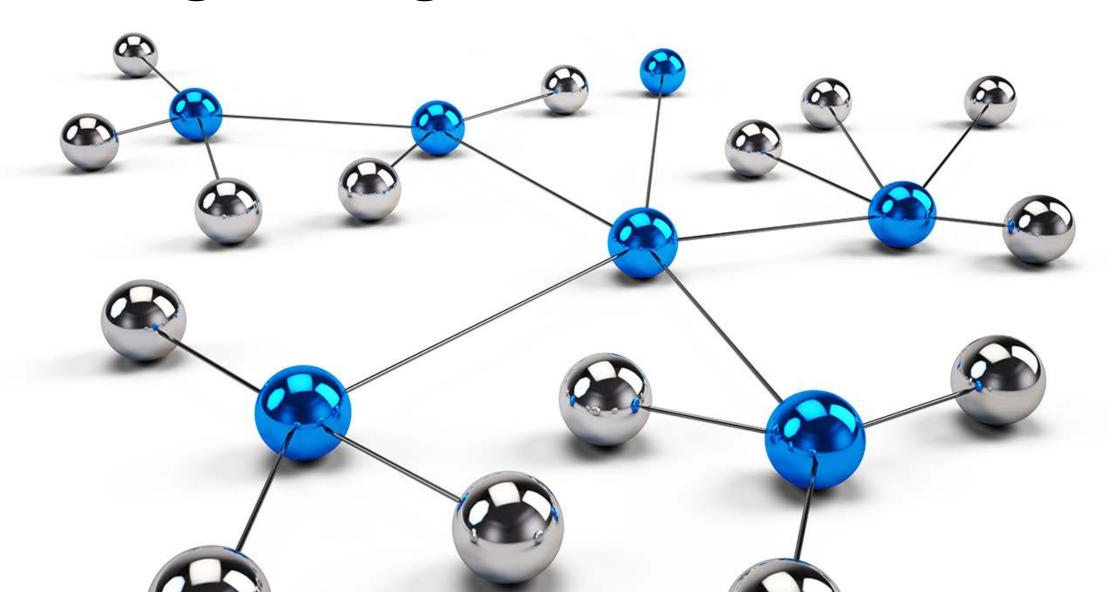
### Pivoting During the Hunt for Malware



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## fidelity

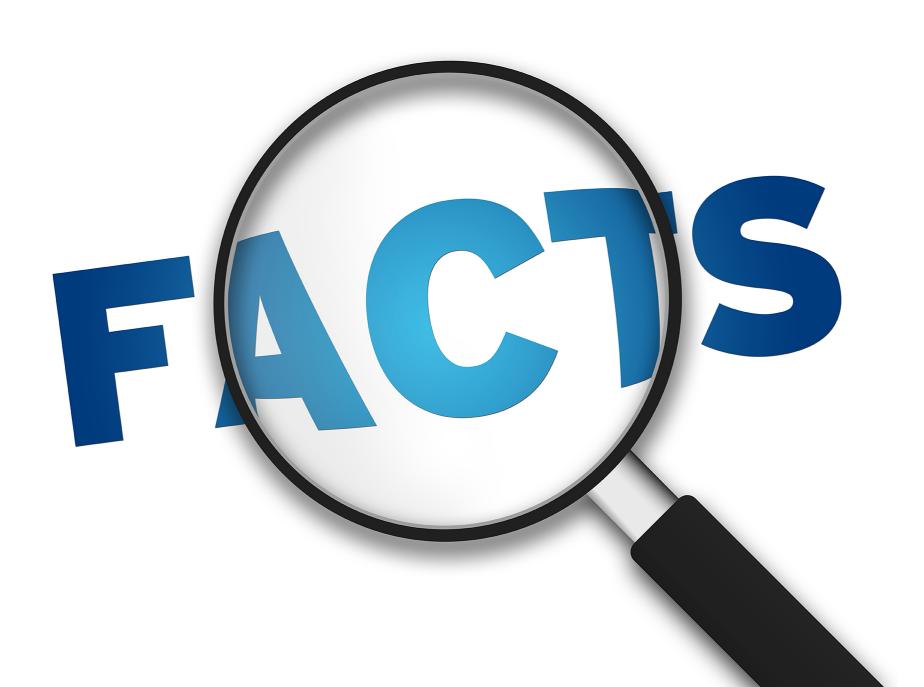
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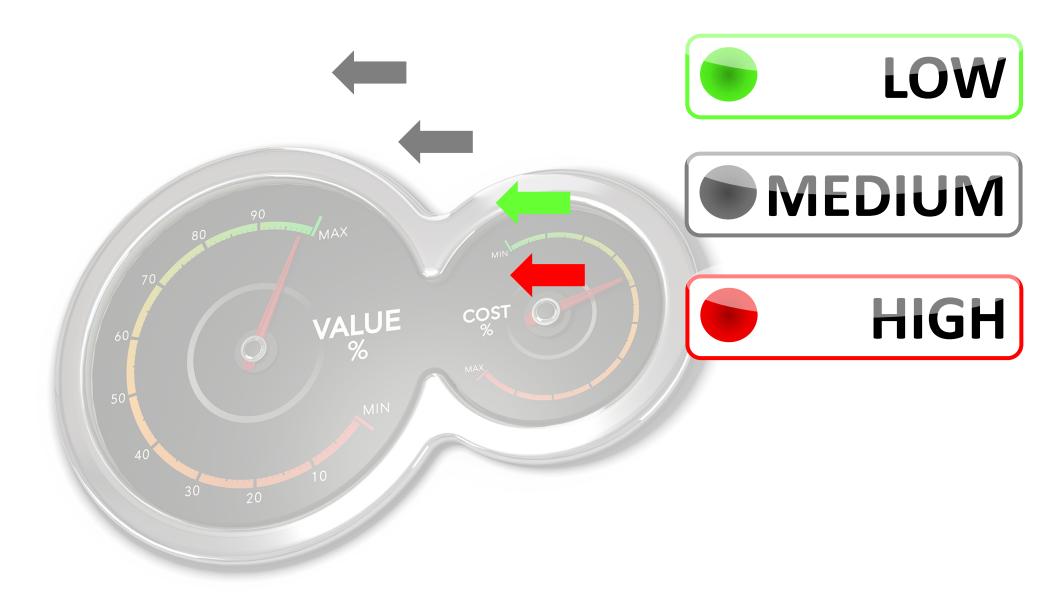
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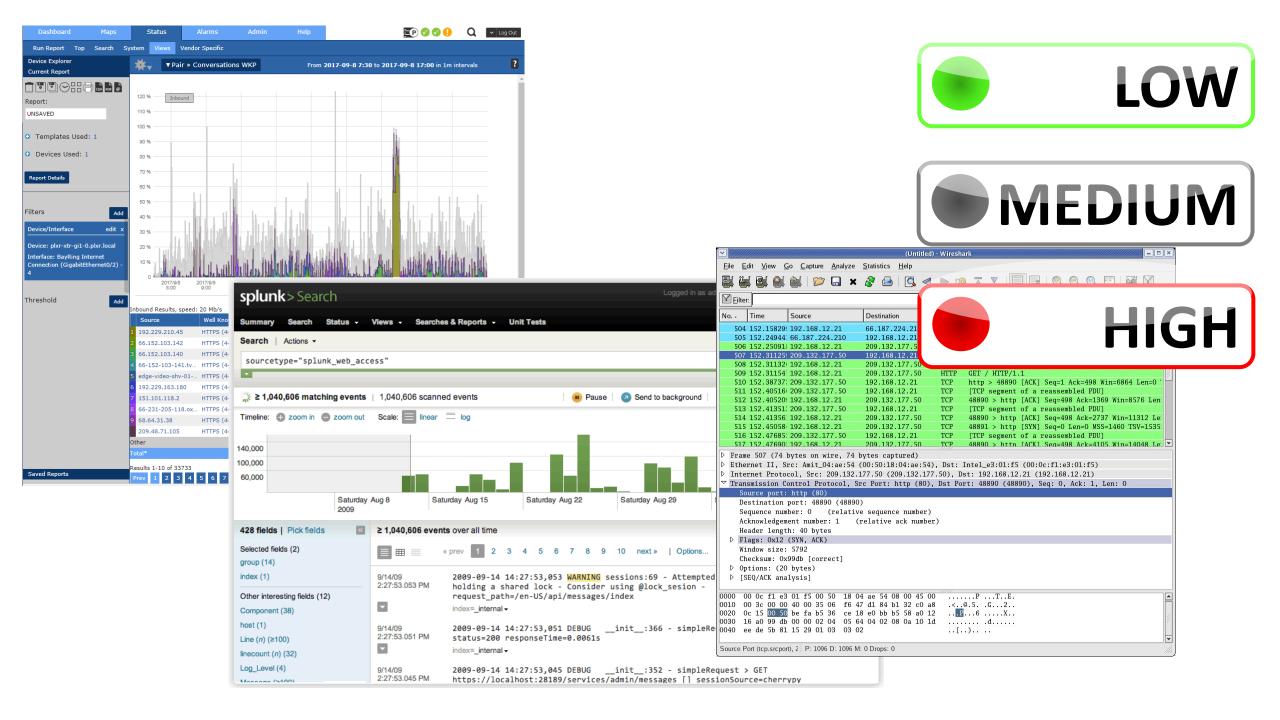
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#### What is a Pivot?

