

Configuring Flexible NetFlow

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Prerequisites for Flexible NetFlow

- You are familiar with the Flexible NetFlow key fields as they are defined in the following commands:
 - match flow
 - match interface
 - match {ipv4 | ipv6}
 - match routing
 - match transport
- You are familiar with the Flexible NetFlow nonkey fields as they are defined in the following commands:
 - collect counter
 - collect flow
 - collect interface
 - collect{ipv4 | ipv6}
 - collect routing
 - collect timestamp sys-uptime
 - collect transport
- The networking device must be running a Cisco release that supports Flexible NetFlow.

IPv4 Traffic

- The networking device must be configured for IPv4 routing.
- One of the following must be enabled on your device and on any interfaces on which you want to enable Flexible NetFlow: Cisco Express Forwarding or distributed Cisco Express Forwarding.

IPv6 Traffic

- The networking device must be configured for IPv6 routing.
- One of the following must be enabled on your device and on any interfaces on which you want to enable Flexible NetFlow: Cisco Express Forwarding IPv6 or distributed Cisco Express Forwarding.

Restrictions for Flexible NetFlow

The following are restrictions for Flexible NetFlow:

- Flexible NetFlow is not supported on the Layer 2 port-channel interface, but is supported on the Layer 2 port-channel member ports.
- Flexible NetFlow is supported on the Layer 3 port-channel interfaces and member ports but not on both at the same time for the same traffic type and direction.
- Multiple Flexible Netflow configurations are supported either on port-channel interface or port-channel member ports but not on both.
- Traditional NetFlow accounting is not supported.
- Flexible NetFlow Version 9 and Version 10 export formats are supported. However, if you have not configured the export protocol, Version 9 export format is applied by default.
- For wired Application Visibility and Control (AVC) traffic, only one flow monitor can be configured on one or more Layer 2 or Layer 3 physical interfaces on the system.
- Flexible NetFlow and NBAR cannot be configured together at the same time on the same interface.
- Layer 2, IPv4, and IPv6 traffic types are supported. Multiple flow monitors of different traffic types can be applied for a given interface and direction. Multiple flow monitors of same traffic type cannot be applied for a given interface and direction.
- Layer 2, VLAN, Layer 3 and SVI interfaces are supported, but the device does not support tunnels.
- Depending on the switch type, a switch will have one or two forwarding ASICs. The capacities listed in the above table are on a per-Core/per-ASIC basis.
- The switch has a single core ASIC and the total flows supported is 16K flows (8K per ingress and egress directions). The TCAM limit is 128 entries per direction.
- The NetFlow tables are on separate compartments and cannot be combined. Depending on which core processed the packet, the flows will be created in the table in the corresponding core.
- NetFlow hardware implementation supports four hardware samplers. You can select a sampler rate from 1 out of 2 to 1 out of 1024. Both random and deterministic sampling modes are supported.

- NetFlow hardware uses hash tables internally. Hash collisions can occur in the hardware. Therefore, in spite of the internal overflow Content Addressable Memory (CAM), the actual NetFlow table utilization could be about 80 percent.
- Depending on the fields that are used for the flow, a single flow could take two consecutive entries. IPv6 and datalink flows also take two entries. In these situations, the effective usage of NetFlow entries is half the table size, which is separate from the above hash collision limitation.
- The device supports up to 15 flow monitors.
- The NetFlow software implementation supports distributed NetFlow export, so the flows are exported from the same device in which the flow was created.
- Ingress flows are present in the ASIC that first received the packets for the flow. Egress flows are present in the ASIC from which the packets actually left the device set up.
- The reported value for the bytes count field (called "bytes long") is Layer-2-packet-size—18 bytes. For classic Ethernet traffic (802.3), this will be accurate. For all other Ethernet types, this field will not be accurate. Use the "bytes layer2" field, which always reports the accurate Layer 2 packet size. For information about supported Flexible NetFlow fields, see 'Supported Flexible NetFlow Fields' topic.
- Configuration of IPFIX exporter on an AVC flow monitor is not supported.
- Flexible NetFlow export is not supported on the Ethernet management port, GigabitEthernet 0/0.
- When a flow record has only Source Group Tag (SGT) and Destination Group Tag (DGT) fields (or only either of the two) and if both the values are not applicable, then a flow will still be created with zero values for SGT and DGT. The flow records are expected to include source and destination IP addresses, along with SGT and DGT fields.
- On non-Cisco TrustSec interfaces, an SGT value of zero implies that there is no command header. On Cisco TrustSec interfaces, an SGT value of zero implies an unknown tag.
- When a quality of service (QoS) marked packet is received on an interface which has NetFlow configured in the ingress direction, the QoS value of the packet is captured by the NetFlow collector. However, when the packet is received on an interface which has NetFlow configured in the egress direction and the QoS value has been rewritten on ingress by the switch, the new QoS value of the packet is not captured by the collector.
- For an IPv6 flow monitor, Source Group Tag (SGT) and Destination Group Tag (DGT) fields cannot co-exist with MAC address fields.
- NetFlow records do not support MultiProtocol Label Switching-enabled (MPLS-enabled) interfaces.
- A flow monitor cannot be shared across Layer 3 physical interfaces and logical interfaces (such as, Layer 3 port-channel interface, Layer 3 port-channel member, and switch virtual interface [SVI]), but a flow monitor can be shared across logical interfaces or Layer 3 physical interfaces.
- When Flexible NetFlow and Network Address Translation (NAT) are configured on an interface,
 - Flexible NetFlow will display and export the actual flow details; but not the translated flow details. Application-level gateway (ALG) flow details are not part of the actual flow details that are exported.
 - If the ALG traffic gets translated through the CPU, Flexible NetFlow will display and export the translated flow details for the ALG traffic.

• When configuring a flow record if you include the **match application name** field, the corresponding flow monitor will not support a flow sampler.

Information About Flexible Netflow

The following sections provide information about Flexible Netflow.

Flexible Netflow Overview

Flexible NetFlow uses flows to provide statistics for accounting, network monitoring, and network planning.

A flow is a unidirectional stream of packets that arrives on a source interface and has the same values for the keys. A key is an identified value for a field within the packet. You create a flow using a flow record to define the unique keys for your flow.

