



Network Management & Monitoring

NfSen



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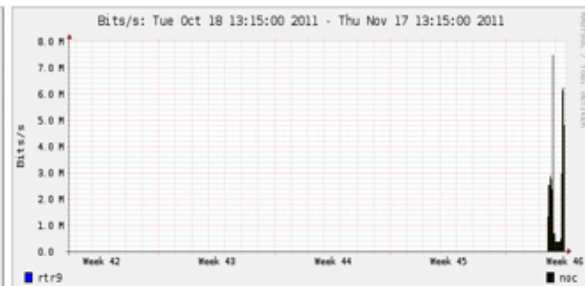
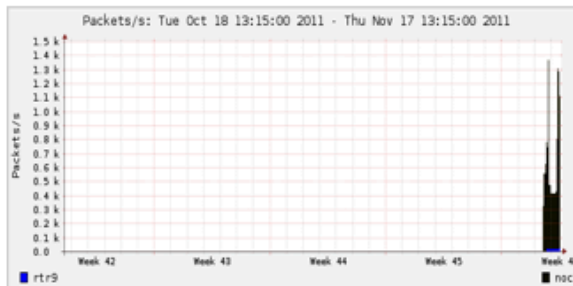
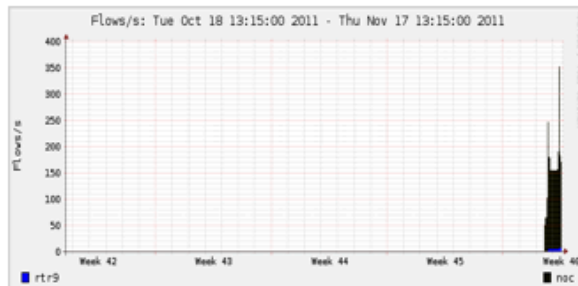
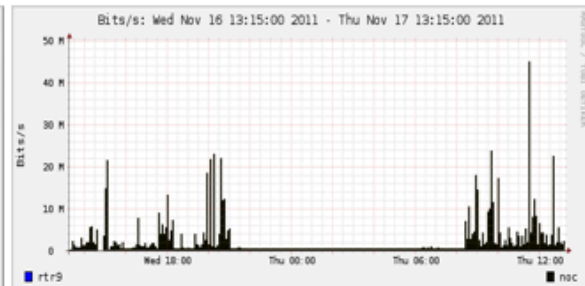
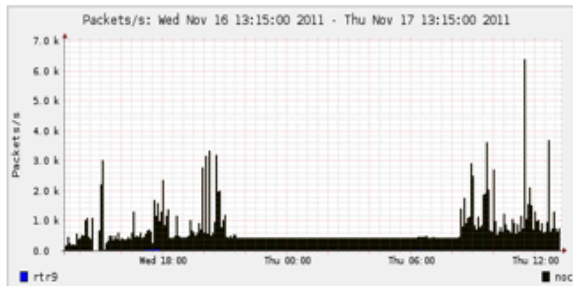
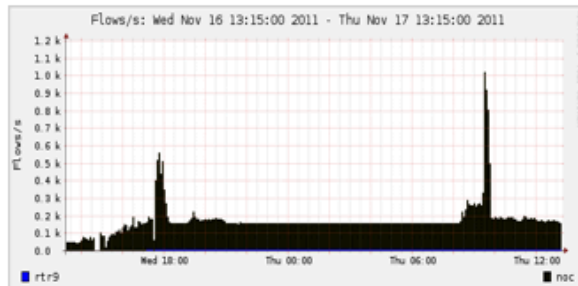
What is NfSen

- Is a graphical front end to nfdump
- NfDump tools collect and process netflow data on the command line
- NfSEN allows you to:
 - Easily navigate through the netflow data.
 - Process the netflow data within the specified time span.
 - Create history as well as continuous profiles.
 - Set alerts, based on various conditions.
 - Write your own plugins to process netflow data on a regular interval.

