

NetFlow

A NetFlow system is a network traffic monitoring and reporting solution that

- identifies, classifies, and records packet flows traversing Nexus 9000 series switches,
- provides detailed flow-based statistics for IP and Layer 2 packet data, and
- supports advanced features for accounting, network performance, and security analysis without direct modification to network traffic or devices.

NetFlow does not require any change to the packets or to the networking device. Cisco NX-OS supports the flexible NetFlow feature that enables enhanced network anomalies and security detection. Flexible NetFlow allows you to define an optimal flow record for a particular application by selecting the keys from a large collection of predefined fields. Cisco NX-OS can gather NetFlow statistics and analyze all packets on the interface or subinterface.

You can export the data that NetFlow gathers for your flow by using a flow exporter and export this data to a remote NetFlow Collector, such as Cisco Stealthwatch. Cisco NX-OS exports a flow as part of a NetFlow export User Datagram Protocol (UDP) under the following circumstances:

- Flows are exported periodically as per the flow timeout value, which defaults to 10 seconds if not configured.
- You have forced the flow to export.

A flow is a unidirectional stream of packets that arrives on a source interface (or VLAN) and has the same values for the keys. A key is an identified value for a field within the packet. You can create a flow using a flow record to define the unique keys for your flow. All key values must match for the packet to count in a given flow. A flow might gather other fields of interest, depending on the export record version that you configure. The flow record determines the size of the data to be collected for a flow. Flows are stored in the NetFlow cache. The flow monitor combines the flow record and flow exporter with the NetFlow cache information.

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NetFlow Fundamentals

Key Components

Table 1: Key Components of Netflow

Туре	Definition
Flow Records	A flow record defines the keys that NetFlow uses to identify packets and other fields of interest that NetFlow gathers for the flow. You can define a flow record with any combination of keys and fields of interest. Cisco NX-OS supports a rich set of keys. A flow record also defines the types of counters gathered per flow. You can configure 32- or 64-bit packet or byte counters.
	The key fields are specified with the match keyword. The fields of interest and counters are specified under the collect keyword.
	Cisco NX-OS enables the following match fields as the defaults when you create a flow record:
	match interface input
	match flow direction
Flow Monitors	A flow monitor references the flow record and flow exporter. You apply a flow monitor to an interface.

Туре	Definition
Flow Exporters	A flow exporter contains network layer and transport layer details for the NetFlow export packet. You can configure the following information in a flow exporter:
	Export destination IP address
	Source interface
	UDP port number (where the NetFlow Collector is listening for NetFlow packets)—The default value is 9995.
	Note NetFlow export packets use the IP address that is assigned to the source interface. If the source interface does not have an IP address assigned to it, the flow exporter drops flows that were meant to be exported. The Netflow Exporter source interface and destination IP must use the same VRF.
	Cisco NX-OS exports data to the NetFlow Collector whenever a timeout occurs. You can configure a flush cache timeout (using the flow timeout command) to flush the cache and force a flow export.
Layer 2 NetFlow Keys	You can define Layer 2 keys in flexible NetFlow records that you can use to capture flows in Layer 2 interfaces. The Layer 2 keys are as follows:
	Source and destination MAC addresses
	Source VLAN ID
	EtherType from the Ethernet frame
	You can apply Layer 2 NetFlow to the following interfaces for the ingress direction:
	Switch ports in access mode
	Switch ports in trunk mode
	• Layer 2 port channels
	Note You cannot apply Layer 2 NetFlow to VLANs, egress interfaces, or Layer 3 interfaces such as VLAN interfaces.

Туре	Definition
NetFlow Output Interface	The NetFlow output interface on Cisco Nexus switches have the following features:
	• NetFlow in the show flow cache command displays output_if_id and exports output interface to the collector.
	• The NetFlow output interface for Cisco Nexus platform switches supports both IPv4 and IPv6 traffic flows. However, the NetFlow output interface for Cisco Nexus 9500 platform switches is supported only for IPv4 traffic flows and is not supported for IPv6 traffic flows.
	• The show flow cache command displays output_if_id as 0x0. However, beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 10.3(3)F, the show flow cache command displays output_if_id as 0x0 only if the destination IP address cannot be resolved or is not installed in the routing table or the packet received is control packet.
	• NetFlow supports exporting output interface to the collector for IPv4/IPv6 incoming traffic flows, which have Next-Hop as destination interface. The NetFlow export format for InputInt and OutputInt support the full 32-bit SNMP ifIndex values at the NetFlow Collector.
	The NetFlow output interface is not supported for tunnel traffic flows such as MPLS, VXLAN, and GRE.
	For more information on examples for NetFlow output interface, see the Display example for Netflow.



Note

Cisco NX-OS supports the Version 9 export format. This format supports a more efficient network utilization than the older Version 5 export format and supports IPv6 and Layer 2 fields. In addition, the Version 9 export format supports the full 32-bit SNMP ifIndex values at the NetFlow Collector.



Note

Cisco NX-OS supports stateful restarts for NetFlow. After a reboot, Cisco NX-OS applies the running configuration. The flow cache is not preserved across restarts, and packets that come to the software during restarts cannot be processed.

Architecture

Cisco Nexus 9000 Series switches separate NetFlow processing into two layers:

- The first layer supports per-packet visibility for line-rate traffic. Packets do not need to be sampled and statistically analyzed. Instead, the packets can be processed and aggregated at line rate.
- The second layer enables the gathering of flows at scale. It can maintain hundreds of thousands of flows without losing any flows and periodically exports them to an external collector.

Types

From Cisco NX-OS Release 10.4(1)F, NetFlow consists of two types configurations:

Table 2: Types of Netflow

Туре	Definition
Ingress Netflow	Ingress NetFlow identifies packet flows for ingress IP packets and provides statistics based on the packet flows. Ingress NetFlow uses flows to provide statistics for accounting, network monitoring, and network planning.
Egress Netflow	Egress NetFlow identifies packet flows for outgoing IP packets and Layer 2 flows and provides statistics based on these packet flows. On Cisco Nexus Cloudscale 9000 switches, egress NetFlow uses ingress pipeline and ingress TCAM carving egr-netflow to record flow information egressing out of the switch. All parameters and restrictions of NetFlow such as flow records, flow exporters, and flow monitors are applicable to egress NetFlow.

