Cflowd Configuration Commands

Global Commands

cflowd

Syntax [no] cflowd

Context config>cflowd

Description This command creates the context to configure cflowd.

The no form of this command removes all configuration under cflowd including the deletion of all

configured collectors. This can only be executed if cflowd is in a shutdown state.

Default no cflowd

active-timeout

Syntax active-timeout minutes

no active-timeout

Context config>cflowd

Description This command configures the maximum amount of time before an active flow is aged out of the

active cache. If an individual flow is active for this amount of time, the flow is aged out and a new

flow will be created on the next packet sampled for that flow.

Note: Existing flows do not inherit the new active-timeout value if this parameter is changed while cflowd is active. The active-timeout value for a flow is set when the flow is first created in the active

cache table and does not change dynamically.

The **no** form of this command resets the inactive timeout back to the default value.

Default 30

Parameters *minutes* — The value expressed in minutes before an active flow is exported.

Values 1 — 600

cache-size

Syntax cache-size num-entries

no cache-size

Context config>cflowd

Description This command specifies the maximum number of active flows to maintain in the flow cache table.

The **no** form of this command resets the number of active entries back to the default value.

Default 65536 (64K)

Parameters *num-entries* — The maximum number of entries maintained in the cflowd cache. It depends on the

CPM version.

Values 1000 - 128k (SF/CPM1, SF/CPM2)

1000 — 250000 (cfm-xp, SF/CPM3 or higher)

collector

Syntax collector ip-address[:port] {version [5 | 8 | 9 | 10]}

no collector

Context config>cflowd

Description This command defines a flow data collector for cflowd data. The IP address of the flow collector

must be specified. The UDP port number is an optional parameter. If it is not set, the default of 2055 is used for all collector versions. To connect to a IPFIX (version 10) collector using the IPFIX default port, specify port 4739 when configuring the collector. The version must be specified. A maximum of

5 collectors can be configured.

The **no** form of this command removes the flow collector definition from the config and stops the

export of data to the collector. The collector needs to be shutdown to be deleted.

Default none

Parameters *ip-address* — Specifies the address of a remote Cflowd collector host to receive the exported Cflowd

data.

Values <ip-address[:port]> : ip-address - a.b.c.d[:port] (IPv4)

x:x:x:x:x:x:x:x (IPv6) [x:x:x:x:x:x:x]:port (IPv6)

x - [0..FFFF]H

port — Specifies the UDP port number on the remote Cflowd collector host to receive the exported

Cflowd data.

Values 1—65535

Default 2055

version — Specifies the version of the flow data collector.

Values Netflow v5, v8, v9, v10 (IPFIX) format

Default 5

aggregation

Syntax [no] aggregation

Context config>cflowd>collector

Description This command configures the type of aggregation scheme to be exported.

Specifies the type of data to be aggregated and to the collector.

To configure aggregation, you must decide which type of aggregation scheme to configure: autonomous system, destination prefix, protocol port, raw, source destination, or source prefix.

This can only be configured if the collector version is configured as V8.

The **no** form of this command removes all aggregation types from the collector configuration.

Default no aggregation

as-matrix

Syntax [no] as-matrix

Context config>cflowd>collector>aggregation

Description This command specifies that the aggregation data should be based on autonomous system (AS)

information. An AS matrix contains packet and byte counters for traffic from either source-

destination autonomous systems or last-peer to next-peer autonomous systems.

The **no** form of this command removes this type of aggregation from the collector configuration.

Default no as-matrix

destination-prefix

Syntax [no] destination-prefix

Context config>cflowd>collector>aggregation

Description This command specifies that the aggregation data is based on destination prefix information.

The **no** form removes this type of aggregation from the collector configuration.

Default none

protocol-port

Syntax [no] protocol-port

Context config>cflowd>collector>aggregation

Description This command specifies that flows be aggregated based on the IP protocol, source port number, and

destination port number.

The **no** form of this command removes this type of aggregation from the collector configuration.

Default none

raw

Syntax [no] raw

Context config>cflowd>collector>aggregation

Description This command configures raw (unaggregated) flow data to be sent in Version 5.

The **no** form of this command removes this type of aggregation from the collector configuration.

Default none

source-destination-prefix

Syntax [no] source-destination-prefix

Context config>cflowd>collector>aggregation

Description This command configures cflowd aggregation based on source and destination prefixes.

The **no** form of this command removes this type of aggregation from the collector configuration.

Default none

source-prefix

Syntax [no] source-prefix

Context config>cflowd>collector>aggregation

Description This command configures cflowd aggregation based on source prefix information.

The **no** form of this command removes this type of aggregation from the collector configuration.

Default none

autonomous-system-type

Syntax autonomous-system-type {origin | peer}

no autonomous-system-type

Context config>cflowd>collector

Description This command defines whether the autonomous system (AS) information included in the flow data is

based on the originating AS or external peer AS of the routes.

