

NetFlow Data Collection

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NetFlow Data Collection

WAE can collect and aggregate exported NetFlow and related flow measurements. These measurements can be used to construct accurate demand traffic data for WAE Design. Flow collection provides an alternative to the estimation of demand traffic from interfaces, LSPs, and other statistics using Demand Deduction. NetFlow gathers information about the traffic flow and helps to build traffic and demand matrix. Importing flow measurements is particularly useful when there is full or nearly full flow coverage of a network's edge routers. Additionally, it is beneficial when accuracy of individual demands between external autonomous systems (ASes) is of interest.

Network data collected separately by NIMOs, including topology, BGP neighbors, and interface statistics, is combined with the flow measurements to scale flows and provide a complete demand mesh between both external autonomous systems and internal nodes.

WAE gathers the following types of data to build a network model with flows and their traffic measurements aggregated over time:

- Flow traffic using NetFlow, JFlow, CFlowd, IPFIX, and Netstream flows
- Interface traffic and BGP peers over SNMP
- BGP path attributes over peering sessions

NetFlow Collection Architectures

The Distributed NetFlow (DNF) collection architecture is typically used for large networks. This architecture consists of a JMS broker, controller node, and one or more agents. The broker, and controller node run on the same machine in which WAE collection server is installed. Each agent runs on a different machine. DNF

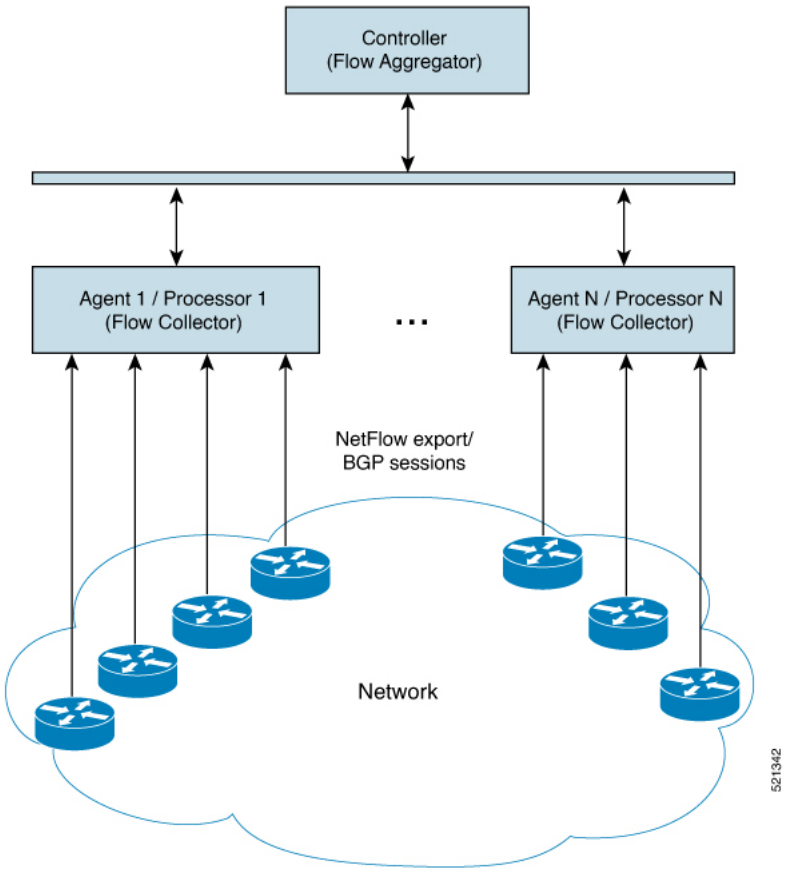
collection requires a seperate installation of the components like broker, controller node and agents using ansible

The Centralized NetFlow (CNF) collection is typically used for small networks. CNF collection is implemented using DNF collection architecture and consist of JMS broker, controller node, and a single agent runnning on the same machine in which WAE server is installed. The components broker, controller node and agent come preinstalled with the WAE installation server. There is no need for a seperate installation of the components for CNF.

Distributed Netflow (DNF) Collection

The following figures show the DNF architecture and the DNF workflow. In this architecture, each set of network devices exports flow data to a corresponding collection server. The DNF cluster performs flow computation so that each agent is responsible for the flow computation of its corresponding flow collection server that runs the flow collector. The controller node aggregates this information and passes it back to `flow_collector_ias`.

Figure 1: DNF Architecture



Java Message Server (JMS) Broker

Each distributed flow collection setup has a single JMS broker instance in order for the controller node, agents, and client within a cluster to exchange information. All information is interchanged through the broker and enables all the components to communicate with each other. DNF supports a dedicated JMS broker.