Ingress NetFlow

Guidelines and Limitations



Note

For verified NetFlow scalability numbers, see the Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Verified Scalability Guide.

General Limitations

- NetFlow is not supported on tunnel interfaces.
- NetFlow is not supported for CPU-transmitted packets.
- Flow collection is not performed for ARP traffic.
- Enable NetFlow only on platforms that support this feature.

- The **match ip tos** command is present in flow record configuration options, but the functionality is not supported.
- NetFlow is not supported on loopback and switch management interfaces.
- Netflow and Flow Telemetry are not supported in N9K-C9364C-H1 platform SFP+ ports, Ethernet1/65, and Ethernet1/66.
- The Cisco Nexus 3232C and 3264Q switches do not support NetFlow.
- NetFlow for MPLS/VXLAN datapath is not supported
- TCAM carving configuration of the ing-netflow region can be performed on FX line cards. EX line cards have a default ing-netflow region TCAM carving of 1024 and cannot be configured otherwise. For ports on the EX and FX line cards, the suggested maximum for the ing-netflow region is 1024.
- Flows are identified with Ingress(0) field in CFLOW packet.

ICMP and Non-TCP/UDP Flows

- On Nexus 9000 Switches, NetFlow collects ICMP flow information and sends it to the collector. ICMP type and code are inherently included in the packets. ICMP packets in NetFlow or flow export records do not use traditional source and destination ports like TCP or UDP. Instead, the exporter often encodes the ICMP type and code into fields like SPORT (source port) and DPORT (destination port). For example:
 - ICMP Echo Request: SPORT=2048, DPORT=0
 - ICMP Echo Reply: SPORT=0, DPORT=0
 - ICMP Time Exceeded: SPORT=2816, DPORT=0

Configuration and Operational Guidelines

- Flow cache can be cleared per flow type, such as Layer 2, IPv4, and IPv6. It cannot be cleared per flow monitor.
- You must configure a source interface for the NetFlow Data Export (NDE). If you do not configure a source interface, the flow exporter drops flows that were meant to be exported.

Layer 2 and Layer 3 Interface Limitations

- Layer 2 switched flow monitors are applied only to Layer 2 interfaces.
- IP and IPv6 flow monitors can be applied to VLANs, SVIs, Layer 3 routed interfaces, or subinterfaces.
- If you change a Layer 2 interface to a Layer 3 interface, or vice versa, the software removes the Layer 2 NetFlow configuration from the interface.
- The same flow monitor cannot be shared with a VLAN and Layer 3 interfaces (for example, physical Layer 3 interface, SVI interface, or Layer 3 subinterface).
- VLAN and Layer 3 interfaces use different ACLs and must be treated as two different profiles.
- If you try to modify a record that is programmed in hardware during a rollback, the rollback fails.

Release Specific Guidelines

• Cisco NX-OS Release 9.2(1)

- NetFlow for FEX Layer 3 ports is supported on Cisco Nexus 9300-EX and 9300-FX platform switches.
- NetFlow CE is supported on the Cisco Nexus 9300-EX platform switches.



Note

All EX type platform switches, including the Cisco Nexus 9700-EX line cards, CE NetFlow only captures CE flow records for non-IPv4 and IPv6 traffic flows. Whereas for FX and FX2 type platform switches and line cards, we can capture CE flow data for IP flows as long as **mac packet-classify** is applied on the interface.

- Cisco NX-OS Release 9.2(2)
 - The Cisco Nexus 9300-FX switch supports collecting the OUTPUT_SNMP field for NetFlow Data Export (NDE). No other Cisco Nexus 9000 platform switch or Cisco Nexus line card supports collecting the OUTPUT_SNMP field.
 - NetFlow is supported on Cisco Nexus 9500 platform switches with Cisco Nexus 9700-EX line cards and FM-E modules.
- Cisco NX-OS Release 9.3(1)
 - Commands record netflow ipv4 original-input, record netflow ipv4 original-output, and record netflow layer2-switched input are not supported.
 - The NetFlow **output_if_id** is supported on 9300-FX switches.
- Cisco NX-OS Release 9.3(3)
 - The following Non-Disruptive In-Service Software Upgrade (ND ISSU) limitations about NetFlow apply for all Cisco Nexus 9000 Series switches:
 - While performing an ND ISSU, a two-minute export loss is expected.
 - During an ND ISSU, an exporter with a management interface source port is not supported. Export loss is expected until the management interface comes up.
 - Ingress NetFlow is supported on Cisco Nexus 9300-GX platform switch.
 - The NetFlow **output_if_id** is supported on 9300-FX3 switches.
- Cisco NX-OS Release 9.3(4)
 - The RTP monitoring feature enables a monitor of RTP flows on all interfaces of a switch and reports them in the **show flow rtp detail** command output. An RTP flow is any UDP flow with a source port within the range of 16384-32767. If a NetFlow monitor is attached to a switch interface with RTP monitoring enabled, then all the traffic/flows (including the RTP flows) on that interface are reported in the output of the **show flow cache** command. The RTP flows will no longer be shown in the output of the **show flow rtp detail** command. When the attached monitor is removed, the RTP flows are reported again in the **show flow rtp detail** command output.

