



NBAR and SD-AVC Operations and Troubleshooting in Cisco SDWAN

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What is the struggle?

When implementing application classification

- Application visibility
- Application Firewall
- Traffic prioritization
- Transport selection

- We do not understand why traffic is misclassified
- If traffic is classified properly, why is it misforwarded, not prioritized, or dropped?

Webex App

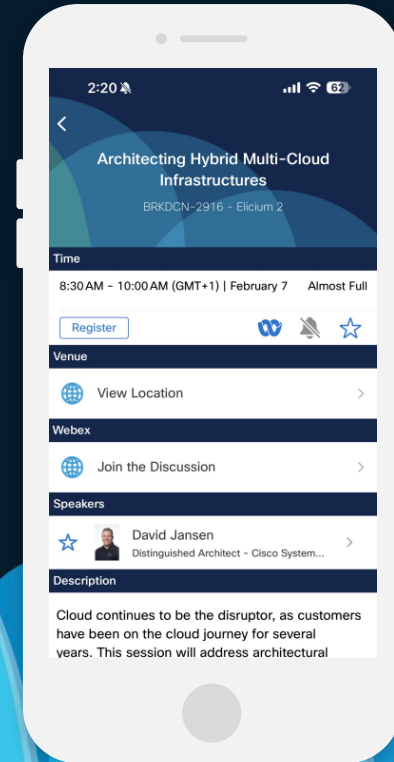
Questions?

Use the Webex app to chat with the speaker after the session

How

- 1 Find this session in the Cisco Events mobile app
- 2 Click “Join the Discussion”
- 3 Install the Webex app or go directly to the Webex space
- 4 Enter messages/questions in the Webex space

Webex spaces will be moderated by the speaker until February 28, 2025.



Agenda

- **Application Recognition**

On what basis are applications recognized?

Cisco SAIE

- **NBAR Flow Processing**

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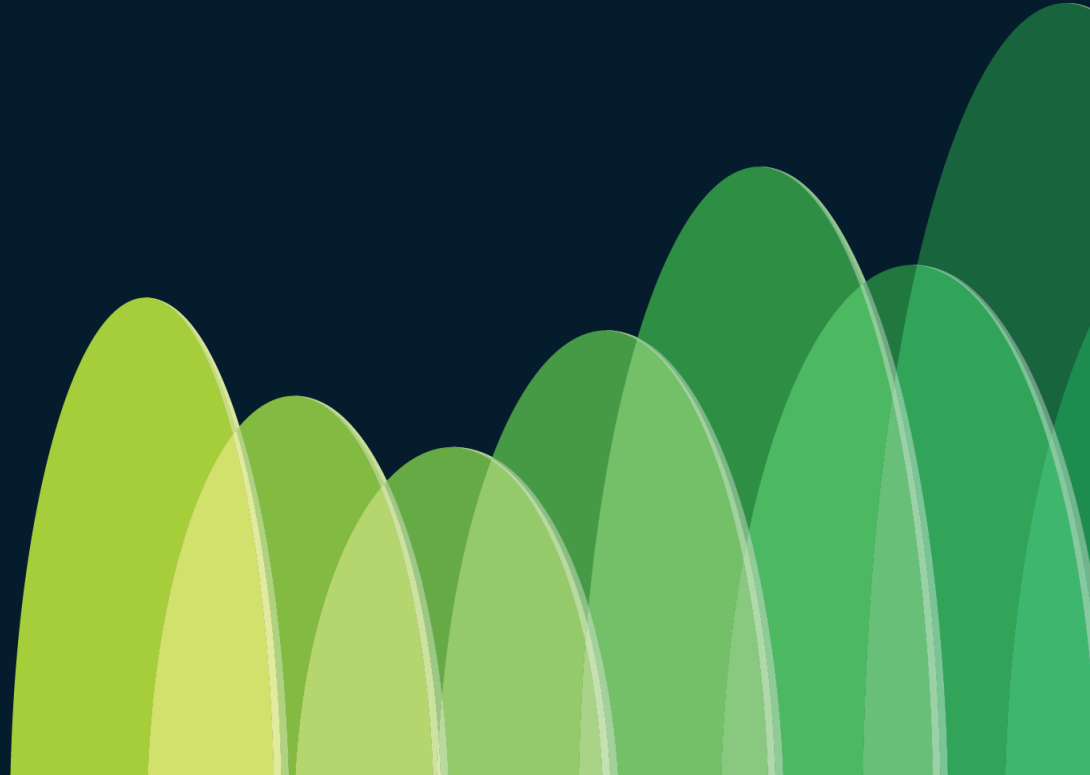
- **SD-AVC Integration and Order of precedence**

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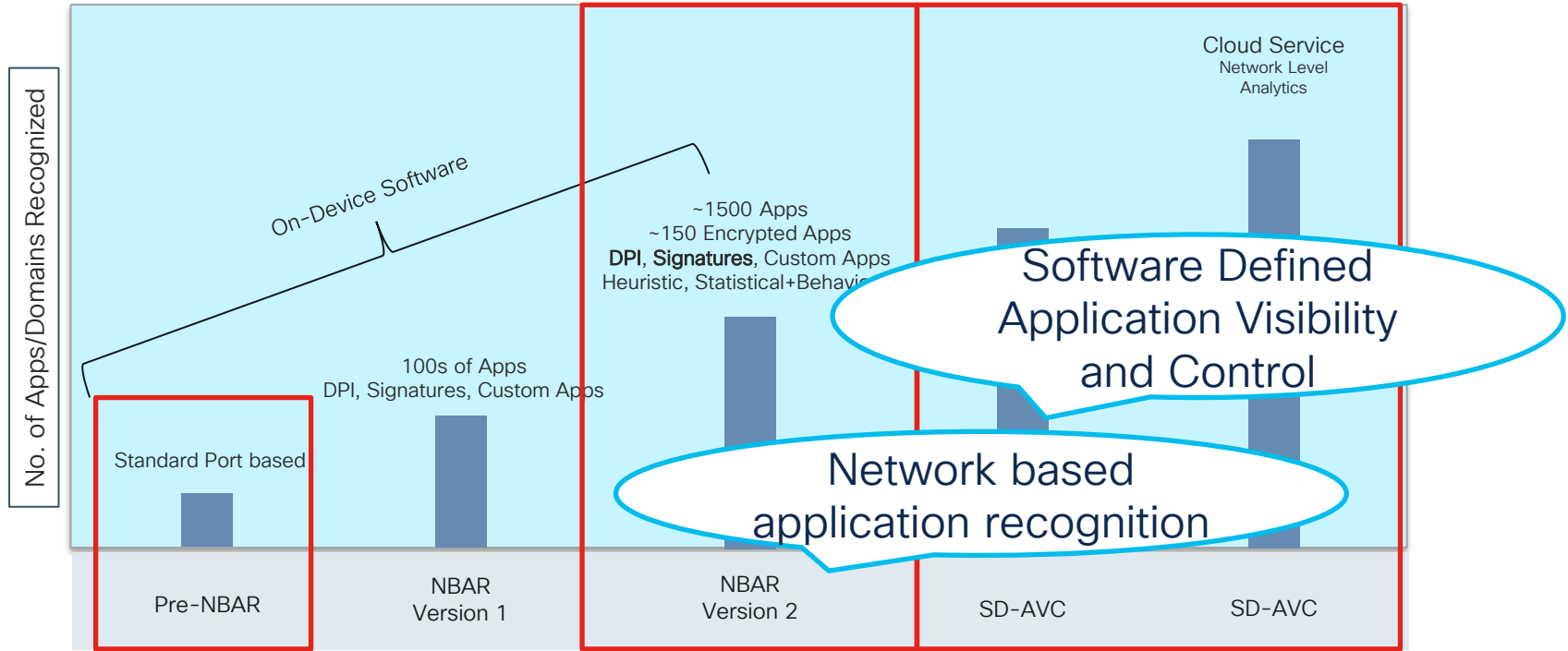
- **Cisco SDWAN Manager role**

- **Key Takeaways**

Application recognition



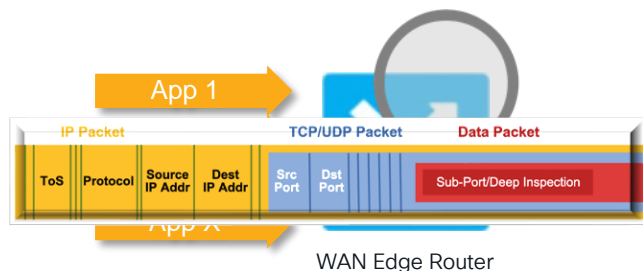
SDWAN Application Intelligence Engine



What does NBAR2 DPI do?

Examines and analyses the data payload in the packet and identifies application layer protocols by matching them against an **Application Signature**.

Deep Packet Inspection

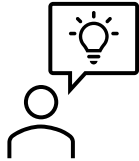


What is an Application Signature?



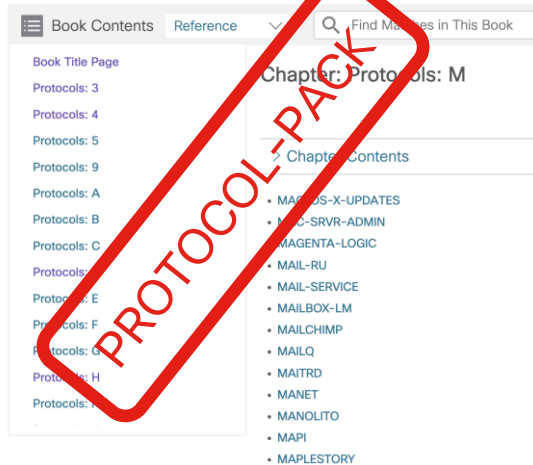
The specific traffic characteristics of a network application

What is a Protocol-Pack?



A collection of application signatures

~~Cisco NBAR2 Protocol Reference~~



MS-TEAMS

Name/CLI Keyword	ms-teams
Full Name	Microsoft Teams
Description	Microsoft Teams is a platform that combines workplace chat, meetings, notes, and attachments. The service integrates with the company's Office 365 subscription office productivity suite, including Microsoft Office and Skype.
Introduced	37.0.0
Deprecated	-
Reference	https://products.office.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software
Global ID	13:1208
ID	1208
IPv4 Support	Yes
IPv6 Support	Yes
Application Group	ms-cloud-group
Business Relevance	business-relevant
Category	voice-and-video
Sub Category	enterprise-media-conferencing
P2P Technology	True
Encrypted	True
Traffic-class	multimedia-conferencing
Tunnel	False

Verifying Protocol-pack version

Protocol-pack file naming convention,
pp-adv-<platform-type>-<OS>-<engine-id>-<protocol-pack-version>.pack

Default nbar version and protocol
pack in ios-xe version 17.9.5a



```
CSRSD-WAN-1#show ip nbar version
NBAR software version: 46
NBAR minimum backward compatible version: 46
NBAR change ID: BLD_NBAR_XE179_20231127_144921

Loaded Protocol Pack(s):
  Name: Advanced Protocol Pack
  Version: 61.0
  Publisher: Cisco Systems Inc.
  NBAR Engine Version: 46
  State: Active
```

Example for output with protocol
Pack updated through CLI:

