

# 12 Signs it's Time to Upgrade your Legacy IDS/IPS

The idea of monitoring your network for attacks and anomalous behavior has been around since the early days of the Internet. In fact, this requirement has been codified in a number of regulatory compliance guidelines and cyber risk frameworks such as PCI DSS and referenced indirectly as a critical control in many others such as NIST, ISO 27001 and ISO 27002, FISMA, SOC2, and SANS CIS.

The requirement for network security controls has most commonly been addressed by intrusion detection and prevention systems IDS/IPS which have been widely deployed - and widely disliked. And widely ignored. These legacy IDS/IPS are disliked for a number of very legitimate reasons.

## DECIDING WHEN TO UPGRADE YOUR LEGACY IDS/IPS

When deciding to upgrade your legacy IDS/IPS is critical to evaluate the motivations to consider migrating from your legacy IDS. Here are twelve examples of factors that have motivated Stamus Networks enterprise customers to upgrade their legacy IDS/IPS:

- **License renewal** – the license for your legacy IDS/IPS is up for renewal or your support contract has expired
- **End of life** – your current generation IDS/IPS has reached the end of its life and is no longer functioning
- **Forced upgrade** – your current vendor is forcing you to rip-and-replace due to SNORT 3 migration
- **Tech stack update** – your organization is reviewing your IT security stack as a result of a merger, acquisition or business unit consolidation
- **Negative ROI** – The cost of maintaining your legacy IDS/IPS has exceeded its value to the organization
- **Alert fatigue** – your staff is no longer paying attention to the results/alerts from your current IDS, and you wish to reduce the risk exposure facing your organization

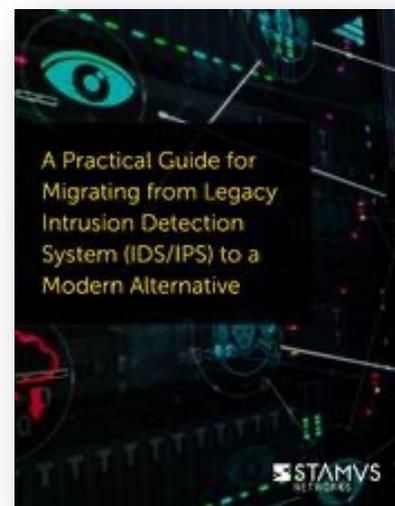
- **Consolidate functions** – you wish to reduce complexity and combine functions of IDS and NSM into a single platform
- **Shift to the cloud** – your infrastructure has evolved into complex hybrid cloud environments such that the legacy IDS/IPS no longer provides the needed network visibility, leaving you with blind spots
- **Performance limitations** – the demand for high-throughput networks is growing beyond the ability of your legacy IDS to process all the data, and you can't run all the IDS rules you are paying for
- **Breach reaction** – you've recently been breached and - following a review - you realize you need to improve your network security controls and monitoring
- **Accelerate response** – you came to the realization that with the right choice you can improve your mean time to respond (MTTR) with a more automated response
- **Realization that an upgrade is practical** – you have concluded that modern network security (IDS/IPS upgrade) technologies deliver better results for lower total cost of ownership and can be a drop in upgrade

## LEARN MORE

At Stamus Networks, we have captured the insights gathered from our experience helping organizations migrate from their legacy IDS/IPS to a modern alternative in a practical guide designed to help you sort through the process.

Visit the Stamus Networks website to download "A Practical Guide for Migrating from your Legacy Intrusion Detection System (IDS/IPS) to a Modern Alternative"

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