This limitation impacts the following switches:

Cisco Nexus 9336C-FX2

- Cisco Nexus 93240YC-FX2
- Cisco Nexus 9348GC-FXP
- Cisco Nexus 93180YC-FX
- Cisco Nexus 93108TC-FX
- Cisco Nexus 9316D-GX
- Cisco Nexus 93600CD-GX
- Cisco Nexus 9364C-GX
- Cisco Nexus 9504, 9508, and 9516 with the 9736C-FX line card
- Cisco NX-OS Release 10.1(2)
 - Netflow is supported on N9K-X9716D-GX line card.
 - Beginning with Cisco NX-OS Release 10.2(1)F, Layer 3 NetFlow on Layer 2 interfaces is supported on Cisco Nexus 9300-EX, 9300-FX, 9300-FX2, 9300-FX3, 9300-GX, and 9300-GX2 platform switches, and on 9500-EX LC and 9500-FX LC. Few guidelines and limitations are as follows:
 - You can attach either Layer 3 flow monitor or Layer 2 flow monitor to Layer 2 interface, not both.
 - If a flow monitor is already attached to Layer 3 interface, then the same flow monitor cannot be attached to Layer 2 interface.
 - The **mac-packet-classify** command is not supported, when Layer 3 flow monitor is applied on Layer 2 interface.
 - Ingress NetFlow is supported on Cisco Nexus 9500 platform switches with EX, FX, and GX mixed chassis. You can use SPAN simultaneously with NetFlow on the Cisco Nexus 9500 platform switches with EX, FX, and GX mixed chassis. Cisco Nexus 9500-GX platform switches does not support SPAN with sFlow feature mix.
- Cisco NX-OS Release 10.3(3)F
 - Netflow Output_if_id is supported on Cisco Nexus 9300-FX2, 9300-GX, and 9300-GX2 switches and 9500-GX Line Cards.
 - For unicast flows, if the output_if_id is shown as 0x0, it means that the destination IP is not resolved or not available in the routing table or the ARP table.
 - The output_if_id is shown as 0x0 for received packets destined to the control-plane. Examples of such traffic are routing protocols or ICMP packets.
 - For IPv6 flows on Cisco Nexus 9500 Line Cards, output_if_id is shown as Unsupported due to hardware limitations.
 - The output if id for data plane multicast traffic will be shown as 0x0.
- Cisco NX-OS Release 10.4(1)F

- Ingress NetFlow is supported on N9K-C9332D-H2R switch. Drop flows is not supported by default. To enable drop flows, configure the **hardware flow-table collect-drop-reason** command.
- Cisco NX-OS Release 10.4(2)F
 - The Ingress NetFlow for MPLS packet feature is supported on Cisco Nexus 9300-FX, 9300-FX2, 9300-FX3, 9300-GX, 9300-GX2, and 9500-FX/GX switches. This feature allows the Nexus switches to capture IPv4 or IPv6 flow information from MPLS packets and send the flow information to the collector. NetFlow captures information for packets with up to 8 MPLS stacked labels and supports capturing of MPLS packets such as IPoMPLS and EoMPLS packets and MPLS-VPN packets with two labels. The show flow cache shows output interface on MPLS-VPN encapsulation node as 0x0. The NetFlow output interface supports MPLS-VPN on transit or P nodes. This feature has the following limitations:
 - Due to the hardware ASIC limitations, NetFlow cannot capture MPLS related parameters such as MPLS label.
 - On transit or P nodes, MPLS VPNs with overlapping IP addresses with the same Layer 2 source and destination ports are reported as a single flow in the MPLS-VPN network.
 - Ingress NetFlow is supported on N9K-C93400LD-H1 switch. Drop flows is not supported by default. To enable drop flows, configure the **hardware flow-table collect-drop-reason** command.
- Cisco NX-OS Release 10.4(3)F
 - Ingress NetFlow is supported on Cisco Nexus 9364C-H1 switch.

VXLAN Environment Limitations

- NetFlow for VXLAN traffic is supported including OIF (output interface). The feature nv overlay
 command must be enabled on the VXLAN transit node to capture inner flow details. If not, NetFlow
 captures only the outer header information.
- OIF on VXLAN Encapsulation node is shown as 0x0.
- NetFlow is supported on SVI and non-uplink L3 Interfaces of a VXLAN VTEP. This does not include the L3VNI SVI.
- NetFlow is not supported on uplink interfaces on a VXLAN VTEP.
- NetFlow on Multisite Border Gateways is not supported.
- A NetFlow Collector that is reachable over the VXLAN fabric is supported.

Platform Limitations

- Ingress NetFlow is not supported on Cisco Nexus 92348GC-X platform switch.
- Record match that is based on IP ToS, is not supported for IPv6 flow monitors. The ToS value is collected on the collector as 0x0 irrespective of the value the traffic holds. This limitation is applicable for the following platform switch families:
 - Cisco Nexus 9300-EX
 - Cisco Nexus 9300-FX
 - Cisco Nexus 9300-FX2

- Cisco Nexus 9300-FX3
- Cisco Nexus 9300-GX
- Cisco Nexus 9500 with EX and FX line cards
- Cisco Nexus 9300-EX Platform Switches
 - A flow monitor applied on a VLAN or SVI can collect flows for both switched and routed traffic.
 - Supports NetFlow and SPAN on the same interface at the same time. This functionality is a viable alternative to using SPAN and sFlow.
 - They have dedicated TCAM and do not require carving.
 - The same flow monitor cannot be attached to a VLAN and an SVI at the same time.
 - The ToS field is not exported.
- Cisco Nexus 9300-FX Platform Switches
 - NetFlow VLANs are supported for switched traffic only, and NetFlow SVIs are supported for routed traffic only.
 - If you add a member to a port channel that is already configured for Layer 2 NetFlow, its NetFlow configuration is removed and the Layer 2 configuration is added.
- Cisco Nexus 9300-FX2 platform switches support sFlow and SPAN coexistence.
- On Cisco Nexus 9300-EX/FX platform switches, and Cisco Nexus 9500 platform switches with EX/FX modules, SPAN, and sFlow cannot both be enabled simultaneously. If one is active, the other cannot be enabled. However, on the Cisco Nexus 9300-EX/FX/FX2 and the Cisco Nexus 9500 platform switches with EX modules, both NetFlow and SPAN can be enabled simultaneously, providing a viable alternative to using sFlow and SPAN.
- Configuring an EX port as a trunk when FX ports are trunks with NetFlow configurations already applied, does not remove the unsupported EX NetFlow configuration from the FX port trunks. For example, if you apply more than two different IPv4 flow monitors to FX port trunks and if EX ports are added to the same trunks, the configuration on the trunks beyond the two monitors is not automatically removed, since it's only an EX port limitation. Since this configuration will not report flows beyond two monitors for EX trunk ports, we recommend that you use only two monitors per protocol (v4/v6/CE) on modular switches that could potentially have both EX and FX ports in the same trunk. This applies to all Cisco Nexus 9500 platform switches with EX and FX line cards.
- Cisco Nexus 9500 platform switches with FM-E, FM-E2, and FM-E3 modules and Cisco Nexus 9300-FX/FX3 switches support the NetFlow output interface feature. However, output interface is not supported on 9300-EX and 9500-EX platform switches.

