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Evasion of High-End IDPS Devices at the IPv6 Era

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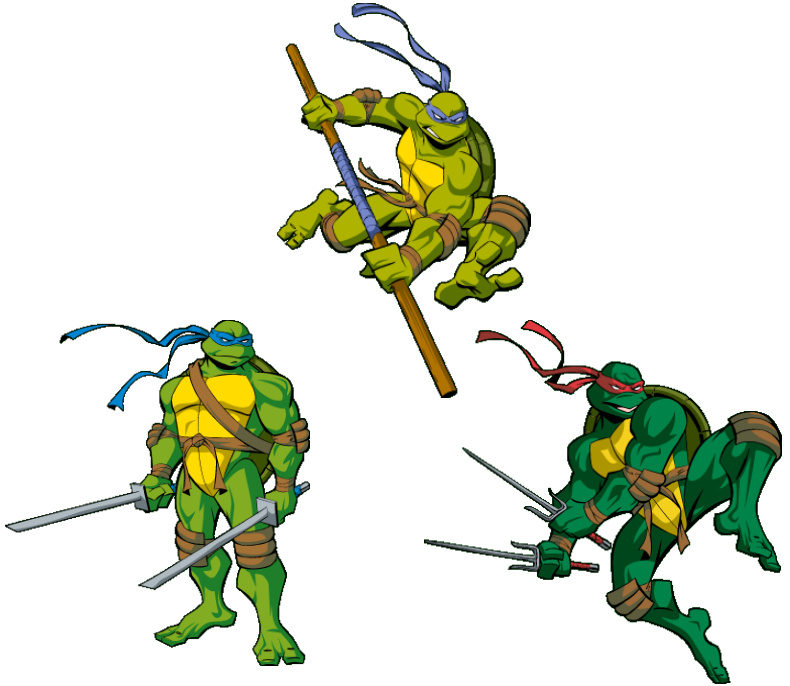

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  - Researching security issues for fun.
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  - ERNW student
  - Young researcher

Outline of the Presentation

- Introduction
  - IPv6 is here
  - What IPv6 brings with it:
    The Extension Headers
- Problem Statement. Describe the Mess
- Tested IDPS devices:
  - Suricata
  - Tipping Point
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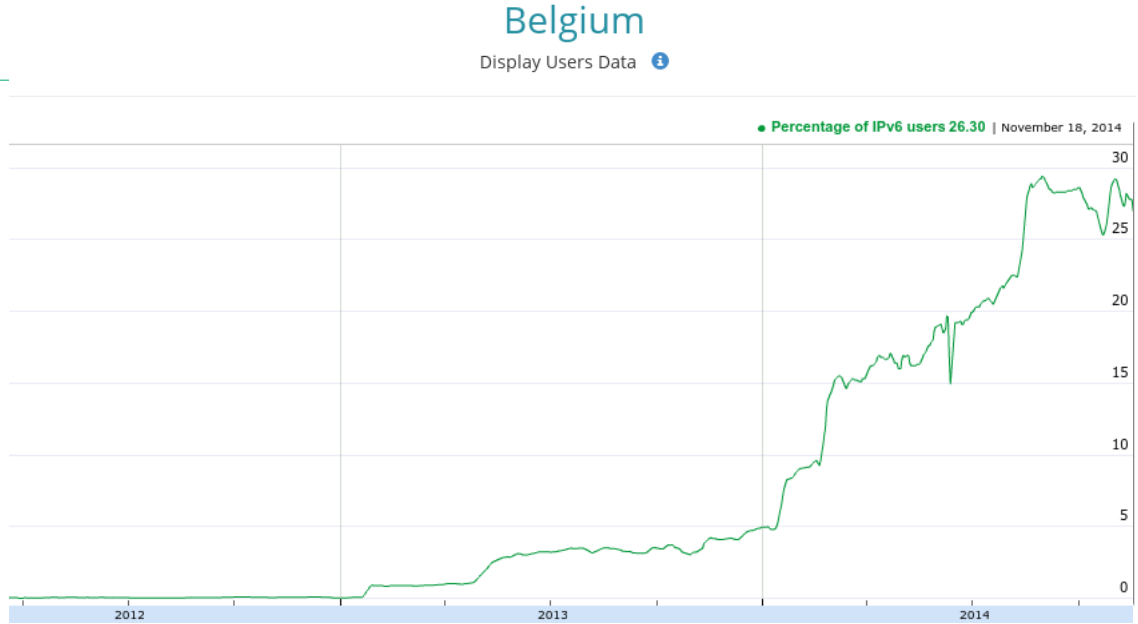
- Mitigation & Conclusions

IPv6 is Real



- The trend in other European countries is similar.

But I don’t Use it in my Environment

- 1) Default Behaviour of Windows 7 Service Pack 1
- 2) Without IPv6 Router in the environment
- 3) These are just a small portion :)