The broker has the following features enabled in order for all JMS clients (controller node, agents, and `flow_collector_ias` instances) to work:

- Out of band file messaging
- Support of obfuscated passwords in configuration files

Controller node and Agents

- Controller node

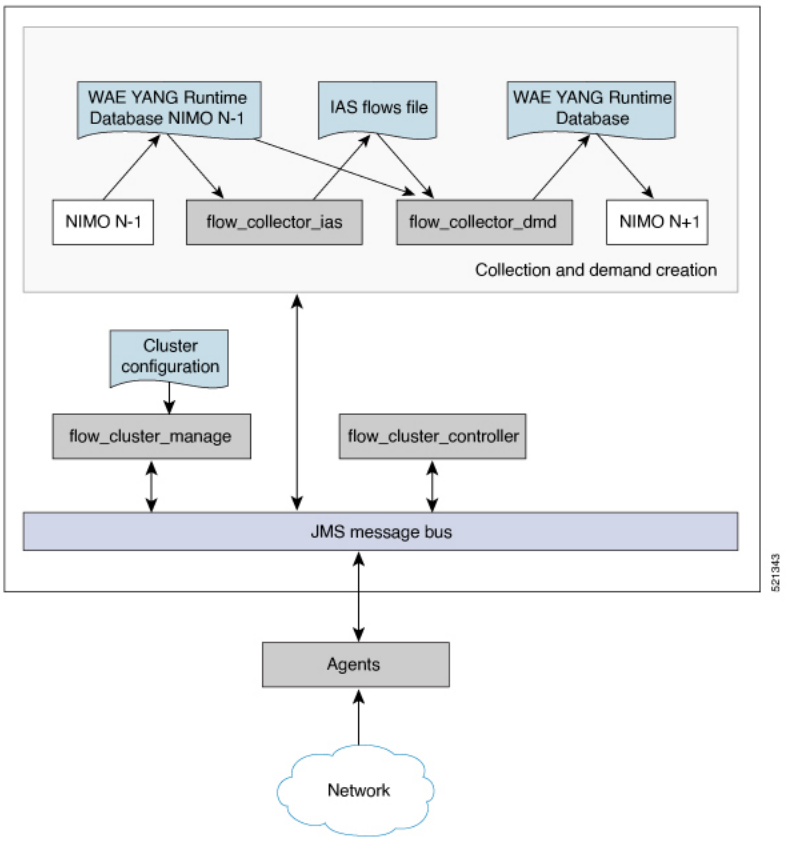
  The controller node process (`flow_cluster_controller`) provides the following services in the cluster:

  - Monitors and tracks all agents status.
  - Monitors and tracks the status of the last completed IAS computation.
  - Aggregates IAS flow data coming from all agents back to the client (`flow_collector_ias`).
  - Handles configuration and status requests from the cluster (`flow_cluster_manage`).

- Agents

  Only one agent process (`flow_cluster_agent`) per server is supported. Each agent process (`flow_cluster_agent`) receives and computes flow data from its corresponding collection server (`pmacct`).

Figure 2: DNF Collection Workflow



- **flow_cluster_manage**—This CLI tool is used to configure and get status from the cluster. It takes a cluster configuration file and sends the configuration to the cluster.

  A REST API is also available to configure and request status from the cluster as an alternative to using `flow_cluster_manage`. For more information, see the API documentation from one of the following locations:

  - *<wae-installation-directory>*docs/api/netflow/distributed-netflow-rest-api.html
  - http://<*controller-IP-address*>:9090/api-doc For example, to get the cluster configuration:

    For example, to get the cluster configuration:

    ```
    curl -X GET http://localhost:9090/cluster-config > config-file-1
    ```

    For example, to set the cluster configuration:

    ```
    curl -X PUT http://localhost:9090/cluster-config @config-file-2
    ```

    For example, to get the cluster status:

    ```
    curl -X GET http://localhost:9090/cluster-status > config-file-1
    ```

- **flow_cluster_controller**—The controller node service collects all flow data results from all the agents and aggregates the data, which is sent back to `flow_collector_ias`.
- **flow_cluster_agent**—The agent service manages and tracks the status of the associated flow collector. Each agent receives and computes the flow data from its corresponding collection server.
- **flow_cluster_broker**—(not shown in diagram) The JMS broker service allows communication between all components within the architecture, including controller node and agents.
- **flow_collector_ias**—This CLI tool, which is configured inside the `nimo_flow_collector_ias_and_dmd.sh` file and is executed within the external-executable-nimo, receives the flow data from the controller node and produces the IAS flows file.
- **flow_collector_dmd**—This CLI tool sends NetFlow demands and demand traffic to the WAE YANG run-time database. This is configured inside the `nimo_flow_collector_ias_and_dmd.sh` file and is executed within the external-executable-nimo.



Note In production networks, do not use -log-level=INFO | DEBUG | TRACE for `flow_collector_ias` or `flow_collector_dmd`.

Centralized Netflow (CNF) Collection

The Centralized NetFlow (CNF) collection is typically used for small networks. CNF collection is implemented using DNF collection architecture and consist of JMS broker, controller node, and a single agent runnning on the same machine in which WAE server is installed.

NetFlow Collection Configuration

The flow collection process supports IPv4 and IPv6 flows captured and exported by routers in the ingress direction. It also supports IPv4 and IPv6 iBGP peering.

