

Training Lab Manual Configure Out of State Protection



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Overview

An Out of State attack is a network level denial of service attack where first packet isn't SYN. Due to the way TCP protocol works the Behavioral DoS mechanism isn't suitable for defense against ACK and PSH-ACK floods. In such cases Out of State protection is an option.

Setup Out of State Protection

1. Select the **Configuration** perspective.
2. In **Setup** section, select **Security Settings** and then **Out-of-State Protection**.
3. By default this feature is enabled.
4. You can configure:
 - a. Startup mode

Set this one to **On** in the lab.

 - i. **On** — Start Out-of-State Protection action immediately after startup (with no time to learn traffic and sessions). Sessions that started before startup get dropped. Only new, valid sessions are allowed.
 - ii. **Off** — Do not start Out-of-State Protection after startup or reboot.
 - iii. **Graceful** — After startup, start learning sessions (and updating the Session table) for the time specified by the Startup Timer parameter. Then, begin Out-of-State Protection actions.
 - b. Grace Period on Device Startup (default 1800)
 - c. Grace Period After Session Table No Longer full (default 1800)
 - d. Sampling Frequency (default 10)

Out-of-State Protection

☒ Enable Out-of-State Protection

☒ Activate Out-of-State Protection (Without Reboot)

Startup Mode:

Graceful

Grace Period on Device Startup:

1800

Sec.

Grace Period After Session Table No Longer Full:

1800

Sec.

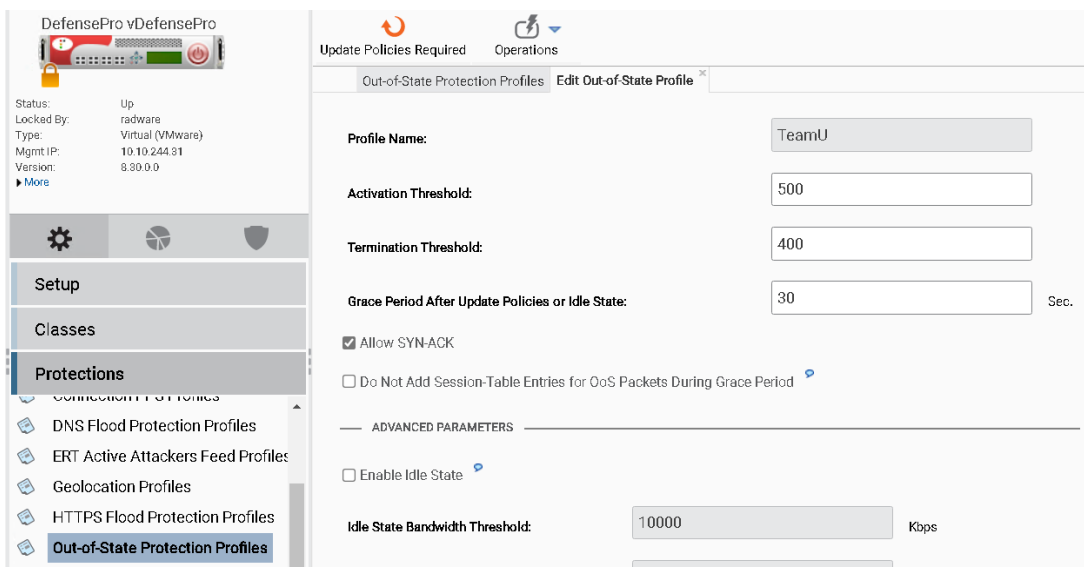
Sampling Frequency:

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Sec.

Configure Out of State Protection

1. Select the **Configuration → Protections → Out-of-State Protection Profiles**
2. Click **+** to **Out-of-State Profile**.
3. In **Add New Out-of-State Profile** tab type the **Profile Name**: **TeamXX** (where XX are your initials)
4. Leave rest of the parameters default.



DefensePro vDefensePro

Status: Up
Locked By: radware
Type: Virtual (VMware)
Mgmt IP: 10.10.244.31
Version: 8.30.0.0
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Setup
Classes
Protections

Out-of-State Protection Profiles

Update Policies Required Operations

Out-of-State Protection Profiles Edit Out-of-State Profile

Profile Name: TeamU

Activation Threshold: 500

Termination Threshold: 400

Grace Period After Update Policies or Idle State: 30 Sec.