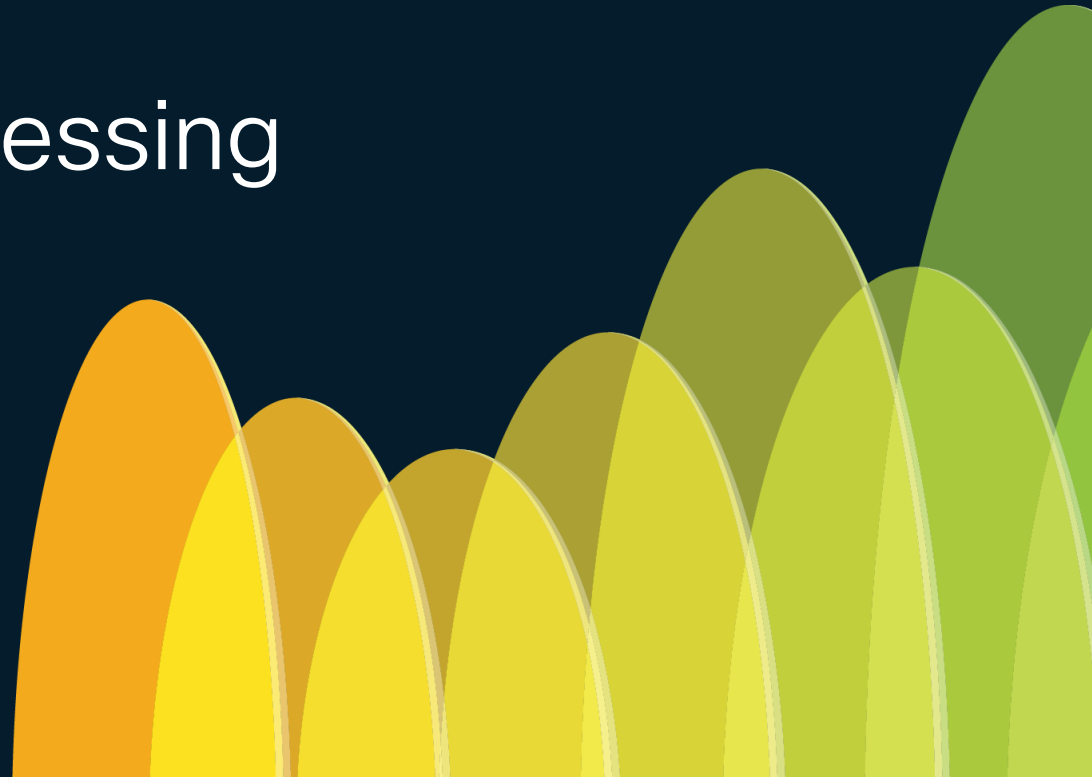
(config)#ip nbar protocol-pack
bootflash:<path>/<filename>



```
cEdge#show ip nbar version
NBAR software version: 46
NBAR minimum backward compatible version: 46
NBAR change ID: BLD_NBAR_XE179_20230201_235301

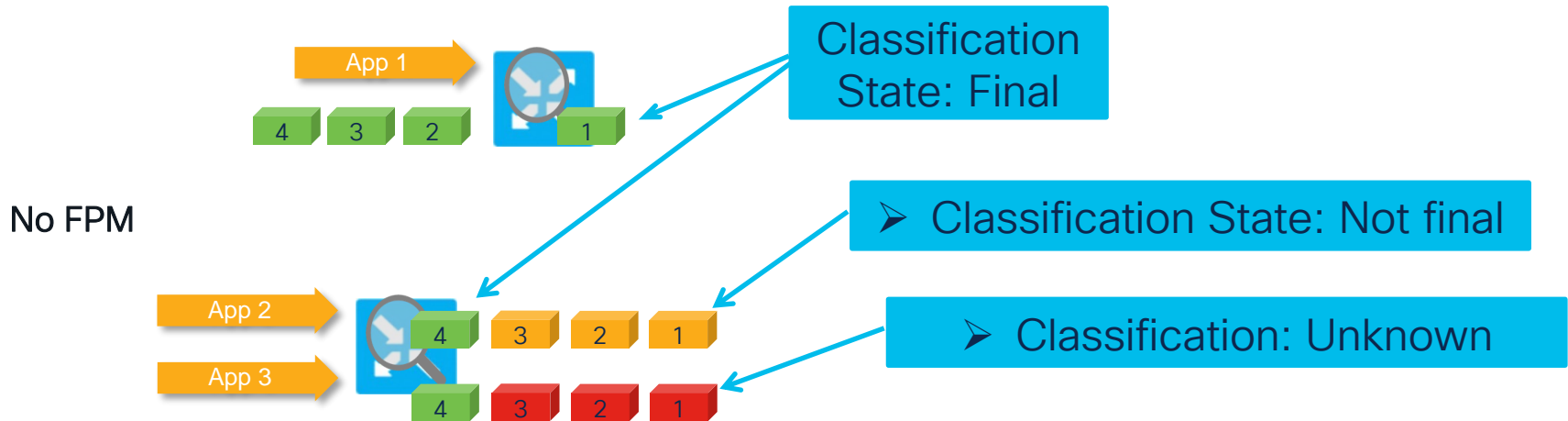
Loaded Protocol Pack(s):
  Name: Advanced Protocol Pack
  Version: 67.0
  Publisher: Cisco Systems Inc.
  NBAR Engine Version: 46
  Creation time: Thu Sep 7 16:17:25 UTC 2023
  File: bootflash:/vmanage-admin/pp-adv-cat8k-179.1a-46-67.0.0.pack
  State: Active
cEdge#
```

NBAR Flow processing



First Packet Match

We call **FPM** the capability of recognising and application flow successfully from the very first packet or **First in Flow (FIF)** packet.



What is the tricky part?

FPM dependant use cases:

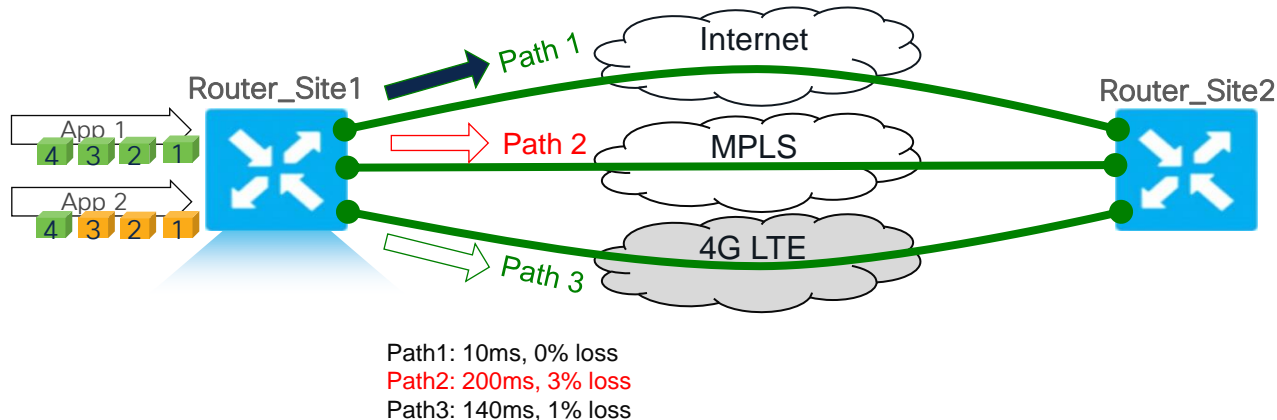
- **Transport selection (Forwarding)**
- Application Firewall

App 1 and App 2 path must have
latency <150ms and loss <2%

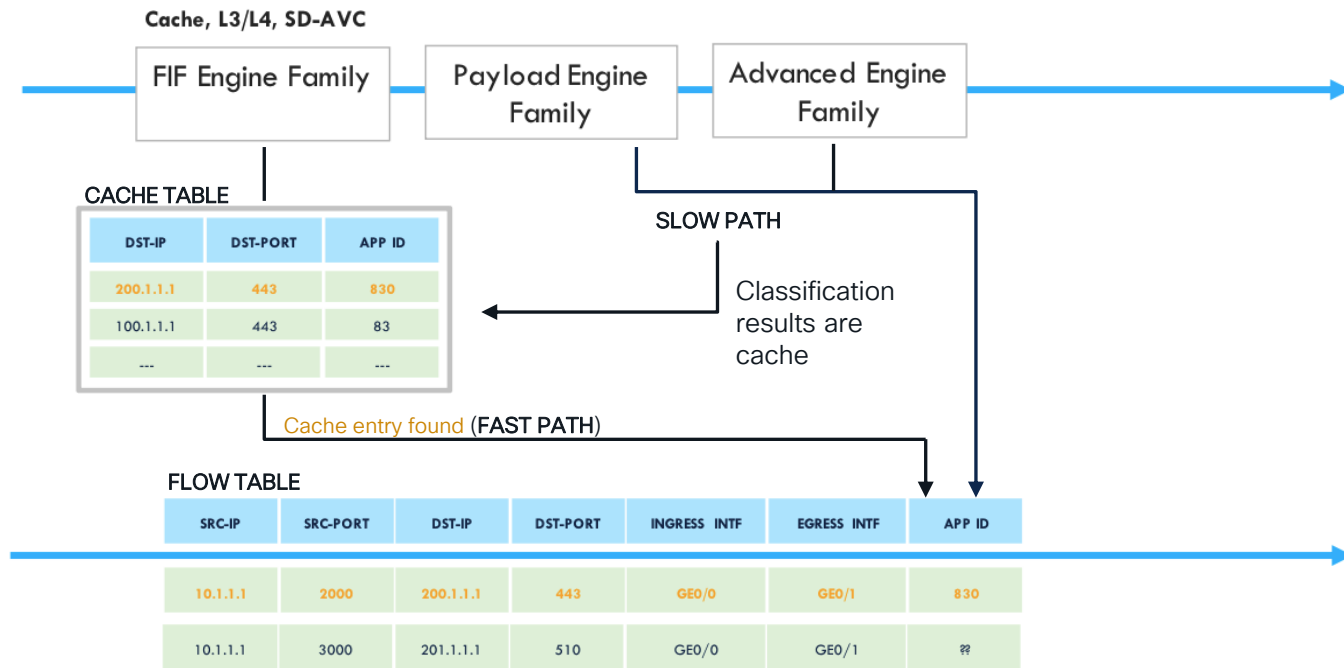
All traffic in the flow will
follow the same path as
the first packet

Flow Stickiness (default)

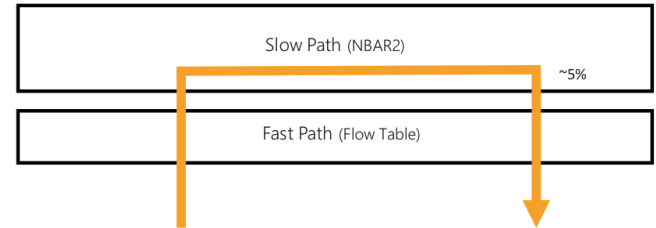
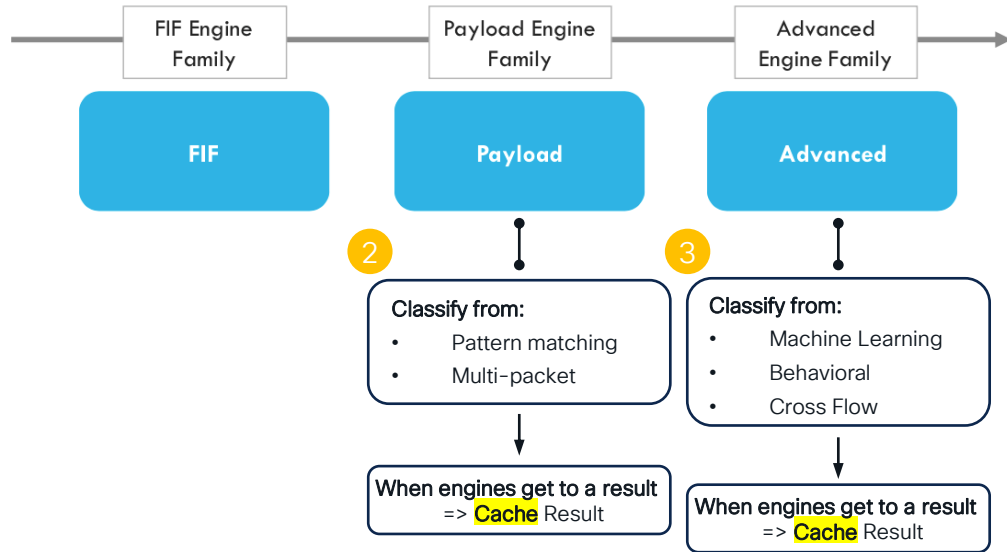
Flow Stickiness Disabled



NBAR2 Flow Processing - High Level View

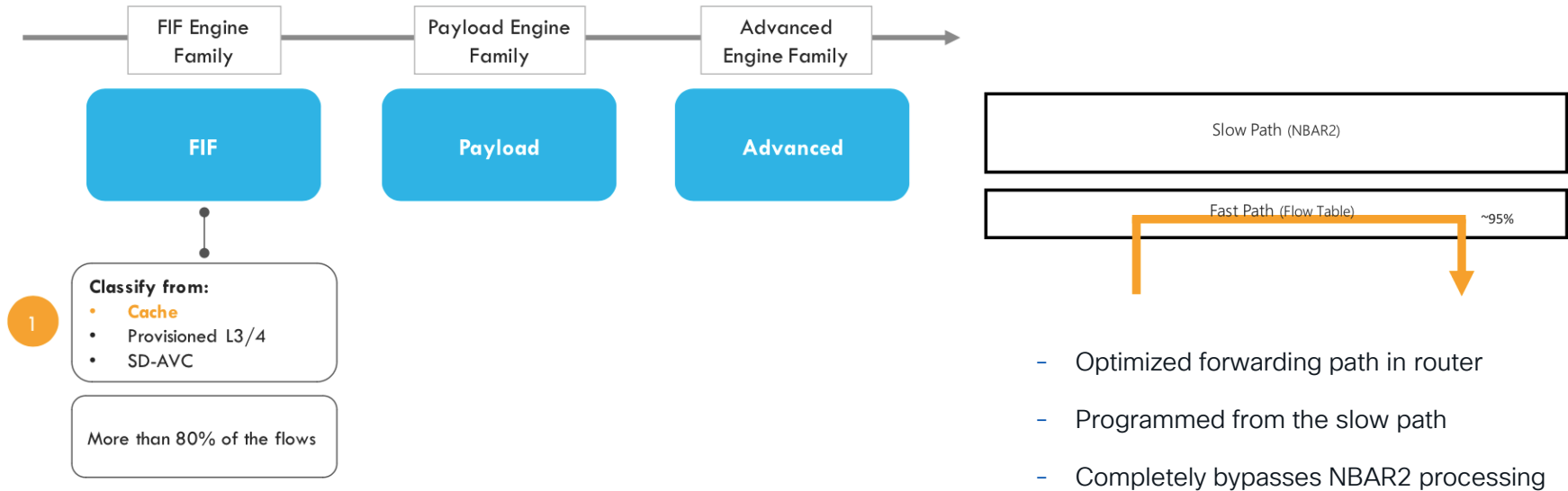


NBAR2 Classification – Slow Path



- Classifies the flow based on NBAR2 packet processing - Heavy duty work
- Potential classification on the first packet (FIF). If not, process more packets.
- Programs the Fast Path with classification results

