Deep Packet Inspection
深度封包檢測

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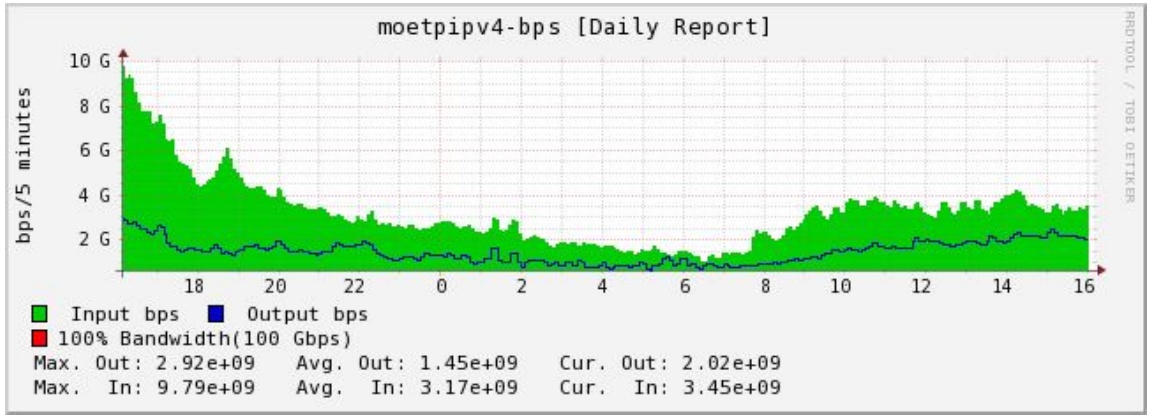
Background

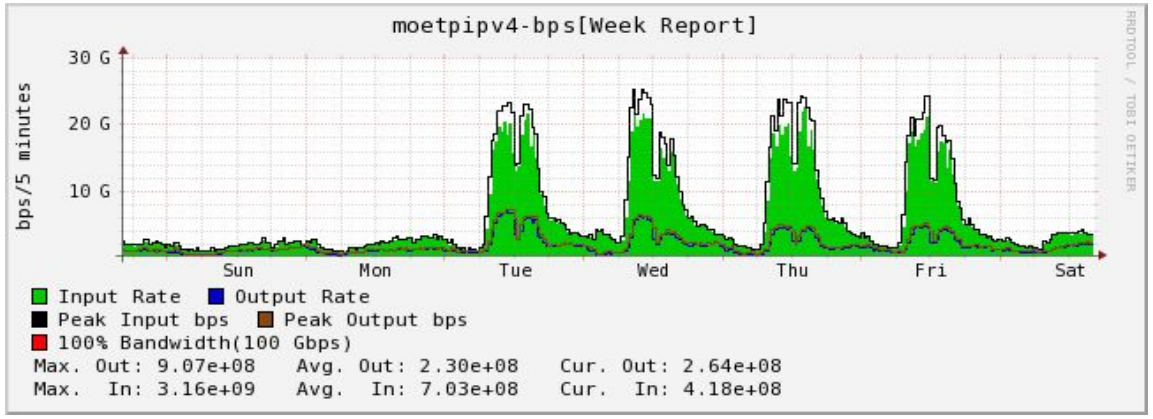
- Flow Analysis
  - How can I know the “Detail and Real-Time” situation of my network?
  - How can I do “Load Balance” job among the Outgoing Links?
  - How can I know the destination sites every “IP Block” belong to my network go to and the percentage of “Application” included on those flow?
  - How can I know “Who” connect to my network from outside? Is it attacking?
  - How I can estimate the “Growth” of my network?

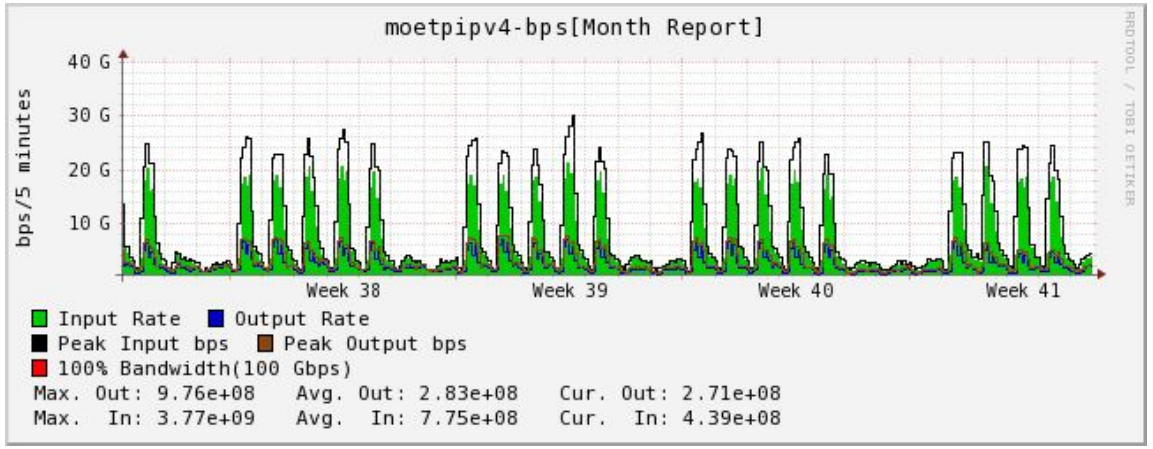
Background

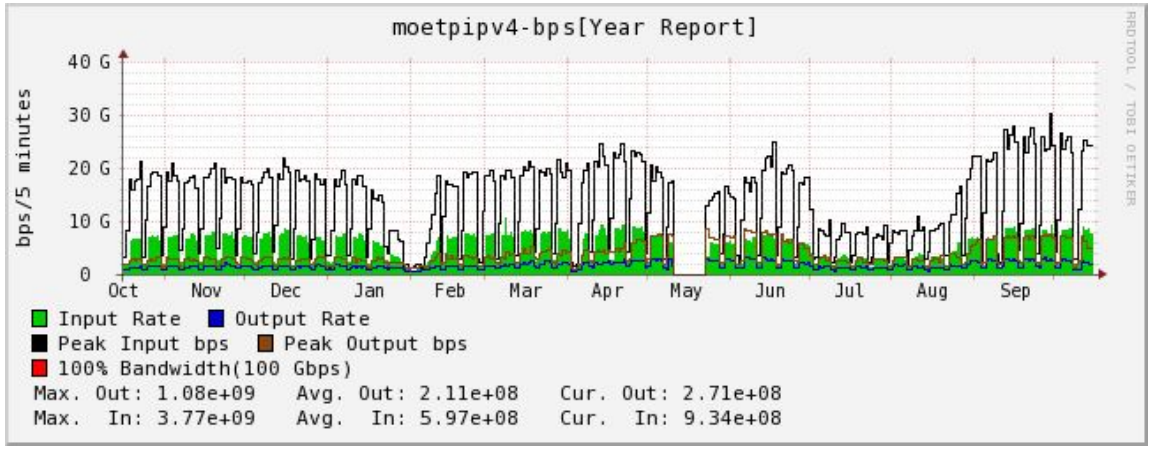
- Flow Analysis Techniques
  - Multi Router Traffic Grapher (MRTG)
  - Remote Network Monitoring (RMON)
    - enables various network monitors and console systems to exchange network-monitoring data
  - Cisco Netflow
  - Wireshark

Background – NCCU.edu.tw MRTG









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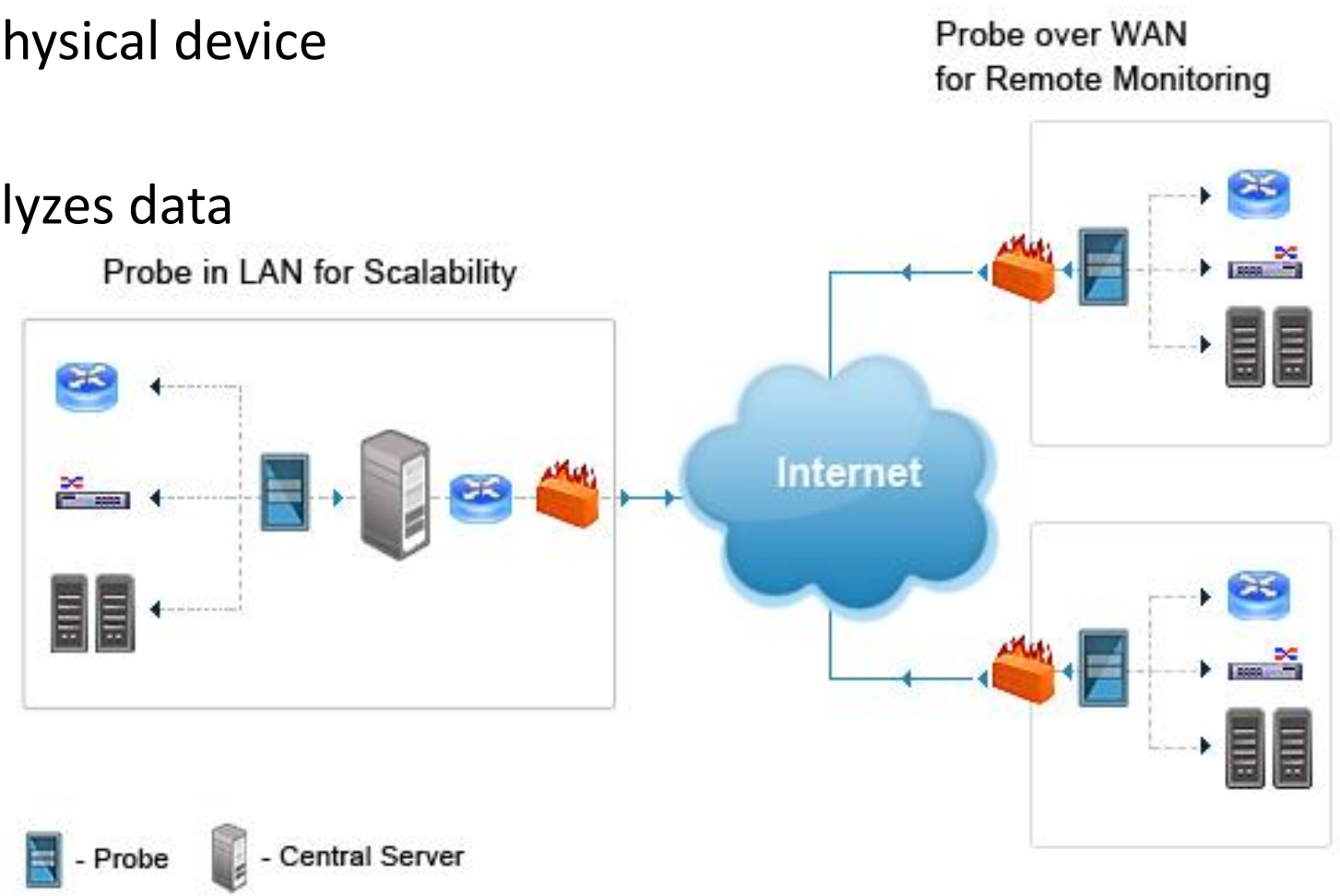
RMON: Remote Network Monitoring

- RMON Probe
  - Data gatherer - a physical device
- Data analyzer
  - Processor that analyzes data



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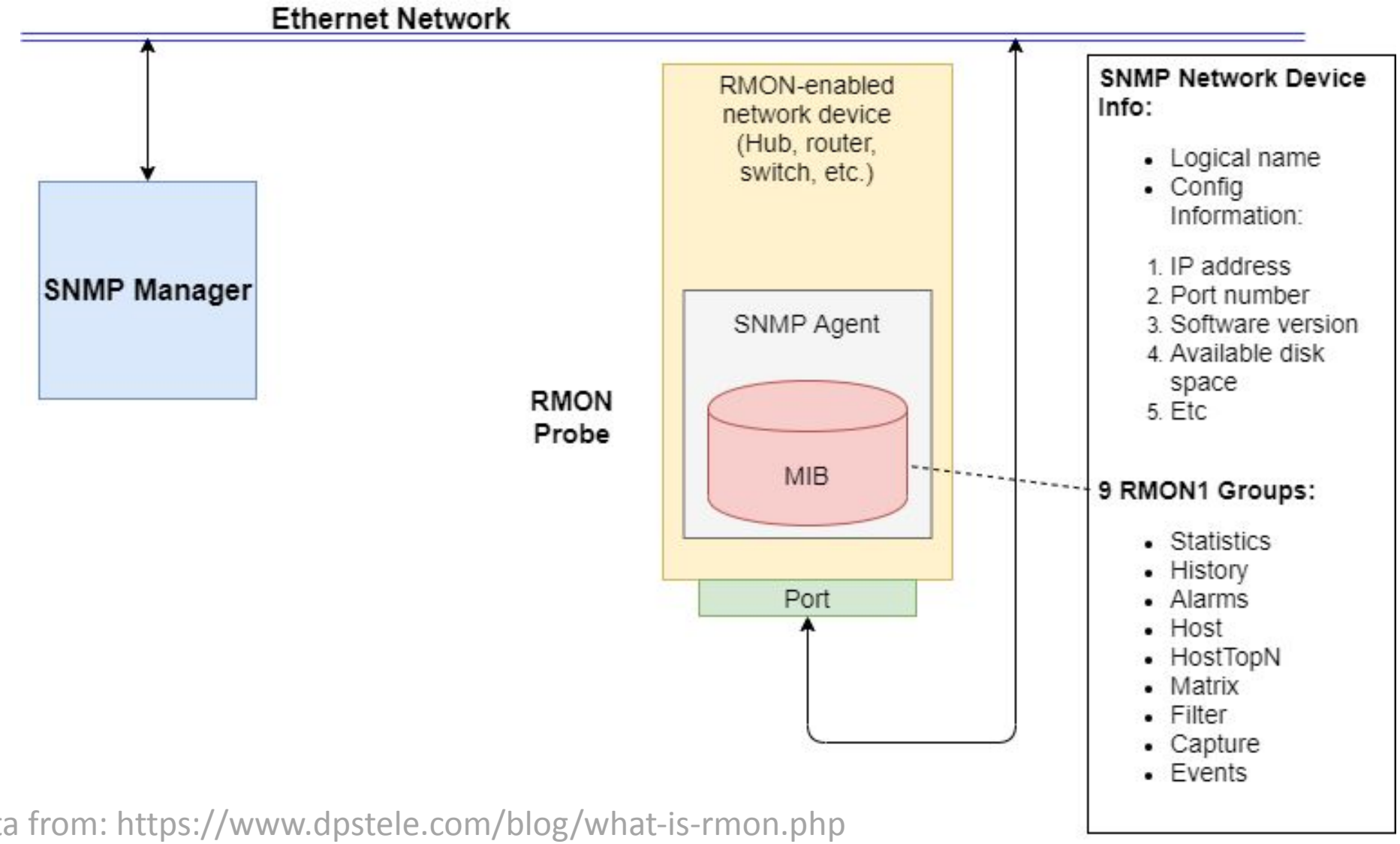
Network with RMONs



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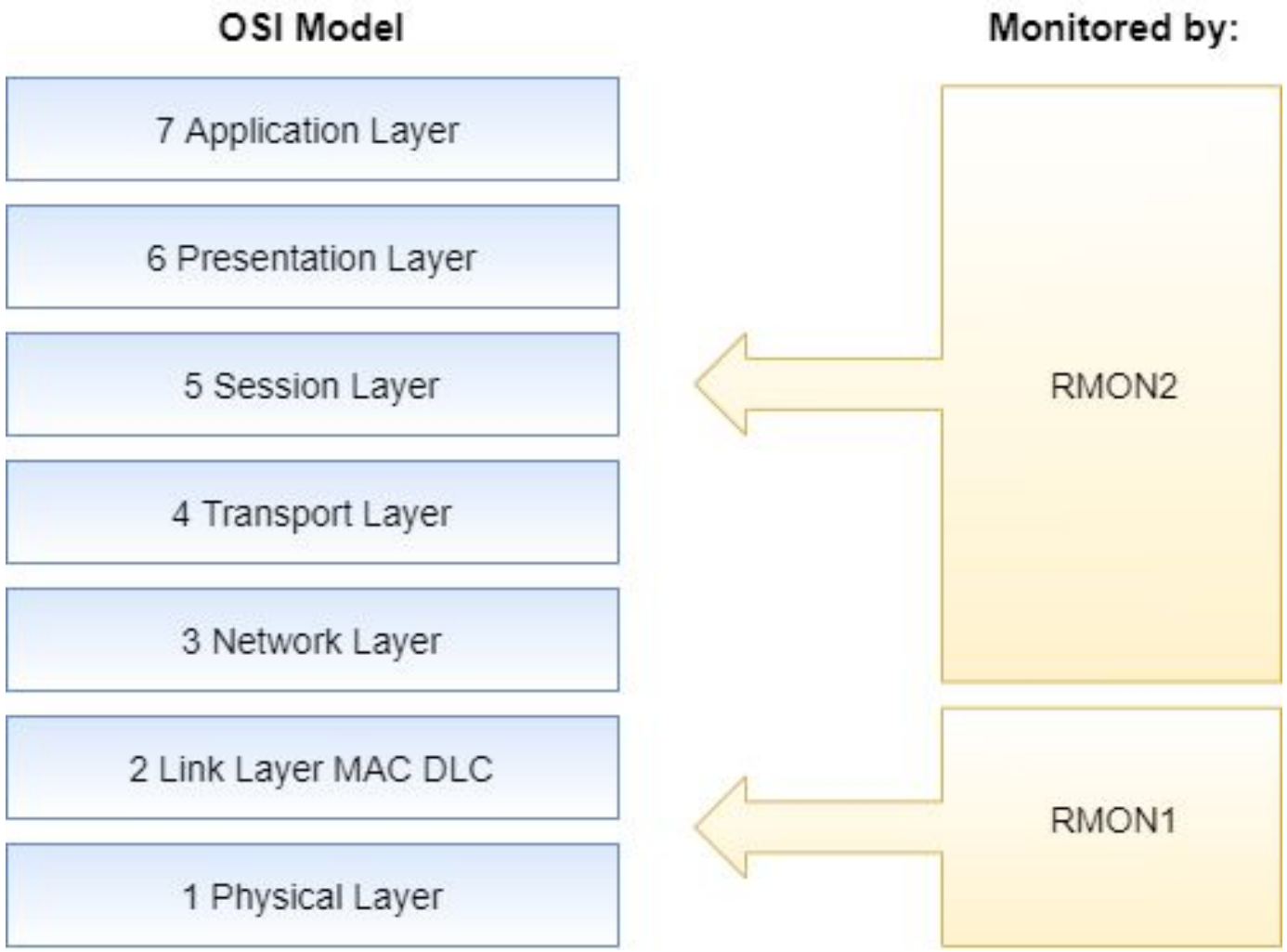
RMON1 vs RMON2



