



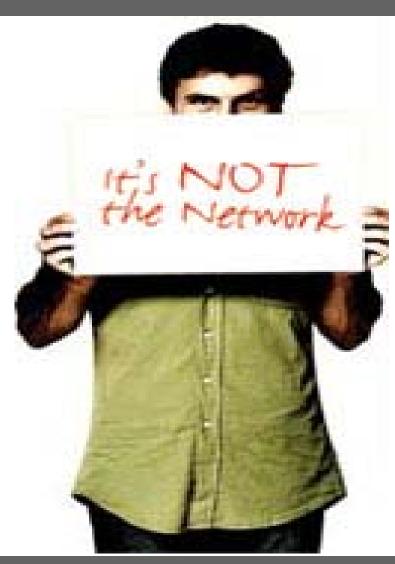
NetFlow Tracker Overview

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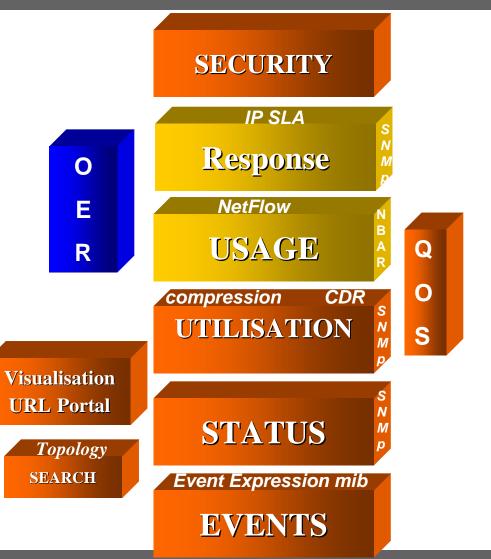
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LEVELS OF NETWORK MANAGEMENT



Desktop Storage
SYSTEM /APP
MANAGEMENT

ELEMENT MANAGEMENT TROUBLE TICKETING



NetFlow As A Technology



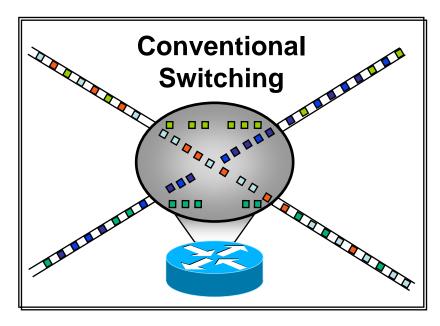
NetFlow – Past, Present, Future...

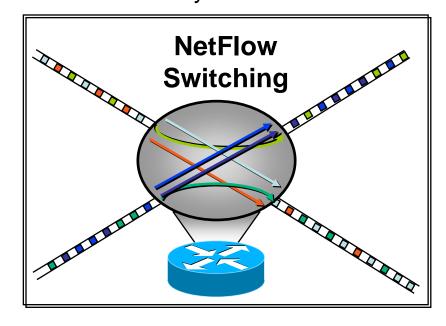
- Past (1996)
 - Overhead on devices/network
 - Treacherous to turn "data" into information (collection/presentation)
- Present
 - Improved memory management
 - Availability of NetFlow Analysis Tools
 - V5, V7(Catalyst), V9 ("templates"), Almost all Routers and Catalyst switches 45XX,
 55XX, 6XXX.
 - Emerging Industry Adoption Peribit, Juniper (J-flow, Cflow), Huawei Enterasys,
 Alcatel
- Future (Near)
 - IPFIX (IP Flow Information Export) V9 Chosen as basis for IPFIX by IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force)
 - Increased vendor adoption
 - Continued improvement in tools



NetFlow Switching

•Cisco **NetFlow**: originally designed as switching speedup. The value of information in the cache was a later discovery



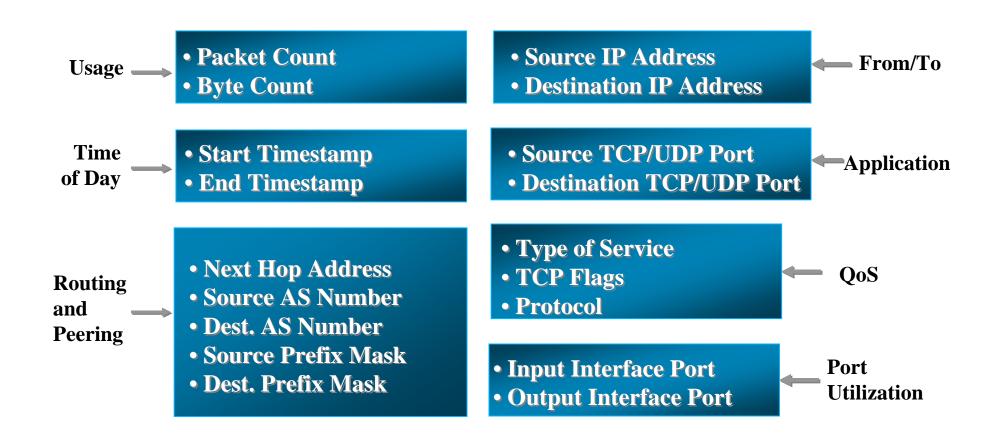


- Each packet handled individually
- Each service applied sequentially by multiple tasks for each packet
- No 'state' information

- Packets handled as identified network flows
- Services applied by single task on per flow basis
- Flow 'state' information maintained



What does NetFlow "look like" (v5 Export Format)



Version 5 used extensively today



How is the NetFlow Information Used

Statistics

- Packet Count
- Byte Count
- Start Timestamp
- End Timestamp
- Next Hop Address
- Source AS Number
- Dest. AS Number
- Source Prefix Mask
- Dest. Prefix Mask

Routing

Flow Identification

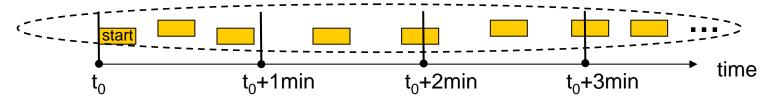
- Source IP Address
- Destination IP Address
- Source TCP/UDP Port
- Destination TCP/UDP Port
- Type of Service
- TCP Flags
- Protocol
- Input Interface Port
- Output Interface Port



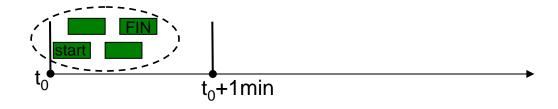
IP Flows and their monitoring

IP Flows are groups of IP packets sharing a common characteristic

Flows can be long lasting...



... or have a limited lifetime...



Export flow information-when?

At flow end? Periodically?



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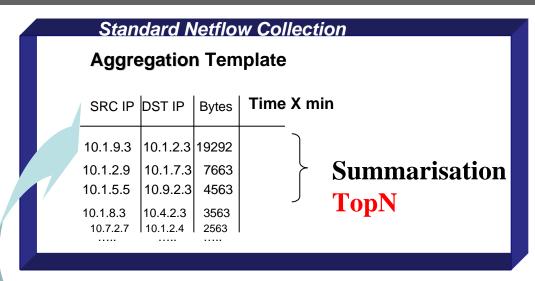
Why destroy relationship and drop netflow data??

Netflow Record Contains

Src/Dst Interface
Src/Dst IP Address
Src/Dst Application Port
Src/Dst AS
Src/Dst Network Mask
TOS
Protocol
Next Hop Address
Next BGP Hop address

Class Id Service Id

Byte/Packet counts



7	SRC IP	DST IP	Bytes	
Á	10.1.9.3	10.1.2.3	1563	
		10.1.2.3		
	10.1.9.3	10.1.2.3	4002	
	10.1.9.3	10.1.2.3	3563	
	10.1.9.3	10.1.2.3	2501	

Aggregation of fields in records creates totals against objects destroying relationship in record

Summarization takes TopN of aggregation and drops the rest



NetFlow Tracker - What does it do

- Provides reports on network traffic usage
- Uses NetFlow records as its source of traffic information
- Provides a 100% web based solution
- Single server acts as the collector and the reporting engine
- Provides authorised access to reports via any web based portal.
- Enables differentiated levels of access.

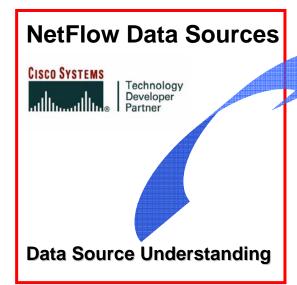


NetFlow Tracker – Why is it different?

- All the Network, all the Flows, all the Fields. all of the Time
- Filter on any/all fields during reporting
- Both real-time and historical reporting "on-board"
- 3rd party support extended fields (traffic class and service id)
- Fully URL controllable (Integration, automation)
- Licensing (not server or interface based!!)



