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CHAPTER

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Flexible NetFlow - New Flexible NetFlow CLI

The Flexible NetFlow - New Flexible NetFlow CLI feature introduces the commands used to configure Flexible NetFlow.

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Finding Feature Information

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Information About Flexible NetFlow New Flexible NetFlow CLI

Flexible NetFlow Overview

Flexible NetFlow facilitates the creation of more complex configurations for traffic analysis and data export through the use of reusable configuration components.

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:

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.

To use Flexible NetFlow to its fullest potential, you need to create your own customized records, as described in the following section(s):

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.

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.

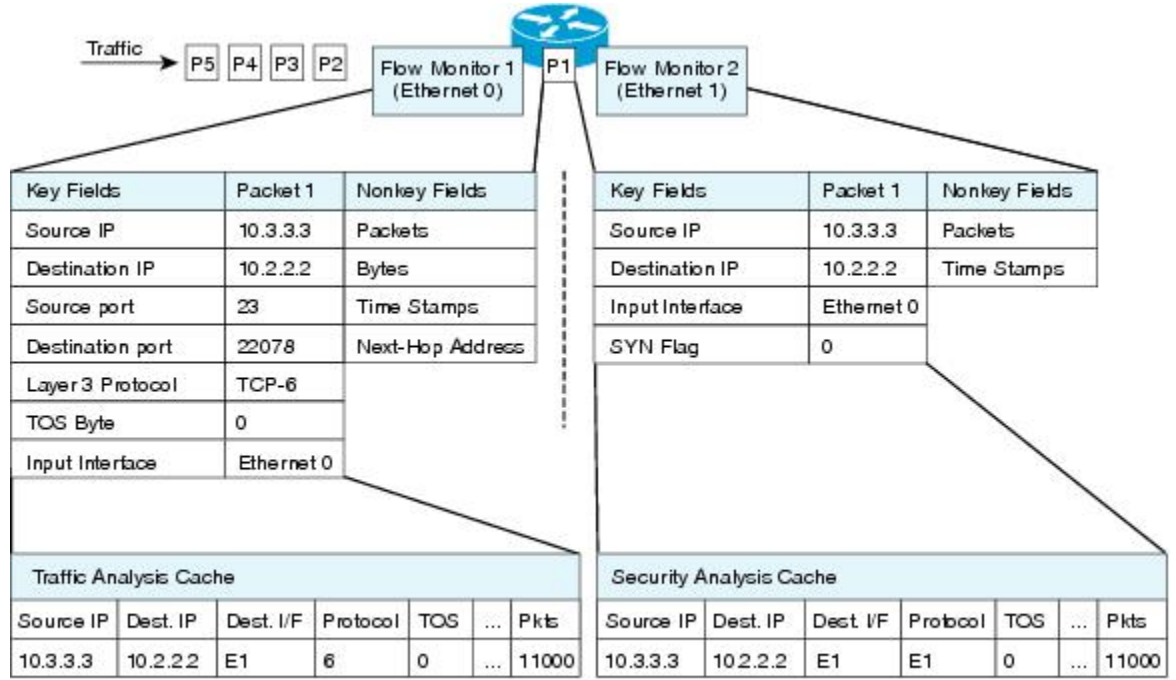
Flow Monitors

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.

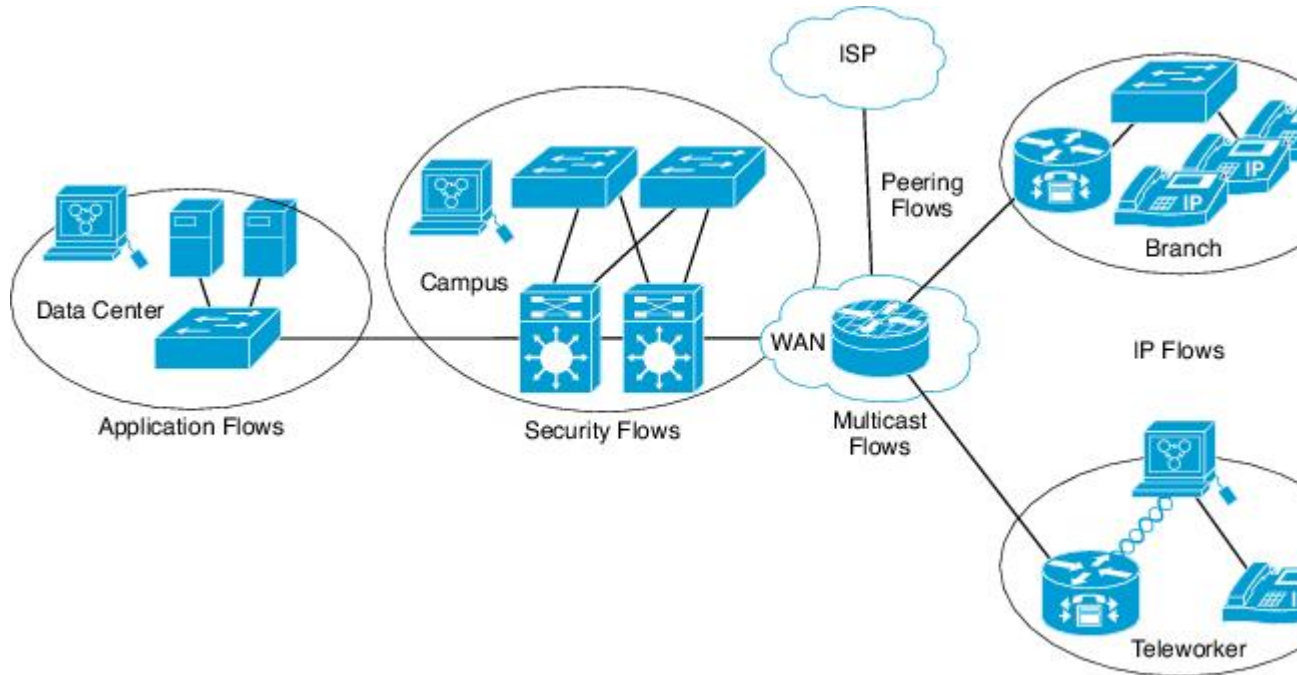
Figure 1: Example of Using Two Flow Monitors to Analyze the Same Traffic



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

Figure 2: Complex Example of Using Multiple 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 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.

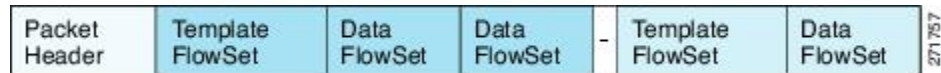
NetFlow Data Export Format Version 9

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.

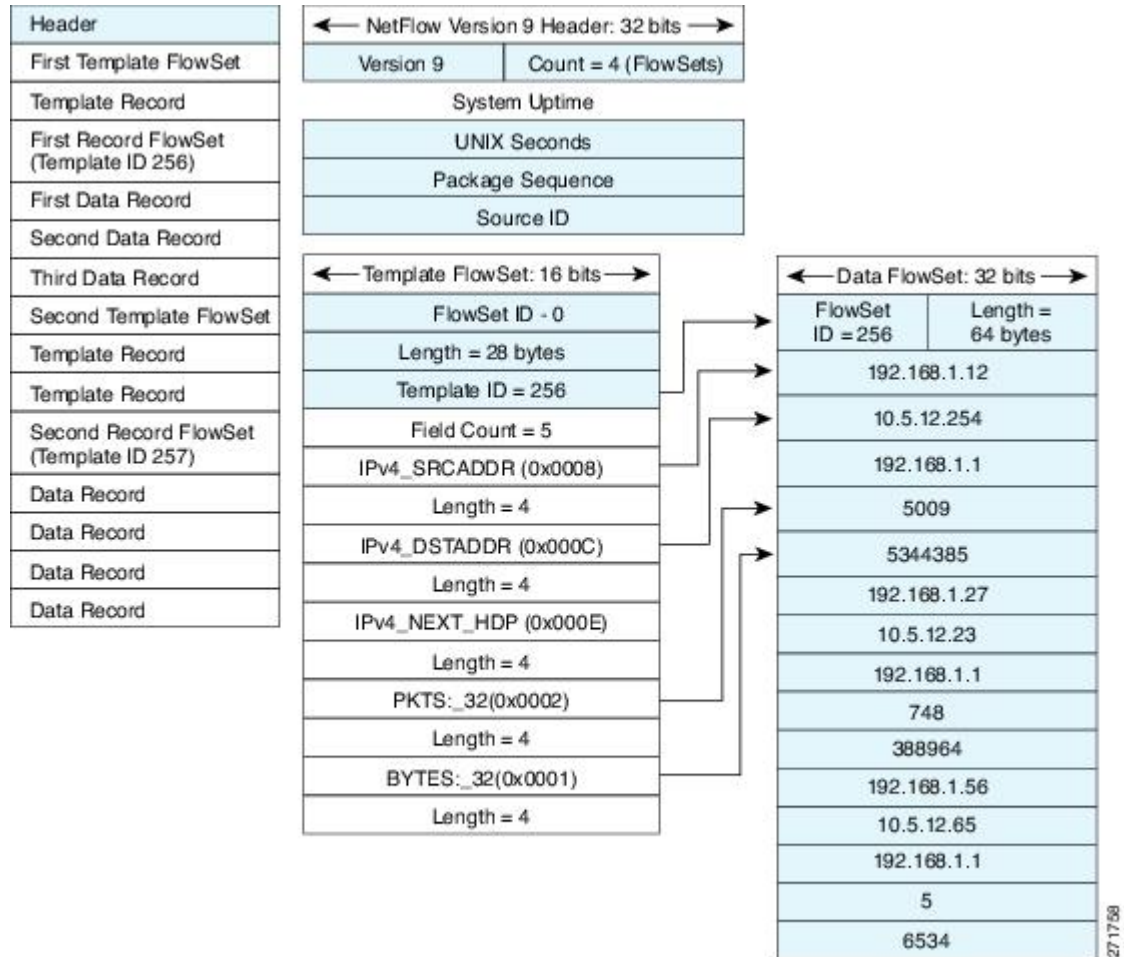
Figure 3: Version 9 Export Packet



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 4: Detailed Example of the NetFlow Version 9 Export Format



For more information on the Version 9 export format, refer to the white paper titled [Cisco IOS NetFlow Version 9 Flow-Record Format](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/tech/tk648/tk362/technologies_white_paper09186a00800a3db9.shtml), available at this URL: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/tech/tk648/tk362/technologies_white_paper09186a00800a3db9.shtml.

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 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.

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Configuring 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.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow record** *record-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **match** {**ipv4** | **ipv6**} {**destination** | **source**} **address**
6. Repeat Step 5 as required to configure additional key fields for the record.
7. **collect interface** {**input** | **output**}
8. Repeat Step 7 as required to configure additional nonkey fields for the record.
9. **end**
10. **show flow record** *record-name*
11. **show running-config flow record** *record-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow record record-name Example: Device(config)# flow record FLOW-RECORD-1	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	match {ipv4 ipv6} {destination source} address Example: Device(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 destination address	Note This example configures the IPv4 destination address as a key field for the record. For information about the other key fields available for the match ipv4 command, and the other match commands that are available to configure key fields, refer to the <i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i> .
Step 6	Repeat Step 5 as required to configure additional key fields for the record.	—
Step 7	collect interface {input output} Example: Device(config-flow-record)# collect interface input	Note This example configures the input interface as a nonkey field for the record. For information on the other collect commands that are available to configure nonkey fields, refer to the <i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i> .
Step 8	Repeat Step 7 as required to configure additional nonkey fields for the record.	—
Step 9	end Example: Device(config-flow-record)# end	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow record configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	show flow record record-name Example: Device# show flow record FLOW_RECORD-1	(Optional) Displays the current status of the specified flow record.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 11	show running-config flow record <i>record-name</i> Example: Device# show running-config flow record FLOW_RECORD-1	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow record.

Displaying the Current Status of a Flow Record

Perform this optional task to display the current status of a flow record.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show flow record**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **enable**
 The **enable** command enters privileged EXEC mode (enter the password if prompted).

Example:

```
Device> enable
Device#
```

Step 2 **show flow record**
 The **show flow record** command shows the current status of the flow monitor that you specify.

Example:

```
Device# show flow record

flow record FLOW-RECORD-2:
  Description:      Used for basic IPv6 traffic analysis
  No. of users:    1
  Total field space: 53 bytes
  Fields:
    match ipv6 destination address
    collect counter bytes
    collect counter packets
flow record FLOW-RECORD-1:
  Description:      Used for basic IPv4 traffic analysis
  No. of users:    1
  Total field space: 29 bytes
  Fields:
    match ipv4 destination address
```

```
collect counter bytes
collect counter packets
```

Verifying the Flow Record Configuration

Perform this optional task to verify the configuration commands that you entered.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show running-config flow record**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1

enable

The **enable** command enters privileged EXEC mode (enter the password if prompted).

Example:

```
Device> enable
Device#
```

Step 2

show running-config flow record

The **show running-config flow record** command shows the configuration commands of the flow monitor that you specify.

Example:

```
Device# show running-config flow record

Current configuration:
!
flow record FLOW-RECORD-2
description Used for basic IPv6 traffic analysis
match ipv6 destination address
collect counter bytes
collect counter packets
!
flow record FLOW-RECORD-1
description Used for basic IPv4 traffic analysis
match ipv4 destination address
collect counter bytes
collect counter packets
collect timestamp sys-uptime first
collect timestamp sys-uptime last
!
```

Configuring a Flow Exporter for the Flow Monitor

Perform this optional task to configure a flow exporter for the flow monitor in order to export the data that is collected by Flexible NetFlow to a remote system for further analysis and storage.

Flow exporters are used to send the data that you collect with Flexible NetFlow to a remote system such as a NetFlow Collection Engine. Exporters use UDP as the transport protocol and use the Version 9 export format.



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 either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow exporter** *exporter-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **destination** {*hostname* | *ip-address*} [**vrf** *vrf-name*]
6. **export-protocol** {**netflow-v5** | **netflow-v9** | **ipfix**}
7. **transport udp** *udp-port*
8. **exit**
9. **flow monitor** *flow-monitor-name*
10. **exporter** *exporter-name*
11. **end**
12. **show flow exporter** *exporter-name*
13. **show running-config flow exporter** *exporter-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	<p>flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config)# flow exporter EXPORTER-1</pre>	<p>Creates a flow exporter and enters Flexible NetFlow flow exporter configuration mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This command also allows you to modify an existing flow exporter.
Step 4	<p>description <i>description</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# description Exports to datacenter</pre>	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow exporter.
Step 5	<p>destination {<i>hostname</i> <i>ip-address</i>} [vrf <i>vrf-name</i>]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# destination 172.16.10.2</pre>	<p>Specifies the hostname or IP address of the system to which the exporter sends data.</p> <p>Note You can export to a destination using either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.</p>
Step 6	<p>export-protocol {netflow-v5 netflow-v9 ipfix}</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# export-protocol netflow-v9</pre>	<p>Specifies the version of the NetFlow export protocol used by the exporter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: netflow-v9.
Step 7	<p>transport udp <i>udp-port</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# transport udp 65</pre>	Configures UDP as the transport protocol and specifies the UDP port on which the destination system is listening for exported Flexible NetFlow traffic.
Step 8	<p>exit</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# exit</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow exporter configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 9	<p>flow monitor <i>flow-monitor-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1</pre>	Enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode for the flow monitor that you created previously.
Step 10	<p>exporter <i>exporter-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1</pre>	Specifies the name of an exporter that you created previously.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 11	end Example: Device(config-flow-monitor)# end	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 12	show flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device# show flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1	(Optional) Displays the current status of the specified flow exporter.
Step 13	show running-config flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device<# show running-config flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow exporter.

