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NETFlows

All about analyzing flows while preserving privacy

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Introduction

- Privacy concerns today
- Analyzing traffic usually is done by examining packets – Deep packet inspection or by UTM devices
- Looking at “calling information” can reveal much:
 - Source IP address and port
 - Destination IP address and port
 - Protocol, Timestamps
 - Number of packets, Bytes
- Can be used as an IDS
- Can be use as policy enforcement

How to do it

- This can be monitored using NETflows...
- Developed by Cisco
- It can characterize traffic
- Account for how and where it flows
- Help optimize network investment
- Traffic engineering/network planning
- Provide usage-based billing

Netflow Basics

- Netflow characteristics must:
 - Be scalable
 - Be manageable
 - Be reliable

Example

- Lets consider a Computer A Web browses to Computer B this will generate 2 flows:

- Request Flow:

- A: (TCP) 10.2.3.4:3863 -> 10.3.2.1: 80

- Reply Flow:

- B: (TCP) 10.3.2.1:80 -> 10.2.3.4:3863

Exercise: Identify Flows

•Which of these six packets are in the same (bidirectional) flows?

No	SRC IP	DST IP	Proto	SRC Port	DST Port
1	10.10.10.1	10.10.10.2	6	3546	80
2	10.10.10.2	10.10.10.1	6	80	3546
3	192.168.2.5	172.16.1.6	6	6726	443
4	192.168.2.5	172.16.1.6	6	6727	443
5	172.16.110.3	172.16.0.1	17	4553	53
6	172.16.0.1	172.16.110.3	17	53	4553

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3	192.168.2.5	172.16.1.6	6 (TCP)	6726	443
4	192.168.2.5	172.16.1.6	6 (TCP)	6727	443
5	172.16.110.3	172.16.0.1	17 (UDP)	4553	53
6	172.16.0.1	172.16.110.3	17 (UDP)	53	4553

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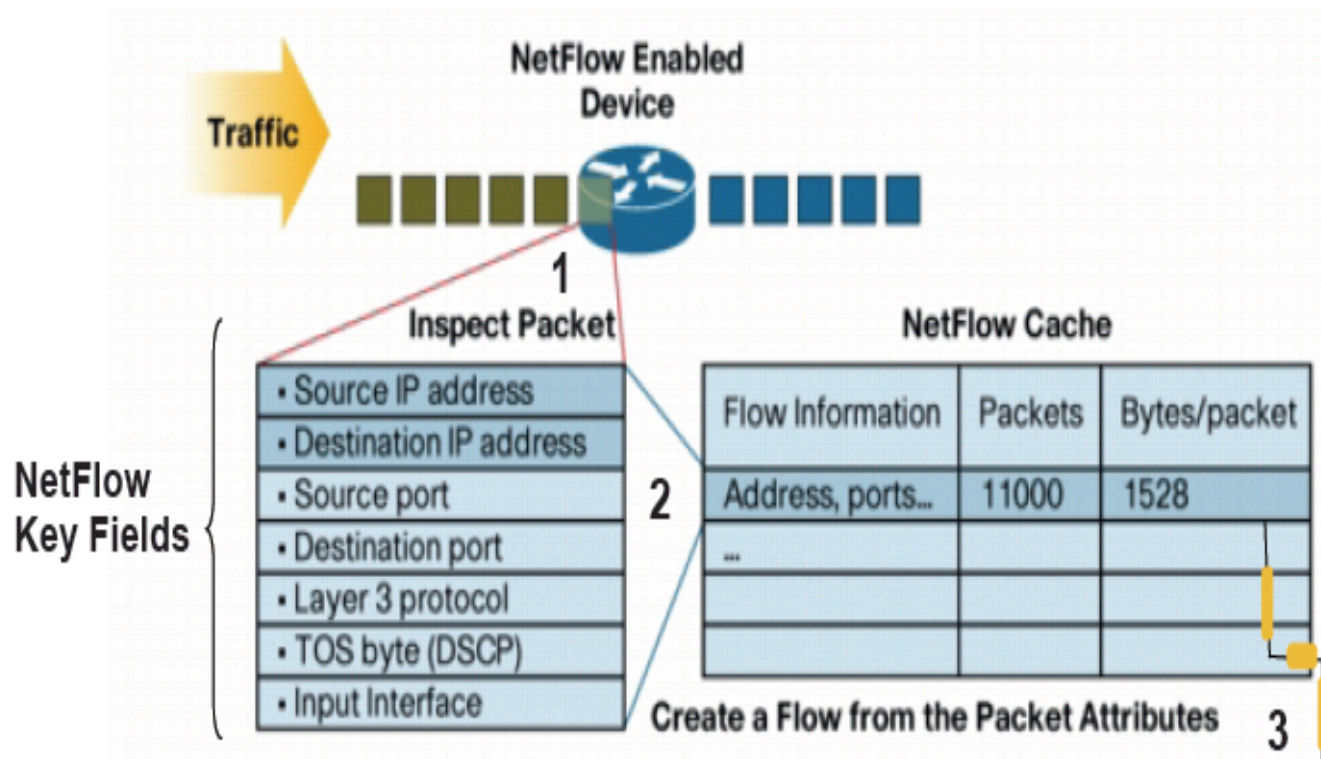
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5	172.16.110.3	172.16.0.1	17 (UDP)	4553	53
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NetFlow Typical Record

- Source and destination IP address
- Source and destination ports
- Transport protocol: TCP,UDP, ICMP, etc.
- Type of service (ToS)
- Packet and byte counts
- Start and end timestamps
- Input and output interface numbers
- TCP flags
- Routing information (next-hop address, source autonomous system (AS) number, destination AS number, source prefix mask, destination prefix mask)

NetFlow Typical Record

- Flow path (source Cisco.com)



NetFlow Data Cache

- Available on Cisco routers/switches
 - Available on Juniper/Huawei routers
 - Cached on devices
 - Netflow like sflow for HP devices
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- WARNING! Not all devices are NetFlow-enabled!

NetFlow Data Cache

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#show ip cache flow
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IP packet size distribution (78630M total packets):
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1-32	64	96	128	160	192	224	256	288	320	352	384	416	448	480
.002	.448	.062	.027	.013	.011	.008	.011	.003	.003	.002	.006	.005	.003	.002
512	544	576	1024	1536	2048	2560	3072	3584	4096	4608				
.002	.003	.015	.033	.331	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000				

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IP Flow Switching Cache, 6553988 bytes
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32929 active, 32607 inactive, 524367786 added
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4111490554 aged polls, 0 flow alloc failures
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Active flows timeout in 30 minutes
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Inactive flows timeout in 15 seconds
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IP Sub Flow Cache, 794824 bytes
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32895 active, 16257 Inactive, 519171584 added, 519168554 added to flow
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0 alloc failures, 12911870 force free
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3 chunks, 1155 chunks added
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last clearing of statistics never
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--More--
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NetFlow Data Cache

Protocol	Total	Flows	Packets	Bytes	Packets	Active (Sec)	Idle (Sec)
-----	Flows	/Sec	/Flow	/Pkt	/Sec	/Flow	/Flow
TCP-Telnet	3833510	0.8	10	179	9.2	9.0	26.8
TCP-FTP	12511306	2.9	6	132	19.7	6.3	16.5
TCP-FTPD	1194796	0.2	544	866	151.5	86.7	21.2
TCP-WWW	944754736	219.9	13	627	2871.0	3.2	23.7
TCP-SMTP	53320030	12.4	14	399	185.8	6.6	19.2
TCP-X	913841	0.2	41	631	8.9	19.2	24.5
TCP-BGP	1867	0.0	1	49	0.0	0.5	20.5
TCP-NNTP	1086658	0.2	252	874	63.8	15.2	26.8
TCP-Frag	228697	0.0	9	131	0.5	6.5	25.3
TCP-other	2264274585	527.1	23	568	12466.6	12.9	24.4
UDP-DNS	231113128	53.8	2	79	114.7	3.6	26.0
--More--							

NetFlow Limitations of Cache

- Difficult to read
- Only shows recent activity
- No automation on devices for analysis
- No accounting of flows (besides overall totals)

NetFlow Export of Data

- Greatly enhances NetFlow and turns the technology into a analysis tool!
- Data sent to external collector(s)
- Analyzed by one or more systems
- Archived for other concerns
- Efficient: Uses multiple records per UDP packet

NetFlow Export: Establish Policies!