The device supports the Flexible NetFlow feature that enables enhanced network anomalies and security detection. Flexible NetFlow allows you to define an optimal flow record for a particular application by selecting the keys from a large collection of predefined fields.

All key values must match for the packet to count in a given flow. A flow might gather other fields of interest, depending on the export record version that you configure. Flows are stored in the Flexible NetFlow cache.

You can export the data that Flexible NetFlow gathers for your flow by using an exporter and export this data to a remote system such as a Flexible NetFlow collector. The Flexible NetFlow collector can use an IPv4 address.

You define the size of the data that you want to collect for a flow using a monitor. The monitor combines the flow record and exporter with the Flexible NetFlow cache information.

Starting with the Cisco IOS XE 16.12.1 release, Source Group Tag (SGT) and Destination Group Tag (DGT) fields over Flexible NetFlow are supported for IPv6 traffic.

Original NetFlow and Benefits of Flexible NetFlow

Flexible NetFlow allows the flow to be user defined. The benefits of Flexible NetFlow include:

- High-capacity flow recognition, including scalability and aggregation of flow information.
- Enhanced flow infrastructure for security monitoring and dDoS detection and identification.
- New information from packets to adapt flow information to a particular service or operation in the network. The flow information available will be customizable by Flexible NetFlow users.
- Extensive use of Cisco's flexible and extensible NetFlow Version 9.
- A comprehensive IP accounting feature that can be used to replace many accounting features, such as IP accounting, Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) Policy Accounting, and persistent caches.

Flexible NetFlow allows you to understand network behavior with more efficiency, with specific flow information tailored for various services used in the network. The following are some example applications for a Flexible NetFlow feature:

- Flexible NetFlow enhances Cisco NetFlow as a security monitoring tool. For instance, new flow keys can be defined for packet length or MAC address, allowing users to search for a specific type of attack in the network.
- Flexible NetFlow allows you to quickly identify how much application traffic is being sent between hosts by specifically tracking TCP or UDP applications by the class of service (CoS) in the packets.
- The accounting of traffic entering a Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) or IP core network and its destination for each next hop per class of service. This capability allows the building of an edge-to-edge traffic matrix.

The figure below is an example of how Flexible NetFlow might be deployed in a network.

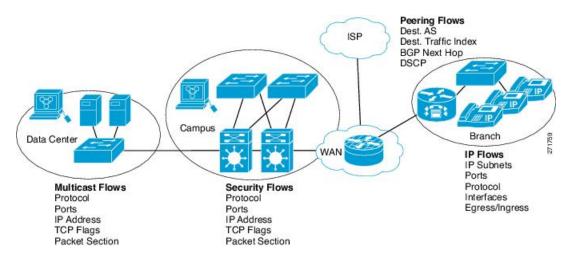


Figure 1: Typical Deployment for Flexible NetFlow

Flexible NetFlow Components

Flexible NetFlow consists of components that can be used together in several variations to perform traffic analysis and data export. The user-defined flow records and the component structure of Flexible NetFlow facilitates the creation of various configurations for traffic analysis and data export on a networking device with a minimum number of configuration commands. Each flow monitor can have a unique combination of flow record, flow exporter, and cache type. If you change a parameter such as the destination IP address for a flow exporter, it is automatically changed for all the flow monitors that use the flow exporter. The same flow monitor can be used in conjunction with different flow samplers to sample the same type of network traffic at different rates on different interfaces. The following sections provide more information on Flexible NetFlow components:

Flow Records

In Flexible NetFlow a combination of key and nonkey fields is called a record. Flexible NetFlow records are assigned to Flexible NetFlow flow monitors to define the cache that is used for storing flow data. Flexible NetFlow includes several predefined records that can help you get started using Flexible NetFlow.

A flow record defines the keys that Flexible NetFlow uses to identify packets in the flow, as well as other fields of interest that Flexible NetFlow gathers for the flow. You can define a flow record with any combination of keys and fields of interest. The device supports a rich set of keys. A flow record also defines the types of

counters gathered per flow. You can configure 64-bit packet or byte counters. The device enables the following match fields as the defaults when you create a flow record:

- match datalink—Layer 2 attributes
- match flow direction—Specifies a match to the fields identifying the direction of flow.
- match interface—Interface attributes
- match ipv4—IPv4 attributes
- match ipv6—IPv6 attributes
- match transport—Transport layer fields
- match flow cts—Cisco TrustSec fields

NetFlow Predefined Records

Flexible NetFlow includes several predefined records that you can use to start monitoring traffic in your network. The predefined records are available to help you quickly deploy Flexible NetFlow and are easier to use than user-defined flow records. You can choose from a list of already defined records that may meet the needs for network monitoring. As Flexible NetFlow evolves, popular user-defined flow records will be made available as predefined records to make them easier to implement.



Note

Predefined records are not supported for regular Flexible NetFlow on Cisco Catalyst 9000 Series Switches.

User-Defined Records

Flexible NetFlow enables you to define your own records for a Flexible NetFlow flow monitor cache by specifying the key and nonkey fields to customize the data collection to your specific requirements. When you define your own records for a Flexible NetFlow flow monitor cache, they are referred to as *user-defined records*. The values in nonkey fields are added to flows to provide additional information about the traffic in the flows. A change in the value of a nonkey field does not create a new flow. In most cases the values for nonkey fields are taken from only the first packet in the flow. Flexible NetFlow enables you to capture counter values such as the number of bytes and packets in a flow as nonkey fields.

You can create user-defined records for applications such as QoS and bandwidth monitoring, application and end user traffic profiling, and security monitoring for dDoS attacks. Flexible NetFlow user-defined records provide the capability to monitor a contiguous section of a packet of a user-configurable size, and use it in a flow record as a key or a nonkey field along with other fields and attributes of the packet. The section may include any Layer 3 data from the packet. The ability to analyze packet fields, enables more detailed traffic monitoring, facilitates the investigation of dDoS attacks, and enables implementation of other security applications such as URL monitoring.

The *bytes* values are the sizes in bytes of these fields in the flow record. If the corresponding fragment of the packet is smaller than the requested section size, Flexible NetFlow will fill the rest of the section field in the flow record with zeros. If the packet type does not match the requested section type, Flexible NetFlow will fill the entire section field in the flow record with zeros.