NfSen Home Screen

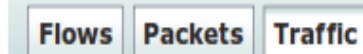
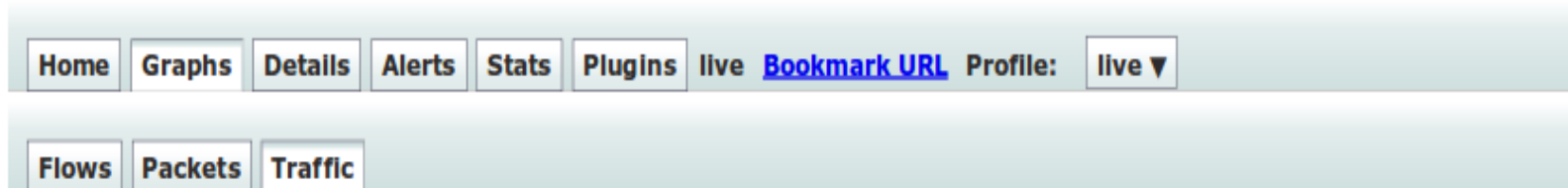
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Overview Profile: live, Group: (nogroup)

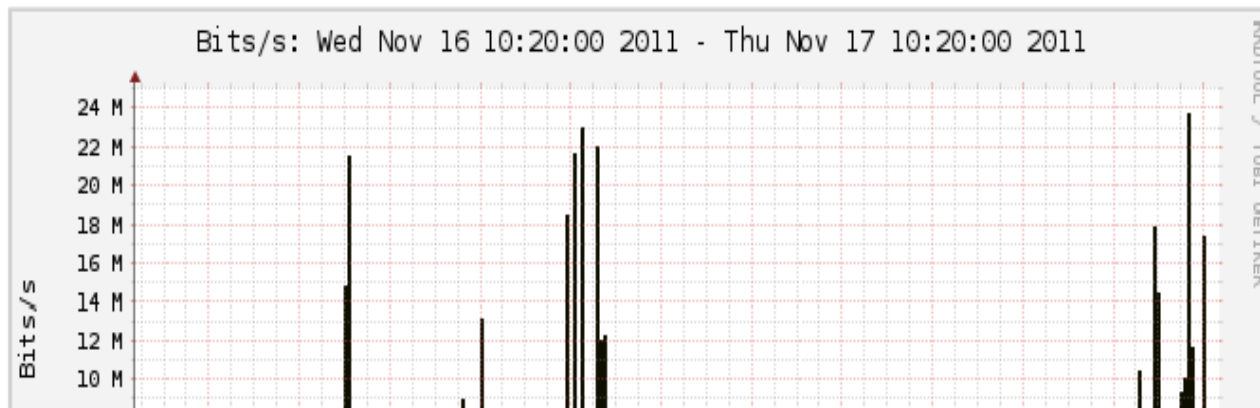


Graphs Tab

Graphs of flows, packets and traffic based on interface with netflow activated

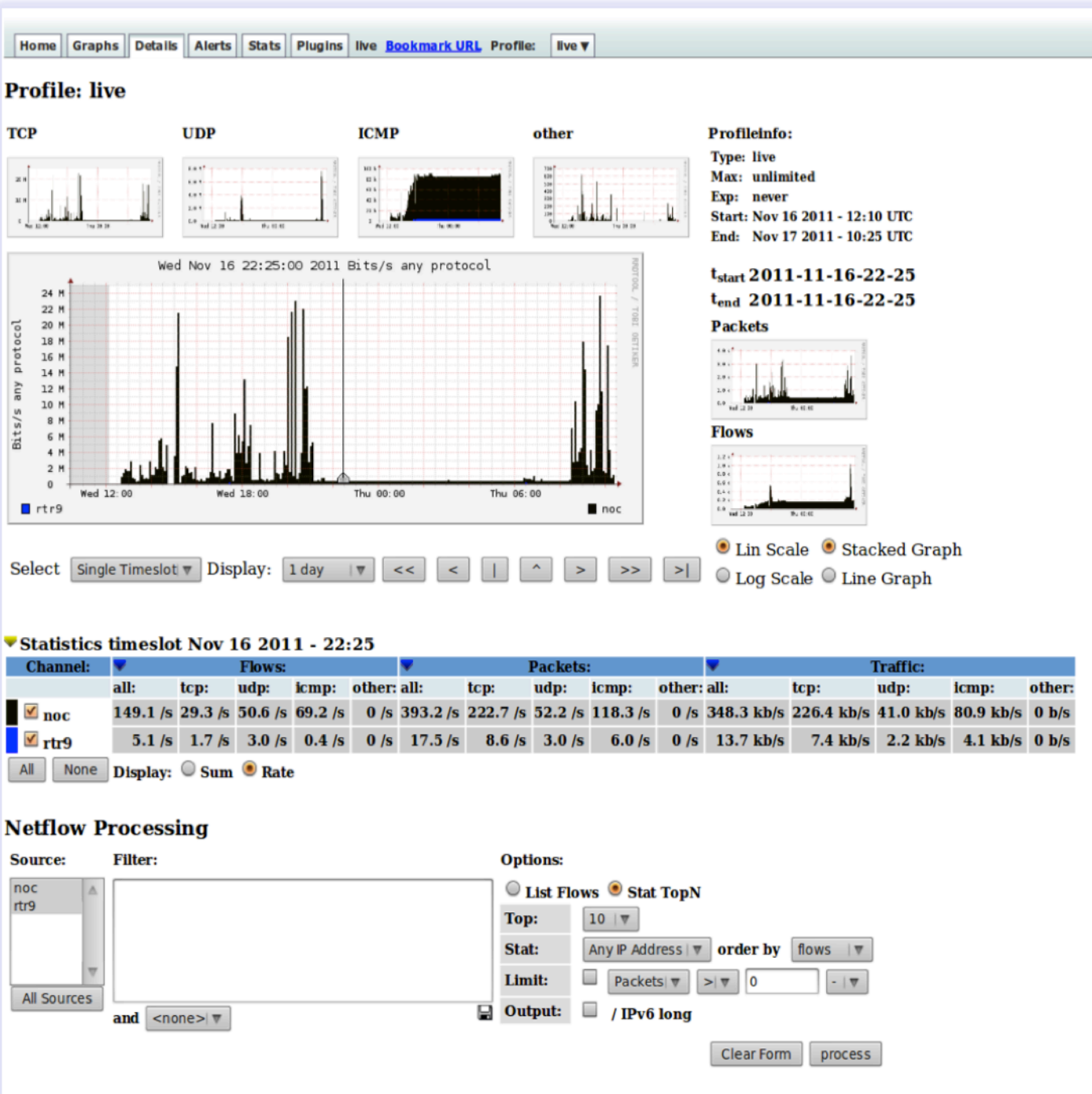


Profile: live, Group: (nogroup) - traffic



Details Page

- Most interesting page
- Can view present flow information or stored flow information
- Can view detailed netflow information such as
 - AS Numbers (more useful if you have full routing table exported on your router)
 - Src hosts/ports, destination hosts and ports
 - Unidirectional or Bi-directional flows
 - Flows on specific interfaces
 - Protocols and TOS



Alerts and Stats

Alerts Page

- Can create alerts based on set thresholds eg, increase or decrease of traffic