- Ensure policies are in place before deploying covering:
 - Retention of network usage statistics
 - Establish a retention policy.
 - Privacy protection of the data, who is authorized, no offloading without sanitizing personal data (the host portion)
- While the contents of the packet are not recorded, the calling information can still be a concern.
- However, with virtual servers, it is impossible to know the true destination
- Mostly it can only be used as verification that something occurred.

Netflow Export Versions

- Multiple netflow export options (v5,v9,v10)
 - Each version defines their own “common properties” and export packet format
 - Most common is v5, does not support IPv6 traffic, MAC addresses, VLANs or other extension fields.
 - v9 used as basis for the standard IPFIX (IP flow information export), described in RFC 3954 known also as flexible NetFlow. It supports IPv6 as well as the fields missing in NetFlow v5.
 - v10 IPFIX, standardized by IETF, extended version of NetFlow v9 that supports variable length fields (e.g. HTTP hostname or HTTP URL) as well as Enterprise-defined fields.
 - sFlow: Sampling based, commonly found on HP switches and routers
 - jFlow: Juniper
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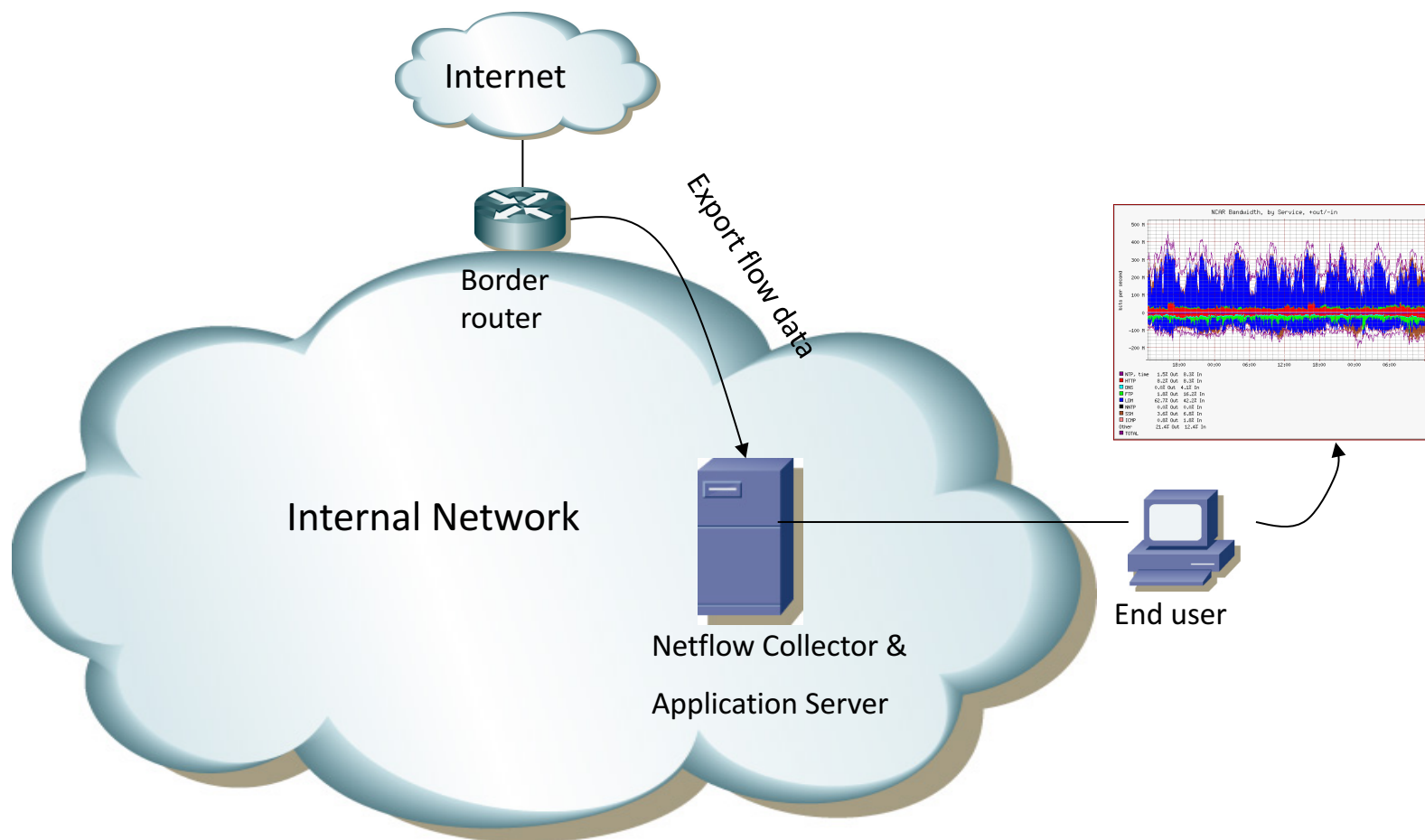
Deploying Netflow

Overview – Typical Deployment

Basic steps to Deploy Netflow

- Determine which routers/interfaces to enable netflow
- Configure Routers
- Setup netflow collectors
- Choose and configure an application

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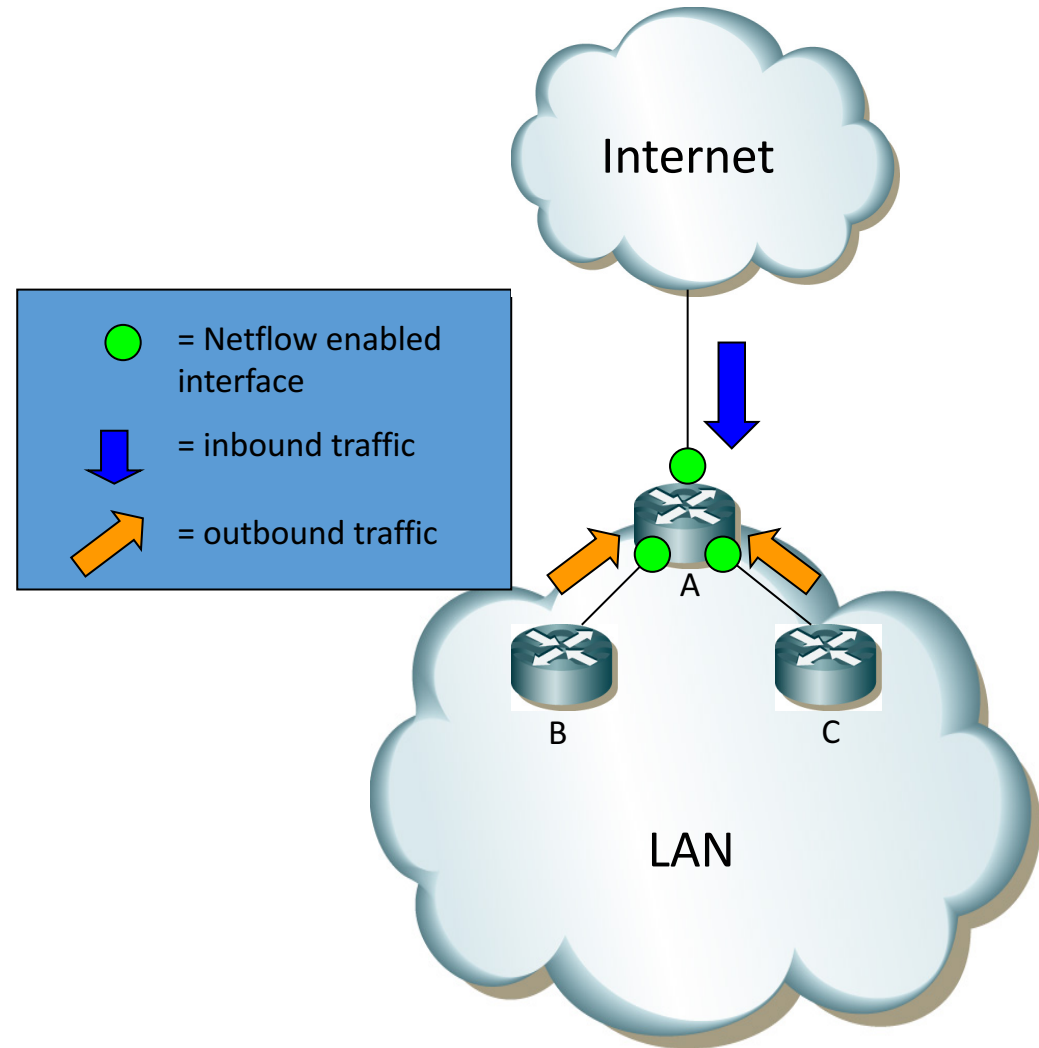


Determine which routers/interfaces to enable netflow

Enable netflow on selected interfaces to capture all inbound/outbound traffic

Netflow only enabled inbound on an interface

Avoid double counting!!



