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ABSTRACT

Internet is a source of information which is widely used today. Due to rapid technological development, the human need for the internet became a necessity. However, the mode of internet abused are becoming more various and unavoidably. The internet abused can be done from the external or internal networks. Unified Threat Management (UTM) is one of a good solution to securing the networks, because it has several security features such as firewall, proxy, Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) and several other security features in one package. Endian is an UTM distro which is an open source in large community. Besides having some security features, Endian also has some network management features such as DHCP, routing, and VPN. This research put Endian as the center of a network topology that connected to the internal network/LAN, DMZ Server, and Internet Network/WAN. The tests conducted in the form of implementation of DHCP feature, content filtering, port restrictions on inter-zone, and the response of the IPS features that exist on the Endian while receiving the attack. The results showed that Endian UTM is quite well in maintaining the security of the networks.

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1. Introduction

Nowadays, the internet service is very important in building an institutions or companies. Because both in terms of employment, learning, strengthening relationships with institutions or companies, also variety of services to the employees cannot be separated from the internet. Internet can be accessed anywhere, anytime and by anyone. So that, many people can abuse the internet, starts from doing the tapping, destruction, until IT data theft. The internet's abuse can be done in the internal and external network.

UTM (*Unified Threat Management*), is the evolution of traditional firewall into integrated security products, which has the ability to perform the multiple security within a single device, such as firewalls, intrusion prevention network, gateway anti-virus (AV), gateway anti-spam, VPN, content filtering, load balancing, prevention data leakage, and reporting tools [1].

Endian, is an open source distro UTM on protection network security protection from viruses, malware, and other threats using UTM platform. Endian UTM provide security including web and email filtering, VPN, IPS, Bandwidth management, and other network security services. Endian UTM is one of an open source version available in the free version for community and a paid version also as enterprise. Only enterprise version of Endian offers a hardware device, a virtual network driver, professional support, hotspot features, as well as anti-spam and content filtering commercial grade. However, the community version also has a basic UTM functions, such as anti-virus, anti-spam, URL Filtering, IPSec, Open VPN, and several other features [2]. The advantages of community version from Endian UTM than other open source UTM are no restriction on the number of connected client. Some other UTM open source does not have the features of IPSec and Open VPN [3].

DMZ, demilitarized zone, is an area that is used to interact with outsiders. In conjunction with a computer network, DMZ is a separate sub-network of sub-internal network for security purposes. DMZ server picture can be seen at figure 1 [4].

In this research, we implemented Endian, an open source UTM (unified threat management) distro with broad community support so it is suitable to be applied on an institutions or companies. This network interconnected with DMZ server, intranet and router as shown in figure 1 [5]–[8].

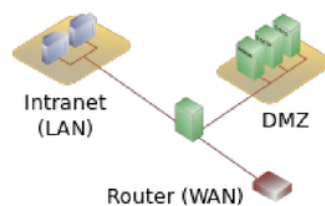


Figure 1 DMZ Server

2. Discussion

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2.1. Architecture and Design Network

The architecture of endian network is implemented on figure 3, whereas each zone is connected via Endian UTM. The zones are divided into three zone; orange, green, blue zone. Unfortunately, this research did not implement VPN feature because it requires IP Public. Besides that, the blue zone is not implemented and the research only used virtual machines.

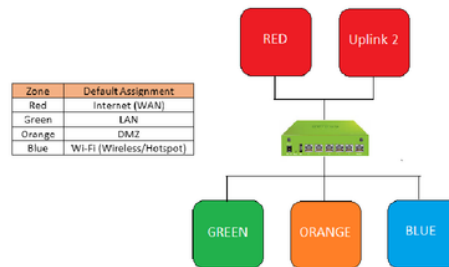


Figure 2 Implementation of Endian Network

Design and implementation system of Endian will be implemented on the network topology can be seen at figure 4.

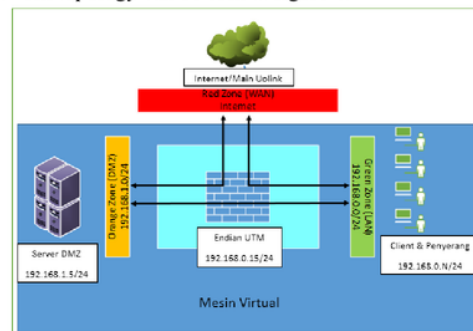


Figure 3 Network Topology

Figure 4 shows the topology of the network and the configurations of IP address described as:

1. Network interface which is connected to the internet only the network interface on Endian, so that all the internet will be centered with Endian
2. The attacker designed in the green zone
3. All access between zones (inter-zone) centered on Endian.

The minimal requirement of hardware system:

1. CPU and memory should be Intel x86 (32 bit), minimum speed 500MHz, RAM 256 MB.
2. Hard disk and optical drive. The type should be SCSI, SATA, SAS, or IDE. Endian need space at least 4 GB on hard disk. In addition, Endian needs an IDE, SCSI or USB CD-ROM to do the installation.

3. Network cards. Endian UTM compatible with almost all NIC (network interface card).

The implementation of the design of network topology is done on the virtual machine. The configuration of hardware system can be seen on table 1.

