BRO-IDS
HIGH SPEED TAPPING

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BRO DEPLOYMENT OVERVIEW

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Planning & Preparation

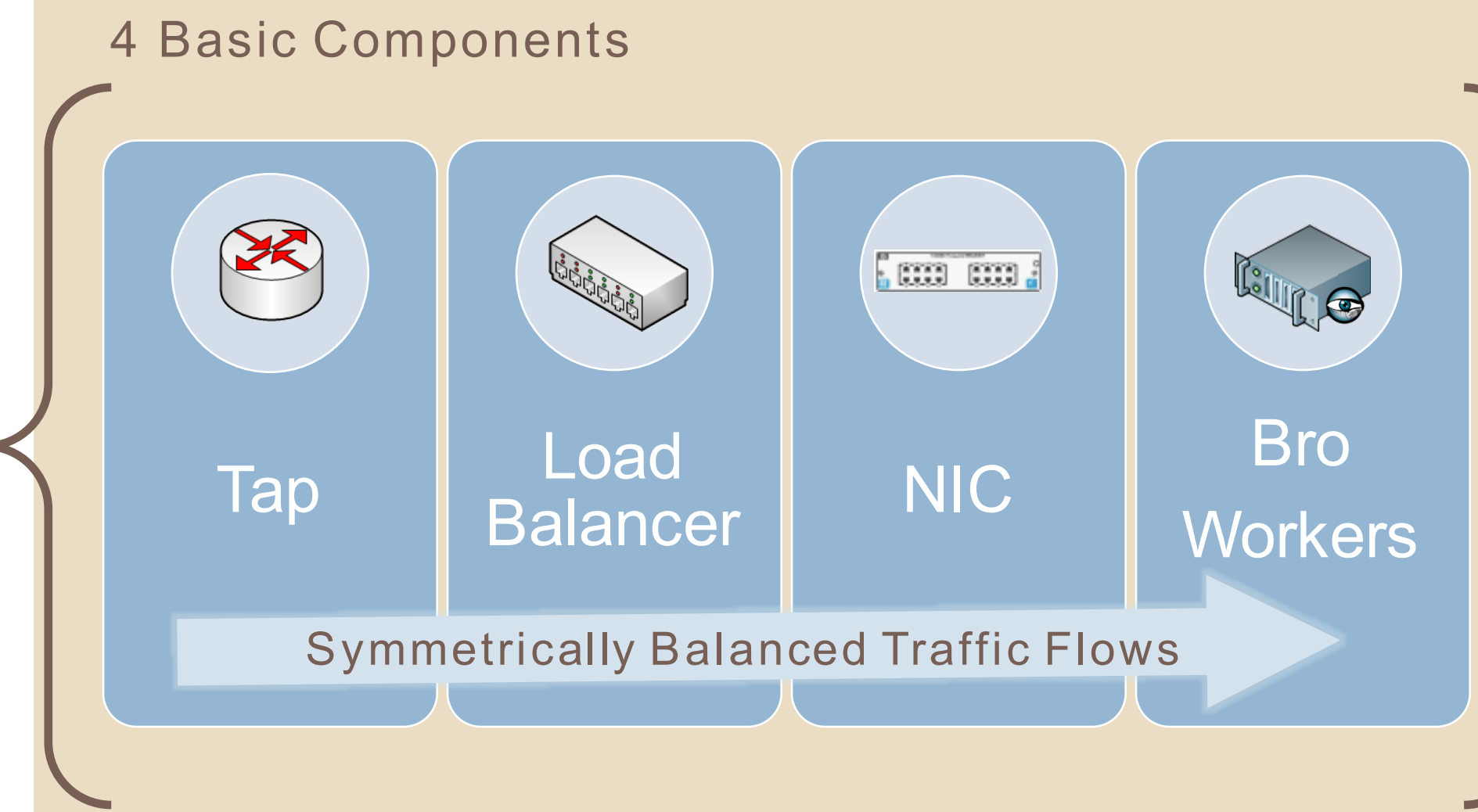
- Network Overview
- Requirements
  - Regulatory Domain: Contractual / Legal
- Replay Traffic
- Measure & Project
- Pilot
- Provision
- Sensor Tuning- continual process