- The ability to pass context between autonomous systems while researching a security or application performance event.
- Goal: to quickly gather additional details that could be related to the event being investigated.
- A good pivot will lower the cost of the event for the defending investigator and increase the cost of the attacker.



#### Pivoting Lets You ...

- Connect data sources
- Move from host to network based data
- Shorten investigative times
- Pivot from lower to higher context data - seldom do you start with pcap





"Start with flow data which is very fast to parse, very low in size you can parse it really quickly and then pivot from that to packet capture data."

#### Example Pivots

- Move from internal (e.g. NetFlow or syslogs) to external data sources (E.g. virustotal, passivetotal, Talos Intelligence).
- Example: Move from a proxy server log that is user name aware to a windows event log

"Both server and Network data is needed in every security investigation" - Chris Sanders

#### Efficient Pivoting Requires ...

- Meta cognition curiosity and next-step investigative mindset
- Ask good questions, stick to answering those questions
- Good data collection
- Integration of pivoting across systems

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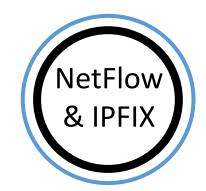
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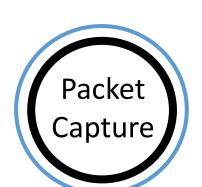


# Designer

- 1) System logs
- 2) Event logs
- 3.) NetFlow & IPFIX
- 4. PCAP
- 5) DNS LOGS







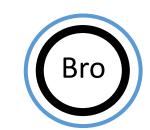












### What are your pivoting fields?

NetFlow & IPFIX

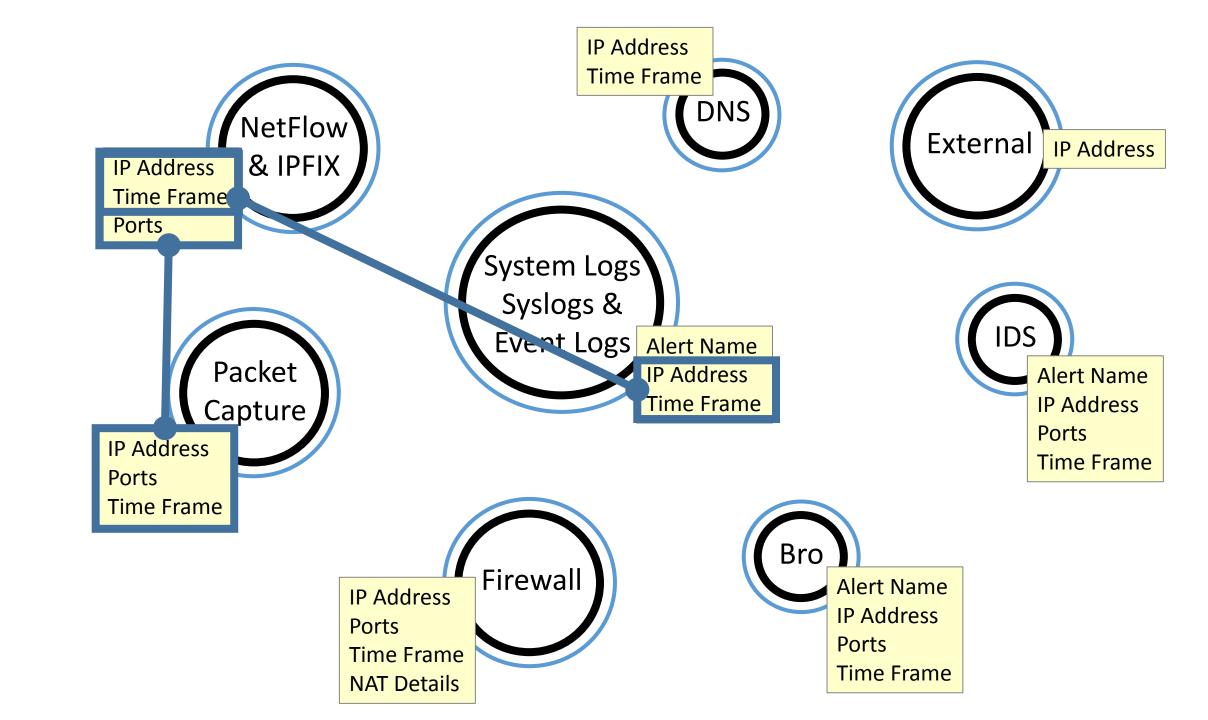
- Alert name?
- IP addresses (most common pivot)
- Communication ports
- Time frame acket Capture

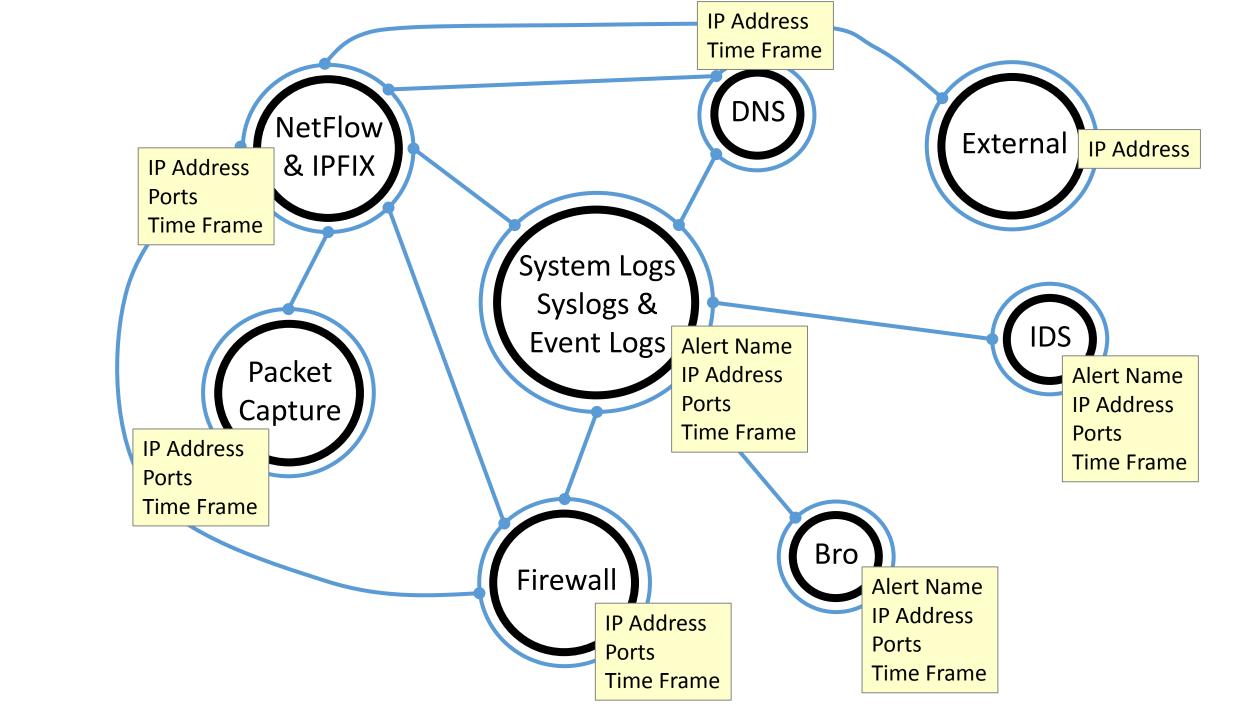
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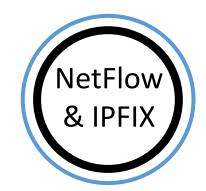


