

## Cisco Secure Network Analytics Customer Test Drive 7.3.0



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## Requirements

The table below outlines the requirements for this preconfigured demonstration.

Required	Optional
Laptop with network capabilities A Cisco.com account. Register <a href="#">here</a> if you do not already have an account.	Cisco AnyConnect® Second device for reading lab notes

## About this solution

Welcome to the Cisco Secure Network Analytics Customer Test Drive 7.3.0 dCloud (Demo Cloud) Test Drive Labs! This lab will show in real-time traffic how Cisco Secure Network Analytics (formerly named Stealthwatch) is the leader in the Network Detection and Response (NDR) Gartner quadrant and can transform the network into a sensor to detect insider threats and identify anomalous behavior such as malware, distributed botnets, data exfiltration, and more. You get hands-on access to a fully configured environment with traffic that you generate to test first-hand *live* use cases including:

- Breach Detection
- Insider and Advanced Threat Detection
- High Risk Application Detection
- Policy Violations
- Encrypted Traffic Analytics
- Public Cloud Monitoring

In this lab, you play the role of an attacker generating traffic, and then you log in to Secure Network Analytics as a defender to learn how to respond to these attacks. Completing these labs will help provide experience and test plans to effectively use and operationalize Cisco Secure Analytics (Stealthwatch). Everything learned in these labs can be carried over into a production deployment.

## Disclaimer

This lab should be running for at least 1 hour before performing exercises. For best results let the lab run for at least 24 hours before starting exercises.

dCloud is a powerful lab environment for education purposes. There are often thousands of different types of labs running simultaneously. To allow for more labs to run within the dCloud datacenters, resources are shared across labs which could cause slower than normal response times during heavy usage.

Secure Network Analytics requires reserved resources of RAM and CPU in production deployments. Within these labs we do not have the RAM and CPU reserved. Please note: any slowness in queries or detection could be caused because of this so allow extra time for results.

It may take:

- Flow records 1-2 minutes after generating traffic to appear in Secure Network Analytics
- Events will appear 5-30 minutes after traffic is generated.

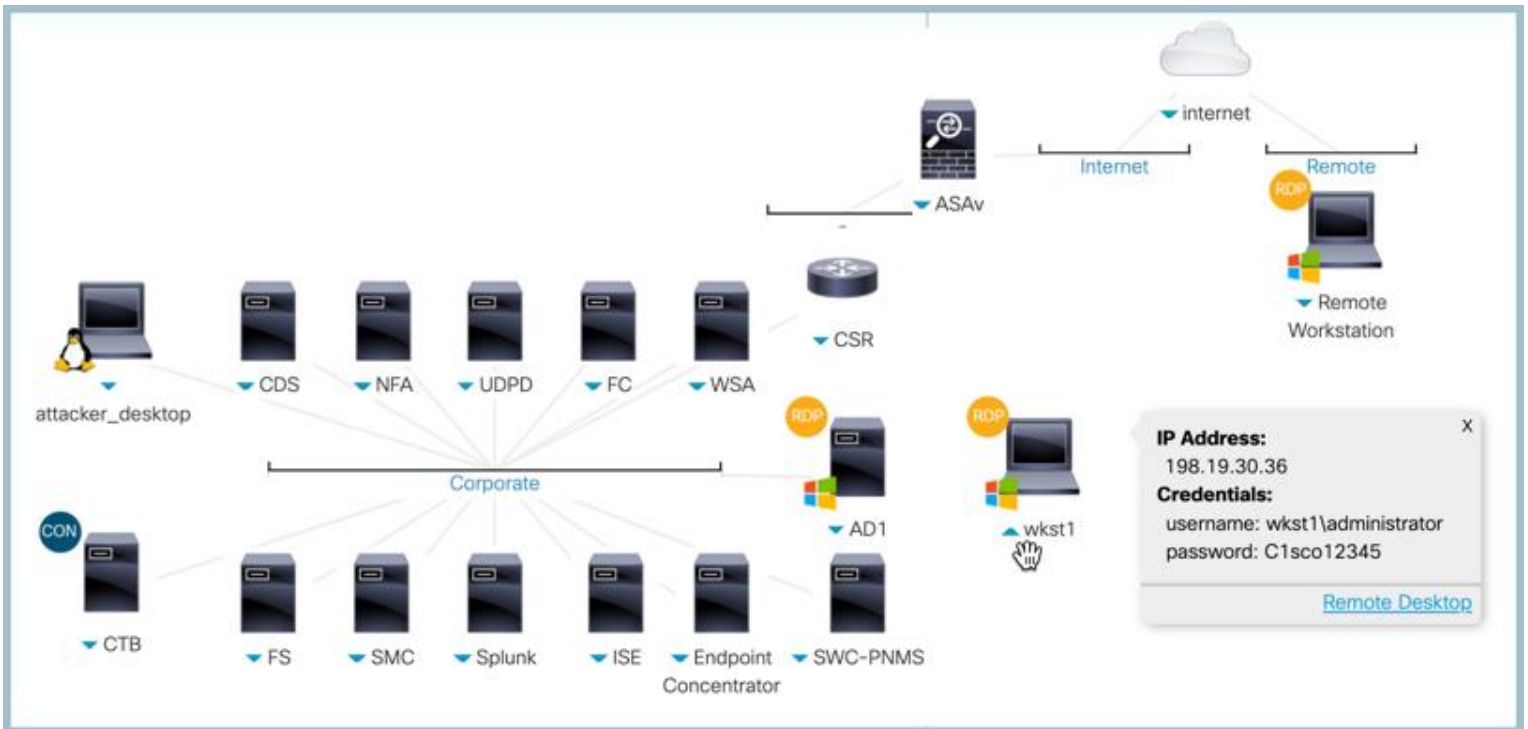


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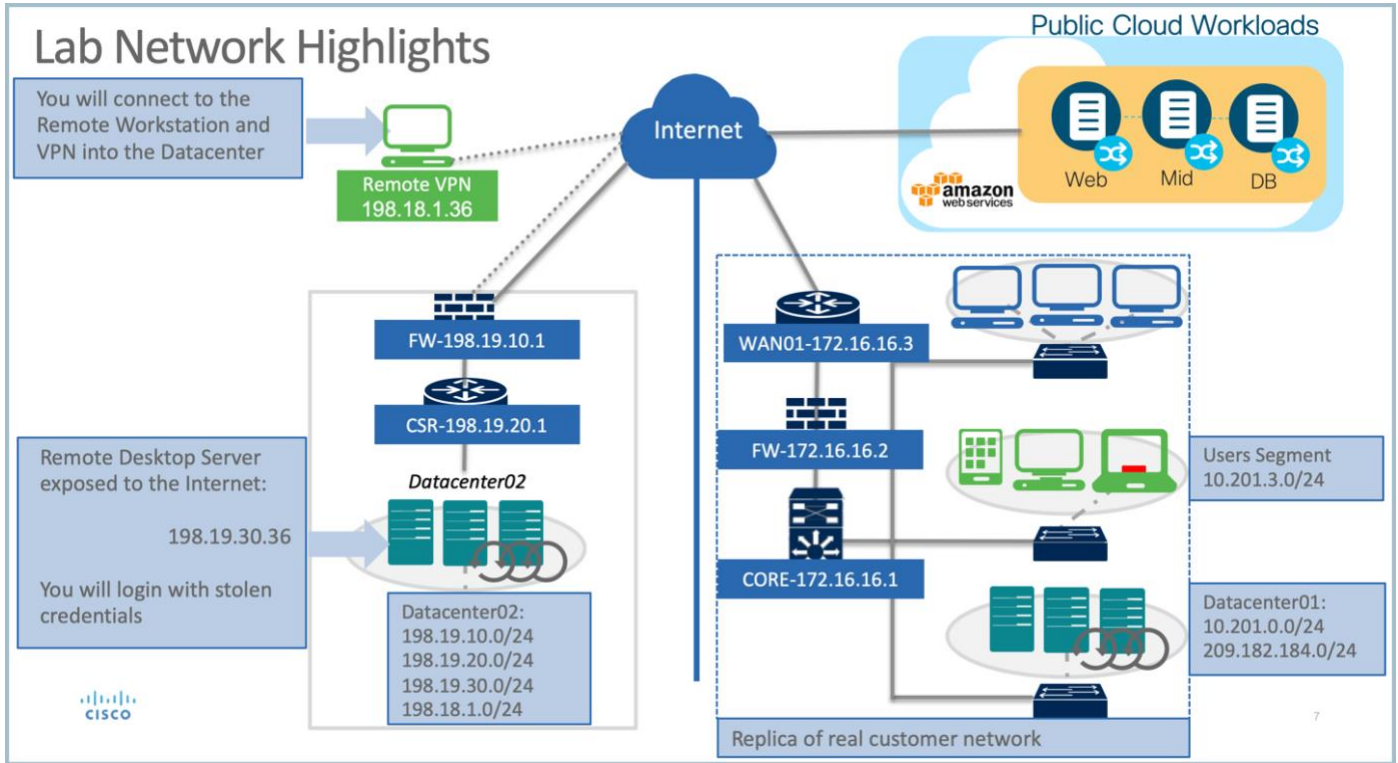
The Cisco Secure Network Analytics Test Drive has been built as a training platform to gain first-hand experience to understand and setup Secure Network Analytics. Students get to experience life-like cyber security attack situations in a virtualized enterprise lab environment, playing the role of an attacker and defender. Using an environment like many enterprise networks, students will learn and understand how their own environments get compromised, how security breaches get detected, and how to respond using Secure Network Analytics.

## Topology

This lab includes preconfigured users and components to illustrate scripted scenarios and features of Cisco Secure Network Analytics. Most components are fully configurable with predefined administrative user accounts. You can see the IP address and user account credentials to access a component by clicking the component icon in the Topology menu of your active session and in the scenario steps that require their use.



You will use the same topology, accounts, and IP addresses so refer to those sections during later labs as needed.



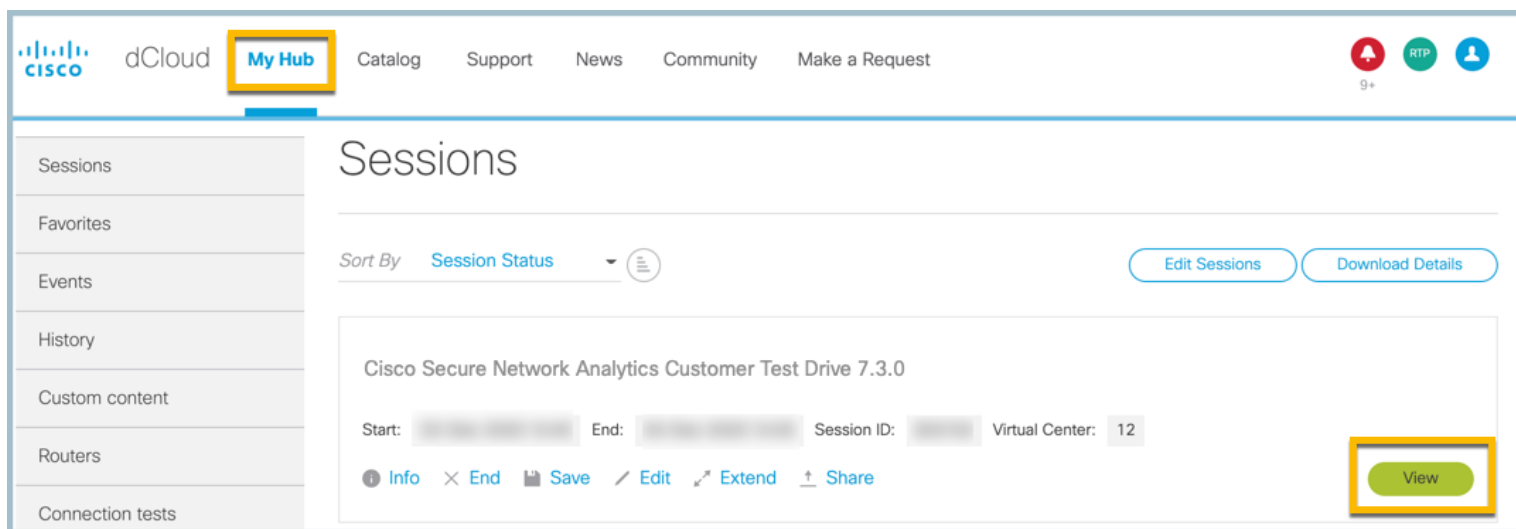
## Accounts and Passwords for this dCloud Lab

Username	Password	Endpoint Devices	IP Address
wkst1\Administrator	C1sco12345	Workstation1	198.19.30.36
admin	C1sco12345	Management Console	198.19.20.136
admin	C1sco12345	Flow Collector	198.19.20.137
admin	C1sco12345	Flow Sensor	198.19.20.138
admin	C1sco12345	UDP Director	198.19.20.139
admin	C1sco12345	Remote Workstation	198.18.1.36
admin	C1sco12345	Splunk	198.19.20.140
root	C1sco12345	CDS	198.19.20.134
admin	C1sco12345	CSR	198.19.10.2, 198.19.20.1, 198.19.30.1
admin	C1sco12345	ASAv	198.19.10.1, 198.18.133.100
dcloud\administrator	C1sco12345	AD1	198.19.20.10
root	C1sco12345	Attacker_desktop	198.19.20.6
admin	C1sco12345	WSA	198.19.20.51
admin	C1sco12345	ISE	198.19.20.141
admin	C1sco12345	Endpoint Concentrator	198.19.20.142
swcadmin	C1sco12345	SWC Sensor	198.19.20.143
admin	dCloud123!	Cisco Telemetry Broker (CTB)	198.19.20.53
admin	C1sco12345	Network Forensics Appliance (NFA)	198.19.20.135

## Get started

This lab enables you to become familiar with dCloud. It walks through connecting, validating the machine you will be connecting to in the data center, and ensuring that Secure Network Analytics is up and available.

1. Log in, using your Cisco.com account, to <https://dcloud.cisco.com>.
2. Select **My Hub**, as shown below.
3. Select **View** for Cisco Secure Network Analytics Customer Test Drive 7.3.0 session.



## Lab 0. Validate Wkst1

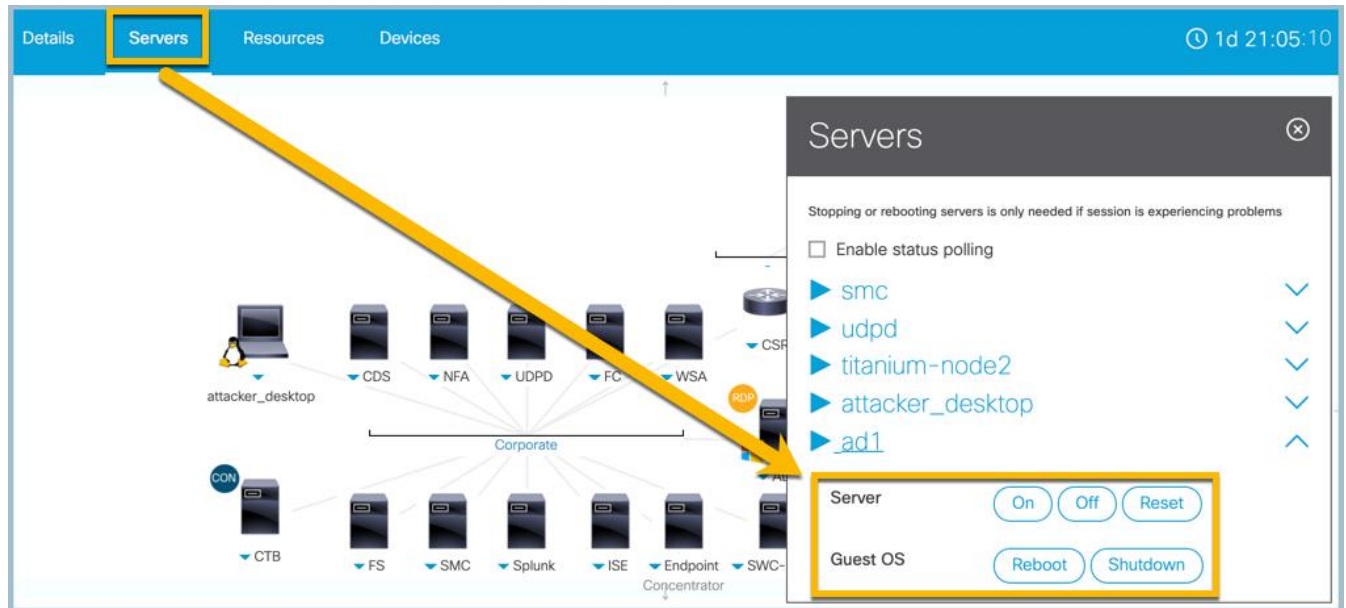
At the end of this section, you will have access to the lab environment, mapped to the resources you will need.

Let's begin.

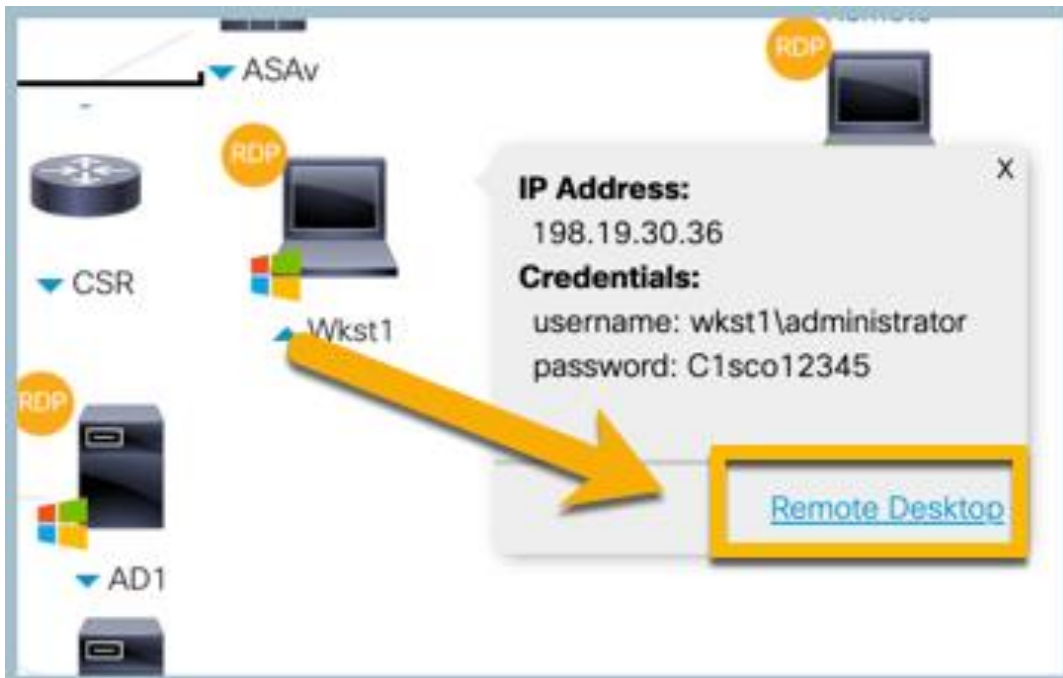
1. Select **Servers** to view the servers running for this lab.

The **Servers** tab displays all the systems running with the lab environment.

**Note:** You can turn systems on or off, if needed, from this location.



2. To work in this lab, you will need to access **Wkst1**, which gives you access to all data center resources. Click the **Remote Desktop** link to launch a web Remote Desktop session built within dCloud.

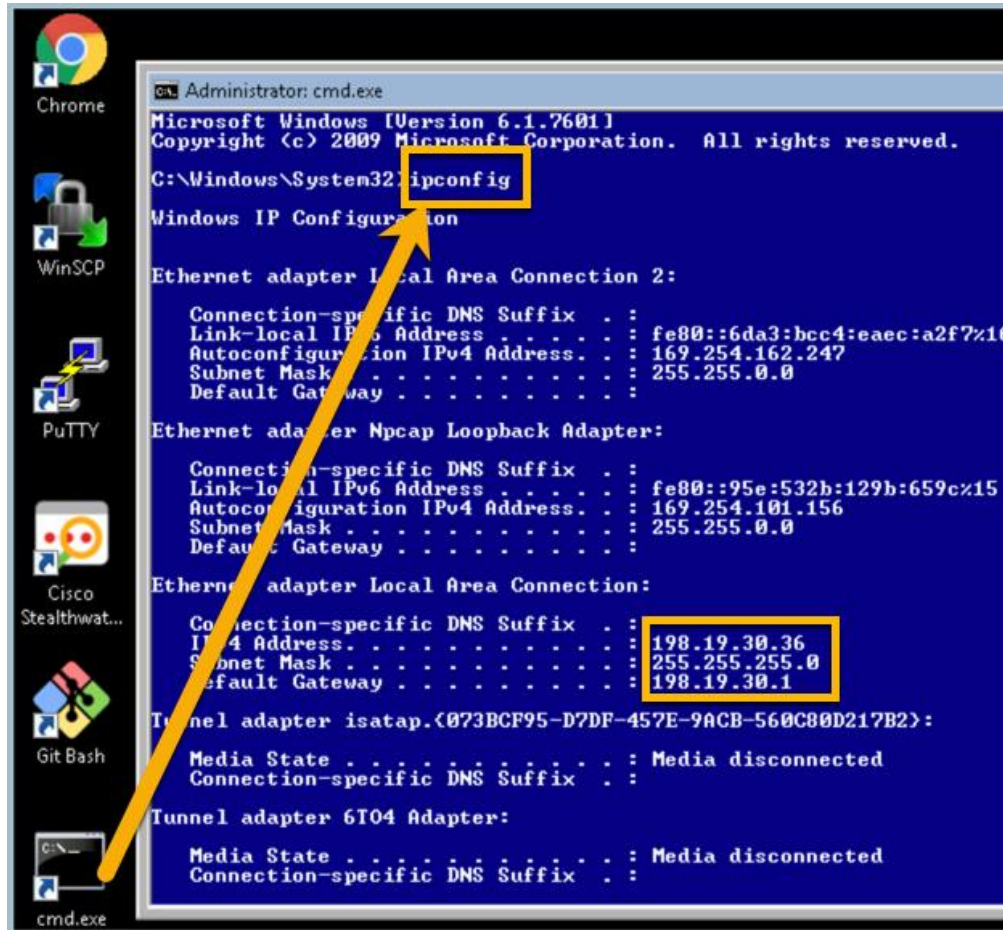


## Validate Wkst1 - ipconfig

Wkst1 will be the remote desktop session within the datacenter you use. Let's validate the IP address of your Wkst1.

Refer to the figure below, as you follow these steps:

1. From the Wkst1, open **cmd.exe** from the desktop.
2. Type **ipconfig**, and then press **Enter**.
3. Validate the IP address of your Wkst1 is **198.19.30.36**.
4. Make note of this IP address, because you will use it in most labs.

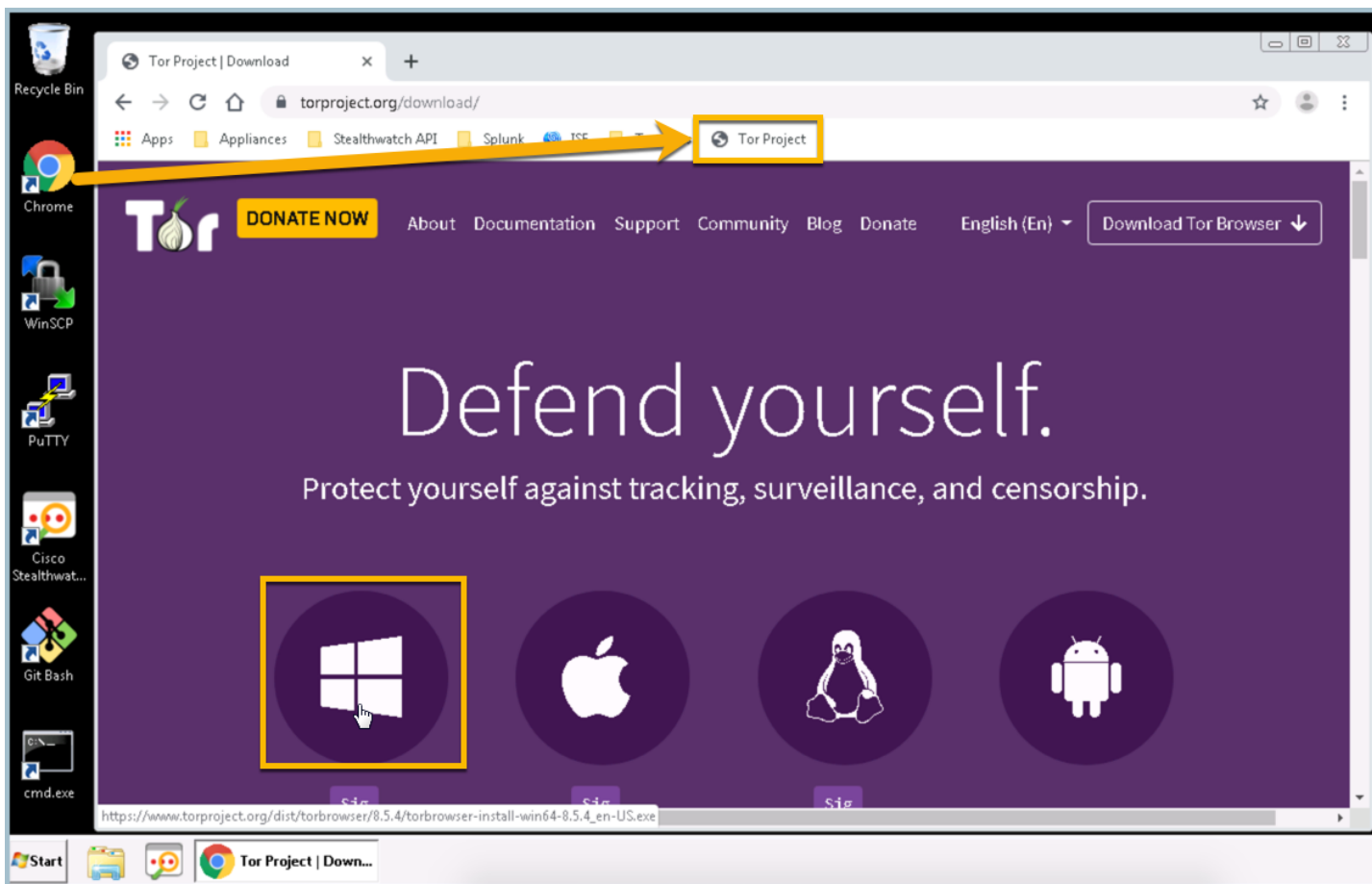


## Validate Wkst1 – Install Tor Browser

To generate traffic and validate results, you will install the Tor browser. All network traffic generated by the Wkst1 will be accounted for by NetFlow records, stored as a network audit trail and used to detect threats east and west inside the network and north and south to the Internet. Refer to screenshot shown below.

1. Open **Chrome** from the desktop of the Wkst1, and then open <https://www.torproject.org/download> using the bookmark in Chrome.
2. Click the Windows Sig to **Download Tor** install file.

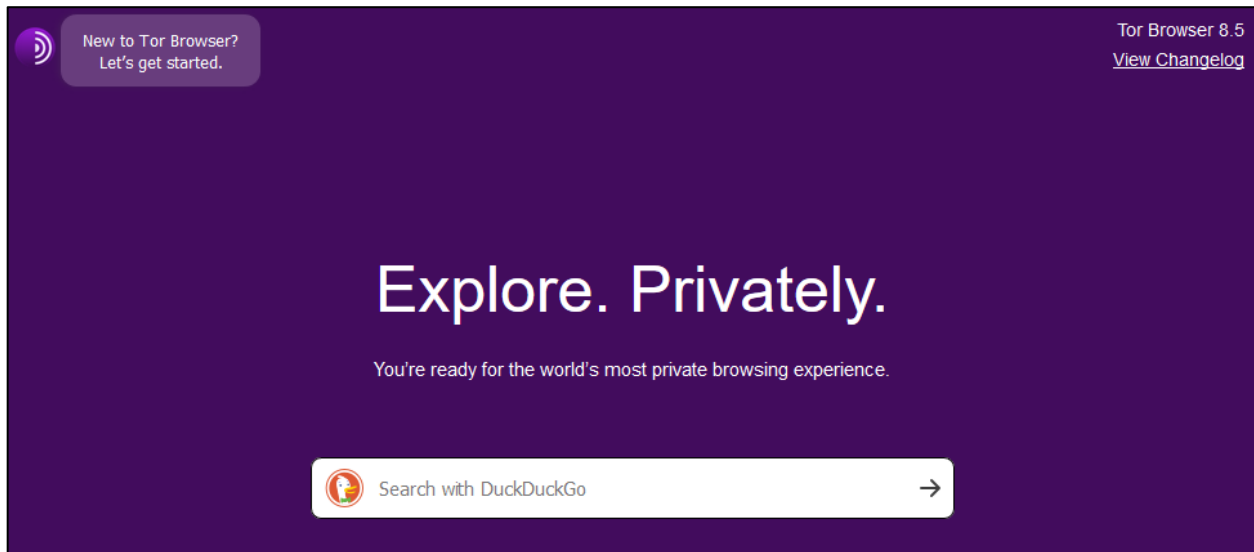
**Note:** We want to download Tor as part of the lab to capture NetFlow data. If the download is slow due to class volume you will find the downloaded .exe within the “Downloads\lab content” folder on Wkst1 so you can install from there.



3. Install **torbrowser-install.exe** using all default settings. As you install, make note of the file size of the .exe download which is ~54 MB; you will search for this in an upcoming lab.

4. From your desktop, click Start **Tor Browser**, click **Connect** when Tor launches, and then search for “**what is flexible netflow**,” as shown below.
  - a. Review a few articles and perform other searches to generate traffic through the Tor network.
  - b. Keep **Tor Browser** open for the next exercise.

**Note:** Everything being searched through Tor is encrypted through the browser.





## Validate Wkst1 - netstat

This lab will use the netstat (network statistics) command line tool to display incoming and outgoing network connections from Wkst1. It will also show that those connections will be accounted for through NetFlow. You are using netstat to see what connections exist to validate being able to search Secure Network Analytics for any active or historical network conversations.

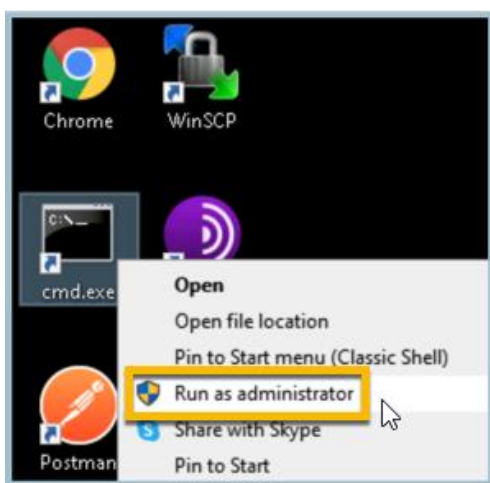
Launch **cmd.exe** from the Desktop by right-clicking and Run as administrator, and type:

**netstat -bn | findstr /v 127 | findstr /v exe**

**Note:** netstat will not run unless you run cmd.exe as an administrator.

The '-n' is needed so the system does not perform name resolution. This enables you to see the Foreign IP address to which you are connecting. The '-b' will display process name. The findstr /v command will filter the results to display less information as shown below. Make note of the Foreign IP addresses being connected to. You will be able to search Secure Network Analytics for historical network conversations to and from the WKST1 IP address.

**Tip:** Leave the command prompt open for later use.

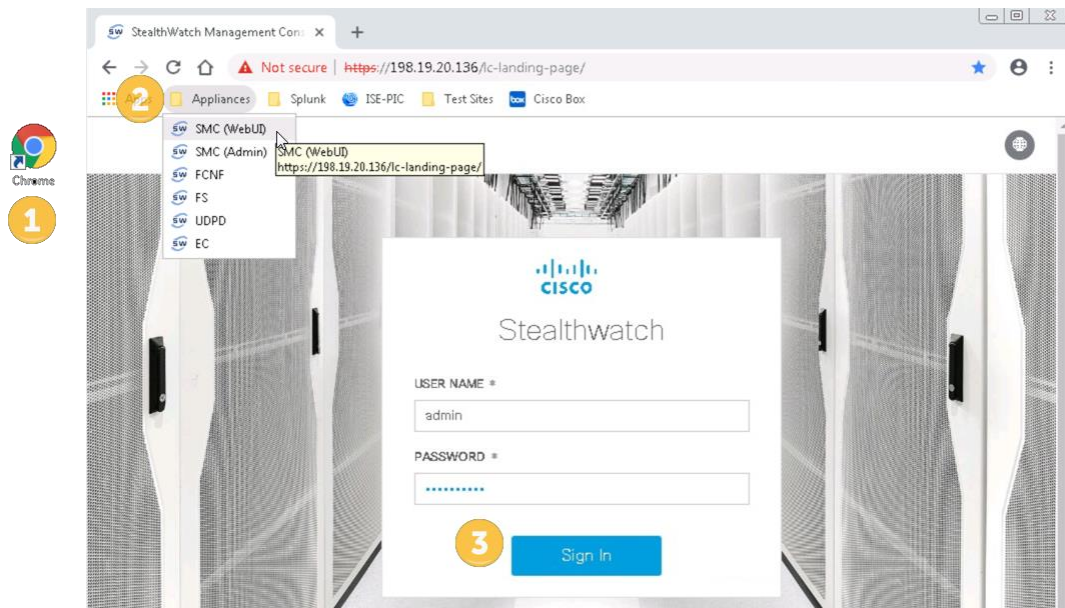




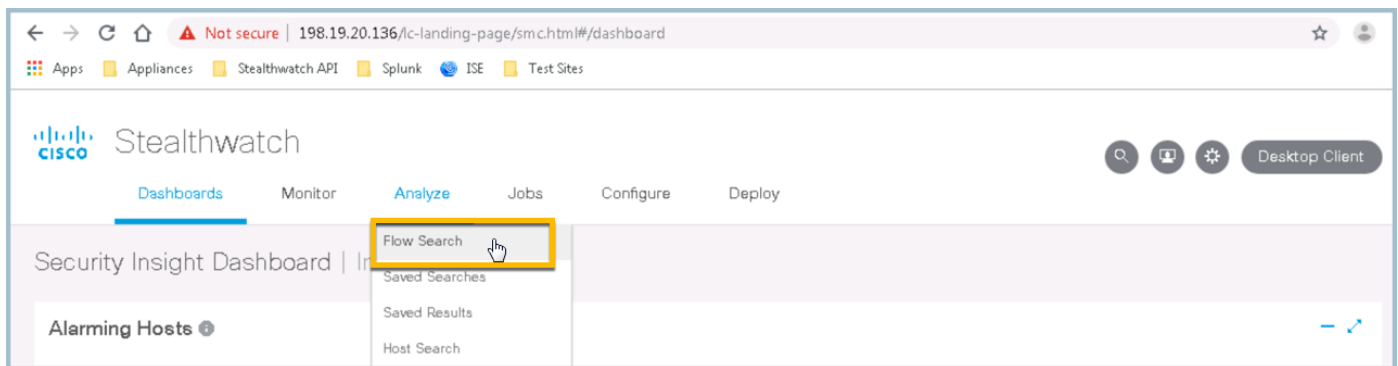
## Validate Wkst1 – Flow Search

The Wkst1 IP address has been validated and the connections established. You will query Secure Network Analytics to become comfortable with how NetFlow is collected. A later lab will provide a deeper understanding of NetFlow.

1. If not open, launch **Chrome** from the desktop of your Wkst1.
2. Select the **SMC (WebUI)** bookmark from the Appliances folder of the bookmark toolbar.
3. Log in with username **admin** and password **C1sco12345**



4. Select **Analyze > Flow Search** from the menu bar, as shown below.



The top portion of the Flow Search window will show the filter criteria. Make sure to define the filter exactly as defined below.

1. Select **Last 8 Hours** for the Time Range.
2. Enter the **Subject host IP Address** using the WKST1 IP address of **198.19.30.36**, and then press **Enter**.
3. Type **443/tcp** in the Port/Protocol Connection, and then press Enter for the selection to take effect). **Note:** that we are limiting the flow query to encrypted https or 443/tcp connections.
4. Within the Peer section, click **Select** under **Host Groups** and select **Outside Hosts** then click **Apply**. Outside hosts represent any IP address on the Internet.

- Click **Search** to begin running the flow query of any connection in the last 8 hours between WKST1 and the Internet using https or 443/tcp, as shown below.

Let's find the flow associated to the previous lab where you downloaded the ~54 MB Tor exe file.

- In the **Total Bytes** header row, type **>50M** to filter the results to only display flows that were greater than 50 MB of data exchanged, shown below. You may need to scroll to the right from the scroll bar at the bottom of the browser window or unzoom your browser to see the Total Bytes column.
- Select the **toggle button**, shown below, to display a quick view of the flow records.

START	DURATION	SUBJECT IP A...	SUBJECT PO...	SUBJECT HO...	SUBJECT BYT...	APPLICATION	TOTAL BYTES	ENCRYPTION ...	PEER IP ADDR...	PEER PORT/P...	PEER HOST G...
Ex. 06/09/2	Ex. <=50min4t	Ex. 10.10.10.1	Ex. 57100/UDP	Ex. "catch All"	Ex. <=50M	Ex. "Corporate	>50M	Ex. 1.0	Ex. 10.255.25	Ex. 2055/UDP	Ex. "Catch All"
Sep 2, 2019 4:57:46 PM (3hr 16min 39s ago)	4min 49s	198.19.30.36	1772/TCP	File Servers	1.31 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	54.81 M	TLS 1.2	82.195.75.101	443/TCP	Germany

The flow table results should resemble the screenshot shown below.

1. Scroll through the flows. You should see a flow between your Wkst1, **198.19.30.36**, as the subject connected to an Internet facing peer.
2. In the search below, the ~54 MB download was with **82.195.75.101** out of Germany over https. **Note:** The peer IP address may be different from when you downloaded your Tor executable.
3. Notice the **MB size** coming down from the peer to your Wkst1.
4. Click the **black triangle** to expand context and details of the conversation.