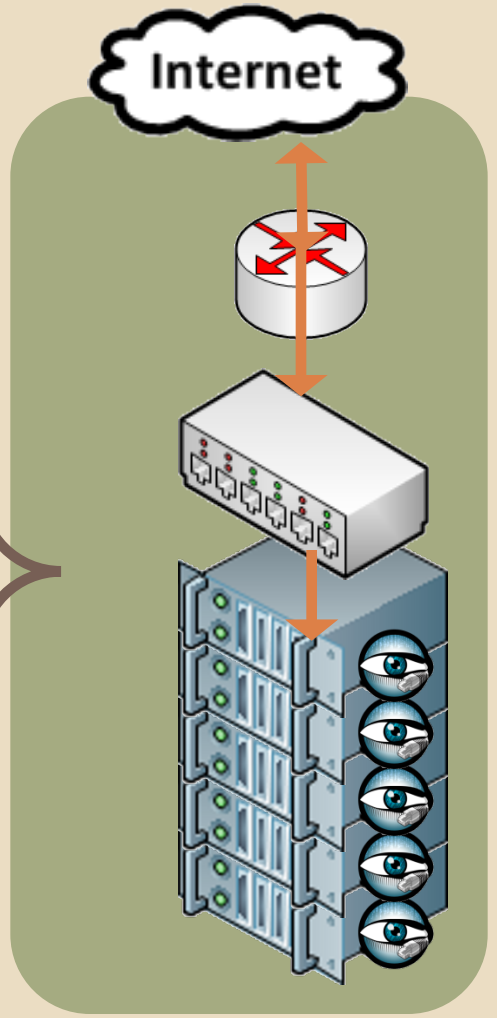
Sensor Deployment

- Tap
- Load Balancer
- NIC
- Bro Workers

BRO-IDS CLUSTER OVERVIEW

4 Basic Components





TAP OPTIONS

Heavily influenced by Net Topology

Span Port

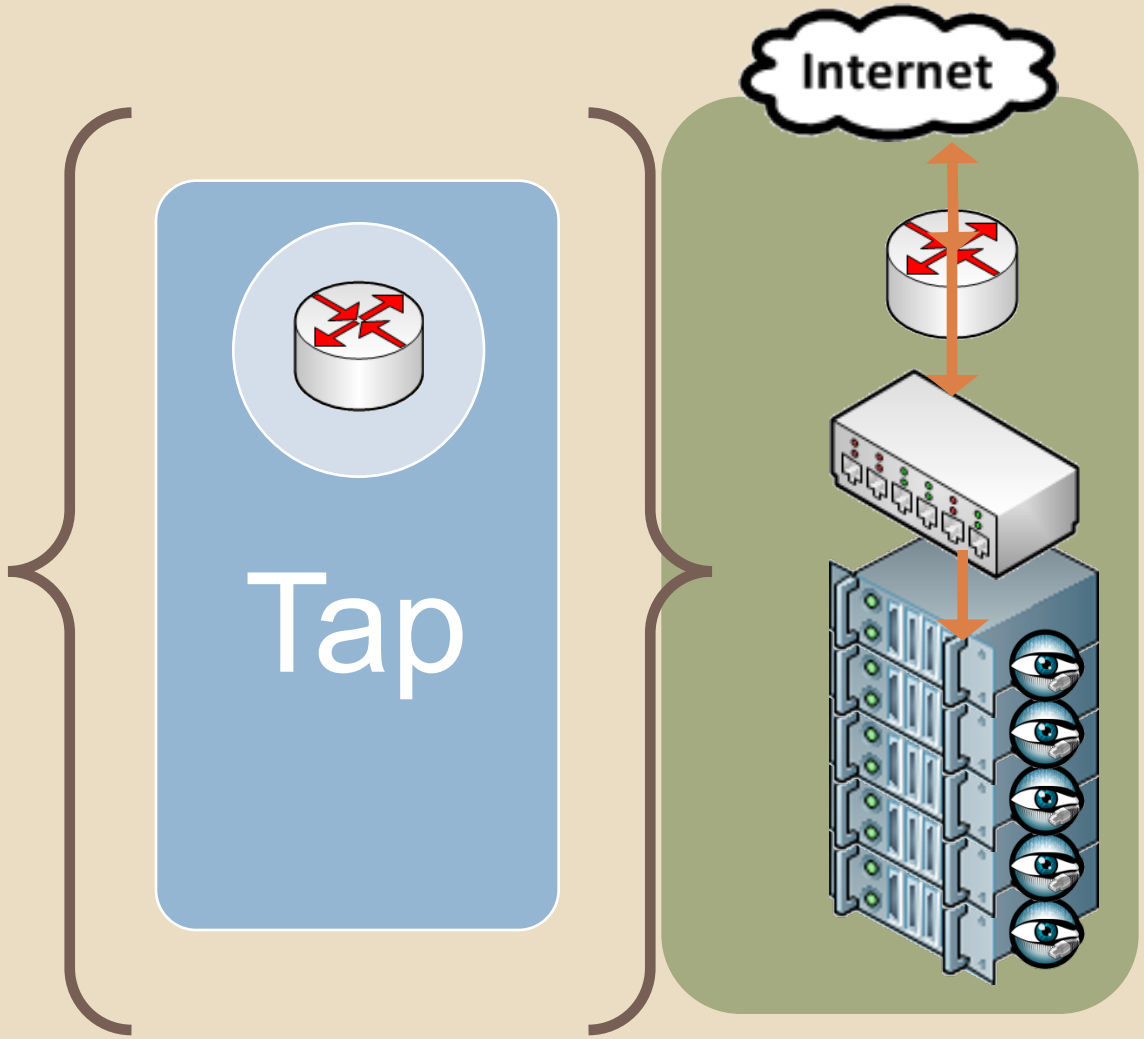
+ Inexpensive
+ Commodity
+ Already in Place

- Complexity
- Packet Drops

Hard Tap

+ Performance
+ Features
+ Multiple Sensors
+ ALSO Balance?