- Emails can be sent once alarm is triggered

Stats page

- Can create graphs based on specific information
 - ASNs,
 - Host/Destination Ips/Ports
 - In/Out interfaces
 - Among others

History/Past Flows

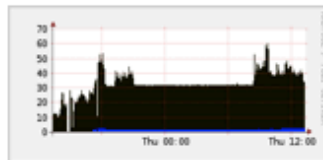
- Can be used for forensic work
- Displays flow transactions based on specific time, time selected by working with time window graph
- Can view unidirectional or bidirectional flows
- Can sort by top flows, src AS, dst port among many other options

Time Window

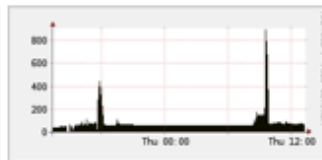
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Profile: live

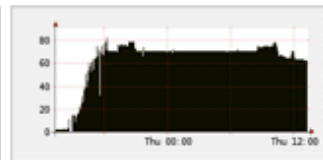
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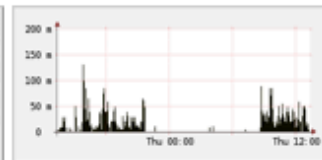
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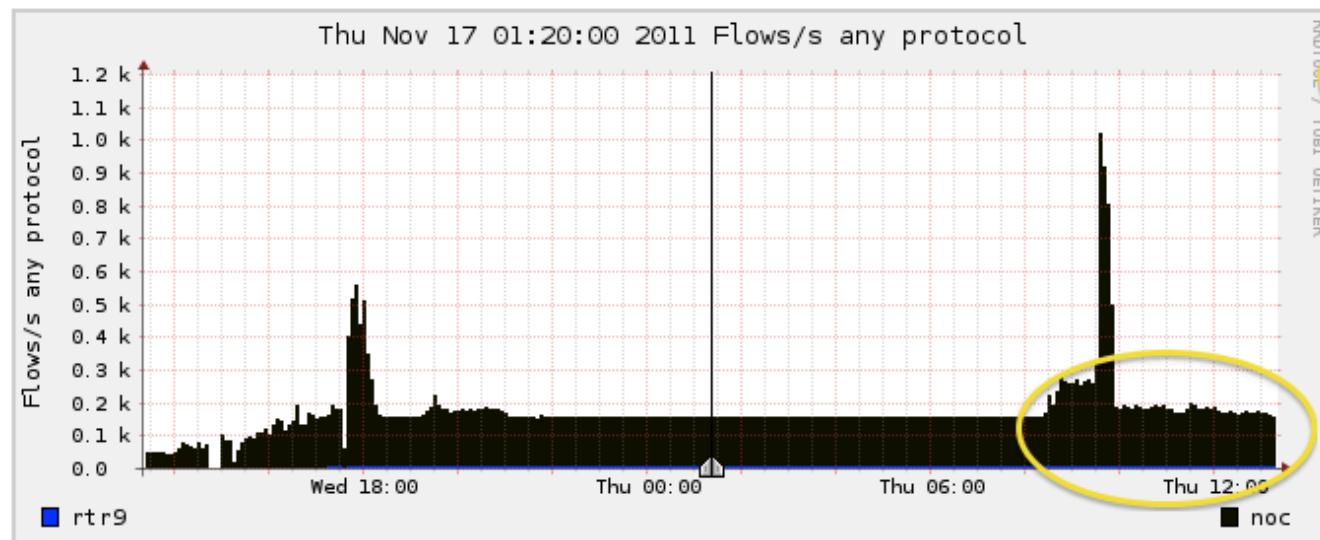


