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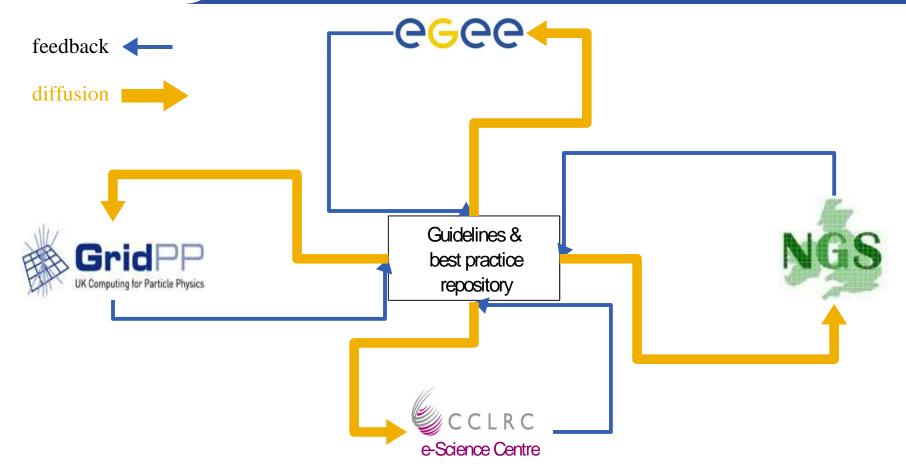
- Most sites have similar security issues
- Heterogeneous groups of systems administrators
- Experience from security incidents is extremely useful
- Good ideas should be spread amongst the community
 - Guidelines & best practice should be advertised

BUT

- Information must be kept up-to-date
- A single source of information is not enough
- Maintaining coherent information amongst many sites is difficult

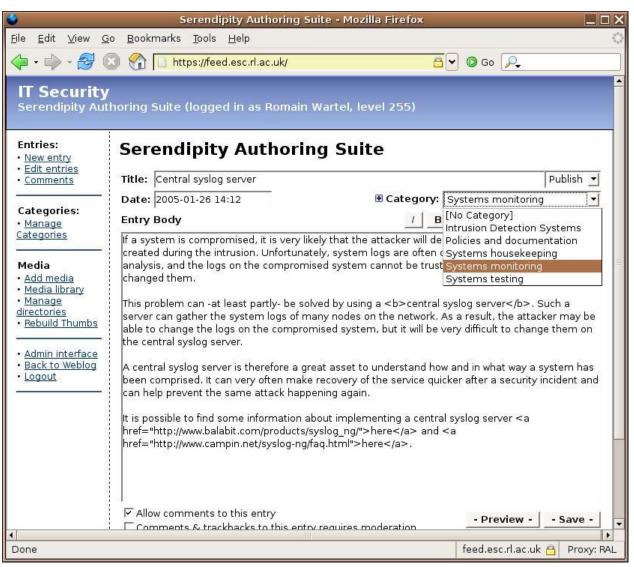


System architecture





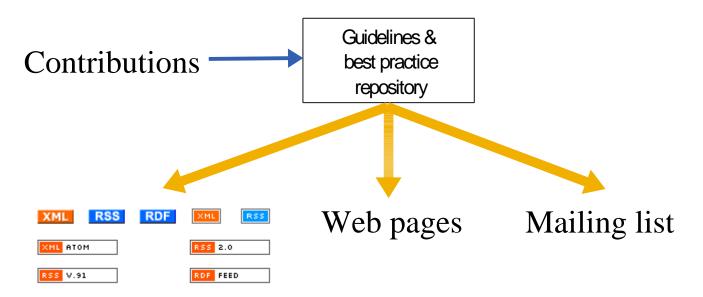
Authoring mechanism



- Web interface, currently using Serendipity
- Using Gridsite authentication (x509 certificates)
- Contributions centralized and published by "trusted" people