NBAR2 Classification – Fast Path



NBAR2 Encrypted Traffic Classification

SSL handshake analysis – certificate, Server Name Indicator (SNI, RFC 6066)

```
Secure Sockets Layer
├─ TLSv1 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Client Hello
│   Content Type: Handshake (22)
│   Version: TLS 1.0 (0x0301)
│   Length: 183
├─ Handshake Protocol: Client Hello
│   Handshake Type: Client Hello (1)
│   Length: 179
│   Version: TLS 1.0 (0x0301)
│   └─ Random
│   └─ Extension: server_name
│       Type: server_name (0x0000)
│       Length: 21
│       └─ Server Name Indication extension
│           Server Name list length: 19
│           Server Name Type: host_name (0)
│           Server Name length: 16
│           Server Name: www.facebook.com
└─ Extension: renegotiation_info
    Type: renegotiation_info (0xff01)
```

DNS traffic analysis

To classify flows on the first packet, NBAR learns the information from dns requests that come before the actual flow.

For this to happen few basic conditions should be met:

1. Dns packets must be "seen" by router.
2. Domain-name must match NBAR relevant application.

NBAR will cache the IP address + matching classification in dns-learning-table so when the actual flow is opened it will be classified on the first packet.

Machine learning/Statistical classification and Heuristics based classification.

FIF classification and NBAR caches

DNS Cache (Learnt from DNS request and response)

show ip nbar classification dns learning cache <# of entries>

ip	vrf	application name	visibility	time to ttl expiry (sec)	ttl (sec)	entry aging (sec)	entry type	hit count	domain
31.13.66.35	1	facebook	facebook	0	23	60	PL DNS	7	www.facebook.com
157.240.229.35	1	facebook	facebook	0	60	60	PL DNS	10	www.facebook.com
151.101.131.52	1	time-news	time-news	0	979	60	PL DNS	0	time.com
151.101.0.81	1	bbc	bbc	0	29	60	PL DNS	0	www.bbc.com
172.253.62.94	1	google-services	google-services	0	211	60	PL DNS	4	www.gstatic.com
18.160.41.63	1	pocket	pocket	0	60	60	PL DNS	0	getpocket.com

Socket Cache (1-7 packets approx to finalize)

show ip nbar classification socket-cache <# of entries>

CSRSD-WAN-1#show ip nbar classification socket-cache 10

server ip	vrf	port	proto	application name	is valid	is black list	is learn phase	max time to expiry (sec)	entry type	hit count
172.253.115.95		1	443 TCP	google-services	No	No	Yes	1452	Infra	1
34.120.5.221		1	443 TCP	ssl	No	No	Yes	902	Infra	1
104.244.42.194		1	443 TCP	ssl	Yes	No	No	1480	Infra	13
185.125.190.58		1	123 UDP	ntp	No	No	Yes	338	Infra	1

FIF classification and DNS-Cache

We leverage **Packet-trace (Fia-trace)** captures to sniff into the packet's data-path and confirm **FIF** and **FPM** functionality:

If device does not see the DNS query and response,

Path Trace

Feature: IPv4(Input)

Input : GigabitEthernet3
Output : <unknown>
Source : 172.16.8.2

Destination : 208.80.154.224
Protocol : 6 (TCP)
SrcPort : 54464
DstPort : 443

...

TCP << flags

Source Port : 54464
Destination Port : 443
Sequence Number : 0x3a43a3f9
ACK Number : 0x00000000

TCP flags : 0xa002 (SYN packet)

...

Feature: NBAR

Packet number in flow: 1
Classification state: Not final
Classification name: unknown
Classification ID: 1 [CANA-L7:1]
Candidate classification sources:
N/A

TCP

Source Port : 54464
Destination Port : 443
Sequence Number : 0x3a43a3fa
ACK Number : 0x9b5930ac

TCP flags : 0x8018

...

Feature: NBAR

Packet number in flow: 4
Classification state: Final
Classification name: wikipedia
Classification ID: 1547 [CANA-L7:608]
Candidate classification sources:
N/A

...

FIF classification and DNS-Cache (Part 2)

No DNS cache entry is created

```
CSRSD-WAN-1#show ip nbar classification dns learning cache 100
```

ip	vrf	application	visibility	time to	ttl	entry	entry	hit	domain
		name		ttl expiry	(sec)	aging	type	count	
				(sec)		(sec)			
-----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

Socket cache entry is created after final classification

```
CSRSD-WAN-1#show ip nbar classification socket-cache 100
```

server ip	vrf	port	proto	application	is	is	is	max time	entry	hit	
				name	valid	black	learn	to expiry	type	count	
						list	phase	(sec)			
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
34.120.208.123		1	443	TCP	ssl	No	No	Yes	1720	Infra	1
208.80.154.224		1	443	TCP	wikipedia	No	No	Yes	1724	Infra	1

FIF classification and DNS-Cache (Part 3)

What if device sees the DNS query and response?

ip	vrf	application name	visibility	time to ttl expiry (sec)	ttl (sec)	entry aging (sec)	entry type	hit count	domain
...
208.80.154.224	1	wikipedia	wikipedia	278	300	60	PL DNS	1	www.wikipedia.org
...

Path Trace

Feature: IPv4(Input)

Input : GigabitEthernet3

Output : <unknown>

Source : 172.16.8.2

Destination : 208.80.154.224

Protocol : 6 (TCP)

SrcPort : 54464

DstPort : 443

...

Feature: NBAR

Packet number in flow: 1

Classification state: **Not final**

Classification name: **wikipedia**

Classification ID: 1547 [CANA-L7:608]

Candidate classification sources:

L3-Cache: wikipedia [1547]

...

TCP flags : 0xa002 >>> (SYN packet)

Clearing NBAR caches

Socket cache and DNS cache can be cleared using the commands below.

```
# Clear ip nbar classification socket-cache
```

```
# Clear ip nbar classification dns learning cache
```

Flow Stickiness

By default, flow stickiness is enabled on the SDWAN devices. This means that failing to classify the flow on the first packet will result on FPM-fail and flows, expected to match a policy sequence based on application list, may ended hitting a different sequence and pinned to and undesired path. Flow stickiness can be disabled with command below.

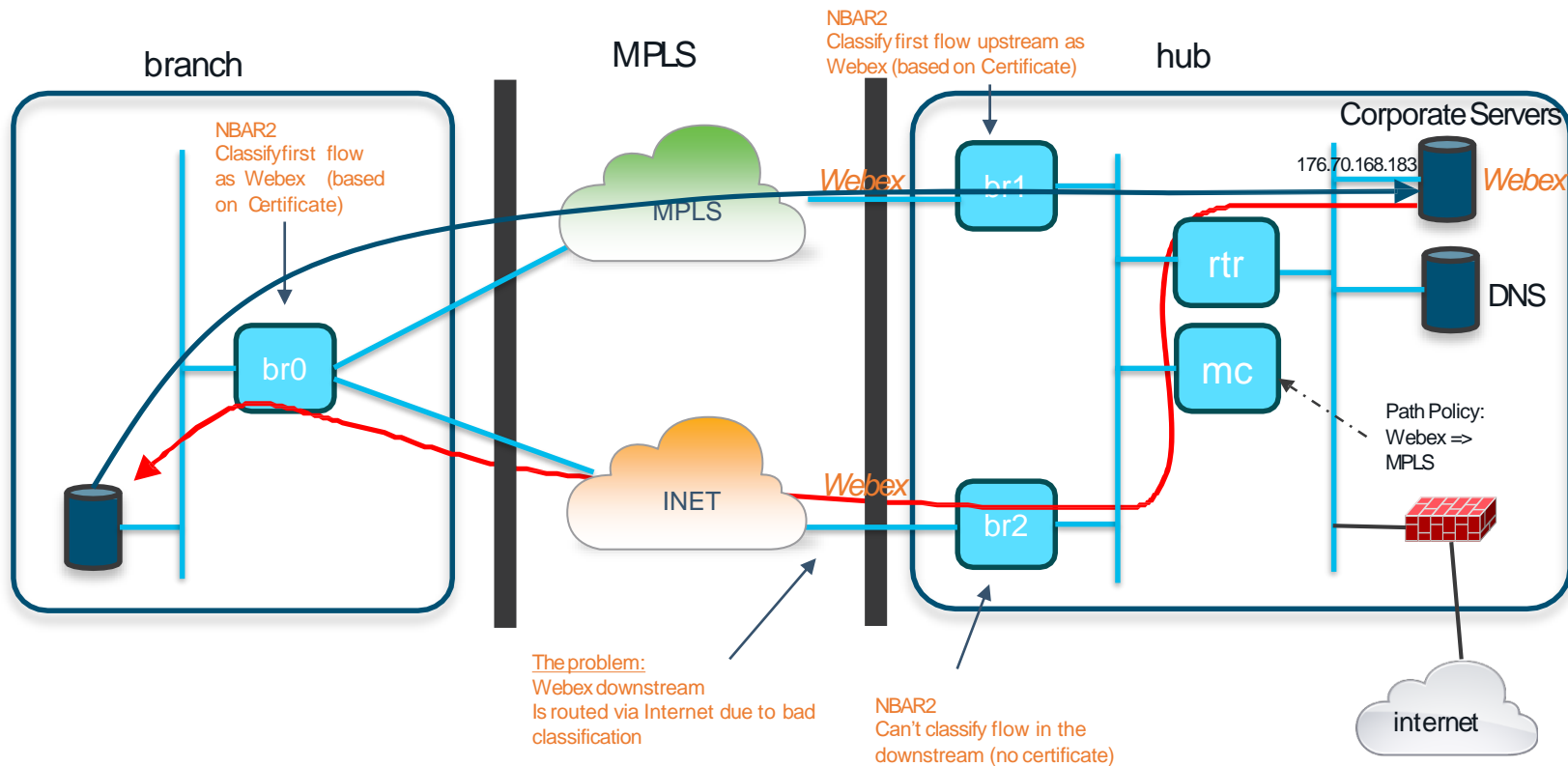
```
Device(config)# policy
```

```
Device(config-policy)# flow-stickiness disable
```

SD-AVC Integration and Order of precedence



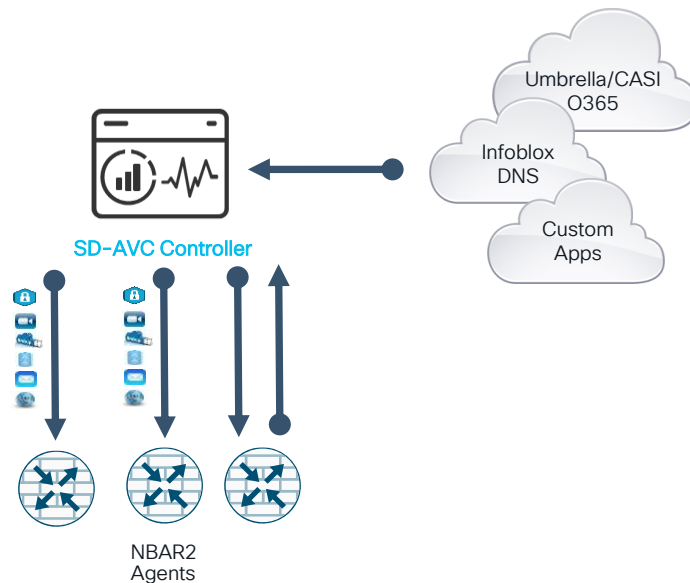
NBAR Cannot Handle Asymmetric Flows



Classification Benefits of SD-AVC

A centralised approach to the application recognition capabilities. Previously isolated routers running **NBAR2** will be now acting sensors and consumers of application classification data in our sdwan overlay.