Filter: ipv6 — Expression... Clear Apply Save

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	::	ff02::1:ff60:ff70	ICMPv6	78	Neighbor Solicitation for fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70
2	0.000010	::	ff02::1:ff60:ff70	ICMPv6	78	Neighbor Solicitation for fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70
3	0.000325	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::2	ICMPv6	70	Router Solicitation from 08:00:27:60:ca:a4
4	0.000325	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::2	ICMPv6	70	Router Solicitation from 08:00:27:60:ca:a4
5	0.000384	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::16	ICMPv6	90	Multicast Listener Report Message v2
6	0.000388	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::16	ICMPv6	90	Multicast Listener Report Message v2
7	0.498115	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::16	ICMPv6	90	Multicast Listener Report Message v2
8	0.498129	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::16	ICMPv6	90	Multicast Listener Report Message v2
9	0.997213	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::1	ICMPv6	86	Neighbor Advertisement fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70 (ovr) is at 08:00:27:60:ca:a
10	0.997226	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::1	ICMPv6	86	Neighbor Advertisement fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70 (ovr) is at 08:00:27:60:ca:a
19	3.599275	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::16	ICMPv6	90	Multicast Listener Report Message v2
20	3.599284	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::16	ICMPv6	90	Multicast Listener Report Message v2
23	3.610794	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::16	ICMPv6	90	Multicast Listener Report Message v2
24	3.610804	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::16	ICMPv6	90	Multicast Listener Report Message v2
27	3.612317	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::16	ICMPv6	90	Multicast Listener Report Message v2
28	3.612322	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::16	ICMPv6	90	Multicast Listener Report Message v2
31	3.615684	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::1:3	LLMNR	88	Standard query 0x32c2 ANY atlas-PC
32	3.615691	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::1:3	LLMNR	88	Standard query 0x32c2 ANY atlas-PC
35	3.715476	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::1:3	LLMNR	88	Standard query 0x32c2 ANY atlas-PC
36	3.715489	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::1:3	LLMNR	88	Standard query 0x32c2 ANY atlas-PC
43	3.981583	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::2	ICMPv6	70	Router Solicitation from 08:00:27:60:ca:a4
44	3.981588	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::2	ICMPv6	70	Router Solicitation from 08:00:27:60:ca:a4
45	3.981664	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::16	ICMPv6	90	Multicast Listener Report Message v2
46	3.981668	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::16	ICMPv6	90	Multicast Listener Report Message v2
57	5.236562	fe80::c120:2120:7860:ff70	ff02::1:3	LLMNR	86	Standard query 0x009e A isatap

Still, what is the big deal?

- Just an IPv4 replacement with huge address space, correct?
- Many things have changed, for good (??).
- IPv6 Extension Headers probably being the most devastating!

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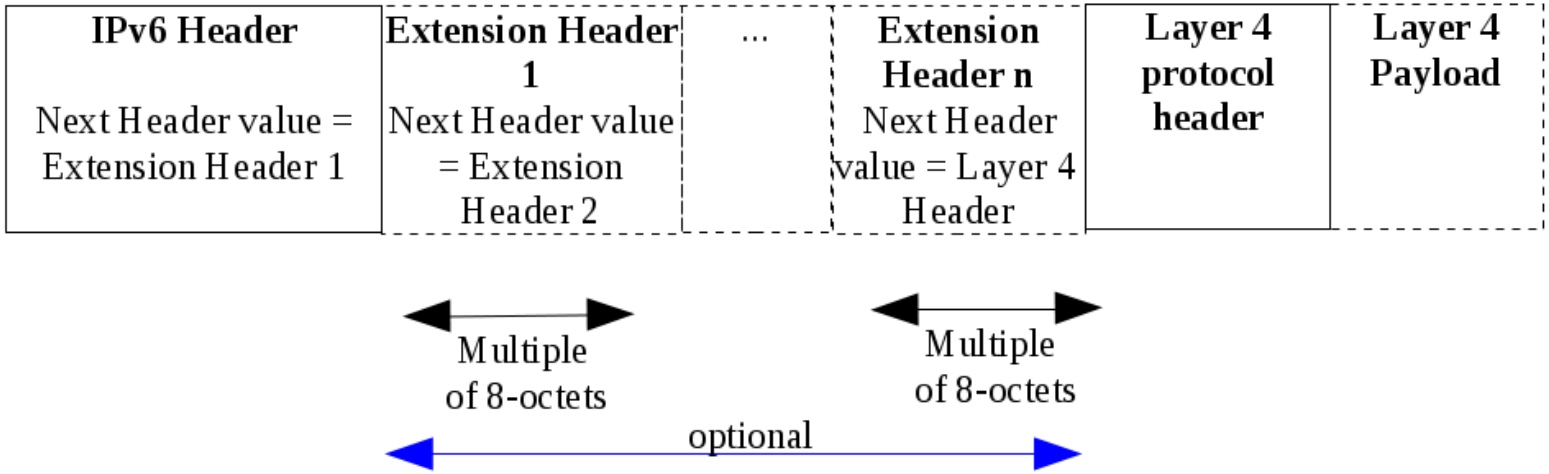


- This is the root of 3 significant problems…

The IPv6 Extension Headers

- Currently defined:
  - Hop-by-Hop Options [RFC2460]
  - Routing [RFC2460]
  - Fragment [RFC2460]
  - Destination Options [RFC2460]
  - Authentication [RFC4302]
  - Encapsulating Security Payload [RFC4303]
  - MIPv6, [RFC6275] (Mobility Support in IPv6)
  - HIP, [RFC5201] (Host Identity Protocol)
  - shim6, [RFC5533] (Level 3 Multihoming Shim Protocol for IPv6)

- There is a RECOMMENDED order.
- All (but the Destination Options header) SHOULD occur at most once**.**
- How a device should react **if NOT** ?