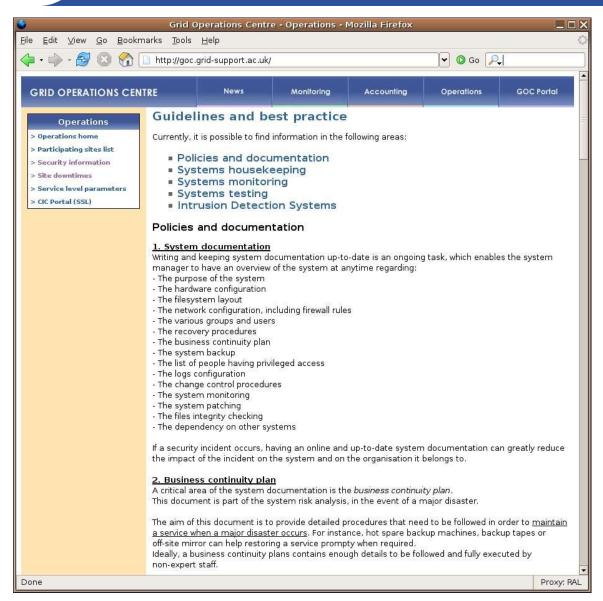
Publication mechanism



- The information is published via:
 - Web pages
 - email
 - RSS feed

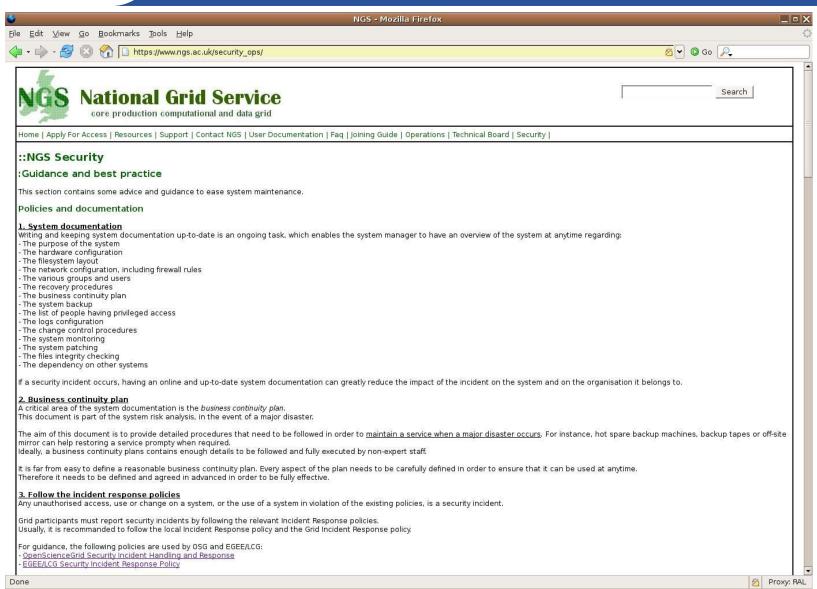


Getting the information on the Web 1/3



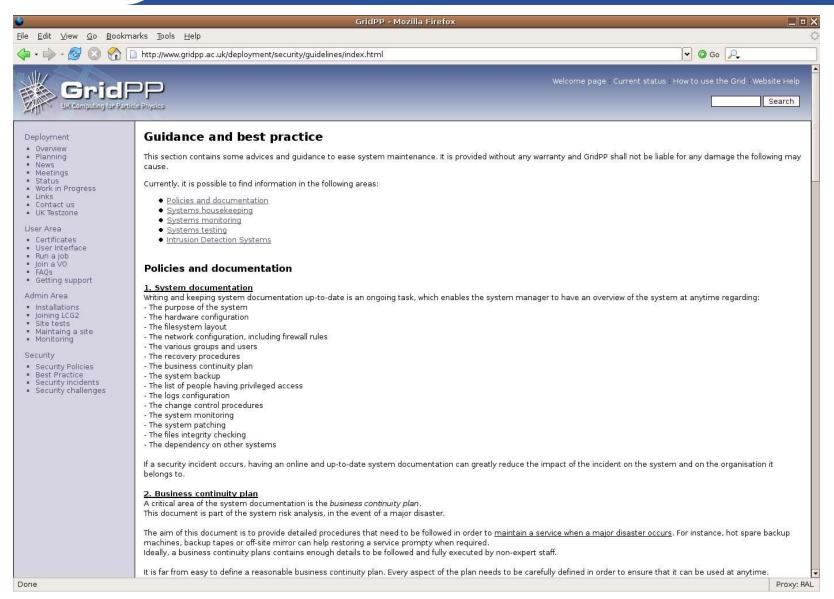


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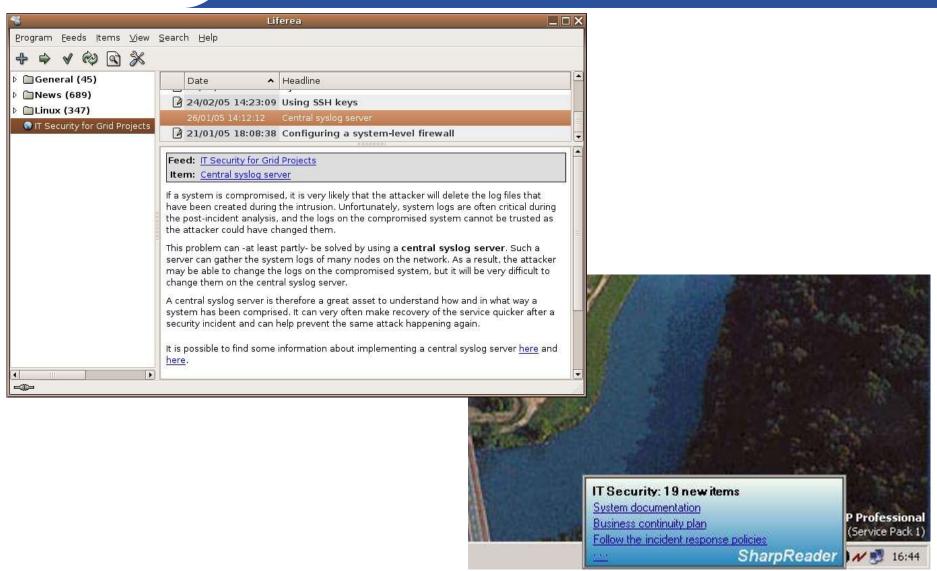


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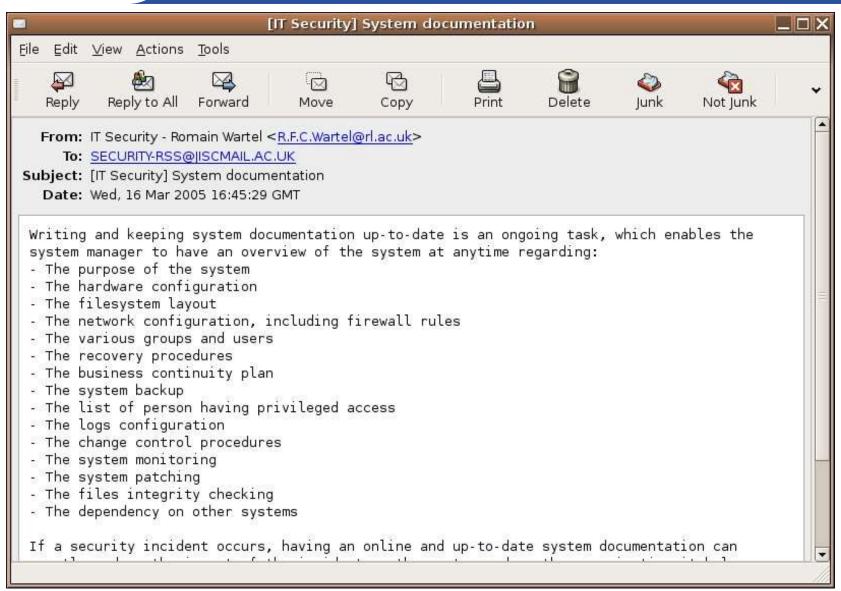


Getting the information via RSS





Getting the information by email





Current architecture summary

- XVL based, recognized standard
- Widespread technology: many clients and APIs
- Enables injecting security information within existing Websites
- Enables filtering of the information
- Any webmaster can use the feed
- Coherent, up-to-date information is available
- Design up to Webmasters, but some layout can be pushed

However:

- RSS requires a server-side mechanism
- Webmasters need to trust the authors or perform manual updates



We need to:

- Provide better, more targeted content
- Provide a second layer of information, via external Web pages
- Receive contributions from the community
- Deploy the mechanism amongst more sites
- Improve the way the information is sorted