Prerequisites

 Make sure that you understand the resources required on your device because NetFlow consumes memory and CPU resources.

Configure Ingress NetFlow

Procedure

Step 1 Enable the NetFlow feature.
 Step 2 Define a flow record by specifying keys and fields to the flow.
 Step 3 Define an optional flow exporter by specifying the export format, protocol, destination, and other parameters.
 Step 4 Define a flow monitor based on the flow record and flow exporter.
 Step 5 Apply the flow monitor to a source interface, subinterface, or VLAN interface.

Configuration Example for Ingress NetFlow

This example shows how to configure an Ingress NetFlow exporter configuration for IPv4:

```
feature netflow
flow exporter ee
destination 171.70.242.48 use-vrf management
source mgmt0
version 9
 template data timeout 20
flow record rr
match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
collect counter bytes
collect counter packets
flow monitor foo
record rr
exporter ee
interface Ethernet2/45
ip flow monitor foo input
ip address 10.20.1.1/24
no shutdown
```

Ingress NetFlow Verification Commands

An Ingress NetFlow verification command is a diagnostic command that

- displays the status and configuration of Ingress NetFlow features on a device,
- provides detailed information on flows, interfaces, exporters, and records, and
- helps administrators troubleshoot and validate NetFlow operations.

To display the Ingress NetFlow configuration, perform one of the following tasks:

Command	Purpose
show flow cache [ipv4 ipv6 ce]	Displays information about Ingress NetFlow IP flows.
	Note This command can appear to be not valid on the EOR switches and no flows can be seen. To view this command on the EOR switches, attach to the module using the attach mod x command or check this command using the slot x quoted "show flow cache" command where x is the module number of the ingress NetFlow.
show flow exporter [name]	Displays information about Ingress NetFlow flow exporters and statistics. You can enter up to 63 alphanumeric characters for the flow exporter name.
show flow interface [interface-type slot/port]	Displays information about Ingress NetFlow interfaces.
show flow record [name]	Displays information about Ingress NetFlow flow records. You can enter up to 63 alphanumeric characters for the flow record name.
show flow record netflow layer2-switched input	Displays information about the Layer 2 Ingress NetFlow configuration.
show running-config netflow	Displays the NetFlow configuration that is currently on your device.

Use the **show flow exporter** command to display NetFlow statistics. Use the **clear flow exporter** command to clear NetFlow flow exporter statistics.

Display Example for Ingress NetFlow

The output of the **show flow cache** command for IPv4 displays:

show flow ca								
SIP	DIP	BD ID	S-Port	D-Port	Protocol	Byte Count	Packet Count	TCP FLAGS
TOS if ic	d output	if id	flowSta	art flow	<i>r</i> End			
$10.10.30.\overline{4}$	30.33.1.2	1480	30000	17998	17	683751850	471553	0x0
0x0 0x90)105c8 0x1a0	05000	14096	494 141	53835			
30.33.1.2	10.10.39.4	4145	30000	18998	17	43858456	30164	0x0
0x0 0x1a	a005000 0x1a0	06600	14096	477 140	99491			
10.10.29.4	30.33.1.2	1479	30000	17998	17	683751850	471553	0x0
0x0 0x90)105c7 0x1a0	05000	14096	476 141	53817			
10.10.7.4	30.33.1.2	1457	30000	17998	17	683753300	471554	0x0
0x0 0x90)105b1 0x1a0	05000	14096	481 141	53822			
30.33.1.2	10.10.42.4	4145	30000	18998	17	95289344	65536	0x0
0x0 0x1a	a005000 0x1a0	06600	14112	551 141	.19151			
10.10.49.4	30.33.1.2	1499	30000	17998	17	683753300	471554	0x0
0×0 0×90	1105db 0x1a0	05000	14096	486 141	53827			

Egress NetFlow

Guidelines and Limitations



Note

For verified NetFlow scalability numbers, see Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Verified Scalability Guide.

- If both ingress and egress NetFlow are enabled on an interface, ingress NetFlow is prioritized over egress NetFlow and flow information is generated in ingress direction.
- Flows are identified with Egress(1) field in CFLOW packet.
- Egress NetFlow and feature analytics can coexist, but the traffic flows that hit analytics filters are only exported to collectors configured under analytics.
- On modular Cisco Nexus 9500 chassis, traffic comes in and goes out on different line cards. If egress NetFlow is enabled on traffic outgoing interface and not enabled on traffic incoming interface, the egress flow information is captured on ingress interface line card and not captured on egress interface.
- If there are more than one SVI and sub_interface on L2 interface, the ingress interface (if_id) derivation need not be correct for egress NetFlow.
- Egress NetFlow is not supported on Cisco Nexus 9300-EX, Nexus 9500 modular switches with EX Line cards, N9K-C9364C, and N9K-C9332C switches.
- Egress NetFlow is supported only for IPv4 and Layer 2 traffic. Egress NetFlow does not support IPv6 and multicast traffic.
- Egress NetFlow does not support the following:
 - vrf-id
 - Recording of outgoing control plane traffic
 - Output Interface (NetFlow OIF)
 - MPLS network

Prerequisites

- 1. Configure the Nexus 9000 switches with egress NetFlow TCAM region.
- 2. Reload the switch after egress NetFlow TCAM carving.
- 3. When the switch comes online, enable the egress NetFlow on any L2 or L3 interface under interfaces using the **ip flow monitor** <> **output or layer2-switched flow monitor** <> **output** command.