Creating a 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 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, 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. For information about the **ip flow monitor** command, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow monitor** *monitor-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **record** {*record-name*}
6. **cache** {*timeout* {**active**} *seconds* | **type** { **normal** }
7. Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.
8. **exporter** *exporter-name*
9. **end**
10. **show flow monitor** [[*name*] *monitor-name* [**cache** [**format** {**csv** | **record** | **table**}]]]
11. **show running-config flow monitor** *monitor-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre># configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> Example: <pre>(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1</pre>	Creates a flow monitor and enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode. • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow monitor.
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# description Used for basic ipv4 traffic analysis</pre>	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow monitor.
Step 5	record { <i>record-name</i> } Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# record FLOW-RECORD-1</pre>	Specifies the record for the flow monitor.
Step 6	cache { <i>timeout</i> { active } <i>seconds</i> type { normal }	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# cache type normal</pre>	
Step 7	Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.	—
Step 8	<p>exporter <i>exporter-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Specifies the name of an exporter that was created previously.
Step 9	<p>end</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# end</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	<p>show flow monitor [[<i>name</i>] <i>monitor-name</i> [cache [<i>format</i> {<i>csv</i> <i>record</i> <i>table</i>}]]]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre># show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 cache</pre>	(Optional) Displays the status for a Flexible NetFlow flow monitor.
Step 11	<p>show running-config flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre># show running-config flow monitor FLOW_MONITOR-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow monitor.

Displaying the Current Status of a Flow Monitor

Perform this optional task to display the current status of a flow monitor.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show flow monitor** *monitor-name*

DETAILED STEPS

-
- Step 1** **enable**
The **enable** command enters privileged EXEC mode (enter the password if prompted).

Example:

```
Device> enable
Device#
```

Step 2 `show flow monitor monitor-name`

The `show flow monitor` command shows the current status of the flow monitor that you specify.

Example:

```
Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1

Flow Monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1:
Description:      Used for basic ipv4 traffic analysis
Flow Record:     FLOW-RECORD-1
Flow Exporter:   EXPORTER-1
Cache:
  Type:          normal
  Status:       allocated
  Size:         1000 entries / 50052 bytes
  Inactive Timeout: 15 secs
  Active Timeout: 1800 secs
  Update Timeout: 1800 secs
```

Displaying the Data in the Flow Monitor Cache

Perform this optional task to display the data in the flow monitor cache.

Before You Begin

The interface on which you applied the input flow monitor must be receiving traffic that meets the criteria defined by the NetFlow original record before you can display the flows in the flow monitor cache.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `show flow monitor name monitor-name cache format record`

DETAILED STEPS**Step 1** `enable`

The `enable` command enters privileged EXEC mode (enter the password if prompted).

Example:

```
Device> enable
Device#
```

Step 2 `show flow monitor name monitor-name cache format record`

The **show flow monitor name monitor-name cache format record** command string displays the status, statistics, and flow data in the cache for a flow monitor.

Example:

```
Device# show flow monitor name FLOW-MONITOR-1 cache format record
```

```
Cache type:                               Normal
Cache size:                               1000
Current entries:                           4
High Watermark:                            4
Flows added:                               101
Flows aged:                                97
- Active timeout ( 1800 secs)              3
- Inactive timeout ( 15 secs)              94
- Event aged                               0
- Watermark aged                           0
- Emergency aged                           0
IPV4 DESTINATION ADDRESS: 172.16.10.5
ipv4 source address: 10.10.11.1
trns source port: 25
trns destination port: 25
counter bytes: 72840
counter packets: 1821
IPV4 DESTINATION ADDRESS: 172.16.10.2
ipv4 source address: 10.10.10.2
trns source port: 20
trns destination port: 20
counter bytes: 3913860
counter packets: 7326
IPV4 DESTINATION ADDRESS: 172.16.10.200
ipv4 source address: 192.168.67.6
trns source port: 0
trns destination port: 3073
counter bytes: 51072
counter packets: 1824
```

```
Device# show flow monitor name FLOW-MONITOR-2 cache format record
```

```
Cache type:                               Normal
Cache size:                               1000
Current entries:                           2
High Watermark:                            3
Flows added:                               95
Flows aged:                                93
- Active timeout ( 1800 secs)              0
- Inactive timeout ( 15 secs)              93
- Event aged                               0
- Watermark aged                           0
- Emergency aged                           0
IPV6 DESTINATION ADDRESS: 2001:DB8:4:ABCD::2
ipv6 source address: 2001:DB8:1:ABCD::1
trns source port: 33572
trns destination port: 23
counter bytes: 19140
counter packets: 349
IPV6 DESTINATION ADDRESS: FF02::9
ipv6 source address: FE80::A8AA:BBFF:FEBB:CC03
trns source port: 521
trns destination port: 521
counter bytes: 92
counter packets: 1
```

Verifying the Flow Monitor Configuration

Perform this optional task to verify the configuration commands that you entered.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show running-config flow monitor**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1

enable

The **enable** command enters privileged EXEC mode (enter the password if prompted).

Example:

```
Device> enable
Device#
```

Step 2

show running-config flow monitor

The **show running-config flow monitor** command shows the configuration commands of the flow monitor that you specify.

Example:

```
Device# show running-config flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1

Current configuration:
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
description Used for basic ipv4 traffic analysis
record FLOW-RECORD-1
exporter EXPORTER-1
cache entries 1000
!
```

Applying a Flow Monitor to an Interface

Before it can be activated, a flow monitor must be applied to at least one interface. Perform this required task to activate a flow monitor.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **{ip | ipv6} flow monitor** *monitor-name* **{input | output}**
5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to activate a flow monitor on any other interfaces in the device over which you want to monitor traffic.
6. **end**
7. **show flow interface** *type number*
8. **show flow monitor name** *monitor-name* **cache format record**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	{ip ipv6} flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> {input output} Example: Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input	Activates a flow monitor that was created previously by assigning it to the interface to analyze traffic.
Step 5	Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to activate a flow monitor on any other interfaces in the device over which you want to monitor traffic.	—
Step 6	end Example: Device(config-if)# end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	show flow interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device# show flow interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0	Displays the status of Flexible NetFlow (enabled or disabled) on the specified interface.
Step 8	show flow monitor name <i>monitor-name</i> cache format record Example: Device# show flow monitor name FLOW_MONITOR-1 cache format record	Displays the status, statistics, and flow data in the cache for the specified flow monitor.

Verifying That Flexible NetFlow Is Enabled on an Interface

Perform this optional task to verify that Flexible NetFlow is enabled on an interface.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show flow interface** *type number*

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 enable

The **enable** command enters privileged EXEC mode (enter the password if prompted).

Example:

```
Device> enable
Device#
```

Step 2 show flow interface *type number*

The **show flow interface** command verifies that Flexible NetFlow is enabled on an interface.

Example:

```
Device# show flow interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0

Interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
  FNF: monitor:          FLOW-MONITOR-1
      direction:        Input
      traffic(ip):       on
  FNF: monitor:          FLOW-MONITOR-2
      direction:        Input
      traffic(ipv6):     on
```

```

Device# show flow interface GigabitEthernet 1/0/0
Interface GigabitEthernet1/0/0
  FNF: monitor:      FLOW-MONITOR-1
       direction:   Output
       traffic(ip):  on
  FNF: monitor:      FLOW-MONITOR-2
       direction:   Input
       traffic(ipv6): on

```

Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow New Flexible NetFlow CLI

Example: Configuring a Normal Flow Record Cache with a Limited Number of Flows

The following example is designed to monitor the type of service (ToS) field usage on all interfaces in the router. An exporter is not configured because this example is intended to be used to capture additional data for analysis on the router using the **show flow monitor** command.

This example starts in global configuration mode.

```

!
flow record QOS_RECORD
  description UD: Flow Record to monitor the use of TOS within this router/network
  match interface input
  match interface output
  match ipv4 tos
  collect counter packets
  collect counter bytes
  exit
!
flow monitor QOS_MONITOR
  description UD: Flow Monitor which watches the limited combinations of interface and TOS
  record QOS_RECORD
  cache type normal
  cache entries 8192 ! 2^5 (combos of interfaces) * 256 (values of TOS)
  exit
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
  ip flow monitor QOS_MONITOR input
  exit
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/1/0
  ip flow monitor QOS_MONITOR input
  exit
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/2/0
  ip flow monitor QOS_MONITOR input
  exit
!

```

The display from the **show flow monitor** command shows the current status of the cache.

```

Router# show flow monitor QOS_MONITOR cache

Cache type:          Normal
Cache size:          8192

```

Example: Configuring a Customized Flow Record Cache for Monitoring IPv6 Traffic

```

Current entries:                2
High Watermark:                2
Flows added:                   2
Updates sent      ( 1800 secs)  0

```

Example: Configuring a Customized Flow Record Cache for Monitoring IPv6 Traffic

The following example creates a customized flow record cache for monitoring IPv6 traffic.

This example starts in global configuration mode.

```

!
ip cef
ipv6 cef
!
flow record FLOW-RECORD-2
  description Used for basic IPv6 traffic analysis
  match ipv6 destination address
  collect counter bytes
  collect counter packets
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2
  description Used for basic IPv6 traffic analysis
  record FLOW-RECORD-2
  cache entries 1000
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
  ipv6 address 2001:DB8:2:ABCD::2/48
  ipv6 flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 input
!
interface GigabitEthernet1/0/0
  ipv6 address 2001:DB8:3:ABCD::1/48
  ipv6 flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 output
!

```

Example: Configuring Multiple Export Destinations

The following example shows how to configure multiple export destinations for Flexible NetFlow for IPv4 or IPv6 traffic.

This sample starts in global configuration mode:

```

!
flow exporter EXPORTER-1
  destination 172.16.10.2
  transport udp 90
  exit
!
flow exporter EXPORTER-2
  destination 172.16.10.3
  transport udp 90
  exit
!
flow record v4_r1
  match ipv4 tos
  match ipv4 protocol
  match ipv4 source address
  match ipv4 destination address
  match transport source-port
  match transport destination-port
  collect counter bytes long
  collect counter packets long

```

```

!
flow record v6_r1
match ipv6 traffic-class
match ipv6 protocol
match ipv6 source address
match ipv6 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!

flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
record v4_r1
exporter EXPORTER-2
exporter EXPORTER-1
!
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2
record v6_r1
exporter EXPORTER-2
exporter EXPORTER-1
!
!
ip cef
!
interface GigabitEthernet1/0/0
ip address 172.16.6.2 255.255.255.0
ipv6 address 2001:DB8:2:ABCD::2/48
ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input
ipv6 flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 input
!

```

The following display output shows that the flow monitor is exporting data to the two exporters:

```

Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
Flow Monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1:
  Description:      User defined
  Flow Record:     v4_r1
  Flow Exporter:   EXPORTER-1
                  EXPORTER-2

Cache:
  Type:            normal (Platform cache)
  Status:          allocated
  Size:            4096 entries / 311316 bytes
  Inactive Timeout: 15 secs
  Active Timeout:  1800 secs
  Update Timeout:  1800 secs

```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases
Flexible NetFlow conceptual information and configuration tasks	<i>Flexible NetFlow Configuration Guide</i>
Flexible NetFlow commands	<i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i>

Standards/RFCs

Standard	Title
No new or modified standards/RFCs are supported by this feature.	—

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
None	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support and Documentation website provides online resources to download documentation, software, and tools. Use these resources to install and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - New Flexible NetFlow CLI

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 1: Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - New Flexible NetFlow CLI

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Flexible NetFlow - New Flexible NetFlow CLI	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2SE	<p>This feature introduces the commands used to configure Flexible NetFlow.</p> <p>The following commands were introduced or modified: cache (Flexible NetFlow), clear flow exporter, clear flow monitor, clear sampler, collect counter, collect interface, collect routing, collect timestamp absolute, collect transport tcp, debug flow exporter, debug flow monitor, debug flow record, debug sampler, description (Flexible NetFlow), destination, dscp (Flexible NetFlow), exporter, flow exporter, flow monitor, flow record, ip flow monitor, match flow, match interface (Flexible NetFlow), match ipv4, match ipv4 destination, match ipv4 section, match ipv4 source, match ipv4 ttl, match ipv6, match ipv6 destination, match ipv6 hop-limit, match ipv6 source, match transport, match transport icmp ipv4, match transport icmp ipv6, mode (Flexible NetFlow), option (Flexible NetFlow), record, sampler, show flow exporter, show flow interface, show flow monitor, show flow record, show sampler, source (Flexible NetFlow), template data timeout, transport (Flexible NetFlow).</p>



CHAPTER 2

Flexible NetFlow – Full Flow support

The Flexible NetFlow - Full Flow support feature enables Flexible NetFlow to collect flow records for every packet.

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Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see [Bug Search Tool](#) and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table at the end of this module.

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Information About Flexible NetFlow Full Flow support

Flexible NetFlow - Full Flow support Overview

The Flexible NetFlow - Full Flow support feature enables Flexible NetFlow to collect flow records for every packet.

The feature is enabled by applying a flow monitor in input (ingress) and output (egress) mode on the device.

If you configure a Flexible NetFlow exporter for the flow monitors you use for the Flexible NetFlow - Full Flow support feature, the device will export the captured flows to the configured collector devices in the provider network.

How to Configure Flexible NetFlow Full Flow Support

Configuring a Flow Exporter for the Flow Monitor

Perform this optional task to configure a flow exporter for the flow monitor in order to export the data that is collected by Flexible NetFlow to a remote system for further analysis and storage.

Flow exporters are used to send the data that you collect with Flexible NetFlow to a remote system such as a NetFlow Collection Engine. Exporters use UDP as the transport protocol and use the Version 9 export format.