Flexible NetFlow adds a new Version 9 export format field type for the header and packet section types. Flexible NetFlow will communicate to the NetFlow collector the configured section sizes in the corresponding Version 9 export template fields. The payload sections will have a corresponding length field that can be used to collect the actual size of the collected section.

Flexible NetFlow Match Parameters

The following table describes Flexible NetFlow match parameters. You must configure at least one of the following match parameters for the flow records.

Table 1	1: Match	Parameters	

Command	Purpose			
match datalink {dot1q ethertype mac vlan }	Specifies a match to datalink or Layer 2 fields. The following command options are available:			
	• dot1q —Matches to the dot1q field.			
	• ethertype—Matches to the ethertype of the packet.			
	• mac —Matches the source or destination MAC fields.			
	• vlan —Matches to the VLAN that the packet is located on (input or output).			
match flow direction	Specifies a match to the flow identifying fields.			
match interface {input output}	Specifies a match to the interface fields. The following command options are available:			
	• input—Matches to the input interface.			
	• output —Matches to the output interface.			
match ipv4 {destination protocol source tos ttl version}	Specifies a match to the IPv4 fields. The following command options are available:			
	• destination —Matches to the IPv4 destination address-based fields.			
	• protocol —Matches to the IPv4 protocols.			
	• source —Matches to the IPv4 source address based fields.			
	• tos—Matches to the IPv4 Type of Service fields			
	• ttl —Matches to the IPv4 Time To Live fields.			
	• version —Matches to the IP version from the IPv4 header.			
	 ttl—Matches to the IPv4 Time To Live fie version—Matches to the IP version from the intervention of the inte			

Command	Purpose
match ipv6 {destination hop-limit protocol source traffic-class version }	Specifies a match to the IPv6 fields. The following command options are available:
	 destination—Matches to the IPv6 destination address-based fields.
	• hop-limit—Matches to the IPv6 hop limit fields.
	• protocol —Matches to the IPv6 payload protocol fields.
	• source —Matches to the IPv6 source address based fields.
	• traffic-class—Matches to the IPv6 traffic class.
	• version—Matches to the IP version from the IPv6 header.
match transport {destination-port igmp icmp source-port}	Specifies a match to the Transport Layer fields. The following command options are available:
	• destination-port —Matches to the transport destination port.
	• icmp —Matches to ICMP fields, including ICMP IPv4 and IPv6 fields.
	• igmp —Matches to IGMP fields.
	• source-port —Matches to the transport source port.

Flexible NetFlow Collect Parameters

The following table describes the Flexible NetFlow collect parameters.

Table 2: Collect Parameters

Command	Purpose
<pre>collect counter { bytes { layer2 { long } long } packets { long } }</pre>	Collects the counter fields total bytes and total packets.
collect interface {input output}	Collects the fields from the input or output interface.
collect timestamp absolute {first last}	Collects the fields for the absolute time the first packet was seen or the absolute time the most recent packet was last seen (in milliseconds).

Command	Purpose
collect transport tcp flags	Collects the following transport TCP flags:
	• ack—TCP acknowledgement flag
	• cwr —TCP congestion window reduced flag
	• ece—TCP ECN echo flag
	• fin —TCP finish flag
	• psh —TCP push flag
	• rst —TCP reset flag
	• syn —TCP synchronize flag
	• urg —TCP urgent flag
	NoteOn the device, you cannot specify which TCP flag to collect. You can only specify to collect transport TCP flags. All TCP flags will be collected with this command.
collect transport rtp	Collects the transport RTP flags.
collect transport packet	Collects the transport packet fields.
collect flow {sampler username}	Collects the following flow values:
	• sampler — Configures a flow sampler ID as a non-key field for the record. This field contains the ID of the flow sampler used to monitor the flow.
	• username — Configures the username associated with the flow.
collect ipv4 {source destination}	Collects the following IPv4 fields:
	• source — Configures the IPv4 source as a non-key field for a flow record.
	• destination — Configures the IPv4 destination as a non-key field for a flow record.
collect ipv6 {source destination}	Collects the following IPv6 information:
	• source — Configures the IPv6 source as a non-key field for a flow record.
	• destination— Configures the IPv6 destination as a non-key field for a flow record.

Command	Purpose
collect routing{ next-hop address destination source forwarding-status multicast	 Collects the following routing values: next-hop address— Information regarding the next hop from the flows. destination— Destination routing attributes. source— Source routing attributes. forwarding status— Forwarding status of the packet. multicast— Multicast routing attributes.
collect policy firewall event	Configures the collect policy firewall event as a non-key field and enables collecting information on SGACL denied or permitted traffic based on the traffic pattern.

Flow Exporters

Flow exporters export the data in the flow monitor cache to a remote system, such as a server running NetFlow collector, for analysis and storage. Flow exporters are created as separate entities in the configuration. Flow exporters are assigned to flow monitors to provide data export capability for the flow monitors. You can create several flow exporters and assign them to one or more flow monitors to provide several export destinations. You can create one flow exporter and apply it to several flow monitors.

NetFlow Data Export Format Version 9

The basic output of NetFlow is a flow record. Several different formats for flow records have evolved as NetFlow has matured. The most recent evolution of the NetFlow export format is known as Version 9. The distinguishing feature of the NetFlow Version 9 export format is that it is template-based. Templates provide an extensible design to the record format, a feature that should allow future enhancements to NetFlow services without requiring concurrent changes to the basic flow-record format. Using templates provides several key benefits:

- Third-party business partners who produce applications that provide collector or display services for NetFlow do not have to recompile their applications each time a new NetFlow feature is added. Instead, they should be able to use an external data file that documents the known template formats.
- New features can be added to NetFlow quickly without breaking current implementations.
- NetFlow is "future-proofed" against new or developing protocols because the Version 9 format can be adapted to provide support for them.

The Version 9 export format consists of a packet header followed by one or more template flow or data flow sets. A template flow set provides a description of the fields that will be present in future data flow sets. These data flow sets may occur later within the same export packet or in subsequent export packets. Template flow and data flow sets can be intermingled within a single export packet, as illustrated in the figure below.