-Cost



TAP VENDORS

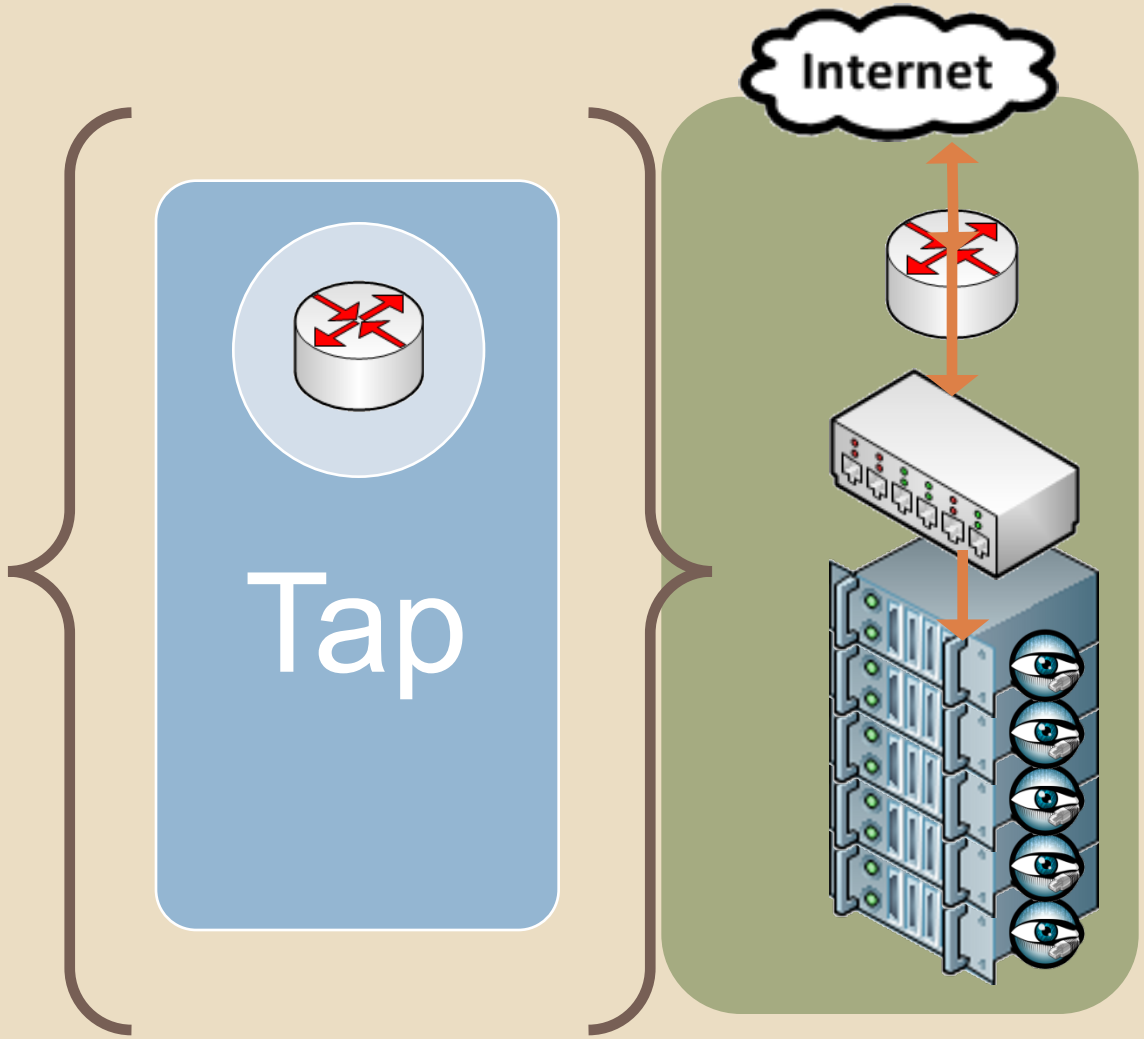
May also load balance

Span Port

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

Hard Tap

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



LOAD BALANCERS