Routers must be configured to export flows to and establish BGP peering with the flow collection server. Note the following recommendations:

- NetFlow v5, v9, and IPFIX datagram export to the UDP port number of the flow collection server, which has a default setting of 2100. Export of IPv6 flows requires NetFlow v9 or IPFIX.
- Define a BGP session on the routers configured as iBGP Route Reflector Client for the flow collector server. If configuring this in the router itself is not feasible, then a BGP Route Reflector Server with a complete view of all relevant routing tables can be used instead.
- Configure the source IPv4 address of flow export datagrams to be the same as the source IPv4 address of iBGP messages if they are in the same network address space.
- Explicitly configure the BGP router ID.
- If receiving BGP routes, the maximum length of the BGP **`AS_path`** attribute is limited to three hops. The reason is to prevent excessive server memory consumption, considering that the total length of BGP attributes, including **`AS_path`**, attached to a single IP prefix can be very large (up to 64 KB).

Centralized NetFlow Configuration Workflow

To configure CNF and start collection:

Note Unless stated otherwise, do not change permissions on files that were deployed during WAE installation.

Procedure

Step 1 Confirm that the CNF NetFlow Requirements , on page 5 are met.
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CNF NetFlow Requirements

For system requirements, see the *Cisco WAE System Requirements* document.

Licensing

Confirm with your Cisco WAE representative that you have the correct licenses for getting flow and flow demands when using the `flow_cluster_controller`, `flow_collector_ias`, and `flow_collector_dmd` tools.

Prepare the Operating System for CNF

To prepare the OS for CNF, run the following `flow_manage` command from the OS terminal:

```
sudo -E ./flow_cluster_manage -action prepare-os-for-netflow
```

The `prepare-os-for-netflow` option does the following:

- Uses the `setcap` command to allow non-root users limited access to privileged ports (0-1023). This is necessary when configuring the flow collector to use a port under 1024 to listen to BGP messages.
- Configures the OS instance to reserve up to 15,000 of file descriptors to account for the large number of temporary files that may be produced by `flow_collector` tools

Note After executing this command, you must reboot the server.

Create the node-flow-configs-table File

The <NodeFlowConfigs> table contains basic node configuration information used by the `flow_manage` tool when generating configuration information that it passes to the flow collection server. Thus, prior to executing `flow_manage`, you must construct this table as follows:

- Use a tab or comma delimited format.
- Include one row per node (router) from which you are collecting flow data.
- Enter contents described in the following table for each of these nodes. The BGP columns are required only if collecting BGP information.

Table 1: <NodeFlowConfigs> Table Columns

Column	Description
Name	Node name
SamplingRate	Sampling rate of the packets in exported flows from the node. For example, if the value is 1,024, then one packet out of 1,024 is selected in a deterministic or random manner.
FlowSourceIP	IPv4 source address of flow export packets.
BGPSourceIP	IPv4 or IPv6 source address of iBGP update messages. This column is needed if the `flow_manage -bgp` option is true.
BGPPassword	BGP peering password for MD5 authentication. Use this column if the `flow_manage -bgp` option is true and if BGPSourceIP has a value.

The following is a <NodeFlowConfigs> Table example:

Name	SamplingRate	FlowSourceIP	BGPSourceIP	BGPPassword
paris-er1-fr	1024	192.168.75.10	69.127.75.10	ag5Xh0tGbd7
chicago-cr2-us	1024	192.168.75.15	69.127.75.15	ag5Xh0tGbd7
chicago-cr2-us	1024	192.168.75.15	2001:db9:8:4::2	ag5Xh0tGbd7
tokyo-br1-jp	1024	192.168.75.25	69.127.75.25	ag5Xh0tGbd7
brazilia-er1-bra	1024	192.168.75.30	2001:db8:8:4::2	ag5Xh0tGbd7

Create the CNF Configuration File

To create the cluster configuration file for CNF/DNF, you can use `flow_manage` with `-action produce-cluster-config-file` option, and edit the json file as required:

For example:

Procedure

Step 1 Use the following sample file to create the .json file.

Source the `waerc` file.

```
${CARIDEN_HOME}/flow_manage \
-action produce-cluster-config-file \
-node-flow-configs-table <input-path> \
-cluster-config-file <output-path> \
-interval 120 \
-bgp true \
-bgp-port 10179 \
-port 12100 \
-flow-size lab \
-server-ip ::
```

where *<input-path>* is the path of the `node-flow-configs-table` created under Create the node-flow-configs-table File, on page 6 and *<output-path>* is the path where you want the resulting seed cluster configuration file to reside.

A sample *<input-path>* file would look like this:

```
<NodeFlowConfigs>
Name    SamplingRate    FlowSourceIP    BGPSourceIP     BGPPassword
node1   1024    192.168.75.10   69.127.75.10    ag5Xh0tGbd7
node2   1024    192.168.75.11   69.127.75.11    ag5Xh0tGbd7
```

