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1 Executive Summary

This report is intended to assist the end-user of this product with determining the suitability of this IT product in their environment. End-users should review the Security Target (ST), which is where specific security claims are made, in conjunction with this Validation Report (VR), which describes how those security claims were evaluated.

This report documents the assessment of the National Information Assurance Partnership (NIAP) validation team of the evaluation of the McAfee Network Security Platform Release 5.1, the target of evaluation (TOE). It presents the evaluation results, their justifications, and the conformance results. This report is not an endorsement of the TOE by any agency of the U.S. government, and no warranty is either expressed or implied.

The evaluation of the McAfee Network Security Platform (NSP) Release 5.1 Intrusion Detection System (IDS) product was performed by InfoGard Laboratories, Inc., in San Luis Obispo, CA in the United States of America (USA) and was completed in May, 2010. The information in this report is largely derived from the Security Target (ST), Evaluation Technical Report (ETR), and the functional testing report. The ST was written by InfoGard Laboratories, Inc. The evaluation was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation, Version 3.1 July 2009, Evaluation Assurance Level 2 (EAL 2), and the Common Evaluation Methodology for IT Security Evaluation (CEM), Version 3.1 r.3, July 2009.

The NSP IDS product is a combination of network appliances and software built for the detection of intrusions, denial of service (DoS) attacks, distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks, and network misuse.

The NSP IDS system is composed of a family of sensor appliances and an NSP management platform referred to as an NSM. The sensor appliances are stand-alone appliances from McAfee Incorporated. The sensor appliances are the M-2750, M-1450, M-1250, M-6050, M-4050, M-8000, M3050, I-4010, I-4000, I-3000, I-2700, I-1400, and I-1200 sensors. All other components of the product are software only components that run on a Windows workstation. The NSM management platform is an IDS management solution for managing NSP sensor appliance deployments for large and distributed enterprise networks. Access to the NSM is supported through a McAfee thick client application installed on a Console Machine. Access to the NSM is authenticated using certificate credentials obtained from a Common Access Card (CAC) in the Operational Environment. Certificates presented are checked for revocation status using an OCSP server in the Operational Environment. The NSM operates with a MySQL Database to persist configuration information and alert data. NSM for Windows Server 2003/2008 includes the MySQL database.

The TOE requires the following software components and supports the following network devices:

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Internet Explorer 6 or later | Browser support for establishing Console sessions with NSM.
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McAfee Update Server software | Software running on the McAfee update server supporting the TOE with threat signature updates.
Common Access Card software/drivers | Software to support CAC authentication from the NSM Console as applicable based on deployment.
OCSP Server software | OCSP server used to support certificate revocation checking.
Console Workstation | Console Platform supporting browser interface used for accessing NSM GUI sessions.
McAfee Update Server hardware | Hardware platform hosting the McAfee threat signature update service.
Common Access Card (CAC) reader hardware | Reader hardware for use with CAC as applicable based on deployment.
OCSP Server hardware | OCSP server hardware used to support certificate revocation checking.

Table 1: Operational Environment

2 Identification of the TOE
Table 2 provides information needed to completely identify the product, including:

- The Target of Evaluation (TOE), the fully qualified identifier of the product as evaluated;
- The Security Target (ST), describing the security features, claims, and assurances of the product;
- The conformance result of the evaluation;
- The organizations and individuals participating in the evaluation.

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### 3 Interpretations

The Evaluation Team performed an analysis of the international interpretations of the CC and the CEM and determined that none of the International interpretations issued by the Common Criteria Interpretations Management Board (CCIMB) identified below were applicable to this evaluation.

The TOE is also compliant with all International interpretations with effective dates on or before August 24, 2009.

### 4 Security Policy

The McAfee Network Security Platform supports the following security policies as described in the Security Target:

#### 4.1 Security Audit

The NSM management platform generates audit records for Administrative sessions and stores them into the MySQL database, running on the same dedicated platform as does the NSM management software. The MySQL Database provides storage and retrieval for audit log information. This function records attempts to access the system itself, such as successful and failed authentication, as well as the actions taken by the user once authenticated. Auditable actions include changes to the IDS rules and viewing the audit records.