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Remote Network Monitoring Goals

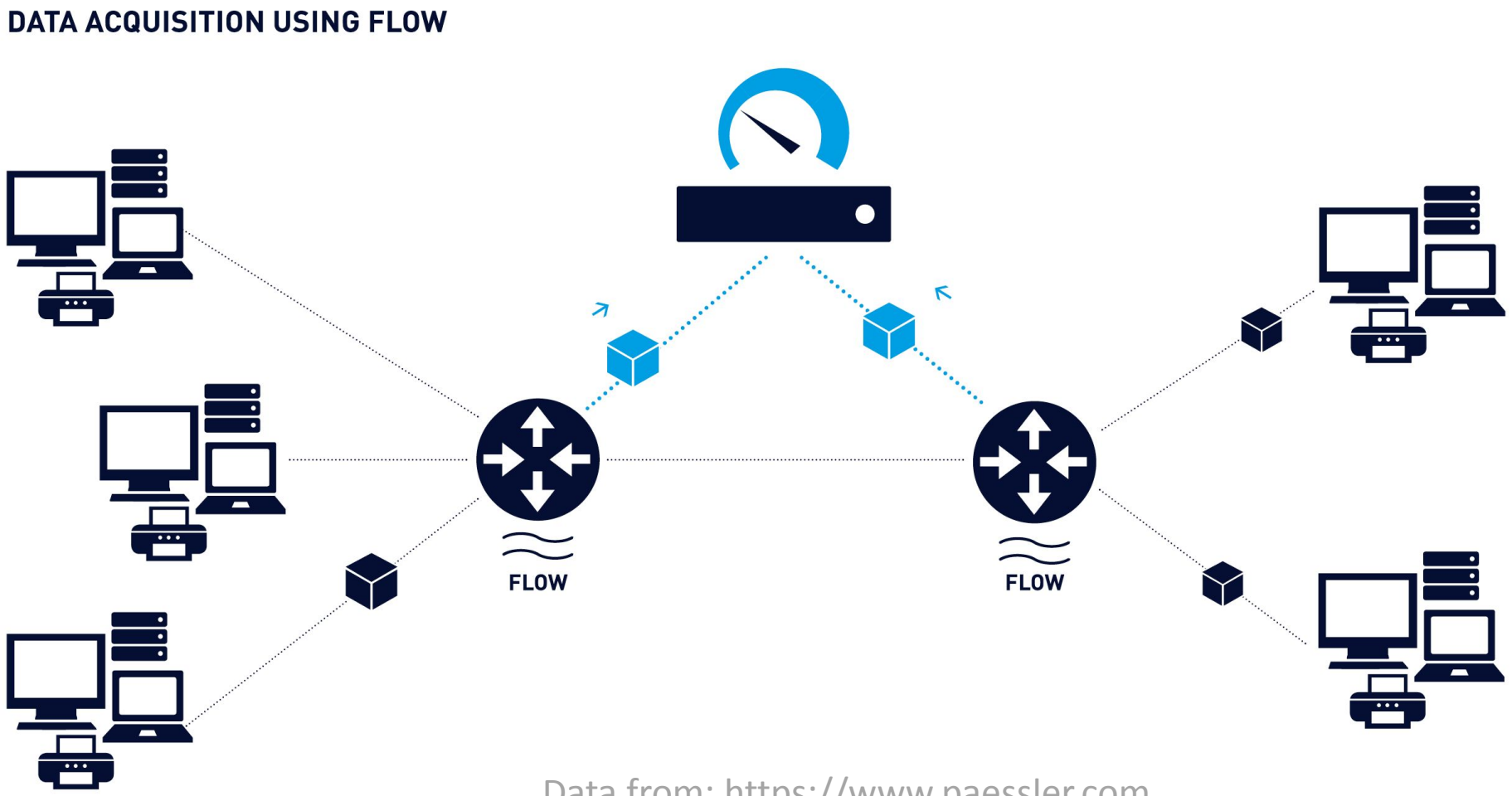
- Offline Operation
  - Perform diagnostics and to collect statistics continuously, even when communication with the management station may not be possible or efficient.
- Proactive Monitoring
  - Continuously run diagnostics and log network performance.
- Problem Detection and Reporting
  - Given conditions, the probe continuously to check for them.
  - If there any condition occurs, notify the manager.
- Value Added Data
  - Who generate the most traffic or errors, …
- Multiple Managers

Remote Network Monitoring Benefits

- Monitors and analyzes locally and relays data;
  Less load on the network
- Needs no direct visibility by NMS;
  More reliable information
- Permits monitoring on a more frequent basis
  and hence faster fault diagnosis
- Increases productivity for administrators

Netflow by Cisco

Netflow: collect IP network traffic as it enters an interface



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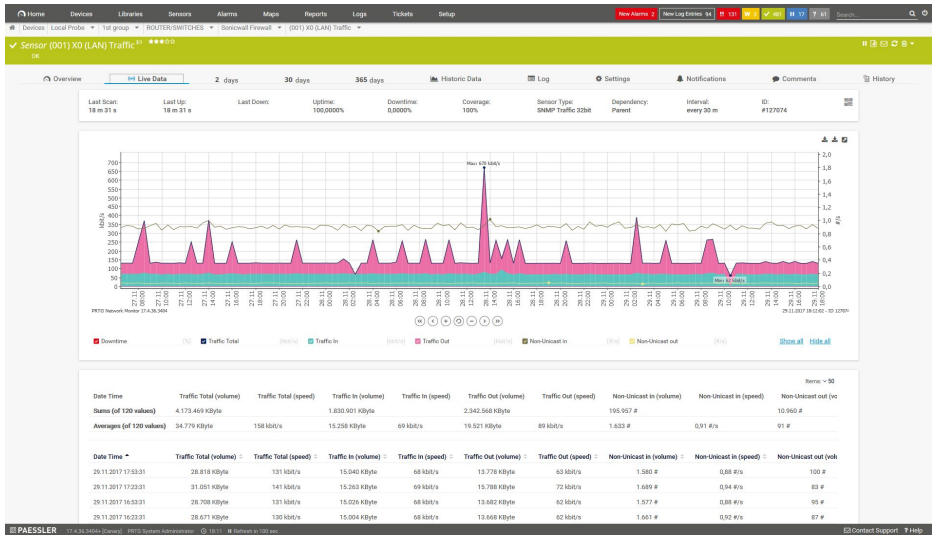
Netflow collected information

- The following information can be obtained from Netflow packets
  - Source and Destination addresses
  - Input and Output interface numbers
  - Source and Destination port numbers
  - Layer 4 protocol
  - Number of packets in the flow
  - Total Bytes in the flow
  - Time stamp in the flow
  - Source and Destination autonomous system (AS) number
  - TCP_Flag and Type of Service (ToS)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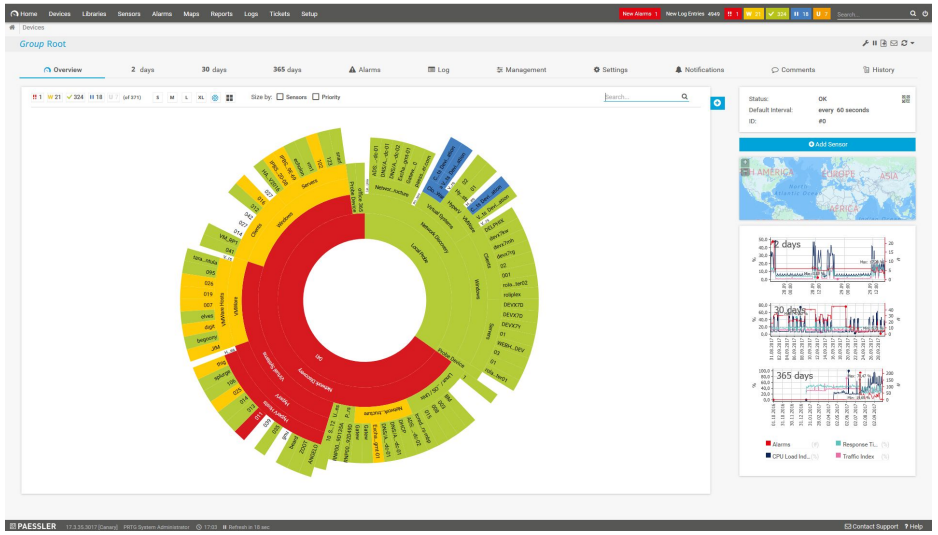
History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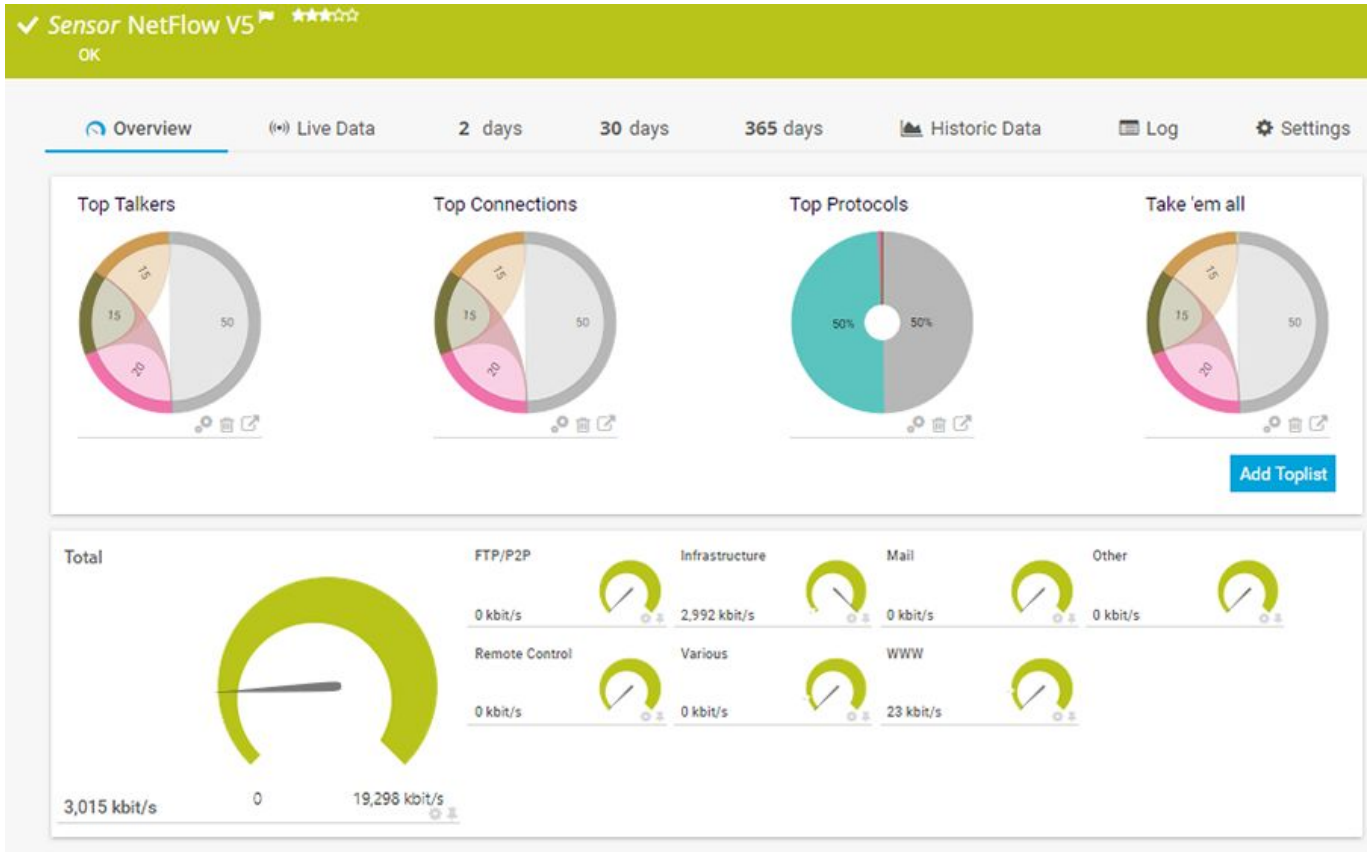
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Other
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Remote Control
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Various
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WWW
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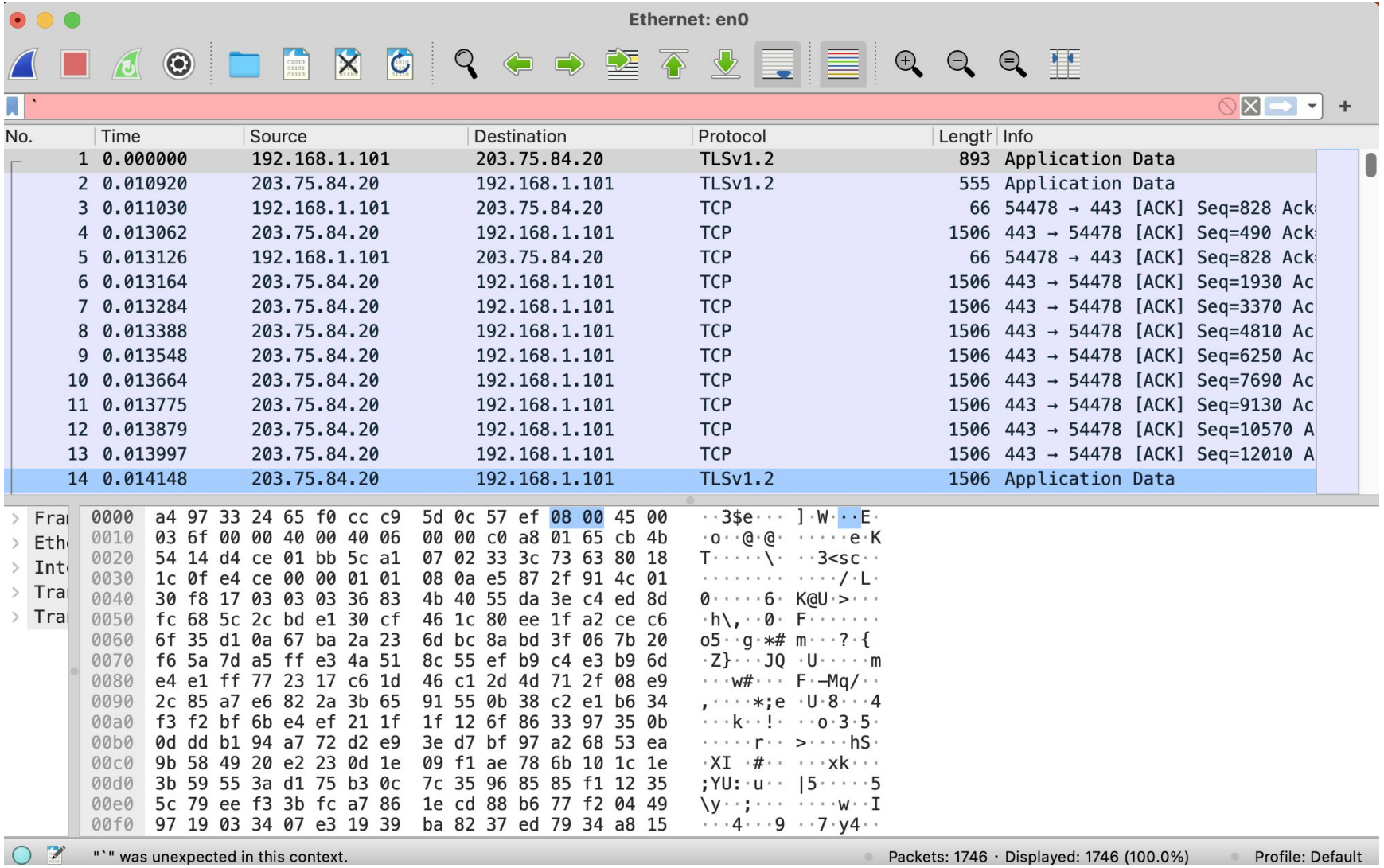
Wireshark

