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Why NetFlow Data Still Matters

Network flow plays a vital role in the future of network security and analysis. With more devices connecting to the Internet, networks are larger and faster than ever before. Therefore, capturing and analyzing packet capture data on a large network is often prohibitively expensive. Cisco developed NetFlow 20 years ago to reduce the amount of information collected by aggregating packets with the same IP addresses, transport ports, and protocol into a compact record. In this blog post, the SEI's Emily Sarneso explains why NetFlow is still important in an age in which the common wisdom is that more data is always better. Moreover, NetFlow will become even more important in the next few years as communications become more opaque with the development of new protocols that encrypt payloads by default.

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