other



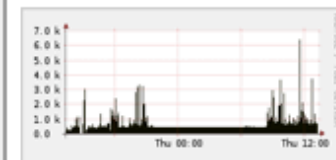
Profileinfo:

Type: live
Max: unlimited
Exp: never
Start: Nov 16 2011 - 12:10 UTC
End: Nov 17 2011 - 13:20 UTC

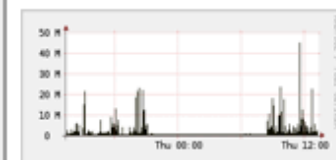


t_{start} 2011-11-17-01-20
t_{end} 2011-11-17-01-20

Packets



Traffic



Select Time Window ▼

Display: 1 day << < | ^ > >> >|

☒ Lin Scale ☒ Stacked Graph
☐ Log Scale ☐ Line Graph



Bidirectional vs Unidirectional

Bidirectional

All None Display: ☐ Sum ☒ Rate

Netflow Processing

Source: noc
rtr9

Filter: host 71.200.202.189

Options: ☐ List Flows ☒ Stat TopN

Top: 10

Stat: Flow Records order by bytes

☒ bi-directional

Aggregate ☐ proto ☐ srcPort ☐ dstPort

Limit: Packets > 0

Output: auto / IPv6 long

Clear Form process

```
** nfdump -M /var/nfsen/profiles-data/live/noc -T -R 2011/11/17/nfcapd.201111170930:2011/11/17/nfcapd.201111170950 -n 10 -s record/bytes
nfdump filter:
host 71.200.202.189
Command line switch -s overwrites -a
Aggregated flows 1
Top 10 flows ordered by bytes:
Date flow start      Duration Proto      Src IP Addr:Port      Dst IP Addr:Port      Out Pkt   In Pkt   Out Byte   In Byte   Flows
2011-11-17 09:34:12.206 1037.378 UDP        10.10.0.51:51413 <-> 71.200.202.189:57912 20077     19436    21.3 M    16.7 M    27455

Summary: total flows: 27455, total bytes: 38.0 M, total packets: 39513, avg bps: 292911, avg pps: 38, avg bpp: 961
Time window: 2011-11-17 08:22:09 - 2011-11-17 09:54:59
Total flows processed: 1861368, flows skipped: 0, bytes read: 55186738
```

Unidirectional

All None Display: ☐ Sum ☒ Rate

Netflow Processing

Source: Filter: Options:

noc
rtr9
All Sources

host 71.200.202.189
and <none>

☐ List Flows ☒ Stat TopN

Top: 10

Stat: Flow Records order by bytes

☐ bi-directional

Aggregate ☒ proto ☒ srcPort ☒ dstPort

Limit: ☐ Packets > 0 -

Output: auto ☐ / IPv6 long

Clear Form process

```
** nfdump -M /var/nfsen/profiles-data/live/noc -T -R 2011/11/17/nfcapd.201111170930:2011/11/17/nfcapd.201111170950 -n 10 -s record/byte
nfdump filter:
host 71.200.202.189
Aggregated flows 2
Top 10 flows ordered by bytes:
```

Date flow start	Duration	Proto	Src IP Addr	Src Pt	Dst IP Addr	Dst Pt	Packets	Bytes	bps	Bpp	Flows
2011-11-17 09:34:12.380	1037.204	UDP	71.200.202.189	57912	10.10.0.51	51413	20077	21.3 M	164298	1060	14035
2011-11-17 09:34:12.206	1037.102	UDP	10.10.0.51	51413	71.200.202.189	57912	19436	16.7 M	128674	858	13420

