

Applied Detection and Analysis Using Network Flow Data

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Applied Network Security Monitoring



"This book should be required reading for all intrusion analysts and those looking to develop a security monitoring program."

"Written by analysts, for analysts."

- Amazon Reviewers



Agenda

Flow Data!

- Why it's important
- How you can collect it
- What you can do with it
- Tools that can help

"Why/How to use Flow Data in NSM/IR"

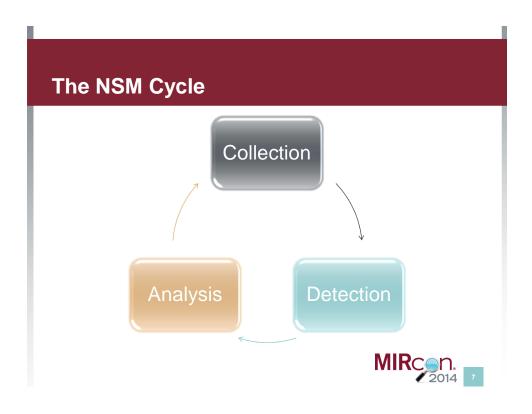


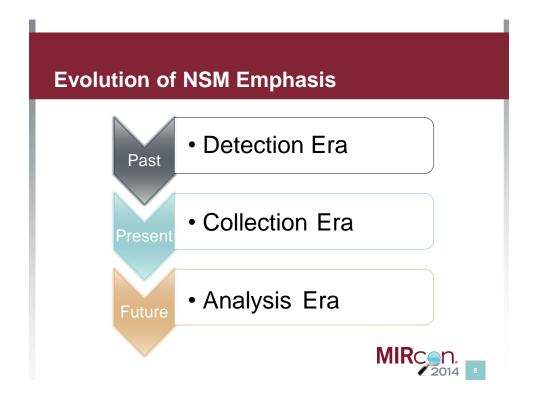
Network Security Monitoring

- The collection, detection, and analysis of network security data.
- The goal of NSM is escalation, or to declare that an incident has occurred so that incident response can occur.









NSM/IR Challenges of the Present

We All Want Full PCAP...

- Collection
 - Easy to Capture / Filter Stream Data
- Detection
 - Major Detection Tools are PCAP Oriented
- Analysis
 - Gives us Who, Where, When, and What



NSM/IR Challenges of the Present

But, It's not Feasible for Every Goal...

- Collection
 - Not Scalable for Extended Retention
- Detection
 - Not Ideal of Hunting / Rapid Pivoting
- Analysis
 - Not a Great Starting Point



Full PCAP vs. Flow Data







Flow Data



Flow Data

- Often Called Flow / Session / NetFlow
- Summary of Network Communications
- Aggregated Record of Packets
- Gives Us Who, Where, When
- Based on the 5-tuple + Timing/Data Stats

Source IP	Source Port	Dest IP	Dest Port	Protocol
192.168.5.1	48293	8.8.8.8	53	UDP

Start Time	End Time	Bytes
2014/09/22T00:03:58.756	2014/09/22T00:04:58.756	76



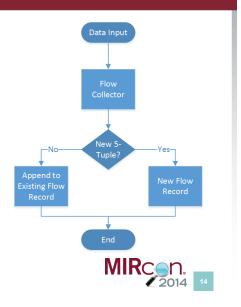
Flow Data Example

sTime	sIP dPort	dIP d	Port pro b	ytes
2014/09/22T00:03:58.756	10.10.120.1 53	10.1.179.5	53 17	72
2014/09/22T00:03:58.999	10.10.120.1 53	10.1.188.5	53 17	89
2014/09/22T00:08:59.012	10.10.120.1 53	10.1.179.5	53 17	72
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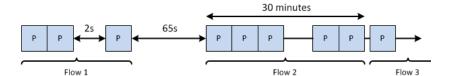
Building Flow Records

- Records are Defined by Unique 5-tuples
- Data is added to the 5-tuple Record until a termination condition is met.