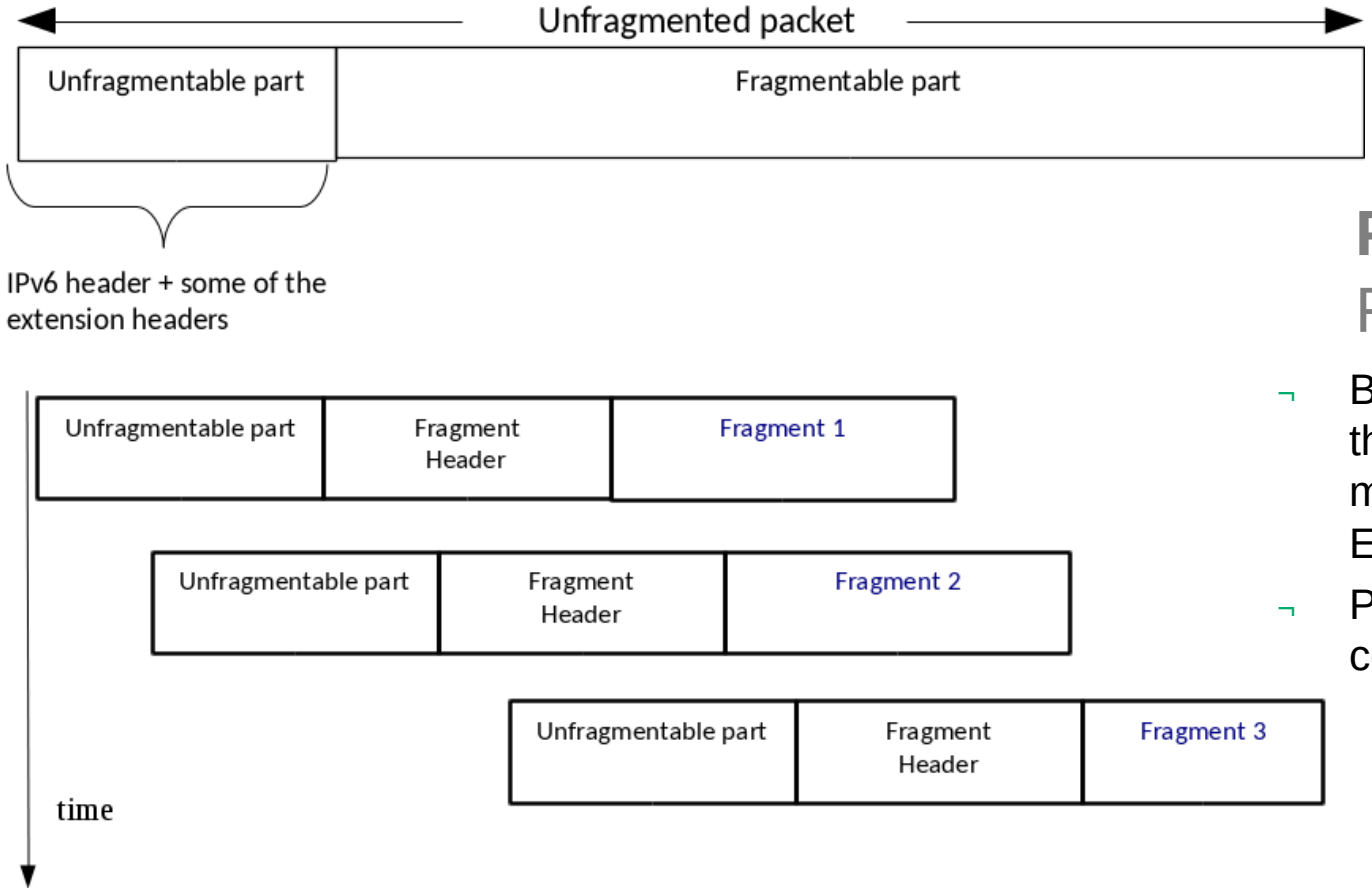
Transmission & Processing of IPv6 Ext. Hdrs

- RFC 7045. Any forwarding node along an IPv6 packet's path:
  - should forward the packet regardless of any extension headers that are present.
  - MUST recognize and deal appropriately with all standard IPv6 extension header types.
  - SHOULD NOT discard packets containing unrecognised extension headers.

Problem 1: Too Many Things to Vary

- Variable types
- Variable sizes
- Variable order
- Variable number of occurrences of each one.
- Variable fields

IPv6 = f(v,w,x,y,z,)



Problem 2: Fragmentation

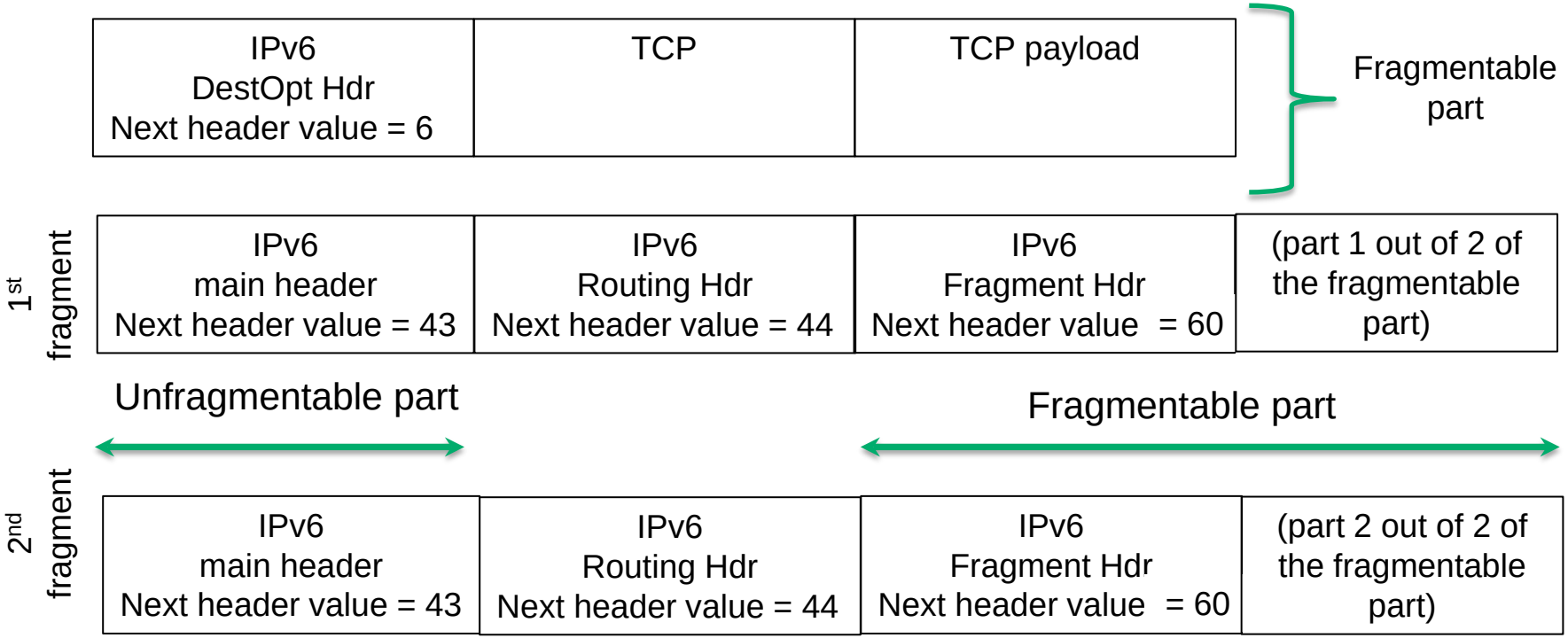
- Both the *Fragmentable* and the *Unfragmentable* parts may contain any IPv6 Extension headers.
- Problem 1 becomes more complicated.

