



# Role of Flow Monitoring in Cyber Security

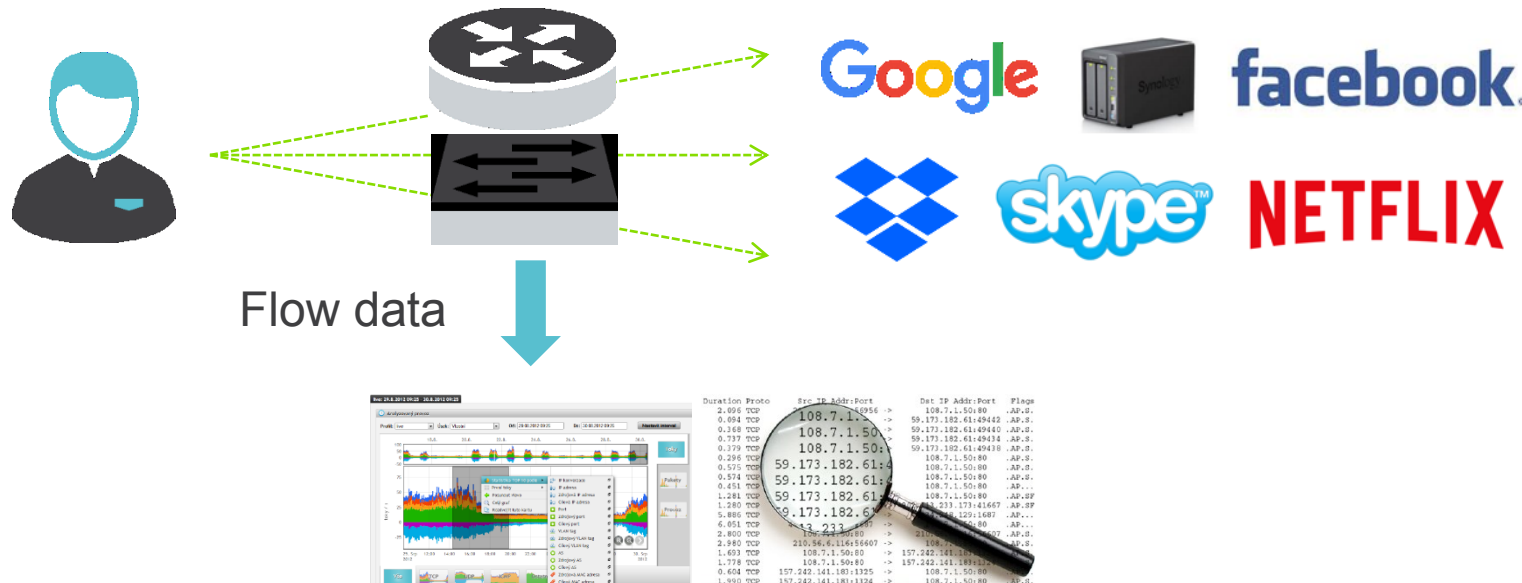
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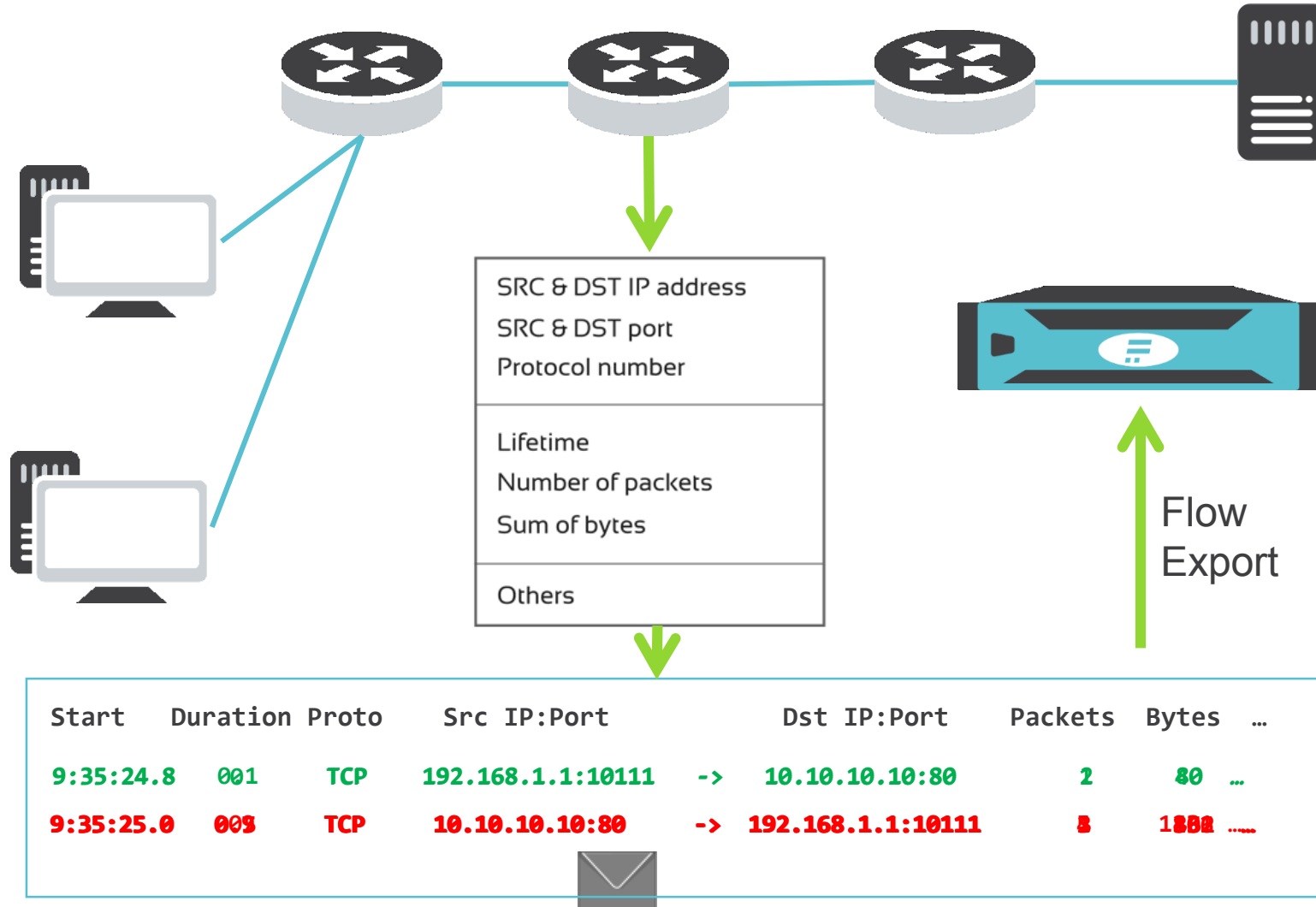
**Flowmon**  
Driving Network Visibility