Flow Record Termination Conditions

- Natural Timeout
 - End of communication per protocol (ex. TCP RST/FIN)
- Idle Timeout
 - No data received for 30 seconds
- Active Timeout
 - Thirty minute max timeout (configurable)







Collection with Flow Data

Generating Flow Data

- Generation
 - Routers
 - Sensors
 - Fprobe
 - YAF
- Multiple Types:
 - NetFlow (v5,v9)
 - IPFIX
 - jFlow
 - More...



Collecting Flow Data

- Popular Platforms
 - Argus
 - + Reliable + Fast Collection
 - Not Well Supported
 - NFDump
 - + Easy to Setup and Use
 - Not in Wide Use
 - SiLK
 - + Exceptional Analysis Tools
 - More Involved Setup

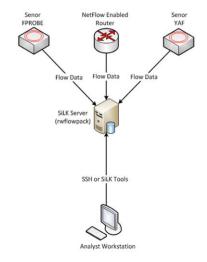


SiLK

- The System for Internet-Level Knowledge
- CERT NetSA Team
- Two Major Components:
 - Packing Suite
 - Collection and parsing of flow data
 - Analysis Suite
 - Filter, display, sort, count, group, mate, and more
- Excellent Documentation & Community
 - https://tools.netsa.cert.org/silk/docs.html



SiLK Collection Architecture





SiLK - What You Need

- Flow Sources
 - Hardware: Routers, Switches
 - Software: YAF, fprobe
- SiLK Server
 - Rwflowpack
 - Will also have SiLK analysis suite installed
- Analyst Workstation
 - Access SiLK server directly
 - Locally mirrored database



SiLK - Analysis Suite

- rwfilter Filters through data based on conditions.
- rwcut Converts flow binary data to a human readable format.
- rwstats Generates statistics from flow data
- rwcount Summarizes total network traffic over time



SiLK Analysis – rwfilter / rwcut (1)

 Display all records from the beginning the current day until the current time:

```
rwfilter --type=all --proto=0-255 --pass=stdout | rwcut
```

```
packets
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```



SiLK Analysis – rwfilter / rwcut (2)

 Display all records of communication to or from Chinese IP addresses over a specific week to one local CIDR range:

```
rwfilter --type=all --start-date=2014/08/01 --end-
date=2014/08/07 --any-address=192.168.1.0/24 --any-cc=cn
--pass=stdout | rwcut --
fields=stime, sip, dip, sport, dport, type
```

```
sTime|
                                                     dIP|sPort|dPort|
2014/08/05T15:54:50.990| 10.106.123.45| 10.107.173.196|28993|41142|
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2014/08/05T15:54:50.992| 10.194.186.42| 172.28.239.102|41142|28993|
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2014/08/05T18:04:00.090| 10.122.74.199|
                                            10.31.10.21 | 1026 | 41142 |
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                          10.52.111.14| 10.138.232.188|40357|41142|
2014/08/05T23:50:48.570|
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2014/08/05T23:58:01.418
                           10.117.48.59 10.24.175.71 53312 41142
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2014/08/05T23:50:48.572| 10.73.176.195|
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2014/08/05T23:58:01.475
                           10.55.121.431
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                          10.104.43.101 | 10.127.158.111 | 13202 | 41142 |
2014/08/06T00:13:57.692
                                                                          in
2014/08/06T00:18:30.596 | 10.142.187.222 | 10.71.237.199 | 51807 | 41142 |
                                                                          in
2014/08/06T00+24+41.169| 10.134.111.247| 10.210.221.167|64339|41142|
```



SiLK Analysis – rwstats (1)

 Display statistics for the total amount of bytes transferred by protocol (top 10):

```
rwfilter --type=all --proto=0-255 --pass=stdout |
rwstats --top --count=10 --fields=proto --
value=bytes
```

