

NETWORK INTRUSION DETECTION USING DATA MINING AND NETWORK BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS

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ABSTRACT

Intrusion detection has become a critical component of network administration due to the vast number of attacks persistently threaten our computers. Traditional intrusion detection systems are limited and do not provide a complete solution for the problem. They search for potential malicious activities on network traffics; they sometimes succeed to find true security attacks and anomalies. However, in many cases, they fail to detect malicious behaviours (false negative) or they fire alarms when nothing wrong in the network (false positive). In addition, they require exhaustive manual processing and human expert interference. Applying Data Mining (DM) techniques on network traffic data is a promising solution that helps develop better intrusion detection systems. Moreover, Network Behaviour Analysis (NBA) is also an effective approach for intrusion detection. In this paper, we discuss DM and NBA approaches for network intrusion detection and suggest that a combination of both approaches has the potential to detect intrusions in networks more effectively.

KEYWORDS

Network Intrusion Detection, Network Behavior Analysis, Data Mining Algorithms

1. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, there exists an extensive growth in using Internet in social networking (e.g., instant messaging, video conferences, etc.), healthcare, e-commerce, bank transactions, and many other services. These Internet applications need a satisfactory level of security and privacy. On the other hand, our computers are under attacks and vulnerable to many threats. There is an increasing availability of tools and tricks for attacking and intruding networks. An intrusion can be defined as any set of actions that threaten the security requirements (e.g., integrity, confidentiality, availability) of a computer/network resource (e.g., user accounts, file systems, and system kernels) [16,17]. Intruders have promoted themselves and invented innovative tools that support various types of network attacks. Hence, effective methods for intrusion detection (ID) have become an insisting need to protect our computers from intruders. In general, there are two types of Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS); misuse detection systems and anomaly detection systems [14,16,17]. Most commercial IDS employ the misuse strategy in which known intrusions are stored in the systems as signatures. The system searches network traffics for patterns or user behaviours that match the signatures, if a pattern matched a signature; an alarm is raised to a human security analyst who decides what action should be taken based on the type of attack. In such systems, known intrusions (signatures) are provided and hand-coded by human experts based on their extensive experience in identifying intrusions. Current misuse IDS are built based on: expert systems (e.g., IDES, ComputerWatch, NIDX, P-BEST, ISOA) which use a set of rules to describe attacks, signature analysis (e.g., Haystack, NetRanger, RealSecure, MuSig) where features of attacks are captured in audit trail, state-transition analysis (e.g., STAT, USTAT and NetSTAT) which uses state-transition diagrams, coloured petri nets (e.g., IDIOT), or case-based reasoning (e.g., AUTOGUARD) [16]. Anomaly detection [8,12], in contrast to misuse detection, can identify novel intrusions. It builds models for normal network

behaviour (called profiles) and uses these profiles to detect new patterns that significantly deviate from them. These suspicious patterns may represent actual intrusions or could simply be new behaviours that need to be added to profiles. Current anomaly detection systems use statistical methods such as multivariate and temporal analysis to identify anomalies; examples of these systems are IDES, NIDES, and EMERALD. Other anomaly detection systems are built based on expert systems such as ComputerWatch, Wisdom, and Sense [16].

Misuse IDS suffer from a number of major drawbacks, first, known intrusions have to be hand-coded by experts. Second, signature library needs to be updated whenever a new signature is discovered, network configuration has been changed, or a new software version has been installed. Third, misuse IDS are unable to detect new (previously unknown) intrusions that do not match signatures; they can only identify cases that match signatures. Thus, the system fails to identify a new event as an intrusion when it is in fact an intrusion, this is called false negative. On the other hand, current anomaly detection systems suffer from high percentage of false positives (i.e., an event incorrectly identified by the IDS as being an intrusion when it is not) [16]. An additional drawback is that selecting the right set of system features to be measured is ad hoc and based on experience. A common shortcoming in IDS is that for a large, complex network IDS can typically generate thousands or millions of alarms per day, representing an overwhelming task for the security analysts [16, 17]. Table 1 shows a comparison between the two types of intrusion detection