DURATION	SUBJECT	SUBJECT PORT/PROTOCOL	TRAFFIC SUMMARY	PEER PORT/PROTOCOL	PEER	ACTIONS
Start: Sep 2, 2019 4:57:46 PM End: Sep 2, 2019 5:02:35 PM Duration: 4minutes 49seconds	198.19.30.36 Unknown wkst1.dcloud.local   -	1772/TCP	1.31 KB   21.06 Kpackets → HTTPS (unclassified) ← 54.81 MB   43.93 Kpackets	443/TCP	82.195.75.101 Germany 101.64-26.75.195.82.in-addr.arpa	

General					
View URL Data					
Subject		Totals		Peer	
Packets:	21.06 K	Packets:	64.98 K	Packets:	43.93 K
Packet Rate:	72.86 pps	Packet Rate:	224.85 pps	Packet Rate:	151.99 pps
Bytes:	1.31 KB	Bytes:	54.81 MB	Bytes:	54.81 MB
Byte Rate:	4.63 bps	Byte Rate:	198.87 Kbps	Byte Rate:	198.87 Kbps
Percent Transfer:	0.00%	Subject Byte Ratio:	0.00%	Percent Transfer:	100.00%
Host Groups:	File Servers	RTT:	--	Host Groups:	Germany
Payload:	--	SRT:	--	Payload:	--

1. Select the **toggle button** as shown below to show a table view of the flow records.
2. Click the **X** to remove the Total Bytes filter and show all flow results.

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Flow Search Results (3 of 51)

Edit Search Last 8 Hours (Time Range) 2,000 (Max Records) Save Search Save Results Start New Search

Subject: 198.19.20.36 Either (Orientation) 100% Complete Delete Search

Connection: 443/tcp (Port / Protocol) All (Flow Direction)

Peer: Outside Hosts (Host Groups)

SUBJECT IP A...	SUBJECT NAT	SUBJECT PO...	SUBJECT HO...	SUBJECT USER	SUBJECT BYT...	SUBJECT PAY...	SUBJECT PR...	APPLICATION	TOTAL BYTES	ENCRYPTI
Ex. 10.10.10.1	Ex. 50.233.88.	Ex. 57100/UDI	Ex. "catch All"	Ex. john	Ex. <=50M	Ex. "HEAD http	Ex. chrome.ex	Ex. "Corporate	>50M	Ex. 1.0
198.18.133.100	198.19.20.36	12457/TCP	Catch All	--	--	--	--	HTTPS (unclassified)	53.6 M	--
198.19.20.36	198.18.133.100	12613/TCP	End User Devices	NT AUTHORITY\LOCAL SERVICE	1.05 K	--	--	HTTPS (unclassified)	53.6 M	TLS 1.2
198.19.20.36	198.18.133.100	12455/TCP	End User Devices	NT AUTHORITY\LOCAL SERVICE	4.26 K	--	--	HTTPS (unclassified)	61.39 M	TLS 1.2

With the filters removed:

Select **Manage Columns > Subject > check mark Subject NAT > Set**

Flow Table Columns

Connection Subject Peer General

Subject ASN  
 Subject ASN Assignment  
 Subject Byte Rate  
 Subject Byte Ratio  
 Subject Bytes  
 Subject File Hash  
 Subject FIN Packets  
 Subject Hostname  
 Subject Host Groups  
 Subject Interfaces  
 Subject IP Address  
 Subject Location  
 Subject MAC Address  
 Subject MAC Vendor  
 Subject NAT

Subject NAT Hostname  
 Subject NAT Port  
 Subject Orientation  
 Subject Packet Rate  
 Subject Packets  
 Subject Parent File Hash  
 Subject Parent Process Name  
 Subject Payload  
 Subject Port/Protocol  
 Subject Process Account  
 Subject Process Name  
 Subject RST Packets  
 Subject SYN Packets  
 Subject SYN/ACK Packets  
 Subject TrustSec ID

Subject TrustSec Name  
 Subject User

Select All Deselect All Restore Defaults Cancel Set

NAT stitching is a unique capability leveraging perimeter devices. The system works together with these perimeter devices, and can correlate internal and external IP address information as shown below:

START	DURATION	SUBJECT IP A...	SUBJECT NAT	SUBJECT PO...	SUBJECT HO...	SUBJECT BYT...	APPLICATION	TOTAL BYTES	ENCRYPTION ...
Ex. 06/09/2	Ex. <=50min4t	Ex. 10.10.10.1	Ex. 50.233.88	Ex. 57100/UD	Ex. "catch All"	Ex. <=50M	Ex. "Corporate"	Ex. <=50M	Ex. 1.0
Sep 6, 2019 8:43:07 AM (4min 2s ago)	2min 52s	198.19.30.36	198.18.133.100	27642/TCP	File Servers	2.61 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	86.56 K	TLS 1.3
Sep 6, 2019 8:43:09 AM (4min ago)	1min 58s	198.19.30.36	198.18.133.100	27647/TCP	File Servers	8.56 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	22.81 K	TLS 1.2
Sep 6, 2019 8:37:13 AM (9min 56s ago)	8min 46s	198.19.30.36	198.18.133.100	27544/TCP	File Servers	3.26 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	16.36 K	TLS 1.3
Sep 6, 2019 8:44:34 AM (2min 35s ago)	33s	198.18.133.100	198.19.30.36	27648/TCP	Catch All	--	HTTPS (unclassified)	14.03 K	--
Sep 6, 2019 3:35:17 AM (5hr 11min 52s ago)	1min 26s	198.19.30.36	198.18.133.100	23119/TCP	File Servers	2.14 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	7.67 K	TLS 1.0
Sep 6, 2019 8:35:42 AM (11min 27s ago)	1min 24s	198.19.30.36	198.18.133.100	27540/TCP	File Servers	2.13 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	7.64 K	TLS 1.0
Sep 6, 2019 8:43:07 AM (4min 2s ago)	2min 52s	198.19.30.36	198.18.133.100	27644/TCP	File Servers	1.08 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	6.63 K	TLS 1.3

1. **Scroll down** to the bottom of the flow table.
2. **Scroll right** and take notice of the list of Peer Hosts. These Peer hosts should match the Foreign Address your Workstation was connecting to in the above labs creating a complete network audit trail of network connectivity.

Duration	Application	Total Bytes	Peer Hosts
2.45 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	8.13 K	172.217.0.45
2.74 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	8.03 K	172.217.0.46
2.25 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	7.86 K	172.217.0.45
2.01 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	7.62 K	172.217.0.42
2 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	6.96 K	172.217.0.42
2.05 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	5.89 K	162.247.242.21
1.19 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	5.41 K	172.217.0.35
1.13 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	4.98 K	172.217.0.46
54	HTTPS (unclassified)	205	23.57.39.100
54	HTTPS (unclassified)	205	23.57.39.100

Filter the flow table by one of the Foreign IP addresses which begins with “:443” that you saw in the netstat lab.

1. In the **Peer IP Address** header row, enter an IP address you observed in your netstat lab above. The IP address may vary from what is listed in the figure below.
2. Select the **black triangle** on the left of one of the flows to view details, shown below. Make note of context written into a flow record.
3. Select the **toggle button** as shown below to show a quick view of flows.

Flow Search Results (2 of 51)

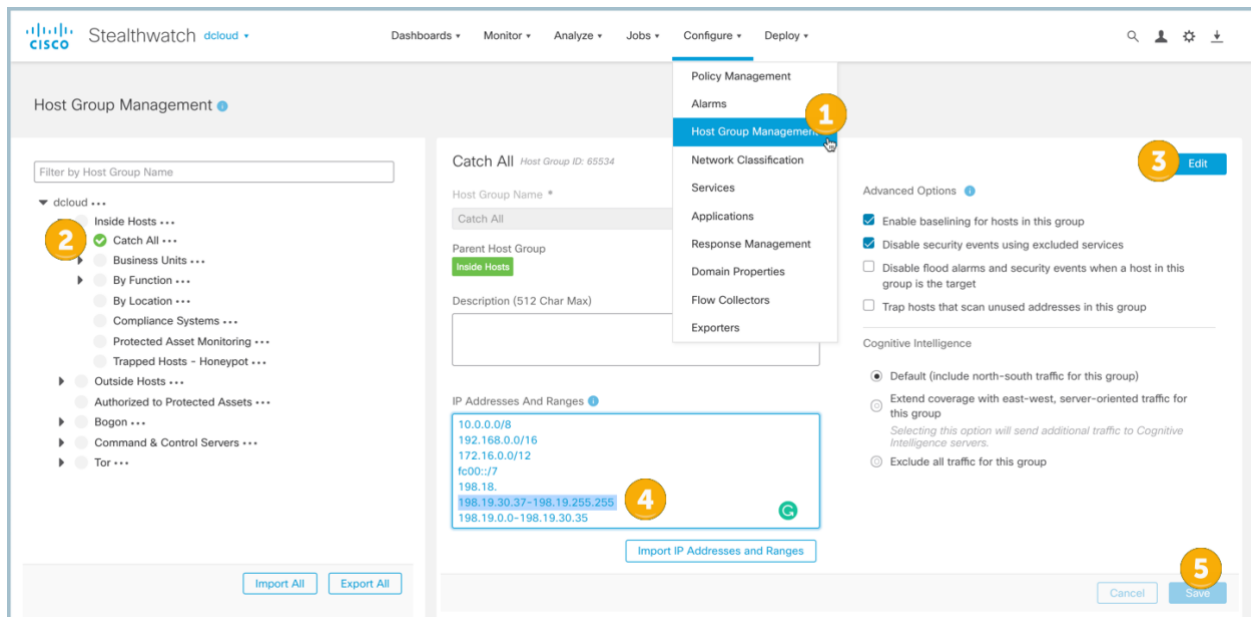
Subject: 198.19.20.36 Either (Orientation)  
 Connection: 443/http (Port / Protocol) All (Flow Direction)  
 Peer: Outside Hosts (Host Groups)

IBJECT PR...	APPLICATION	TOTAL BYTES ^	ENCRYPTION ...	ENCRYPTION ...	ENCRYPTION ...	ENCRYPTION ...	ENCRYPTION ...	PEER IP ADDR...	PEER NAT	PEER PORT/P...
chrome.ex...	Ex. *Corporate	Ex. <=50M	Ex. 1.0	Ex. ECDH	Ex. ECDSA	Ex. AES_256_	Ex. SHA384	38.229.72.19 x	Ex. 50.233.88.	Ex. 2055/UDP
	HTTPS (unclassified)	61.39 M	TLS 1.2	ECDHE	RSA	AES_128_GCM/128	SHA256	38.229.72.19	--	443/TCP
	HTTPS (unclassified)	53.6 M	--	--	--	--	--	38.229.72.19	--	443/TCP

## Validate Wkst1 – SMC Host Group review

Let's go through a brief review of asset grouping called Host Groups within Stealthwatch to give you a basic understanding on applying more granular threat detection and behavioral analytics.

1. Within the SMC, navigate to **Configure > Host Group Management**
2. You will see a tree structure listed. Highlight **Catch All** as shown below.
3. Select the **Edit button** as shown below.
4. Highlight **198.19.30.37-198.19.255.255** and hit Delete on your keyboard to remove this range from the group.
5. Select **Save** as show below.



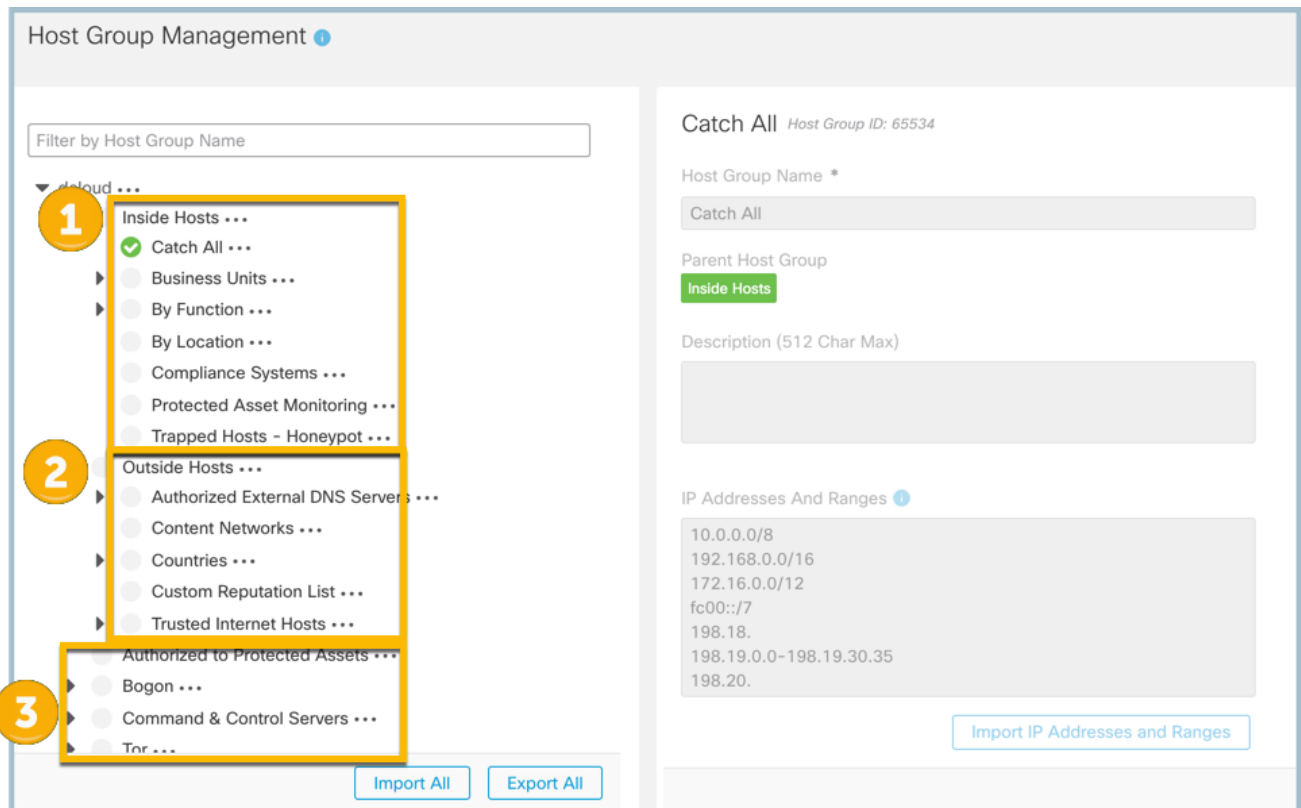
Reference the tree structure as we describe the basics of Host Groups. Host Groups offer flexibility in the way you can organize hosts or assets within your organization. In general, hosts can belong to multiple groups allowing you to apply your own business logic. In addition, you can define policies per host group and/or per host. A host group is essentially a virtual container of multiple host IP addresses or IP address ranges that have similar attributes, such as location, function, or topology. By grouping hosts into host groups, you can control how the Stealthwatch Flow Collectors monitor and respond to the behavior of those hosts as a group, rather than individually.

In the steps above we had you remove a group of IP addresses from the “Catch All” group.

The Catch All group in Stealthwatch performs a special function within the product. The contents of the Catch All group establish what IP addresses a company utilizes, owns, or otherwise controls. By default, this includes all private IPv4 and IPv6 address space. What should be added to the Catch All group is all the customer’s public IP address space. We had you remove a group of public IP space that is part of this lab, but we want to treat them as outside for the remainder the exercise. In a later lab you will see how host group automation takes place.

By default, each SMC domain contains the following top-level host groups to which you can add sub host groups for easier reporting and more focused behavioral analytics:

1. **Inside Hosts** – Contains all host groups whose hosts have been specifically defined as being a part of your network. Make note of example groups such as Compliance Systems, Protected Asset Monitoring, and Trapped Hosts – Honeypot.
2. **Outside Hosts** – Contains all host groups whose hosts have not been specifically defined as being a part of your network. Make note of the sub groups such as Authorized External DNS Servers, Countries, Customer Reputation List, and Trusted Internet Hosts.
3. (optional) **Command & Control** and **Tor** – These are optional feeds you can subscribe to for automated updates of new command and control servers and Tor entry and exit nodes.



## Summary

In this **Validate Wkst1 lab**, you:

- Became familiar with Wkst1 to which you connected in the datacenter.
- Learned that all network conversations are accounted for from this machine through NetFlow collection.
- Learned how to run a basic Flow Search in Secure Network Analytics to see all https flow between your Wkst1 and the Internet (Outside Hosts).
- Learned the basics of what a Host Group is and editing the Catch All group.



## Lab 1. Remote access breach using stolen credentials

According to a Ponemon Institute Cost of Data Breach Study of 419 companies in 13 countries, \$3.62 million is the average total cost of a data breach. To help combat this, it is critical to try to account for 100% of network conversations to detect threats that bypass traditional monitoring solutions.

Review the supporting lab video overview here > <https://cs.co/SWTestDrive-Lab1>

### About breach detection

To help get into the mind of an attacker, take a minute to review the persona of “Harry the Hacktivist” and how he operates. Understanding the attacker can help you build solutions to defend your organization.

**Harry The Hacktivist**  
**Google This:** Reality Winner, Bradley Manning, Edward Snowden, Anonymous, LulzSec

**Age:** 12-60  
**Location:** Global  
**Description:** Hacktivists are not motivated by profit. They hack to promote their political or societal agenda. Hacktivists will go after enemies that are perceived to be in their way, including those that they believe are unjust.

**Quote:** “I use the internet as a political megaphone. Fight the power!”

**Goals**

- 1 Public disruption of service of the target
- 2 Defacing Social Media Accounts of Criminal Organizations
- 3 Exposing injustices and hypocrisies of governments

**Attack Vectors**

- DDoS
- Network Infiltration
- Social Engineering
- Doxxing
- Website Defacement

**Mitigation Techniques**

- DDoS scrubbing
- Host lock devices and appliances being used for data exfiltration
- Employee education in security procedures to prevent exposure of sensitive data via social engineering

**Expertise**

- Security:** NOVICE to EXPERT
- Networking:** NOVICE to EXPERT

**SecOps Strategy**

- GUARD:** Guard against DDoS and related events. Manage evolving impacts associated with events.
- SPIKES:** Track spikes on new or unusual connections to external hosts
- MONITOR:** Monitor for web-based attacks such as SQL injection

Using the image below, ensure you are collecting full NetFlow somewhere along the path between the attacker and victim IP.



## Test Drive Objectives

In this test drive, you will see first-hand the importance of capturing flow data from as close to the endpoints as possible to be able to account for all active and historical network conversations.

## Test Drive Requirements

- Stealthwatch Management Console (SMC) any version
- Stealthwatch Flow Collector any version
- Any version of NetFlow from within the network

## Test Drive Outline

- Task 1. Connect to a server running Remote Desktop within a datacenter
- Task 2. Download an exploit-kit and perform reconnaissance
- Task 3. Install exploit-kit
- Task 4. Investigate Security Events generated in Secure Network Analytics

## Task 1: Connect to a Remote Desktop server within a data center

Below is a list of realities of why you need to build stronger defenses beyond access control lists or firewalls:

- Firewalls are as good as the person implementing them, mistakes happen.
- If the access control policy is misconfigured and any rule is moved to the top, how would you detect this before?
- Detect threats when an authorized server is used with stolen credentials.
- Account for all traffic on the inside of the firewall so you can build a general ledger of both authorized and non-authorized traffic making it through the firewall and provide a second chance detection.

**Scenario:** You have been performing reconnaissance against an organization and have identified a remote desktop server that is exposed to the Internet. You have discovered the below credentials to the server and begin building a foothold inside the organization. In this lab, you will need to access Wkst1, which gives you access to all data center resources.

**Note:** If Remote Desktop is already up, move to Task 2.

Otherwise, click [Remote Desktop](#) link to launch a web Remote Desktop session built within dCloud shown below.

**Note:** Username = wkst = **Administrator**. Password = **C1sco12345**.



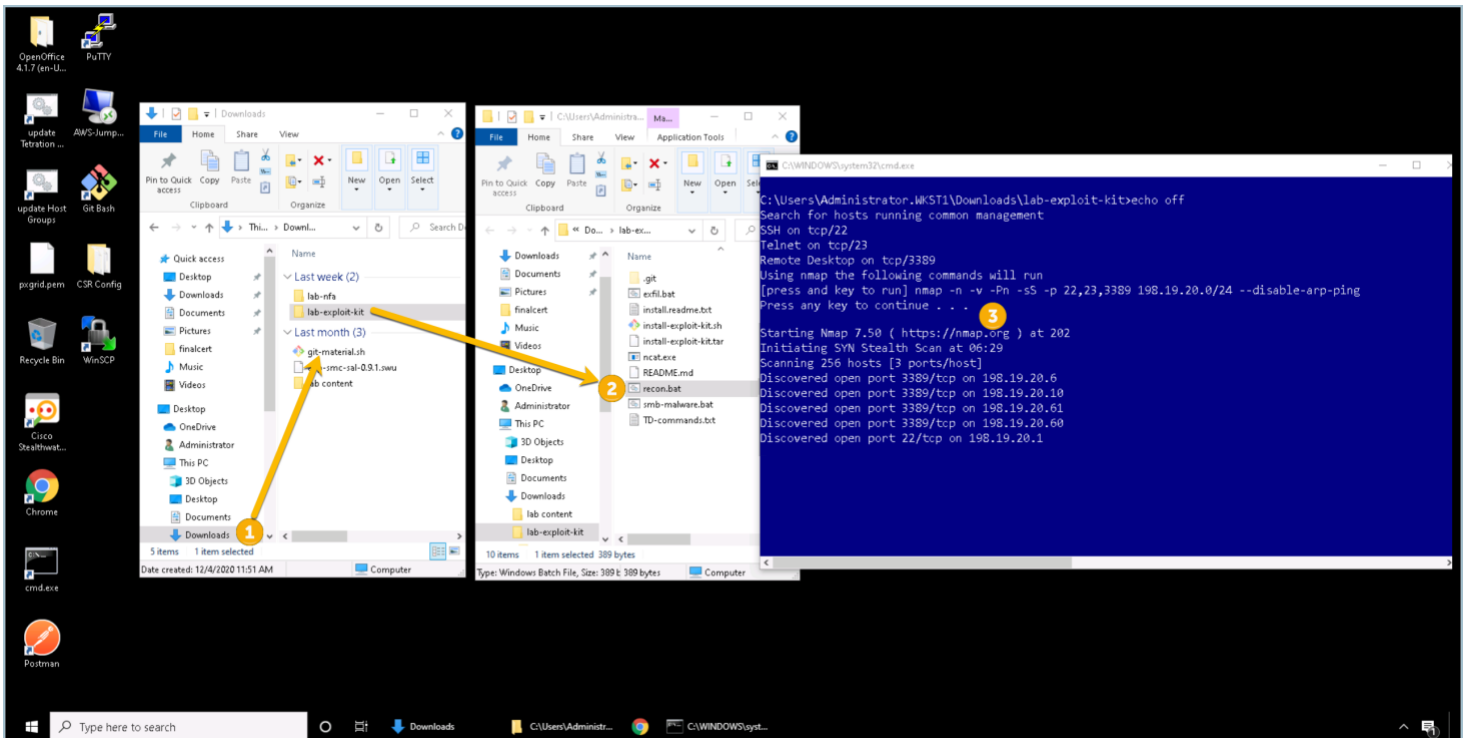
You are now inside the organizations data center by leveraging a server exposed to the Internet and using stolen credentials!

## Task 2: Download an exploit-kit and perform reconnaissance

Now that you are inside the data center, let's download some tools to make it easier to build a foothold and begin breaching the organization further. One of the first phases of any attack is reconnaissance. Various open source tools are available to attackers. In order to break the Cyber Kill Chain, detection tools must be able to identify when this type of attack is occurring.

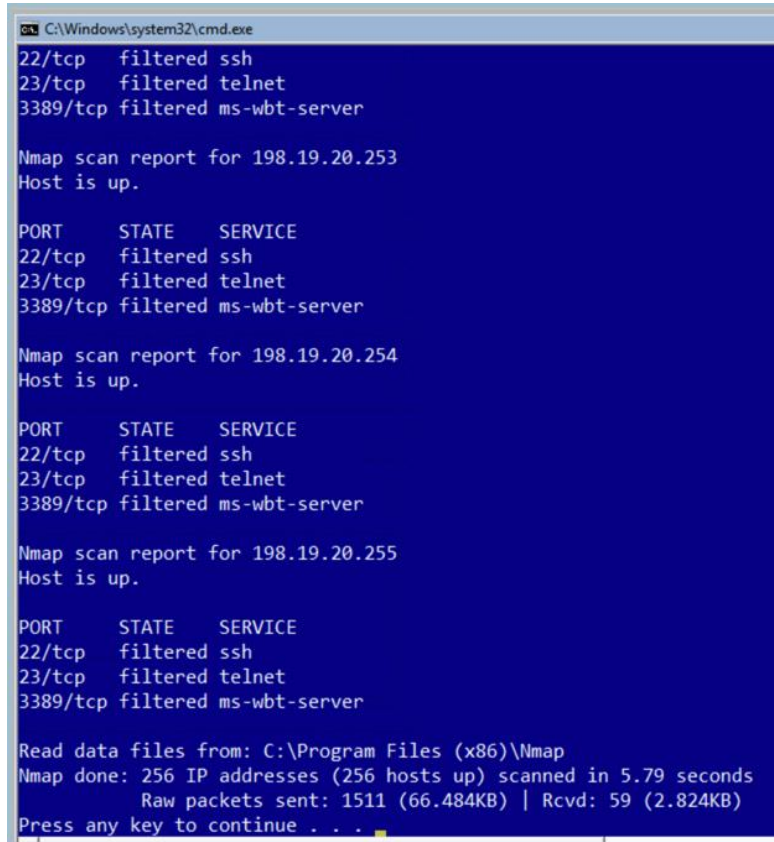
We are going to find targets to connect to through scanning activity and attempt to identify vulnerabilities in the target network.

1. From Wkst1, open the **Downloads** folder within Windows Explorer and double-click the **git-material.sh** script.
2. Open the **lab-exploit-kit** folder double click on **recon.bat** which will search for common management ports (22 = ssh, 23 = telnet, and 3389 = Remote Desktop).
3. The recon.bat will pause so you can see the below nmap scan is what is running. Press any key to continue the scan.  
**nmap -n -v -Pn -sS -p 22,23,3389 198.19.20.0/24 --disable-arp-ping**



**Note:** The scan could take over 5 minutes to complete. When complete, you will see results like those shown in the screenshot below.

2. Make note of the number of hosts scanned and scroll through to see what hosts are listening on given ports. You will see the host 198.19.20.134 as one of the results listening on SSH 22/tcp. This will be the host in the next lab that is compromised.



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C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
22/tcp filtered ssh
23/tcp filtered telnet
3389/tcp filtered ms-wbt-server

Nmap scan report for 198.19.20.253
Host is up.

PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    filtered ssh
23/tcp    filtered telnet
3389/tcp  filtered ms-wbt-server

Nmap scan report for 198.19.20.254
Host is up.

PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    filtered ssh
23/tcp    filtered telnet
3389/tcp  filtered ms-wbt-server

Nmap scan report for 198.19.20.255
Host is up.

PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    filtered ssh
23/tcp    filtered telnet
3389/tcp  filtered ms-wbt-server

Read data files from: C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (256 hosts up) scanned in 5.79 seconds
Raw packets sent: 1511 (66.484KB) | Rcvd: 59 (2.824KB)
Press any key to continue . . .
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What does the nmap commands mean?

- n: Tells Nmap to *never* do reverse DNS resolution on the active IP addresses it finds. Since DNS can be slow even with Nmap's built-in parallel stub resolver, this option can slash scanning times.
- v: verbose meaning shows the contents on the screen.
- Pn: (no ping) This option skips the Nmap discovery stage altogether. Normally, Nmap uses this stage to determine active machines for heavier scanning. By default, Nmap only performs heavy probing such as port scans, version detection, or OS detection against hosts that are found to be up. Disabling host discovery with -Pn causes Nmap to attempt the requested scanning functions against *every* target IP address specified.
- sS: This is the most popular scan type because it the fastest way to scan ports of the most popular protocol (TCP). It is stealthier than connect scan, and it works against all functional TCP stacks (unlike some special-purpose scans such as FIN scan).
- p: Port scan on multiple ports. In this case ports 22, 23 and 3389
- disable-arp-ping: Nmap normally does ARP or IPv6 Neighbor Discovery (ND) discovery of locally connected Ethernet hosts, even if other host discovery options such as -Pn or -PE are used. To disable this implicit behavior, use the --disable-arp-ping option.

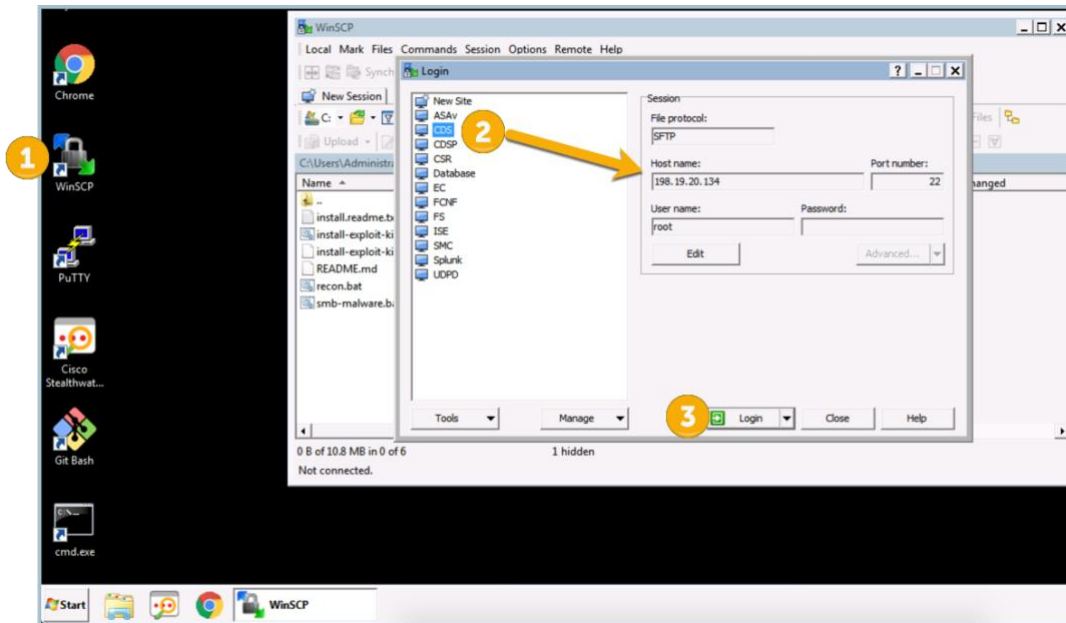
The default behavior is normally faster, but this option is useful on networks using proxy ARP, in which a router speculatively replies to all ARP requests, making every target appear to be up according to ARP scan.

### Task 3: Install exploit-kit

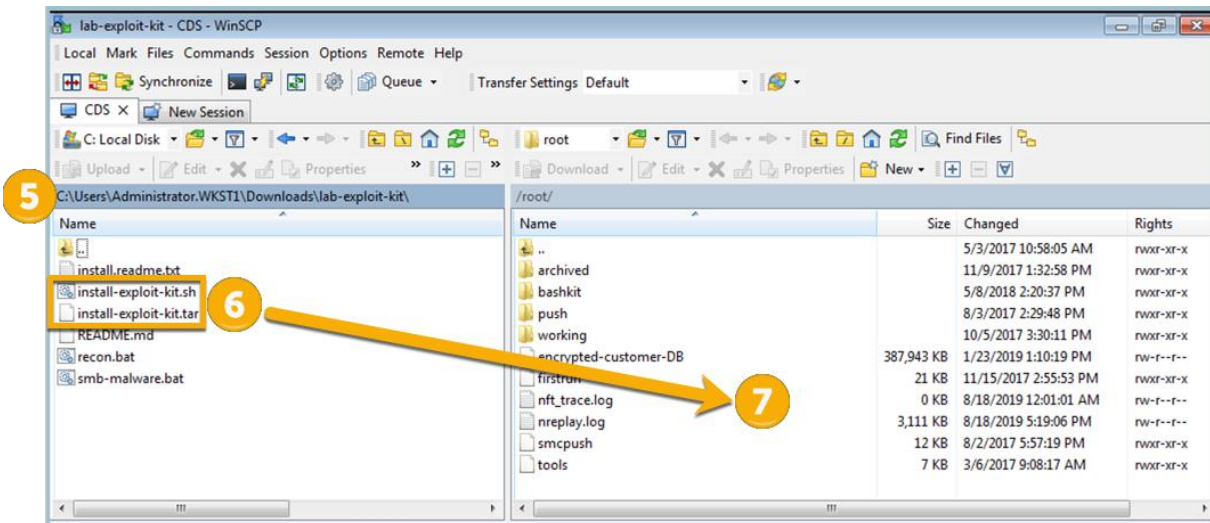
Let's SCP and install the exploit-kit on one of the servers identified during the network scan.

1. Open **WinSCP** from the Desktop as shown below. **Note:** If an update appears, ignore the update.

2. Select **CDS** (which is one of the servers identified in the previous scan) as shown below.
3. Select **Login** and if a password box appears insert **C1sco12345** for the password.

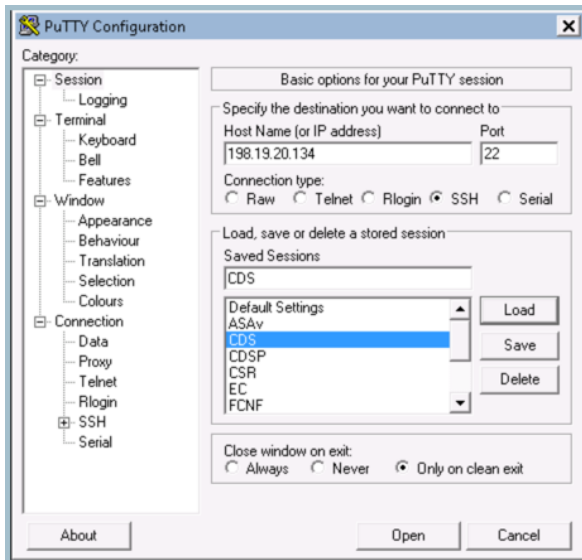


5. Within the left panel of **WinSCP**, browse to `c:\Users\Administrator.WKST1\Downloads\lab-exploit-kit` on the left-hand navigation pane, as shown below.
6. **Highlight** `install-exploit-kit.sh` and `install-exploit-kit.tar`
7. **Drag and drop** `install-exploit-kit.sh` and `install-exploit-kit.tar` within **root** in the right pane, as shown below.
8. Close WinSCP when the transfer is complete.

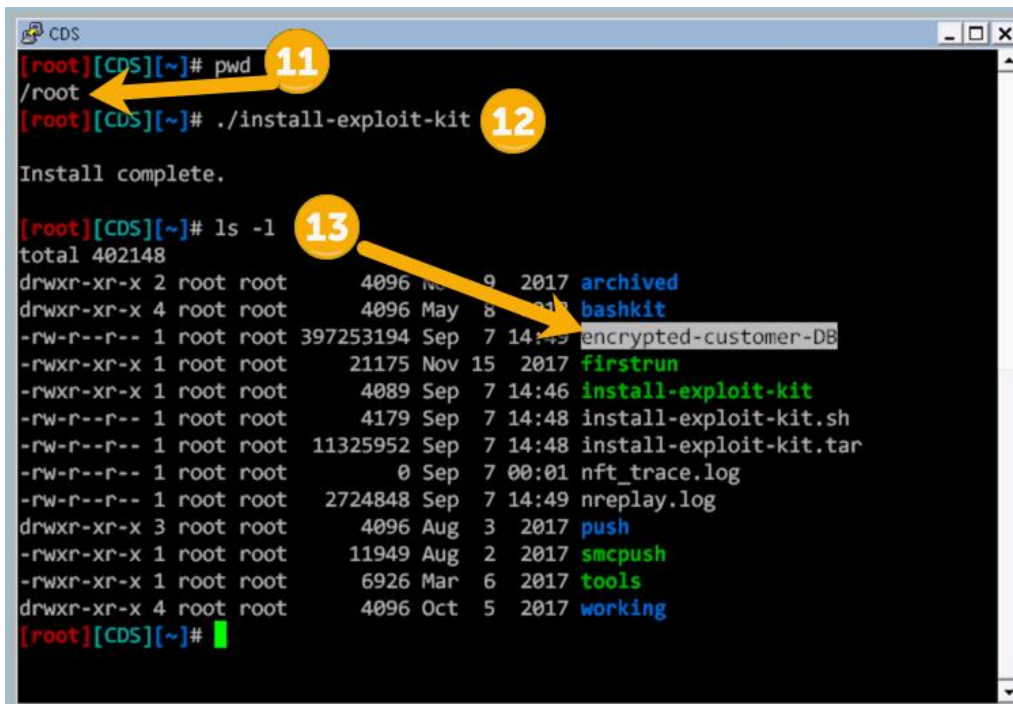




- From the Wkst1 desktop, open PuTTY and use the **CDS** session to **SSH** into **198.19.20.134** (which is the server we installed the exploit-kit on) with username **root**.



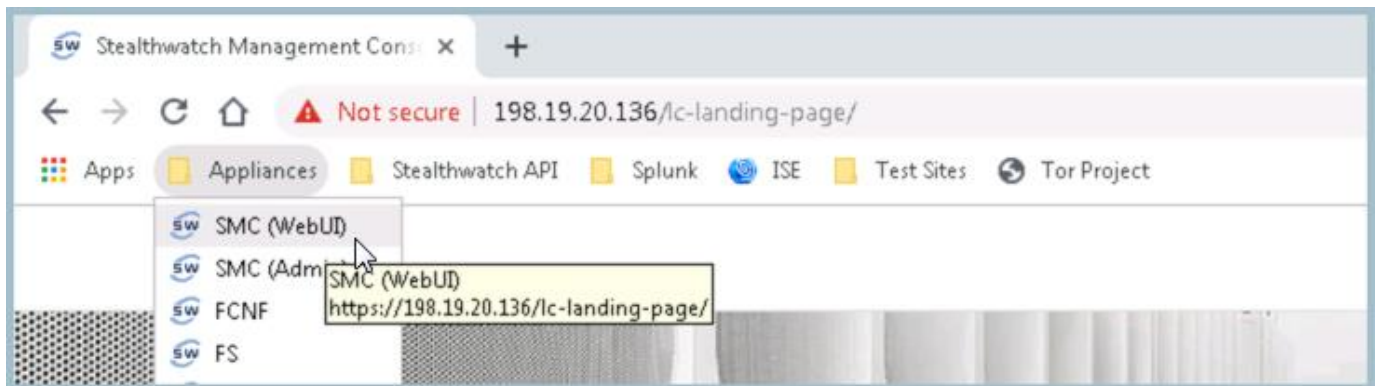
- Enter the password **C1sco12345** when prompted in the Putty session window.
- Once logged in, enter **pwd** to make sure you are in the **root** directory. This is where you placed the exploit files.
- Run the **./install-exploit-kit** command, as shown below to install the tools used to create a foothold within the organization.
- Run **ls -l** and make note that the exploit kit has captured a customer database with the name **encrypted-customer-DB**. You can exit out of the SSH session.



