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ADVANCED INFORMATION

ASSURANCE & SECURITY



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Intrusion Detection, Honeypots, Honeynets

LEARNING OUTCOMES



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01

Identify and describe
the operating models
for intrusion and
detection systems

02

Define and describe
honeypots, honeynets
and padded cell
systems

03

List and define the
major categories of
scanning and analytics
tools



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Intrusion Detection



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Intrusion Detection

An Intrusion Detection System (IDS) is a cybersecurity tool that monitors network traffic and detects suspicious activities that may indicate a cyber attack.



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Why is IDS

Important?



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Key Features of IDS



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Real-Time Monitoring

IDS continuously monitor network traffic and system activities in realtime, looking for any abnormal behavior or known attack patterns.



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Alert Generation

When suspicious activity is detected, IDS generates alerts or notifications to inform administrators or security personnel about a potential security breach.

Severity Levels

Informational Alerts



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Informational alerts are the lowest level of alerts and typically don't indicate a security threat. They provide details about normal system activities, configuration changes, or network events.

Severity Levels

Low-level Alerts



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Low-level alerts may indicate suspicious activities that could be early indicators of an attack. They don't necessarily confirm an intrusion but warrant investigation to rule out potential threats.

Severity Levels

Medium-level Alerts



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Medium-level alerts signify more suspicious activities that may require immediate attention. They are often generated for events that have a moderate likelihood of indicating an intrusion.

Severity Levels

High-level Alerts



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High-level alerts are raised for events that are highly indicative of a security breach. These events require immediate action, such as isolating affected systems, blocking traffic, or launching a deeper investigation into the incident.

Severity Levels

Critical-level Alerts



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Critical-level alerts are the highest level of alerts and signify a confirmed security breach or a severe threat. Immediate and decisive action is necessary to contain the intrusion, mitigate damages, and restore security.

Severity Levels

User-Defined Alerts



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User-Defined Alerts allow organizations to define custom alert levels based on their specific needs and risk profiles. These user-defined levels enable organizations to tailor alert classifications to their unique security requirements.



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Log Analysis

IDS analyze system logs, including event logs, firewall logs, and application logs, to detect unusual or potentially harmful activities. It involves the examination of log files generated by various network and system components to identify potential security issues or signs of intrusion.



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Scalability

IDS can be scaled to meet the needs of various network sizes and configurations, from small local networks to large enterprise-level systems.

- One key process for achieving scalability is load balancing.
- Distributed architectures are another important aspect of scalability, especially for large-scale networks



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Automated Response Capabilities

Some IDS are capable of taking automated responses when suspicious activity is detected.



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Centralized Management

Centralized management capabilities are integral to effective IDS implementations as they allow organizations to efficiently monitor, configure, and maintain their security infrastructure from a single, unified interface.



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Types of IDS



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Network-based IDS (NIDS)