- Packet analyser / traffic sniffer
- Open-source
- Cross-platform
- Fancy GUI
- https://www.wireshark.org/

Wireshark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0020 54 14 d4 ce 01 bb 5c a1 07 02 33 3c 73 63 80 18
0030 1c 0f e4 ce 00 00 01 01 08 0a e5 87 2f 91 4c 01
0040 30 f8 17 03 03 03 36 83 4b 40 55 da 3e c4 ed 8d
0050 fc 68 5c 2c bd e1 30 cf 46 1c 80 ee 1f a2 ce c6
0060 6f 35 d1 0a 67 ba 2a 23 6d bc 8a bd 3f 06 7b 20
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00d0 3b 59 55 3a d1 75 b3 0c 7c 35 96 85 85 f1 12 35
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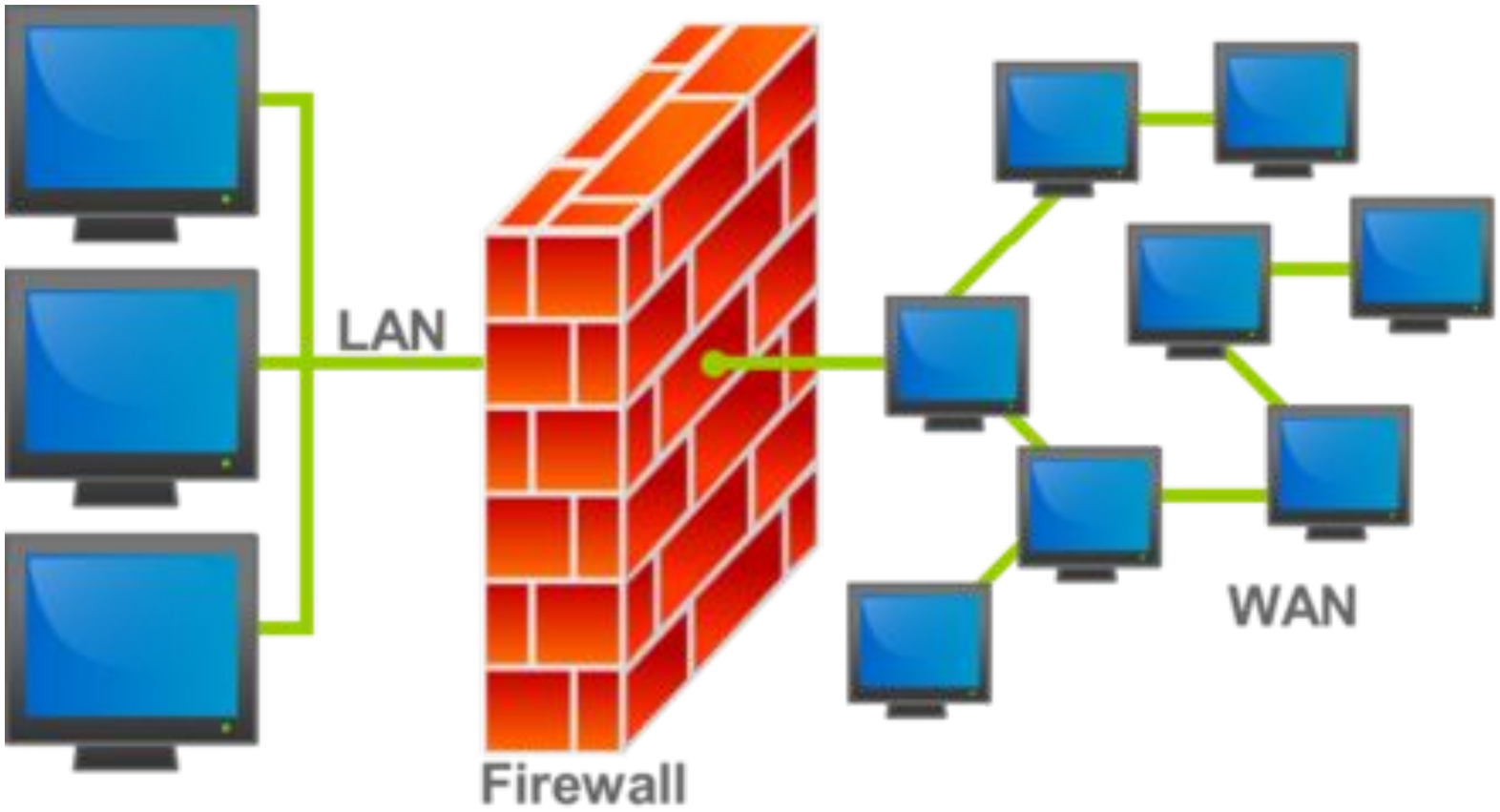
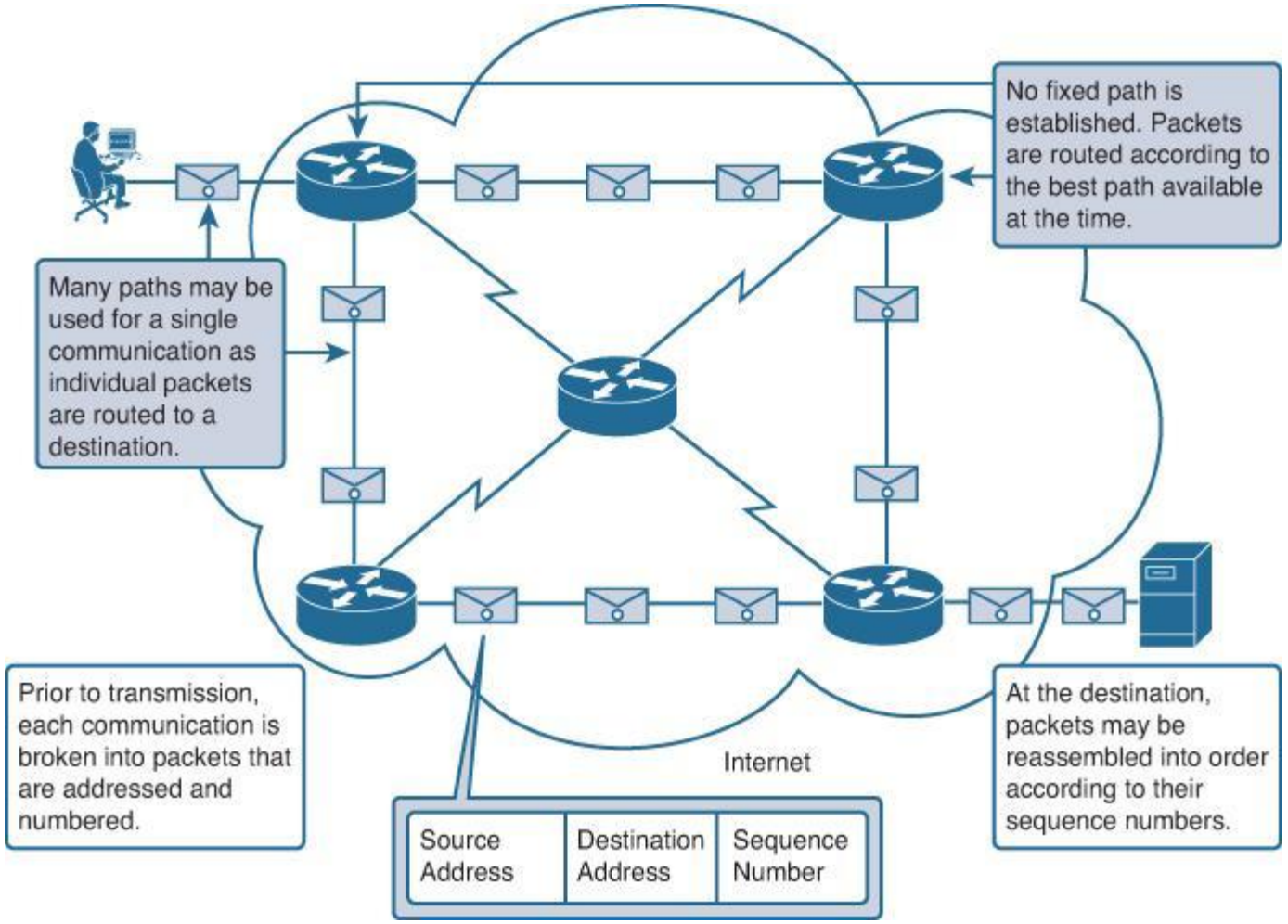
Stateful Packet Inspection (SPI)

Firewall



Packet-Switched Network



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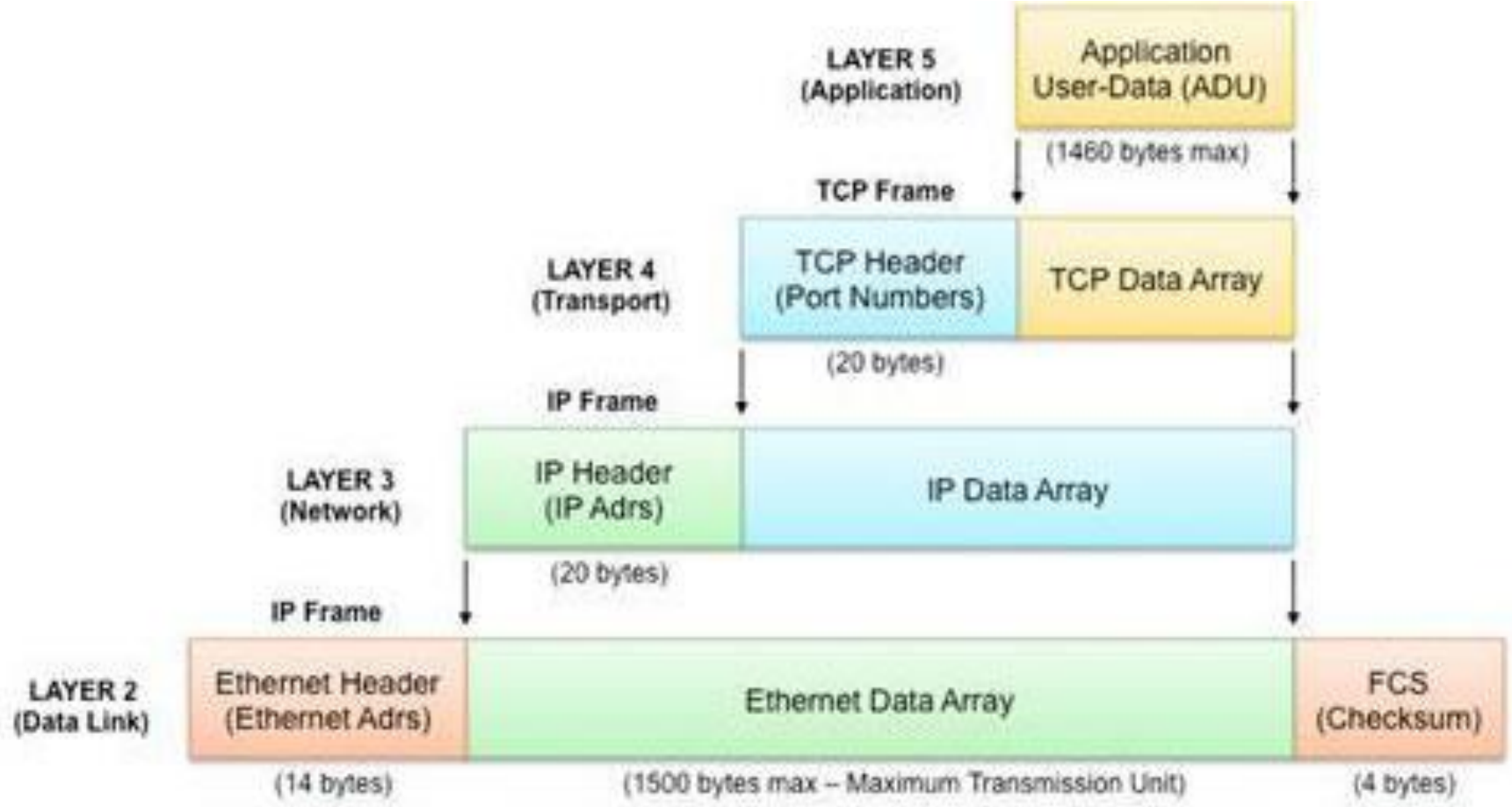
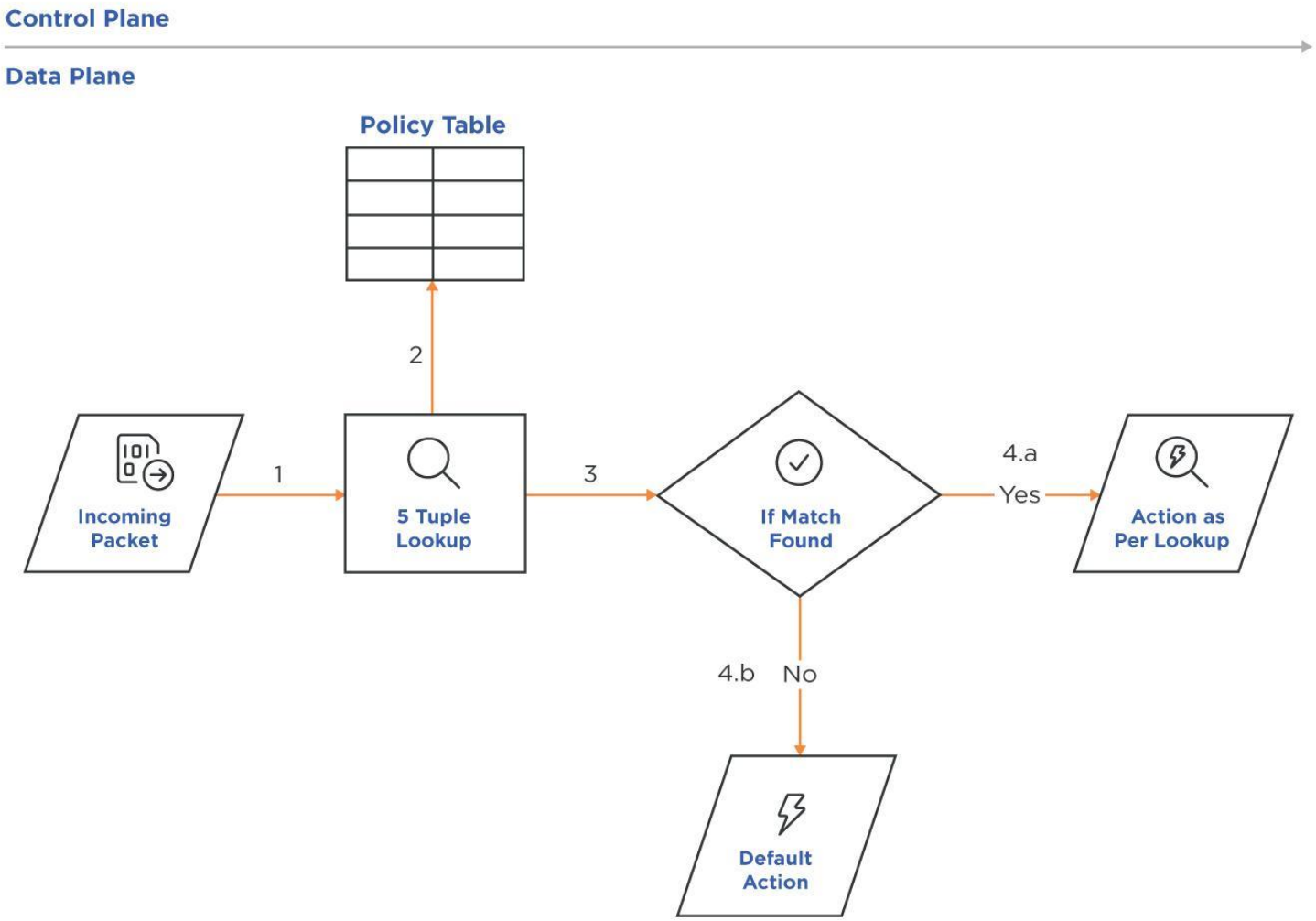
TCP/IP Packets



Connections

- Metadata
  - IP address and port of source and destination endpoints
  - Last packet received time for handling idle connections
  - Packet length
  - Layer 4 TCP sequence numbers and flags
  - Layer 3 data related to fragmentation and reassembly to identify session for the fragmented packet, etc.