Problem 3: How IPv6 Extension Headers are Chained?

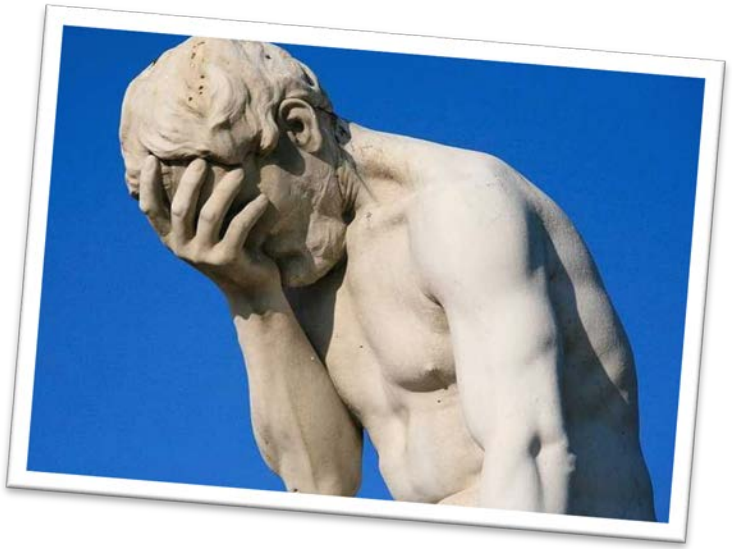
IPv6 header	IPv6 Routing Extension header	IPv6 Destination Options header	TCP header + payload ...
Next Header Value = 43	Next Header Value = 60	Next Header Value = 6	

- Next header fields:
  - Contained in IPv6 headers, identify the type of header immediately following the current one.
  - They use the same values as the IPv4 Protocol field.

Why IPv6 Header Chaining is a Problem?



To sum up the Mess in IPv6



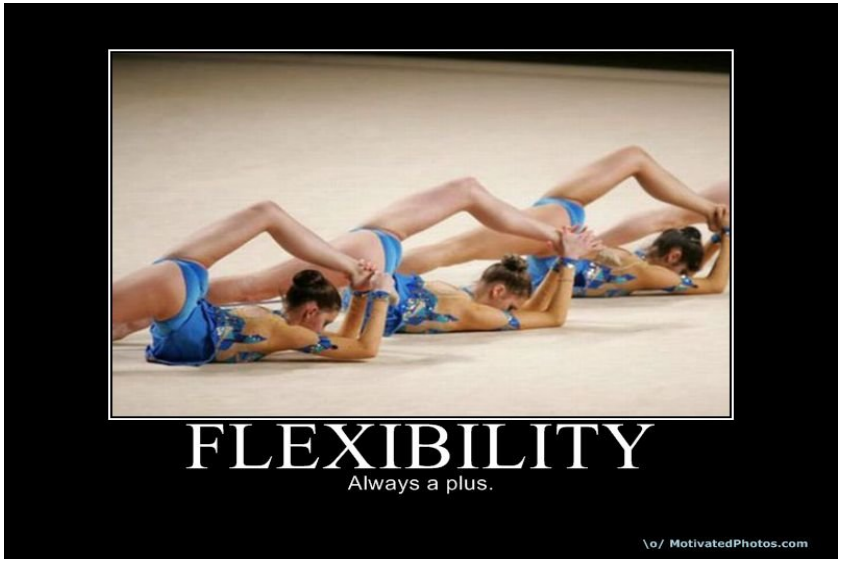
- Vary:
  - The types of the IPv6 Extension headers
  - The order of the IPv6 Extension headers
  - The number of their occurrences.
  - Their size.
  - Their fields.
  - The Next Header values of the IPv6 Fragment Extension headers in each fragment.
  - Fragmentation (where to split the datagram)
- And combine them.

Did You Notice?

- When designing/writing IPv6 protocols & parsers they didn‘t pay too much attention to #LANGSEC.
- Please visit www.langsec.org.

We May Have a Fundamental Problem Here…

- There is too much flexibility and freedom…
- Which is usually inverse proportional to security :-)
- And it can potentially lead to a complete *cha0s*…



So, What Can Possibly Go Wrong?

- Detection Signatures, e.g. used by IDPS rules, etc. are based on blacklisting traffic.
- What if we confuse their parsers by abusing IPv6 Extension headers in an unusual / unexpected way?

All this is not just a theory

The New version of Chiron - An all-in-one IPv6 Pen Testing Framework - as Released at Brucon 2014

The time has come and Chiron is presented at Brucon 2014, as a 5x5 project (for more info, please check http://2014.brucon.org/index.php /Schedule). It supports many new capabilities, not delivered before publicly. I am committed to continue developing and supporting this tool and to continue adding features, as well as improving its performance. Comments and ideas are always welcome.

Thanks!

Chiron_0.7.tar.gz

GNU Compressed Tar Archive File [4.0 MB]

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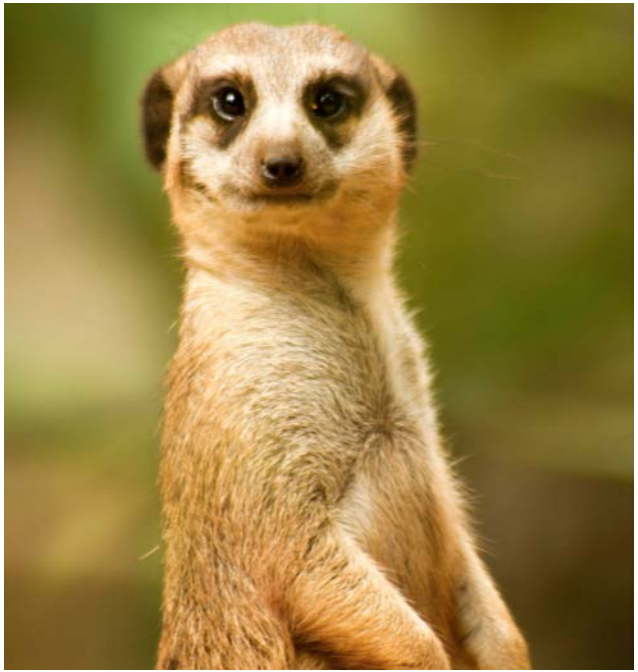
- You can reproduce all the results that we shall demonstrate using *Chiron*
- It can be downloaded from: http://www.secfu.net/tools-scripts/