- Network-level application recognition consistent across the network
- Improved application recognition in symmetric and asymmetric routing environments
- Improved FPM (First packet match)
- External SaaS application feeds from vendors if Cloud connector is enabled (Microsoft, Webex, etc.)
- Allow to define Custom Applications



SD-AVC elements

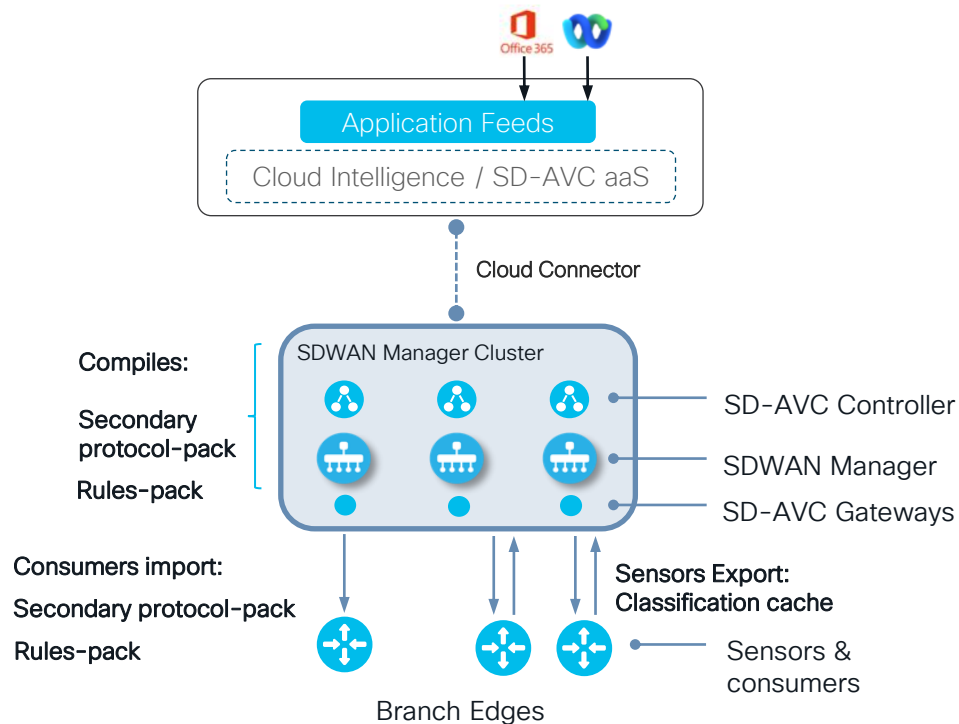
SD-AVC controller runs as a container on the SD-WAN Manager starting in version 18.4 with a few architectural changes through recent versions.

SD-AVC defines Sensors and Consumers in the network data plane

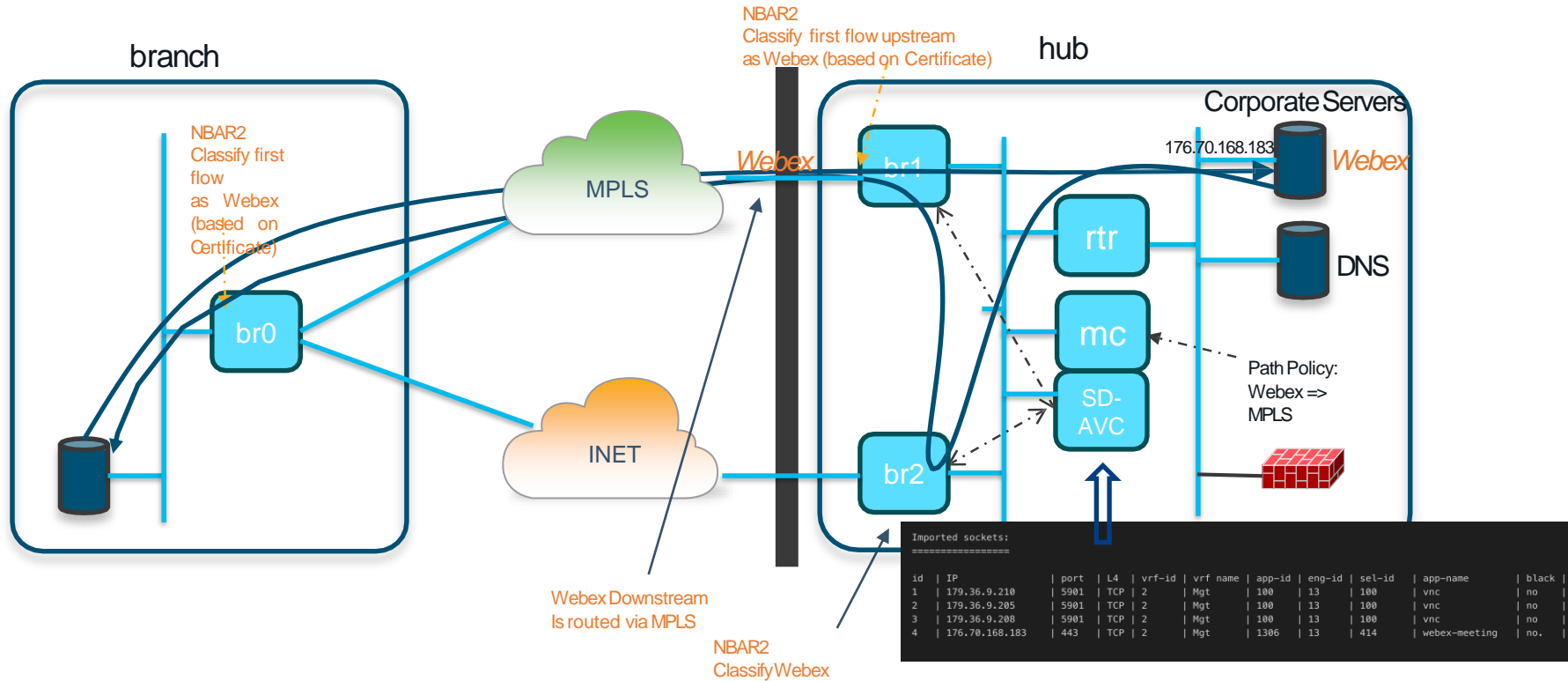
- Sensors are network devices (with NBAR2) that produce classification information and export it to the SD-AVC network service.
- Consumers are network devices that consume classification information from the SD-AVC network service

A network device can be a sensor, a consumer or both.

Cloud Intelligence or SD-AVC as a Service



Asymmetric Fixed Webex example - with SD-AVC



How does SD-AVC work?

- Sensors with NBAR2, classify traffic & cache results in the form of **Application Rules**.
- **Application Rule** is defined as a L3 or Socket cache mapping to App-ID

Application Rule Example:

id	IP	port	L4	vrf-id	vrf name	app-id	eng-id	sel-id	app-name	#hits	black	weight	rating
0	64.103.117.145	5902	TCP	0	global	100	13	100	vnc	1	no	69	1

both cache types are exported to SDWAN manager SD-AVC container for behavioural learning and circulated across all devices in overlay

```
# sh avc sd-service info import[export] dump[l3-cache|socket-cache]
# (config-t)# service internal
# sh ip nbar classification cache sync import[export] last[format table]
```

Socket-cache Exported Application Rules

Prerequisites:

- ✓ Payload Engine Family or Advance Engine Family reaching final classification
- ✓ Cache entry most by "valid" and not being blacklisted or in learning phase.

```
CSRSD-WAN-1#show ip nbar classification socket-cache 100
```

server ip	vrf	port	proto	application name	is valid	is black list	is learn phase	max time to expiry (sec)	entry type	hit count
224.0.0.251		1	5353	UDP	mdns	No	Yes	50	Infra	2
192.168.1.2		1	5201	TCP	Luis2	Yes	No	1195	Infra	245

```
CSRSD-WAN-1#show avc sd-service info export l3-cache
```

```
{
  "ip": "2620:0:861:ED1A::1",
  "vrf": "10",
  "appName": "wikipedia",
  "hits": 0,
  "rating": 0,
  "weight": 60,
  "timeToTtlExpire": 0,
  "type": "dns",
  "fqdn": "www.wikipedia.org",
  "fqdnHits": 0,
  "fqdnCommonLabels": 3,
  "fqdnCommonLabelsHits": 0
}
```

Example of L3 cache exported entry

```
CSRSD-WAN-1#show avc sd-service info export socket-cache
```

```
"socketCache": {
  "elements": [
    {
      "ip": "192.168.150.14",
      "port": 22,
      "vrf": "Mgmt-intf",
      "l4Proto": "TCP",
      "appName": "ssh",
      "hits": 3,
      "black": false,
      "weight": 56,
      "rating": 0
    }
  ]
}
```

Example of socket-cache exported entry

If "rating" = 0
Cache entry is
not exported

L3 and L4 Imported Application Rules

```
CSRSD-WAN-200#show avc sd-service info import dump
```

```
Imported sockets
```

```
=====
```

id	IP	port	L4	vrf-id	vrf name	app-id	eng-id	sel-id	app-name	black	category:value	keep after rollback
=====												
0	157.240.229.35/32	443	TCP	1	10	1454	13	518	facebook	no	N/A	no
1	172.253.115.95/32	443	TCP	1	10	1456	13	520	google-services	no	N/A	no
2	208.80.154.224/32	443	TCP	1	10	1547	13	608	wikipedia	no	N/A	no
3	192.229.211.108/32	80	TCP	1	10	1750	13	819	ocsp	no	N/A	no
4	192.168.150.14/32	22	TCP	4	Mgmt-int	40	3	22	ssh	no	N/A	no
5	192.168.150.11/32	22	TCP	4	Mgmt-int	40	3	22	ssh	no	N/A	no

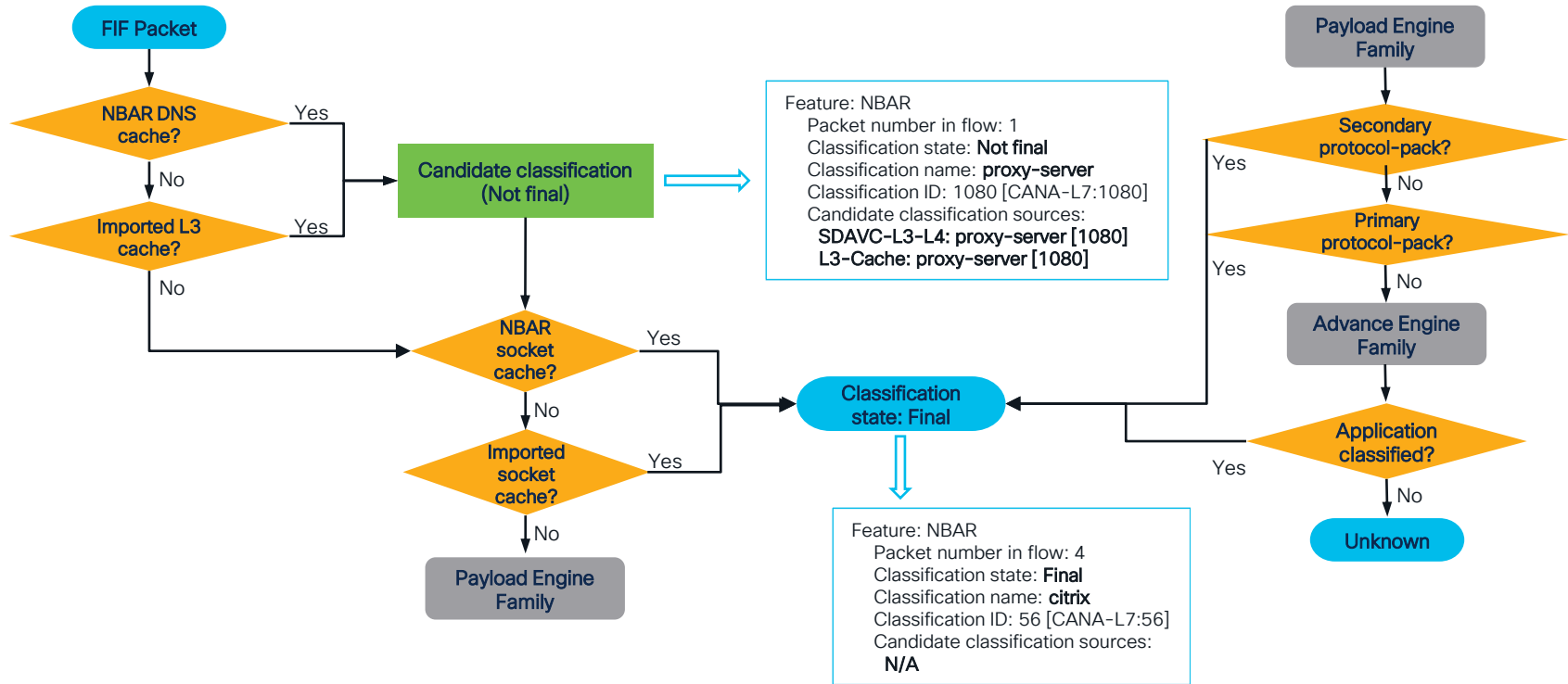
```
Imported L3 elements
```

```
=====
```

id	IP	vrf-id	vrf name	app-id	eng-id	sel-id	app-name	category:value	keep after rollback
=====									
0	142.251.111.84/32	1	10	1456	13	520	google-services	N/A	no
1	172.253.115.95/32	1	10	1456	13	520	google-services	N/A	no
2	31.13.71.36/32	1	10	1454	13	518	facebook	N/A	no
3	142.251.167.94/32	1	10	1456	13	520	google-services	N/A	no

```
CSRSD-WAN-200#
```

Order of Precedence Flowchart



Custom Applications

Custom applications defined in SDWAN Manager are compiled by SD-AVC on the **Secondary Protocol Pack**.

