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Deploying the Cisco Intelligent WAN

This guide is one in a series of IWAN advanced deployment guides that focus on how to deploy the advanced features of the Cisco Intelligent WAN (IWAN). These guides build on the configurations deployed in the Intelligent WAN Deployment Guide and are optional components of its base IWAN configurations.

The advanced guides are as follows:

- IWAN High Availability and Scalability Deployment Guide
- IWAN Multiple Data Center Deployment Guide
- IWAN Multiple Transports Deployment Guide
- IWAN Multiple VRF Deployment Guide
- IWAN Public Key Infrastructure Deployment Guide
- IWAN NetFlow Monitoring Deployment Guide (this guide)
- IWAN Remote Site 4G LTE Deployment Guide

For design details, see Intelligent WAN Design Summary.

For configuration details, see Intelligent WAN Configuration Files Guide.

For an automated way to deploy IWAN, use the APIC-EM IWAN Application. For more information, see the Cisco IWAN Application on APIC-EM User Guide.

If want to use TrustSec with your IWAN deployment, see “Configuring SGT Propagation” in the User-to-Data-Center Access Control Using TrustSec Deployment Guide.

DEPLOYMENT DETAILS

How to Read Commands

This guide uses the following conventions for commands that you enter at the command-line interface (CLI).

Commands to enter at a CLI prompt:
configure terminal

Commands that specify a value for a variable:
ntp server 10.10.48.17

Commands with variables that you must define:
class-map [highest class name]

Commands at a CLI or script prompt:
Router# enable

Long commands that line wrap are underlined. Enter them as one command:
police rate 10000 pps burst 10000 packets conform-action

Noteworthy parts of system output (or of device configuration files) are highlighted:
interface Vlan64
   ip address 10.5.204.5 255.255.255.0
Deploying NetFlow Monitoring

NetFlow operates by creating a NetFlow cache entry that contains information for all active flows on a NetFlow-enabled device. NetFlow builds its cache by processing the first packet of a flow through the standard switching path. It maintains a flow record within the NetFlow cache for all active flows. Each flow record in the NetFlow cache contains key fields, as well as additional non-key fields, that can be used later for exporting data to a collection device. Each flow record is created by identifying packets with similar flow characteristics and counting or tracking the packets and bytes per flow.

Flexible NetFlow (FNF) allows you to customize and focus on specific network information. To define a flow, you can use a subset or superset of the traditional seven key fields. FNF also has multiple additional fields (both key and non-key). This permits an organization to target more specific information so that the total amount of information and the number of flows being exported is reduced, allowing enhanced scalability and aggregation.

Configuring Flexible NetFlow for IWAN Monitoring

1. Create flexible NetFlow flow record
2. Create flow exporter
3. Create a flow monitor
4. Apply flow monitor to router interfaces

These procedures include best practice recommendations for which key fields and non-key fields need to be collected in order to allow for effective IWAN monitoring.

Additional details regarding the deployment of NetFlow with NBAR2 and the usage of a broad range of NetFlow collector/analytics are covered in the Application Monitoring Using NetFlow Technology Design Guide.

Procedure 1: Create flexible NetFlow flow record

Flexible NetFlow requires the explicit configuration of a flow record that consists of both key fields and non-key fields. This procedure provides guidance on how to configure a user-defined flow record that includes all of the Traditional NetFlow (TNF) fields (key and non-key) as well as additional FNF fields (key and non-key). The resulting flow record includes the full subset of TNF fields used in classic NetFlow deployments.

The examples in this guide are from Cisco Prime Infrastructure and LiveAction LiveNX. Different NetFlow collector applications support different export version formats and you should align your flow record with the type of network management platform used by your organization.
Step 1: Specify key fields. This determines unique flow. Be sure to include a separate match statement for each key field.

```
flow record [record name]
description [record description]
match [key field type] [key field value]
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Key field type</th>
<th>Key field value</th>
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<tr>
<td>flow</td>
<td>direction</td>
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<td>interface</td>
<td>input</td>
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<td>ipv4</td>
<td>tos</td>
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<td>protocol</td>
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<td>source address</td>
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<td>destination address</td>
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<td>transport</td>
<td>source port</td>
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<td>destination port</td>
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</table>

Step 2: Specify non-key fields to be collected for each unique flow. Be sure to include a separate `collect` statement for each non-key field.