Collector Hardware

Minimum for us:

- CPU i5 or better
- RAM 4GB or better
- HDD 500GB or better
(more space – more retention time)
- Network 1Gbps

Looking at collected flow data: nfcapd/nfdump

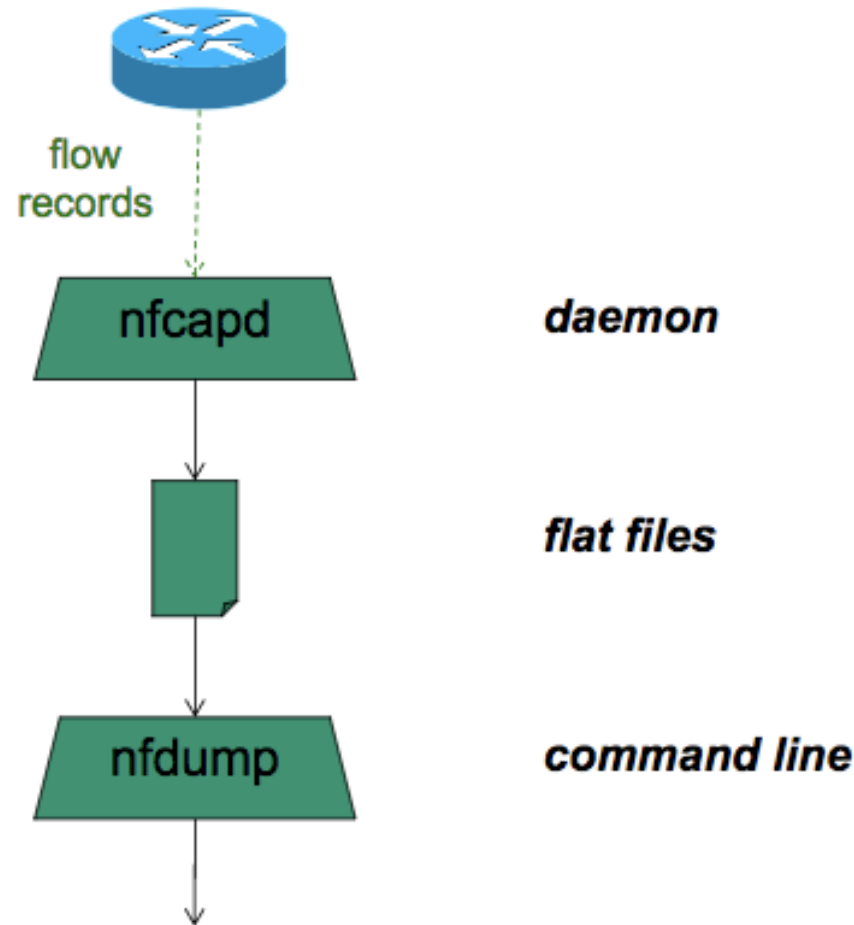
Free and open source – Runs on collector

nfcapd listens for incoming flow records and writes them to disk (flat files)- typically starts a new file every 5 minutes

nfdump reads the files and turns them into human-readable output

nfdump has command line options to filter and aggregate the flows

Looking at collected flow data: nfcapd/nfdump



Date flow start	Duration	Proto	Src IP Addr:Port	Dst IP Addr:Port	Packets	Bytes	Flows
2013-04-18 13:35:23.353	1482.000	UDP	10.10.0.119:55555 ->	190.83.150.177:54597	8683	445259	1
2013-04-18 13:35:23.353	1482.000	UDP	190.83.150.177:54597 ->	10.10.0.119:55555	8012	11.1 M	1
2013-04-18 13:48:21.353	704.000	TCP	196.38.180.96:6112 ->	10.10.0.119:62099	83	20326	1
2013-04-18 13:48:21.353	704.000	TCP	10.10.0.119:62099 ->	196.38.180.96:6112	105	5085	1

Source: NSRC

Looking at collected flow data: nfsen

Companion to NfDump tools

NfDump tools collect netflow data and store them in files

Processing netflow data with NfDump tools can only be done on the command line

NfSen is a graphical (Web Based) front end to NfDump

Creates RRD graphs based on stored data

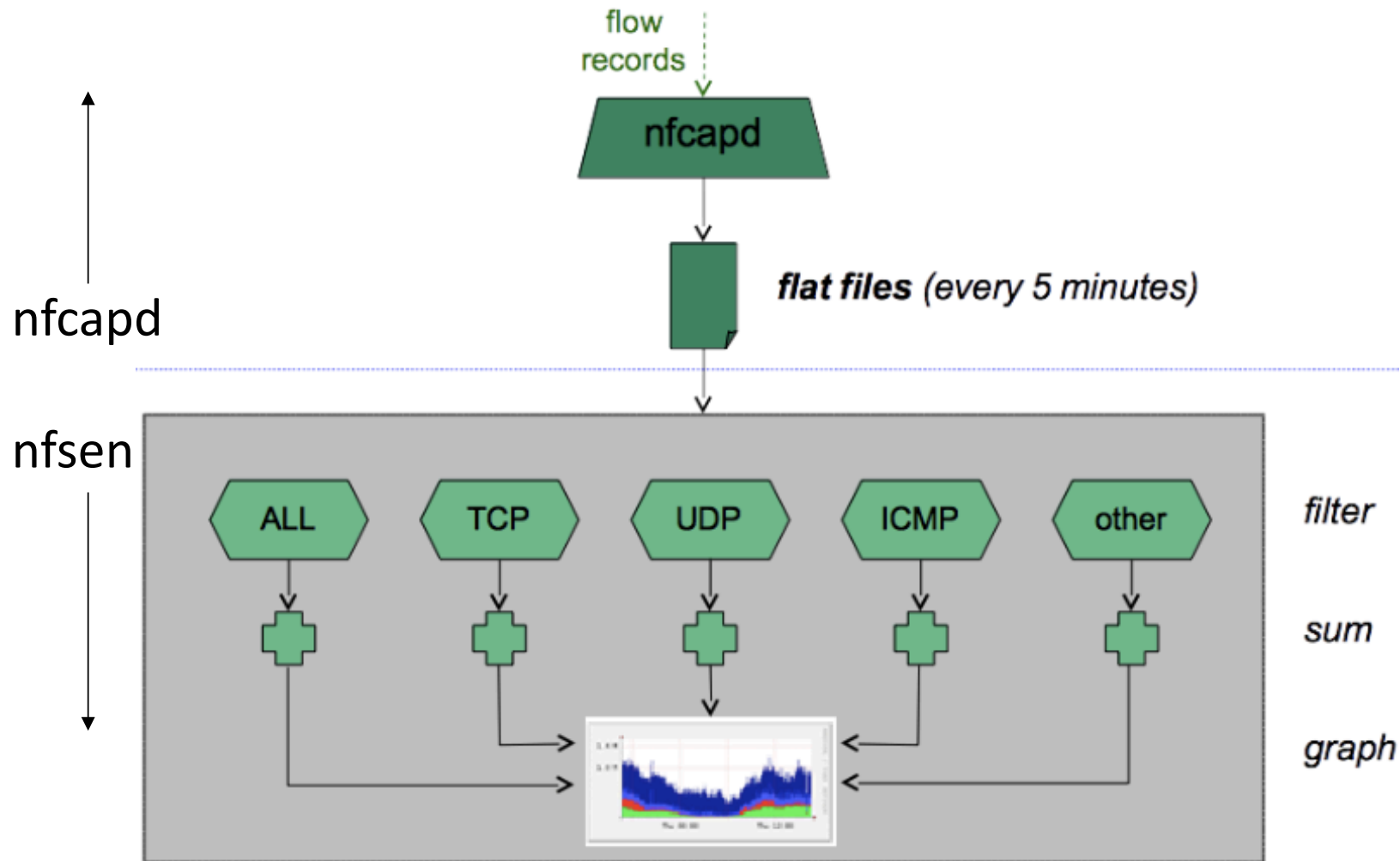
Plugins extend the functionality of base (e.g. PortTracker and SURFmap)