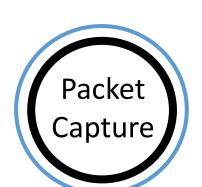












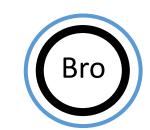










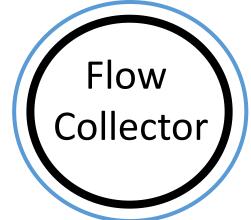


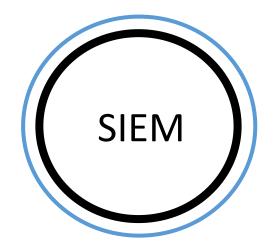




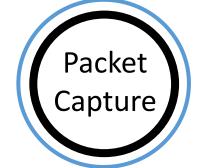






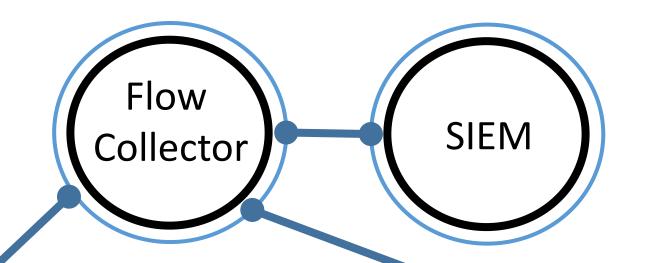




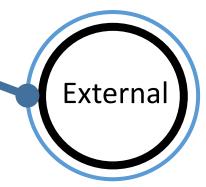


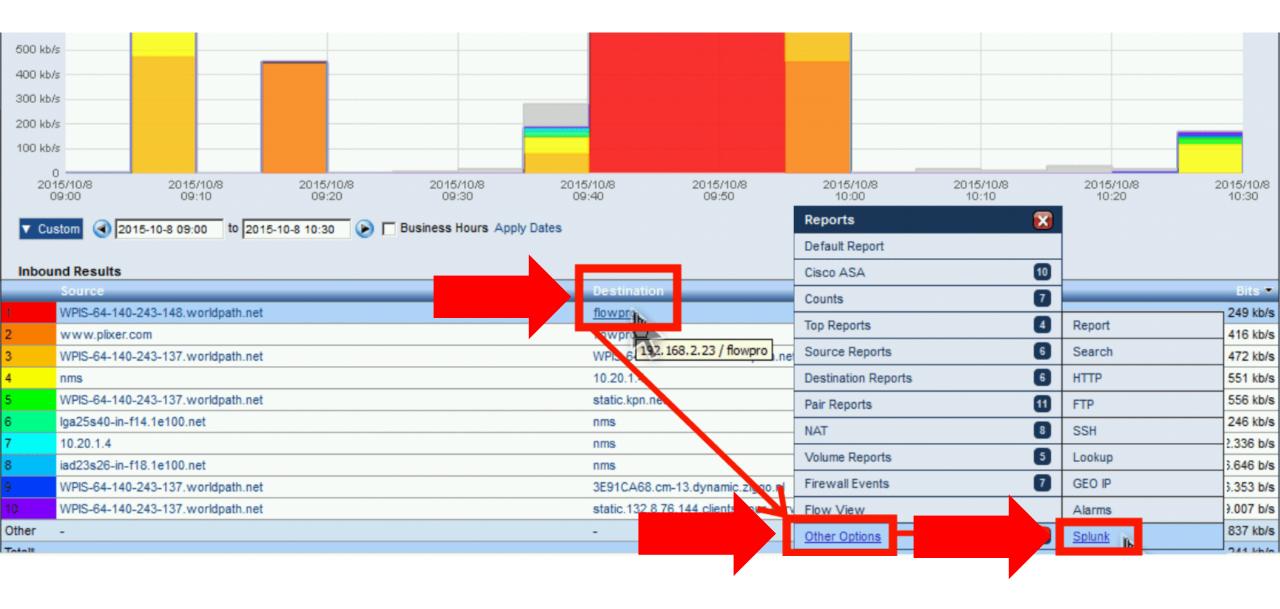


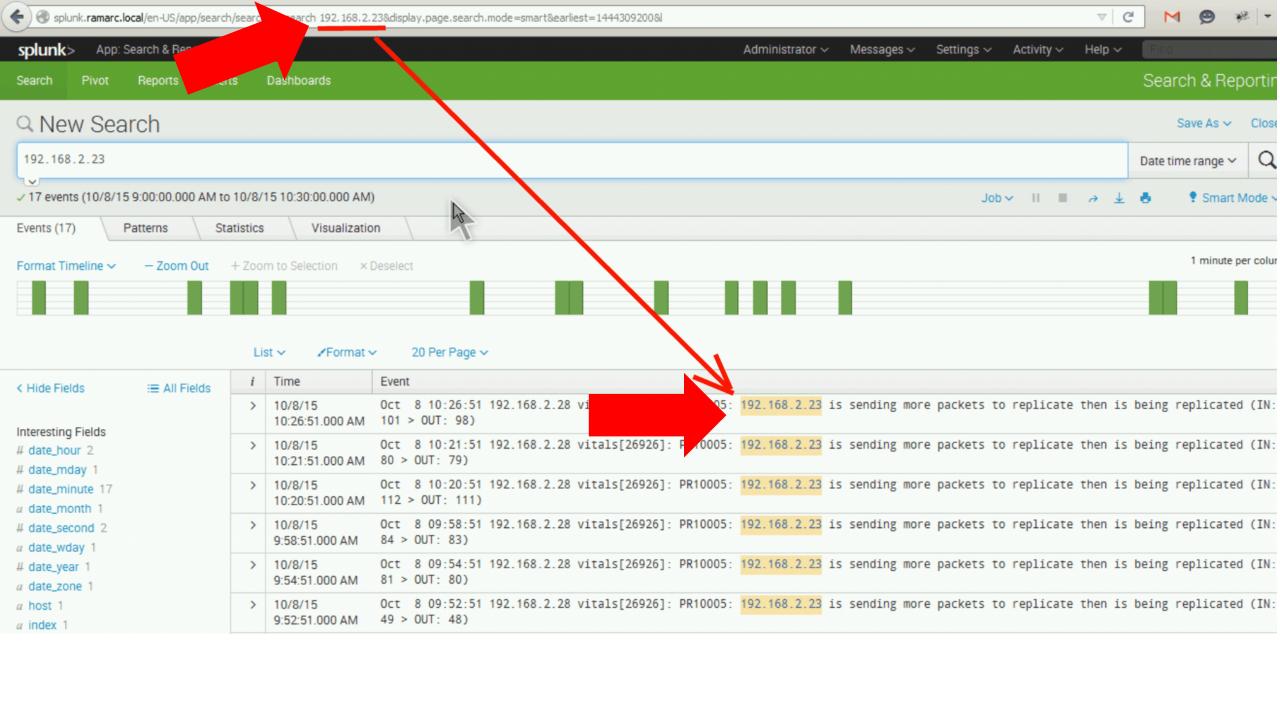




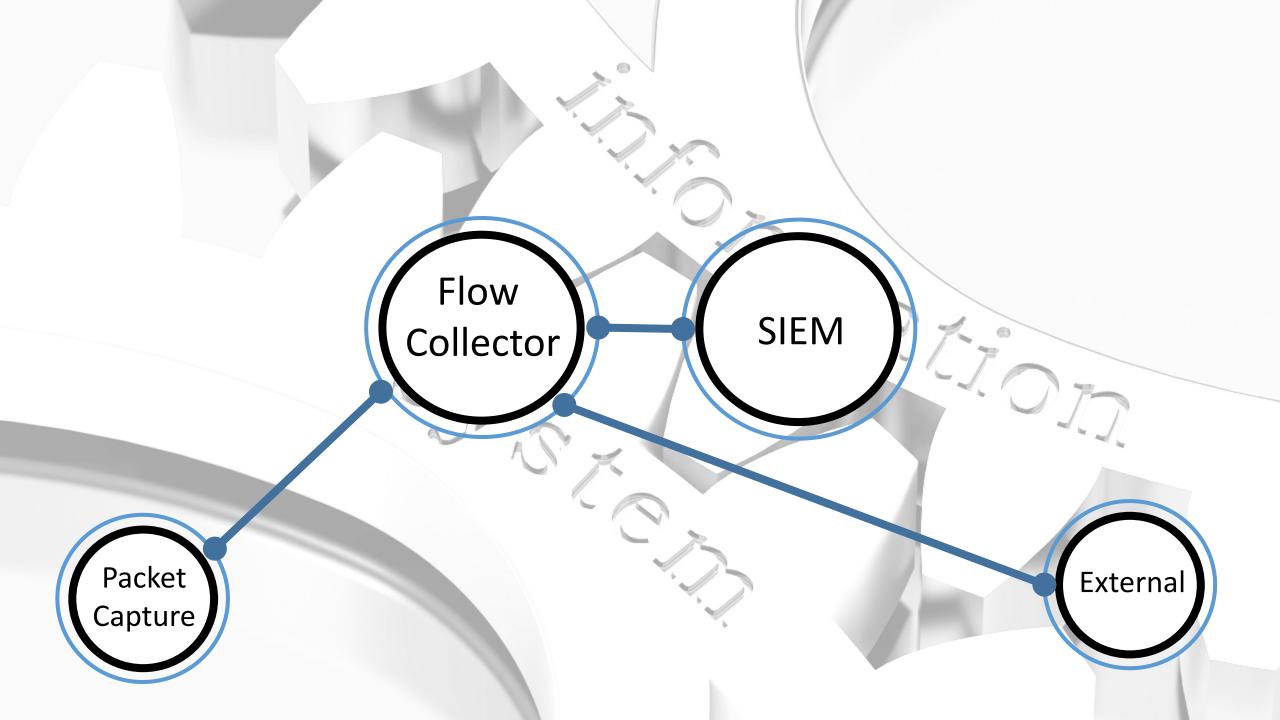
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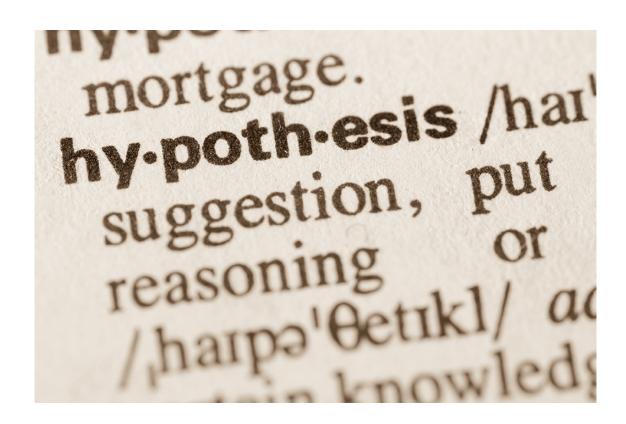




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V	Rogue SMTP [Edit] [FA]	Indicators of Compromise	6	9