# What is Flow Data?

- Modern method for network monitoring – flow measurement
- Cisco standard NetFlow v5/v9, IETF standard IPFIX
- Focused on L3/L4 information and volumetric parameters
- Real network traffic to flow statistics reduction ratio 500:1



# Flow Monitoring Principle



A person in a dark blue suit and tie is shown from the chest up, pointing their right index finger at a glowing, stylized cloud icon. The cloud icon is white with a blue outline and is connected to several other glowing circular nodes by thin white lines, suggesting a network or data flow. The background is a light blue gradient.

Myth: “Flow data do not provide sufficient level of detail when it comes to network troubleshooting or forensics. Full packet traces are absolute must to investigate on network issues and fight cyber crime.”

Strong aspects			Weak aspects
Packet Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Full network traffic</li> <li>+ Enough details for troubleshooting</li> <li>+ Supports forensic analysis</li> <li>+ Signature based detection</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Useless for encrypted traffic</li> <li>- Usually too much details</li> <li>- Very resource consuming</li> </ul>
1 min 75 GB	1 hour 4.5 TB		1 day 108 TB
Flow Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Works in high-speed networks</li> <li>+ Resistant to encrypted traffic</li> <li>+ Visibility and reporting</li> <li>+ Network behavior analysis</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No application layer data</li> <li>- Sometimes not enough details</li> <li>- Sampling (routers, switches)</li> </ul>
1 min 150 MB	1 hour 9 GB		1 day 216 GB

## Flow vs. Packet Analysis on 10G



# Modern Flow Monitoring with Flowmon Probes

- Versatile and flexible network appliances
  - Monitoring ports convert packets to flows
  - Un-sampled export in NetFlow v5/v9 or IPFIX
  - Wire-speed, L2-L7 visibility, PCAPs when needed

L2	L3/L4	L7	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MAC</li><li>• VLAN</li><li>• MPLS</li><li>• GRE</li><li>• ESP</li><li>• OTV</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standard items</li><li>• NPM metrics<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RTT, SRT, ...</li></ul></li><li>• TTL, SYN size, ...</li><li>• ASN (BGP)</li><li>• Geolocation</li><li>• VxLAN</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NBAR2</li><li>• HTTP</li><li>• SNI</li><li>• DNS</li><li>• DHCP</li><li>• IEC104</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SMB/CIFS</li><li>• VoIP (SIP)</li><li>• Email</li><li>• SQL</li><li>• SSL/TLS</li><li>• CoAP</li></ul>



# Why Flow Monitoring?

Continuous full **packet capture tools cannot scale** with bandwidth explosion in corporate networks and companies are switching to flow technologies.

Gartner notes that 80% of **network troubleshooting** can be **solved with NetFlow**.

Flowmon combines best of breed: flow data enriched with L7 and performance metrics. This helps to **solve 95% of all troubleshooting cases**. In addition, Flowmon provides on-demand packet capture when flow visibility is not enough.



