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QUESTION: 1

A new IDSM2 module was installed in the Company's network. Which of the following features regarding the IDSM2 is true?

- A. IDSM2 needs a separate management package
- B. IDSM2 is limited to 62 signatures
- C. IDSM2 can drop offending packets
- D. IDSM2 makes use of the same code as the network appliance
- E. None of the above

Answer: D

Explanation:

IDSM-2 provides the following capabilities or features:

- Merged switching and security into a single chassis
- Ability to monitor multiple VLANs
- Does not impact switch performance
- Attacks and signatures equal to appliance sensor
- Uses the same code base of the appliance sensor
- Support for improved management techniques such as IDM

Reference:

Cisco Press CCSP CSIDS Guide, 2nd edition page 199

QUESTION: 2

A new NM-CIDS module is being inserted into the Company's network. Which versions of Cisco IOS software is needed to support the NM-CIDS module?

- A. 3.1 and above.
- B. 4.1 and above
- C. 4.0 and above
- D. 2.0 and above
- E. None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation:

Series	Devices Supported	Software
Cisco Network IDS Sensor Appliances	NRS-2E	IDS 3.0 and IDS 3.1
	NRS-2FE	IDS 3.0 and IDS 3.1
	NRS-TR	IDS 3.0 and IDS 3.1
	NRS-SFDDI	IDS 3.0 and IDS 3.1
	NRS-DFDDI	IDS 3.0 and IDS 3.1
	IDS-4210	IDS 3.0, IDS 3.1, IDS 4.0, and IDS 4.1
	IDS-4215	IDS 4.1
	IDS-4220	IDS 3.0, IDS 3.1, IDS 4.0, and IDS 4.1
	IDS-4230	IDS 3.0, IDS 3.1, IDS 4.0, and IDS 4.1
	IDS-4235	IDS 3.0, IDS 3.1, IDS 4.0, and IDS 4.1
	IDS-4250-TX and IDS-4250-SX	IDS 3.0, IDS 3.1, IDS 4.0, and IDS 4.1
IDS-4250-XL	IDS 4.0 and IDS 4.1	
Cisco Switch IDS Sensor Modules	IDSM	IDSM 3.0(5) and IDSM 3.0(6)
	IDSM2	IDS 4.0 and IDS 4.1
Cisco IOS Router IDS Sensor Module	NM-CIDS	IDS 4.1

QUESTION: 3

A new Company's IPS sensor is being configured for inline operation. Which three steps must you perform to prepare sensor interfaces for inline operations? (Choose three)

- A. Disable all interfaces except the inline pair
- B. Add the inline pair to the default virtual sensor
- C. Enable two interfaces for the pair
- D. Disable any interfaces that are operating in promiscuous mode.
- E. Create the interface pair
- F. Configure an alternate TCP-reset interface.

Answer: B, C, E

Explanation:

Operating in inline interface mode puts the IPS directly into the traffic flow and affects packet-forwarding rates making them slower by adding latency. This allows the sensor to stop attacks by dropping malicious traffic before it reaches the intended target, thus providing a protective service. Not only is the inline device processing information on layers 3 and 4, but it is also analyzing the contents and payload of the packets for more sophisticated embedded attacks (layers 3 to 7). This deeper analysis lets the system identify and stop and/or block attacks that would normally pass through a traditional firewall device. In inline interface mode, a packet comes in through the first interface of the pair on the sensor and out the second interface of the pair. The packet is sent to the second interface of the pair unless that packet is being denied or modified by a signature. To configure the interfaces for inline operation, you will need to create the interface pair, enable the two interfaces, and add the inline interface pair to the default sensor.

Reference:

Configuring the Cisco Intrusion Prevention System Sensor Using the Command Line Interface 5.1, Cisco Documentation, page 5-11.

QUESTION: 4

The Company's security administrator is determining whether to configure a new sensor in inline or promiscuous mode. What are three differences between inline and promiscuous sensor functionality? (Choose three)

- A. A sensor that is operating in inline mode can drop the packet that triggers a signature before it reaches its target, but a sensor that is operating in promiscuous mode cannot.
- B. A sensor that is operating in inline mode supports more signatures than a sensor that operates in promiscuous mode.
- C. Deny actions are available only to inline sensors, but blocking actions are available only to promiscuous mode sensors.
- D. A sensor that is operating in promiscuous mode can perform TCP resets, but a sensor that is operating in inline mode cannot.

E. Inline operation provides more protection from Internet worms than promiscuous mode does. F. Inline operation provides more protection from atomic attacks than promiscuous mode does.

Answer: A, E, F

Explanation:

In promiscuous mode, packets do not flow through the sensor. The sensor analyzes a copy of the monitored traffic rather than the actual forwarded packet. The advantage of operating in promiscuous mode is that the sensor does not affect the packet flow with the forwarded traffic. The disadvantage of operating in promiscuous mode, however, is the sensor cannot stop malicious traffic from reaching its intended target for certain types of attacks, such as atomic attacks (single-packet attacks). The response actions implemented by promiscuous sensor devices are post-event responses and often require assistance from other networking devices, for example, routers and firewalls, to respond to an attack. While such response actions can prevent some classes of attacks, in atomic attacks the single packet has the chance of reaching the target system before the promiscuous-based sensor can apply an ACL modification on a managed device (such as a firewall, switch, or router). Operating in inline interface mode puts the IPS directly into the traffic flow and affects packet-forwarding rates making them slower by adding latency. This allows the sensor to stop attacks by dropping malicious traffic before it reaches the intended target, thus providing a protective service. Not only is the inline device processing information on layers 3 and 4, but it is also analyzing the contents and payload of the packets for more sophisticated embedded attacks (layers 3 to 7). This deeper analysis lets the system identify and stop and/or block attacks that would normally pass through a traditional firewall device. In inline interface mode, a packet comes in through the first interface of the pair on the sensor and out the second interface of the pair. The packet is sent to the second interface of the pair unless that packet is being denied or modified by a signature.

Reference:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/vpndevc/ps4077/products_configuration_guide_chapter09186a008055

QUESTION: 5

New Cisco IPS sensors are being deployed within the Company's network. Which of the following are appropriate installation points for a Cisco IPS sensor? (Choose two)

- A. On publicly accessible servers
- B. On critical network servers
- C. At network entry points
- D. On user desktops

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