The NSP Sensor also generates audit records based on Sensor detected events and forwards these logs to the NSM platform where they may be integrated into a single (NSP) log resource stored on the MySQL Database platform.

#### 4.2 Cryptographic Operations

The NSP system utilizes symmetric key cryptography to secure communications between TOE components and with the McAfee Update Server in the Operational Environment. Cryptographic services within the Sensor component are provided by a Level 2 FIPS 140-2 validated cryptographic module that includes an OpenSSL implementation. All sessions, except SNMPv3,
are conducted using TLSv1 and leverage an OpenSSL Module. Key exchange between the Console browser client and the NSM and the NSM and NSP Sensor are performed using RSA public/private key exchange. Cryptographic library support is provided for the NSM by RSA BSafe cryptographic libraries and for the NSP Sensor by XySSL library. OpenSSL and both cryptographic libraries are contained within NSP software release packages. When TLS Administration sessions are closed, the OpenSSL module within the Sensor component zeroizes all cryptographic keys used for the sessions. SNMPv3 sessions are secured using the AES algorithm 128 bit key size.

4.3 Identification and Authentication

An X.509 certificate (derived from a CAC) is passed to the NSM during the session negotiation process and, within that certificate, a Common Name (CN) that is extracted and checked against a user list on the NSM. The certificate also is required to be signed by a trusted CA as configured during NSP system installation.

4.4 Security Management

The NSM provides a detailed security management interface used to configure and manage the NSP TOE as well as provide a report and analysis utility for investigating traffic events.

4.5 Protection of the TSF

The McAfee Incorporated Sensors and NSM management platform all protect TSF data from disclosure and modification, when it is transmitted between separate parts of the TOE, by communicating using TLS version 1.0 connections.

The Sensor communicates with the NSM management platform through its dedicated 10M/100M/1G Ethernet, out-of-band management port using TCP/IP. This communications uses secure channels; providing link privacy using encryption and mutual authentication using public key authentication. The ciphers suites used for this communications are TLSv1 (AES 128 and SHA-1). It is recommended that the NSM use a separate, dedicated management subnet to interconnect with the sensor.

4.6 System Data Collection

The TOE has the ability to set rules to govern the collection of data regarding potential intrusions. While the signatures available on the Update Server contain default rules to detect currently known vulnerabilities and exploits, new rules can be created to detect new vulnerabilities as well as specific network traffic, allowing the administrator complete control over the types of traffic that will be monitored.

Logs are generated automatically when traffic matches a threat signature. These are stored in the traffic log repository where authorized users can evaluate the traffic and determine appropriate action.

4.7 System Data Analysis

The TOE provides many pre-configured rule sets and policies for immediate application in a number of different network areas. Each pre-configured policy is matched with an identically named rule set designed to address the common attacks targeting specific network environments.
Existing rule sets cannot be modified but they may be “cloned” and then modified to create a custom rule set.

Data Analysis is conducted using threat signatures that contain characteristics known to be representative of malicious traffic, malware, virus, or worm infections. A series of threat signatures are provided and regularly updated to allow the NSP TOE to identify potentially malicious traffic. In addition, the User Defined Signature feature allows Security Expert users to develop custom signatures and use them for traffic analysis.

5 TOE Security Environment

5.1 Secure Usage Assumptions

The following assumptions are made about the usage of the TOE:

A.ACCESS  The TOE has access to all the IT System data it needs to perform its functions.
A.DYNMIC  The TOE will be managed in a manner that allows it to appropriately address changes in the IT System the TOE monitors.
A.ASCOPE  The TOE is appropriately scalable to the IT System the TOE monitors.
A.PROTCT  The TOE hardware and software critical to security policy enforcement will be protected from unauthorized physical modification.
A.LOCATE  The processing resources of the TOE will be located within controlled access facilities, which will prevent unauthorized physical access.
A.MANAGE  There will be one or more competent individuals assigned to manage the TOE and the security of the information it contains.
A.NOEVIL  The authorized administrators are not careless, willfully negligent, or hostile, and will follow and abide by the instructions provided by the TOE documentation.
A.NOTRST  The TOE can only be accessed by authorized users.
A.OCSP  An OCSP Server will be available in the Operational Environment for the purpose of verifying the revocation status of certificates on behalf of the TOE.