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	Misuse Detection	Anomaly Detection
Characteristics	use patterns of well-known attacks (signatures) to identify intrusions, any match with signatures is reported as a possible attack	use deviation from normal usage patterns to identify intrusions, any significant deviations from the expected behaviour are reported as possible attacks
Drawbacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - False negatives - Unable to detect new attacks - Need signatures update - Known attacks has to be hand-coded - Overwhelming security analysts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - False positives. - Selecting the right set of system features to be measured is ad hoc and based on experience - Has to study sequential interrelation between transactions - Overwhelming security analysts

From the above discussion, we conclude that traditional IDS face many limitations. This has led to an increased interest in improving current IDS. Applying Data Mining (DM) techniques such as classification, clustering, association rules, etc, on network traffic data is a promising solution that helps improve IDS [15-23]. In addition, Network Behaviour Analysis (NBA) is also an effective approach for network intrusion detection [4,6,25,26]. In this paper, we discuss DM and NBA approaches for network intrusion detection and suggest that a combination of both approaches has the potential to detect intrusions in networks more effectively. The rest of this

paper is organized as follows: in section 2 we give background information and related work. In section 3 we discuss NBA systems. In section 4 we suggest an ID model that integrates DM techniques and NBA. Finally, in section 5, we give our conclusions and future work.

2. BACKGROUND AND RELATED WORK

Intrusion detection is the process of monitoring and analyzing the data and events occurring in a computer and/or network system in order to detect attacks, vulnerabilities and other security problems [16]. IDS can be classified according to data sources into: host-based detection and network-based detection. In host-based detection, data files and OS processes of the host are directly monitored to determine exactly which host resources are the targets of a particular attack. In contrast, network-based detection systems monitor network traffic data using a set of sensors attached to the network to capture any malicious activities. Networks security problems can vary widely and can affect different security requirements including authentication, integrity, authorization, and availability. Intruders can cause different types of attacks such as Denial of Services (DoS), scan, compromises, and worms and viruses [17,18]. In this paper, we emphasize on network-based intrusion detection which is discussed in the next sub-section.

The primary assumption in intrusion detection is that user and program activities can be monitored and modelled [16,17]. A set of processes represent the framework of intrusion detection, first, data files or network traffic are monitored and analyzed by the system, next, abnormal activities are detected, finally, the system raises an alarm based on the severity of the attack [16]. Figure 1 below shows a traditional framework for ID. In order for IDS to be successful, a system is needed to satisfy a set of requirements. IDS should be able to detect a wide variety of intrusions including known and unknown attacks. This implies that the system needs to adapt to new attacks and malicious behaviours. IDS are also required to detect intrusions in timely fashion, i.e., the system may need to respond to intrusions in real-time. This may represent a challenge since analyzing intrusions is a time consuming process that may delay system response. IDS are required to be accurate in a sense that minimizes both false negative and false positive errors. Finally, IDS should present analysis in simple, easy-to-understand format in order to help analysts get an insight of intrusion detection results [16].

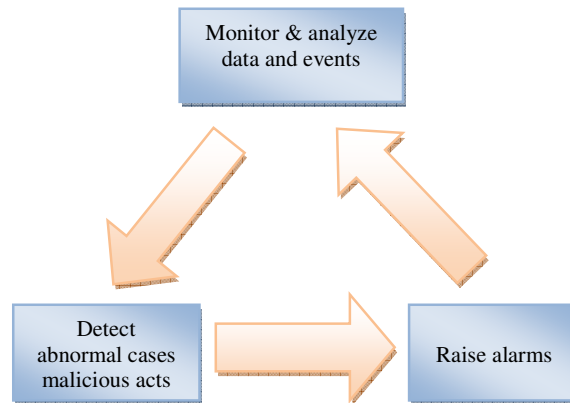


Fig.1: Traditional IDS framework

2.1. Network-based Intrusion Detection

Network-based intrusion detection can be broken down into two categories: packet-based anomaly detection and flow-based anomaly detection. Flow-based anomaly detection tends to rely on existing network elements, such as routers and switches, to make a flow of information available for analysis. On the other hand, packet-based anomaly detection doesn't rely on other