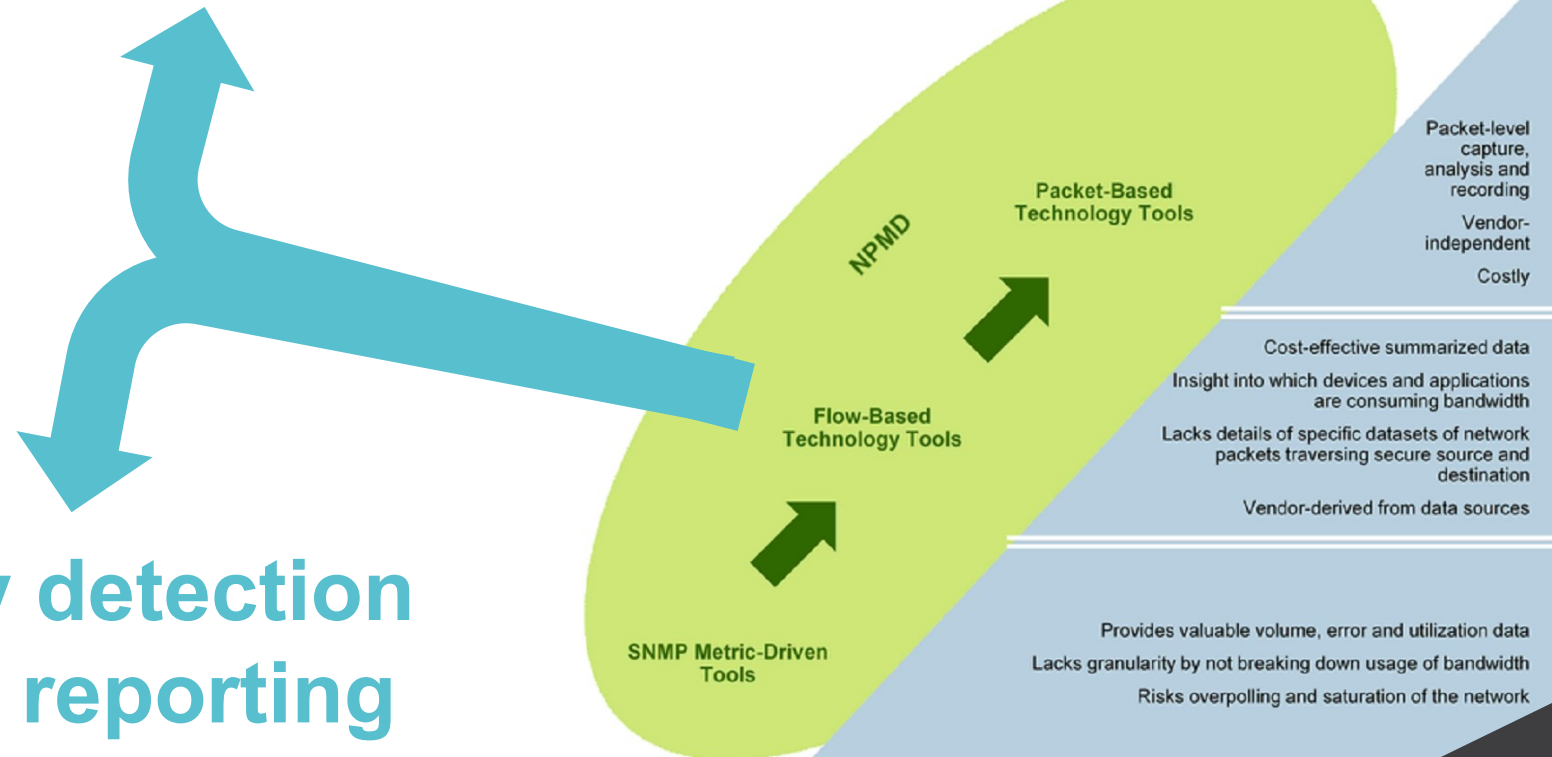


# Using Flow Data For Security

Gartner

Volumetric  
DDoS detection

Anomaly detection  
Incident reporting



Source: Gartner (September 2014)





## Findings

- Most "advanced" attacks target basic vulnerabilities.
- The notion that "signatures are dead" is a misguided hyperbole.
- Your detection and response capabilities are more important than blocking and prevention
- "Incident response" is the wrong mindset.

Protection should be delivered as an integrated system, not delivered as siloed offerings

Monitoring and analytics should be at the core of all next-generation security platforms.

Not all vendors will survive these shifts.

Gartner

Neil MacDonald, VP  
Distinguished Analyst

Gartner Security & Risk  
Management Summit,  
London 2015

Align NetOps & SecOps  
Tool Objectives With  
Shared Use Cases

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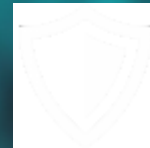
## Next Generation Network Security - Behavior Analysis & Anomaly Detection



Detects and alerts  
on abnormal  
behaviors



Reports anomalies  
and advanced  
persistent threats



Detect intrusions and  
attacks not visible  
by standard signature  
based tools

Gartner: *“Blocking and prevention is not sufficient. After you deployed firewall and IPS, you should implement network behavior analysis to identify problems that are undetectable using other techniques.”*