Stateless Packet Inspection Firewall



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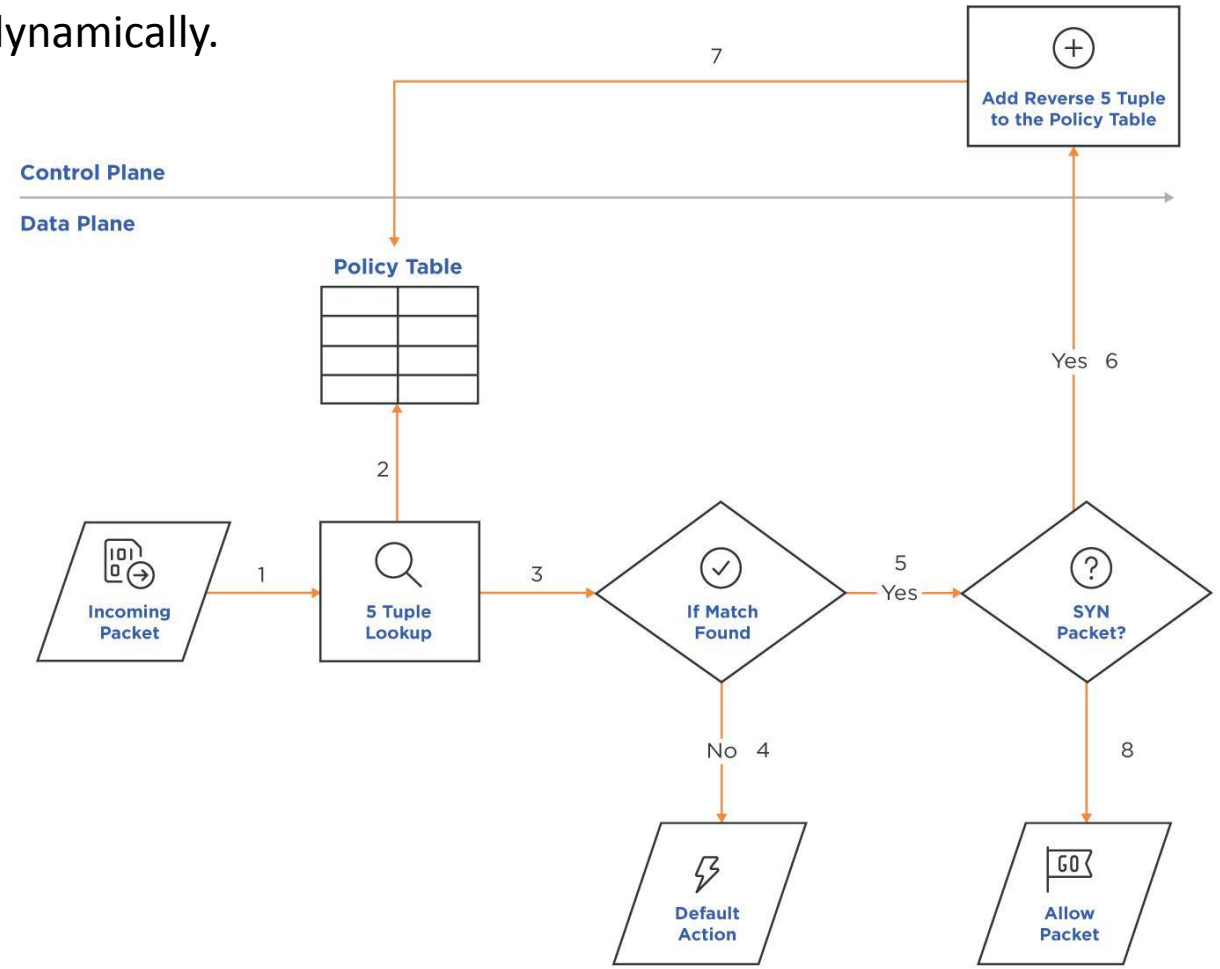
Pros & Cons of Stateless Packet Inspection

- Pros
  - Less resource intensive
  - static packet data and policy table
    - the amount of CPU and memory resources required to do the lookup is low.
  - no increased latency
    - Additional processing adds no-to-minimal overhead latency
- Cons
  - Limited filtering
    - using low fidelity data from the firewall which provides limited filtering capability.
  - ACL configuration:
    - Hard to configure and manage large ACLs.

Reflexive firewall

- whitelist return traffic dynamically.



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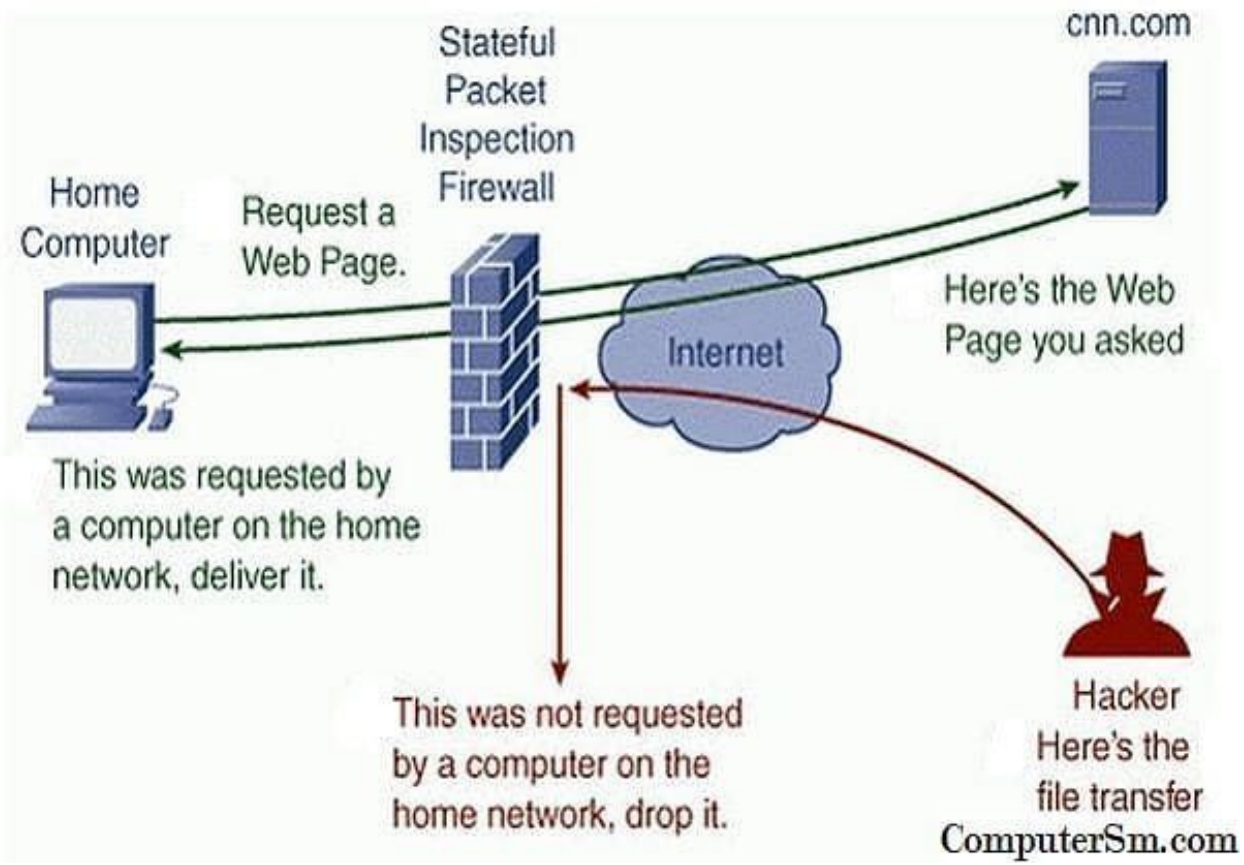
Stateful Packet Inspection firewall

- protects devices by checking incoming packets against existing connections.



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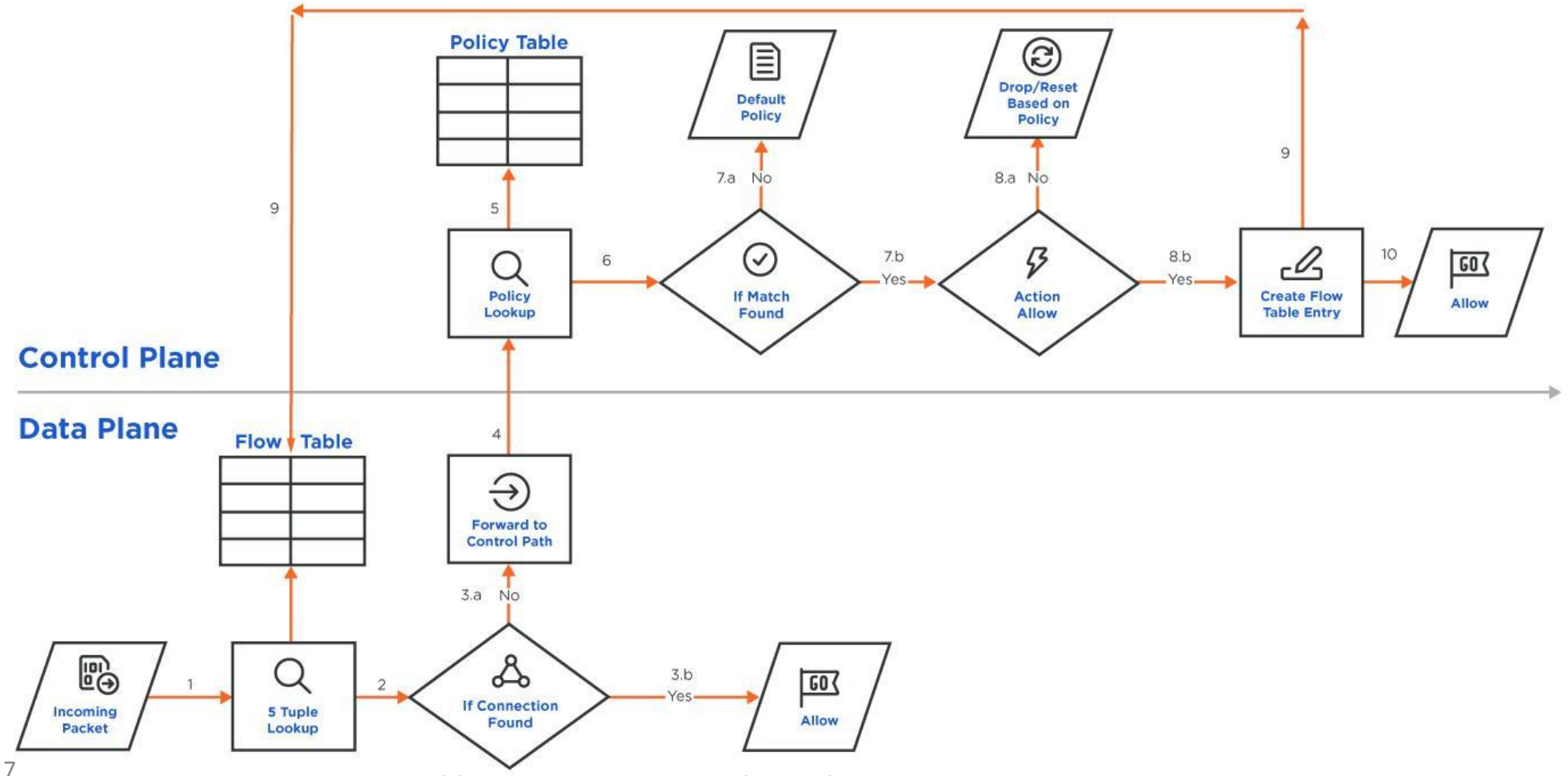
Stateful Packet Inspection Firewall

- 5-tuple lookup
  - source IP, source port, destination IP, destination port, protocol) in a flow table to find a match
- Fast path / data plane processing
  - layer 3 IP sanitation check to avoid fragmentation & reassembly based attack
  - layer 4 check to prevent attacks like spoofing, DOS, etc.
  - layer 7: Application Layer Gateways (ALGs)
- Slow path / control panel processing:
  - new connections
  - needs additional policy checks
- Policy lookup:
  - using the STATE + CONTEXT of the connection.
  - ALLOW, DENY or RESET.

Stateful Packet Inspection firewall



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Pros and Cons of Stateful Packet Inspection

- Pros
  - Higher protection.
  - More advanced.
  - Configuring capability of network flow.
  - Complex protocols like FTP, P2P protocols, etc.
- Cons
  - Processing power
    - do additional checks to provide more security.

Deep Packet Inspection

What's Deep Packet Inspection?

Stateful Packet Inspection

Stateful packet inspection looks at the header and footer of a packet.

Deep Packet Inspection

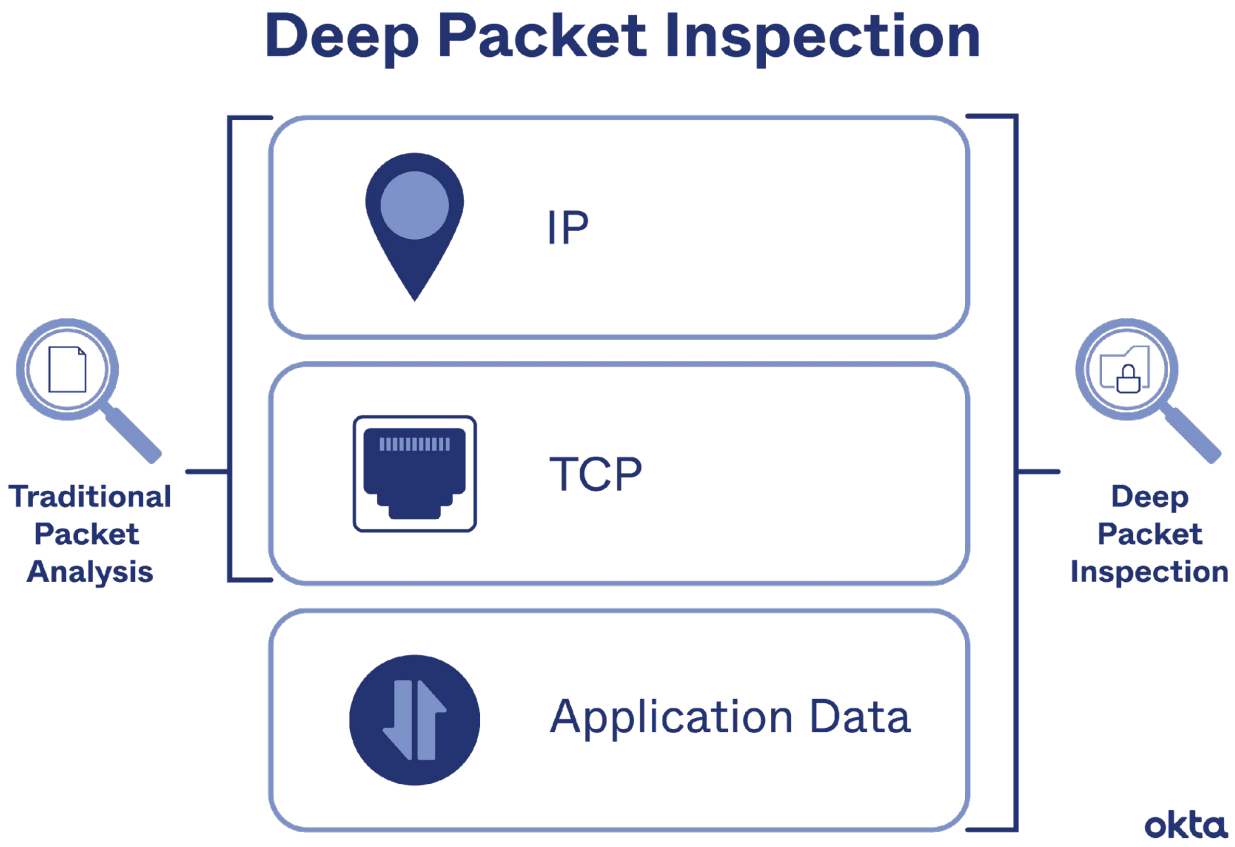
Deep packet inspection examines the data part of a packet.

Data from: https://devopedia.org/deep-packet-inspection

Deep packet inspection versus conventional packet filtering

- Conventional packet filtering
  - only reads the header information of each packet
  - similar to reading the title of a book, without awareness or evaluation of the content inside the cover
  - Firewalls had very little processing power, and it was not enough to handle large volumes of packets
- Deep packet inspection
  - picking up a book, cracking it open, and reading it from cover to cover.

What’s Deep Packet Inspection?



