

BRO-IDS HIGH SPEED TAPPING

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BRO DEPLOYMENT OVERVIEW criticalstack®

Planning & Preparation

- Network Overview
- Requirements
 - Regulatory Domain: Contractual / Legal
- Replay Traffic
- Measure & Project
- Pilot
- Provision
- Sensor Tuning- continual process

Sensor Deployment

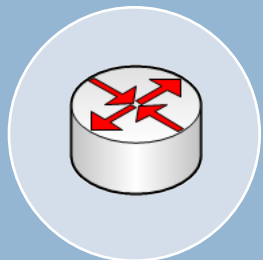
- Tap
- Load Balancer
- NIC
- Bro Workers



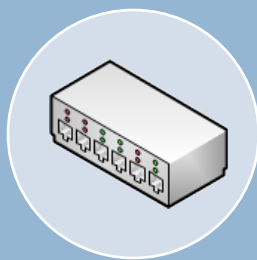
BRO-IDS CLUSTER OVERVIEW



4 Basic Components



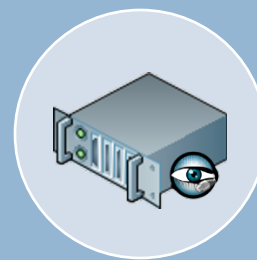
Tap



Load
Balancer

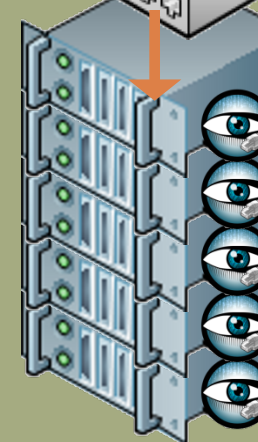
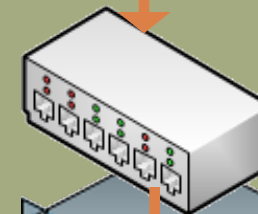
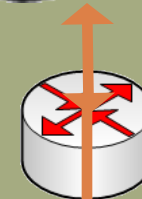


NIC



Bro
Workers

Symmetrically Balanced Traffic Flows



TAP OPTIONS

Heavily influenced by Net Topology

Span Port

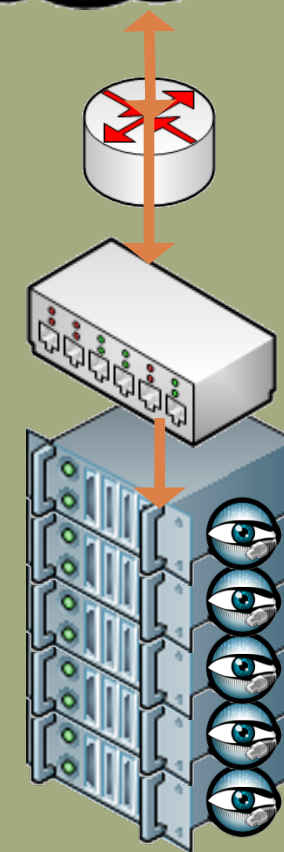
- + Inexpensive
- + Commodity
- + Already in Place
- Complexity
- Packet Drops

Hard Tap

- + Performance
- + Features
- + Multiple Sensors
- + ALSO Balance?
- Cost

Tap

Internet



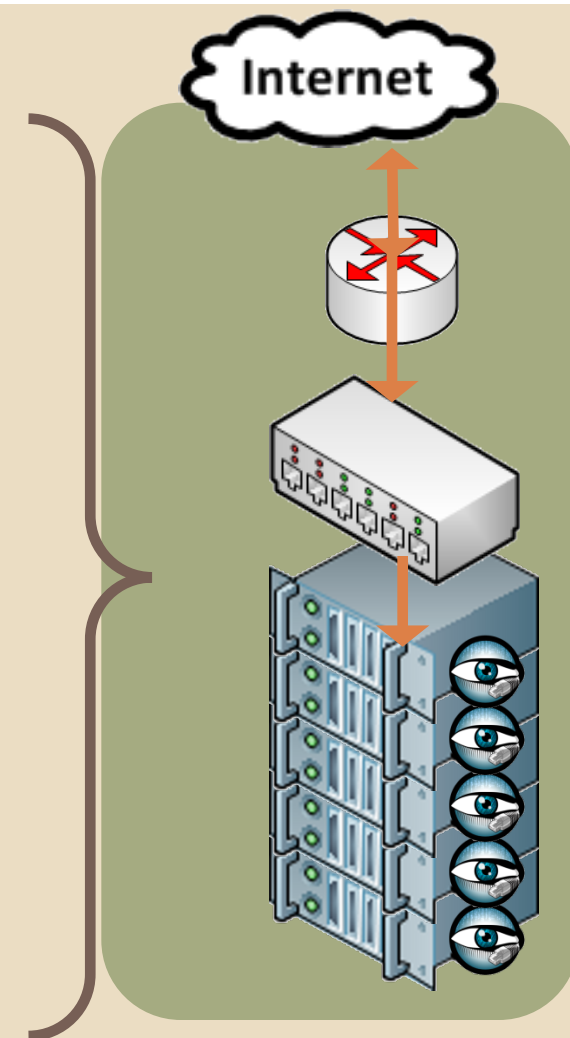
May also load balance

Span Port

- + Cisco
- + HP
- + Juniper
- + Extreme
- + Other..