network components; it observes network traffic for the detection of anomalies. Flow-based anomaly detection is based on the concept of a network flow and flow records. A flow record is a summarized indicator that a certain network flow took place and that two hosts have communicated with each other previously at some point in time. Typically, the flow record contains both the source and destination IP addresses the source and destination TCP or UDP network ports or ICMP types and codes, the number of packets and number of bytes transmitted in the session, and the timestamps for both the start and end of the network flow. Routers generate these flow records as they observe network traffic. By analyzing flow records and looking for unusual amounts, directions, groupings and characteristics of the network flow, the network behavior analysis software can infer the presence of worms or even DoS attacks in a network. The problem is that these flow records only carry a summary of the information presented for analysis. Basically, this information is the metadata about the network traffic. The actual network packets are not accessible for further analysis [9]. Packet-based anomaly detection software, unlike its flow-based counterpart, does not use third party elements to generate the metadata of the network traffic. Instead, the entire packet-based analysis looks at raw packets as they traverse the network links. Observation of the network traffic can be done using either port mirroring or network taps. Port mirroring, known as SPAN (Switched Port Analyzer), is used on a network switch to send a copy of all network packets seen on one switch port to a network monitoring connection on another switch port. Network taps are used to create permanent access ports for passive monitoring. Test Access Port (TAP) can create a monitoring access port between any two network devices, including switches, routers, and firewalls. A good example to compare the two detection methodologies is that of a large-scale SYN flood denial of service attack. Typically a huge amount of connection request packets are generated by a number of compromised zombie machines. The source addresses are randomly generated [4].

A flow-based anomaly detection system only sees that there is a large number of network flows, which are established from many clients to the specific server and port that is under attack. But, no useful information beyond that is forthcoming from a flow-based solution. Therefore, the network operator has the choice to either rate-shape or blocks all traffic to that server, with disastrous impact on even the valid traffic [4]. On the other hand, a packet-based anomaly detection system can extract the signature of the offending packets. Often, large-scale attack tools initialize packet headers with certain, non-random data. For example, the TCP window size or sequence number, which is advertised in a connection request packet, could be fixed. A packet-based anomaly detection system, which has access to the raw packet data, can detect this and provide a signature of the packets that only block the offending traffic, and leaves valid traffic untouched. Since routers and switches tend to send out their network flow after there has been a period of inactivity (on average about 15 seconds), the “earliest a flow-based anomaly detection solution can begin to detect the anomaly is at least 15 seconds after its onset” [4]. After that, the detection algorithms can begin processing, which further adds to the delay in finding an anomaly or not.

In a flow-based anomaly detection system, the routers and switches are the components that produce the flow records. These flow records are the only insight into the current network traffic. The problem with this is that many anomalies and malicious activity could be either designed to affect the routers and switches or take them down as a side effect of the actual cause of the attack. In this case, during the worst possible time, the flow-based system could fail to detect anything in the middle of an attack, since the router has failed. The packet-based anomaly detection system works in real time since it doesn't depend on any third party components, such as routers or switches. Because of that there is no 15 second time delay before the statistical data on the network traffic is available to the software. As long as traffic is flowing on the network links, it is seen and analyzed. The detection algorithms are continuously

at work on this data. Since flow records are generated using flow-based detection, it places a heavy burden on network infrastructure. Many routers' CPUs are heavily loaded when flow record generation occurs, which as a side effect can interfere with the other activities the router is responsible for. Looking at the previous denial of service example, each packet could represent a new flow record. Flow record generation by the routers and switches could act in effect to strengthen the attack, as the more malicious packets get generated, the more the router is loaded in processing the flow record, thus taxing the network with a plethora of flow records. On the other hand, packet-based detection does not cause any additional overhead on the routers, switches or the network since both the processing of the detection and all necessary communication are independent of the attack volume.