Moving Target

Dedicated

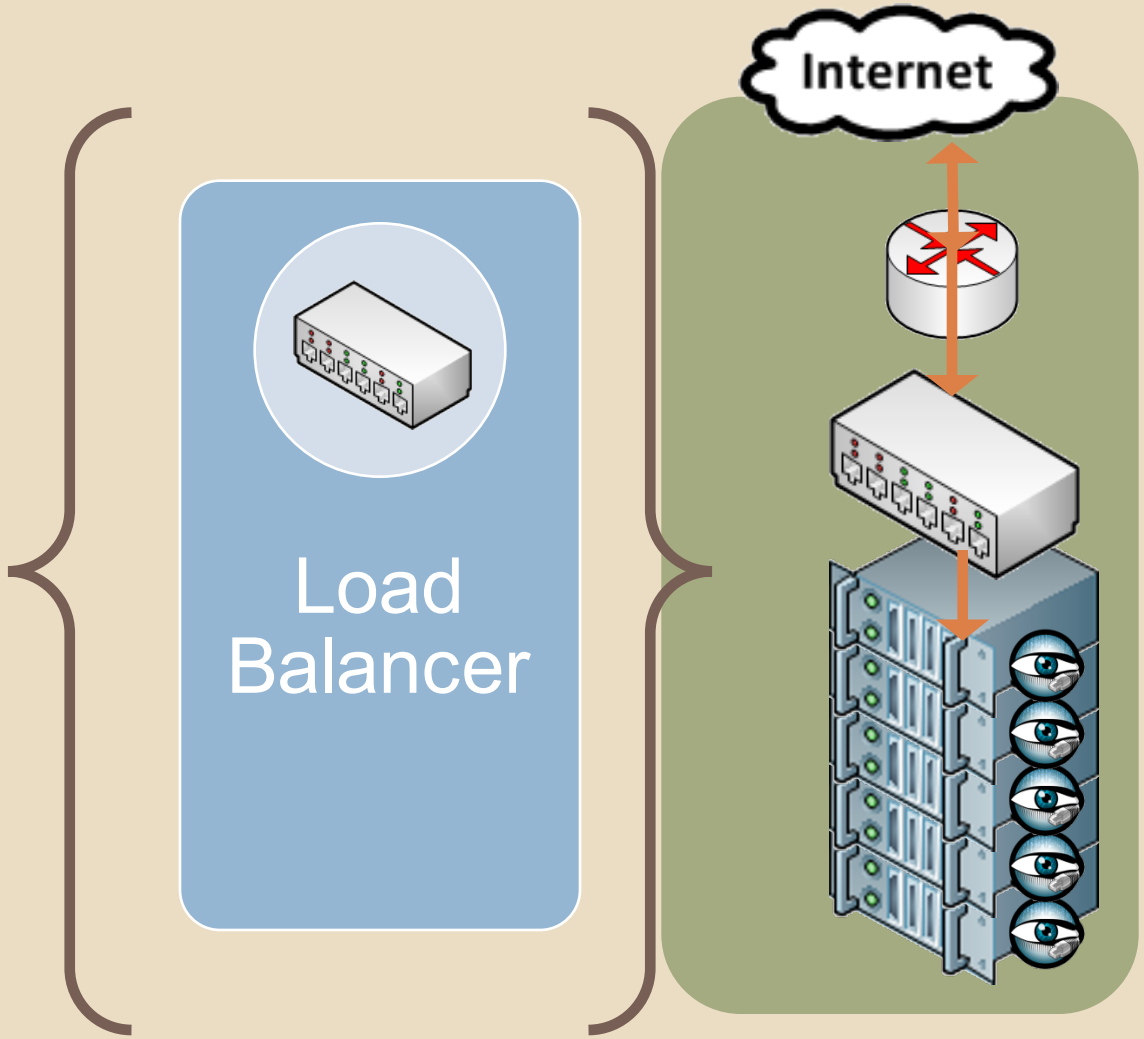
+ Performance
+ Features
- 3/4/5 Tuple
- Cost

OpenFlow

+ Cost
- Hash Based Balancing
- Hot Spotting

Hybrid Options

+ Fast Moving Space
- Hash Based balancing



