Configuring Flexible NetFlow

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Finding Feature Information

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

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

Prerequisites for Flexible NetFlow

The following are prerequisites for your Flexible NetFlow configuration:

- You must configure a source interface. If you do not configure a source interface, the exporter will remain in a disabled state.
- You must configure a valid record name for every flow monitor.

Prerequisites for Wireless Flexible NetFlow

The following are the prerequisites for wireless Flexible NetFlow:

- Ensure that the networking device is running a Cisco release that supports wireless Flexible NetFlow.
- Ensure that the target is connected to a WLAN.
- The networking device must be configured to support protocol types such as IP, IPv6, and datalink.
- Valid flow record and monitor are required before generating the flow.

Restrictions for Flexible NetFlow

The following are restrictions for Flexible NetFlow:

- Traditional NetFlow (TNF) accounting is not supported.
- Flexible NetFlow version 9 and version 10 export formats are supported. However, if you have not configured the export protocol, version 9 export format is applied by default.
- Microflow policing feature shares the NetFlow hardware resource with FNF.
- Only one flow monitor per interface and per direction is supported .
- Layer 2, IPv4, and IPv6 traffic types are supported. Multiple flow monitors of different traffic types can be applied for a given interface and direction. Multiple flow monitors of same traffic type cannot be applied for a given interface and direction.
- Layer 2, VLAN, WLAN and Layer 3 interfaces are supported, but the switch does not support SVI and tunnels.
- The following NetFlow table sizes are supported:

Trim Level	Ingress NetFlow Table	Egress NetFlow Table
LAN Base	Not supported	Not supported
IP Base	8 K	16 K
IP Services	8 K	16 K

- Depending on the switch type, a switch will have one or two forwarding ASICs. The capacities listed in the above table are on a per-ASIC basis.
- The switch can support either one or two ASICs. Each ASIC has 8K ingress and 16 K egress entries, whereas each TCAM can handle up to 6K ingress and 12K egress entries.
- The NetFlow tables are on separate compartments and cannot be combined. Depending on which ASIC processed the packet, the flows will be created in the table in the corresponding ASIC.
- NetFlow hardware implementation supports four hardware samplers. You can select a sampler rate from 1 out of 2 to 1 out of 1024. Only random sampling mode is supported.

- NetFlow hardware uses hash tables internally. Hash collisions can occur in the hardware. Therefore, in spite of the internal overflow Content Addressable Memory (CAM), the actual NetFlow table utilization could be about 80 percent.
- Depending on the fields that are used for the flow, a single flow could take two consecutive entries. IPv6 flows also take two entries. In these situations, the effective usage of NetFlow entries is half the table size, which is separate from the above hash collision limitation.
- The switch supports up to 15 flow monitors.
- SSID-based NetFlow accounting is supported. SSID is treated in a manner similar to an interface. However, certain fields are not supported such as user ID .
- The NetFlow software implementation supports distributed NetFlow export, so the flows are exported from the same switch in which the flow was created.
- Ingress flows are present in the ASIC that first received the packets for the flow. Egress flows are present in the ASIC from which the packets actually left the switch set up.
- The reported value for the bytes count field (called “bytes long”) is Layer-2-packet-size—18 bytes. For classic Ethernet traffic (802.3), this will be accurate. For all other Ethernet types, this field will not be accurate. Use the "bytes layer2” field, which always reports the accurate Layer 2 packet size. For information about supported Flexible NetFlow fields, see Supported Flexible NetFlow Fields, on page 10.
- Configuration of IPFIX exporter on an AVC flow monitor is not supported.
- Flexible NetFlow export is not supported on the Ethernet management port, Gi0/0.
- When a flow record has only Source Group Tag (SGT) and Destination Group Tag (DGT) fields (or only either of the two) and if both the values are not applicable, then a flow will still be created with zero values for SGT and DGT. The flow records are expected to include source and destination IP addresses, along with SGT and DGT fields.
- The flow monitor with flow record, that contains the CTS field, cannot be attached on the WLAN (SSID).
- When QoS marked packet is received on an interface which has NetFlow configured on the egress direction, the QoS value of the packet will be captured by the collector. However, when the packet is received on an interface which has NetFlow configured on the ingress direction, the QoS value of the packet will not be captured by the collector.

Information About NetFlow

NetFlow is a Cisco technology that provides statistics on packets flowing through the switch. NetFlow is the standard for acquiring IP operational data from IP networks. NetFlow provides data to enable network and security monitoring, network planning, traffic analysis, and IP accounting. Flexible NetFlow improves on original NetFlow by adding the capability to customize the traffic analysis parameters for your specific requirements. Flexible NetFlow facilitates the creation of more complex configurations for traffic analysis and data export through the use of reusable configuration components.