Match logic

- Between all L3/L4 attributes >> logical AND.
- Between L3/L4 and FQDN >> logical OR

~~FQDN defined Custom App and Server hosting multiple services.~~

Application List **Custom Applications** Cloud Discovered

[+ New Custom Application](#)

Application Name*

Name of the custom application

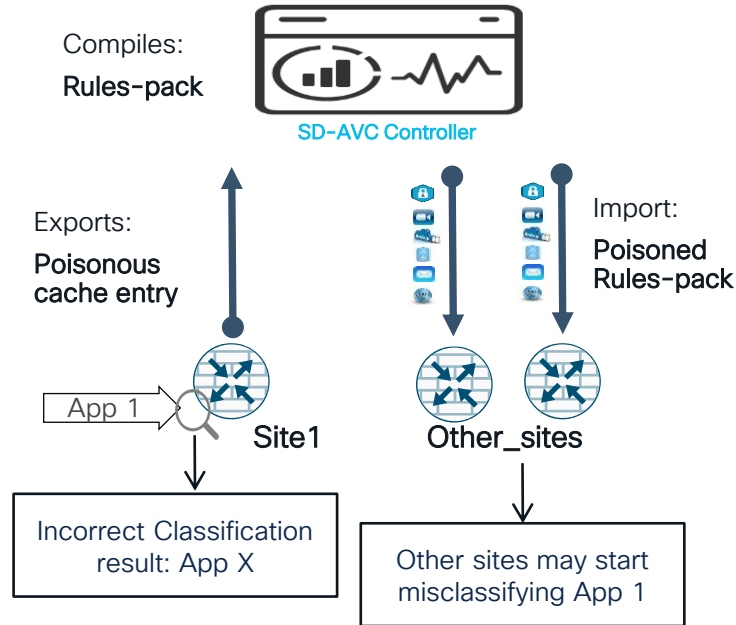
Server Names*

Fully Qualified Domain names or Regex starting with '*' but not ending with '*' or both separated by commas. Example: *.customapp.com,

L3/L4 Attributes [+](#)

IP Address	Ports	L4 Protocol
10.0.0.0, 20.0.0.0/24 separated	Space separated ports or range	Select ▼

What is the tricky part?



Cache poisoning can cause erratic classification across the SD-WAN overlay!

Flows can be classified differently in different network nodes due to,

- Protocol-pack or Rules-Pack version mismatch
- DNS cache entries pointing to different application ID
- IOS version (older releases may not support custom applications)
- others

What to do if cache is poisoned?

1. Determine which device is poisoning the cache
 - Check local nbar cache on potential suspects (only local nbar cache entries are exported)
 - Check loaded Primary Protocol-pack version
 - Check SD-AVC connectivity and active Secondary protocol-pack and Rules-pack version
 - Maintain unified IOS versioning
 - Enable vertical debugging to track the source of the cache entry (requires TAC intervention)
2. Disconnect SD-AVC (no app-visibility config) or address the misclassification on culprit router
3. Wait for entry on SD-AVC cache to expired and disappear (may take up to 4 days) or flush SD-AVC cache (requires TAC intervention)

Enhancement: ability to clear cache of all devices centrally from vmanage.

Checking Primary Protocol-pack

From 20.14/17.14, Application Catalog is enhanced to simplify tasks related to NBAR Protocol Pack upgrade

The screenshot displays the Cisco Catalyst SD-WAN web interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Monitor', 'Overview', 'Applications 1527', 'Application Source Settings' (highlighted), 'Discovered Application 0', 'Application Lists', and 'Policy Compliance'. The left sidebar shows a menu with 'Configuration Groups', 'Policy Groups', 'Service Insertion', 'Topology', 'Cloud OnRamp for SaaS', 'Cloud OnRamp for Multicloud', 'Devices', 'Network Hierarchy', 'Certificates', 'Certificate Authority', 'Templates', 'Policies', 'Security', 'Unified Communications', 'Network Design', 'Cloud onRamp for IaaS', and 'Application Catalog' (checked). The main content area is titled 'SD-WAN Manager Protocol Pack' and shows 'Version : 68.0.0', 'Number Of Apps : 1527', and 'Last Update : 01/16/2024'. Below this, there's a section for 'Devices (5)' with a search bar and a table. The table has columns: Hostname, Site ID, Device Model, Software Version, Protocol Pack Version, Reachability, Compability Status, and Upgrade Status. The 'Protocol Pack Version' column is highlighted with a red box. The table shows five devices, all with 'success' upgrade status. The last device, 'vm11', has a 'Compability Status' of 'x'.

Hostname	Site ID	Device Model	Software Version	Protocol Pack Version	Reachability	Compability Status	Upgrade Status
vm1	100	C8000v	17.12.03.0.3258	68	✓	✓	success
vm4	400	C8000v	17.09.05.0.6265	68	✓	✓	success
vm5	500	C8000v	17.12.03.0.3067	68	✓	✓	success
vm6	600	C8000v	17.14.01.0.474	68 (Builtin)	✓	✓	success
vm11	100	C8000v	17.13.01.0.1009	67 (Builtin)	✓	x	success

Checking SDAVC connectivity

```
CSRSD-WAN-1#show avc sd-service info summary
```

```
Status: CONNECTED
```

```
Active controller:
```

```
  Type   : Primary
```

```
  IP     : 1.1.1.2
```

```
Status: Connected
```

```
Version      : 4.4.0
```

```
Last connection: *12:34:48.000 PDT Tue Sep 24 2024
```

```
Active SDAVC import files:
```

```
  Protocol pack:          Not loaded
```

```
  Secondary protocol pack: PPKDK_Viptela-POC-Tool-_abab33f10862c3ac6517296865fadb.pack
```

```
  Rules pack:             pp_update_Viptela-POC-Tool-19827_a_v2_df6de6458b5a.pack
```

```
CSRSD-WAN-1#
```

Check SDAVC Export/Import

```
CSRSD-WAN-1#show avc sd-service info export | sec summary
```

Export summary:

Export requests:	4
Successful export requests:	4
Failed export requests:	0
Total exported elements:	468
Last export time:	*12:47:27.000 PDT Tue Sep 24 2024
State sequence:	0

CSRSD-WAN-1#

```
CSRSD-WAN-1#show avc sd-service info import | sec summary
```

Import summary:

Number of import requests:	9
Number of import dp to cp events:	10
Number of import load successfully:	9
Number of import successful sent to dataplane:	9
Number of import successful load in dataplane:	9
Number of import load failed:	0
Number of import load failed in CP:	0
Number of import load failed in DP:	0
Total imported elements:	466

Last import attempt time:	*12:35:48.000 PDT Tue Sep 24 2024
Last import load success time:	*12:35:48.000 PDT Tue Sep 24 2024
Last import attempt file_name:	pp_update_Viptela-POC-Tool-19827_a_v2_1edddcae741bf.pack
Active import file_name:	pp_update_Viptela-POC-Tool-19827_a_v2_1edddcae741bf.pack

Misclassification due to SD-AVC imported cache could also be caused by outdated Rules-pack

Useful SD-AVC API calls

Initially we need generate an authentication token by login using SD-AVC credentials (TAC intervention required)

```
vmanage_20_9_4:~# curl --insecure -X POST -d 'username=sdavc' -d 'password=password' https://localhost:10502/avc-sd-service/external-api/login
```

```
vManage_20_12:~# curl -k -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" https://localhost:10502/avc-sd-service/gw/api/login -u sdavc:password
```

Response will be in the format `{"token":"Bearer <token>"}`. Then we can use the response token to issue API call below to clear SDAVC controller cache by disabling and reenabling behavioural learning.

```
curl -k -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" -H "Authorization:Bearer <token>" "https://localhost:10502/avc-sd-service/external-api/devices-config?segment=ALL-SEGMENT" -d '{"segment": "ALL-SEGMENT" , "devices": [{"deviceName" :null, "deivcelp" :null, "isBehavioralLearningEnabled": false}]}'
```

```
curl -k -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" -H "Authorization:Bearer <token>" "https://localhost:10502/avc-sd-service/external-api/devices-config?segment=ALL-SEGMENT" -d '{"segment": "ALL-SEGMENT" , "devices": [{"deviceName" :null, "deivcelp" :null, "isBehavioralLearningEnabled": true}]}'
```

Useful SD-AVC API calls (part 2)

To enable vertical debugging, we can use API below specifying the filter that will be use for the debugging. The Date will be in “epoch” format

```
vmanage:~# curl -k -X POST https://localhost:10502/avc-sd-service/api/verticalDebug \
-d '{"name": "findzoom", "appname": "zoom-meetings", "date": 1724896345446, "enabled": true, "ip": "", "port": "",
"mac": "", "topics": ["socketcache", "13_rules", "asymmetric_sockets", "rules_in_db"], "segment": "", "vrf": "", "total": 0}' \
-H "Content-Type: application/json" \
-H "Authorization: Bearer <token>" {"success":true,"message":"Vertical debug was added successfully"}
```

To find and the delete the rule number that was created

```
vmanage:~# curl -k -X GET https://localhost:10502/avc-sd-service/api/verticalDebug/status?action=detail -H "Content-Type:
application/json" -H "Authorization: Bearer <token>"
```

```
vmanage:~#curl -v -k -X DELETE https://localhost:10502/avc-sd-service/api/verticalDebug/7 -H "Content-Type: application/json" -H
"Authorization: Bearer <token>"
```

The debugs can be found in vmanage admin-tech under directory `/var/log/nms/containers/sdsvc/vertical_debug.log`

SDWAN Manager SD-AVC Logs

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“/var/log/nms/containers/sdavic”

Files “sdavic_application.log” and “vertical_debug.log” can be leveraged to see SD-AVC controller communication with dispatcher, http/udp interaction to trigger cache import/export or the applications added to the manager behavioral/Dynamic learning cache table.

vManage-1:/var/log/nms/containers/sdavic/avc/sdavic_application.log

```
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...
2024-08-03 04:49:14 INFO PPAckRuleConnector:47 - creating rule pack file, segment:stile-keep-alive, json size:1471528, version:VERSION_2
2024-08-03 04:49:14 INFO PPAckRuleConnector:101 - Create rule-pack from json /tmp/pp_update_stile-keep-alive_a_v2_8fbd3cdad9f4.pack for segment
stile-keep-alive
...
2024-08-03 04:49:14 INFO PPAckRuleConnector:132 - Going to copy /tmp/pp_update_stile-keep-alive_a_v2_8fbd3cdad9f4.pack to /scratch/
pack_validation_dir/tmp/pp_update_stile-keep-alive_a_v2_8fbd3cdad9f4.pack/rule_pack_for_validation.pack
2024-08-03 04:49:15 INFO PPAckRuleConnector:195 - The Validation of rule PASSED {
  "cprCacheSyncTotalExmemUsed": 192992,
  "cppCacheSyncDbStateReady": true,
  "cppCacheSyncDbElementsNum": 2
}
...
2024-08-03 04:49:15 INFO PPAckRuleConnector:88 - Rule-pack: /tmp/pp_update_stile-keep-alive_a_v2_8fbd3cdad9f4.pack validation success
2024-08-03 04:49:15 INFO RulePackPublisher:421 - Going to publish 8fbd3cdad9f4 to segment stile-keep-alive
```

vManage-1:/var/log/nms/containers/sdavic/avc/vertical_debug.log.log

```
2024-09-26 13:39:07 INFO VerticalDebugLogger:23 - {"version":1,"segment":"Cisco Sy1 - 19968","deviceId":"BR1-CEDGE1","deviceVersion":"1.0","stateS
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meToTtlExpire":153,"type":"dns","fqdn":"intake-analytics.wikimedia.org","fqdnHits":1,"fqdnCommonLabels":1,"fqdnCommonLabelsHits":5}}}}
2024-09-26 13:39:11 INFO VerticalDebugLogger:23 - {"version":1,"segment":"Cisco Sy1 - 19968","deviceId":"BR1-CEDGE1","deviceVersion":"1.0","stateS
equence":1,"msgTypes":["l3Cache"],"l3Cache":{"elements":[{"ip":"185.15.59.240","vrf":"40","appName":"wikipedia","hits":17,"rating":11,"weight":60,"
timeToTtlExpire":157,"type":"dns","fqdn":"upload.wikimedia.org","fqdnHits":11,"fqdnCommonLabels":3,"fqdnCommonLabelsHits":11}}}}
```

Note: for vertical debug logs to be printed vertical debugging must be enabled via API calls.