Summary: total flows: 27455, total bytes: 38.0 M, total packets: 39513, avg bps: 292911, avg pps: 38, avg bpp: 961
Time window: 2011-11-17 08:22:09 - 2011-11-17 09:54:59
Total flows processed: 1001268, Flows skipped: 0, Bytes read: 55186700

Unidirectional and Bidirectional

- Unidirectional shows flows from host A to B and then host B to host A
- Bidirectional shows flows between Host A and B combined
- Can be used with any of the other filters (src port, src host plus many more)
- List of filters can be found here:
 - <http://nfsen.sourceforge.net/#mozTocId652064>



Graphing Specific Traffic Flows

Creating Stats

- Click on live on the top left and select new profile
- Enter a name for the profile and additionally create a new group
- Select individual channels and shadow profile.
 - Individual channel – can create channels with own filters
 - Shadow profile – save hard disk space by not creating new data but instead analyses already collected data

The image shows a 'Create Profile' dialog box with the following fields and options:

- Profile:** Troublesome_User
- Group:** New group ... (dropdown menu), Hosts
- Description:** (empty text area)
- Start:** (empty date field) Format: yyyy-mm-dd-HH-MM
- End:** (empty date field) Format: yyyy-mm-dd-HH-MM
- Max. Size:** 0
- Expire:** never
- Channels:**
 - ☐ 1:1 channels from profile live
 - ☒ individual channels
- Type:**
 - ☐ Real Profile
 - ☒ Shadow Profile

At the bottom are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Create Profile'.

- When done click on 'Create Profile' at the bottom
- You will see a message “new profile created”
- Then click on the plus sign at the bottom to begin adding channels

Add a Channel

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Channel name

User1

Colour:

Enter new value

#abcdef or
Select a colour from ▼

Sign:

+ ▼

Order:

1 ▼

Filter:

host 10.10.0.51

Sources:

Available Sources

rtr9 ▲ ▼

Selected Sources

noc ▲ ▼

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Cancel

Add Channel

Add a second channel and start to accept

Last Update: 2011-11-17-11-05

Size: 0 B

Max. Size: unlimited

Expire: never

Status: new 

▼ Channel List: 

▼ User1 

Colour: #abcdef Sign: + Order: 1

Filter: host 10.10.0.51

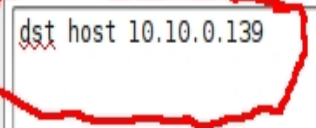
Sources: noc

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Channel name User2

Colour:  Enter new value #FF0000 or Select a colour from ▼

Sign: + ▼ Order: 2 ▼

Filter:  dst host 10.10.0.139

Sources:

Available Sources	Selected Sources
rtr9	noc

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Cancel Add Channel

Filters

- Select a different color for the second channel so that the graphs can be distinguished
- Note that the two filters are different
 - The first filter will capture any flows pertaining to host 10.10.0.51
 - The second filter will only capture flows where host 10.10.0.139 is the DESTINATION host
- More attributes can be added here like src AS, dst AS, src ports etc based on the NFSEN filter syntax

Activate the profile

Start:	2011-11-17-11-10
End:	2011-11-17-11-10
Last Update:	2011-11-17-11-05
Size:	0 B
Max. Size:	unlimited
Expire:	never
Status:	new

▼ Channel List: +

▼ User2 

Colour:	#FF0000	Sign:	+	Order:	2
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Filter: dst host 10.10.0.139

- Click the green tick to activate your new profile.
- It will display some data after a few minutes
- Click on Live then select the group you created and you will see your profile