```
INPUT: 7671365 Records for 7 Bins and 1880722375406 Total Bytes
OUTPUT: Top 10 Bins by Bytes
pro| Bytes| %Bytes| cumul_%|
6| 1876692757588| 99.785741| 99.785741|
17| 3886949450| 0.206673| 99.992414|
1 | 69185319| 0.003679| 99.996093|
47| 40843957| 0.002172| 99.998265|
50| 31424357| 0.001671| 99.99935|
41| 1144367| 0.000061| 99.99996|
2| 70368| 0.00004|100.000000|
```



SiLK Analysis – rwstats (2)

97.125.231.85| 11.237.224.220|

 Show the top 10 sip,dip pairs for valid conversations (top 10)

```
rwfilter --type=all --proto=0-255 --packets=4, --
pass=stdout | rwstats --top --count=10 --
fields=sip,dip --value=bytes
```

```
INPUT: 3553669 Records for 210934 Bins and 1880090680938 Total Bytes
OUTPUT: Top 10 Bins by Bytes
           sIPI
                                                                    cumul %1
                                               Bytesl
                                                         %Bvtes1
182.82.172.111 182.140.188.64
                                        219038598507 | 11.650427 | 11.650427 |
182.140.188.641
                 182.82.26.133
                                        188205311455 | 10.010438 | 21.660865 |
                                        180386700023| 9.594574| 31.255440
   182.82.3.85 | 182.140.188.64 |
182.140.188.64
                    182.82.3.85
                                        163207001357 8.680805 39.936245
 11.237.171.87 | 182.140.188.102 |
                                                      8.452271 48.388516
                                        158910367747
 182.82.26.133 | 182.140.188.64 |
                                        135227063103| 7.192582| 55.581098
182.82.145.235 | 182.140.188.64 |
                                        119072866667 | 6.333358 | 61.914456 |
182.140.188.64 | 182.82.145.235 |
                                        117393912025| 6.244056| 68.158511
11.237.171.166 | 182.140.188.111 |
                                        90192333665| 4.797233| 72.955745
```



79984274054 | 4.254277 | 77.210022 |

SiLK Analysis - rwstats (3)

Show the top 10 outbound destination country codes by records:

```
rwfilter --type=out, outweb --proto=0-255 --

pass=stdout | rwstats --top --count=10 --fields=dcc

INPUT: 7125124 Records for 147 Bins and 7125124 Total Records
OUTPUT: Top 10 Bins by Records
dcc| Records| %Records| cumul_%|
us| 2677276| 37.575150| 37.575150|
cn| 2234597| 31.36219| 68.937369|
id| 834469| 11.711642| 80.649010|
in| 327519| 4.596678| 85.245688|
ar| 313590| 4.401187| 89.646875|
jp| 231349| 3.246947| 92.893822|
gb| 38085| 0.534517| 93.428339|
de| 36410| 0.511009| 93.939348|
cl| 32384| 0.453382| 94.392729|
my| 28288| 0.397018| 94.789747|
```



SiLK Analysis - Real World Examples

Rwstats to discover potential ZeroAccess victims



SiLK Analysis – Real World Examples

Discovering outbound data to applications using nonstandard ports.



Collecting Intelligence Data

- Friendly Intelligence Gathering
- Identify Services on the Network
- Identify Normal Behaviors of Hosts
- Identify "Friends and Family"
 - Friends: Who a host communicates with outside the network
 - Family: Who a host communicates with inside the network



Identifying Services

Identify SSH Servers

```
rwfilter --type=out --protocol=6 --packets=4- -
-ack-flag=1 --sport=22 --pass=stdout | rwcut --
fields=sip
```

Identify Web Servers

```
rwfilter --type=outweb --protocol=6 --
packets=4- --ack-flag=1 --sport=80,443,8080 --
pass=stdout | rwcut --fields=sip
```



Identifying Friends and Family

Identify Friends

```
rwfilter --type=out,outweb --
saddress=192.168.1.1 --pass=stdout |
rwfilter --input-pipe=stdin --
dcidr=192.168.0.0/24 --fail=stdout
```

Identify Family