NetFlow Tracker - Collector of Choice

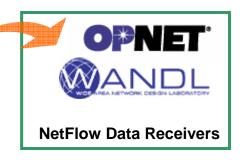




Secure Controlled URL Access







Partner Integration





4 more Vendors not public yet



To be Collector of Choice requirements

Data Source

- Understand data source environment to allow completeness of records
- Minimise/remove replication
- Use SNMP to complete fields and definitions

Collection

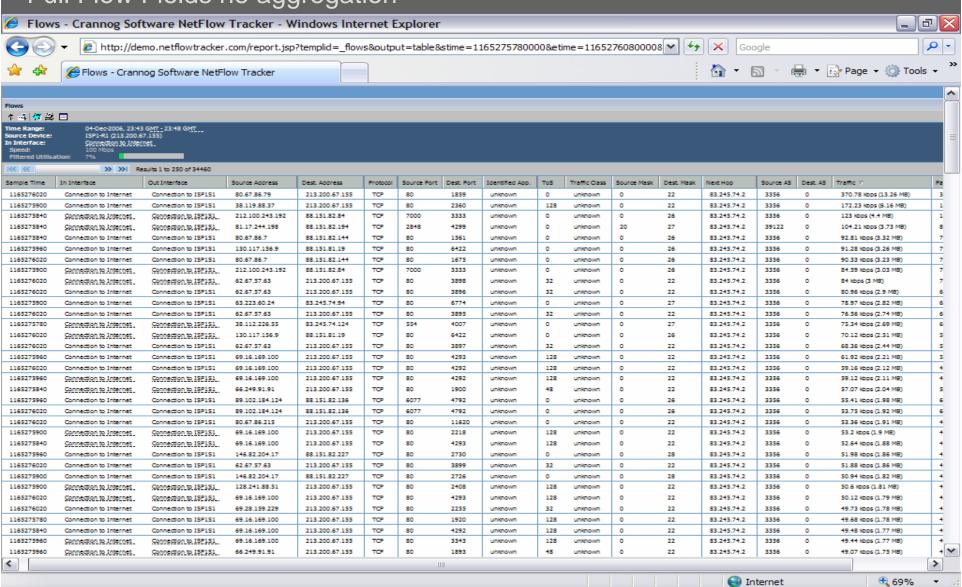
- Collect store present ALL records per minute real time
- Retain field relationship to deliver "drill thru"

Integration

- Provide simple direct access from other Vendor applications plus private portals
- Allow for controlled secure integration

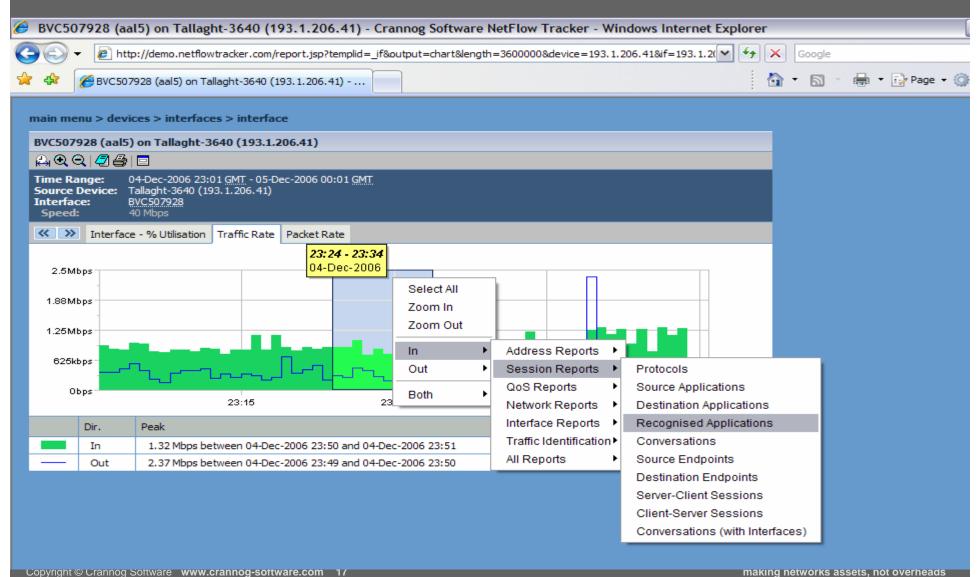


Full Flow Fields no aggregation



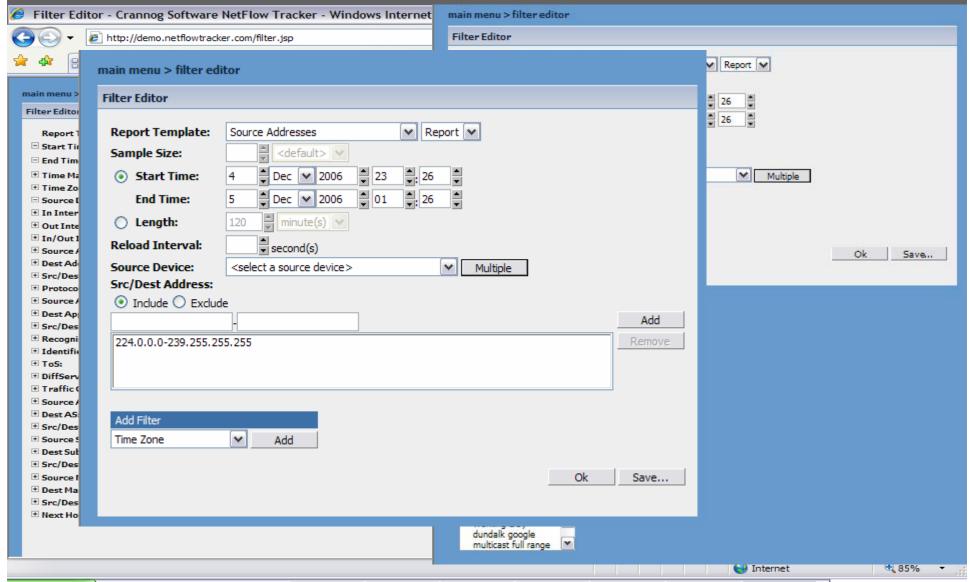


Click to Drill thru solution to field combinations



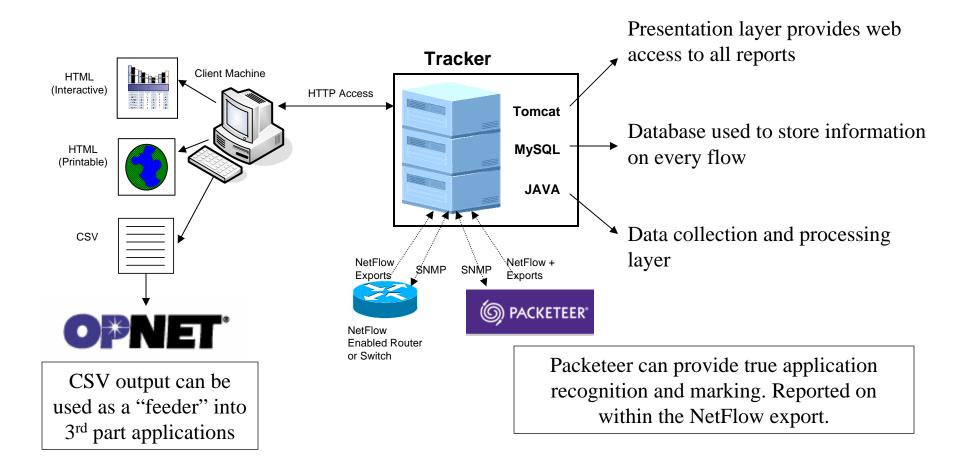


The ability to filter on any combination of fields





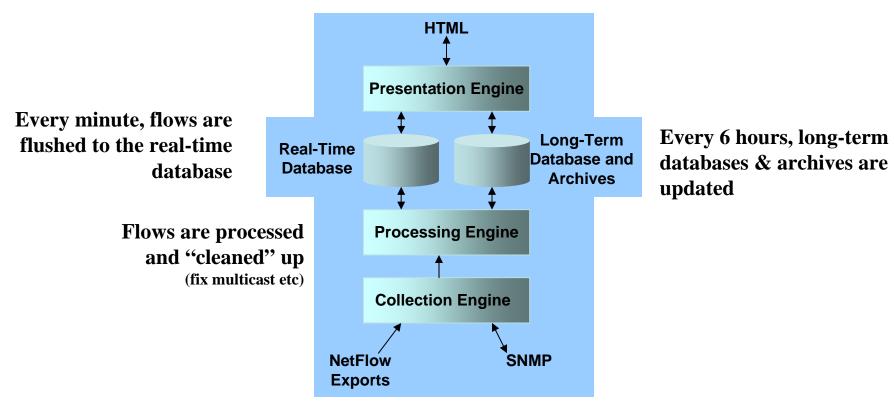
NetFlow Tracker - Overview





NetFlow Tracker – How does it do it.