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 either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow exporter** *exporter-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **destination** {*hostname* | *ip-address*} [**vrf** *vrf-name*]
6. **export-protocol** {**netflow-v5** | **netflow-v9** | **ipfix**}
7. **transport udp** *udp-port*
8. **exit**
9. **flow monitor** *flow-monitor-name*
10. **exporter** *exporter-name*
11. **end**
12. **show flow exporter** *exporter-name*
13. **show running-config flow exporter** *exporter-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device(config)# flow exporter EXPORTER-1	Creates a flow exporter and enters Flexible NetFlow flow exporter configuration mode. • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow exporter.
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# description Exports to datacenter	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow exporter.
Step 5	destination {<i>hostname</i> <i>ip-address</i>} [<i>vrf vrf-name</i>] Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# destination 172.16.10.2	Specifies the hostname or IP address of the system to which the exporter sends data. Note You can export to a destination using either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.
Step 6	export-protocol {<i>netflow-v5</i> <i>netflow-v9</i> <i>ipfix</i>} Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# export-protocol netflow-v9	Specifies the version of the NetFlow export protocol used by the exporter. • Default: netflow-v9 .
Step 7	transport udp <i>udp-port</i> Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# transport udp 65	Configures UDP as the transport protocol and specifies the UDP port on which the destination system is listening for exported Flexible NetFlow traffic.
Step 8	exit Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# exit	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow exporter configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 9	flow monitor <i>flow-monitor-name</i> Example: Device(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1	Enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode for the flow monitor that you created previously.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 10	exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: <pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1</pre>	Specifies the name of an exporter that you created previously.
Step 11	end Example: <pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# end</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 12	show flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: <pre>Device# show flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the current status of the specified flow exporter.
Step 13	show running-config flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: <pre>Device<# show running-config flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow exporter.

Creating a 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 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, 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. For information about the **ip flow monitor** command, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow monitor** *monitor-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **record** {*record-name*}
6. **cache** {**timeout** {*active*} *seconds* | **type** { **normal** }
7. Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.
8. **exporter** *exporter-name*
9. **end**
10. **show flow monitor** [[*name*] *monitor-name* [**cache** [**format** {*csv* | **record** | **table**}]]]
11. **show running-config flow monitor** *monitor-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre># configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> Example: <pre>(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1</pre>	Creates a flow monitor and enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode. • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow monitor.
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# description Used for basic ipv4 traffic analysis</pre>	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow monitor.
Step 5	record { <i>record-name</i> } Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# record FLOW-RECORD-1</pre>	Specifies the record for the flow monitor.
Step 6	cache { timeout { <i>active</i> } <i>seconds</i> type { normal }	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# cache type normal</pre>	
Step 7	Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.	—
Step 8	<p>exporter <i>exporter-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Specifies the name of an exporter that was created previously.
Step 9	<p>end</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# end</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	<p>show flow monitor [[name] <i>monitor-name</i> [cache [format {csv record table}]]]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre># show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 cache</pre>	(Optional) Displays the status for a Flexible NetFlow flow monitor.
Step 11	<p>show running-config flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre># show running-config flow monitor FLOW_MONITOR-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow monitor.

Applying a Flow Monitor to an Interface

Before it can be activated, a flow monitor must be applied to at least one interface. Perform this required task to activate a flow monitor.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **{ip | ipv6} flow monitor** *monitor-name* **{input | output}**
5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to activate a flow monitor on any other interfaces in the device over which you want to monitor traffic.
6. **end**
7. **show flow interface** *type number*
8. **show flow monitor name** *monitor-name* **cache format record**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	{ip ipv6} flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> {input output} Example: Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input	Activates a flow monitor that was created previously by assigning it to the interface to analyze traffic.
Step 5	Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to activate a flow monitor on any other interfaces in the device over which you want to monitor traffic.	—
Step 6	end Example: Device(config-if)# end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	show flow interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device# show flow interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0	Displays the status of Flexible NetFlow (enabled or disabled) on the specified interface.
Step 8	show flow monitor name <i>monitor-name</i> cache format record Example: Device# show flow monitor name FLOW_MONITOR-1 cache format record	Displays the status, statistics, and flow data in the cache for the specified flow monitor.

Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow Full Flow Support

Example: Configuring Full Flow Accounting for IPv4 and IPv6 Traffic

The following example shows how to configure Flexible NetFlow full flow accounting for IPv4 and IPv6 traffic.

This example starts in global configuration mode.

```

!
flow record v4_r1
match ipv4 tos
match ipv4 protocol
match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow record v6_r1
match ipv6 traffic-class
match ipv6 protocol
match ipv6 source address
match ipv6 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
record v4_r1
exit
!
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2
record v6_r1
exit
!
!

```

```

flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-3
 record v4_r1
 exit
!
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-4
 record v6_r1
 exit
!
ip cef
ipv6 cef
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
 ip address 172.16.6.2 255.255.255.0
 ipv6 address 2001:DB8:2:ABCD::2/48
 ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 output
 ipv6 flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 output
 ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-3 input
 ipv6 flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-4 input
!

```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases
Flexible NetFlow conceptual information and configuration tasks	<i>Flexible NetFlow Configuration Guide</i>
Flexible NetFlow commands	<i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i>

Standards/RFCs

Standard	Title
No new or modified standards/RFCs are supported by this feature.	—

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
None	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

Technical Assistance

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Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - Full Flow support

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Table 2: Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - Full Flow support

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Flexible NetFlow - Full Flow support	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.1S Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2SE	This feature enables Flexible NetFlow to collect flow records for every packet. No commands were introduced or modified by this feature.



CHAPTER 3

Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support

This document contains information about and instructions for using the Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature. The Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature helps you analyze the large amount of data that Flexible NetFlow captures from the traffic in your network by providing the ability to filter, aggregate, and sort the data in the Flexible NetFlow cache as you display it. When you are sorting and displaying the data in the cache, you can limit the display output to a specific number of entries with the highest values (Top N Talkers) for traffic volume, packet counters, and so on. The Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature facilitates real-time traffic analysis by requiring only the use of **show** commands, which can be entered in many different variations using the available keywords and arguments to meet your traffic data analysis requirements.

NetFlow is a Cisco technology that provides statistics on packets flowing through the router. NetFlow is the standard for acquiring IP operational data from IP networks. NetFlow provides data to support network and security monitoring, network planning, traffic analysis, and IP accounting.

Flexible NetFlow improves on original NetFlow by adding the capability to customize the traffic analysis parameters for your specific requirements. Flexible NetFlow facilitates the creation of more complex configurations for traffic analysis and data export through the use of reusable configuration components.

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Finding Feature Information

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Prerequisites for Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support

- The networking device is running a Cisco release that supports the Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature.

No configuration tasks are associated with the Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature. Therefore, in order for you to use the Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature, traffic analysis with Flexible NetFlow must already be configured on the networking device.

Information About Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support

Flexible NetFlow Data Flow Filtering

The flow filtering function of the Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature filters the flow data in a flow monitor cache based on the criteria that you specify, and displays the data.

The flow filtering function of the Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature is provided by the **show flow monitor cache filter** command. For more information on the **show flow monitor cache filter** command, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

Flexible NetFlow Data Flow Aggregation

Flow aggregation using the **show flow monitor cache aggregate** command allows you to dynamically view the flow information in a cache using a different flow record than the cache was originally created from. Only the fields in the cache will be available for the aggregated flows.

The flow aggregation function of the Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature is provided by the **show flow monitor cache aggregate** command. For more information on the **show flow monitor cache aggregate** command, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

Flow Sorting and Top N Talkers

The flow sorting function of the Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature sorts flow data from the Flexible NetFlow cache based on the criteria that you specify and displays the data. You can also use the flow sorting function of the Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature to limit the display output to a specific number of entries (top *n* talkers, where *n* is the number of talkers to display) by using the **top** keyword of the **show flow monitor cache sort** command.

The flow sorting and Top N Talkers function of the Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature is provided by the **show flow monitor cache sort** command. For more information on the **show flow monitor cache sort** command, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

Combined Use of Flow Filtering and Flow Aggregation and Flow Sorting with Top N Talkers

Although each of the **show** commands that make up the Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature can be used individually for traffic analysis, they provide much greater analytical capabilities when they are used together. When you use any combination of the three **show** commands, you enter only the common prefix of **show flow monitor** *monitor-name* **cache** followed by **filter**, **aggregation**, or **sort**, and the arguments and keywords available for **filter**, **aggregation**, and **sort**, as required. For example,

```
show flow monitor
monitor-name
cache filter

options
aggregation
options
sort
options
```

where *options* is any permissible combination of arguments and keywords. See the "Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support " section for more information.

Memory and Performance Impact of Top N Talkers

The Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature can use a large number of CPU cycles and possibly also system memory for a short time. However, because the Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support feature uses only **show** commands, the CPU usage should be run at a low priority because no real-time data processing is involved. The memory usage can be mitigated by using a larger granularity of aggregation or no aggregation at all.

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Filtering Flow Data from the Flexible NetFlow Cache

This task shows you how to use the **show flow monitor cache filter** command with a regular expression to filter the flow monitor cache data and display the results. For more information on regular expressions and the **show flow monitor cache filter** command, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

Perform this task to filter the flow monitor cache data using a regular expression and display the results.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show flow monitor** [*name*] *monitor-name* **cache filter** *options* [**regexp** *regexp*] [...*options* [**regexp** *regexp*]] [**format** {*csv* | **record** | **table**}]

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **enable**
Enters privileged EXEC mode.

Example:

```
Device> enable
```

Step 2 **show flow monitor [name] monitor-name cache filter options [regex regex] [...options [regex regex]] [format {csv | record | table}]**
Filters the flow monitor cache data on the IPv4 type of service (ToS) value.

Example:

```
Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-3 cache filter ipv4 tos regex 0x(C0|50)

Cache type:                               Normal
Cache size:                               4096
Current entries:                           19
High Watermark:                            38
Flows added:                               3516
Flows aged:                                3497
- Active timeout ( 1800 secs)              52
- Inactive timeout ( 15 secs)              3445
- Event aged                               0
- Watermark aged                           0
- Emergency aged                           0
IPV4 SOURCE ADDRESS:                       10.1.1.1
IPV4 DESTINATION ADDRESS:                   255.255.255.255
TRNS SOURCE PORT:                           520
TRNS DESTINATION PORT:                      520
INTERFACE INPUT:                            Et0/0
FLOW SAMPLER ID:                            0
IP TOS:                                     0xC0
IP PROTOCOL:                                17
ip source as:                               0
ip destination as:                          0
ipv4 next hop address:                       0.0.0.0
ipv4 source mask:                           /24
ipv4 destination mask:                      /0
tcp flags:                                  0x00
interface output:                           Null
counter bytes:                               52
counter packets:                             1
timestamp first:                            18:59:46.199
timestamp last:                             18:59:46.199
Matched 1 flow
```

Aggregating Flow Data from the Flexible NetFlow Cache

This task shows you how to use the **show flow monitor cache aggregate** command to aggregate the flow monitor cache data with a different record than the cache was created with and display the results. For more

information on the **show flow monitor cache aggregate** command, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

Perform this task to aggregate the flow monitor cache data and display the results.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show flow monitor** [name] monitor-name cache aggregate {options [...options]} [collect options [...options]] | record record-name} [format {csv | record | table}]

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **enable**
Enters privileged EXEC mode.

Example:

```
Device> enable
```

Step 2 **show flow monitor** [name] monitor-name cache aggregate {options [...options]} [collect options [...options]] | record record-name} [format {csv | record | table}]
Aggregates the flow monitor cache data on the IPv4 destination address and displays the cache data for the IPv4 protocol type and input interface nonkey fields:

Example:

```
Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-3 cache aggregate ipv4 destination address collect ipv4 protocol interface input
```

```
Processed 17 flows
Aggregated to 7 flows
IPV4 DST ADDR      intf input      flows      bytes      pkts      ip prot
=====
224.192.16.4       Et0/0           3          42200      2110      1
224.192.16.1       Et0/0           3          17160      858       1
224.192.18.1       Et0/0           4          18180      909       1
224.192.45.12      Et0/0           4          14440      722       1
255.255.255.255    Et0/0           1           52         1         17
224.0.0.13         Et0/0           1           54         1         103
224.0.0.1          Et0/0           1           28         1         2
```

Sorting Flow Data from the Flexible NetFlow Cache

This task shows you how to use the **show flow monitor cache sort** command to sort the flow monitor cache data, and display the results. For more information on the **show flow monitor cache sort** command, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

Perform this task to sort the flow monitor cache data and display the results.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show flow monitor [name] monitor-name cache sort options [top [number]] [format {csv | record | table}]**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **enable**
Enters privileged EXEC mode.

Example:

```
Device> enable
```

Step 2 **show flow monitor [name] monitor-name cache sort options [top [number]] [format {csv | record | table}]**
Displays the cache data sorted on the number of packets from highest to lowest.

Note When the **top** keyword is not used, the default number of sorted flows shown is 20.

Example:

```
Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 cache sort highest counter packets
```

```
Processed 26 flows
Aggregated to 26 flows
Showing the top 20 flows
IPV4 SOURCE ADDRESS:    10.1.1.3
IPV4 DESTINATION ADDRESS: 172.16.10.11
TRNS SOURCE PORT:      443
TRNS DESTINATION PORT: 443
INTERFACE INPUT:      Et0/0.1
FLOW SAMPLER ID:      0
IP TOS:                0x00
IP PROTOCOL:          6
ip source as:         0
ip destination as:    0
ipv4 next hop address: 172.16.7.2
ipv4 source mask:     /0
ipv4 destination mask: /24
tcp flags:            0x00
interface output:     Et1/0.1
counter bytes:        22760
counter packets:      1569
timestamp first:      19:42:32.924
timestamp last:       19:57:28.656
IPV4 SOURCE ADDRESS:    10.10.11.2
IPV4 DESTINATION ADDRESS: 172.16.10.6
TRNS SOURCE PORT:      65
TRNS DESTINATION PORT: 65
INTERFACE INPUT:      Et0/0.1
FLOW SAMPLER ID:      0
IP TOS:                0x00
IP PROTOCOL:          6
ip source as:         0
ip destination as:    0
ipv4 next hop address: 172.16.7.2
ipv4 source mask:     /0
ipv4 destination mask: /24
tcp flags:            0x00
```

```

interface output:      Et1/0.1
counter bytes:         22720
counter packets:       568
timestamp first:       19:42:34.264
timestamp last:        19:57:28.428
.
.
.
IPV4 SOURCE ADDRESS:  192.168.67.6
IPV4 DESTINATION ADDRESS: 172.16.10.200
TRNS SOURCE PORT:      0
TRNS DESTINATION PORT: 3073
INTERFACE INPUT:       Et0/0.1
FLOW SAMPLER ID:       0
IP TOS:                 0x00
IP PROTOCOL:           1
ip source as:           0
ip destination as:     0
ipv4 next hop address: 172.16.7.2
ipv4 source mask:       /0
ipv4 destination mask: /24
tcp flags:              0x00
interface output:      Et1/0.1
counter bytes:         15848
counter packets:       344
timestamp first:       19:42:36.852
timestamp last:        19:57:27.836
IPV4 SOURCE ADDRESS:  10.234.53.1
IPV4 DESTINATION ADDRESS: 172.16.10.2
TRNS SOURCE PORT:      0
TRNS DESTINATION PORT: 2048
INTERFACE INPUT:       Et0/0.1
FLOW SAMPLER ID:       0
IP TOS:                 0x00
IP PROTOCOL:           1
ip source as:           0
ip destination as:     0
ipv4 next hop address: 172.16.7.2
ipv4 source mask:       /0
ipv4 destination mask: /24
tcp flags:              0x00
interface output:      Et1/0.1
counter bytes:         15848
counter packets:       213
timestamp first:       19:42:36.904
timestamp last:        19:57:27.888

```

Displaying the Top N Talkers with Sorted Flow Data

This task shows you how to use the **show flow monitor cache sort** command to sort the flow monitor cache data, and to limit the display results to a specific number of high volume flows. For more information on the **show flow monitor cache sort** command, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

Perform this task to sort the flow monitor cache data and limit the display output using to a specific number of high volume flows.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show flow monitor [name] monitor-name cache sort options [top [number]] [format {csv | record | table}]**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **enable**
Enters privileged EXEC mode.