LOAD BALANCERS VENDORS

Dedicated

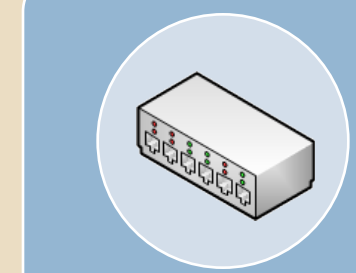
+ cPacket
+ VSS Monitoring
+ Apcon
+ Gigamon

OpenFlow

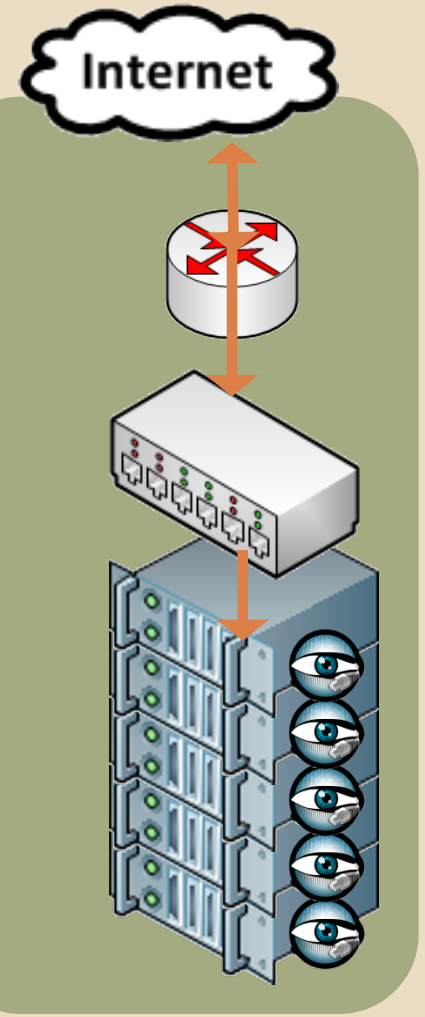
+ Arista
+ IBM
+ HP
+ Brocade
+ Big Switch