When a report is requested, the relevant data is pulled from the database and presented in the required format



Flow records are sent to the server

If the originator of NetFlow traffic is new, Tracker will do an SNMP query to pull back relevant information



NetFlow Tracker - Databases - Real Time

Real-Time database stores flow records

Available Fields

Source Addresses

Destination Addresses

Protocols

Source Ports

Destination Ports

Type of Service TOS

Differentiated Service

AS Source

AS Destination

Source Network

Destination Network

In Interfaces

Out Interfaces

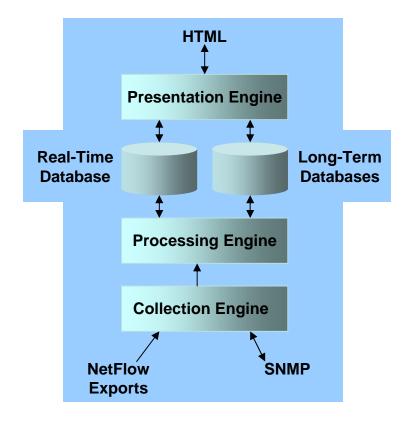
Next Hop

Traffic Classes

Identified Applications

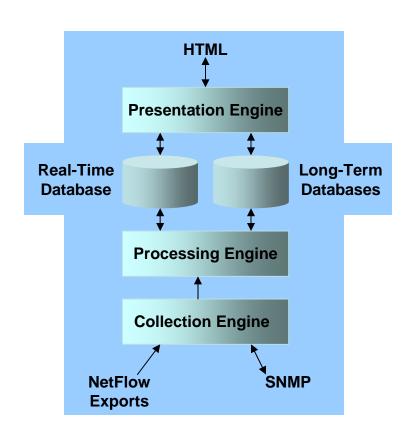
Traffic Count

Packet Count





NetFlow Tracker – Databases – Long Term



Long-term database stores report data

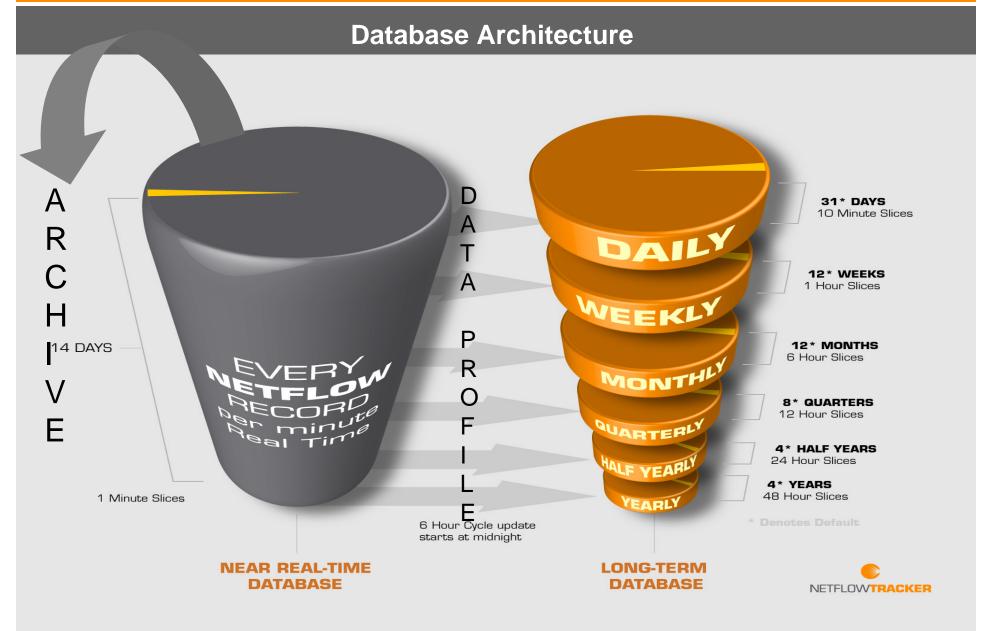
Available Reports

Source Addresses Destination Addresses Address Pairs Protocols Source Ports Destination Ports Source Applications Destination **Applications** Recognized **Applications Source Endpoints Destination Endpoints Server-Client Sessions Client-Server Sessions**

Conversations

Type of Service TOS Differentiated Services AS Pairs Source Networks Destination Networks Network Pairs In Interfaces **Out Interfaces Next Hops Source Address** Dissemination **Destination Address Popularity Traffic Classes Identified Applications**







NetFlow Tracker – Storage Periods

Real-Time (all flows)

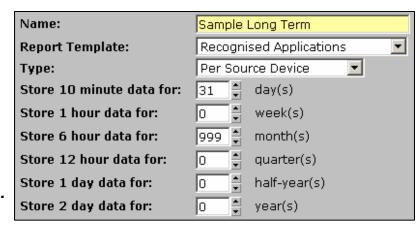
1 minute resolution for upto 14 days.

Archived (all flows)

1 minute resolution, forever (depending on disk space)

Long Term (Top N)

- Daily 10 minute resolution for upto 999 days (2.7 years).
- Weekly –1 hour resolution for upto 999 (19 years).
- Monthly –6 hour resolution for upto 999 Months (83 years).
- Quarterly –12 hour resolution for upto 999 quarters (249 years).
- ½ Yearly –24 hour resolution for upto 999 ½ yeas (450 years).
- Yearly –48 hour resolution for upto 999 years.

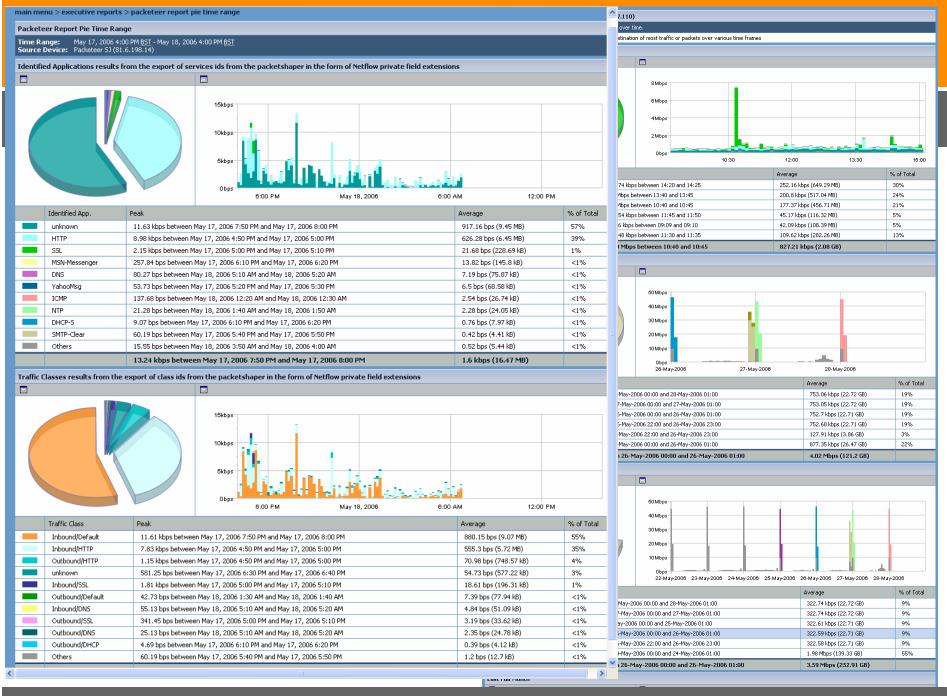


Typical settings



NetFlow Tracker – Lets have a look

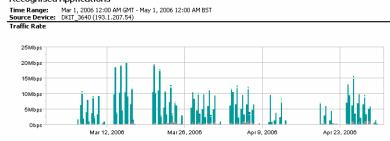
- Flexible Reporting (including Packeteer integration)
- **Report Presentation Formats**
- **Scenario of use (Identifying Security Threats)**
- Scenario of use (Identifying Abnormal behaviour)
- Scenario of use QoS troubleshooting, trending analysis
- Scenario of use Internet Traffic Profiling BGP





Dynamic as well as Static Printable Reports with several format

Recognised Applications



 App.	Peak	Average	% of Total
80/TCP (http)	19.56 Mbps between Mar 15, 2006 12:00 PM and Mar 15, 2006 6:00 PM	2.52 Mbps (1.51 TB)	89%
49156/UDP	672.37 kbps between Mar 7, 2006 12:00 PM and Mar 7, 2006 6:00 PM	38.36 kbps (23.52 GB)	1%
443/TCP (https)	237.25 kbps between Apr 25, 2006 12:00 PM and Apr 25, 2006 6:00 PM	35.26 kbps (21.62 GB)	1%
25/TCP (smtp)	139.37 kbps between Mar 8, 2006 12:00 PM and Mar 8, 2006 6:00 PM	22.84 kbps (14 GB)	<1%
6881/TCP	505.86 kbps between Mar 20, 2006 12:00 PM and Mar 20, 2006 6:00 PM	17.96 kbps (11.01 GB)	<1%
49164/UDP	754.95 kbps between Apr 6, 2006 6:00 PM and Apr 7, 2006 12:00 AM	11.25 kbps (6.9 GB)	<1%
1026/UDP	9.97 kbps between Mar 19, 2006 6:00 AM and Mar 19, 2006 12:00 PM	6.91 kbps (4.24 GB)	<1%
5641/TCP	1.41 Mbps between Apr 12, 2006 12:00 PM and Apr 12, 2006 6:00 PM	5.8 kbps (3.56 GB)	<1%
4500/UDP	17.43 kbps between Mar 17, 2006 6:00 AM and Mar 17, 2006 12:00 PM	5.25 kbps (3.22 GB)	<1%
60127/TCP	521.23 kbps between Mar 24, 2006 6:00 AM and Mar 24, 2006 12:00 PM	4.15 kbps (2.55 GB)	<1%
Others	1.41 Mbps between Apr 6, 2006 12:00 PM and Apr 6, 2006 6:00 PM	172.43 kbps (105.72 GB)	6%