Example:

```
Device> enable
```

Step 2 **show flow monitor [name] monitor-name cache sort options [top [number]] [format {csv | record | table}]**
Displays the cache data sorted on the number of packets from highest to lowest and limits the output to the three highest volume flows.

Example:

```
Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 cache sort highest counter packets top 3
```

```
Processed 25 flows
Aggregated to 25 flows
Showing the top 3 flows
IPV4 SOURCE ADDRESS:      10.1.1.3
IPV4 DESTINATION ADDRESS: 172.16.10.11
TRNS SOURCE PORT:        443
TRNS DESTINATION PORT:   443
INTERFACE INPUT:         Et0/0.1
FLOW SAMPLER ID:         0
IP TOS:                   0x00
IP PROTOCOL:              6
ip source as:             0
ip destination as:       0
ipv4 next hop address:    172.16.7.2
ipv4 source mask:        /0
ipv4 destination mask:   /24
tcp flags:                0x00
interface output:        Et1/0.1
counter bytes:           32360
counter packets:         1897
timestamp first:         19:42:32.924
timestamp last:          20:03:47.100
IPV4 SOURCE ADDRESS:      10.10.11.2
IPV4 DESTINATION ADDRESS: 172.16.10.6
TRNS SOURCE PORT:        65
TRNS DESTINATION PORT:   65
INTERFACE INPUT:         Et0/0.1
FLOW SAMPLER ID:         0
IP TOS:                   0x00
IP PROTOCOL:              6
ip source as:             0
ip destination as:       0
ipv4 next hop address:    172.16.7.2
ipv4 source mask:        /0
ipv4 destination mask:   /24
tcp flags:                0x00
interface output:        Et1/0.1
counter bytes:           32360
```

```

counter packets:          809
timestamp first:         19:42:34.264
timestamp last:          20:03:48.460
IPV4 SOURCE ADDRESS:     172.16.1.84
IPV4 DESTINATION ADDRESS: 172.16.10.19
TRNS SOURCE PORT:        80
TRNS DESTINATION PORT:   80
INTERFACE INPUT:         Et0/0.1
FLOW SAMPLER ID:         0
IP TOS:                   0x00
IP PROTOCOL:              6
ip source as:             0
ip destination as:        0
ipv4 next hop address:    172.16.7.2
ipv4 source mask:         /24
ipv4 destination mask:   /24
tcp flags:                0x00
interface output:        Et1/0.1
counter bytes:            32320
counter packets:          345
timestamp first:         19:42:34.512
timestamp last:          20:03:47.140

```

Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow Top N Talkers

Example: Displaying the Top Talkers with Filtered and Aggregated and Sorted Flow Data

The following example combines filtering, aggregation, collecting additional field data, sorting the flow monitor cache data, and limiting the display output to a specific number of high volume flows (top talkers).

```

Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 cache filter ipv4 protocol regexp (1|6) aggregate
      ipv4 destination address collect ipv4 protocol sort counter bytes top 4

```

```

Processed 26 flows
Matched 26 flows
Aggregated to 13 flows
Showing the top 4 flows
IPV4 DST ADDR          flows      bytes      pkts
=====
172.16.10.2             12      1358370    6708
172.16.10.19            2        44640     1116
172.16.10.20            2        44640     1116
172.16.10.4             1        22360      559

```

The following example combines filtering using a regular expression, aggregation using a predefined record, sorting the flow monitor cache data, limiting the display output to a specific number of high volume flows (top talkers), and displaying the output in record format.

```

Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 cache filter ipv4 source address regexp 10.*
      aggregate record netflow ipv4 protocol-port sort transport destination-port top 5 format
      record

```

```

Processed 26 flows
Matched 15 flows
Aggregated to 10 flows
Showing the top 5 flows

```

Example: Filtering Using Multiple Filtering Criteria

```

TRNS SOURCE PORT:      0
TRNS DESTINATION PORT: 0
FLOW DIRECTION:        Input
IP PROTOCOL:           1
counter flows:         1
counter bytes:         387800
counter packets:       700
timestamp first:       17:12:30.712
timestamp last:        17:30:52.936
TRNS SOURCE PORT:      20
TRNS DESTINATION PORT: 20
FLOW DIRECTION:        Input
IP PROTOCOL:           6
counter flows:         2
counter bytes:         56000
counter packets:       1400
timestamp first:       17:12:29.532
timestamp last:        17:30:53.148
TRNS SOURCE PORT:      21
TRNS DESTINATION PORT: 21
FLOW DIRECTION:        Input
IP PROTOCOL:           6
counter flows:         2
counter bytes:         56000
counter packets:       1400
timestamp first:       17:12:29.572
timestamp last:        17:30:53.196
TRNS SOURCE PORT:      22
TRNS DESTINATION PORT: 22
FLOW DIRECTION:        Input
IP PROTOCOL:           6
counter flows:         1
counter bytes:         28000
counter packets:       700
timestamp first:       17:12:29.912
timestamp last:        17:30:52.168
TRNS SOURCE PORT:      25
TRNS DESTINATION PORT: 25
FLOW DIRECTION:        Input
IP PROTOCOL:           6
counter flows:         2
counter bytes:         56000
counter packets:       1400
timestamp first:       17:12:29.692
timestamp last:        17:30:51.968

```

Example: Filtering Using Multiple Filtering Criteria

The following example filters the cache data on the IPv4 destination address and the destination port:

```
Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 cache filter ipv4 destination address regexp
172.16.10* transport destination-port 21
```

```

Cache type:                               Normal
Cache size:                               4096
Current entries:                           26
High Watermark:                            26
Flows added:                               241
Flows aged:                                215
- Active timeout ( 1800 secs)              50
- Inactive timeout ( 15 secs)              165
- Event aged                               0
- Watermark aged                           0
- Emergency aged                           0
IPV4 SOURCE ADDRESS:                       10.10.10.2
IPV4 DESTINATION ADDRESS:                   172.16.10.2
TRNS SOURCE PORT:                           21
TRNS DESTINATION PORT:                       21

```

```

INTERFACE INPUT:          Et0/0.1
FLOW SAMPLER ID:         0
IP TOS:                  0x00
IP PROTOCOL:             6
ip source as:            0
ip destination as:       0
ipv4 next hop address:   172.16.7.2
ipv4 source mask:        /0
ipv4 destination mask:   /24
tcp flags:               0x00
interface output:        Et1/0.1
counter bytes:           17200
counter packets:         430
timestamp first:         17:03:58.071
timestamp last:          17:15:14.615
IPV4 SOURCE ADDRESS:     172.30.231.193
IPV4 DESTINATION ADDRESS: 172.16.10.2
TRNS SOURCE PORT:        21
TRNS DESTINATION PORT:   21
INTERFACE INPUT:          Et0/0.1
FLOW SAMPLER ID:         0
IP TOS:                  0x00
IP PROTOCOL:             6
ip source as:            0
ip destination as:       0
ipv4 next hop address:   172.16.7.2
ipv4 source mask:        /0
ipv4 destination mask:   /24
tcp flags:               0x00
interface output:        Et1/0.1
counter bytes:           17160
counter packets:         429
timestamp first:         17:03:59.963
timestamp last:          17:15:14.887
Matched 2 flows

```

Example: Aggregation Using Multiple Aggregation Criteria

The following example aggregates the flow monitor cache data on the destination and source IPv4 addresses:

```
Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 cache aggregate ipv4 destination address ipv4
source address
```

```

Processed 26 flows
Aggregated to 17 flows
IPV4 SRC ADDR      IPV4 DST ADDR      flows      bytes      pkts
=====
10.251.10.1        172.16.10.2        2          1400828    1364
192.168.67.6       172.16.10.200     1           19096      682
10.234.53.1        172.16.10.2        3          73656     2046
172.30.231.193     172.16.10.2        3          73616     2045
10.10.10.2         172.16.10.2        2          54560     1364
192.168.87.200    172.16.10.2        2          54560     1364
10.10.10.4         172.16.10.4        1           27280     682
10.10.11.1         172.16.10.5        1           27280     682
10.10.11.2         172.16.10.6        1           27280     682
10.10.11.3         172.16.10.7        1           27280     682
10.10.11.4         172.16.10.8        1           27280     682
10.1.1.1           172.16.10.9        1           27280     682
10.1.1.2           172.16.10.10       1           27280     682
10.1.1.3           172.16.10.11       1           27280     682
172.16.1.84        172.16.10.19       2          54520     1363
172.16.1.85        172.16.10.20       2          54520     1363
172.16.6.1         224.0.0.9          1            52         1

```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases
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Flexible NetFlow - Top N Talkers Support	12.2(33)SRE 12.2(50)SY 12.4(22)T 15.0(1)SY 15.0(1)SY1 Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2SE	<p>This feature helps you analyze the large amount of data Flexible NetFlow captures from the traffic in your network by providing the ability to filter, aggregate, and sort the data in the Flexible NetFlow cache as you display it.</p> <p>Support for this feature was added for Cisco 7200 and 7300 Network Processing Engine (NPE) series routers in Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRE.</p> <p>The following commands were introduced or modified: show flow monitor cache aggregate, show flow monitor cache filter, show flow monitor cache sort.</p>



Using Flexible NetFlow Flow Sampling

This document contains information about and instructions for configuring sampling to reduce the CPU overhead of analyzing traffic with Flexible NetFlow.

NetFlow is a Cisco technology that provides statistics on packets flowing through a router. NetFlow is the standard for acquiring IP operational data from IP networks. NetFlow provides data to support network and security monitoring, network planning, traffic analysis, and IP accounting.

Flexible NetFlow improves on original NetFlow by adding the capability to customize the traffic analysis parameters for your specific requirements. Flexible NetFlow facilitates the creation of more complex configurations for traffic analysis and data export through the use of reusable configuration components.

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Finding Feature Information

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Prerequisites for Using Flexible NetFlow Flow Sampling

- The networking device must be running a Cisco release that supports Flexible NetFlow.

Restrictions for Using Flexible NetFlow Flow Sampling

Information About Flexible NetFlow Flow Sampling

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 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.

How to Configure Flexible NetFlow Flow Sampling

Flow sampling reduces the CPU overhead of analyzing traffic with Flexible NetFlow by reducing the number of packets that are analyzed.

**Note**

Only the keywords and arguments required for the Flexible NetFlow commands used in these tasks are explained in these tasks. For information about the other keywords and arguments available for these Flexible NetFlow commands, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

Configuring a Flow Monitor

Samplers are applied to an interface in conjunction with a flow monitor. You must create a flow monitor to configure the types of traffic that you want to analyze before you can enable sampling. Perform this required task to configure a 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. The record format can be one of the predefined record formats, or an advanced user may create his or her own record format using the **collect** and **match** commands in Flexible NetFlow flow record configuration mode.



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.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow monitor** *monitor-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **record** {*record-name* | **netflow-original** | **netflow** {**ipv4** | **ipv6**} *record* [**peer**]}
6. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> Example: Device(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1	Creates a flow monitor and enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode. • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow monitor.
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: Device(config-flow-monitor)# description Used for basic traffic analysis	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow monitor.
Step 5	record { <i>record-name</i> netflow-original netflow { ipv4 ipv6 } <i>record</i> [peer]} Example: Device(config-flow-monitor)# record netflow ipv4 original-input	Specifies the record for the flow monitor.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	end Example: Device(config-flow-monitor)# end	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

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

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **sampler** *sampler-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **mode** {random} **1 out-of** *window-size*
6. **exit**
7. **interface** *type number*
8. {ip | ipv6} **flow monitor** *monitor-name* [[**sampler**] *sampler-name*] {**input** | **output**}
9. **end**
10. **show sampler sampler-name**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	sampler <i>sampler-name</i> Example: Device(config)# sampler SAMPLER-1	Creates a sampler and enters sampler configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This command also allows you to modify an existing sampler.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: <pre>Device(config-sampler)# description Sample at 50%</pre>	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow sampler.
Step 5	mode {random} 1 out-of <i>window-size</i> Example: <pre>Device(config-sampler)# mode random 1 out-of 2</pre>	Specifies the sampler mode and the flow sampler window size. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The range for the <i>window-size</i> argument is from .
Step 6	exit Example: <pre>Device(config-sampler)# exit</pre>	Exits sampler configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 7	interface <i>type number</i> Example: <pre>Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0</pre>	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 8	{ip ipv6} flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> [[sampler] <i>sampler-name</i>] { input output } Example: <pre>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	end Example: <pre>Device(config-if)# end</pre>	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	show sampler <i>sampler-name</i> Example: <pre>Device# show sampler SAMPLER-1</pre>	Displays the status and statistics of the flow sampler that you configured and enabled.

Displaying the Status and Statistics of the Flow Sampler Configuration

To display the status and statistics of the flow sampler that you configured and enabled, perform the following optional task.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show sampler sampler-name**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1

enable

The **enable** command enters privileged EXEC mode (enter the password if prompted).

Example:

```
Device> enable
Device#
```

Step 2

show sampler sampler-name

The **show sampler** command shows the current status of the sampler that you specify.

Example:

```
Device# show sampler SAMPLER-1
Sampler SAMPLER-1:
  ID: 2
  Description: Sample at 50%
  Type: random
  Rate: 1 out of 2
  Samples: 2482
  Requests: 4964
  Users (1):
    flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 (ip,Et0/0,I 2482 out of 4964
```

Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow Flow Sampling

Example: Configuring and Enabling a Random Sampler for IPv4 Traffic

The following example shows how to configure and enable random sampling for IPv4 output traffic.

This example starts in global configuration mode.

```
!
flow record v4_r1
match ipv4 tos
match ipv4 protocol
```



```

match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
  record v4_r1
  exit
!
sampler SAMPLER-1
  mode random 1 out-of 2
  exit
!
ip cef
!
interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
  ip address 172.16.6.2 255.255.255.0
  ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 sampler SAMPLER-1 output
!

```

The following example shows how to configure and enable random sampling for IPv4 input traffic.

This example starts in global configuration mode.

```

!
flow record v4_r1
match ipv4 tos
match ipv4 protocol
match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
  record v4_r1
  exit
!
sampler SAMPLER-1
  mode random 1 out-of 2
  exit
!
ip cef
!
interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
  ip address 172.16.6.2 255.255.255.0
  ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 sampler SAMPLER-1 input
!

```

Example: Adding a Sampler to a Flow Monitor When a Flow Monitor Is Already Enabled

The following example shows what happens when you try to add a sampler to a flow monitor that has already been enabled on an interface without a sampler:

```

Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 sampler SAMPLER-2 input
% Flow Monitor: Flow Monitor 'FLOW-MONITOR-1' is already on in full mode and cannot be
enabled with a sampler.