Configure Egress NetFlow

Procedure

- **Step 1** Enable the NetFlow feature.
- **Step 2** Perform egr-netflow TCAM carving and reload the switch.
 - a) configure terminal

Example:

```
switch# configure terminal
switch(config)#
```

Enters global configuration mode.

b) [no] hardware access-list tcam region egr-netflow {0 | 512}

Example:

```
switch(config)# hardware access-list tcam region egr-netflow 512
```

Enables egress NetFlow TCAM carving, and the default is disabled. The supported values are 0 and 512 for egr-netflow TCAM carving.

c) copy running-config startup-config

Example:

```
switch(config) # copy running-config startup-config
```

Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

d) reload

Example:

```
switch(config) \# reload This command will reboot the system. 
 (y/n)? 
 [n] {\bm y}
```

Reloads the switch.

- **Step 3** Define a flow record by specifying keys and fields to the flow.
- **Step 4** Define a flow exporter by specifying the export format, protocol, destination, and other parameters.
- **Step 5** Define a flow monitor based on the flow record and flow exporter.
- **Step 6** Apply the flow monitor to a source interface, subinterface, or VLAN interface.

Configuration Example for Egress NetFlow

This example shows how to configure a an egress NetFlow exporter configuration for IPv4:

```
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flow exporter ee
  destination 171.70.242.48 use-vrf management
  source mgmt0
  version 9
  template data timeout 20
```

```
flow record rr
match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
collect counter bytes
collect counter packets
flow monitor foo
record rr
exporter ee
interface Ethernet2/45
ip flow monitor foo output
ip address 10.20.1.1/24
no shutdown
```

Egress NetFlow Verification Commands

To display the egress NetFlow configuration, perform one of the following tasks:

Command	Purpose
show flow cache [ipv4 ce] [output]	Displays information about egress NetFlow IP flows.
show running-config netflow	Displays the egress NetFlow configuration that is currently on your device.

Display Example for Egress NetFlow

The output of the **show flow cache** command for IPv4 displays:

```
switch(config-if-range) # show flow cache
NOTE: Only 10k flows are displayed in XML output
Egress IPV4 Entries
STP
              DIP
                            BD ID
                                    S-Port D-Port Protocol Byte Count
              TCP FLAGS
Packet Count
                          TOS if id
                                            output if id
                                                            flowStart
                                                                        flowEnd
   Profile Ing-VRF
130.1.1.2
                          4119
                                    60
                                            893
                                                   6
                                                             161082
             162.1.1.1
                          0x0 0x1a002600
                                            0x1a002800
                                                             716994
                                                                        732532
               0 \times 0
      4 : NF
              21
                           4151
130.1.1.2
              162.1.1.1
                                    60
                                             11013
                                                             61230
                         0x0 0x1a006600 0x1a006800
               0x0
                                                             715951
                                                                        728074
      4 : NF 38
130.1.1.2 162.1.1.1
                                            3441
                           4145
                                    60
                                                   6
                                                             162966
173
               0x0
                          0x0 0x1a005a00 0x1a005c00
                                                             713085
                                                                        727941
       4 : NF
              35
```

General Procedures to Enable NetFlow

The following sections list the procedures that are common to both Ingress and Egress NetFlow when you enable them.

Enable NetFlow feature

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.	
	Example:		
	<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>		
Step 2	<pre>Example: switch(config) # feature netflow</pre>	Enables or disables the NetFlow feature. The default is	
		disabled.	
		Note The Cisco Nexus 9500 platform switches with N9K-T2 EoR do not support NetFlow.	
Step 3	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.	
	Example:		
	switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config		

Create a flow record

You can create a flow record and add keys to match on and nonkey fields to collect in the flow.

	Command or Action	Purpose		
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.		
	Example:			
	<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>			
Step 2	tep 2 flow record name	Creates a flow record and enters flow record configuration		
	Example:	mode. You can enter up to 63 alphanumeric characters for the flow record name.		
	<pre>switch(config) # flow record Test switch(config-flow-record) #</pre>	the now record name.		
Step 3	tep 3 (Optional) description string	Describes this flow record as a maximum 63-character		
	Example:	string.		
	switch(config-flow-record)# description IPv4Flow			
Step 4	(Optional) match type	Specifies a match key. For more information, see Specify		
	Example:	match parameters, on page 17.		

	Command or Action	Purpose
	<pre>switch(config-flow-record)# match transport destination-port</pre>	Note The match transport destination-port and match ip protocol commands are required to export Layer 4 port data.
Step 5	(Optional) collect type Example: switch(config-flow-record) # collect counter packets	Specifies the collection field. For more information, see Specify collect parameters, on page 18.
Step 6	(Optional) show flow record [name] [record-name] {netflow-original netflow protocol-port netflow {ipv4 ipv6} {original-input original-output}}	Displays information about NetFlow flow records. You can enter up to 63 alphanumeric characters for the flow record name.
	<pre>Example: switch(config-flow-record) # show flow record netflow protocol-port</pre>	
Step 7	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-flow-record) # copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Specify match parameters

You must configure at least one of the following match parameters for flow records:

Command	Purpose
match datalink {mac source-address mac destination-address ethertype vlan}	Specifies the Layer 2 attribute as a key.
Example:	
switch(config-flow-record) # match datalink ethertype	
match ip {protocol tos}	Specifies the IP protocol or ToS fields as keys.
Example: switch(config-flow-record) # match ip protocol	Note The match transport destination-port and match ip protocol commands are required to export Layer 4 port data.
	The data is collected and displayed in the output of the show hardware flow ip command but is not collected and exported until you configure both commands.