Flexible NetFlow Overview

Flexible NetFlow uses flows to provide statistics for accounting, network monitoring, and network planning.

A flow is a unidirectional stream of packets that arrives on a source interface and has the same values for the keys. A key is an identified value for a field within the packet. You create a flow using a flow record to define the unique keys for your flow.

The switch 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.

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. Flows are stored in the Flexible NetFlow cache.

You can export the data that Flexible NetFlow gathers for your flow by using an exporter and export this data to a remote Flexible NetFlow collector.

You define the size of the data that you want to collect for a flow using a monitor. The monitor combines the flow record and exporter with the Flexible NetFlow cache information.

Wireless Flexible NetFlow Overview

The wireless Flexible NetFlow infrastructure supports the following:

- Flexible NetFlow Version 9.0
- User-based rate limiting
- Microflow policing
- Voice and video flow monitoring
- Reflexive access control list (ACL)

Microflow Policing and User-Based Rate Limiting

Microflow policing associates a 2-color 1-rate policer and related drop statistics to each flow present in the NetFlow table. When the flow mask comprises all packet fields, this functionality is known as microflow policing. When the flow mask comprises either source or destination only, this functionality is known as user-based rate limiting.

Voice and Video Flow Monitoring

Voice and video flows are full flow mask-based entries. The ASIC provides the flexibility to program the policer parameters, share policers across multiple flows and rewrite the IP address and Layer 4 port numbers of these flows.

Note For dynamic entries, the NetFlow engine will use the policer parameters that are derived for the flow based on the policy (ACL/QoS-based policies). Dynamic entries cannot share policer across multiple flows.

Reflexive ACL

Reflexive ACLs allow IP packets to be filtered based on upper-layer session information. The ACLs allow outbound traffic and limit inbound traffic in response to the sessions that originate inside the trusted network. The reflexive ACLs are transparent to the filtering mechanism until a data packet that matches the reflexive entry activates it. At this time, a temporary ACL entry is created and added to the IP-named access lists. The information obtained from the data packet to generate the reflexive ACL entry is permit/deny bit, the source IP address and port, the destination IP address, port, and the protocol type. During reflexive ACL entry evaluation, if the protocol type is either TCP or UDP, then the port information must match exactly. For other

protocols, there is no port information to match. After this ACL is installed, the firewall is then opened for the reply packets to pass through. At this time, a potential hacker could have access to the network behind the firewall. To narrow this window, an idle timeout period can be defined. However, in the case of TCP, if two FIN bits or an RST is detected, the ACL entry can be removed.

Related Topics

Configuring WLAN to Apply Flow Monitor in IPV4 and IPv6 Input/Output Direction, on page 28
Example: Configuring IPv4 Flexible NetFlow in WLAN (Ingress Direction), on page 30
Example: Configuring IPv6 and Transport Flag Flexible NetFlow in WLAN (Egress Direction), on page 31
Example: Configuring IPv6 Flexible NetFlow in WLAN (Both Ingress and Egress Directions), on page 32

Flow Records

A flow record defines the keys that Flexible NetFlow uses to identify packets in the flow, as well as other fields of interest that Flexible NetFlow gathers for the flow. You can define a flow record with any combination of keys and fields of interest. The switch supports a rich set of keys. A flow record also defines the types of counters gathered per flow. You can configure 64-bit packet or byte counters. The switch enables the following match fields as the defaults when you create a flow record:

- match datalink—Layer 2 attributes
- match flow—Flow identifying attributes
- match interface—Interface attributes
- match ipv4—IPv4 attributes
- match ipv6—IPv6 attributes
- match transport—Transport layer fields

Related Topics

Creating a Flow Record, on page 15

Flexible NetFlow Match Parameters

The following table describes Flexible NetFlow match parameters. You must configure at least one of the following match parameters for the flow records.

Table 1: Match Parameters

Command	Purpose
match datalink {**dot1q** | **ethertype** | **mac** | **vlan** }	Specifies a match to datalink or Layer 2 fields. The following command options are available: • **dot1q—**Matches to the dot1q field. • **ethertype—**Matches to the ethertype of the packet. • **mac—**Matches the source or destination MAC fields. • **vlan—**Matches to the VLAN that the packet is located on (input or output).
match flow direction	Specifies a match to the flow identifying fields.
match interface {**input** | **output**}	Specifies a match to the interface fields. The following command options are available: • **input—**Matches to the input interface. • **output—**Matches to the output interface.
match ipv4 {**destination** | **protocol** | **source** | **tos** | **ttl** | **version**}	Specifies a match to the IPv4 fields. The following command options are available: • **destination—**Matches to the IPv4 destination address-based fields. • **protocol—**Matches to the IPv4 protocols. • **source—**Matches to the IPv4 source address based fields. • **tos—**Matches to the IPv4 Type of Service fields. • **ttl—**Matches to the IPv4 Time To Live fields. • **version—**Matches to the IP version from the IPv4 header.