20.1 Mbps between Mar 15, 2006 12:00 PM and Mar 15, 2006 6:00 PM 2.84 Mbps (1.7 TB)

Recognised Applications

Time Range: Mar 1, 2006 12:00 AM GMT - May 1, 2006 12:00 AM BST **Source Device:** DXIT 3640 (193 1 207 54)

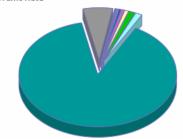
Арр.	OKIT_3640 (193.1.207.54) Traffic	% of Total Traffic	Packets	% of Total Packets
80/TCP (http)	2.52 Mbps (1.51 TB)	89%	262.88 /s (1.38 G)	76%
49156/UDP	38.36 kbps (23.52 GB)	1%	4.76 /s (25.08 M)	1%
443/TCP (https)	35.26 kbps (21.62 GB)	1%	12.72 /s (67 M)	4%
25/TCP (smtp)	22.84 kbps (14 GB)	<1%	3.73 /s (19.63 M)	1%
6881/TCP	17.97 kbps (11.02 GB)	<1%	5.9 /s (31.06 M)	2%
49164/UDP	11.25 kbps (6.9 GB)	<1%	1.2 /s (6.31 M)	<1%
1026/UDP	6.91 kbps (4.24 GB)	<1%	1.03 /s (5.45 M)	<1%
5641/TCP	5.8 kbps (3.56 GB)	<1%	0.48 /s (2.55 M)	<1%
4500/UDP	5.27 kbps (3.23 GB)	<1%	1.84 /s (9.67 M)	<1%
60127/TCP	4.15 kbps (2.55 GB)	<1%	0.43 /s (2.24 M)	<1%
Others	172.41 kbps (105.71 GB)	6%	50.52 /s (266.08 M)	15%
	2.84 Mbps (1.7 TB)		345.49 /s (1.82 G)	

Recognised Applications

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Traffic Rate

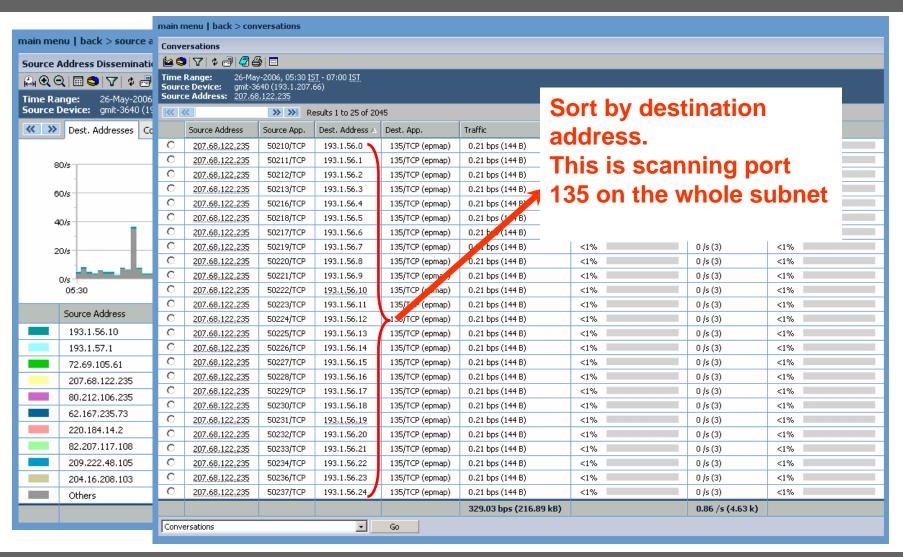


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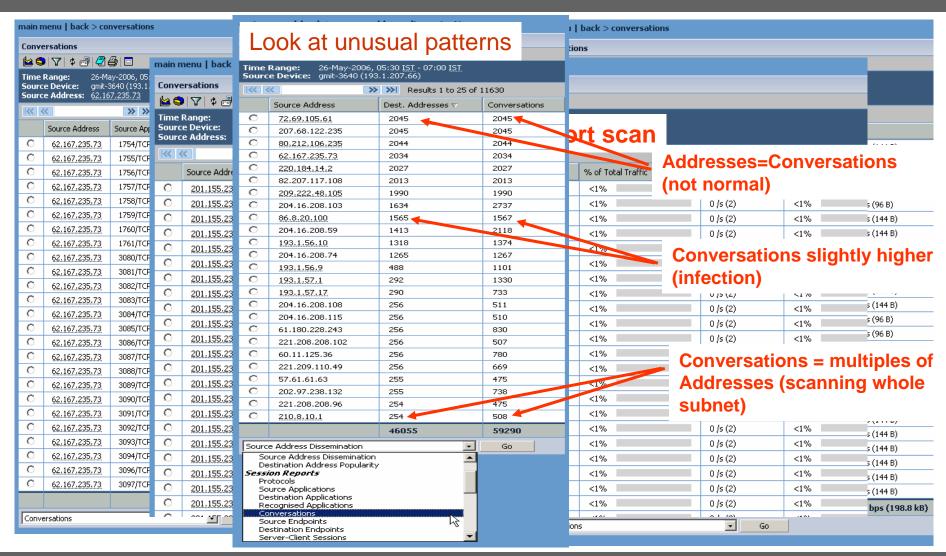


Scenario of use - Identifying Security Threats, P2P, Worms



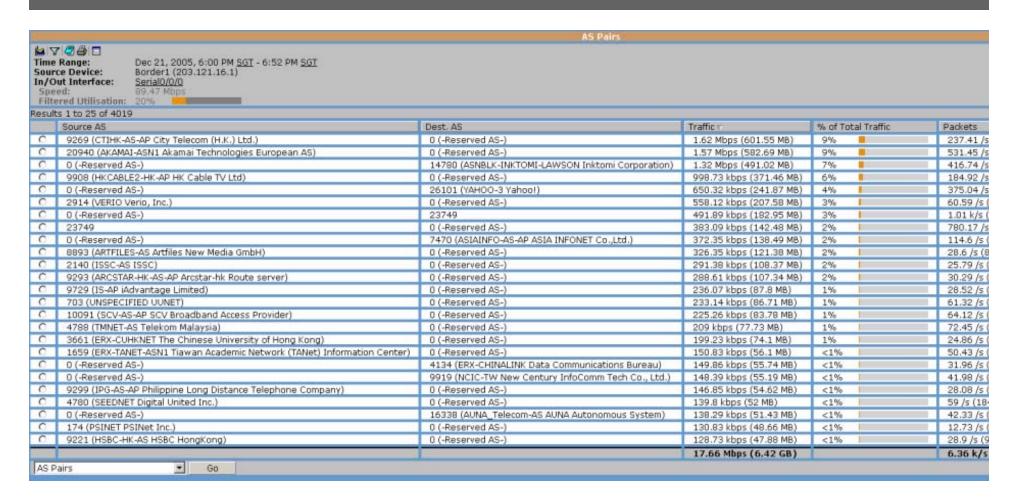


Scenario of use - Identifying Suspicious and abnormal activity



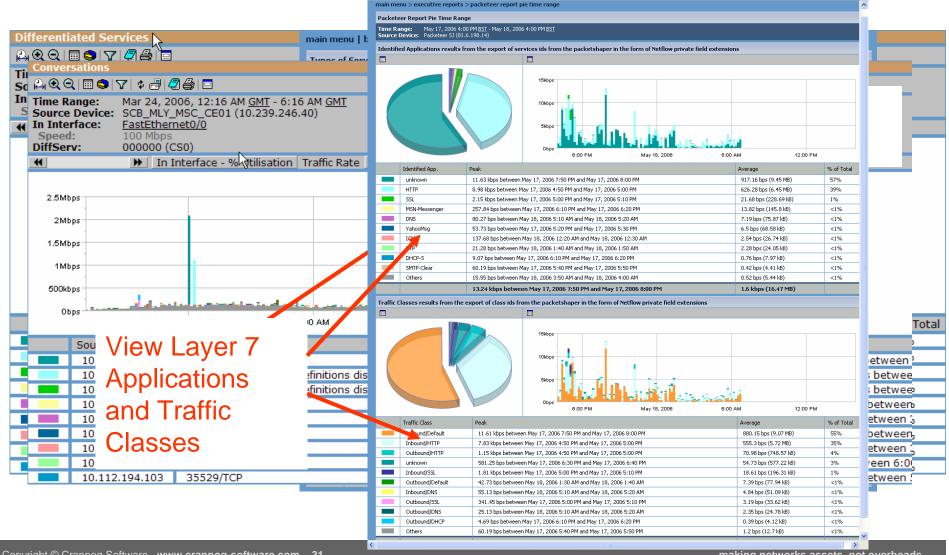


Scenario of use ISP - Internet Traffic Profiling BGP





Scenario of use - QoS troubleshooting, trending analysis





NetFlow Tracker And Multicast



Multicast, The Traffic Reporting Problems

- Identifying Multicast usage from the network traffic
 - What Multicast groups were/are in use (at a specific time) ?
- Identifying the volume of Multicast traffic
 - How much multicast is there, in total or on a per group basis?
 - Over a defined time period ?
- Identifying which links are carrying Multicast traffic
 - Which interfaces were carrying traffic ?
 - For what groups and when ?