5.2 Threats Countered by the TOE

The TOE is designed to counter the following threats:

T.COMINT  An unauthorized user may attempt to compromise the integrity of the data collected and produced by the TOE by bypassing a security mechanism.
T.COMDIS  An unauthorized user may attempt to disclose the data collected and produced by the TOE by bypassing a security mechanism.
T.LOSSOF  An unauthorized user may attempt to remove or destroy data collected and produced by the TOE.
T.NOHALT  An unauthorized user may attempt to compromise the continuity of the System’s collection and analysis functions by halting execution of the TOE.
T.PRIVIL  An unauthorized user may gain access to the TOE and exploit system privileges to gain access to TOE security functions and data.
T.IMPCON  An unauthorized user may inappropriately change the configuration of the TOE causing potential intrusions to go undetected.
T.INFLUX An unauthorized user may cause malfunction of the TOE by creating an influx of data that the TOE cannot handle.

T.FACCNT Unauthorized attempts to access TOE data or security functions may go undetected.

T.EAVESDROP A malicious user or process may observe or modify TSF data transmitted between a separate part of the TOE or between the TOE and a trusted IT Entity.

T.FALACT The TOE may fail to react to identified or suspected vulnerabilities or inappropriate activity.

T.FALREC The TOE may fail to recognize vulnerabilities or inappropriate activity based on IDS data received from each data source.

T.FALASC The TOE may fail to identify vulnerabilities or inappropriate activity based on association of IDS data received from all data sources.

T.MISUSE Unauthorized accesses and activity indicative of misuse may occur on an IT System the TOE monitors.

T.INADVE Inadvertent activity and access may occur on an IT System the TOE monitors.

T.MISACT Malicious activity, such as introductions of Trojan horses and viruses, may occur on an IT System the TOE monitors.

5.3 Organizational Security Policies
The TOE enforces the following OSPs:

P.DETECT Static configuration information that might be indicative of the potential for a future intrusion or the occurrence of a past intrusion of an IT System or events that are indicative of inappropriate activity that may have resulted from misuse, access, or malicious activity of IT System assets must be collected.

P.ANALYZ Analytical processes and information to derive conclusions about intrusions (past, present, or future) must be applied to IDS data and appropriate response actions taken.

P.MANAGE The TOE shall only be managed by authorized users.

P.ACCESS All data collected and produced by the TOE shall only be used for authorized purposes.

P.ACCACT Users of the TOE shall be accountable for their actions within the IDS.

P.INTGTY Data collected and produced by the TOE shall be protected from modification.

P.PROTCT The TOE shall be protected from unauthorized accesses and disruptions of TOE data and functions.

P.SYSADMIN The NSM platform shall be configured such that only the System Admin user has access to the underlying Operating System file system.

6 Architectural Information
The TOE is classified as an Intrusion Detection System (IDS) for Common Criteria purposes. The TOE is made up of hardware and software components. The TOE consists of two main components that are: the NSP sensor(s) appliance and the Network Security Manager.

Figure 1 depicts an example deployment of the TOE and shows the TOE/Operational
Environment Boundary.

6.1 NSP Sensors

NSP sensors are content processing appliances that perform stateful inspection on a packet basis to discover and prevent intrusions, misuse, denial of service (DoS) attacks, and distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks. McAfee Incorporated offers various types of sensor appliances providing different bandwidth and deployment strategies. These include the following organized by aggregate performance:

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All sensor types provide the same security functions.