```

The following example shows how to remove the flow monitor from the interface so that it can be enabled with the sampler:

```

Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0

```

Example: Removing a Sampler from a Flow Monitor

```
Device(config-if)# no ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input
Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 sampler SAMPLER-2 input
```

Example: Removing a Sampler from a Flow Monitor

The following example shows what happens when you try to remove a sampler from a flow monitor on an interface by entering the **ip flow monitor** command again without the sampler keyword and argument:

```
Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input
% Flow Monitor: Flow Monitor 'FLOW-MONITOR-1' is already on in sampled mode and cannot be
enabled in full mode.
```

The following example shows how to remove the flow monitor that was enabled with a sampler from the interface so that it can be enabled without the sampler:

```
Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
Device(config-if)# no ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 sampler SAMPLER-2 input
Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases
Flexible NetFlow conceptual information and configuration tasks	<i>Flexible NetFlow Configuration Guide</i>
Flexible NetFlow commands	<i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i>

Standards/RFCs

Standard	Title
No new or modified standards/RFCs are supported by this feature.	—

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
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Description	Link
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Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow Flow Sampling

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Table 4: Feature Information for Flexible Netflow Flow Sampling

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Flexible Netflow - Random Sampling	12.2(50)SY 12.4(20)T Cisco IOS XE Release 3.1S Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2SE	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. Samplers use either random or deterministic sampling techniques (modes). The following commands were introduced or modified: clear sampler , debug sampler , mode , record , sampler , show sampler .



Flexible NetFlow - Layer 2 Fields

The Flexible NetFlow - Layer 2 Fields feature enables collecting statistics for Layer 2 fields such as MAC addresses and virtual LAN (VLAN) IDs from traffic.

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Information About Flexible NetFlow Layer 2 Fields

Flexible NetFlow - Layer 2 Fields Overview

The Flexible NetFlow - Layer 2 Fields feature enables collecting statistics for Layer 2 fields such as MAC addresses and virtual LAN (VLAN) IDs from traffic.

How to Configure Flexible NetFlow Layer 2 Fields

Configuring 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.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow record** *record-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **match** {*ipv4* | *ipv6*} {*destination* | *source*} **address**
6. Repeat Step 5 as required to configure additional key fields for the record.
7. **collect interface** {*input* | *output*}
8. Repeat Step 7 as required to configure additional nonkey fields for the record.
9. **end**
10. **show flow record** *record-name*
11. **show running-config flow record** *record-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	<p>flow record <i>record-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config)# flow record FLOW-RECORD-1</pre>	<p>Creates a flow record and enters Flexible NetFlow flow record configuration mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This command also allows you to modify an existing flow record.
Step 4	<p>description <i>description</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-record)# description Used for basic traffic analysis</pre>	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow record.
Step 5	<p>match {<i>ipv4</i> <i>ipv6</i>} {<i>destination</i> <i>source</i>} <i>address</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 destination address</pre>	<p>Note This example configures the IPv4 destination address as a key field for the record. For information about the other key fields available for the match ipv4 command, and the other match commands that are available to configure key fields, refer to the <i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i>.</p>
Step 6	Repeat Step 5 as required to configure additional key fields for the record.	—
Step 7	<p>collect interface {<i>input</i> <i>output</i>}</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-record)# collect interface input</pre>	<p>Configures the input interface as a nonkey field for the record.</p> <p>Note This example configures the input interface as a nonkey field for the record. For information on the other collect commands that are available to configure nonkey fields, refer to the <i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i>.</p>
Step 8	Repeat Step 7 as required to configure additional nonkey fields for the record.	—
Step 9	<p>end</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-record)# end</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow record configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	<p>show flow record <i>record-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# show flow record FLOW_RECORD-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the current status of the specified flow record.
Step 11	<p>show running-config flow record <i>record-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# show running-config flow record FLOW_RECORD-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow record.

Creating a 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 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, 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. For information about the **ip flow monitor** command, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow monitor** *monitor-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **record** {*record-name*}
6. **cache** {*timeout* {**active**} *seconds* | **type** { **normal** } }
7. Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.
8. **exporter** *exporter-name*
9. **end**
10. **show flow monitor** [[**name**] *monitor-name* [**cache** [**format** {**csv** | **record** | **table**}]]]
11. **show running-config flow monitor** *monitor-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: > enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre># configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> Example: <pre>(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1</pre>	Creates a flow monitor and enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow monitor.
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# description Used for basic ipv4 traffic analysis</pre>	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow monitor.
Step 5	record {<i>record-name</i>} Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# record FLOW-RECORD-1</pre>	Specifies the record for the flow monitor.
Step 6	cache {<i>timeout {active} seconds</i> type { normal } Example: <pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# cache type normal</pre>	
Step 7	Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.	—
Step 8	exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Specifies the name of an exporter that was created previously.
Step 9	end Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# end</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	show flow monitor [[<i>name</i>] <i>monitor-name</i> [cache [format {csv record table}]]] Example: <pre># show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 cache</pre>	(Optional) Displays the status for a Flexible NetFlow flow monitor.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 11	show running-config flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> Example: <pre># show running-config flow monitor FLOW_MONITOR-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow monitor.

Applying a Flow Monitor to an Interface

Before it can be activated, a flow monitor must be applied to at least one interface. Perform this required task to activate a flow monitor.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **{ip | ipv6} flow monitor** *monitor-name* **{input | output}**
5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to activate a flow monitor on any other interfaces in the device over which you want to monitor traffic.
6. **end**
7. **show flow interface** *type number*
8. **show flow monitor name** *monitor-name* **cache format record**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>Device> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre>Device# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> Example: <pre>Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0</pre>	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	<p>{ip ipv6} flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> {input output}</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input</pre>	Activates a flow monitor that was created previously by assigning it to the interface to analyze traffic.
Step 5	Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to activate a flow monitor on any other interfaces in the device over which you want to monitor traffic.	—
Step 6	<p>end</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-if)# end</pre>	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 7	<p>show flow interface <i>type number</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# show flow interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0</pre>	Displays the status of Flexible NetFlow (enabled or disabled) on the specified interface.
Step 8	<p>show flow monitor name <i>monitor-name</i> cache format record</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# show flow monitor name FLOW_MONITOR-1 cache format record</pre>	Displays the status, statistics, and flow data in the cache for the specified flow monitor.

Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow Layer 2 Fields

Example: Configuring Flexible NetFlow for Monitoring MAC and VLAN Statistics

The following example shows how to configure Flexible NetFlow for monitoring MAC and VLAN statistics.

This example starts in global configuration mode.

```
!
flow record LAYER-2-FIELDS-1
match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
match datalink dot1q vlan output
match datalink mac source address input
match datalink mac source address output
match datalink mac destination address input
match flow direction
!
```

```

!
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-4
 record LAYER-2-FIELDS-1
 exit
!
ip cef
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1
 ip address 172.16.6.2 255.255.255.0
 ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input
!

```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases
Flexible NetFlow conceptual information and configuration tasks	<i>Flexible NetFlow Configuration Guide</i>
Flexible NetFlow commands	<i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i>

Standards/RFCs

Standard	Title
No new or modified standards/RFCs are supported by this feature.	—

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
None	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
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Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - Layer 2 Fields

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Table 5: Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - Layer 2 Fields

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Flexible NetFlow - Layer 2 Fields	12.2(33)SRE 12.4(22)T Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2SE	Enables collecting statistics for Layer 2 fields such as MAC addresses and virtual LAN (VLAN) IDs from traffic. Support for this feature was added for Cisco 7200 and 7300 Network Processing Engine (NPE) series routers in Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRE. The following commands were introduced or modified: collect datalink dot1q vlan, collect datalink mac, match datalink dot1q vlan, match datalink mac.



Flexible NetFlow - Ingress support

The Flexible NetFlow - Ingress support feature supports the monitoring of traffic that a router is receiving on an interface or subinterface.

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Finding Feature Information

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Information About Flexible NetFlow Ingress support

Flexible NetFlow - Ingress support Overview

The Flexible NetFlow - Ingress support feature supports the monitoring of traffic that a device is receiving on an interface or subinterface.

The feature is enabled by applying a flow monitor in input (ingress) mode on the receiving device.

If you configure a Flexible NetFlow exporter for the flow monitors you use for the Flexible NetFlow - Ingress support feature, the receiving device will export the captured flows to the configured collector devices in the provider network.

How to Configure Flexible NetFlow Ingress support

Configuring a Flow Exporter for the Flow Monitor

Perform this optional task to configure a flow exporter for the flow monitor in order to export the data that is collected by Flexible NetFlow to a remote system for further analysis and storage.

Flow exporters are used to send the data that you collect with Flexible NetFlow to a remote system such as a NetFlow Collection Engine. Exporters use UDP as the transport protocol and use the Version 9 export format.



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 either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow exporter** *exporter-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **destination** *{hostname | ip-address}* [**vrf** *vrf-name*]
6. **export-protocol** *{netflow-v5 | netflow-v9 | ipfix}*
7. **transport udp** *udp-port*
8. **exit**
9. **flow monitor** *flow-monitor-name*
10. **exporter** *exporter-name*
11. **end**
12. **show flow exporter** *exporter-name*
13. **show running-config flow exporter** *exporter-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device(config)# flow exporter EXPORTER-1	Creates a flow exporter and enters Flexible NetFlow flow exporter configuration mode. • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow exporter.
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# description Exports to datacenter	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow exporter.
Step 5	destination {<i>hostname</i> <i>ip-address</i>} [<i>vrf vrf-name</i>] Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# destination 172.16.10.2	Specifies the hostname or IP address of the system to which the exporter sends data. Note You can export to a destination using either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.
Step 6	export-protocol {<i>netflow-v5</i> <i>netflow-v9</i> <i>ipfix</i>} Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# export-protocol netflow-v9	Specifies the version of the NetFlow export protocol used by the exporter. • Default: netflow-v9 .
Step 7	transport udp <i>udp-port</i> Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# transport udp 65	Configures UDP as the transport protocol and specifies the UDP port on which the destination system is listening for exported Flexible NetFlow traffic.
Step 8	exit Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# exit	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow exporter configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 9	flow monitor <i>flow-monitor-name</i> Example: Device(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1	Enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode for the flow monitor that you created previously.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 10	exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: <pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1</pre>	Specifies the name of an exporter that you created previously.
Step 11	end Example: <pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# end</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 12	show flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: <pre>Device# show flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the current status of the specified flow exporter.
Step 13	show running-config flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: <pre>Device<# show running-config flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow exporter.

Creating a 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 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, 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. For information about the **ip flow monitor** command, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow monitor** *monitor-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **record** {*record-name*}
6. **cache** {**timeout** {*active*} *seconds* | **type** { **normal** }
7. Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.
8. **exporter** *exporter-name*
9. **end**
10. **show flow monitor** [[*name*] *monitor-name* [**cache** [**format** {*csv* | **record** | **table**}]]]
11. **show running-config flow monitor** *monitor-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre># configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> Example: <pre>(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1</pre>	Creates a flow monitor and enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode. • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow monitor.
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# description Used for basic ipv4 traffic analysis</pre>	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow monitor.
Step 5	record { <i>record-name</i> } Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# record FLOW-RECORD-1</pre>	Specifies the record for the flow monitor.
Step 6	cache { timeout { <i>active</i> } <i>seconds</i> type { normal }	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# cache type normal</pre>	
Step 7	Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.	—
Step 8	<p>exporter <i>exporter-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Specifies the name of an exporter that was created previously.
Step 9	<p>end</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# end</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	<p>show flow monitor [[name] <i>monitor-name</i> [cache [format {csv record table}]]]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre># show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 cache</pre>	(Optional) Displays the status for a Flexible NetFlow flow monitor.
Step 11	<p>show running-config flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre># show running-config flow monitor FLOW_MONITOR-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow monitor.

Applying a Flow Monitor to an Interface

Before it can be activated, a flow monitor must be applied to at least one interface. Perform this required task to activate a flow monitor.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **{ip | ipv6} flow monitor** *monitor-name* **{input | output}**
5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to activate a flow monitor on any other interfaces in the device over which you want to monitor traffic.
6. **end**
7. **show flow interface** *type number*
8. **show flow monitor name** *monitor-name* **cache format record**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	{ip ipv6} flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> {input output} Example: Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input	Activates a flow monitor that was created previously by assigning it to the interface to analyze traffic.
Step 5	Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to activate a flow monitor on any other interfaces in the device over which you want to monitor traffic.	—
Step 6	end Example: Device(config-if)# end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	show flow interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device# show flow interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0	Displays the status of Flexible NetFlow (enabled or disabled) on the specified interface.
Step 8	show flow monitor name <i>monitor-name</i> cache format record Example: Device# show flow monitor name FLOW_MONITOR-1 cache format record	Displays the status, statistics, and flow data in the cache for the specified flow monitor.

Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow Ingress support

Example: Configuring Ingress Accounting for IPv4 and IPv6 Traffic

The following example shows how to configure Flexible NetFlow ingress accounting for IPv4 and IPv6 traffic.

This example starts in global configuration mode.

```

!
flow record v4_r1
match ipv4 tos
match ipv4 protocol
match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow record v6_r1
match ipv6 traffic-class
match ipv6 protocol
match ipv6 source address
match ipv6 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
record v4_r1
exit
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2
record v6_r1
exit
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
ip address 172.16.6.2 255.255.255.0

```