Figure 2: Version 9 Export Packet

Packet Header	Template FlowSet	Data FlowSet	Data FlowSet	-	Template FlowSet	Data FlowSet	the second second
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NetFlow Version 9 will periodically export the template data so the NetFlow collector will understand what data is to be sent and also export the data flow set for the template. The key advantage to Flexible NetFlow is that the user configures a flow record, which is effectively converted to a Version 9 template and then forwarded to the collector. The figure below is a detailed example of the NetFlow Version 9 export format, including the header, template flow, and data flow sets.

Figure 3: Detailed Example of the NetFlow Version 9 Export Format

Header	NetFlow Verse	sion 9 Header: 32 bit	s →				
First Template FlowSet	Version 9 Count = 4 (FlowSets)		/Sets)				
Template Record	Sys	stem Uptime					
First Record FlowSet	UNIX Seconds						
(Template ID 256)	Pack	Package Sequence					
First Data Record	5	Source ID					
Second Data Record							
Third Data Record	Template Florence	wSet: 16 bits->		<- Data Flow	Set: 32 bits>		
Second Template FlowSet	Flows	Set ID - 0		FlowSet ID = 256	Length = 64 bytes		
Template Record	Length =	28 bytes					
Template Record	Template	ID = 256		 192.168.1.12 10.5.12.254 192.168.1.1 			
Second Record FlowSet	Field Co	ount = 5					
(Template ID 257)	IPv4_SRCAD	DR (0x0008)					
Data Record	Lengt	th = 4		 → 5009 → 5344385 192.168.1.27 			
Data Record	IPv4_DSTAD	DR (0x000C)					
Data Record	Lengt	th = 4					
Data Record	IPv4 NEXT H	IPv4_NEXT_HDP (0x000E)					
		th = 4		10.5.12.23			
				192.168.1.1			
		PKTS:_32(0x0002)			748		
				388964			
		12(0x0001)	<u>0</u> 2	192.168.1.56			
	Lengt	Length = 4			12.65		
				192.16	8.1.1		
				5			
				653	34		

For more information on the Version 9 export format, refer to the white paper titled Cisco IOS NetFlow Version 9 Flow-Record Format, available at this URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/tech/tk648/tk362/technologies_white_paper09186a00800a3db9.shtml.

Flow Monitors

Flow monitors are the Flexible NetFlow component that is applied to interfaces to perform network traffic monitoring.

Flow data is collected from the network traffic and added to the flow monitor cache during the monitoring process based on the key and nonkey fields in the flow record.

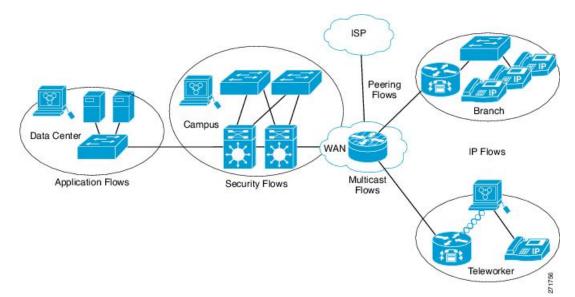
Flexible NetFlow can be used to perform different types of analysis on the same traffic. In the figure below, packet 1 is analyzed using a record designed for standard traffic analysis on the input interface and a record designed for security analysis on the output interface.

_	_	_		Etherne	ət 0)		(Ethernet	1)	_	_	_	
Key Fields	;	Packet 1	Nonk	ey Field	ds		Key Fields	;	Packet 1	Nonk	ey Fields	
Source IP		10.3.3.3	Pack	Packets		Source IP	S	10.3.3.3	Packe	əts		
Destinatio	n IP	10.2.2.2	Bytes	Bytes			Destinatio	n IP	10.2.2.2	Time	Stamps	
Source po	ort	23	Time	Time Stamps			Input Interface		Etherne	to		
Destinatio	n port	22078	Next-	Next-Hop Address		s	SYN Flag		0			
Layer 3 P	rotocol	TCP-6		255								
						1						
		0										
TOS Byte		Ethernet	0								/	
TOS Byte Input Inte		Ethernet	•	<u> </u>	_	_	Security A	Analysis Ce	iche			
TOS Byte Input Inte	rtace	Ethernet	Protocol	TOS	<u> </u>	Pkts	Security A Source IP	-	ache Dest I/F	Protocol	тоs	. Pkts

Figure 4: Example of Using Two Flow Monitors to Analyze the Same Traffic

The figure below shows a more complex example of how you can apply different types of flow monitors with custom records.





Normal

The default cache type is "normal". In this mode, the entries in the cache are aged out according to the timeout active and timeout inactive settings. When a cache entry is aged out, it is removed from the cache and exported via any exporters configured.

Flow Samplers

Flow samplers are created as separate components in a router's configuration. Flow samplers are used to reduce the load on the device that is running Flexible NetFlow by limiting the number of packets that are selected for analysis.

Flow sampling exchanges monitoring accuracy for router performance. When you apply a sampler to a flow monitor, the overhead load on the router of running the flow monitor is reduced because the number of packets that the flow monitor must analyze is reduced. The reduction in the number of packets that are analyzed by the flow monitor causes a corresponding reduction in the accuracy of the information stored in the flow monitor's cache.

Samplers are combined with flow monitors when they are applied to an interface with the **ip flow monitor** command.

Supported Flexible NetFlow Fields

The following tables provide a consolidated list of supported fields in Flexible NetFlow (FNF) for various traffic types and traffic direction.



Note If the packet has a VLAN field, then that length is not accounted for.

Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
Key or Collect Fields							
Interface input	Yes		Yes		Yes		 If you apply a flow monitor in the input direction: Use the match keyword and use the input interface as a key field. Use the collect keyword and use the output interface as a collect field. This field will be present in the exported records but with a value of 0.

Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
Interface output		Yes		Yes		Yes	 If you apply a flow monitor in the output direction: Use the match keyword and use the output interface as a key field. Use the collect keyword and use the input interface as a collect field. This field will be present in the exported records but with a value of 0.

Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
Key Fields							
Flow direction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ethertype	Yes	Yes	_	_		_	
VLAN input	Yes	_	Yes	_	Yes	_	Supported only for a switch port.
VLAN output	-	Yes	_	Yes		Yes	Supported only for a switch port.
dot1q VLAN input	Yes		Yes	-	Yes	-	Supported only for a switch port.
dot1q VLAN output	_	Yes		Yes	_	Yes	Supported only for a switch port.
dot1q priority	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Supported only for a switch port.
MAC source address input	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

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Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
MAC source address output	-		-		-		
MAC destination address input	Yes		Yes	_	Yes	_	
MAC destination address output	_	Yes		Yes	-	Yes	
IPv4 version	_	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
IPv4 TOS	—	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
IPv4 protocol			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Must use if any of src/dest port, ICMP code/type, IGMP type or TCP flags are used.
IPv4 TTL	_	_	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
IPv4 TTL	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Same as IPv4 TTL.
IPv4 protocol			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Same as IPv4 protocol. Must use if any of src/dest port, ICMP code/type, IGMP type or TCP flags are used.
IPv4 source address	—		Yes	Yes		—	

Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
IPv4 destination address			Yes	Yes	_	-	
ICMP IPv4 type	_	_	Yes	Yes	_		
ICMP IPv4 code	_	_	Yes	Yes	_	_	
IGMP type	—	_	Yes	Yes	—		
Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
Key Fields continued							
IPv6 version	_	_	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Same as IP version.
IPv6 protocol			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Same as IP protocol. Must use if any of src/dest port, ICMP code/type, IGMP type or TCP flags are used.
IPv6 source address	_	-	-	_	Yes	Yes	
IPv6 destination address	_	_		-	Yes	Yes	
IPv6 traffic-class	_	_	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Same as IP TOS.
IPv6 hop-limit	_	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Same as IP TTL.
ICMP IPv6 type	—	-	_	—	Yes	Yes	
ICMP IPv6 code		-	_		Yes	Yes	
source-port		<u> </u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
dest-port		-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
Collect Fields							
Bytes long	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Packet size = (Ethernet frame size including FCS - 18 bytes)
							Recommended
							Avoid this field and use Bytes layer2 long
Packets long	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Timestamp absolute first	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Timestamp absolute last	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
TCP flags	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Collects all flags.
Bytes layer2 long	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Default Settings

The following table lists the Flexible NetFlow default settings for the device.

Table 3: Default Flexible NetFlow Settings

Setting	Default
Flow active timeout	1800 seconds
Flow timeout inactive	15 seconds

Flexible NetFlow—Ingress VRF Support Overview

The Flexible NetFlow—Ingress VRF Support feature enables collecting the virtual routing and forwarding (VRF) ID from incoming packets on a device by applying an input flow monitor having a flow record that collects the VRF ID as a key field.

Flexible Netflow—Egress VRF Support Overview

The Flexible Netflow—Egress VRF Support feature enables collecting the VRF ID from outgoing packets on a device by applying an output flow monitor having a flow record that collects the VRF ID as a key field.

How to Configure Flexible Netflow

To configure Flexible Netflow, follow these general steps:

- 1. Create a flow record by specifying keys and non-key fields to the flow.
- 2. Create an optional flow exporter by specifying the protocol and transport destination port, destination, and other parameters.
- 3. Create a flow monitor based on the flow record and flow exporter.
- 4. Create an optional sampler.
- 5. Apply the flow monitor to a Layer 2 port, Layer 3 port, or VLAN.

Creating a Flow Record

Perform this task to configure a customized flow record.

Customized flow records are used to analyze traffic data for a specific purpose. A customized flow record must have at least one **match** criterion for use as the key field and typically has at least one **collect** criterion for use as a nonkey field.

There are hundreds of possible permutations of customized flow records. This task shows the steps that are used to create one of the possible permutations. Modify the steps in this task as appropriate to create a customized flow record for your requirements.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	<pre>flow record record-name Example: Device(config)# flow record FLOW-RECORD-1</pre>	Creates a flow record and enters Flexible NetFlow flow record configuration mode. • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow record.
Step 4	description description Example: Device(config-flow-record)# description Used for basic traffic analysis	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow record.
Step 5	<pre>match {ip ipv6} {destination source} address Example: Device(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 destination address</pre>	Note This example configures the IPv4 destination address as a key field for the record.
Step 6	Repeat Step 5 as required to configure additional key fields for the record.	
Step 7	<pre>end Example: Device(config-flow-record)# end</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow record configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 8	<pre>show flow record record-name Example: Device# show flow record FLOW_RECORD-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the current status of the specified flow record.
Step 9	show running-config flow record record-name Example: Device# show running-config flow record FLOW_RECORD-1	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow record.

Creating a Flow Exporter

You can create a flow export to define the export parameters for a flow.

Note

Each flow exporter supports only one destination. If you want to export the data to multiple destinations, you must configure multiple flow exporters and assign them to the flow monitor.

You can export to a destination using IPv4 address.

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Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# configure terminal	
Step 3	flow exporter name	Creates a flow exporter and enters flow
	Example:	exporter configuration mode.
	Device(config)# flow exporter ExportTest	
Step 4	description string	(Optional) Describes this flow record as a
	Example:	maximum 63-character string.
	Device(config-flow-exporter)# description ExportV9	
Step 5	destination { <i>ipv4-address</i> }	Sets the IPv4 destination address or hostname
	Example:	for this exporter.
	Device(config-flow-exporter)# destination 192.0.2.1 (IPv4 destination)	
Step 6	dscp value	(Optional) Specifies the differentiated services
•	Example:	codepoint value. The range is from 0 to 63. The default is 0.
	Device(config-flow-exporter)# dscp 0	
Step 7	source interface type interface number	(Optional) Specifies the interface to use to
	Example:	reach the NetFlow collector at the configured destination.
	<pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# source gigabitEthernet1/0/1</pre>	Note Flow Exporter does not support unnumbered IP interface as source interface.
		The following interfaces can be configured as source:
		• Auto Template—Auto-Template interface