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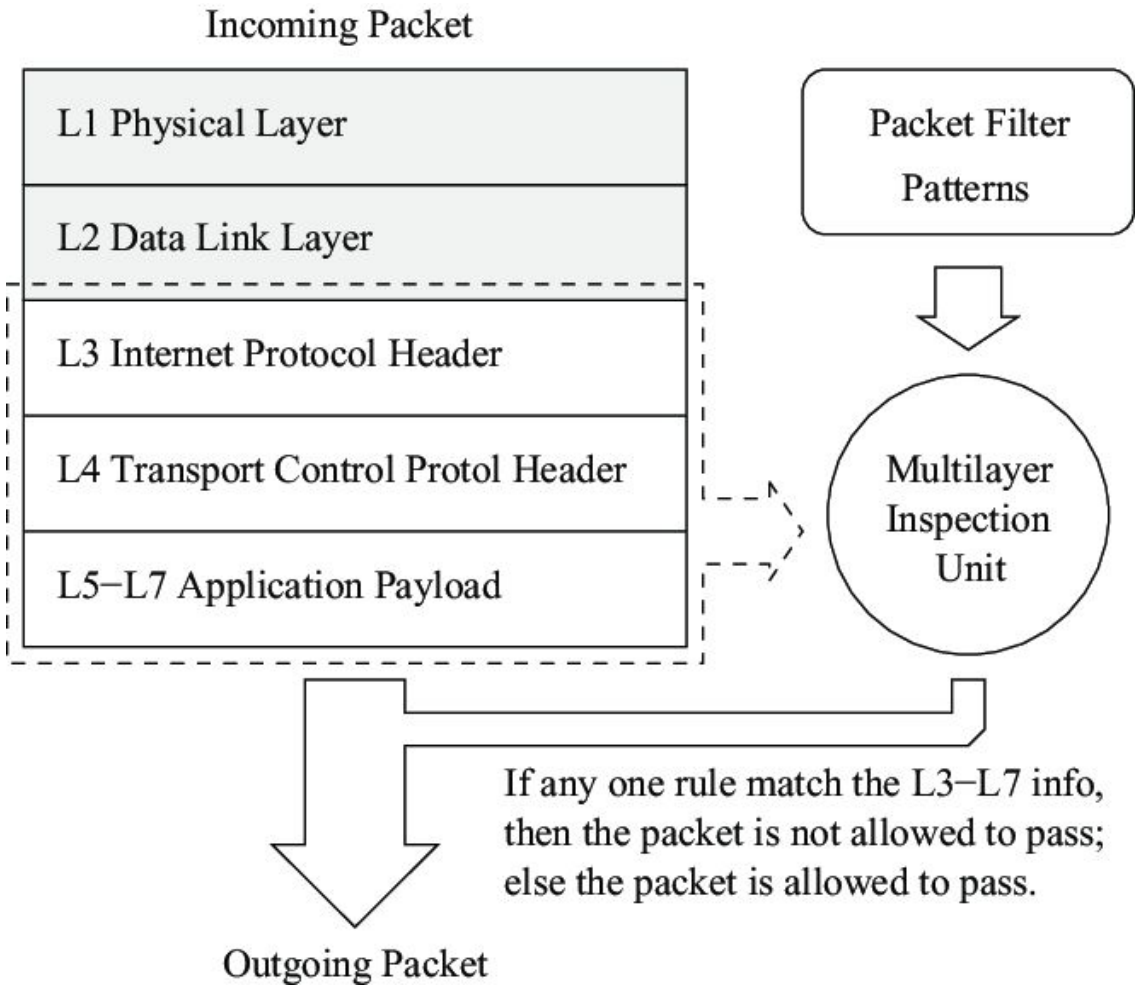
Incoming Packet filtering in DPI



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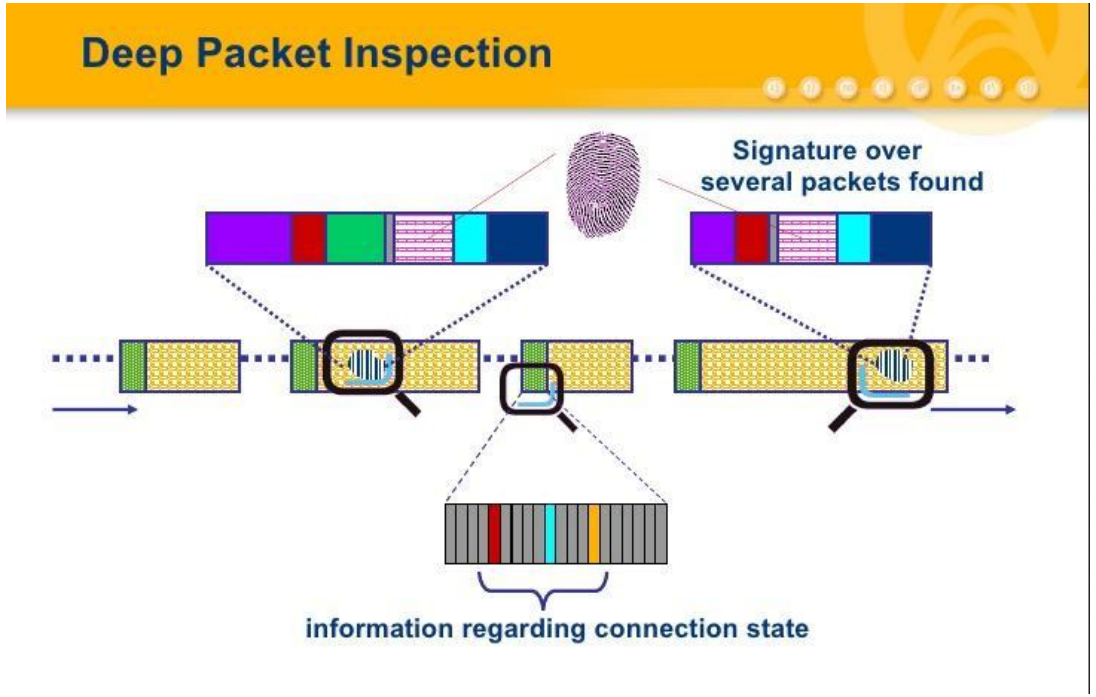
How does DPI works?

- Flow tracking
  - 5-tuple identifier (SRC-IP, DEST-IP, SRC-PORT, DEST-PORT, PROTOCOL).
- Pattern matching
  - matching applications/protocols to their most common/standard ports.
    - ex. BitTorrent uses the TCP ports 6881-6889 by default.
  - some applications can ride on standard ports fooling detection systems.
    - Skype used TCP port 80/443 when its normal ports are blocked.

How does DPI works?

- **Signature Matching**
  - still some strings or patterns that may be recognizable in such applications.
    - old Skype begins with “80 46 01 03 …”.
  - applications are constantly updated new signatures.



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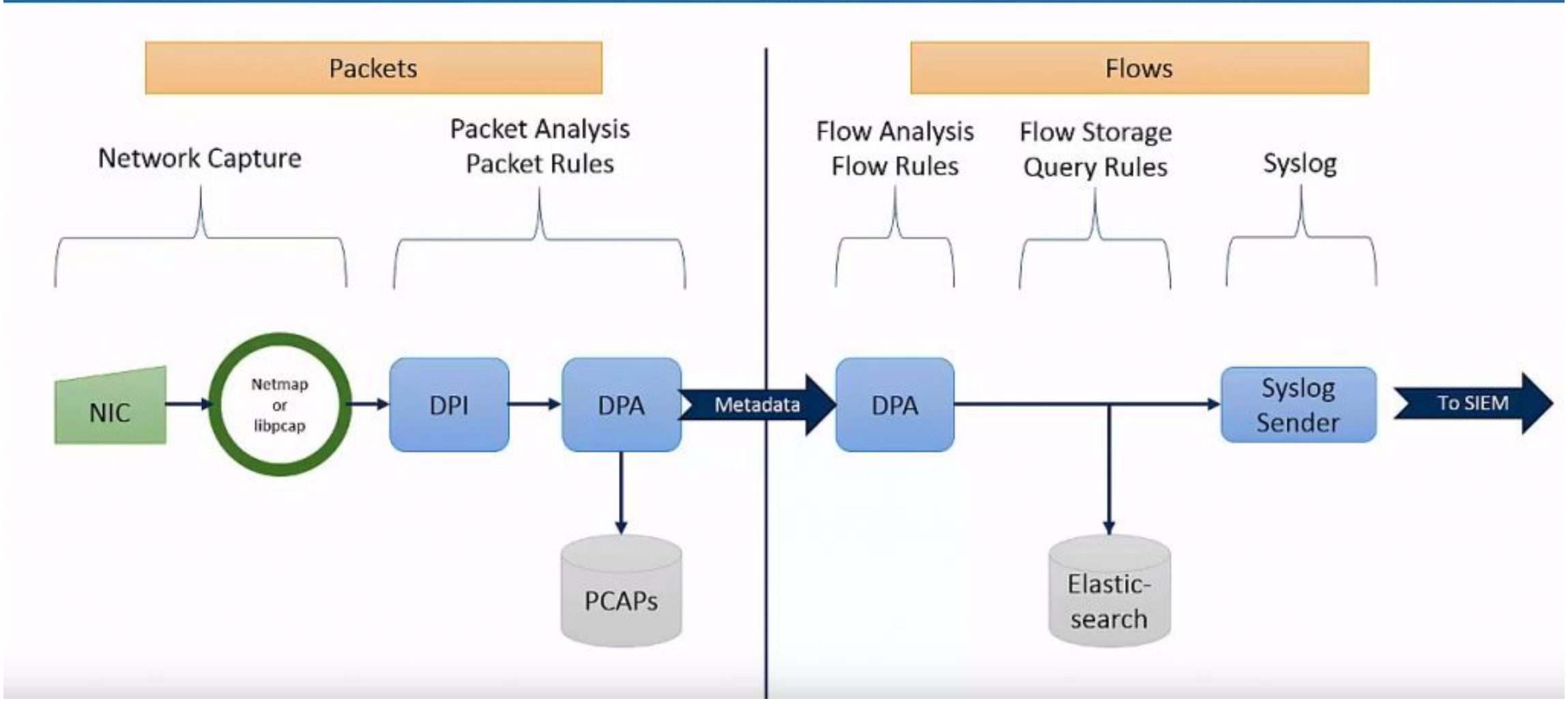
Life of Packets and Flows

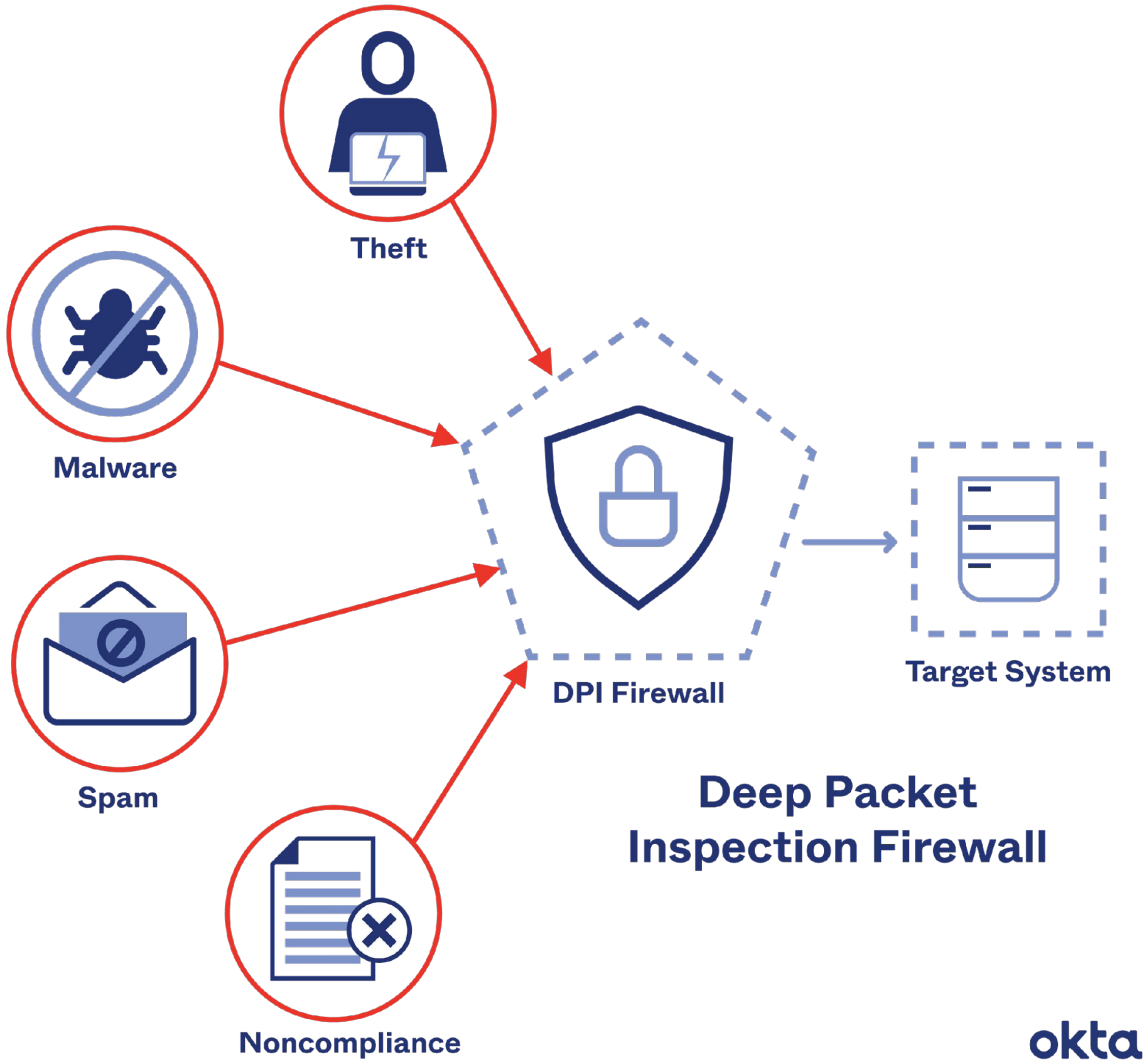


How does DPI works?

- **Heuristic and Behavior Analysis**
  - measuring packet sizes, flow rate per application.
    - Voice over IP (VoIP) starts with session initiation and then many small-sized UDP packets.
  - newer forms of detection are being developed especially those that rely on Machine Learning (ML) and Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- a mixture of these techniques can improve detection and increase accuracy
- Deny by default
  - restricting traffic to only what is necessary.
- System defaults
  - present DPI network rules.

Why DPI?

- Network and Endpoint Security
  - identify malicious traffic
  - prevent attacks caused by viruses, worms, ransomware, and so on.
  - similar to how antivirus programs work on end devices.
- Data Loss Prevention (DLP)
  - prevent sensitive information from leaving a company's network.



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Possible misuses of DPI

- QoS/Traffic Shaping
  - ISPs are able to “snoop” into the contents of the traffic flowing
  - ISP may perform traffic shaping
    - limit user’s download rate with large files.
- Behavioral targeting (BT)
  - harvesting user information anonymously (supposedly)
  - create ads that are targeted to the individual.

What are common uses and applications of deep packet inspection?

- SolarWinds Network Performance Monitor
- Paessler Packet Sniffing with PRTG
- oPManager
- nDPI
- Netifyd
- AppNeta
- NetFort LANGuardian

SolarWinds Network Performance Monitor Features

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Fully functional for 30 days

Starts at 1,638.

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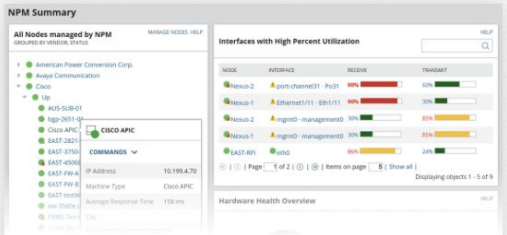
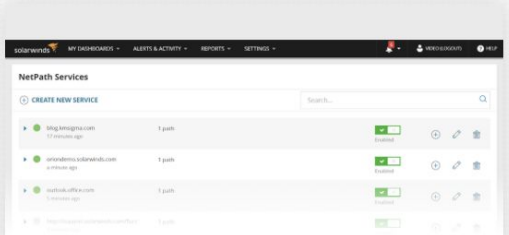


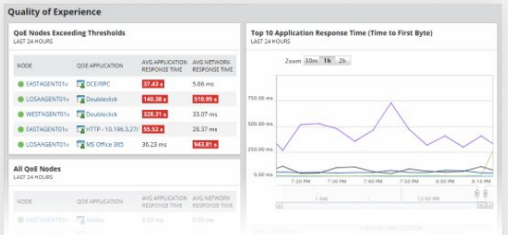
Cisco Network Device Monitoring Tool

Monitor and analyze fault, availability, and performance of Cisco devices.



Cloud Server Monitoring

Visualize the full network path from source to destination with cloud monitoring from NetPath™.

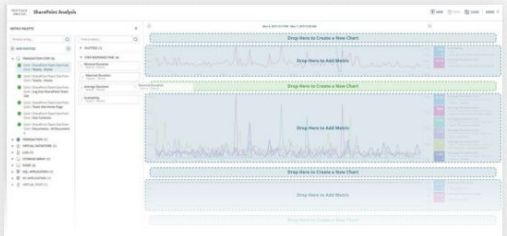


Deep Packet Inspection and Analysis

Deep packet inspection offers immediate insight into network slowdowns.

Huawei NetStream Analysis, Monitoring, and Reporting

Powerful network fault and availability management.



IT Data Analysis in PerfStack

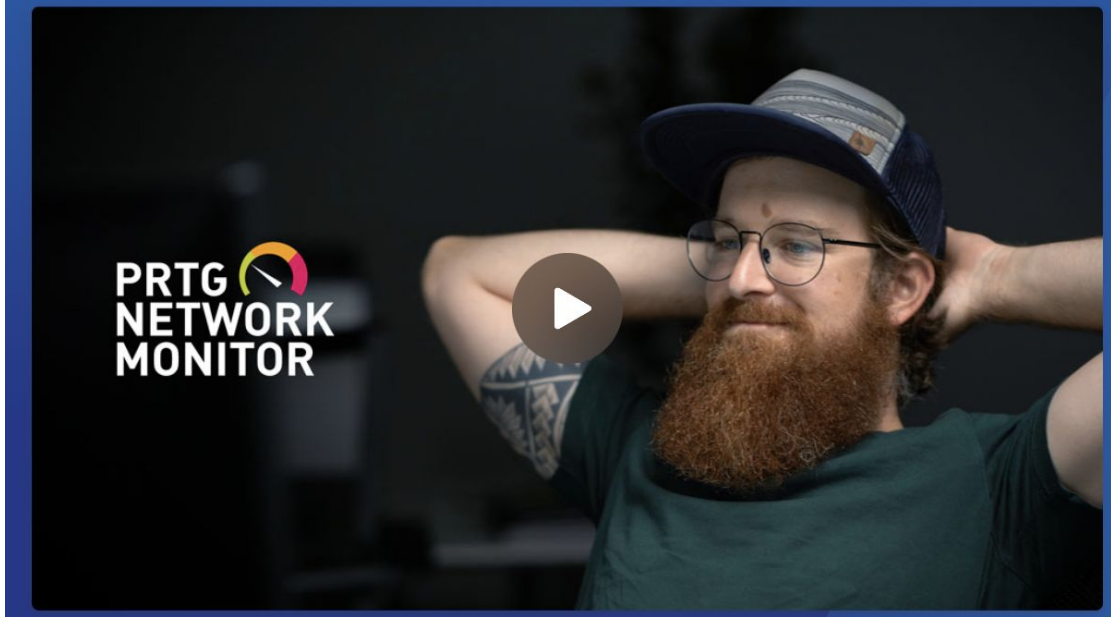
Compare and correlate network data in PerfStack.