```
flow record [record name]
collect [non-key field type] [non-key field value]
```
Table 2  Recommended FNF non-key fields for IWAN

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Non-key field type</th>
<th>Non-key field value</th>
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<tr>
<td>application</td>
<td>name</td>
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<td>flow</td>
<td>sampler</td>
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<tr>
<td>routing</td>
<td>source as destination as next-hop address ipv4</td>
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<tr>
<td>ipv4</td>
<td>source prefix</td>
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<td></td>
<td>source mask</td>
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<td></td>
<td>destination mask</td>
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<td>dscp</td>
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<td></td>
<td>id</td>
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<td>transport</td>
<td>tcp flags</td>
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<td>interface</td>
<td>output</td>
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<tr>
<td>counter</td>
<td>bytes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>packets</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>timestamp</td>
<td>sys-uptime first</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>sys-uptime last</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

```
flow record Record-FNF-IWAN
  description Flexible NetFlow for IWAN Monitoring
  match flow direction
  match interface input
  match ipv4 destination address
  match ipv4 protocol
  match ipv4 source address
  match ipv4 tos
  match transport destination-port
  match transport source-port
  collect application name
  collect counter bytes
  collect counter packets
  collect flow sampler
  collect interface output
```
**Procedure 2**  
Create flow exporter

The NetFlow data that is stored in the cache of the network device can be more effectively analyzed when exported to an external collector.

Creating a flow exporter is only required when exporting data to an external collector. If data is analyzed only on the network device, you can skip this procedure.

**Reader Tip**

Most external collectors use SNMP to retrieve the interface table from the network device. Ensure that you have completed the relevant SNMP procedures for your platform.

Different NetFlow collector applications support different export version formats (v5, v9, IPFIX) and expect to receive the exported data on a particular UDP or TCP port (ports 2055, 9991, 9995, 9996 are popular). The NetFlow RFC 3954 does not specify a specific port for collectors to receive NetFlow data. In this deployment, the collector applications used for testing use the parameters designated in the following table.

**Table 3  NetFlow collector parameters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Vendor</th>
<th>Application</th>
<th>Version</th>
<th>Export capability</th>
<th>NetFlow destination port</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cisco</td>
<td>Prime Infrastructure</td>
<td>3.1</td>
<td>Flexible NetFlow v9</td>
<td>UDP 9991</td>
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<tr>
<td>LiveAction</td>
<td>LiveNX</td>
<td>5.3</td>
<td>Flexible NetFlow v9</td>
<td>UDP 2055</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Step 1: Configure a basic flow exporter by using NetFlow v9.

```
flow exporter [exporter name]
  description [exporter description]
  destination [NetFlow collector IP address]
  source Loopback0
  transport [UDP or TCP] [port number]
  export-protocol netflow
```

Step 2: For FNF records, export the interface table for FNF. The `option interface-table` command enables the periodic sending of an options table. This provides interface names through the NetFlow export.

```
flow exporter [exporter name]
  option interface-table
  template data timeout 600
```

Step 3: If you are using an NBAR flow record, export the NBAR application table. The `option application-table` command enables the periodic sending of an options table that allows the collector to map the NBAR application IDs provided in the flow records to application names.

```
flow exporter [exporter name]
  option application-table
```

Step 4: If you are using an NBAR flow record, export the NBAR application attributes. The `option application-attributes` command causes the periodic sending of NBAR application attributes to the collector.

```
flow exporter [exporter name]
  option application-attributes
```

Step 5: If you are using the Cisco ISR-G2 series routers, enable `output-features`. Otherwise, NetFlow traffic that originates from a WAN remote-site router will not be encrypted or tagged using QoS.

```
flow exporter [exporter name]
  output-features
```
Example: LiveAction LiveNX

flow exporter Export-FNF-Monitor-1
description FNFv9 NBAR2 with LiveAction
destination 10.4.48.178
source Loopback0
output-features  ! this command is not required on IOS-XE routers
transport udp 2055
template data timeout 600
option interface-table
option application-table
option application-attributes

Example: Prime Infrastructure

flow exporter Export-FNF-Monitor-2
description FNFv9 NBAR2 with Prime
destination 10.4.48.36
source Loopback0
output-features  ! this command is not required on IOS-XE routers
transport udp 9991
template data timeout 600
option interface-table
option application-table
option application-attributes
Step 6: Verify the NetFlow exporter configuration using the `show flow exporter` command.