Looking at collected flow data: nfsen

NfSen allows you to:

- Easily navigate through the netflow data
- Process the netflow data within the specified time span
- Create history as well as continuous profiles
- Set alerts, based on various conditions
- Write your own plugins to process netflow data on a regular interval

Looking at collected flow data: nfsen



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NFSEN structure

Configuration file - `nfsen.conf`

NfDump files - Netflow files containing collected flows stored in the directory:

`/var/nfsen/profiles-data`

Note: It is possible for other programs to read NFDump files but don't store them for too long as they can fill up your drive

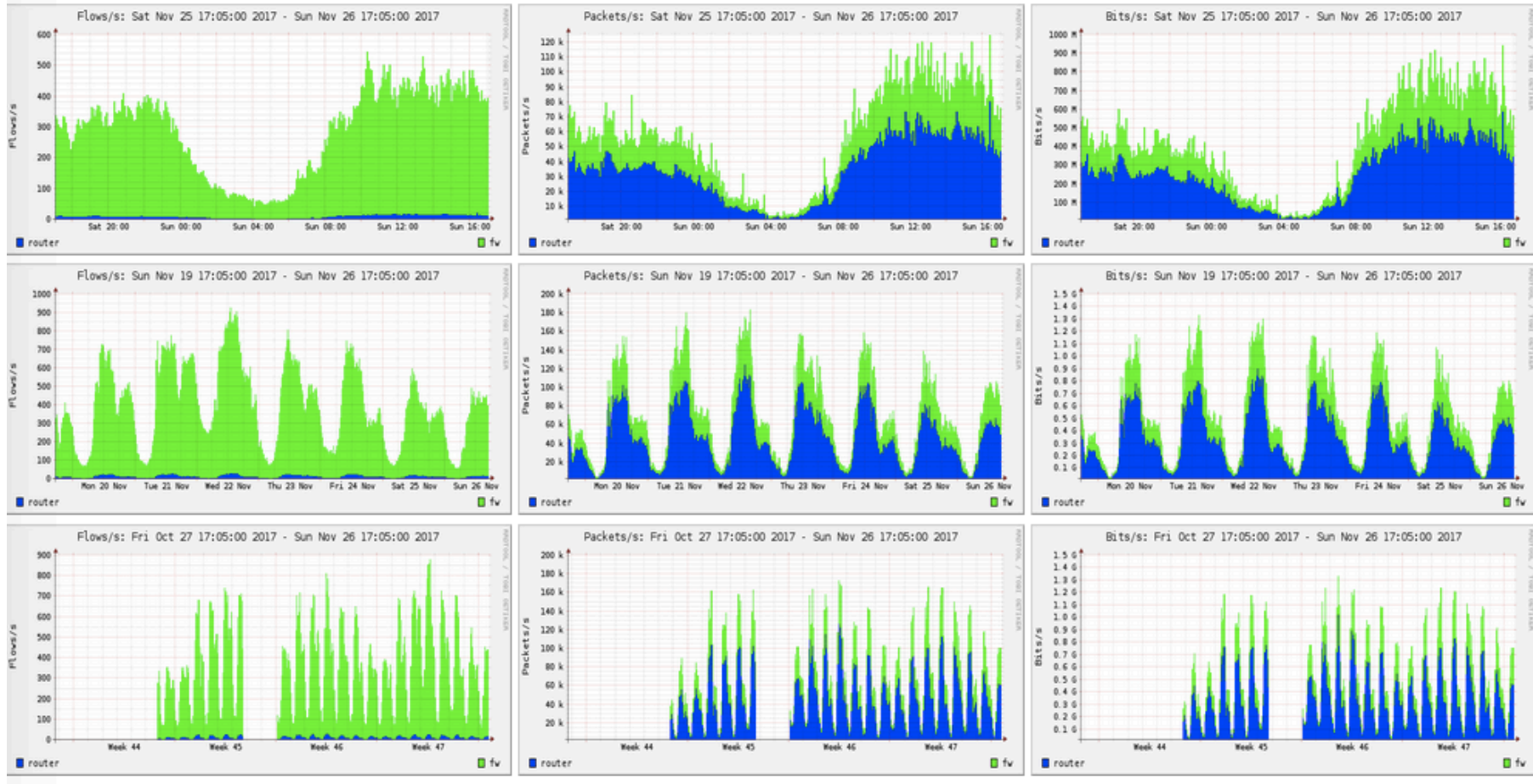
Actual graphs stored in the directory:

`/var/nfsen/profiles-stat`

NFSEN Home page

Home Graphs Details Alerts Stats Plugins live [Bookmark URL](#) Profile: live ▼

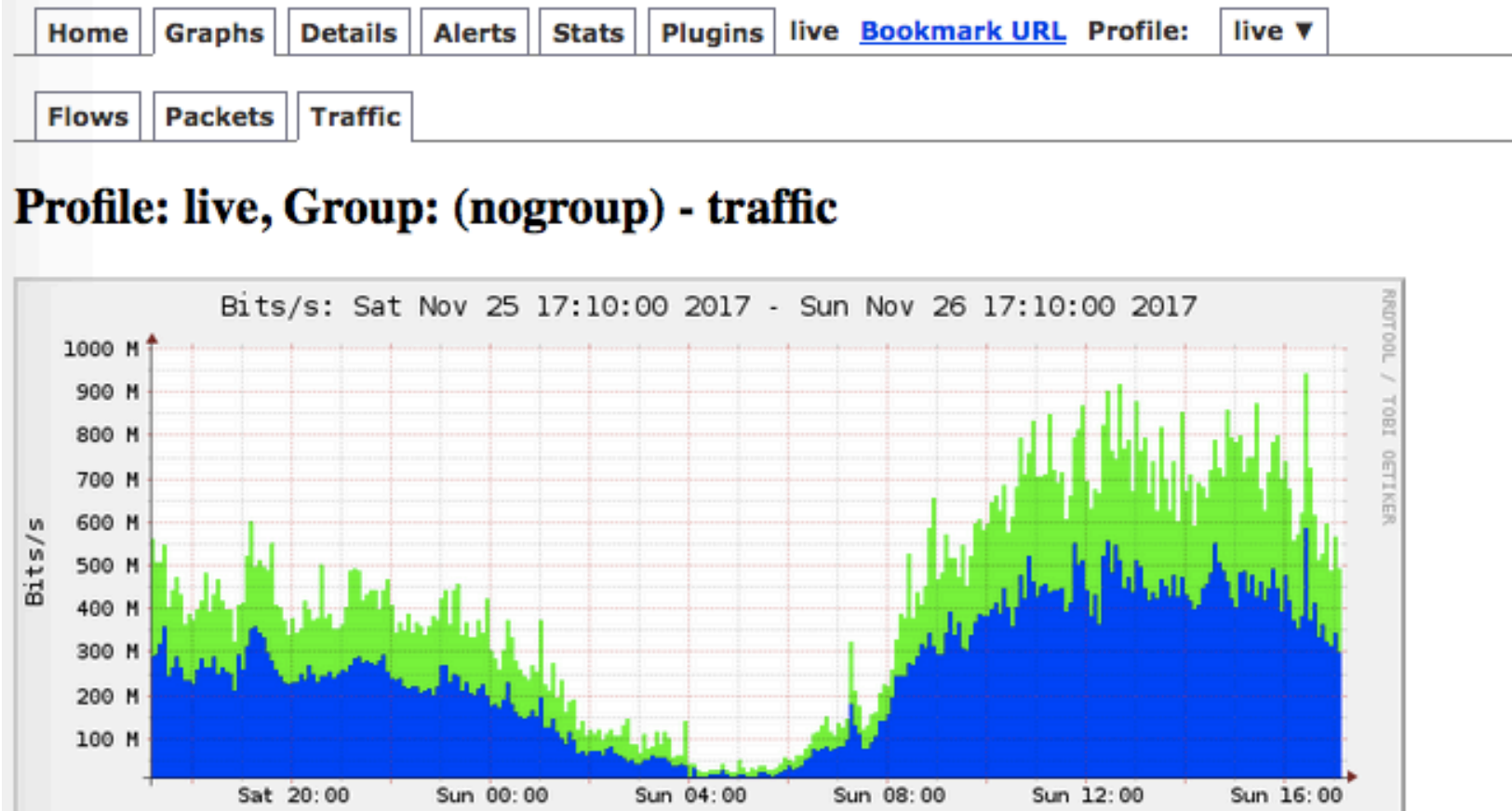
Overview Profile: live, Group: (nogroup)