Hybrid Options

Ex: Arista Switches → hash based Load Balancers



Load Balancer



NIC OPTIONS

Requires OS Zero Copy Mechanism

1 Gpbs

+ Cost
+ Commodity
+ OS Support
+ Availability

- Throughput

10 Gpbs

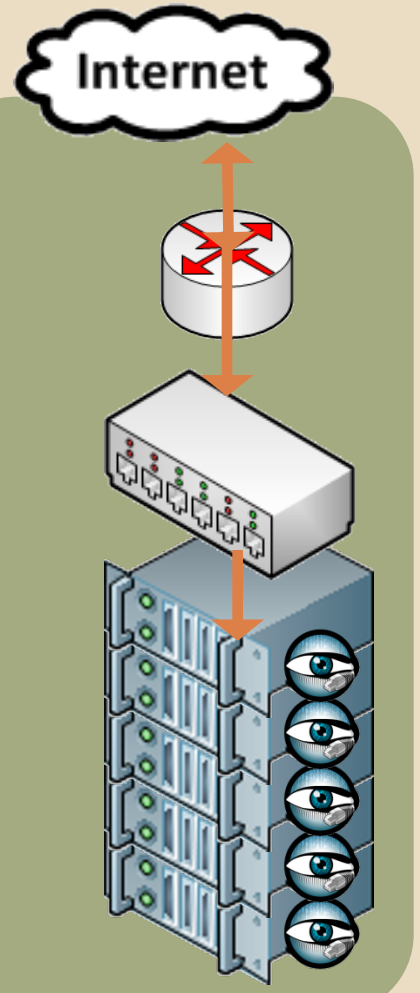
+ Cost
+ Commodity
+ OS Support

- Availability

Hybrid Options

+ Performance → Endace DAQ
+ Incredible Efficiencies
- Cost

NIC Options



BRO WORKERS

1 Process per 1 Core

Bro Model is Multithreaded

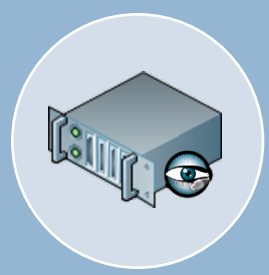
Hardware

