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Important Information about Cisco IOS XE 16

Effective Cisco IOS XE Release 3.7.0E for Catalyst Switching and Cisco IOS XE Release 3.17S (for Access and Edge Routing) the two releases evolve (merge) into a single version of converged release—the Cisco IOS XE 16—providing one release covering the extensive range of access and edge products in the Switching and Routing portfolio.

Feature Information

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Related References

- Cisco IOS Command References, All Releases

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Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR) is a classification engine that recognizes and classifies a wide variety of protocols and applications. When NBAR recognizes and classifies a protocol or an application, you can configure the network to apply the appropriate quality of service (QoS) for that application or traffic with the classified protocol.

This module contains an overview of classifying network traffic using NBAR.

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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.

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.

Restrictions for Classifying Network Traffic Using NBAR

NBAR does not support the following applications:

• Non-IP traffic.
• Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS)-labeled packets. NBAR classifies only IP packets. You can, however, use NBAR to classify IP traffic before the traffic is handed over to MPLS. Use the modular QoS CLI (MQC) to set the IP differentiated services code point (DSCP) field on NBAR-classified packets and make MPLS map the DSCP setting to the MPLS experimental (EXP) setting inside the MPLS header.

• NBAR processing. By design, NBAR processing is temporarily disabled during the In-Service Software Upgrade (ISSU). The following syslog message indicates the restart of the NBAR classification once ISSU is complete: “%NBAR_HA-5-NBAR_INFO: NBAR sync DONE!”

• Multicast packet classification.

• Asymmetric flows with stateful protocols.

• Packets that originate from or destined to a device running NBAR.

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**Note**

In the NBAR context, asymmetric flows are flows in which different packets go through different devices, for reasons such as load balancing implementation or asymmetric routing, where packets flow through different routes in different directions.

NBAR is not supported on the following logical interfaces:

• Dialer interfaces

• Dynamic tunnels such as Dynamic Virtual Tunnel Interface (DVTI)

• Fast Etherchannels

• IPv6 tunnels that terminate on the device

• MPLS

• Overlay Transport Virtualization (OTV) overlay interfaces

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**Note**

In cases where encapsulation is not supported by NBAR on some links, you can apply NBAR on other interfaces of the device to perform input classification. For example, you can configure NBAR on LAN interfaces to classify output traffic on the WAN link.

The following virtual interfaces are supported depending on the image of your Cisco IOS:

• Generic routing encapsulation (GRE)

• IPsec IPv4 tunnel (including tunneled IPv6) in protocol discovery mode and MQC mode

• IPsec IPv6 tunnel in protocol discovery mode but not in MQC mode

• Multipoint GRE/Dynamic Multipoint VPN (DMVPN) in protocol discovery mode

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**Note**

NBAR requires more CPU power when NBAR is enabled on tunneled interfaces.
If protocol discovery is enabled on both the tunnel interface and the physical interface on which the tunnel interface is configured, the packets that are designated to the tunnel interface are counted on both interfaces. On the physical interface, the packets are classified and are counted based on the encapsulation. On the tunnel interface, packets are classified and are counted based on the Layer 7 protocol.

For all protocols, only 20 combinations of subclassification per protocol can be configured. You can define a combination for subclassification using the `match protocol protocol-name variable-field-name value` command.

## Information About Classifying Network Traffic Using NBAR

### NBAR Functionality

NBAR is a classification engine that recognizes and classifies a wide variety of protocols and applications, including web-based and other difficult-to-classify applications and protocols that use dynamic TCP/UDP port assignments.

When NBAR recognizes and classifies a protocol or an application, the network can be configured to apply the appropriate QoS for that application or traffic with that protocol. The QoS is applied using the MQC.

For more information about the MQC, see the “Applying QoS Features Using the MQC” module.

NBAR introduces several classification features that identify applications and protocols from Layer 4 through Layer 7. These classification features are as follows:

- Statically assigned TCP and UDP port numbers.
- Non-TCP and non-UDP IP protocols.
- Dynamically assigned TCP and UDP port numbers. This kind of classification requires stateful inspection, that is, the ability to inspect a protocol across multiple packets during packet classification.
- Subport classification or classification based on deep packet inspection, that is, classification for inspecting packets.

Access Control Lists (ACLs) can also be used for classifying static port protocols. However, NBAR is easier to configure and can provide classification statistics that are not available when ACLs are used.

NBAR includes a Protocol Discovery feature that provides an easy way to discover application protocols that are operating on an interface. For more information about Protocol Discovery, see the “Enabling Protocol Discovery” module.

NBAR classifies network traffic by application or protocol. Network traffic can be classified without using NBAR. For information about classifying network traffic without using NBAR, see the “Classifying Network Traffic” module.
NBAR includes the Protocol Pack feature that provides an easy way to load protocols and helps NBAR recognize additional protocols for network traffic classification. A protocol pack is set of protocols developed and packed together. A new protocol pack can be loaded on the device to replace the default IOS protocol pack that is already present in the device.

**NBAR Benefits**

Identifying and classifying network traffic is an important first step in implementing QoS. A network administrator can more effectively implement QoS in a networking environment after identifying the number and types of applications and protocols that are running on a network.

NBAR gives network administrators the ability to see the different types of protocols and the amount of traffic generated by each protocol. After NBAR gathers this information, users can organize traffic into classes. These classes can then be used to provide different levels of service for network traffic, thereby allowing better network management by providing the appropriate level of network resources for the network traffic.

NBAR is also used in Cisco Application Visibility and Control (AVC). With AVC, NBAR provides better application performance through better QoS and policing, and provides finer visibility about the network that is being used.

With AVC license, the following NBAR features are supported:

- Classification inside transient IPv6 tunnels
- Custom protocols
- Customization of protocol attributes
- Field extraction
- Protocol pack updates

**NBAR and Classification of HTTP Traffic**

**Classification of HTTP Traffic by a URL Host or MIME**

NBAR can classify application traffic by looking beyond the TCP/UDP port numbers of a packet. This is called subport classification. NBAR looks into the TCP/UDP payload itself and classifies packets based on content, such as the transaction identifier, message type, or other similar data, within the payload.

Classification of HTTP traffic by a URL, a host, or a Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME) type is an example of subport classification. NBAR classifies HTTP traffic by the text within the URL or host fields of a request by using regular expression matching. HTTP client request matching in NBAR supports most HTTP request methods such as GET, PUT, HEAD, POST, DELETE, OPTIONS, CONNECT, and TRACE. The NBAR engine then converts the specified match string into a regular expression.

The figure below illustrates a network topology with NBAR in which Device Y is the NBAR-enabled device.
When specifying a URL for classification, include only the portion of the URL that follows the `www.hostname.domain` in the `match` statement. For example, for the URL `www.cisco.com/latest/whatsnew.html`, include only `/latest/whatsnew.html` with the `match` statement (for instance, `match protocol http url /latest/whatsnew.html`).

Host specifications are identical to URL specifications. NBAR performs a regular expression match on the host field contents inside an HTTP packet and classifies all packets from that host. For example, for the URL `www.cisco.com/latest/whatsnew.html`, include only `www.cisco.com`.

For MIME type matching, the MIME type can contain any user-specified text string. A list of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) supported MIME types can be found at the following URL:

http://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/

When matching by MIME type, NBAR matches a packet containing the MIME type and all subsequent packets until the next HTTP transaction.

NBAR supports URL and host classification in the presence of persistent HTTP. NBAR does not classify packets that are part of a pipelined request. With pipelined requests, multiple requests are pipelined to the server before previous requests are serviced. Pipelined requests are not supported with subclassification and tunneled protocols that use HTTP as the transport protocol.

The NBAR Extended Inspection for HTTP Traffic feature allows NBAR to scan TCP ports that are not well known and to identify HTTP traffic that traverses these ports. HTTP traffic classification is no longer limited to the well-known and defined TCP ports.

Depending on your release, the Enable NBAR URI Extraction for HTTP Transactions for Persistent Connections feature supports extraction and export of the URL field per transaction, and not only the URL of the first transaction as supported in earlier releases. To enable multi-transaction, a protocol pack with 'Enhanced Web Classification' has to be installed. When an Enhanced Web Classification protocol pack is installed, the `match connection transaction-id` command configuration in flexible netflow tracks multiple HTTP transactions. For more information on tracking HTTP transactions, refer to Cisco IOS Flexible NetFlow Configuration Guide.

### Classification of HTTP Traffic by Using HTTP Header Fields

NBAR introduces expanded ability for users to classify HTTP traffic by using information in the HTTP header fields.

HTTP works using a client/server model. HTTP clients open connections by sending a request message to an HTTP server. The HTTP server then returns a response message to the HTTP client (this response message is typically the resource requested in the request message from the HTTP client). After delivering the response, the HTTP server closes the connection and the transaction is complete.

HTTP header fields are used to provide information about HTTP request and response messages. HTTP has numerous header fields. For additional information on HTTP headers, see section 14 of RFC 2616: Hypertext Transfer Protocol—HTTP/1.1. This RFC can be found at the following URL:

http://www.w3.org/Protocols/rfc2616/rfc2616-sec14.html

NBAR is able to classify the following HTTP header fields:
For request messages (client-to-server), the following HTTP header fields can be identified using NBAR:

- User-Agent
- Referrer
- From

For response messages (server to client), the following HTTP header fields can be identified using NBAR:

- Server
- Location
- Content-Base
- Content-Encoding

Within NBAR, the `match protocol http c-header-field` command is used to specify that NBAR identify request messages (the “c” in the `c-header-field` portion of the command is for client). The `match protocol http s-header-field` command is used to specify response messages (the “s” in the `s-header-field` portion of the command is for server).

**Note**
The `c-header-field` and `s-header-field` keywords and associated arguments in the `match protocol http` command are no longer available. The same functionality is achieved by using the individual keywords and arguments. For more information, see the syntax of the `match protocol http` command in the *Quality of Service Solutions Command Reference*.

**Note**
The c-header-field performs subclassifications based on a single value in the user-agent, the referrer, or from-header field values. The s-header-field performs subclassifications based on a single value in the server, location, content-encoding, or content-base header field values. These header field values are not related to each other. Hence, the c-header and s-header fields are replaced by the user-agent, referrer, from, server, content-base, content-encoding, and location parameters as per the intent and need of HTTP subclassification.

### Combinations of Classification of HTTP Headers and URL Host or MIME Type to Identify HTTP Traffic

Note that combinations of URL, Host, MIME type, and HTTP headers can be used during NBAR configuration. These combinations provide customers with more flexibility to classify specific HTTP traffic based on their network requirements.

### NBAR and Classification of Citrix ICA Traffic

NBAR can classify Citrix Independent Computing Architecture (ICA) traffic and perform subport classification of Citrix traffic based on the published application name or ICA tag number.

### Classification of Citrix ICA Traffic by Published Application Name

NBAR can monitor Citrix ICA client requests for a published application that is destined to a Citrix ICA Master browser. After the client requests the published application, the Citrix ICA master browser directs the client to the server with the most available memory. The Citrix ICA client then connects to this Citrix ICA server for the application.
For Citrix to monitor and classify traffic by the published application name, use Server Browser Mode on the master browser.

In server browser mode, NBAR statefully tracks and monitors traffic and performs a regular expression search on the packet contents for the published application name specified by the `match protocol citrix` command. The published application name is specified by using the `app` keyword and the `application-name-string` argument of the `match protocol citrix` command. For more information about the `match protocol citrix` command, see the Quality of Service Solutions Command Reference.

The Citrix ICA session triggered to carry the specified application is cached, and traffic is classified appropriately for the published application name.

**Citrix ICA Client Modes**

Citrix ICA clients can be configured in various modes. NBAR cannot distinguish among Citrix applications in all modes of operation. Therefore, network administrators might need to collaborate with Citrix administrators to ensure that NBAR properly classifies Citrix traffic.

A Citrix administrator can configure Citrix to publish Citrix applications individually or in Published Desktop Mode. In the Published Desktop Mode of operation, all applications within the published desktop of a client use the same TCP session. Therefore, differentiation among applications is impossible, and NBAR can be used to classify Citrix applications only as aggregates (by looking at port 1494).

The Published Application Mode for Citrix ICA clients is recommended when you use NBAR. In Published Application Mode, a Citrix administrator can configure a Citrix client in either Seamless or Nonseamless (windows) modes of operation. In Nonseamless Mode, each Citrix application uses a separate TCP connection, and NBAR can be used to provide interapplication differentiation based on the name of the published application.

Seamless Mode clients can operate in one of two submodes: session sharing or nonsession sharing. In seamless session sharing mode, all clients share the same TCP connection, and NBAR is not able to differentiate among applications. Seamless sharing mode is enabled by default in some software releases. In seamless nonsession sharing mode, each application for each client uses a separate TCP connection. NBAR can provide interapplication differentiation in seamless nonsession sharing mode.

**Classification of Citrix ICA Traffic by ICA Tag Number**

Citrix uses a TCP session each time an application is opened. In the TCP session, a variety of Citrix traffic may be intermingled in the same session. For example, print traffic may be intermingled with interactive traffic, causing interruption and delay for a particular application.

Most users would prefer printing to be handled as a background process that does not interfere with the processing of higher-priority traffic. To accommodate this printing preference, the Citrix ICA protocol includes the ability to identify Citrix ICA traffic based on the ICA tag number of the packet. The ability to identify, tag, and prioritize Citrix ICA traffic is referred to as ICA Priority Packet Tagging. With ICA Priority Packet Tagging, Citrix ICA traffic is categorized as high, medium, low, and background, depending on the ICA tag of the packet.
When ICA traffic priority tag numbers are used, and the priority of the traffic is determined, QoS features can be implemented to determine how the traffic will be handled. For example, QoS traffic policing can be configured to transmit or drop packets with a specific priority.

Citrix ICA Packet Tagging

The Citrix ICA tag is included in the first two bytes of the Citrix ICA packet, after the initial negotiations are completed between the Citrix client and server.

The first two bytes of the packet (byte 1 and byte 2) contain the byte count and the ICA priority tag number. Byte 1 contains the low-order byte count, and the first two bits of byte 2 contain the priority tags. The other six bits contain the high-order byte count.

The ICA priority tag value can be a number from 0 to 3. The number indicates the packet priority, with 0 being the highest priority and 3 being the lowest priority.

To prioritize Citrix traffic by the ICA tag number of the packet, you must specify the tag number using the ica-tag keyword and the ica-tag-value argument of the match protocol citrix command. For more information about the match protocol citrix command, see the Quality of Service Solutions Command Reference.

The table below contains information about different Citrix traffic and the respective priority tags.

**Table 1: Citrix ICA Packet Tagging**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Priority</th>
<th>ICA Bits (decimal)</th>
<th>Sample Virtual Channels</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>High</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Video, mouse, and keyboard screen updates</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Program neighborhood, clipboard, audio mapping, and license management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Low</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Client common equipment (COM) port mapping and client drive mapping</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Background</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Auto client update, client printer mapping, and original equipment manufacturers (OEM) channels</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**NBAR and RTP Payload Type Classification**

Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP) is a packet format for multimedia data streams. It can be used for media-on-demand and for interactive services such as Internet telephony. RTP consists of a data part and a control part. The control part is called Real-Time Transport Control Protocol (RTCP). RTCP is a separate protocol that is supported by NBAR. It is important to note that the NBAR RTP Payload Type Classification feature does not identify RTCP packets and that RTCP packets run on odd-numbered ports and RTP packets run on even-numbered ports.

The data part of RTP is a thin protocol that provides support for applications with real-time properties such as continuous media (audio and video), which includes timing reconstruction, loss detection, and security and content identification. RTP is discussed in RFC 1889 (*A Transport Protocol for Real-Time Applications*) and RFC 1890 (*RTP Profile for Audio and Video Conferences with Minimal Control*).

The RTP payload type is the data transported by RTP in a packet, for example, audio samples or compressed video data.

The NBAR RTP Payload Type Classification feature not only allows real-time audio and video traffic to be statefully identified, but can also differentiate on the basis of audio and video codecs to provide more granular
QoS. The RTP Payload Type Classification feature, therefore, does a deep-packet inspection into the RTP header to classify RTP packets.

For more information on the classification of RTP with NBAR, see NBAR RTP Payload Classification.

**NBAR and Classification of Custom Protocols and Applications**

NBAR supports the use of custom protocols to identify custom applications. Custom protocols support static port-based protocols and applications that NBAR does not currently support. You can add to the set of protocols and application types that NBAR recognizes by creating custom protocols.

Custom protocols extend the capability of NBAR Protocol Discovery to classify and monitor additional static port applications and allow NBAR to classify unsupported static port traffic.

Once the custom protocols are defined, you can then use them with the help of NBAR Protocol Discovery and the MQC to classify the traffic.

With NBAR supporting the use of custom protocols, NBAR can map static TCP and UDP port numbers to the custom protocols.

There are two types of custom protocols:

- Predefined custom protocols
- User-defined custom protocols

NBAR includes the following characteristics related to predefined custom protocols and applications:

- Custom protocols have to be named custom-xx, with xx being a number.
- Ten custom applications can be assigned using NBAR, and each custom application can have up to 16 TCP and 16 UDP ports each mapped to the individual custom protocol. The real-time statistics of each custom protocol can be monitored using Protocol Discovery.
- After creating a variable when creating a custom protocol, you can use the `match protocol` command to classify traffic on the basis of a specific value in the custom protocol.

NBAR includes the following characteristics related to user-defined custom protocols and applications:

- The ability to inspect the payload for certain matching string patterns at a specific offset.
- The ability to allow users to define the names of their custom protocol applications. The user-named protocol can then be used by Protocol Discovery, the Protocol Discovery MIB, and the `match protocol` command as an NBAR-supported protocol.
- The ability of NBAR to inspect custom protocols specified by traffic direction (that is, traffic heading toward a source or destination rather than traffic in both directions), if desired by the user.
- CLI support that allows a user configuring a custom application to specify a range of ports rather than to specify each port individually.
- The `variable` keyword, the `field-name` argument, and the `field-length` argument were added to the `ip nbar custom` command.
- The `http` keyword group that lets you add custom host and URL signatures.

This additional keyword and two additional arguments allow for creation of more than one custom protocol based on the same port numbers.
Defining a user-defined custom protocol restarts the NBAR feature, whereas defining predefined custom protocol does not restart the NBAR feature.

**NBAR DNS-based Classification**

NBAR can improve traffic classification by using DNS transaction information exchanged when a user initiates a connection with an application server. This method offers the significant advantage of classifying flows from the first packet in the flow.

To illustrate, when a web-based application is opened in a browser, the browser first communicates with a DNS server to request the IP address of the relevant server for the application. The DNS transaction consists of a request and response; the response contains the IP address of the server for the web-based application.

Using information from this transaction, NBAR can correctly associate the web-based application with the relevant server IP address. NBAR can then identify future traffic involving that IP address from the first packet of the flow.

**Supported Platforms**

This feature is supported on platforms operating Cisco IOS XE, beginning with Cisco IOS XE release 3.17S, and including IOS XE Denali 16.x.

**Advantages**

NBAR applies multiple methods to classifying traffic, including in some cases, classifying traffic from the first packet, such as by socket-cache. The DNS-based classification feature operates with other NBAR methods to improve traffic classification. It is especially helpful for certain specific types of traffic, including asymmetric server-to-client flows, as well as some types of encrypted traffic.

**Complementarity with Other NBAR Classification Methods**

In general, the NBAR engine uses numerous strategies together to provide the most granular possible classification of traffic. First-packet classification may occur by multiple methods, including DNS-based classification and socket-cache. Additional classification methods may then add greater granularity to the classification.