Table 1 Configuration of Hardware System

No	Operating System	Memory Capacity	Hard disk	NIC
1	Endian UTM	729 MB	8 GB	4 pieces PCnet-FAST III
2	Kali Linux	2048 MB	15 GB	Intel PRO/1000 MT Desktop
3	XP Client	256 MB	7 GB	PCnet-FAST III
4	Ubuntu Client	512 MB	7 GB	Intel PRO/1000 MT Desktop
5	Ubuntu Server	512 MB	8 GB	Intel PRO/1000 MT Desktop

The configuration and specification of software system can be seen on table 2.

Table 2 Configuration of Software System

No	Software	Detail Software	function
1	ISO	OS Endian, Ubuntu Server, Windows XP, Kali Linux	UTM, Server, Client, Penyerang
2	Virtual Machine	Oracle VM VirtualBox v4.3.6	Mesin Virtual
3	Aplikasi	Filezilla FTP, Mozilla Firefox	Media FTP dan Web Browser
4	Filezilla	Filezilla FTP Client	Media FTP

2.2. Procedure of Configuration

The stage of processing the implementation systems:

1. Implement the network topology on virtual machine in accordance with the endian topology.
2. Installation Endian UTM
3. Perform the basic configuration of Endian
4. Configure DHCP
5. Configure content filtering
6. Configure port access restrictions on inter-zone
7. Enabling IPS features on Endian UTM

Simulate attacks such as port scanning and DDoS.

3. Result

At this stage, the testing is done by three scenarios. First scenario is testing the inter-network connectivity testing, the second scenario is DHCP testing, and the last scenario is firewall testing (URL filter and restrictions of access time) and also the testing of the threats addressed by snort.

3.1. Inter-Network Connectivity Testing

This test aims to determine the connection between the internal network, server, Endian UTM and the Internet. Testing is done by doing a ping from the server to the internal network users and also from the internal network to the internet. Figure 4 is the trace route of the connectivity testing.

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C:\Documents and Settings\Fikri>ping 192.168.0.15
Pinging 192.168.0.15 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.0.15: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.0.15: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.0.15: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
C:\Documents and Settings\Fikri>ping 192.168.1.5
Pinging 192.168.1.5 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.1.5: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=63
Reply from 192.168.1.5: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=63
Reply from 192.168.1.5: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=63
Reply from 192.168.1.5: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=63
C:\Documents and Settings\Fikri>ping 192.168.1.5
Pinging 192.168.1.5 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.1.5: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=63
Reply from 192.168.1.5: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=63
Reply from 192.168.1.5: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=63
Reply from 192.168.1.5: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=63
Tracing route to google-public-dns-a.google.com [8.8.8.8]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
  0  <1 ms  <1 ms  <1 ms  nfus[fin].localdomain [192.168.0.15]
  1  4 ms    *      *      10.0.3.2
  2  *      *      *      Request timed out.
  3  *      *      *      Request timed out.
  4  *      *      *      Request timed out.
  5  *      *      *      Request timed out.
  6  *      *      *      Request timed out.
  7  *      *      *      Request timed out.
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  9  *      *      *      Request timed out.
 10 *      *      *      Request timed out.
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 13 *      *      *      Request timed out.
 14 34 ms   33 ms  33 ms  google-public-dns-a.google.com [8.8.8.8]
Trace complete.
    
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Figure 4 Tracing of Connectivity Testing

3.2. DHCP Testing

This testing conducted to prove the DHCP feature of Endian. This testing can be done by select obtain an IP address automatically, so that the client gets an automatic IP from DHCP services on endian UTM. Figure 5 is one of the examples of a client who gets an automatic IP from DHCP service.

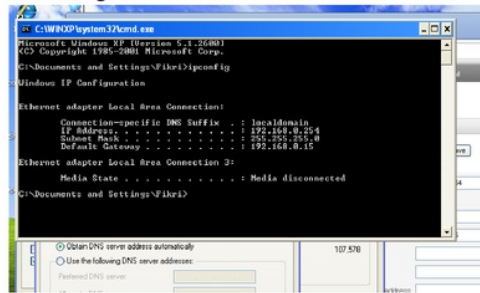


Figure 5 DHCP Testing

3.3. Firewall Testing

Tests on the firewall as a security of the network is divided into several sections including testing a content filter, the restrictions port inter-zone on endian, and testing of report an IPS attacked.

3.3.1. Testing Content Filter

This testing is done to filter the content which is desired by the user. On this category there are two ways to block the site access. The first is blocking the content by category and the second is blacklist the feature. Figure 6 and 7 is the figure of sport category that will be blocked if the user list's it to the list of blocking content.

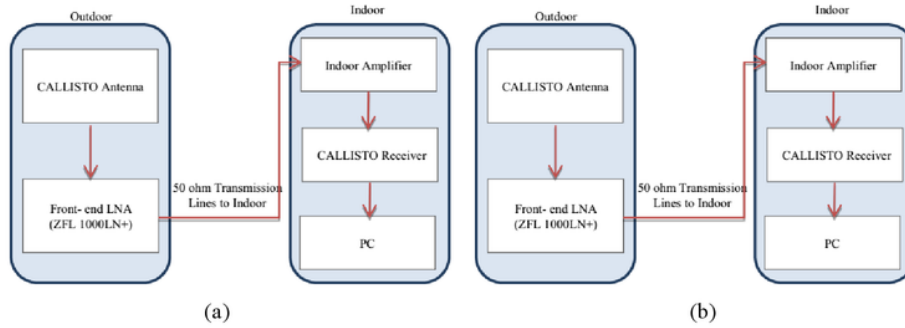


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