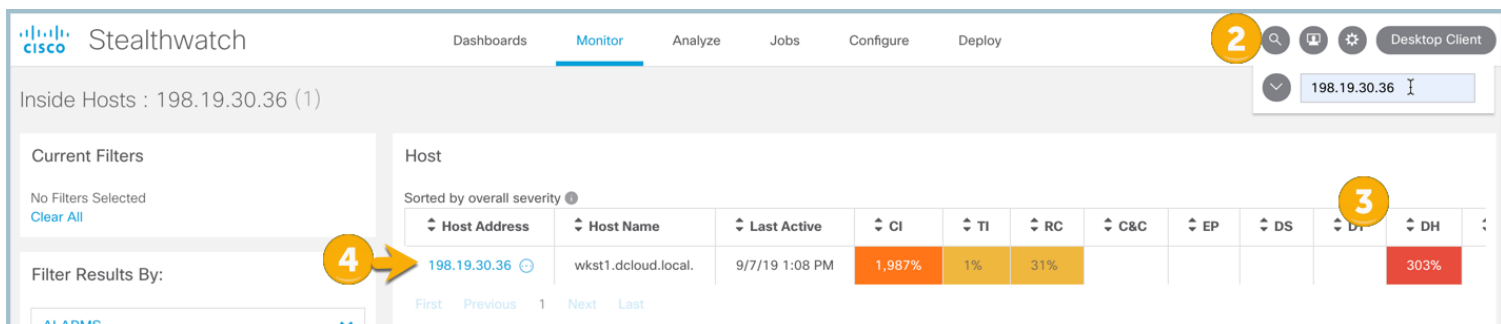
## Task 4: Investigate security events generated in Secure Network Analytics

Secure Network Analytics will have stored flow records for all north-south and east-west connections to the Remote Desktop server and detected the attack traffic that was initiated in the previous labs. While not covered in this document, you could have also received an alert via email or a syslog message to your SIEM as the attack was unfolding.

1. Return to the **SMC WebUI**. If you need to reopen the SMC, use Chrome from the WKST1 remote desktop session and select the **SMC (WebUI) form the Appliances bookmark folder**. Login with username **admin** and password **C1sco12345**.



2. Type the IP address of WKST1 in the search window, by selecting the magnifying glass in the top right hand corner. Insert **198.19.30.36**, and press enter as shown below.

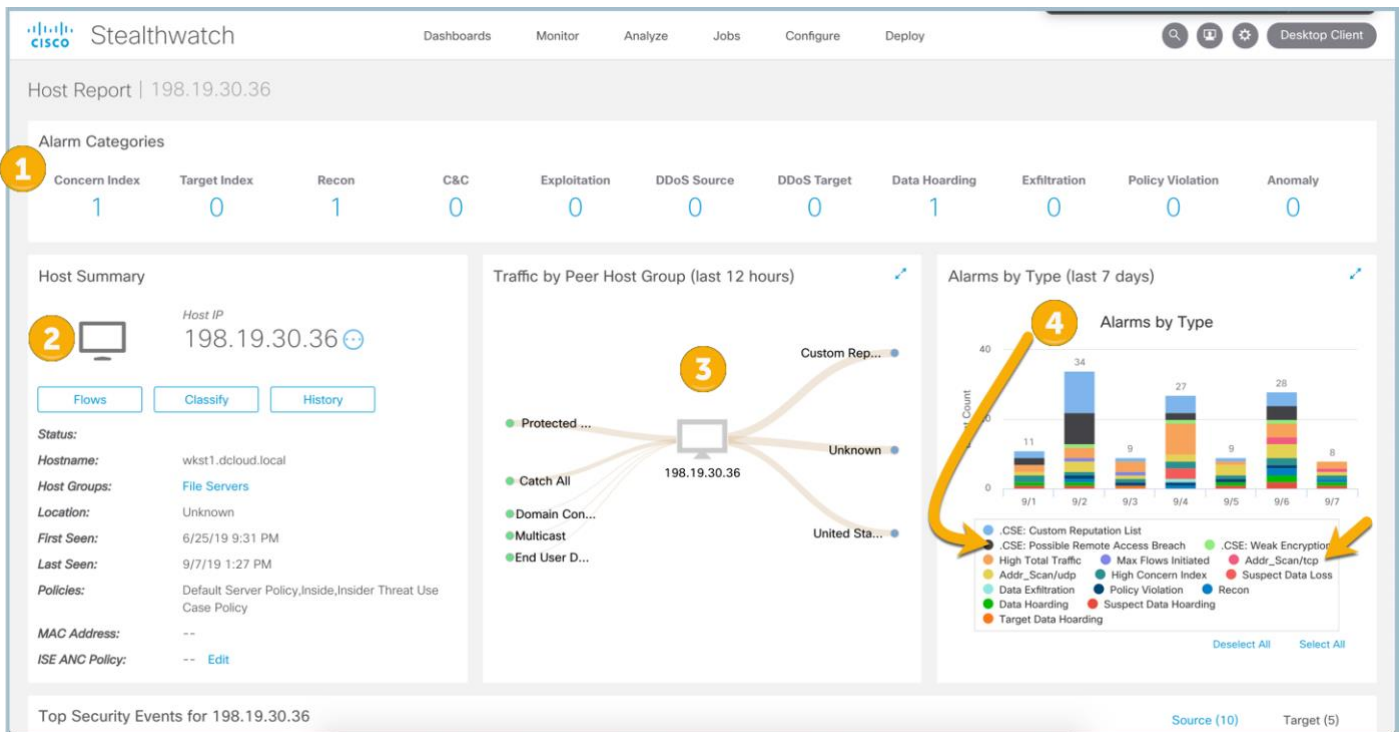


3. Make note of the high percentages under the below categories.
  - a. The categories are like reputation scores that show the host is a Concern, for it is exceeding the normal level of Concern and Reconnaissance for this host.  
CI = Concern Index  
RC = Reconnaissance
4. Click the IP address **198.19.30.36** to open the **Host Report**.



Investigate the following sections within the Host Report for **198.19.30.36** as shown below.

1. The row across the top shows the alarm categories that have triggered: **Concern Index** and **Recon**.
2. **Host Summary** will display the status, hostname (if applicable), Host Groups, seen dates, allow you to apply Adaptive Network Control Policy to the host with the Identity Services Engine (ISE), and/or select Flows to investigate the host further.
3. **Traffic by Peer Host Groups** will provide a visual of flows east-west to other internal hosts (on the left) and north-south to hosts on the Internet (on the right.)
4. **Alarms by Type** will display alarms triggered in the past 7 days.
  - a. Make note of the **“CSE: Possible Remote Access Breach”** and **“Addr\_Scan/tcp”** alarms.
  - b. The CSE is a custom security event setup to alarm any time an outside host successfully connects inside the network over a remote access protocol like RDP. CSEs can be setup to help audit and detect segmentation policy violations.



5. Scrolling down the page and observe that the **Top Security Events** section will illustrate any security event this host was engaged in as the Source or Target. Notice the Addr\_Scan events with the targeted port and target hosts. These events generated from the reconnaissance scans in the previous lab, as shown below.
6. The **Users & Sessions** section will display user information gathered from ISE such as MAC address, device type, and logged in username.
7. The Application Traffic **Internal** will display the top application usage trends for this host within the network.
8. The Application Traffic **External** will display the top application usage trends for this host to the Internet.

Top Security Events for 198.19.30.36

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Source (10)
Target (5)

SECURITY EVENT	COUNT	CONCERN INDEX	FIRST ACTIVE	TARGET HOST	TARGET HOST GROUP	ACTIONS
High Total Traffic	101	478,483	09/07 4:50:00 AM	Multiple Hosts	--	<a href="#">⊞</a>
Addr_Scan/tcp - 3389	510	340,000	09/07 1:19:48 PM	198.19.20.0/24 <a href="#">⊞</a>	Catch All	<a href="#">⊞</a>
Addr_Scan/tcp - 23	504	336,000	09/07 1:19:47 PM	198.19.20.0/24 <a href="#">⊞</a>	Catch All	<a href="#">⊞</a>
Addr_Scan/tcp - 22	482	320,000	09/07 1:19:48 PM	198.19.20.0/24 <a href="#">⊞</a>	Catch All	<a href="#">⊞</a>
Suspect Data Hoarding	20	34,814	09/07 10:25:00 AM	Multiple Hosts	--	<a href="#">⊞</a>
Addr_Scan/udp - 443	16	4,800	09/07 11:55:56 AM	172.217.7.0/24 <a href="#">⊞</a>	United States	<a href="#">⊞</a>
Flow_Denied - 443	4	648	09/07 9:39:23 AM	172.217.15.67 <a href="#">⊞</a>	United States	<a href="#">⊞</a>
Flow_Denied - 443	4	648	09/07 7:29:53 AM	140.82.114.4 <a href="#">⊞</a>	United States	<a href="#">⊞</a>
Flow_Denied - 443	3	486	09/07 9:48:30 AM	184.84.72.14 <a href="#">⊞</a>	United States	<a href="#">⊞</a>
Flow_Denied - 443	3	486	09/07 7:31:27 AM	140.82.113.3 <a href="#">⊞</a>	United States	<a href="#">⊞</a>

[View More Security Events >](#)

Users & Sessions

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No User/Sessions information available.

Application Traffic

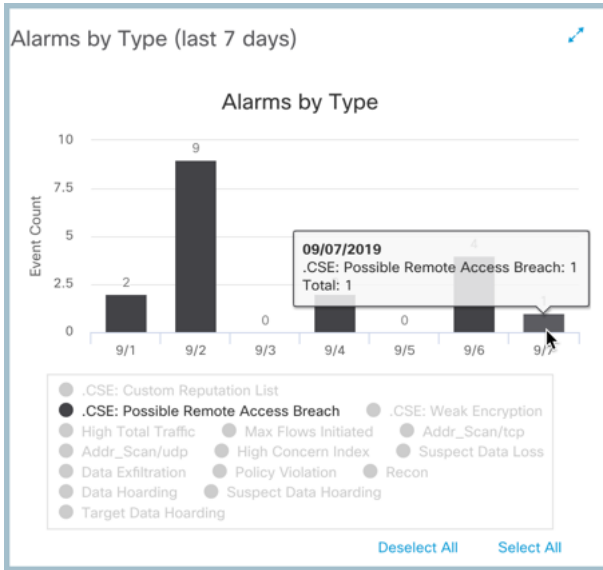
7
Internal
External
8

Application	Total	%	Sent	Ratio	Received
			█		█

7-day Trend
24-hour Trend

9. Scroll back up on the host report and click the alarm type of **.CSE: Possible Remote Access Breach** as shown below.

**Note:** It is easier to “Deselect All” below the legend of the Alarms by Type and just select **.CSE: Possible Remote Access Breach** to make it easier to select the desired alarm.



This will pull back a list of alarms as shown below.

1. The **Source Host Groups** that connected. Hover over the name and you will see the host in coming from Outside Hosts > Countries > Other > Unknown.
2. The **Source** host that connected.
3. The **Target** host (the Remote Desktop Server you are connected to.)
4. Select the **Actions** circle.
5. Click **View Flows** and run a flow query to investigate further.

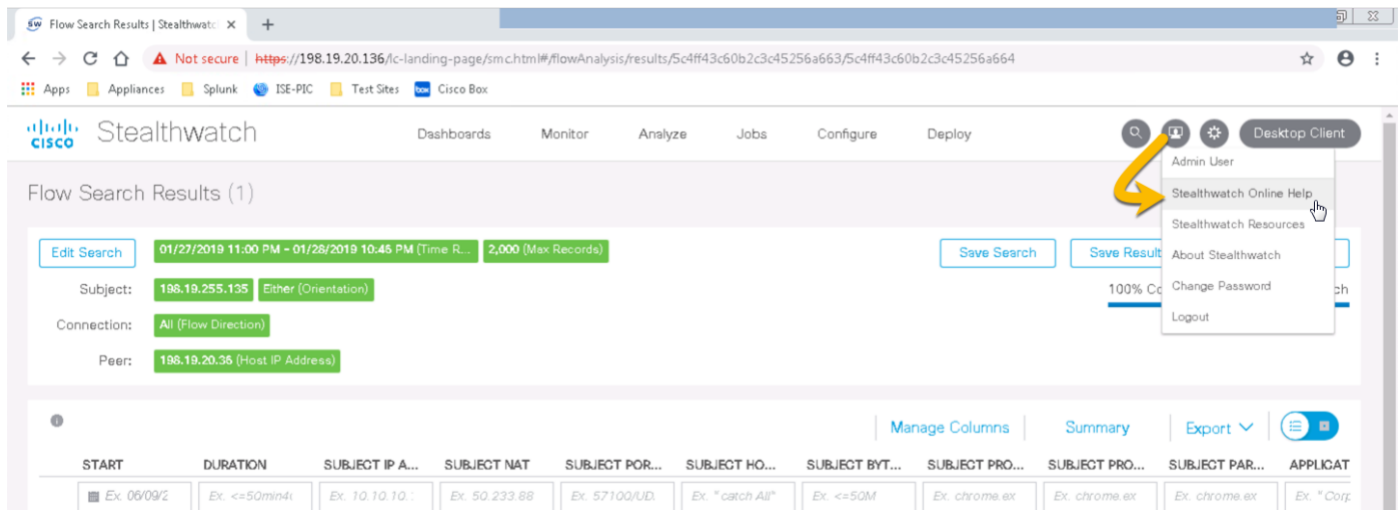
Alarms

First Active	Source Host Groups	Source	Target Host Groups	Target	Policy	Event Alarms	Source
AM	known	198.19.255.135	File Servers	198.19.30.36	Outside Hosts	--	--
AM	Unknown	198.19.255.135	File Servers	198.19.30.36	Outside Hosts	--	--

Actions menu:

- View Flows (5)
- Top Reports
- External Lookup
- Tune Alarm
- Subject IP: 198.19.255.135
- Peer IP: 198.19.30.36

Explore more within the interface and select the context sensitive Secure Network Analytics Help on various screens shown below. The context sensitive help will assist in explaining the information displayed on various reports.



## Summary

Within this test drive, you learned:

- How to generate traffic crossing a NetFlow exporter that will cause Secure Network Analytics alarms to trigger.
- How to investigate using Secure Network Analytics for reconnaissance alarms and other security events.

## Lab 2. Monitor trusted third-party and VPN access

It is important to monitor 3rd party and employee VPN access to better protect your organizations intellectual property and customer data. When threats are detected, it is critical to be able to provide rapid threat containment.

Watch the supporting lab video overview here > <https://cs.co/SWTestDrive-Lab2>

### Test Drive Objectives

This lab will familiarize you with the Network Visibility Module and its integration with Secure Network Analytics along with rapid threat containment using ISE. AnyConnect is not just a VPN Client anymore and has not been for quite some time with its modular approach to providing security services. In this lab, we will focus on the Visibility provided by AnyConnect and ISE for threat containment.

### Test Drive Requirements

- Stealthwatch Management Console (SMC)
- Stealthwatch Flow Collector
- Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE)
- AnyConnect 4.2 or later
- Any version of NetFlow meeting the minimum supported fields mentioned in the NetFlow lab.

### Test Drive Outline

**Task 1.** Gain visibility into user and endpoint behavior with the NVM Module

**Task 2.** Initiate attack traffic

**Task 3.** Block host with ISE ANC

## Task 1: Gain visibility into user and endpoint behavior with NVM

AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client increases visibility and control across the extended network, preventing compromised endpoints from gaining access to critical resources. In this lab we will be observing:

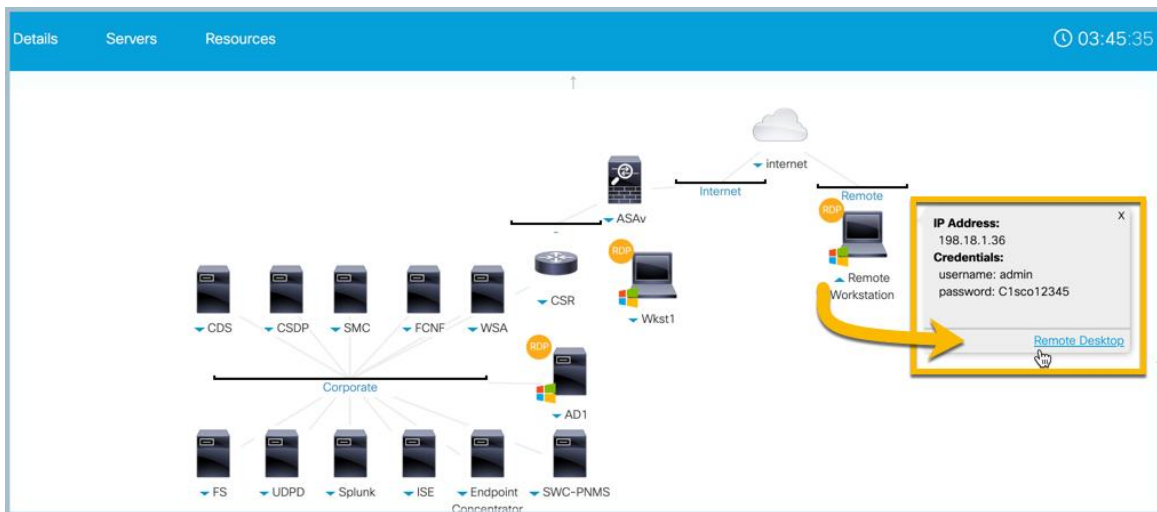
- Visibility into user and endpoint behavior with the Network Visibility Module (NVM)

Cisco AnyConnect NVM leverages the Network Visibility Flow, or *nvzFlow* (pronounced: en-vizzy-flow) protocol to capture user and endpoint behavior both on and off-premise. The job of nvzFlow is to collect flows from endpoints, along with a small set of high-value data related to each flow originating from the endpoint in a lightweight manner in standard IPFIX records. This empowers flow collection solutions to leverage this rich data to create visibility into user and endpoint behavior and as well as long term trending and analytics.

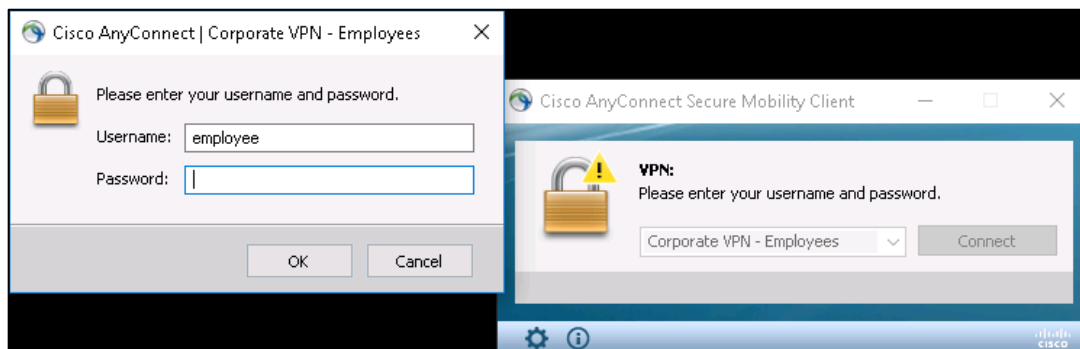
The five key visibility categories conveyed by the protocol or Enhanced Context are:

- User
- Device
- Application
- Location
- Destination

1. From <https://dcloud.cisco.com>, My Hub, Sessions, click View for the Cisco Secure Network Analytics Customer Test Drive 7.3.0 lab and log into the **Remote Workstation** as shown below.



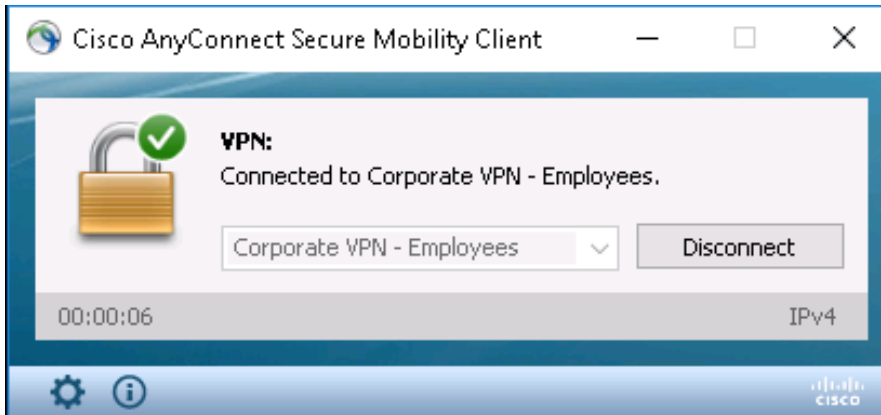
2. Once logged into the remote workstation an **AnyConnect client** should pop up as shown below:



3. Select **Connect** and login with username **employee** and password: **C1sco12345**.

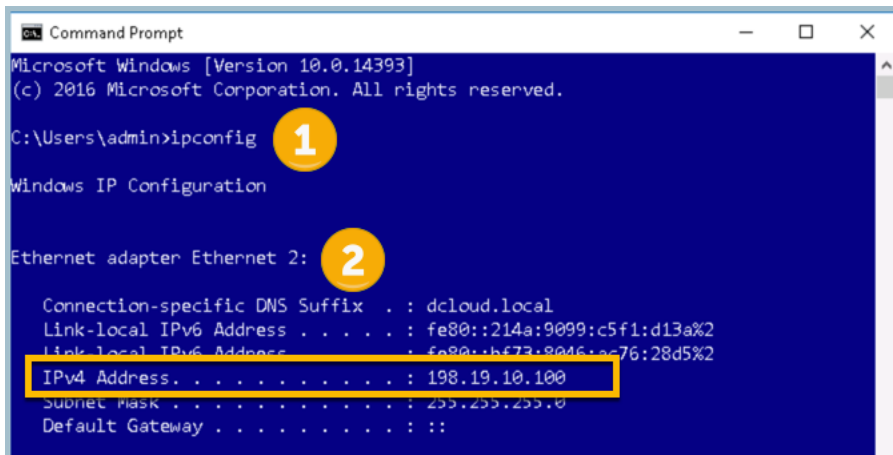
4. You should see the below stating the connection has taken place

**Figure 1.** AnyConnect Successful Login



Open the **command prompt** from the Desktop of the remote workstation and perform an **ipconfig**.

1. Pay attention to the IP address for Ethernet 2 as shown below which should be **198.19.10.100**.



2. This IP address was assigned by the VPN connection and will be investigated within the lab.

Employees and contractors regularly take their laptops home to work. While the laptop is protected on your organizations network, it is not protected on their home network. The employee not only does work on the laptop but browses the web as well.

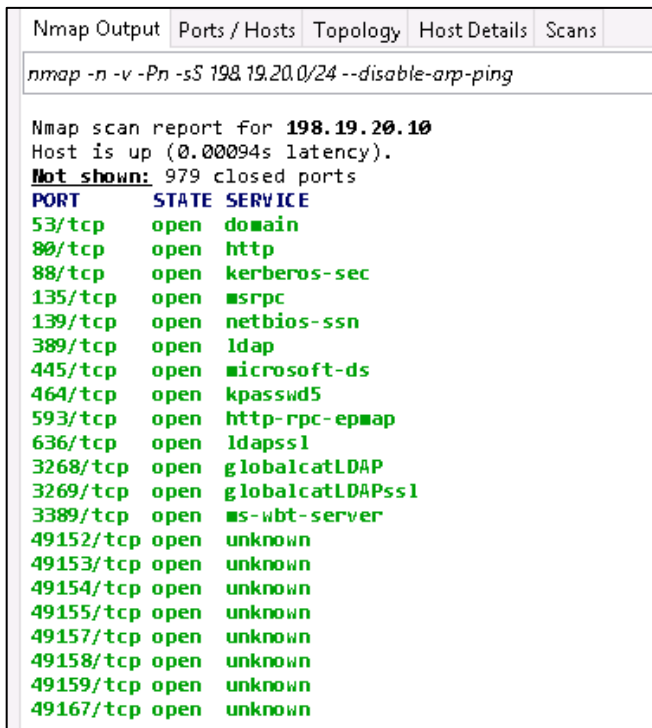
## Task 2: Initiate attack traffic

The attacker has installed malware on the remote PC to obtain valid user credentials. Next the attacker will use various tools to gain visibility into the network layout of the organization.

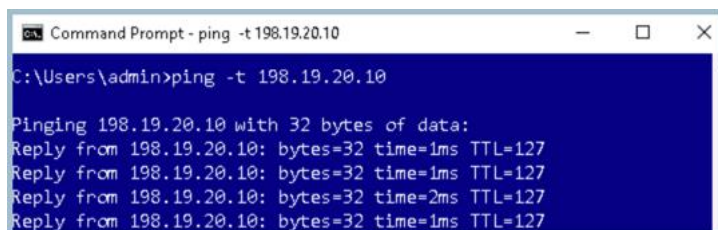
1. Once you have logged into AnyConnect, open up **Zenmap** from the desktop.
2. In the Target field of Zenmap insert the following command:
3. `nmap -sS -v -n -Pn 198.19.20.0/24 --disable-arp-ping` as shown below:



4. While the scan executes read the following article:  
<https://www.zdnet.com/article/fbi-warns-companies-about-hackers-increasingly-abusing-rdp-connections/>
5. Once the scan displays the ports for **198.19.20.10** cancel the scan as the attacker has the information, he/she needs to elevate privileges.
  - a. The scan reveals an active directory server.



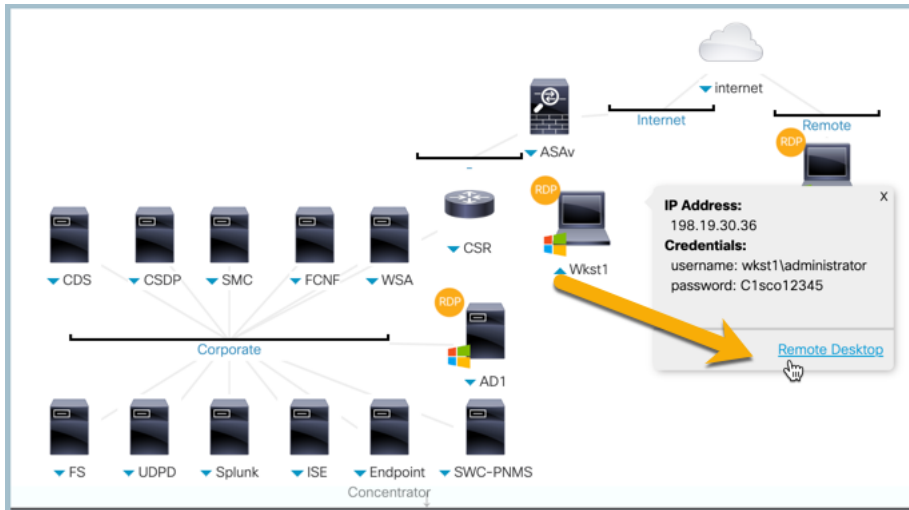
6. Open a command prompt and issue the following command: `ping -t 198.19.20.10`
7. Take note of the replies from the ping command.



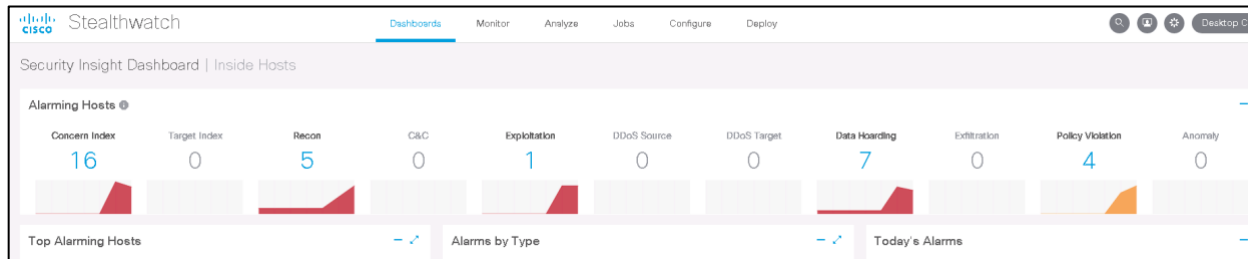


### Task 3: Block host with ISE ANC

1. Keep the remote\_wkst tab open and select the dCloud architecture from the already open tabs within Chrome
2. Remote Desktop into Wkst1 as shown below



3. Open Chrome > select appliances from the Favorites menu and select SMC(WebUI)
4. The Security Insight Dashboard opens as shown below:

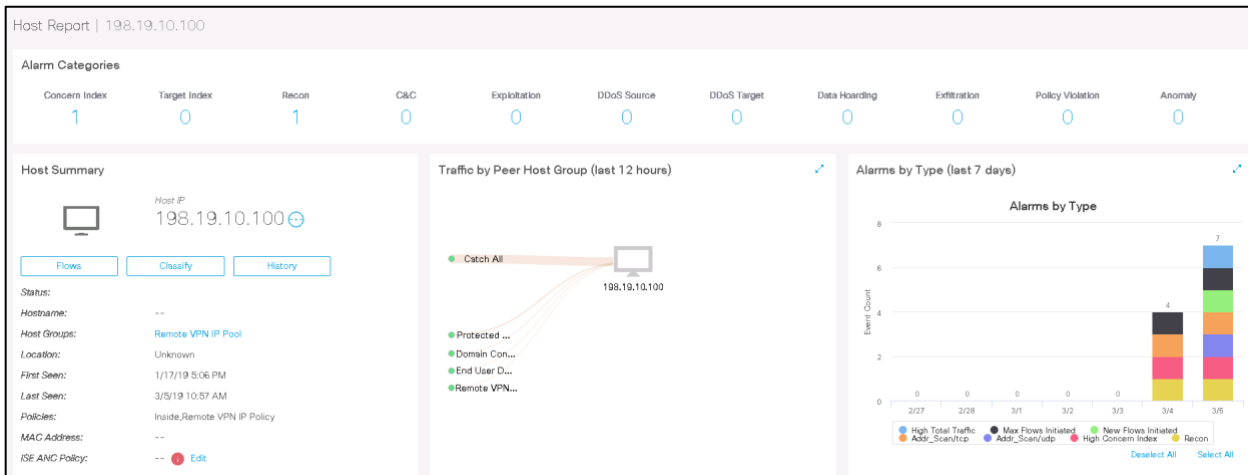


5. Observe the Top Alarming Hosts and the IP address of the Remote Workstation will appear as shown below:

HOST	CATEGORY
10.10.101.24 End User Devices	PV CI RC EP
10.10.101.46 End User Devices	PV
10.201.3.103 End User Devices	PV
198.19.10.100 Remote VPN IP Pool	CI RC
10.201.3.149 End User Devices	DH CI RC
10.3.241.34 Remote VPN IP Pool	CI DH
10.241.0.18 Remote VPN IP Pool	CI RC

[View All Hosts >](#)

6. Select the IP address of **198.19.10.100** from the top alarming hosts to pivot into a host report as shown below:



7. At the top of the Host Snapshot Report we can see there are two alerts that are firing:

- The Concern Index and Recon

- Scroll down to the security events and notice the Security Events (port scans) that attributed to this alert firing within Secure Network Analytics as shown below.

Top Security Events for 198.19.10.100						
SECURITY EVENT	COUNT	CONCERN INDEX	FIRST ACTIVE	TARGET HOST	TARGET HOST GROUP	ACTIONS
Port Scan	154	1,663,354	03/05 8:29:46 AM	198.19.20.36	End User Devices	
Port Scan	151	1,830,951	03/05 8:29:46 AM	198.19.20.10	Domain Controllers	

At this point we have sufficient information to apply an **Adaptive Network Control Policy through PxGrid and ISE.**

- From the Host Summary widget select the **Edit** from the **ISE ANC Policy** as shown below.

**Host Summary**

Host IP: 198.19.10.100

Flows | Classify | History

**Status:**

Hostname: --

Host Groups: Remote VPN IP Pool

Location: Unknown

First Seen: 1/17/19 3:06 PM

Last Seen: 9/8/19 7:04 AM

Policies: Inside,Remote\_VPN\_Policy

MAC Address: 00:50:56:bb:79:2b (VMware, Inc.)

**ISE ANC Policy:** -- **Edit**

- When the Applying ANC policy screen displays select **SW\_Quarantine**.

Applying ANC policy

Select the ANC Policy to apply to ISE cluster for this host: 198.19.10.100

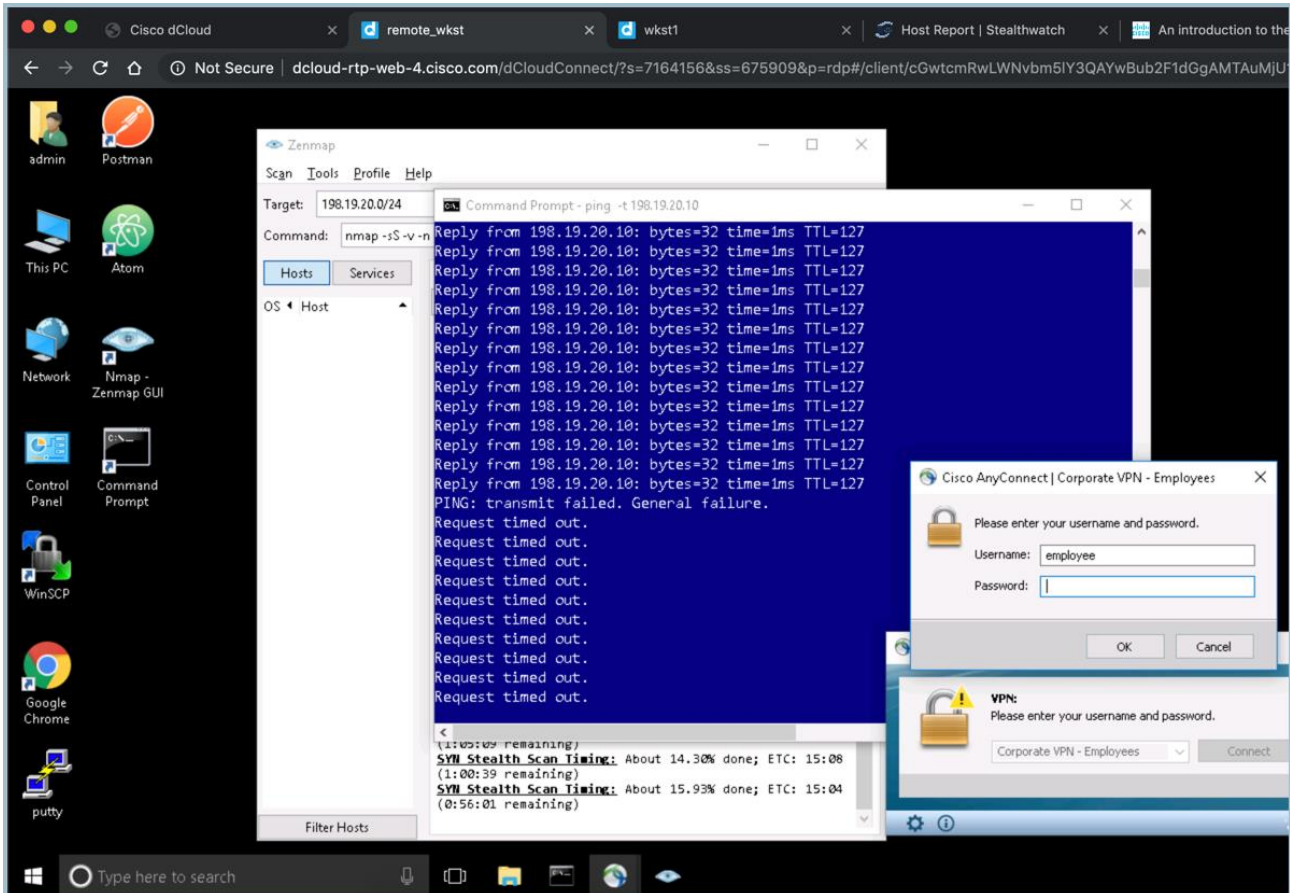
ISE	Username	MAC	ANC Policy
ISE	employee	00:50:56:8A:8A:3:	No policy appl... No policy applied <b>SW_Quarantine</b>

- Select **Save**, and observe the policy applied to the host 198.19.10.100.

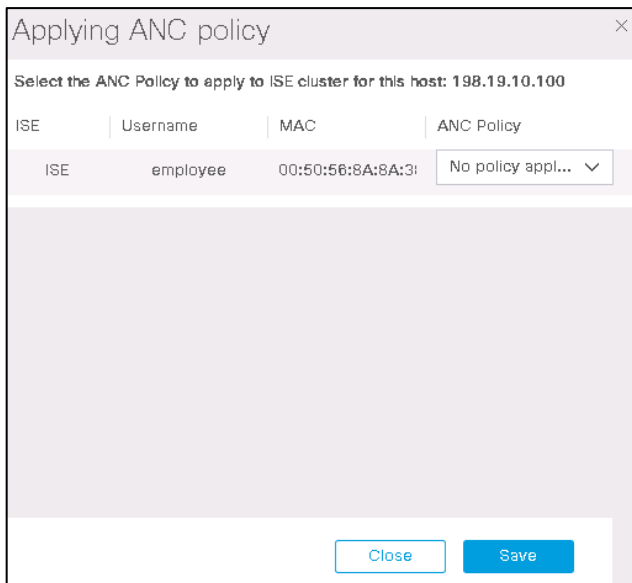
16. Access the remote\_wkst tab in your browser and view the results of the ANC policy. The hosts VPN connection should have been disconnected and the ping packets are timing out.

Secure Network Analytics through PxGrid and ISE put this host in a remediation vlan until the security team has time to investigate the incident.

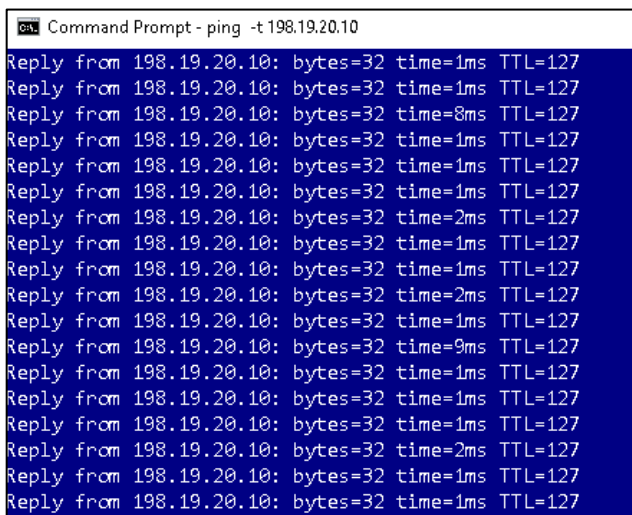
NOTE: In Secure Network Analytics 7.3.0 forward the ability to setup automatic ISE ANC response has been added.



Once there has been an investigation, the host can be put back on the network through Secure Network Analytics as shown below by editing the ANC policy to “No policy applied” and click save.



10. Access the remote\_wkst tab again and log into AnyConnect with the employee credentials of **C1sco12345**
11. Observe the pings have resumed as shown below.