**Limitations**

- Identification by DNS transaction information is insufficient in some situations. In these cases, NBAR relies on other methods to classify the traffic, where possible. For example, this method does not function well with generic hosts or service aggregation. (In the case of generic hosts or service aggregation, numerous services are hosted through a single server IP address, either using the same host name or different host names.)

- In some cases, NBAR may not have access to the DNS transaction data for some traffic. For example, a network topology might include a local DNS server accessed through a connection not monitored by NBAR. DNS-based classification is not possible in these cases.
Limiting or Disabling DNS-based Classification

DNS-based classification may be disabled (see Enabling and Disabling DNS-based Classification, on page 20).

Typically, it is recommended to leave the DNS Guard feature in its default enabled state, which limits DNS-based Categorization to operating only when the complete DNS transaction (request, response) is available, but in special cases, it can be disabled (see Enabling and Disabling DNS Guard for DNS-based Categorization, on page 21).

Related Functionality

In addition to the DNS-based classification feature, NBAR has other methods that can, in some cases, provide first packet classification of traffic.

Customized server specification. This feature operates on all platforms that support NBAR, including those that do not support the DNS-based classification method. This feature is more limited than the DNS transaction method in its functionality. Customized server specification requires user configuration of the specific domains to identify using the DNS transaction information.

Use of customized server specification overrides other NBAR classification methods for the specified domain, and should only be used when specifically required. For information about this feature, including configuration commands, see: NBAR Custom Applications Based on DNS Name.

NBAR and Classification with Dynamic PDLMs

Dynamic Packet Description Language Modules (PDLMs) allow new protocol support or enhance existing protocol support for NBAR without the requirement of a specific Cisco release upgrade and device reload. If the support is for enhancing protocols for NBAR, the module version of the PDLMs should be greater than the existing version of the PDLMs. Subsequent Cisco releases incorporate support for these new protocols.

Note

PDLMs must be loaded on both Route Processors (RPs) when using the ASR 1006 redundant hardware setup.

Dynamic PDLMs are platform-specific and have a Software Family Identifier (SFI) embedded in them. Dynamic PDLMs of other platforms cannot be loaded on Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers.

NBAR-Supported Protocols

The match protocol (NBAR) command is used to classify traffic on the basis of protocols supported by NBAR. NBAR is can classify the following types of protocols:

- Non-UDP and non-TCP IP protocols
- TCP and UDP protocols that use statically assigned port numbers
- TCP and UDP protocols that use statically assigned port numbers but still require stateful inspection
- TCP and UDP protocols that dynamically assign port numbers and therefore require stateful inspection

To view the list of protocols supported in a protocol pack, see NBAR Protocol Library.
NBAR2 Protocol Pack

The NBAR2 Protocol Pack provides an easy way to update protocols supported by NBAR2 without replacing the base IOS image that is already present in the device. A Protocol Pack is a set of protocols developed and packaged together. To view the list of protocols supported in a Protocol Pack, see NBAR2 Protocol Library.

NBAR and Classification of Peer-to-Peer File-Sharing Applications

The following applications are the most common peer-to-peer file-sharing applications supported by NBAR:

- BitTorrent
- DirectConnect
- eDonkey
- eMule
- FastTrack
- KazaA (and KazaA Lite and KazaA Lite Resurrection)
- Win MX
- POCO

DirectConnect and eDonkey P2P protocols support the following sub-classifications depending on your release:

- eDonkey supports the following subclassification options:
  - file-transfer
  - search-file-name
  - text-chat

- KazaA, FastTrack, and Gnutella support the file-transfer sub-classification.

The Gnutella file sharing became classifiable using NBAR in Cisco IOS XE Release 2.5.

Applications that use the Gnutella protocol are Bearshare, Gnewtellium, Gnucleus, Gkt-Gnutella, Limewire, Mutella, Phex, Qtella, Swapper, and Xolo. The traffic from the applications that use the Gnutella protocol will be classified as Gnutella and not as the respective application.

NBAR Multi stage Classification

NBAR supports a wide range of stateful network protocols such as HTTP classification by URL, Host and MIME type, FTP, TFTP, and so on. NBAR classifies static-port protocols such as those classifiable with access control lists (ACLs).

Multi stage classification reports the underlying protocol as a temporary classification instead of an unknown classification. For example, in earlier releases, to support cases like Video-over-HTTP, where the signature is found on the HTTP response packet, recursive classification over HTTP was allowed causing the first packet of HTTP flows to be reported as unknown, which in turn impacted the following:

- Protocol discovery—reduced classification.
- Packet-based flexible NetFlow (FNF)—reduced classification.
QoS—delayed classification.

Performance—because more packets were being processed.

Aging short flows that are in the middle of a classification process stops without any classification results, although they were partially classified.

Prior to NBAR multi stage classification, NBAR reported an unknown classification result until a final classification decision was reached. NBAR multi stage classification returns the most up-to-date classification decision. It modifies the data path to expose the underlying protocols from media partitioning (MP) recursive classification path—instead of returning “unknown” until a final classification is available, it returns the current (temporary) classification decision.

NBAR multi stage classification has the following characteristics:

**Backward incompatibility**

If a system has a policy that matches a protocol like SOCKet Secure (SOCKS), which is an underlying protocol for AOL Instant Messenger (AIM) and Bittorrent, when all other protocols have failed (when other protocols are also enabled, either through protocol discovery or through FNF or explicitly through modular QoS CLI [MQC]), this policy would match the first packets of AIM or Bittorrent flows as SOCKS. Blocking the underlying protocol while allowing non underlying protocols is not possible with multi stage classification.

**Traffic Reordering**

When a user configures different priorities for each classification on the traffic flow, the flow might be directed to different output queues. With multi stage classification more than one classification decision for a single traffic flow may occur. When the traffic is based on prioritized classification, we recommend that the underlying protocols get a higher priority (for example, HTTP get a higher priority than Video-over-HTTP).

**Performance Routing (PfR)**

When PfR checks the classification from NBAR to make a routing decision, it takes into account if this is a final classification or not. If it is not the final classification, no routing decision is made as it may split the traffic flow to many paths resulting in an “unknown” classification.

NBAR clients let the users know if the classification is temporary or not.

**NBAR Scalability**

**Interface Scalability**

Depending on your release there is no limit to the number of interfaces on which protocol discovery can be enabled.

The following table provides details of the protocol discovery supported interface and the release number.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Release</th>
<th>Number of Interfaces Supported with Protocol Discovery</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cisco IOS XE Release 2.5</td>
<td>128</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cisco IOS XE Release 2.6</td>
<td>256</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cisco IOS XE Release 2.7</td>
<td>256</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Flow Scalability**

The number of bidirectional flows and the platforms supported are same for all releases. A method to reduce the number of active flows based on quick aging is available.

Quick aging occurs under the following conditions:

- TCP flows that do not reach the established state.
- UDP flows with fewer than five packets that are not classified within the specified quick aging timeout.
- Flows that are not classified within the specified quick aging timeout.

The quick aging method reduces the number of flows required for NBAR operation up to three times or more depending on the network behavior.

The Cisco Cloud Services Router 1000V Series devices exhibit the same behavior as that of ESP5 with respect to flow scalability.

**Flow Table Sizing**

The `ip nbar resources flow max-sessions` command provides the option to override the default maximum flow sessions that are allowed in a flow table. The performance of the device with the NBAR feature depends on the memory size and the number of flows configured for the flow table. The flexibility to change the number of flows helps in increasing the performance of the system depending on the capacity of the device.

To verify the NBAR flow statistics, use the `show ip nbar resources flow` command.

The following table provides the details of the platform and the flow size limits:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Platform</th>
<th>Maximum Number of Flows</th>
<th>Default Number of Flows</th>
<th>Memory Upper Limit (70% of Platform Memory)</th>
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<tr>
<td>ESP5/ASR1001/CSR</td>
<td>750,000</td>
<td>500,000</td>
<td>179 MB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ESP10</td>
<td>1,650,000</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
<td>358 MB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ESP20/ESP40/ASR1002-X</td>
<td>3,500,000</td>
<td>1,000,000</td>
<td>716 MB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ESP100</td>
<td>10,000,000</td>
<td>3,000,000</td>
<td>2.1 GB</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To reduce the memory impact, the recommended number of flows is 50,000, where such a configuration is sufficient.

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**Note**

The total number of flow entries does not increase when the overall system memory usage is at or above 90%.
NBAR Protocol Discovery

NBAR includes a feature called Protocol Discovery. Protocol discovery provides an easy way to discover protocol packets passing through an interface. For more information about Protocol Discovery, see the “Enabling Protocol Discovery” module.

NBAR Protocol Discovery MIB

The NBAR Protocol Discovery MIB expands the capabilities of NBAR Protocol Discovery by providing the following new functionalities through the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP):

- Enable or disable Protocol Discovery per interface.
- Display Protocol Discovery statistics.
- Configure and display multiple top-n tables that list protocols by bandwidth usage.
- Configure thresholds based on the traffic of particular NBAR-supported protocols or applications that report breaches and send notifications when these thresholds are exceeded.

For more information about the NBAR Protocol Discovery MIB, see the “Network-Based Application Recognition Protocol Discovery Management Information Base” module.

NBAR and Multipacket Classification

Depending on your release, NBAR provides the ability to simultaneously search large number of multipacket signatures. This new technique is supported for many of the new protocols. This technique also provides improved performance and accuracy for other protocols. Along with the support for new signatures, the multipacket classification capabilities change NBAR behavior in the following ways:

1. NBAR classification requires anywhere between 1 and 15 payload packets in a flow depending on the protocol. Retransmitted packets are not counted in this calculation.
2. NBAR will neither classify flows without any payload packets nor classify any TCP payload packet with a wrong sequence number even if there are 15 payload packets for classification.
3. TCP retransmitted packets are not counted as valid packets for classification in the Multipacket Engine module. These type of packets can delay the classification until a sufficient number of valid payload packets are accumulated.
4. Payload packets with only static signatures in NBAR are classified after the single-packet and multipacket protocols are processed and failed. Therefore, a maximum of 15 payload packets can be classified as unknown until the final (static) classification decision is taken.
5. Due to the above-mentioned restrictions, custom protocols can be used to force the classification of the first packet, ignoring the existence of payload or correct sequence numbers in the port-based classification.

NBAR on VRF Interfaces

Depending on your release, the NBAR IPv4 and IPv6 classification on VRF interfaces is supported.
Classification for Citrix protocol with “app” subclassification is not guaranteed on VRF interfaces when NBAR is enabled on VRF interfaces.

**NBAR and IPv6**

Depending on your release, the following types of classification are supported:

- NBAR provides static port-based classification and IP protocol-based classification for IPv6 packets.
- NBAR supports IPv6 classification in protocol discovery mode, but not in MQC mode.
- NBAR always reads the next header field in the fixed IPv6 header to determine the transport layer protocol used by the packet’s payload for IPv6 packets. If an IPv6 packet contains one or more extension headers, NBAR will not skip to the last IPv6 extension header to read the actual protocol type; instead, NBAR classifies the packet as an IPv6 extension header packet.

**NBAR Support for IPv6**

Depending on your release, NBAR supports the following types of classification:

- Native IPv6 classification.
- Classification of IPv6 traffic flows inside tunneled IPv6 over IPv4 and teredo.
- IPv6 classification in protocol discovery mode and in MQC mode.
- Static and stateful classification.

NBAR supports IPv6 in IPv4 (6-to-4, 6rd, and ISATAP), and teredo tunneled classification. The `ip nbar classification tunneled-traffic` command is used to enable the tunneled traffic classification. When the tunneled traffic classification is enabled, NBAR performs an application classification of IPv6 packets that are carried inside the IPv4 traffic. If the `ip nbar classification tunneled-traffic` command is disabled, the tunneled IPv6 packets are handled as IPv4 packets.

NBAR supports the capture of IPv6 fields and allows the creation of IPv6 traffic-based flow monitors. When you enable the `ipv6 flow monitor` command, the monitor is bound to the interface, NBAR classification is applied to the IPv6 traffic type, and Flexible NetFlow captures the application IDs in the IPv6 traffic flow.

**NBAR Support for GETVPN**

NBAR supports Group Encrypted Transport VPN (GETVPN). When ingress QoS is in crypto-map mode, the ingress QoS will work on encrypted traffic.

You can go back to backward compatible mode by using the `ip nbar disable classification encrypted-app` command in global configuration mode.

**Note**

GETVPN is currently not supported by AVC and FNF.
NBAR Support for CAPWAP

CAPWAP (Control And Provisioning of Wireless Access Points) is a protocol used in wireless traffic, providing point-to-point encapsulation (tunnel) for application traffic. There are two types of CAPWAP traffic: data and control.

NBAR provides a CAPWAP recognition mode that enables NBAR classification of the application traffic within a CAPWAP tunnel.

Classification Behavior: CAPWAP Recognition Disabled/Enabled

By default, CAPWAP recognition mode is not enabled. All CAPWAP traffic is reported as "capwap-data" or "capwap-control" without details about the application traffic within the tunnel.

When CAPWAP recognition is enabled:

- CAPWAP control traffic: NBAR reports as "capwap-control."
- CAPWAP data traffic: NBAR reports on the specific application traffic within the tunnel.

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<th>NBAR CAPWAP Recognition Enabled</th>
<th>NBAR CAPWAP Recognition Disabled</th>
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<tr>
<td>Control traffic</td>
<td>NBAR reports traffic as &quot;capwap-control&quot;</td>
<td>NBAR reports traffic as &quot;capwap-control&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>Data traffic</td>
<td>NBAR reports application traffic within the CAPWAP tunnel</td>
<td>NBAR reports traffic as &quot;capwap-data&quot;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Requirements

The following are required for the NBAR recognition of application traffic within a CAPWAP tunnel:

- Cisco IOS XE platform
- Cisco IOS XE 3.17 or later
- NBAR enabled on the platform

Usage

The CAPWAP feature is disabled by default. Use the `ip nbar classification tunneled-traffic capwap` CLI to enable the feature. To disable, use `no ip nbar classification tunneled-traffic capwap`.

device# config terminal
device(config)# ip nbar classification tunneled-traffic capwap

NBAR Configuration Processes

You can configure NBAR in the following two ways:

- Configuring NBAR using MQC
- Enabling Protocol Discovery
For more information about the NBAR configuration, see the QoS: NBAR Configuration Guide.

Restarting NBAR

NBAR is restarted under the following circumstances.

- Custom protocol addition via CLI
- PDLM load
- RP switchover
- FP switchover
- Protocol pack installation
- Link-age change

Restart involves deactivating and reactivating NBAR. During this time, all packets are classified as ‘Unknown’ by NBAR. Once NBAR is reactivated, classification is activated.

Note

Protocol Discovery statistics will be lost with RP Switchover.

How to Configure DNS-based Categorization

The following procedures describe how to configure NBAR DNS-based Categorization, including enabling/disabling the feature overall, and enabling/disabling DNS Guard.

For background information, see NBAR DNS-based Classification, on page 12.

Enabling and Disabling DNS-based Classification

NBAR2 employs a traffic analysis mechanism called DNS-based classification that learns the network addresses of applications by analyzing DNS query/response traffic. This enables NBAR to classify application traffic from the first packet of a flow, sometimes called "first in flow" (FIF). The mechanism, sometimes called DNS-based learning, applies to applications described by protocols in the NBAR2 Protocol Pack provided by Cisco.

The mechanism is enabled by default. Disabling the feature may be useful if the mechanism causes mis-classification of traffic. Use the no form of the command to disable.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. configure terminal
2. [no] ip nbar classification dns learning
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<tr>
<td><strong>Step 2</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[no] ip nbar classification dns learning</td>
<td>Enables or disables the DNS-based classification mechanism. This example disables the feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Example:</strong></td>
<td>Default: enabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Device(config)#no ip nbar classification dns learning</td>
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</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Enabling and Disabling DNS Guard for DNS-based Categorization**

The DNS-based Categorization mechanism analyzes DNS request/response traffic in order to learn the network addresses of applications. When successful, this enables NBAR to classify the application traffic from the first packet in a flow. In unusual situations, it may cause mis-classification. The feature is disabled by default. See Enabling and Disabling DNS-based Classification, on page 20.

In typical use, it is recommended to apply DNS-based Categorization only when the complete DNS transaction (request, response) is available, in order to prevent mis-classification of traffic. The DNS Guard feature enables this control.

- **Enabled**: DNS-based Categorization operates only when both the DNS request and response are available to analyze.

- **Disabled**: DNS-based Categorization does not require a DNS request, and uses only the DNS response to learn the network address of applications. Use the `no` form of the command to disable.

The mechanism is disabled by default.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. configure terminal
2. [no] ip nbar classification dns learning guard

**DETAILED STEPS**

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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[no] ip nbar classification dns learning</td>
<td>Enables or disables DNS Guard. This example disables the feature.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Example:</strong></td>
<td>Default: disabled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Device(config)#no ip nbar classification dns learning guard</td>
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</table>
How to Classify Network Traffic Using NBAR

NBAR provides two approaches to configuring attribute-based protocol matching:

• Grouping traffic into categories and sub-categories (see Configuring Attribute-based Protocol Match Using Categories and Sub-categories, on page 24)

Useful for policy implementations that do not use SRND. A disadvantage of this method is that it can be difficult to keep track of the mapping between traffic and the categories and sub-categories defined within the policy.

• Using the Solution Reference Network Designs (SRND) model (see Configuring Attribute-based Protocol Match Using SRND, on page 25)

Simplifies the configuration of SRND-based policies. Although the category/sub-category model can support SRND implementations, it is simpler and more efficient to use this model.

About Configuring Attribute-based Protocol Matching Using Categories

Useful for policy implementations that do not use SRND. A disadvantage of this method is that it can be difficult to keep track of the mapping between traffic and the categories and sub-categories defined within the policy. For information about the procedure, see Configuring Attribute-based Protocol Match Using Categories and Sub-categories, on page 24.

About Configuring Attribute-based Protocol Matching Using SRND

The NBAR category/sub-category model can support SRND implementations. However, beginning with the release of IOS 15.5(3)T and IOS XE 3.16S, for SRND policy implementations it is more efficient and recommended to use the SRND-specific model instead.

The SRND-specific model provides two attributes (traffic-class and business-relevance) to configure protocol matching for SRND-based policies. The attributes provided for operation with SRND-based policies are applicable only within the context of SRND implementations.

Background: SRND Policy Model

The Solution Reference Network Designs (SRND) policy model simplifies prioritization of traffic for QoS. It provides 12 classes that define traffic according to application. Each class of traffic can be directed to a specific QoS queue. Of these classes:

• 10 classes apply to business-relevant applications operating in 10 different recognized technologies, such as VoIP, video, conferencing, and so on.
• 1 class applies to business-relevant applications of unknown technology.
• 1 class applies to business-irrelevant applications.

Flexibility to Reclassify Applications

The 12 classes that NBAR provides for operating with the SRND model include default values appropriate for most enterprises. However, NBAR makes it easy to reclassify specific applications as business-relevant
or business-irrelevant, as necessary. (See example of reclassifying the Skype VoIP application: Example: SRND Configuration - Reclassifying an Application as Business-relevant, on page 32)

Attribute: traffic-class

The **traffic-class** attribute specifies the general category of the traffic, such as VoIP, video, conferencing, and so on. The following table describes the 10 values for **traffic-class**.