Multicast NetFlow

NetFlow multicast allows you to capture multicast-specific data for multicast flows

You can use NetFlow multicast to identify and count multicast packets on the

interface eth0
ip route-cache flow interface eth1
ip multicast netflow egress interface eth2
ip multicast netflow egress interface eth3
ip multicast netflow egress interface eth3
ip multicast netflow egress



NetFlow Tracker - Recommendations

- Due to the interface information provided by Multicast NetFlow, we recommend that both NetFlow Ingress and Multicast Egress be configured.
 - -Ingress, multicast flows are stamped with an inbound interface and NO outbound interface ID.

SrcIF	SrcIPAddr	DstIF	DstIPAddr	Prot	TOS	Flags	SrcPort	SrcMask	DstPort	DstMask	NextHop	Bytes	Packets
eth0	192.168.1.1	Null	224.0.0.21	11	80	10	00A2	24	00A2	24		12223	23

-Multicast Egress, flows are stamped with BOTH an inbound and an outbound interface ID.

SrcIF	SrcIPAddr	DstIF	DstIPAddr	Prot	TOS	Flags	SrcPort	SrcMask	DstPort	DstMask	NextHop By	es	Packets
eth0	192.168.1.1	eth1	224.0.0.21	11	80	10	00A2	24	00A2	24	123	223	23
eth0	192.168.1.1	eth2	224.0.0.21	11	80	10	00A2	24	00A2	24	123	223	23



NetFlow Tracker - How does it handle "NetFlow Multicast"

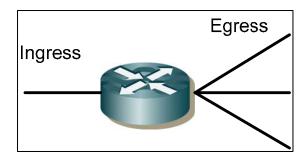
 NetFlow Tracker nullifies the inbound interface of a multicast flow that has a valid outbound interface

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				I _		I						_	
SrcIF	SrcIPAddr	DstIF	DstIPAddr	Prot	TOS	Flags	SrcPort	SrcMask	DstPort	DstMask	NextHop	Bytes	Packets
SrcIF Null	SrcIPAddr 192.168.1.1	_		_	TOS 80		SrcPort 00A2		DstPort 00A2	DstMask 24		Bytes 12223	

- It does have an added benefit: a flow is stored for each interface the traffic is routed out of, along with one for the interface it came in.
- This means that all the interface traffic volume charts are correct, one stream in, one stream out!!!



NetFlow Tracker – Interface Nullification Impact



	# Records for Ingress Interface	# Records For Egress Interface	Issue
Ingress Only	1	0	No record of outgoing Multicast
Egress Only	1 for each exit interface	1 for each exit interface	Dual (or more) for ingress interface
Ingress & Egress	1 for each exit interface + 1 for the ingress flow	1 for each exit interface	Dual (or more) for ingress interface
Ingress & Egress with Nullification	1	1 for each exit interface	



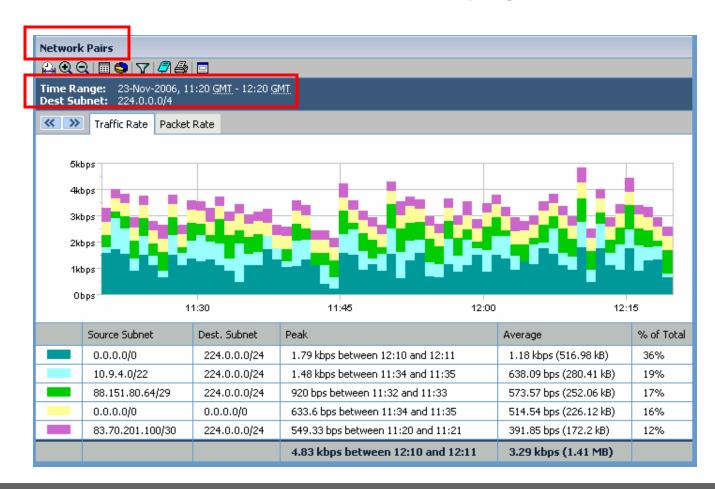
NetFlow Tracker - Multicast

Using NetFlow Tracker to Identify:

Networks Carrying Multicast End Devices Generating Multicast

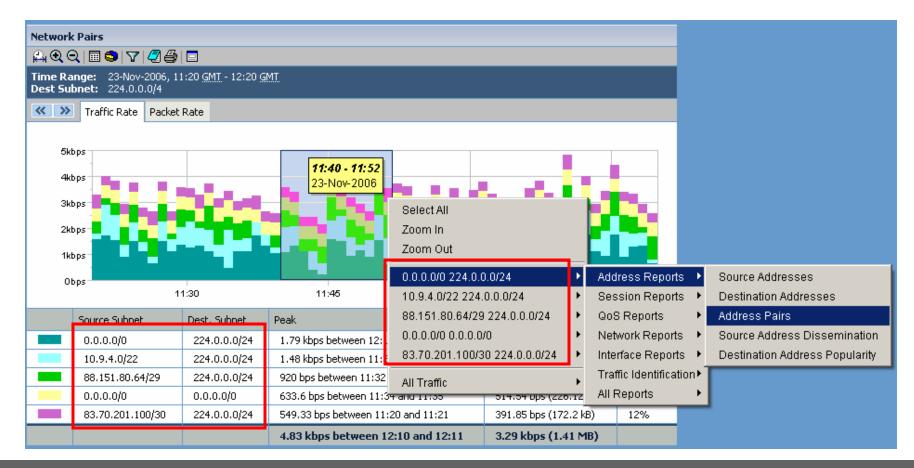


Use Tracker to filter for subnets carrying multicast



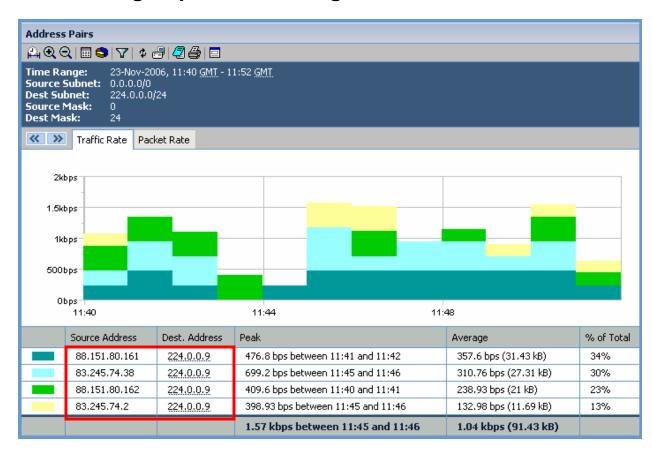


Focusing on a subnet pair of interest, lets see which addresses are being used



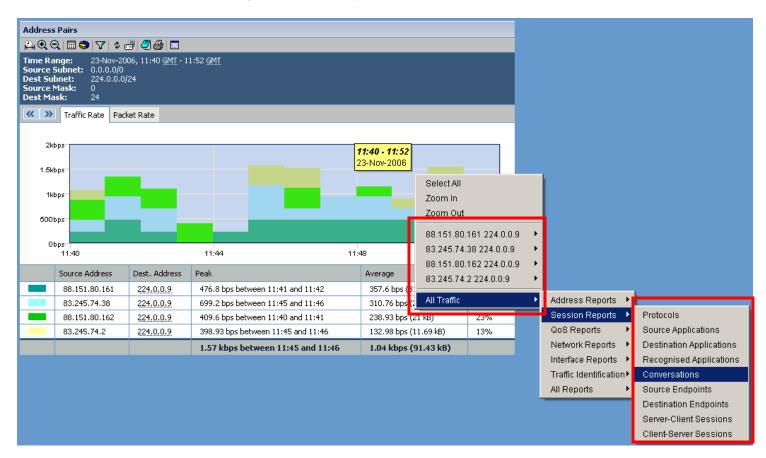


 Here we can see the end devices which are generating multicast and the multicast group/address being used.