# Flowmon ADS Principles

## Flowmon ADS

Machine Learning

Adaptive Baseline

Heuristics

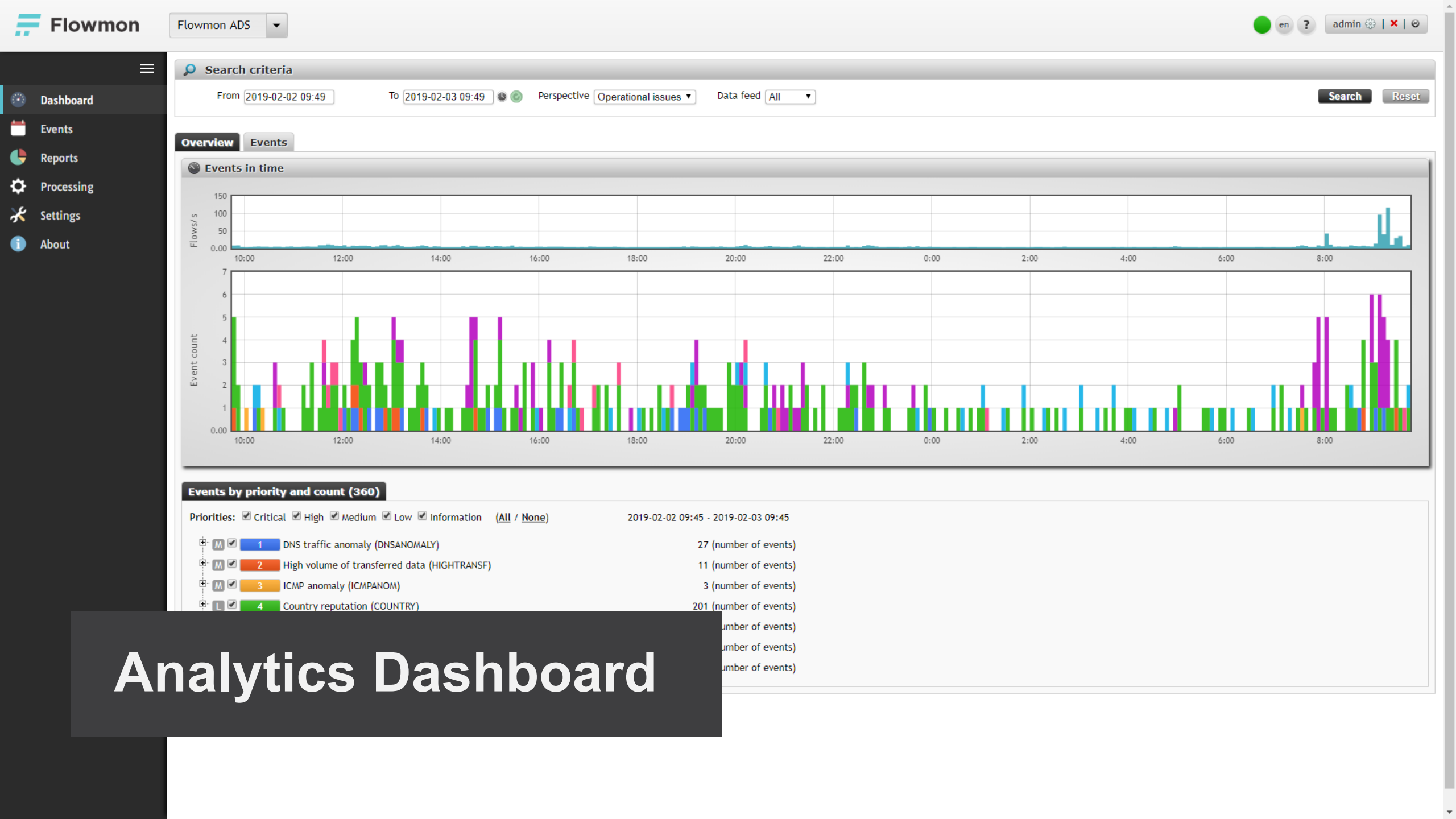
Behavior Patterns

Reputation Databases



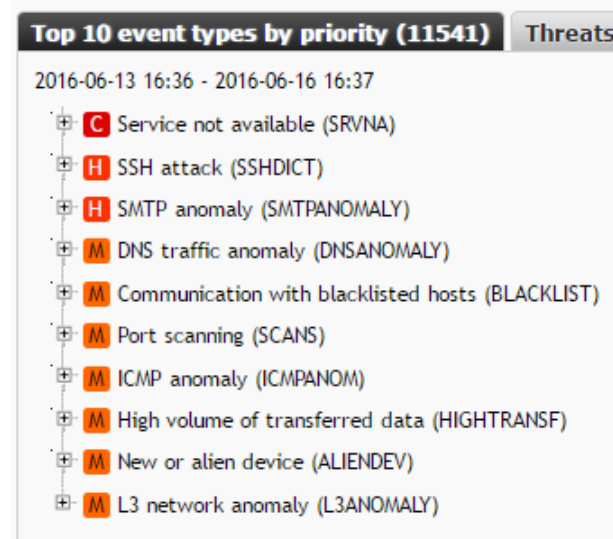
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1	112.90.18.105	L3ANOMALY	The traffic not belonging to any internal network was detected (this may indicate spoofing). Transferred: 2.66 MiB, packets: 65 559.	2013-08-24 07:15:21	localhost	1.52.6.170, 1.52.13.199, 1.52.42.167, 1.52.59.1, 1.52.71.217, 1.52.87.249, 1.52.133.226, 1.52.1, 1.52.192.113, 1.52.218.16, ...	
2	112.91.30.17	L3ANOMALY	The traffic not belonging to any internal network was detected (this may indicate spoofing). Transferred: 2.37 MiB, packets: 58 379.	2013-08-24 07:15:21	localhost	1.52.54.212, 1.52.109.106, 1.52.167.73, 1.52.1, 1.52.191.229, 1.52.218.125, 1.52.220.241, 1.52.1, 1.52.241.199, 1.53.8.41, ...	
3	121.10.112.17	L3ANOMALY	The traffic not belonging to any internal network was detected (this may indicate spoofing). Transferred: 2.37 MiB, packets: 58 366.	2013-08-24 07:15:21	localhost	1.52.1.176, 1.52.2.100, 1.52.7.105, 1.52.44.16, 1.52.77.224, 1.52.128.196, 1.52.128.214, 1.52.1, 1.52.199.183, 1.52.241.170, ...	
4	183.61.138.105	L3ANOMALY	The traffic not belonging to any internal network was detected (this may indicate spoofing). Transferred: 2.66 MiB, packets: 65 415.	2013-08-24 07:15:21	localhost	1.52.58.25, 1.52.85.224, 1.52.86.18, 1.52.92.11, 1.52.174.104, 1.52.183.10, 1.52.184.230, 1.52.1, 1.52.203.16, 1.52.235.13, ...	
5	210.73.221.181	L3ANOMALY	The traffic not belonging to any internal network was detected (this may indicate spoofing). Transferred: 2.36 MiB, packets: 58 086.	2013-08-24 07:15:21	localhost	1.52.28.245, 1.52.44.63, 1.52.112.109, 1.52.14, 1.52.177.97, 1.53.40.147, 1.53.58.10, 1.53.89, 1.53.122.157, 1.53.221.26, ...	
6	112.90.18.105	L3ANOMALY	The traffic not belonging to any internal network was detected (this may indicate spoofing). Transferred: 5.04 MiB, packets: 125 924.	2013-08-24 05:39:59	localhost	1.52.4.138, 1.52.12.103, 1.52.28.61, 1.52.31.71, 1.52.42.130, 1.52.44.24, 1.52.48.142, 1.52.67, 1.52.83.34, ...	
7	112.90.18.105	L3ANOMALY	The traffic not belonging to any internal network was detected (this may indicate spoofing). Transferred: 3.40 MiB, packets: 88 749.	2013-08-24 03:38:31	localhost	1.52.7.220, 1.52.11.109, 1.52.28.57, 1.52.42.9, 1.52.95.134, 1.52.114.14, 1.52.115.205, 1.52.1, 1.52.122.10, ...	
8	112.90.18.105	L3ANOMALY	The traffic not belonging to any internal network was detected (this may indicate spoofing). Transferred: 2.40 MiB, packets: 63 126.	2013-08-24 03:00:34	localhost	1.52.12.16, 1.52.77.184, 1.52.104.14, 1.52.125, 1.52.128.99, 1.52.134.215, 1.52.137.109, 1.52.1, 1.52.203.143, 1.52.209.197, ...	