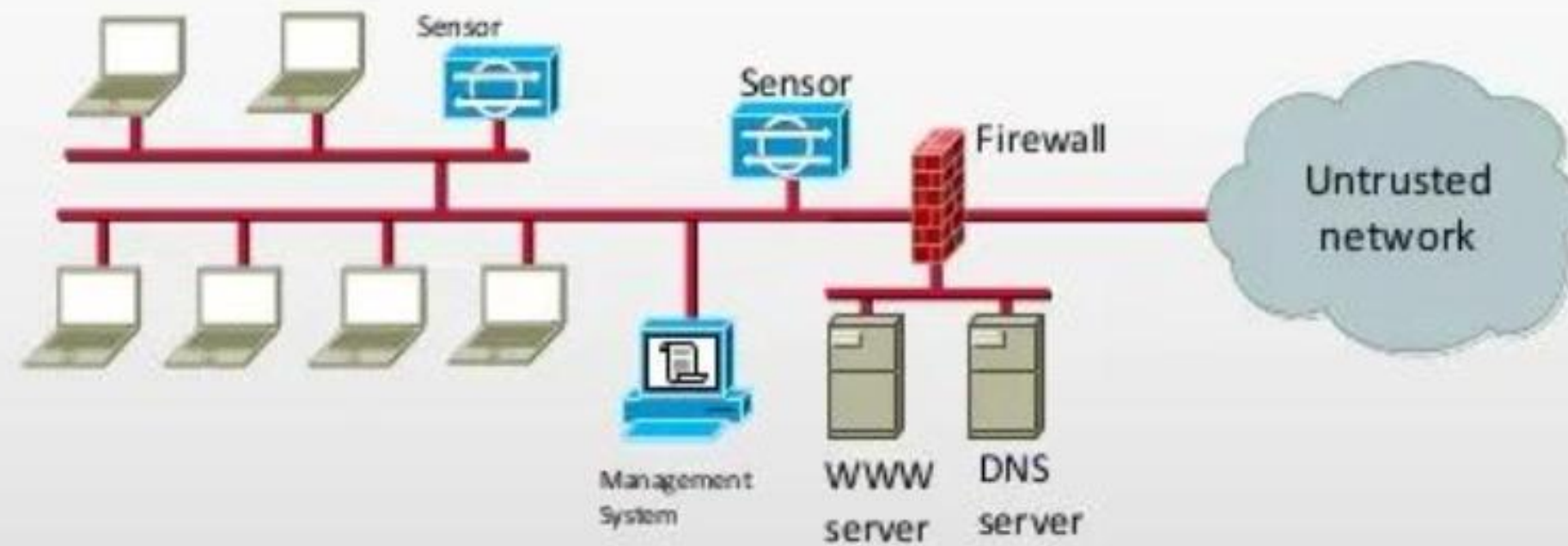
- Monitors all traffic passing through a network.
- Placed at key points, such as routers, gateways, or data centers.
- Ideal for detecting large-scale attacks like Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks.



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Network Based IDS





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Host-based IDS (HIDS):

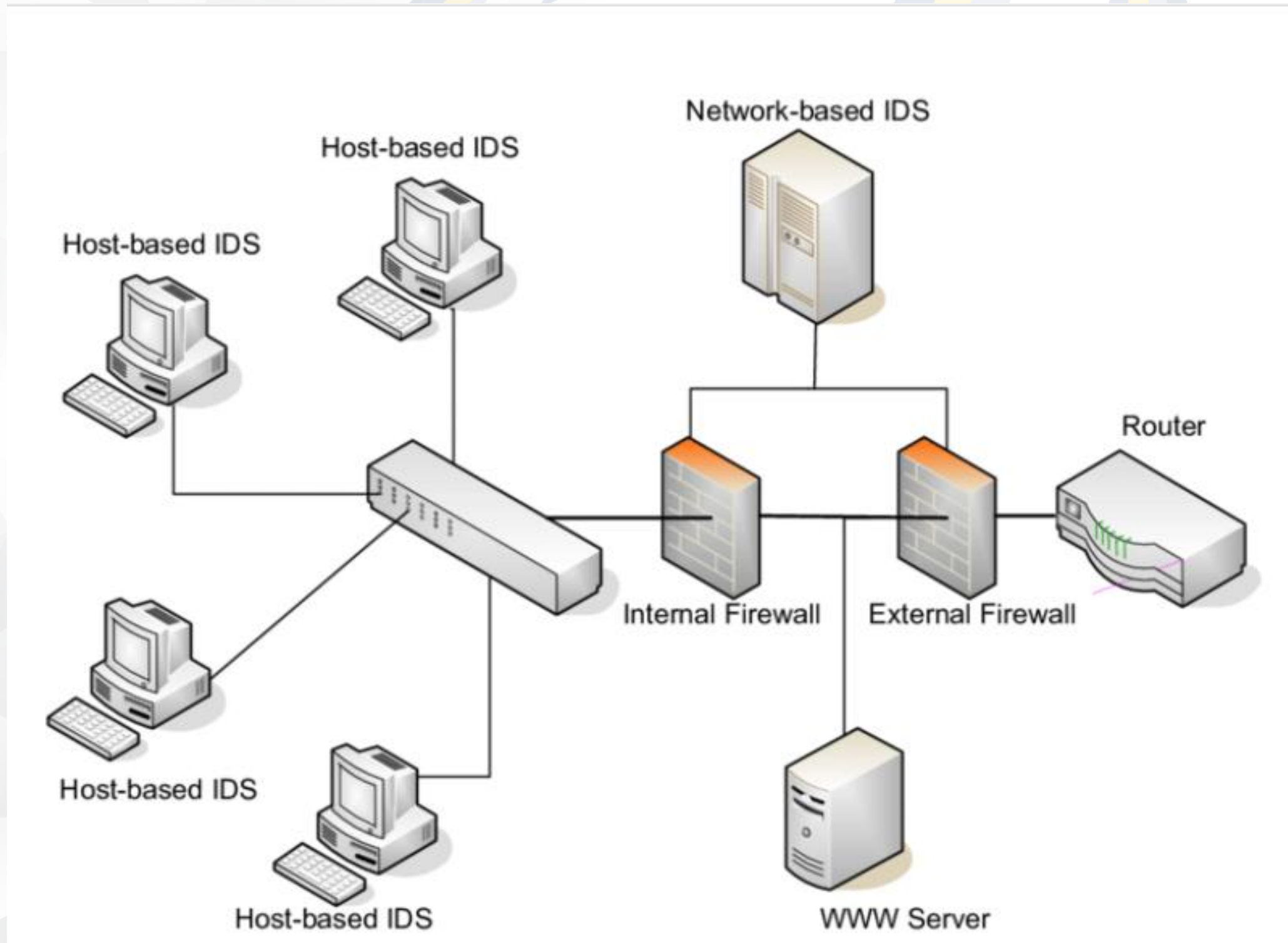
- Installed on individual computers or servers.
- Monitors activities inside a device, such as unauthorized file modifications, software installations, or changes to system settings.
- Useful for detecting insider threats and attacks that bypass firewalls.