Our Tests at a Glance

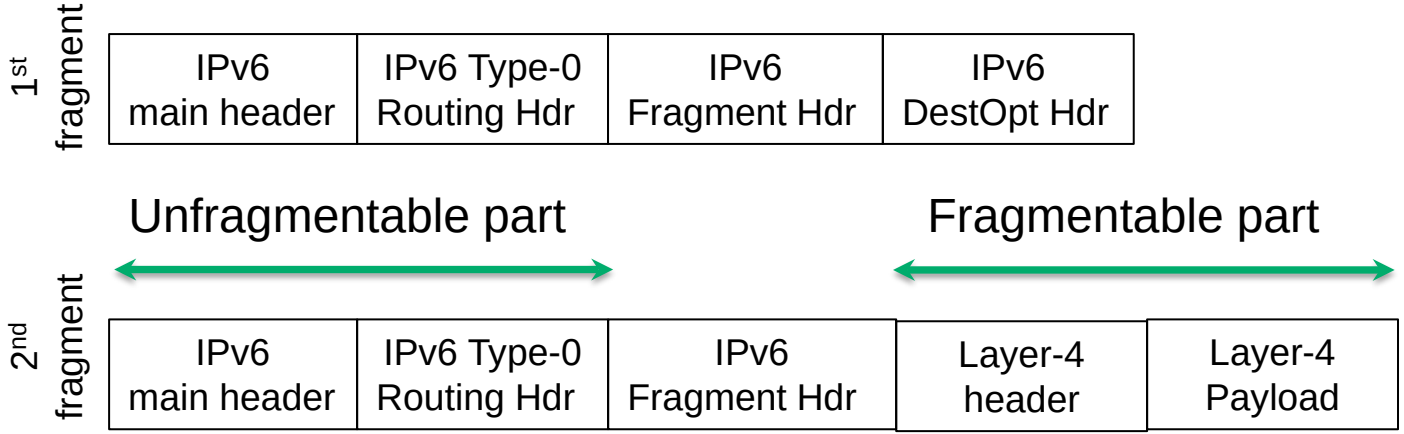
- Four (4) IDPS (two open-source, two high-end commercial ones).
- At least twelve (12) different evasion techniques, in total.
- All of them 0-days at the time of the finding.
- All of them were reported (disclosed responsibly).
- Most of them were patched, either promptly or not that promptly ☺.
- Some guys were too busy though, so two of the products still suffer from 0-days IPv6 evasion techniques.

Evading Suricata



- Versions 2.0.1, 2.0.2 and 2.0.3 were evaded one by one by using various techniques
- All of them can be found in the white paper and can be reproduced by using *Chiron*.
- We will demonstrate the latest one.

Evading Suricata 2.0.3



Note: Other combinations of Extension Headers can also work (your …homework)

Time for Action

- Demo against Suricata 2.0.3

Suricata Developers in Each Reported Case Reacted really Fast

Suricata 2.0.4 Available!

The OISF development team is pleased to announce Suricata 2.0.4. This release fixes a number of important issues in the 2.0 series.

This update fixes a bug in the SSH parser, where a malformed banner could lead to evasion of SSH rules and missing log entries. In some cases it may also lead to a crash. Bug discovered and reported by Steffen Bauch.

Additionally, this release also addresses a new IPv6 issue that can lead to evasion. Bug discovered by Rafael Schaefer working with ERNW GmbH.

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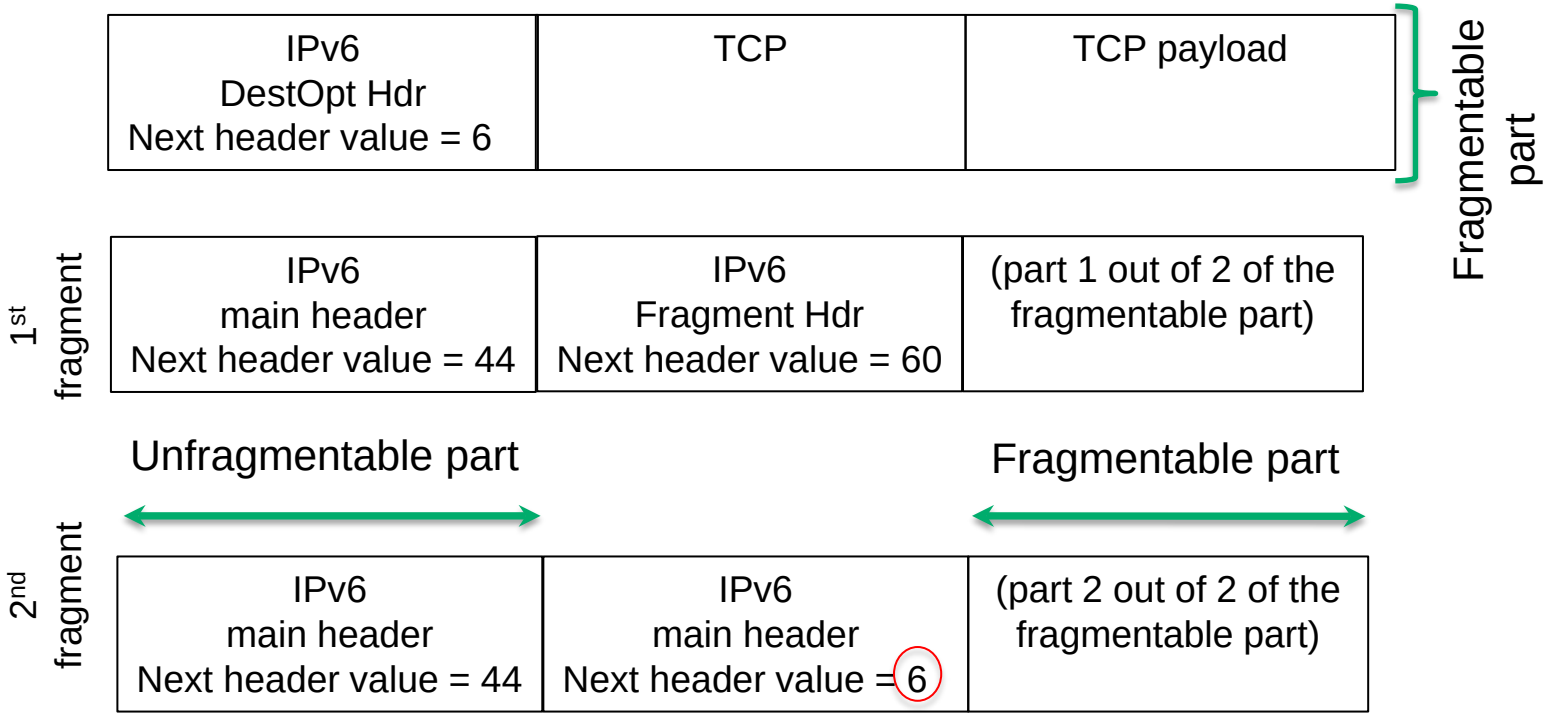
Get the new release here: http://www.openinfosecfoundation.org/download/suricata-2.0.4.tar.gz