Verify that the output of the seed cluster configuration file is similar to the following:

```
{
  "agentConfigMapInfo": {
    "cluster_1::instance_x": {
      "perAgentDebugMode": null,
      "flowManageConfiguration": {
        "maxBgpdPeers": 150,
        "useBgpPeering": true,
        "outfileProductionIntervalInSecs": 120,
```

```
    "networkDeploymentSize": "lab",
    "bgpTcpPort": 10179,
    "netflowUdpPort": 12100,
    "daemonOutputDirPath": "<user.home>/.cariden/etc/net_flow/flow_matrix_interchange",
    "keepDaemonFilesOnStart": false,
    "keepDaemonFilesOnStop": true,
    "purgeOutputFilesToKeep": 3,
    "routerConfigList": [
      {
        "name": "node1",
        "bGPSourceIP": "69.127.75.10",
        "flowSourceIP": "192.168.75.10",
        "bGPPassword": "ag5Xh0tGbd7",
        "samplingRate": "1024"
      },
      {
        "name": "node2",
        "bGPSourceIP": "69.127.75.11",
        "flowSourceIP": "192.168.75.11",
        "bGPPassword": "ag5Xh0tGbd7",
        "samplingRate": "1024"
      }
    ],
    "ipPrefixFilteringList": [],
    "appendedProperties": null,
    "daemonOutputFileMaskPrefix": "out_matrix_",
    "daemonOutputSoftLinkName": "flow_matrix_file-latest",
    "extraAggregation": [],
    "listValidExtraAggregationKeys": false
  }
},
"cluster_1::instance_y": {
  "perAgentDebugMode": null,
  "flowManageConfiguration": {
    "maxBgpdPeers": 150,
    "useBgpPeering": true,
    "outfileProductionIntervalInSecs": 120,
    "networkDeploymentSize": "lab",
    "bgpTcpPort": 10179,
    "netflowUdpPort": 12100,
    "daemonOutputDirPath": "<user.home>/.cariden/etc/net_flow/flow_matrix_interchange",
    "keepDaemonFilesOnStart": false,
    "keepDaemonFilesOnStop": true,
    "purgeOutputFilesToKeep": 3,
    "routerConfigList": [
      {
        "name": "node1",
        "bGPSourceIP": "69.127.75.10",
        "flowSourceIP": "192.168.75.10",
        "bGPPassword": "ag5Xh0tGbd7",
        "samplingRate": "1024"
      },
      {
        "name": "node2",
        "bGPSourceIP": "69.127.75.11",
        "flowSourceIP": "192.168.75.11",
        "bGPPassword": "ag5Xh0tGbd7",
        "samplingRate": "1024"
      }
    ],
    "ipPrefixFilteringList": [],
    "appendedProperties": null,
    "daemonOutputFileMaskPrefix": "out_matrix_",
    "daemonOutputSoftLinkName": "flow_matrix_file-latest",
```

```
        "extraAggregation": [],
        "listValidExtraAggregationKeys": false
      }
    }
  },
  "aggregationMode": "okIfNotAllPortionsArePresent",
  "debugMode": {
    "bypassAnyNfacctdOperation": false
  },
  "logNetflowTraffic": false
}
```

Step 2 Edit the file to include only one agent configuration. Below is an example config containing only single agent config.

```
{
  "agentConfigMapInfo": {
    "cluster_1::instance_x": {
      "perAgentDebugMode": null,
      "flowManageConfiguration": {
        "maxBgpdPeers": 150,
        "useBgpPeering": true,
        "outfileProductionIntervalInSecs": 120,
        "networkDeploymentSize": "lab",
        "bgpTcpPort": 10179,
        "netflowUdpPort": 12100,
        "daemonOutputDirPath": "<user.home>/.cariden/etc/net_flow/flow_matrix_interchange",
        "keepDaemonFilesOnStart": false,
        "keepDaemonFilesOnStop": true,
        "purgeOutputFilesToKeep": 3,
        "routerConfigList": [
          {
            "name": "node1",
            "bGPSourceIP": "69.127.75.10",
            "flowSourceIP": "192.168.75.10",
            "bGPPassword": "ag5Xh0tGbd7",
            "samplingRate": "1024"
          },
          {
            "name": "node2",
            "bGPSourceIP": "69.127.75.11",
            "flowSourceIP": "192.168.75.11",
            "bGPPassword": "ag5Xh0tGbd7",
            "samplingRate": "1024"
          }
        ],
        "ipPrefixFilteringList": [],
        "appendedProperties": null,
        "daemonOutputFileMaskPrefix": "out_matrix_",
        "daemonOutputSoftLinkName": "flow_matrix_file-latest",
        "extraAggregation": [],
        "listValidExtraAggregationKeys": false
      }
    }
  },
  "aggregationMode": "okIfNotAllPortionsArePresent",
  "debugMode": {
    "bypassAnyNfacctdOperation": false
  },
  "logNetflowTraffic": false
}
```

Configure CNF Collection

Configure the netflow-nimo for CNF

Before you begin

- You must have a source network model. This is the final network model which includes topology collection and any other NIMO collections you want to include.
- Configure WAE netflow agents to operate in single mode. See Configuring Netflow Agents Using the Expert Mode

Procedure

Step 1 From the Expert Mode, navigate to **/wae:networks**.

Step 2 Click the plus (+) sign and enter a network model name. We recommend a unique name that is easily identifiable; for example, networkABC_CNF_flow_get.

Step 3 Click the **nimo** tab.

Step 4 From the **Choice - nimo-type** drop-down list, choose **netflow-nimo**.

Step 5 Click **netflow-nimo** and select the **source-network**.

Step 6 Click the **config** tab.