☒ Allow SYN-ACK

☐ Do Not Add Session-Table Entries for OoS Packets During Grace Period

ADVANCED PARAMETERS

☐ Enable Idle State

Idle State Bandwidth Threshold: 10000 Kbps

5. Click **Submit** button to add protection to profile.
6. Go to **Configuration → Protections → Protection Policies**.
7. Edit your protection policy in **Profiles** tab select your newly created profile as your **Out-of-State Profile**.
8. Click **Submit**.
9. Click **Update Policies Required** button.

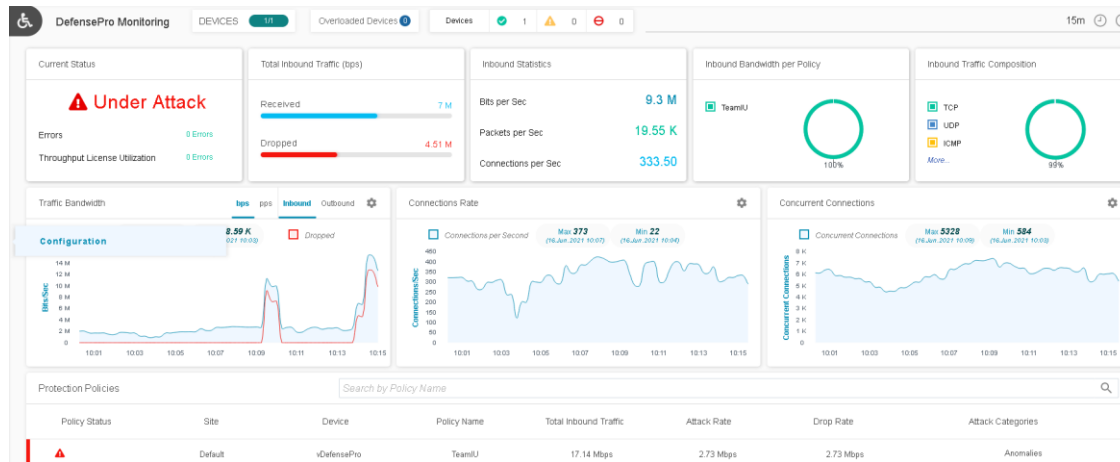
Test the Configuration

Use hping3 to send Out-of-State Attack

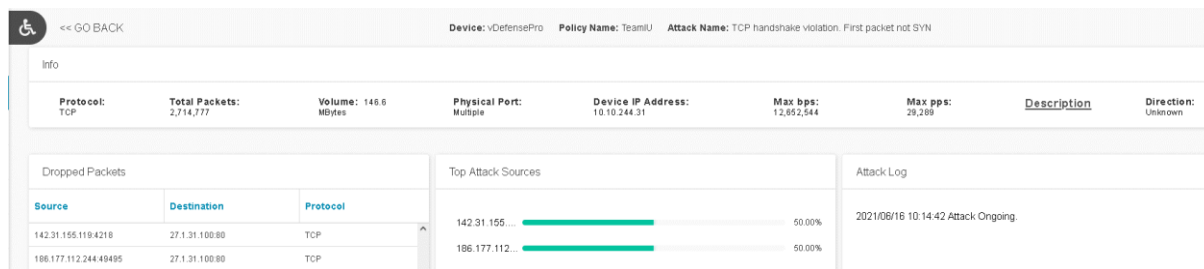
1. In the shell prompt type: **hping3 -p 80 -A --rand-source --flood 27.1.31.100**

Soon after the attack is initiated from the Attack-PC, you see traps in the CLI/Syslog.