Host-based IDS (HIDS):



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Signature-based IDS

- Works like an antivirus program—it detects known attack patterns (signatures).
- Very effective against known threats but fails to detect new, unknown attacks.



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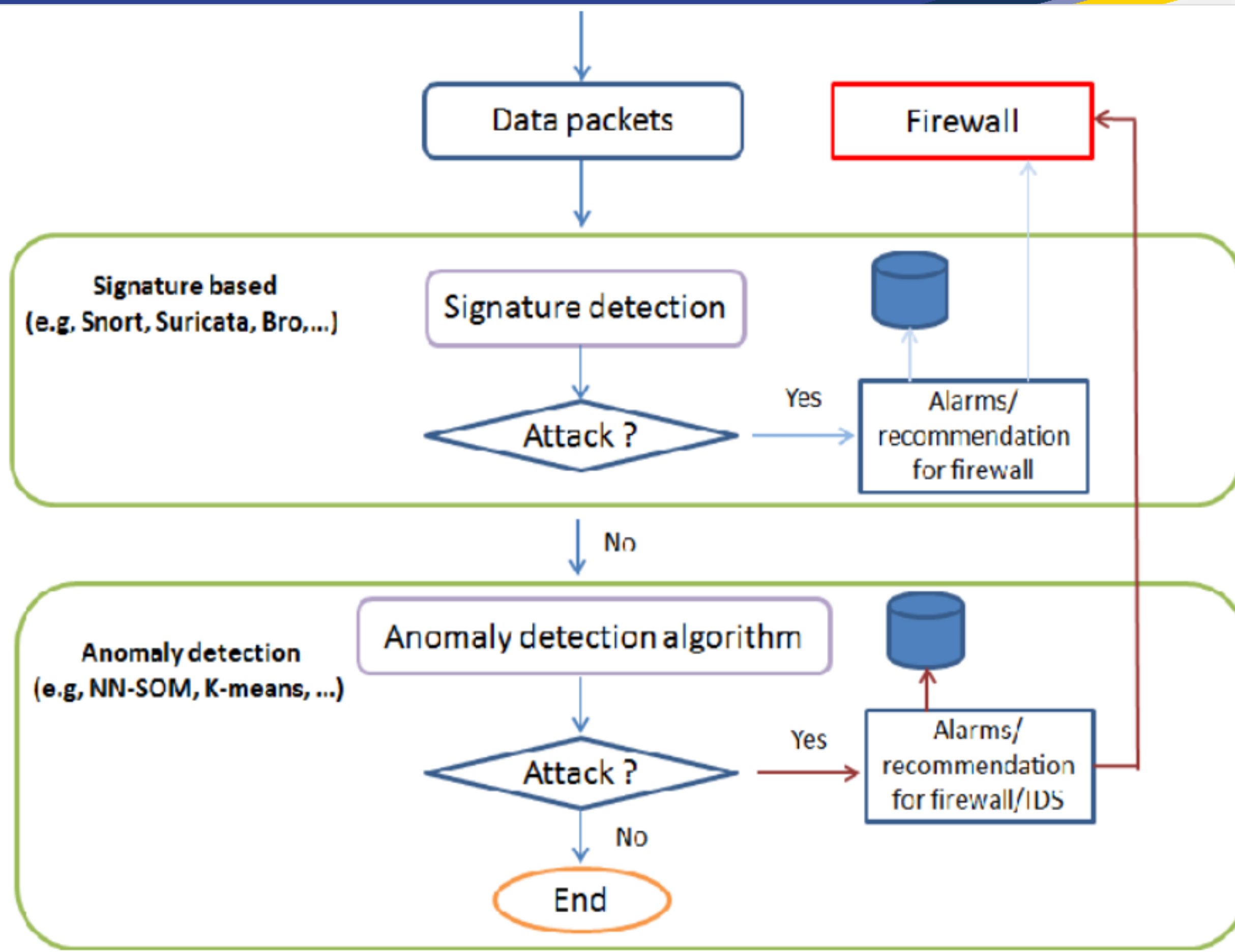
Anomaly-based IDS