Hard Tap

- + cPacket
- + VSS Monitoring
- + Net Optics
- + Gigamon
- + Apcon



LOAD BALANCERS

Moving Target

Dedicated

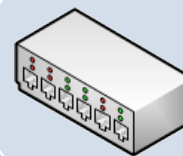
- + Performance
- + Features
- 3/4/5 Tuple
- Cost

OpenFlow

- + Cost
- Hash Based Balancing
- Hot Spotting

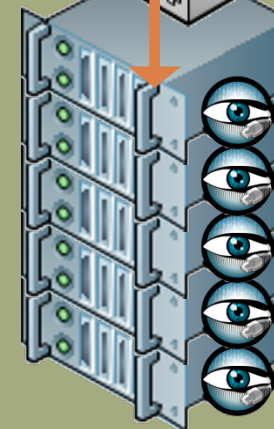
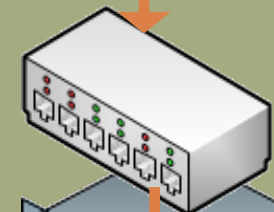
Hybrid Options

- + Fast Moving Space
- Hash Based balancing



Load
Balancer

Internet





LOAD BALANCERS VENDORS



Dedicated

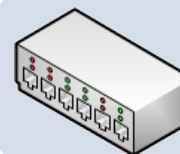
- + cPacket
- + VSS Monitoring
- + Apcon
- + Gigamon

OpenFlow

- + Arista
- + IBM
- + HP
- + Brocade
- + Big Switch

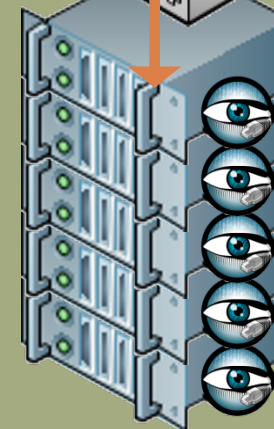
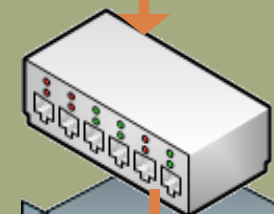
Hybrid Options