SDWAN Manager SD-AVC Logs

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```

Note: for vertical debug logs to be printed vertical debugging must be enabled via API calls.

Cisco SDWAN Manager role

Enabling SDAVC in SDWAN Manager

ce Group ▾ Administration • Cluster Management

Edit vManage

Node Persona ⓘ



Compute + Data
(Up to 5 nodes each)



Compute
(Up to 5 nodes)



Data
(Up to 10s of nodes)

vManage IP Address*

10.1.1.7

Username*

Password*

☒ Enable SD-AVC

Additionally, App-visibility must be enabled on the edge devices either through localized policy or CLI

```
(config)# policy  
(config-policy)# app-visibility
```

☰ Cisco SD-WAN

Select Resource Group ▾

Administration • Cluster Management

Service Configuration

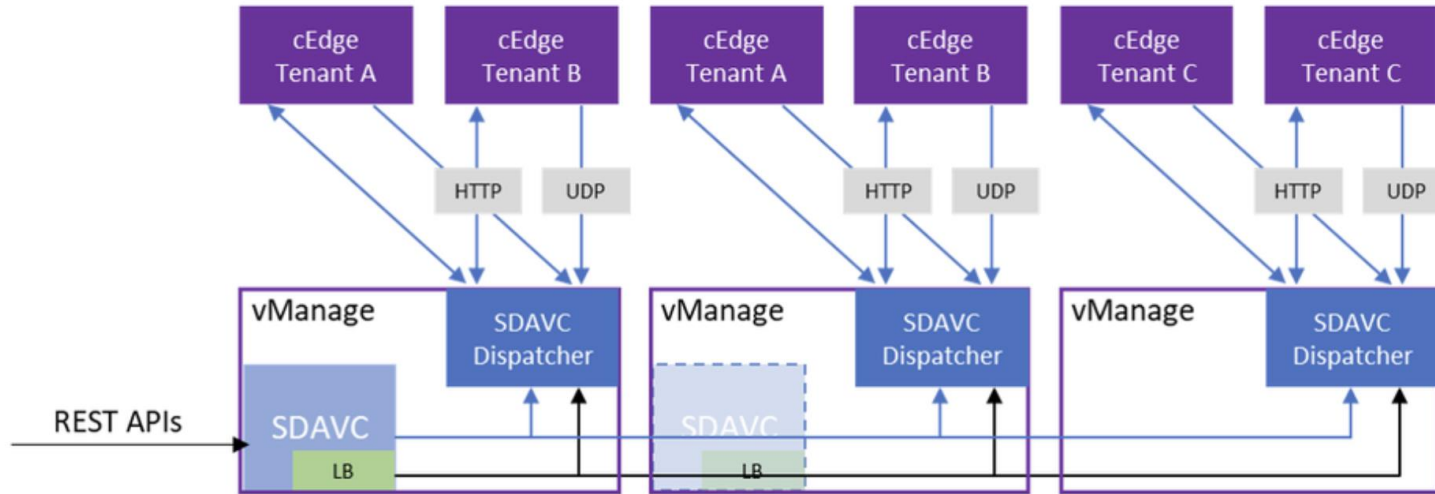
Service Reachability

Current vManage : 10.1.1.7

🔍 Search

IP Address	Application Server	Statistics Database	Configuration Database	Messaging Server	SD-AVC
10.1.1.7	reachable	reachable	reachable	reachable	reachable

SDAVC SDWAN Manager Architecture (20.9 and before)



- SD-AVC service running on one or multiple SDWAN Manager nodes
- Dispatcher is the proxy service running on every Manager node

Verifying SDAVC status (20.9 and before)

```
vManage-1# request nms all status
```

```
...
```

```
NMS SDAVC server
```

```
Enabled: true
```

```
Status: running PID:20412 for 16657s
```

```
NMS SDAVC proxy
```

```
Enabled: true
```

```
Status: running PID:12228 for 4883021s
```

```
vManage-1#
```

```
vManage-1# request nms sdavc diagnostics
```

```
NMS SDAVC server
```

```
Checking cluster connectivity...
```

```
Pinging server on 10.1.1.7:10502...
```

```
Starting Nping 0.7.80 ( https://nmap.org/nping ) at 2024-09-24 15:20 PDT
```

```
SENT (0.0020s) Starting TCP Handshake > 10.1.1.7:10502
```

```
RCVD (0.0020s) Handshake with 10.1.1.7:10502 completed
```

```
SENT (1.0031s) Starting TCP Handshake > 10.1.1.7:10502
```

```
RCVD (1.0031s) Handshake with 10.1.1.7:10502 completed
```

```
SENT (2.0041s) Starting TCP Handshake > 10.1.1.7:10502
```

```
RCVD (2.0041s) Handshake with 10.1.1.7:10502 completed
```

```
Max rtt: 0.147ms | Min rtt: 0.014ms | Avg rtt: 0.071ms
```

```
TCP connection attempts: 3 | Successful connections: 3 | Failed: 0 (0.00%)
```

```
Nping done: 1 IP address pinged in 2.00 seconds
```

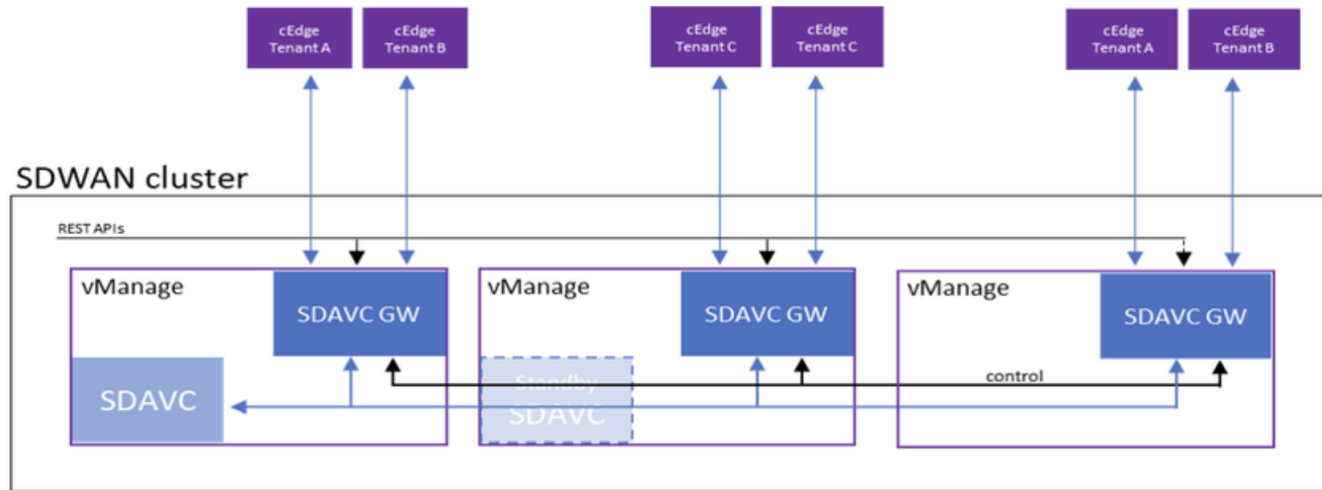
```
Checking server 10.1.1.7...
```

```
Server network connections
```

tcp	0	0 127.0.0.1:10502	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN	20340/docker-proxy
tcp	0	0 10.1.1.7:34617	10.1.1.7:10502	TIME_WAIT	-
tcp	0	0 10.1.1.7:44379	10.1.1.7:10502	TIME_WAIT	-
tcp	0	0 10.1.1.7:35259	10.1.1.7:10502	TIME_WAIT	-
tcp6	0	0 10.1.1.7:57653	10.1.1.7:10502	TIME_WAIT	-

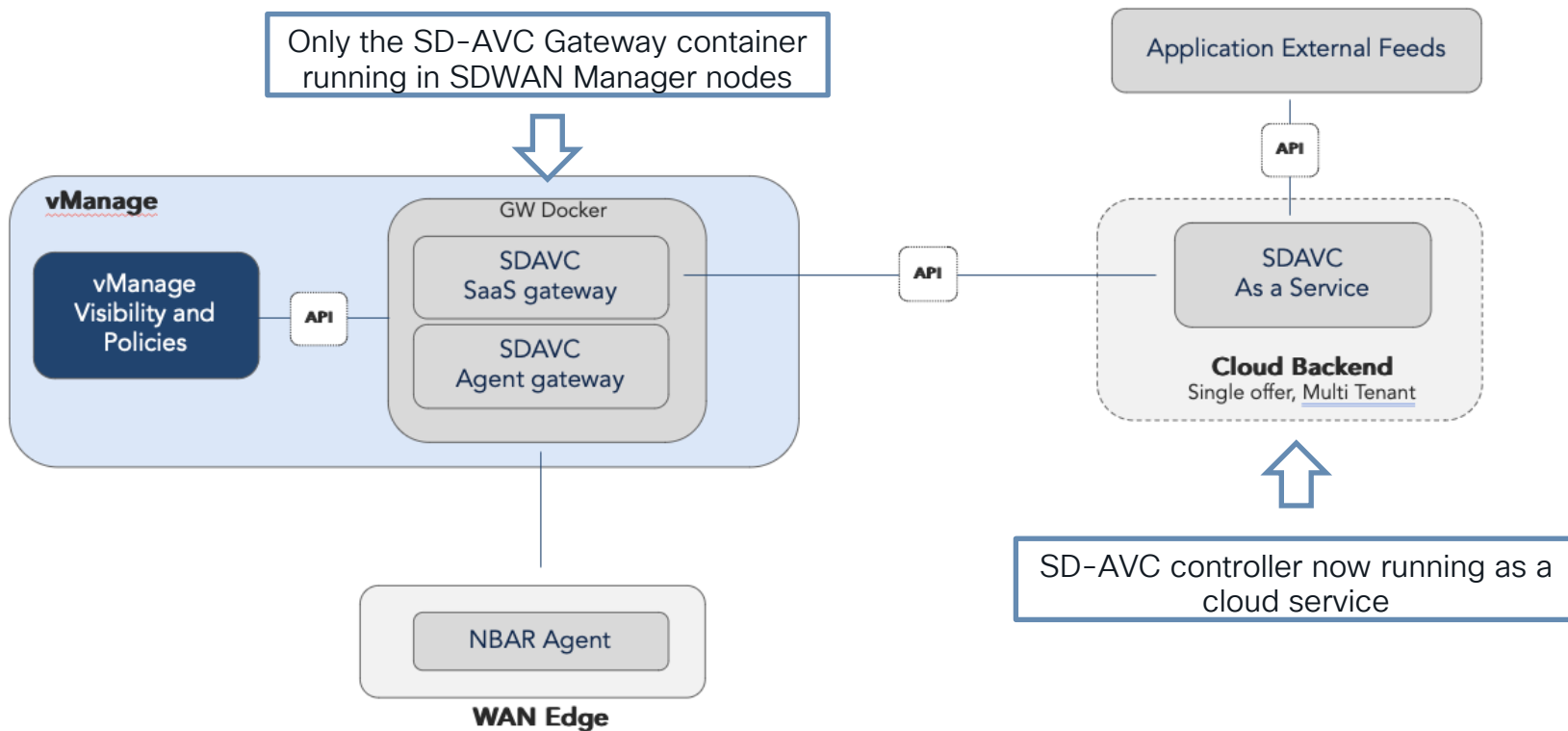
```
vManage-1#
```

SDAVC SDWAN Manager Architecture (starting in 20.10)



- SD-AVC service running on a single SDWAN manager
- Dispatcher is replaced with SD-AVC Gateway running as a container in every Manager node
- Gateway communicates with the local SD-AVC service instance

20.10/17.10 SD-AVC SaaS



Verifying SDAVC status (starting in 20.10)

```
vManage01# request nms all status
```

```
NMS SDAVC server
```

```
Enabled: true
```