Command	Purpose	
match ipv4 {destination address source address}	Specifies the IPv4 source or destination	
Example:	address as a key.	
<pre>switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 destination address</pre>		
match ipv6 {destination address source address flow-label options}	Specifies the IPv6 key.	
Example:		
switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv6 flow-label		
match transport {destination-port source-port}	Specifies the transport source or destination port as a key.	
Example:		
<pre>switch(config-flow-record)# match transport destination-port</pre>	The match transport destination-port and match ip protocol commands are required to export Layer 4 port data.	
	The data is collected and displayed in the output of the show hardware flow ip command but is not collected and exported until you configure both commands.	

Specify collect parameters

In Cisco/NX-OS NetFlow, "collect parameters" are the configuration options you specify within a flow record that indicate which fields or metrics are captured from a network flow for export and analysis.

You must configure at least one of the following collect parameters for the flow records:

Command	Purpose
<pre>collect counter {bytes packets} [long] Example: switch(config-flow-record) # collect counter packets</pre>	Collects either packet-based or byte counters from the flow. You can optionally specify that 64-bit counters are used.
collect ip version	Collects the IP version for the flow.
Example:	
switch(config-flow-record)# collect ip version	
collect timestamp sys-uptime {first last}	Collects the system up time for the first or last
Example:	packet in the flow.
<pre>switch(config-flow-record)# collect timestamp sys-uptime last</pre>	

Command	Purpose
collect transport tcp flags	Collects the TCP transport layer flags for the
Example:	packets in the flow.
switch(config-flow-record)# collect transport tcp flags	

Create a flow exporter

The flow exporter configuration defines the export parameters for a flow and specifies reachability information for the remote NetFlow Collector.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>	
Step 2	flow exporter name	Creates a flow exporter and enters flow exporter
	Example:	configuration mode. You can enter up to 63 alphanumeri characters for the flow exporter name.
	<pre>switch(config)# flow exporter flow-exporter-one switch(config-flow-exporter)#</pre>	characters for the now exporter name.
Step 3	destination {ipv4-address ipv6-address} [use-vrf name]	Sets the destination IPv4 or IPv6 address for this flow
	Example:	exporter. You can optionally configure the VRF to use to reach the NetFlow Collector. You can enter up to 32
	<pre>switch(config-flow-exporter)# destination 192.0.2.1</pre>	alphanumeric characters for the VRF name.
Step 4	source interface-type name/port	Specifies the interface to use to reach the NetFlow
	Example:	Collector at the configured destination.
	switch(config-flow-exporter)# source ethernet 2/1	
Step 5	(Optional) description string	Describes this flow exporter. You can enter up to 63
	Example:	alphanumeric characters for the description.
	<pre>switch(config-flow-exporter)# description exportversion9</pre>	
Step 6	(Optional) dscp value	Specifies the differentiated services codepoint value. The
	Example:	range is from 0 to 63.
	switch(config-flow-exporter)# dscp 0	
Step 7	(Optional) transport udp port	Specifies the UDP port to use to reach the NetFlow
	Example:	Collector. The range is from 0 to 65535.
	switch(config-flow-exporter)# transport udp 200	Note

	Command or Action	Purpose
		If you do not specify the UDP port, 9995 is selected as the default.
Step 8	<pre>version 9 Example: switch(config-flow-exporter) # version 9 switch(config-flow-exporter-version-9) #</pre>	Specifies the NetFlow export version. Choose version 9 to enter the flow exporter version 9 configuration submode.
Step 9	(Optional) option {exporter-stats interface-table} timeout seconds Example: switch(config-flow-exporter-version-9) # option exporter-stats timeout 1200	Sets the flow exporter statistics resend timer. The range is from 1 to 86400 seconds.
Step 10	(Optional) template data timeout seconds Example: switch(config-flow-exporter-version-9) # template data timeout 1200	Sets the template data resend timer. The range is from 1 to 86400 seconds.
Step 11	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-flow-exporter-version-9) # copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Create Flow Monitor

You can create a flow monitor and associate it with a flow record and a flow exporter. All of the flows that belong to a monitor use the associated flow record to match on the different fields, and the data is exported to the specified flow exporter.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>	
Step 2	flow monitor name	Creates a flow monitor and enters flow monitor configuration mode. You can enter up to 63 alphanumer characters for the flow monitor name.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch(config)# flow monitor flow-monitor-one switch(config-flow-monitor)#</pre>	
Step 3	(Optional) description string	Describes this flow monitor. You can enter up to 63
	Example:	alphanumeric characters for the description.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	switch(config-flow-monitor)# description IPv4Monitor	
Step 4	(Optional) exporter name Example: switch(config-flow-monitor) # export v9	Associates a flow exporter with this flow monitor. You can enter up to 63 alphanumeric characters for the exporter name.
Step 5	record name [netflow-original netflow protocol-port netflow {ipv4 ipv6} {original-input original-output}] Example: switch(config-flow-monitor) # record IPv4Flow	Associates a flow record with the specified flow monitor. You can enter up to 63 alphanumeric characters for the record name. Note record netflow ipv4 original-input, record netflow ipv4 original-output, and record netflow layer2-switched input are not supported in Cisco NX-OS Release 9.3(1).
Step 6	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-flow-monitor) # copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Apply Flow Monitor to an Interface

You can apply a flow monitor to an interface. You can apply a flow monitor in egress direction using the **output** keyword instead of **input**.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>	
Step 2	interface vlan vlan-id	Configures a VLAN interface and enters interface
	Example:	configuration mode.
	<pre>switch(config)# interface vlan 10 switch(config-if)#</pre>	
Step 3	ip flow monitor {ipv4 ipv6 layer-2-switched} input	Associates an IPv4, IPv6, or Layer 2-switched flow monitor to the interface for input packets.
	Example:	
	switch(config-if)# ip flow monitor ipv4 input	
Step 4	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.
	Example:	

Command or Action	Purpose
<pre>switch(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config</pre>	

Additional Procedures for Ingress NetFlow

The following section lists the various other procedures you can apply to Ingress NetFlow.