## Summary

In this lab, you learned:

- The importance of accounting for all traffic from trusted 3<sup>rd</sup> party and VPN networks.
- How to detect threats hidden within trusted network connections.
- How to use the Top Alarming Hosts to find and threat and initiate an ISE ANC policy to block the hosts.

## Lab 3. Analyze historical traffic to identify threats from suspect countries

Threats are hiding in legitimate network traffic through common web browsing or through ports and applications that are trusted within firewall rules and on the endpoint. One way to identify these threats is to account for all network traffic entering and leaving the organization to the Internet. Once this visibility is collected, retrospective analysis over this long-term history can be performed to identify what should not exist. Through this visibility and retrospection, detection of threats will be improved along with being able to improve enforcing network segmentation.

See the supporting lab video overview here > <https://cs.co/SWTestDrive-Lab3>.

### Test Drive Objectives

Within this test drive, you will gain an understanding of the importance of accounting for all traffic entering and leaving your organization to the Internet to identify threats hidden within trusted connections. Most Secure Network Analytics deployments store 90+ days of network history and solutions can be architected to meet longer term needs such as a year plus. This history allows for detecting threats through retrospection along with building a long-term incident response platform.

### Test Drive Requirements

- Stealthwatch Management Console (SMC) any version.
- Stealthwatch Flow Collector any version.
- Any version of NetFlow meeting the minimum supported fields mentioned in the NetFlow lab.
- NetFlow should be exported inside the firewall from any source with Internet access.
- Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) (this is optional for added context and quarantining.)

### Test Drive Outline

- Task 1. Generate traffic to random countries.
- Task 2. Identify traffic to random countries.
- Task 3. Identify possible command and control traffic over the past 7 days.
- Task 4. Identify possible data loss over the past 7 days to suspect countries.

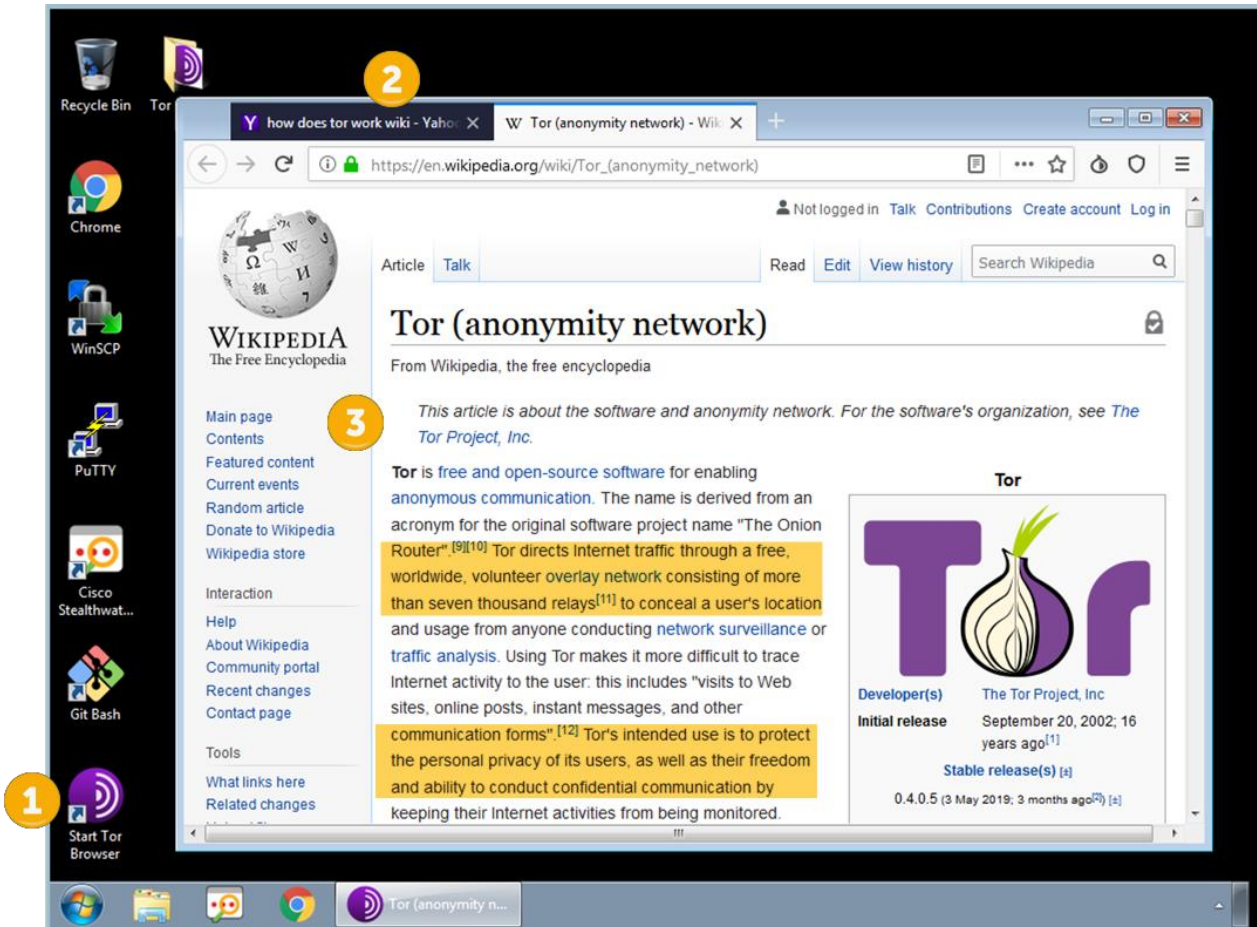
## Task 1: Generate traffic to random countries

In this task, you will generate random traffic that is trusted from an installed application over common ssl web traffic.

1. Return to the **Tor Browser**, or re-open it from the desktop of Wkst1.
2. Search for “**how does tor work**” and reach through a few articles to generate traffic.

**Note:** Browsing with TOR can be a very slow process.

3. Open and read the Wikipedia article shown below on how the Tor network works.

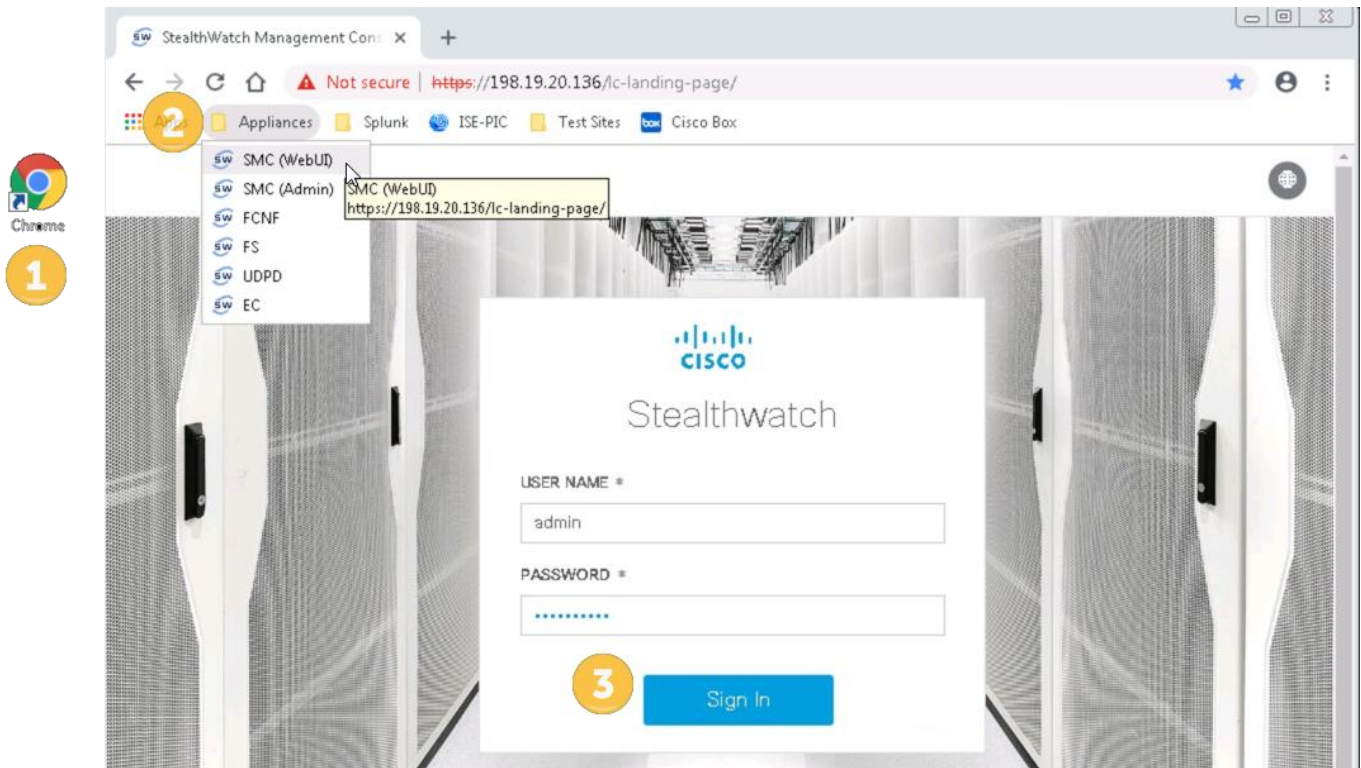




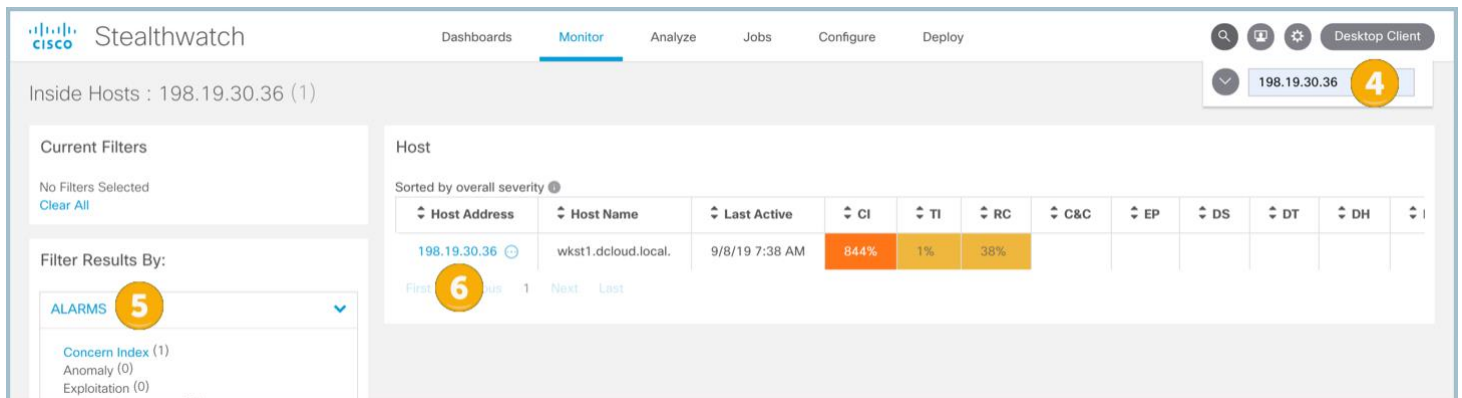
## Task 2: Investigate traffic to random counties

Within this lab you will learn how to view all countries your Wkst1 has connected to.

1. Launch **Chrome** from the desktop of your Wkst1, as shown below.
2. Select the **SMC (WebUI)** bookmark from the Appliances folder of the bookmark toolbar.
3. Login with username **admin** and password **C1sco12345**



4. Enter the IP address of your Wkst1, **198.19.30.36**, into the **Search** filter and press **Enter**, as shown in the figure below.
5. Take note of the **Alarms filter** in the left-hand pane, and observe the alarm category scoring. This shows the overall behavioral reputation scoring of this host to indicate if any threats exist, as shown below.
6. Click the IP address **198.19.30.36** hyperlink to open a Host Report.





- Focus on the **Traffic by Peer Host Group** report in the center. The right-hand side of this widget shows connections to Internet segments and should reflect connections to countries you initiated through the Tor browsing. **Hover your mouse** over the thicker lines to get a popup showing how much traffic is being exchanged with the given segment and your Wkst1, as shown below.
- Now, let's see what countries your host has peered with the most on the Internet. Click the **Flows** button within the Host Summary pane as shown below.

Host Report | 198.19.30.36

Alarm Categories

Concern Index	Target Index	Recon	C&C	Exploitation	DDoS Source	DDoS Target	Data Hoarding	Exfiltration	Policy Violation	Anomaly
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Host Summary

Host IP: 198.19.30.36

Hostname: wkst1.dcloud.local

Host Groups: File Servers

Location: Unknown

First Seen: 6/25/19 9:31 PM

Last Seen: 9/8/19 7:39 AM

Policies: Default Server Policy, Inside, Insider Threat Use Case Policy

MAC Address: --

ISE ANC Policy: -- Edit

Traffic by Peer Host Group (last 12 hours)

198.19.30.36

- Domain Con...
- Catch All
- Multicast
- Protected ...
- Unknown
- Custom Rep...
- United Sta...
- Ireland
- Canada
- Denmark
- France
- Others (Ou...

Alarms by Type (last 7 days)

Alarms by Type

Event Count

Date	Event Count
9/2	34
9/3	9
9/4	27
9/5	9
9/6	28
9/7	19
9/8	3

Legend:

- CSE: Custom Reputation List
- CSE: Possible Remote Access Breach
- CSE: Weak Encryption
- High Total Traffic
- Addr\_Scan/udp
- Data Exfiltration
- Data Hoarding
- Target Data Hoarding
- Max Flows Initiated
- High Concern Index
- Policy Violation
- Suspect Data Hoarding
- Addr\_Scan/tcp
- Suspect Data Loss
- Recon

- Within the query, select **Top Peers** for the **Search Type**, as shown below.
- Select **Last 8 Hours** for the **Time Range**.
- Define a name for the search by entering **“Top Countries Connected to by my Wkst1”** in the **Search Name** field.
- Ensure the IP address **198.19.30.36** is displayed for the **Subject**.
- Under **Peer Host Groups**, click **Select**.

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Top Peers Search

Last 8 Hours (Time Range)

Subject: 198.19.30.36 x Ether (Orientation)

Connection: Total (Direction)

Peer: Countries (Host Groups) x Americas (Host Groups) x Other (Host Groups) x

SEARCH TYPE: Top Peers (9)

TIME RANGE: Last 8 Hours (10)

SEARCH NAME: Top Countries Connected to by my Wkst1 (11)

Subject

HOST IP ADDRESS: 198.19.30.36 x (12)

HOST GROUPS: Select

Connection

PORT / PROTOCOL: ex. 80/tcp or 180/tcp

APPLICATIONS: Select

DIRECTION: Total

Peer

HOST IP ADDRESS: ex. 192.168.10.10 or 1192.168.10.10

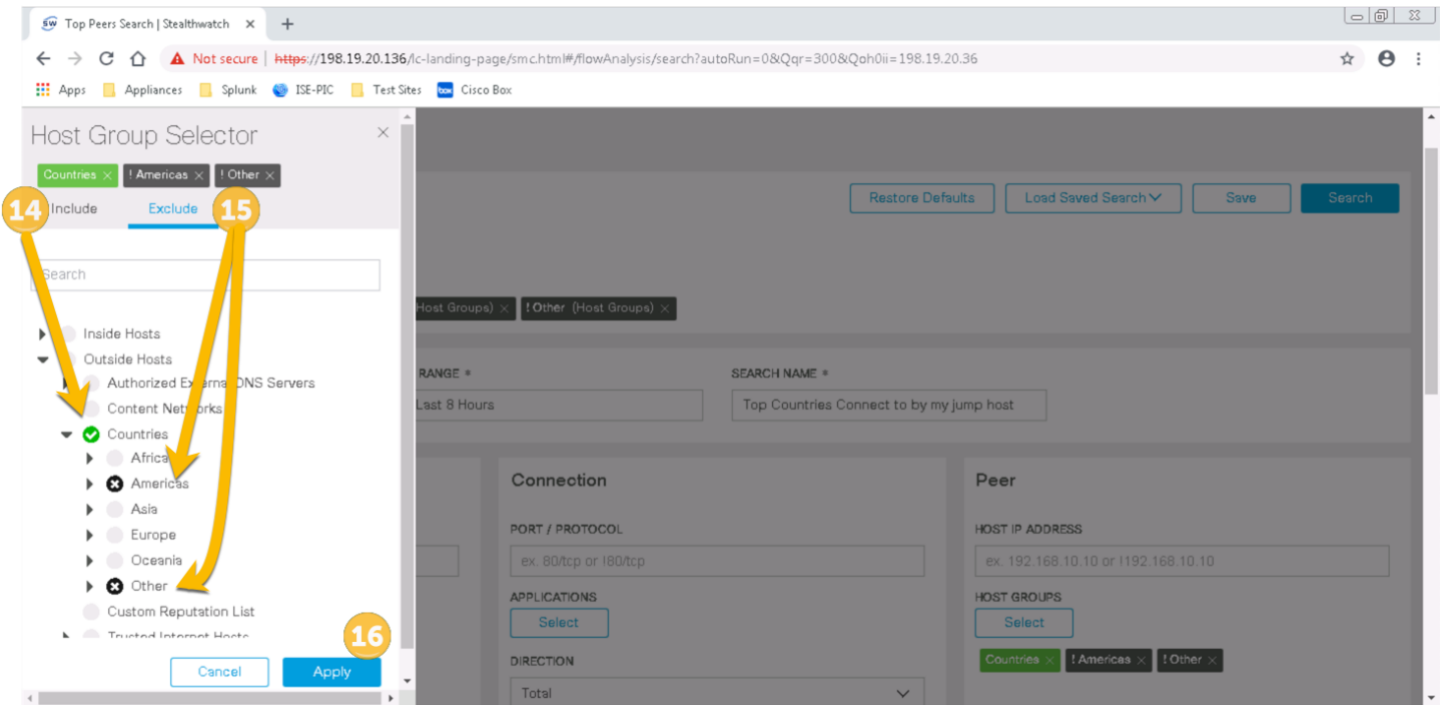
HOST GROUPS: Select (13)

Countries x Americas x Other x

- Click **Include** and select **Countries**, under Outside Hosts, as shown below.
- Click **Excludes** and select **Americas** and **Other**.

**Note:** We are excluding some groups to illustrate filtering and focus on less results.

16. Click **Apply**.



17. Make sure the filter matches exactly like what is displayed below and select **Search**.
18. You should see results like what is as shown below. Review the top peers your machine has connected to, how much traffic was transferred, and the ratio of traffic seen by your machine versus the peer host.
19. Select the **Stealthwatch Online Help**, as shown below, to get more details of how to interpret the results.

The screenshot shows the Cisco Stealthwatch interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Dashboards, Monitor, Analyze, Jobs, Configure, and Deploy. The main heading is "Stealthwatch". Below this, there's a search bar and filters. The search results are titled "Top Peers Search Results (18)".

Filters shown:

- Subject: 198.19.30.38 (Either Orientation)
- Connection: Total (Direction)
- Peer: Countries (Host Groups), Americas (Host Groups), Other (Host Groups)

Buttons: Edit Search, Save Search, Save Results, 100% C...

Dropdown menu (top right):

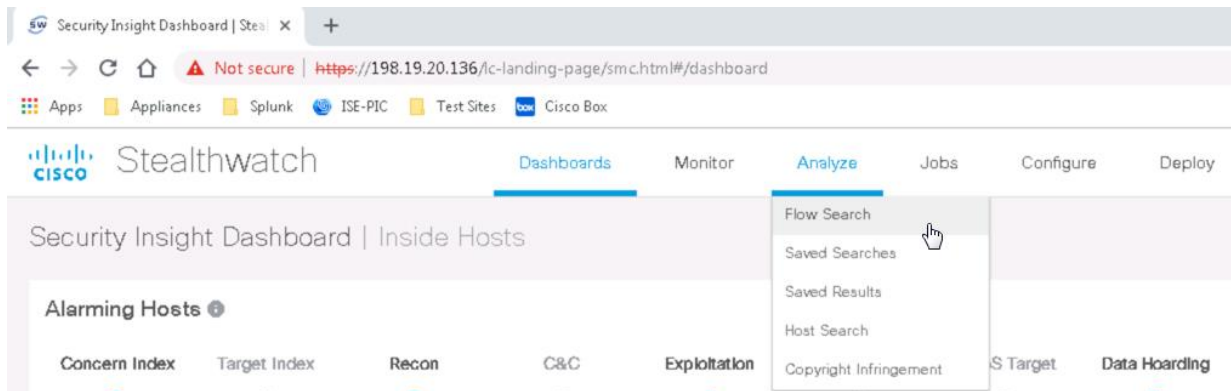
- Admin User
- Stealthwatch Online Help (highlighted)
- Stealthwatch Resources
- About Stealthwatch
- Change Password
- Logout

% OF BYTES	PEER IP ADDRESS	PEER NAME	PEER HOST GRO...	BYTES	PEER BYTE RATIO	PACKETS	FLOWS	HOSTS	PEER ROLE
84.00%	31.13.66.19	xx-fbcdn-shv-01-lad3.fbcdn.net	Ireland	125.44 K	89.02%	142	1	1	Server
8.90%	147.75.39.192	--	Netherlands	28.23 K	88.45%	75	2	2	Server
7.25%	176.9.103.51	--	Germany	20.67 K	81.51%	54	2	2	Server
7.07%	74.121.138.92	--	France	20.16 K	80.21%	50	1	1	Server
6.34%	37.157.6.251	--	Denmark	15.22 K	86.36%	48	2	2	Server
5.22%	74.121.140.172	--	Switzerland	12.03 K	73.41%	45	2	2	Server
4.02%	185.167.164.37	--	Denmark	11.61 K	78.42%	62	1	1	Server

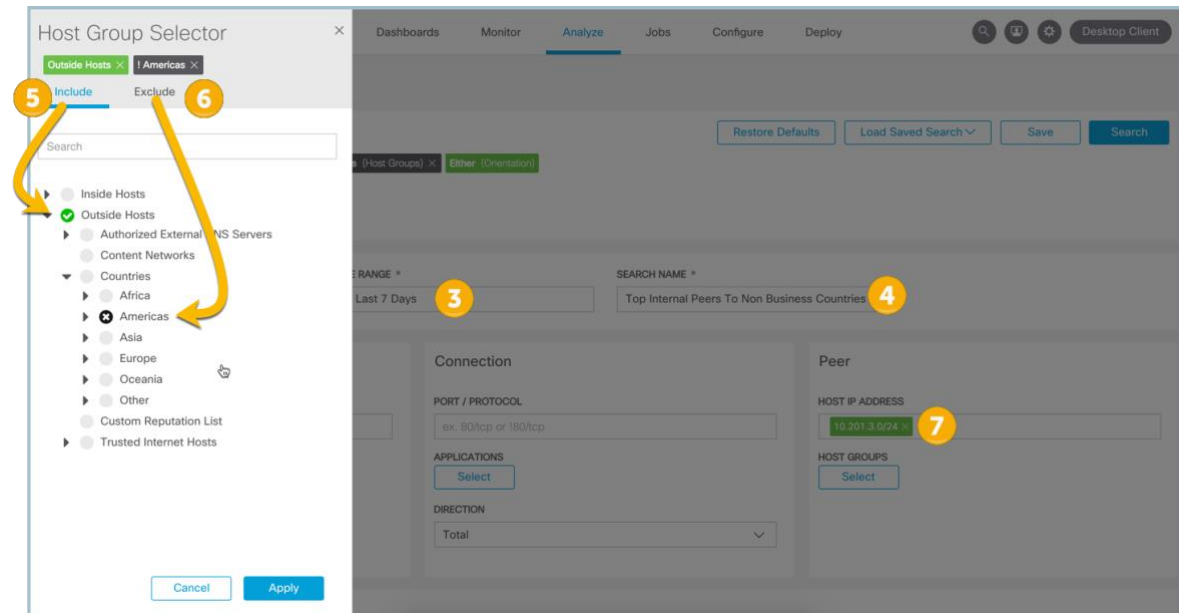
### Task 3: Identify possible command and control traffic over the past 7 days

Now that you are comfortable generating traffic and interpreting results, let's pick a broad collection of countries and see which internal hosts are being connected to the most. The Top Peers report will allow you to filter by flows over long periods of time to see if there are any persistent connections from suspect countries which could indicate command and control traffic. Often these connections remain unseen as they are connecting over trusted applications and bypassing any firewall rules.

1. Select **Analyze > Flow Search** from the menu bar, as shown below.



2. For the **Search Type**, select **Top Peers**, as shown below.
3. For the **Time Range**, select **Last 7 Days**.
4. For the **Search Name**, type "Top Internal Peers To Non Business Countries by flows."
5. Within **Subject Host Groups**, select **Include**, and then **check Outside Hosts**
6. Select **Exclude**, check **Americas** and then click **Apply**.
7. Within **Peer Host IP Address**, type **10.201.3.0/24** (which represents one of the user segments within your organization).



8. Under **Advanced Options**, select **Flows** from the **Order By** drop down, shown below.

9. To begin the query, select **Search** in the top right corner. The query may take a few minutes.
10. You should see results like those in the screenshot below. Make note of the number of flows for the respective inside hosts.
11. In the top right corner, select **Save Search** so we can retrieve results later, as shown below. Keep the same name you defined above and click **Save**.
12. You should see a host listed with IP address of **10.201.3.15**. Click the number (765 in below example) in the **Flows column** to retrieve the flows for 10.201.3.15, as shown below. It may take a minute for all flows to be retrieved.

% OF BYTES	PEER IP ADDRESS	PEER NAME	PEER HOST GROUP	BYTES	PEER BYTE RATE	PACKETS	FLOWS	HOSTS	PEER ROLE
76%	10.201.3.15	Sales and Marketing					765	75	Client and Server
53%	10.201.3.5	End User Devices, Sales and Marketing		79.57 M	75%	180.33 K	739	246	Client

13. Within the flow results header row, type **80/tcp** in the **Subject Port** filter, as illustrated below.
14. Type **>2K** in the **Total Bytes** filter to reduce the displayed results. You may need to scroll to the right using the slider at the bottom of the browser window to see the Total Bytes column or unzoom the browser window.
15. Scroll through the flows, expand details, and make note of flows that include payload information as shown below. Many netflow exporters can include additional context.
16. After exploring a few flow details, click the Peer IP of **10.201.3.15** in one of the flow records to open a host report, as shown below.

The screenshot shows the Cisco dCloud interface with the following search filters:

- Subject:** Outside Hosts (Host Groups), Americas (Host Groups), Europe (Host Groups), Either (Orientation)
- Connection:** All (Flow Direction), FCNF (Flow Collector Name)
- Peer:** 10.201.3.15 (Host IP Address)

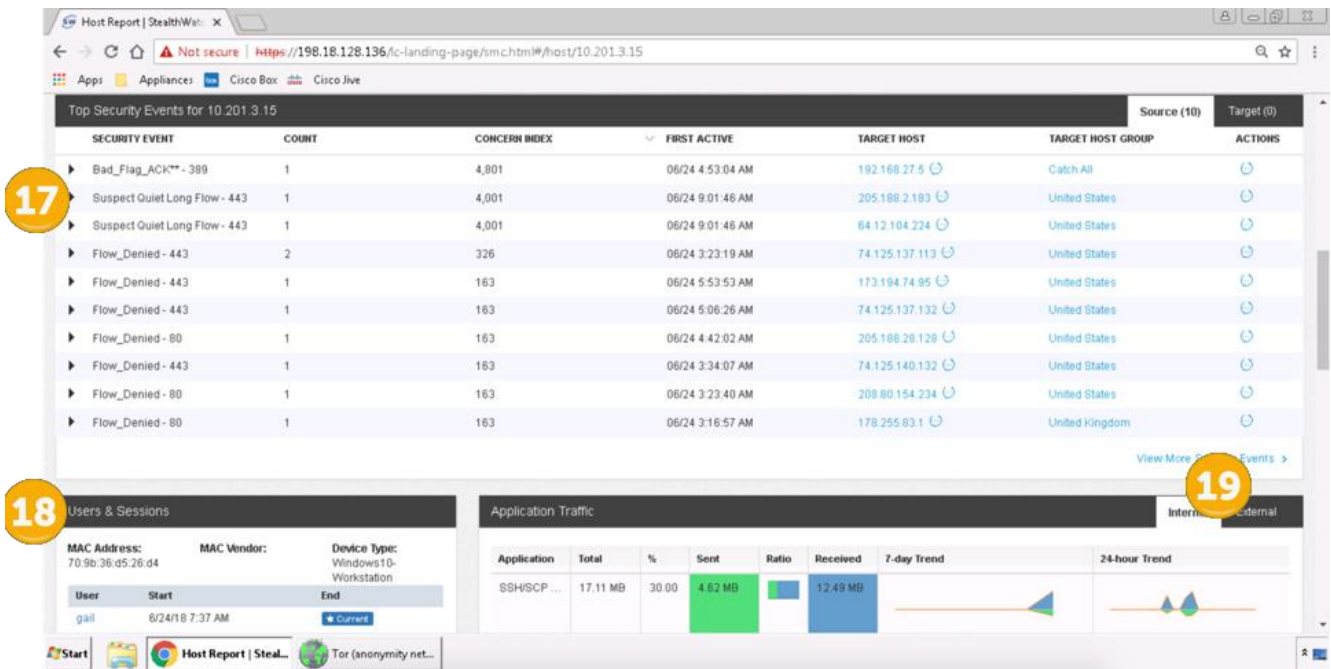
The flow results table has the following columns: START, DURATION, SUBJECT IP A..., SUBJECT PO..., SUBJECT HO..., SUBJECT BYT..., SUBJECT PAY..., APPLICATION, TOTAL BYTES, PEER IP ADDR..., PEER PORT/F... The table contains two rows of data. The first row is expanded to show details.

START	DURATION	SUBJECT IP A...	SUBJECT PO...	SUBJECT HO...	SUBJECT BYT...	SUBJECT PAY...	APPLICATION	TOTAL BYTES	PEER IP ADDR...	PEER PORT/F...
Jan 31, 2019 10:16:12 PM (22hr 47min 25s ago)	2s	212.199.161.37	80/TCP	Israel	1.25 K	301 Moved Permanently	HTTP	2.8 K	10.201.3.15	53638/TCP
Jan 31, 2019	3min 40s	216.38.170.167	80/TCP	Unknown	2.06 K	302 Found	HTTP	3.57 K	10.201.3.15	49356/TCP

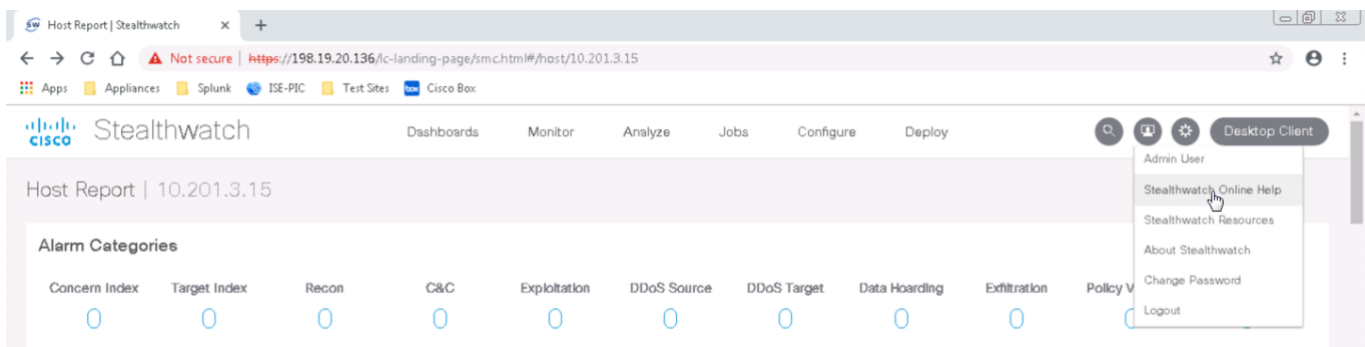
The expanded flow record shows the following statistics:

Subject	Totals	Peer
Packets:	8	12
Packet Rate:	4 pps	6 pps
Bytes:	1.25 KB	1.55 KB
Byte Rate:	641 bps	792.5 bps
Percent Transfer:	44.72%	55.28%
Host Groups:	Israel	End User Devices,
Payload:	301 Moved Permanently	GET http://gail.hit.gemius.pl/_1355331663290/redirect.gif?l=30&id=ByA6uOrbCwBJIZB.niJDSmYT.jzBgu7EKipmT0...

- Within the Host Report for 10.201.3.15, scroll down to the **Top Security Events** section, as shown below. Read the details of various security events and make note of the **Suspect Quiet Long Flow**. (if event is there, it may not be)
- Take note of the added context associated with 10.201.3.15 within the **Users & Sessions** section, shown below. This section shows that the user “**gail**” was logged into this system along with MAC address and Device Type information. This information is received from Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE).
- The **Application Traffic Internal** tab will show what applications are being used inside the network and External will show the applications being used to the Internet.

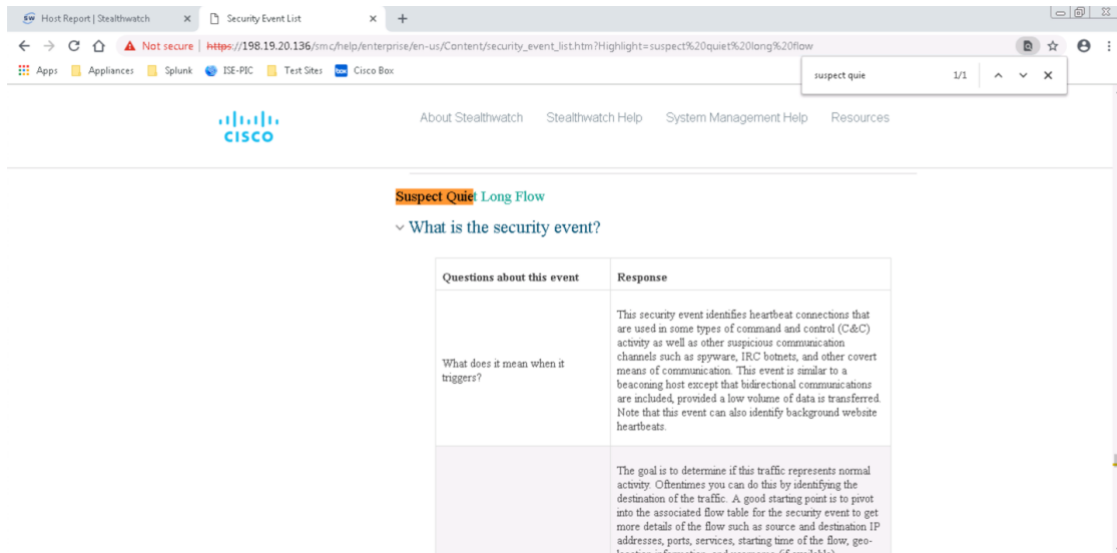


- Scroll up and select the **Steathwatch Online Help** as shown below.





- Search the Online Help for Suspect Quiet Long Flow. You will need to click Security Event List, Suspect Quiet Long Flow to gain an understanding of what this security event means shown below. You can select CTRL + F to find Suspect Quiet Long Flow quicker in the Security Event List.



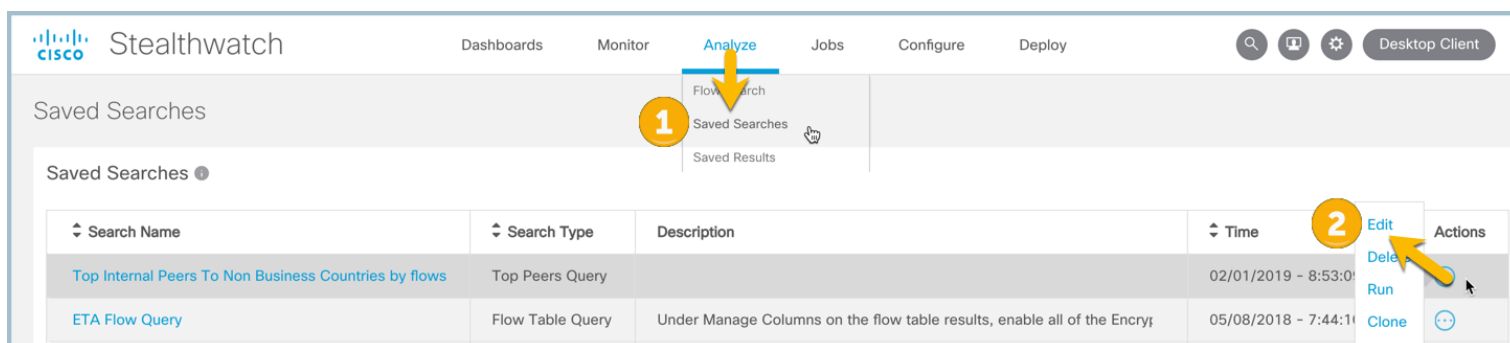
## Task 4: Identify possible data loss over the past 7 days to suspect countries

The above Top Peer report was filtered on flow connections to identify persistent connections inside the network. Now let's see if there was data movement over a long period of time. It is possible for bad actors to throttle data movement to try and stay hidden within normal traffic.

- Let's use the Saved Search and simply change the sort by variable. From the drop-down menu, select **Analyze > Saved Searches** for the **"Top Internal Peers To Non Business Countries by flows"** search.

**Note:** If you forgot to save your previous search then look for it in Jobs > Job Management. Click it, and then click **Save**.

- Select the **Actions** menu and click **Edit**, as shown below. You may need to scroll to the right using the slider bar at the bottom of the browser window.





3. Scroll down to the **Advanced Options** and change the **Order by** to **Bytes**
4. Click the X to remove **Americas** from the search.
5. Click **Search** as shown below.

6. Observe that this will search all flows over the past 7 days and retrieve any large amounts of data moved. You should see results like below with a large number of bytes sent by **10.201.3.149**. **Click the hyperlink on the flows count** (2,882 in the below example).

% OF BYTES	PEER IP ADDRESS	PEER NAME	PEER HOST GR...	BYTES	PEER BYTE RAT...	PACKETS	FLOWS	HOSTS	PEER ROLE
100%	10.201.3.41	workstation-041	End User Devices , Sales and Marketing	14.45 G	0.26%	13.86 M	1,983	270	Client
68%	10.201.3.149	workstation-149	End User Devices , Sales and Marketing	12.97 G	1.42%	13.97 M	2,882	344	Client and Server

- On one of the flow records, click the hyperlink for **10.201.3.149** to view the Host Report as shown below.
- Explore the details within the host report to get an understanding of how Secure Network Analytics detected the behavior changes of the machine. With proper identification and accounting for all traffic you can increase the security posture for your organization.