Step 7 Click **common** and enter the following information:

- **split-as-flows-on-ingress**—Select the traffic aggregation strategy for external ASNs.
- **asn**—Enter the ASN of the internal AS in the network.
- **address-family**—Select the protocol version to include in IAS flows and demands computation.
- **number-of-threads**—Enter the maximum number of threads to be used in parallel computation.
- **ext-node-tags**—Enter a list of one or more node tags separated by a comma.
- **extra-aggregation**—Enter a list of aggregation keys separated by a comma.
- **log-level**—Select the log level of the tool.

Step 8 Click **ias-flows** and enter the following information:

- **ias-computation-timeout-in-minutes**—Enter the timeout for IAS flows computation, in minutes.
- **trim-inter-as-flows**—Enter the value in MBits/sec below which the inter-as-flows for traffic is strictly discarded.
- **match-on-bgp-external-info**—Select whether to match egress IP addresses in the BGP peer relation.
- **flows-dir**—Enter the directory containing flow matrix files to import. The file will be removed immediately after imported.
- **flows-file**—Enter the file path containing flow matrix files to import. The file will be removed immediately after imported.
- **ingress-interface-flow-filter**—Enter a filter of node and interface in the form Node:InterfaceName that will be applied while reading the flow matrix to filter in only those ingress interfaces.
- **egress-interface-flow-filter**—Enter a filter of node and interface in the form Node:InterfaceName that will be applied while reading the flow matrix to filter in only those egress interfaces.
- **backtrack-micro-flows**—Select whether to generate files showing a relationship between micro flows from the input file and those demands or inter-as-flows that aggregate them.

- **flow-import-flow-ids**—Enter comma separated flow IDs to import data from. Use " to import from all flows.

Step 9 Click **demands** and enter the following information:

- **demand-name**—Enter a namee for any new demands.
- **demand-tag**—Enter a tag for any new demands, or to be appended to existing tag demands.
- **trim-demands**—Specify the value in MBits/sec below which the demands are strictly discarded.
- **service-class**—Specify the demand service class.
- **traffic-level**—Specify the demand traffic level.
- **missing-flows**—Enter the path where file with interfaces that are missing flows is generated.

Step 10 Click **run-netflow-collection** > **Invoke run-netflow-collection**

DNF NetFlow Configuration Workflow

To configure DNF and start collection:

Procedure

Step 1 Confirm that the Distributed NetFlow Requirements, on page 11 are met.

Step 2 Configure DNF Cluster, on page 12

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Step 3 Configure DNF Collection, on page 14

a) Configure flow_collector_ias and flow_collector_dmd, on page 14

b) Configure the external-executable-nimo for DNF, on page 14

Distributed NetFlow Requirements

For system requirements, see the *Cisco WAE System Requirements* document.

In addition, the following are required for all cluster elements (controller node, agents, JMS Broker):

- Agent system requirements meet the same requirements needed for WAE installation.
- WAE Planning software must be installed on a server (installation server) with the appropriate license file.
- Routers must be configured to export flows and establish BGP peering with the flow collection server. The flow collection process supports IPv4 and IPv6 flows captured and exported by routers in the ingress direction.
- Ansible 2.9.18 or later based on python3.
- Java virtual machine (JVM) has the same installation path for all elements (controller node, agents, JMS Broker). The java executable should be in the path readable for all users.

- A sudo capable, SSH capable user with the same name in each server dedicated for the cluster (broker, controller node, and all the agents) must exist. Make a note of this user name because it is used in the group_vars/all Ansible file (discussed later in this section).

Licensing

Confirm with your Cisco WAE representative that you have the correct licenses for getting flow and flow demands when using the `flow_cluster_controller`, `flow_collector_ias`, and `flow_collector_dmd` tools.

Configure DNF Cluster

Deploy the DNF Cluster using Ansible

Note

- Execute the following steps only from installation server (instance where wae is installed). Ansible takes care of installation, setting up of agents, starting, etc.
- The WAE executable binary file must be present in the installation server.

Procedure

Step 1 Install Ansible version 2.9.18 or higher based on python3. Use the following command:

```
sudo yum install ansible
```

Step 2 Inside WAE directory, modify the `etc/netflow/ansible/hosts` file to include agent, broker, controller node IP addresses. To do this, replace <element-x> with IP addresses/server name as needed.

For example,

For 3 agents and 1 controller node (broker usually resides in the controller node), you must add two more lines to the default DNF agent-1.

Note
Cisco does not recommend using `ansible_ssh_pass`. Instead `use --ask-pass` while running ansible-playbook commands.

Sample Config:

```
[dnf-broker]
10.10.10.1 ansible_ssh_user={{TARGET_SSH_USER}} ansible_ssh_pass={{SSH_USER_PASS}}

[dnf-controller]
10.10.10.1 ansible_ssh_user={{TARGET_SSH_USER}} ansible_ssh_pass={{SSH_USER_PASS}}

[dnf-agent-1]
10.10.10.2 ansible_ssh_user={{TARGET_SSH_USER}} ansible_ssh_pass={{SSH_USER_PASS}}

[dnf-agent-2]
10.10.10.3 ansible_ssh_user={{TARGET_SSH_USER}} ansible_ssh_pass={{SSH_USER_PASS}}
```

```
[dnf-agent-3]
10.10.10.4 ansible_ssh_user={{TARGET_SSH_USER}} ansible_ssh_pass={{SSH_USER_PASS}}
```

Step 3 Modify the `package/linux/wae/etc/netflow/ansible/startup.yml` file to include/uncomment/add agents as needed to match the number of agents/controller node address(es) in `package/linux/wae/etc/netflow/ansible/hosts`.