6.2 Network Security Manager (NSM)

The Network Security Manager consists of software that is used to configure and manage an NSP deployment. The NSM is a set of applications coupled with an embedded MySQL Database. The MySQL Database is installed during NSM installation and is configured so that it can be accessed only by the NSM application. The MySQL Database must reside on the same platform as does the NSM. The Network System Manager (NSM) is available in three versions: NSM Global Manager, NSM Standard Manager, and NSM Starter Manager. All versions of the NSM are part of the TOE and part of the same core software release. All versions of the NSM operate within an Operational Environment composed of an Intel-based hardware platform with a Windows Server 2003/2008 operating system (OS). The difference between the three versions is one of scalability. The NSM Starter Manager supports up to 2 NSP Sensors, the NSM Standard Manager supports up to 6 NSP sensors, and the NSM Global Manager supports an unlimited number of NSP sensors of any type or combination.

The McAfee Incorporated Update Server is a McAfee-owned and operated file server that provides updates to the signature files and software of NSP sensors in customer installations. The Update Server resides at McAfee Incorporated facilities. Note: Software updates beyond signature updates, such as those to update the core NSP software suite, are excluded for the CC Evaluated Configuration.

7 Documentation and Delivery

This section details the documentation that is (a) delivered to the customer, and (b) was used as evidence for the evaluation of the Network Security Platform and methodology for delivery of the evaluated configuration. In these tables, the following conventions are used:

- Documentation that is delivered to the customer is shown with bold titles.
- Documentation that was used as evidence but is not delivered is shown in a normal typeface.
- Documentation that is delivered as part of the product but was not used as evaluation is shown with a hashed background.

The TOE is physically delivered to the End-User. The guidance is part of the TOE and is delivered in printed form and as PDFs on the installation media.

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7.7 Delivery

As defined in the McAfee® Network Security Platform (NSP) Common Criteria Supplement EAL2 + ALC_FLR.2 document, which is listed above and is provided with the product, the product must be purchased and then instructions are provided by McAfee for download of the evaluated configuration. As stated in the supplement document, the purchaser should refer to the email sent from McAfee after product purchase, which includes the applicable Licensing information and License Keys. As per McAfee email instructions, the purchaser should save the License files for later use and contact McAfee support at http://mysupport.mcafee.com or 1.800.937.2237 for instructions on how to download the applicable image and documentation files. McAfee support personnel will advise where the purchaser can download the NSM and Sensor image files and the associated password required for file access.

To download the files, the purchaser should follow instructions in the supplement document and provided by McAfee support personnel. The McAfee support personnel will provide a password to access the applicable image and document files. The purchaser must initiate the download by clicking on the image/document hyperlinks.

The applicable image versions for the evaluated configuration that comprise McAfee NSP Release 5.1 are as follows:

- NSM: 5.1.15.14
- M-Series Sensor: 5.1.15.13
8  IT Product Testing
This section describes the testing efforts of the Developer and the evaluation team.

8.1  Developer Testing
The test procedures were written by the Developer and designed to be conducted using manual interaction with the TOE interfaces along with test tools to simulate attacks and alerts.

The Developer tested the TOE consistent with the Common Criteria evaluated configuration identified in the ST. The Developer’s approach to testing is defined in the TOE Test Plan. The expected and actual test results are also included in the TOE Test Plan. The Developer testing effort tested the available interfaces to the TSF.

The evaluation team verified that the Developer’s testing tested aspects of the SFRs defined in the ST. This analysis ensures adequate coverage for EAL 2. The evaluation team determined that the Developer’s actual test results matched the Developer’s expected test results.

8.2  Evaluation Team Independent Testing
The evaluation team conducted independent testing at McAfee’s Santa Clara location. The evaluation team installed the TOE according to vendor installation instructions and the evaluated configuration as identified in the Security Target. The hardware and software used for testing is listed below.