**Host IP: 10.201.3.149**

Status: Inactive  
 Hostname: workstation-149  
 Host Groups: Catch All  
 Location: RFC 1918  
 First Seen: 8/1/17 9:33 PM  
 Last Seen: 6/24/18 4:02 PM  
 Policies: Insider Threat Event (10.201.3.149), Inside  
 MAC Address: 48:19:c7:c9:a6:5c

**Alarms by Type**

Event Type	Count
Packet Flood	0
New Flows Initiated	0
High Traffic	0
Suspect Data Loss	0
Data Hoarding	0
High Total Traffic	0
High File Sharing Index	0
High Concern Index	0
Data Exfiltration	0
Recon	0
Suspect Quiet Long Flow	13
Suspect Data Hoarding	25

**Top Security Events for 10.201.3.149**

SECURITY EVENT	COUNT	CONCERN INDEX	FIRST ACTIVE	TARGET HOST	TARGET HOST GROUP	ACTIONS
Suspect Data Hoarding	33	53,618,259	06/24 2:30:00 AM	Multiple Hosts	--	🔄
Port Scan	89	961,289	06/24 6:55:02 AM	10.201.0.72	Catch All	🔄
High Total Traffic	47	570,872	06/24 5:40:00 AM	Multiple Hosts	--	🔄
High Traffic	29	458,372	06/24 2:30:00 AM	Multiple Hosts	--	🔄

## Summary

Within this lab, you learned:

- The importance of accounting for all traffic to and from the Internet.
- How to perform network retrospection to suspect countries.
- How to detect threats hidden within trusted network connections.
- How to filter on flow connections over long periods of time to help identify possible command and control traffic.
- How to filter on data movement over long periods of time to help identify possible data loss.
- Understanding how you can learn from having complete visibility and accounting to make better decisions in segmenting traffic to help prevent threats.

## Lab 4. Data hoarding

One of the most valuable assets for an organization is its intellectual property, confidential information, and information stored in the company networks. Data breaches cost organizations millions of dollars. The global average cost of a data breach is \$3.62 million and the average cost for each lost or stolen record containing sensitive and confidential information is \$141. Insider threats, and disgruntled employees could take data and exfiltrate it for financial gain or just to cause harm.

The Secure Network Analytics Data Hoarding alarm indicates that a host within a network has downloaded an unusual amount of data from one or more servers. These events provide valuable insight into unauthorized data movement that might be taking place in the network.

Watch the supporting lab video overview here > <https://cs.co/SWTestDrive-Lab4>.

## About Insider & Advanced Threat Detection

**“ I plan to leverage my access for a side hustle. ”**

### Goals

- 1 If I am being deliberate, my goal may be to hurt my company or to personally gain financially or otherwise
- 2 Steal HR records to get everyone's salary to better negotiate my position
- 3 Exploit a flaw in financial software to make a financial gain from the exfiltration of data or the installation of malware

### Attack Vectors

- Data Exfiltration
- Installing Malicious Software
- Exploitation of Poor Access Controls

### Mitigation Techniques

- Strict and comprehensive Identification, Access and Authorization controls for all users
- Regular internal security audits/vulnerability scans
- Endpoint control systems
- Agents with comprehensive logging, tracing and alerting
- User Behavioral Analytics
- Well defined security policies and enforcement mechanisms

### Expertise

**Security**  
NOVICE ————— EXPERT

**Networking**  
NOVICE ————— EXPERT

### SecOps Strategy

MONITOR	ALERT	TRACK
Monitor for data exfiltration to the Internet or other unusual destinations	Trigger alerts for unusual relationships that do not commonly occur or are not permitted	Track anomalous network traffic such as excessive flows from an endpoint to a valuable server

**Izzy**  
**The Insider Threat**  
**Google This:**  
Target Breach, Anthem exfiltration, Boeing spy

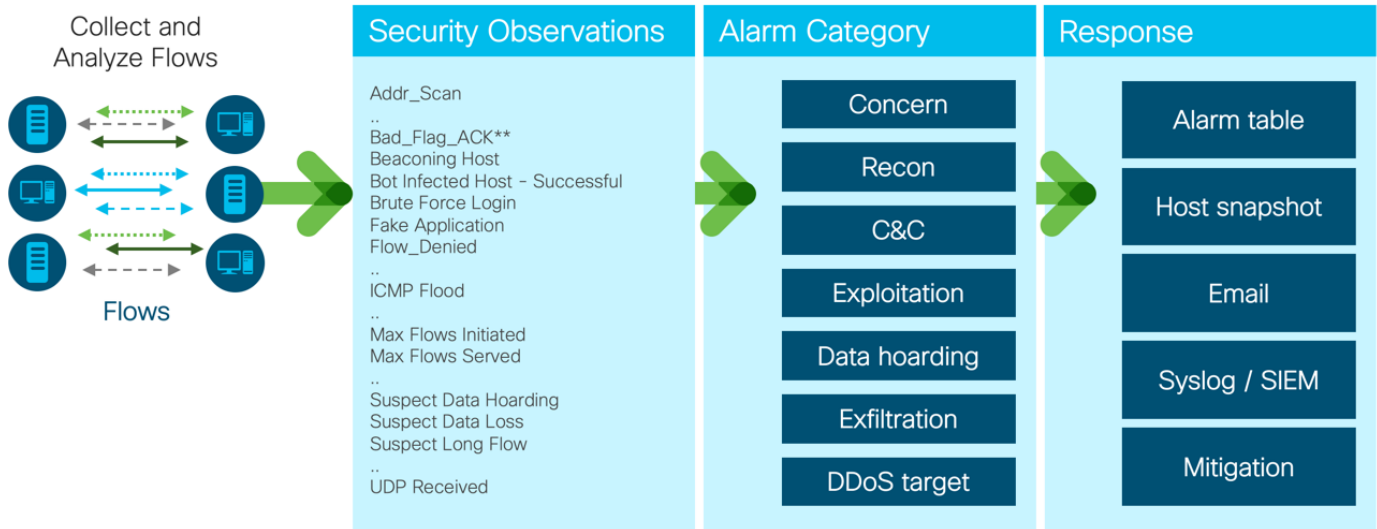
**Age:** 18-60  
**Location:** Global  
**Description:** Insider threats range from careless employees (accidentally misplace laptop, uses universal passwords, etc.) to malicious employees. Insider threats can also result from compromised employee accounts.

Refer to the image below to ensure you are collecting full netflow somewhere along the path between the attacker and victim IP.



# Behavioral and Anomaly Detection Model

## Behavioral Algorithms are Applied to Build “Security Events”



## Test Drive Objectives

Security events contribute index points to alarms. Alarms are grouped into Alarm categories.

Security Events Associated with the Data Hoarding Alarm Category include:

1. Suspect Data Hoarding
  - a. Suspect Data Hoarding monitors how much TCP/UDP data an inside host, while acting as a client, downloads from internal servers. The event fires when the amount of data surpasses the threshold for a given host. This threshold is built automatically by baselining.
  - b. This event is an indication of a particular host gathering data to prepare for exfiltration or other larger-than-normal downloads of internal data.
2. Target Data Hoarding
  - a. Target Data Hoarding monitors how much TCP/UDP data an inside host, while acting as a server, serves to other inside clients. The event fires when the amount of data surpasses the threshold for a given host. This threshold is built automatically through baselining.
  - b. This event is potentially an indication of one or many Inside Hosts gathering more data than normal from a particular Inside Host, potentially in preparation for exfiltration or misuse.

## Test Drive Requirements

The Secure Network Analytics system configuration minimum requirements are:

- Visibility of all host-to-host traffic from the core and/or distribution
- Stealthwatch Release 6.9 or greater

## Test Drive Outline

The “attacker” in this scenario will be downloading a large file. You choose the method of transfer (ftp, Windows file share, etc.), but the file needs to be over 300 MB.

Ensure you are collecting full NetFlow somewhere along the path between the attacker and victim IP.

In the following examples, the attacker IP address will be 198.19.30.36.

An employee has turned in their 2 weeks’ notice to work at another company. The employee is part of the account team that covers North America. She is leaving on good terms but is leaving for a competitor. There are various projects and trainings she was owner of within the company and is now downloading that sensitive data on her final day of employment. Secure Network Analytics will detect and alert you to this abnormality. Even though this user is allowed to access these servers, she is downloading an unusual amount of data.

## Transfer a large amount of data on from your attacking system

The steps to conduct this attack will vary depending on the type of system that you are using both for your attack and for your file share.

If you are using Windows and copying the file across a Windows file share, use Windows Explorer to connect from the attacker system.

An FTP client would be used if you are connecting to a system serving files with an FTP server.

In this example, we will be transferring a 380 MB file via SCP from a database server to the Wkst1within dCloud.

1. Launch **WinSCP**, from the desktop of WKST1.

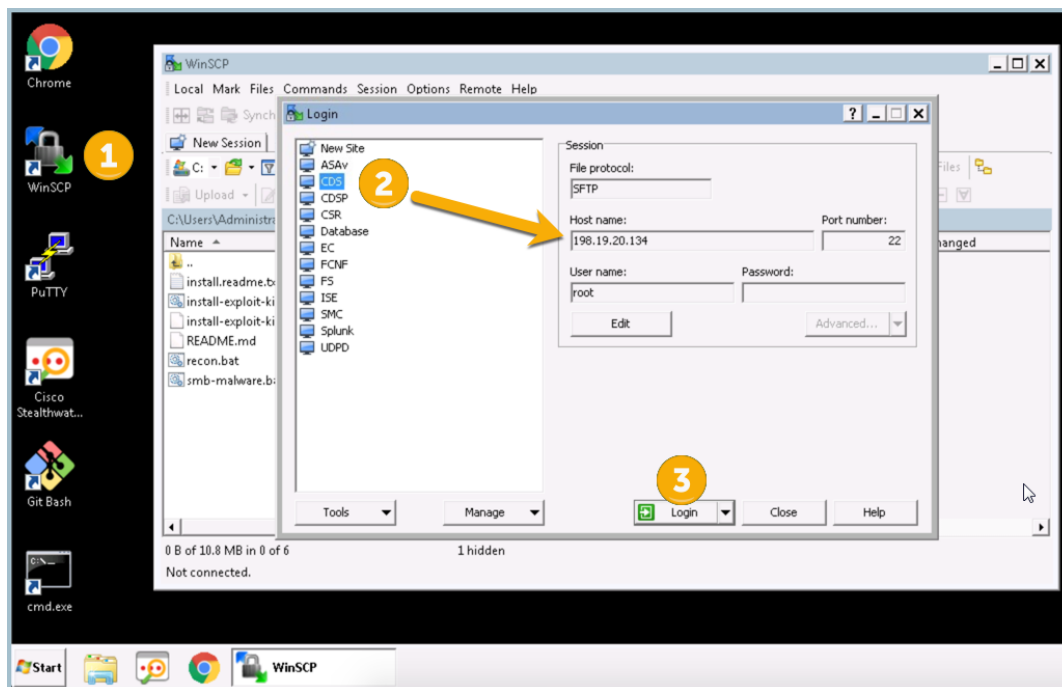
**Note:** If an update appears, ignore the update.

2. Select **CDS**, as shown below.

**Note:** The IP address of **198.19.20.134**, the username is already cached for login.

3. Select **Login** and enter **Cisco12345** for the password if prompted.

**Note:** If you see a prompt with a certificate warning in WinSCP, click **OK** and continue.

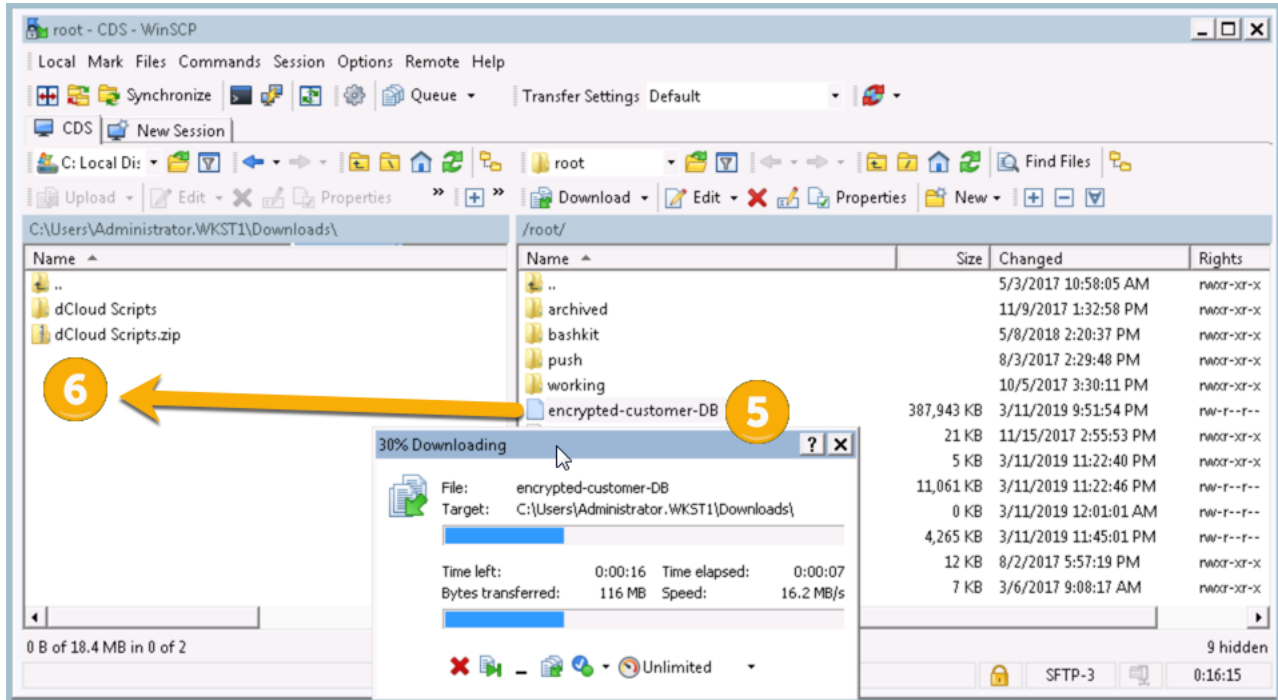


5. Locate the file **encrypted-customer-DB** and transfer it to your Downloads folder on the Wkst1.

**Note:** if you do not see encrypted-customer-DB on the CDS server, you will need to SSH into CDS as root and run **./install-exploit-kit** which was completed in a different lab. This will surface the encrypted-customer-DB for this lab.

6. Initiate the transfer to the attacker system.

7. Close WinSCP.

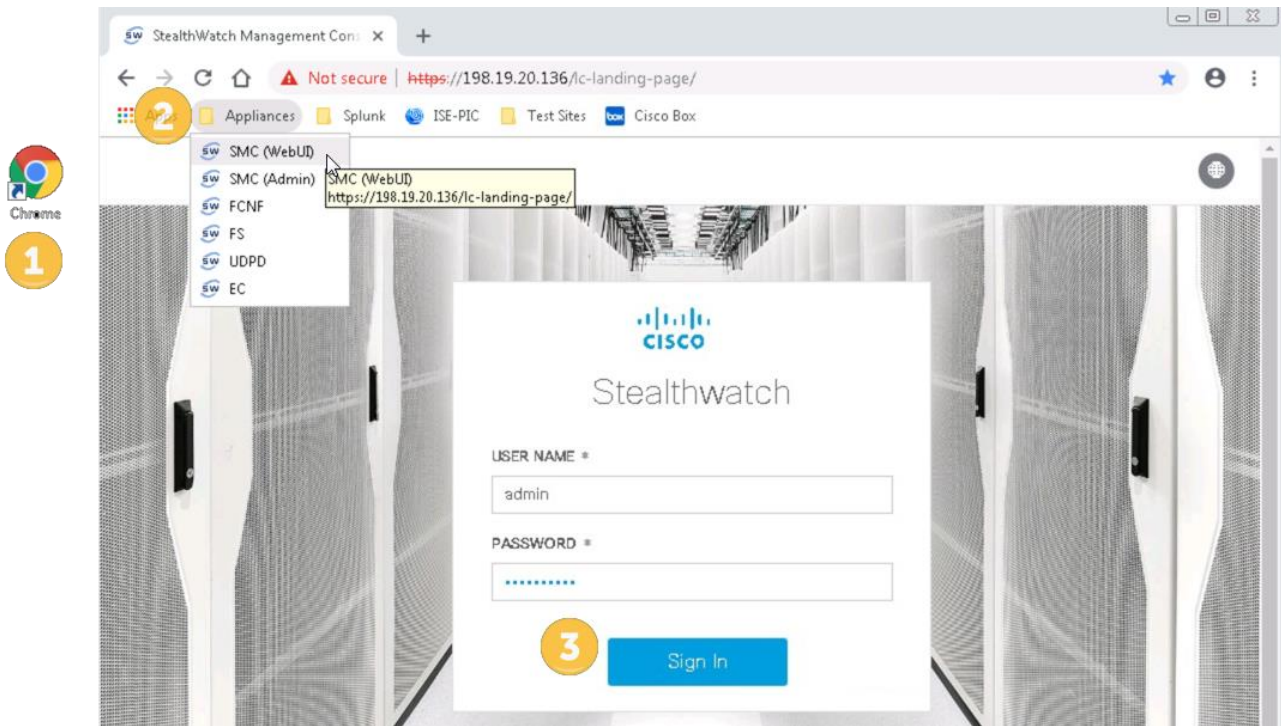




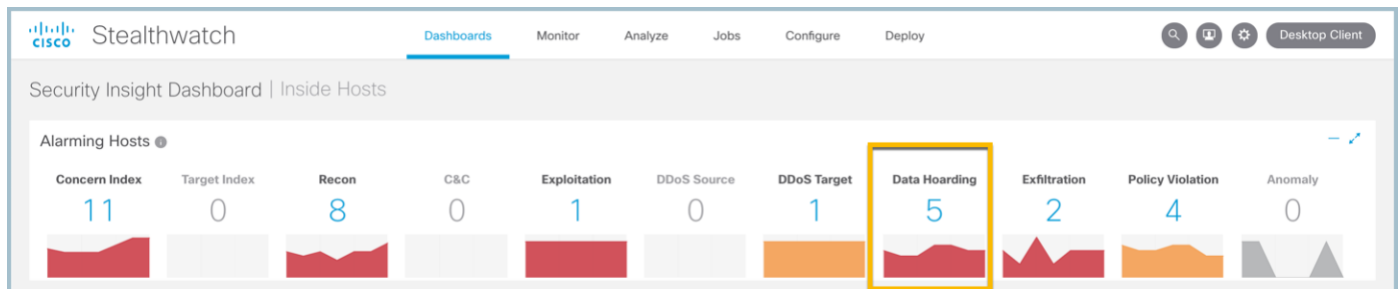
## Review Secure Network Analytics for Data Hoarding Alarms

Secure Network Analytics should have detected the data hoarding from your attacking system. The resulting data hoarding alarms for this attack can be observed in the Secure Network Analytics interface. While not covered in this document, you also could have received an alert via email or a syslog message to your SIEM.

1. Launch **Chrome** from the desktop of your Wkst1, as shown below.
2. Select the **SMC (WebUI)** bookmark from the Appliances folder of the bookmark toolbar.
3. Login with username **admin** and password **C1sco12345**.



4. Look at the Data Hoarding section under Alarming Hosts. In this example, Secure Network Analytics has created six alarms for data hoarding traffic. Click the number below Data Hoarding to open up that alarm. In this example, you'd click **5**.



5. Secure Network Analytics has determined that there is data hoarding activity above the acceptable threshold, which you can see in the DH column. Click the value in the DH section to further drill into the alarm.

- We can see that the data hoarding alarm has far exceeded its threshold for **198.19.30.36**. Click **DH % value** to get more details. In the below example, it would be 4,660%.

**Note:** This may take a minute or two to appear for this host.

Host Address	Host Name	Last Active	CI	TI	RC	C&C	EP	DS	DT	DH
10.201.3.149		9/8/19 8:27 AM	216%		1,899%					40,518%
10.201.0.23		9/8/19 8:27 AM	11%	1%						2,098%
10.201.3.18		9/8/19 8:27 AM	32%	1%	4,349%					2,928%
198.19.30.36	wkst1.dcloud.local.	9/8/19 8:25 AM	2,980%	1%	38%					2,342%
10.150.1.200		9/8/19 5:14 AM	256%	1%	2,980%				46%	357%

- Click the section that begins with “Observed” under Details to get additional information on this alarm.

First Active	Source Host Groups	Source	Target Host Groups	Target	Policy	Event Alarms	Source User	Details
9/8/19 8:25 AM	File Servers	198.19.30.36	--	Multiple Hosts	Insider Threat Use Case Policy	--	administrator	Observed 234.26k points. Policy maximum allows up

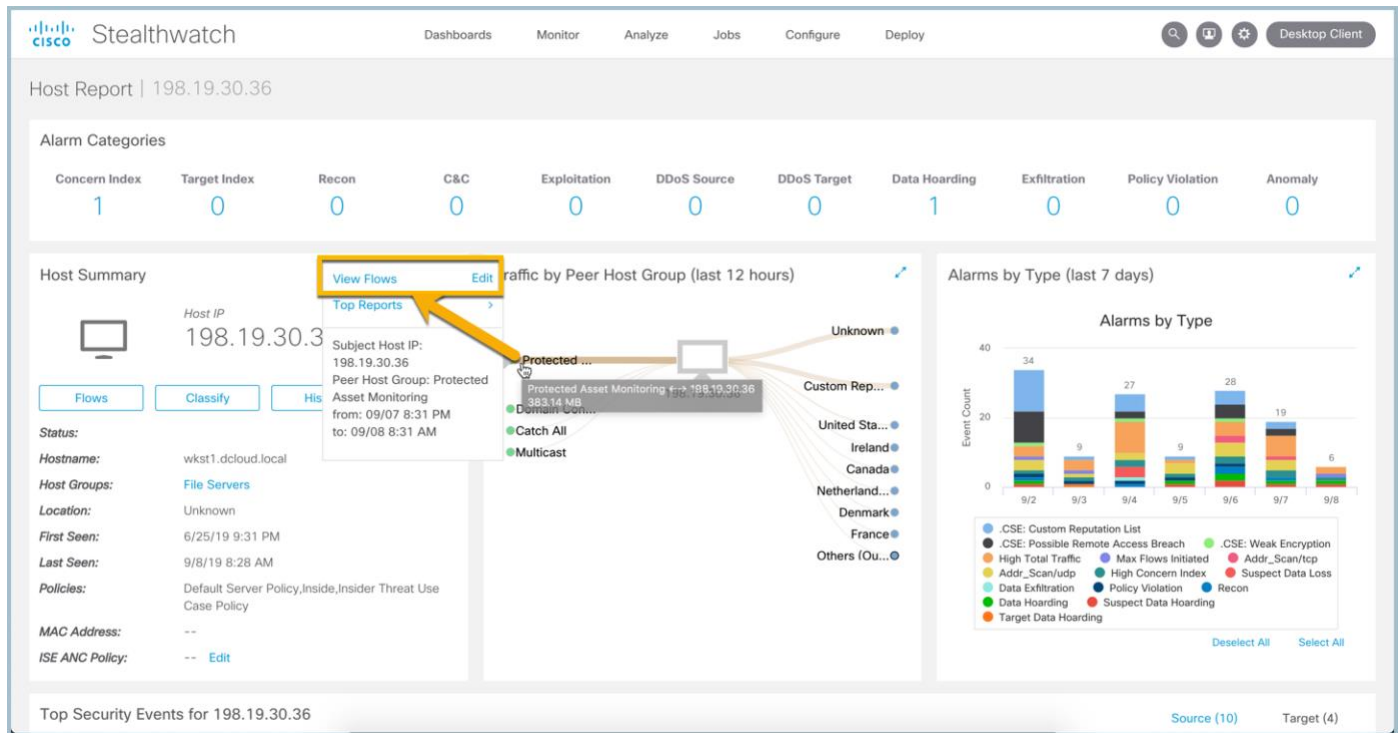
- In this example, the attacker system has connected to multiple hosts.
- Open a Host Report: Select source host **198.19.30.36**.

SECURITY EVENT	COUNT	CONCERN INDEX	FIRST ACTIVE	SOURCE HOST	SOURCE HOST GROUP	TARGET HOST	TARGET HOST GROUP	ACTIONS
Suspect Data Hoarding	2	466,002	02/02 4:10:00 AM	198.19.20.36	End User Devices	Multiple Hosts	--	

The host report provides informative widgets to investigate a host and includes:

1. Cognitive Threat Analytics – Detections from multilayered machine learning and global threat analytics to identify threats.
2. Application Traffic – The application traffic, amount of traffic, internally and externally.
3. Query the flows by using the Traffic by Peer Host Group, [click the Protected Asset Monitoring](#) host group and select [View Flows](#) as shown below. This will launch a flow query with our selected parameters.

Figure 2. Host Report



4. When the flow query is finished, displayed is subject IP address, subject port, subject host group, bytes, application, total bytes, peer address, peer port, peer host group and peer bytes.

**Note:** The file we downloaded using SCP is presented in the flow data on this dashboard.

5. Select the down arrow on the left to get a general view of the flow data as shown below.

There is a lot of rich information in the above graphic and flow query we performed. We can see the start of the event, duration, the host group involved in the data transfer, the application used, total bytes, the peer IP address, peer port, peer host group and peer bytes.

This is a host that is allowed access to the peer system but has tripped the data hoarding alarm because amount of data being transferred is unusual compared to the normal baseline. The host group being accessed is in the Protected Assets. This host group could be defined with confidential servers, PII servers, or credit card processors. Segmenting assets allows for greater threat protection.

Also see this related article: <http://www.businessinsider.com/snowden-leaks-timeline-2016-9> Explore more within the interface and select the context sensitive Stealthwatch Online Help on various screens as shown below. The context sensitive help will explain the information displayed on various reports.

## Summary

Within this test plan, you learned:

- How to trigger alarms for data hoarding activity.
- How to review the data hoarding alarms within Secure Network Analytics.

## Lab 5. Use data exfiltration to track inside and outside hosts

One of the most valuable assets for an organization is its intellectual property, confidential information, and information stored in the company networks. Data breaches cost organizations millions of dollars.

The Secure Network Analytics Exfiltration alarms tracks inside and outside hosts to which an abnormal amount of data has been transferred. If a host triggers events exceeding a configured threshold, it results in an Exfiltration alarm.

Watch the supporting lab video overview here > <https://cs.co/SWTestDrive-Lab5>.

### Test Drive Objectives

Security events contribute index points to alarms. Alarms are grouped into Alarm categories.

The Suspect Data Loss security event is in the Exfiltration alarm category and based on observed flow rather than a number of default points assigned to the alarm category when the security event occurs.

When this event triggers, an inside host acting as a client has uploaded a cumulative amount of TCP or UDP payload data to an outside host, and the amount exceeds the threshold set in the policy applied to the inside host.

What does it mean when this alarms fires? A host is being used to upload more information to the Internet than is acceptable. This can be anything from someone using external backup services to maliciously exfiltrating corporate data.

### Test Drive Requirements

- Stealthwatch Management Console (SMC) 6.9 or greater
- Stealthwatch Flow Collector any version 6.9 or greater
- Any version of NetFlow from within the network
- Visibility of all host-to-host traffic from the core/distribution

### Test Drive Outline

The “attacker” in this scenario will be sending a large file from the system to a host on the Internet. In the example given in this document we will use ncat, but you could also transfer a file to a web file storage system like Google Drive or Dropbox.

Using the image below, ensure you are collecting full netflow somewhere along the path between the attacker and victim IP.



- In the following examples, the attacker IP address will be 198.19.30.36.

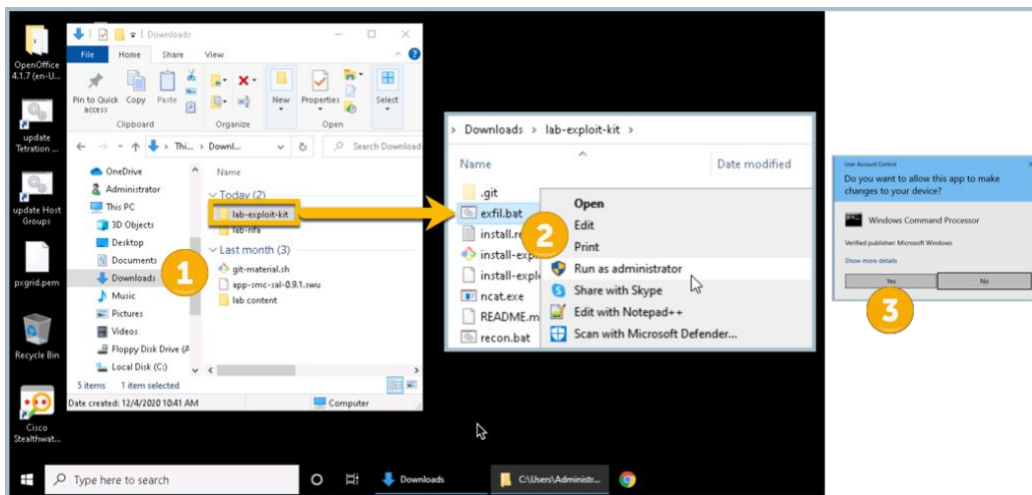
A disgruntled employee has downloaded customer information from a database server and is now sending critical sensitive data to a destination outside of your network. Secure Network Analytics will detect and alert you to this file transfer activity.

## Transfer a large amount of data from your attacking system

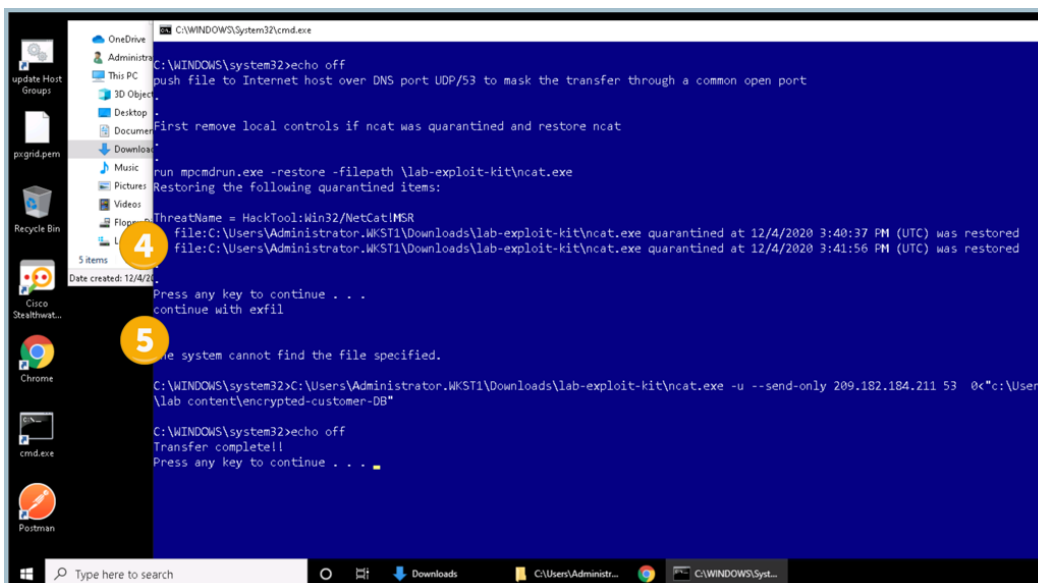
The steps to conduct this attack will vary depending on the type of system that you are using both for your attack and for your external file share.

An FTP client would be used if you are connecting to a system serving files with an FTP server, or you could use a web browser to transfer the file to a service such as Google Drive or Dropbox. Transfer the 380 MB file to a remote host using ncat.

1. From Wkst1, open **the Downloads folder within Windows Explorer and double-click the git-material.sh script.**
1. Open the **lab-exploit-kit** folder and **right-click** **exfil.bat** selecting **Run as administrator.**
2. Click **Yes** to run the script as illustrated below.



3. The script will disable any host protections by restoring the ncat.exe tool which was part of the tools downloaded and will be used to transfer data. netcat is a computer networking utility for reading from and writing to network connections using TCP or UDP.
4. Following the prompts in the script you will see the command being used to **transfer the encrypted-customer-DB** over **UDP port 53** (often open for DNS) to an outside host of **209.182.184.211**.

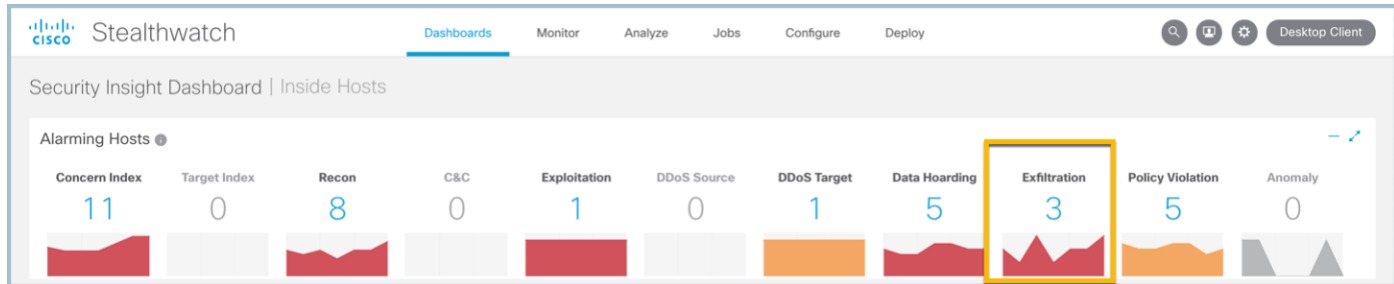


## Review Secure Network Analytics for Data Exfiltration alarms



Secure Network Analytics will have detected the data exfiltration from the dCloud attacking system. The data exfiltration alarms for this attack are seen in the Secure Network Analytics Security Insight Dashboard. While not covered in this document, you also could have received an alert via email or a syslog message to your SIEM.

1. To view the alarm, open a connection to your SMC and look at the Exfiltration section under Alarming Hosts as illustrated below. In this example, Secure Network Analytics has created an alarm for data exfiltration traffic. [Click](#) the number below Exfiltration to open up the alarms.



2. Secure Network Analytics has determined that there is data exfiltration activity above the acceptable threshold, which you can see in the EX column. [Click](#) the **value in the EX cell** (the IP used in the attack of 198.19.30.36) to further drill into the alarm.

The screenshot shows the 'Inside Hosts (3)' table in the Monitor section. The table is sorted by overall severity. The first row is highlighted in yellow, and the 'EX' column value '788%' is also highlighted.

Host Address	Host Name	Last Active	CI	TI	RC	C&C	EP	DS	DT	DH	EX	PV
198.19.30.36	wkst1.dcloud.local	9/8/19 8:47 AM	5,171%	1%	38%					2,342%	788%	1%
10.150.1.200		9/8/19 5:14 AM	256%	1%	2,980%			46%	357%	330%	26%	
10.201.3.149		9/8/19 8:49 AM	216%		1,921%					40,518%	103%	51%

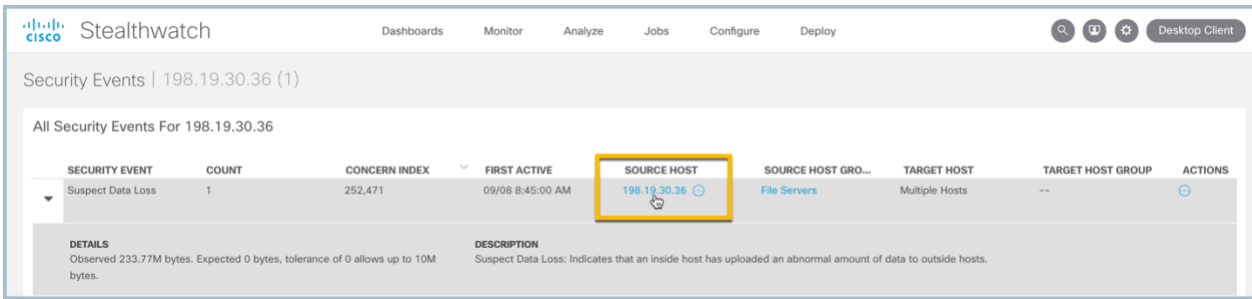
3. Here we see that the data exfiltration alarm allows up to 1k points, and Secure Network Analytics has created an alarm because 198.19.30.36 has 252~K points of data exfiltration activity (this value may be different in your view). Click the section that begins with **“Observed”** under Details to get additional information on this alarm.

The screenshot shows the 'Exfiltration | 198.19.30.36 (1)' page. The 'Alarms' table has one row, and the 'Details' column is highlighted with a yellow box.

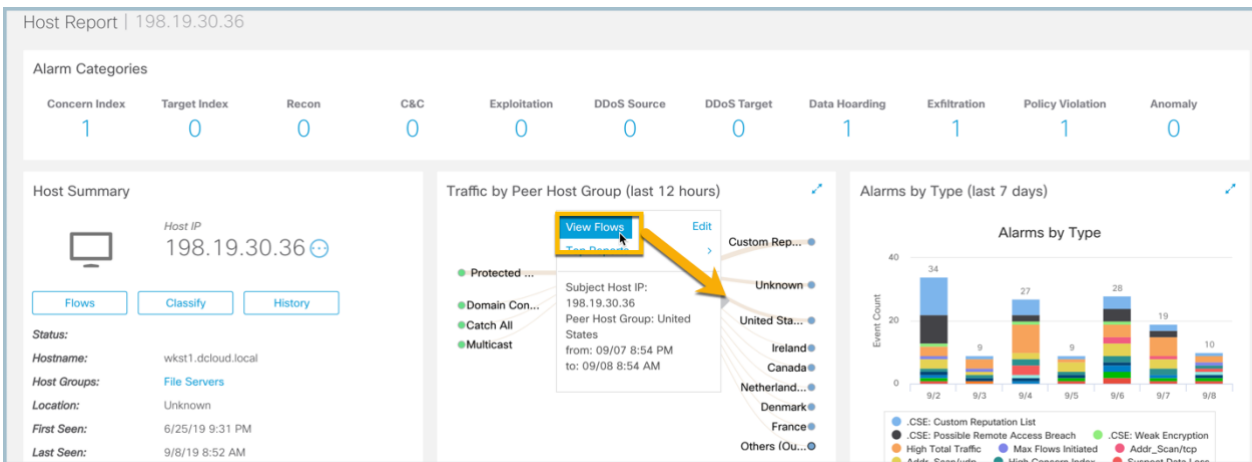
First Active	Source Host Groups	Source	Target Host Groups	Target	Policy	Event Alarms	Source User	Details
9/8/19 8:45 AM	File Servers	198.19.30.36	--	Multiple Hosts	Default Server Policy	--	--	Observed 252.47k points. Expected 0 points, tolerance of 50 al



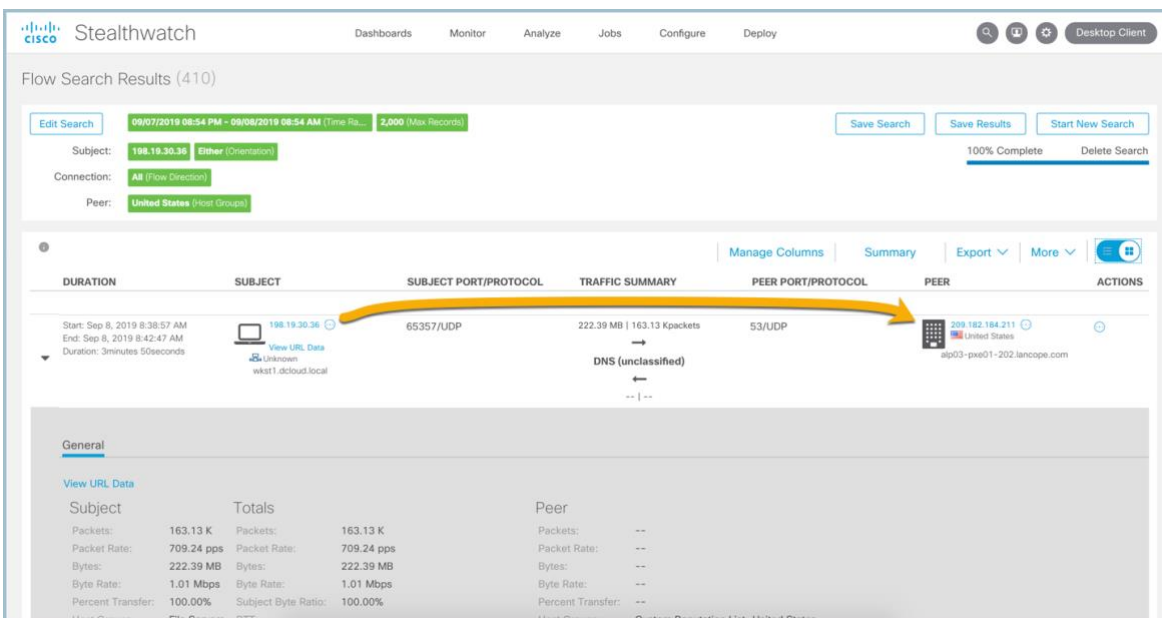
4. Click the Source Host IP address of **198.19.30.36** to open a Host Report.