Detection accuracy is not as great comparatively with flow-based anomaly detection as it is with packet-based. The reason is that due to the resource intensive flow record generation, an often method of counteraction is flow sampling. Flow sampling is considering every *n*th packet for the generation of flow records, not every packet. This causes the number of flow records to dramatically decrease as well as decreasing the CPU load and network utilization. The price for this method is the loss of detection accuracy. In most cases, smaller flows will be seen only as one packet even if the flow does contain a packet or not. Large flows on the other hand will be over represented, since they have a higher chance of having at least one of their packets sampled, which could lead to a distorted picture of the actual state of the network. Flow sampling could cause an additional delay in detecting anomalies, as it takes more packets passing through the router to find out if there is an anomaly or not. Packet-based anomaly detection does not have to rely on sampling since it is not as resource intensive as flow-based detection. Thus, the accuracy rate of detection is higher.

2.2. Data Mining Techniques for Network Intrusion Detection

Many researchers have investigated the deployment of data mining algorithms and techniques for intrusion detection [13,15-23, 32,33]. Examples of these techniques include [16-18]:

Feature selection data analysis: The main idea in feature selection is to remove features with little or no predictive information from the original set of features of the audit data to form a subset of appropriate features [24]. Feature selection significantly reduces computational complexity resulting from using the full original feature set. Other benefits of feature selection are: improving the prediction of ID models, providing faster and cost-effective ID models and providing better understanding and virtualization of the generated intrusions. Feature selection algorithms are typically classified into two categories: subset selection and feature ranking. Subset selection algorithms use heuristic search such as genetic algorithms, simulated annealing and greedy hill climbing to generate and evaluate a subset of features as a group for suitability. On the other hand, feature ranking uses a metric to rank the features based on their scores on that metric and removes all features that do not achieve an adequate score [34].

Classification analysis: The goal of classification is to assign objects (intrusions) to classes based on the values of the object's features. Classification algorithms can be used for both misuse and anomaly detections [16]. In misuse detection, network traffic data are collected and labelled as "normal" or "intrusion". This labelled dataset is used as a training data to learn classifiers of different types (e.g., SVM, NN, NB, or ID3) which can be used to detect known intrusions. In anomaly detection, the normal behaviour model is learned from the training dataset that are known to be "normal" using learning algorithms. Classification can be applied to detect intrusions in data streams; a predefined collection of historical data with their observed nature helps in determining the nature of newly arriving data stream and hence will be useful in classification of the new data stream and detect the intrusion. Data may be non sequential or sequential in nature. Non-sequential data are those data where order of occurrence is not

important, while sequential data are those data where the order of occurrence with respect to time is important to consider. Using data mining and specially classification techniques can play a very important role on two dimensions; the similarity measures and the classification schema [28]. Kumar [27] stated that any data, facts, concepts, or instructions, can be represented in a formalized manner suitable for communication, interpretation, or processing by humans or by automated means. Kumar [27] classified sequential data into temporal or non-temporal, where temporal data are those data, which have time stamp attached to it and non-temporal data are those which are ordered with respect to some other dimension other than time such as space. Temporal data can be classified into discrete temporal sequential data such as logs time or continuous temporal sequential data such as observations.

Clustering analysis: Clustering assign objects (intrusions) to groups (clusters) on the basis of distance measurements made on the objects. As opposed to classification, clustering is an unsupervised learning process since no information is available on the labels of the training data. In anomaly detection, clustering and outlier analysis can be used to drive the ID model [16]. Distance or similarity measure plays an important role in grouping observations in homogeneous clusters. It is important to formulate a metric to determine whether an event is deemed normal or anomalous using measures such as Jaccard similarity measure, Cosine similarity measure, Euclidian distance measure and longest common subsequence (LCS) measure. Jaccard similarity coefficient is a statistical measure of similarity between sample sets and can be defined as the degree of commonality between two sets [29]. Cosine similarity is a common vector based similarity measure and mostly used in text databases and it calculates the angle of difference in direction of two vectors, irrespective of their lengths [30]. Euclidean distance is a widely used distance measure for vector spaces, for two vectors X and Y in an n-dimensional Euclidean space; Euclidean distance can be defined as the square root of the sum of differences of the corresponding dimensions of the vectors [29]. The Longest Common Subsequence (LCS) is a new similarity measure developed recently, where the degree of similarity between two sequences can be measured by extracting the maximal number of identical symbols existing in both sequences in the same order or the longest common subsequences. Kumar [31] stated that the length of this subsequence describes the similarity between the sequences. He considered two sequences $X[1..m]$ and $Y[1..n]$ come from D different symbols belonging to the alphabet T. A subsequence $S[1..s]$ where $(0 \leq s \leq m)$ of X can be obtained by deleting arbitrarily $(m - s)$ symbols from X. If S is also a subsequence of Y, then S is a common subsequence of X and Y, denoted by $CS(X,Y)$. The longest common subsequence of X and Y, abbreviated by $LCS(X,Y)$ is the $CS(X,Y)$ having maximal length, whose length is denoted by $LLCS$. Mining models for network intrusion detection view data as sequences of TCP/IP packet and K-Nearest neighborhood algorithms is commonly used in all techniques with different similarity measures. Finally, clustering and classification algorithms must be efficient scalable, and can handle network data of high volume, dimensionality, and heterogeneity [16].