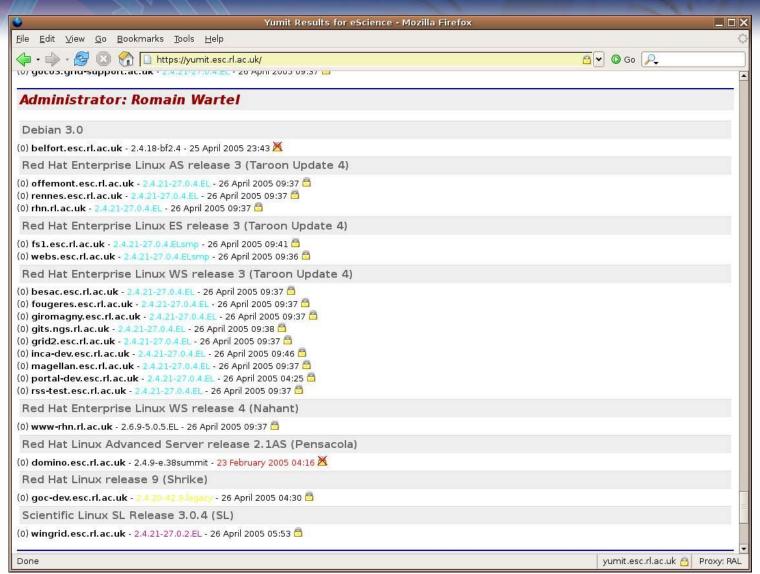
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Yumit 1/6

- Most attacks are using known software vulnerabilities
- Enables monitoring of patching status for a large farm
- Originally developed by Steve Traylen
- Deployment status
 - RAL eScience has 350+ systems registered
 - RAL Tier1a has 600+ systems registered
 - Deployment started at CERN and within UK NGS
- Packages and documentation available from: http://www-staff.esc.rl.ac.uk/Romain/yumit/

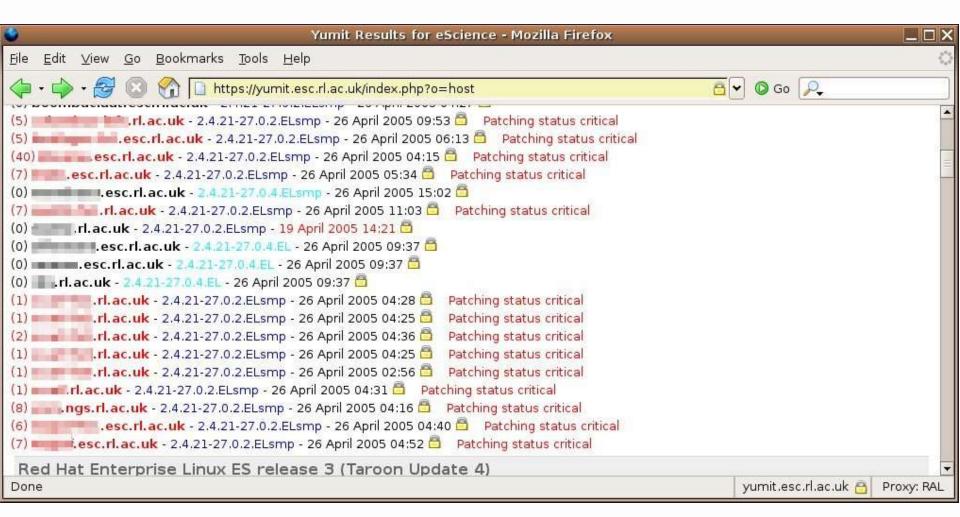


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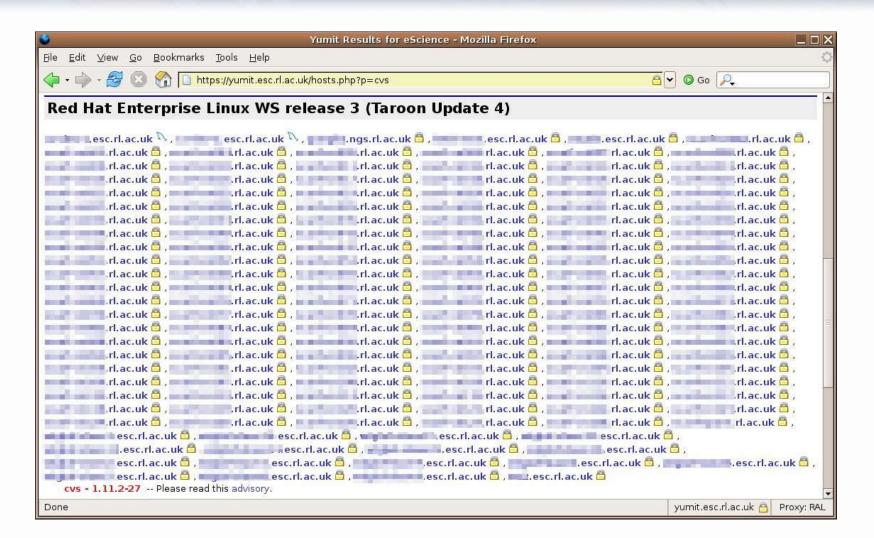