# ADS Detection Capabilities

- Attacks on network services
- Infected devices and communication botnet C&C, attackers, ...
- Port scanning and similar symptoms of infected devices
- Applications like P2P networks or on-line messengers
- Outages of network services or improper configurations
- Potential data leakage and usage of data sharing on internet
- PROXY bypass, TOR
- Anomalies of DNS or DHCP traffic
- Attacks against VoIP, PBX, ...
- Unexpected mail traffic and SPAM



# Flowmon Threat Intelligence

- IP and host-based reputation feeds (community & commercial)
- Detection of C&C domains, P2P botnets, phishing, etc.
  - IP addresses
  - HTTP host names, URLs
  - Domain names





# User Defined Anomaly Detection Methods

- Advanced users request maximal customization options
- Detection focused on specific use cases and scenarios followed by standard event pipeline (priority, notification, SIEM, ...)
- Various benefits in different environments



Protocol anomalies

HTTP UDP traffic

req\_transferred > 104857600 AND  
protocol = 17 AND destination\_port = 80



Specific malware

Retefe2 banking  
trojan

http\_url LIKE '/ICECVREU.js?%'



Regular expressions

SQL injection

Tools.re\_match('.{1,4}[Oo][Rr].{1,4}\d.{1,3}\d', 'http\_url') = 1



Specific OS detection

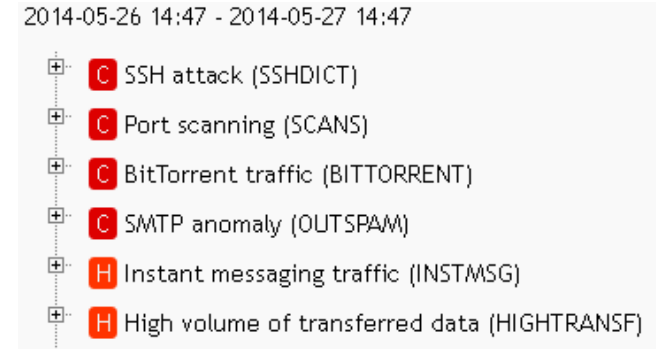
Windows XP

ua\_os = 68 and ua\_os\_version = 5.1



# ADS Alerting and Integration

- Perspectives to setup event priorities
- E-mail notifications
- PDF reports
- SIEM/log management
  - Syslog (native CEF format)
  - SNMPv2 traps
- Take action
  - Integrated (AddNet, ISE, ...)
  - Triggered Capture
  - General Script