“false” if SD-AVC aaS enabled

```
Status: running PID:6669 for 1385s
```

```
NMS SDAVC gateway
```

```
Enabled: true
```

```
Status: running PID:3499 for 1506s
```

```
vManage01# request nms sdavc diagnostics
```

```
NMS SDAVC server
```

```
Checking cluster connectivity...
```

```
Pinging server on 172.16.0.1:10504...
```

```
Starting Nping 0.7.80 ( https://nmap.org/nping ) at 2024-09-24 23:29 UTC
```

```
SENT (0.0017s) Starting TCP Handshake > 172.16.0.1:10504
```

```
RCVD (0.0018s) Handshake with 172.16.0.1:10504 completed
```

```
SENT (1.0031s) Starting TCP Handshake > 172.16.0.1:10504
```

```
RCVD (1.0031s) Handshake with 172.16.0.1:10504 completed
```

```
SENT (2.0043s) Starting TCP Handshake > 172.16.0.1:10504
```

```
RCVD (2.0043s) Handshake with 172.16.0.1:10504 completed
```

```
Max rtt: 0.089ms | Min rtt: 0.016ms | Avg rtt: 0.043ms
```

```
TCP connection attempts: 3 | Successful connections: 3 | Failed: 0 (0.00%)
```

```
Nping done: 1 IP address pinged in 2.00 seconds
```

```
WARNING: Reverse DNS lookup on 172.16.0.1 timed out after 2 seconds
```

```
vManage01# request nms sdavc-gw diagnostics
```

```
NMS SDAVC gateway
```

```
Checking cluster connectivity...
```

```
Pinging server on 172.16.0.1:10502...
```

```
Starting Nping 0.7.80 ( https://nmap.org/nping ) at 2024-09-24 23:29 UTC
```

```
SENT (0.0015s) Starting TCP Handshake > 172.16.0.1:10502
```

```
RCVD (0.0015s) Handshake with 172.16.0.1:10502 completed
```

```
SENT (1.0028s) Starting TCP Handshake > 172.16.0.1:10502
```

```
RCVD (1.0028s) Handshake with 172.16.0.1:10502 completed
```

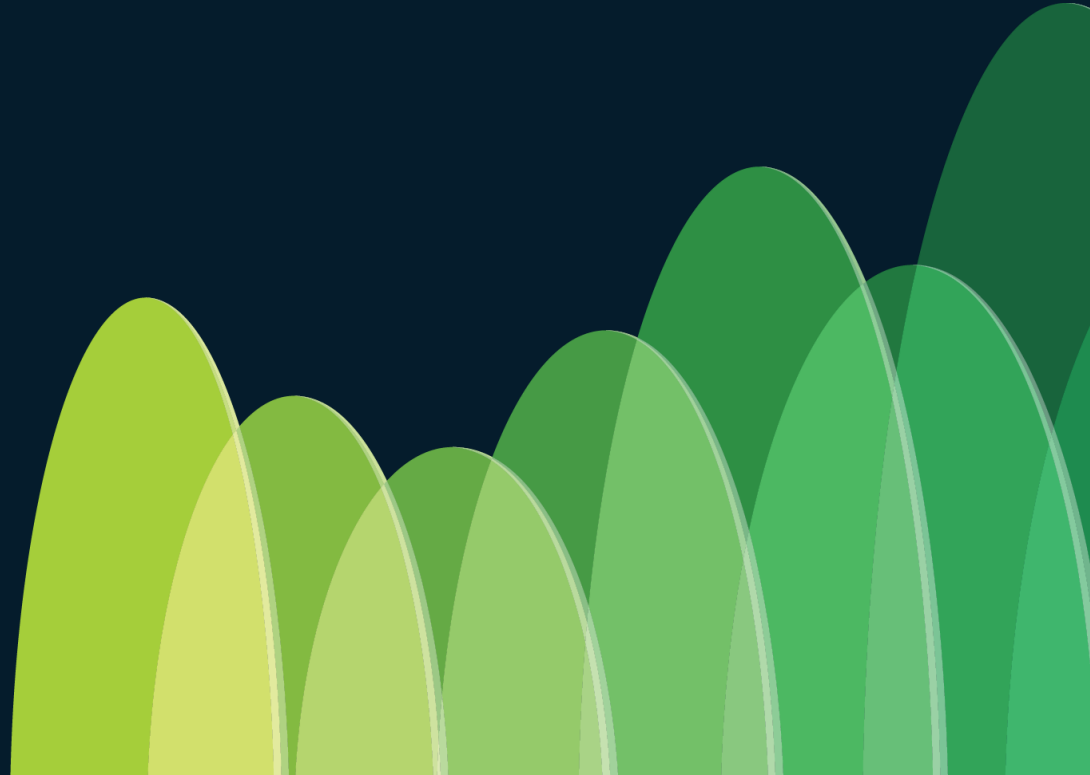
```
SENT (2.0041s) Starting TCP Handshake > 172.16.0.1:10502
```

```
RCVD (2.0042s) Handshake with 172.16.0.1:10502 completed
```

```
Max rtt: 0.074ms | Min rtt: 0.015ms | Avg rtt: 0.054ms
```

```
TCP connection attempts: 3 | Successful connections: 3 | Failed: 0 (0.00%)
```

Key Takeaways



Key Takeaways

- Applications signatures are compiled into Protocol-packs and leveraged by NBAR2 for flows classification.
- Protocol Packs updates comes with each IOS-XE SD-WAN image, but latest updated versions can be loaded to NBAR2 any time.
- NBAR2 classification result can change as long as classification result is still “candidate” and “not final” classification has been accomplished.
- DNS enhances FIF classification, but NBAR2 agent must see the DNS request and response and the subsequent application flow to generate a DNS learning cache entry.
- Enabling SD-AVC is key to get better classification outcomes.
- When SD-AVC is enabled with cloud connectivity FPM (based in IP) is enhanced significantly due to the application vendor automatic feeds.
- Some features using application classification are FPM dependent.
- Watchout for cache poisoning
- Starting on 20.14 it is possible to clear SDAVC controller cache in SDWAN Manager through CLI (commands present in the Annex slides).

Troubleshooting Tips

- For Flow table outputs such as:

```
# show sdwan app-fwd cflowd flows format table
# show sdwan app-fwd dpi flows table
```

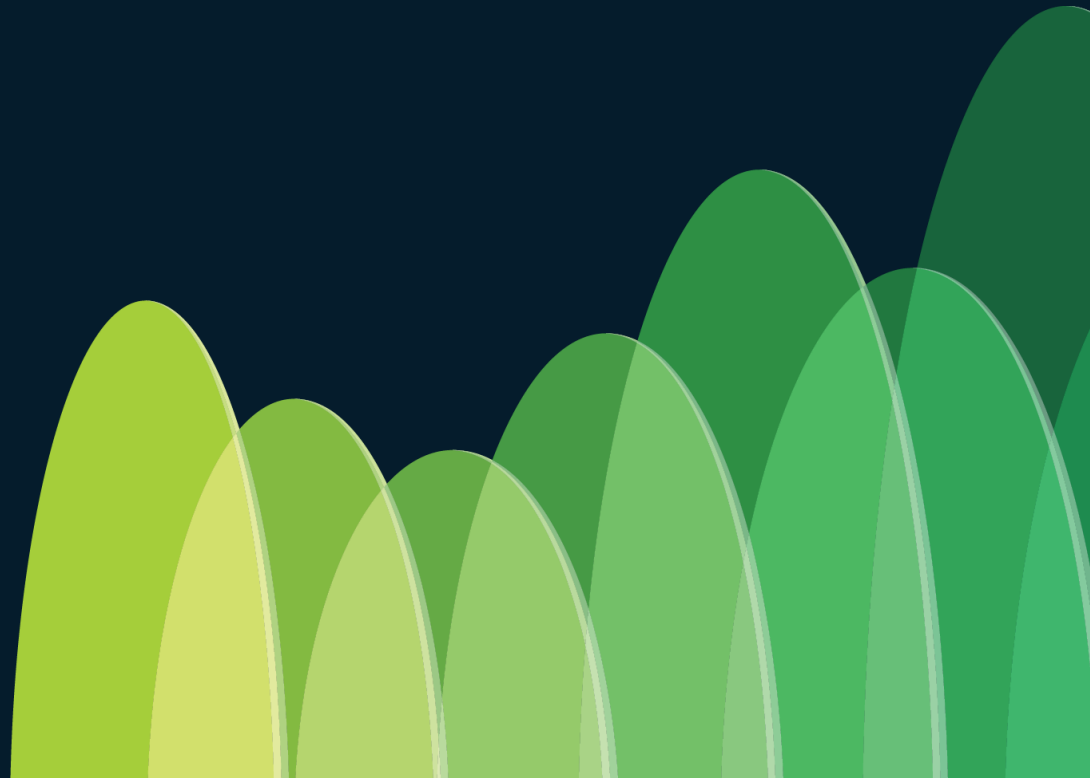
application name field value can change over time based on Classification state Final/No-final.

- For FPM dependent features we need to focus on FIF packet classification result (Final classification is not a correct point of reference in these scenarios).
- To understand the flow behavior, we can inspect the datapath processing for FIF and subsequent packets using packet-trace feature (example below).

```
# debug platform condition ipv4 access-list <access-list-name> both
# debug platform packet-trace copy packet both l2
# debug platform packet-trace packet 1024 fia-trace
# debug platform condition (start|stop)
# show platform packet-trace (summary|statistics|packet #(all) decode)
```

- Always keep present the order of precedence between NBAR and SD-AVC application rules (cache) and protocol packs.

Annex



SDWAN Manager SDAVC Containers

```
vManage01# request nms container-manager diagnostics
NMS container manager
Checking container-manager status
```

```
Listing all images
```

REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED	SIZE
cloudagent-v2	6d85a63e959	f8b22e12c03e	8 months ago	528MB
sdwan/service-proxy	1.27.2	1885de1b5c49	9 months ago	163MB
sdwan/cluster-oracle	1.0.1	7c116c2b6545	9 months ago	363MB
sdwan/data-collection-agent	1.0.1	6f472c45cbe4	11 months ago	210MB
sdwan/device-data-collector	1.0.0	2b15d5726af5	12 months ago	53.2MB
sdwan/ratelimit	master	719f624e9268	15 months ago	45.7MB
sdwan/configuration-db	4.4.15	11c2d134ee1e	15 months ago	714MB
sdavc	4.4.0	acd4e8527e04	15 months ago	635MB
sdwan/host-agent	1.0.1	2b1f9b284760	16 months ago	243MB
sdwan/application-server	19.1.0	6e71762f7ace	16 months ago	853MB
sdwan/statistics-db	7.17.6	522bca66ca25	16 months ago	591MB
sdwan/messaging-server	0.20.0	14cf6bad947	17 months ago	100MB
sdwan/coordinator-server	3.6.2	26d26d8374dd	17 months ago	251MB
sdwan/olap-db	22.0.4.7	b7647c722e79	18 months ago	505MB
sdwan/upgrade-coordinator	1.0.0	ce2c9829562e	18 months ago	153MB
sdavc-gw	4.4.0	4e3ebb844c67	19 months ago	200MB
sdwan/reporting	latest	a30afc5aed06	21 months ago	509MB
sdwan/support-tools	latest	0c3a995f455c	3 years ago	16.9MB

```
Listing all containers
```