LAN Monitoring

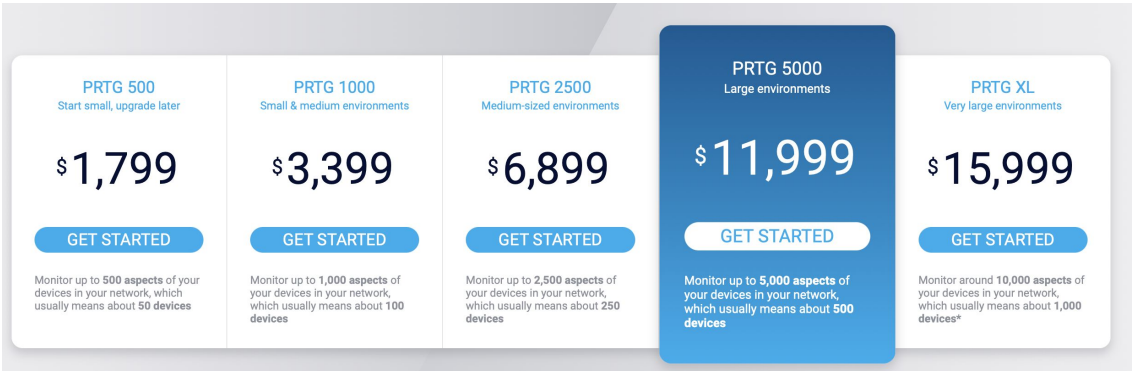
Use a multi-vendor LAN monitor to manage networks of every size.

Data from: https://www.solarwinds.com/network-performance-monitor

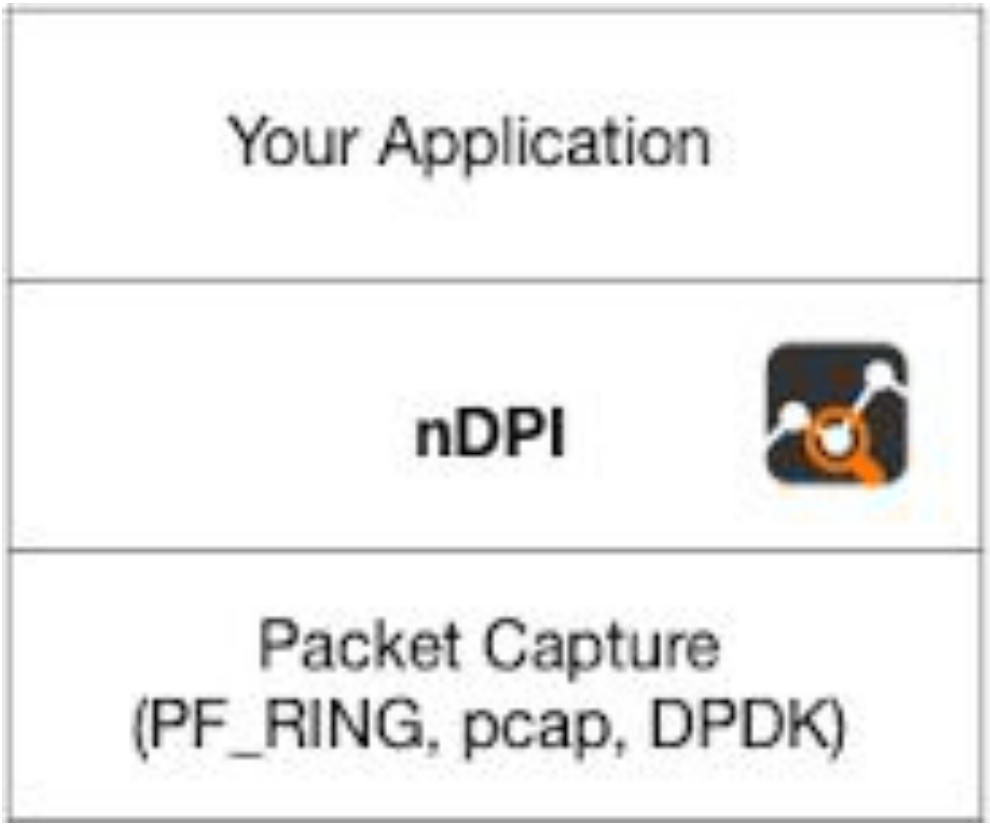
PRTG Network Monitor at a glance



- ✓ **Central management console:** monitor all systems, devices, applications, traffic, and more in your IT infrastructure in a single pane of glass.
- ✓ **On-premises installation:** PRTG Network Monitor runs on your hardware so you always have control over all your data, configuration, and updates.
- ✓ **All-in-one monitoring tool:** every license of PRTG Network Monitor includes all features so there is no need for additional plug-ins or add-ons.
- ✓ **The Monitoring Experts:** PRTG Network Monitor has been on the market for over 20 years and more than 500,000 users worldwide trust it in their day-to-day business.
- ✓ **Flexible and customizable:** PRTG Network Monitor is powerful and easy-to-use monitoring software that fits any budget and grows with your needs.
- ✓ **High availability:** every installation of PRTG Network Monitor comes with a built-in cluster functionality where one failover node is free of charge for fail-safe monitoring.



nDPI – https://github.com/ntop/nDPI



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Traffic Classification

Cybersecurity Analysis

nDPI

- Data Forecasting and Anomaly Detection
  - Single, Double, Triple (Holt-Winters) Exponential Smoothing
  - RSI (Relative Strength Index)
  - Data Binning, Clustering, and Similarity Evaluation
- Network Data Analysis
  - Jitter
  - Entropy
  - GeoIP
  - Data Ratio (also known as PCR)
  - Rolling Average, Standard Deviation, Variance (all implemented as streamed versions)
- IP Address Retrieval
  - Radix (Patricia) Tree (trie)
- Cardinality Estimation
  - HyperLogLog
- (Sub-)String Searching
  - Aho-Corasick

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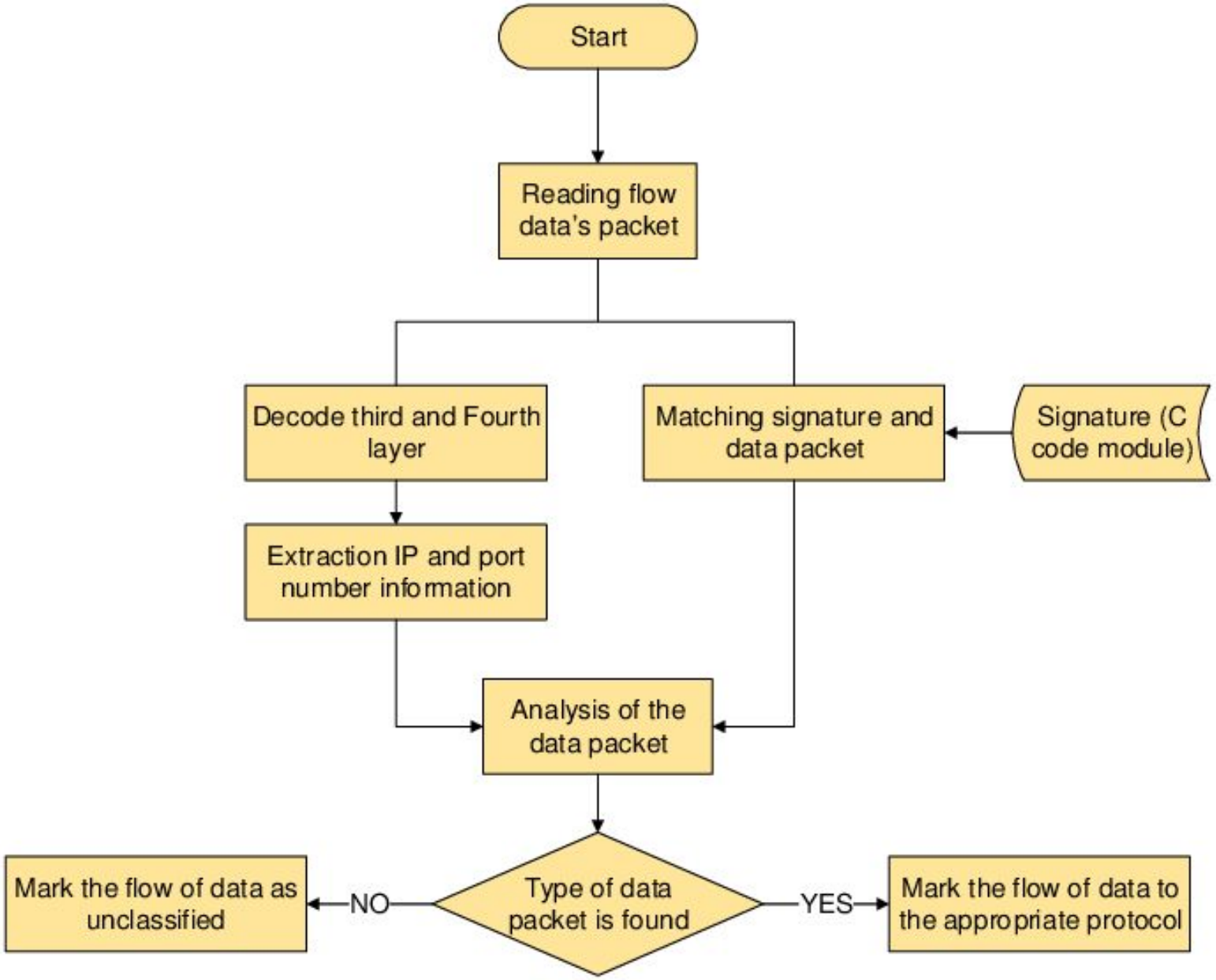

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Encrypted Traffic Analysis

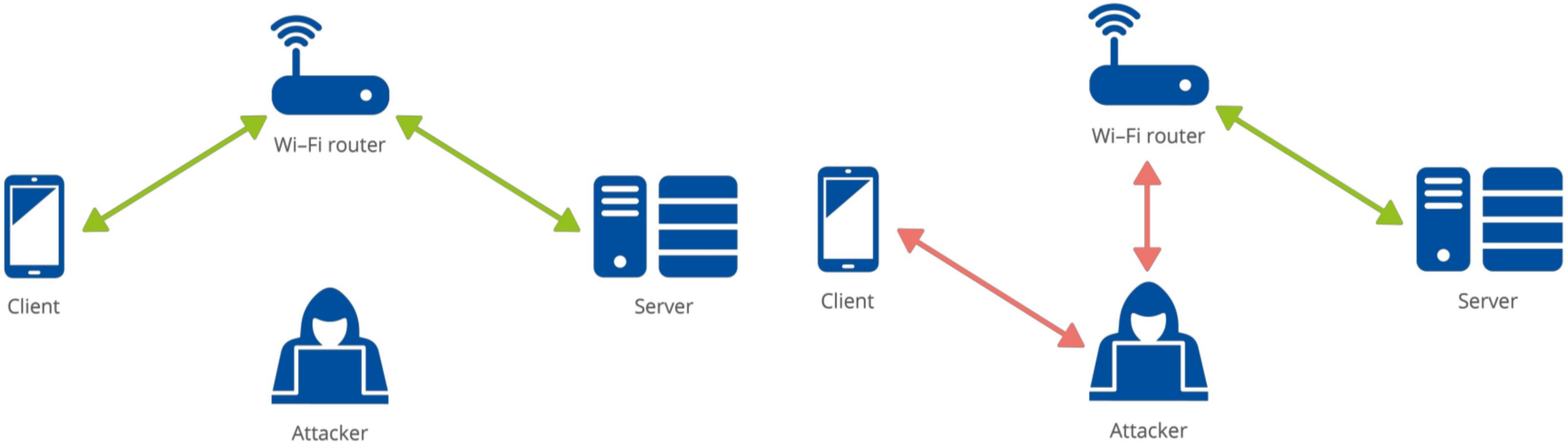
Data from: ENISA Report – Encrypted Traffic Analysis

Timeline of SSL/TLS Protocols

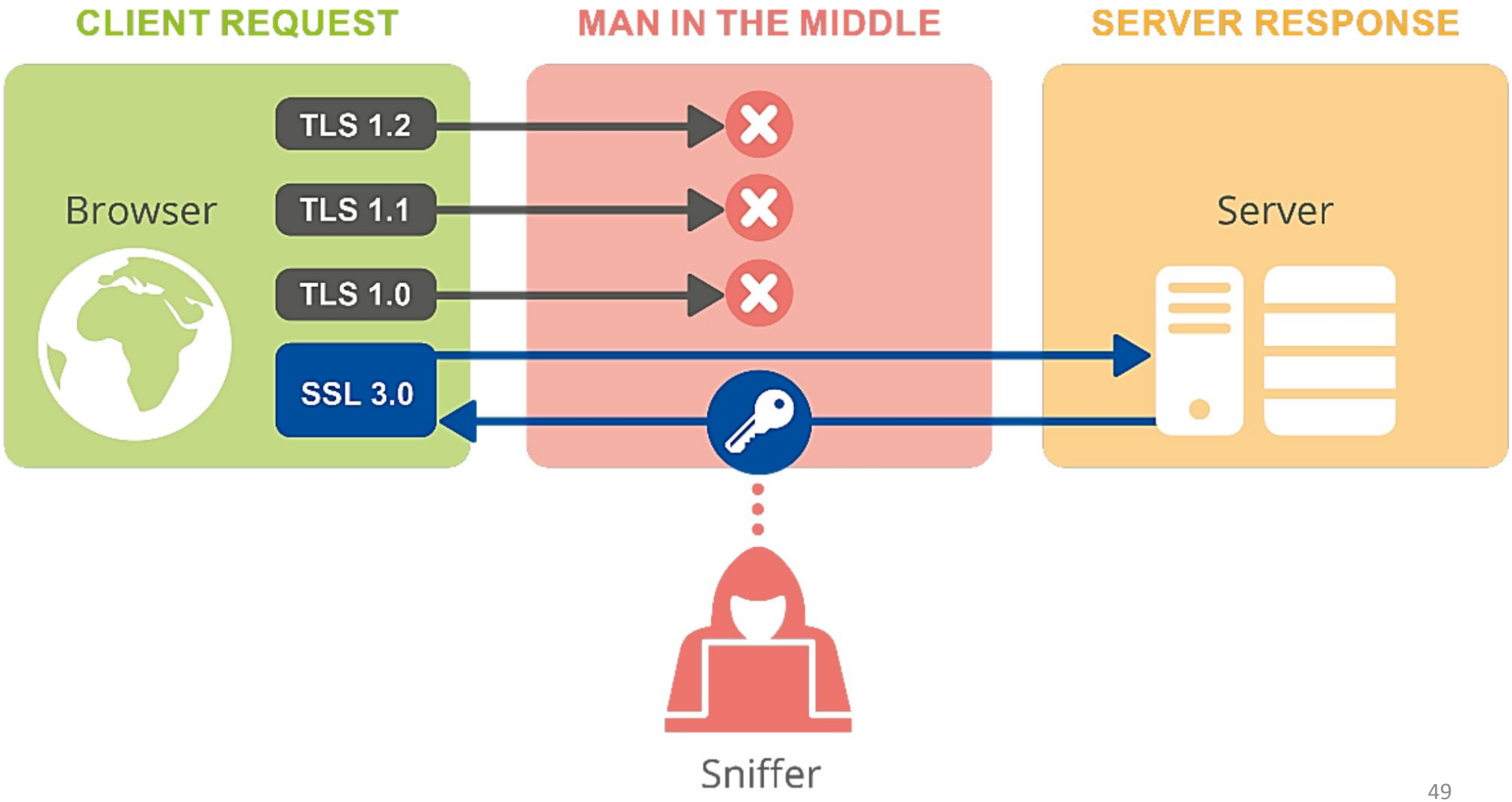
Attack TLS

- Lack of Certificate Validation
  - Self-signed certificate
  - Expired certificate
- Man-in-the-middle attack on a TLS connection
  - HTTP redirects
- Weak ciphers and Deprecated Protocols