Command	Purpose
match ipv6 {**destination** | **hop-limit** | **protocol** | **source** | **traffic-class** | **version** }	Specifies a match to the IPv6 fields. The following command options are available: • **destination—**Matches to the IPv6 destination address-based fields. • **hop-limit—**Matches to the IPv6 hop limit fields. • **protocol—**Matches to the IPv6 payload protocol fields. • **source—**Matches to the IPv6 source address based fields. • **traffic-class—**Matches to the IPv6 traffic class. • **version—**Matches to the IP version from the IPv6 header.
match transport {**destination-port** | **igmp** | **icmp** | **source-port**}	Specifies a match to the Transport Layer fields. The following command options are available: • **destination-port—**Matches to the transport destination port. • **icmp—**Matches to ICMP fields, including ICMP IPv4 and IPv6 fields. • **igmp—**Matches to IGMP fields. • **source-port—**Matches to the transport source port.

Flexible NetFlow Collect Parameters

The following table describes the Flexible NetFlow collect parameters.

Table 2: Collect Parameters

Command	Purpose
collect counter { **bytes** { **layer2** { **long** } | **long** } | **packets** { **long** } }	Collects the counter fields total bytes and total packets.
collect interface {**input** | **output**}	Collects the fields from the input or output interface.
collect timestamp absolute {**first** | **last**}	Collects the fields for the absolute time the first packet was seen or the absolute time the most recent packet was last seen (in milliseconds).

Command	Purpose
collect transport tcp flags	Collects the following transport TCP flags: • **ack—**TCP acknowledgement flag • **cwr—**TCP congestion window reduced flag • **ece—**TCP ECN echo flag • **fin—**TCP finish flag • **psh—**TCP push flag • **rst—**TCP reset flag • **syn—**TCP synchronize flag • **urg—**TCP urgent flag **Note** On the switch, you cannot specify which TCP flag to collect. You can only specify to collect transport TCP flags. All TCP flags will be collected with this command.

Exporters

An exporter contains network layer and transport layer details for the Flexible NetFlow export packet. The following table lists the configuration options for an exporter.

Table 3: Flexible NetFlow Exporter Configuration Options

Exporter Configuration	Description
default	Sets a command to its default values.
description	Provides a description for the flow exporter.
destination	Export destination.
dscp	Optional DSCP value.
exit	Exits from the flow exporter configuration mode.
export-protocol	Export protocol version.
no	Negates the command or its default.
option	Selects option for exporting.
source	Originating interface for the net flow.

Exporter Configuration	Description
template	Flow exporter template configuration.
transport	Transport protocol.
ttl	Optional TTL or hop limit.

The switch exports data to the collector whenever a timeout occurs or when the flow is terminated (TCP Fin or Rst received, for example). You can configure the following timers to force a flow export:

- Active timeout—The flow continues to have the packets for the past *m* seconds since the flow was created.
- Inactive timeout—The flow does not have any packets for the past *n* seconds.

Related Topics

Creating a Flow Exporter, on page 17

Export Formats

The switch supports only NetFlow Version 9 export formats. NetFlow Version 9 export format provides the following features and functionality:

- Variable field specification format
- Support for IPv4 destination address export
- More efficient network utilization

Note For information about the Version 9 export format, see RFC 3954.

Monitors

A monitor references the flow record and flow exporter. You apply a monitor to an interface on the switch.

Note the following when applying a flow monitor to an interface:

- If you apply a flow monitor in the input direction:
  - Use the **match** keyword and use the input interface as a key field.
  - Use the **collect** keyword and use the output interface as a collect field. This field will be present in the exported records but with a value of 0.
- If you apply a flow monitor in the output direction:
  - Use the **match** keyword and use the output interface as a key field.

- Use the **collect** keyword and use the input interface as a collect field. This field will be present in the exported records but with a value of 0.

Related Topics

Creating a Flow Monitor, on page 19

Samplers

If you are using sampled mode, you use the sampler to specify the rate at which packets are sampled.

Related Topics

Creating a Sampler, on page 21

Supported Flexible NetFlow Fields

The following tables provide a consolidated list of supported fields in Flexible NetFlow (FNF) for various traffic types and traffic direction.

