Wish List

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Suggestions for the evaluation sheet

- Topics for future FloCon
  - Want to help organize the next one?
- Other organizations/individuals that should be involved
- Need for a discussion group (netflo@cert.org)

JTF,
DoE thread in the DoE security conference – add research from DoE labs
U. Of Ill. – cisco wants to be involved. ARGUS developers
CAIDA – program committee format. Not one organization. More operational folkes ATT Sprint, etc.
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LE FBI. Nanog – ISP SEC BoF
ACSAC – Dec conference on collecting network data. Offered on the Tues of ACSAC
Webcast? – not usually done.
Moving too fast to wait a year.
Tech exchanges with regionals
Good group and open discussions between sessions
Architecture session – everyone gets 5 minutes to present
Ask for a 2 page position paper. Forms a proceedings.
What do you want from Netflow?

- Distribution of flags
- Payload hash
- Start/End packet
- IPV6
- MPLS
- Eval network changes on netflow implementation
- IP packet frags
- Sizing characterization (mean/packets vs packet size)
- Methods of data reduction (sampling, compression, etc)
- ICMP data
What can be shared?

- What’s in the “too hard” category
  - Raw data with specific intrusions against our infrastructure
  - Meta data exposing vulnerabilities on specific machines
- What can be shared beyond data
  - Tools
  - Techniques
  - Insights
  - Internet-level activity
  - “normal” indicators

Typical use/sharing policies (library of popular ones)
Obfuscation techniques (without destroying the utility of analysis – may be in the too hard list).
Bad lists/top hit lists/top “n” lists
Spikes (security portal for port/packet volumes)
Queries (to an oracle)
Representations of what you’re not seeing (filter rules)
Algorithms we can run on summary data (merging data queries)
How to share others data that shows up in your collection.
Time factors (real time vs historical)
Common modal failures
Attribution information (whois type data) meta data – perhaps all who have the need can make a contribution.
Accurate Geo-location information (techniques, methods, etc – false flag issue, practice, triangulation of multiple sources).
Visualization tools – tool demo session (for workshop?)
CISCO efforts for certs in packets (user to service to server authentication) tracked in Netflow.
Practices (where they can be shared)
Protocols to observe (BGP, etc)
Find more protocols of interest – identify the individuals to the group
What common tools do we all need?

• Pointer to available tools
• Missing tools
• Prototypes of new analysis techniques
• Visualization tools
• Libraries/queries

Place for people to make comments. Usage and other information.
Domain knowledge to reference.
User interface/easily used flow tools. Faster ramp-up time. Automating low-hanging fruit to make easily tracked traffic automated. Build to more sophisticated environments. “65% of all inbound traffic hitting the router is blaster.” Reporting tools. Results that can be understood by sponsors. Goal to change the policy. For DoD, DoE, other… need value that netflow is bringing compared to other technologies. Why to invest?
Share to survive the program. ROI and network situational awareness.
Integration of these tools (framework?)
Issues:
  - New analysts (mchugh to share tutorial). KB pulled together. Language related to netflow terminology (ala google).
  - Managers up to speed
  - Making a general case
Secure portal to get results on your data from others.
Set of specific examples of interesting behavior.
Compare and contrast CISCO netflow with ARGUS and others.
Low level analysts quickly trained on other environments (e.g., PNNL)
KB for analyst to share ideas and results (success results and how that was achieved).
Understand the impact.
Pictures. Marketing strategy for selling netflow results. Translation to english.
People (sharing)?
What common data do we all need?

- **Meta-Data**
  - Whois historical data
  - Routing data (BGP, traceroute, etc)

- **“Normal” samples**
  - Traffic patterns and samples from standard servers
  - Normal workstation traffic
  - Acceptable scanning/walking activity

- **Internet-wide intrusive activity**
  - Flows sampled from popular worms
  - Other flows representing identified behavior

People sharing leads to much greater data trust.

Examples of interesting behavior – scripts and visualizations.

How to continue conversations with legal? Need a practical context to ask questions. Test cases. Come up with an interesting scenario, but be less abstract.