Man-in-the-Middle Attack

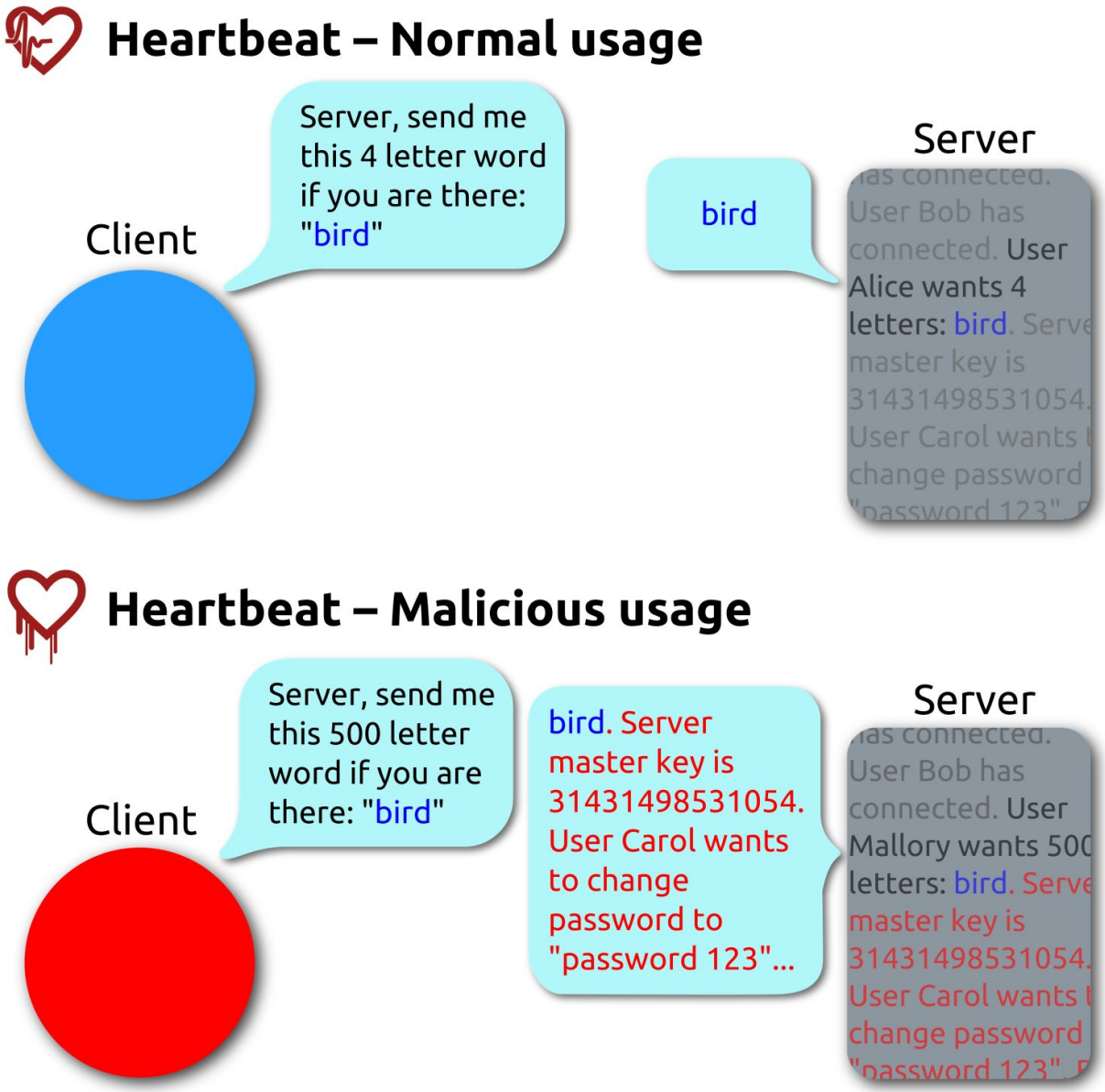


Protocol Downgrade



HeartBleed

- a serious bug in the OpenSSL library
- allows an attacker to decrypt the content that is encrypted using TLS.

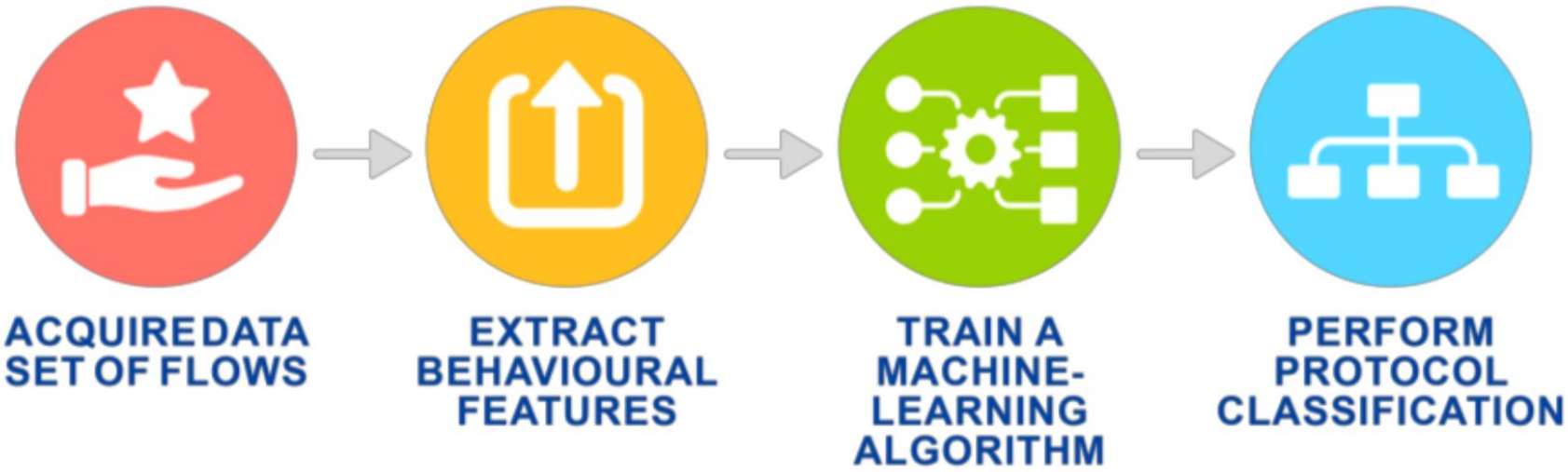


Encrypted Traffic Analysis properties

1. Goals.
   - Traffic Clustering, Application Type and Protocol Classification, Anomaly Detection or File Identification.
2. Information extraction.
   - observing behavioral properties (e.g. the round trip time, number of packets sent)
   - observing the encrypted payload itself
   - observing additional information such as protocol handshakes (e.g. TLS handshake)
3. Information processing.
   - Basic
     - by using heuristics, profiles or simple statistical means
   - Complex
     - data-driven / machine-learning

Feature Extraction

Use CASE: Application Protocol Classification



USE CASE: User Information Identification

- Detect OS/Browser/Application
  - https://arxiv.org/vc/arxiv/papers/1603/1603.04865v1.pdf

TCP initial window size
TCP window scaling factor
SSL compression methods
SSL extension count
SSL chiper methods
SSL session ID len
Forward peak MAX throughput
Mean throughput of backward peaks
Max throughput of backward peaks
Backward min peak throughput
Backward STD peak throughput
Forward number of bursts
Backward number of bursts
Forward min peak throughput
Mean throughput of forward peaks
Forward STD peak throughput
Mean backward peak inter arrival time diff
Minimum backward peak inter arrival time diff
Maximum backward peak inter arrival time diff
STD backward peak inter arrival time diff
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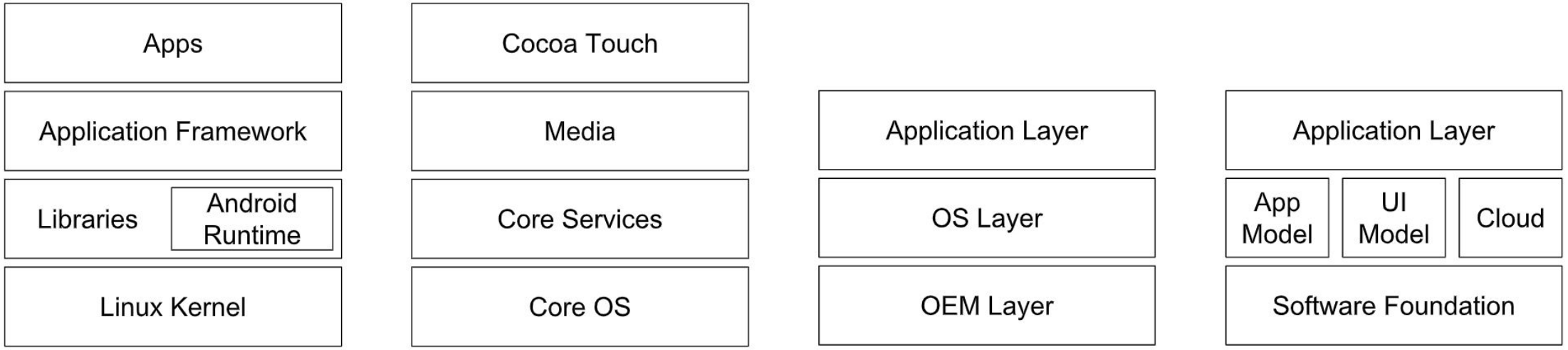
Keep alive packets
TCP Maxiumu Segment Size
Forward SSL Version

System Architecture of mobile operating system



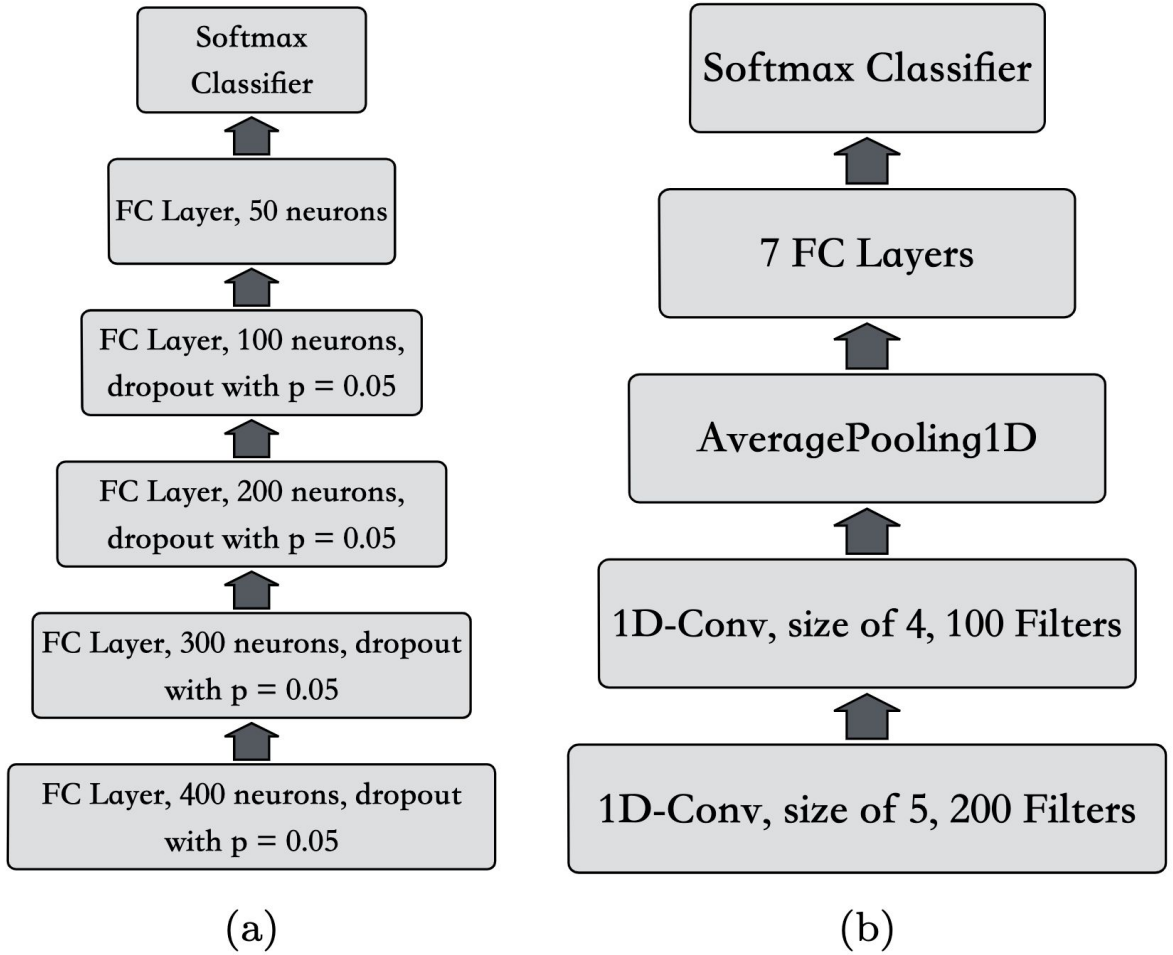
(a) Android. (b) iOS. (c) Windows Mobile. (d) Windows Phone.

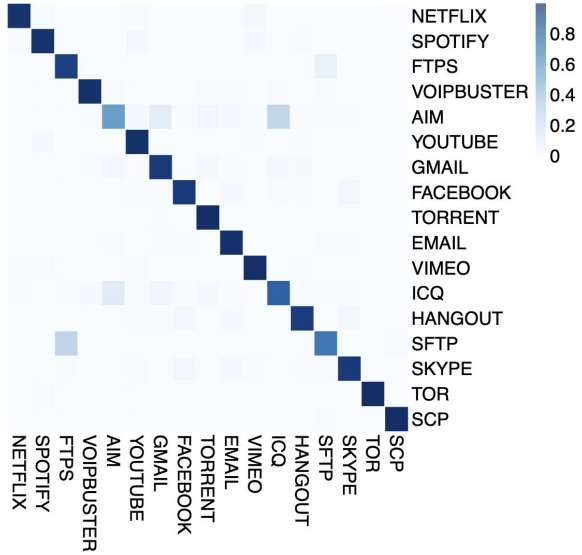
From: The Dark Side(-Channel) of Mobile Devices:A Survey on Network Traffic Analysis, IEEE COMMUNICATIONS SURVEYS & TUTORIALS, VOL. 20, NO. 4, FOURTH QUARTER 2018

App Identification

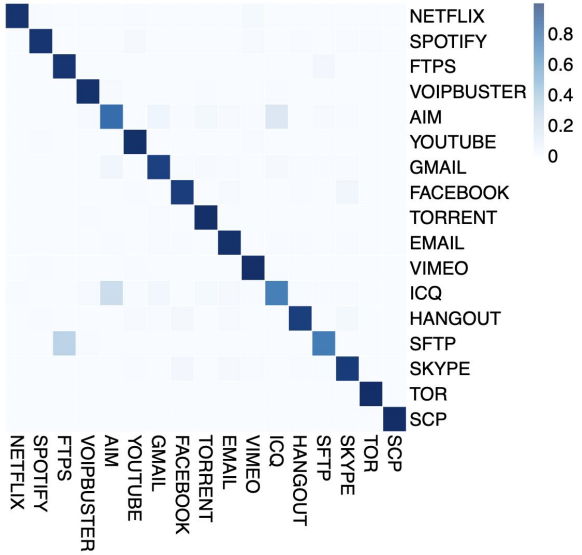
Year	Paper	Number of Targeted Apps		
		Android	iOS	Symbian
2011	Lee et al. [16]	50	50	None
2013	Qazi et al. [28]	40	None	None
	Rao et al. [29]	832	209	None
2015	Le et al. [5]	70	None	None
	Wang et al. [42]	None	13	None
	Yao et al. [43]	651,000	68,000	10,000
2016	Alan et al. [6]	1,595	None	None
	Mongkolluksamee et al. [47]	5	None	None
2017	Chen et al. [56]	5,000	None	None
	Taylor et al. [61]	110	None	None

Deep Learning for encrypted traffic classification

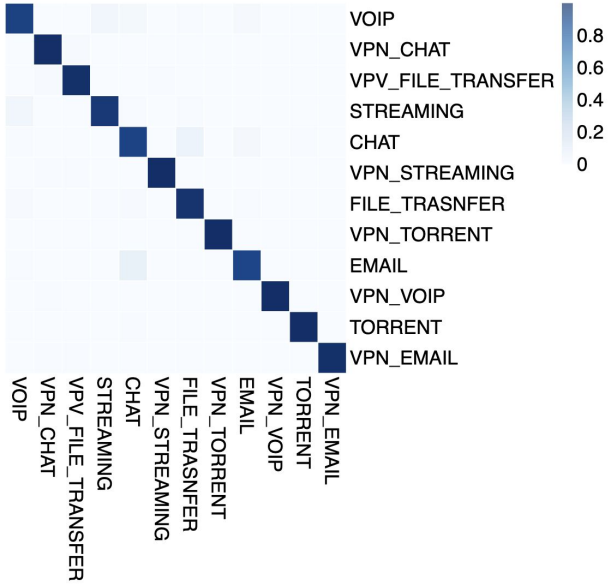




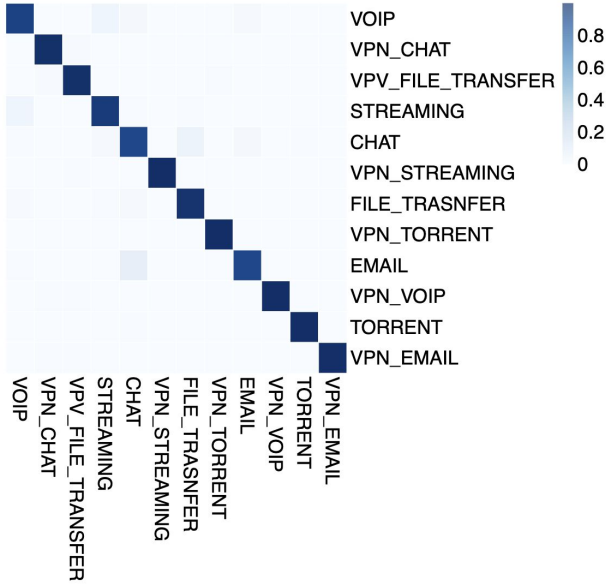
(a) Application Identification using one-dimensional CNN.