```

ipv6 address 2001:DB8:2:ABCD::2/48
ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input
ipv6 flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 input
!

```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases
Flexible NetFlow conceptual information and configuration tasks	<i>Flexible NetFlow Configuration Guide</i>
Flexible NetFlow commands	<i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i>

Standards/RFCs

Standard	Title
No new or modified standards/RFCs are supported by this feature.	—

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
None	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support and Documentation website provides online resources to download documentation, software, and tools. Use these resources to install and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - Ingress support

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 6: Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - Ingress support

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Flexible NetFlow - Ingress support	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.1S Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2SE	This feature monitors traffic that a router is receiving on an interface or subinterface. No commands were introduced or modified by this feature.



Flexible NetFlow Egress support

The Flexible NetFlow Egress support feature supports the monitoring of traffic that a router is transmitting on an interface or subinterface.

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Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see [Bug Search Tool](#) and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table at the end of this module.

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Information About Flexible NetFlow Egress support

Flexible NetFlow - Egress support Overview

The Flexible NetFlow Egress support feature supports the monitoring of traffic that a device is transmitting on an interface or subinterface.

The feature is enabled by applying a flow monitor in output (egress) mode on the transmitting device.

If you configure a Flexible NetFlow exporter for the flow monitors you use for the Flexible NetFlow - Egress support feature, the transmitting device will export the captured flows to the configured collector devices in the provider network.

How to Configure Flexible NetFlow Egress support

Configuring a Flow Exporter for the Flow Monitor

Perform this optional task to configure a flow exporter for the flow monitor in order to export the data that is collected by Flexible NetFlow to a remote system for further analysis and storage.

Flow exporters are used to send the data that you collect with Flexible NetFlow to a remote system such as a NetFlow Collection Engine. Exporters use UDP as the transport protocol and use the Version 9 export format.



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 either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow exporter** *exporter-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **destination** *{hostname | ip-address}* [**vrf** *vrf-name*]
6. **export-protocol** *{netflow-v5 | netflow-v9 | ipfix}*
7. **transport udp** *udp-port*
8. **exit**
9. **flow monitor** *flow-monitor-name*
10. **exporter** *exporter-name*
11. **end**
12. **show flow exporter** *exporter-name*
13. **show running-config flow exporter** *exporter-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device(config)# flow exporter EXPORTER-1	Creates a flow exporter and enters Flexible NetFlow flow exporter configuration mode. • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow exporter.
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# description Exports to datacenter	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow exporter.
Step 5	destination {<i>hostname</i> <i>ip-address</i>} [<i>vrf vrf-name</i>] Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# destination 172.16.10.2	Specifies the hostname or IP address of the system to which the exporter sends data. Note You can export to a destination using either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.
Step 6	export-protocol {<i>netflow-v5</i> <i>netflow-v9</i> <i>ipfix</i>} Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# export-protocol netflow-v9	Specifies the version of the NetFlow export protocol used by the exporter. • Default: netflow-v9 .
Step 7	transport udp <i>udp-port</i> Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# transport udp 65	Configures UDP as the transport protocol and specifies the UDP port on which the destination system is listening for exported Flexible NetFlow traffic.
Step 8	exit Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# exit	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow exporter configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 9	flow monitor <i>flow-monitor-name</i> Example: Device(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1	Enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode for the flow monitor that you created previously.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 10	exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: <pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1</pre>	Specifies the name of an exporter that you created previously.
Step 11	end Example: <pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# end</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 12	show flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: <pre>Device# show flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the current status of the specified flow exporter.
Step 13	show running-config flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: <pre>Device<# show running-config flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow exporter.

Creating a 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 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, 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. For information about the **ip flow monitor** command, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow monitor** *monitor-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **record** {*record-name*}
6. **cache** {**timeout** {*active*} *seconds* | **type** { **normal** }
7. Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.
8. **exporter** *exporter-name*
9. **end**
10. **show flow monitor** [[*name*] *monitor-name* [**cache** [**format** {*csv* | **record** | **table**}]]]
11. **show running-config flow monitor** *monitor-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: <pre>> enable</pre>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: <pre># configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> Example: <pre>(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1</pre>	Creates a flow monitor and enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode. • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow monitor.
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# description Used for basic ipv4 traffic analysis</pre>	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow monitor.
Step 5	record { <i>record-name</i> } Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# record FLOW-RECORD-1</pre>	Specifies the record for the flow monitor.
Step 6	cache { timeout { <i>active</i> } <i>seconds</i> type { normal }	

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# cache type normal</pre>	
Step 7	Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.	—
Step 8	<p>exporter <i>exporter-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Specifies the name of an exporter that was created previously.
Step 9	<p>end</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# end</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	<p>show flow monitor [[name] <i>monitor-name</i> [cache [format {csv record table}]]]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre># show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 cache</pre>	(Optional) Displays the status for a Flexible NetFlow flow monitor.
Step 11	<p>show running-config flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre># show running-config flow monitor FLOW_MONITOR-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow monitor.

Applying a Flow Monitor to an Interface

Before it can be activated, a flow monitor must be applied to at least one interface. Perform this required task to activate a flow monitor.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **{ip | ipv6} flow monitor** *monitor-name* **{input | output}**
5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to activate a flow monitor on any other interfaces in the device over which you want to monitor traffic.
6. **end**
7. **show flow interface** *type number*
8. **show flow monitor name** *monitor-name* **cache format record**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	{ip ipv6} flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> {input output} Example: Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input	Activates a flow monitor that was created previously by assigning it to the interface to analyze traffic.
Step 5	Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to activate a flow monitor on any other interfaces in the device over which you want to monitor traffic.	—
Step 6	end Example: Device(config-if)# end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	show flow interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device# show flow interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0	Displays the status of Flexible NetFlow (enabled or disabled) on the specified interface.
Step 8	show flow monitor name <i>monitor-name</i> cache format record Example: Device# show flow monitor name FLOW_MONITOR-1 cache format record	Displays the status, statistics, and flow data in the cache for the specified flow monitor.

Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow Egress support

Example: Configuring Flexible NetFlow Egress Accounting for IPv4 and IPv6 Traffic

The following example shows how to configure Flexible NetFlow egress accounting for IPv4 and IPv6 traffic. This example starts in global configuration mode.

```

!
flow record v4_r1
match ipv4 tos
match ipv4 protocol
match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow record v6_r1
match ipv6 traffic-class
match ipv6 protocol
match ipv6 source address
match ipv6 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
record v4_r1
exit
!
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2
record v6_r1
exit
!

```



```

ip cef
ipv6 cef
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
 ip address 172.16.6.2 255.255.255.0
 ipv6 address 2001:DB8:2:ABCD::2/48
 ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 output
 ipv6 flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 output
!

```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases
Flexible NetFlow conceptual information and configuration tasks	<i>Flexible NetFlow Configuration Guide</i>
Flexible NetFlow commands	<i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i>

Standards/RFCs

Standard	Title
No new or modified standards/RFCs are supported by this feature.	—

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
None	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support and Documentation website provides online resources to download documentation, software, and tools. Use these resources to install and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - Egress support

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 7: Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - Egress support

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Flexible NetFlow - Egress support	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.1S Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2SE	This feature supports the monitoring of traffic that a router is transmitting on an interface or subinterface. No commands were introduced or modified by this feature.



CHAPTER 8

Flexible NetFlow Export over IPv4

The Flexible NetFlow Export over IPv4 feature allows IPv4 and IPv6 flow records to be exported to the collector over IPv4.

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- [Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow Export over IPv4, page 94](#)
- [Additional References, page 95](#)
- [Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow Export over IPv4 , page 96](#)

Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see [Bug Search Tool](#) and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table at the end of this module.

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Information About Flexible NetFlow Export over IPv4

Flexible NetFlow Export over IPv4 Overview

Flow exporters are created as separate components in a router's configuration. Exporters are assigned to flow monitors to export the data from the flow monitor cache to a remote system such as a NetFlow collector. Flow monitors can support more than one exporter. Each exporter can be customized to meet the requirements of the flow monitor or monitors in which it is used and the NetFlow collector systems to which it is exporting data.

The Flexible Netflow Export over IPv4 feature allows IPv4 and IPv6 flow records to be exported to the collector over IPv4.

How to Configure Flexible NetFlow Export over IPv4

Configuring a Flow Exporter for the Flow Monitor

Perform this optional task to configure a flow exporter for the flow monitor in order to export the data that is collected by Flexible NetFlow to a remote system for further analysis and storage.

Flow exporters are used to send the data that you collect with Flexible NetFlow to a remote system such as a NetFlow Collection Engine. Exporters use UDP as the transport protocol and use the Version 9 export format.



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 either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow exporter** *exporter-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **destination** {*hostname* | *ip-address*} [**vrf** *vrf-name*]
6. **export-protocol** {*netflow-v5* | *netflow-v9* | *ipfix*}
7. **transport** **udp** *udp-port*
8. **exit**
9. **flow monitor** *flow-monitor-name*
10. **exporter** *exporter-name*
11. **end**
12. **show flow exporter** *exporter-name*
13. **show running-config flow exporter** *exporter-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device(config)# flow exporter EXPORTER-1	Creates a flow exporter and enters Flexible NetFlow flow exporter configuration mode. • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow exporter.
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# description Exports to datacenter	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow exporter.
Step 5	destination {<i>hostname</i> <i>ip-address</i>} [<i>vrf vrf-name</i>] Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# destination 172.16.10.2	Specifies the hostname or IP address of the system to which the exporter sends data. Note You can export to a destination using either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.
Step 6	export-protocol {<i>netflow-v5</i> <i>netflow-v9</i> <i>ipfix</i>} Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# export-protocol netflow-v9	Specifies the version of the NetFlow export protocol used by the exporter. • Default: netflow-v9 .
Step 7	transport udp <i>udp-port</i> Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# transport udp 65	Configures UDP as the transport protocol and specifies the UDP port on which the destination system is listening for exported Flexible NetFlow traffic.
Step 8	exit Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# exit	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow exporter configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 9	flow monitor <i>flow-monitor-name</i> Example: Device(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1	Enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode for the flow monitor that you created previously.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 10	exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1	Specifies the name of an exporter that you created previously.
Step 11	end Example: Device(config-flow-monitor)# end	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 12	show flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device# show flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1	(Optional) Displays the current status of the specified flow exporter.
Step 13	show running-config flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device<# show running-config flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow exporter.

Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow Export over IPv4

Example: Configuring Multiple Export Destinations

The following example shows how to configure multiple export destinations for Flexible NetFlow for IPv4 or IPv6 traffic.

This sample starts in global configuration mode:

```

!
flow exporter EXPORTER-1
 destination 172.16.10.2
 transport udp 90
 exit
!
flow exporter EXPORTER-2
 destination 172.16.10.3
 transport udp 90
 exit
!
flow record v4_r1
 match ipv4 tos
 match ipv4 protocol
 match ipv4 source address
 match ipv4 destination address

```

```

match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow record v6_r1
match ipv6 traffic-class
match ipv6 protocol
match ipv6 source address
match ipv6 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!

flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
  record v4_r1
  exporter EXPORTER-2
  exporter EXPORTER-1
!
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2
  record v6_r1
  exporter EXPORTER-2
  exporter EXPORTER-1
!
ip cef
!
interface GigabitEthernet1/0/0
 ip address 172.16.6.2 255.255.255.0
 ipv6 address 2001:DB8:2:ABCD::2/48
 ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input
 ipv6 flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 input
!

```

The following display output shows that the flow monitor is exporting data to the two exporters:

```

Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
Flow Monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1:
  Description:      User defined
  Flow Record:     v4_r1
  Flow Exporter:   EXPORTER-1
                  EXPORTER-2

Cache:
  Type:            normal (Platform cache)
  Status:          allocated
  Size:            4096 entries / 311316 bytes
  Inactive Timeout: 15 secs
  Active Timeout:  1800 secs
  Update Timeout:  1800 secs

```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases
Flexible NetFlow conceptual information and configuration tasks	<i>Flexible NetFlow Configuration Guide</i>
Flexible NetFlow commands	<i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i>

Standards/RFCs

Standard	Title
No new or modified standards/RFCs are supported by this feature.	—

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
None	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco software releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support and Documentation website provides online resources to download documentation, software, and tools. Use these resources to install and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow Export over IPv4

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 8: Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow Export over IPv4

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Flexible NetFlow Export over IPv4	15.0(S) Cisco IOS XE Release 3.1S Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2SE	The Flexible Netflow Export over IPv4 feature allows IPv4 and IPv6 flow records to be exported to the collector over IPv4. No commands were introduced or modified by this feature.



Flexible NetFlow v9 Export Format

This feature enables sending export packets using the Version 9 export format.

- [Finding Feature Information, page 99](#)
- [Prerequisites for Flexible NetFlow v9 Export Format, page 99](#)
- [Information About Flexible NetFlow v9 Export Format, page 100](#)
- [How to Configure Flexible NetFlow v9 Export Format, page 100](#)
- [Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow v9 Export Format, page 103](#)
- [Additional Reference for Flexible NetFlow v9 Export Format, page 104](#)
- [Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - NetFlow v9 Export Format, page 105](#)

Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see [Bug Search Tool](#) and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table at the end of this module.

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Prerequisites for Flexible NetFlow v9 Export Format

- The networking device must be running a Cisco release that supports Flexible NetFlow.

Information About Flexible NetFlow v9 Export Format

Flow Exporters

Flow exporters are created as separate components in a router's configuration. Exporters are assigned to flow monitors to export the data from the flow monitor cache to a remote system such as a NetFlow collector. Flow monitors can support more than one exporter. Each exporter can be customized to meet the requirements of the flow monitor or monitors in which it is used and the NetFlow collector systems to which it is exporting data.

Benefits of Flexible NetFlow Flow Exporters

Flexible NetFlow allows you to configure many different flow exporters, depending on your requirements. Some of the benefits of Flexible NetFlow flow exporters are as follows:

- Using flow exporters, you can create an exporter for every type of traffic that you want to analyze so that you can send each type of traffic to a different NetFlow collector. Original NetFlow sends the data in a cache for all of the analyzed traffic to a maximum of two export destinations.
- Flow exporters support up to ten exporters per flow monitor. Original NetFlow is limited to only two export destinations per cache.
- Flow exporters can use both TCP and UDP for export.
- Depending on your release, flow exporters can use class of service (CoS) in the packets that are sent to export destinations to help ensure that the packets are given the correct priority throughout the network. Original NetFlow exporters do not use CoS in the packets that are sent to export destinations.
- Depending on your release, flow exporter traffic can be encrypted.

How to Configure Flexible NetFlow v9 Export Format

Configuring the Flow Exporter

Perform this required task to configure the flow exporter.

**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 either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow exporter** *exporter-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **destination** {*ip-address* | *hostname*} [*vrf vrf-name*]
6. **export-protocol** {*netflow-v5* | *netflow-v9* | *ipfix*}
7. **dscp** *dscp*
8. **source** *interface-type interface-number*
9. **option** {*exporter-stats* | *interface-table* | *sampler-table* | *vrf-table*} [*timeout seconds*]
10. **output-features**
11. **template data timeout** *seconds*
12. **transport udp** *udp-port*
13. **ttl** *seconds*
14. **end**
15. **show flow exporter** *exporter-name*
16. **show running-config flow exporter** *exporter-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device(config)# flow exporter EXPORTER-1	Creates the flow exporter and enters Flexible NetFlow flow exporter configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow exporter.
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# description Exports to the datacenter	(Optional) Configures a description to the exporter that will appear in the configuration and the display of the show flow exporter command.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	<p>destination {<i>ip-address</i> <i>hostname</i>} [vrf <i>vrf-name</i>]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# destination 172.16.10.2</pre>	<p>Specifies the IP address or hostname of the destination system for the exporter.</p> <p>Note You can export to a destination using either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.</p>
Step 6	<p>export-protocol {netflow-v5 netflow-v9 ipfix}</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# export-protocol netflow-v9</pre>	<p>Specifies the version of the NetFlow export protocol used by the exporter. The export of extracted fields from NBAR is supported only over IPFIX.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Default: netflow-v9.
Step 7	<p>dscp <i>dscp</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# dscp 63</pre>	<p>(Optional) Configures differentiated services code point (DSCP) parameters for datagrams sent by the exporter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The range for the <i>dscp</i> argument is from 0 to 63. Default: 0.
Step 8	<p>source <i>interface-type interface-number</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# source ethernet 0/0</pre>	<p>(Optional) Specifies the local interface from which the exporter will use the IP address as the source IP address for exported datagrams.</p>
Step 9	<p>option {exporter-stats interface-table sampler-table vrf-table} [timeout <i>seconds</i>]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# option exporter-stats timeout 120</pre>	<p>(Optional) Configures options data parameters for the exporter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can configure all three options concurrently. • The range for the <i>seconds</i> argument is 1 to 86,400. Default: 600.
Step 10	<p>output-features</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# output-features</pre>	<p>(Optional) Enables sending export packets using quality of service (QoS) and encryption.</p>
Step 11	<p>template <i>data timeout seconds</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# template data timeout 120</pre>	<p>(Optional) Configures resending of templates based on a timeout.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The range for the <i>seconds</i> argument is 1 to 86400 (86400 seconds = 24 hours).

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 12	transport udp <i>udp-port</i> Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# transport udp 650	Specifies the UDP port on which the destination system is listening for exported datagrams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The range for the <i>udp-port</i> argument is from 1 to 65536.
Step 13	ttl <i>seconds</i> Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# ttl 15	(Optional) Configures the time-to-live (TTL) value for datagrams sent by the exporter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The range for the <i>seconds</i> argument is from 1 to 255.
Step 14	end Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# end	Exits flow exporter configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 15	show flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device# show flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1	(Optional) Displays the current status of the specified flow exporter.
Step 16	show running-config flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device# show running-config flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow exporter.

Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow v9 Export Format

Example: Configuring NetFlow v9 Export Format

The following example shows how to configure version 9 export for Flexible NetFlow.

This example starts in global configuration mode.