V	Flow Analytics: Denied Flows [Edit] [FA]	Indicators of Compromise	1	3



### DNS\_Search

### Default Flow Report

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Default Flow Report

Flow Analytics Configuration

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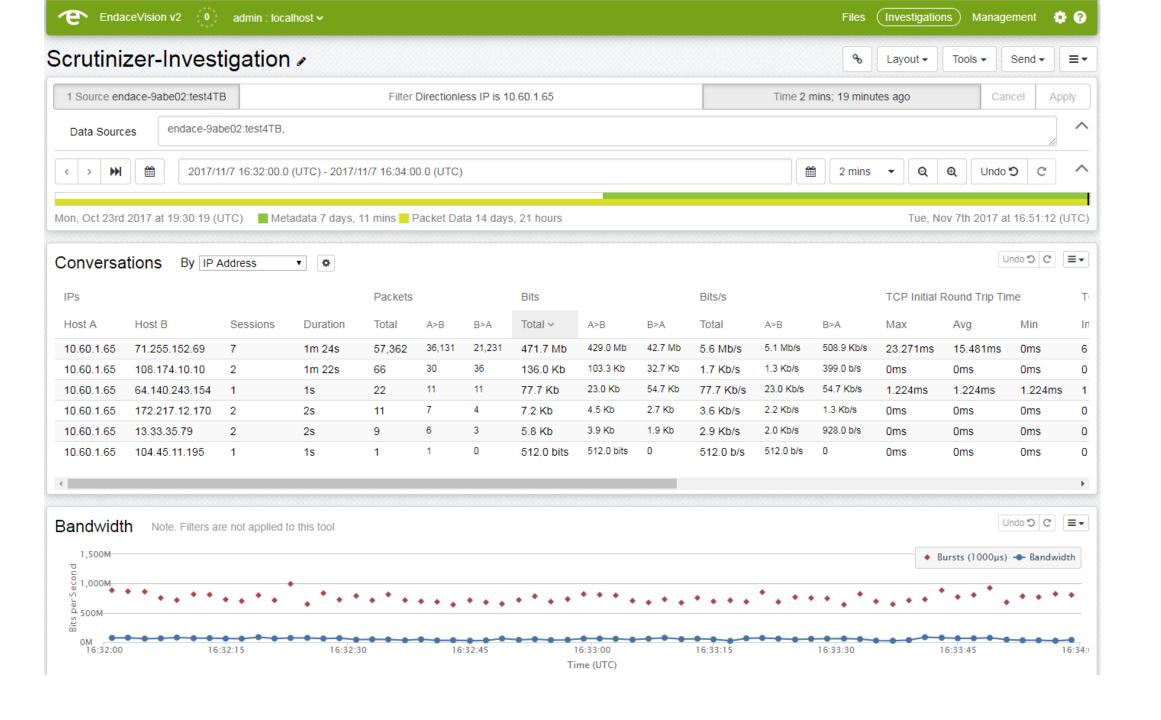
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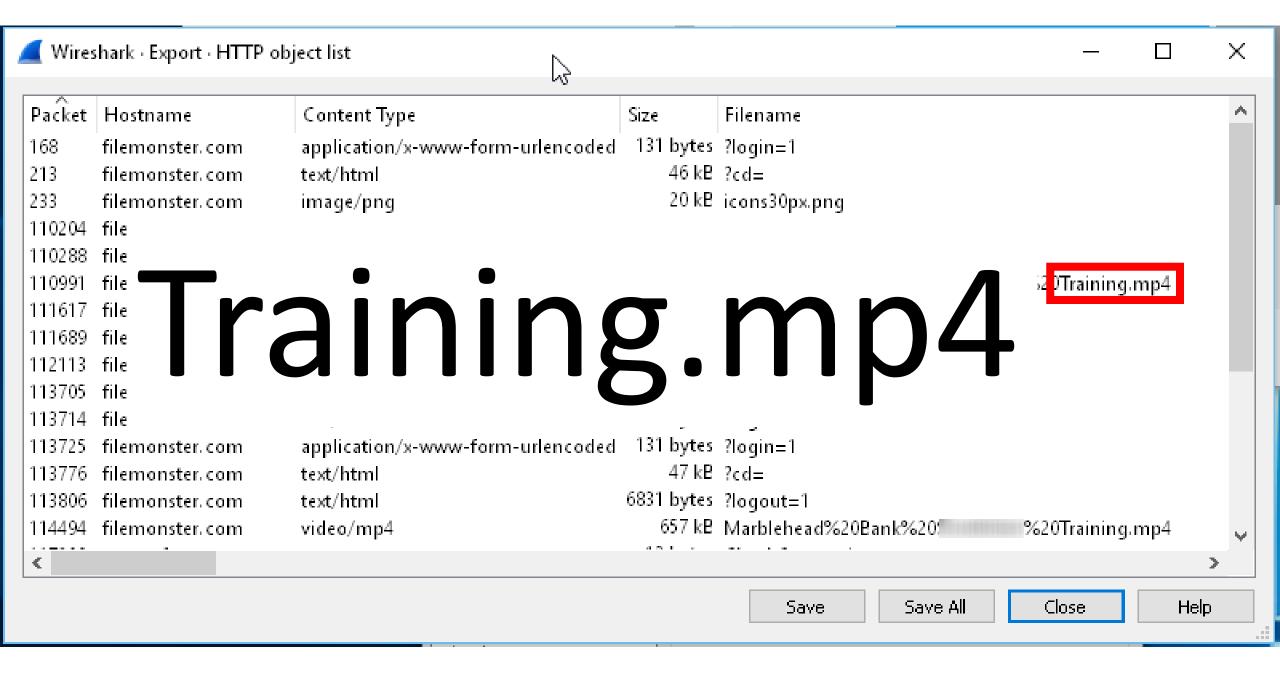
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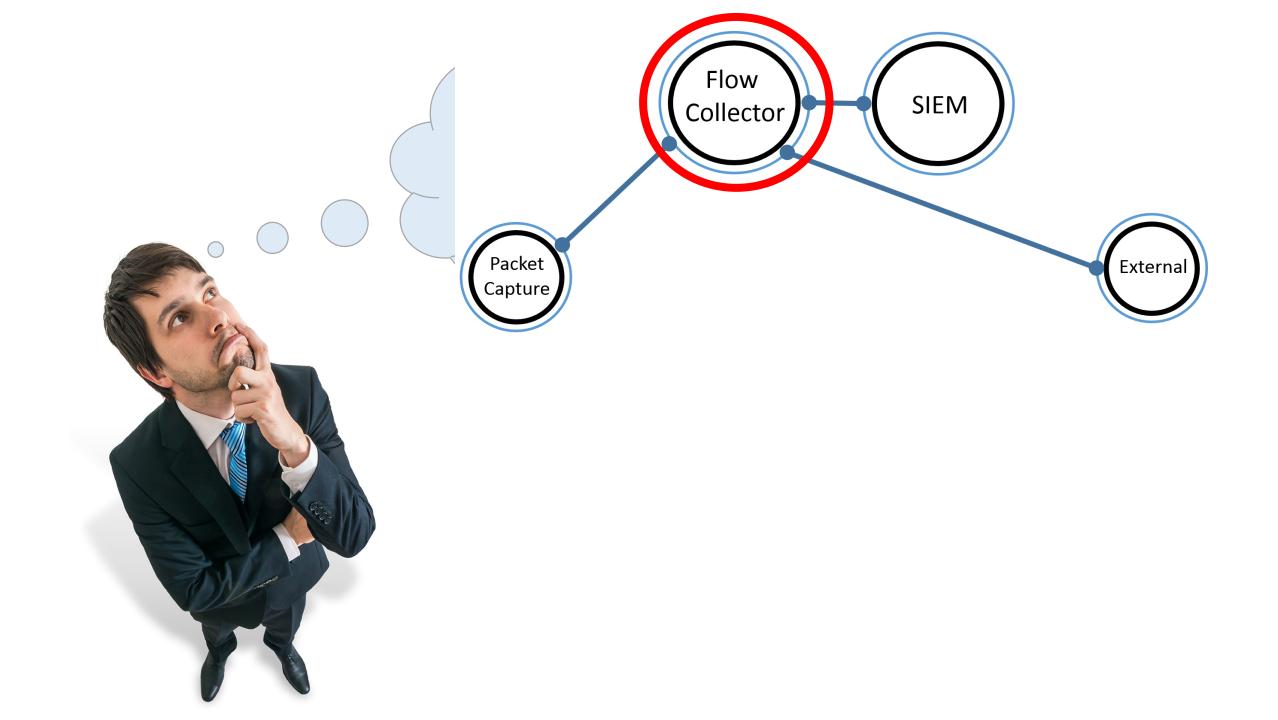
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# Example 2