**Table 4: Values for traffic-class**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>voip-telephony</td>
<td>VoIP telephony (bearer-only) traffic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>broadcast-video</td>
<td>Broadcast TV, live events, video surveillance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>real-time-interactive</td>
<td>High-definition interactive video applications</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>multimedia-conferencing</td>
<td>Desktop software multimedia collaboration applications</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>multimedia-streaming</td>
<td>Video-on-Demand (VoD) streaming video</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>network-control</td>
<td>Network control plane traffic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>signaling</td>
<td>Signaling traffic that supports IP voice and video telephony</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ops-admin-mgmt</td>
<td>Network operations, administration, and management traffic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>transactional-data</td>
<td>Interactive data applications</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bulk-data</td>
<td>Non-interactive data applications</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Attribute: business-relevance

The business-relevance attribute specifies whether the application is considered relevant to the business activity of the organization. The default values reflect typical usage and business relevance, but the values can be customized according to the specific requirements of an organization.

The following table describes the values for business-relevance.

**Table 5: Values for business-relevance**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>business-relevant</td>
<td>Application critical for an organization's business activity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>default</td>
<td>Application used for an organization's business activity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>business-irrelevant</td>
<td>Application not relevant to an organization's business activity</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Configuring Attribute-based Protocol Match Using Categories and Sub-categories

SUMMARY STEPS
1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. class-map [type] [match-all | match-any] class-map-name
4. match protocol attribute application-group application-group [application-name]
5. match protocol attribute category application-category [application-name]
6. match protocol attribute encrypted {encrypted-no | encrypted-unassigned | encrypted-yes} [application-name]
7. match protocol attribute sub-category application-category [application-name]
8. match protocol attribute tunnel {tunnel-no | tunnel-unassigned | tunnel-yes} [application-name]
9. end

DETAILED STEPS

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<td><strong>Step 1</strong> enable</td>
<td>Enables privileged EXEC mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Example:</strong> Device&gt; enable</td>
<td>• Enter your password if prompted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Step 2</strong> configure terminal</td>
<td>Enters global configuration mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Example:</strong> Device# configure terminal</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Step 3</strong> class-map [type] [match-all</td>
<td>match-any] class-map-name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Example:</strong> Device(config)# class-map cmap1</td>
<td>• Enter the name of the class map.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Step 4</strong> match protocol attribute application-group application-group [application-name]</td>
<td>Configures the specified application group as the match criterion.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Example:</strong> Device(config-cmap)# match protocol attribute application-group skype</td>
<td>• (Optional) Use the application-name argument to configure the application and not the application group as the match criterion. The configuration is saved as match protocol application-name instead of match protocol attribute application-group application-group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Step 5</strong> match protocol attribute category application-category [application-name]</td>
<td>Configures the specified category as the match criteria attribute.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Example:</strong> Device(config-cmap)# match protocol attribute category email</td>
<td>• (Optional) Use the application-name argument to configure a specific application, and not the application category, as the match criterion. The configuration is</td>
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### Configuring Attribute-based Protocol Match Using SRND

#### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **class-map [type] [match-all | match-any] class-map-name**
4. **match protocol attribute traffic-class traffic-class-option**
5. **match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevance-option**

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| **Step 6** match protocol attribute encrypted {encrypted-no | encrypted-unassigned | encrypted-yes} [application-name] | **Purpose** saved as **match protocol application-name** instead of **match protocol attribute category application-category**. Configures the specified encryption status as the match criterion.  
• (Optional) Use the **application-name** argument to configure application within the specified encrypted status as the match criterion. The configuration is saved as **match protocol application-name** instead of **match protocol attribute encrypted {encrypted-no | encrypted-unassigned | encrypted-yes}**. |
| **Step 7** match protocol attribute sub-category application-category [application-name] | **Purpose** Configures the specified sub-category as the match criteria attribute.  
• (Optional) Use the **application-name** argument to configure a specific application, and not the sub-category, as the match criterion. The configuration is saved as **match protocol application-name** instead of **match protocol attribute sub-category application-category**. |
| **Step 8** match protocol attribute tunnel {tunnel-no | tunnel-unassigned | tunnel-yes} [application-name] | **Purpose** Configures the specified encryption status as the match criterion.  
• (Optional) Use the **application-name** argument to configure a specific application within the specified tunneling status as the match criterion. The configuration is saved as **match protocol application-name** instead of **match protocol attribute tunnel {tunnel-no | tunnel-unassigned | tunnel-yes}**. |
| **Step 9** end | **Purpose** Exits Qos class-map mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode. |
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<td>• Enter your password if prompted.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 2</strong> configure terminal</td>
<td>Enters global configuration mode.</td>
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<td>Example: Device# configure terminal</td>
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<td><strong>Step 3</strong> class-map [type] [match-all</td>
<td>match-any] class-name</td>
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<td>Example: Device(config)# class-map cmap1</td>
<td>• Enter the name of the class map.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 4</strong> match protocol attribute traffic-class traffic-class-option</td>
<td>Configures the specified traffic class as the match criterion.</td>
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<td>Example: Device(config-cmap)# match protocol attribute traffic-class voip-telephony</td>
<td>• traffic-class-option possible values: voip-telephony, broadcast-video, real-time-interactive, multimedia-conferencing, multimedia-streaming, network-control, signaling, ops-admin- mgmt, transactional-data, bulk-data</td>
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<td><strong>Step 5</strong> match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevance-option</td>
<td>Configures the specified category as the match criteria attribute.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Example: Device(config-cmap)# match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant</td>
<td>• business-relevance-option possible values: business-relevant, default, business-irrelevant</td>
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<td><strong>Step 6</strong> end</td>
<td>Exits QoS class-map mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.</td>
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<td>Example: Device(config-cmap)# end</td>
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### SRND Configuration: Typical Class-Map, Policy-Map

The following sections show a typical example of a class-map and policy-map for an SRND implementation. It illustrates how the traffic-class and business-relevance attributes address the 12-class SRND QoS model.

```
Class-map

class-map match-all VOICE
    match protocol attribute traffic-class voip-telephony
    match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant

class-map match-all BROADCAST-VIDEO
    match protocol attribute traffic-class broadcast-video
```
match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant

class-map match-all INTERACTIVE-VIDEO
match protocol attribute traffic-class real-time-interactive
match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant

class-map match-all MULTIMEDIA-CONFERENCEING
match protocol attribute traffic-class multimedia-conferencing
match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant

class-map match-all MULTIMEDIA-STREAMING
match protocol attribute traffic-class multimedia-streaming
match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant

class-map match-all SIGNALING
match protocol attribute traffic-class signaling
match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant

class-map match-all NETWORK-CONTROL
match protocol attribute traffic-class network-control
match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant

class-map match-all NETWORK-MANAGEMENT
match protocol attribute traffic-class ops-admin-mgmt
match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant

class-map match-all TRANSACTIONAL-DATA
match protocol attribute traffic-class transactional-data
match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant

class-map match-all BULK-DATA
match protocol attribute traffic-class bulk-data
match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant

class-map match-all SCAVENGER
match protocol attribute business-relevance business-irrelevant

Policy-map

policy-map 12-cls-marking

class VOICE
set dscp ef

class BROADCAST-VIDEO
set dscp cs5

class INTERACTIVE-VIDEO
set dscp cs4

class MULTIMEDIA-CONFERENCEING
set dscp af41

class MULTIMEDIA-STREAMING
set dscp af31

class SIGNALING
set dscp cs3

class NETWORK-CONTROL
set dscp cs6

class NETWORK-MANAGEMENT
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Example: Classification of HTTP Traffic Using the HTTP Header Fields

In the following example, any request message that contains “somebody@cisco.com” in the user-agent, referer, or from field will be classified by NBAR. Typically, a term with a format similar to "somebody@cisco.com" would be found in the From header field of the HTTP request message.

Device(config)# class-map match-all class1
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol http from "somebody@cisco.com"

In the following example, any request message that contains "http://www.cisco.com/routers" in the User-Agent, Referer, or From field will be classified by NBAR. Typically, a term with a format similar to "http://www.cisco.com/routers" would be found in the Referer header field of the HTTP request message.

Device(config)# class-map match-all class2
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol http referer "http://www.cisco.com/routers"

In the following example, any request message that contains "CERN-LineMode/2.15" in the User-Agent, Referer, or From header field will be classified by NBAR. Typically, a term with a format similar to "CERN-LineMode/2.15" would be found in the User-Agent header field of the HTTP request message.

Device(config)# class-map match-all class3
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol http user-agent "CERN-LineMode/2.15"

In the following example, any response message that contains "CERN/3.0" in the Content-Base (if available), Content-Encoding, Location, or Server header field will be classified by NBAR. Typically, a term with a format similar to "CERN/3.0" would be found in the Server header field of the response message.

Device(config)# class-map match-all class4
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol http server "CERN/3.0"

In the following example, any response message that contains “http://www.cisco.com/routers” in the Content-Base (if available), Content-Encoding, Location, or Server header field will be classified by NBAR. Typically, a term with a format similar to “http://www.cisco.com/routers” would be found in the Content-Base (if available) or Location header field of the response message.
Example: Combinations of Classification of HTTP Headers and URL Host or MIME Type to Identify HTTP Traffic

In the following example, any response message that contains “gzip” in the Content-Base (if available), Content-Encoding, Location, or Server header field will be classified by NBAR. Typically, the term “gzip” would be found in the Content-Encoding header field of the response message.

```
Device(config)# class-map match-all class5
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol http location "http://www.cisco.com/routers"
```

```
Device(config)# class-map match-all class6
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol http content-encoding "gzip"
```

Example: Combinations of Classification of HTTP Headers and URL Host or MIME Type to Identify HTTP Traffic

In the following example, HTTP header fields are combined with a URL to classify traffic. In this example, traffic with a User-Agent field of “CERN-LineMode/3.0” and a Server field of “CERN/3.0”, along with host name “cisco.com” and URL “/routers”, are classified using NBAR:

```
Device(config)# class-map match-all c-http
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol http user-agent "CERN-LineMode/3.0"
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol http server "CERN/3.0"
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol http host cisco*
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol http url /routers
```

Example: NBAR and Classification of Custom Protocols and Applications

In the following example, the custom protocol LAYER4CUSTOM will look for TCP packets that have a destination or source port of 6700:

```
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# ip nbar custom LAYER4CUSTOM transport tcp id 14
Device(config-custom)# port 6700
```

To display other options besides port:

```
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# ip nbar custom LAYER4CUSTOM transport tcp id 14
Device(config-custom)# ?
```

Custom protocol commands:
- direction Flow direction
- dscp DSCP in IPv4 and IPv6 packets
- exit Exit from custom configuration mode
- ip ip address
- ipv6 ipv6 address
- no Negate a command or set its defaults
- port ports

Example: NBAR and Classification of Peer-to-Peer File-Sharing Applications

The match protocol gnutella file-transfer regular-expression and match protocol fasttrack file-transfer regular-expression commands are used to enable Gnutella and FastTrack classification in a traffic class. The
**Example: Configuring Attribute-Based Protocol Match**

The **match protocol attributes** command is used to configure different attributes as the match criteria for application recognition.

In the following example, the email-related applications category is configured as the match criterion:

```
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# class-map mygroup
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol attribute category email
```

In the following example, skype-group applications are configured as the match criterion:

```
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# class-map apps
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol attribute application-group skype-group
```

In the following example, encrypted applications are configured as the match criterion:
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# class-map my-class
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol encrypted encrypted-yes

In the following example, Client-server subcategory applications are configured as the match criterion:

Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# class-map newmap
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol attribute sub-category client-server

In the following example, tunneled applications are configured as the match criterion:

Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# class-map mygroup
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol attribute tunnel tunnel-yes

The following sample output from the `show ip nbar attribute` command displays the details of all the attributes:

Device# show ip nbar attribute

Name : category
Help : category attribute
Type : group
Groups : email, newsgroup, location-based-services, instant-messaging, netg
Need : Mandatory
Default : other

Name : sub-category
Help : sub-category attribute
Type : group
Groups : routing-protocol, terminal, epayment, remote-access-terminal, nen
Need : Mandatory
Default : other

Name : application-group
Help : application-group attribute
Type : group
Groups : skype-group, wap-group, pop3-group, kerberos-group, tftp-group, bp
Need : Mandatory
Default : other

Name : tunnel
Help : Tunnelled applications
Type : group
Groups : tunnel-no, tunnel-yes, tunnel-unassigned
Need : Mandatory
Default : tunnel-unassigned

Name : encrypted
Help : Encrypted applications
Type : group
Groups : encrypted-yes, encrypted-no, encrypted-unassigned
Need : Mandatory
Default : encrypted-unassigned

The following sample output from the `show ip nbar protocol-attribute` command displays the details of the protocols:

Device# show ip nbar protocol-attribute

Protocol Name : ftp
category : file-sharing
sub-category : client-server
application-group : ftp-group
Example: SRND Configuration - Reclassifying an Application as Business-relevant

Skype is a consumer VoIP product typically not used in business. In SRND-specific protocol mapping, Skype is classified as business-irrelevant by default. However, some organizations may use Skype as a business-critical application. This examples shows how to reclassify Skype as business-relevant.

1. Show the current protocol attributes for Skype. The results indicate (in the last two lines) that Skype is classified as a voip-telephony technology, and is business-irrelevant.

```
show ip nbar protocol-attribute skype
encrypted encrypted-yes
_tunnel tunnel-no
category voice-and-video
sub-category consumer-multimedia-messaging
application-group skype-group
p2p-technology p2p-tech-yes
traffic-class voip-telephony
business-relevance business-irrelevant
```

At this stage, Skype will be matched by the SCAVENGER class-map, which is part of the standard default SRND class-map configuration.

```
class-map match-all SCAVENGER
    match protocol attribute business-relevance business-irrelevant
```

2. Change the value of business-relevance for Skype to business-relevant.

```
ip nbar attribute-map demo
    attribute business-relevance business-relevant
ip nbar attribute-set skype demo
```

At this stage, Skype will be matched by the VOIP-TELEPHONY class-map, which is part of the standard default SRND class-map configuration.
class-map match-all VOIP-TELEPHONY
   match protocol attribute traffic-class voip-telephony
   match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant

3. Confirm that Skype is now classified as business-relevant. The new value appears on the last line of the following results.

   show ip nbar protocol-attribute skype
   encrypted encrypted=yes
   tunnel tunnel-no
   category voice-and-video
   sub-category consumer-multimedia-messaging
   application-group skype-group
   p2p-technology p2p-tech-yes
   traffic-class voip-telephony
   business-relevance business-relevant

**Example: Customizing a Built-in Protocol**

Customizing an NBAR built-in protocol (provided by the Cisco Protocol Pack) to include an additional user-specified domain extends the scope of the built-in protocol. Any policy associated with the protocol will then apply to the user-specified domain also. The following example configures a customization called myOffice365, which extends the built-in office365 protocol to include domains that match to "*uniqueOffice365".

In the following example, the email-related applications category is configured as the match criterion:

```
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# ip nbar custom myOffice365 dns domain-name "*uniqueOffice365" extends office365
```

**Additional References**

The following sections provide references related to enabling Protocol Discovery.

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Feature Information for Classifying Network Traffic Using NBAR

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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<td>Enable NBAR URI Extraction for HTTP Transactions for Persistent Connections</td>
<td>Cisco IOS XE Release 3.9S</td>
<td>The Enable NBAR URI Extraction for HTTP Transactions for Persistent Connections feature supports extraction and export of URL field per transaction. The following section provides information about this feature: <a href="#">Classification of HTTP Traffic by a URL Host or MIME</a>.</td>
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<td>NBAR Classification Enhancements for IOS-XE3.5</td>
<td>Cisco IOS XE Release 3.5S</td>
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| NBAR PDLM Supported in ASR 1000 Release 2.5 | Cisco IOS XE Release 2.5, Cisco IOS XE Release 3.1S, Cisco IOS XE Release 3.3S | This feature was integrated into Cisco IOS XE Release 2.5. NBAR-supported protocols were added for this release. The following section provides information about this feature: **NBAR-Supported Protocols** The following command was modified: `match protocol (NBAR)`.
| NBAR Protocols | Cisco IOS XE Release 2.3 | This feature was integrated into Cisco IOS XE Release 2.3. NBAR-supported protocols were added for this release. The following section provides information about this feature: **NBAR-Supported Protocols** The following command was modified: `match protocol (NBAR)`.
| NBAR Real-time Transport Protocol Payload Classification | Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1 | This feature was introduced on Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers. The following section provides information about this feature: **NBAR-Supported Protocols**
| NBAR Static IPv4 IANA Protocols Pack 1 | Cisco IOS XE Release 3.1S | This feature was introduced on Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers. The following section provides information about this feature: **NBAR-Supported Protocols**
| NBAR VRF-Aware Multi-stage Classification | Cisco IOS XE Release 3.3S | This feature was introduced on Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers. The following section provides information about this feature: **NBAR Scalability**
| NBAR Multi-stage Classification | Cisco IOS XE Release 3.7S | This feature was introduced on Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers. The following section provides information about this feature: **NBAR Multi-stage Classification**.
| NBAR2: Add/Rename Static Attributes | Cisco IOS XE Release 3.11S | The custom values enable you to name the attributes based on grouping of protocols. You can create custom values for the attributes application-group, category, and sub-category. The following section provides information about this feature: **NBAR Categorization and Attributes**. The following commands were introduced or modified: `ip nbar attribute, show ip nbar attribute-custom, and show ip nbar category`.

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<td>NBAR Support for CAPWAP</td>
<td>Cisco IOS XE Release 3.17S</td>
<td>CAPWAP (Control And Provisioning of Wireless Access Points) is a protocol used in wireless traffic, providing point-to-point encapsulation (tunnel) for application traffic. NBAR provides a CAPWAP recognition mode that enables NBAR classification of the application traffic within a CAPWAP tunnel. The following section provides information about this feature: NBAR Support for CAPWAP</td>
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<td>This feature can improve traffic classification by using DNS transaction information exchanged when a user initiates a connection with an application server. This method offers the significant advantage of classifying flows from the first packet in the flow. The following section provides information about this feature: NBAR DNS-based Classification</td>
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<td>Customizing Built-in Protocols</td>
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**Glossary**

**Encryption**—Encryption is the application of a specific algorithm to data so as to alter the appearance of the data, making it incomprehensible to those who are not authorized to see the information.

**HTTP**—Hypertext Transfer Protocol. The protocol used by web browsers and web servers to transfer files, such as text and graphic files.

**IANA**—Internet Assigned Numbers Authority. An organization operated under the auspices of the Internet Society (ISOC) as a part of the Internet Architecture Board (IAB). IANA delegates authority for IP address-space allocation and domain-name assignment to the InterNIC and other organizations. IANA also maintains a database of assigned protocol identifiers used in the TCP/IP stack, including autonomous system numbers.

**LAN**—Local-area network. A high-speed, low-error data network that covers a relatively small geographic area (up to a few thousand meters). LANs connect workstations, peripherals, terminals, and other devices in a single building or other geographically limited area. LAN standards specify cabling and signaling at the
physical and data link layers of the Open System Interconnection (OSI) model. Ethernet, FDDI, and Token Ring are widely used LAN technologies.

MIME—Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension. The standard for transmitting non-text data (or data that cannot be represented in plain ASCII code) in Internet mail, such as binary, foreign language text (such as Russian or Chinese), audio, and video data. MIME is defined in RFC 2045, *Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME) Part One: Format of Internet Message Bodies*.

MPLS—Multiprotocol Label Switching. A switching method that forwards IP traffic using a label. This label instructs the routers and the switches in the network where to forward the packets based on preestablished IP routing information.

MQC—Modular quality of service command-line interface. A CLI that allows you to define traffic classes, create and configure traffic policies (policy maps), and then attach the policy maps to interfaces. Policy maps are used to apply the appropriate quality of service (QoS) to network traffic.

Protocol Discovery—A feature included with NBAR. Protocol Discovery provides a way to discover the application protocols that are operating on an interface.

