

A Study on Constructing Fuzzy Association Rules for Intrusion Detection Systems

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ABSTRACT

The category of the intrusion detection system (IDS) which detects and guards intruders includes host-based and network-based protection. Regardless of which system is adopted, both of them detect the intrusion by matching the behavior pattern. Moreover, the methods used by the IDS to detect the intrusion are divided into two parts: anomaly and misuse detection. If we use only one intrusion detection mechanism, the false positive rate or false acceptance rate is usually higher. Therefore, how to reduce the false rate is an attractive topic on the intrusion detection mechanism. Beside, since the network utilization is more and more high, how to find out the useful user behavior pattern precisely and efficiently from a large amount of log data is also a major issue in intrusion detection research. In the situation which the intrusive methods are renovated unceasingly, to detect the unknown intrusion is a key point of developing the intrusion detection system. In this thesis, we propose a fuzzy association rules mechanism for host-based intrusion detection systems by using the system log file as data source. First, we cluster the data from system log files with the fuzzy clustering technology. Next, we further derive association rules from the clustering results. Finally, we construct the anomaly and misuse rule database, respectively. Moreover, once there are new data added into log file, we use the fuzzy incremental data mining scheme to derive newer association rules for these data. Our proposed method can not only build the user behavior patterns efficiently from a large amount of data, but also detect the intrusion precisely after combining misuse and anomaly intrusion detection mechanisms. Furthermore, this approach can detect the unknown intrusion. Finally, we also implement an intrusion detection system for validating the proposed mechanism.

Keywords : Intrusion Detection System, Data Mining, Fuzzy Theory, Clustering Technology, Association Rules, Incremental Data Mining.

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