Note If the packet has a VLAN field, then that length is not accounted for.

Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
Key or Collect Fields							
Interface input	Yes	—	Yes	—	Yes	—	If you apply a flow monitor in the input direction: • Use the **match** keyword and use the input interface as a key field. • Use the **collect** keyword and use the output interface as a collect field. This field will be present in the exported records but with a value of 0.

Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
Interface output	—	Yes	—	Yes	—	Yes	If you apply a flow monitor in the output direction: • Use the **match** keyword and use the output interface as a key field. • Use the **collect** keyword and use the input interface as a collect field. This field will be present in the exported records but with a value of 0.

Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
Key Fields							
Flow direction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ethertype	Yes	Yes	—	—	—	—	
VLAN input	Yes	—	Yes	—	Yes	—	Supported only for a switch port.
VLAN output	—	Yes	—	Yes	—	Yes	Supported only for a switch port.
dot1q VLAN input	Yes	—	Yes	—	Yes	—	Supported only for a switch port.
dot1q VLAN output	—	Yes	—	Yes	—	Yes	Supported only for a switch port.
dot1q priority	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Supported only for a switch port.

Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
MAC source address input	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
MAC source address output	—	—	—	—	—	—	
MAC destination address input	Yes	—	Yes	—	Yes	—	
MAC destination address output	—	Yes	—	Yes	—	Yes	
IPv4 version	—	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
IPv4 TOS	—	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
IPv4 protocol	—	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Must use if any of src/dest port, ICMP code/type, IGMP type or TCP flags are used.
IPv4 TTL	—	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
IPv4 source address	—	—	Yes	Yes	—	—	
IPv4 destination address	—	—	Yes	Yes	—	—	
ICMP IPv4 type	—	—	Yes	Yes	—	—	
ICMP IPv4 code	—	—	Yes	Yes	—	—	

Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
IGMP type	—	—	Yes	Yes	—	—	

Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
Key Fields continued							
IPv6 version	—	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Same as IP version.
IPv6 protocol	—	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Same as IP protocol. Must use if any of src/dest port, ICMP code/type, IGMP type or TCP flags are used.
IPv6 source address	—	—	—	—	Yes	Yes	
IPv6 destination address	—	—	—	—	Yes	Yes	
IPv6 traffic-class	—	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Same as IP TOS.
IPv6 hop-limit	—	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Same as IP TTL.
ICMP IPv6 type	—	—	—	—	Yes	Yes	
ICMP IPv6 code	—	—	—	—	Yes	Yes	
source-port	—	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
dest-port	—	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Field	Layer 2 In	Layer 2 Out	IPv4 In	IP v4 Out	IPv6 In	IPv6 Out	Notes
Collect Fields							
Bytes long	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Packet size = (Ethernet frame size including FCS - 18 bytes) **Recommended:** Avoid this field and use Bytes layer2 long.
Packets long	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Timestamp absolute first	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Timestamp absolute last	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
TCP flags	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Collects all flags.
Bytes layer2 long	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Default Settings

The following table lists the Flexible NetFlow default settings for the switch.

Table 4: Default Flexible NetFlow Settings

Setting	Default
Flow active timeout	1800 seconds
Flow timeout inactive	15 seconds

How to Configure Flexible NetFlow

To configure Flexible NetFlow, follow these general steps:

1. Create a flow record by specifying keys and non-key fields to the flow.
2. Create an optional flow exporter by specifying the protocol and transport destination port, destination, and other parameters.
3. Create a flow monitor based on the flow record and flow exporter.
4. Create an optional sampler.
5. Apply the flow monitor to a Layer 2 port, Layer 3 port, or VLAN.
6. If applicable to your configuration, configure a WLAN to apply a flow monitor to.

Creating a Flow Record

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

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **flow record** *name*
3. **description** *string*
4. **match** *type*
5. **collect** *type*
6. **end**
7. **show flow record** [**name** *record-name*]
8. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Switch# configure terminal`	Enters the global configuration mode.

Step 2	**flow record** *name*
	
	Example:
	
	`Switch(config)# flow record test`
	`Switch(config-flow-record)#`
		Creates a flow record and enters flow record configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	**description** *string* **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-record)# description Ipv4Flow`	(Optional) Describes this flow record as a maximum 63-character string.

Step 4	**match** *type*
	
	Example:
	
	`Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 source address`
	`Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 destination address`
	`Switch(config-flow-record)# match flow direction`
		Specifies a match key. For information about possible match key values, see Flexible NetFlow Match Parameters, on page 5.