(b) Application Identification using SAE.

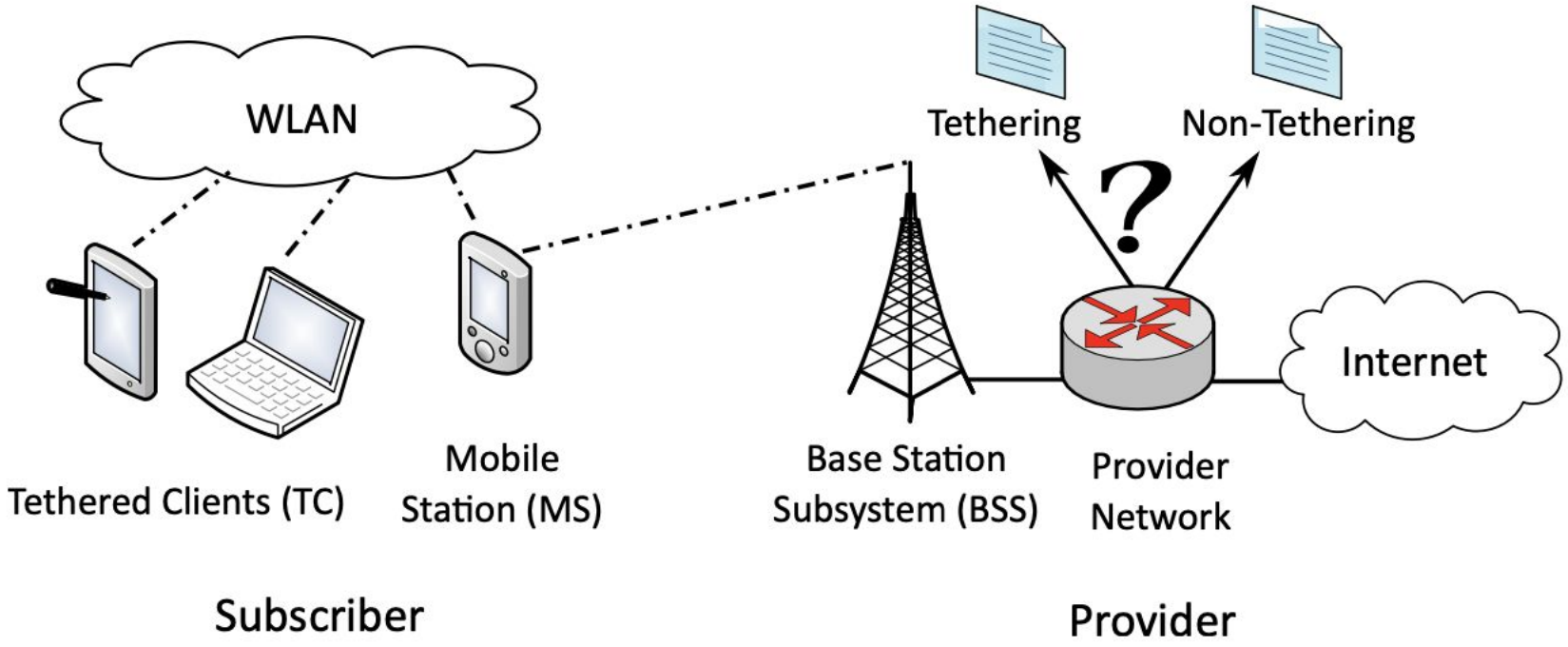


(c) Traffic Characterization using one-dimensional CNN.



(d) Traffic Characterization using SAE.

USE Case: Mobile Tethering detection



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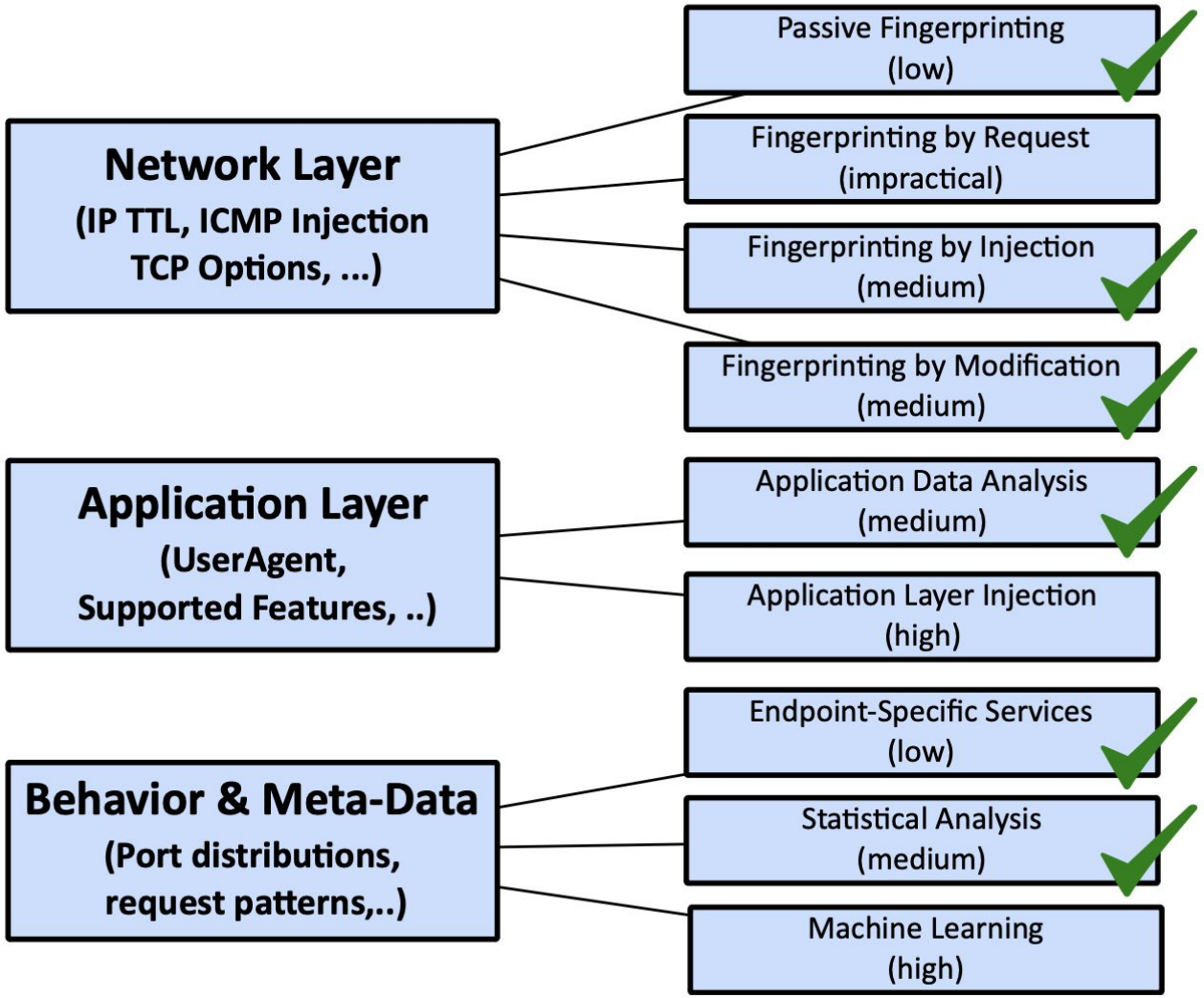
Classification of tethering detection mechanisms



USE CASE: Detect Mobile Tethering

- TCP/IP Stack Fingerprinting
  - Initial Packet Size
  - Initial TTL
  - IP ID
  - TCP Window Size
  - TCP Timestamp
- NAT Detection
- Destination IP/URL
  - Captive Portal Detection
    - when they first connect to a wifi network, they try to connect to a known web server across the internet, and checking to see if they get the response that they're expecting.
  - Windows Update Server

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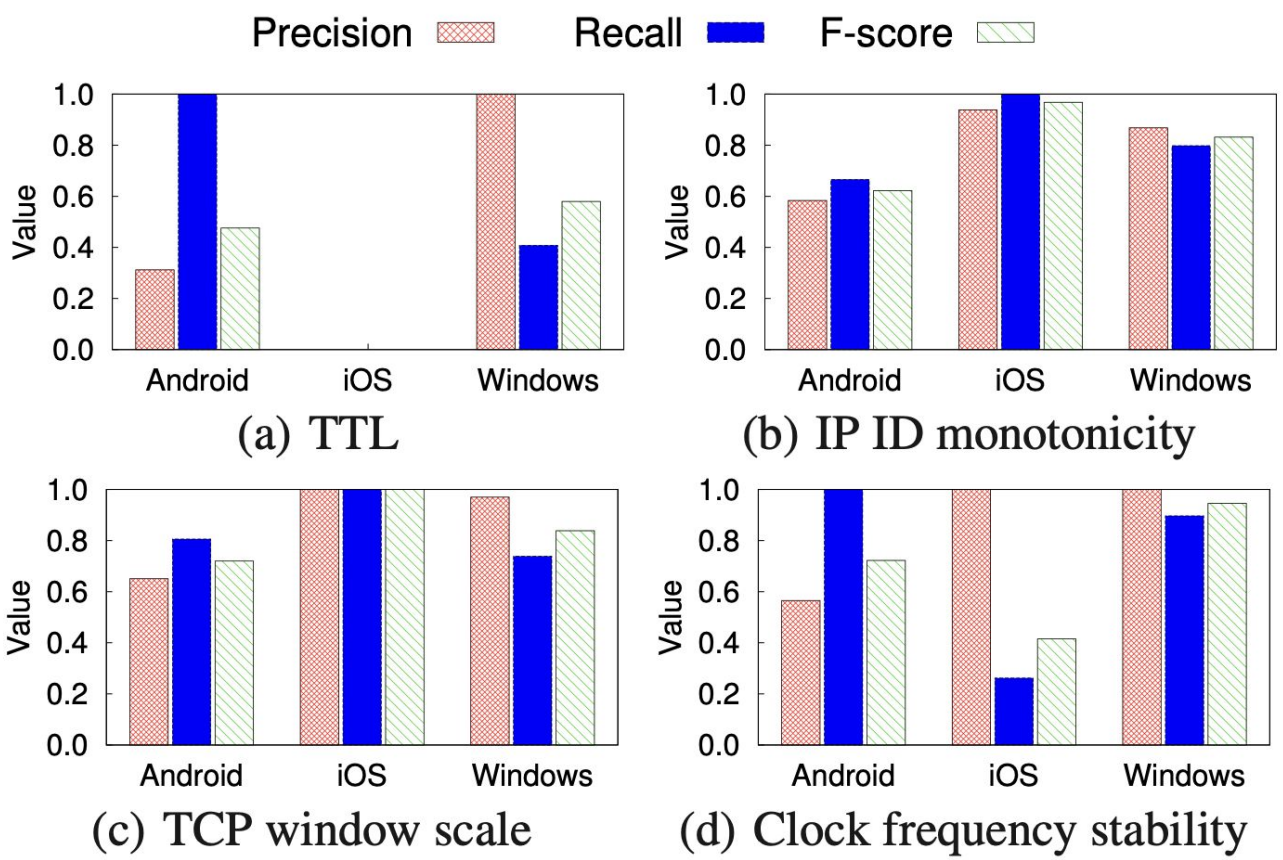
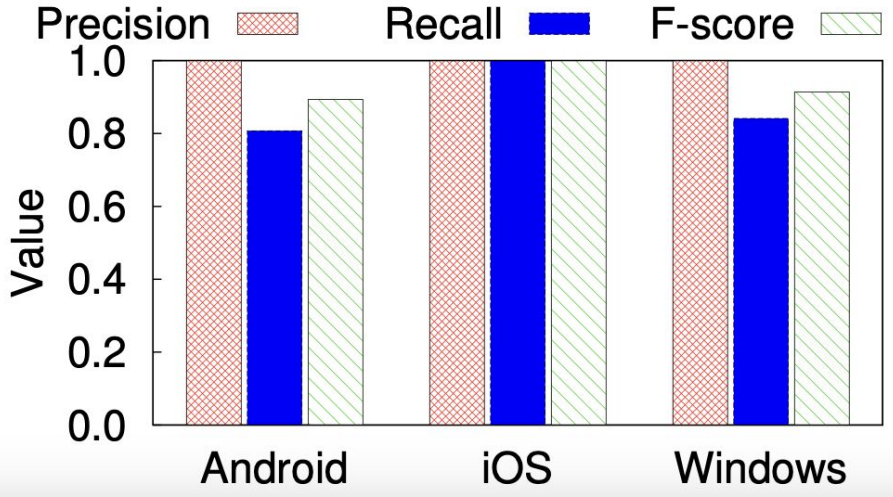
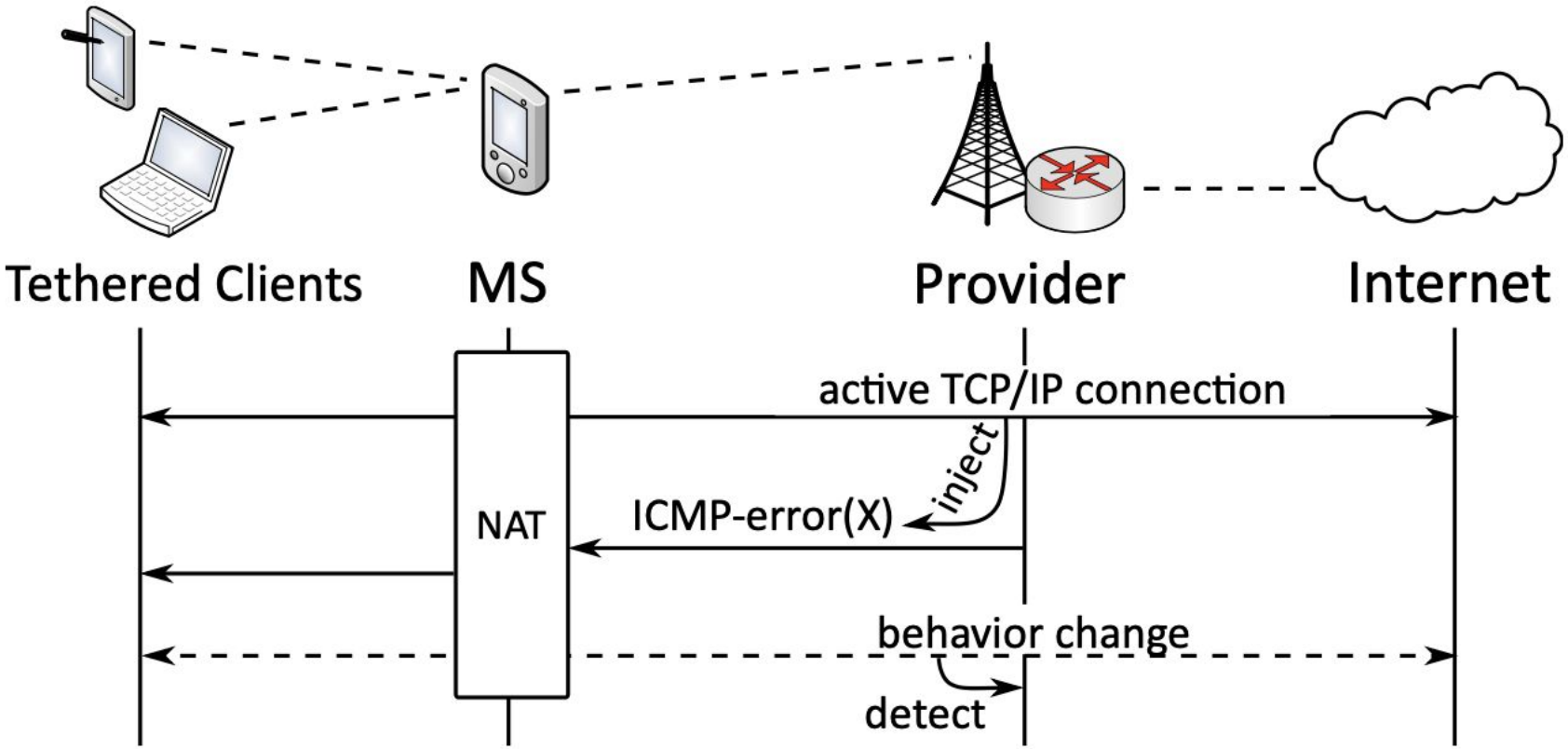


Figure 8: Accuracy of detecting OSes via individual features.



NAT Detection



USE CASE: Advertising monitoring/tracking

- What ad content the user monitors

Conclusion

- Deep Packet Inspection
  - Great network monitoring tool?
  - User’s privacy?