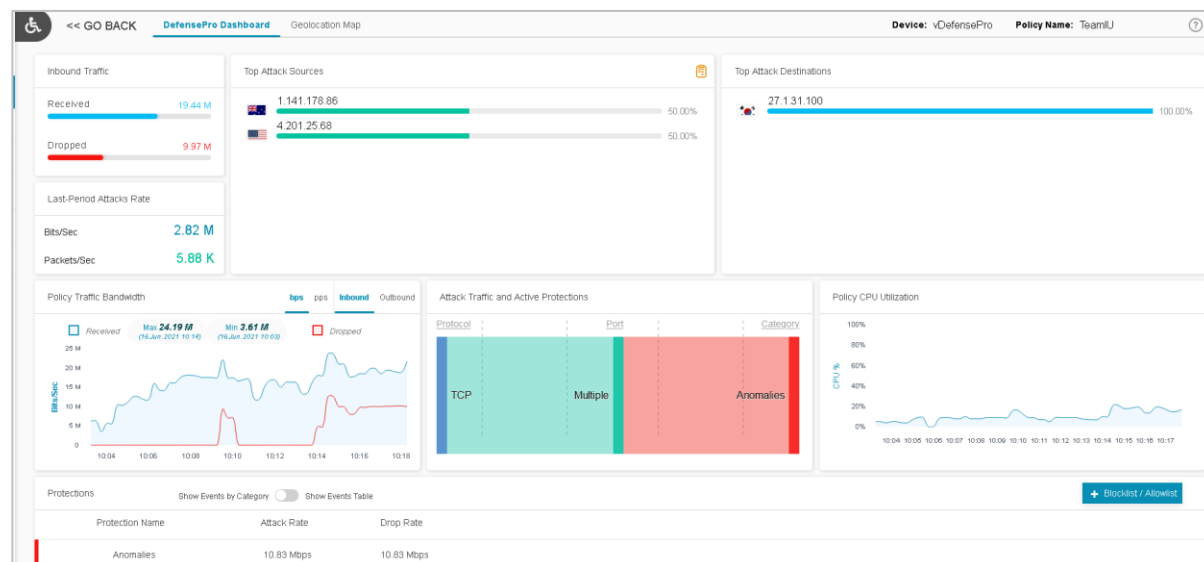
- Use Vision to View Out-of-State Attack. Select the **Analytics AMS → DefensePro Monitoring** perspective.



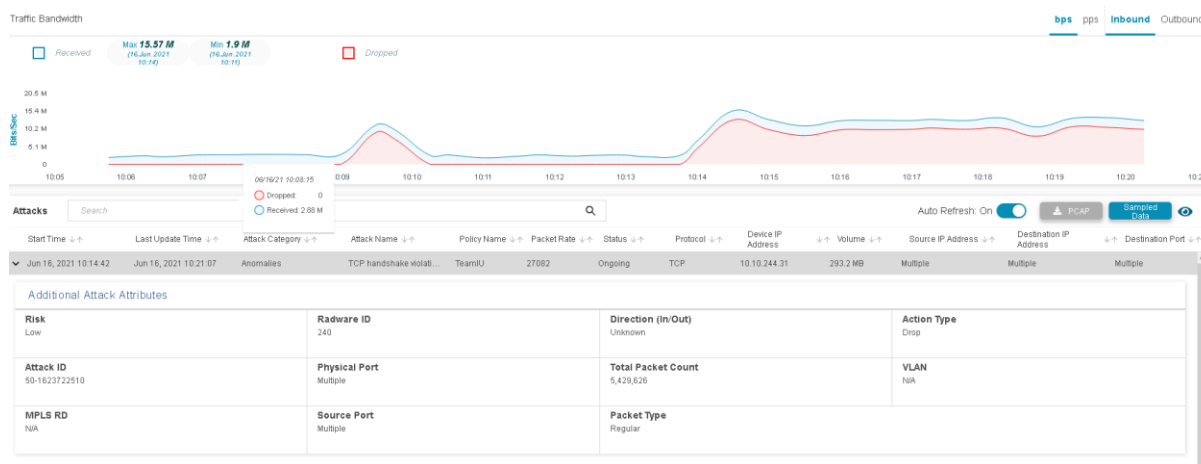
- View your policy under **Protection Policies**, select **Anomalies** in the **Protection** section, select the ongoing Out-of-State attack to open Attack Details.



- The graph display in **DefensePro Dashboard**. As you can see the Out-of-State is listed as **Anomalies**, TCP handshake violation. First packet not SYN.



- You can view on the **Analytics AMS → DefensePro Attacks** select the ongoing Out-of-State attack to see details.



- At Attacker shell **stop** the attack. (CTRL-C).
- Try a PSH-ACK flood: `hping3 -p 80 -PA --rand-source --flood 27.1.31.100`
- Repeat the views above to examine the attack.
- Export** and save configuration file as **dp8-OOSLab-config.txt**.



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