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- An example of a DHCP-based attack is a DHCP starvation attack.
- An attacker uses spoofed MAC addresses to flood DHCP Discover messages.
- The target server's DHCP pool becomes full, resulting in a denial-of-service to other devices.





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- When DHCP Snooping filters messages, it differentiates between DHCP Server messages and DHCP Client messages
- Messages sent by **DHCP Servers**:
 - \rightarrow OFFER
 - $\rightarrow ACK$
 - \rightarrow NAK = Opposite of ACK, used to decline a client's REQUEST
- Messages sent by **DHCP Clients**:
 - \rightarrow DISCOVER
 - \rightarrow REQUEST
 - \rightarrow RELEASE = Used to tell the server that the client no longer needs its IP address
 - \rightarrow DECLINE = Used to decline the IP address offered by a DHCP server



DHCP Snooping Operations

- If a DHCP message is received on a trusted port, forward it as normal without inspection.
- If a DHCP message is received on an untrusted port, inspect it and act as follows:
 → If it is a DHCP Server message, discard it.
 - \rightarrow If it is a **DHCP Client** message, perform the following checks:

DISCOVER/REQUEST messages: Check if the frame's source MAC address and the DHCP message's CHADDR fields match. Match = forward, mismatch = discard

RELEASE/DECLINE messages: Check if the packet's source IP address and the receiving interface match the entry in the *DHCP Snooping Binding Table*. Match = forward, mismatch = discard

• When a client successfully leases an IP address from a server, create a new entry in the DHCP Snooping Binding Table.



SW2(config)#ip dhcp snooping
SW2(config)#ip dhcp snooping vlan 1
SW2(config)#no ip dhcp snooping information optionSW2(config)#interface g0/0
SW2(config-if)#ip dhcp snooping trust

SW1(config)#ip dhcp snooping SW1(config)#ip dhcp snooping vlan 1 SW1(config)#no ip dhcp snooping information option SW1(config)#interface g0/0 SW1(config-if)#ip dhcp snooping trust

RELEASE/DECLINE messages will be checked to make sure their IP address/interface ID match the entry in the DHCP snooping table.

I will explain this later!

SW1#show ip dhcp snooping binding									
MacAddress	IpAddress	Lease(sec)	Туре	VLAN	Interface				
0C:29:2F:18:79:00	192.168.100.10	86294	dhcp-snooping	1	GigabitEthernet0/3				
0C:29:2F:90:91:00	192.168.100.11	86302	dhcp-snooping	1	GigabitEthernet0/1				
0C:29:2F:67:E9:00	192.168.100.12	86314	dhcp-snooping	1	GigabitEthernet0/2				
Total number of bindings: 3									





DHCP Snooping Rate-Limiting

- DHCP snooping can limit the rate at which DHCP messages are allowed to enter an interface.
- If the rate of DHCP messages crosses the configured limit, the interace is err-disabled.
- Like with Port Security, the interface can be manually re-enabled, or automatically re-enabled with errdisable recovery.

SW1(config)#interface range g0/1 - 3 SW1(config-if-range)#ip dhcp snooping limit rate 1 *Jun 5 13:15:14.180: %DHCP_SNOOPING-4-DHCP_SNOOPING_ERRDISABLE_WARNING: DHCP Snooping received 1 DHCP packets on interface Gi0/1 *Jun 5 13:15:14.181: %DHCP_SNOOPING-4-DHCP_SNOOPING_RATE_LIMIT_EXCEEDED: The interface Gi0/1 is receiving more than the threshold set *Jun 5 13:15:14.182: %PM-4-ERR_DISABLE: dhcp-rate-limit error detected on Gi0/1, putting Gi0/1 in err-disable state *Jun 5 13:15:15.185: %LINEPROTO-5-UPDOWN: Line protocol on Interface GigabitEthernet0/1, changed state to down *Jun 5 13:15:16.190: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface GigabitEthernet0/1, changed state to down





DHCP Snooping Rate-Limiting

SW1(config)#errdisable recovery cause dhcp-rate-limit

SW1 #show errdisable recovery ErrDisable Reason	Timer Status
arp-inspection	Disabled
bpduguard	Disabled
channel-misconfig (STP)	Disabled
dhcp-rate-limit	Enabled
dtp-flap	Disabled
gbic-invalid	Disabled
inline-power	Disabled
![output omitted due to leng	th]

Rate-limiting can be very useful to protect against DHCP exhaustion attacks.

Timer interval: 300 seconds

Interfaces that will be enabled at the next timeout:

Interface	Errdisable reason	Time left(sec
Gi0/1	dhcp-rate-limit	293



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- DHCP relay agents can add Option 82 to messages they forward to the remote DHCP server.
- With DHCP snooping enabled, by default Cisco switches will add Option 82 to DHCP messages they receive from clients, even if the switch isn't acting as a DHCP relay agent.
- By default, Cisco switches will drop DHCP messages with Option 82 that are received on an untrusted port.

SW2#

*Jun 6 01:36:15.298: %DHCP_SNOOPING-5-DHCP_SNOOPING_NONZERO_GIADDR: DHCP_SNOOPING drop message with nonzero giaddr or option82 value on untrusted port, message type: DHCPDISCOVER, MAC sa: 0c29.2f67.e900





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R1# *Jun 6 01:46:46.763: DHCPD: inconsistent relay information. *Jun 6 01:46:46.763: DHCPD: relay information option exists, but giaddr is zero.



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SW2(config)#no ip dhcp snooping information option





Command Review

SW1(config)# ip dhcp snooping

SW1(config)# ip dhcp snooping vlan vlan-number

SW1(config)# errdisable recovery cause dhcp-rate-limit

SW1(config)# no ip dhcp snooping information option

SW1(config-if)# ip dhcp snooping trust

SW1(config-if)# ip dhcp snooping limit rate packets-per-second

SW1# show ip dhcp snooping binding



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Which of the following DHCP message types will always be discarded if received on a DHCP snooping untrusted interface? (select three)

a) **DISCOVER**

b) REQUEST

c) NAK

d) OFFER

e) DECLINE

f) RELEASE

g) ACK



Which of the following is NOT stored in the DHCP snooping binding database?

a) IP address

b) Interface

c) VLAN

d) Default gateway

e) MAC address

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Which of the following are functions of DHCP snooping? (select two)

a) Limiting the rate of DCHP messages

b) Filtering DHCP messages on trusted ports

c) Filtering DHCP messages on untrusted ports

d) Filtering all DHCP messages



When DHCP snooping inspects a DHCP DISCOVER message that arrives on an untrusted interface, what does it check? (select the two best answers)

a) Source MAC address

b) CHADDR

c) IP address

d) Interface



DHCP snooping rate-limiting is configured on SW1's G0/1 interface. What happens if DHCP messages are received on G0/1 at a rate faster than the configured limit?

a) The messages that cross the limit will be dropped

b) The interface will be disabled

c) All DHCP messages on the interface will be dropped

d) A warning syslog message will be displayed