Step 5	**collect** *type*
	
	Example:
	
	`Switch(config-flow-record)# collect counter bytes layer2 long`
	`Switch(config-flow-record)# collect counter bytes long`
	`Switch(config-flow-record)# collect timestamp absolute first`
	`Switch(config-flow-record)# collect transport tcp flags`
		Specifies the collection field. For information about possible collection field values, see Flexible NetFlow Collect Parameters, on page 7.

Step 6	**end** **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-record)# end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 7	**show flow record** [**name** *record-name*] **Example:** `Switch show flow record test`	(Optional) Displays information about NetFlow flow records.
Step 8	**copy running-config startup-config** **Example:** `Switch# copy running-config startup-config`	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

What to Do Next

Define an optional flow exporter by specifying the export format, protocol, destination, and other parameters.

Related Topics

Flow Records, on page 5

Creating a Flow Exporter

You can create a flow export to define the export parameters for a flow.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **flow exporter** *name*
3. **description** *string*
4. **dscp** *value*
5. **destination** { *ipv4-address* }
6. **source** { *source type* }
7. **transport udp** *number*
8. **end**
9. **show flow exporter** [**name** *record-name*]
10. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Switch# configure terminal`	Enters the global configuration mode.

Step 2	**flow exporter** *name*
	
	Example:
	
	`Switch(config)# flow exporter ExportTest`
	`Switch (config-flow-exporter)#`
		Creates a flow exporter and enters flow exporter configuration mode.

Step 3	**description** *string* **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-exporter)# description ExportV9`	(Optional) Describes this flow record as a maximum 63-character string.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	**dscp** *value* **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-exporter)# dscp 0`	(Optional) Specifies the differentiated services codepoint value. The range is from 0 to 63.
Step 5	**destination** { *ipv4-address* } **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-exporter)# destination 192.0.2.1`	Sets the destination IPv4 address or hostname for this exporter.
Step 6	**source** { *source type* } **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-exporter)# source gigabitEthernet1/0/1`	(Optional) Specifies the interface to use to reach the NetFlow collector at the configured destination. The following interfaces can be configured as source: • **Auto Template—**Auto-Template interface • **Capwap—**CAPWAP tunnel interface • **GigabitEthernet—**Gigabit Ethernet IEEE 802 • **GroupVI—**Group virtual interface • **Internal Interface—**Internal interface • **Loopback—**Loopback interface • **Null—**Null interface • **Port-channel—**Ethernet Channel of interface • **TenGigabitEthernet—**10-Gigabit Ethernet • **Tunnel—**Tunnel interface • **Vlan—**Catalyst VLANs
Step 7	**transport udp** *number* **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-exporter)# transport udp 200`	(Optional) Specifies the UDP port to use to reach the NetFlow collector. The range is from 0 to 65535.
Step 8	**end** **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-record)# end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 9	**show flow exporter** [**name** *record-name*]	(Optional) Displays information about NetFlow flow exporters.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Example: `Switch show flow exporter ExportTest`	
Step 10	**copy running-config startup-config** **Example:** `Switch# copy running-config startup-config`	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

What to Do Next

Define a flow monitor based on the flow record and flow exporter.

Related Topics

Exporters, on page 8

Creating a Flow Monitor

You can create a flow monitor and associate it with a flow record and a flow exporter.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **flow monitor** *name*
3. **description** *string*
4. **exporter** *name*
5. **record** *name*
6. **cache** { **timeout** {**active** | **inactive**} *seconds* | **type normal** }
7. **end**
8. **show flow monitor** [**name** *record-name*]
9. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Switch# configure terminal`	Enters the global configuration mode.

Step 2	**flow monitor** *name*
	
	Example:
	
	`Switch(config)# flow monitor MonitorTest`
	`Switch (config-flow-monitor)#`
		Creates a flow monitor and enters flow monitor configuration mode.

Step 3	**description** *string* **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-monitor)# description Ipv4Monitor`	(Optional) Describes this flow record as a maximum 63-character string.
Step 4	**exporter** *name* **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-monitor)# exporter ExportTest`	Associates a flow exporter with this flow monitor.
Step 5	**record** *name* **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-monitor)# record test`	Associates a flow record with the specified flow monitor.
Step 6	**cache** { **timeout** {**active** | **inactive**} *seconds* | **type normal** } **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-monitor)# cache timeout active 15000`	Associates a flow cache with the specified flow monitor.
Step 7	**end** **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-monitor)#  end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 8	**show flow monitor** [**name** *record-name*] **Example:** `Switch show flow monitor name MonitorTest`	(Optional) Displays information about NetFlow flow monitors.
Step 9	**copy running-config startup-config** **Example:** `Switch# copy running-config startup-config`	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

What to Do Next

Apply the flow monitor to a Layer 2 interface, Layer 3 interface, or VLAN.