Email reports Syslog SNMP

Active ☒

Remote delivery Yes

Remote server

Port 514

Use priority as syslog severity ☐

Perspective General event priorities

Message type Common Event Format ve

EventId No

Save



## Use Case: Anomaly Detection in Enterprise

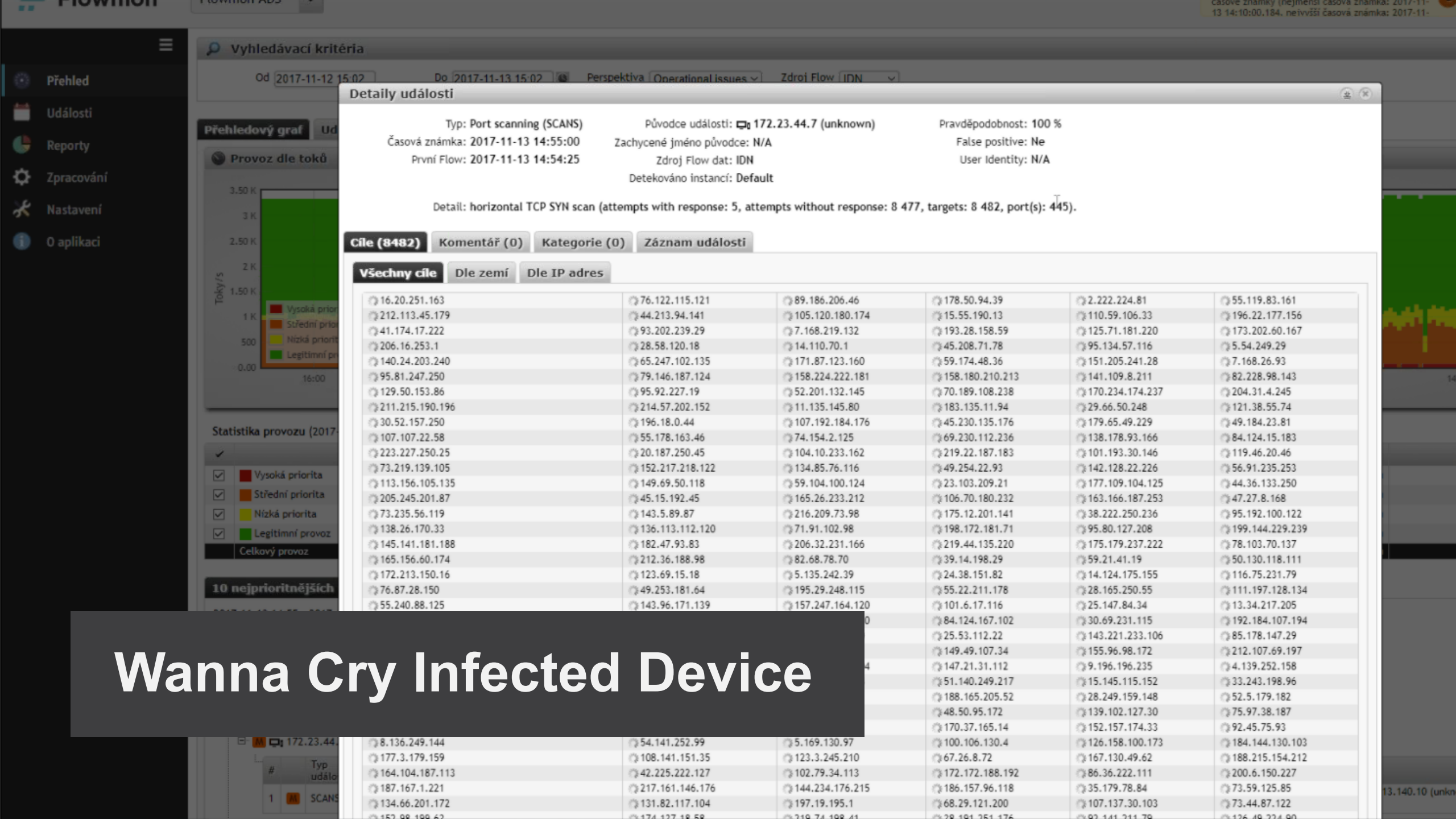
Selected Detections from our Customers



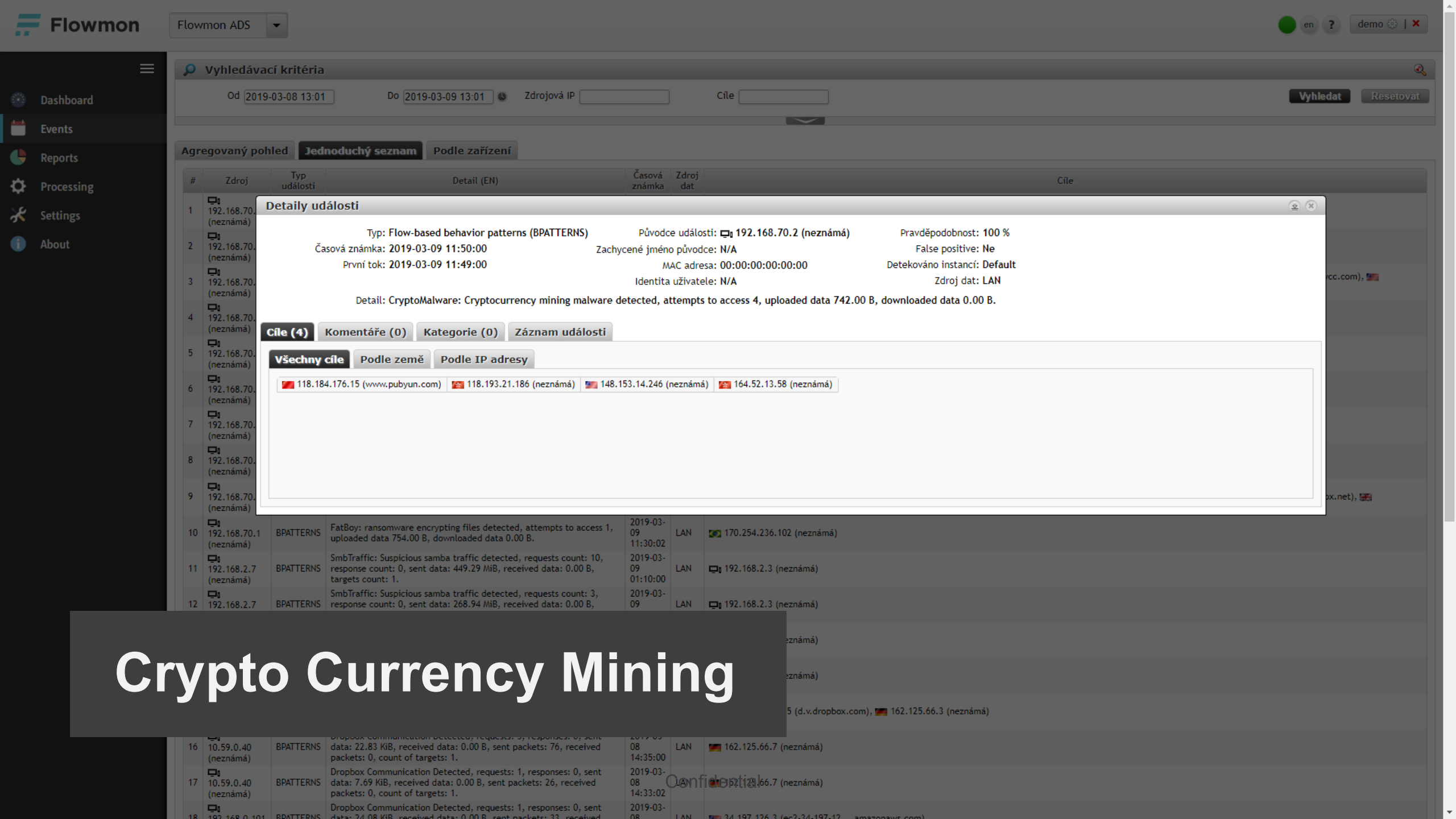
# Recent Interesting Detections?

- WannaCry in large IT infrastructure organization
- Ransomware in action encrypting X-ray images in hospital
- Data leakage via DNS (TXT queries)
- Cryptocurrency Mining on various client devices
- Attacker controlling and sniffing traffic via DHCP spoofing
- And many botnet infected devices in various industry verticals...