Evaluated Configuration Testing Hardware Requirements
- NSP Sensor, I-Series– 1200, 1400, 2600, 2700, 3000, 4000, and 4010
- NSP Sensor, M-Series– 1250, 1450, 2750, 3050, 4050, 6050, 8000
- Windows 2003, or Linux PC – Attack Client Machine
- Windows 2003, or Linux PC – Attack Server Machine
- Windows XP (for IE client browser)
- Windows 2003 SP3 PC – NSM/Manager
- Hubs and Switches

Evaluated Configuration Testing Software Requirements
- NSP – I-Series Sensor Image for 1200, 1400, 2600, 2700, 3,000, 4000, 4010
- NSP – M-Series Sensor Image for 1250, 1450, 2750, 3050, 4050, 6050, 8000
- NSM Image
- Signature Set
- Web Browser software: Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher.
- MySQL Database (embedded in the NSM)
- QA Test Scripts
- Attack Scripts
- Replay Traffic
- McAfee Audit fill tool

The test configuration is depicted below. This test topology allows the traffic to be sent in In-Line mode through the sensor. All Sensor models both the I-series 1200, 1400, 2600, 2700, 3000, 4000, 4010 and M-series sensors 1250, 1450, 2750, 3050, 4050, 6050, and 8000 are tested in this mode.

The evaluation team confirmed the technical accuracy of the setup and installation guide during installation of the TOE while performing work unit ATE_IND.2-2. The evaluation team confirmed that the TOE version delivered for testing was identical to the version identified in the ST.

The evaluation team used the Developer’s Test Plan as a basis for creating the Independent Test Plan. The evaluation team analyzed the Developer’s test procedures to determine their relevance and adequacy to test the security function under test. The following items represent a subset of the factors considered in selecting the functional tests to be conducted:

- Security functions not extensively tested by the developer’s tests
- Security functions that implement critical security features
- Security functions critical to the TOE’s security objectives
- Security functions with open parameters (e.g. text fields, unbounded number fields)

The evaluation team reran 8 of the Developer’s test cases and specified 6 additional tests. The additional test coverage was determined based on the analysis of the Developer test coverage and the ST.

Each TOE Security Function was exercised at least once and the evaluation team verified that
each test passed.

### 8.3 Vulnerability Analysis

The evaluation team ensured that the TOE does not contain exploitable flaws or weaknesses in the TOE based upon the evaluation team’s vulnerability analysis and penetration tests.

The evaluators performed a vulnerability analysis of the TOE to identify any obvious vulnerabilities in the product and to determine if they are exploitable in the intended environment for the TOE operation. In addition, the evaluation team performed a public domain search for potential vulnerabilities. The public domain search did not identify any known vulnerabilities in the TOE as a whole or any components of the TOE.

Based on the results of the evaluation team’s vulnerability analysis, the evaluation team devised penetration testing to confirm that the TOE was resistant to penetration attacks performed by an attacker with Basic attack potential. The evaluation team conducted testing using the same test configuration that was used for the independent testing. In addition to the documentation review used in the independent testing, the team used the knowledge gained during independent testing and the design activity to devise the penetration tests. The penetration tests attempted to misuse components of the TOE (e.g., directly access the MySQL database) and put the TOE in undefined states. This resulted in a set of four penetration tests.

### 9 Evaluated Configuration

The Evaluated Configuration consists of the NSM software installed on a dedicated Windows Server 2003 SP3 or Windows Server 2008 SP1 platform and an NSP Sensor.

The Sensor models that may be used as part of an evaluated configuration are models M-2750, M-1450, M-1250, M-6050, M-4050, M-8000, M3050, I-4010, I-4000, I-3000, I-2700, I-1400, and I-1200.

NSM version 5.1.15.14 was evaluated. M series sensor software version 5.1.15.13 was evaluated. I series sensor software version 5.1.5.140 was evaluated.

The communications between NSM and Sensors must be performed on an isolated network. An administrative console running Internet Explorer 6 or later and CAC authentication hardware and software is also required.

NSM requires connectivity to an OCSP server and the McAfee Update Server.