Step 4 Modify the `package/linux/wae/etc/netflow/ansible/bash/service.conf` file. Change the `<jms-broker-server-name>` to controller node's IP address (In the above sample config, IP address=10.10.10.1).

Step 5 Modify the `package/linux/wae/etc/netflow/ansible/group_vars/all` file. Change all the relevant variables as referenced/used. See group_vars/all, on page 16

Note
You can add the following line if needed, but Cisco does not recommend the same:

```
SSH_USER_PASS: "ciscowae"
```

Step 6 Export `ANSIBLE_HOME=${WAE_ROOT}/etc/netflow/ansible`.

Use

```
ansible-playbook -i ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/hosts ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/install.yml
```

or

```
ansible-playbook -i ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/hosts ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/install.yml --ask-pass --ask-become-pass
```

depending on whether SSH_USER_PASS is set or not.

Step 7 Prepare the OS for netflow. Use the following command:

```
ansible-playbook -i ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/hosts ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/prepare-agents.yml --ask-pass
--ask-become-pass
```

Step 8 Startup the cluster. Use the following command:

```
ansible-playbook -i ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/hosts ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/startup.yml --ask-pass
```

Step 9 Use the following command to list the cluster elements (optional).

```
ansible-playbook -i ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/hosts ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/list.yml --ask-pass
```

Step 10 Send cluster-config to the cluster. Use the following command:

```
${WAE_ROOT}/bin/flow_cluster_manage -action send-cluster-configuration \
-options-file ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/bash/service.conf \
-cluster-config-file-path <path-of-config>/flow-config-cluster.json
```

Note
JAVA_HOME needs to be set.

Example:

export JAVA_HOME=/usr/java_latest

See Create the DNF Cluster Configuration File, on page 16 to create `<path-of-config>/flow-config-cluster.json`.

Step 11 Use the following command to check cluster status (optional):

```
${WAE_ROOT}/bin/flow_cluster_manage -action request-cluster-status \
-options-file ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/bash/service.conf
```

Shutdown/Uninstall the DNF Cluster

To shutdown the cluster, use the following command:

```
ansible-playbook -i ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/hosts ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/shutdown..yml --ask-pass
```

To uninstall, use the following command:

```
ansible-playbook -i ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/hosts ${ANSIBLE_HOME}/uninstall.yml --ask-pass
```

Configure DNF Collection

Configure flow_collector_ias and flow_collector_dmd

These CLI tools are configured inside the *<WAE_installation_directory>*`/etc/netflow/ansible/bash/nimo_flow_collector_ias_dmd.sh` script and is executed within the external-executable-nimo. The `flow_collector_ias` and `flow_collector_dmd` tools generate demands and demand traffic with NetFlow data received from the cluster. Edit the as follows:

Before editing, change the permissions on this file:

```
chmod +x nimo_flow_collector_ias_dmd.sh
```

- **CUSTOMER_ASN**—Enter ASN.
- **SPLIT_AS_FLOWS_ON_INGRESS**—When multiple external ASNs are connected to an IXP switch, it determines whether to aggregate traffic from all ASNs or to distribute it proportionally to MAC accounting ingress traffic. The default value is aggregate. The other value is mac-distribute.
- **ADDRESS_FAMILY**—Enter list of protocol versions to include (comma-separated entries). The default is ipv4,ipv6.
- **WAIT_ON_CLUSTER_TIMEOUT_SEC**—Enter the number of seconds to wait before for timing out when delegating the computation of the IAS flows into the distributed cluster. The default is 60 seconds.

`nimo_flow_collector_ias_dmd.sh` example:

```
#!/bin/bash

# this script should be called from NSO's 'external executable NIMO' configuration window
# in this way:
# /path-to/nimo_flow_collector_ias_and_dmd.sh $$input $$output

# modify as needed - BEGIN
CUSTOMER_ASN=142313
SPLIT_AS_FLOWS_ON_INGRESS=aggregate
ADDRESS_FAMILY=ipv4,ipv6
WAIT_ON_CLUSTER_TIMEOUT_SEC=60
# modify as needed - END
```

For more information on `flow_collector_ias` or `flow_collector_dmd`options, navigate to *wae-installation-directory*`/bin` and enter **`flow_collector_ias -help`** or **`flow_collector_dmd -help`**.

Configure the external-executable-nimo for DNF

The external-executable-nimo runs the `nimo_flow_collector_ias_dmd.sh` script against a selected network model. In this case, you take an existing model created in WAE and append information from `nimo_flow_collector_ias_dmd.sh` to create a final network model that contains the flow data you want.

Before you begin

- You must have a source network model. This is the final network model which includes topology collection and any other NIMO collections you want to include.
- Confirm that you have already completed the preliminary tasks in DNF NetFlow Configuration Workflow, on page 11.