Related Topics

Monitors, on page 9

Creating a Sampler

You can create a sampler to define the NetFlow sampling rate for a flow.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **sampler** *name*
3. **description** *string*
4. **mode** {**random**}
5. **end**
6. **show sampler** [*name*]
7. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Switch# configure terminal`	Enters the global configuration mode.

Step 2	**sampler** *name*
	
	Example:
	`Switch(config)# sampler SampleTest`
	`Switch(config-flow-sampler)#`
		Creates a sampler and enters flow sampler configuration mode.

Step 3	**description** *string* **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-sampler)# description samples`	(Optional) Describes this flow record as a maximum 63-character string.
Step 4	**mode** {**random**} **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-sampler)# mode random 1 out-of 1024`	Defines the random sample mode.
Step 5	**end** **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-sampler)# end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 6	**show sampler** [*name*] **Example:** `Switch show sample SampleTest`	(Optional) Displays information about NetFlow samplers.
Step 7	**copy running-config startup-config** **Example:** `Switch# copy running-config startup-config`	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

What to Do Next

Apply the flow monitor to a source interface, subinterface, VLAN interface, or a VLAN.

Related Topics

Samplers, on page 10

Applying a Flow to an Interface

You can apply a flow monitor and an optional sampler to an interface.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **interface** *type*
3. {**ip flow monitor** | **ipv6 flow monitor**}*name* [**sampler** *name*] { **input** |**output** }
4. **end**
5. **show flow interface** [*interface-type number*]
6. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Switch# configure terminal`	Enters the global configuration mode.

Step 2	**interface** *type*
	
	Example:
	
	`Switch(config)# interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1`
	`Switch(config-if)#`
		Enters interface configuration mode and configures an interface.
		Command parameters for the interface configuration include:
		• **Auto—** Auto-Template interface
		• **Capwap—**CAPWAP tunnel interface
		• **GigabitEthernet—**GigabitEthernet IEEE 802
		• **GroupVI—**Group Virtual interface
		• **Internal Interface—**Internal Interface
		• **Loopback—**Loopback interface
		• **Null—**Null interface
		• **Port-channel—**Ethernet channel of interface
		• **TenGigabitEthernet—**10- Gigabit Ethernet
		• **Tunnel—**Tunnel interface
		• **Vlan—**Catalyst VLANs
		• **Range—**Interface range

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	{**ip flow monitor** | **ipv6 flow monitor**}*name* [**sampler** *name*] { **input** |**output** } **Example:** `Switch(config-if)# ip flow monitor MonitorTest input`	Associate an IPv4 or an IPv6 flow monitor, and an optional sampler to the interface for input or output packets.
Step 4	**end** **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-monitor)# end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 5	**show flow interface** [*interface-type number*] **Example:** `Switch# show flow interface`	(Optional) Displays information about NetFlow on an interface.
Step 6	**copy running-config startup-config** **Example:** `Switch# copy running-config startup-config`	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Configuring a Bridged NetFlow on a VLAN

You can apply a flow monitor and an optional sampler to a VLAN.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **vlan** [**configuration**] *vlan-id*
3. **ip flow monitor** *name* [**sampler** *name*] {**input** |**output**}
4. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Switch# configure terminal`	Enters the global configuration mode.

Step 2	**vlan** [**configuration**] *vlan-id*
	
	Example:
	
	`Switch(config)# vlan configuration 30`
	`Switch(config-vlan-config)#`
		Enters VLAN or VLAN configuration mode.

Step 3	**ip flow monitor** *name* [**sampler** *name*] {**input** |**output**} **Example:** `Switch(config-vlan-config)# ip flow monitor MonitorTest input`	Associates a flow monitor and an optional sampler to the VLAN for input or output packets.
Step 4	**copy running-config startup-config** **Example:** `Switch# copy running-config startup-config`	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Configuring Layer 2 NetFlow

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

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **flow record** *name*
3. **match datalink** {**dot1q** |**ethertype** | **mac** | **vlan**}
4. **end**
5. **show flow record** [*name*]
6. **copy running-config startup-config**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Switch# configure terminal`	Enters the global configuration mode.

Step 2	**flow record** *name*
	
	Example:
	`Switch(config)# flow record L2_record`
	`Switch(config-flow-record)#`
		Enters flow record configuration mode.