### 10 Clarification of Scope

The following features are excluded from the Common Criteria Evaluated configuration and were not included in the evaluation:

- Update of TOE Software (other than threat signature updates)
- Incident Generator
- Sensor Failover Functionality; Sensor/Port Clustering (including associated interface groups)
- Features associated with e-Policy Orchestrator Integration (Host Intrusion Prevention (HIP))
- Features associated with McAfee Virus Scan (MVS) Integration
- Network Access Control (NAC) features & integration with MNAC agents/server components
- Terminal Access Controller Access-Control System (TACACS)
- N-450 Sensor Appliance as this model pertains to the (excluded) NAC feature/deployment option
- Multiple NSM configuration deployments: Manager Disaster Recovery (MDR), hierarchical NSM (Network Security Central Manager)
- Decrypting SSL for IPS inspection
- NSM: XML converter tool for ACL rules
- Sensor Auxiliary Port
- The Sensor CLI interface is excluded for use from the CC Evaluated configuration.
- External Authentication server (LDAP/RADIUS) and username/password based authentication to the NSM (CAC only allowed for CC Evaluated configuration)
- Compact Flash Readers and/or PCMCIA/CardBus interfaces on Sensor Appliances (based on model)

Use of any of these functions will cause the system to be out of the evaluated configuration.

The user should specifically note that software updates are not included. As part of the evaluated configuration

The evaluated configuration uses CAC authentication only and this is the only authentication mechanism tested as part of the evaluation. The inclusion of only CAC authentication in the evaluation was due to customer needs for the evaluation and does not imply that other authentication mechanisms are invalid; other authentication mechanisms exist, but were not tested as part of this evaluation.

11 Results of the Evaluation
The evaluation was carried out in accordance with the Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme (CCEVS) processes and procedures. The TOE was evaluated against the criteria contained in the Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation, Version 3.1 Revision 3. The evaluation methodology used by the evaluation team to conduct the evaluation is the Common Methodology for Information Technology Security Evaluation, Version 3.1 Revision 3.

InfoGard has determined that the TOE meets the security criteria in the Security Target, which specifies an assurance level of EAL 2 + ALC_FLR.2. A team of Validators, on behalf of the CCEVS Validation Body, monitored the evaluation. The evaluation was completed in April 2010.
12 Validator Comments/Recommendations
The TOE was successfully evaluated in the defined evaluated configuration and scope described in sections 9 and 10 of this Validation Report. The validation team recommends certification of the TOE at EAL 2 augmented with ALC_FLR.2.

13 Security Target

14 Terms

14.1 Glossary
Alert An alert is a notification of a system event, attack, or other incident that triggers the Intrusion Detection System.

Authorized Administrator(s) A general term used to refer to administrative users holding the Super User, System Administrator, or Security Expert roles.

Attack A set of actions performed by an attacker that poses a threat to the security state of a protected entity in terms of confidentiality, integrity, authenticity, availability, authorization, and access policies.

CIDR (Classless Inter-Domain Routing) A scheme which allocates blocks of Internet addresses in a way that allows summarization into a smaller number of routing table entries. A CIDR address contains the standard 32-bit IP address but includes information on how many bits are used for the network prefix. For example, in the CIDR address 123.231.121.04/22, the “/22” indicates the first 25 bits are used to identify the unique network leaving the remaining bits to identify the specific host.

Denial of Service In a Denial of Service (DoS) attack, the attacker attempts to crash a service (or the machine), overload network links, overload the CPU, or fill up the disk. The attacker does not always try to gain information, but to simply act as a vandal to prevent you from making use of your machine. Ping floods and Smurf attacks are examples of DoS attacks.

Distributed DDoS These attacks usually consist of standard DoS attacks Denial of orchestrated by attackers covertly controlling many, sometimes hundreds, of different machines.

HTTPS The secure hypertext transfer protocol (HTTPS) is a communications protocol designed to transfer encrypted information between computers over the World Wide Web. HTTPS is http using Secure Socket layer (SSL) or Transport Layer Security (TLS) encryption.

Intrusion Unauthorized access to, and/or activity in, an information system, usually for the purpose of tampering with or disrupting normal
Intrusion Detection
The process of identifying that an intrusion has been attempted, is occurring, or has occurred.

Policy
A user-configured security rule that determines the permission of traffic across a network. Policies can set rules for protocols (HTTP, UDP), machines (NT, Solaris), operating systems (Unix), and other types of network information. A policy also defines what actions should be taken in the event of non-permissible activity.