Graphs page

Graphs of flows, packets and traffic based on interface with NetFlow activated

What is seen under Traffic should closely match what your NMS shows for the same interface



Details page

Most interesting page

Can view present flow information or stored flow information

Can view detailed NetFlow information such as

- Src hosts/ports, destination hosts and ports
- Unidirectional or Bi-directional flows
- Flows on specific interfaces
- Protocols and TOS

Details page



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Example measurements

Top 10 IP Addr ordered by bytes:

Date first seen	Duration	Proto
2017-02-06 08:18:11.803	574676.185	any
2017-02-06 08:18:38.234	574652.156	any
2017-02-06 10:51:29.765	565478.026	any
2017-02-06 08:36:05.615	573585.479	any
2017-02-06 08:36:00.745	573579.389	any
2017-02-06 11:50:02.818	561879.157	any
2017-02-06 11:50:02.358	561893.617	any
2017-02-06 11:50:01.818	561893.157	any

IP Addr	Flows(%)	Packets(%)	Bytes(%)	pps	bps	bpp
192.248.24.51	61.7 M(29.5)	16.7 G(58.0)	15.5 T(58.3)	28984	215.6 M	929
192.248.24.50	43.3 M(20.7)	5.3 G(18.5)	5.3 T(19.9)	9263	73.5 M	991
192.248.3.78	1.3 M(0.6)	1.9 G(6.7)	1.9 T(7.2)	3405	27.1 M	995
192.248.3.76	1.1 M(0.5)	1.9 G(6.6)	1.9 T(7.2)	3313	26.5 M	998
192.248.3.77	1.9 M(0.9)	1.8 G(6.4)	1.8 T(6.9)	3188	25.6 M	1002
2401:dd00:3:64::e	246356(0.1)	985.4 M(3.4)	891.5 G(3.4)	1753	12.7 M	904
2401:dd00:3:64::c	239356(0.1)	957.4 M(3.3)	875.9 G(3.3)	1703	12.5 M	914
2401:dd00:3:64::d	228991(0.1)	916.0 M(3.2)	835.2 G(3.1)	1630	11.9 M	911

inet6

Top 10 IP Addr ordered by bytes:

Date first seen	Duration	Proto
2017-02-06 13:45:00.186	593399.293	any
2017-02-06 13:45:00.186	593397.263	any
2017-02-06 13:45:00.611	593398.868	any
2017-02-06 13:45:07.611	593389.146	any
2017-02-06 13:46:08.078	593331.679	any
2017-02-08 09:42:14.100	435162.344	any
2017-02-06 13:45:05.540	593391.537	any
2017-02-12 08:10:19.544	16239.459	any
2017-02-08 01:20:09.535	465279.826	any
2017-02-06 14:10:10.851	505976.127	any

IP Addr	Flows(%)	Packets(%)	Bytes(%)	pps	bps	bpp
2401:dd00:3:64::e	252744(17.9)	1.0 G(17.9)	912.6 G(18.2)	1703	12.3 M	902
2401:dd00:3:64::c	243337(17.2)	973.3 M(17.2)	888.8 G(17.7)	1640	12.0 M	913
2401:dd00:3:64::d	233835(16.5)	935.3 M(16.5)	851.8 G(17.0)	1576	11.5 M	910
2a03:2880:f026:14:face:b00c:0:1823	68081(4.8)	272.3 M(4.8)	269.7 G(5.4)	458	3.6 M	990
2a01:111:2003::50	52504(3.7)	210.0 M(3.7)	221.7 G(4.4)	353	3.0 M	1055
2404:f000:0:e:face:b00c:0:358e	53051(3.8)	212.2 M(3.8)	209.2 G(4.2)	487	3.8 M	986
2a03:2880:f026:19:face:b00c:0:3	39581(2.8)	158.3 M(2.8)	135.6 G(2.7)	266	1.8 M	856
2401:dd00:20:2003:84ad:af10:10c0:ea13	23513(1.7)	94.1 M(1.7)	103.7 G(2.1)	5791	51.1 M	1103
2404:f000:0:e:face:b00c:0:a7	25734(1.8)	102.9 M(1.8)	87.9 G(1.8)	221	1.5 M	854
2404:6800:4003:808::2001	19093(1.4)	76.4 M(1.4)	83.4 G(1.7)	150	1.3 M	1091

Channels and Profiles

A channel is a type of traffic of interest

- Total HTTP, HTTPS, SMTP traffic (etc)
- Traffic to and from the Science department

A profile is a collection of channels which can be shown together in a graph

- v4 TCP, v6 TCP, v4 UDP, v6 UDP, Other

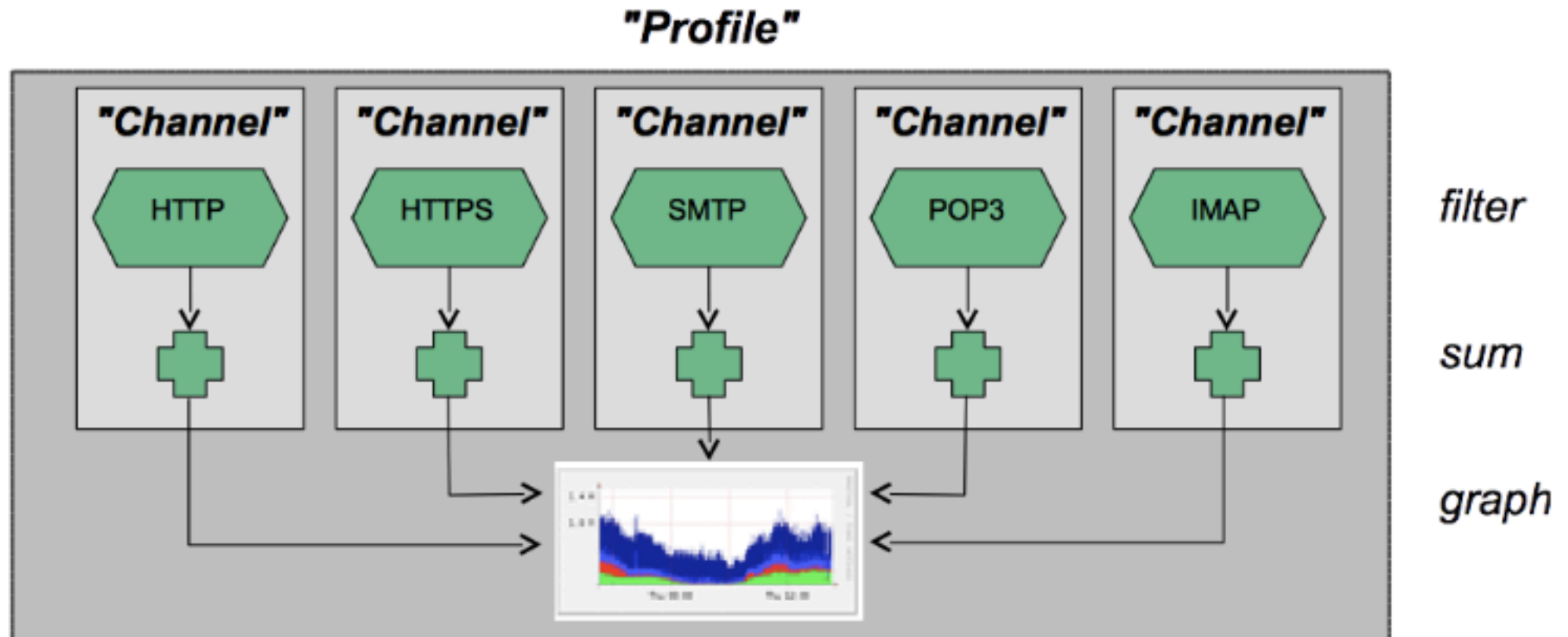
You can create your own profiles and channels, and hence graphs.

Use filters to define a channel

- Filter out the flow data you are interested in from the data files that contain all the flows

Channels and Profiles

A profile is a collection of channels graphed together



Source: NSRC

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Flow Analysis

Know Thy Network!