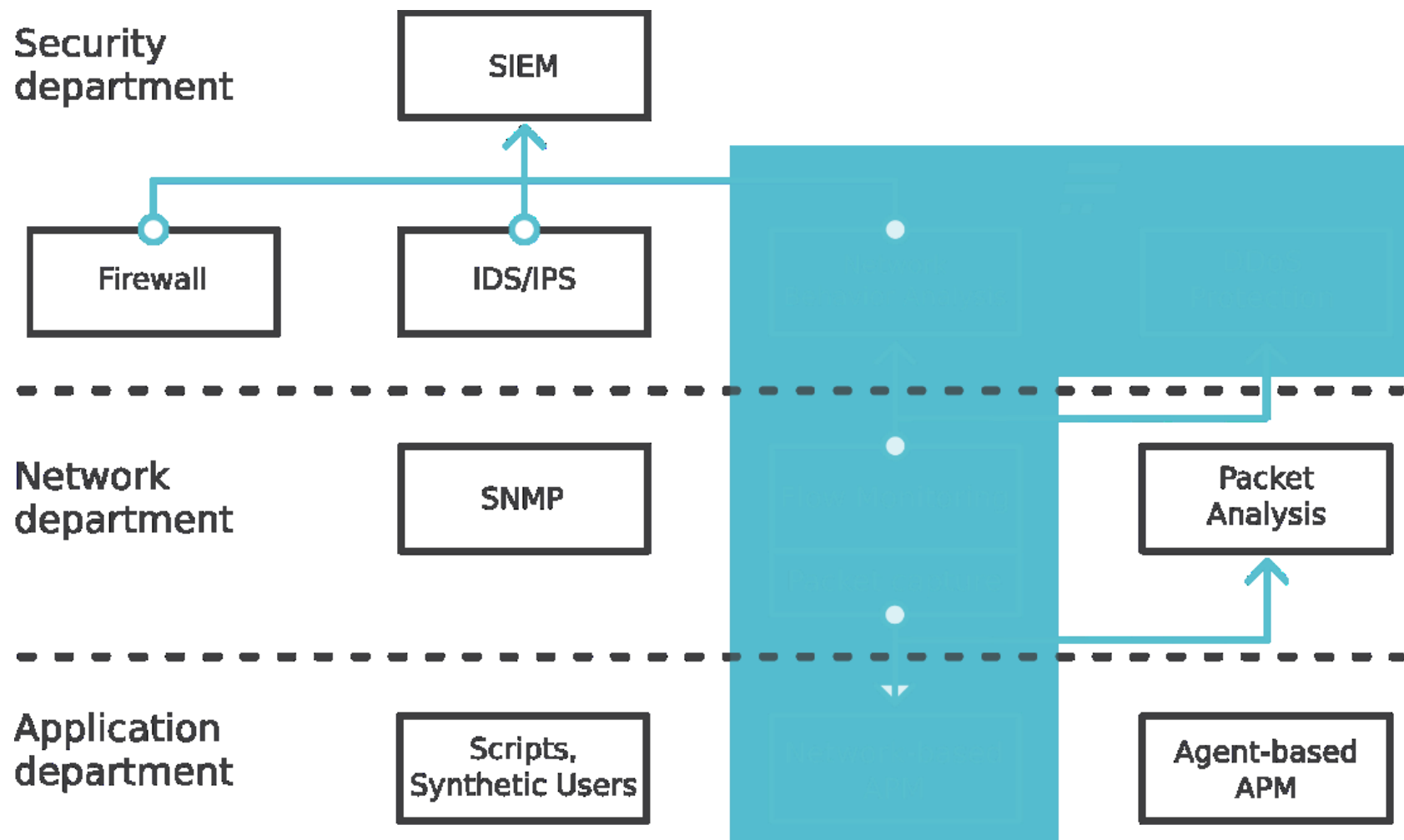
# Wanna Cry Infected Device



# Crypto Currency Mining

Confidential

# Flowmon Fit with other Tools

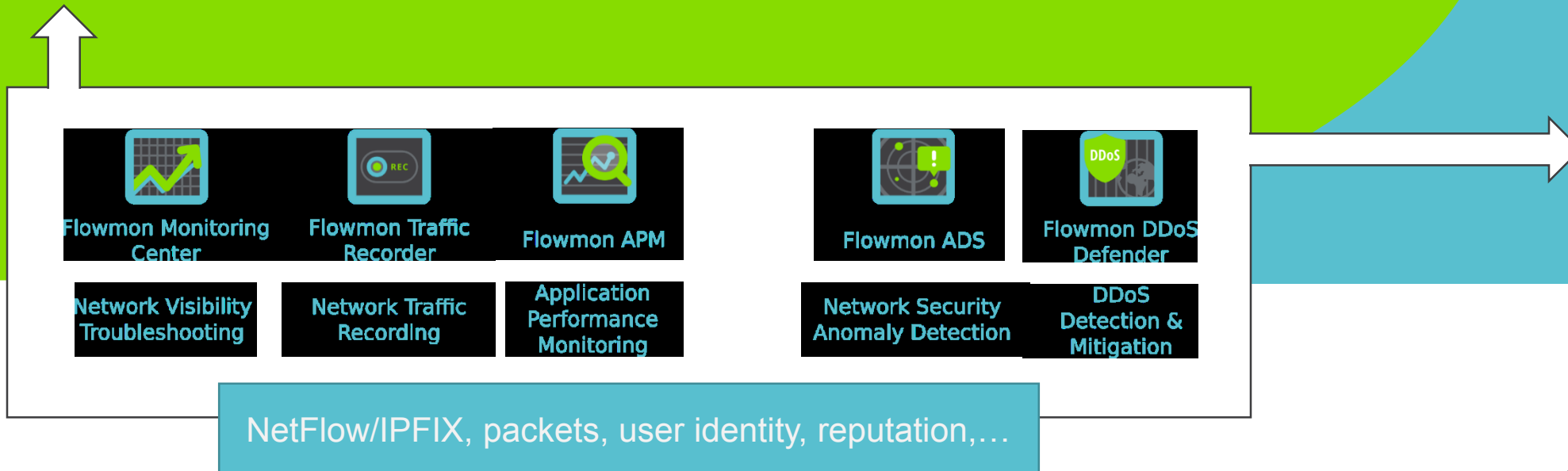


NetOps

NetSecOps shared use cases

SecOps

- Infrastructure design & deployment
- Event/incident monitoring and investigation
- Incident response
- Change management/patch management
- Policy verification/enforcement