	Command or Action	Purpose
		Capwap—CAPWAP tunnel interface
		GigabitEthernet—Gigabit Ethernet IEEE 802
		• GroupVI—Group virtual interface
		• Internal Interface—Internal interface
		• Loopback—Loopback interface
		• Null—Null interface
		• Port-channel —Ethernet Channel of interface
		• TenGigabitEthernet —10-Gigabit Ethernet
		• Tunnel—Tunnel interface
		• Vlan—Catalyst VLANs
Step 8	transport udp number	(Optional) Specifies the UDP port to use to
	Example:	reach the NetFlow collector.
	Device(config-flow-exporter)# transport udp 200	
Step 9	ttl seconds	(Optional) Configures the time-to-live (TTL)
	Example:	value for datagrams sent by the exporter. The
	Device(config-flow-exporter)# ttl 210	range is from 1 to 255 seconds. The default is 255.
Step 10	export-protocol {netflow-v9}	Specifies the version of the NetFlow export
	Example:	protocol used by the exporter.
	Device(config-flow-exporter)# export-protocol netflow-v9	
Step 11	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-flow-record)# end	
Step 12	show flow exporter [name record-name]	(Optional) Displays information about
	Example:	NetFlow flow exporters.
	Device# show flow exporter ExportTest	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 13	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the
	Example:	configuration file.
	Device# copy running-config startup-config	

What to do next

Define a flow monitor based on the flow record and flow exporter.

Creating a Customized Flow Monitor

Perform this required task to create a customized flow monitor.

Each flow monitor has a separate cache assigned to it. Each flow monitor requires a record to define the contents and layout of its cache entries. These record formats can be one of the predefined formats or a user-defined format. An advanced user can create a customized format using the **flow record** command.

Before you begin

If you want to use a customized record instead of using one of the Flexible NetFlow predefined records, you must create the customized record before you can perform this task. If you want to add a flow exporter to the flow monitor for data export, you must create the exporter before you can complete this task.



Note

You must use the **no ip flow monitor** command to remove a flow monitor from all of the interfaces to which you have applied it before you can modify the parameters for the **record** command on the flow monitor.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device# configure terminal	
Step 3	flow monitor monitor-name	Creates a flow monitor and enters Flexible
	Example:	NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode.
		• This command also allows you to modify
	<pre>Device(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1</pre>	an existing flow monitor.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	description description	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow monitor.
	Example:	monitol.
	Device(config-flow-monitor)# description Used for basic ipv4 traffic analysis	
Step 5	record {record-name netflow-original netflow {ipv4 ipv6} record [peer]}	Specifies the record for the flow monitor.
	Example:	
	Device(config-flow-monitor)# record FLOW-RECORD-1	
Step 6	<pre>cache {timeout {active inactive update} seconds type normal }</pre>	(Optional) Modifies the flow monitor cache parameters such as timeout values, and the
	Example:	cache type. Associates a flow cache with the specified flow monitor.
	Device(config-flow-monitor)# cache type normal	
	<pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# cache timeout active</pre>	
Step 7	Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.	
Step 8	statistics packet protocol	(Optional) Enables the collection of proto- distribution statistics for Flexible NetFlow
	Example:	monitors.
	<pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# statistics packet protocol</pre>	
Step 9	statistics packet size	(Optional) Enables the collection of size
	Example:	distribution statistics for Flexible NetFlow monitors.
	Device(config-flow-monitor)# statistics packet size	
Step 10	exporter exporter-name	(Optional) Specifies the name of an exporter
	Example:	that was created previously.
	Device(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1	
Step 11	end	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor
	Example:	configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Device(config-flow-monitor)# end	

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Command or Action	Purpose		
<pre>show flow monitor [[name] monitor-name [cache [format {csv record table}]] [statistics]]</pre>	(Optional) Displays the status and statistics fo a Flexible NetFlow flow monitor.		
Example:			
Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 cache			
show running-config flow monitor monitor-name	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow monitor.		
Example:			
Device# show running-config flow monitor FLOW_MONITOR-1			
copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the		
Example:	configuration file.		
Device# copy running-config startup-config			
	show flow monitor [[name] monitor-name [cache [format {csv record table}]] [statistics]] Example: Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 cache show running-config flow monitor monitor-name Example: Device# show running-config flow monitor monitor-name Example: Device# show running-config flow monitor FLOW_MONITOR-1 copy running-config startup-config Example: Device# copy running-config		

Creating a Flow Sampler

Perform this required task to configure and enable a flow sampler.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.	
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.	
	Device> enable		
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	Device# configure terminal		
Step 3	sampler sampler-name	Creates a sampler and enters sampler	
	Example:	configuration mode.	
	Device(config)# sampler SAMPLER-1	• This command also allows you to modify an existing sampler.	
Step 4	description description	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow	
	Example:	sampler.	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config-sampler)# description Sample at 50%	
Step 5	<pre>mode {random} 1 out-of window-size Example: Device(config-sampler) # mode random 1 out-of 2</pre>	 Specifies the sampler mode and the flow sampler window size. The range for the <i>window-size</i> argument is from 0 to 1024.
Step 6	<pre>exit Example: Device(config-sampler)# exit</pre>	Exits sampler configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 7	<pre>interface type number Example: Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0</pre>	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 8	<pre>{ip ipv6} flow monitor monitor-name [[sampler] sampler-name] {input output} Example: Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 sampler SAMPLER-1 input</pre>	Assigns the flow monitor and the flow sampler that you created to the interface to enable sampling.
Step 9	<pre>end Example: Device(config-if)# end</pre>	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	show sampler sampler-name Example:	Displays the status and statistics of the flow sampler that you configured and enabled.