Procedure

Step 1 From the Expert Mode, navigate to **/wae:networks**.

Step 2 Click the plus (+) sign and enter a network model name. We recommend a unique name that is easily identifiable; for example, networkABC_CNF_flow_get.

Step 3 Click the **nimo** tab.

Step 4 From the **Choice - nimo-type** drop-down list, choose **external-executable-nimo**.

Step 5 Click **external-executable-nimo** and select the source network.

Step 6 Click the **advanced** tab and enter the following:

- **argv**—Enter <directory_path>/nimo_flow_collector_ias_dmd.sh $$input $$output.

Step 7 To verify configuration, click **run** from the external-executable-nimo tab.

Note
For aggregation, under aggregator configuration, add the `external-executable-nimo` nimo network as a dependency of type netflow-nimo.

Create the Ansible Configuration Files

If you use default WAE installation options, there are only a few mandatory parameters that must be changed. These will be noted in the applicable configuration topics. The topics described in this section assume the following:

- The controller node server (installation server) is where the WAE planning software has been installed and default directories are used. In particular, the configuration files used for DNF on the installation server are located in `<wae_installation_directory>/etc/netflow/ansible`.
- A dedicated JMS broker will be used in DNF configuration.
- In configuration examples, the following values are used:
  - Controller node and JMS broker IP address—198.51.100.10
  - Agent 1 IP address—198.51.100.1
  - Agent 2 IP address—198.51.100.2
  - Agent 3 IP address—198.51.100.3

group_vars/all

The file is located in *<WAE_installation_directory>*/etc/netflow/ansible/group_vars/all. This file is the Ansible file that contains the variable definitions that are used in the playbook files.

Edit the following options:

Option	Description
LOCAL_WAE_INSTALLATION_DIR_NAME	The local path that contains the WAE installation file.
WAE_INSTALLATION_FILE_NAME	The filename of the WAE installation file.
TARGET_JDK_OR_JRE_HOME	The full path and filename of the Oracle JRE file. All machines in the cluster (broker, primary node, and all the agents) should have the JRE previously installed under this variable.
LOCAL_LICENSE_FILE_PATH	The full path to the license file.
SSH_USER_NAME	The SSH user name created or used when SSH was enabled on each machine. This sudo user is used by Ansible to deploy the cluster over SSH.

For example (comments removed):

```
LOCAL_WAE_INSTALLATION_DIR_NAME: "/wae/wae-installation"
WAE_INSTALLATION_FILE_NAME: "wae-linux-v7.4.0.bin"
TARGET_JDK_OR_JRE_HOME: "/usr/lib/jvm/jre-11-openjdk-11.0.7"
LOCAL_LICENSE_FILE_PATH: "/home/user1/.cariden/etc/MATE_Floating.lic"
TARGET_SSH_USER: ssh_user
```

Create the DNF Cluster Configuration File

To create the cluster configuration file for CNF/DNF, you can use `flow_manage` with `-action produce-cluster-config-file` option, and edit the json file as required.

For example:

Procedure

Step 1 Use the following sample file to create the .json file.

Source the `waerc` file.

```
${CARIDEN_HOME}/flow_manage \
-action produce-cluster-config-file \
-node-flow-configs-table <input-path> \
-cluster-config-file <output-path> \
-interval 120 \
-bgp true \
-bgp-port 10179 \
-port 12100 \
-flow-size lab \
-server-ip ::
```

where *<input-path>* is the path of the `node-flow-configs-table` created under Create the node-flow-configs-table File, on page 6 and *<output-path>* is the path where you want the resulting seed cluster configuration file to reside.

A sample *<input-path>* file would look like this:

```
<NodeFlowConfigs>
Name    SamplingRate    FlowSourceIP    BGPSourceIP     BGPPassword
node1   1024    192.168.75.10   69.127.75.10    ag5Xh0tGbd7
node2   1024    192.168.75.11   69.127.75.11    ag5Xh0tGbd7
```