Configure Bridged NetFlow on VLAN

You can apply a flow monitor to a VLAN in order to gather Layer 3 data over Layer 2 switched packets in a VLAN.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	<pre>Example: switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>	
Step 2	<pre>vlan configuration vlan-id Example: switch(config) # vlan configuration 30 switch(config-vlan-config) #</pre>	Enters VLAN configuration mode. The VLAN ID range is from 1 to 3967 or from 4048 to 4093. Note VLAN configuration mode enables you to configure VLANs independently of their creation, which is required for VTP client support.
Step 3	<pre>{ip ipv6} flow monitor name Example: switch(config-vlan-config) # ip flow monitor testmonitor</pre>	Associates a flow monitor to the VLAN for input packets. You can enter up to 63 alphanumeric characters for the flow monitor name.
Step 4	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-vlan-config) # copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.

Configure Layer 2 NetFlow Keys

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

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>	
Step 2	flow record name	Enters flow record configuration mode. For more
	Example:	information about configuring flow records, see Create a flow record, on page 16.
	<pre>switch(config)# flow record L2_record switch(config-flow-record)#</pre>	non record, on page re-
Step 3	match datalink {mac source-address mac destination-address ethertype vlan}	Specifies the Layer 2 attribute as a key.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch(config-flow-record)# match datalink ethertype</pre>	
Step 4	exit	Exits flow record configuration mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch(config-flow-record)# exit switch(config)#</pre>	
Step 5	interface {ethernet slot/port port-channel number}	Enters interface configuration mode. The interface type
	Example:	can be a physical Ethernet port or a port channel.
	<pre>switch(config)# interface Ethernet 6/3 switch(config-if#)</pre>	
Step 6	switchport	Changes the interface to a Layer 2 physical interface. For
	Example:	information on configuring switch ports, see the Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Layer 2 Switching
	switch(config-if)# switchport	Configuration Guide.
Step 7	mac packet-classify	Forces MAC classification of packets.
	Example:	For more information on using this command, see the Cisco
	switch(config-if)# mac packet-classify	Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Security Configuration Guide.
		Note You must use this command to capture flows.
Step 8	layer2-switched flow monitor flow-name input	Associates a flow monitor to the switch port input packets.
	Example:	You can enter up to 63 alphanumeric characters for the flow monitor name.
	<pre>switch(config-if)# layer2-switched flow monitor L2_monitor input</pre>	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 9	(Optional) show flow record netflow layer2-switched input	Displays information about the Layer 2 NetFlow default record.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch(config-if)# show flow record netflow layer2-switched input</pre>	
	Copies the running configuration to the startup	
	Example:	configuration.

Configure Layer 3 NetFlow on Layer 2 Interfaces

You can define Layer 3 flow monitors on Layer 2 interfaces to capture Layer 3 flow information on Layer 2 interfaces.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.
	Example:	
	<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>	
Step 2	flow record name	Enters flow record configuration mode. For more
	Example:	information about configuring flow records, seeCreate a flow record, on page 16.
	<pre>switch(config)# flow record L3_record switch(config-flow-record)#</pre>	now record, on page 10.
Step 3	interface {ethernet slot/port port-channel number}	Enters interface configuration mode. The interface type can
	Example:	be a physical Ethernet port or a port channel.
	<pre>switch(config)# interface Ethernet 6/3 switch(config-if#)</pre>	
Step 4	switchport	Changes the interface to a Layer 2 mode. For information
	Example:	on configuring switch ports, see the Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Layer 2 Switching Configuration Guide
	switch(config-if)# switchport	Series NA-OS Layer 2 Switching Configuration Guide.
Step 5	ip flow monitor flow-name input	Associates an IPv4 flow monitor to the switch port input
	Example:	packets. You can enter up to 63 alphanumeric characters for the flow monitor name.
	switch(config-if)# ip flow monitor v41 input	for the now monitor name.

	Command or Action	Purpose		
Step 6	ipv6 flow monitor flow-name input	Associates an IPv6 flow monitor to the switch port input		
	Example:	packets. You can enter up to 63 alphanumeric characters for the flow monitor name.		
	switch(config-if)# ipv6 flow monitor v61 input	for the now monitor name.		
Step 7	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.		
	Example:			
	<pre>switch(config-if)# copy running-config startup-config</pre>			

Configure NetFlow Timeouts

You can optionally configure global NetFlow timeouts that apply to all flows in the system.

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose			
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.			
	Example:				
	<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>				
Step 2	flow timeout seconds	Sets the flush timeout value in seconds. The range is from 5 to 60 seconds. The default value is 10 seconds.			
	Example:				
	switch(config)# flow timeout 30				
Step 3	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.			
	Example:				
	switch(config)# copy running-config startup-config				

Additional Procedures for Egress NetFlow

You can define Layer 3 flow monitors on Layer 2 interfaces to capture Layer 3 flow information on Layer 2 interfaces.

	Command or Action	Purpose				
Step 1	configure terminal	Enters global configuration mode.				
	Example:					

	Command or Action	Purpose				
	<pre>switch# configure terminal switch(config)#</pre>					
Step 2	<pre>flow record name Example: switch(config) # flow record L3_record switch(config-flow-record) #</pre>	Enters flow record configuration mode. For more information about configuring flow records, see Create a flow record, on page 16.				
Step 3	<pre>interface {ethernet slot/port port-channel number} Example: switch(config) # interface Ethernet 6/3 switch(config-if#)</pre>	Enters interface configuration mode. The interface type carbe a physical Ethernet port or a port channel. Changes the interface to a Layer 2 mode. For information on configuring switch ports, see Cisco Nexus 9000 Series NX-OS Layer 2 Switching Configuration Guide.				
Step 4	<pre>switchport Example: switch(config-if) # switchport</pre>					
Step 5	<pre>ip flow monitor flow-name input output Example: switch(config-if) # ip flow monitor v41 input switch(config-if) # layer2-switched flow monitor v41 output</pre>	or layer2-switched flow monitor flow-name input output Associates an IPv4 flow monitor to the switch port input or output packets. You can enter up to 63 alphanumeric characters for the flow monitor name.				
Step 6	(Optional) copy running-config startup-config Example: switch(config-if) # copy running-config startup-config	Copies the running configuration to the startup configuration.				