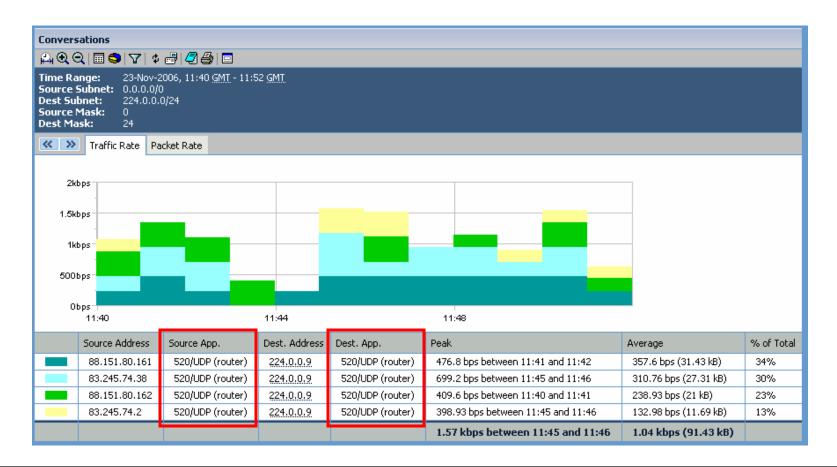


 Selecting these addresses we can no look at the individual flows to see what applications are being carried by the multicast traffic.





Now we can see the application/port details





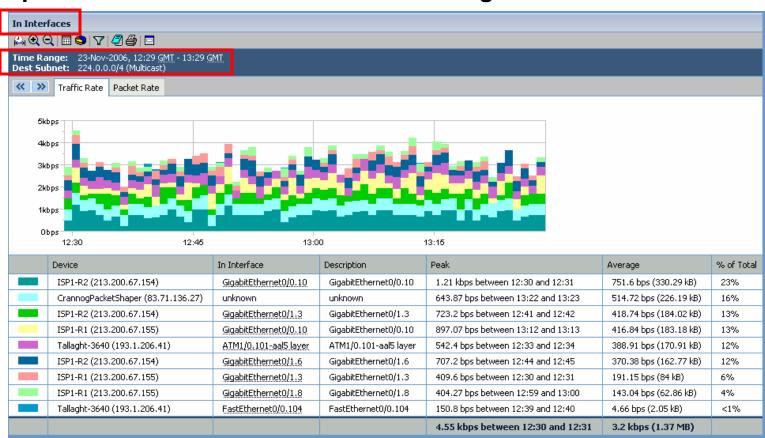
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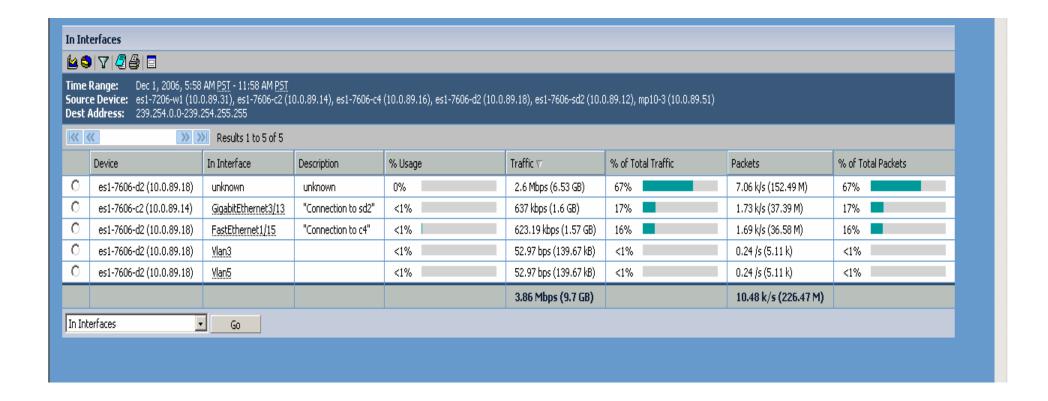


 Selecting an Interface report and applying the multicast subnet filter provides us with the interfaces delivering Multicast around the network



