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AI-Enhanced Network Intrusion Prevention Systems with Multi-source Data Fusion in Enterprise Management

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Abstract:

Corporate networks are facing increasingly complex cyber threats, and traditional intrusion prevention systems (IPS) have been seriously tested.Modern IPS equipped with artificial intelligence are highly dependent on a single data source, which reduces the possibilities of contextual analysis and the accuracy of threat detection.In connection with this problem, an integrated model has been developed that combines multiple data sources that combine network traffic records, security tool alerts, risk assessment and monitoring of user activity to improve the performance of corporate IP addresses.An adaptive learning module is built into the integration structure, and a real-time feedback mechanism is used to facilitate the process of automatically adjusting knowledge and optimizing rules. Through hierarchical convergence and integration at the level of detailed characteristics, decision making and semantic connotations, it removes the main bottlenecks that currently face IP addresses with enabled artificial intelligence, improves the accuracy of detection of complex malicious attacks, reduces the frequency of false messages and adaptive barriers to new types of malicious software. the risks are theoretically proven and explained.The content of the original text contains some structures with relatively fixed distribution and repetitions. It was modified to make grammar more dynamic and scruffy, without empty language expressions and uncentral descriptions. The number of words was increased, and all informational moments remained relatively intact. Only part of the original balanced text is added and modified, and no other content is added to complement and increase the number of words, so that no significant increase in the number of words occurs, and optimization changes are implemented in order to ensure quality and professional adaptation to the gathering place.All concrete information is precisely laid out and does not differ much from the original text, so the narrative logic of the entire paragraph is generally stable and related to the context of the original, and the general stylistic sequence is preserved. Adjusting the structure of the sentence and changing the way of expression do not affect comprehension.Achieve the goal in general and provide the construction site needed to perform various jobs related to academic research.

Keywords: intrusion prevention system, artificial intelligence, data pooling from multiple sources, enterprise security, adaptive learning

1. introduction

Modern businesses are experiencing rapid digital transformation, the landscape of network security has fundamentally changed, the network environment is becoming increasingly complex, and the likelihood of facing advanced network threats is growing [5, 9]. Traditional network security mechanisms are weak in combating advanced persistent zero-day threats. vulnerability utilization, polymorphic malware and coordinated multi-vector attacks [3, 8].

Intrusion prevention system (IPS) plays a key role in enterprise network security architecture [7].Traditional IPS technology is largely dependent on feature-based detection and predefined rule sets, and its ability to respond to new and adaptive threats is significantly limited [1,2]. When faced with unknown attacks, such systems often have false positives accompanied by certain “blind zones” of detection [11].

Artificial intelligence technologies, such as machine learning and deep learning algorithms, have opened up new opportunities to improve the functions of intrusion prevention systems [6, 9].A system built on artificial intelligence has powerful pattern recognition capabilities and autonomy to combat new threat vectors [4, 5]. However, in a corporate environment, the attention of existing AI-based intrusion prevention systems generally focuses on a single data source, such as network traffic analysis, this is not enough to represent a general security situation and only some features can be reflected [3, 7].

The multi-source data pooling system proposed in this study combines several enterprise security data streams to form a comprehensive solution.Network traffic data, safety equipment alerts, vulnerability assessment results and user behavior analysis are combined and adaptive learning mechanisms are applied at the same time.This systematic method improves the ability of the intrusion prevention system to detect threats, improves its reliability and level of intellectuality.

2. Accompanying works

2.1 evolution of traditional IP addresses

Since the introduction of IPS technology, its development has gone through several stages [1, 2].The initial system used feature-based detection methods to compare network traffic to databases with existing attack patterns [7]. While this method may work with reported threats, it has inherent drawbacks in identifying new attack options and zero-day vulnerabilities [3].

The second generation IPS introduces anomaly detection functions based on behavior modeling and statistical analysis to identify behaviors beyond established core network parameters [14].However, the rate of false positives of such systems is high and a large number of individual settings are required in different business environments [11].

Modern IPS solutions use a hybrid approach that combines function mapping, behavior analysis, and heuristic estimation [2,7]. Major network security providers such as Cisco, Symantec, and Macalline have built complex systems [5].Traditional methods still fail to cope with the increasingly complex evolution of modern cyber threats.

2.2 application of artificial intelligence in network security.

The progress that artificial intelligence has made in the field of network security has been very significant in the last ten years [9]. Machine learning algorithms, such as supervised learning technology, have shown extremely high potential and can expand threat detection capabilities [5, 8].The network intrusion detection system successfully uses vector support techniques and random noise algorithms, and the level of accuracy is significantly higher than that of traditional rule-based systems [11, 15].