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Yumit 5/6





Future work and plans

- The Yumit server needs more documentation
- Deployment mechanisms are needed:
 - To get the latest version
 - To use the "red" security flag
- Perhaps a Grid version through EGEE OSCT?

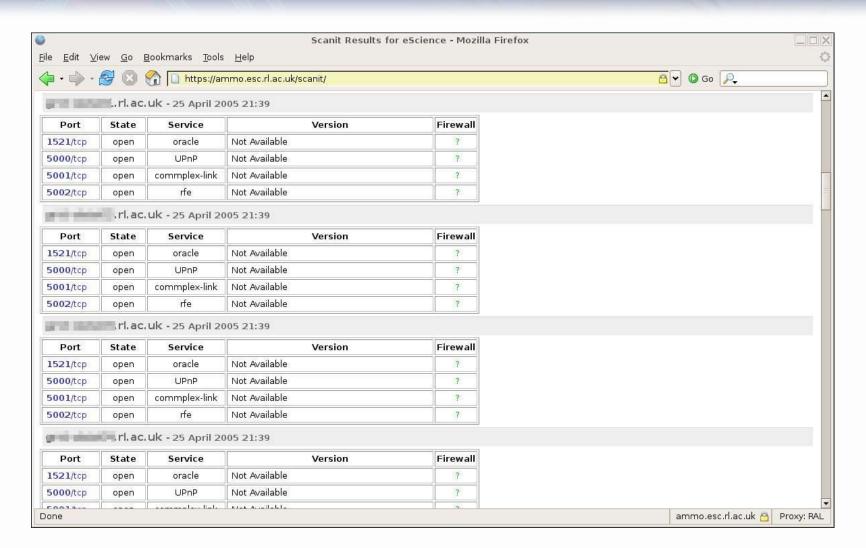


Scanit 1/6

- Scanit detects changes in the list of open ports
- Useful to detect a system compromise
- Deployment status:
 - Used with RAL-esc
 - Deployment in progress within RAL Tier1a