Han and Kamber [16] mentioned some other DM approaches that can be used for ID and we summarize them below:

Association and correlation analysis: The main objective of association rule analysis is to discover association relationships between specific values of features in large datasets. This helps discover hidden patterns and has a wide variety of applications in business and research. Association rules can help select discriminating attributes that are useful for intrusion detection. It can be applied to find relationships between system attributes describing network data. New attributes derived from aggregated data may also be helpful, such as summary counts of traffic matching a particular pattern.

Stream data analysis: Intrusions and malicious attacks are of dynamic nature. Moreover, data streams may help detect intrusions in the sense that an event may be normal on its own, but

considered malicious if viewed as part of a sequence of events [16]. Thus, it is necessary to perform intrusion detection in data stream, real-time environment. This helps identify sequences of events that are frequently encountered together, find sequential patterns, and identify outliers. Other data mining methods for finding evolving clusters and building dynamic classification models in data streams can be applied for these purposes.

Distributed data mining: Intruders can work from several different locations and attack many different destinations. Distributed data mining methods may be utilized to analyze network data from several network locations, this helps detect distributed attacks and prevent attackers in different places from harming our data and resources.

Visualization and querying tools: Visualization data mining tools that include features to view classes, associations, clusters, and outliers can be used for viewing any anomalous patterns detected. Graphical user interface associated with these tools allows security analysts to understand intrusion detection results, evaluate IDS performance and decide on future enhancements for the system.

3. NETWORK BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS

Within the last few years, Network Behavior Analysis (NBA) has been one of these emerging technologies that have been sold as a security management tool to improve the current network security status. The main focus of NBA is to monitor inbound and outbound traffic associated with the network to ensure that nothing is getting into the servers, software, and application systems which helps enhance the overall security of the network at all levels. The author in [1] stated that approximately 25% of large enterprises systems will be using NBA by 2011. The traditional security model of network as shown in figure 2 is not clear and has too many concerns. First of all, the model have little proactive capability attitude toward preventing any security incidents because the architecture is built with technologies that discover most security events in progress while it misses opportunities to detect and resolve other small threats before it become major problems for the network. Firewalls and intrusion detection systems are typically stationed at a network gateway, which doesn't stop laptops infected with malware or subversive employees from accessing the network. A typical security tactic to overcoming this problem is to deploy firewalls and intrusion detection devices throughout the internal network [4]. This can get extremely expensive and can increase network maintenance and complexity even without addressing many of the security threats.