Policy Violations
All activities for which the underlying traffic content may not be malicious by itself, but are explicitly forbidden by the usage policies of the network as defined by a security policy. These can include “protocol violations” wherein packets do not conform to network protocol standards. (For example, they are incorrectly structured, have an invalid combination of flags set, or contain incorrect values.) Examples might include TCP packets with their SYN and RST flags enabled, or an IP packet whose specified length doesn’t match its actual length. A protocol violation can be an indication of a possible attack, but can also be triggered by malfunctioning software, hardware or could be applications/protocols forbidden in the network (e.g. Peer to Peer (P2P)).

Port Cluster
Port Cluster is a more intuitive term for an Interface Group. An interface group enables multiple sensor ports to be grouped together for the effective monitoring of asymmetric environments. Interface groups normalize the impact of traffic flows split across multiple interfaces, thus maintaining state to avoid information loss. Once configured, an interface group appears in the Resource Tree as a single interface node (icon) under the sensor where it is located. All of the ports that make up the interface are configured as one logical entity, keeping the configuration consistent.

MySQL
A Relational database. Allows the definition of data structures, storage/retrieval operations, and integrity constraints. The data and relations between them are kept in organized tables, which are collections of records and each record in a table contains the same fields.

Roles
A class of user privileges that determines the authorized activities of the various users in the system.

Sensor
The sensor is a network device containing the intrusion detection engine. It analyzes network traffic, searching for signs of unauthorized activity.

Signature
Activities or alterations to an information system indicating an attack or attempted attack, detectable by examination of audit trail logs.

Span Mode
One of the monitoring modes available for an NSP sensor. Functions by mirroring the packet information on a switch or hub.
and sending the information to a sensor for inspection, while continuing the transmission of traffic with negligible latency. SPAN mode is typically half-duplex, and works through a connection of a sensor to a port on a hub or the SPAN port of a switch.

**SPAN Port**

On a switch, SPAN mirrors the traffic at one switched segment onto a predefined port, known as a SPAN port.

**Threat Analyzer**

A graphical user interface for viewing specific attack information in the NSM System. The Threat Analyzer interface is part of the NSM component, and focuses on alert forensic analysis.

**TLS**

A secure socket layer (TLS) is an encryption protocol invoked on a Web server that uses HTTPS.

**Tap**

A tap is hardware device that passes traffic unidirectionally from a network segment to the IDS. Traffic is mirrored as it passes through the tap. This mirror image is sent to the IDS for inspection. This prevents traffic passing from being directed at the IDS.

**Tap Mode**

One of the monitoring modes available for an NSP sensor. Functions by mirroring the packet information and sending the information to a sensor for inspection, while continuing the transmission of traffic with negligible latency. Tap mode works through installation of an external wire tap, a port on a hub, the SPAN port of a switch, or through an internal tap when deploying the I-2600. Also known as passive monitoring mode.

**Virtual IDS**

An NSM feature that enables you to logically segment a sensor into a large number of virtual sensors, each of which can be customized with its own security policy. Virtual IDS (VIDS) are represented in the NSM as *interfaces* and *sub-interfaces*.

**VLAN**

Virtual Local Area Network. A logical grouping of two or more nodes which are not necessarily on the same physical network segment, but which share the same network number. This is often associated with switched Ethernet networks.

**Vulnerability**

Any characteristic of a computer system that will allow someone to keep it from operating correctly, or that will let unauthorized users take control of the system.

### 14.2 Acronyms

- **AES**: Advanced Encryption Standard
- **EAL**: Evaluation Assurance Level
- **FIPS**: Federal Information Processing Standards Publication
- **IDS**: Intrusion Detection System
- **IPS**: Intrusion Prevention System
- **NSM**: Network Security Manager
NSP Network Security Platform
OCSP Online Certificate Status Protocol
PP Protection Profile
SF Security Functions
SFR Security Functional Requirements
ST Security Target
TOE Target of Evaluation
TSF TOE Security Functions
VLAN Virtual Local Area Network

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