```
rwfilter --type=out,outweb --
saddress=192.168.1.1 --pass=stdout |
rwfilter --input-pipe=stdin --
dipset=local --fail=stdout
```





Detection with Flow Data

Flow for Detection SignatureBased ReputationBased StatisticsBased Based Based MIRCARIA 24

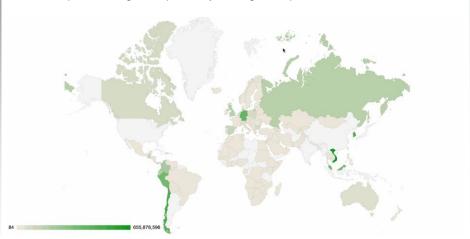
FlowPlotter

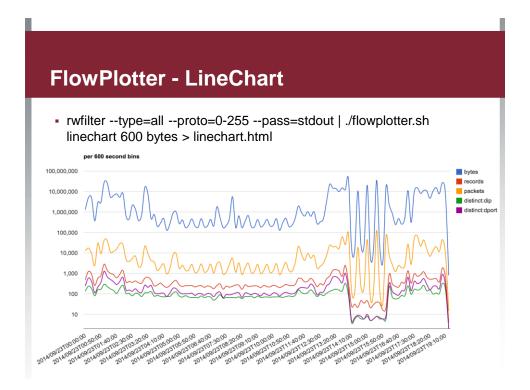
- Generates Visualizations from the Output of Flow Tools
- Useful for Detection-Oriented Statistics
- Written in BASH Flexible/Tweakable/Minimal
- Free/Open Source Maintained in GitHub
- Browser Independent



FlowPlotter - GeoMap

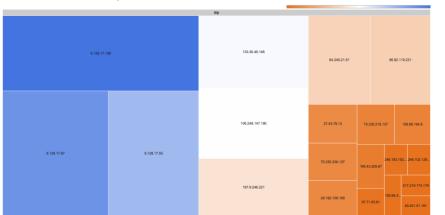
rwfilter ../Sampledata/sample.rw --dcc=us,cn,-- --fail=stdout |
 ./flowplotter.sh geomap dcc bytes > geomap.html





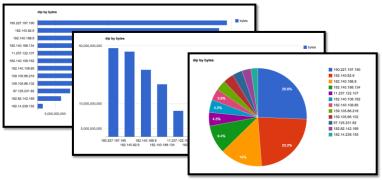
FlowPlotter - TreeMap

 rwfilter ../Sampledata/sample.rw --sport=1025- --dport=1025- -proto=0- --type=out --pass=stdout | ./flowplotter.sh treemap dip records > treemap.html



FlowPlotter - Pie/Bar/Column Chart

 rwfilter ../Sampledata/sample.rw --sport=1025- --dport=1025- -proto=0- --type=all --pass=stdout | ./flowplotter.sh piechart dip bytes > piechart.html

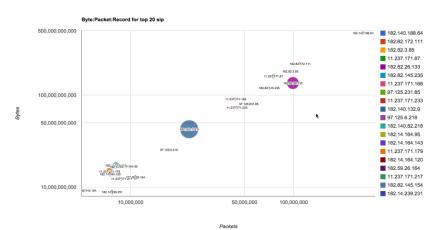


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FlowPlotter - BubbleChart

 rwfilter ../Sampledata/sample.rw --type=all --proto=0-255 -pass=stdout | ./flowplotter.sh bubblechart sip > bubblechart.html



FlowPlotter - Timeline

rwfilter --proto=0- --type=out --sport=41142 --pass=stdout |
 ./flowplotter.sh timeline dip sip > timeline.html



FlowPlotter - Force Directed

 rwfilter ../Sampledata/sample.rw --scc=kr --proto=0- --type=all -pass=stdout | ./flowplotter.sh forceopacity sip dip distinct:dport 100 > forcetest.html

FlowPlotter - AssetDiscovery

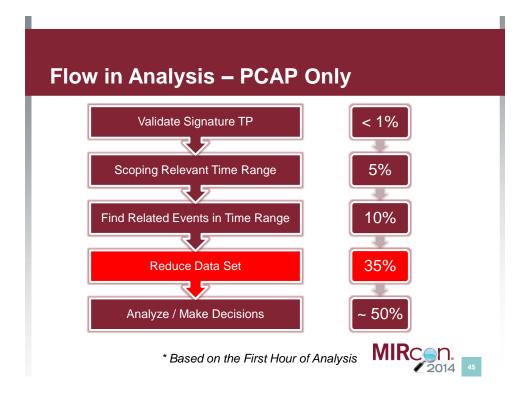
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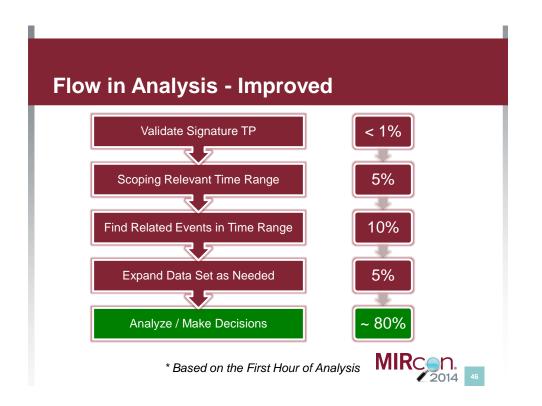