QoS—Quality of service. A measure of performance for a transmission system that reflects its transmission quality and service availability.

RTCP—RTP Control Protocol. A protocol that monitors the QoS of an IPv6 real-time transport protocol (RTP) connection and conveys information about the ongoing session.

Stateful protocol—A protocol that uses TCP and UDP port numbers that are determined at connection time.

Static protocol—A protocol that uses well-defined (predetermined) TCP and UDP ports for communication.

Subport classification—The classification of network traffic by information that is contained in the packet payload, that is, information found beyond the TCP or UDP port number.

TCP—Transmission Control Protocol. A connection-oriented transport layer protocol that provides reliable full-duplex data transmission. TCP is part of the TCP/IP protocol stack.

Tunneling—Tunneling is an architecture that is designed to provide the services necessary to implement any standard point-to-point encapsulation scheme.

UDP—User Datagram Protocol. A connectionless transport layer protocol in the TCP/IP protocol stack. UDP is a simple protocol that exchanges datagrams without acknowledgments or guaranteed delivery, requiring that error processing and retransmission be handled by other protocols. UDP is defined in RFC 768, *User Datagram Protocol*.

WAN—Wide-area network. A data communications network that serves users across a broad geographic area and often uses transmission devices provided by common carriers.
NBAR2 Protocol Pack

The NBAR2 Protocol Pack provides an easy way to update protocols supported by NBAR2 without replacing the base IOS image that is already present in the device. A Protocol Pack is a set of protocols developed and packaged together. To view the list of protocols supported in a Protocol Pack, see NBAR2 Protocol Library.

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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.

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Prerequisites for the NBAR2 Protocol Pack

The Protocol Pack must be copied to your local disk to avoid any errors after rebooting.

Note

It is strongly recommended to load the NBAR2 Protocol Pack that is the exact match for the NBAR2 engine, and also load the latest rebuild of Cisco software. See the NBAR2 Protocol Library page for compatibility information.
Information About the NBAR Protocol Pack

Protocol Pack Overview

NBAR2 Protocol Packs are software packages that update the protocol support on a device without replacing the Cisco software on the device. A Protocol Pack contains a set of signatures supported by NBAR2.

Protocol Packs are sets of protocols developed and packaged together. Each Cisco IOS image comes with a built-in Protocol Pack. With a standard license, a subset of protocols and Protocol Pack features are supported. With an advanced license, all protocols and features are supported. Updating the Protocol Pack on a Cisco IOS release requires an advanced license. For information about licensing, see AVC Licensing and Feature Activation.

To view the list of protocols supported in a Protocol Pack, see NBAR2 Protocol Library.

The NBAR2 taxonomy file contains the information such as common name, description, underlying protocol, for every protocol that is available in the Protocol Pack. Use the show ip nbar protocol-pack active taxonomy, show ip nbar protocol-pack inactive taxonomy, and show ip nbar protocol-pack loaded taxonomy commands to view the taxonomy file for an active, inactive, and all loaded Protocol Packs respectively.

The NBAR2 taxonomy file generally contains the information for more than 1000 protocols, and the taxonomy file size is ~2 MB. It is recommended to redirect the output from the show ip nbar protocol-pack [active | inactive | loaded] taxonomy command to a file by using the redirect output modifier, for example, show ip nbar protocol-pack active taxonomy | redirect harddisk:nbar_taxonomy.xml.

Protocols Available with Standard License

The default Protocol Pack available with a standard license includes the protocols shown below. For information about the Protocol Packs available with an advanced license, see the NBAR2 Protocol Library.

bgp
bittorrent
cifs
citrix
cuseeme
dhcp
dht
directconnect
dns
edonkey
egp
eigrp
exchange
fastrack
finger
ftp
gnutella
gopher
gre
http
http-local-net
https
icmp
imap
ipinip
ipsec
ipv6-icmp
irc
kazaa2
kerberos
l2tp
ldap
mgcp
ms-rpc
netbios
nfs
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notes
novadigm
ntp
ospf
pop3
pptp
printer
rip
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rtsp
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secure-http
secure-imap
secure-irc
secure-ldap
secure-nntp
secure-pop3
secure-telnet
sip
skinny
skype
smtp
snmp
socks
sqlnet
SSL Unique-name Sub-classification

The "unique-name" sub-classification parameter can be used to match SSL sessions of servers that are not known globally, or are not yet supported by NBAR2. The unique-name will match the server name indication (SNI) field in the client request if the SNI field exists, or it will match the common name (CN) field in the first certificate of the server's response.

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**Note**

The SSL sub-classification parameters have priority over the built in signatures. Therefore, when a unique-name defined by a user matches a known application such as Facebook, it will not match the built-in protocol but will match SSL with the configured sub-classification.

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**Note**

Similar to the other sub-classification features, the classification result (for example, as seen in protocol-discovery), does not change and will remain as SSL. However, the flows matching the class maps will receive the services such as QoS and Performance monitor configured for them. To view the detailed matching statistics, refer to the policy map counters.


RTP Dynamic Payload Type Sub-classification

The sub-classification parameters for Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP) audio and RTP video detect RTP flows that use dynamic payload types (PT). Dynamic PTs are PTs in the dynamic range from 96 to 127, as defined in the RTP RFC, and are used by protocols such as SIP and RTSP.

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**Note**

The RTP audio/video sub-classification parameters are generic in nature and will match only on generic RTP traffic. More specific classification such as ms-lync-audio, cisco-jabber-audio, facetime, and cisco-phone will not match as RTP, and therefore will not match the audio/video sub-classification.
How to Load the NBAR Protocol Pack

Loading the NBAR2 Protocol Pack

Before you begin

Loading a new Protocol Pack requires an advanced license.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. *enable*
2. *configure terminal*
4. *exit*
5. *show ip nbar protocol-pack {protocol-pack | active} [detail]*

**DETAILED STEPS**

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<td>protocol-pack protocol-pack [force]</td>
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<td>active} [detail]</td>
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<td>• Verify the loaded protocol pack version, publisher, and other details using this command.</td>
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| `Device(config)# show ip nbar protocol-pack active` | • Use the `protocol-pack` argument to display information about the specified protocol pack.  
• Use the `active` keyword to display active protocol pack information.  
• Use the `detail` keyword to display detailed protocol pack information. |

## Configuration Examples for the NBAR2 Protocol Pack

### Example: Loading the NBAR2 Protocol Pack

The following example shows how to load an NBAR2 Protocol Pack named `defProtoPack` from the harddisk:

```
Device> enable  
Device# configure terminal  
Device(config)# ip nbar protocol-pack harddisk:defProtoPack  
Device(config)# exit
```

The following example shows how to revert to the base image version of NBAR2 Protocol Pack:

```
Device> enable  
Device# configure terminal  
Device(config)# default ip nbar protocol-pack  
Device(config)# exit
```

The following example shows how to load a Protocol Pack of a lower version using the `force` keyword:

```
Device> enable  
Device# configure terminal  
Device(config)# ip nbar protocol-pack harddisk:olddefProtoPack force  
Device(config)# exit
```

### Example: Verifying the Loaded NBAR2 Protocol Pack

The following sample output from the `show ip nbar protocol-pack active` command shows information about the Protocol Pack that is provided by default with a licensed Cisco image on a device:

```
Device# show ip nbar protocol-pack active

ACTIVE protocol pack:                         
Name: Advanced Protocol Pack                  
Version: 1.0                                  
Publisher: Cisco Systems Inc.                 
NBAR Engine Version: 14
```
The following sample output from the `show ip nbar protocol-pack active detail` command shows detailed information about the active Protocol Pack that is provided by default with a licensed Cisco image on a device:

```
Device# show ip nbar protocol-pack active detail

ACTIVE protocol pack:
Name: Advanced Protocol Pack
Version: 1.0
Publisher: Cisco Systems Inc.
NBAR Engine Version: 14
Protocols:
  base MV: 4
  ftp MV: 5
  http MV: 18
  static MV: 6
  socks MV: 2
  nntp MV: 2
  tftp MV: 2
  exchange MV: 3
  vdolive MV: 1
  sqlnet MV: 2
  netshow MV: 3
  sunrpc MV: 3
  streamwork MV: 2
  citrix MV: 11
  fasttrack MV: 3
  gnutella MV: 7
  kazaa2 MV: 11
```

The following sample output from the `show ip nbar protocol-pack` command shows the protocol pack information of an advanced Protocol Pack that is present in the specified device location:

```
Device# show ip nbar protocol-pack disk:0ppsmall_higherversion

Name: Advanced Protocol Pack
Version: 2.0
Publisher: Cisco Systems Inc.
NBAR Engine Version: 14
Creation time: Mon Jul 16 09:29:34 UTC 2012
```

The following sample output from the `show ip nbar protocol-pack` command shows detailed protocol pack information present in the specified disk location:

```
Device# show ip nbar protocol-pack disk:0ppsmall_higherversion detail

Name: Advanced Protocol Pack
Version: 2.0
Publisher: Cisco Systems Inc.
NBAR Engine Version: 14
Creation time: Mon Jul 16 09:29:34 UTC 2012
Protocol Pack contents:
  iana MV: 1
  base MV: 4
  tftp MV: 2
```

The following sample output from the `show ip nbar protocol-pack` command shows information about the active Protocol Pack with an unlicensed Cisco image on a device:
Device# show ip nbar protocol-pack active

ACTIVE protocol pack:
Name: Standard Protocol Pack
Version: 1.0
Publisher: Cisco Systems Inc.

Example: Viewing the NBAR2 Taxonomy Information

The following sample output from the `show ip nbar protocol-pack active taxonomy` command shows the information about the protocols in the active Protocol Pack:

Device# show ip nbar protocol-pack active taxonomy

Protocol Pack Taxonomy for Advanced Protocol Pack:
`<?xml version="1.0"?>
<NBAR2-Taxonomy>
  <protocol>
    <name>active-directory</name>
    <engine-id>7</engine-id>
    <enabled>true</enabled>
    <selector-id>473</selector-id>
    <help-string>Active Directory Traffic</help-string>
    <global-id>L7:473</global-id>
    <common-name>Active Directory</common-name>
    <static>false</static>
    <attributes>
      <category>net-admin</category>
      <application-group>other</application-group>
      <p2p-technology>false</p2p-technology>
      <tunnel>false</tunnel>
      <encrypted>false</encrypted>
      <sub-category>network-management</sub-category>
    </attributes>
    <ip-version>
      <ipv4>true</ipv4>
      <ipv6>true</ipv6>
    </ip-version>
    <id>1194</id>
    <underlying-protocols>cifs,ldap,ssl,ms-rpc</underlying-protocols>
    <long-description-is-final>true</long-description-is-final>
    <long-description>a directory service created by Microsoft for Windows domain networks, responsible for authenticating and authorizing all users and computers within a network of Windows domain type, assigning and enforcing security policies for all computers in a network and installing or updating software on network computers</long-description>
    <pdl-version>1</pdl-version>
    <uses-bundling>false</uses-bundling>
  </protocol>
  <protocol>
    <name>activesync</name>
    <engine-id>7</engine-id>
    <enabled>true</enabled>
    <selector-id>490</selector-id>
    <help-string>Microsoft Activesync protocol</help-string>
    <global-id>L7:490</global-id>
    <common-name>ActiveSync</common-name>
    <static>false</static>
    <attributes>
    </attributes>
  </protocol>
</NBAR2-Taxonomy>`
Example: Classifying SSL Sessions

The following example shows how an SSL-based service with the server name as 'finance.cisco.com' is matched using unique-name:

Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# class-map match-any cisco-finance
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol ssl unique-name finance.cisco.com

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Enabling Protocol Discovery

Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR) includes a feature called Protocol Discovery. Protocol discovery provides an easy way to discover the application protocol packets that are passing through 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 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.

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.

Prerequisites for Enabling Protocol Discovery

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

Restrictions for Enabling Protocol Discovery

NBAR protocol discovery does not support the following:
Asymmetric flows with stateful protocols.

In the NBAR context, asymmetric flows are the flows in which different packets of the flow go through different routers, for reasons such as load balancing implementation or asymmetric routing where packets flow through different routes to different directions.

Note

By design, NBAR processing is temporarily disabled during the In-Service Software Upgrade (ISSU). The following syslog message indicates restart of NBAR classification once ISSU is complete.

"%NBAR_HA-5-NBAR_INFO: NBAR sync DONE!"

Multicast packet classification.

Multicast Label Switching (MPLS)-labeled packets. NBAR classifies IP packets only. You can, however, use NBAR to classify IP traffic before the traffic is handed over to MPLS. Use the modular quality of service (QoS) CLI (MQC) to set the IP differentiated services code point (DSCP) field on the NBAR-classified packets and make MPLS map the DSCP setting to the MPLS experimental (EXP) setting inside the MPLS header.

Non-IP traffic.

Packets that originate from or that are destined to the router running NBAR.

NBAR is not supported on the following logical interfaces:

- Dialer interfaces
- Dynamic tunnels such as Dynamic Virtual Tunnel Interface (DVTI)
- IPv6 tunnels that terminate on the device
- MPLS
- Overlay Transport Virtualization (OTV) overlay interfaces

Note

In cases where encapsulation is not supported by NBAR on some links, you can apply NBAR on other interfaces of the device to perform input classification. For example, you can configure NBAR on LAN interfaces to classify output traffic on the WAN link.

The following virtual interfaces are supported depending on the image of your Cisco IOS:

- Generic routing encapsulation (GRE)
- IPsec IPv4 tunnel (including tunneled IPv6) in protocol discovery mode and MQC mode
- IPsec IPv6 tunnel in protocol discovery mode but not in MQC mode
- Multipoint GRE/Dynamic Multipoint VPN (DMVPN) in protocol discovery mode
NBAR requires more CPU power when NBAR is enabled on tunneled interfaces.

Note

If protocol discovery is enabled on both the tunnel interface and the physical interface on which the tunnel interface is configured, the packets that are designated to the tunnel interface are counted on both interfaces. On the physical interface, the packets are classified and are counted based on the encapsulation. On the tunnel interface, packets are classified and are counted based on the Layer 7 protocol.

Note

You cannot use NBAR to classify output traffic on a WAN link where tunneling or encryption is used. Therefore, you should configure NBAR on other interfaces of the router (such as a LAN link) to perform input classification before the traffic is switched to the WAN link.

Information About Protocol Discovery

Protocol Discovery Overview

The Protocol Discovery feature of NBAR provides an easy way of discovering the application protocols passing through an interface so that appropriate QoS features can be applied.

NBAR determines which protocols and applications are currently running on your network. Protocol discovery provides an easy way of discovering the application protocols that are operating on an interface so that appropriate 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

These statistics can be used when you 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.

Interface Scalability

Depending on your release, there is a limit on the number of interfaces on which protocol discovery can be enabled.

The following table provides the details of the protocol discovery supported interface and the release number:
How to Enable Protocol Discovery

Enabling Protocol Discovery on an Interface

Perform this task to enable protocol discovery on an interface.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. interface type number [name-tag]
4. ip nbar protocol-discovery [ipv4 | ipv6]
5. end

DETAILED STEPS

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<td>Example: Router&gt; enable</td>
<td>• Enter your password if prompted.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 2</strong> configure terminal</td>
<td>Enters global configuration mode.</td>
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<td>Example: Router# configure terminal</td>
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<td><strong>Step 3</strong> interface type number [name-tag]</td>
<td>Configures an interface type and enters interface configuration mode.</td>
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<td>Example: Router(config)# interface fastethernet1/1/1</td>
<td>• Enter the interface type and the interface number.</td>
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<td>Configures NBAR to discover traffic for all protocols that are known to NBAR on a particular interface.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ip nbar protocol-discovery [ipv4</td>
<td>ipv6]</td>
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<tr>
<td>Example:</td>
<td>Specifying either of these keywords enables the protocol discovery statistics collection for the specified IP version only. If neither keyword is specified, statistics collection is enabled for both IPv4 and IPv6.</td>
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<td>The no form of this command is not required to disable a keyword because the statistics collection is enabled for the specified keyword only.</td>
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<td>Step 5</td>
<td>(Optional) Exits interface configuration mode.</td>
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<td>Router(config-if)# end</td>
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### Reporting Protocol Discovery Statistics

Perform this task to display a report of the protocol discovery statistics per interface.

**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

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<td>(Optional) Displays the packet and class statistics for all policy maps on the specified interface.</td>
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<td>show policy-map interface  type number</td>
<td>• Enter the interface type and interface number.</td>
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<td>Router# show policy-map interface FastEthernet 1/1/1</td>
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<td>Example:</td>
<td>Router# show ip nbar protocol-discovery interface Fastethernet1/1/1</td>
<td><em>(Optional)</em> Enter keywords and arguments to fine-tune the statistics displayed. For more information on each of the keywords, refer to the <code>show ip nbar protocol-discovery</code> command in Cisco IOS Quality of Service Solutions Command Reference.</td>
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<td>(Optional) Exits privileged EXEC mode.</td>
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### Configuration Examples for Protocol Discovery

#### Example: Enabling Protocol Discovery on an Interface

In the following sample configuration, protocol discovery is enabled on Fast Ethernet interface 1/1/1:

```plaintext
Router> enable

Router# configure terminal

Router(config)# interface fastethernet1/1/1

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

Router(config-if)# end
```

In the following sample configuration, protocol discovery is enabled on Fast Ethernet interface 1/1/2 for IPv6 packets:

```plaintext
Router> enable

Router# configure terminal

Router(config)# interface fastethernet1/1/2

Router(config-if)# ip nbar protocol-discovery ipv6

Router(config-if)# end
```
In the following sample configuration, protocol discovery is enabled on Fast Ethernet interface 1/1/2 for IPv6 packets. Later, the protocol discovery is enabled for IPv4 packets and this does not require the `no` form for the `ipv6` keyword.

```
Router> enable

Router# configure terminal

Router(config)# interface fastethernet1/1/2

Router(config-if)# ip nbar protocol-discovery ipv6

Router(config-if)# ip nbar protocol-discovery ipv4

Router(config-if)# end
```

**Example: Reporting Protocol Discovery Statistics**

The following sample output from the `show ip nbar protocol-discovery` command displays the five most active protocols on the Fast Ethernet interface 2/0/1:

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

FastEthernet2/0/1

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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 8: Feature Information for Enabling Protocol Discovery*

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Configuring NBAR Using the MQC

You can configure Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR) using the functionality of the Modular Quality of Service (QoS) Command-Line Interface (CLI) (MQC). The MQC uses traffic classes and traffic policies (policy maps) to apply QoS features to classes of traffic and applications recognized by NBAR.

This module contains concepts and tasks for configuring NBAR using the MQC.

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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.

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Prerequisites for Configuring NBAR Using the MQC

Before configuring NBAR using the MQC, read the information in the "Classifying Network Traffic Using NBAR" module.
Information About NBAR Coarse-Grain Classification

NBAR and the MQC Functionality

To configure NBAR using the MQC, you must define a traffic class, configure a traffic policy (policy map), and then attach that traffic policy to the appropriate interface. These three tasks can be accomplished by using the MQC. The MQC is a command-line interface that allows you to define traffic classes, create and configure traffic policies (policy maps), and then attach these traffic policies to interfaces.

In the MQC, the \texttt{class-map} command is used to define a traffic class (which is then associated with a traffic policy). The purpose of a traffic class is to classify traffic.

Using the MQC to configure NBAR consists of the following:

- Defining a traffic class with the \texttt{class-map} command.
- Creating a traffic policy by associating the traffic class with one or more QoS features (using the \texttt{policy-map} command).
- Attaching the traffic policy to the interface with the \texttt{service-policy} command.