Applying a Flow to an Interface

You can apply a flow monitor and an optional sampler to an interface.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.	
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device> enable	
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config)# configure terminal	
Step 3	interface type	Enters interface configuration mode and configures an interface.
	Example:	Flexible NetFlow is not supported on the L2
	Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1	port-channel interface, but is supported on the L2 port-channel member ports.
		Flexible NetFlow is supported on the L3 port-channel interfaces and member ports but not on both at the same time.
Step 4	{ip flow monitor ipv6 flow monitor datalink flow monitor} name [sampler name] {input output}	Associates an IPv4, IPv6 and datalink flow monitor, and an optional sampler to the interface for input or output packets.
	Example:	ip flow monitor – Enables Flexible NetFlow to monitor IPv4 traffic.
	Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor MonitorTest input	ipv6 flow monitor – Enables Flexible NetFlow to monitor IPv6 traffic.
		datalink flow monitor – Enables Flexible NetFlow to monitor non-IP traffic.
Step 5	end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	
	Device(config-flow-monitor)# end	
Step 6	show flow interface [interface-type number]	(Optional) Displays information about NetFlow
	Example:	on an interface.
	Device# show flow interface	
Step 7	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the
	Example:	configuration file.
	Device# copy running-config startup-config	

Configuring a Bridged NetFlow on a VLAN

You can apply a flow monitor and an optional sampler to a VLAN.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode.	
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.	
	Device> enable		
Step 2	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	<pre>Device(config)# configure terminal</pre>		
Step 3	vlan [configuration] vlan-id	Enters VLAN or VLAN configuration mode	
	Example:		
	Device(config)# vlan configuration 30 Device(config-vlan-config)#		
Step 4	<pre>ip flow monitor monitor name [sampler sampler name] {input }</pre>	Associates a flow monitor and an optional sampler to the VLAN for input packets.	
	Example:		
	Device(config-vlan-config)# ip flow monitor MonitorTest input		
Step 5	copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the	
	Example:	configuration file.	
	Device# copy running-config startup-config		

Configuring Layer 2 NetFlow

You can define Layer 2 keys in Flexible NetFlow records that you can use to capture flows in Layer 2 interfaces.

Procedure

	Command or Action Purpose	
Step 1enableEnables privileged EX		Enables privileged EXEC mode.
	Example:	• Enter your password if prompted.
	Device> enable	

Command or Action	Purpose	
configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
Example:		
Device(config)# configure terminal		
flow record name	Enters flow record configuration mode.	
Example:		
Device(config)# flow record L2_record Device(config-flow-record)#		
match datalink {dot1q ethertype mac vlan}	Specifies the Layer 2 attribute as a key.	
Example:		
Device(config-flow-record)# match datalink ethertype		
end	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.	
Example:		
Device(config-flow-record)# end		
show flow record [name]	(Optional) Displays information about NetFlow	
Example:	on an interface.	
Device# show flow record		
copy running-config startup-config	(Optional) Saves your entries in the	
Example:	configuration file.	
Device# copy running-config startup-config		
	<pre>configure terminal Example: Device (config) # configure terminal flow record name Example: Device (config) # flow record L2_record Device (config-flow-record) # match datalink {dot1q ethertype mac vlan} Example: Device (config-flow-record) # match datalink ethertype end Example: Device (config-flow-record) # end show flow record [name] Example: Device # show flow record copy running-config startup-config Example: Device # copy running-config</pre>	

Monitoring Flexible NetFlow

The commands in the following table can be used to monitor Flexible NetFlow.

Table 4: Flexible NetFlow Monitoring Commands

Command	Purpose
show flow exporter [broker export-ids name <i>name</i> statistics templates]	Displays information about NetFlow flow exporters and statistics.

Command	Purpose
show flow exporter [name exporter-name]	Displays information about NetFlow flow exporters and statistics.
show flow interface	Displays information about NetFlow interfaces.
show flow monitor [name exporter-name]	Displays information about NetFlow flow monitors and statistics.
show flow monitor statistics	Displays the statistics for the flow monitor
<pre>show flow monitor cache format {table record csv}</pre>	Displays the contents of the cache for the flow monitor, in the format specified.
show flow record [name record-name]	Displays information about NetFlow flow records.
show sampler [broker name name]	Displays information about NetFlow samplers.

Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow

Example: Configuring a Flow

This example shows how to create a flow and apply it to an interface:

```
Device# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Device(config) # flow export export1
Device(config-flow-exporter)# destination 10.0.101.254
Device (config-flow-exporter) # transport udp 2055
Device(config-flow-exporter)# exit
Device(config) # flow record record1
Device(config-flow-record) # match ipv4 source address
Device (config-flow-record) # match ipv4 destination address
Device(config-flow-record) # match ipv4 protocol
Device(config-flow-record) # match transport source-port
Device(config-flow-record) # match transport destination-port
Device(config-flow-record) # collect counter byte long
Device (config-flow-record) # collect counter packet long
Device(config-flow-record) # collect timestamp absolute first
Device(config-flow-record)# collect timestamp absolute last
Device(config-flow-record) # exit
Device(config) # flow monitor monitor1
Device(config-flow-monitor)# record record1
Device(config-flow-monitor)# exporter export1
Device(config-flow-monitor)# exit
Device(config)# interface tenGigabitEthernet 1/0/1
Device(config-if) # ip flow monitor monitor1 input
Device (config-if) # end
```

Example: Monitoring IPv4 ingress traffic

This example shows how to monitor IPv4 ingress traffic (int g1/0/11 sends traffic to int g1/0/36 and int g3/0/11).

```
Device# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Device (config) # flow record fr-1
Device (config-flow-record) # match ipv4 source address
Device (config-flow-record) # match ipv4 destination address
Device (config-flow-record) # match interface input
Device (config-flow-record) # collect counter bytes long
Device (config-flow-record) # collect counter packets long
Device(config-flow-record) # collect timestamp absolute first
Device(config-flow-record) # collect timestamp absolute last
Device (config-flow-record) # collect counter bytes layer2 long
Device(config-flow-record) # exit
Device(config) # flow exporter fe-ipfix6
Device(config-flow-exporter) # destination 2001:0:0:24::10
Device(config-flow-exporter) # source Vlan106
Device (config-flow-exporter) # transport udp 4739
Device (config-flow-exporter) # export-protocol ipfix
Device (config-flow-exporter) # template data timeout 240
Device(config-flow-exporter) # exit
Device (config) # flow exporter fe-ipfix
Device (config-flow-exporter) # description IPFIX format collector 100.0.0.80
Device (config-flow-exporter) # destination 100.0.0.80
Device(config-flow-exporter)# dscp 30
Device (config-flow-exporter) # ttl 210
Device (config-flow-exporter) # transport udp 4739
Device (config-flow-exporter) # export-protocol ipfix
Device (config-flow-exporter) # template data timeout 240
Device(config-flow-exporter) # exit
Device(config) # flow exporter fe-1
Device (config-flow-exporter) # destination 10.5.120.16
Device (config-flow-exporter) # source Vlan105
Device(config-flow-exporter) # dscp 32
Device(config-flow-exporter) # ttl 200
Device (config-flow-exporter) # transport udp 2055
Device (config-flow-exporter) # template data timeout 240
Device(config-flow-exporter) # exit
Device (config) # flow monitor fm-1
Device (config-flow-monitor) # exporter fe-ipfix6
Device(config-flow-monitor)# exporter fe-ipfix
Device(config-flow-monitor)# exporter fe-1
Device(config-flow-monitor) # cache timeout inactive 60
Device (config-flow-monitor) # cache timeout active 180
Device(config-flow-monitor)# record fr-1
Device(config-flow-monitor)# end
Device# show running-config interface g1/0/11
Device# show running-config interface g1/0/36
Device# show running-config interface g3/0/11
Device# show flow monitor fm-1 cache format table
```