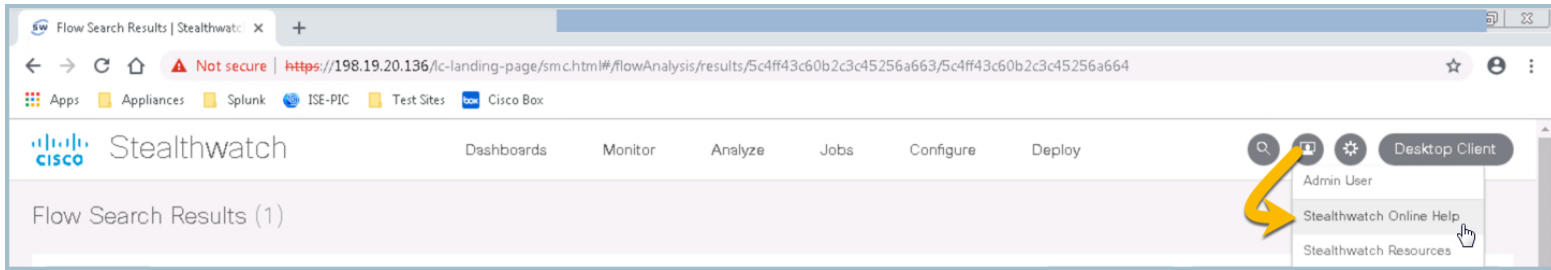
5. From the Traffic by Peer Host Group (last 12 hours) widget, **select** the **United States** data stream, left click and view flows as seen below. This will query the Flow Collector with our parameters automatically selected.



6. After the query is finished, we can see that 198.19.30.36 (our attacker) is sending data using the port specified in the attack, 53/DNS, and sending that data out to the IP address specified in the exfiltration attack. (209.182.184.211)



7. Explore more within the interface and select the context sensitive Stealthwatch Online Help on various screens as shown below. The context sensitive help will explain the information displayed on various reports.



## Summary

Within this test plan, you learned:

- How to trigger alarms for data exfiltration activity.
- How to review Secure Network Analytics data exfiltration alarms.

## Lab 6. Detect internal Telnet traffic

### About high risk application detection

Many organizations prohibit the use of Telnet on the network. It is an unsecure protocol because it transfers data in clear text, introducing the risk of exposing login credentials to an attacker. Telnet can open an organization up to data loss. Mainframes and financial systems that contain customer information often run Telnet, leaving them vulnerable to network monitoring attacks.

Secure Network Analytics Custom Security Events can be created to alarm on unauthorized Telnet communications or other unwanted applications against a group of hosts.

Watch the supporting lab video overview here > <https://cs.co/SWTestDrive-Lab6>.

### Test Drive Objective

Security events contribute index points to alarms. Alarms are grouped into Alarm Categories.

The Policy Violations Alarm Category is a Custom Security event created to report on policy violations or unwanted communications in an organization.

### Test Drive Requirements

The Secure Network Analytics system configuration minimum requirements are:

- Visibility of all host-to-host traffic from the core/distribution
- Stealthwatch Release 6.9 or greater

### Test Drive Outline

Using the image below, ensure you are collecting full netflow somewhere along the path between the attacker and victim IP.



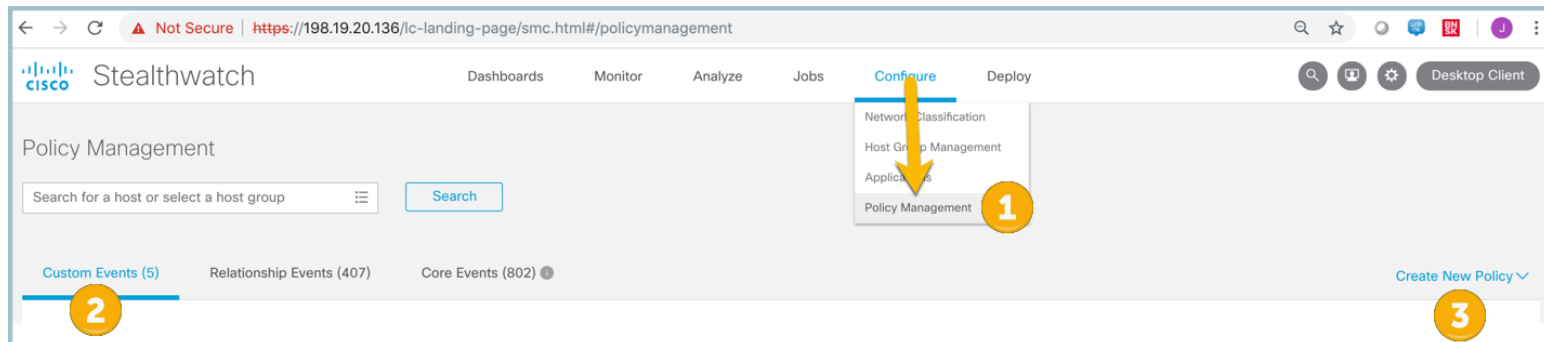
The “attacker” in this scenario will attempt to connect to a database using Telnet.

A system in the Inside Hosts group with a Telnet server is running on the network. This goes against security best practices, and in this test case we will create a Custom Security Event to monitor for this type of traffic.

## Create a custom security event to detect internal Telnet traffic

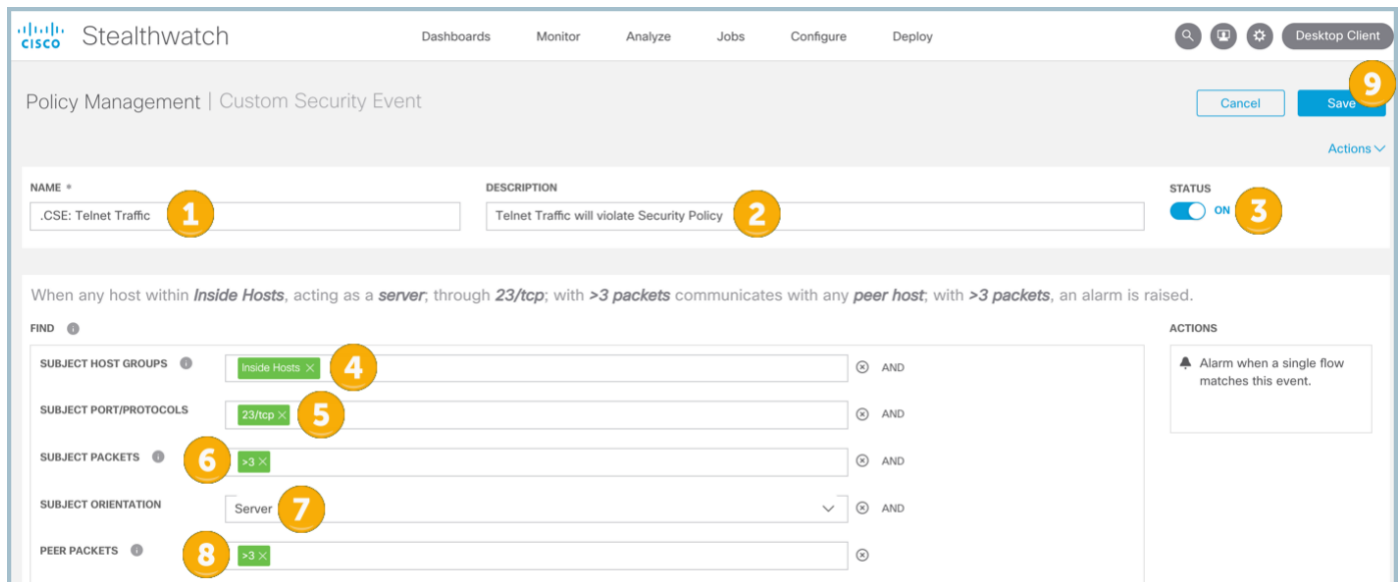
Let's set up a Custom Security Event to look for Telnet traffic internally, which uses port **23/tcp**.

1. Open the SMC web interface and navigate to **Configure > Policy Management**.
2. **Select** Custom Events.
3. **Create New Policy > Custom Security Event**.



Complete the following steps, being sure you exactly match the settings in the image below.

1. Enter Name: **.CSE: Telnet Traffic**
  - a. Take note of the **period** in front of the CSE which will cause the name to sort first
2. (optional) Enter description: **Telnet Traffic will violate Security Policy**
3. Status: **On**
4. Find **+** and select **Subject Host Group = Inside Hosts**
5. Find **+** and select **Subject Port/Protocols = 23/tcp** (This is the default port used for Telnet.)
6. Find **+** **Subject Packets = >3**
7. Find **+** **Subject Orientation = Server**
8. Find **+** **Peer Packets = >3** (By defining a packet count on both the subject and peer it will cause the alarm to trigger only if the traffic is bidirectional.)
9. In the upper right corner, click **Save**.

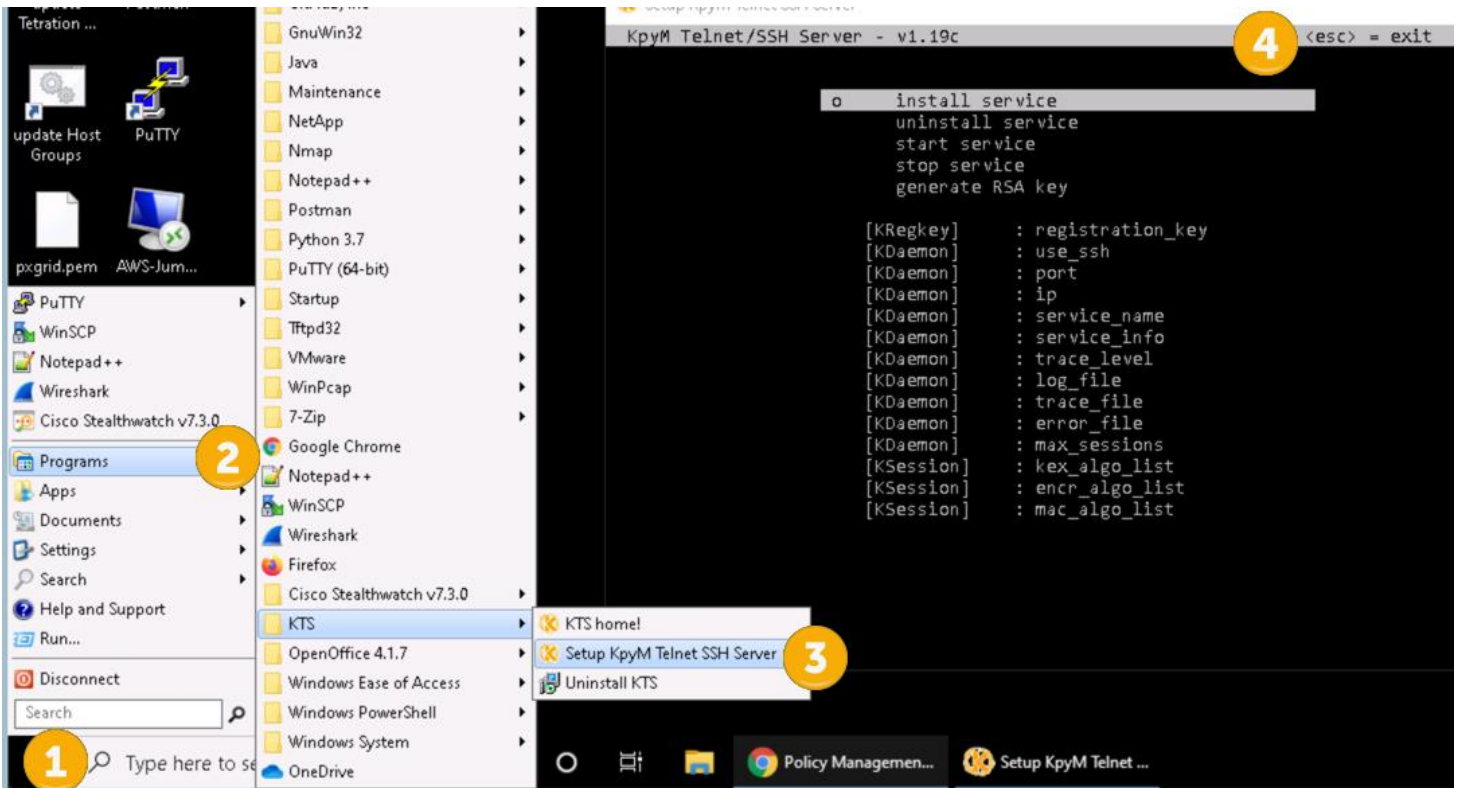


## Enable the Telnet Server on Wkst1

In this task, we will show how easy it is for a user to install an application which could open a possible attack surface. A user has installed KTS Telnet server so they can access the machine while they are working remote.

Verify the Telnet service:

1. From WKST1 select the **Start** button.
2. Expand **Programs**.
3. Expand **KTS** and **open Setup KpyM Telnet SSH Server**.
4. Review the setup options and hit the **ESC** key on your keyboard to exit the setup without any changes.

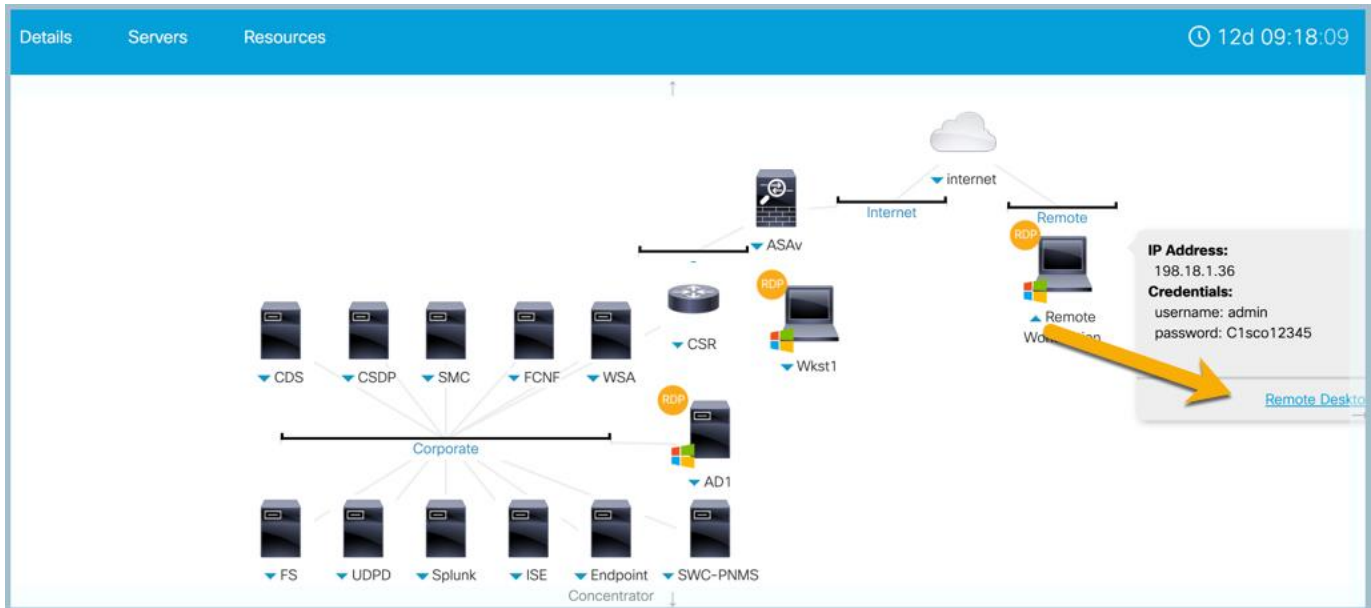


## Connect to Server over Telnet from Remote VPN Workstation

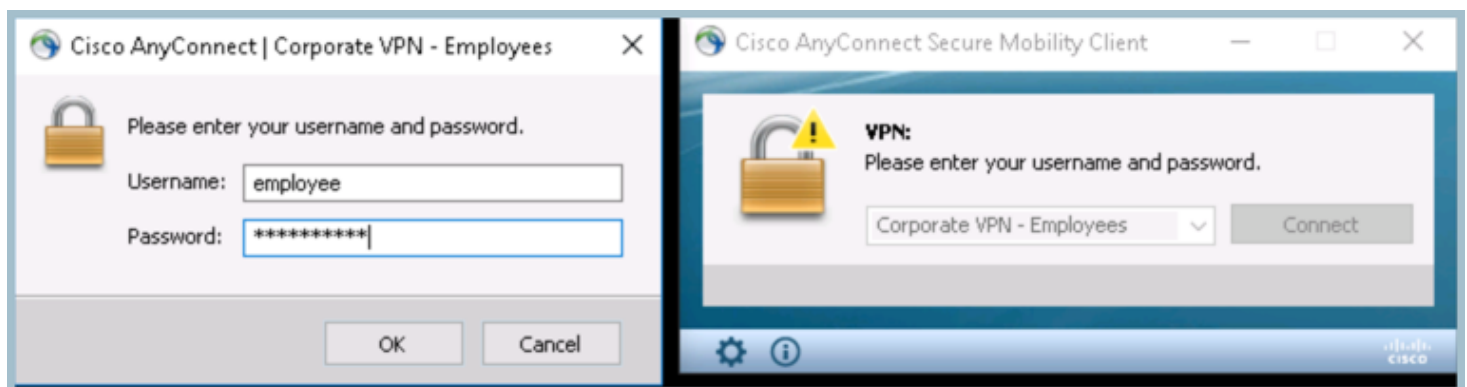
In this task, we will use the Remote Workstation to connect to the Telnet server.

1. Open <https://dcloud.cisco.com> in a web browser and select **My Hub**
2. Select **View** for the current Cisco Secure Network Analytics Customer Test Drive 7.3.0.
3. Select the **Remote Desktop hyperlink** under Remote Workstation, as illustrated below.

**Note:** If you have trouble connecting to the Remote Desktop, you may need to Re-boot the workstation from the Servers utility.

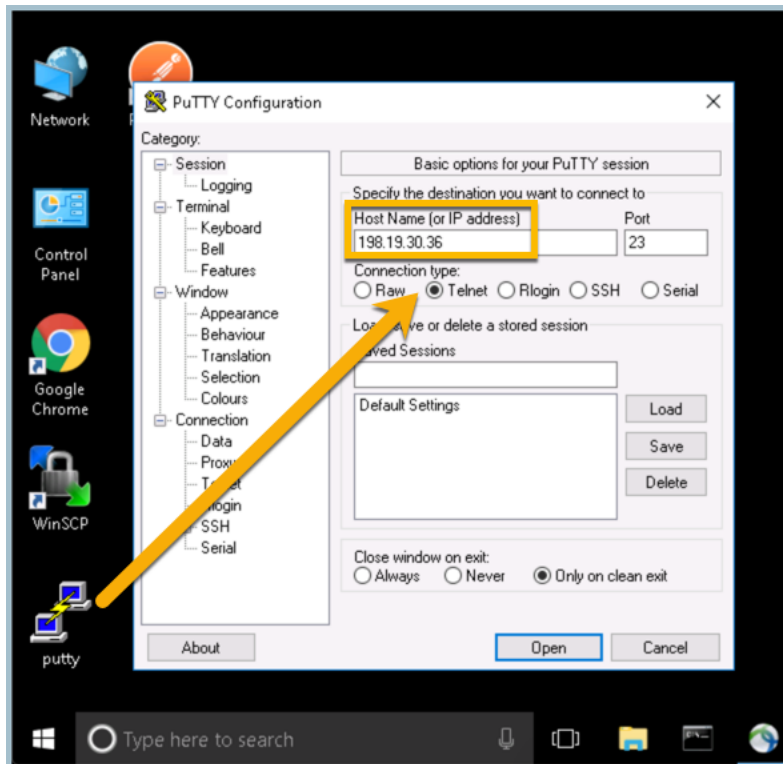


4. If you are prompted to log in, type **admin** for the username and **C1sco12345** for the password.
5. **Launch** AnyConnect (if it does not automatically display; it is located in the services menu in the bottom right corner) and **Login** to Cisco AnyConnect Corporate VPN – Employees profile with username **employee** and password **C1sco12345**.

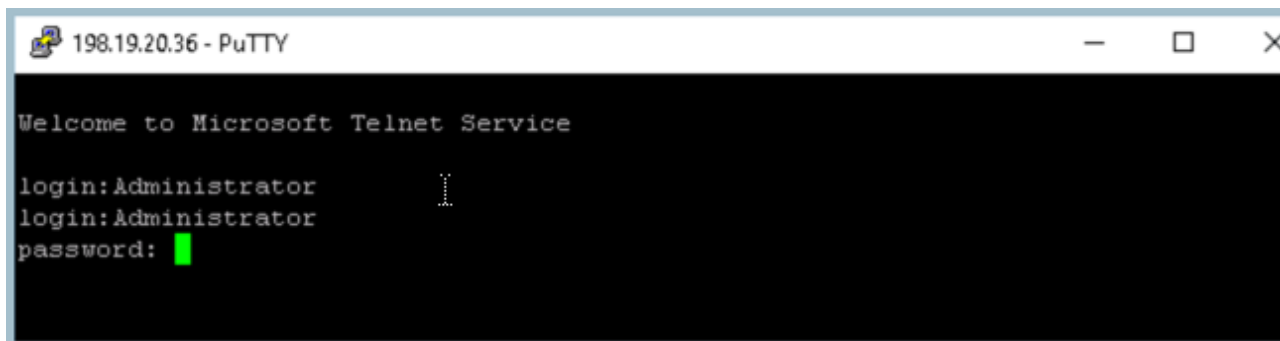




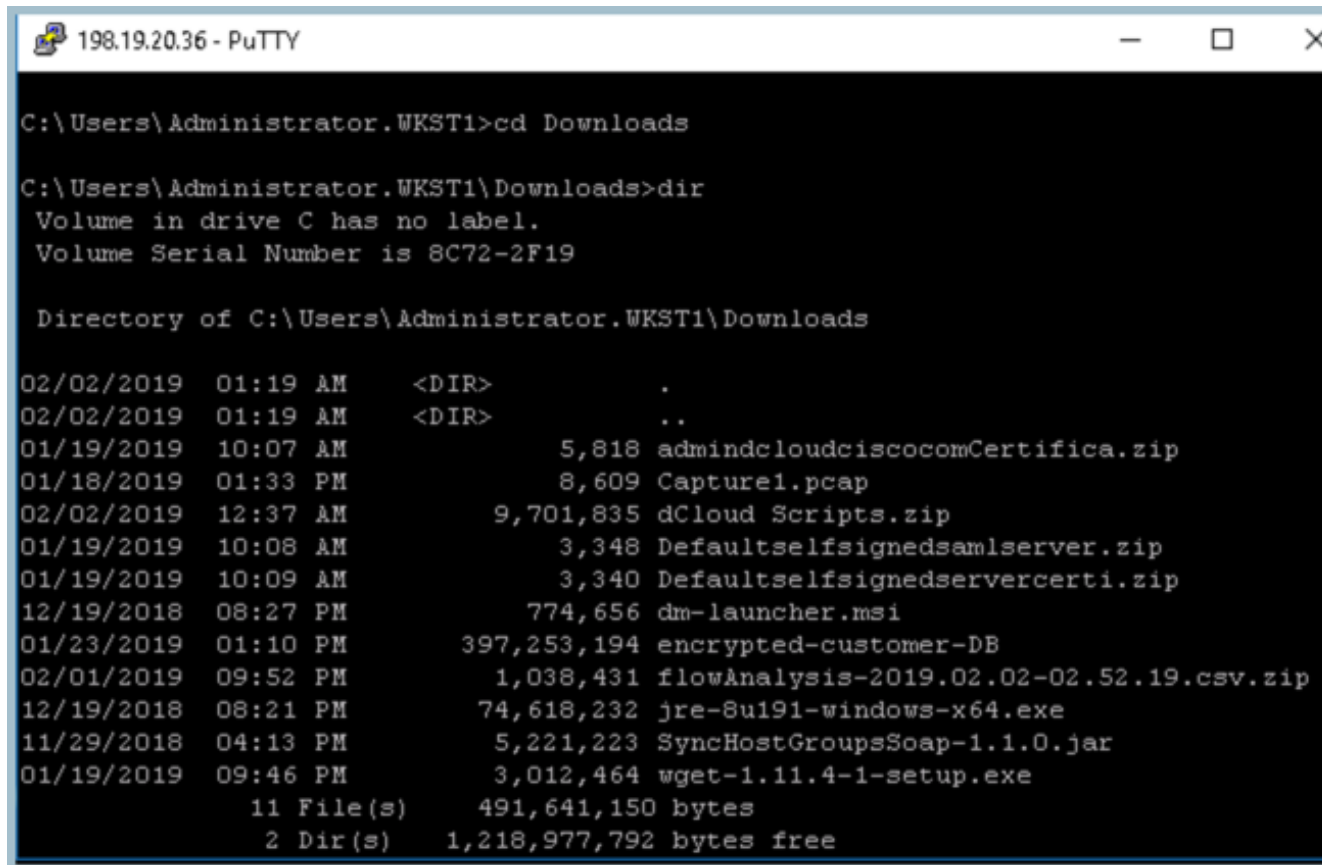
6. Launch **Putty** from the desktop and enter **198.19.30.36** in the host name field.
7. Select **Telnet**.



8. Press the **Enter** key to begin logging into the Telnet session use username **Administrator** with password **C1sco12345**.