A traffic class contains three major elements: a name, one or more \texttt{match} commands, and, if more than one \texttt{match} command exists in the traffic class, an instruction on how to evaluate these \texttt{match} commands (that is, \texttt{match-all} or \texttt{match-any}). The traffic class is named in the \texttt{class-map} command line; for example, if you enter the \texttt{class-map cisco} command while configuring the traffic class in the CLI, the traffic class would be named "cisco."

The \texttt{match} commands are used to specify various criteria for classifying packets. Packets are checked to determine whether they match the criteria specified in the \texttt{match} commands. If a packet matches the specified criteria, that packet is considered a member of the class and is forwarded according to the QoS specifications set in the traffic policy. Packets that fail to meet any of the matching criteria are classified as members of the default traffic class.

\textbf{Note}

For NBAR, the \texttt{match protocol} commands are used to specify the match criteria, as described in the \textit{NBAR and the match protocol Commands}, on page 60.

\textbf{NBAR and the match protocol Commands}

NBAR recognizes specific network protocols and network applications that are used in your network. Once a protocol or application is recognized by NBAR, you can use the MQC to group the packets associated with those protocols or applications into classes. These classes are grouped on the basis of whether the packets conform to certain criteria.

For NBAR, the criterion is whether the packet matches a specific protocol or application known to NBAR. Using the MQC, network traffic with one network protocol (citrix, for example) can be placed into one traffic class, while traffic that matches a different network protocol (gnutella, for example) can be placed into another traffic class. Later, the network traffic within each class can be given the appropriate QoS treatment by using a traffic policy (policy map).
You specify the criteria used to classify traffic by using a `match protocol` command. The table below lists some of the available `match protocol` commands and the corresponding protocol or traffic type recognized and supported by NBAR.

For a more complete list of the protocol types supported by NBAR, see the "Classifying Network Traffic Using NBAR" module.

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<th><code>match protocol</code> Command</th>
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<td><code>match protocol (NBAR)</code></td>
<td>Protocol type supported by NBAR</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>match protocol citrix</code></td>
<td>Citrix protocol</td>
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<td><code>match protocol fasttrack</code></td>
<td>FastTrack peer-to-peer traffic</td>
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<td><code>match protocol gnutella</code></td>
<td>Gnutella peer-to-peer traffic</td>
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<td><code>match protocol http</code></td>
<td>Hypertext Transfer Protocol</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>match protocol rtp</code></td>
<td>Real-Time Transport Protocol traffic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>match protocol unknown [final]</code></td>
<td>All unknown and/or unclassified traffic</td>
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1 Cisco IOS match protocol commands can vary by release. For more information, see the command documentation for the Cisco IOS release that you are using.

### How to Configure NBAR Using the MQC

#### Configuring DSCP-Based Layer 3 Custom Applications

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `ip nbar custom name transport {tcp | udp | udp-tcp} id id`
4. `dscp dscp-value`
5. `exit`

**DETAILED STEPS**

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<td><code>enable</code></td>
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<td>• Enter your password if prompted.</td>
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Example:
### Managing Unclassified and Unknown Traffic

Some protocols require the analysis of more than one packet for NBAR classification. So packets sent until such a classification occurs are considered **unknown**. **unknown final** excludes these temporarily classified packets, and includes only those packets that are determined as unknown after the NBAR classification process.

By default, all traffic not matched to the unknown, are matched to a default class, as is the case with MQC.

#### Before you begin

Ensure that NBAR is fully configured. If NBAR is configured to match only a partial set of protocols, then all inactivate protocols are considered as unclassified traffic and hence unknown.

#### SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. class-map [match-all | match-any] unknown
4. match protocol unknown [final]
5. end
### Detailed Steps

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<td>• Enter your password if prompted.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Device&gt; enable</td>
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<td><strong>Step 2</strong> configure terminal</td>
<td>Enters global configuration mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Device# configure terminal</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Step 3</strong> class-map [match-all</td>
<td>Creates a class map to be used for matching unknown traffic to a new class and enters</td>
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<td>match-any] unknown</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Device(config)# class-map match-all my-unknown</td>
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<td><strong>Step 4</strong> match protocol unknown [final]</td>
<td>Configures NBAR to match unknown traffic.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Example:</strong></td>
<td>• The unknown keyword signifies any traffic that is unclassified</td>
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<tr>
<td>Device(config-cmap)# match protocol unknown final</td>
<td>• The unknown final signifies traffic that is determined by NBAR as unknown.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 5</strong> end</td>
<td>(Optional) Returns to privileged EXEC mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong></td>
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<td>Device(config-cmap)# end</td>
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You can now configure the following tasks
1. Configuring a Traffic Policy
2. Attaching a Traffic Policy to an Interface or sub-interface

### Configuring a Traffic Policy

Traffic that matches a user-specified criterion can be organized into a specific class that can, in turn, receive specific user-defined QoS treatment when that class is included in a policy map.

To configure a traffic policy, perform the following steps.
The `bandwidth` command is shown in Step 5. The `bandwidth` command configures the QoS feature class-based weighted fair queuing (CBWFQ). CBWFQ is just an example of a QoS feature that can be configured. Use the appropriate command for the QoS feature that you want to use. As of Cisco IOS Release 12.2(18)ZY, CBWFQ is not supported on the Catalyst 6500 series switch that is equipped with a Supervisor 32/programmable intelligent services accelerator (PISA).

For Cisco IOS Release 12.2(18)ZY, an existing traffic policy (policy map) cannot be modified if the traffic policy is already attached to the interface. To remove the policy map from the interface, use the `no` form of the `service-policy` command.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `policy-map policy-map-name`
4. `class {class-name | class-default}`
5. `bandwidth {bandwidth-kbps|remaining percent |percentage | percent percentage}`
6. `end`

**DETAILED STEPS**

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<td>Enters global configuration mode.</td>
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<td><code>configure terminal</code></td>
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<td>Device# configure terminal</td>
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<td><strong>Step 3</strong></td>
<td>Creates or modifies a policy map that can be attached to one or more interfaces and enters policy-map configuration mode.</td>
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<tr>
<td><code>policy-map policy-map-name</code></td>
<td>• Enter the name of the policy map.</td>
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<td>Device(config)# policy-map policy1</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Step 4</strong></td>
<td>Specifies the name of the class whose policy you want to create or change and enters policy-map class configuration mode.</td>
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<tr>
<td>`class {class-name</td>
<td>class-default}`</td>
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<td>Example:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Device(config-pmap)# class class1</td>
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</table>
### Purpose

Command or Action | Purpose
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Step 5 | bandwidth \{bandwidth-kbps\} remaining percent percentage | (Optional) Specifies or modifies the bandwidth allocated for a class belonging to a policy map.

**Example:**

```
Device(config-pmap-c)# bandwidth percent 50
```

- Enter the amount of bandwidth as a number of kbps, a relative percentage of bandwidth, or an absolute amount of bandwidth.

**Note**

The **bandwidth** command configures the QoS feature class-based weighted fair queuing (CBWFQ). CBWFQ is just an example of a QoS feature that can be configured. Use the appropriate command for the QoS feature that you want to use.

**Note**

As of Cisco IOS Release 12.2(18)ZY, CBWFQ is not supported on the Catalyst 6500 series switch that is equipped with a Supervisor 32/PISA.

**Step 6**

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<td>end</td>
<td>(Optional) Returns to privileged EXEC mode.</td>
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**Example:**

```
Device(config-pmap-c)# end
```

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### Attaching a Traffic Policy to an Interface or Subinterface

After a policy map is created, the next step is to attach the traffic policy (sometimes called a policy map) to an interface or subinterface. Traffic policies can be attached to either the input or output direction of the interface or subinterface.

**Note**

Depending on the needs of your network, you may need to attach the traffic policy to an ATM PVC, a Frame Relay data-link connection identifier (DLCI), or other type of interface.

To attach a traffic policy (policy map) to an interface, perform the following steps.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. interface type number [name-tag]
4. pvc [name] vpi / vci [ilmi] qsaal | smds | l2transport
5. exit
6. service-policy \{input | output\} policy-map-name
7. end
### DETAILED STEPS

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| `enable`          | Enables privileged EXEC mode.  
  **Example:**  
  Device> enable |
|                   | • Enter your password if prompted. |
| **Step 2**        |         |
| `configure terminal` | Enters global configuration mode.  
  **Example:**  
  Device# configure terminal |
| **Step 3**        |         |
| `interface type number [name-tag]` | Configures an interface type and enters interface configuration mode.  
  **Example:**  
  Device(config)# interface ethernet 2/4 |
|                   | • Enter the interface type and the interface number. |
| **Step 4**        |         |
| `pvc [name] vpi / vci [ilmi|qsaal|smds|l2transport]` | (Optional) Creates or assigns a name to an ATM permanent virtual circuit (PVC), specifies the encapsulation type on an ATM PVC, and enters ATM virtual circuit configuration mode.  
  **Example:**  
  Device(config-if)# pvc cisco 0/16 |
|                   | • Enter the PVC name, the ATM network virtual path identifier, and the network virtual channel identifier. |
| **Note**          | This step is required only if you are attaching the policy map to an ATM PVC. If you are not attaching the policy map to an ATM PVC, advance to Step 6. |
| **Step 5**        |         |
| `exit`            | (Optional) Returns to interface configuration mode.  
  **Example:**  
  Device(config-atm-vc)# exit |
| **Note**          | This step is required only if you are attaching the policy map to an ATM PVC and you completed Step 4. If you are not attaching the policy map to an ATM PVC, advance to Step 6. |
| **Step 6**        |         |
| `service-policy {input | output} policy-map-name` | Attaches a policy map (traffic policy) to an input or output interface.  
  **Example:**  
  Device(config-if)# service-policy input policy1 |
|                   | • Specify either the **input** or **output** keyword, and enter the policy map name. |
Policymaps can be configured on ingress or egress Devices. They can also be attached in the input or output direction of an interface. The direction (input or output) and the Device (ingress or egress) to which the policy map should be attached vary according to your network configuration. When using the `service-policy` command to attach the policy map to an interface, be sure to choose the Device and the interface direction that are appropriate for your network configuration.

Note After you use the `service-policy` command, you may see two messages similar to the following:

```
%PISA-6-NBAR_ENABLED: feature accelerated on input direction of: [interface name and type]
%PISA-6-NBAR_ENABLED: feature accelerated on output direction of: [interface name and type]
```

While both of these messages appear, NBAR is enabled in the direction specified by the `input` or `output` keyword only.

**Step 7**

**Example:**

```
Device(config-if)# end
```

(Optional) Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

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**Verifying NBAR Using the MCQ**

After you create the traffic classes and traffic policies (policy maps), you may want to verify that the end result is the one you intended. That is, you may want to verify whether your traffic is being classified correctly and whether it is receiving the QoS treatment as intended. You may also want to verify that the protocol-to-port mappings are correct.

To verify the NBAR traffic classes, traffic policies, and protocol-to-port mappings, perform the following steps.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. `show class-map [class-map-name]`
2. `show policy-map [policy-map]`
3. `show policy-map interface type number`
4. `show ip nbar port-map [protocol-name]`
DETAILED STEPS

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<td><strong>Step 1</strong> show class-map ([class-map-name])</td>
<td>(Optional) Displays all class maps and their matching criteria.</td>
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<td>Example:</td>
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<td>Device# show class-map</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Step 2</strong> show policy-map ([policy-map])</td>
<td>(Optional) Displays the configuration of all classes for a specified service policy map or all classes for all existing policy maps.</td>
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<td>Example:</td>
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<td>Device# show policy-map</td>
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<td><strong>Step 3</strong> show policy-map interface type number</td>
<td>(Optional) Displays the packet and class statistics for all policy maps on the specified interface.</td>
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<td>Device# show policy-map interface Fastethernet 6/0</td>
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<td><strong>Step 4</strong> show ip nbar port-map ([protocol-name])</td>
<td>(Optional) Displays the current protocol-to-port mappings in use by NBAR.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Device# show ip nbar port-map</td>
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Verifying Unknown and Unclassified Traffic Management

To verify the management of unknown and unclassified traffic, perform the following steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. show ip nbar protocol-id unknown
2. show ip nbar link-age unknown
3. show ip nbar protocol-attribute unknown

DETAILED STEPS

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<td><strong>Step 1</strong> show ip nbar protocol-id unknown</td>
<td>(Optional) Displays protocol classification ID for unknown and unclassified traffic.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Device# show ip nbar protocol-id unknown</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Protocol Name id type</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>unknown</td>
<td>1 L7 STANDARD</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Step 2</strong> show ip nbar link-age unknown</td>
<td>(Optional) Displays the protocol link age for unknown and unclassified traffic.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Device# show ip nbar link-age unknown</td>
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### Configuration Examples for Configuring DSCP-Based Layer 3 Custom Applications

**Example Configuring a Traffic Class**

In the following example, a class called cmap1 has been configured. All traffic that matches the citrix protocol will be placed in the cmap1 class.

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# class-map cmap1
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol citrix
Device(config-cmap)# end
```

**Example Configuring a Traffic Policy**

In the following example, a traffic policy (policy map) called policy1 has been configured. Policy1 contains a class called class1, within which CBWFQ has been enabled.

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
```
In the above example, the `bandwidth` command is used to enable Class-Based Weighted Fair Queuing (CBWFQ). CBWFQ is only an example of one QoS feature that can be applied in a policy map. Use the appropriate command for the QoS feature that you want to use. As of Cisco IOS Release 12.2(18)ZY, CBWFQ is not supported on the Catalyst 6500 series switch that is equipped with a Supervisor 32/PISA.

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Example Attaching a Traffic Policy to an Interface or Subinterface

In the following example, the traffic policy (policy map) called policy1 has been attached to Ethernet interface 2/4 in the input direction of the interface.

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# interface ethernet 2/4
Device(config)# service-policy input policy1
Device(config)# end
```

Example Verifying the NBAR Protocol-to-Port Mappings

The following is sample output of the `show ip nbar port-map` command. This command displays the current protocol-to-port mappings in use by NBAR. Use the display to verify that these mappings are correct.

```
Device# show ip nbar port-map
port-map bgp      udp  179
port-map bgp      tcp  179
port-map cuseeme  udp  7648 7649
port-map cuseeme  tcp  7648 7649
port-map dhcp     udp  67 68
port-map dhcp     tcp  67 68
```

If the `ip nbar port-map` command has been used, the `show ip nbar port-map` command displays the ports assigned to the protocol.

If the `no ip nbar port-map` command has been used, the `show ip nbar port-map` command displays the default ports. To limit the display to a specific protocol, use the `protocol-name` argument of the `show ip nbar port-map` command.
Example: L3 Custom any IP Port

Device> enable
Device# configuration terminal
Device (config)# ip nbar custom mycustom transport udp-tcp
Device(config-custom)# dscp ef
Device (config-custom)# exit

Where to Go Next

To add application recognition modules (also known as Packet Description Language Modules or PDLMs) to your network, see the "Adding Application Recognition Modules" module.

To classify network traffic on the basis of a custom protocol, see the "Creating a Custom Protocol" module.

Additional References

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<td>NBAR MQC Support for Pre-resolved and Unknown Applications</td>
<td>IOS Release 15.5(1)T, IOS XE Release 3.14S</td>
<td>The NBAR MQC Support for Pre-resolved and Unknown Applications feature provides support for matching all unknown and unclassified traffic using MQC. The following commands were modified: class-map, match protocol</td>
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<td>QoS: DirectConnect PDLM</td>
<td>12.4(4)T</td>
<td>Provides support for the DirectConnect protocol and Packet Description Language Module (PDLM). The DirectConnect protocol can now be recognized when using the MQC to classify traffic. The following sections provide information about the QoS: DirectConnect PDLM feature:</td>
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<td>QoS: Skype Classification</td>
<td>12.4(4)T</td>
<td>Provides support for the Skype protocol. The Skype protocol can now be recognized when using the MQC to classify traffic. <strong>Note</strong> Cisco currently supports Skype Version 1 only. The following sections provide information about the QoS: Skype Classification feature:</td>
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<td>Provides support for the BitTorrent PDLM and protocol. The BitTorrent protocol can now be recognized when using the MQC to classify traffic.</td>
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<td>Enables NBAR to classify traffic on the basis of the Citrix Independent Computing Architecture (ICA) published application name and tag number.</td>
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<td>NBAR--Multiple Matches Per Port</td>
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<td>Provides the ability for NBAR to distinguish between values of an attribute within the traffic stream of a particular application on a TCP or UDP port.</td>
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<td>NBAR Extended Inspection for HTTP Traffic</td>
<td>12.3(4)T</td>
<td>Allows NBAR to scan TCP ports that are not well known and identify HTTP traffic that traverses these ports.</td>
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<td>12.2(18)ZYA</td>
<td>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). Additional protocols are now recognized by NBAR.</td>
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<td>NBAR--Network-Based Application Recognition (Hardware Accelerated NBAR)</td>
<td>12.2(18)ZY</td>
<td>Enables NBAR functionality on the Catalyst 6500 series switch that is equipped with a Supervisor 32/programmable intelligent services accelerator (PISA).</td>
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<td>The following section provides information about the NBAR--Network-Based Application Recognition (Hardware Accelerated NBAR) feature:</td>
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CHAPTER 6

DSCP-Based Layer 3 Custom Applications

Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR) supports the use of custom protocols to identify customer-specific applications and applications that NBAR does not support. IP address and port-based custom protocol includes supporting an IP subnet or a list of IP addresses with a specific TCP or UDP transport. DSCP-Based Layer 3 Custom Applications feature is an enhancement that enables the customer to identify traffic that belongs to Layer 3 or Layer 4 custom applications by using Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) values in the traffic.

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Restriction of DSCP-Based Layer 3 Custom Applications

DSCP-Based Layer 3 Custom Applications feature treats the Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) classification as a property of the flow and checks only the DSCP value of the first packet in the flow. To identify different packets in the flow and apply policies on them, use the `match dscp` command.
DSCP-Based Layer 3 Custom Applications Overview

Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR) supports the use of custom protocols to identify customer specific applications and applications that NBAR does not support. IP address and port-based custom protocol includes supporting an IP subnet or a list of IP addresses with a specific TCP or UDP transport. DSCP-based Layer 3 Custom Application feature is an enhancement that enables the customer to identify traffic that belongs to Layer 3 or Layer 4 custom applications by using Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) values in the traffic. You define a custom protocol transport by using the keywords and arguments of the `ip nbar custom transport` command.

How to Configure NBAR2 Auto-learn

Configuring DSCP-Based Layer 3 Custom Applications

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `ip nbar custom name transport {tcp | udp | udp-tcp} id id`
4. `dscp dscp-value`
5. `exit`

**DETAILED STEPS**

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<td><strong>Step 3</strong> ip nbar custom name transport {tcp</td>
<td>udp</td>
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<tr>
<td>Device(config)# ip nbar custom mycustom transport tcp id 100</td>
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<td><strong>Step 4</strong> dscp dscp-value</td>
<td>Specifies the differentiated service code points (DSCP) value.</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong></td>
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### Configuration Examples for Configuring DSCP-Based Layer 3 Custom Applications

#### Example: DSCP-Based Layer 3 Custom Applications

```plaintext
Device> enable
Device# configuration terminal
Device (config)# ip nbar custom mycustom transport tcp id 100
Device (config)# dscp ef
Device (config-custom)# exit
```

#### Example: L3 Custom any IP Port