Step 3	**match datalink** {**dot1q** |**ethertype** | **mac** | **vlan**} **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-record)# match datalink ethertype`	Specifies the Layer 2 attribute as a key.
Step 4	**end** **Example:** `Switch(config-flow-record)# end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 5	**show flow record** [*name*] **Example:** `Switch# show flow record`	(Optional) Displays information about NetFlow on an interface.
Step 6	**copy running-config startup-config** **Example:** `Switch# copy running-config startup-config`	(Optional) Saves your entries in the configuration file.

Configuring WLAN to Apply Flow Monitor in Data Link Input/Output Direction

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **wlan** *wlan-name*
3. **datalink flow monitor monitor-name {input | output}**
4. **end**
5. **show wlan** *wlan-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Switch# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	**wlan** *wlan-name* **Example:** `Switch (config) # wlan mywlan`	Enters WLAN configuration submode. For *wlan-name*, enter the profile name. The range is 1 to 32 characters.
Step 3	**datalink flow monitor monitor-name {input | output}** **Example:** `Switch (config-wlan) # datalink flow monitor flow-monitor-1 {input | output}`	Applies flow monitor to Layer 2 traffic in the direction of interest.
Step 4	**end** **Example:** `Switch (config) # end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 5	**show wlan** *wlan-name* **Example:** `Switch # show wlan mywlan`	(Optional) Verifies your configuration.

Configuring WLAN to Apply Flow Monitor in IPV4 and IPv6 Input/Output Direction

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **configure terminal**
2. **wlan** *wlan-id*
3. **{ip | ipv6} flow monitor monitor-name {input | output}**
4. **end**
5. **show wlan** *wlan-name*

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Switch# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 2	**wlan** *wlan-id* **Example:** `Switch (config) # wlan 1`	Enters WLAN configuration submode. For *wlan-id*, enter the WLAN ID. The range is 1 to 64.
Step 3	**{ip | ipv6} flow monitor monitor-name {input | output}** **Example:** `Switch (config-wlan) # ip flow monitor flow-monitor-1 input`	Associates a flow monitor to the WLAN for input or output packets.
Step 4	**end** **Example:** `Switch (config) # end`	Returns to privileged EXEC mode.
Step 5	**show wlan** *wlan-name* **Example:** `Switch # show wlan mywlan`	(Optional) Verifies your configuration.

Related Topics

Wireless Flexible NetFlow Overview, on page 4

Example: Configuring IPv4 Flexible NetFlow in WLAN (Ingress Direction), on page 30
Example: Configuring IPv6 and Transport Flag Flexible NetFlow in WLAN (Egress Direction), on page 31
Example: Configuring IPv6 Flexible NetFlow in WLAN (Both Ingress and Egress Directions), on page 32

Monitoring Flexible NetFlow

The commands in the following table can be used to monitor Flexible NetFlow.

Table 5: Flexible NetFlow Monitoring Commands

Command	Purpose
show flow exporter [**broker** | **export-ids** | **name** | *name* | **statistics** | **templates**]	Displays information about NetFlow flow exporters and statistics.
show flow exporter [**name** *exporter-name*]	Displays information about NetFlow flow exporters and statistics.
show flow interface	Displays information about NetFlow interfaces.
show flow monitor [**name** *exporter-name*]	Displays information about NetFlow flow monitors and statistics.
show flow monitor statistics	Displays the statistics for the flow monitor
show flow monitor cache format {**table** | **record** | **csv**}	Displays the contents of the cache for the flow monitor, in the format specified.
show flow record [**name** *record-name*]	Displays information about NetFlow flow records.
show flow ssid	Displays NetFlow monitor installation status for a WLAN.
show sampler [**broker** | **name** | *name*]	Displays information about NetFlow samplers.
show wlan *wlan-name*	Displays the WLAN configured on the device.

Configuration Examples for Flexible NetFlow

Example: Configuring a Flow

This example shows how to create a flow and apply it to an interface:

```
Switch# configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.

Switch(config)# flow export export1
Switch(config-flow-exporter)# destination 10.0.101.254
Switch(config-flow-exporter)# transport udp 2055
Switch(config-flow-exporter)# exit
Switch(config)# flow record record1
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 source address
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 destination address
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 protocol
Switch(config-flow-record)# match transport source-port
Switch(config-flow-record)# match transport destination-port
Switch(config-flow-record)# collect counter byte long
Switch(config-flow-record)# collect counter packet long
Switch(config-flow-record)# collect timestamp absolute first
Switch(config-flow-record)# collect timestamp absolute last
Switch(config-flow-record)# exit
Switch(config)# flow monitor monitor1
Switch(config-flow-monitor)# record record1
Switch(config-flow-monitor)# exporter export1
Switch(config-flow-monitor)# exit
Switch(config)# interface tenGigabitEthernet 1/0/1
Switch(config-if)# ip flow monitor monitor1 input
Switch(config-if)# end
```