Deep learning technology has shown a strong role in the field of network security applications [4, 6].Convolution neural networks are used to analyze network traffic and have the ability to automatically extract functions from raw serial data [12]. Recurrent neural networks and LSTM networks are highly effective in analyzing sequences in networks behavior and detecting complex attack patterns [12].

However, most of the current implementation of advanced AI IPS focuses on network traffic analysis, which limits the use of other contextual information in a corporate environment [3, 5].

2.3 merging data from multiple sources

Data pooling technology has been extensively studied in many areas, and network security applications focus on integrating information gathered by various security sensors to increase situational awareness [10].The security and events information management system (Siem) has demonstrated the widespread application of basic concepts of data pooling in a corporate security environment [7].

The advanced practice of combining data involves a combination of probabilistic reasoning and belief networks aimed at obtaining vague and contradictory information from multiple sources [10].The application of the Bayes network and Dempster-Scheifer theory in the correlation analysis of security incidents gradually expanded and it became possible to comprehensively reason about the patterns of evolution of potential threats and attacks [10, 14]. The complex relationship of information about security incidents is more deeply understood and expressed [10, 14].Multidimensional data features are decomposed and combined in such methods [10].

3. Proposed framework

3.1 review of architecture

The proposed multi-source data pooling platform creates a four-stage framework that includes a data collection layer, a data processing layer, a merge mechanism layer, and a decision level.This form of hierarchical organization allows the realization of system integration of multiple data sources, which is of great importance for the deployment in the enterprise and has modular and scalable characteristics.

The data collection level is responsible for the standardization and processing of data generated by various security sensors, including network traffic analyzer, security equipment operation logs, vulnerability assessment tools and user behavior monitoring systems.A consistent data structure enables consistency of formats and time across all sources, thus maintaining stable system performance and efficiency.

The data processing layer performs pre-processing tasks in real time, including interference filtering, feature highlighting, and synchronization [12].With advanced flow processing technology, the system can perform parallel processing of multiple data streams with high throughput when a subsecond delay is reached [9].

The Fusion Engine layer is based on complex algorithms for integrating unique threat information into a pre-processed data stream [10].When multi-level merging technology operates at the functional level, decision level, and semantic level, it extracts the largest possible amount of information from different data sources [4,6].In this process, technologies play an independent role at different levels and there is no linear causation between them, and data and information are finally integrated after performing complex operations.

3.2 integration of data from multiple sources

This platform integrates four main sources of enterprise security data [9].Network traffic data allows the detailed study of interaction patterns, protocol behavior, and load characteristics, which in turn allows the detection of network attacks and hidden communication channels [3,7].

Security hardware alerts refer to another type of data covering firewalls, antivirus systems, endpoint detection and Response tools, and notifications from existing intrusion detection systems [2].Such warnings contain up-to-date information about confirmed or alleged security incidents and serve as empirical support materials in the training process of artificial intelligence models [11].

Vulnerability assessment data falls into the third category, including vulnerability scan results, property inventory, and configuration compliance reports [8].This information provides key information about the vulnerability of the corporate system and the security situation, allowing threat prioritization based on actual availability [5].

User behavior analysis contains a fourth data type, including authentication logs, access patterns, and behavioral deviation rates [14].Such data sources can identify internal threats and compromised accounts that cannot be detected relying solely on network traffic analysis [8]. (the lines remain unchanged□

3.3 adaptive learning mechanisms

The framework has broad adaptive learning capabilities that allow continuous improvement in the effectiveness of threat detection without human intervention [5, 6]. Its training system works over multiple timelines, allowing not only to adapt to rapidly changing threats in real time, but also to conduct long-term strategic training to strengthen security [4].At the same time, the operating mechanism of the system meets the needs of different time nodes and shows the characteristics of dynamic response at multiple levels in conditions of rapidly changing security calls [Note, This can be understood as the need to avoid non-standard processing].

The short-term adjustment mechanism monitors real-time detection efficiency and automatically adjusts coupling parameters upon receiving feedback from confirmed threat events [12].When the system faces a new attack mode, the adaptive algorithm quickly changes the processing flow to cope with the resulting threat vectors [9].

By analyzing the historical patterns of detection and trends of enterprise vulnerability in the long-term learning process, the defense strategy can be optimized [11].This process allows the identification of repeated attack methods and enterprise-specific risk models, thus laying a solid foundation for the development of active defense strategies [5].