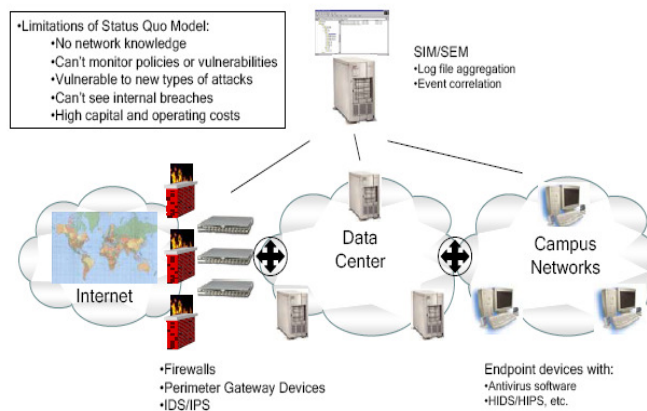


Fig. 2: Traditional Network Defense Strategy Model (SANSI 2009), Source Enterprise Strategy Group

Without NBA systems added to the security model, the architecture could require three to four times more intrusion prevention system devices that if it had it. Though intrusion detection and intrusion prevention systems can spot common and signature based attacks such as port scans, denial of services, and certain viruses, but they cannot trap the security attacks that fast spreading such as zero-day worms. Other potential attacks such as reverse tunneling and island hopping look like normal traffic so there is no signature to detect the breach [4]. Since this traditional security model is event-based, log files become irrelevant as they do not provide a true picture of the internal control metrics for security administrators and auditors. This limitation forces companies into expensive manual process and lengthy audit cycles. Once these security events penetrate the internal network, the traditional model can provide little help. The security devices tend to reside at either the perimeter or at gateways of the network, so there is a possibility that they might miss internal attacks in other network segments.

The addition of a network behavior analysis system to anchor the traditional security architecture as in figure 3 can have several benefits. First benefit, NBA systems provide visibility into how both applications and services are being used within the network [5]. This allows for the identification of risky activities, creation of more secure network segments, fine tuning of corporate access policies, and the ability to deploy security appliances more effectively. The NBA system's network monitoring capabilities allows for monitoring historical trends to help improve security over time. For example, a security administrator may see a security attack in the sales department of a company where managers travel with their laptops and have to access unsecured networks [6]. Using this information from the historical trends, the network security team can deploy security countermeasures such as an intrusion prevention device within that network segment. NBA systems can also help detect attacks such as zero-day worms and suspicious insider activities across the network. In this respect, NBA can adapt the use of an intrusion detection system that tracks signature based security attacks faster. Finally, NBA systems can view the network in terms of the applications and users consuming services from specific servers. This helps organizations setup proper internal controls and enforces a network usage policy. This can prevent users from setting up their own servers or using inappropriate services. It also ensures that developers and development servers do not mingle with production systems [7].

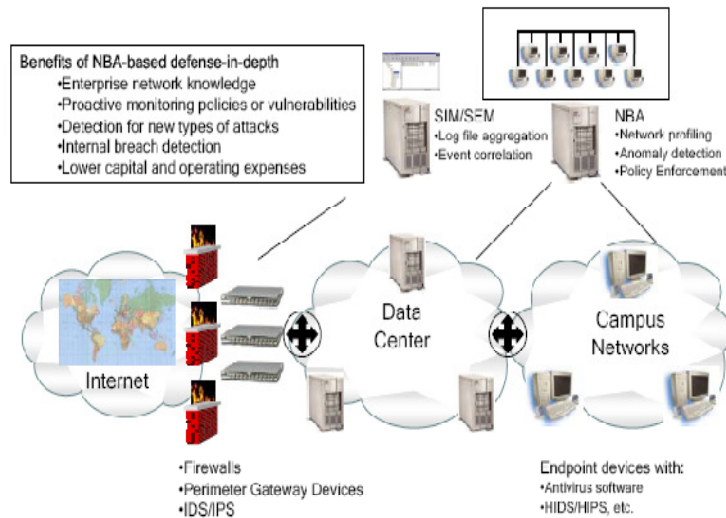


Fig. 3: Network Defense Strategy Model Anchored by Network Behavior Analysis (SANSI 2010) Source Enterprise Strategy Group