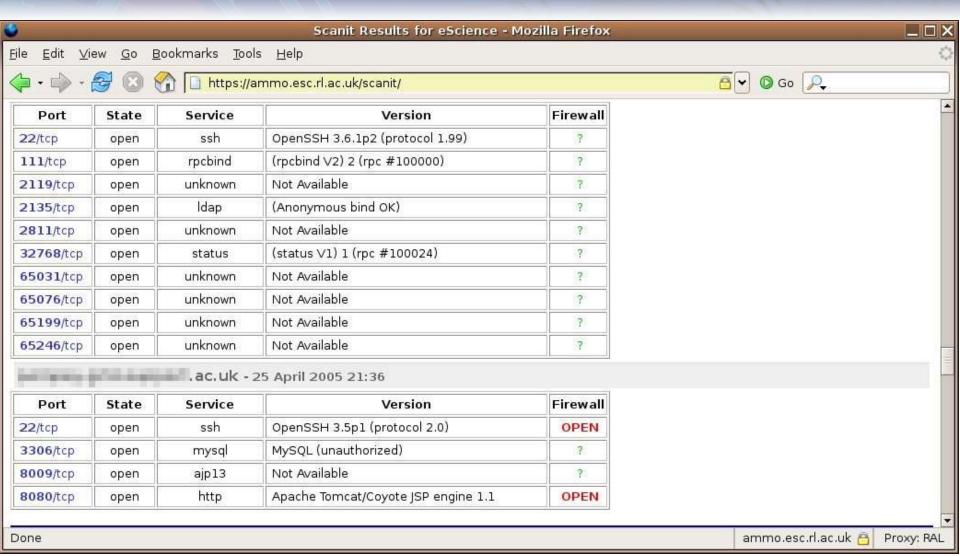


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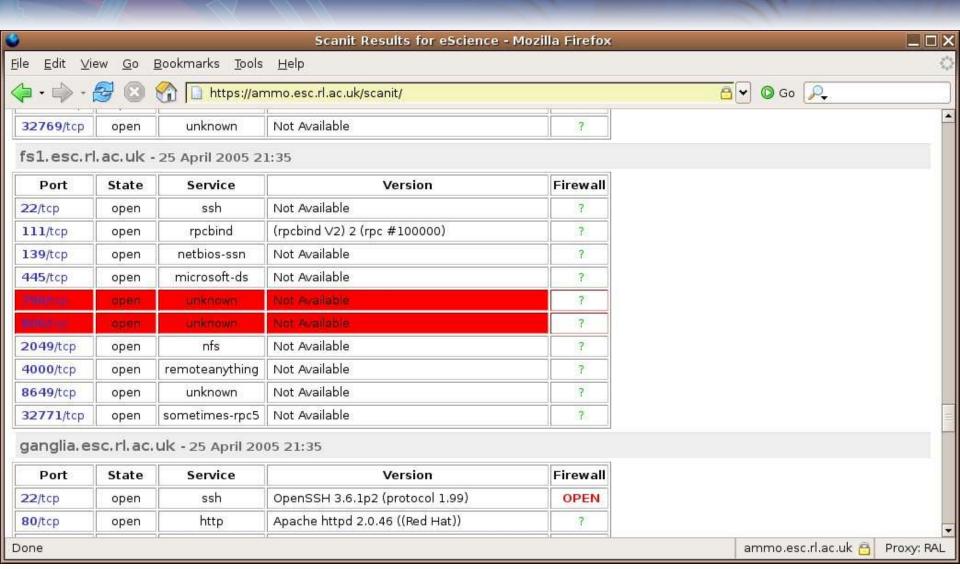


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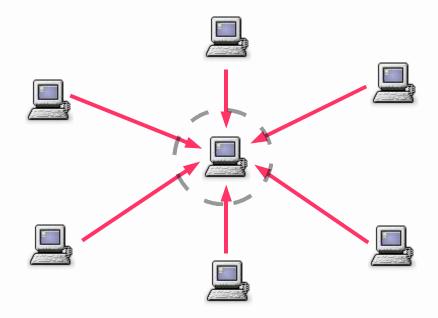
Future work and plans

- Used in production at RAL
- Packaging in progress
- A few display bugs need to be fixed
- Documentation and Web page in progress
- Volunteers are more than welcomed



Central syslog server

- Extremely useful, especially during a security incident:
 - Detailed information are needed about system events
 - Information should be as reliable as possible
- The attacker cannot change the logs on the server





Preparing syslog server

- Network services on the server should be limited as much as possible!
- Installation of syslog-ng:

http://www.balabit.com/products/syslog_ng/

Good FAQ available from:

http://www.campin.net/syslog-ng/faq.html



Syslog-ng configuration

Main config file is:

/etc/syslog-ng/syslog-ng.conf

Syslog-ng uses the following template:

Defining several "log" objects can be useful



Logging "all" to files

All the logs are sent to disc:

```
log {
     source(src);
     destination(std);
};

destination std {
     file("/var/log/HOSTS/$HOST/$YEAR/$MONTH/$DAY/$FACILITY"
          owner(root) group(root) perm(0600) dir_perm(0700) create_dirs(yes)
     );
};
```



SSH entries to a DB

Several solutions exists

```
log {
    source(src);
    filter(f_ssh_login_attempt);
    destination(d_mysql);
filter f_ssh_login_attempt {
    program("sshd.*")
    and match("(Failed|Accepted|authenticated|failed|Password|FAILED|ACCEPTED)")
pipe("/tmp/mysql.pipe"
template("INSERT INTO logs (host, facility, priority, level, tag, date,
time, program, msg) VALUES ( '$HOST', '$FACILITY', '$PRIORITY', '$LEVEL',
'$TAG','$YEAR-$MONTH-$DAY', '$HOUR:$MIN:$SEC', '$PROGRAM', '$MSG' );\n")
template-escape(yes));
```



Raising alerts

```
log {
source(src);
filter(f_network_denied);
destination(d_mysql);
destination(contact_sec);
};
filter f_network_denied {
    program("kernel.*")
    and match("DENIED");
};
destination contact_sec { file("/var/log/contact_sec"
        owner(root) group(root) perm(0600) dir_perm(0700) create_dirs(yes)); };
```