Analysis with Flow





Flow - Barriers to Entry

- Be Prepared to Look at a LOT of Line-Based Data
- Very Command Line Oriented
- Not Welcoming to Junior-Level Analysts
- Hard to Display/Interpret Data Visually



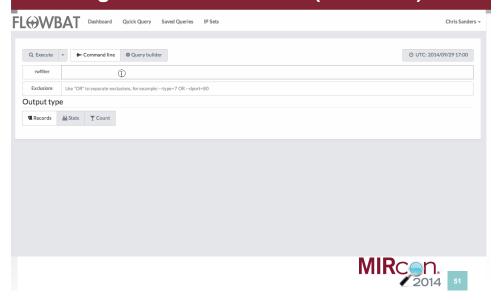
Q Execute each 5 minutes → Command line Ф Query builder ■ Records ■ Stats ■ Count O UTC: 2014/09/11 13:11 --sensor=S0 --type=all --sport=80 Exclusions --daddress=192.168.0.1 OR --scc=au Source IP Source port Destination port IP protocol Packet count Byte count TCP flags Starting time Duration End time 50.116.29.253 192.99.39.78 RA 2014/09/11 01:54:38.796 0.000 2014/09/11 01:54:38.796 50.116.29.253 192.99.201.184 80 19887 2014/09/11 02:37:20.783 0.000 2014/09/11 02:37:20.783 50.116.29.253 54.87.87.26 51779 RA 2014/09/11 02:45:28.924 0.000 2014/09/11 02:45:28.924 50.116.29.253 218.77.79.43 41885 RA 2014/09/11 03:27:39.256 0.000 2014/09/11 03:27:39.256 50 50.116.29.253 107.22.2.97 80 56051 RA 2014/09/11 03:41:00.749 0.000 2014/09/11 03:41:00.749 S0 92.222.167.198 50.116.29.253 80 4198 2014/09/11 04:01:13.618 0.000 2014/09/11 04:01:13.618 S0 50.116.29.253 222.35.16.27 58898 40 RA 2014/09/11 05:04:55.057 0.000 2014/09/11 05:04:55.057 404 FSPA 23.20.48.204 50.116.29.253 80 55142 2014/09/11 06:37:42.964 0.068 2014/09/11 06:37:43.032 50 FSPA 2014/09/11 06:37:43.325 50 23.20.48.204 50.116.29.253 80 55143 2014/09/11 06:37:43.231 23.20.48.204 50.116.29.253 80 2014/09/11 06:37:43.325 MIRcon. 2014 49

FLHWBAT

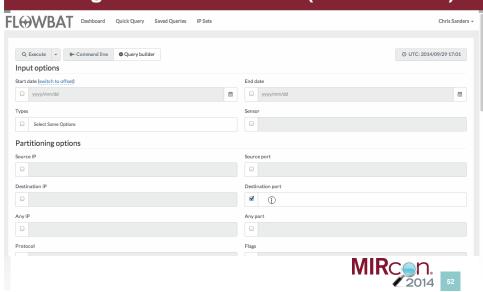
- Flow Basic Analysis Tool
- Graphical Front-End to SiLK
- Easy Two-Step Install on SiLK Capable Box
 - Install Locally to SiLK Box
 - Install Remotely and Interact via SSH w/ Keys
- Rapid Pivoting Between Data
- Graphing Ability
- By Analysts, for Analysts



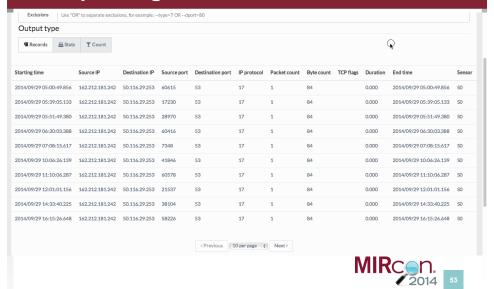