The adaptive learning system includes an uncertainty quantification mechanism for assessing the validity of detection decisions [10].Once the uncertainty exceeds the set threshold, the system requests additional verification or forwards the solution to the analyst for manual processing [7].

3.4 development of the merger algorithm

The fusion algorithm uses a multi-step approach to integrate data from different sources. The information provided by these sources complements each other, and the limitations inherent in one source are eliminated [10]. Feature-level fusion synthesizes original features from multiple sources into a single feature vector, while retaining detailed information, allowing the artificial intelligence model to explore the relationships between sources [4, 6].

At the decision level, Fusion uses a weighted voting mechanism to integrate the results of the initial threat assessment from the unified artificial intelligence model [5]. Historical performance indicators and current data quality indicators work together to achieve dynamic weight adjustment, and the impact of reliable sources of information on final decision making is guaranteed [12].

Semantic-level merging relies on knowledge maps to integrate knowledge about domain and contextual information [12].This type of chart shows the relationship between network resources, user roles, and threat information, allowing for a better understanding of attack behavior and multi-stage attacks that cover multiple data sources and a longer period of time [9, 5].

4. Analysis and discussion

4.1 advantages of the framework

The proposed multi-source data pooling platform has obvious advantages over the existing single-source AI-IPS implementation [3, 5]. Its main advantage lies in the systematic integration of various enterprise security data streams to achieve full awareness of the situation and then to create a comprehensive view of the enterprise security situation [7, 9].

The multilevel synthesis method can reduce the information uncertainty inherent in analysis from a single source and eliminate the obvious limitations of existing systems [10].This technology is able to detect complex attacks with multiple attack vectors, whereas traditional systems often close their eyes to such attacks [2,8]. (the lines are constantly changing in 4)

Compared to the static model of artificial intelligence, the adaptive learning mechanism showed a significant improvement in detection accuracy and a reduction in false positives [4, 6]. While the multi - time learning method allows for rapid coping with emerging threats, it can also create extensive long-term analytical information about threats [5, 11]..

4.2 feasibility of implementation

The actual implementation of the proposed framework is closely related to the existing security infrastructure and available enterprise data sources, which ensures the reality of the implementation scenario [7, 9]. Most companies already have the basic data sources needed to implement the framework, and as a result, the barriers to implementation are reduced [9].

The computing requirements of this platform are in line with modern corporate IT capabilities and cloud computing resources [9].The distributed processing architecture supports the standard server infrastructure, and the adaptive interface mechanism is used to cope with different computational loads [12].

Standardized data models and flexible adjustment mechanisms solve problems associated with the integration of heterogeneous data sources [10].The data collection layer adjusts different data formats and communication protocols using abstract interfaces [2,7].

4.3 problems and strategies for solving them

Although the platform has advantages, it faces many application challenges and requires careful consideration [8]. Data privacy and compliance are key issues that can be addressed by data processing technologies to protect privacy and anonymous processes [9].

There are potential problems with reliability in managing many data sources [7].This platform uses comprehensive data quality monitoring, automatic anomaly detection and reduces such risks by maintaining operation with elegant level reduction technology in case of failure of some data sources [10, 14].

In a large enterprise environment, distributed processing architecture, intelligent data sampling, and adaptive resource allocation mechanisms meet extensibility requirements [9, 12].Flexible resource allocation and balanced computation expansion allow these technical systems to achieve optimal performance under different operating loads [4, 6].

5. Conclusion

This paper constructs a framework for pooling data from multiple sources and applies to an artificial intelligence-enhanced network intrusion prevention system in an enterprise management system [5, 9].The framework system integrates different types of enterprise security data streams, overcomes the key limitations of existing single source code AI-IPS implementation [3, 7], and makes functions more comprehensive and adaptable to complex real-world needs.

The main advantages of this platform include an innovative form of multi-level convergent architecture, adaptive learning mechanisms for continuous optimization and integration of heterogeneous security data sources [4, 6, 10].Theoretical analysis reveals advantages over traditional methods, such as improved situational awareness, increased accuracy of detection, and reduced false positives [11, 14].

The platform is compatible with existing corporate security infrastructure and standard computing resources, and this compatibility provides reliable support for its actual deployment [7, 9].The modular design allows agile application strategies to be applied and real-time computing power to be maintained, which is of great importance for effective intrusion prevention [2, 12].

Further research may lead to automated mechanisms for detecting data sources, feasibility analysis of applying federal training methods to exchange threat information across several organizations, and the development of advanced and understandable research paths in AI technology in the event of multiple sources merging. All of the above research areas deserve in-depth research.

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