```

!
flow exporter EXPORTER-1
 destination 172.16.10.2
 export-protocol netflow-v9
 transport udp 90
 exit
!
flow record v4_r1
 match ipv4 tos
 match ipv4 protocol

```

```

match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
  record v4_r1
  exporter EXPORTER-1
!
ip cef
!
interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0
  ip address 172.16.6.2 255.255.255.0
  ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input
!

```

Additional Reference for Flexible NetFlow v9 Export Format

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Command List, All Releases
Flexible NetFlow conceptual information and configuration tasks	<i>Flexible NetFlow Configuration Guide</i>
Flexible NetFlow commands	<i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i>

Standards

Standard	Title
None	—

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
None	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

RFCs

RFC	Title
RFC 3954	<i>Cisco Systems NetFlow Services Export Version 9</i>

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
<p>The Cisco Support website provides extensive online resources, including documentation and tools for troubleshooting and resolving technical issues with Cisco products and technologies.</p> <p>To receive security and technical information about your products, you can subscribe to various services, such as the Product Alert Tool (accessed from Field Notices), the Cisco Technical Services Newsletter, and Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds.</p> <p>Access to most tools on the Cisco Support website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.</p>	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - NetFlow v9 Export Format

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 9: Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - NetFlow v9 Export Format

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Flexible NetFlow - NetFlow v9 Export Format	12.2(33)SRE 12.2(50)SY 12.4(9)T 15.0(1)SY 15.0(1)SY1 Cisco IOS XE Release 3.1S Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2SE	<p>This feature enables sending export packets using the Version 9 export format.</p> <p>Support for this feature was added for Cisco 7200 and 7300 Network Processing Engine (NPE) series routers in Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRE.</p> <p>The following commands were introduced or modified: export-protocol.</p>



Flexible NetFlow—IPv4 Unicast Flows

The Flexible Netflow—IPv4 Unicast Flows feature enables Flexible NetFlow to monitor IPv4 traffic.

- [Finding Feature Information, page 107](#)
- [Information About Flexible NetFlow IPv4 Unicast Flows, page 107](#)
- [How to Configure Flexible NetFlow IPv4 Unicast Flows, page 108](#)
- [Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow IPv4 Unicast Flows, page 118](#)
- [Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - IPv4 Unicast Flows, page 120](#)

Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see [Bug Search Tool](#) and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table at the end of this module.

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Information About Flexible NetFlow IPv4 Unicast Flows

Flexible NetFlow—IPv4 Unicast Flows Overview

This feature enables Flexible NetFlow to monitor IPv4 traffic.

How to Configure Flexible NetFlow IPv4 Unicast Flows

Configuring 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.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow record** *record-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **match** {**ipv4** | **ipv6**} {**destination** | **source**} **address**
6. Repeat Step 5 as required to configure additional key fields for the record.
7. **collect interface** {**input** | **output**}
8. Repeat Step 7 as required to configure additional nonkey fields for the record.
9. **end**
10. **show flow record** *record-name*
11. **show running-config flow record** *record-name*

DETAILED STEPS

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	<p>flow record <i>record-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config)# flow record FLOW-RECORD-1</pre>	<p>Creates a flow record and enters Flexible NetFlow flow record configuration mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This command also allows you to modify an existing flow record.
Step 4	<p>description <i>description</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-record)# description Used for basic traffic analysis</pre>	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow record.
Step 5	<p>match {<i>ipv4</i> <i>ipv6</i>} {<i>destination</i> <i>source</i>} <i>address</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 destination address</pre>	<p>Note This example configures the IPv4 destination address as a key field for the record. For information about the other key fields available for the match ipv4 command, and the other match commands that are available to configure key fields, refer to the <i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i>.</p>
Step 6	Repeat Step 5 as required to configure additional key fields for the record.	—
Step 7	<p>collect interface {<i>input</i> <i>output</i>}</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-record)# collect interface input</pre>	<p>Configures the input interface as a nonkey field for the record.</p> <p>Note This example configures the input interface as a nonkey field for the record. For information on the other collect commands that are available to configure nonkey fields, refer to the <i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i>.</p>
Step 8	Repeat Step 7 as required to configure additional nonkey fields for the record.	—
Step 9	<p>end</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-record)# end</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow record configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	<p>show flow record <i>record-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# show flow record FLOW_RECORD-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the current status of the specified flow record.
Step 11	<p>show running-config flow record <i>record-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# show running-config flow record FLOW_RECORD-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow record.

Configuring the Flow Exporter

Perform this required task to configure the flow exporter.



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 either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow exporter** *exporter-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **destination** {*ip-address* | *hostname*} [**vrf** *vrf-name*]
6. **export-protocol** {**netflow-v5** | **netflow-v9** | **ipfix**}
7. **dscp** *dscp*
8. **source** *interface-type* *interface-number*
9. **option** {**exporter-stats** | **interface-table** | **sampler-table** | **vrf-table**} [**timeout** *seconds*]
10. **output-features**
11. **template data** **timeout** *seconds*
12. **transport udp** *udp-port*
13. **ttl** *seconds*
14. **end**
15. **show flow exporter** *exporter-name*
16. **show running-config flow exporter** *exporter-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	<p>configure terminal</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# configure terminal</pre>	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	<p>flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config)# flow exporter EXPORTER-1</pre>	<p>Creates the flow exporter and enters Flexible NetFlow flow exporter configuration mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This command also allows you to modify an existing flow exporter.
Step 4	<p>description <i>description</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# description Exports to the datacenter</pre>	(Optional) Configures a description to the exporter that will appear in the configuration and the display of the show flow exporter command.
Step 5	<p>destination {<i>ip-address</i> <i>hostname</i>} [<i>vrf vrf-name</i>]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# destination 172.16.10.2</pre>	<p>Specifies the IP address or hostname of the destination system for the exporter.</p> <p>Note You can export to a destination using either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.</p>
Step 6	<p>export-protocol {<i>netflow-v5</i> <i>netflow-v9</i> <i>ipfix</i>}</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# export-protocol netflow-v9</pre>	<p>Specifies the version of the NetFlow export protocol used by the exporter. The export of extracted fields from NBAR is supported only over IPFIX.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default: netflow-v9.
Step 7	<p>dscp <i>dscp</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# dscp 63</pre>	<p>(Optional) Configures differentiated services code point (DSCP) parameters for datagrams sent by the exporter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The range for the <i>dscp</i> argument is from 0 to 63. Default: 0.
Step 8	<p>source <i>interface-type interface-number</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# source ethernet 0/0</pre>	(Optional) Specifies the local interface from which the exporter will use the IP address as the source IP address for exported datagrams.
Step 9	<p>option {<i>exporter-stats</i> <i>interface-table</i> <i>sampler-table</i> <i>vrf-table</i>} [<i>timeout seconds</i>]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# option exporter-stats timeout 120</pre>	<p>(Optional) Configures options data parameters for the exporter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can configure all three options concurrently. The range for the <i>seconds</i> argument is 1 to 86,400. Default: 600.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 10	output-features Example: <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# output-features</pre>	(Optional) Enables sending export packets using quality of service (QoS) and encryption.
Step 11	template data timeout seconds Example: <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# template data timeout 120</pre>	(Optional) Configures resending of templates based on a timeout. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The range for the <i>seconds</i> argument is 1 to 86400 (86400 seconds = 24 hours).
Step 12	transport udp udp-port Example: <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# transport udp 650</pre>	Specifies the UDP port on which the destination system is listening for exported datagrams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The range for the <i>udp-port</i> argument is from 1 to 65536.
Step 13	ttl seconds Example: <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# ttl 15</pre>	(Optional) Configures the time-to-live (TTL) value for datagrams sent by the exporter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The range for the <i>seconds</i> argument is from 1 to 255.
Step 14	end Example: <pre>Device(config-flow-exporter)# end</pre>	Exits flow exporter configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 15	show flow exporter exporter-name Example: <pre>Device# show flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the current status of the specified flow exporter.
Step 16	show running-config flow exporter exporter-name Example: <pre>Device# show running-config flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow exporter.

Creating a 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 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, 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. For information about the **ip flow monitor** command, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow monitor** *monitor-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **record** {*record-name*}
6. **cache** {**timeout** {**active**} *seconds* | **type** { **normal** } }
7. Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.
8. **exporter** *exporter-name*
9. **end**
10. **show flow monitor** [[**name**] *monitor-name* [**cache** [**format** {**csv** | **record** | **table**}]]]
11. **show running-config flow monitor** *monitor-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: > enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: # configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> Example: <pre>(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1</pre>	Creates a flow monitor and enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow monitor.
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# description Used for basic ipv4 traffic analysis</pre>	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow monitor.
Step 5	record { <i>record-name</i> } Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# record FLOW-RECORD-1</pre>	Specifies the record for the flow monitor.
Step 6	cache { <i>timeout</i> { <i>active</i> } <i>seconds</i> type { normal } Example: <pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# cache type normal</pre>	
Step 7	Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.	—
Step 8	exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Specifies the name of an exporter that was created previously.
Step 9	end Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# end</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	show flow monitor [[<i>name</i>] <i>monitor-name</i> [cache [<i>format</i> { <i>csv</i> <i>record</i> <i>table</i> }]]] Example: <pre># show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 cache</pre>	(Optional) Displays the status for a Flexible NetFlow flow monitor.
Step 11	show running-config flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> Example: <pre># show running-config flow monitor FLOW_MONITOR-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow monitor.

Applying a Flow Monitor to an Interface

Before it can be activated, a flow monitor must be applied to at least one interface. Perform this required task to activate a flow monitor.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **{ip | ipv6} flow monitor** *monitor-name* **{input | output}**
5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to activate a flow monitor on any other interfaces in the device over which you want to monitor traffic.
6. **end**
7. **show flow interface** *type number*
8. **show flow monitor name** *monitor-name* **cache format record**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	{ip ipv6} flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> {input output} Example: Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input	Activates a flow monitor that was created previously by assigning it to the interface to analyze traffic.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to activate a flow monitor on any other interfaces in the device over which you want to monitor traffic.	—
Step 6	end Example: Device(config-if)# end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 7	show flow interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device# show flow interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0	Displays the status of Flexible NetFlow (enabled or disabled) on the specified interface.
Step 8	show flow monitor name <i>monitor-name</i> cache format record Example: Device# show flow monitor name FLOW_MONITOR-1 cache format record	Displays the status, statistics, and flow data in the cache for the specified flow monitor.

Configuring and Enabling Flexible NetFlow with Data Export

You must create a flow monitor to configure the types of traffic for which you want to export the cache data. You must enable the flow monitor by applying it to at least one interface to start exporting data. To configure and enable Flexible NetFlow with data export, perform this required task.

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. The record format can be one of the predefined record formats, or an advanced user may create his or her own record format using the **collect** and **match** commands in Flexible NetFlow flow record configuration mode.



Note

You must remove a flow monitor from all of the interfaces to which you have applied it before you can modify the **record** format of the flow monitor.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow monitor** *monitor-name*
4. **record** {*record-name* | **netflow-original** | **netflow** {**ipv4** | **ipv6** *record* [**peer**] }}
5. **exporter** *exporter-name*
6. **exit**
7. **interface** *type number*
8. {**ip** | **ipv6**} **flow monitor** *monitor-name* {**input** | **output**}
9. **end**
10. **show flow monitor** [[**name**] *monitor-name* [**cache** [**format** {**csv** | **record** | **table**}]]][**statistics**]]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> Example: Device(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1	Creates a flow monitor and enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode. • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow monitor.
Step 4	record { <i>record-name</i> netflow-original netflow { ipv4 ipv6 <i>record</i> [peer] }}	Specifies the record for the flow monitor.
Step 5	exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1	Specifies the name of an exporter that you created previously.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	exit Example: Device(config-flow-monitor)# exit	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 7	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 8	{ip ipv6} flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> {input output} Example: Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input	Activates the flow monitor that you created previously by assigning it to the interface to analyze traffic.
Step 9	end Example: Device(config-if)# end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	show flow monitor [[name] monitor-name [cache [format {csv record table}]]][statistics]] Example: Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 cache	(Optional) Displays the status and statistics for a Flexible NetFlow flow monitor. This will verify data export is enabled for the flow monitor cache.

Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow IPv4 Unicast Flows

Example: Configuring Multiple Export Destinations

The following example shows how to configure multiple export destinations for Flexible NetFlow for IPv4 or IPv6 traffic.

This sample starts in global configuration mode:

```

!
flow exporter EXPORTER-1
 destination 172.16.10.2
 transport udp 90
 exit
!
flow exporter EXPORTER-2
 destination 172.16.10.3

```

```

transport udp 90
exit
!
flow record v4_r1
match ipv4 tos
match ipv4 protocol
match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow record v6_r1
match ipv6 traffic-class
match ipv6 protocol
match ipv6 source address
match ipv6 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!

flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
record v4_r1
exporter EXPORTER-2
exporter EXPORTER-1
!
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2
record v6_r1
exporter EXPORTER-2
exporter EXPORTER-1
!
ip cef
!
interface GigabitEthernet1/0/0
ip address 172.16.6.2 255.255.255.0
ipv6 address 2001:DB8:2:ABCD::2/48
ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input
ipv6 flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 input
!

```

The following display output shows that the flow monitor is exporting data to the two exporters:

```

Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
Flow Monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1:
  Description:      User defined
  Flow Record:     v4_r1
  Flow Exporter:   EXPORTER-1
                  EXPORTER-2

Cache:
  Type:            normal (Platform cache)
  Status:         allocated
  Size:           4096 entries / 311316 bytes
  Inactive Timeout: 15 secs
  Active Timeout:  1800 secs
  Update Timeout:  1800 secs

```

Example: Configuring Flexible NetFlow Egress Accounting for IPv4 and IPv6 Traffic

The following example shows how to configure Flexible NetFlow egress accounting for IPv4 and IPv6 traffic. This example starts in global configuration mode.