I have an IP address, show me all the things I can pivot to.



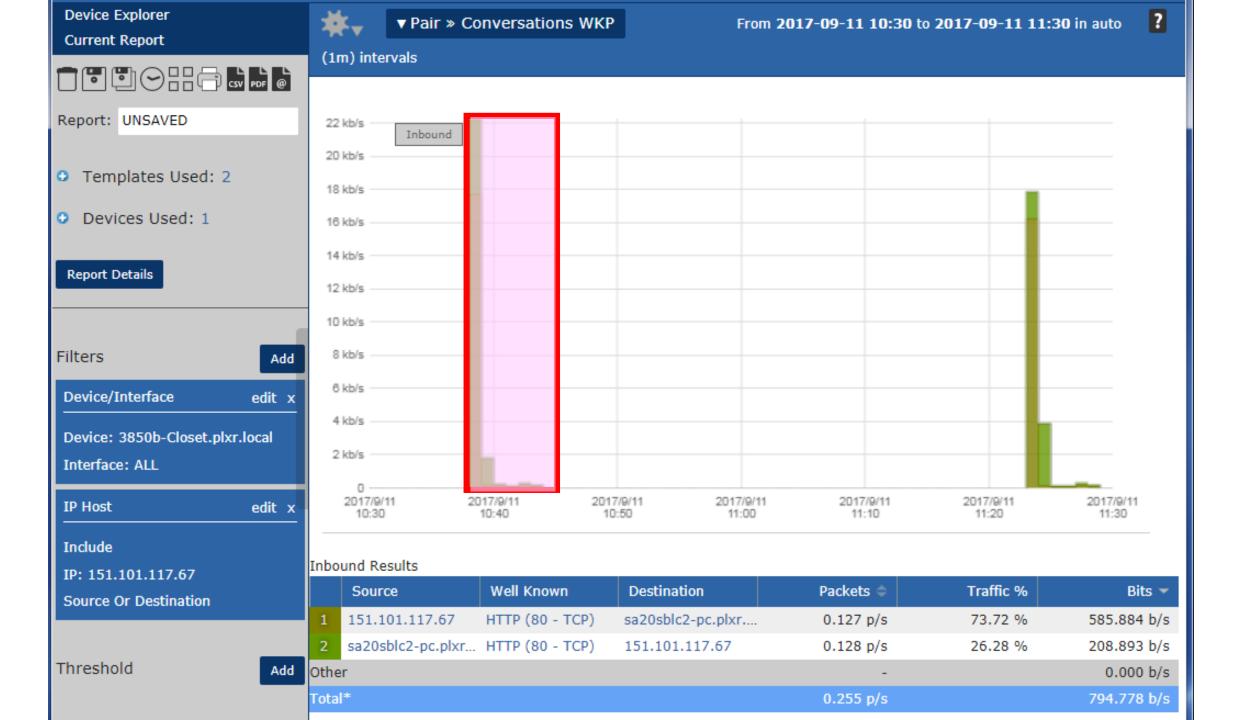
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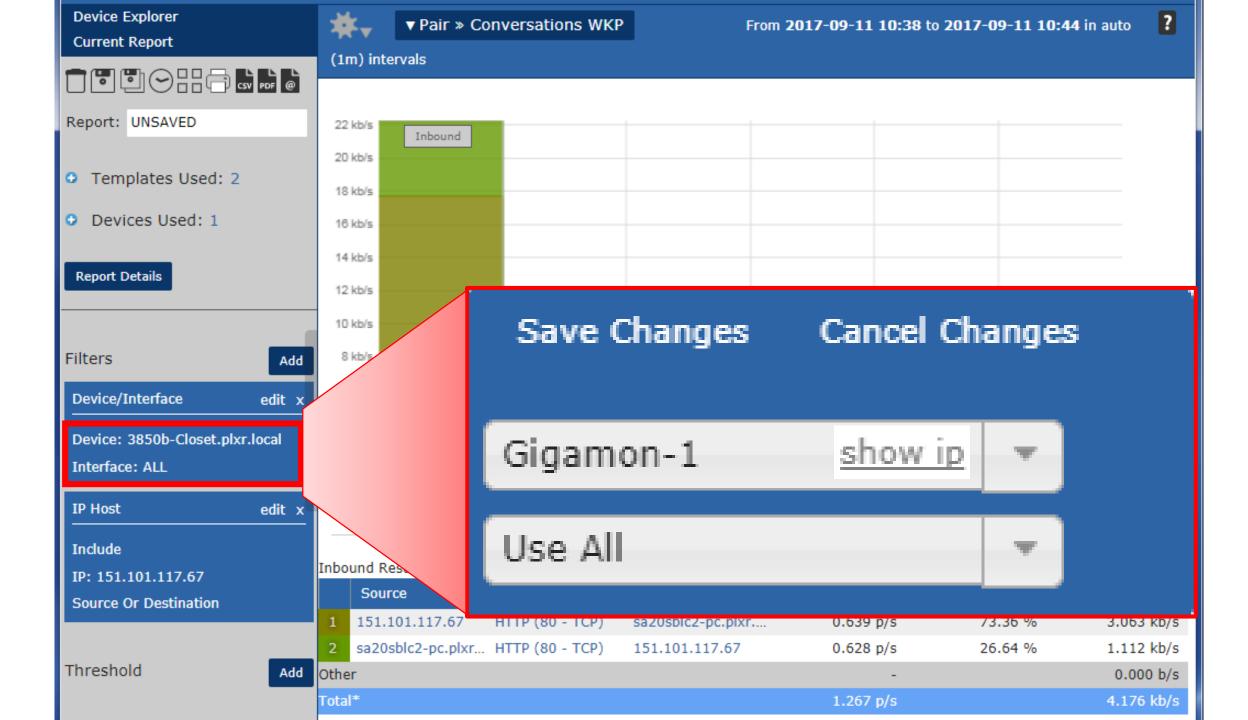
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