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CREATED	STATUS	PORTS
fab42c1a39a7	sdavc:4.4.0	"/usr/local/bin/sdaw."	33 minutes ago	Up 33 minutes (healthy)	127.0.0.1:10503->8080/tcp, 127.0.0.1:10504->8443/tcp
3ec7fda95703	sdwan/statistics-db:7.17.6	"/usr/bin/docker-ini..."	34 minutes ago	Up 34 minutes (healthy)	127.0.0.1:9200->9200/tcp, 127.0.0.1:9300->9300/tcp
61c64ec1cf68	sdwan/olap-db:22.0.4.7	"/usr/bin/docker-ini..."	34 minutes ago	Up 34 minutes (healthy)	127.0.0.1:9010->9010/tcp, 8123/tcp, 127.0.0.1:9440->9440/tcp, 127.0.0.1:8143->8443/tcp
c3f8b06e48313	sdwan/reporting:latest	"python3 /reporting/..."	34 minutes ago	Up 34 minutes	127.0.0.1:58080->80/tcp
90004980eb0f	sdavc-gw:4.4.0	"/bin/sh -c 'usr/lo..."	34 minutes ago	Up 34 minutes (healthy)	100.0.0.1:8444->8444/tcp, 127.0.0.1:8444->8444/tcp, 100.0.0.1:10501->8080/tcp, 127.0.0.1:2181->2181/tcp, 127.0.0.1:2888->2888/tcp, 127.0.0.1:3888->3888/tcp
6fe45cf318da	sdwan/coordinator-server:3.6.2	"/docker-entrypoint..."	34 minutes ago	Up 34 minutes (healthy)	127.0.0.1:4222->4222/tcp, 127.0.0.1:6222->6222/tcp, 127.0.0.1:8222->8222/tcp
4663b011f0a6	sdwan/messaging-server:0.20.0	"/entrypoint.sh"	34 minutes ago	Up 34 minutes (healthy)	127.0.0.1:50051->50051/tcp
9effa393c8ba	cloudagent-v2:6d85a63e959	"python3 ./main.py"	34 minutes ago	Up 34 minutes	6379/tcp, 127.0.0.1:8460-8462->8460-8462/tcp
f7e05a65cbf7	sdwan/ratelimit:master	"/usr/local/bin/rate..."	34 minutes ago	Up 34 minutes (healthy)	
960d13da4dc8	sdwan/data-collection-agent:1.0.1	"/usr/bin/docker-ini..."	34 minutes ago	Up 34 minutes (healthy)	
4f61e215bad0	sdwan/host-agent:1.0.1	"/entrypoint.sh.pyth..."	38 minutes ago	Up 37 minutes (healthy)	127.0.0.1:9099->9099/tcp, 172.16.0.1:9099->9099/tcp
be2c3c65eb36	sdwan/application-server:19.1.0	"/sbin/tini -g -- /e..."	40 minutes ago	Up 40 minutes (healthy)	
484bb6286901	sdwan/service-proxy:1.27.2	"/entrypoint.sh"	41 minutes ago	Up 41 minutes (healthy)	
940019da2d7e	sdwan/configuration-db:4.4.15	"/usr/bin/docker-ini..."	41 minutes ago	Up 41 minutes (healthy)	127.0.0.1:5000->5000/tcp, 127.0.0.1:6000->6000/tcp, 127.0.0.1:6362->6362/tcp, 127.0.0.1:8129->8129/tcp
498f8059614d	sdwan/device-data-collector:1.0.0	"/entrypoint.sh /vMD..."	5 weeks ago	Up 5 weeks (healthy)	127.0.0.1:8129->8129/tcp
9547214fd421	sdwan/cluster-oracle:1.0.1	"/entrypoint.sh java..."	5 weeks ago	Up 5 weeks (healthy)	127.0.0.1:9090->9090/tcp

Valid for version 20.12 for sdavc on-prem
For 20.12 with cloud connector enabled, only
container sdavc-gw is enabled.
For 20.9 and below only container is SDAVC

SDWAN Manager SD-AVC Logs

The SDAVC container is first spun up by the **container-manager** service which is a wrapper service for docker process.

```
2021-07-19 17:10:11,403 [INFO] ::: Activating container(sdavc_container), enable(True)
2021-07-19 17:10:16,524 [INFO] ::: loading docker image /opt/data/extra-
packages/20.5.1/containers/sdavc_container/sdavc_docker_img_4.1.0_20201119_220858.tar
2021-07-19 17:10:16,569 [INFO] ::: Post status to
https://10.0.2.26:8443/dataservice/sdavc/task/sdavc_activate_10.0.2.26_ba2efe6f-ffffd-49ae-8eea-b1d876e4309f, response(b'')
2021-07-19 17:10:38,279 [INFO] ::: Container Activation sdavc_container Successful
```

The first request post start of the SDAVC service is the loadbalance request which is initiated by SDAVC dispatcher service to SDAVC main service to check if there are any other members on the cluster running the SDAVC, if yes, how to load balance between the SDAVC members and which is the elected leader out of all members. The request is covered in the **vmanage-server.log**.

```
vManage:/var/log/nms$ cat vmanage-server.log | grep "SdavcManager\\|loadToBalance"
```

SDWAN Manager SDAVC Logs (Cont.)

Once validated, the new rule pack will be stored in directory below.

```
vManage-1:/opt/data/containers/sdavic-proxy/ftp$ ls -al
total 16
drwxrwxrwx 2 root  root  4096 Sep 29 02:30 .
drwxr-xr-x 5 root  root  4096 Jul 23 09:40 ..
-rw-rw-r-- 1 vmanage vmanage 647 Sep 29 02:04 pp_update_Viptela-POC-Tool-19827_a_v2_07634d6523d2.pack
-rw-rw-r-- 1 vmanage vmanage 647 Sep 29 02:19 pp_update_Viptela-POC-Tool-19827_a_v2_90d52faaaee4.pack
vManage-1:/opt/data/containers/sdavic-proxy/ftp$
```

Log file recording SDAVC Agent interaction with Proxy/Dispatcher service in manager SDAVC controller, HTTP requests from cEdges, will be **/opt/data/containers/sdavic-proxy/log/sdavic-proxy.log**.

We can also confirm in which SDWAN Manager the SD-AVC is installed on, and which sensor/consumers are being load balanced to each instance on **/opt/data/containers/sdavic-proxy/config/load_balance.json**.

NBAR Agent

SDAVC configuration, metadata, Protocol Pack, Rules Pack among other necessary files are stored in the NBAR Agent' Bootflash.

```
CSRSD-WAN-1#more bootflash:sdavc/?
bootflash:sdavc/PPDK_Viptela-POC-Tool-_abab33f10862c3ac6517296865fadb.pack
bootflash:sdavc/container_application
bootflash:sdavc/import_file_meta.json
bootflash:sdavc/pp_update_Viptela-POC-Tool-19827_a_v2_b3c1e325328a.pack
bootflash:sdavc/pp_update_pp_minor_taxonomy_b72edc9e6ed2e42.json
bootflash:sdavc/sdavc_config.json
```

```
{
  "importVer3": {
    "protocolPackName": null,
    "secondaryProtocolPackName": "PPDK_Viptela-POC-Tool-_abab33f10862c3ac6517296865fadb.pack",
    "secondaryProtocolPackDpMemSize": 10646,
    "rulePackName": "pp_update_Viptela-POC-Tool-19827_a_v2_b3c1e325328a.pack",
    "rulePackDpMemSize": 830,
    "tcDescriptionFile": "pp_update_pp_minor_taxonomy_b72edc9e6ed2e42.json",
    "didRollbackOccur": false
  }
}
```

sdavc_config.json

```
{
  "version": 1,
  "sdavcVersion": "4.4.0",
  "import": {
    "isEnabled": true,
    "intervalSec": 30,
    "isRollbackOnTimeout": false,
    "ppMonitorCycleIntervalSec": 60,
    ...
  },
  "export": {
    "isEnabled": true,
    "socketCacheIntervalSec": 900,
    "l3CacheIntervalSec": 900,
    "protocolDiscoveryIntervalSec": 150,
    ...
  },
  "socketCacheMaxEntriesToExport": 5000,
  "l3CacheMaxEntriesToExport": 5000,
  "l3CacheExportUnclassifiedDomains": false,
  "l3CacheExportUnclassifiedPrivateDomains": false,
  ...
  "socketCacheProtocolsToFilter": [
    "ssl",
    "http",
    "snmp",
    "ntp",
    "https",
    ...
  ]
}
```

import_file_meta.json

Verifying Custom Applications

If custom-app is defined, secondary protocol pack is installed in all the devices.

```
CSRS-D-WAN-1#show ip nbar protocol-id | i PPDK_LOCAL
CUSTOM1                                     3723      PPDK LOCAL
sdavc-connector-rest-CONTROL                3879      PPDK LOCAL
sdavc-connector-test-CONTROL                2941      PPDK LOCAL
sdavc-test                                 2931      PPDK LOCAL
```

When new protocol pack with custom application is received, a trigger is issued to resolve custom application references in policy and program application list again.

If a custom application is not used in a policy but it is present in the Protocol Pack, it is used for visibility only and not for traffic classification. Conversely, when a custom application is used in a policy, an activation message is sent to NBAR which enables the custom app for visibility and traffic classification.

```
CSRS-D-WAN-1#show platform hardware qfp active feature nbar function sui_dump_graph_tunables_db p 1 4096 | inc CUSTOM1|ID|sdavc-test
ID, Name, Is active, Extraction, Aging, Priority, Visiblity only, Low id
2931, sdavc-test, TRUE, FALSE, 0, 11, No, 0
3723, CUSTOM1, TRUE, FALSE, 0, 11, Yes, 0
CSRS-D-WAN-1#
```

Verifying Custom Applications

Verifying QFP programming of SDAVC imported cache entries

```
CSRSD-WAN-2#show platform hardware qfp active feature nbar function sui_dp_cache_sync_dump_db p 100000 | inc Luis|IP,  
Type,IP,VRF,TCP/UDP,Port,Protocol id,Protocol name,Black listed,Has no sockets,Alternative priority,Visibility protocol id,Visibility protocol  
name,o365/category,o365/category priority,o365/service-area,o365/service-area priority, sdavc/endpoint-ip-location,sdavc/endpoint-ip-location  
priority,category id: value id  
CIDR_IPV4_SOCKET,192.168.1.2/32,1,TCP,5201,3115,Luis2,FALSE,FALSE,n/a,0,n/a,n/a:n/a  
CIDR_IPV4_SOCKET_IGNORE_VRF,192.168.1.2/32,n/a,TCP,5201,3115,Luis2,FALSE,FALSE,n/a,0,n/a,n/a:n/a
```

```
CSRSD-WAN-2#show platform hardware qfp active feature nbar function sui_dump_graph_tunables_db p 1 4096 | i Luis|ID,  
ID, Name, Is active, Extraction, Aging, Priority, Visibility only, Low id  
3115, Luis2, TRUE, FALSE, 0, 11, No, 0
```

```
CSRSD-WAN-2#show avc sd-service info import dump
```

```
Imported sockets
```

```
=====
```

id	IP	port	L4	vrf-id	vrf name	app-id	eng-id	sel-id	app-name	black	category:value	keep after rollback
0	192.168.1.2/32	5201	TCP	65535	N/A	3115	21	3115	Luis2	no	N/A	no
...												
8	192.168.1.2/32	5201	TCP	1	10	3115	21	3115	Luis2	no	N/A	no

CLIs summary

Edge devices

```
# show ip nbar protocol-id | i <app> << To show if an application is present in HW
# show platform hardware qfp active feature nbar function sui_dump_graph_tunables_db p 1 4096 << To verify if application
is only for visibility
# show ip nbar protocol-pack active || # show avc sd-service info summary << To show active protocol pack
# test platform hardware qfp active infrastructure cft datapath function cft-debug-kill-all-flows << To clear all the flows on the
device
# show ip nbar classification dns learning cache <number of cache entries>
# show ip nbar classification socket-cache <number of cache entries>
# show ip nbar classification cache statistics
# sh avc sd-service info import[export] dump[l3-cache|socket-cache]
# (config-t)# service internal
# show ip nbar classification cache sync export format table
# show ip nbar classification cache sync import last
# show platform software common-classification f0 object all << To verify application programming in software (f0)
# show logging process sdavc_proxy internal start last 180 minutes >> For device's communication with dispatched/GW
```

CLIs summary

SDWAN Manager

```
# request nms-container sdavc[sdavic-gw] start/stop/status
# request nms sdavc[sdavic-gw] diagnostics
# request nms container-manager restart/start/status/stop
# request nms container-manager diagnostics
```

Serviceability – Clear Cache (Bad IP removal) was introduced as part of 20.14 version serviceability enhancements to address cache poisoning leading to incorrect classification of traffic.

To request SDAVC to clear cache for given IP or Subnet on all devices on SD-WAN Manager

```
# clear support sdavc cache <IP ADDRESS> [port <PORT>] [protocol <PROTOCOL>] [vrf <VRF ID>]
```

Show status of all Clear cache done on the network

```
# show support sdavc status cache [clear-index <clear-index>]
```

Show detailed status of all Clear cache done on the network

```
# show support sdavc status cache details [clear-index <clear-index>]
```

Acronyms and Terminology

- SAIE - SD-WAN Application Intelligence Engine
- DPI - Deep Packet inspection
- NBAR - Network based application recognition
- NBAR Agent
- Protocol Pack
- Application Rules Pack
- FIF - First in Flow
- FPM - First Packet Match
- Flow stickiness
- SD-AVC - Software Defined Application Visibility and Control
- Behavioral Based Classification

Classification Terminology

Term	Description
Application Name	Application name in a human reading form
Application ID	Unique Application Identifier mapped to Application Name and used in exports
Flow	A session. Identified by 5 tuple (src IP, src Port, dst IP, dst port, vrf)
Socket	Identified by 3 tuple (dst IP, dst Port, vrf). Usually a server
L3-cache	Maps dst IP to a fqdn
FIF	First packet in the Flow
Bypass	No processing, just quick forwarding
DPI Flow Table	Table used to store flow information (incl. classification result)
Nbar cache	Used to classify subsequent flows

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