Enabling Protocol Discovery

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Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR) includes a feature called Protocol Discovery. Protocol Discovery provides an easy way to discover the application protocols that are operating on an interface. When you configure NBAR, the first task is to enable Protocol Discovery.

This module contains concepts and tasks for enabling the Protocol Discovery feature.

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Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest feature information and caveats, see 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 document.

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Prerequisites for Enabling Protocol Discovery

Before enabling Protocol Discovery, read the information in the "Classifying Network Traffic Using NBAR" module.

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Protocol Discovery Functionality

NBAR determines which protocols and applications are currently running on your network. NBAR includes a feature called Protocol Discovery. Protocol Discovery provides an easy way of discovering the application protocols that are operating on an interface so that appropriate quality of service (QoS) features can be applied. With Protocol Discovery, you can discover any protocol traffic that is supported by NBAR and obtain statistics that are associated with that protocol.

Protocol Discovery maintains the following per-protocol statistics for enabled interfaces:

- Total number of input packets and bytes
- Total number of output packets and bytes
- Input bit rates
- Output bit rates

The statistics can then be used when you later define classes and traffic policies (sometimes known as policy maps) for each traffic class. The traffic policies (policy maps) are used to apply specific QoS features and functionality to the traffic classes.

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Enabling Protocol Discovery on an Interface

The **ip nbar protocol-discovery**command is used to enable Protocol Discovery on an interface. With Cisco IOS Release 12.2(18)ZYA, intended for use on the Cisco 6500 series switch that is equipped with a Supervisor 32/PISA, the **ip nbar protocol-discovery** command is supported on both Layer 2 and Layer 3 Etherchannels.

To enable Protocol Discovery on an interface, perform the following steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number* [*name-tag*]
4. **ip nbar protocol-discovery**
5. **end**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface** *type number* [*name-tag*] **Example:** `Router(config)# interface ethernet 2/4`	Configures an interface type and enters interface configuration mode. • Enter the interface type and the interface number.
Step 4	**ip nbar protocol-discovery** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# ip nbar protocol-discovery`	Configures NBAR to discover traffic for all protocols known to NBAR on a particular interface.
Step 5	**end** **Example:** `Router(config-if)# end`	(Optional) Exits interface configuration mode.

Reporting Protocol Discovery Statistics

To display a report of the Protocol Discovery statistics per interface, perform the following steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show policy-map interface** *type number*
3. **show ip nbar protocol-discovery** [**interface** *type number*] [**stats** {**byte-count** | **bit-rate** | **packet-count**| **max-bit-rate**}] [**protocol** *protocol-name* | **top-n** *number*]
4. **exit**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**show policy-map interface** *type number* **Example:** `Router# show policy-map interface Fastethernet 6/0`	(Optional) Displays the packet and class statistics for all policy maps on the specified interface. • Enter the interface type and the interface number.
Step 3	**show ip nbar protocol-discovery** [**interface** *type number*] [**stats** {**byte-count** | **bit-rate** | **packet-count**| **max-bit-rate**}] [**protocol** *protocol-name* | **top-n** *number*] **Example:** `Router# show ip nbar protocol-discovery interface Fastethernet 6/0`	Displays the statistics gathered by the NBAR Protocol Discovery feature. • (Optional) Enter keywords and arguments to fine-tune the statistics displayed.
Step 4	**exit** **Example:** `Router# exit`	(Optional) Exits privileged EXEC mode.

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Example Enabling Protocol Discovery on an Interface

In the following sample configuration, Protocol Discovery is enabled on Ethernet interface 2/4.

```
Router> enable

Router# configure terminal

Router(config)# interface ethernet 2/4

Router(config-if)# ip nbar protocol-discovery

Router(config-if)# end
```

Example Reporting Protocol Discovery Statistics

The following example displays output from the **show ip nbar protocol-discovery**command for the five most active protocols on an Ethernet interface:

```
Router# show ip nbar protocol-discovery top-n 5

 Ethernet2/0
                            Input                     Output
                            -----                     ------
  Protocol                  Packet Count              Packet Count
                            Byte Count                Byte Count
                            30sec Bit Rate (bps)      30sec Bit Rate (bps)
                            30sec Max Bit Rate (bps)  30sec Max Bit Rate (bps)
--------------------------- ------------------------  ------------------------
   rtp                      3272685                   3272685
                                                242050604
242050604
                            768000                    768000
                            2002000                   2002000
   gnutella                 513574                    513574
                            118779716                 118779716
                            383000                    383000
                            987000                    987000
   ftp                      482183                    482183
                            37606237                  37606237
                            121000                    121000
                            312000                    312000
   http                     144709                    144709
                            32351383                  32351383
                            105000                    105000
                            269000                    269000
   netbios                  96606                     96606
                            10627650                  10627650
                            36000                     36000
                            88000                     88000
   unknown                  1724428                   1724428
                            534038683                 534038683
                            2754000                   2754000
                            4405000                   4405000
   Total                    6298724                   6298724
                            989303872                 989303872
                            4213000                   4213000
                            8177000                   8177000
```

Where to Go Next

After you enable Protocol Discovery, you have the option to configure NBAR using the Modular Quality of Service (QoS) Command-Line Interface (CLI) (MQC). To configure NBAR using the MQC, see the "Configuring NBAR Using the MQC" module.

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to enabling Protocol Discovery.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
QoS commands: complete command syntax, command modes, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples	*Cisco IOS Quality of Service Solutions Command Reference*
Concepts and information about NBAR	"Classifying Network Traffic Using NBAR" module
Configuring NBAR using the MQC	"Configuring NBAR Using the MQC" module
Adding application recognition modules (also known as PDLMs)	"Adding Application Recognition Modules" module
Creating a custom protocol	"Creating a Custom Protocol" module

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
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Feature Information for Enabling Protocol Discovery

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 Enabling Protocol Discovery

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
NBAR--Network-Based Application Recognition	12.2(18)ZYA	Integrates NBAR and Firewall Service Module (FWSM) functionality on the Catalyst 6500 series switch that is equipped with a Supervisor 32/ programmable intelligent services accelerator (PISA). The following commands were modified: **ip nbar protocol-discovery, show ip nbar protocol-discovery**.