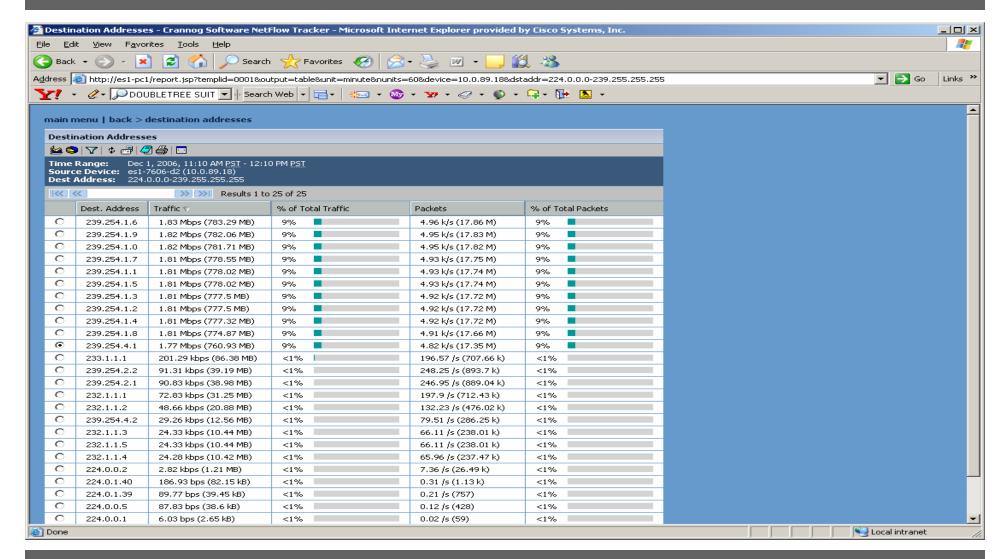


Multicast per Device Interface 239.254.0.0-239.254.255.255



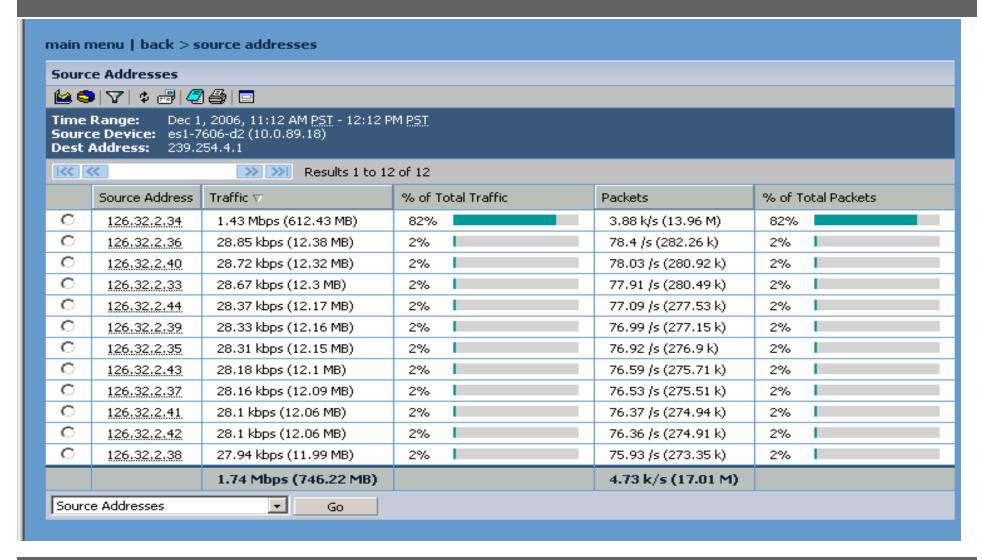


Multicast volume per Multicast Group



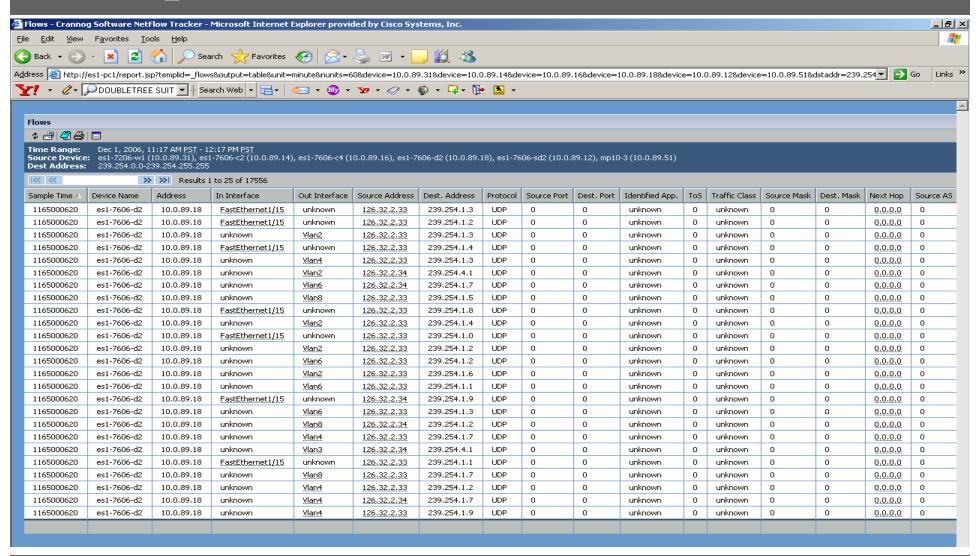


Source Addresses of Multicast 239.254.4.1





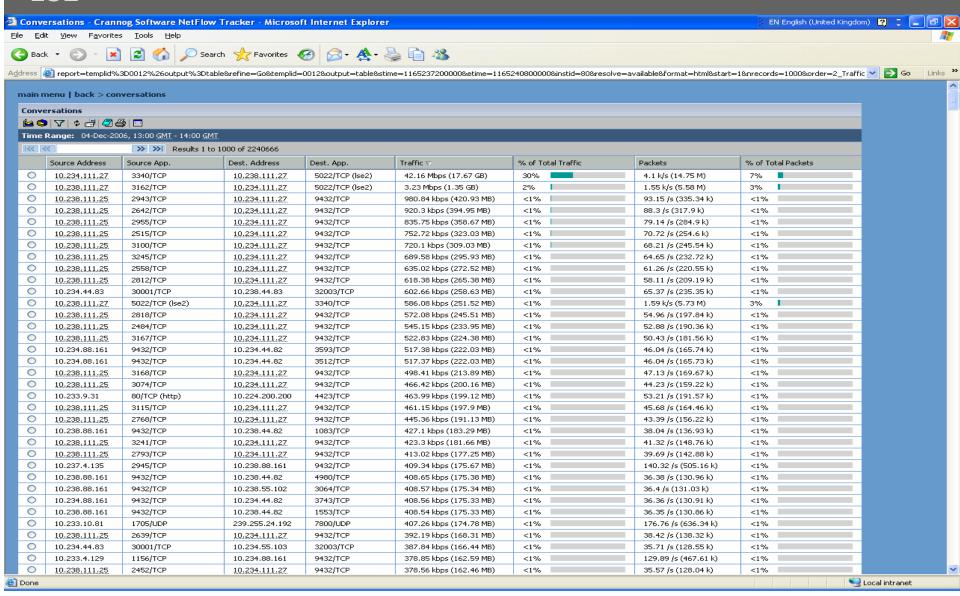
Full Fields _flows





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NetFlow Tracker – What does it provide

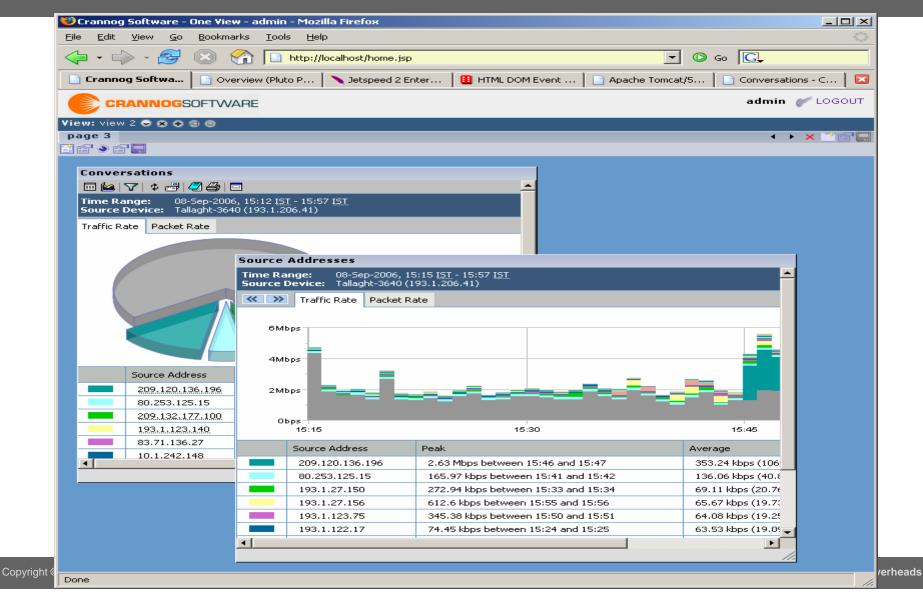
- Identifying Multicast groups from network traffic ✓
- What Multicast groups were/are in use ✓
- Identifying the volume of Multicast traffic ✓
- How much in total or on a per address basis ✓
- Over a defined time period ✓
- Which interfaces are carrying traffic ✓
- What addresses on each interface ✓