NBA software examines network traffic or statistics on network traffic to identify unusual traffic flows through network monitoring activity. NBA systems can monitor the network and flag policy violations and see unwanted services, detect backdoors on host servers, and report unusual activity that may or may not be security related. Most of the mentioned services depend on the baseline profile of the network traffic that is created or modified when the NBA system is configured. When the system is deployed, individual NBA sensors are deployed at high traffic intersections around the network. These sensors hang off a switch and passively monitor network traffic. The sensors collect a variety of information, including which clients are talking to which servers, the protocols used, the data rates, and the time at which the data sessions took place. Unlike traditional IDS, these sensors aren't deployed inline so they don't add latency to the network [2]. The sensors then create a baseline profile of the network's activity. It collects information for a period of time, depending on how it's configured, to establish the initial baseline profile. The profile can be modified and refined with continual monitoring. Once the baseline is established, the NBA system will alert security operators about any variance from the baseline. Deviations from the baseline could be anything from an appearance of a new host or service on the network, to a host in one zone attempting to access sensitive data (such as financial records) on another host. Deviations can also include violations of usage policy, which can be useful during an audit of the system. The initial configuration can be time consuming as figuring out what the company should flag can be difficult. If not configured properly to fit the network, the system could generate many false alarms, as in traditional IDS [3].

There are four major players in NBA market today. All of these vendors have marketed the tool as a network security solution. Lancope is the provider of StealthWatch [11], the most widely used NBA and response solution that claims to streamline network operations and security into one process. StealthWatch protects over 200 enterprise customers, more than all direct competitors combined [10]. Arbor Networks delivers the NBA solution Arbor Peakflow, which claims to provide real-time views of network activity enabling organizations to instantly protect against worms, DoS attacks, insider misuse, and traffic and routing instability as well as segment and harden networks from future threats. Q1 Labs' QRadar claims to be a cross between a Security Event Management (SEM) tool and a NBA system. The last major player is Mazu Networks, the leading provider of NBA systems to large enterprises, offers two applications, the Mazu Profiler, which is an internal security, application visibility and compliance solution, and the Mazu Enforcer, which allows for perimeter visibility and distributed denial-of-service protection. In fact, Mazu posted record revenue growth in 2005 and has grown its customer base to more than 100 enterprises. In conclusion, there are an underlying agenda to the majority of the sources that discussed NBA systems. Most of the sources, which had a positive analysis on NBA systems, tended to be white papers from vendors, such as Lancope, Mazu, Q1 Labs, or Arbor. If they weren't white papers from vendors, they were editorial articles from CEOs or upper level management types of said companies. The majority of these companies dealt with flow-based detection and most of those papers didn't give any disadvantages of packet-based anomaly detection, so those papers could be described as biased as well. Companies do seem to have benefited from using NBA systems as a security tool, rather than just a network management tool and they used flow-based anomaly detection as the major security tool.

4. PROPOSED IDS MODEL BASED ON DM AND NBA

Due to the many advantages of DM and NBA approaches in network intrusion detection, we suggest that a combination of both approaches can help develop a new generation of high performance IDS. In comparison to traditional IDS (Fig.1), IDS based on DM and NBA are generally more precise and require far less manual processing and input from human experts.