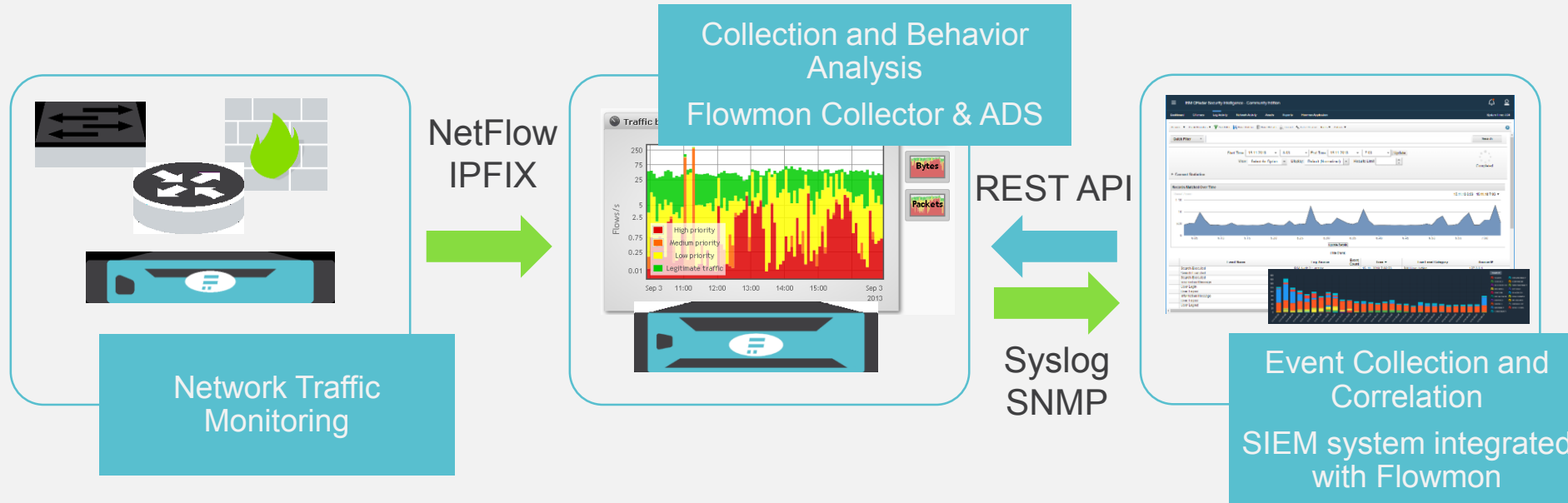




# Integration with SIEMs and Analytic Platforms

Flowmon ADS provides syslog feed of event to log management, SIEM, big data platform, incident handling or security automation tools.

These tools are only that powerful as their event sources.



# Sample Flowmon to IBM QRadar Integration

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IBM QRadar

Dashboard

Offenses

Log Activity

Network Activity

Assets

Reports

ISECO LogBook

Knowledge base

Incident response

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Flowmon Application

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System Time: 12:08

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Dashboard

Events

Flows

Event 4755031 info

Open in Flowmon

Visualisation

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Event details

ID

4755031

Flowstamp

2018-11-13 16:49:50

Time

2018-11-13 16:50:00


Type

BPATTERNS

Name

Flow-based behavior patterns

Source

 103.77.119.227

Targets

10.0.0.22

Certainty

1

Detail

TCP Null packets detected, requests: 1, responses: 0, sent data: 10.45 KIB, received data: 0.00 B, sent packets: 8, received packets: 0, count of targets: 1.

Perspectives

Security issues: 5,  
Operational issues: 2

Comments

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Falsepositive

No

Filters

Inverted DNS&DHCP MITM

Flowsource

LAN

Event evidence

Show 

10

 entries

Search in table:

Source IP address	Destination IP address	Start Time - first seen	Duration	Protocol	Source port	Destination port	Bytes	Packets	TOS (default: source)	TCP Flags	Input Src MAC addr	Output Dst MAC addr	NBAR2 App Tag
103.77.119.227	10.0.0.22	2018-11-13 16:49:50.893	0.000	TCP	0	0	10.4 K	8	Best Effort & Default	.....	00:0c:29:90:c9:bc	00:0c:29:b0:70:66	N/A

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

Close

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System Time: 12:01

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Events

Flows

Graph type: Events count

Toggle all

☒ DNSANOMALY

☒ SSHDICT

☒ ICMPANOM

☒ BITTORRENT

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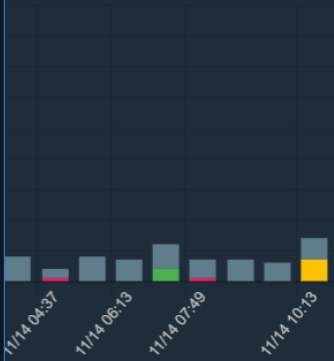
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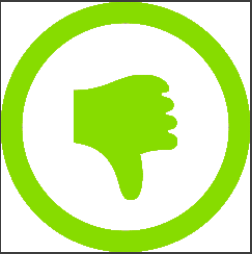
☒ L3ANOMALY



15:01:00 of type DIRINET

	Source	Count
	192.168.2.2	10
	192.168.2.3	10
	192.168.2.4	10
	192.168.2.7	9

# Real-time Detection & Response



45-250 days in average to detect an incident



Occurs when malfunction of critical service happened (NISD)



Occurs when sensitive or personal data breach (GDPR)



Detect attack, event or incident in real-time, analyze it in few minutes



Use automation processes for alerting & reporting (3<sup>rd</sup> parties integration – SIEM etc.)



Classify information automatically (based on manual data predefinition), immediate response



## Packet Analysis

Premium price, resources required, racks space and complexity of operations are major blockers for adoption.

Packet analysis tools lack to scale with bandwidth grow in corporate networks and adoption of encryption.

Too heavy for daily use and majority of use cases.



## Flowmon

Easy to use network visibility, performance monitoring and troubleshooting beyond the scope and scale of traditional infrastructure monitoring tools.

Provides in-context and in-depth understanding of both normal traffic and network anomalies in terms of incident magnitude, impact and root cause.



## SNMP Monitoring

Basic IT infrastructure monitoring to provide network, device and service status. Does not help to troubleshoot, track user experience or contribute to network security.

Infrastructure monitoring tools complement Flowmon.





is an Czech based vendor devoted to  
innovative network traffic &  
performance & security monitoring



1000+ customers  
40+ countries



First 100G probes  
in the world



Strong R&D  
background



European  
origin

## Customer references

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Allianz



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# Thank you

Performance monitoring, visibility and security  
with a single solution

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