9. Run a few commands to validate you have a successful Telnet session into 198.19.30.36. Start with `ipconfig` to verify the IP address. Next enter `cd Downloads` and `dir` to list the directory as illustrated below. Type `exit` to drop the Telnet session.



```
198.19.20.36 - PuTTY
C:\Users\Administrator.WKST1>cd Downloads
C:\Users\Administrator.WKST1\Downloads>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 8C72-2F19

Directory of C:\Users\Administrator.WKST1\Downloads

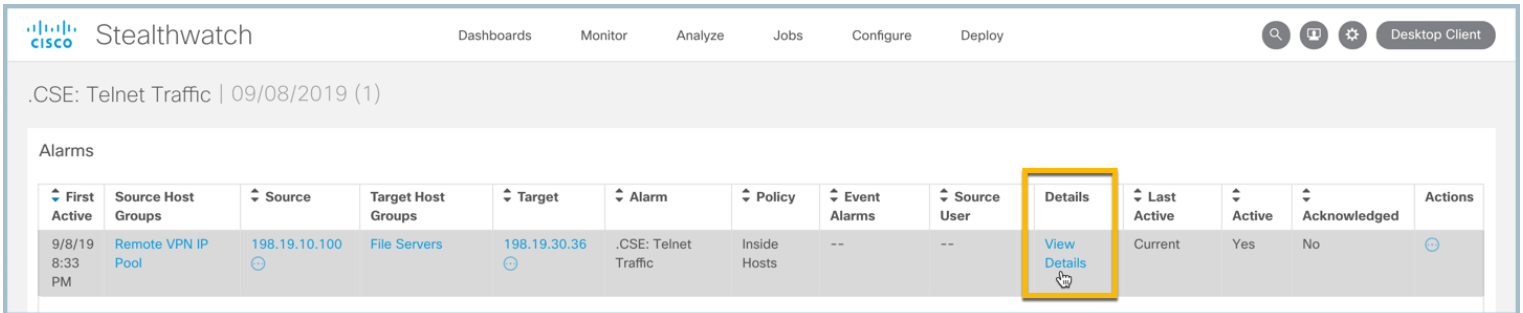
02/02/2019  01:19 AM    <DIR>          .
02/02/2019  01:19 AM    <DIR>          ..
01/19/2019  10:07 AM             5,818 admincloudciscocomCertifica.zip
01/18/2019  01:33 PM             8,609 Capture1.pcap
02/02/2019  12:37 AM          9,701,835 dCloud Scripts.zip
01/19/2019  10:08 AM             3,348 Defaultselfsignedsamlserver.zip
01/19/2019  10:09 AM             3,340 Defaultselfsignedservercerti.zip
12/19/2018  08:27 PM          774,656 dm-launcher.msi
01/23/2019  01:10 PM        397,253,194 encrypted-customer-DB
02/01/2019  09:52 PM        1,038,431 flowAnalysis-2019.02.02-02.52.19.csv.zip
12/19/2018  08:21 PM        74,618,232 jre-8u191-windows-x64.exe
11/29/2018  04:13 PM        5,221,223 SyncHostGroupsSoap-1.1.0.jar
01/19/2019  09:46 PM        3,012,464 wget-1.11.4-1-setup.exe
           11 File(s)      491,641,150 bytes
           2 Dir(s)   1,218,977,792 bytes free
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Now, let's take a look at the Policy Violation custom security event created for Internal Telnet Traffic

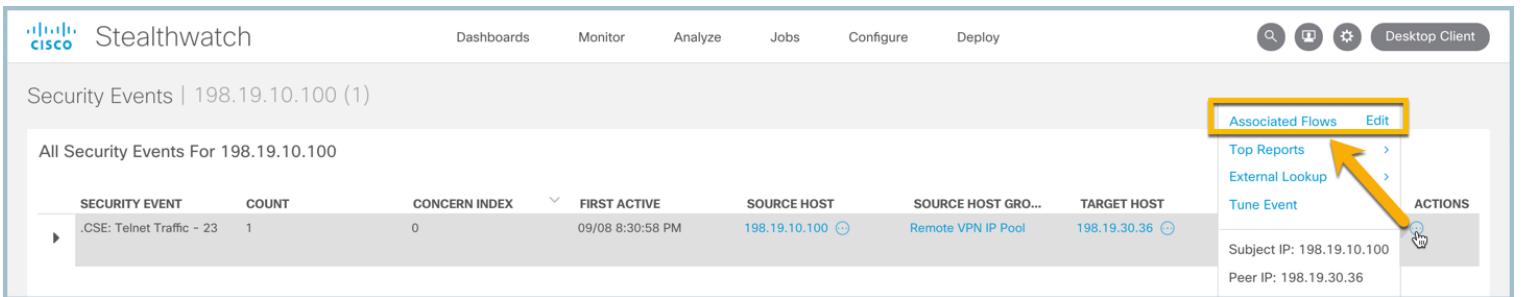


This will bring up the host in question violating policy, as shown below.

4. In the details dialog box, select the hyperlink to **View Details** and investigate what policy was violated and get more information as to the security event that fired



5. Here we can see the Custom Security Event we created has fired for Internal Telnet Traffic.
6. To see additional information, click the circle under **Actions** and select Associated Flows.



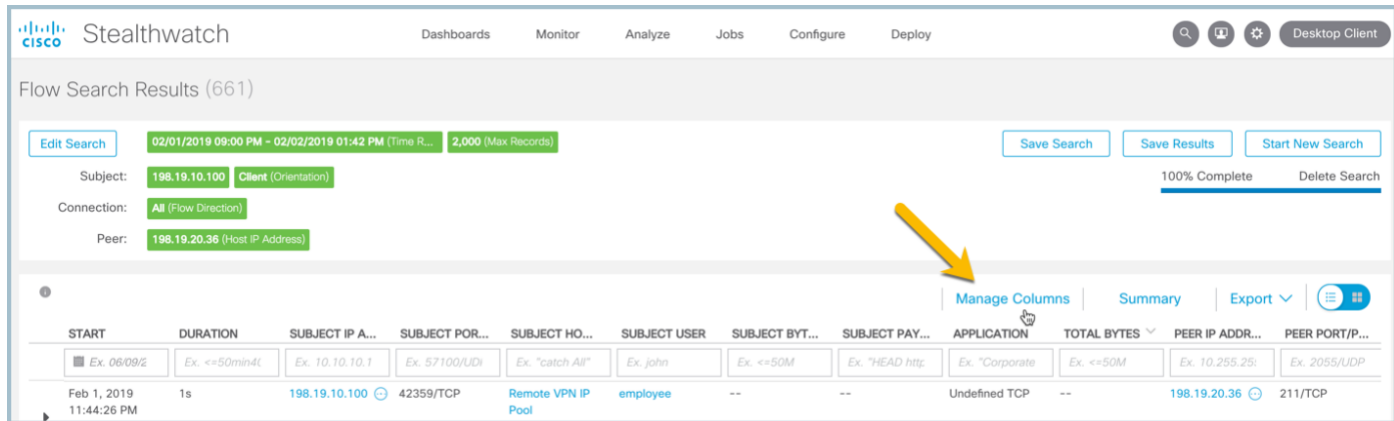
With AnyConnect 4.2 forward, it can be configured to export accounting telemetry into Secure Network Analytics to provide additional information about endpoints on the network. This additional information includes the process name and user associated with a network connection.

See this article for information on AnyConnect exporting flow information for visibility: <https://blogs.cisco.com/security/an-introduction-to-the-new-cisco-network-visibility-flow-protocol-nvzflow>

Let's view the process information associated with the flow.

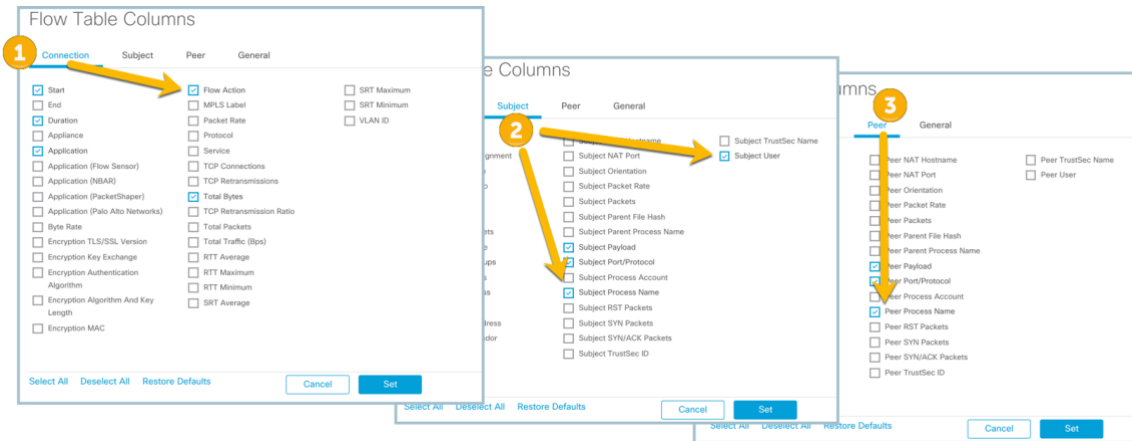
- Select **Manage Columns** with the flow search results as illustrated below.

**Figure 4.** Associated Flows



1. Check **Flow Action** in the **Connection** section, as illustrated below. This will show firewall action when flow is collected from an NGFW or ASA.
2. Check **Subject Process Name** and **Subject User** in the **Subject** section, as illustrated below. This will show process and user information exported from AnyConnect nvzflow.
3. Check **Peer Process Name** in the **Peer** section, as illustrated below.
4. Click **Set**.

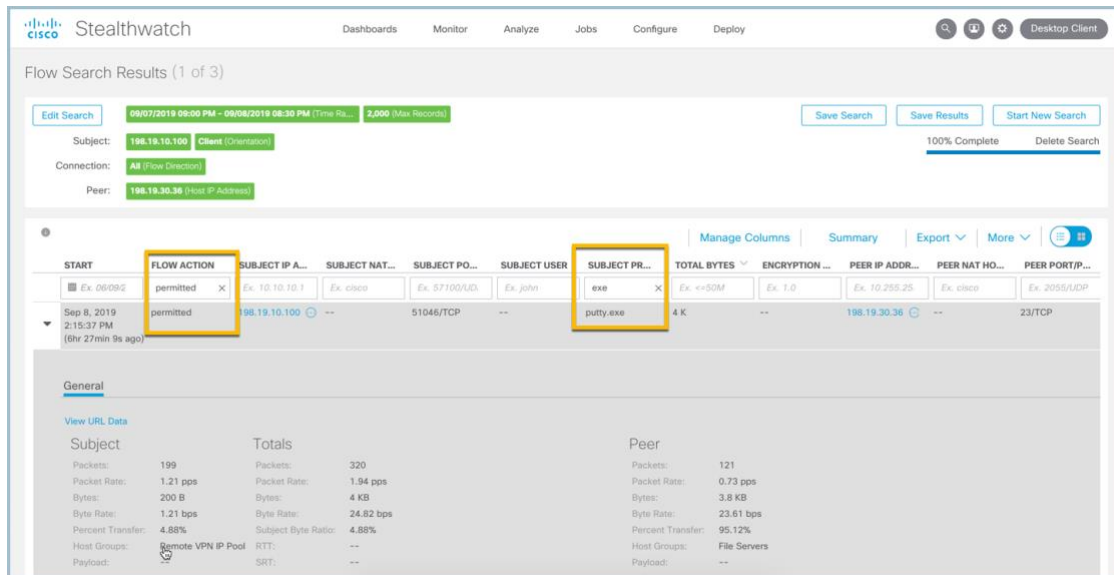
**Figure 5.** Manage Columns



As you can see within the Column selector above, there is a great deal of context that can be written into a Secure Network Analytics flow record to build a general ledger of network conversations.

Let's investigate with this added context:

1. Type **permitted** in the **Flow Action filter** as illustrated below. This will show all flows that were permitted through a firewall.
2. Type **.exe** in the **Subject Process filter** as illustrated below. This will display any flows with .exe in the process name.
3. Make note of the **putty.exe** that was used in the previous lab to telnet into 198.19.30.36.

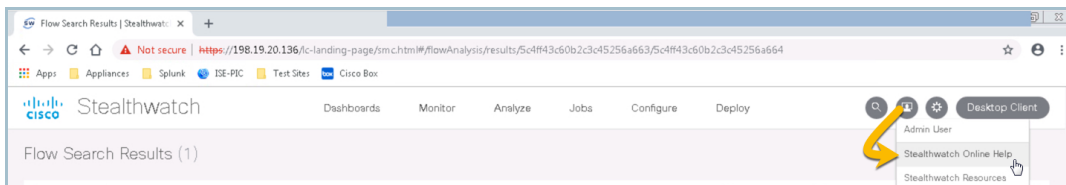


**Note:** you can connect back to the Remote VPN Workstation and use Nmap on the desktop to generate more traffic targeting the internal 198.19.20.0/24 subnet if you would like to explore more.

In this test case we created a custom security event to notify us if Secure Network Analytics ever sees internal Telnet traffic an alarm will fire as indicated above.

Telnet is an unsecure protocol with clear text traffic. It should never be used. This is just an example of how to create custom security events within Secure Network Analytics

Explore more within the interface and select the context sensitive Secure Network Analytics Help on various screens as shown below. The context sensitive help will explain the information displayed on various reports.



## Summary

Within this test plan, you learned:

- How to create a Custom Security Event for Telnet communications.
- How to generate telnet traffic from the network.
- How to review the Network Security dashboard for Custom Security Alarms.

## Lab 7. Detect suspicious SMB traffic

Threat actors frequently target organizations by exploiting the Server Message Block (SMB) protocol to gain control of hosts. SMB is commonly used in many organizations and attackers use it to mask their activities on the network. Targeted destructive malware, such as Conficker, exploits vulnerabilities in SMB to deploy proxy tools, backdoors, and destructive tools.

Watch the supporting lab video overview here > <https://cs.co/SWTestDrive-Lab7>.

**“Your company’s sensitive information is my gain.”**

**Goals**

- 1 Gain strategic advantages over an adversary (espionage, sabotage, etc)
- 2 Place automated, custom malicious code on your machines, created for specific attacks
- 3 Hunt for vulnerable host and escalate privileges. Spread to the rest of your network gain from the exfiltration of data or the installation of malware

**Attack Vectors**

- Spear Phishing
- Scanning/Probing
- Drive-By Malware
- 0-Day Viruses
- Command and Control
- Custom Malware

**Mitigation Techniques**

- Incident Response and investigation
- Anomaly/covert channel detection
- User Behavioral Analytics
- SIEM-based event log correlation and analysis
- Data Loss Prevention solutions (Data at Rest, and Data in Motion)

**Expertise**

**Security**

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**SecOps Strategy**

- MONITOR**  
Monitor for data exfiltration to the Internet or other unusual destinations
- TRACK**  
Track anomalous network traffic such as excessive flows from an endpoint to a valuable server
- FLAG**  
Flag inadmissible relationships such as desktops to desktops, desktops to HR, or ATMs to Internet

**Andy**  
**The Advanced Persistent Threat**

**Google This:**  
Sony cyber attack, Hacked US Election  
Korea Hacker Training

**Age:** 18-60  
**Location:** Global  
**Description:** Advanced persistent threats are orchestrated by a person or group to target either private organizations and/or states for political or business motives. These hackers are highly covert over a long period of time.

On Friday, May 12, 2017, computer users around the world faced a new and very dangerous threat from malware discovered on the Internet dubbed WannaCry. This malware has been traced back to a cache of malware reported stolen from a government agency and disclosed by unknown attackers less than a year ago.

Captured in the wild and examined by members of Cisco’s industry - leading Talos threat intelligence team, the initial strain of WannaCry contains a malware payload that installs ransomware on an infected host computer. It scans heavily over TCP port 445 and can make use of a vulnerability present in certain unpatched Windows machines. WannaCry has the ability to spread throughout a network, similar to a worm, leading to widespread infections. WannaCry is wreaking havoc across the Internet, and we are likely to see variants for years to come.



## Test Drive Objective

Security events contribute index points to alarms. Alarms are grouped into Alarm categories.

Secure Network Analytics monitors for hosts with many SMB sessions with hosts outside the network, which is consistent with worm propagation. The initial strain of WannaCry malware relies on the Server Message Block (SMB) protocol to infect and propagate computers running Microsoft Windows on the network. Secure Network Analytics has a number of alerts based on suspicious SMB activity. Specifically, high SMB traffic and SMB connections to numerous different hosts. This provides an easy indication of hosts compromised with WannaCry.

The initial strain of WannaCry malware will try to propagate inside the network laterally (from host to host) in an attempt to infect as many hosts as possible. This propagation action has been noted sometimes even before the malware triggers its ransomware payload. Secure Network Analytics is designed to detect lateral movements, especially between systems on the same subnet.

- Any reconnaissance and scanning activity, even between systems on the same subnet, is tracked by Stealthwatch.
- The Stealthwatch Worm Propagation detection report tracks and correlates scanning activity with successful connections to external command-and-control hosts, which is consistent with activity from WannaCry and other worms.

Secure Network Analytics will correlate different activities observed on a specific host computer and consider that IP as suspect based on numerical scores related to each observation. Secure Network Analytics then accumulates those scores under one index for each host IP address and raises an alarm called Concern Index. The higher this Concern Index numerical value rises, the more likely the host is engaging in malicious activity.

## Test Drive Requirements

The Secure Network Analytics system configuration minimum requirements are:

- Visibility of all host-to-host traffic from the core/distribution
- Stealthwatch Release 6.9 or greater

## Test Drive Outline

You will need to identify an IP address that will be the “attacker” along with an external IP or web address that you will transfer your simulated stolen data to during the following steps.

The “attacker” in this scenario will be sending packets targeting Windows file sharing SMB protocol 445/tcp.

Using the image below, ensure you are collecting full netflow somewhere along the path between the attacker and victim IP.

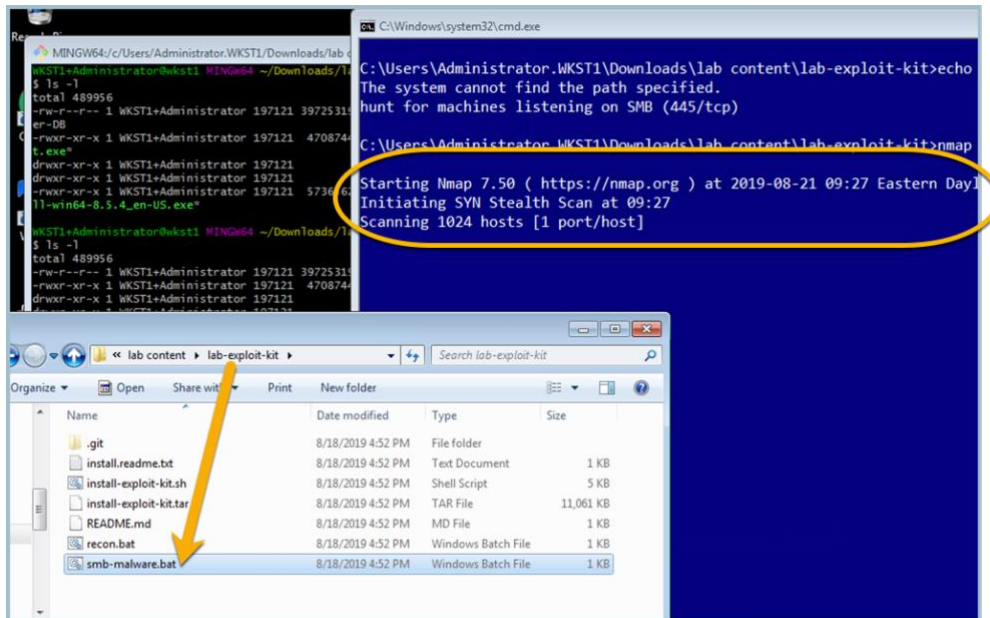


In this attack scenario, a Windows file share has been exposed to the public Internet and has become infected. This goes against security best practices.

## Download the Exploit-Kit and Execute smb-malware.bat

To simulate SMB malware, you will pull the lab scripts using GitHub.

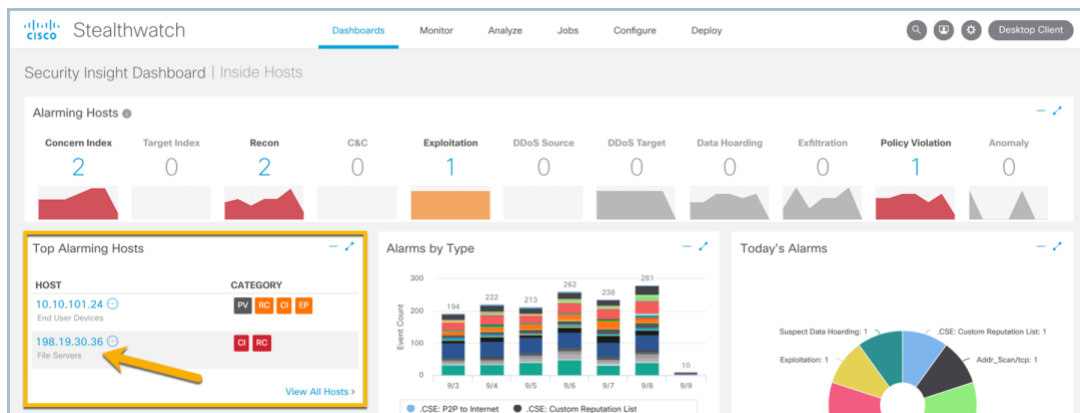
- From Wkst1, open **the Downloads** folder within Windows Explorer **and double-click the git-material.sh script**.
- Open the **lab-exploit-kit** folder double click on **smb-malware.bat**.
- The smb-malware.bat file will scan the 209.182.176.0/20 address space as shown below.



## Review Secure Network Analytics for the Alarms fired for High SMB Peers

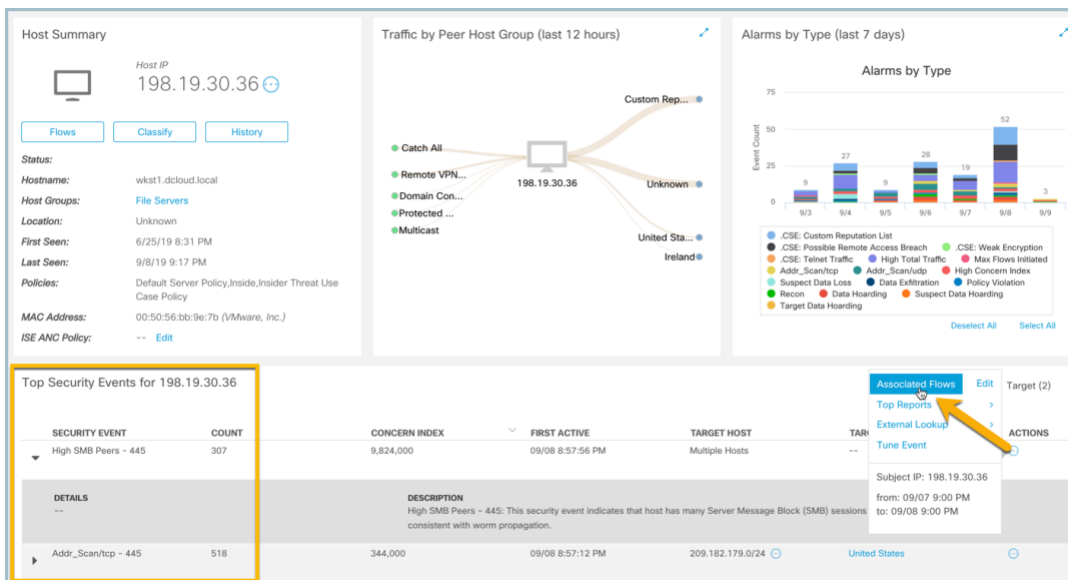
Open Chrome and select Appliances SMC (WebUI) from the Favorites folder.

- Log into Secure Network Analytics using the following: **admin / C1sco12345**
- The Security Insight Dashboard will display when successfully logged in as shown.
- Navigate to the Top Alarming Hosts widget and select the attacker (**198.19.30.36**) to view a Host Snapshot of the host.



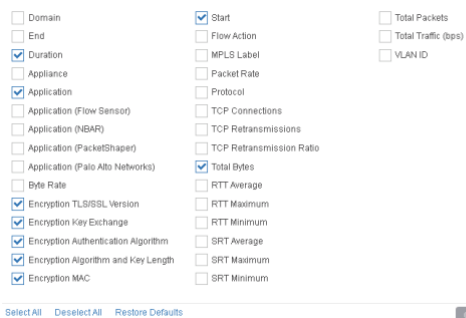
- When the Host Snapshot displays, scroll down to **Top Security Events** as shown below
- Observe the security event **High SMB Peers – 445**. The nmap scan has tripped a security event which indicates that a host has many Server Message Block (SMB) sessions to the outside, which is consistent with the WannaCry malware.
- Select from the Top Security Events widget, under **Actions > Associated Flows**.

Figure 6. Top Security Events



This will run a flow query for the flows associated with this security event.

7. Scroll down to see the flows related to the nmap scan.
8. To get a condensed view of the flows select the **Manage Columns > Connection** tab from the flow query and **de-select:** (if applicable)
  - a. Encryption TLS/SSL Version
  - b. Encryption Key Exchange
  - c. Encryption Authentication Algorithm
  - d. Encryption Algorithm and Key Length
  - e. Encryption MAC



9. Select **Set**.
10. Notice all the flows related to SMB Traffic to the address space scanned using nmap.

Flow Search Results (1,064)

09/07/2019 09:00 PM - 09/08/2019 09:00 PM (Time Range) 2,000 (Max Records)

Subject: 198.19.30.36 Client (Orientation)

Connection: All (Flow Direction)

Peer: Outside Hosts (Host Groups) 445/tcp (Port / Protocol) 445/udp (Port / Protocol)

START	FLOW ACTION	SUBJECT IP A...	SUBJECT NAT...	SUBJECT PO...	SUBJECT PR...	TOTAL BYTES	PEER IP ADDR...	PEER NAT HO...	PEER PORT/P...	PEER PROCES...	ACTIONS
Ex. 06/09/2	Ex. permitted	Ex. 10.10.10.1	Ex. cisco	Ex. 57100/UDP	Ex. chrome.ex	Ex. <=50M	Ex. 10.255.25	Ex. cisco	Ex. 2055/UDP	Ex. chrome.ex	
Sep 8, 2019 8:58:01 PM (24min 24s ago)	--	198.19.30.36	--	46238/TCP	--	--	209.182.183.12	--	445/TCP	--	⊖
Sep 8, 2019 8:58:01 PM (24min 24s ago)	--	198.19.30.36	--	46238/TCP	--	--	209.182.183.10	--	445/TCP	--	⊖
Sep 8, 2019 8:58:01 PM (24min 24s ago)	--	198.19.30.36	--	46238/TCP	--	--	209.182.180.11	--	445/TCP	--	⊖

Explore more within the interface and select the context sensitive Stealthwatch Online Help on various screens shown below. The context sensitive help will assist in explaining the information displayed on various reports.

Flow Search Results | Stealthwatc: x +

Not secure | https://198.19.20.136/lc-landing-page/sm.c.html#/flowAnalysis/results/5c4ff43c60b2c3c45256a663/5c4ff43c60b2c3c45256a664

Apps Appliances Splunk ISE-PIC Test Sites Cisco Box

Stealthwatch Dashboards Monitor Analyze Jobs Configure Deploy

Desktop Client

- Admin User
- Stealthwatch Online Help
- Stealthwatch Resources

## Summary

Within this test plan, you learned:

- How to simulate SMB traffic using nmap.
- How to review the Network Security dashboard for Top Alarming Hosts.

## Lab 8. Network segmentation violations

Network administrators are faced with the challenge of creating policies that are effective and do not impede legitimate access. Administrators often do not know the roles of everyone within the company, nor what assets they need access to. They need to be able to see existing network traffic, and they need a way to model policies and assess their accuracy without enforcing them.

Watch the supporting lab video overview here > <https://cs.co/SWTestDrive-Lab8>.

**“Your identity and personal information is my currency.”**

### Goals

- 1 Financial Gain

### Attack Vectors

- Phishing
- Malware
- DDoS for Hire
- Ransomware
- Spear Phishing
- Botnets feeding PII to a central Location
- Spam
- Social Engineering

### Mitigation Techniques

- Web Application Firewalls
- Security audits on code
- Air-Gapping PII-containing systems
- Encrypting PII data
- Regular penetration testing
- Enforce the use of anti-virus and anti-malware software
- Exfiltration, bot-net/C&C, and long, slow attack detection

### Expertise

**Security**

NOVICE ————— EXPERT

**Networking**

NOVICE ————— EXPERT

### SecOps Strategy

- SURVEY**  
Survey for C&C, botnet activity, anomalies like Fake Apps, spikes in DNS traffic and data exfiltration
- TRACK**  
Track unusual flows such as long, slow flows or flows involving suspect foreign countries
- EDUCATE**  
Education on phishing, malware and other common entry vectors

## Oscar

### The Organized Criminal

**Google This:**  
ShadowCrew, Russian Business Network, Xbox Underground, CryptoWall profit

**Age:** 12-60

**Location:** Global

**Description:** Organized Criminals hack mainly for financial gain. They steal and trade, buy, and sell credit cards and other personally identifiable information (PII) among their own private networks and on the dark web.

## Test Drive Objectives

Secure Network Analytics provides visibility into network traffic, which allows network administrators to do the following:

- Inventory network assets and classify them based on role or function
- Gain insight into user behavior and interactions on the network

With the information provided by Secure Network Analytics, an administrator can design segmentation based on network activity. Using host and host group policies, proposed segmentation policies can be tested without enforcing them. Alarms can be created to trigger on policies to see what affect they might have without disrupting critical business activities.

## Test Drive Requirements

The Secure Network Analytics system configuration minimum requirements are:

- Visibility of all host-to-host traffic from the core/distribution
- Cisco Identity Service Engine for user information
- Stealthwatch Release 6.9 or greater

## Test Drive Outline

Task 1: Verify the current host group tree

Task 2: Demonstrate how host group automation can work with an IPAM to help with segmentation

Task 3: Create a policy and test out network segmentation violations

## Test Drive Scenario:

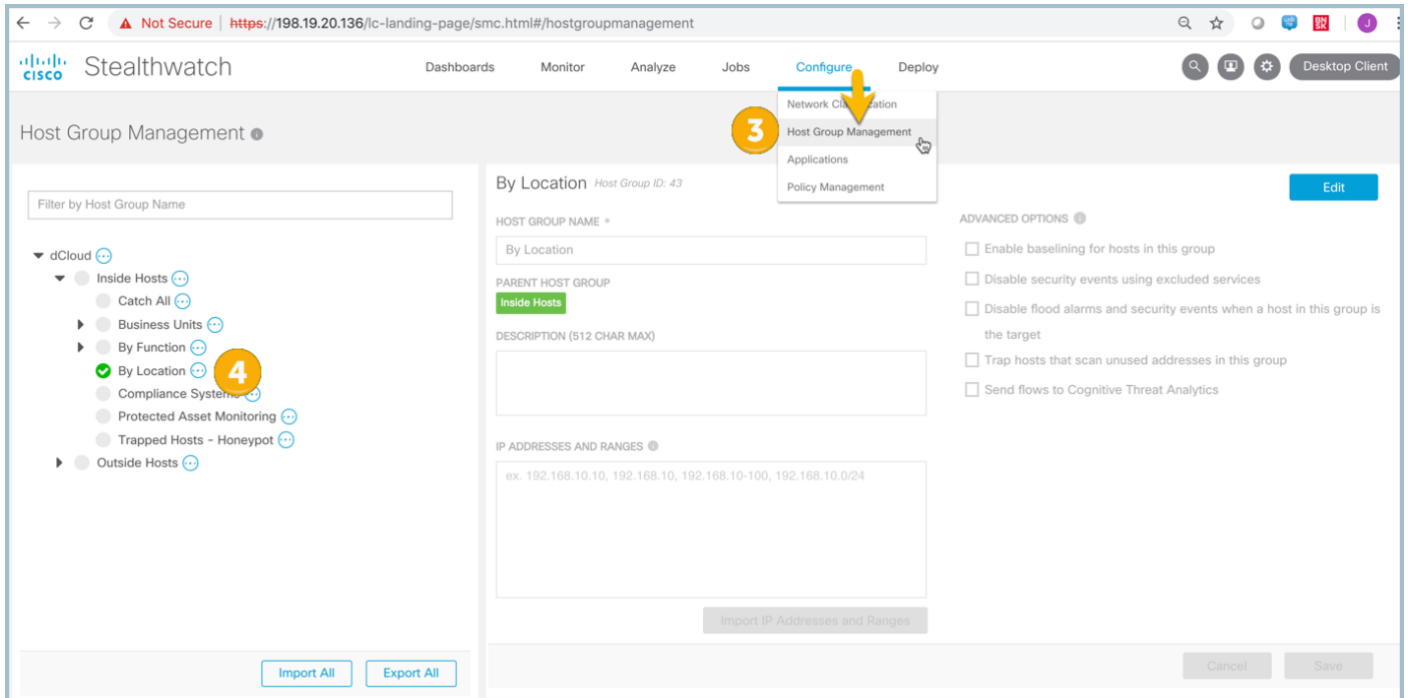
When we think of security at the network level, we immediately call to mind firewalls, access control lists, and other complex, static methods of security enforcement. Alternative techniques for separating traffic or secluding host communities often rely on even more complexity, such as VRF's. Agility becomes a challenge with these static methods, costs increase as we add more devices into the network for security enforcement, or complexity increases in trying to maintain a consistent, network wide policy. While these challenges are in themselves barriers to success, perhaps an even bigger challenge is in validation and ongoing knowledge of whether these efforts are working or effective at achieving the intended goal.

Secure Network Analytics is uniquely suited to validating the results of your security investment by providing full disclosure of what is happening in the network before and after deploying security measures.