Changes

- Bug #1276: ipv6 defrag issue with routing headers
- Bug #1278: ssh banner parser issue
- Bug #1254: sig parsing crash on malformed rev keyword
- Bug #1267: issue with ipv6 logging
- Bug #1273: Lua – http.request_line not working
- Bug #1284: AF_PACKET IPS mode not logging drops and stream inline issue

Evading TippingPoint, “the Old Way” (March 2014)



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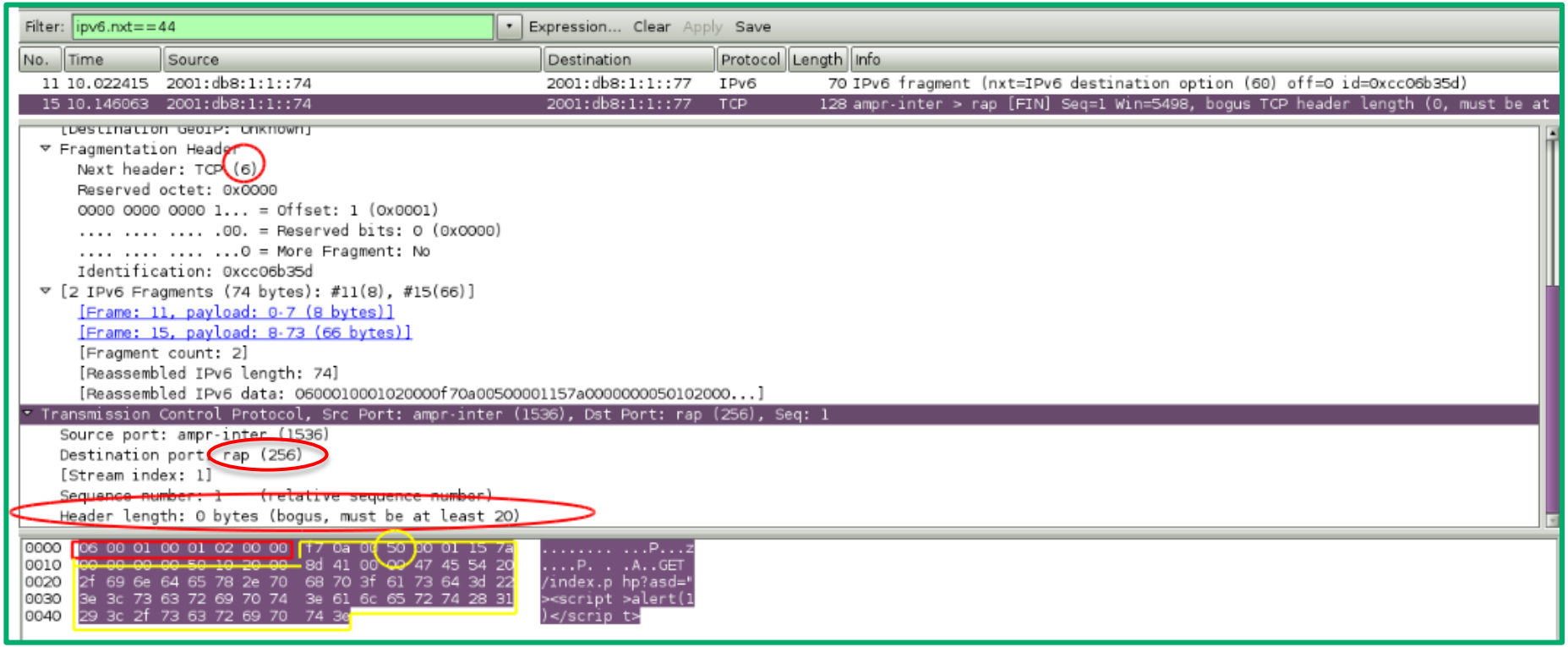