Verify that the output of the seed cluster configuration file is similar to the following:

```
{
  "agentConfigMapInfo": {
    "cluster_1::instance_x": {
      "perAgentDebugMode": null,
      "flowManageConfiguration": {
        "maxBgpdPeers": 150,
        "useBgpPeering": true,
        "outfileProductionIntervalInSecs": 120,
        "networkDeploymentSize": "lab",
        "bgpTcpPort": 10179,
        "netflowUdpPort": 12100,
        "daemonOutputDirPath": "<user.home>/.cariden/etc/net_flow/flow_matrix_interchange",
        "keepDaemonFilesOnStart": false,
        "keepDaemonFilesOnStop": true,
        "purgeOutputFilesToKeep": 3,
        "routerConfigList": [
          {
            "name": "node1",
            "bGPSourceIP": "69.127.75.10",
            "flowSourceIP": "192.168.75.10",
            "bGPPassword": "ag5Xh0tGbd7",
            "samplingRate": "1024"
          },
          {
            "name": "node2",
            "bGPSourceIP": "69.127.75.11",
            "flowSourceIP": "192.168.75.11",
            "bGPPassword": "ag5Xh0tGbd7",
            "samplingRate": "1024"
          }
        ],
        "ipPrefixFilteringList": [],
        "appendedProperties": null,
        "daemonOutputFileMaskPrefix": "out_matrix_",
        "daemonOutputSoftLinkName": "flow_matrix_file-latest",
        "extraAggregation": [],
        "listValidExtraAggregationKeys": false
      }
    },
    "cluster_1::instance_y": {
      "perAgentDebugMode": null,
      "flowManageConfiguration": {
        "maxBgpdPeers": 150,
        "useBgpPeering": true,
        "outfileProductionIntervalInSecs": 120,
        "networkDeploymentSize": "lab",
        "bgpTcpPort": 10179,
        "netflowUdpPort": 12100,
        "daemonOutputDirPath": "<user.home>/.cariden/etc/net_flow/flow_matrix_interchange",
        "keepDaemonFilesOnStart": false,
        "keepDaemonFilesOnStop": true,
        "purgeOutputFilesToKeep": 3,
        "routerConfigList": [
```

```
            {
              "name": "node1",
              "bGPSourceIP": "69.127.75.10",
              "flowSourceIP": "192.168.75.10",
              "bGPPassword": "ag5Xh0tGbd7",
              "samplingRate": "1024"
            },
            {
              "name": "node2",
              "bGPSourceIP": "69.127.75.11",
              "flowSourceIP": "192.168.75.11",
              "bGPPassword": "ag5Xh0tGbd7",
              "samplingRate": "1024"
            }
          ],
          "ipPrefixFilteringList": [],
          "appendedProperties": null,
          "daemonOutputFileMaskPrefix": "out_matrix_",
          "daemonOutputSoftLinkName": "flow_matrix_file-latest",
          "extraAggregation": [],
          "listValidExtraAggregationKeys": false
        }
      }
    },
    "aggregationMode": "okIfNotAllPortionsArePresent",
    "debugMode": {
      "bypassAnyNfacctdOperation": false
    },
    "logNetflowTraffic": false
}
```

Step 2 Edit the file to include each agent configuration. Copy, paste, and edit each section as it applies to each agent in the cluster. This example shows two agents:

```
{
  "agentConfigMapInfo": {
    "cluster_1::instance_x": {
      "perAgentDebugMode": null,
      "flowManageConfiguration": {
        "maxBgpdPeers": 150,
        "useBgpPeering": true,
        "outfileProductionIntervalInSecs": 120,
        "networkDeploymentSize": "lab",
        "bgpTcpPort": 10179,
        "netflowUdpPort": 12100,
        "daemonOutputDirPath": "<user.home>/.cariden/etc/net_flow/flow_matrix_interchange",
        "keepDaemonFilesOnStart": false,
        "keepDaemonFilesOnStop": true,
        "purgeOutputFilesToKeep": 3,
        "routerConfigList": [
          {
            "name": "node1",
            "bGPSourceIP": "69.127.75.10",
            "flowSourceIP": "192.168.75.10",
            "bGPPassword": "ag5Xh0tGbd7",
            "samplingRate": "1024"
          },
          {
            "name": "node2",
            "bGPSourceIP": "69.127.75.11",
            "flowSourceIP": "192.168.75.11",
            "bGPPassword": "ag5Xh0tGbd7",
            "samplingRate": "1024"
          }
```

```
        ],
        "ipPrefixFilteringList": [],
        "appendedProperties": null,
        "daemonOutputFileMaskPrefix": "out_matrix_",
        "daemonOutputSoftLinkName": "flow_matrix_file-latest",
        "extraAggregation": [],
        "listValidExtraAggregationKeys": false
      }
    },
    "cluster_1::instance_y": {
      "perAgentDebugMode": null,
      "flowManageConfiguration": {
        "maxBgpdPeers": 150,
        "useBgpPeering": true,
        "outfileProductionIntervalInSecs": 120,
        "networkDeploymentSize": "lab",
        "bgpTcpPort": 10179,
        "netflowUdpPort": 12100,
        "daemonOutputDirPath": "<user.home>/.cariden/etc/net_flow/flow_matrix_interchange",
        "keepDaemonFilesOnStart": false,
        "keepDaemonFilesOnStop": true,
        "purgeOutputFilesToKeep": 3,
        "routerConfigList": [
          {
            "name": "node1",
            "bGPSourceIP": "69.127.75.10",
            "flowSourceIP": "192.168.75.10",
            "bGPPassword": "ag5Xh0tGbd7",
            "samplingRate": "1024"
          },
          {
            "name": "node2",
            "bGPSourceIP": "69.127.75.11",
            "flowSourceIP": "192.168.75.11",
            "bGPPassword": "ag5Xh0tGbd7",
            "samplingRate": "1024"
          }
        ],
        "ipPrefixFilteringList": [],
        "appendedProperties": null,
        "daemonOutputFileMaskPrefix": "out_matrix_",
        "daemonOutputSoftLinkName": "flow_matrix_file-latest",
        "extraAggregation": [],
        "listValidExtraAggregationKeys": false
      }
    }
  },
  "aggregationMode": "okIfNotAllPortionsArePresent",
  "debugMode": {
    "bypassAnyNfacctdOperation": false
  },
  "logNetflowTraffic": false
}
```

Note
The .json file configuration is only needed for Controller node and is not required for Processor node.