```
!
```

```

flow record v4_r1
match ipv4 tos
match ipv4 protocol
match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow record v6_r1
match ipv6 traffic-class
match ipv6 protocol
match ipv6 source address
match ipv6 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
record v4_r1
exit
!
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2
record v6_r1
exit
!
ip cef
ipv6 cef
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
ip address 172.16.6.2 255.255.255.0
ipv6 address 2001:DB8:2:ABCD::2/48
ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 output
ipv6 flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 output
!

```

Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - IPv4 Unicast Flows

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to www.cisco.com/go/cfn. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Table 10: Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - IPv4 Unicast Flows

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Flexible NetFlow - IPv4 Unicast Flows	12.2(33)SRC 12.2(50)SY 12.4(9)T 15.0(1)SY 15.0(1)SY1 Cisco IOS XE Release 3.1S Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2SE	Enables Flexible NetFlow to monitor IPv4 traffic. Support for this feature was added for Cisco 7200 series routers in Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRC. The following commands were introduced or modified: collect routing, debug flow record, collect ipv4, collect ipv4 destination, collect ipv4 fragmentation, collect ipv4 section, collect ipv4 source, ip flow monitor, match ipv4, match ipv4 destination, match ipv4 fragmentation, match ipv4 section, match ipv4 source, match routing, record, show flow monitor, show flow record.



Flexible NetFlow—IPv6 Unicast Flows

The Flexible NetFlow—IPv6 Unicast Flows feature enables Flexible NetFlow to monitor IPv6 traffic.

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Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see [Bug Search Tool](#) and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table at the end of this module.

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Information About Flexible NetFlow IPv6 Unicast Flows

Flexible NetFlow IPv6 Unicast Flows Overview

This feature enables Flexible NetFlow to monitor IPv6 traffic.

How to Configure Flexible NetFlow IPv6 Unicast Flows

Configuring 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.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow record** *record-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **match** {**ipv4** | **ipv6**} {**destination** | **source**} **address**
6. Repeat Step 5 as required to configure additional key fields for the record.
7. **collect interface** {**input** | **output**}
8. Repeat Step 7 as required to configure additional nonkey fields for the record.
9. **end**
10. **show flow record** *record-name*
11. **show running-config flow record** *record-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	<p>flow record <i>record-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config)# flow record FLOW-RECORD-1</pre>	<p>Creates a flow record and enters Flexible NetFlow flow record configuration mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This command also allows you to modify an existing flow record.
Step 4	<p>description <i>description</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-record)# description Used for basic traffic analysis</pre>	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow record.
Step 5	<p>match {<i>ipv4</i> <i>ipv6</i>} {<i>destination</i> <i>source</i>} <i>address</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 destination address</pre>	<p>Note This example configures the IPv4 destination address as a key field for the record. For information about the other key fields available for the match ipv4 command, and the other match commands that are available to configure key fields, refer to the <i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i>.</p>
Step 6	Repeat Step 5 as required to configure additional key fields for the record.	—
Step 7	<p>collect interface {<i>input</i> <i>output</i>}</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-record)# collect interface input</pre>	<p>Configures the input interface as a nonkey field for the record.</p> <p>Note This example configures the input interface as a nonkey field for the record. For information on the other collect commands that are available to configure nonkey fields, refer to the <i>Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference</i>.</p>
Step 8	Repeat Step 7 as required to configure additional nonkey fields for the record.	—
Step 9	<p>end</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device(config-flow-record)# end</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow record configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	<p>show flow record <i>record-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# show flow record FLOW_RECORD-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the current status of the specified flow record.
Step 11	<p>show running-config flow record <i>record-name</i></p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# show running-config flow record FLOW_RECORD-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow record.

Configuring the Flow Exporter

Perform this required task to configure the flow exporter.



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 either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow exporter** *exporter-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **destination** {*ip-address* | *hostname*} [**vrf** *vrf-name*]
6. **export-protocol** {**netflow-v5** | **netflow-v9** | **ipfix**}
7. **dscp** *dscp*
8. **source** *interface-type interface-number*
9. **option** {**exporter-stats** | **interface-table** | **sampler-table** | **vrf-table**} [**timeout** *seconds*]
10. **output-features**
11. **template data** **timeout** *seconds*
12. **transport udp** *udp-port*
13. **ttl** *seconds*
14. **end**
15. **show flow exporter** *exporter-name*
16. **show running-config flow exporter** *exporter-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device(config)# flow exporter EXPORTER-1	Creates the flow exporter and enters Flexible NetFlow flow exporter configuration mode. • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow exporter.
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# description Exports to the datacenter	(Optional) Configures a description to the exporter that will appear in the configuration and the display of the show flow exporter command.
Step 5	destination {<i>ip-address</i> <i>hostname</i>} [<i>vrf vrf-name</i>] Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# destination 172.16.10.2	Specifies the IP address or hostname of the destination system for the exporter. Note You can export to a destination using either an IPv4 or IPv6 address.
Step 6	export-protocol {<i>netflow-v5</i> <i>netflow-v9</i> <i>ipfix</i>} Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# export-protocol netflow-v9	Specifies the version of the NetFlow export protocol used by the exporter. The export of extracted fields from NBAR is supported only over IPFIX. • Default: netflow-v9 .
Step 7	dscp <i>dscp</i> Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# dscp 63	(Optional) Configures differentiated services code point (DSCP) parameters for datagrams sent by the exporter. • The range for the <i>dscp</i> argument is from 0 to 63. Default: 0.
Step 8	source <i>interface-type interface-number</i> Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# source ethernet 0/0	(Optional) Specifies the local interface from which the exporter will use the IP address as the source IP address for exported datagrams.
Step 9	option {<i>exporter-stats</i> <i>interface-table</i> <i>sampler-table</i> <i>vrf-table</i>} [<i>timeout seconds</i>] Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# option exporter-stats timeout 120	(Optional) Configures options data parameters for the exporter. • You can configure all three options concurrently. • The range for the <i>seconds</i> argument is 1 to 86,400. Default: 600.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 10	output-features Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# output-features	(Optional) Enables sending export packets using quality of service (QoS) and encryption.
Step 11	template data timeout seconds Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# template data timeout 120	(Optional) Configures resending of templates based on a timeout. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The range for the <i>seconds</i> argument is 1 to 86400 (86400 seconds = 24 hours).
Step 12	transport udp udp-port Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# transport udp 650	Specifies the UDP port on which the destination system is listening for exported datagrams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The range for the <i>udp-port</i> argument is from 1 to 65536.
Step 13	ttl seconds Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# ttl 15	(Optional) Configures the time-to-live (TTL) value for datagrams sent by the exporter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The range for the <i>seconds</i> argument is from 1 to 255.
Step 14	end Example: Device(config-flow-exporter)# end	Exits flow exporter configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 15	show flow exporter exporter-name Example: Device# show flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1	(Optional) Displays the current status of the specified flow exporter.
Step 16	show running-config flow exporter exporter-name Example: Device# show running-config flow exporter FLOW_EXPORTER-1	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow exporter.

Creating a 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 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, 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. For information about the **ip flow monitor** command, refer to the *Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Command Reference*.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow monitor** *monitor-name*
4. **description** *description*
5. **record** {*record-name*}
6. **cache** {**timeout** {**active**} *seconds* | **type** { **normal** } }
7. Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.
8. **exporter** *exporter-name*
9. **end**
10. **show flow monitor** [[**name**] *monitor-name* [**cache** [**format** {**csv** | **record** | **table**}]]]
11. **show running-config flow monitor** *monitor-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: > enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: # configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> Example: <pre>(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1</pre>	Creates a flow monitor and enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow monitor.
Step 4	description <i>description</i> Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# description Used for basic ipv4 traffic analysis</pre>	(Optional) Creates a description for the flow monitor.
Step 5	record { <i>record-name</i> } Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# record FLOW-RECORD-1</pre>	Specifies the record for the flow monitor.
Step 6	cache { <i>timeout</i> { <i>active</i> } <i>seconds</i> type { normal } Example: <pre>Device(config-flow-monitor)# cache type normal</pre>	
Step 7	Repeat Step 6 as required to finish modifying the cache parameters for this flow monitor.	—
Step 8	exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1</pre>	(Optional) Specifies the name of an exporter that was created previously.
Step 9	end Example: <pre>(config-flow-monitor)# end</pre>	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	show flow monitor [[<i>name</i>] <i>monitor-name</i> [cache [<i>format</i> { <i>csv</i> <i>record</i> <i>table</i> }]]] Example: <pre># show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 cache</pre>	(Optional) Displays the status for a Flexible NetFlow flow monitor.
Step 11	show running-config flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> Example: <pre># show running-config flow monitor FLOW_MONITOR-1</pre>	(Optional) Displays the configuration of the specified flow monitor.

Applying a Flow Monitor to an Interface

Before it can be activated, a flow monitor must be applied to at least one interface. Perform this required task to activate a flow monitor.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **{ip | ipv6} flow monitor** *monitor-name* **{input | output}**
5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to activate a flow monitor on any other interfaces in the device over which you want to monitor traffic.
6. **end**
7. **show flow interface** *type number*
8. **show flow monitor name** *monitor-name* **cache format record**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 4	{ip ipv6} flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> {input output} Example: Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input	Activates a flow monitor that was created previously by assigning it to the interface to analyze traffic.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 5	Repeat Steps 3 and 4 to activate a flow monitor on any other interfaces in the device over which you want to monitor traffic.	—
Step 6	end Example: Device(config-if)# end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 7	show flow interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device# show flow interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0	Displays the status of Flexible NetFlow (enabled or disabled) on the specified interface.
Step 8	show flow monitor name <i>monitor-name</i> cache format record Example: Device# show flow monitor name FLOW_MONITOR-1 cache format record	Displays the status, statistics, and flow data in the cache for the specified flow monitor.

Configuring and Enabling Flexible NetFlow with Data Export

You must create a flow monitor to configure the types of traffic for which you want to export the cache data. You must enable the flow monitor by applying it to at least one interface to start exporting data. To configure and enable Flexible NetFlow with data export, perform this required task.

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. The record format can be one of the predefined record formats, or an advanced user may create his or her own record format using the **collect** and **match** commands in Flexible NetFlow flow record configuration mode.



Note

You must remove a flow monitor from all of the interfaces to which you have applied it before you can modify the **record** format of the flow monitor.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **flow monitor** *monitor-name*
4. **record** {*record-name* | **netflow-original** | **netflow** {**ipv4** | **ipv6** *record* [**peer**] }}
5. **exporter** *exporter-name*
6. **exit**
7. **interface** *type number*
8. {**ip** | **ipv6**} **flow monitor** *monitor-name* {**input** | **output**}
9. **end**
10. **show flow monitor** [[**name**] *monitor-name* [**cache** [**format** {**csv** | **record** | **table**}]]][**statistics**]]

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	enable Example: Device> enable	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	configure terminal Example: Device# configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> Example: Device(config)# flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1	Creates a flow monitor and enters Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode. • This command also allows you to modify an existing flow monitor.
Step 4	record { <i>record-name</i> netflow-original netflow { ipv4 ipv6 <i>record</i> [peer] }}	Specifies the record for the flow monitor.
Step 5	exporter <i>exporter-name</i> Example: Device(config-flow-monitor)# exporter EXPORTER-1	Specifies the name of an exporter that you created previously.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 6	exit Example: Device(config-flow-monitor)# exit	Exits Flexible NetFlow flow monitor configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.
Step 7	interface <i>type number</i> Example: Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0	Specifies an interface and enters interface configuration mode.
Step 8	{ip ipv6} flow monitor <i>monitor-name</i> {input output} Example: Device(config-if)# ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input	Activates the flow monitor that you created previously by assigning it to the interface to analyze traffic.
Step 9	end Example: Device(config-if)# end	Exits interface configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 10	show flow monitor [[name] monitor-name [cache [format {csv record table}]]][statistics]] Example: Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 cache	(Optional) Displays the status and statistics for a Flexible NetFlow flow monitor. This will verify data export is enabled for the flow monitor cache.

Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow IPv6 Unicast Flows

Example: Configuring Multiple Export Destinations

The following example shows how to configure multiple export destinations for Flexible NetFlow for IPv4 or IPv6 traffic.

This sample starts in global configuration mode:

```

!
flow exporter EXPORTER-1
 destination 172.16.10.2
 transport udp 90
 exit
!
flow exporter EXPORTER-2
 destination 172.16.10.3

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transport udp 90
exit
!
flow record v4_r1
match ipv4 tos
match ipv4 protocol
match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow record v6_r1
match ipv6 traffic-class
match ipv6 protocol
match ipv6 source address
match ipv6 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
record v4_r1
exporter EXPORTER-2
exporter EXPORTER-1
!
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2
record v6_r1
exporter EXPORTER-2
exporter EXPORTER-1
!
ip cef
!
interface GigabitEthernet1/0/0
ip address 172.16.6.2 255.255.255.0
ipv6 address 2001:DB8:2:ABCD::2/48
ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 input
ipv6 flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 input
!

```

The following display output shows that the flow monitor is exporting data to the two exporters:

```

Device# show flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
Flow Monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1:
  Description:      User defined
  Flow Record:     v4_r1
  Flow Exporter:   EXPORTER-1
                  EXPORTER-2
Cache:
  Type:            normal (Platform cache)
  Status:         allocated
  Size:           4096 entries / 311316 bytes
  Inactive Timeout: 15 secs
  Active Timeout:  1800 secs
  Update Timeout:  1800 secs

```

Example: Configuring Flexible NetFlow Egress Accounting for IPv4 and IPv6 Traffic

The following example shows how to configure Flexible NetFlow egress accounting for IPv4 and IPv6 traffic. This example starts in global configuration mode.

```
!
```

```

flow record v4_r1
match ipv4 tos
match ipv4 protocol
match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow record v6_r1
match ipv6 traffic-class
match ipv6 protocol
match ipv6 source address
match ipv6 destination address
match transport source-port
match transport destination-port
collect counter bytes long
collect counter packets long
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1
record v4_r1
exit
!
!
flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2
record v6_r1
exit
!
ip cef
ipv6 cef
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0
ip address 172.16.6.2 255.255.255.0
ipv6 address 2001:DB8:2:ABCD::2/48
ip flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-1 output
ipv6 flow monitor FLOW-MONITOR-2 output
!

```

Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - IPv6 Unicast Flows

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 11: Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow - IPv6 Unicast Flows

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Flexible NetFlow - IPv6 Unicast Flows	12.2(33)SRE 12.2(50)SY 12.4(20)T 15.0(1)SY 15.0(1)SY1 Cisco IOS XE Release 3.2SE Cisco IOS XE Release 3.3S	<p>Enables Flexible NetFlow to monitor IPv6 traffic.</p> <p>Support for this feature was added for Cisco 7200 and 7300 Network Processing Engine (NPE) series routers in Cisco IOS Release 12.2(33)SRE.</p> <p>The following commands were introduced or modified: collect routing, debug flow record, match routing, record, show flow monitor, show flow record, collect ipv6, collect ipv6 destination, collect ipv6 extension map, collect ipv6 fragmentation, collect ipv6 hop-limit, collect ipv6 length, collect ipv6 section, collect ipv6 source, collect transport icmp ipv6, ipv6 flow monitor, match ipv6, match ipv6 destination, match ipv6 extension map, match ipv6 fragmentation, match ipv6 hop-limit, match ipv6 length, match ipv6 section, match ipv6 source, match transport icmp ipv6.</p>