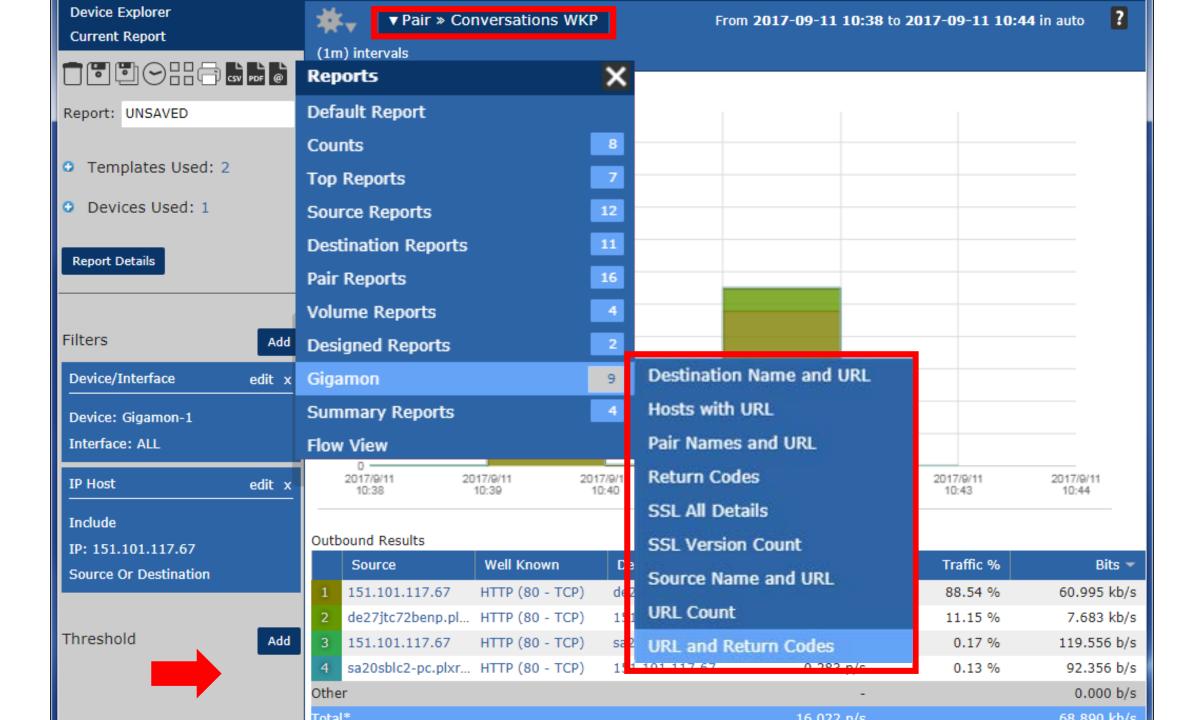
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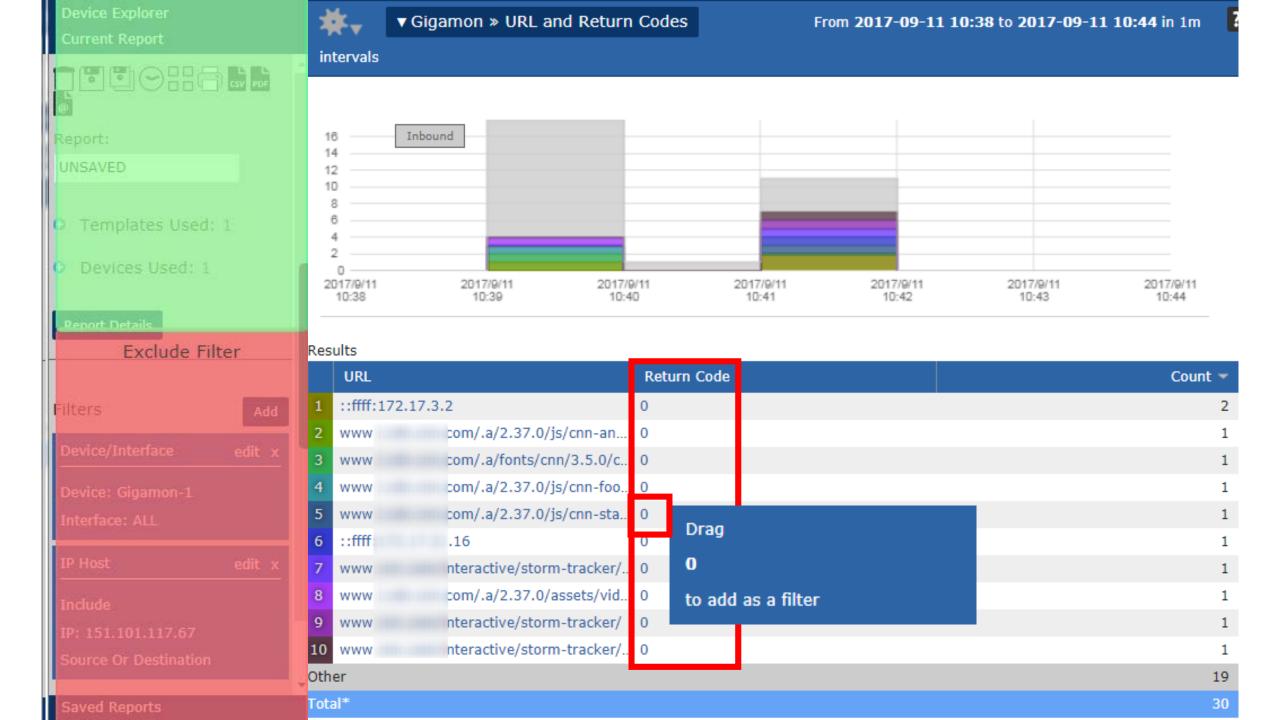
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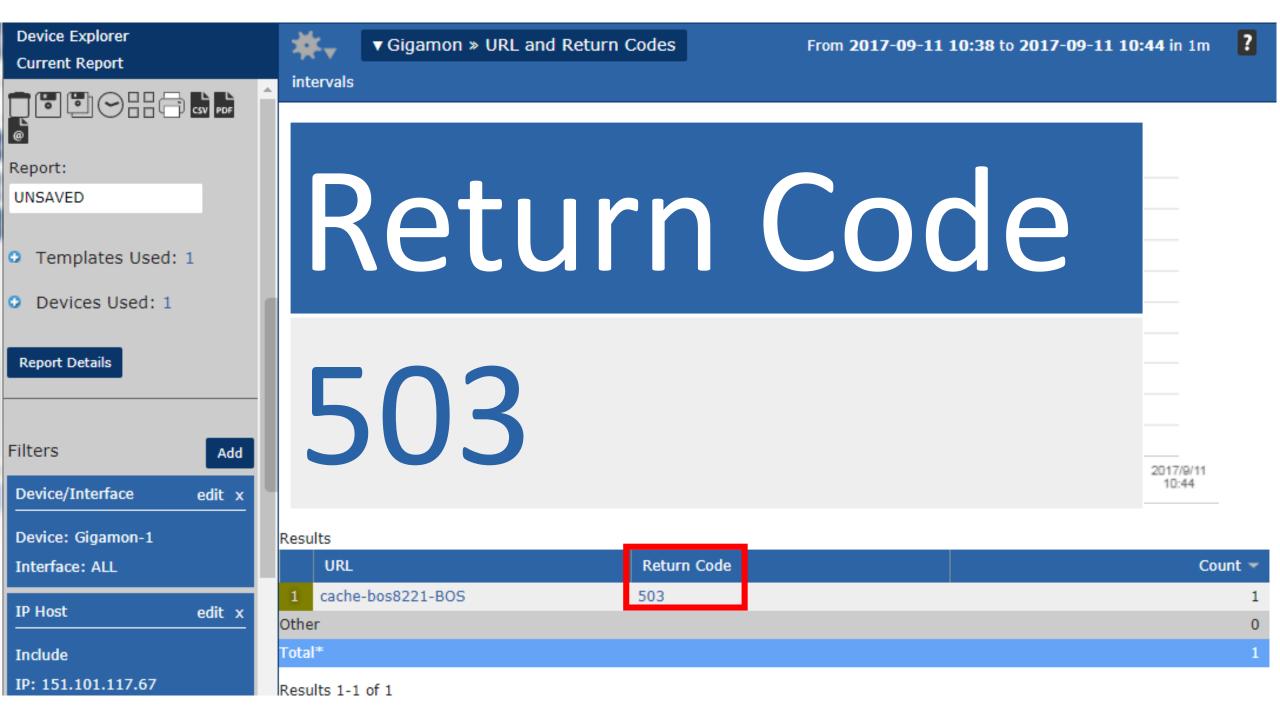