Example: Configuring IPv4 Flexible NetFlow in WLAN (Ingress Direction)

The following example shows how to configure IPv4 Flexible NetFlow on WLAN ingress direction:

```
Switch# configure terminal
Switch(config)# flow record fr_v4
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 destination address
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 source address
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 protocol
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 tos
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 ttl
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv4 version
Switch(config-flow-record)# match wireless ssid
Switch(config-flow-record)# collect wireless ap mac address
Switch(config-flow-record)# collect counter packets long
Switch(config-flow-record)# collect counter bytes long
Switch(config-flow-record)# collect timestamp absolute first
Switch(config-flow-record)# collect timestamp absolute last
Switch(config-flow-record)# exit

Switch(config)# flow monitor fm_v4
Switch(config-flow-monitor)# record fr_v4
Switch(config-flow-record)# exit

Switch(config)# wlan 1
```

```
Switch(config-wlan)# ip flow monitor fm_v4 in
Switch(config-wlan)# end

Switch# show flow monitor fm_v4 cache
```

Related Topics

Configuring WLAN to Apply Flow Monitor in IPV4 and IPv6 Input/Output Direction, on page 28
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Example: Configuring IPv6 and Transport Flag Flexible NetFlow in WLAN (Egress Direction)

The following example shows how to configure IPv6 and transport flag Flexible NetFlow on WLAN egress direction:

```
Switch# configure terminal
Switch(config)# flow record fr_v6
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv6 destination address
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv6 source address
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv6 hop-limit
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv6 protocol
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv6 traffic
Switch(config-flow-record)# match ipv6 version
Switch(config-flow-record)# match wireless ssid
Switch(config-flow-record)# collect wireless ap mac address
Switch(config-flow-record)# collect counter bytes long
Switch(config-flow-record)# collect transport tcp flags
Switch(config-flow-record)# exit

Switch(config)# flow monitor fm_v6
Switch(config-flow-monitor)# record fr_v6
Switch(config-flow-monitor)# exit

Switch(config)# wlan 1
Switch(config-wlan)# ipv6 flow monitor fm_v6 out
Switch(config-wlan)# end

Switch# show flow monitor fm_v6 cache
```

Note On the switch, you cannot specify which TCP flag to collect. You can only specify to collect transport TCP flags.

Related Topics

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Example: Configuring IPv6 Flexible NetFlow in WLAN (Both Ingress and Egress Directions)

The following example shows how to configure IPv6 Flexible NetFlow on WLAN in both directions:

```
Switch# configure terminal
Switch (config)# flow record fr_v6
Switch (config-flow-record)# match ipv6 destination address
Switch (config-flow-record)# match ipv6 source address
Switch (config-flow-record)# match ipv6 hop-limit
Switch (config-flow-record)# match ipv6 protocol
Switch (config-flow-record)# match ipv6 traffic
Switch (config-flow-record)# match ipv6 version
Switch (config-flow-record)# match wireless ssid
Switch (config-flow-record)# collect wireless ap mac address
Switch (config-flow-record)# collect counter packets long
Switch (config-flow-record)# exit

Switch (config)# flow monitor fm_v6
Switch (config-flow-monitor)# record fr_v6
Switch (config-flow-monitor)# exit

Switch (config)# wlan 1
Switch (config-wlan)# ipv6 flow monitor fm_v6 in
Switch (config-wlan)# ipv6 flow monitor fm_v6 out
Switch (config-wlan)# end

Switch# show flow monitor fm_v6 cache
```

Related Topics

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Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Flexible NetFlow CLI Commands	*Cisco Flexible NetFlow Command Reference (Catalyst 3850 Switches)* *Flexible NetFlow Command Reference, Cisco IOS XE Release 3SE (Cisco WLC 5700 Series)*

Error Message Decoder

Description	Link
To help you research and resolve system error messages in this release, use the Error Message Decoder tool.	https://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/Errordecoder/index.cgi

Standards and RFCs

Standard/RFC	Title
RFC 3954	Cisco Systems NetFlow Services Export Version 9

MIBs

MIB	MIBs Link
All supported MIBs for this release.	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

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Feature Information for Flexible NetFlow

Release	Modification
Cisco IOS XE 3.2SE	This feature was introduced.
Cisco IOS XE 3.3SE	The following new commands were added: • **match wireless ssid** • **collect wireless ap mac address**