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

OS

+ BSD/Linux
+ 0-Copy

++ pfring
++ DAQ..
++ AF_Packet



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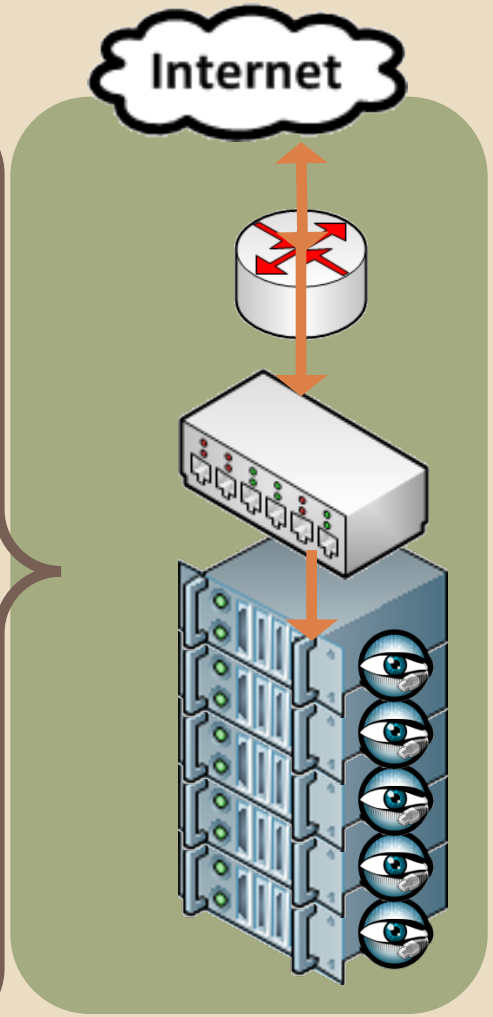
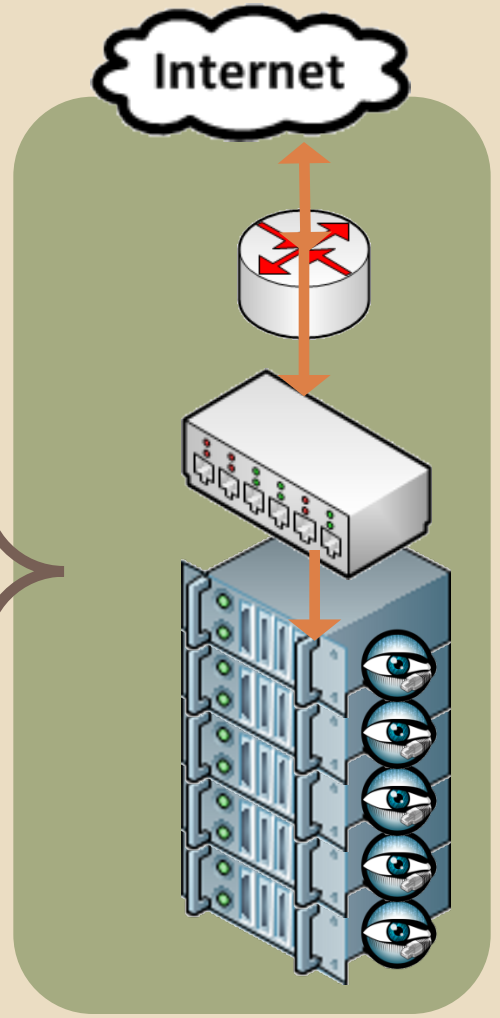


BRO CASE STUDIES

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

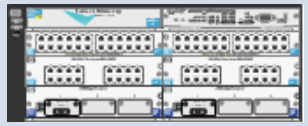


BRO CASE STUDY

+ 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

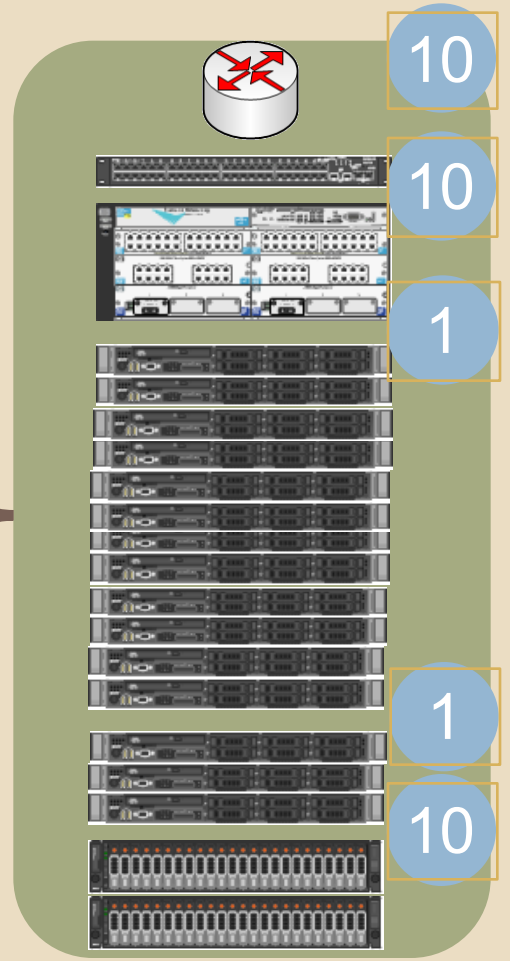
cPacket cFlow



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