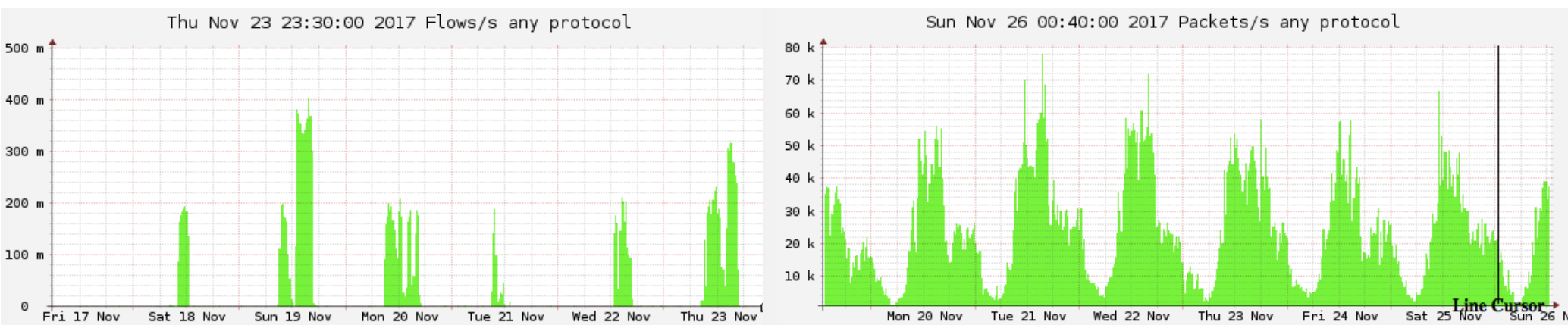
- NetFlow records the communication between systems
 - Quickly tells you what is happening on your network at a high level
 - Can be used to spot anomalies
 - Simple IDS capabilities
 - Locate all stations doing the same thing on the network
 - Policy enforcement
 - Who is using various services
 - Impact on closing down ports
 - Location of servers
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Planning/Policies Make for Success

- Establish policies as to what traffic is allowed
- Establish specific pathways or gateways for traffic like SMTP, Proxy - HTTP, etc.
- Any traffic not flowing through these gateways are your indicator for problems
- Segregate servers and workstations with subnets.

Flow Size Can Tell a Story

- Always keep an eye on the NetFlow sizes
- Works best after a baseline of a few days or weeks of observation.
- General fluctuations are normal traffic patterns, but a sudden surge indicates something new is going on.
- Sudden drops could indicate network problems.



Analysis: Finding the Needles

- Which Port, Source, Destination?
- Which County?
- Which Source?
- Which Destination?
- How many flows/bytes?

Recent Example

- Unusual upload detected from one of the vpls links, we were interested finding what's going as it resulted in having losses in video conference calls among institutes.

Top 10 IP Addr ordered by bytes:

Date first seen	Duration	Proto	IP Addr	Flows(%)	Packets(%)	Bytes(%)	pps	bps	bpp
2017-10-06 08:25:02.108	345891.676	any	192.248.1.16	4.5 M(31.7)	135.7 M(49.5)	113.7 G(55.8)	392	2.6 M	838
2017-10-06 08:26:28.488	345796.480	any	192.248.1.13	8.5 M(60.8)	108.5 M(39.6)	76.4 G(37.4)	313	1.8 M	704
2017-10-07 09:02:18.600	130841.920	any	183.60.229.67	9262(0.1)	17.0 M(6.2)	14.3 G(7.0)	129	874887	843
2017-10-07 09:02:59.804	130806.652	any	122.224.187.93	5021(0.0)	9.9 M(3.6)	8.4 G(4.1)	75	511172	843
2017-10-06 08:29:48.684	345546.232	any	192.248.3.77	43583(0.3)	4.5 M(1.7)	4.6 G(2.3)	13	107203	1017
2017-10-06 08:29:38.856	345590.204	any	192.248.1.10	242401(1.7)	5.8 M(2.1)	4.2 G(2.1)	16	97693	728
2017-10-06 12:21:39.764	30634.564	any	192.248.1.18	2691(0.0)	4.9 M(1.8)	4.1 G(2.0)	159	1.1 M	836
2017-10-06 12:22:17.468	16294.420	any	192.248.1.170	1263(0.0)	4.9 M(1.8)	4.1 G(2.0)	298	2.0 M	837
2017-10-06 11:26:57.924	295149.064	any	192.248.1.21	77866(0.6)	3.8 M(1.4)	3.9 G(1.9)	12	106526	1042
2017-10-06 08:29:48.024	345592.888	any	192.248.3.78	71455(0.5)	3.9 M(1.4)	3.8 G(1.9)	11	87892	968

Summary: total flows: 14053431, total bytes: 203938235504, total packets: 273980556, avg bps: 4716811, avg pps: 792, avg bpp: 744
Time window: 2017-10-06 08:25:02 - 2017-10-10 08:29:53
Total flows processed: 14053431, Blocks skipped: 0, Bytes read: 955756684
Sys: 2.1000s flows/second: 4684477.0 Wall: 3.001s flows/second: 4682240.4

Recent Example cont...

Top 10 Src IP Addr ordered by bytes:

Date first seen	Duration	Proto	Src IP Addr	Flows(%)	Packets(%)	Bytes(%)	pps	bps	bpp
2017-10-06 08:25:02.108	345891.676	any	192.248.16	2.3 M(36.3)	101.4 M(66.0)	110.8 G(88.5)	293	2.6 M	1093
2017-10-06 08:26:28.488	345796.480	any	192.248.13	3.7 M(57.2)	44.0 M(28.6)	8.0 G(6.4)	127	185492	182
2017-10-06 08:29:38.856	345589.704	any	192.248.10	120572(1.9)	3.6 M(2.3)	4.0 G(3.2)	10	93599	1124
2017-10-06 12:21:39.764	15998.072	any	192.248.18	1203(0.0)	2.7 M(1.8)	2.1 G(1.7)	171	1.0 M	764
2017-10-06 08:29:43.640	345600.560	any	192.248.17	141994(2.2)	582857(0.4)	131.3 M(0.1)	1	3039	225
2017-10-06 08:29:48.492	345579.256	any	192.248.27	118309(1.8)	404961(0.3)	89.1 M(0.1)	1	2062	220
2017-10-06 11:26:57.924	279645.360	any	192.248.21	38785(0.6)	918237(0.6)	78.9 M(0.1)	3	2256	85

Summary: total flows: 6453903, total bytes: 125295557765, total packets: 153616516, avg bps: 2897914, avg pps: 444, avg bpp: 815
Time window: 2017-10-06 08:25:02 - 2017-10-10 08:29:53

Total flows processed: 14053431, Blocks skipped: 0, Bytes read: 955756684
Sys: 2.420s flows/second: 5807202.9 Wall: 2.420s flows/second: 5806730.2

Top Uploads for 4 days

Aggregated flows 270265

Top 10 flows ordered by bytes:

Date first seen	Duration	Proto	Src IP Addr:Port		Dst IP Addr:Port	Packets	Bytes	Flows
2017-10-07 09:02:18.600	130841.920	UDP	192.248.16:0	->	183.60.229.67:0	8.5 M	7.6 G	219
2017-10-07 09:02:59.804	130806.652	UDP	192.248.16:0	->	122.224.187.93:0	5.0 M	4.4 G	189
2017-10-07 23:10:04.848	99563.880	UDP	192.248.16:0	->	13.228.249.153:0	985191	882.7 M	332
2017-10-06 21:09:33.620	122942.616	UDP	192.248.16:0	->	184.155.210.229:0	660280	591.6 M	175
2017-10-06 16:16:16.648	84092.864	UDP	192.248.16:0	->	139.99.8.31:0	589306	528.0 M	113
2017-10-07 05:16:25.768	184630.648	UDP	192.248.16:0	->	173.63.192.144:0	584880	524.1 M	168
2017-10-09 08:09:29.780	58418.084	UDP	192.248.16:0	->	67.193.218.83:0	505636	453.0 M	148
2017-10-06 08:38:29.048	93093.128	UDP	192.248.16:0	->	73.55.159.200:0	495158	443.7 M	50
2017-10-07 12:02:31.832	92211.292	UDP	192.248.16:0	->	182.16.41.124:0	429458	384.8 M	48
2017-10-09 23:35:16.800	13274.976	UDP	192.248.16:0	->	217.230.47.22:0	356014	319.0 M	35

Summary: total flows: 2341232, total bytes: 110836019647, total packets: 101374960, avg bps: 2563485, avg pps: 293, avg bpp: 1093
Time window: 2017-10-06 08:25:02 - 2017-10-10 08:29:53

Total flows processed: 14053431, Blocks skipped: 0, Bytes read: 955756684
Sys: 2.412s flows/second: 5826463.9 Wall: 2.412s flows/second: 5825604.1

Recent Example cont...