OneView and Audience Appreciation

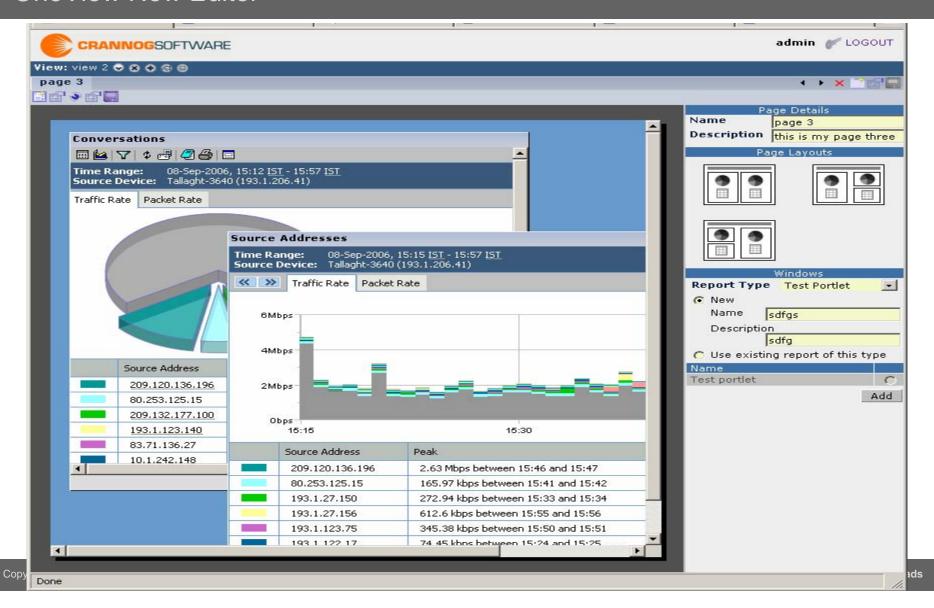


OneView New release





OneView New Editor

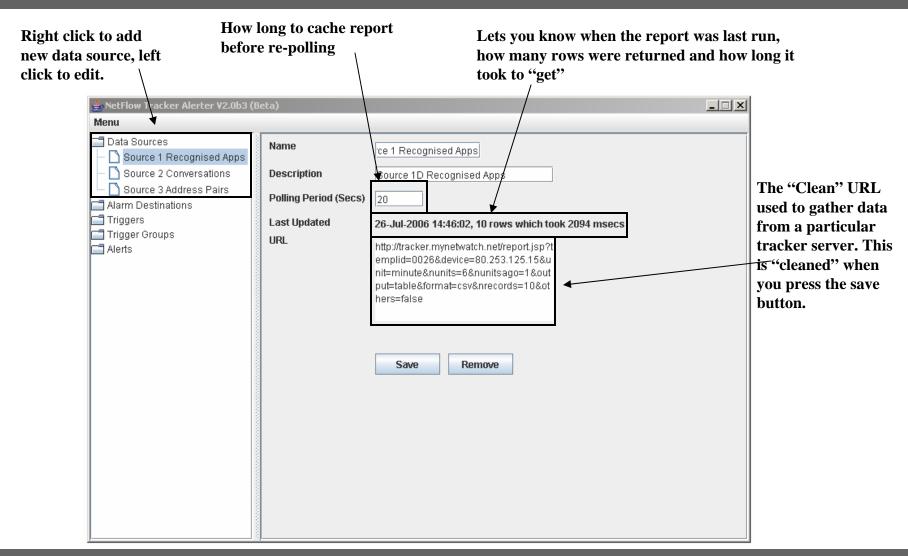




Netflow Alerting

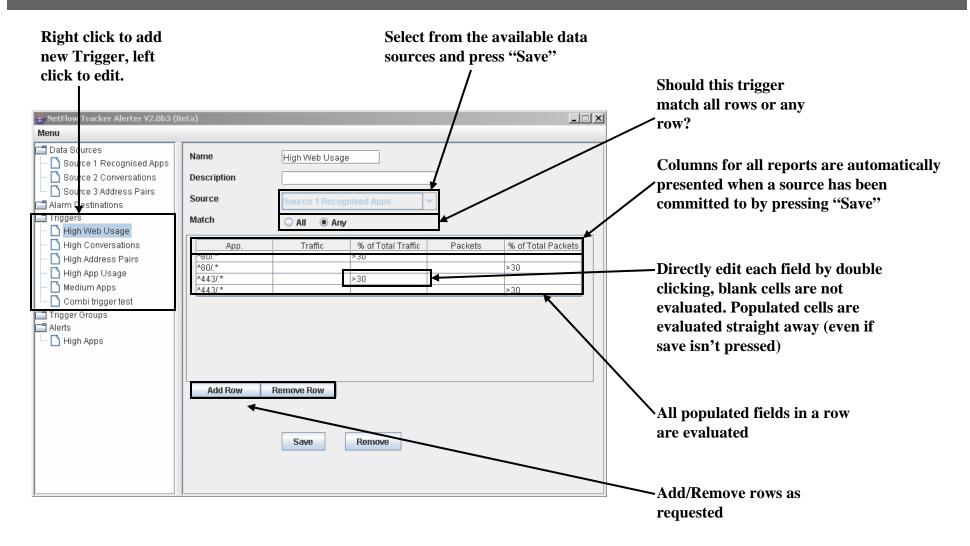


Data Sources - In The Application



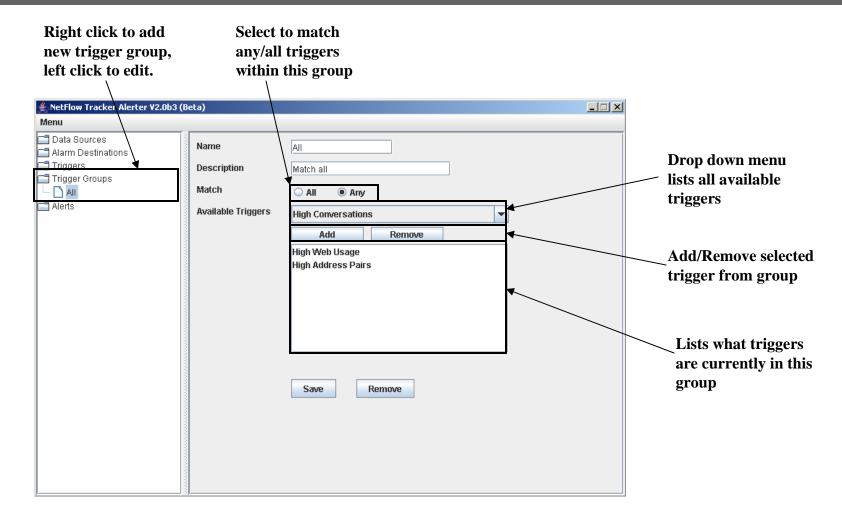


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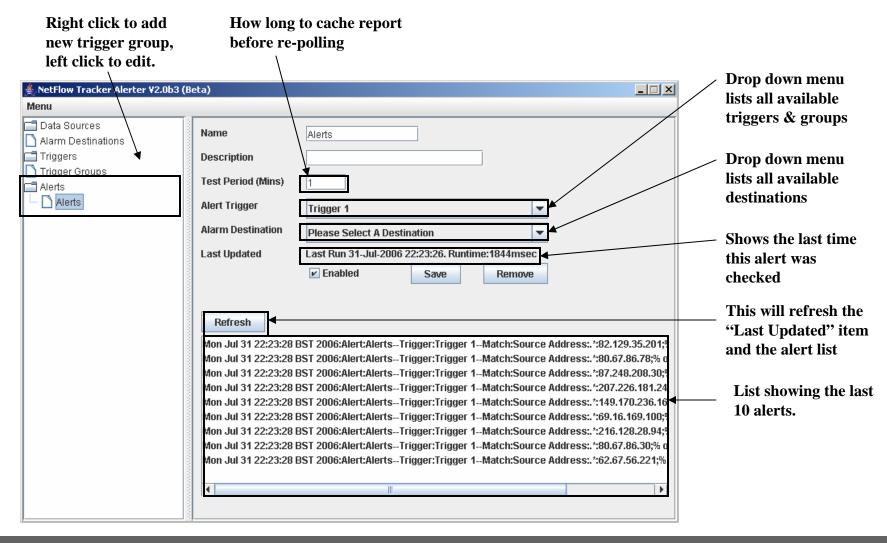


Trigger Groups – In The Application





Alerts – In The Application





NetFlow Tracker - Thank you

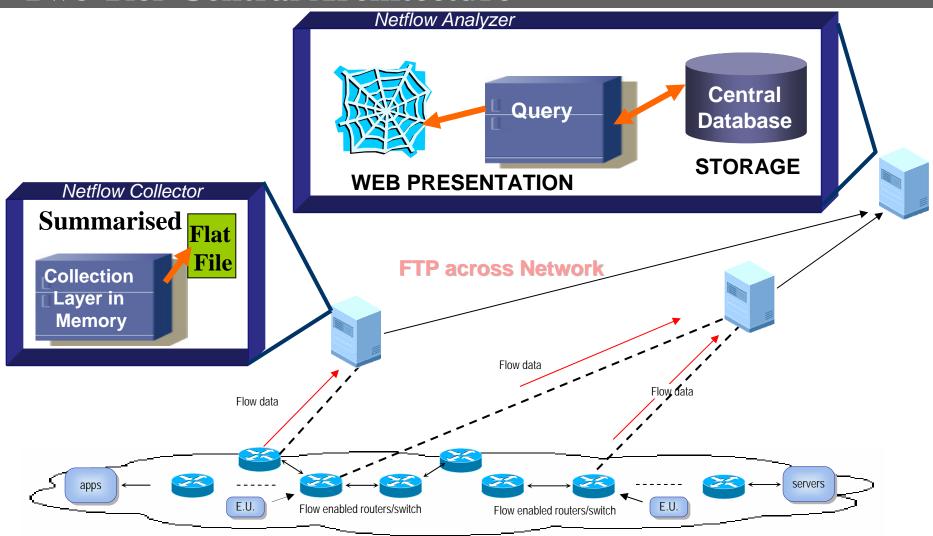


think outside the box

Thank you for your time

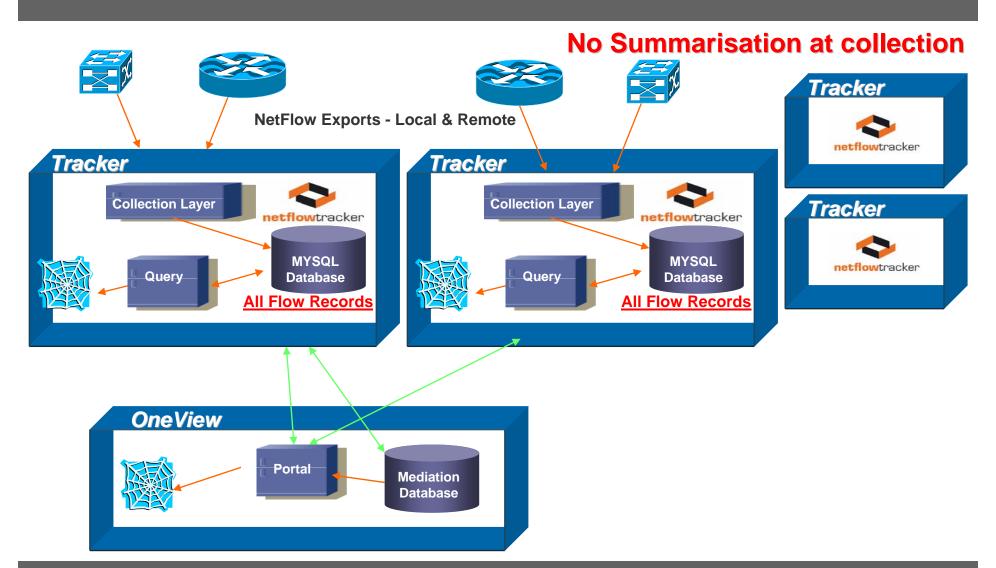


Two Tier Central Architecture



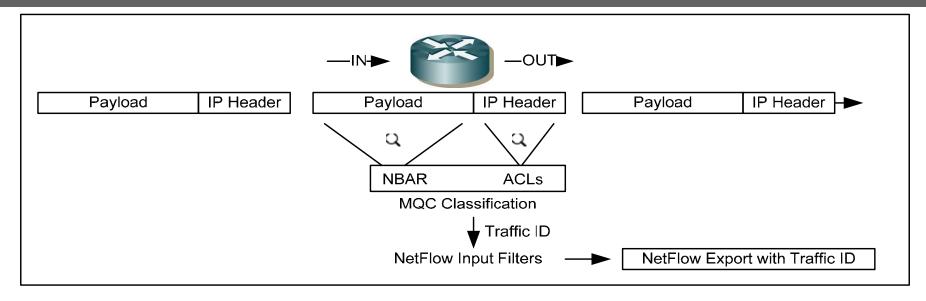


Netflow Tracker collection architecture





Traffic ID Feature



NetFlow Record

Router Address Source Address Destination Address Source Port Destination Port ClassID

Tracker ID Mapping

NetFlow Record			Traffic ID
Router Address1	ClassID 1	lacksquare	TrafficID 1
Router Address1	ClassID 12	 	TrafficID 2
Router Address1	ClassID 22	 	TrafficID 3
Router Address2	ClassID 98	 	TrafficID 1
Router Address2	ClassID4	 	TrafficID 2
Router Address3	ClassID 2	ightharpoons	TrafficID 1
Router Address3	ClassID 1	ightharpoons	TrafficID 2
Router Address4	ClassID 2	ightharpoons	TrafficID 1
Router Address4	ClassID 1	lacktriangledown	TrafficID 2

Tracker Record

Router Address		
Source Address		
Destination Address		
Source Port		
Destination Port		
TrafficID		