```plaintext
Device> enable
Device# configuration terminal
Device (config)# ip nbar custom mycustom transport udp-tcp
Device (config-custom)# dscp ef
Device (config-custom)# exit
```

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<td>L3 custom any IP/Port</td>
<td>Cisco IOS XE 3.16S</td>
<td>NBAR supports the use of custom protocols to identify customer specific applications and applications that NBAR does not support. IP address and port-based custom protocol includes supporting an IP subnet or a list of IP addresses with a specific TCP or UDP transport or TCP and UDP transport. DSCP-based Layer 3 Custom Application feature is an enhancement that enables the customer to identify traffic that belongs to Layer 3 or Layer 4 custom applications by using DSCP values in the traffic. The L3 Custom any IP/Port feature is an enhancement that enables users to configure L3 or L4 custom applications over non UDP/TCP or over both UDP and TCP transport. The following command was introduced or modified: <code>ip nbar custom</code></td>
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Feature Information for DSCP-based Layer 3 Custom Applications
CHAPTER 7

MQC Based on Transport Hierarchy

The MQC Based on Transport Hierarchy (TPH) feature enables the use of TPH to apply policies according to a specific underlying protocol, instead of only according to the final classified protocol, for example, an email application over HTTP. A new MQC filter configured within a class-map matches all traffic which has this protocol in the hierarchy.

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Restrictions for MQC Based on Transport Hierarchy

- The MQC Based on Transport Hierarchy feature is supported only for DNS, HTTP, RTP, and SSL.
- Does not allow adding the match of the protocol and in-app-hierarchy to the same class-map.
- Match protocol http in-app-hierarchy and match protocol rtp in-app-hierarchy are not supported while match protocol attribute tunnel is configured, even on a different class-map.
Information About MQC Based on Transport Hierarchy

MQC Based on Transport Hierarchy Overview

The MQC based on transport hierarchy (TPH) feature enables NBAR to use TPH to apply policies according to a specific underlying protocol, instead of only according to the final classified protocol. The TPH of a particular application is the stack of protocols on which the application is delivered. For example, an application is being transported over HTTP and HTTP runs over TCP.

Prior to the configuration of the MQC based on transport hierarchy (TPH) feature, it is only possible to apply a class-map filter on the final classified protocol using the `match protocol protocol-id` class-map filter. However, to apply QoS policies on all the traffic of HTTP, then include all the protocols which run over HTTP into the class-map makes the configuration of such use-cases considerably difficult. A solution for this problem is an in-app-hierarchy class-map filter which uses TPH to apply policies according to a specific underlying protocol, instead of only according to the final classified protocol. For example, the rule `match protocol http in-app-hierarchy` matches if HTTP is present in the hierarchy.

How to Configure MQC Based on Transport Hierarchy

Configuring MQC Based on Transport Hierarchy

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `class-map [match-all | match-any] class-map-name`
4. `match protocol protocol-name in-app-hierarchy`
5. `end`
6. `configure terminal`
7. `policy-map policy-map-name`
8. `class { class-name | class-default }
9. `end`
10. `configure terminal`  
11. `interface type number`
12. `service-policy {input | output} policy-map-name`

**DETAILED STEPS**

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<td><code>enable</code></td>
<td>Enables privileged EXEC mode.</td>
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<td>Example:</td>
<td><code>Device&gt; enable</code></td>
<td>• Enter your password if prompted.</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> Device# configure terminal</td>
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<td><strong>Step 3</strong> class-map [ match-all</td>
<td>match-any ] class-map-name</td>
<td>Creates a class map to be used for matching packets to a specified class and enters QoS class-map mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> Device(config)# class-map match-all C1</td>
<td>• Enter the name of the class map.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 4</strong> match protocol protocol-name in-app-hierarchy</td>
<td>Configures the match criterion for a class map on the basis of the specified protocol. The keyword <strong>in-app-hierarchy</strong> matches if the protocol is present in the transport hierarchy. Possible values for <strong>protocol-name</strong>: DNS, HTTP, RTP, SSL</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> Device(config-cmap)# match protocol http in-app-hierarchy</td>
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<td><strong>Step 5</strong> end</td>
<td>Exits class-map mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> Device(config-cmap)# end</td>
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<td><strong>Step 7</strong> policy-map policy-map-name</td>
<td>Specifies the name of the policy map and enters policy-map configuration mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> Device(config)# policy-map P1</td>
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<td><strong>Step 8</strong> class { class-name</td>
<td>class-default }</td>
<td>Specifies the name of the class whose policy you want to create and enters policy-map class configuration mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 9</strong> end</td>
<td>Exits class-map mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 11</strong> interface type number</td>
<td>Configures an interface type and enters interface configuration mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/1</td>
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<td><strong>Step 12</strong> service-policy { input</td>
<td>output } policy-map-name</td>
<td>Specifies the name of the policy map to be attached to the input or output direction of the interface.</td>
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Verifying MQC Based on Transport Hierarchy

To verify the MQC Based on Transport Hierarchy feature perform the following steps:

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. enable
2. show policy-map interface  
   type number
3. exit

**DETAILED STEPS**

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| **Step 2** show policy-map interface  
  type number | Displays the packet statistics of all classes that are configured for all service policies either on the specified interface |
| Example: Device# show policy-map interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1 | • Enter the interface type and the interface number. |
| **Step 3** exit | (Optional) Exits privileged EXEC mode. |
| Example: Device# exit | |

**Configuration Examples for MQC Based on Transport Hierarchy**

**Example: Configuring MQC Based on Transport Hierarchy**

The following is an example of the configuring MQC based on Transport Hierarchy feature:

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# class-map match-all C1
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol http in-app-hierarchy
Device(config-cmap)# match protocol youtube
Device(config-cmap)# end
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# policy-map P1
Device(config-pmap)# class C1
```
Device(config-cmap)# end
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/1
Device(config-if)# service-policy input P1

A traffic policy called P1 is configured. P1 contains a class called C1 for which QoS bandwidth limitation is configured as an example. All traffic that has final classification of Youtube with HTTP as a transport will be placed in the C1 class. Other possible transports for Youtube, such as DNS, SSL or RTSP, will not be matched by this class-map

**Example: Verifying the MQC Based on Transport Hierarchy configuration**

The following is a sample output from the `show policy-map interface` command:

Device# show policy-map interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1

GigabitEthernet0/0/1
  Service-policy input: P1

  Class-map: C1 (match-all)
    17 packets, 0 bytes
    5 minute offered rate 0000 bps, drop rate 0000 bps
    Match: protocol http in-app-hierarchy
    Match: protocol youtube

  Class-map: class-default (match-any)
    3 packets, 0 bytes
    5 minute offered rate 0000 bps, drop rate 0000 bps
    Match: any

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<td>The MQC Based on Transport Hierarchy feature enables the use of Transport Hierarchy to apply policies according to a specific underlying protocol, instead of only according to the final classified protocol. A new MQC filter is introduced which can be configured within a class-map. The following command was modified: match protocol</td>
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<td>Transport Hierarchy support for DNS</td>
<td>Cisco IOS XE Denali 16.3</td>
<td>The match protocol CLI can match according to the following protocol types: DNS, HTTP, SSL, and RTP. Example: match protocol dns in-app-hierarchy</td>
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CHAPTER 8

NBAR Categorization and Attributes

NBAR Categorization and Attributes feature provides the mechanism to match protocols or applications based on statically assigned attributes such as application-group, category, sub-category, encrypted and tunnel. Categorizing the protocols and applications into different groups helps with reporting and applying Quality of Service (QoS) policies.

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Information About NBAR2 Custom Protocol

NBAR Categorization and Attributes

The NBAR Categorization and Attributes feature provides the mechanism to match protocols or applications based on certain attributes. Categorizing the protocols and applications into different groups will help with reporting and performing group actions, such as applying QoS policies, on them. Attributes are statically assigned to each protocol or application, and they are not dependent on the traffic. The following attributes are available to configure the match criteria using the match protocol attribute command:

- application-group: The application-group keyword allows the configuration of applications grouped together based on the same networking application as the match criteria. For example, Yahoo-Messenger,
Yahoo-VoIP-messenger, and Yahoo-VoIP-over-SIP are grouped together under the yahoo-messenger-group.

- **category**: The *category* keyword allows you to configure applications that are grouped together based on the first level of categorization for each protocol as the match criteria. Similar applications are grouped together under one category. For example, the email category contains all email applications such as, Internet Mail Access Protocol (IMAP), Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP), Lotus Notes, and so forth.

- **sub-category**: The *sub-category* keyword provides the option to configure applications grouped together based on the second level of categorization for each protocol as the match criteria. For example, clearcase, dbase, rda, mysql and other database applications are grouped under the database group.

- **encrypted**: The *encrypted* keyword provides the option to configure applications grouped together based on whether the protocol is an encrypted protocol or not as the match criteria. Applications are grouped together based on the encrypted and nonencrypted status of the applications. Protocols for which the NBAR does not provide any value are categorized under the unassigned encrypted group.

- **tunnel**: The *tunnel* keyword provides the option to configure protocols based on whether or not a protocol tunnels the traffic of other protocols. Protocols for which the NBAR does not provide any value are categorized under the unassigned tunnel group. For example, Layer 2 Tunneling Protocols (L2TP).

- **p2p-technology**: The *p2p(Peer-to-Peer)-technology* attribute provides the option to indicate whether or not a protocol uses p2p technology.

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Note

Attribute-based protocol match configurations do not impact the granularity of classification either in reporting or in the Protocol Discovery information.

You can create custom values for the attributes application-group, category, and sub-category. The custom values enable you to name the attributes based on grouping of protocols. Use the `ip nbar attribute application-group custom application-group-name`, `ip nbar attribute category custom category-name`, and `ip nbar attribute sub-category custom sub-category-name` commands to add custom values for the attributes application-group, category, and sub-category, respectively.

The dynamically created custom attribute values can be used for attribute-map creation when using the `ip nbar attribute-map` command, and for configuring the match criterion for a class-map when using the `match protocol attribute` command.

The output from the `show ip nbar attribute-custom` command displays the number of custom values that can be defined for attributes, and the custom values that are currently defined. The `show ip nbar attribute` command displays all the attributes including the custom attributes used by NBAR.

To remove the custom values, use the `no ip nbar attribute` command.

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**Overview of NBAR2 Custom Protocol**

Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR) supports the use of custom protocols to identify custom applications. Custom protocols support static port-based protocols and applications that NBAR does not support.

For more information about custom protocols, refer to "Creating a Custom Protocol" module.
How to Configure NBAR2 Custom Protocol

Customizing NBAR Attributes

SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. ip nbar attribute-map profile-name
4. [ attribute category category-name ]
5. [ attribute sub-category sub-category-name ]
6. [ attribute application-group application-group-name ]
7. [ attribute tunnel tunnel-info ]
8. [ attribute encrypted encrypted-info ]
9. [ attribute traffic-class traffic-class ]
10. [ attribute business-relevance business-relevance ]
11. [ attribute p2p-technology p2p-technology-info ]
12. ip nbar attribute-set protocol-name profile-name
13. end

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### Configuration Examples for NBAR2 Custom Protocol

#### Example: Adding Custom Values for Attributes

The following example shows how to add custom values for the attributes application-group, category, and sub-category:

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# ip nbar attribute application-group custom Home_grown_finance_group "our finance tools network traffic"
Device(config)# ip nbar attribute category custom dc_backup_category "Data center backup traffic"
Device(config)# ip nbar attribute sub-category custom hr_sub_category "HR custom applications traffic"
Device(config)# exit
```

#### Examples: Viewing the Information About Custom Values for Attributes

The following sample output from the `show ip nbar attribute-custom` command displays the number of custom values that can be defined, and the custom values that are currently defined for the attributes:

```
Device# show ip nbar attribute-custom

Name : category
Help : category attribute
Custom Groups Limit : 1
Custom Groups Created : dc_backup_category

Name : sub-category
Help : sub-category attribute
Custom Groups Limit : 1
Custom Groups Created : hr_sub_category

Name : application-group
Help : application-group attribute
Custom Groups Limit : 1
Custom Groups Created : Home_grown_finance_group
```

The following sample output from the `show ip nbar attribute category` command displays the details about the Category attribute:

```
Device# show ip nbar attribute category

Name : category
```
Example: Creating a Profile and Configuring Attributes for the Profile

The following example shows how to create an attribute profile with attributes configured for the Network News Transfer Protocol (NNTP) protocol:

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# ip nbar attribute-map nntp-attrib
Device(config-attribute-map)# attribute category newsgroup
Device(config-attribute-map)# attribute application-group nntp-group
Device(config-attribute-map)# attribute tunnel tunnel-no
Device(config-attribute-map)# attribute encrypted encrypted-yes
Device(config-attribute-map)# attribute p2p-technology p2p-tech-no
Device(config-attribute-map)# end
```

The following example shows how to verify the above configuration:

```
Device> enable
Device# show ip nbar attribute-map nntp-attrib
Device# Profile Name : nntp-attrib
    category : newsgroup
    application-group : nntp-group
    encrypted : encrypted-yes
Device# end
```
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Reporting Extracted Fields Through Flexible NetFlow

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Information About Reporting Extracted Fields Through Flexible NetFlow

Subapplication Table Fields

Use the option sub-application-table command to send an options table periodically to the collector, thereby enabling the collector to map NBAR subapplication tags, subapplication names, and subapplication descriptions provided in the flow records to application IDs.
# How to Report Extracted Fields Through Flexible NetFlow

## Reporting Subapplication Table Fields

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `flow exporter exporter-name`
4. `option sub-application-table`
5. `exit`

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<td><code>option sub-application-table</code></td>
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<td>Device(config-flow-exporter)# option sub-application-table</td>
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<td>Device(config-flow-exporter)# exit</td>
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Configuration Examples for Reporting Extracted Fields Through Flexible NetFlow

Example: Reporting Subapplication Fields

The following example shows how to enable the periodic sending of an options table, which allows the collector to map NBAR subapplication tags, subapplication names, and subapplication descriptions provided in the flow records to application IDs:

```
Device(config)# flow exporter FLOW-EXPORTER-1
Device(config-flow-exporter)# option sub-application-table
```

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Prerequisites for Creating a Custom Protocol

Before creating a custom protocol, read the information in the "Classifying Network Traffic Using NBAR" module.
Information About Creating a Custom Protocol

NBAR and Custom Protocols

NBAR supports the use of custom protocols to identify custom applications. Custom protocols support static port-based protocols and applications that NBAR does not currently support.

Note
For a list of NBAR-supported protocols, see the "Classifying Network Traffic Using NBAR" module.

With NBAR supporting the use of custom protocols, NBAR can map static TCP and UDP port numbers to the custom protocols.

Initially, NBAR included the following features related to custom protocols and applications:

• Custom protocols had to be named custom-xx, with xx being a number.

• Ten custom applications can be assigned using NBAR, and each custom application can have up to 16 TCP and 16 UDP ports each mapped to the individual custom protocol. The real-time statistics of each custom protocol can be monitored using Protocol Discovery.

NBAR includes the following characteristics related to user-defined custom protocols and applications:

• The ability to inspect the payload for certain matching string patterns at a specific offset.

• The ability to allow users to define the names of their custom protocol applications. The user-named protocol can then be used by Protocol Discovery, the Protocol Discovery MIB, the match protocol command, and the ip nbar port-map command as an NBAR-supported protocol.

• The ability of NBAR to inspect the custom protocols specified by traffic direction (that is, traffic heading toward a source or a destination rather than traffic in both directions).

• CLI support that allows a user configuring a custom application to specify a range of ports rather than specify each port individually.

• The http/dns/ssl keyword group that lets you add custom host and URL signatures.

Note
Defining a user-defined custom protocol restarts the NBAR feature, whereas defining predefined custom protocol does not restart the NBAR feature.

MQC and NBAR Custom Protocols

NBAR recognizes and classifies network traffic by protocol or application. You can extend the set of protocols and applications that NBAR recognizes by creating a custom protocol. Custom protocols extend the capability of NBAR Protocol Discovery to classify and monitor additional static port applications and allow NBAR to classify nonsupported static port traffic. You define a custom protocol by using the keywords and arguments of the ip nbar custom command. However, after you define the custom protocol, you must create a traffic class and configure a traffic policy (policy map) to use the custom protocol when NBAR classifies traffic. To
create traffic classes and configure traffic policies, use the functionality of the Modular Quality of Service (QoS) Command-Line Interface (CLI) (MQC). The MQC is a command-line interface that allows you to define traffic classes, create and configure traffic policies (policy maps), and then attach these traffic policies to interfaces. For more information about NBAR and the functionality of the MQC, see the "Configuring NBAR Using the MQC" module.

**IP Address and Port-based Custom Protocol**

IP address and port-based custom protocol includes supporting an IP subnet or a list of IP addresses with a specific TCP or UDP transport. This enables Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR) to recognize traffic based on IP addresses and to associate an application ID to traffic from and to specified IP addresses. You define a custom protocol transport by using the keywords and arguments of the `ip nbar custom transport` command.

To support the IP address and port-based custom protocol option, the custom configuration mode (config-custom) is introduced with the `ip nbar custom transport` command. This mode supports options to specify a maximum of eight individual IP addresses, subnet IP addresses, and subnet mask length. You can also specify a list of eight ports or a start port range and an end port range.

IP address-based custom application gets classification from syn packet.

**Comparison of Custom NBAR Protocols: Based on a Single Network Protocol or Based on Multiple Network Protocols**

In this description, the term "protocol" is used in two ways: as an NBAR protocol used for identifying traffic, and as a network protocol (HTTP, SSL, and so on).

NBAR provides:

- **Custom NBAR protocols based on single network protocol**
  
  Useful for identifying a single type of traffic (HTTP, SSL, and so on) according to a specified pattern.

  **Syntax:** `ip nbar custom <protocol_name> <traffic_type> <criteria>`

- **Custom NBAR protocols based on multiple network protocols** (called a "composite" custom NBAR protocol)
  
  Useful for identifying traffic using signatures for multiple network protocols. Currently, the composite method provides an option, "server-name" (value for `<composite_option>` in the CLI syntax) that identifies all HTTP, SSL, and DNS traffic associated with a specific server.

  Useful for identifying multiple types of traffic (HTTP, SSL, and so on) according to a specified pattern, using a single protocol.

  **Syntax:** `ip nbar custom <protocol_name> composite <composite_option> <criteria>`

**Example Use Case: Custom NBAR Protocol Based on Multiple Network Protocols**

- **Objective:** Identify all HTTP, SSL, and DNS traffic associated with the abc_example.com server.

- **Preferred method:** Use a composite custom NBAR protocol.
Limitations of Custom Protocols

The following limitations apply to custom protocols:

- NBAR supports a maximum of 120 custom protocols. All custom protocols are included in this maximum, including single-signature and composite protocols.

- Cannot define two custom protocols for the same target regular expression.

For example, after configuring `ip nbar custom labcd http url www.abcdef.com`, cannot then configure:

`ip nbar custom 2abcd http url www.abcdef.com`

Attempting to do so results in an error.

- Maximum length for the regular expression that defines the custom protocol: 30 characters

How to Create a Custom Protocol

Defining a Custom NBAR Protocol Based on a Single Network Protocol

Custom protocols extend the capability of NBAR Protocol Discovery to classify and monitor additional static port applications and allow NBAR to classify non-supported static port traffic.

This procedure creates a custom NBAR protocol based on a single network protocol (HTTP, SSL, and so on).

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<tr>
<td>ip nbar custom protocol-name [offset [format value]] [variable field-name field-length] [source</td>
<td>destination] [tcp</td>
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<td>end</td>
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Note: NBAR supports a maximum of 120 custom protocols. All custom protocols are included in this maximum, including single-signature and composite protocols.

To define a custom protocol, perform the following steps.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. `ip nbar custom protocol-name [offset [format value]] [variable field-name field-length] [source | destination] [tcp | udp] [range start end | port-number]`
4. end

DETAILED STEPS

- CLI: `ip nbar custom abc_example_custom composite server-name *abc_example`
### Command or Action

| Router> enable |

### Purpose

Enters global configuration mode.