- Finally, look deep into the selected source.

```
nfdump filter:
src ip 192.248.16
Aggregated flows 1508
Top 10 flows ordered by bytes:
Date first seen      Duration  Src Pt   Packets  Bytes    bps      Bpp Flows
2017-10-06 08:25:02.108 345891.676 0        67.3 M   60.3 G   1.4 M    896 227798
2017-10-06 08:25:07.388 345884.596 389      33.6 M   50.4 G   1.2 M    1499 1992997
2017-10-06 08:30:11.508 345573.212 3389     365189   98.1 M   2271     268 98498
2017-10-06 10:48:16.252 336493.796 53        12970   15.5 M    367     1192 334
2017-10-06 08:51:28.500 344291.316 1433     96338   13.8 M    320     143 16268
2017-10-06 10:04:18.756 338108.740 80        8948    1.5 M     36     173 2134
2017-10-06 10:04:18.756 339061.052 88        1019    181259    4      177 401
2017-10-06 09:07:55.452 341997.256 137       1395    108810    2       78 93
2017-10-06 08:36:19.036 344835.400 138       475     108775    2      229 475
2017-10-09 20:05:14.540 42788.428 49158     109     17252     3      158 28
Summary: total flows: 2341232, total bytes: 110836019647, total packets: 101374960, avg bps: 2563485, avg pps: 293, avg bpp: 1093
Time window: 2017-10-06 08:25:02 - 2017-10-10 08:29:53
Total flows processed: 14053431, Blocks skipped: 0, Bytes read: 955756684
Sys: 2.204s flows/second: 6376329.9 Wall: 2.202s flows/second: 6379621.0
```

- Why port ZERO?
- What are the next steps?

Filters

A filter is a collection of expressions

- `expr1, expr2 and expr3, expr4 or expr5, not expr6, (expr7), not (expr8)`

Each expression can specify things like

IP version:

- `inet, ipv4, inet6, ipv6`

Protocol:

- `{proto} tcp, udp, icmp, gre, ...`

IP Address:

- `[src|dst] ip 10.10.10.1`
- `[src|dst] ip in <addr1> <addr2> <addr3>`

Filters cont...

IP Network:

- [src|dst] net 172.16/16

Port:

- [src|dst] port 80
- [src|dst] port > 1024

TCP Flags:

- flags S
- flags S and not flags AFPRU

TOS:

- tos 8

Filters cont...

Bytes:

- bytes > 1024
- bytes = 64

Packets per second:

- pps > 10

Bits per second:

- bps > 10m

Bits per packet:

- bpp > 15

Duration of flow:

- duration > 36000000

AS Number:

- [src|dst] 23456

All numbers can have scaling factors:

k, m, g, t with 1024 as factor

Filters Examples

any	all traffic
proto tcp	only TCP traffic
dst ip 1.2.3.4	only traffic to 1.2.3.4
dst ip 2401:dd00:1::161	only traffic to 2401:dd00:1::161
dst net 10.10.1.0/24	only traffic to that range
not dst net 10.10.1.0/24	only traffic not to that range
proto tcp and src port 80	only TCP with source port 80
dst net 10.10.1.0/24 or dst net 10.10.2.0/24	only traffic to those nets
dst net 10.10.1.0/24 and proto tcp and src port 80	only HTTP response traffic to that net
(dst net 10.10.1.0/24 or dst net 10.10.2.0/24) and proto tcp and src port 80	

Find a Worm using NetFlow

Can use different protocols

High flow count

Low packet count – 3 packets or less per flow

Downside: If the stations generate other traffic, it can obscure the worm activity

Email Virus Detection

- Systems infected with Email viruses can be detected via NetFlow due to:
 - Multiple mail messages per host in the same flow file (over 15 messages in 5 min)
 - Mail going directly to the border instead of authorized servers (requires policies).
 - Policy enforcement example!

IFRAME Exploit

- System suddenly generated a virus warning after visiting a well known, trusted website.
- System scan removed the known virus and downloader, but an undetectable trojan was downloaded during the event.
- Trojan NOT detectable after virus definition update and full system scan.
- System now displays ads and runs very slow
- Analysis of system required. Noted traffic involving LEARN-LAB IP address.

IFRAME Exploit: Examining traffic

srcIP	dstIP	proto	srcPort	dstPort	packets
10.10.10.23	192.248.6.45	6	3585	80	23
192.248.6.45	10.10.10.23	6	3585	80	34
10.10.10.23	192.248.6.41	6	3586	80	313
192.248.6.41	10.10.10.23	6	80	3586	590
10.10.10.23	192.248.6.53	6	3587	80	7
192.248.6.53	10.10.10.23	6	80	3587	6

We know the approximate time of the event.

Search on the network portion of the IP address in question.

Three systems on suspected network are involved in the exploit.

Banned IP range to contain problem.

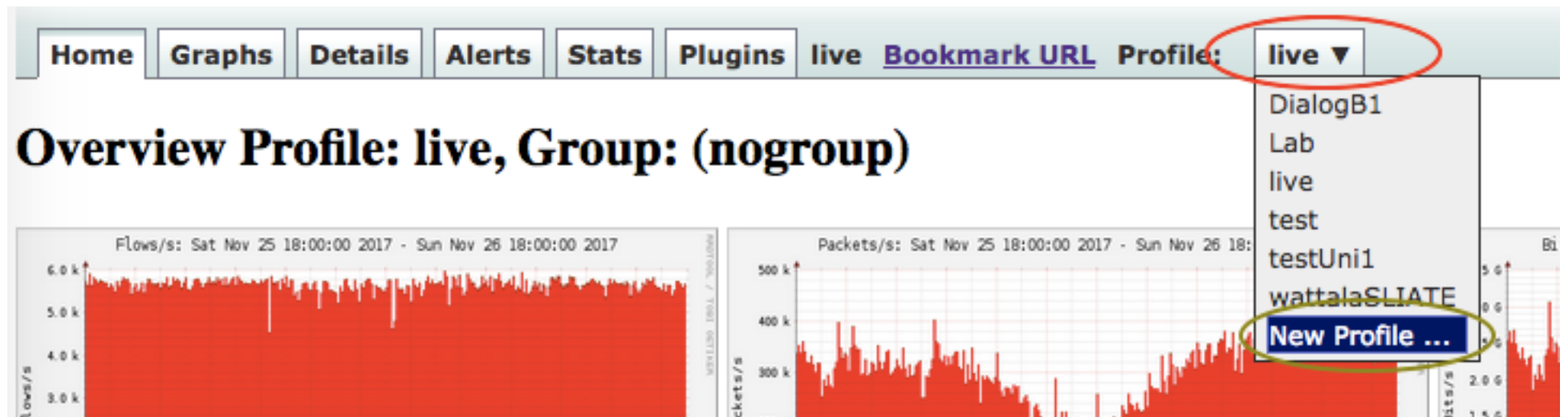
Now we can search an entire day's logs to find the number of infected systems.

Other Types of Detection

- Spyware
- Verify claims on traffic from your network
 - DMCA reports
 - Attacks reports
 - Scanning reports
 - Email – spoofed or real
- Can aid with determining access controls and Firewall rules

Create a Profile

- Lets create a profile to specify WEB traffic




Create a Profile cont...


Profile:	<input type="text" value="WEB"/>	?
Group:	<input type="text" value="(nogroup)"/>	?
Description:	<input type="text"/>	
Start:	<input type="text"/> MM	Format: yyyy-mm-dd-HH- MM
End:	<input type="text"/> MM	Format: yyyy-mm-dd-HH- MM
Max. Size:	<input type="text" value="10G"/>	?
Expire:	<input type="text" value="60 Days"/>	?
Channels:	<input type="radio"/> 1:1 channels from profile live <input checked="" type="radio"/> individual channels	
Type:	<input type="radio"/> Real Profile <input checked="" type="radio"/> Shadow Profile	
<input type="button" value="Cancel"/> <input type="button" value="Create Profile"/>		

Create a Profile cont...