- A cron job then simply checks the log file every 10 min
- If the file exists, its content is sent to the security team



Dynamic alerts

Alerts can be generated for a temporary event

```
log {
    source(src);
    filter(f_suspect);
    destination(mail-alert);
    };
filter f_suspect {
        match("rw45");
};
destination mail-alert { program("/usr/local/bin/syslog-mail-perl"); };
```

Then the script simply send the entry to the security team



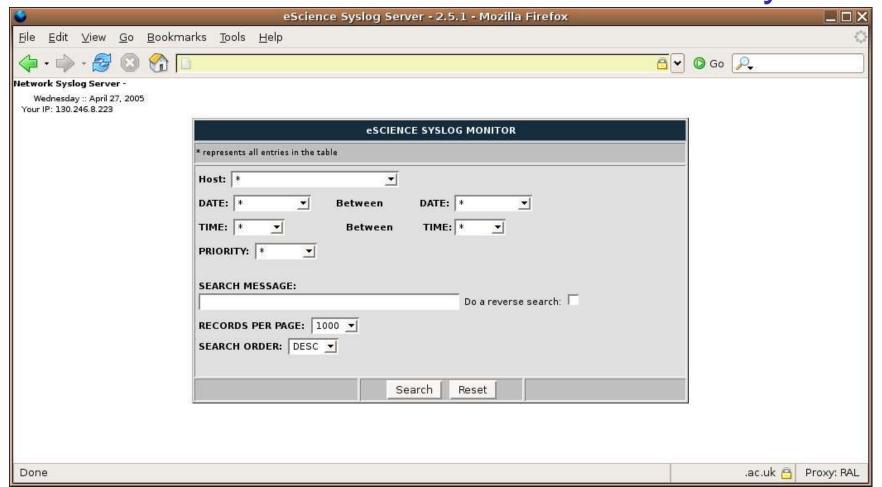
Results

- All logs are archived and stored securely
- Ability to search for user logins, IP addresses, etc.
- Suspicious patterns are escalated
- As a result:
 - Intrusion detection is improved
 - Incident response is more efficient



syslog-ng Web GUI

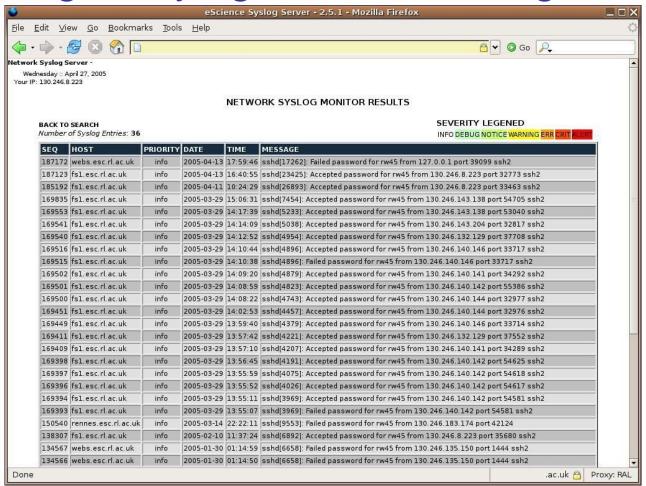
The DB is available from the Web to the security team:





Searching for entries

Searching for any login for "rw45" amongst the farm

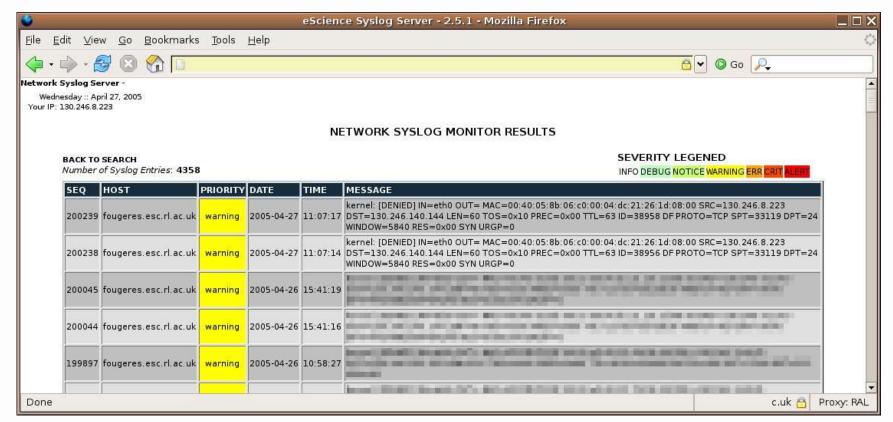




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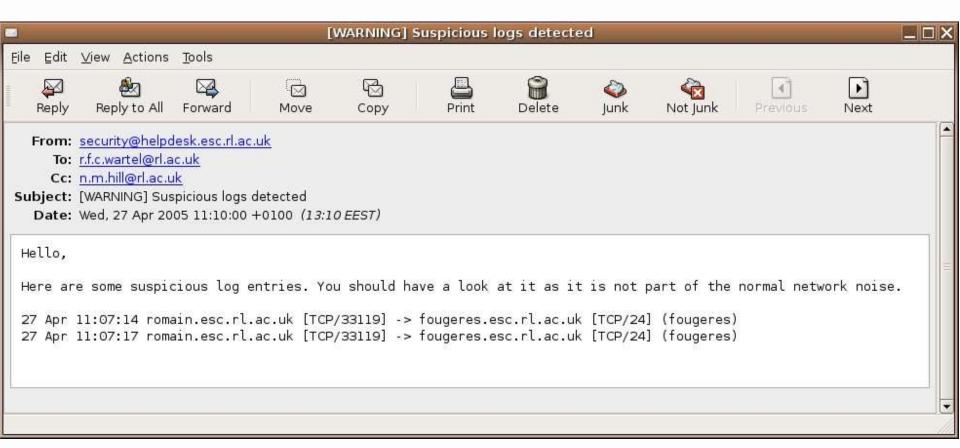
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Tracking network scans

Network scan alerts

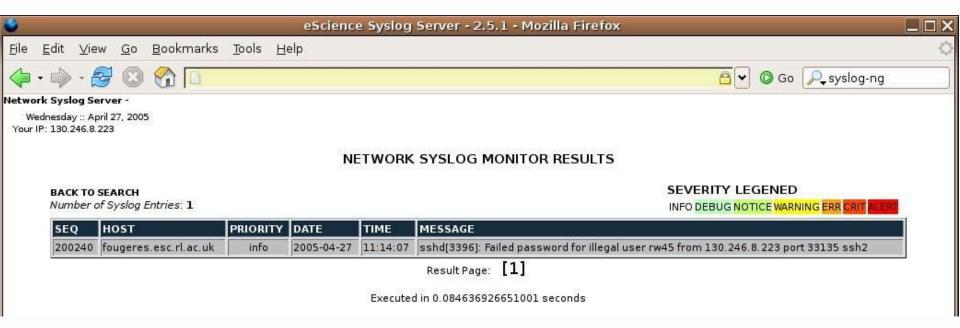




Tracking user logins

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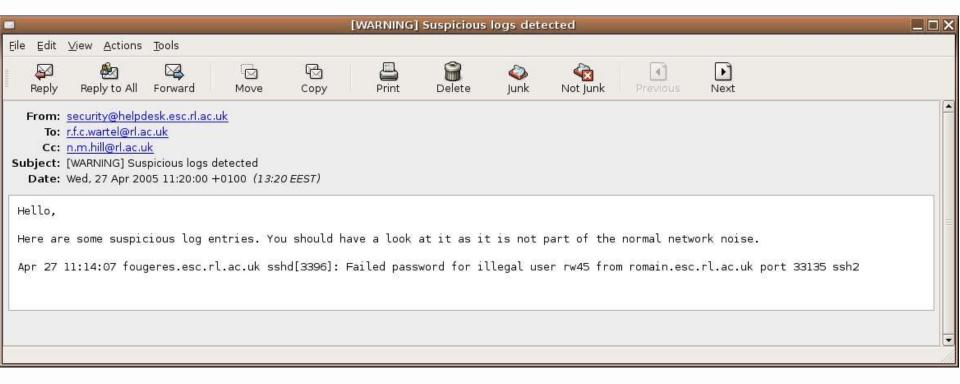
romain@romain:~\$ ssh rw45@fougeres.esc.rl.ac.uk rw45@fougeres.esc.rl.ac.uk's password:
Permission denied, please try again.





Tracking user logins

User logins alert:





Q&A