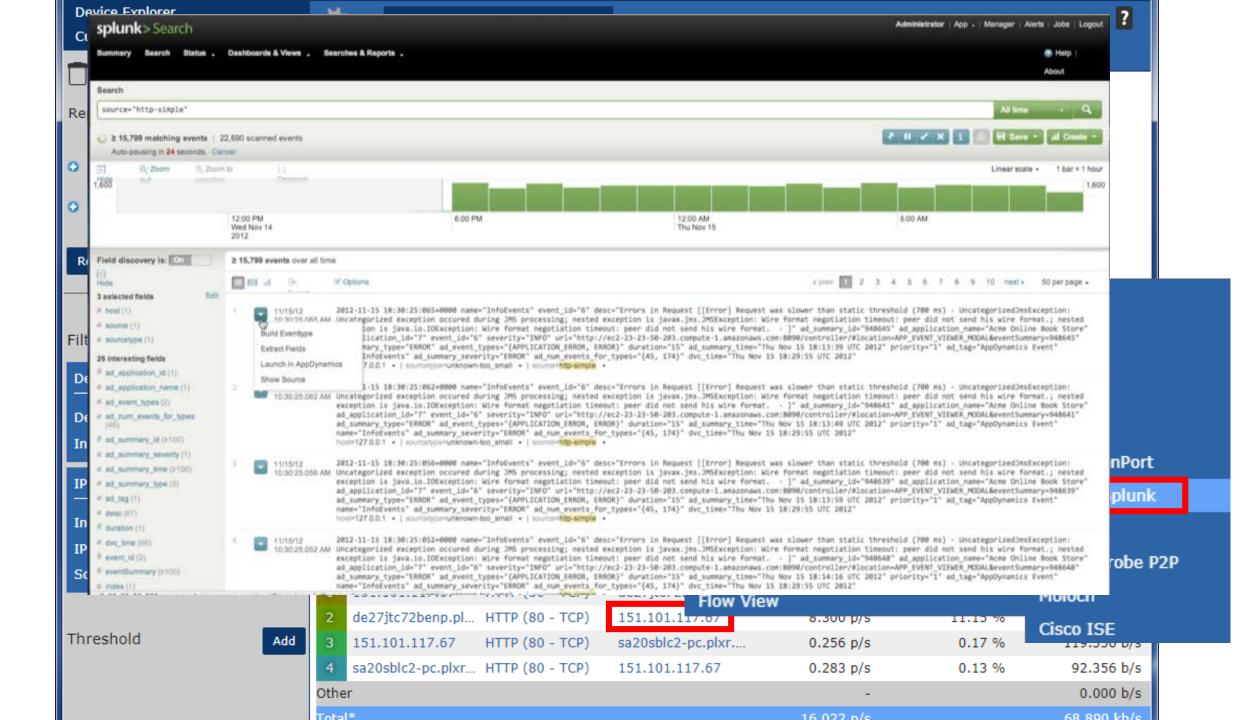


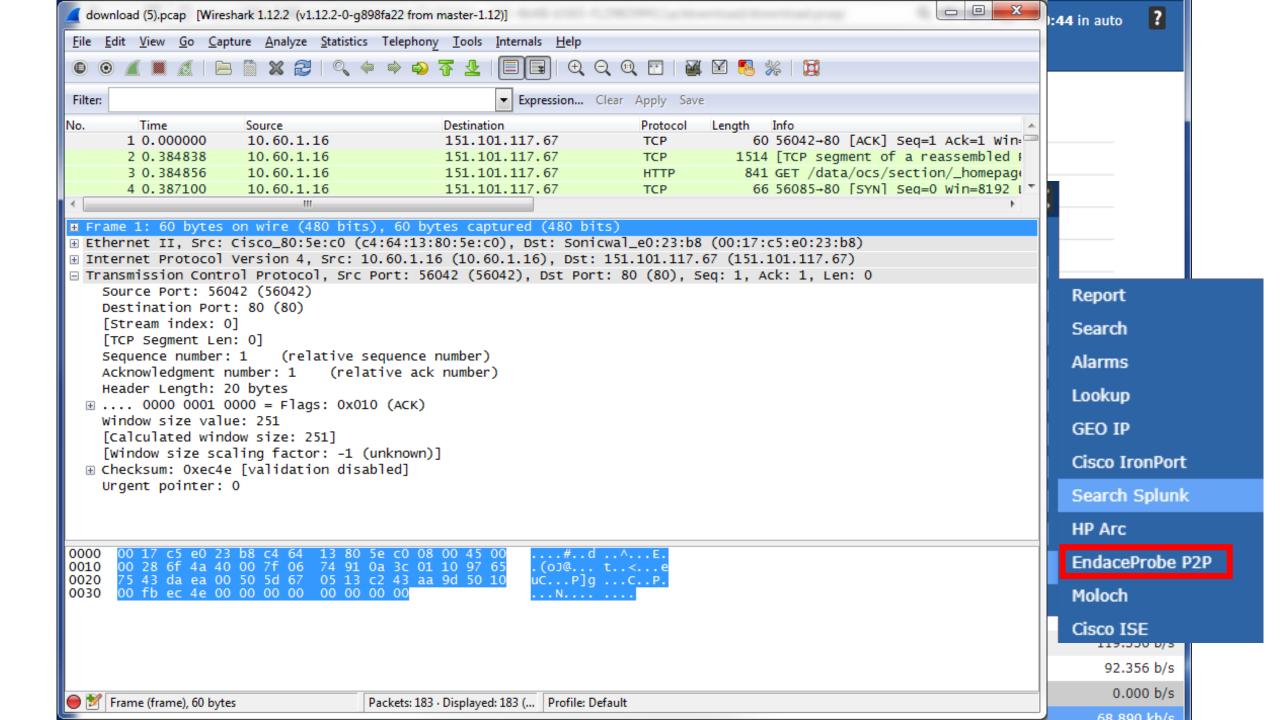


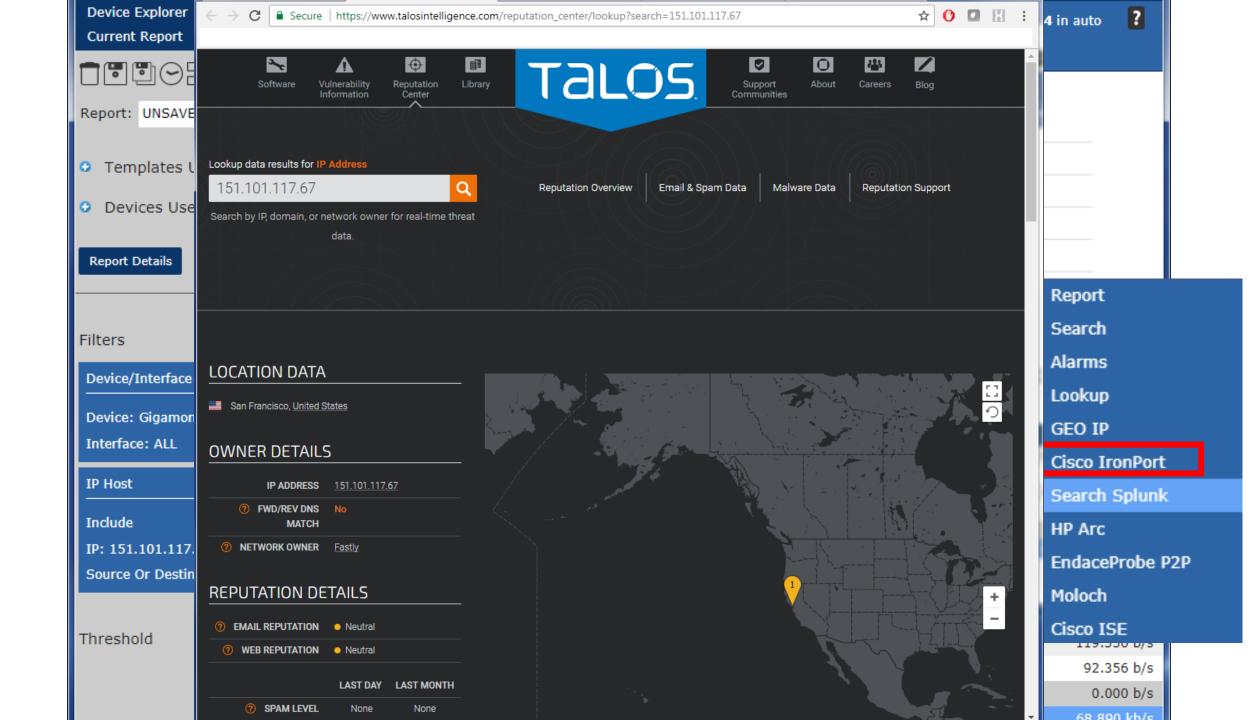




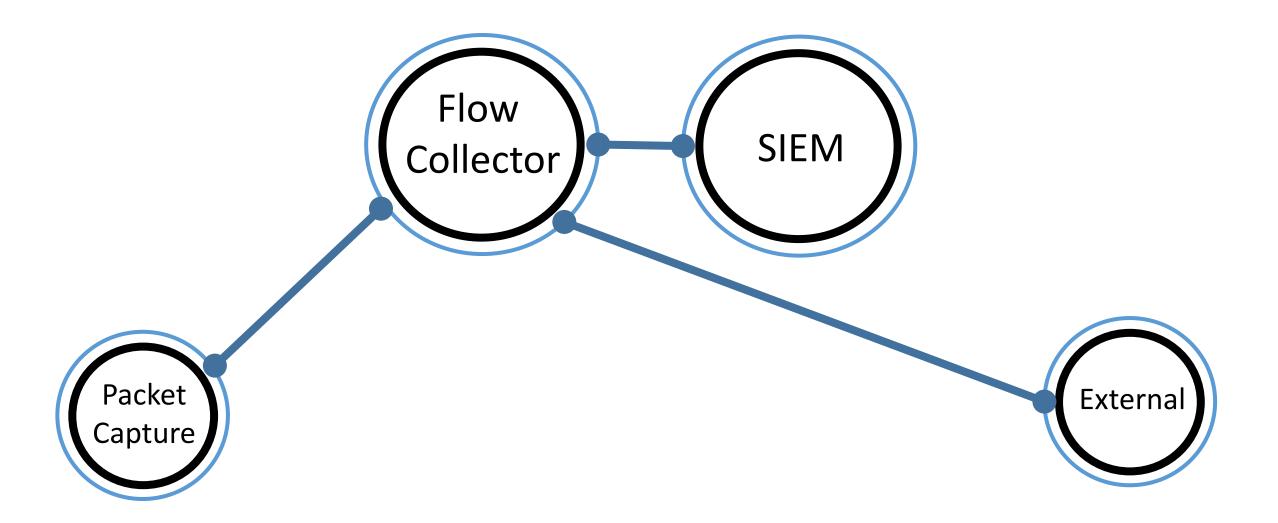








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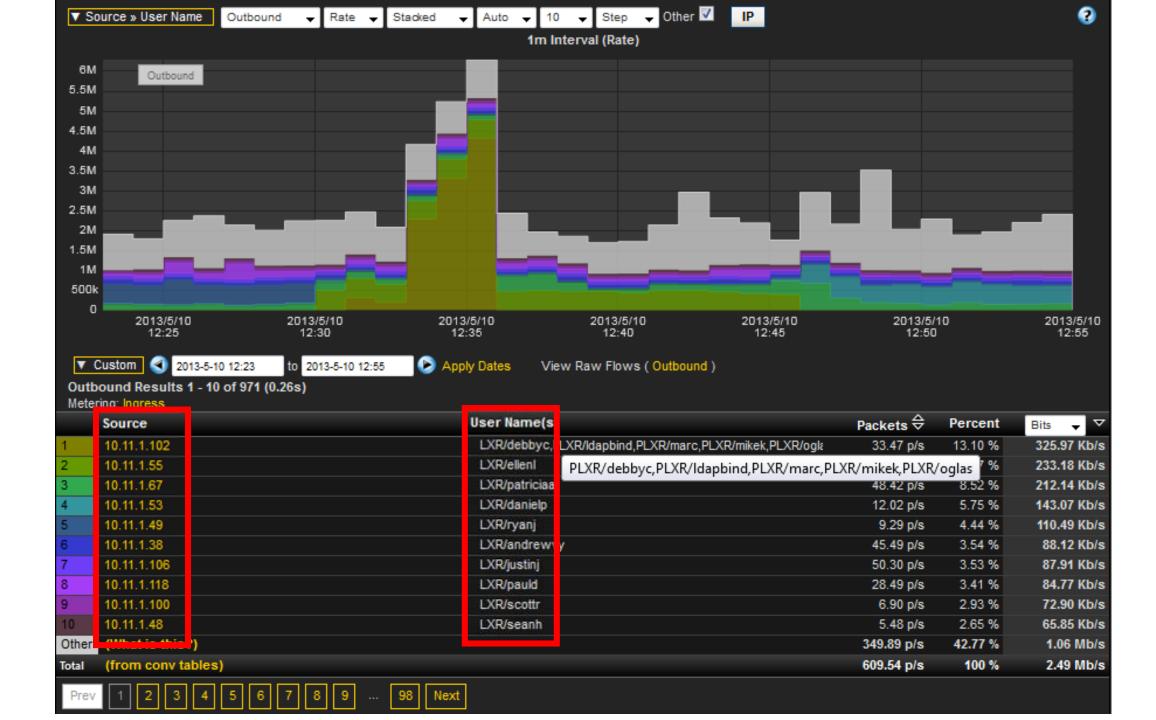


## Curiosity makes Effective Hunters

- The desire to find out
- Create a curiosity culture by promoting discussion
- Learn how to ask the right questions.
  "Is this an anomaly or something I haven't run into before?"
- Don't be intimidated. Years at the job does not make someone proficient
- Be careful: Years of experience can lead to less curiosity







"Reviewing network perimeter NetFlow will help determine whether a network has experienced suspicious activity."

Oct 21, 2017



# Summary on Pivoting

- Single pivots almost never happen. Plan for at least 4.
- Pivots often require decisions by the analyst. (e.g. should you pivot to the event logs, the flows or external site for details). Pivot decisions are guided by the questions you are trying to answer.
- Keep economy in mind. The Defense team absolutely must have efficiencies. Pivots need to be fast to improve speed.
  - Extra pivot steps defeats efficiency
  - Pivots need to be short to decrease time spent
  - Improves accuracy to bridge the perception to reality gap
- Share frequently used pivots with others