- Now create the channel list by clicking the + mark

Channel name HTTP

Colour: Enter new value #FF0033 or  Select a colour from Default Colour Palette Colour Picker

Sign: +  **Order:**

Filter: port 80

Sources:

Available Sources		Selected Sources
SLIATEWattla		Dialogb1
SLTb1		
UGC		
UWU		

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Cancel Add Channel

1

Status: new 

3

Channel List: 2

QUIC

Colour: #999933 **Sign:** + **Order:** 3

Filter: proto udp and port 443

Sources: Dialogb1

HTTPS

Colour: #009966 **Sign:** + **Order:** 2

Filter: proto tcp and port 443

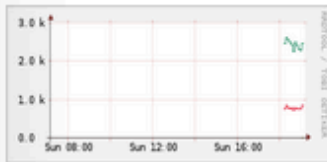
Sources: Dialogb1

Create a Profile cont...

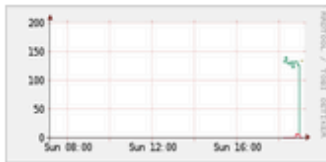
- After some time...

Profile: WEB

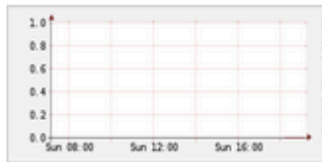
TCP



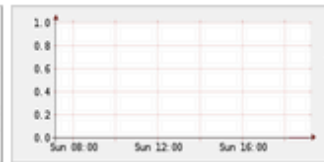
UDP



ICMP

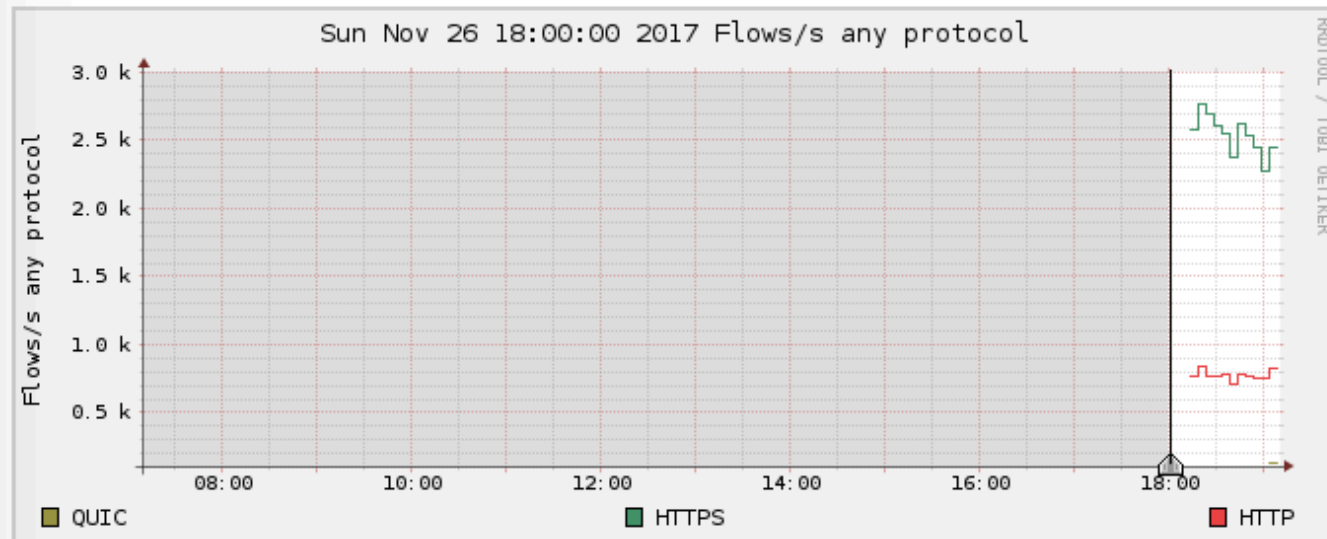


other



Profileinfo:

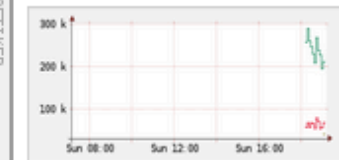
Type: continuous / shadow
Max: unlimited
Exp: never
Start: Nov 26 2017 - 18:00 +0530
End: Nov 26 2017 - 19:10 +0530



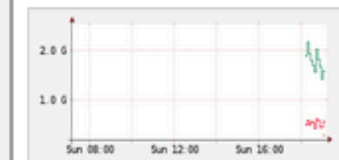
t_{start} 2017-11-26-18-00

t_{end} 2017-11-26-18-00

Packets



Traffic



Select Single Timeslot

Display:

12 Hours

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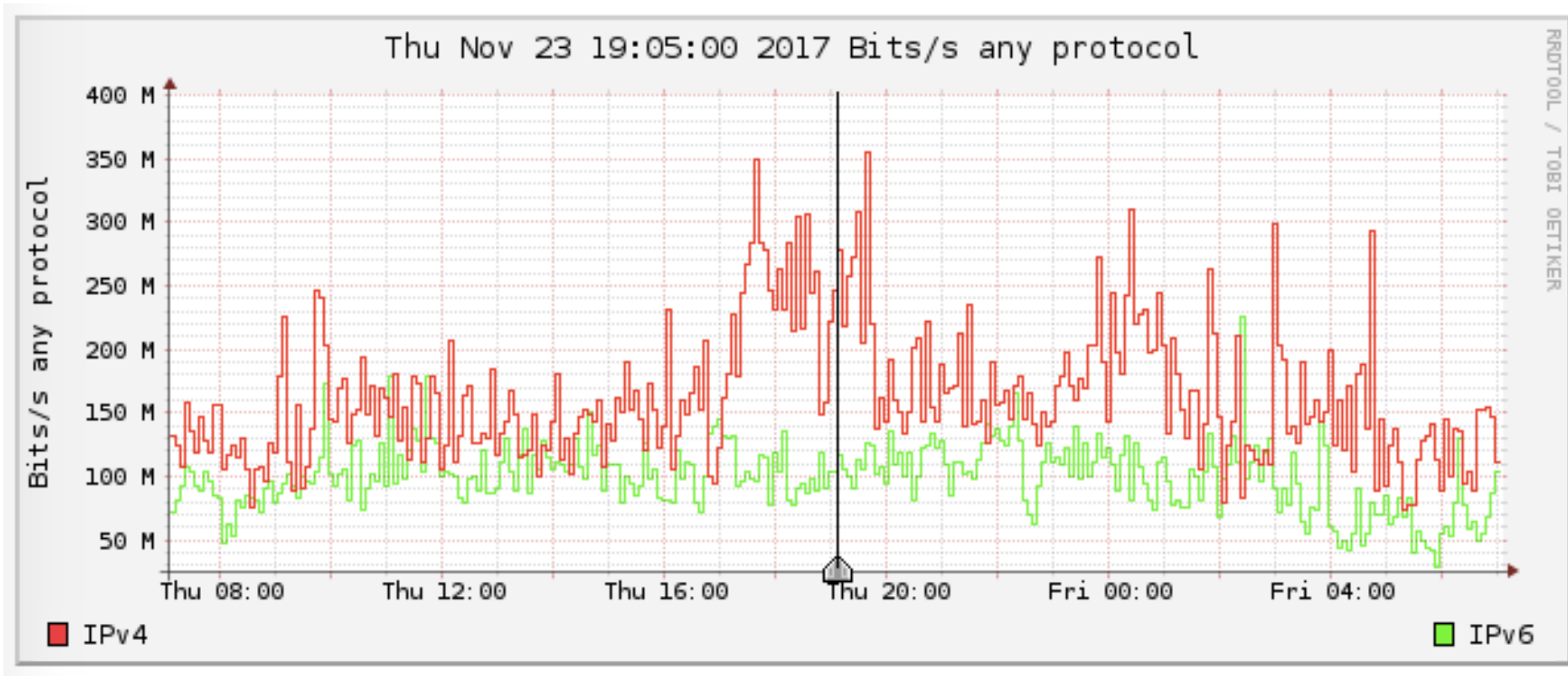
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☒ Lin Scale ☐ Stacked Graph
☐ Log Scale ☒ Line Graph

Create a Profile cont...

- Lets create another profile to show IPv4 and IPv6 separation (Hint: Filters inet, inet6)



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