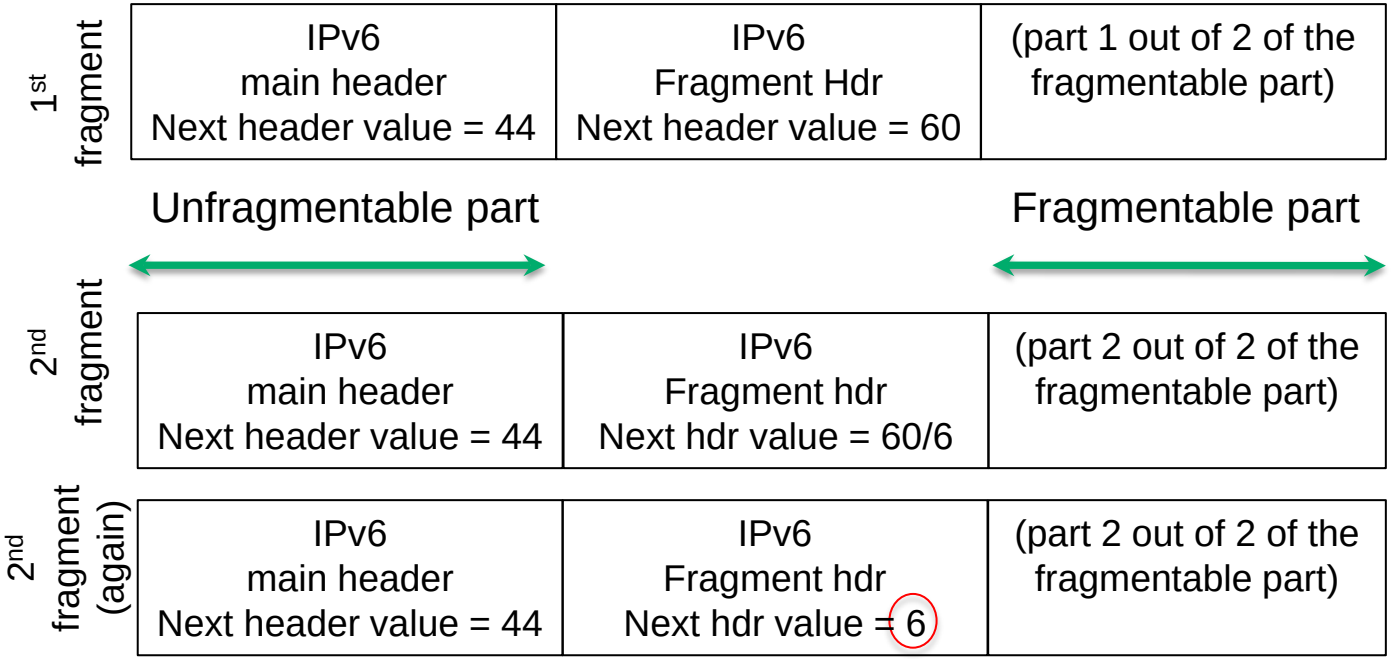
That First One Was Patched…

But Again We Had a New One ;-)

Model Number	110
Serial Number	U110C-50F
TOS Version	3.6.2.4109
Digital Vaccine	3.2.0.8565

- Configured to:
  - Operate inline at Layer 2.
  - Block any HTTP traffic.
  - Additional XSS rules (to test attacks at the payload too).

Evading TippingPoint, after First Patching



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Snort / Sourcefire

- Quite similar situations, as expected.
- Still, the commercial device suffers from a 0-day evasion technique that the latest open-source version does not!

The Chronicle of the Communication

- We first contacted the Snort devs on 17th of June.
  - "Please, send us the pcap files"
  - We did; no news since then…
- Reported a Sourcefire issue on Sep 14, and Sep 25, etc., including pcap files.
  - A kind of "don't waste my time" approach.
  - "Please, contact the customer support…"

Fair enough!

- We did a full disclosure @BlackHat-EU and @HackLu!
- Demo time against SourceFire.

Evading Sourcefire

- Sourcefire, Model 3D7020 (81) Version 5.2.0.3 (Build 48).
- Preproc decoder rules were enabled:
  - GID 116 family and specifically, SID 458 (IPV6_BAD_FRAG_PKT), 272 and 273 are enabled.

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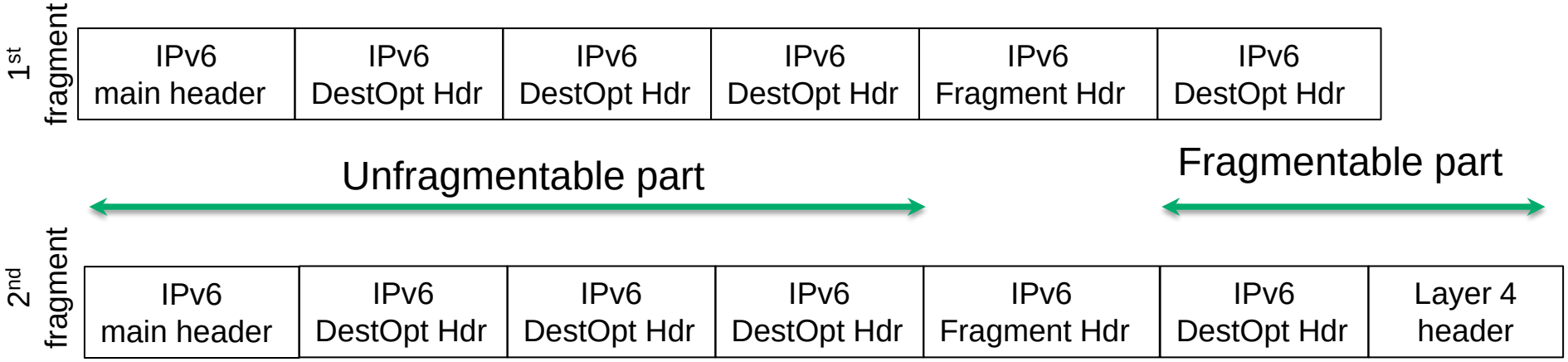

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Evading Snort

- Latest Snort version 2.9.6.2
- Preprocessor decoder rules are enabled:
  - GID 116 family and specifically, SID 453 (IPV6_BAD_FRAG_PKT), 272 and 273 are enabled.