Example: Monitoring IPv4 egress traffic

```
Device# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
Device(config) # flow record fr-1 out
Device(config-flow-record) # match ipv4 source address
Device (config-flow-record) # match ipv4 destination address
Device (config-flow-record) # match interface output
Device (config-flow-record) # collect counter bytes long
Device(config-flow-record) # collect counter packets long
Device(config-flow-record)# collect timestamp absolute first
Device(config-flow-record)# collect timestamp absolute last
Device(config-flow-record) # exit
Device(config) # flow exporter fe-1
Device(config-flow-exporter)# destination 10.5.120.16
Device(config-flow-exporter)# source Vlan105
Device(config-flow-exporter) # dscp 32
Device(config-flow-exporter) # ttl 200
Device (config-flow-exporter) # transport udp 2055
Device(config-flow-exporter) # template data timeout 240
Device(config-flow-exporter) # exit
Device (config) # flow exporter fe-ipfix6
Device(config-flow-exporter) # destination 2001:0:0:24::10
Device(config-flow-exporter)# source Vlan106
Device (config-flow-exporter) # transport udp 4739
Device(config-flow-exporter) # export-protocol ipfix
Device(config-flow-exporter) # template data timeout 240
Device(config-flow-exporter)# exit
Device(config) # flow exporter fe-ipfix
Device (config-flow-exporter) # description IPFIX format collector 100.0.0.80
Device (config-flow-exporter) # destination 100.0.0.80
Device(config-flow-exporter) # dscp 30
Device(config-flow-exporter) # ttl 210
Device(config-flow-exporter) # transport udp 4739
Device(config-flow-exporter)# export-protocol ipfix
Device (config-flow-exporter) # template data timeout 240
Device(config-flow-exporter)# exit
Device (config) # flow monitor fm-1-output
Device(config-flow-monitor) # exporter fe-1
Device(config-flow-monitor) # exporter fe-ipfix6
Device(config-flow-monitor)# exporter fe-ipfix
Device(config-flow-monitor) # cache timeout inactive 50
Device (config-flow-monitor) # cache timeout active 120
Device (config-flow-monitor) # record fr-1-out
Device(config-flow-monitor)# end
Device# show flow monitor fm-1-output cache format table
```

Example: Configuring Flexible NetFlow for Ingress VRF Support

The following example configures the collection of the VRF ID from incoming packets on a device by applying an input flow monitor having a flow record that collects the VRF ID as a key field.

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device (config) # flow record rm 1
Device (config-flow-record) # match routing vrf input
Device (config-flow-record) # match ipv4 source address
Device (config-flow-record) # match ipv4 destination address
Device (config-flow-record) # collect interface input
Device (config-flow-record) # collect interface output
Device (config-flow-record) # collect counter packets
Device (config-flow-record) # exit
Device (config) # flow monitor mm 1
Device(config-flow-record) # record rm_1
Device (config-flow-record) # exit
Device (config) # interface GigabitEthernet 1/0/1
Device(config-if) # ip vrf forwarding green
Device (config-if) # ip address 172.16.2.2 255.255.255.252
Device(config-if) # ip flow monitor mm 1 input
Device(config-if)# end
```

Example: Configuring Flexible NetFlow for Egress VRF Support

The following example configures the collection of the VRF ID from outgoing packets on a device by applying an output flow monitor having a flow record that collects the VRF ID as a key field.

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config) # flow record rm 1
Device (config-flow-record) # match routing vrf intput
Device (config-flow-record) # match ipv4 source address
Device (config-flow-record) # match ipv4 destination address
Device (config-flow-record) # collect interface input
Device(config-flow-record) # collect interface output
Device (config-flow-record) # collect counter packets
Device (config-flow-record) # exit
Device (config) # flow monitor mm 1
Device (config-flow-record) # record rm 1
Device (config-flow-record) # exit
Device(config) # interface GigabitEthernet 1/0/1
Device(config-if) # ip vrf forwarding green
Device(config-if) # ip address 172.16.2.2 255.255.255.252
Device(config-if) # ip flow monitor mm 1 output
Device(config-if)# end
```

Feature History for Flexible NetFlow

This table provides release and related information for the features explained in this module.

These features are available in all the releases subsequent to the one they were introduced in, unless notedotherwise.

Release	Feature	Feature Information
Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.9.2	Flexible NetFlow	Flexible NetFlow uses flows to provide statistics for accounting, network monitoring, and network planning.
Cisco IOS XE Gibraltar 16.12.1	Source Group Tag (SGT), Destination Group Tag (DGT) over Flexible NetFlow for IPv6 traffic	Support was introduced for Source Group Tag (SGT), Destination Group Tag (DGT) fields over Flexible NetFlow, for IPv6 traffic.
Cisco IOS XE Bengaluru 17.5.1	Flexible NetFlow for Egress VRF support	Support was introduced for configuring Flexible NetFlow for Egress VRF support.\
Cisco IOS XE Cupertino 17.9.1	Flexible NetFlow	This feature was implemented on C9200CX-12P-2X2G, C9200CX-8P-2X2G, and C9200CX-12T-2X2G models of the Cisco Catalyst 9200CX Series Switches, which were introduced in this release.

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