```
RS41-2921# show flow exporter Export-FNF-Monitor-2
```

Flow Exporter Export-FNF-Monitor-2:
- Description: FNFv9 NBAR2 with Prime
- Export protocol: NetFlow Version 9

Transport Configuration:
- Destination IP address: 10.4.48.36
- Source IP address: 10.255.241.41
- Source Interface: Loopback0
- Transport Protocol: UDP
- Destination Port: 9991
- Source Port: 64254
- DSCP: 0x0
- TTL: 255
- Output Features: Used

Options Configuration:
- interface-table (timeout 600 seconds)
- application-table (timeout 600 seconds)
- application-attributes (timeout 600 seconds)

Procedure 3 Create a flow monitor

The network device must be configured to monitor the flows through the device on a per-interface basis. The flow monitor must include a flow record and optionally one or more flow exporters if data is to be collected and analyzed. After the flow monitor is created, it is applied to device interfaces. The flow monitor stores flow information in a cache, and the timer values for this cache are modified within the flow monitor configuration. It is recommended that you set the timeout active timer to 60 seconds, which exports flow data on existing long-lived flows.

Step 1: Create the flow monitor, and then set the cache timers.

```
flow monitor [monitor name]
  description [monitor description]
  cache timeout active 60
  cache timeout inactive 10
```

Step 2: Associate the flow record to the flow monitor. You can use either a custom or a built-in flow record.

```
flow monitor [monitor name]
  record [record name]
```
Step 3: If you are using an external NetFlow collector, associate the exporters to the flow monitor. If you are using multiple exporters, add additional lines.

```plaintext
flow monitor [monitor name]
exporter [exporter name]
```

**Example: Prime Infrastructure and LiveAction LiveNX**

```plaintext
flow monitor Monitor-FNF-IWAN
description IWAN Traffic Analysis
record Record-FNF-IWAN
exporter Export-FNF-Monitor-1
exporter Export-FNF-Monitor-2
cache timeout active 60
 cache timeout inactive 10
```

Step 4: Verify the flow monitor configuration by using the `show flow monitor` command.

```plaintext
RS41-2921#show flow monitor
Flow Monitor Monitor-FNF-IWAN:
  Description:       IWAN Traffic Analysis
  Flow Record:       Record-FNF-IWAN
  Flow Exporter:     Export-FNF-Monitor-1
                      Export-FNF-Monitor-2
  Cache:
    Type: normal
    Status: not allocated
    Size: 4096 entries/0 bytes
    Inactive Timeout: 10 secs
    Active Timeout: 60 secs
    Update Timeout: 1800 secs
    Synchronized Timeout: 600 secs
  Status: allocated
  Size: 4096 entries/376856 bytes
  Inactive Timeout: 15 secs
  Active Timeout: 60 secs
  Update Timeout: 1800 secs
```
Procedure 4  Apply flow monitor to router interfaces

A best practice for NetFlow in an IWAN deployment is to monitor all inbound and outbound traffic on the DMVPN tunnel interfaces.

Step 1: Apply the flow monitor to the tunnel interface(s).

```bash
interface [name]
ip flow monitor [monitor name] input
ip flow monitor [monitor name] output
```

Example: Single-router remote site with dual-link for hybrid

```bash
interface Tunnel10
ip flow monitor Monitor-FNF-IWAN input
ip flow monitor Monitor-FNF-IWAN output

interface Tunnel11
ip flow monitor Monitor-FNF-IWAN input
ip flow monitor Monitor-FNF-IWAN output
```

Step 2: Verify the proper interfaces are configured for NetFlow monitoring using the `show flow interface` command.

```bash
RS41-2921# show flow interface
Interface Tunnel10
  FNF: monitor: Monitor-FNF-IWAN
  direction: Input
  traffic(ip): on
  FNF: monitor: Monitor-FNF-IWAN
  direction: Output
  traffic(ip): on

Interface Tunnel11
  FNF: monitor: Monitor-FNF-IWAN
  direction: Input
  traffic(ip): on
  FNF: monitor: Monitor-FNF-IWAN
  direction: Output
  traffic(ip): on
```
Step 3: At dual-router sites with a distribution layer, also apply the flow monitor to the interfaces that connect to the distribution layer switch. This ensures that you capture all possible traffic flows.

**Example: First router of a dual-router dual-link remote site**

```plaintext
interface Port-channel1.50
ip flow monitor Monitor-FNF-IWAN input
ip flow monitor Monitor-FNF-IWAN output
```

**Example: Second router of a dual-router dual-link remote site**

```plaintext
interface Port-channel2.54
ip flow monitor Monitor-FNF-IWAN input
ip flow monitor Monitor-FNF-IWAN output
```

Step 4: Verify the dscp used in the network by displaying the NetFlow cache on the WAN aggregation routers. Use the `show flow monitor` command.

```plaintext
show flow monitor Monitor-FNF-IWAN cache format table
```
Appendix A: Product List

To view the full list of IWAN-supported routers for this version of the CVD, see Supported Cisco Platforms and Software Releases.
Appendix B: Changes

This appendix summarizes the changes Cisco made to this guide since its last edition.

- Guide updates:
  - This new guide is one in a series of IWAN advanced deployment guides.