DEMO

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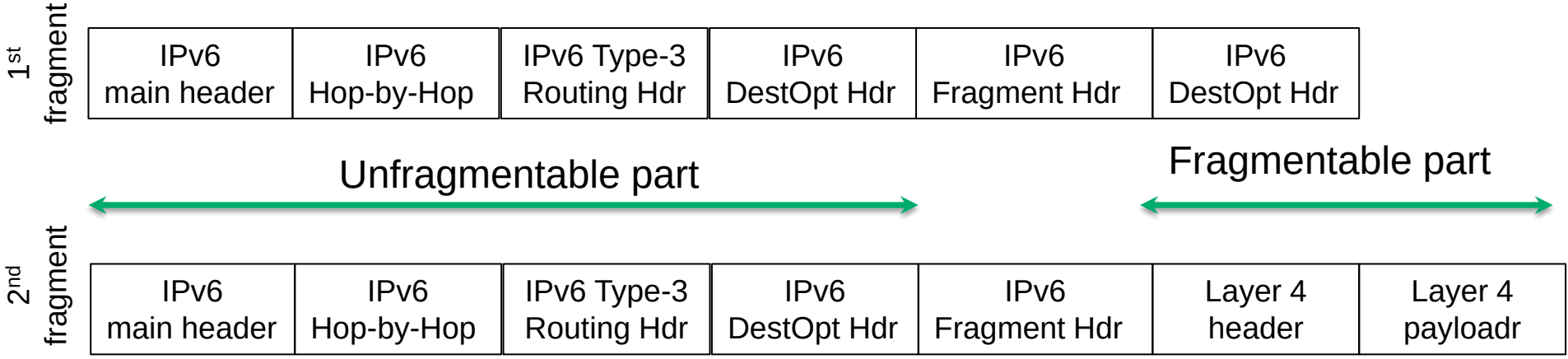

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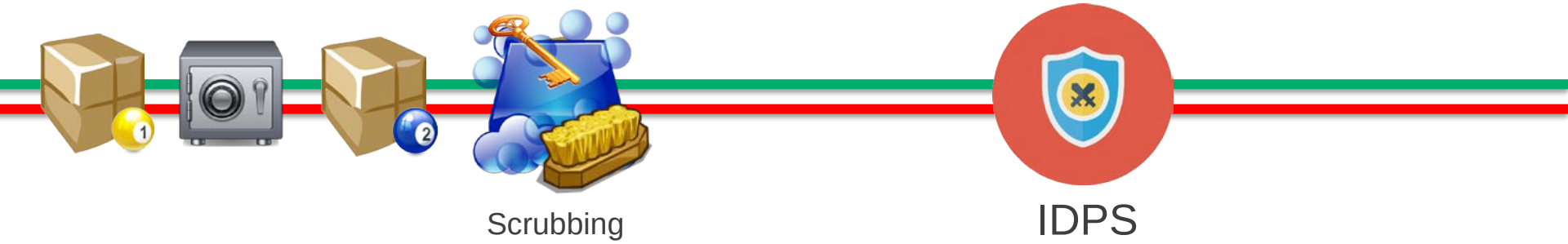
"Culture" Mitigations

- RFCs should strictly define the exact legitimate usage.
  - "Loose" specifications result in ambiguities and so they introduce potential attack vectors.
  - Functionality and flexibility are definitely good things, but security is non-negotiable.
- Make fully-compliant IPv6 products and test them thoroughly.

Technical Mitigations

- Implementation of RFC 7112.
  - An intermediate system (e.g., router or firewall) that receives an IPv6 First Fragment that does not include the entire IPv6 Header Chain MAY discard that packet.
  - Still, not a panacea…
- For the time being:
  - Configure your devices to drop IPv6 extension headers not used in your environment. OR
  - At least sanitize traffic before the IDPS.

In Case You still Want to Use an IDPS …



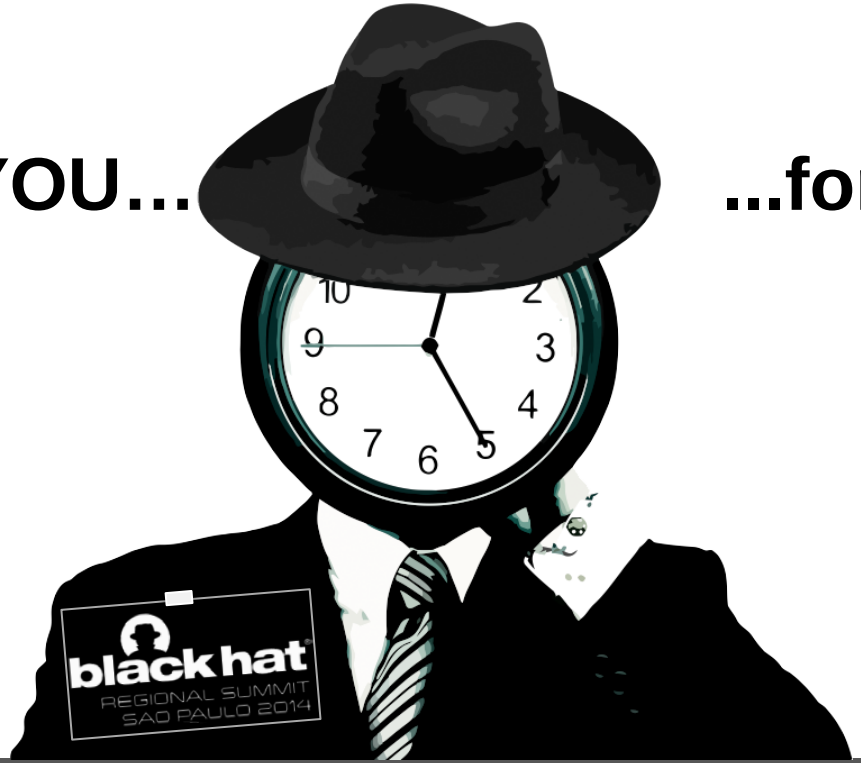
- you MUST (header-wise) scrub the traffic before entering the IDPS.

The Most Important “Take Away”

- These are just some of the IPv6 “grey areas”. Other may also exist.
  - Hint: MLD comes to mind…
- IPv6 security awareness.
  - Test it and use it, in your lab.
  - You will have to do it, sooner or later, anyway…

There’s never enough time…

THANK YOU…



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