**Step 2**

**configure terminal**  
Example:

```bash
Router# configure terminal
```

**Step 3**

**ip nbar custom protocol-name [offset [format value]] [variable field-name field-length] [source | destination] [tcp | udp] [range start end | port-number]**  
Example:

```bash
Router(config)# ip nbar custom app_sales1 5 ascii SALES source tcp 4567
```

- Extends the capability of NBAR Protocol Discovery to classify and monitor additional static port applications or allows NBAR to classify non-supported static port traffic.

- **Step 4**

  **end**  
  Example:

  ```bash
  Router(config)# end
  ```

  (Optional) Exits global configuration mode.

### Examples

In the following example, the custom protocol LAYER4CUSTOM will look for TCP packets that have a destination or source port of 6700:

```bash
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# ip nbar custom LAYER4CUSTOM transport tcp id 14
Device(config-custom)# port 6700
```

To display other options besides port:

```bash
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# ip nbar custom LAYER4CUSTOM transport tcp id 14
Device(config-custom)# ?
Custom protocol commands:
  direction  Flow direction
dscp  DSCP in IPv4 and IPv6 packets
exit  Exit from custom configuration mode
ip  ip address
ipv6  ipv6 address
no  Negate a command or set its defaults
port  ports
```
**Defining a Custom NBAR Protocol Based on Multiple Network Protocols**

Custom protocols extend the capability of NBAR Protocol Discovery to classify and monitor additional static port applications and allow NBAR to classify non-supported static port traffic.

This procedure creates a custom NBAR protocol based on multiple network protocols.

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**Note**

In this description, the term "protocol" is used in two ways: as an NBAR protocol used for identifying traffic, and as a network protocol (HTTP, SSL, and so on).

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**Note**

NBAR supports a maximum of 120 custom protocols. All custom protocols are included in this maximum, including single-signature and composite protocols.

To define a composite-signature custom protocol, perform the following steps.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. ip nbar custom protocol-name composite server-name server-name
4. end

**DETAILED STEPS**

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<td><strong>Step 3</strong></td>
<td>Extends the capability of NBAR Protocol Discovery to classify and monitor additional static port applications or allows NBAR to classify non-supported static port traffic.</td>
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<td>ip nbar custom protocol-name composite server-name server-name</td>
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<td>Example:</td>
<td>Router(config)# ip nbar custom abc_example_custom composite server-name *abc_example</td>
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</table>
### Purpose

- Useful for identifying multiple types of traffic (HTTP, SSL, and so on) according to a specified pattern, using a single protocol.

In the example, the objective is to identify all HTTP, SSL, and DNS traffic associated with the `abc_example.com` server.

### Configuring a Traffic Class to Use the Custom Protocol

Traffic classes can be used to organize packets into groups on the basis of a user-specified criterion. For example, traffic classes can be configured to match packets on the basis of the protocol type or application recognized by NBAR. In this case, the traffic class is configured to match on the basis of the custom protocol.

To configure a traffic class to use the custom protocol, perform the following steps.

#### Step 4

**end**

**Example:**

```
Router(config)# end
```

(Optional) Exits global configuration mode.

#### Note

The `match protocol` command is shown at Step 4. For the `protocol-name` argument, enter the protocol name used as the match criteria. For a custom protocol, use the protocol specified by the `name` argument of the `ip nbar custom` command. (See Step 3 of the Defining a Custom Protocol task.)

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `class-map [match-all | match-any] class-map-name`
4. `match protocol protocol-name`
5. `end`

### DETAILED STEPS

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| **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. |
### Configuring a Traffic Policy

Traffic that matches a user-specified criterion can be organized into specific classes. The traffic in those classes can, in turn, receive specific QoS treatment when that class is included in a policy map.

To configure a traffic policy, perform the following steps.

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<td>Creates a class map to be used for matching packets to a specified class and enters class-map configuration mode.</td>
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<tr>
<td>class-map [match-all</td>
<td>match-any] class-map-name</td>
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<tr>
<td>Example:</td>
<td>Router(config)# class-map cmap1</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Step 4</strong></td>
<td>Configures NBAR to match traffic on the basis of the specified protocol.</td>
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<tr>
<td>match protocol protocol-name</td>
<td>• For the protocol-name argument, enter the protocol name used as the match criterion. For a custom protocol, use the protocol specified by the name argument of the <code>ip nbar custom</code> command. (See Step 3 of the &quot;Defining a Custom Protocol&quot; task.)</td>
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<td>Example:</td>
<td>Router(config-cmap)# match protocol app_sales1</td>
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<td><strong>Step 5</strong></td>
<td>(Optional) Exits class-map configuration mode.</td>
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<td>end</td>
<td>Router(config-cmap)# end</td>
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**Examples**

In the following example, the variable keyword is used while creating a custom protocol, and class maps are configured to classify different values within the variable field into different traffic classes. Specifically, in the example below, variable scid values 0x15, 0x21, and 0x27 will be classified into class map active-craft, while scid values 0x11, 0x22, and 0x25 will be classified into class map passive-craft.

Router(config)#
   ip nbar custom ftdd 23 variable scid 1 tcp range 5001 5005

Router(config)#
   class-map active-craft
   Router(config-cmap)# match protocol ftdd scid 0x15
   Router(config-cmap)# match protocol ftdd scid 0x21
   Router(config-cmap)# match protocol ftdd scid 0x27

Router(config)#
   class-map passive-craft
   Router(config-cmap)# match protocol ftdd scid 0x11
   Router(config-cmap)# match protocol ftdd scid 0x22
   Router(config-cmap)# match protocol ftdd scid 0x25
The `bandwidth` command is shown at Step 5. The `bandwidth` command configures the QoS feature class-based weighted fair queuing (CBWFQ). CBWFQ is just an example of a QoS feature that can be configured. Use the appropriate command for the QoS feature that you want to use.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. policy-map `policy-map-name`
4. class `{class-name | class-default}`
5. bandwidth `{bandwidth-kbps | remaining percent percentage | percent percentage}`
6. end

### DETAILED STEPS

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<td>Router# configure terminal</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Step 3</strong></td>
<td>Creates or modifies a policy map that can be attached to one or more interfaces and enters policy-map configuration mode.</td>
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<tr>
<td>policy-map <code>policy-map-name</code></td>
<td>• Enter the name of the policy map.</td>
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<td>Router(config)# policy-map policy1</td>
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<td><strong>Step 4</strong></td>
<td>Specifies the name of the class whose policy you want to create or change and enters policy-map class configuration mode.</td>
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<td>class `{class-name</td>
<td>class-default}`</td>
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<td>Router(config-pmap)# class class1</td>
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<td><strong>Step 5</strong></td>
<td>(Optional) Specifies or modifies the bandwidth allocated for a class belonging to a policy map.</td>
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<td>bandwidth `{bandwidth-kbps</td>
<td>remaining percent percentage</td>
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<td>Example:</td>
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<td>Router(config-pmap-c)# bandwidth percent 50</td>
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Purpose
The `bandwidth` command configures the QoS feature class-based weighted fair queuing (CBWFQ). CBWFQ is just an example of a QoS feature that can be configured. Use the appropriate command for the QoS feature that you want to use.

Note
(Optional) Exits policy-map class configuration mode.

```
Step 6 end
Example:
Router(config-pmap-c)# end
```

### Attaching the Traffic Policy to an Interface

After a traffic policy (policy map) is created, the next step is to attach the policy map to an interface. Policy maps can be attached to either the input or output direction of the interface.

**Note**
Depending on the needs of your network, you may need to attach the policy map to a subinterface, an ATM PVC, a Frame Relay DLCI, or other type of interface.

To attach the traffic policy to an interface, perform the following steps.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `interface` `type` `number` `[name-tag]`
4. `pvc` `[name]` `vpi` `/` `vci` `[ilmi]` `[qsaal]` `[smds]` `[l2transport]`
5. `exit`
6. `service-policy` `{input | output}` `policy-map-name`
7. `end`

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| Step 3 | `interface type number [name-tag]` | Configures an interface type and enters interface configuration mode.  
  - Enter the interface type and the interface number. |
| Example: | Router(config)# interface ethernet 2/4 |
| Step 4 | `pvc [name] vpi / vci [ilmi|qsaal|smds|l2transport]` | (Optional) Creates or assigns a name to an ATM permanent virtual circuit (PVC), specifies the encapsulation type on an ATM PVC, and enters ATM virtual circuit configuration mode.  
  - Enter the PVC name, the ATM network virtual path identifier, and the network virtual channel identifier.  
  - This step is required only if you are attaching the policy map to an ATM PVC. If you are not attaching the policy map to an ATM PVC, advance to Step 6. |
| Example: | Router(config-if)# pvc cisco 0/16 |
| Note | This step is required only if you are attaching the policy map to an ATM PVC. If you are not attaching the policy map to an ATM PVC, advance to Step 6. |
| Step 5 | `exit` | (Optional) Returns to interface configuration mode.  
  - This step is required only if you are attaching the policy map to an ATM PVC and you completed Step 4. If you are not attaching the policy map to an ATM PVC, advance to Step 6. |
| Example: | Router(config-atm-vc)# exit |
| Step 6 | `service-policy {input | output} policy-map-name` | Attaches a policy map to an input or output interface.  
  - Enter the name of the policy map.  
  - Policy maps can be configured on ingress or egress routers. They can also be attached in the input or output direction of an interface. The direction (input or output) and the router (ingress or egress) to which the policy map should be attached vary according to your network configuration. When using the `service-policy` command to attach the policy map to an interface, be sure to choose the router and the interface direction that are appropriate for your network configuration. |
| Example: | Router(config-if)# service-policy input policy1 |
| Note | This step is required only if you are attaching the policy map to an ATM PVC and you completed Step 4. If you are not attaching the policy map to an ATM PVC, advance to Step 6. |
| Step 7 | `end` | (Optional) Returns to privileged EXEC mode. |
| Example: | Router(config-if)# end |
Displaying Custom Protocol Information

After you create a custom protocol and match traffic on the basis of that custom protocol, you can use the `show ip nbar port-map` command to display information about that custom protocol.

To display custom protocol information, complete the following steps.

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. `enable`
2. `show ip nbar port-map [protocol-name]`
3. `exit`

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<td><strong>show ip nbar port-map [protocol-name]</strong></td>
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<td>Example:</td>
<td><strong>Displays the current protocol-to-port mappings in use by NBAR.</strong></td>
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<td>Example:</td>
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<td><code>Router# exit</code></td>
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Configuring IP Address and Port-based Custom Protocol

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. `enable`
2. `configure terminal`
3. `ip nbar custom name transport {tcp | udp} {id id} {ip address ip-address | subnet subnet-ip subnet-mask} ipv6 address {ipv6-address | subnet subnet-ipv6 ipv6-prefix} | port {port-number | range start-range end-range} | direction {any | destination | source}`
4. `ip nbar custom name transport {tcp | udp} {id id}`
5. `end`

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### Command or Action | Purpose
--- | ---
**Example:**
Device> enable | • Enter your password if prompted.

**Step 2**
**Example:**
Device# configure terminal

Enters global configuration mode.

**Step 3**
**Example:**
Device(config)# ip nbar custom mycustomprotocol transport tcp id 100
Device(config-custom)# ip address 10.2.1.1

Configures the custom protocol, with options to specify IP address, subnet, port, direction, and so on. In the examples given, the command is executed on multiple lines, using the custom configuration mode, rather than the single-line format.

**Step 4**
**Example:**
Device(config)# ip nbar custom mycustom transport tcp id 100

Specifies TCP or UDP as the transport protocol and enters custom configuration mode.

**Step 5**
**Example:**
Device(config-custom)# end

(Optional) Exits custom configuration mode.

## Configuration Examples for Creating a Custom Protocol

### Example Creating a Custom Protocol

In the following example, the custom protocol called app_sales1 identifies TCP packets that have a source port of 4567 and that contain the term SALES in the first payload packet:
Example Configuring a Traffic Class to Use the Custom Protocol

In the following example, a class called cmap1 has been configured. All traffic that matches the custom app_sales1 protocol will be placed in the cmap1 class.

Router> enable

Router# configure terminal

Router(config)# class-map cmap1

Router(config-cmap)# match protocol app_sales1

Router(config-cmap)# end

Example Configuring a Traffic Policy

In the following example, a traffic policy (policy map) called policy1 has been configured. Policy1 contains a class called class1, within which CBWFQ has been enabled.

Router> enable

Router# configure terminal

Router(config)# policy-map policy1

Router(config-pmap)# class class1

Router(config-pmap-c)# bandwidth percent 50

Router(config-pmap-c)# end

Note

In the above example, the bandwidth command is used to enable Class-Based Weighted Fair Queuing (CBWFQ). CBWFQ is only an example of one QoS feature that can be applied in a traffic policy (policy map). Use the appropriate command for the QoS feature that you want to use.
Example Attaching the Traffic Policy to an Interface

In the following example, the traffic policy (policy map) called policy1 has been attached to ethernet interface 2/4 in the input direction of the interface.

Router> enable
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# interface ethernet 2/4
Router(config-if)# service-policy input policy1
Router(config-if)# end

Example Displaying Custom Protocol Information

The following is sample output of the `show ip nbar port-map` command. This command displays the current protocol-to-port mappings in use by NBAR. Use the display to verify that these mappings are correct.

Router# show ip nbar port-map
port-map bgp   udp 179
port-map bgp   tcp 179
port-map cuseeme udp 7648 7649
port-map cuseeme tcp 7648 7649
port-map dhcp   udp 67 68
port-map dhcp   tcp 67 68

If the `ip nbar port-map` command has been used, the `show ip nbar port-map` command displays the ports assigned to the protocol.

If the `no ip nbar port-map` command has been used, the `show ip nbar port-map` command displays the default ports. To limit the display to a specific protocol, use the `protocol-name` argument of the `show ip nbar port-map` command.

Example: Configuring IP Address and Port-based Custom Protocol

The following example shows how to enter custom configuration mode from global configuration mode and configure a subnet IP address and its mask length:

Device(config)# ip nbar custom mycustomprotocol transport tcp id 100
Device(config-custom)# ip subnet 10.1.2.3 22

The following example configures two custom protocols, one for TCP and one for UDP traffic. In each, the subnet, subnet mask, DSCP value, and direction are configured.

Device(config)# ip nbar custom mycustomprotocol_tcp transport tcp
Device(config-custom)# ip subnet 255.255.255.255 0
Device(config-custom)# dscp 18
Device(config-custom)# direction any
Additional References

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Feature Information for NBAR2 Custom Protocol

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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<td>NBAR2 Custom Protocol</td>
<td>Cisco IOS XE Release 3.8S</td>
<td>This feature was introduced on Cisco ASR 1000 series Aggregation Services Routers. The following command was introduced or modified: <strong>ip nbar custom</strong></td>
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<td>NBAR2 Custom Protocol Enhancements Ph II</td>
<td>Cisco IOS XE Release 3.12S</td>
<td>The NBAR2 Custom Protocol Enhancements Phase II feature enables supporting an IP subnet or a list of IP addresses with a specific TCP or UDP transport. The following command was introduced or modified: <strong>ip nbar custom</strong></td>
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CHAPTER 11

NBAR2 Protocol Pack Hitless Upgrade

The NBAR2 Protocol Pack Hitless Upgrade feature enables users to seamlessly upgrade a Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR) protocol pack or change the NBAR configurations without impacting any of the current classification configurations on a device.

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• Restrictions for NBAR2 Protocol Pack Hitless Upgrade, on page 117
• Information About NBAR2 Protocol Pack Hitless Upgrade, on page 117
• Additional References for NBAR2 Protocol Pack Hitless Upgrade, on page 118
• Feature Information for NBAR2 Protocol Pack Hitless Upgrade, on page 119

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Restrictions for NBAR2 Protocol Pack Hitless Upgrade

Additional memory is required to support the NBAR2 Protocol Pack Hitless Upgrade feature because it holds together two configurations until the previous configuration is aged.

Information About NBAR2 Protocol Pack Hitless Upgrade

Overview of NBAR2 PP Hitless Upgrade

Hitless Upgrade is the method to upgrade the NBAR2 Protocol Pack (PP) components on an NBAR engine without incurring any service downtime. In earlier Cisco IOS software releases, NBAR could hold only a single configuration graph on the control plane client that is transferred to the data path. From Cisco IOS XE Release 3.12S onward, NBAR can hold several configurations graphs at a single time. When a new configuration
change occurs, a new configuration graph is created on the control plane client. The new graph is downloaded to the data plane, and all new flows are directed to the new graph.

If a packet arrives from a flow that was being classified, the packet is directed to the correct configuration graph (the one that was active when the flow was created).

The following illustration displays the NBAR system state after a configuration or protocol pack update:

**Figure 2: Aging a Graph**

In the illustration above, when a new graph is created, the old graph is moved to the aging state. In an aged state, only flows that are associated with the graph are referenced with the graph. If a flow is not classified until aging time, it is reported as unknown by NBAR.

**Note**

Due to memory limitations, it is important to limit the number of parallel existing graphs and aging graphs in the NBAR system. Currently, all platforms can hold a maximum two configurations at a given time.

Use the `show platform software nbar statistics` command to view the status of NBAR.

**Benefits of NBAR2 Protocol Pack Hitless Upgrade**

NBAR2 Protocol Pack Hitless Upgrade provides the following benefits:

- No loss of information for classified flows during a protocol upgrade
- No impact on new flows
- No impact on in-progress flows

**Additional References for NBAR2 Protocol Pack Hitless Upgrade**

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<td>classification configurations on a device.</td>
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<td>In Cisco IOS XE Release 3.12S, support was added for the Cisco ASR 1000 Series</td>
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CHAPTER 12

NBAR Web-based Custom Protocols

The NBAR Web-based Custom Protocols feature provides the mechanism to define custom protocols to match based on HTTP URL and/or host name.

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- Information About NBAR Web-based Custom Protocols, on page 122
- How to Define NBAR Web-based Custom Protocols Match, on page 122
- Configuration Examples for NBAR Web-based Custom Protocols, on page 123
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Restrictions for NBAR Web-based Custom Protocols

The HTTP URL and the Host name defined for custom protocol match should be unique. The length of the protocol name should be at least 4 characters long and the prefix of the protocol name should be different from the prefixes of any other protocol name.
Information About NBAR Web-based Custom Protocols

Overview of NBAR Web-based Custom Protocols

The NBAR Web-based Custom Protocols feature provides the mechanism to define custom protocols to match the traffic based on HTTP URL and/or host name.

All 120 custom protocols can be defined to match based on HTTP URL and/or host name. While matching web-based custom protocols, the custom protocol that has both HTTP URL and the host name defined has the highest priority, followed by HTTP URL as the second priority, and then followed by Host name as the last priority. Matching a web-based sub-protocol has higher priority than matching any type of web-based custom protocol, for example the `match protocol http url http-url` command has a higher priority than a custom priority with the same URL configuration.

How to Define NBAR Web-based Custom Protocols Match

Defining a Web-based Custom Protocol Match

SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. ip nbar custom custom-protocol-name http { host host-name | url http-url [ host host-name ] } [ id selector-id ]
4. end

DETAILED STEPS

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<td>Enables privileged EXEC mode.</td>
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<td>Example: Router&gt; enable</td>
<td>• Enter your password if prompted.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 2</strong> configure terminal</td>
<td>Enters global configuration mode.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Example: Router# configure terminal</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Step 3</strong> ip nbar custom custom-protocol-name http { host host-name</td>
<td>url http-url [ host host-name ] } [ id selector-id ]</td>
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<td>Example:</td>
<td>• Enter the custom protocol name and any other optional keywords and arguments.</td>
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<td>Router(config)# ip nbar custom app_sales1 http url <a href="http://www.example.com">www.example.com</a></td>
<td>To add a custom protocol, use the <code>ip nbar custom</code> command. To enable the protocol, use the <code>match protocol</code> command or <code>ip nbar protocol discovery</code> command.</td>
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### Step 4

**Example:**

```
Router(config)# end
```

(Optional) Exits global configuration mode.