This option is only allowed if the collector is configured as Version 5 or Version 8.

The **no** form of this command resets the AS type to the default value.

Default autonomous-system-type origin

Parameters origin — Specifies that the AS information included in the flow data is based on the originating AS.

peer — Specifies that the AS information included in the flow data is based on the peer AS.

description

Syntax description description-string

no description

Context config>cflowd>collector

Description This command creates a text description stored in the configuration file for a configuration context.

The **no** form of this command removes the description string from the context.

Default No description is associated with the configuration context.

Parameters description-string — The description character string. Allowed values are any string up to 80 charac-

ters long composed of printable, 7-bit ASCII characters. If the string contains special characters

(#, \$, spaces, etc.), the entire string must be enclosed within double quotes.

shutdown

Syntax [no] shutdown

Context config>cflowd

config>cflowd>collector

Description This command administratively disables an entity. When disabled, an entity does not change, reset, or

remove any configuration settings or statistics.

The operational state of the entity is disabled as well as the operational state of any entities contained

within. Many objects must be shut down before they may be deleted.

The **no** form of this command administratively enables an entity.

Unlike other commands and parameters where the default state is not indicated in the configuration file. The **shutdown** and **no shutdown** states are always indicated in system generated configuration files

template-set

Syntax template-set {basic | mpls-ip | I2-ip}

Context config>cflowd>collector

Description This command specifies the set of templates sent to the collector when using cflowd Version 9 or

Version 10.

Default basic

Parameters basic — Basic flow data is sent.

mpls-ip — Extended flow data is sent that includes IP and MPLS flow information.

12-ip — Extended flow data is sent that includes Layer 2 (ethernet) and IP flow information. This template is only applicable for v10(IPFIX) collectors.

export-mode

Syntax export-type [automatic | manual]

Context config>cflowd

Description This command can be used to control how exports are generated by the cflowd process. The default

behavior is for flow data to be exported automatically based on the active and inactive time-out values. The alternative mode is manual in which case flow data is only exported when the command

"tools perform cflowd manual-export" is issued. The only exception is if the cflowd cache

overflows, in which case the normal automatic export process is used.

Default export-mode automatic

Parameters automatic — Cflowd flow data is automatically generated.

manual — Cflowd flow data is exported only when manual triggered.

inactive-timeout

Syntax inactive-timeout seconds

no inactive-timeout

Context config>cflowd

Description This command specifies the amount of time, in seconds, that must elapse without a packet matching a

flow in order for the flow to be considered inactive.

The **no** form of this command resets the inactive timeout back to the default of 15 seconds.

Note: Existing flows will not inherit the new inactive-timeout value if this parameter is changed while cflowd is active. The inactive-timeout value for a flow is set when the flow is first created in the active cache table and does not change dynamically.

Default 15

Parameters seconds — Specifies the amount of time, in seconds, that must elapse without a packet matching a

flow in order for the flow to be considered inactive.

Values 10 — 600

overflow

Syntax overflow percent

no overflow

Context config>cflowd

Description This command specifies the percentage of the flow cache entries removed when the maximum

number of entries is exceeded. The entries removed are the entries that have not been updated for the

longest amount of time.

The no form of this command resets the number of entries cleared from the flow cache on overflow to

the default value.

Default 1 %

Parameters percent — Specifies the percentage of the flow cache entries removed when the maximum number of

entries is exceeded.

Values 1 — 50 percent

rate

Syntax rate sample-rate

no rate

Context config>cflowd

Description This command specifies the rate (N) at which traffic is sampled and sent for flow analysis. A packet is

sampled every N packets; for example, when *sample-rate* is configured as 1, then all packets are sent to the cache. When *sample-rate* is configured as 100, then every 100th packet is sent to the cache.

The **no** form of this command resets the sample rate to the default value.

Default 1000

Parameters *sample-rate* — Specifies the rate at which traffic is sampled.

Values 1 — 10000

template-retransmit

Syntax template-retransmit seconds

no template-retransmit

Context config>cflowd

Description This command specifies the interval for sending template definitions.

Default 600

Parameters seconds — The value expressed in seconds before sending template definitions.

Values 10 — 600

use-vrtr-if-index

Syntax [no] use-vrtr-if-index

Context config>cflowd

Description This command is used to export flow data using interface indexes (ifIndex values), which can be used

directly as the index into the IF-MIB tables for retrieving interface statistics. Specifically, if the this command is enabled, then the ingressInterface (ID=10) and egressInterface (ID=14) fields in IP flow templates used to export the flow data to Cflowd version 9 and version 10 collectors will be

populated with the IF-MIB ifIndex of that interface. In addition, for version 10 templates, two fields are available in the IP flow templates to present the Virtual Router ID associated with the ingress and

egress interfaces.

The **no** form of this command removes the command from the active configuration and causes cflowd to return to the default behavior of populating the ingress and egress interface ID with the

global IF index IDs.

Default no use-vrtr-if-index