- Uses machine learning or statistical models to detect abnormal behavior.
- Can detect zero-day attacks (new, previously unknown threats).
- Prone to false positives because not all unusual activities are malicious.



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How IDS Works



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Packet
Sniffing and
Traffic
Analysis

Log
Monitoring
and
Behavioral
Analysis

Threat
Intelligence
Integration



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Common IDS Tools and Technologies



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Popular IDS Tools

- ✓ Snort – Open-source, widely used for network monitoring.
- ✓ Suricata – High-performance IDS with deep packet inspection.
- ✓ Zeek (Bro) – IDS that also helps with network forensics.
- ✓ OSSEC – Host-based IDS that monitors system logs.



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IDS Deployment Strategies



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Perimeter IDS

Placed at the network entry points (e.g., firewalls, gateways).

Detects threats before they reach internal systems.



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Internal IDS

- Placed inside a network, monitoring activities among devices.
- Useful for detecting insider threats and lateral movement attacks.



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Challenges and Limitations of IDS



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False Positives

IDS sometimes alerts on harmless activity, like a legitimate user accessing the system from a new location.



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False Negatives

IDS might miss a threat if the attack is sophisticated.



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Performance Impact

IDS can slow down networks if not configured properly.



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Honeypots and Honeynets



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Honeypots

Honeypots are decoy systems or network devices designed to attract and detect unauthorized access or cyberattacks by imitating vulnerable targets.

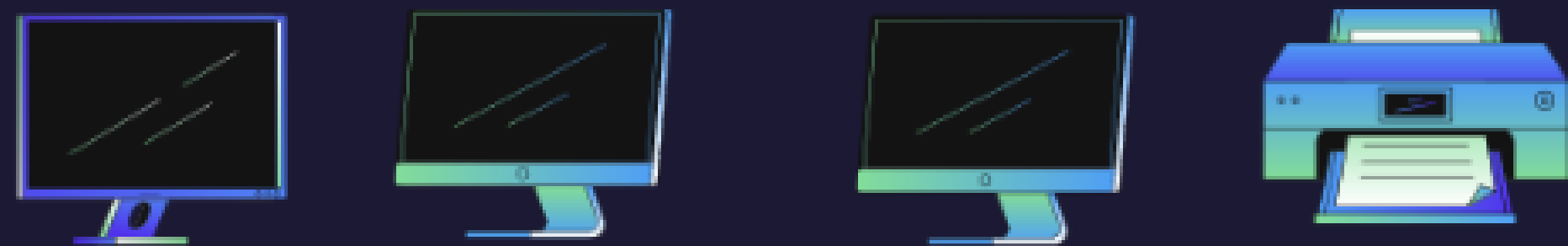


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Honeynets

Honeynets are network security systems that consist of multiple interconnected honeypots, designed to collectively monitor and analyze network traffic, detect and track cyber threats, and gain insights into attack patterns and behaviors.



Network



Honeynet



**Router and
Honey gateway**





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