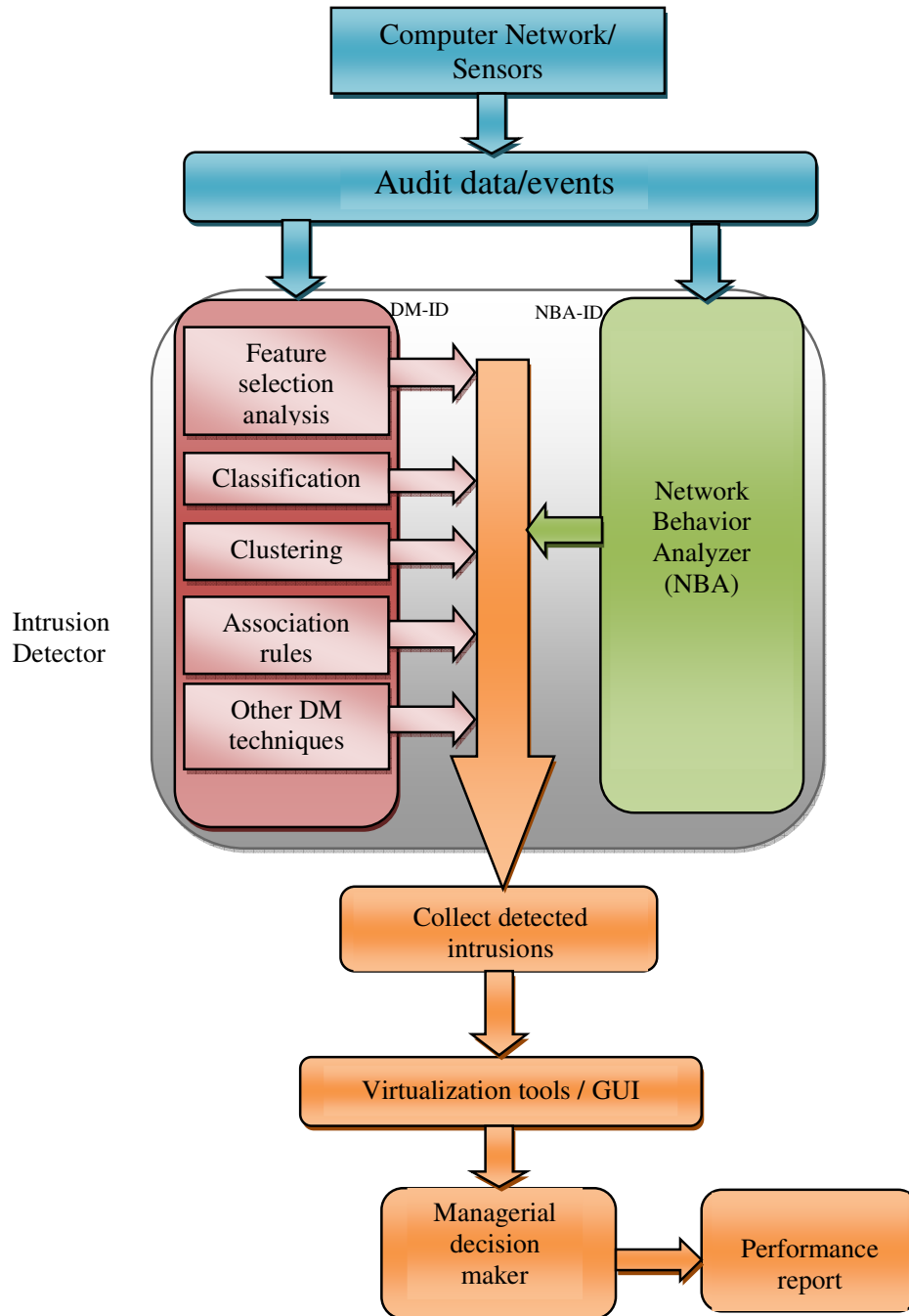


Fig. 4: The proposed IDS model based on DM and NBA

Figure 4 shows the proposed IDS model based on DM and NBA. The system is composed of the following units:

- Computer network sensors: collect audit data and network traffic events and transmit these data to ID units.
- DM-ID unit: contains different modules that employ various DM algorithms and techniques (e.g., classification, clustering, etc.). Each module works independently to detect intrusions in the network traffic data.

- NBA-ID unit: deploys NBA to detect intrusions in the network audit data.
- Intrusions collection unit: collects detected intrusions from DM-ID and NBA-ID units.
- Visualization unit: help monitor and visualize the results of ID units.
- Managerial decision maker: analyzes intrusion results, evaluates system performance, takes decisions on detected intrusions, checks for false positives and false negatives, controls system operation, generates a performance report and decides if any changes/updates are needed.

5. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

Traditional IDS suffer from different problems that limit their effectiveness and efficiency. In contrast DM and NBA are promising approaches for intrusion detection. In this paper, we discussed DM and NBA approaches for network intrusion detection. We suggested that a combination of both approaches may overcome the limitations in current IDS and leads to high performance ones. NBA can help cover the gap in traditional network systems, which considers a good move for most of industries to integrate NBA with advanced DM to achieve a better performance. NBA can significantly enhance the value of the data generated from IDS that use DM as intrusion detection technique by analyzing and correlating large amount of sequence data. We plan to put the suggested hybrid system model in practice and apply it on real world intrusion detection problems.

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