Ex: Arista Switches → hash based Load Balancers



Load Balancer

Internet



NIC OPTIONS

Requires OS Zero Copy Mechanism

1 Gpbs

- + Cost
- + Commodity
- + OS Support
- + Availability

- Throughput

10 Gpbs

- + Cost
- + Commodity
- + OS Support

- Availability

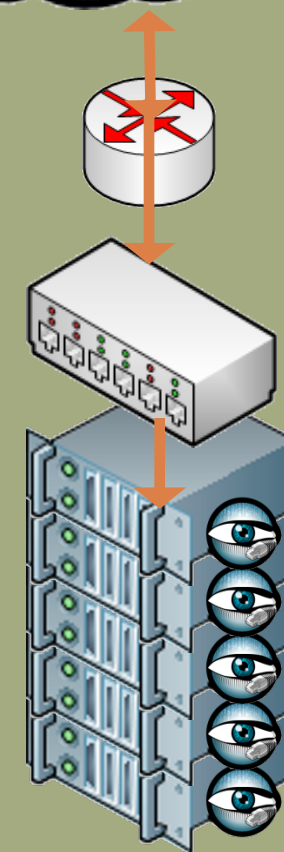
Hybrid Options

- + Performance → Endace DAQ
- + Incredible Efficiencies
- Cost



NIC
Options

Internet





BRO WORKERS



1 Process per 1 Core

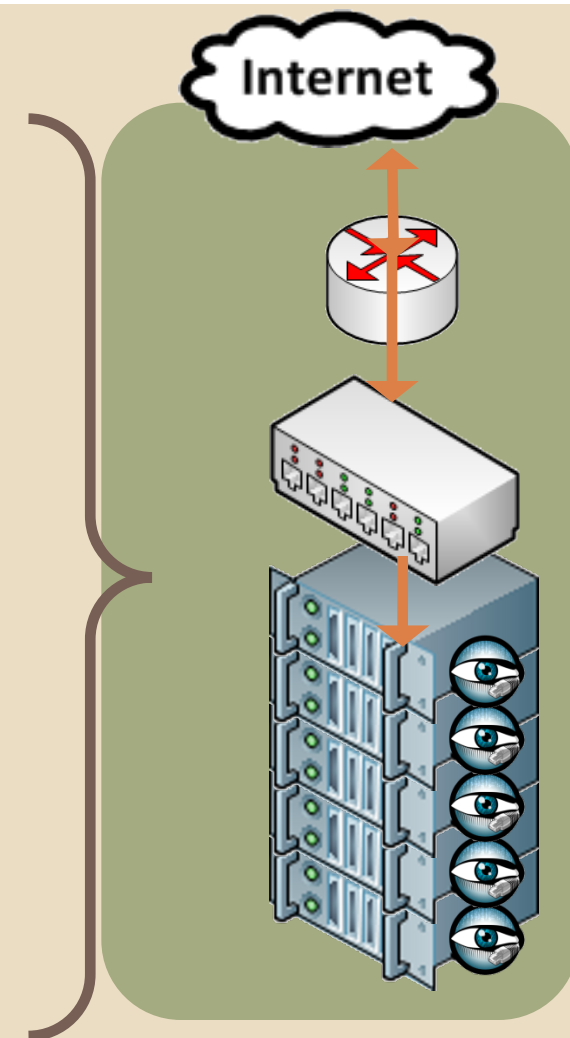
Bro Model is Multithreaded

Hardware

- + Commodity
- + High Core Count
- + Memory
- + Any Vendor
- + Usually Multiple Nodes

OS

- + BSD/Linux
- + 0-Copy
- ++ pfring
- ++ DAQ..
- ++ AF_Packet



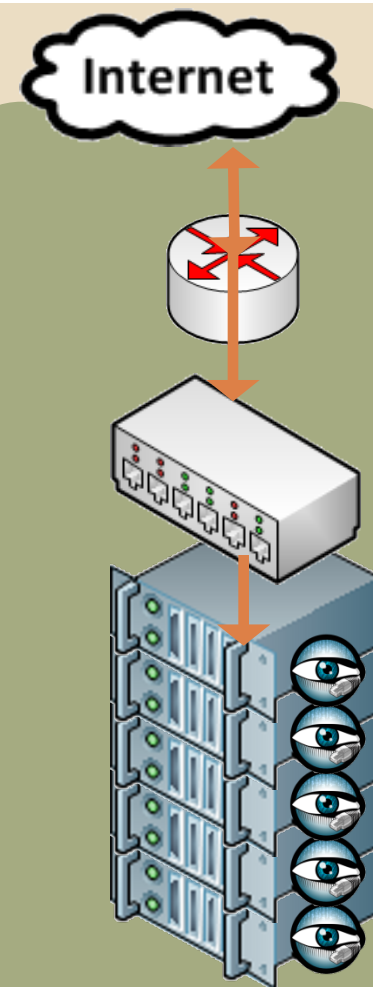


BRO CASE STUDIES



Wide Variety in Installs

- + Widely deployed in high speed REN
- + Internet 2, Research Networks
- + 15 Year Production Deployments
- + 10 Gbps in 2006
- + 40 Gbps in 2010
- + 100 Gbps- Deployed, 2014





BRO CASE STUDY



- + Sustained 9 Gbps
- + 12 Dell r610, 48 Gb RAM, 2 x Quad Core Intel E5620 RHEL 6.2
- + 2 Proxy Nodes, 1 Manager Node w/ 10 Gig Nic
- + 40 Tb Log Storage, 500 Gb Raid 10 SSD Scratch
- + Visualization: Arcsight, Splunk, Native



Load Balancer
cPacket cFlow



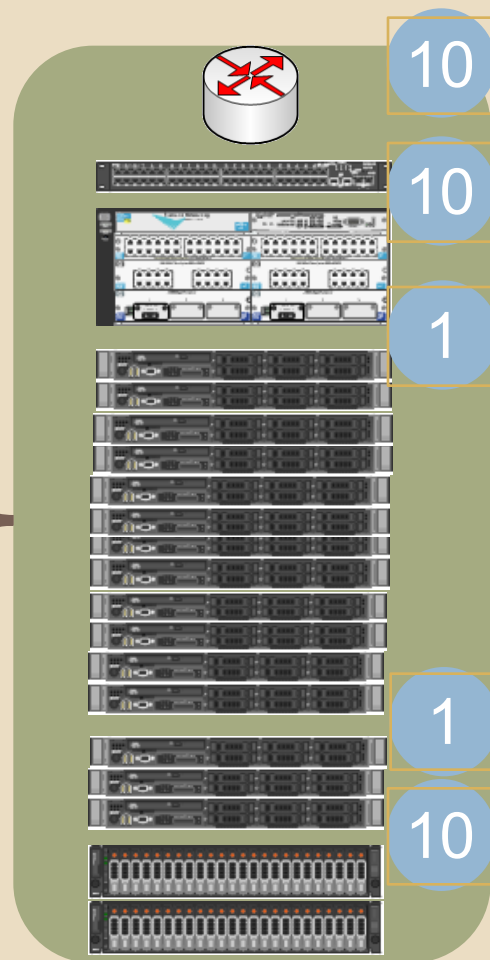
HP Switch
3 10 Gbps
30 1Gbps



Qty 2 Intel
Gigabit ET



4 Workers Per
Node





BRO CASE STUDY



- + Sustained 4 Gbps
- + 1 Dell r710, 72 Gb RAM, 2 x Quad Core Intel x5677
- + 1 Endace DAQ
- + RHEL 6.2
- + 20 Tb Log Storage
- + Visualization: Splunk, Native



Cisco Router
Span Port



NIC
Endace DAQ
2x10 Gbps



6 Bro Workers
3 Snort

10



2



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