Getting Data with FlowBAT (CLI Mode)



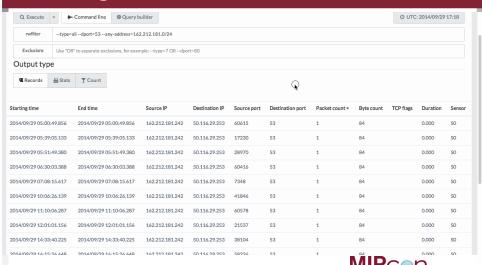
Getting Data with FlowBAT (Guided Mode)



Manipulating FlowBAT Data







Generating Stats with FlowBAT



\$ rwfilter --type=all --start-date=2814/89/29:21 --active-time=2814/89/29721:35:14.883-2814/89/29722:35:14.883 --dport=1825- --sport=1825- --protocol=8-255 --pass=stdout >
//mp/ADZCYKZAZTax/Dubz.ruf

\$ rwstats --delimited --fields=sIP,dIP --values=Bytes --top --count=10 /tmp/AD2CYk2AZfax7bvbz.rwf

Q Execute	¥	Command line	♣ Query builder

Source IP	Destination IP	Bytes	% Bytes	% Cumulative
198.143.173.180	50.116.29.253	426	46.968026	46.968026
201.186.63.136	50.116.29.253	156	17.199559	64.167585
50.116.29.253	201.186.63.136	120	13.230430	77.398015
198.20.70.114	50.116.29.253	45	4.961411	82.359427
116.255.204.235	50.116.29.253	40	4.410143	86.769570
50.116.29.253	116.255.204.235	40	4.410143	91.179713
219.140.170.70	50.116.29.253	40	4.410143	95.589857
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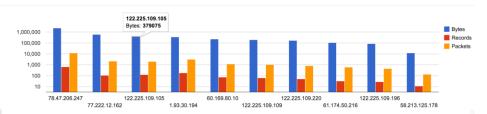
Generating Stats with FlowBAT

Final query

\$ rwfilter —-type=in —-dport=22 —-packets=4— --ack-flag=1 —-pass=stdout | rwfilter —-input-pipe=stdin --scc=-- —-fail=stdout > /tmp/szoY2QPsne3TsXK5q.rwf

\$ rwstats --delimited --fields=sIP --values=Bytes,Records,Packets --top --count=10 /tmp/szoY2QPsne3TsXk5q.rwf







Conclusion

- Flow Data is Underused and Underrated
- Easy to Collect, Enhances Detection & Analysis
- Minimal Barriers to Entry
 - SiLK (Easy to Install on SO)
 - Argus (Already Installed on SO)
 - Bro (Already Installed on SO)



Thanks Folks!

- Questions?
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- Blog / Book
 - http://www.appliednsm.com
- FlowPlotter
 - http://www.github.com/automayt/FlowPlotter/
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