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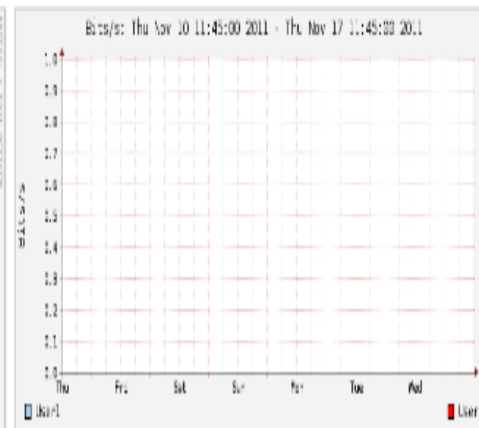
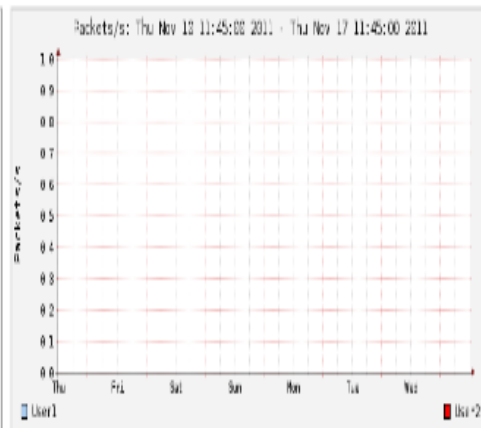
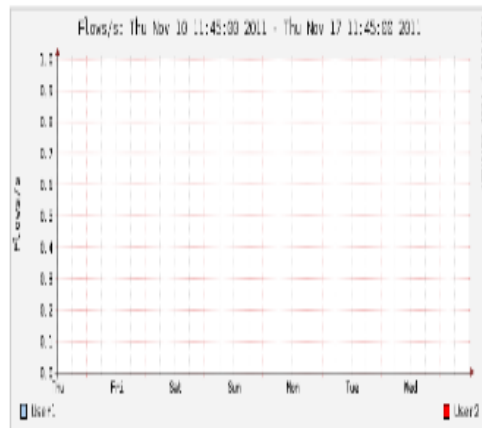
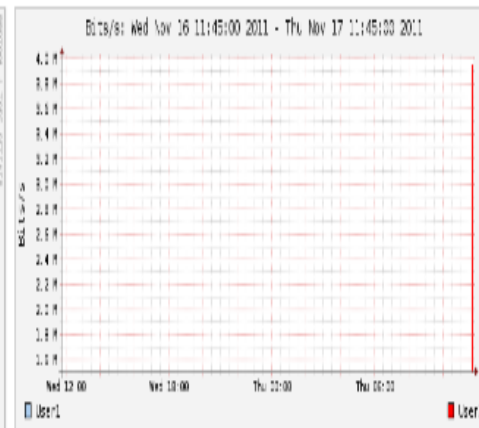
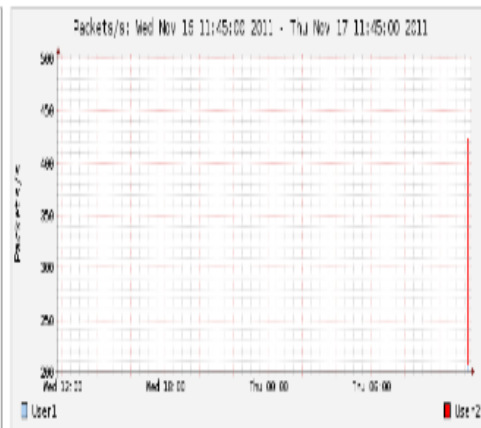
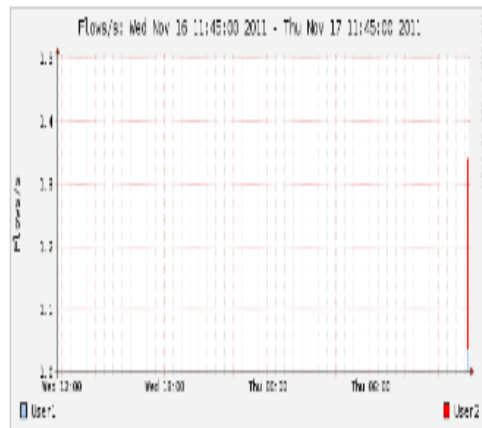
continuous / shadow

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Profile:

Troublesome_User ▼

Overview Profile: Troublesome_User, Group Hosts



Details Page of New Profile

Only information on the channels is shown in new profile

Clear Form process

```
** nfdump -M /var/nfsen/profiles-data/live/noc -T -r 2011/11/17/nfcapd.201111171145 -n 100 -s record/bytes -A proto,srcip,srcport,dstip,dstport
nfdump filter:
(( ident noc) and (
dst host 10.10.0.139
)
or
( ident noc) and (
host 10.10.0.51
))
Aggregated flows 368
Top 100 flows ordered by bytes:
```