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### Configuration Examples for NBAR Web-based Custom Protocols

#### Examples: Defining Web-based Custom Protocol Match

The following example displays how to match a custom protocol based on `http url`:

```
Router> enable
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip nbar custom app_sales1 http url www.example.com
```

The following example displays how to match a custom protocol that contains the string 'example' as a part of host name:

```
Router> enable
Router# configure terminal
Router(config)# ip nbar custom app_sales1 http host *example*
```

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### Additional References for NBAR Web-based Custom Protocols

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<td>Cisco IOS XE Release 3.13S</td>
<td>The NBAR Web-based Custom Protocols Scalability feature enables defining custom protocols match based on http host name and/or url. The following command was introduced or modified: <code>ip nbar custom</code>.</td>
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CHAPTER 13

NBAR2 HTTP-Based Visibility Dashboard

The NBAR2 HTTP-based Visibility Dashboard provides a web interface displaying network traffic data and related information. The information is presented in an intuitive, interactive graphical format.

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- Overview of NBAR2 HTTP-based Visibility Dashboard, on page 125
- Configuring NBAR2 HTTP-Based Visibility Dashboard, on page 127
- Example: NBAR2 HTTP-Based Visibility Dashboard, on page 128
- Accessing the Visibility Dashboard, on page 128
- Additional References for NBAR2 HTTP-Based Visibility Dashboard, on page 129
- Feature Information for NBAR2 HTTP-Based Visibility Dashboard, on page 129

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Overview of NBAR2 HTTP-based Visibility Dashboard

The NBAR2 HTTP-based Visibility Dashboard provides a graphical display of network information, such as network traffic details and bandwidth utilization. The Visibility Dashboard includes interactive charts and a graph of bandwidth usage.

The basic workflow for using the Visibility Dashboard is:

1. Using the procedure described in Configuring NBAR2 HTTP-Based Visibility Dashboard, on page 127, configure the router to provide information for the Visibility Dashboard. This includes:
   - Enabling an HTTP server.
   - Setting up the router service that collects and stores traffic data.
   - Specifying an interface to monitor.
• Enabling protocol discovery.

2. In a browser, connect to the Visibility Dashboard web interface to display traffic information for the monitored interface(s), using the router IP address or hostname, and appending /flash/nbar2/home.html. Example: 10.56.1.1/flash/nbar2/home.html

See Accessing the Visibility Dashboard, on page 128.

3. The HTTP server that operates with the Visibility Dashboard requires HTTP command access to the router to collect traffic data to present in the dashboard. Specifically, the HTTP server executes show ip nbar CLI commands on the router to collect the data. Access is provided to the Visibility Dashboard HTTP server by one of the following methods:

• Providing "privilege 15" general access to the router.

  Use the ip http authentication enable CLI command on the router to set a password. When logging into the Visibility Dashboard web interface, use the specified password. No username is required.

• Setting a local username and password for the router.

  Use the ip http authentication local command to set a local username/password providing HTTP command access. When logging into the Visibility Dashboard web interface, enter the specified username and password.

  Example configuration:

  Device(config)#ip http authentication enable
  Device(config)#ip http authentication local
  Device(config)#username cisco
  Device(config)#password n449rbpsvq

• Using an Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting (AAA) server.

  The AAA server manages accounts, including username/password credentials. When logging into the Visibility Dashboard web interface, enter the username and password for an account managed by the AAA server.

  Note: The account must include authorization to execute show ip nbar commands on the router. If the account does not provide this authorization, a user could log in and pass authentication, but no traffic data would be available from the router. The Visibility Dashboard would appear in the browser, but showing no information.
Before you begin

The HTTP-based Visibility Dashboard uses the Protocol Discovery feature. For details about Protocol Discovery, see How to Enable Protocol Discovery, on page 52.

### SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **ip http server**
4. **ip nbar http-services**
5. **interface gigabitethernet interface**
6. **ip nbar protocol-discovery**

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<td><strong>Step 2</strong> configure terminal</td>
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<tr>
<td>Device#configure terminal</td>
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<td><strong>Step 3</strong> ip http server</td>
<td>Enables an HTTP server. The server operates with the Visibility Dashboard, providing the data collected by the router.</td>
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<td>Example:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Device(config)#ip http server</td>
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<td><strong>Step 4</strong> ip nbar http-services</td>
<td>Configures the HTTP services to collect traffic data and store it in a database.</td>
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<td>Example:</td>
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<td>Device(config)#ip nbar http-services</td>
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<td><strong>Step 5</strong> interface gigabitethernet interface</td>
<td>Specifies an interface to monitor.</td>
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<td>Example:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Device(config)#interface gigabitethernet 0/0/2</td>
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<td><strong>Step 6</strong> ip nbar protocol-discovery</td>
<td>Enables protocol discovery. For more information, see How to Enable Protocol Discovery, on page 52.</td>
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<td>Example:</td>
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<td>Device(config)#ip nbar protocol-discovery</td>
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Example: NBAR2 HTTP-Based Visibility Dashboard

**Example: Enabling NBAR2 HTTP-Services**

Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# ip nbar http-services
Device(config)# end

Accessing the Visibility Dashboard

In a browser with access to the router, connect to the Visibility Dashboard web interface to display traffic information for the monitored interface(s), using the router IP address or hostname, and appending /flash/nbar2/home.html. This string is shown in the CLI help for `ip nbar http-services` by typing: `ip nbar?`

Options:

- http://<router-IP-address>/flash/nbar2/home.html
- http://<router-hostname>/flash/nbar2/home.html

Example:
Additional References for NBAR2 HTTP-Based Visibility Dashboard

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<td>The NBAR2 HTTP-based Visibility Dashboard provides a web interface displaying network traffic data and related information. The information is presented in an intuitive, interactive graphical format. The following command was modified or introduced by this feature: ip nbar http-services</td>
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CHAPTER 14

NBAR Coarse-Grain Classification

NBAR provides two levels of application recognition—coarse-grain and fine-grain. By default, NBAR operates in coarse-grain mode.

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• Additional References for NBAR Coarse-Grain Classification, on page 132
• Feature Information for NBAR Coarse-Grain Classification, on page 133

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Information About NBAR Coarse-Grain Classification

Overview of NBAR Coarse-Grain Classification

NBAR provides two levels of application recognition-coarse-grain and fine-grain. By default NBAR operates in the coarse-grain mode.

By minimizing deep packet inspection, coarse-grain mode offers a performance advantage and reduces memory resource demands. This mode is useful in scenarios where the full power of fine-grain classification is not required.

Simplified Classification

Coarse-grain mode employs a simplified mode of classification, minimizing deep packet inspection. NBAR caches classification decisions made for earlier packets, then classifies later packets from the same server similarly.
Limitations of Coarse-Grain Mode

Coarse-grain mode has the following limitations in metric reporting detail:

- **Granularity:** Caching may result in some reduction in the granularity. For example, NBAR might classify some traffic as `ms-office-365` instead of as the more specific `ms-office-web-apps`.

- **Evasive applications:** Classification of evasive applications, such as BitTorrent, eMule, and Skype, may be less effective than in fine-grain mode. Consequently, blocking or throttling may not work as well for these applications.

Comparison of Fine-grain and Coarse-grain Modes

Coarse-grain mode has the following limitations in metric reporting detail:

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<td>Full-power of deep packet inspection</td>
<td>Simplified classification</td>
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<td>Some classification according to similar earlier packets.</td>
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<td><strong>Performance</strong></td>
<td>Slower</td>
<td>Faster</td>
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<td><strong>Memory Resources</strong></td>
<td>Higher memory demands</td>
<td>Lower memory demands</td>
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<td><strong>Sub-classification</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Field Extraction</strong></td>
<td>Full supported</td>
<td>Partial support</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Ideal usage</strong></td>
<td>Per-packet policy</td>
<td>When there is no requirement for specific per-packet operations.</td>
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<td>Example: class-map that looks for specific url</td>
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<td>Network Based Application Recognition (NBAR) provides two levels of application recognition—coarse-grain and fine-grain. By default NBAR operates in the fine-grain mode, offering NBAR’s full application recognition capabilities. By minimizing deep packet inspection, coarse-grain mode offers a performance advantage and reduces memory resource demands. The following command was introduced or modified: <code>ip nbar classification granularity</code> and <code>show ip nbar classification granularity</code></td>
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SSL Custom Application

SSL Custom Application feature enables users to customize applications that run on any protocol over Secure Socket Layer (SSL), including HTTP over Secure Socket Layer (HTTPS), using the server name, if it exists in the Client Hello extensions, or the common name from the certificate that the server sends to the client.

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Information About SSL Custom Application

Overview of SSL Custom Application

SSL Custom Application feature enables users to customize applications that run on any protocol over Secure Socket Layer (SSL), including HTTP over Secure Socket Layer (HTTPS), using the server name, if it exists in the Client Hello extensions, or the common name from the certificate that the server sends to the client.

HTTP over Secure Socket Layer (HTTPS) is a communication protocol for secure communication. HTTPS is the result of layering HTTP on SSL protocol.

In SSL sub-classification, the rule that ends later in the packet will match. For example, consider the server name ‘finance.example.com’, if there is a rule for ‘finance’ and another rule for example.com, then the rule for ‘example.com’ will match.
SSL Unique Name Sub-Classification

The SSL unique-name parameter is used to match SSL sessions of servers that are not known globally, or are not yet supported by NBAR. The unique-name matches the server name indication (SNI) field in the client request, if the SNI field exists, or it matches the common name (CN) field in the first certificate of the server's response.

The feature also supports cases of SSL sessions that use session-id than the SSL sessions that use handshake.

The server name is available as part of a HTTPS URL itself. For example, in the URL https://www.facebook.com, the server name is www.facebook.com. However, the certificate is found in the browser. The user can observe the certificate information by clicking on the HTTPS icon.

The following two figures display the location of the server name and common name as it is visible to the user using Wireshark tool.

The figure below highlights the location of the SNI field:

*Figure 4: Server Name Indication Field*
How to Configure SSL Custom Application

Configuring SSL Custom Application

**SUMMARY STEPS**

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. ip nbar custom custom-protocol-name ssl unique-name regex id selector-id
4. end
### Configuration Examples for the SSL Custom Application

#### Example: SSL Custom Applications

The following example displays how to configure SSL Custom Application. The hostname that is configured in this command is found either in the Server Name Indication (SNI) field in the Client Hello extensions or in the Common Name (CN) field in the digital certificate that the server sends to the client.

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# ip nbar custom name ssl unique-name www.example.com id 11
Device(config)# exit
```
Additional References for SSL Custom Application

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CHAPTER 16

Fine-Grain NBAR for Select Applications

NBAR provides two levels of application recognition: coarse-grain and fine-grain modes. Coarse-grain mode optimizes performance. Fine-grain mode provides NBAR's full application recognition capabilities, but with a higher performance cost. By default, NBAR operates in coarse-grain mode.

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Table 21: Feature Information for NBAR Fine-Grain Application Recognition Mode

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<td>Fine-grain application recognition mode</td>
<td>Cisco IOS XE Release 3.15S</td>
<td>By default NBAR operates in the fine-grain mode, offering NBAR's full application recognition capabilities. Used when per-packet reporting is required, fine-grain mode offers a troubleshooting advantage. Cisco recommends using fine-grain mode only when detailed Layer 7 metrics is required to be extracted by NBAR for critical applications. The fine-grain NBAR for Selective Applications feature enables a customer to dynamically monitor critical applications including collection of detailed Layer 7 metrics. The feature helps troubleshoot slowness in a particular application while the rest of the applications are running in coarse-grain mode and thus preventing any impact on the performance of the system. The following command was introduced or modified: <code>ip nbar custom</code>.</td>
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<td>Fine-grain application recognition mode</td>
<td>Cisco IOS XE Release 3.16S Cisco IOS XE 16.x releases</td>
<td>Default mode changed to coarse-grain.</td>
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Fine-Grain NBAR for Selective Applications

Overview

NBAR provides two levels of application recognition: coarse-grain and fine-grain modes. Coarse-grain mode optimizes performance. Fine-grain mode provides NBAR's full application recognition capabilities, but with a higher performance cost.

By default, NBAR operates in coarse-grain mode. NBAR automatically changes to fine-grain mode when required, based on the configuration and traffic patterns. Typically, it is not necessary to change NBAR's automatic behavior, but you can configure fine-grain mode manually, using the procedure described below.

Forcing fine-grain mode for specific applications may be useful for monitoring a subset of applications, without adversely affecting performance, while other applications continue in coarse-grain mode.
How to Configure Fine-Grain NBAR for Specific Applications

To override NBAR’s automatic behavior and force fine-grain mode, use the following procedure. The procedure enables specifying applications individually by name or specifying applications that match a specific attribute value, such as "business-relevance = business-relevant".

For application attribute types, see Application Attributes, on page 153. For attribute values, see the protocol examples provided through the Protocol Library site.

Configure fine-grain mode:

```
enable
configure terminal
ip nbar classification granularity fine-grain { [protocol protocol-name] | [attribute attribute-type attribute-value] }
exit
```

Display the currently configured NBAR classification mode:

```
show ip nbar classification granularity { [protocol protocol-name] | [attribute attribute-type attribute-value] }
```

Example

This example configures fine-grain mode for the application protocol, cisco-media-audio, then verifies with the show command.

```
Device#enable
Device#configuration terminal
Device(config)#ip nbar classification granularity fine-grain protocol cisco-media-audio
Device(config)#exit
Device#show ip nbar classification granularity protocol cisco-media-audio

Protocol Force mode
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cisco-media-audio fine-grain
```

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<td>and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues</td>
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NBAR Custom Applications Based on DNS Name

NBAR Custom Applications based on DNS Name feature provides the mechanism to customize applications based on the Domain Name System (DNS) hostnames.

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Prerequisites for NBAR Custom Applications Based on DNS Name

You must have basic knowledge of domain names.

Restrictions for NBAR Custom Applications Based on DNS Name

To use Domain Name System (DNS), you must have a DNS name server on your network.

DNS permits reading of UDP type messages only and considers only those response packets which have a source port of 53.
Information About NBAR Custom Applications Based on DNS Name

Overview of NBAR Custom Applications Based on DNS Name

Network-Based Application Recognition (NBAR) recognizes and classifies network traffic on the basis of a set of protocols and application types. The user adds to the set of protocols and application types that NBAR recognizes by creating custom protocols.

The user provides the DNS hostname signatures using the `ip nbar custom custom1 dns domain-name regular-expression id` command in the form of a simplified regular expression, which the DNS server pushes to the DNS templates. The DNS-based classification functions only when the IP addresses derived as direct responses are added to the look up table (LUT) for future classification lookups.

The following types of domains are supported:

- A
- AAAA
- CNAME

When you define the `ip nbar custom myDns dns domain-name *example` command, the DNS traffic for a domain name that matches the expression "example" reaches the device. NBAR stores the corresponding IP address A.B.C.D of domain that matches the domain name with the expression "example" in its tables. When any TCP or UDP traffic with IP address A.B.C.D arrives, it is classified as myDns protocol.

How to Configure NBAR Custom Applications Based on DNS Name

Configuring the NBAR Custom Applications Based on DNS Name

SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. ip nbar custom custom-name dns domain-name regular-expression id 1
4. exit

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<td>2</td>
<td>configure terminal</td>
<td>Enters global configuration mode.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Example: Device# configure terminal</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>ip nbar custom custom-name dns domain-name regular-expression id 1</td>
<td>Configures the NBAR Custom Applications Based on DNS Name feature.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>Example: Device(config)# ip nbar custom cust1 dns dns-name *example.com id 1</td>
<td>Note: You can provide either the full domain name or a part of it as a regular expression. For example: the expression &quot;*example&quot; will match any domain that contains the word &quot;example&quot;.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>exit</td>
<td>Exits the global configuration mode and enters privileged EXEC mode.</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>Example: Device(config)# exit</td>
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## Configuration Examples for NBAR Custom Applications Based on DNS Name

### Example: Configuring NBAR Custom Applications Based on DNS Name

Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# ip nbar custom cust1 dns dns-name *example.com id 1
Device(config)# exit

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DNS Protocol Classification Change

Traffic for a network application includes DNS query/response traffic and the actual application flow. Using the DNS Protocol Classification Change feature, NBAR2 can be configured to classify and handle DNS traffic in the same way as its associated application traffic.

This module describes DNS Protocol Classification Change and the how to enable it.

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- How to Enable DNS Protocol Classification Change, on page 151

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Prerequisites for DNS Protocol Class Change

None.

Information About DNS Protocol Classification Change

DNS Protocol Classification Change

Traffic for a network application includes DNS query/response traffic and the actual application flow. When classifying traffic, most attention is given to the application flow, both for reporting (application visibility) and control (QoS policy).
The DNS Protocol Classification Change feature enables an NBAR client, such as a router, to classify and handle DNS traffic in the same way as its associated application traffic. This is accomplished using the domain name that appears in the DNS flow.

**Use of DNS Protocol Classification Change**

DNS Protocol Classification Change can be especially useful in networks employing Cisco Intelligent WAN (IWAN), for optimizing the performance of network applications.

For example, in an IWAN spanning a wide geography, it might happen that a specific type of application traffic (example: Microsoft Office 365) may be routed first to a geographically distant node in the IWAN, and then to the relevant server. This route may diminish performance of the application. Using DNS protocol classification change, it is possible to redirect the DNS query/response to a local DNS server, and route the application traffic directly to the relevant cloud-based application server, improving application performance.

*Figure 6: DNS Protocol Classification Change Improving Application Performance in an IWAN Environment*

**Usage Notes**

- DNS Protocol Classification Change classifies the DNS flow in the same way as the application, based on built-in protocols or custom signatures.
- The DNS flow classification inherits the attributes of the application – category, business-relevance, traffic-class, encryption, and so on. For example, for a DNS flow classified as “Google-accounts” the encryption attribute is TRUE.
- DNS flows are not cached using the socket cache mechanism.
- To catch all DNS traffic for QoS, use the following “transport hierarchy” CLI:

  ```
  match protocol dns in-app-hierarchy
  ```
• Default: enabled.

How to Enable DNS Protocol Classification Change

Enabling DNS Protocol Classification Change

Enabling the DNS Protocol Classification Change feature enables an NBAR client, such as a router, to classify and handle DNS traffic in the same way as its associated application traffic.

The no form of the command disables the feature.

[no] ip nbar classification dns classify-by-domain

SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. ip nbar classification dns classify-by-domain

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<td>Device# configure terminal</td>
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<td>Enables the DNS Protocol Classification Change feature.</td>
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Application Attributes

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About Attributes

The information that NBAR2 uses to recognize and classify application traffic is organized as application protocols. Each protocol has a set of attributes that relate to the specific network application. The list of attribute types are provided here.

Attribute Types

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<td>Categorization of the application: scheme 2.</td>
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<td>category</td>
<td>Categorization of the application: scheme 3.</td>
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<td>Application usage.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Service</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>application-group</td>
<td>Group of applications that belong to the same service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Priority</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>business-relevance</td>
<td>Indicates business-oriented applications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Traffic attributes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>encrypted</td>
<td>Possible encrypted traffic.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>p2p-technology</td>
<td>Peer-to-peer traffic.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>traffic-class</td>
<td>Application class-of-service (based on RFC 4594).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tunnel</td>
<td>Tunnel-related traffic.</td>
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