Drop Reports

Beginning with Cisco NX-OS 10.5(2), users can utilize a new troubleshooting feature called the drop report. This can be used to help quickly narrow down troubleshooting like intermittent packet loss or congestion on single flow. This feature is supported on Cisco Nexus 9300- FX3/GX/GX2/HX platform switches. This feature supports the following drops:

- Policer Drops
- Forward Drops
- IDS Drops
- Buffer Drop
- RPF Drops

Guidelines and Limitations

This drop report has the following guidelines and limitations:

- Feature NetFlow is automatically enabled when users configure the drop report feature.
- A maximum of 10 flows matching the specified source and destination IPs are supported. To capture a different flow with specified source and destination IPs, the filter must be cleared and re-applied to restart report capturing.
- The drop report filter stays active for 10 minutes.
- The drop report feature is not supported if the feature analytics is already configured.
- Only single unique flow with 2-tuple(sip/dip) and best effort 5-tuple is supported at a time.
- This feature has no ISSU, ISSD, and reload support.

Configure Drop Report

You need to configure this feature by entering into the drop-report mode.

SUMMARY STEPS

- 1. drop-report
- 2. start
- 3. filter {ipv4 [src-ip | dst-ip] | ipv6 [src-ip | dst-ip]}
- 4. report
- 5. clear
- 6. stop

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose				
Step 1	drop-report	Enters drop-report mode.				
	Example:					
	<pre>switch# drop-report switch(drop-report)#</pre>					
Step 2	start	Drop report enables feature NetFlow.				
	Example:					
	sswitch(drop-report) # start Feature netflow enabled by drop report tool					
Step 3	filter {ipv4 [src-ip dst-ip] ipv6 [src-ip dst-ip]}	Configures filter to assign parameters to the Access Control				
	Example:	List (ACL).				
	<pre>switch(drop-report)# filter ipv6 src-ip 100::1 dst-ip 200::2</pre>					

	Command or Action	Purpose				
	switch(drop-report) # filter ipv4 src-ip 192.168.1.2 dst-ip 192.168.1.1					
Step 4	report	Shows drop information.				
	Example:					
	switch(drop-report)# report					
Step 4 Step 5 Step 6	clear	Removes ACL and stops recording.				
	Example:					
	<pre>switch(drop-report)# clear CS drop filter removed</pre>					
Step 6	stop	Removes drop report feature.				
	<pre>Example: switch(drop-report) # stop</pre>					

Verify Drop Report Configuration

Use the following command to see the drop-report result:

For IPv4

```
switch# drop-report
switch(drop-report)# start
Feature netflow enabled by drop report tool
switch(drop-report)# filter ipv4 src-ip 10.0.0.9 dst-ip 10.0.0.10
switch(drop-report) # report
Filter Status: Applied
                      Filter Type : IPv4
Dst IP: 10.0.0.10 Src IP: 10.0.0.9 Protocol: Dst Port: Src Port:
IPV4 Entries
                            BDId SrcP DstP Prot Byte Count
              DTP
                                                                 Packet Count
STP
Ing Interface Fwd Rpf Pol Ids Acl Buf
10.0.0.9
             10.0.0.10 4112 49280 3784 17
                                                   70
Ethernet1/8
           0 0 0 0 0 0
Fwd: Forward Drop Rpf:RPF Fail Pol:Policer Drop Ids: Ids Drop Acl: Acl Drop Buf: Buffer
For IPv6
switch(drop-report)# report
Filter Status: Applied Filter Type : IPv6
Dst IPv6: 2000:1::130:1:33:10 Src IPv6: 2000:1::22:1:1:10 Protocol: Dst Port: Src Port:
IPV6 Entries
                                  BDId SrcP DstP Prot Byte Count
                                                                        Packet Count
    Ing Interface Fwd Rpf Pol Ids Acl Buf
2000:1::22:1:1:10 2000:1::130:1:33:10 4100 300
                                                         76494000
                                                                         69540
     Ethernet1/1
                   0 0 0 0 0
2000:1::22:1:1:10 2000:1::130:1:33:10 4100 306
                                             400
                                                        77632500
                                                                        70575
                                                  17
     Ethernet1/1 0 0 0 0 0 0
2000:1::22:1:1:10 2000:1::130:1:33:10 4100 303 400 17
                                                       76320200
                                                                        69382
```

Ethernet1/1	0 0	0 0	0 0					
2000:1::22:1:1:10 Ethernet1/1	2000:1::130	0:1:33:10	4100 0 0	304	400	17	77745800	70678
2000:1::22:1:1:10 Ethernet1/1	2000:1::130	0:1:33:10	4100 0 0	308	400	17	77867900	70789
2000:1::22:1:1:10 Ethernet1/1	2000:1::130	0:1:33:10	4100 0 0	301	400	17	76458800	69508
2000:1::22:1:1:10 Ethernet1/1	2000:1::130	0:1:33:10	4100 1 0	307	400	17	77558800	70508
2000:1::22:1:1:10 Ethernet1/1	2000:1::130	0:1:33:10	4100 0 0	309	400	17	77943800	70858
2000:1::22:1:1:10 Ethernet1/1	2000:1::130	0:1:33:10	4100 0 0	302	400	17	76373000	69430
2000:1::22:1:1:10 Ethernet1/1	2000:1::130	0:1:33:10	4100	305	400	17	77706200	70642

Fwd: Forward Drop Rpf:RPF Fail Pol:Policer Drop Ids: Ids Drop Acl: Acl Drop Buf: Buffer Drop

switch(drop-report)# clear
CS drop filter removed

switch(drop-report)# report
Filter Status: No Filter Applied

Verify Drop Report Configuration