Date flow start	Duration	Proto	Src IP Addr	Src Pt	Dst IP Addr	Dst Pt	Packets	Bytes	bps	Bpp	Flows
2011-11-17 11:26:53.320	1267.891	TCP	88.221.216.85	1935	10.10.0.139	2708	60660	86.0 M	542683	1417	1
2011-11-17 11:40:59.711	358.735	TCP	208.117.245.85	80	10.10.0.51	54280	36427	51.5 M	1.1 M	1413	1
2011-11-17 11:47:53.862	39.907	TCP	92.122.49.172	1935	10.10.0.139	2809	3931	5.5 M	1.1 M	1407	1
2011-11-17 11:45:07.917	14.783	TCP	92.52.113.98	80	10.10.0.51	54342	937	1.3 M	714811	1409	1
2011-11-17 11:40:59.711	358.735	TCP	10.10.0.51	54280	208.117.245.85	80	20555	1.1 M	24251	52	1
2011-11-17 11:48:08.300	43.260	TCP	74.125.230.72	80	10.10.0.51	54417	320	415126	76768	1297	1
2011-11-17 11:48:28.045	22.127	TCP	74.125.230.72	80	10.10.0.51	54456	192	251166	90808	1308	1
2011-11-17 11:48:08.438	43.062	TCP	74.125.230.72	80	10.10.0.51	54422	190	242861	45118	1278	1
2011-11-17 11:45:28.792	11.086	TCP	92.52.113.98	80	10.10.0.51	54367	168	223214	161078	1328	2
2011-11-17 11:45:28.660	2.481	TCP	92.52.113.98	80	10.10.0.51	54366	133	180549	582181	1357	1
2011-11-17 11:48:08.302	21.538	TCP	74.125.230.72	80	10.10.0.51	54418	89	110256	40953	1238	1
2011-11-17 11:45:34.394	117.259	TCP	173.194.67.120	80	10.10.0.51	54374	71	89405	6099	1259	1

PortTracker

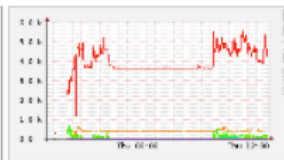
PortTracker

Port Tracker

TCP Packets



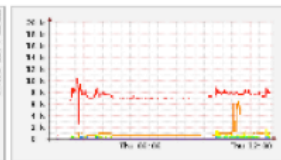
TCP Flows



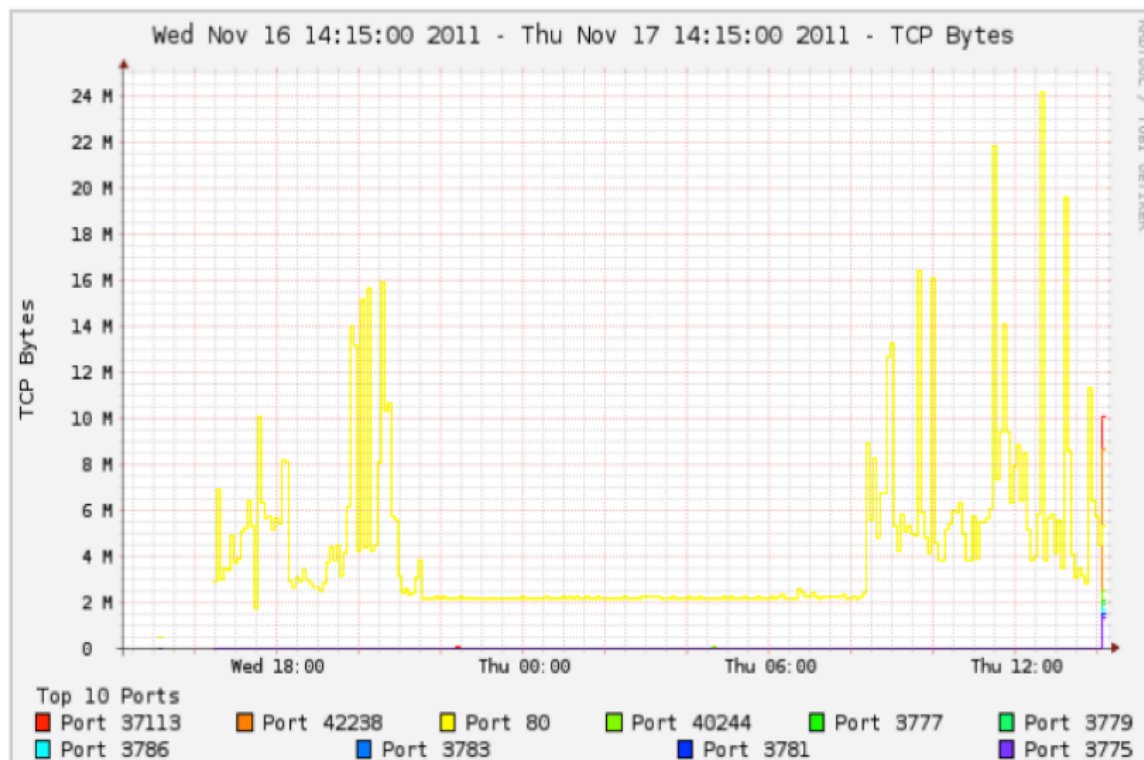
UDP Flows



UDP Packets



UDP Bytes



Show Top 10 Ports

☒ now ☐ 24 hours

Track Ports:

Skip Ports:

Plugins

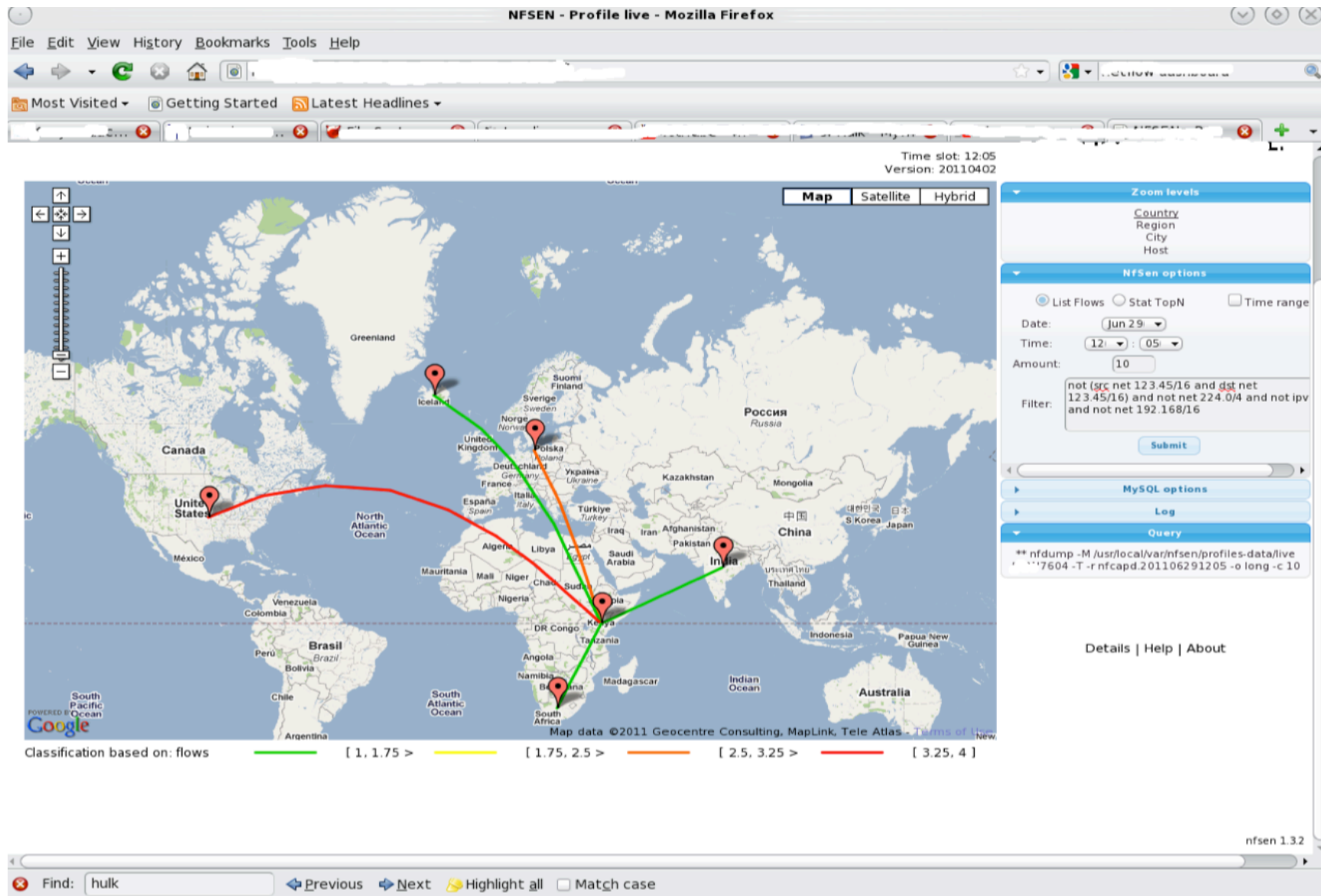
Several plugins available:

- **Porttracker** tracks the top 10 most active ports and displays a graph
- **Surfmap** displays country based traffic based on a Geo-Locator

More plugins available here

<http://sourceforge.net/apps/trac/nfsen-plugins/>

SurfMap



References

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NFDUMP

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