical back-end server machine and operating in parallel. Each virtual server is assigned with equal amount of static service resources, e.g., CPU, storage, memory, and network bandwidth. The operation of any virtual server will not affect the other virtual servers in the same physical machine .There a sons for utilizing virtual servers are twofold: first, each virtual server can reboot independently, thus is feasible for recovery from possible fatal destruction; second, the state transfer overhead for moving clients among different virtual servers is much smaller than the transfer among physical server machines.

CONCLUSION

A novel technique for detecting application ZERO DAY attack by means of a new constraint-based group testing model. Motivated by classic GT methods, three detection algorithms were proposed and a system based on these algorithms was introduced. Theoretical analysis and preliminary simulation results demonstrated the outstanding performance of this system in terms of low detection latency and false positive/negative rate.

Our focus of this paper is to apply group testing principles to application ZERO DAY attacks, and provide an underlying framework for the detection against a general case of network assaults, where malicious requests are indistinguishable from normal ones. For the future work, we will continue to investigate the potentials of this scheme and improve this proposed system to enhance the detection efficiency. Some possible directions for this can be:

1. The sequential algorithm can be adjusted to avoid the requirement of isolating attackers
2. More efficient d-disjunct matrix could dramatically decrease the detection latency, as we showed in the theoretical analysis. A new construction method for this is to be proposed and can be a major theoretical work for another paper.
3. The overhead of maintaining the state transfer among virtual servers can be further decreased by more sophisticated techniques.
4. Even that we already have quite low false positive/ negative rate from the algorithms,

We can still improve it via false-tolerant group testing methods.This error-tolerant matrix has great potentials to improve the performance of the PND algorithm and handle application ZERO DAY attacks more efficiently.

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