This scenario uses the comprehensive Flow Query tool to validate network segmentation between host device communities. What methods do you have to quickly discern the effectiveness of your security efforts?

## Task 1: Verify the current host group tree

1. Log in to Secure Network Analytics: Open Chrome, and then select Favorites > Appliances > SMC (WebUI).
2. Log in to the SMC using the following username and password credentials: **admin** / **Cisco12345**.
3. Select **Configure** > **Host Group Management**.
4. **Highlight** By Location and make note that there are no sub groups under **By Location**. We will use the API to programmatically update this group structure.

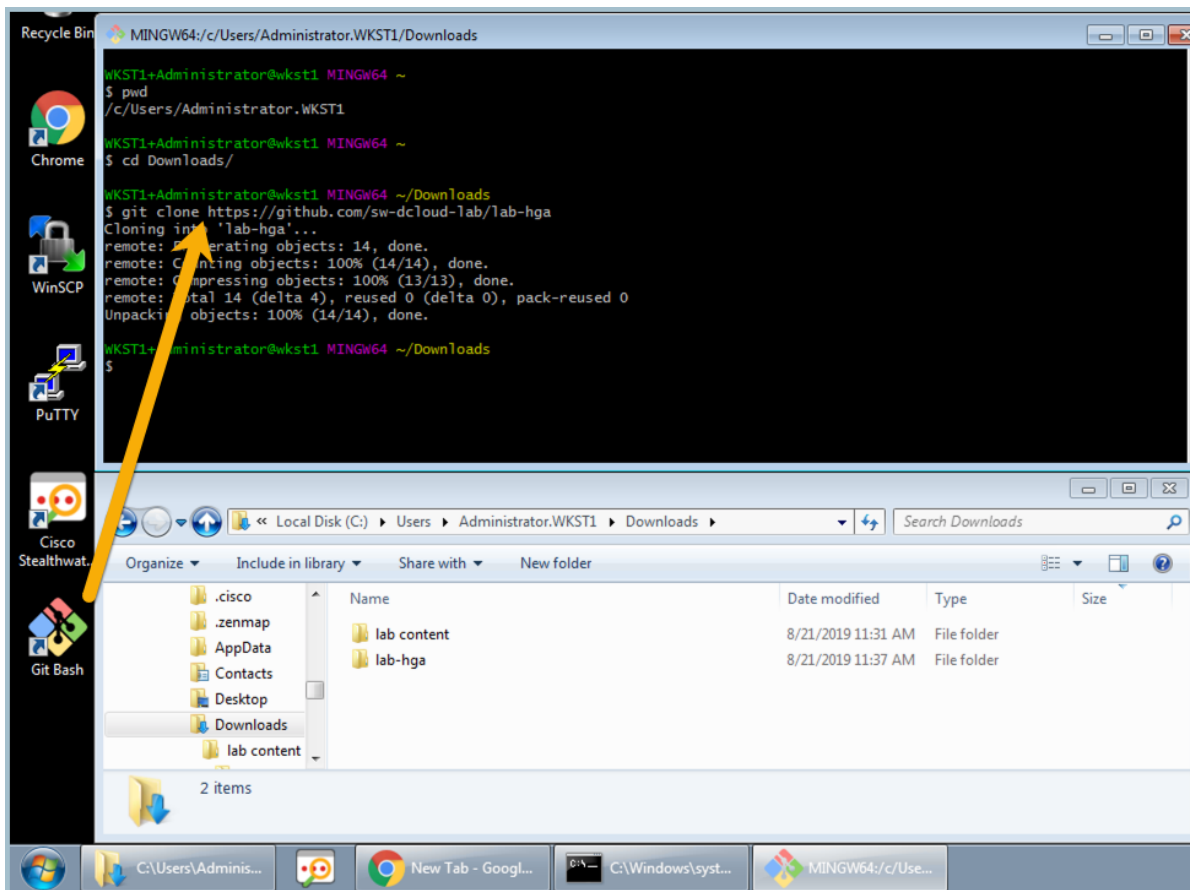




## Task 2: Demonstrate how host group automation can work with an IPAM to help with segmentation

We will be using GitHub to pull the lab scripts.

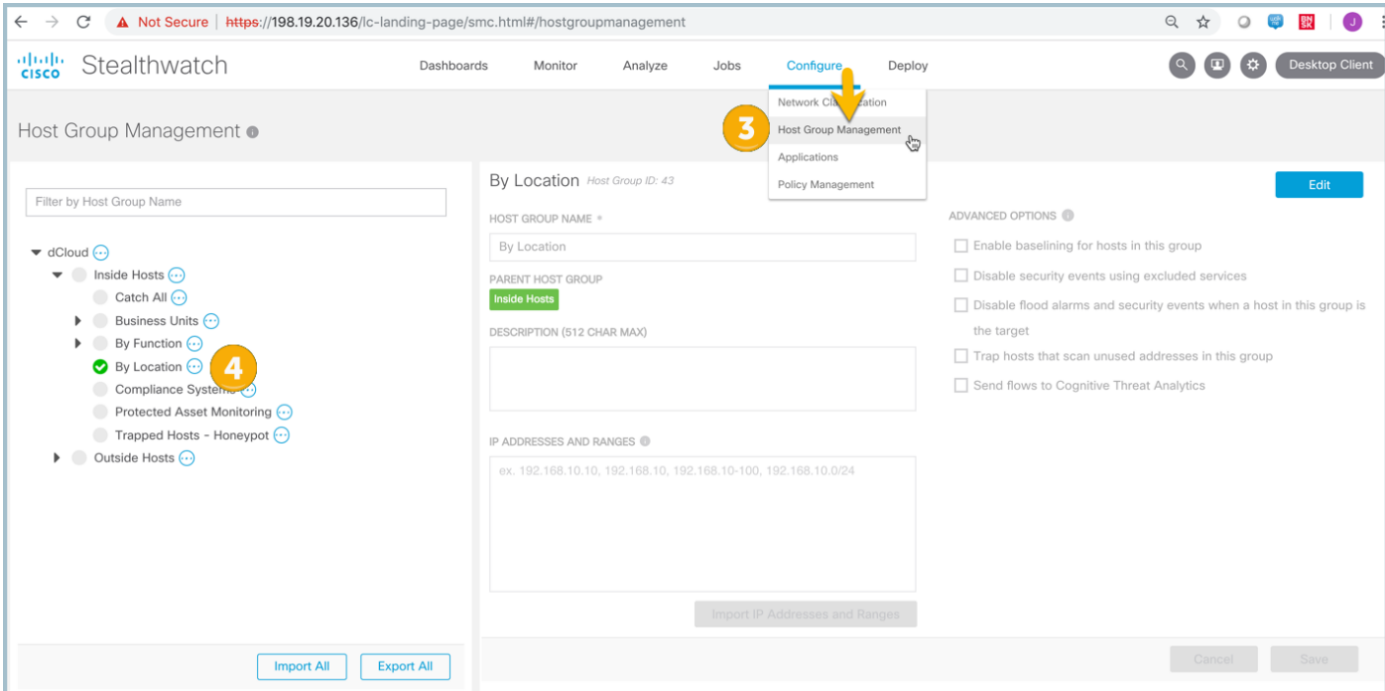
1. From the Wkst1 desktop, launch the **Git Bash** program as illustrated below.
2. Type **pwd** to verify you are in the /c/Users/Administrator.WKST1 directory.
3. Type **cd Downloads**, and then press **Enter**.
4. Type **git clone https://github.com/sw-dcloud-lab/lab-hga**, and then press **Enter** to download.



**Note:** If the lab-hga folder already exists, you can refresh content by changing directories **cd** into /Downloads/lab-hga and run **git pull https://github.com/sw-dcloud-lab/lab-hga**.



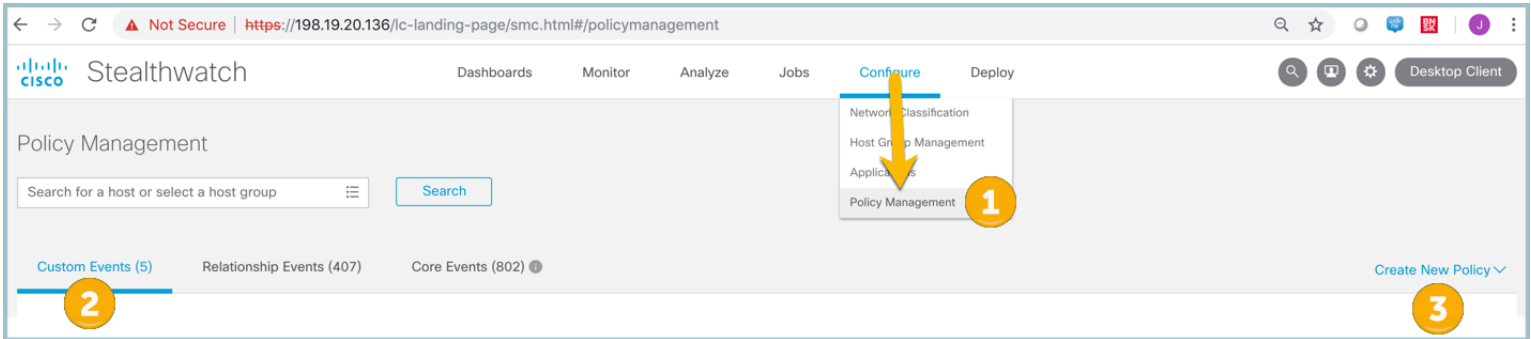
3. Select **Configure** > **Host Group Management**.
4. Highlight **By Location** and make note of the updated locations with IP ranges.
5. Highlight **Protected Asset Monitoring** and make note of the IP address **198.19.20.134**.



## Task 3: Create a policy and test out network segmentation violations

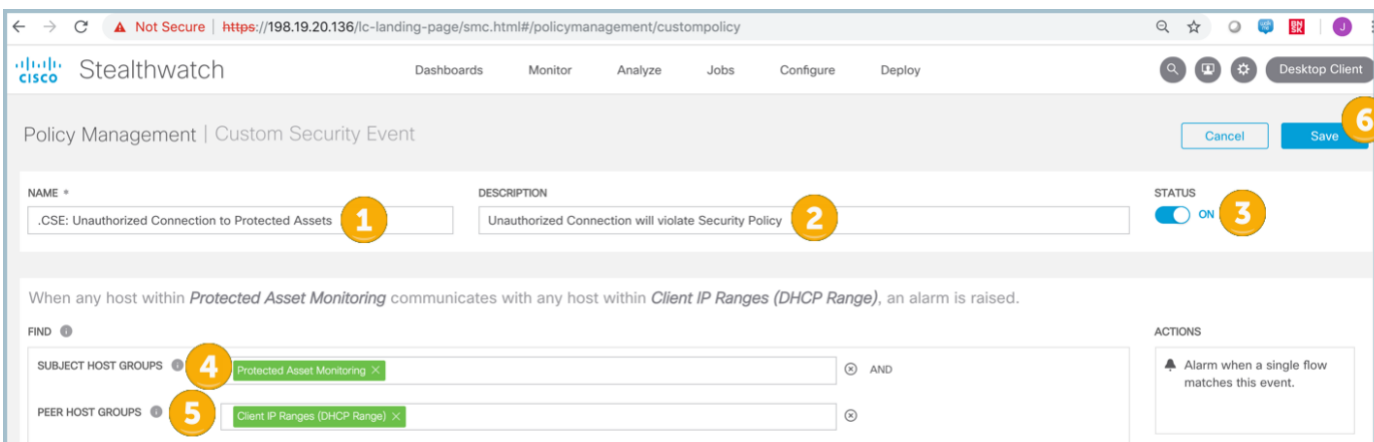
In this task, we will create a custom security event and test out the new policy.

1. Open the SMC web interface and navigate to **Configure > Policy Management**.
2. Select **Custom Events**.
3. Select **Create New Policy > Custom Security Event**.



Complete the following steps:

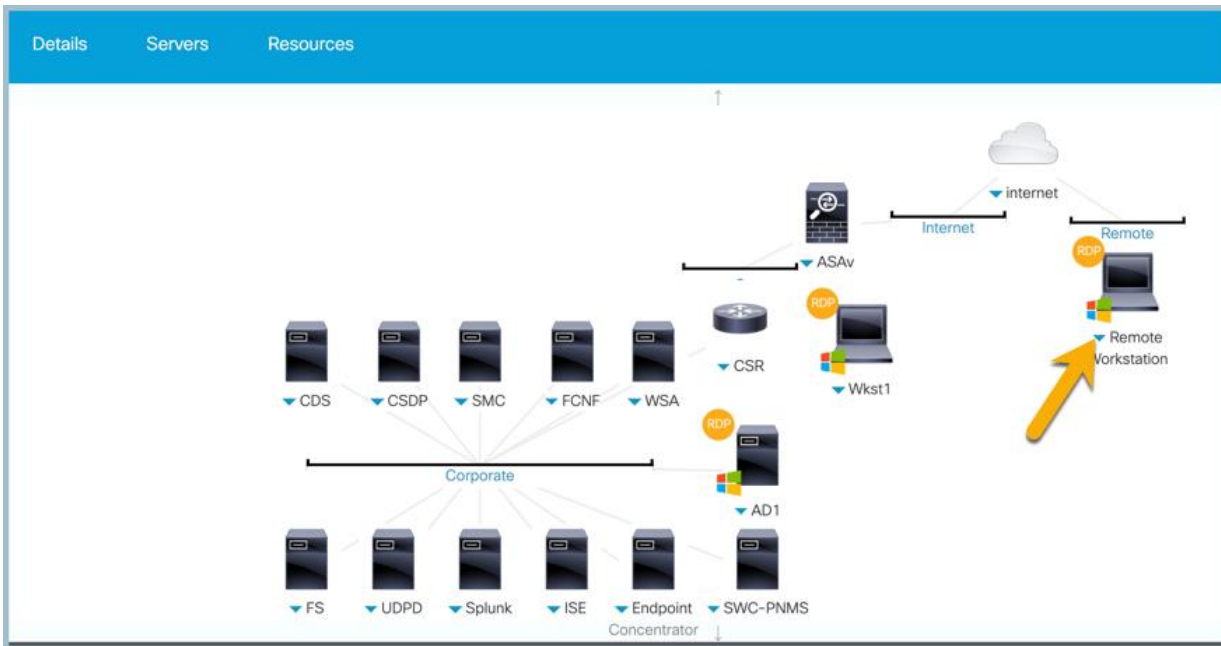
1. Enter Name: **.CSE: Unauthorized Connection to Protected Assets**.
2. Take note of the **period (.)** in front of the CSE which will cause the name to sort first.
2. (Optional) Enter description: **Unauthorized Connection will violate Security Policy**.
3. Status: **On**.
4. Find **+** and select **Subject Host Group = Protected Asset Monitoring**.
5. Find **+** and select **Peer Host Group = Client IP Ranges (DHCP Range)**.
6. **Save** as illustrated below.



In this task, we will use the Remote Workstation to connect to the Telnet server.

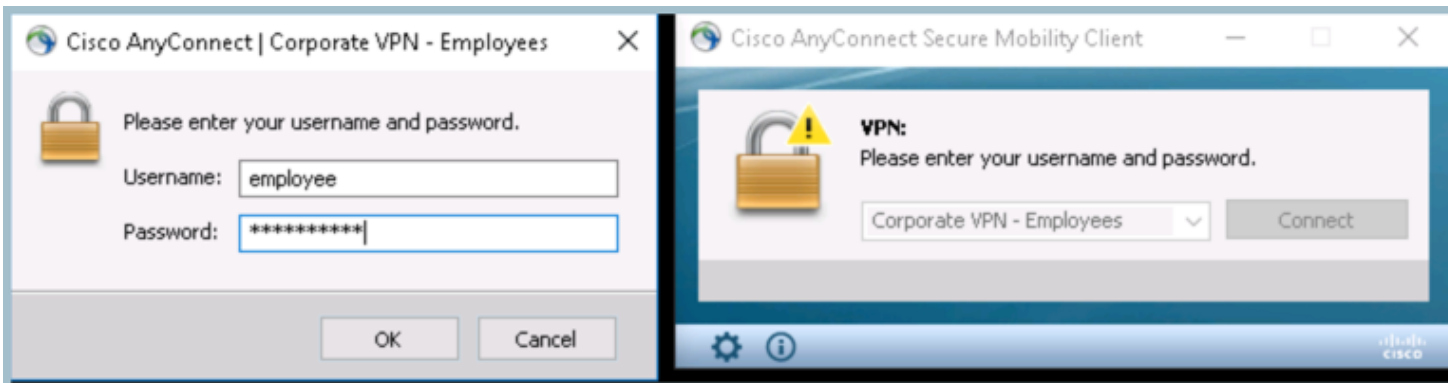
1. Open <https://dcloud.cisco.com> in a web browser, and then select **My Hub**.
2. Select **View** for the current Cisco Secure Network Analytics 7.1 & ETA Test Drive Lab.

3. Select the [Remote Desktop hyperlink](#) under Remote Workstation as illustrated below.



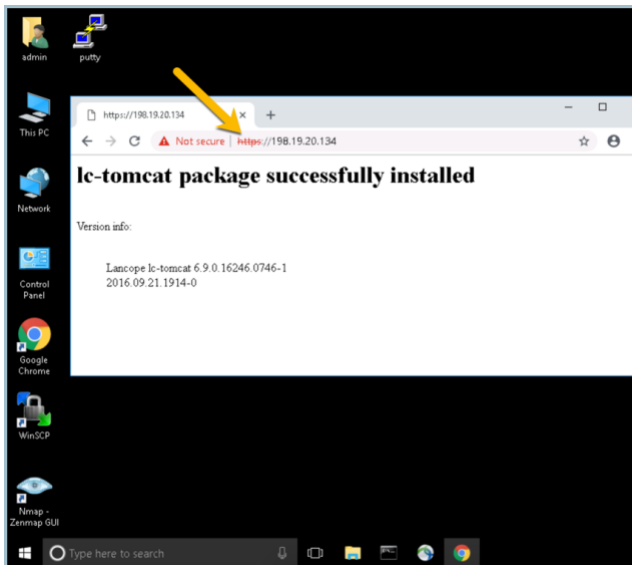
4. If you are prompted to log in, use **admin** for the username and **C1sco12345** for the password.
5. Launch AnyConnect and log in to Cisco AnyConnect Corporate VPN – Employees profile with username **employee** and password **C1sco12345**.

**Note:** AnyConnect may already be running from a previous session.



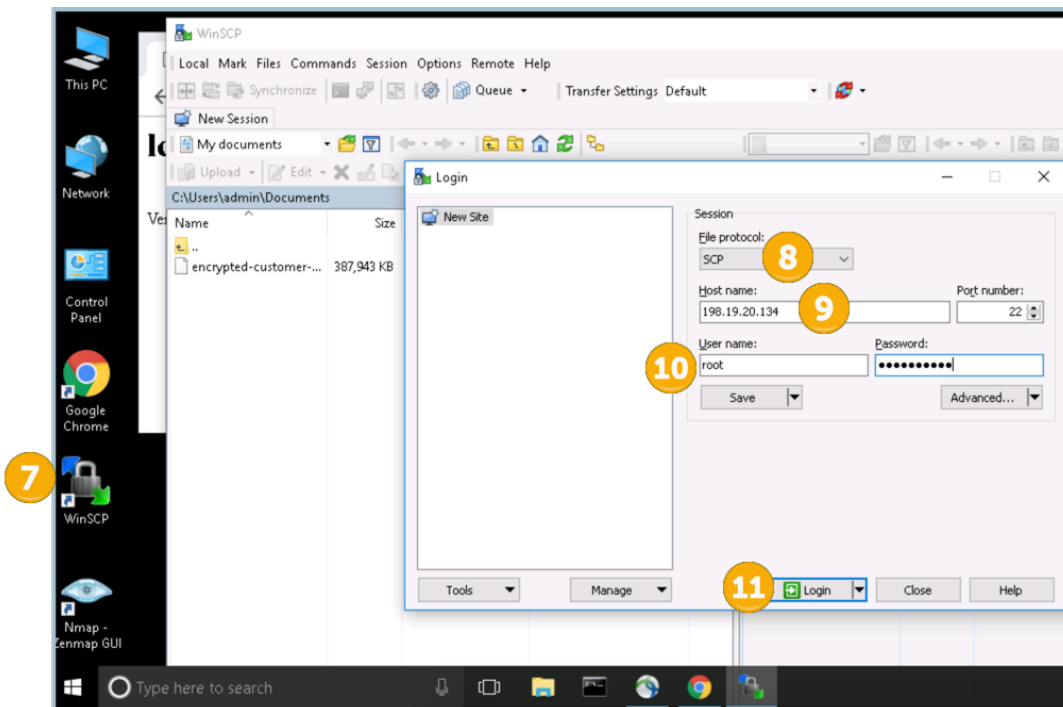
### Generate traffic to the Protected Assets host group

6. Launch **Chrome** from the desktop, and then enter **https://198.19.20.134** in the host name field
  - a. Note: Allow the security exception if requested

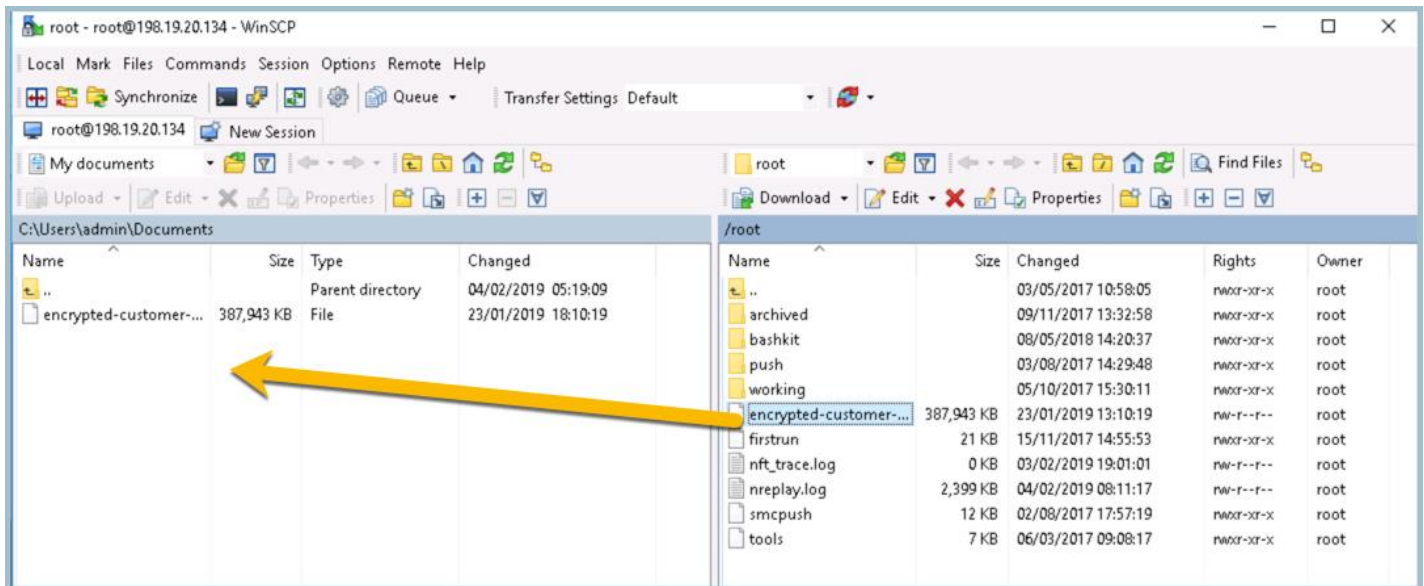


7. Close Chrome, and then **launch WinScp** from the desktop as illustrated below.
8. For File Protocol, select **SCP**.
9. For the Host Name, **Type 198.19.20.134**.
10. Enter **root** for the **username** and **C1sco12345** for the **password**.
11. Select **Login**.

**Note:** If a security exception displays, select **Yes**.



12. **Drag and drop** the file **encrypted-customer-DB** from the /root folder on the right panel to the Documents folder in the left panel as illustrated below. Once the file finishes copying, close Winscp.



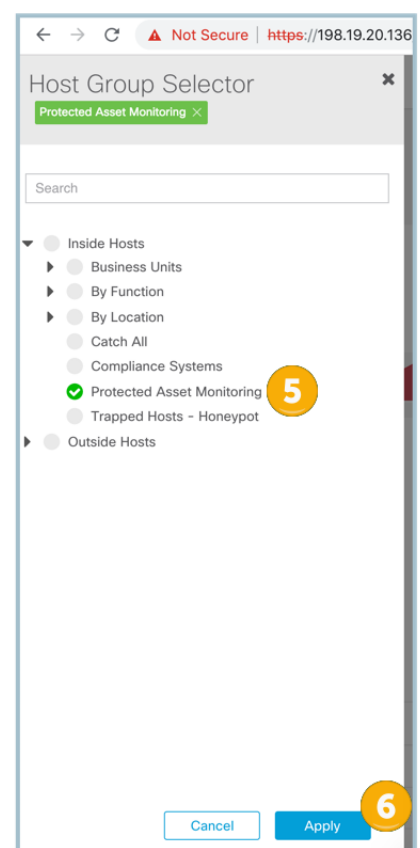
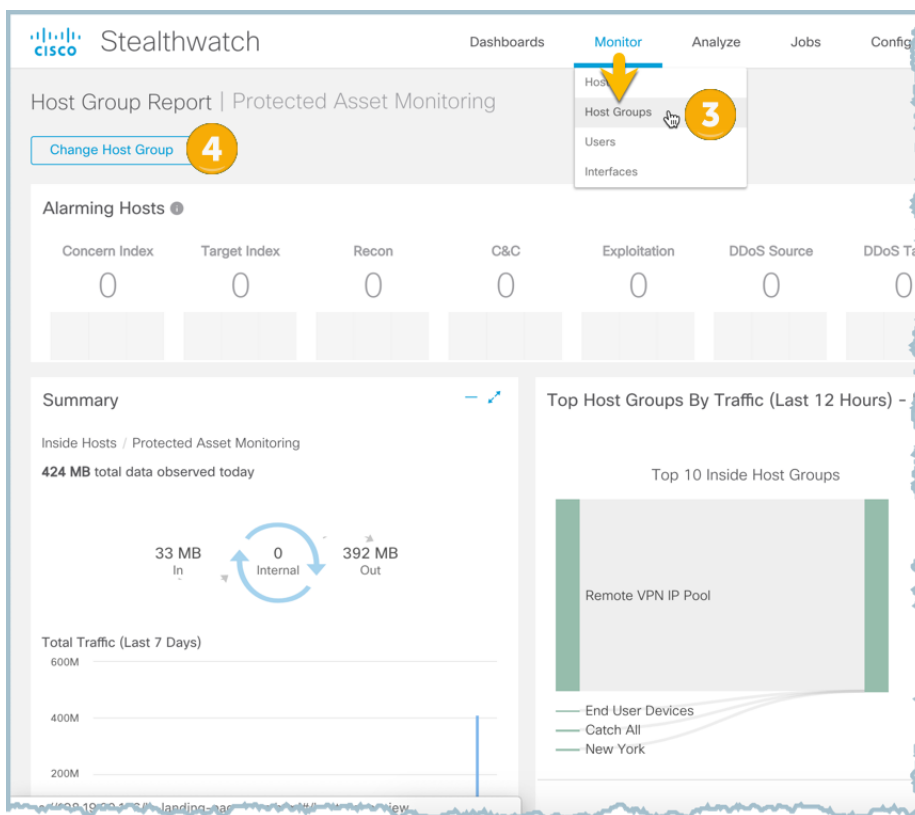
13. While the file is transferring, view the following article: <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/about/security-center/framework-segmentation.html>



## Verify segmentation violations

Now, let's login into Secure Network Analytics to verify the segmentation violations.

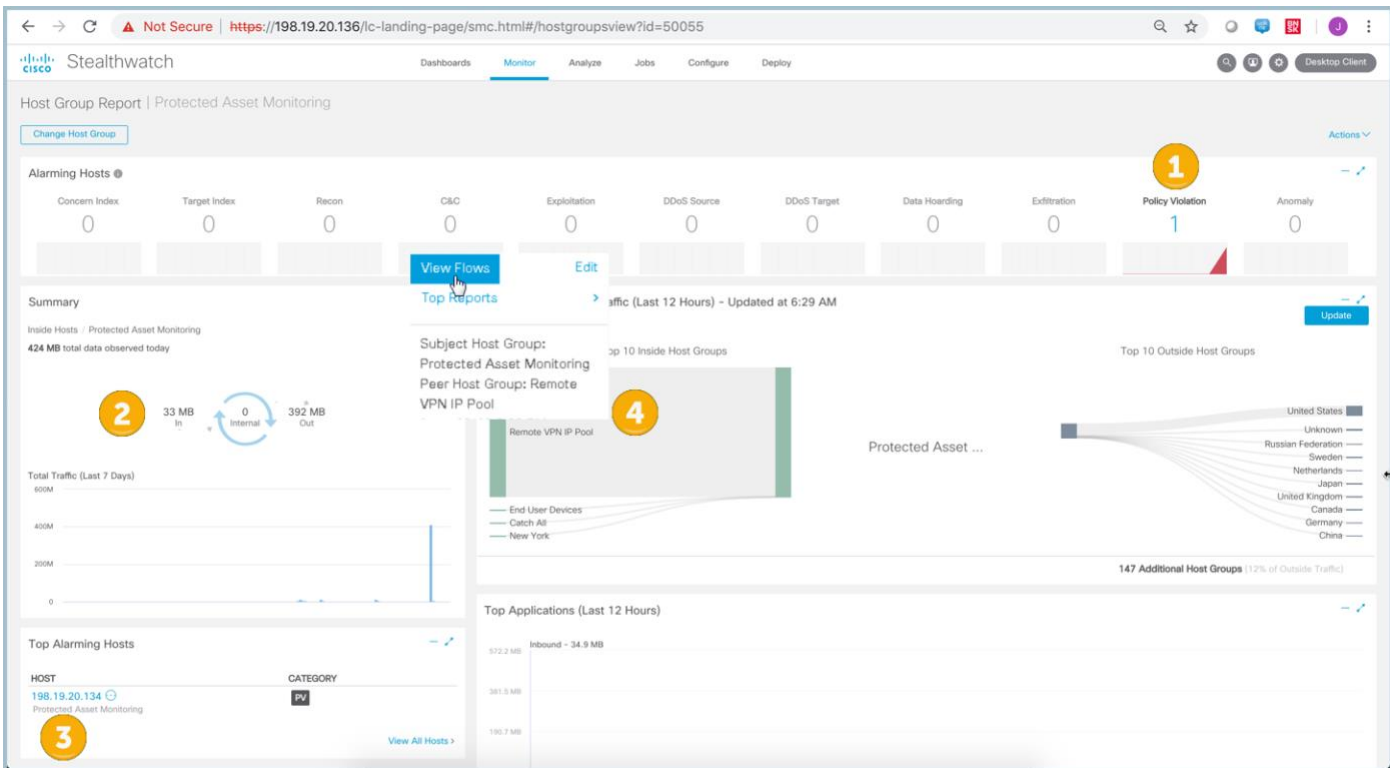
1. Log in to Secure Network Analytics: Open Chrome and select Favorites > Appliances > SMC (WebUI).  
If you are already logged into the SMC, refresh the browser to update information displayed.
2. Log into the SMC using **admin** for the username and **C1sco12345** for the password.
3. Select **Monitor > Host Groups** as illustrated below.
4. Select **Change Host Group**.
5. Check **Protected Asset Monitoring**.
6. Select **Apply**.



## Explore the reporting within the Host Group Report for Protected Asset Monitoring

You may need to wait a few minutes and refresh this dashboard for all traffic and alarm reporting to show up. Notice the **Policy Violation**

1. Make note of the traffic **Summary** as illustrated below in how much traffic has entered and left this host group as illustrated below.
2. Make note of the IP address **198.19.20.134** in the Top Alarming Hosts
3. Make note of the **Top Host Groups by Traffic** which illustrates traffic to other internal host groups and traffic to the Internet. Click the **Remote VPN IP Pool** and select **View Flows**.



4. When flow results return, select **Manage Columns** as illustrated below.

Figure 7. Flow Table

The screenshot shows the Stealthwatch interface with search results for a flow. The search criteria are: Subject: Protected Asset Monitoring (Host Groups) Either (Orientation); Connection: All (Flow Direction); Peer: Remote VPN IP Pool (Host Groups). The search results table shows a flow on Feb 3, 2019, at 10:14:25 PM, with a duration of 4min 13s, permitted action, and subject IP 198.19.20.134. The 'Manage Columns' button is highlighted with a yellow circle and the number 5.

5. Ensure the columns highlighted below are checked, in addition to the standard columns as illustrated below:

- Connections: select all of the **Encryption columns** and **Flow Action**
- Subject: select **Subject NAT** and **Subject Process Name**
- Peer: select **Peer NAT** and **Peer Process Name**

The three screenshots show the 'Flow Table Columns' configuration dialog for Connection, Subject, and Peer tabs. In the Connection tab, 'Flow Action' and 'Encryption TLS/SSL Version' are highlighted. In the Subject tab, 'Subject NAT' and 'Subject Process Name' are highlighted. In the Peer tab, 'Peer NAT' and 'Peer Process Name' are highlighted. Arrows indicate the flow from the Connection tab to the Subject tab, and then to the Peer tab.

6. Review the flow table results and you should see results similar to below:
  - a. The Encryption columns should reflect the TLS version information used in the https sessions. This field is only populated by switches, routers, and exporters capable of exporting ETA flow records such as the Catalyst 9000 platform. Having access to this level of information throughout your network will allow for crypto auditing and ensuring the latest TLS encryption is being used.
  - b. Peer Process Name will show the application used on the AnyConnect workstation to generate the network traffic. This field is only populated if AnyConnect 4.2 or later is running on the endpoint with the network visibility module configured to export flow telemetry into Secure Network Analytics.
  - c. The Flow Action will show permit or deny if exporting flow from an ASA or NGFW into Secure Network Analytics.

Subject: Protected Asset Monitoring (Host Groups) Ether (Orientation) 100% Complete Delete Search

Connection: All (Flow Direction)

Peer: Remote VPN IP Pool (Host Groups)

Manage Columns Summary Export

ENCRYPTION ...	ENCRYPTION ...	ENCRYPTION ...	ENCRYPTION ...	PEER IP ADDR...	PEER NAT	PEER PORT/P...	PEER HOST G...	PEER BYTES	PEER PAYLOAD	PEER PROCES
Ex. ENCRYPTION TLS/SSL VERSION Ex. ECDSA	Ex. ECDSA	Ex. AES_256_...	Ex. AES_256_...	Ex. 10.255.25...	Ex. 50.233.88...	Ex. 2055/UDP	Ex. "Catch All"	Ex. <=50M	Ex. "404 Four...	Ex. chrome.e...
--	--	--	--	198.19.10.100	--	19287/TCP	Remote VPN IP Pool	2.09 K	--	chrome.exe
TLS 1.2	ECDHE	RSA	AES_256_GCM/256	198.19.10.100	--	22875/TCP	Remote VPN IP Pool	3.17 K	--	chrome.exe
--	--	--	--	198.19.10.100	--	22893/TCP	Remote VPN IP Pool	5.62 K	--	WinSCP.exe
TLS 1.2	ECDHE	RSA	AES_256_GCM/256	198.19.10.100	--	19296/TCP	Remote VPN IP Pool	9.91 K	--	chrome.exe
--	--	--	--	198.19.10.100	--	19369/TCP	Remote VPN IP Pool	6.06 K	--	WinSCP.exe

## Summary

Within this test plan, you learned:

- How host groups can automatically be updated. There is a Host Group Automation service that may be purchased to simplify synching your IPAM with the SMC host group tree.
- How to create a custom security event.
- How to generate traffic to a Custom Security Event.
- How to investigate through the Host Group Report.
- How to view added context within the Flow Table results.

## Lab 9. Detect traffic to rogue DNS servers

Rogue DNS attacks are difficult to detect without tools because the network appears to be operating normally. Rogue DNS servers arise from either a Trojan or another form of attack. After the initial attack, hackers embed their own DNS server on a network to redirect traffic to external sites for malicious purposes.

Watch the supporting lab video overview > <https://cs.co/SWTestDrive-Lab9>.

### Test Drive Objectives

The Secure Network Analytics Management Console (SMC) Web User Interface (UI) Flow Search and Custom Events functions can detect DNS activity from illegitimate DNS servers. You can save custom events and schedule custom searches to periodically identify possible rogue DNS traffic. A custom flow search with the following criteria can detect rogue DNS traffic:

- Port/Protocol
- Included/excluded hosts
- Orientation of the object and peer
- Application signature

### Test Drive Requirements

The Secure Network Analytics system configuration minimum requirements are:

- Visibility of host-to-host traffic from the core/distribution
- Secure Network Analytics Release 6.9 or greater

### Attack Scenario

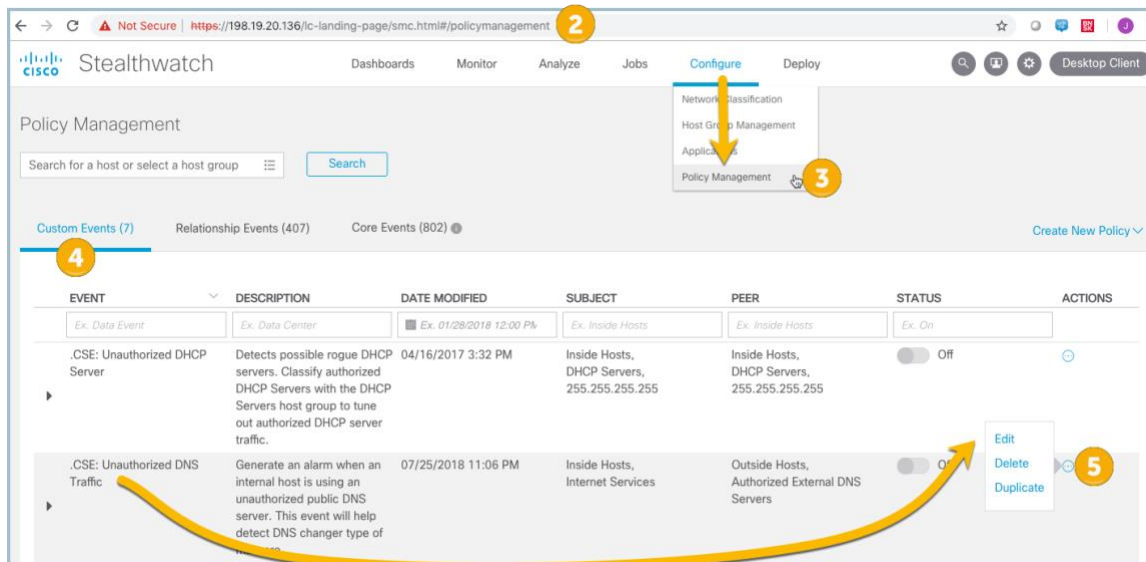
A user has inserted a USB key that they found on the street into their PC, and since then has been complaining that their PC is accessing strange internet sites when they use their web browser. Secure Network Analytics will detect and alert you to any device on your network that is accessing unauthorized DNS servers.

The reason you should be concerned about rogue DNS servers on your network is that they could redirect traffic from the intended hosts that a client is attempting to reach. For example, a user that is attempting to access Amazon.com could be redirected by a rogue DNS server to a phishing site that has been crafted to look like Amazon, thus potentially compromising their account. This is known as DNS Hijacking, and additional information on DNS Hijacking can be found at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DNS\\_hijacking](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DNS_hijacking).

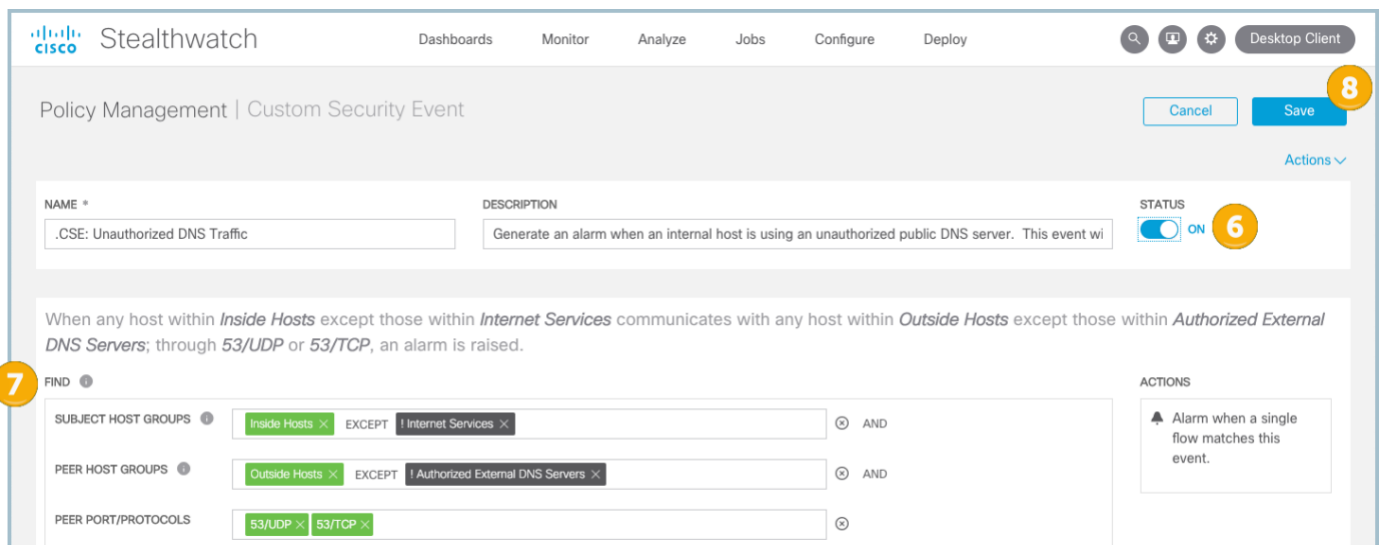
## Task 1: Validate Custom Security Event for Traffic to Rogue DNS Servers

1. Log in to Secure Network Analytics: Open Chrome and select Favorites> Appliances > SMC (WebUI). If you are already logged into the SMC refresh the browser to update information displayed.
2. Log into the SMC using the following credentials, using **admin** for the username and **Cisco12345** for the password.
3. Navigate to **Configure > Policy Management**.
4. Select **Custom Events**.
5. Scroll down and find **CSE: Unauthorized DNS Traffic**. Select **Edit** from the actions, as illustrated below.

**Note:** This rule was pre-configured for this lab but can be replicated in any environment running Secure Network Analytics 6.9 or greater.



6. Switch the **Status** to **ON**.
7. **Review** the **Find** section. This section defines what flows to look for which would be any traffic over UDP or TCP port 53 (which is the default DNS port), and between Inside Hosts, excluding authorized Internet Services parent group and the Outside Hosts, excluding Authorized External DNS Servers such as Cisco Umbrella, and then click **Save**, as illustrated below.

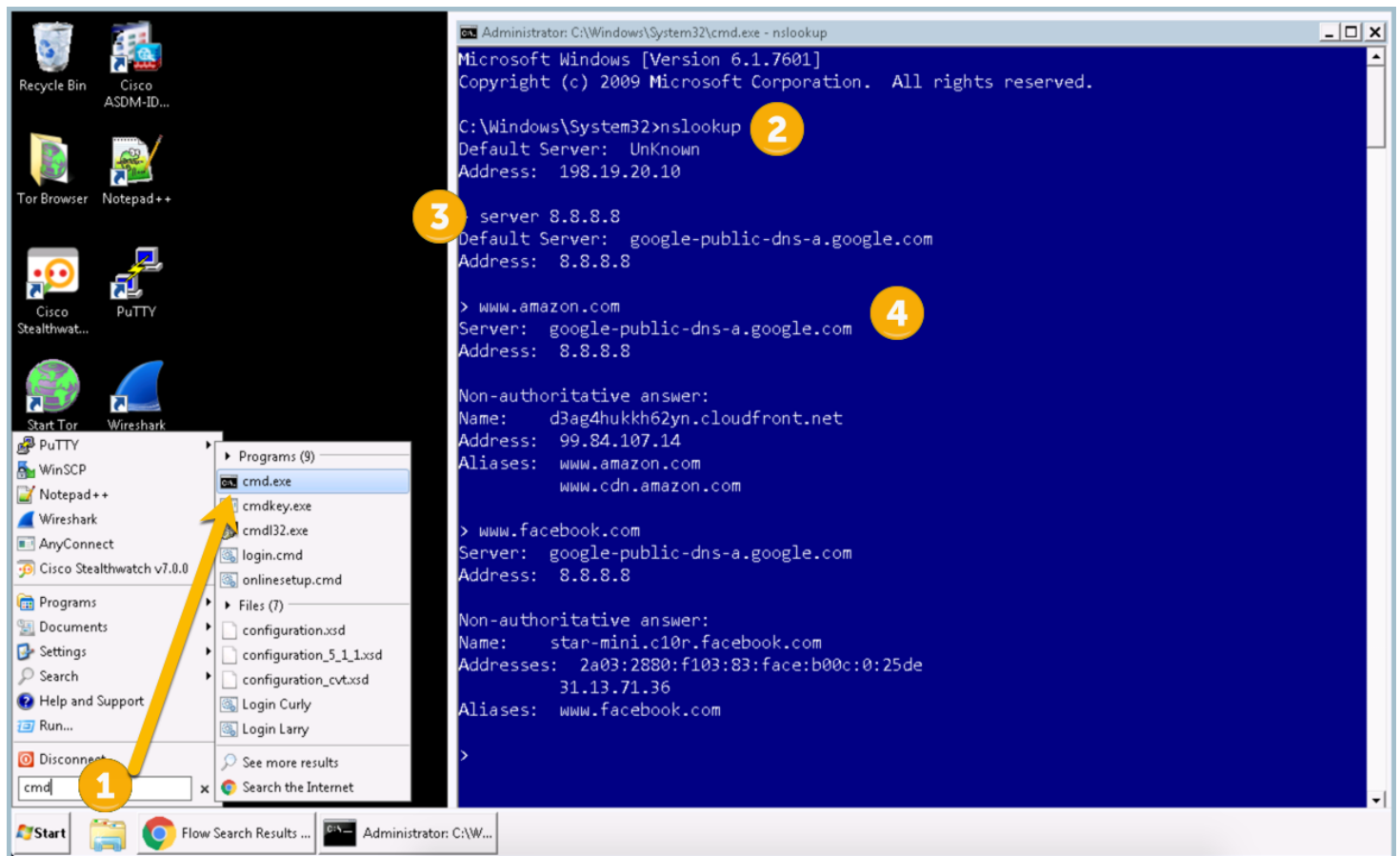


## Task 3: Monitor for Rogue DNS Server Access

In this section, we will generate traffic to an unauthorized DNS server to generate alerts.

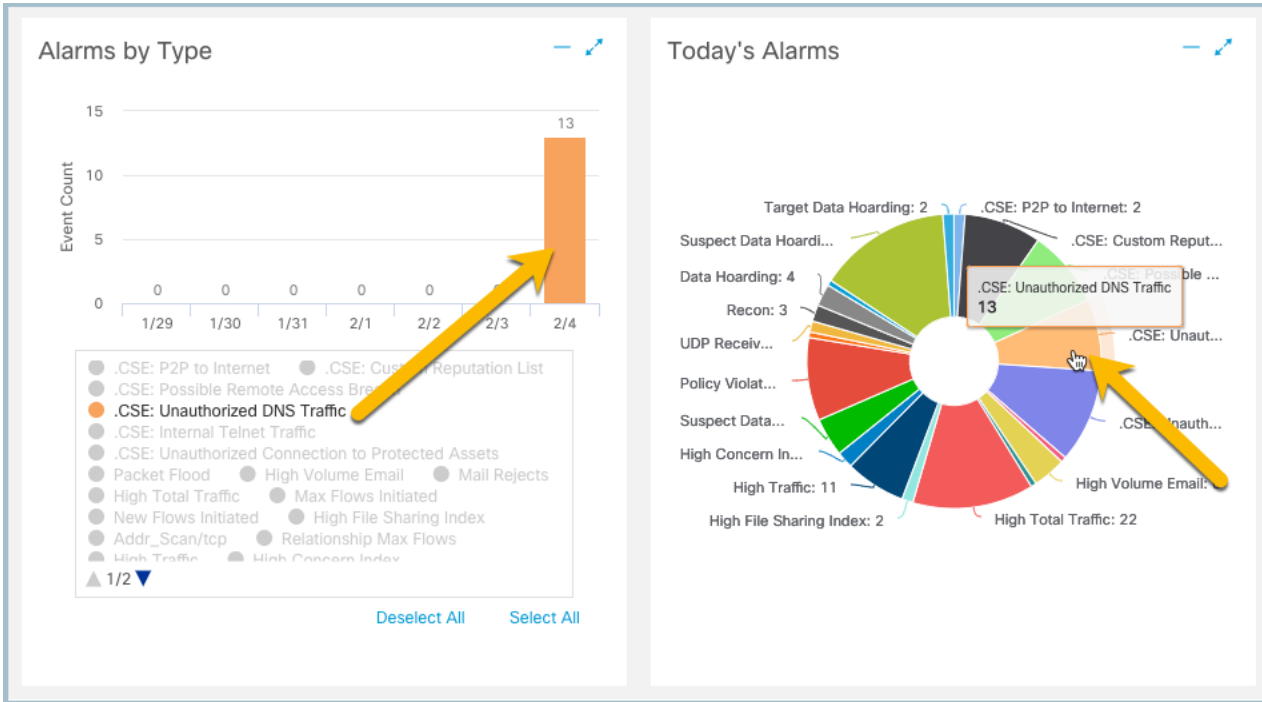
1. Access the command line from the desktop on your Wkst1, (**start > run > cmd**)
2. Type the command **nslookup** as illustrated below.
3. Next type the command: **server 8.8.8.8**
4. Now type in a few addresses for the rogue server to resolve as illustrated below.
  - a. **www.amazon.com**
  - b. **www.facebook.com**
  - c. **www.cisco.com**
  - d. **www.microsoft.com**

Figure 8. nslookup sample dialog



You should start to see alerts from the custom security event showing up on the Security Insights Dashboard after a few minutes.





5. **Click** the section slice of pie that shows **CSE: Unauthorized DNS Traffic** to bring up a listing of the events generated by your alert.
6. To investigate further, click the **View Details** for the **198.19.30.36** as illustrated below.

Stealthwatch

Dashboards Monitor Analyze Jobs Configure Deploy

.CSE: Unauthorized DNS Traffic | 09/09/2019 (10)

First Active	Source Host Groups	Source	Target Host Groups	Target	Alarm	Policy	Event Alarms	Source User	Details	Last Active	Active	Acknowledged	Actions
9/8/19 10:04 PM	Catch All	10.201.15.25	United States	8.8.8.8	.CSE: Unauthorized DNS Traffic	Inside Hosts	--	herbert	View Details	9/8/19 10:04 PM	No	No	
9/8/19 10:04 PM	Catch All	198.18.133.100	United States	8.8.8.8	.CSE: Unauthorized DNS Traffic	Inside Hosts	--	--	View Details	9/8/19 10:05 PM	No	No	
9/8/19 10:04 PM	File Servers	198.19.30.36	United States	8.8.8.8	.CSE: Unauthorized DNS Traffic	Inside Hosts	--	administrator	View Details	9/8/19 10:04 PM	No	No	
9/8/19 10:04 PM	Domain Controllers	198.19.20.10	United States	199.180.180.63	.CSE: Unauthorized DNS Traffic	Inside Hosts	--	--	View Details	9/8/19 10:05 PM	No	No	

7. To investigate the flow records, select **Associated Flows** from the **Actions** as illustrated below.

Stealthwatch | Security Events | 198.19.30.36 (1)

All Security Events For 198.19.30.36

SECURITY EVENT	COUNT	CONCERN INDEX	FIRST ACTIVE	SOURCE HOST	SOURCE HOST GRO...	TARGET HOST
.CSE: Unauthorized DNS Traffic - 53	1	0	09/08 10:01:45 PM	198.19.30.36	File Servers	8.8.8.8

Actions: Associated Flows, Top Reports, External Lookup, Tune Event, Edit

Stealthwatch | Flow Search Results (4)

09/08/2019 09:00 PM - 09/08/2019 10:01 PM (Time Range) | 2,000 (Max Records)

Subject: 198.19.30.36 Client (Orientation)

Connection: All (Flow Direction)

Peer: 8.8.8.8 (Host IP Address)

100% Complete | Delete Search

START	FLOW ACTION	SUBJECT IP A...	SUBJECT NAT...	SUBJECT PO...	SUBJECT PR...	TOTAL BYTES	PEER IP ADDR...	PEER NAT HO...	PEER PORT/P...	PEER PROCES...	ACTIONS
Sep 8, 2019 9:53:43 PM (15min 20s ago)	--	198.19.30.36	--	55060/UDP	--	3.22 K	8.8.8.8	--	53/UDP	--	
Sep 8, 2019 9:59:24 PM (9min 39s ago)	--	198.19.30.36	--	58431/UDP	--	2.77 K	8.8.8.8	--	53/UDP	--	

As you can see, the system 198.19.30.36 accessed a rogue DNS server at 8.8.8.8.

### Summary

Within this test plan, you learned:

- How to create a custom security event to detect rogue DNS servers.
- How to trigger and then investigate a rogue DNS server event.

## Lab 10. Use ETA for compliance and malware detection

### About encrypted traffic analytics (ETA)

The percentage of encrypted traffic has been increasing each year since the IP protocol began to support cryptography. The use of Internet Protocol (IP) Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and Transport Layer Security (TLS) cryptography grew 90 percent from 2015 to 2016. Industry analysts from Gartner predict that more than 80 percent of all web traffic will be encrypted by 2019. Encrypted traffic hides possible threats to a network. Until recently, there was no way to analyze encrypted traffic without decrypting it; making it difficult to effectively monitor networks for threats.

Cisco Encrypted Traffic Analytics addresses this problem by producing new telemetry data specifically derived from SSL / TLS connections. This data is then exported to a Secure Network Analytics Flow Collector where it is processed and stitched with connection data to provide new insights into network communications.

Watch the supporting lab video overview here > <https://cs.co/SWTestDrive-Lab10>.

### Test Drive Objectives

Using ETA technology, Secure Network Analytics detects malware in encrypted traffic without decryption by collecting network telemetry from Cisco IOS-XE devices including routers, switches, and Wireless LAN Controllers. ETA data is also produced by the version 7.1 or later Secure Network Analytics Flow Sensor. Secure Network Analytics uses this data along with advanced entity modeling and multilayer machine learning to improve the fidelity of malware detection in encrypted traffic. These new techniques also use the Talos global threat map to identify and correlate known global threats to the local environment.

### Test Drive Requirements

Visit <http://www.cisco.com/go/eta> for an overview on ETA, how to enable it, and how to get started.

The Secure Network Analytics system configuration requirements are:

- Stealthwatch Management Console & Flow Collector release 6.9.2 or greater. It is suggested that to get maximum benefit out of ETA you deploy the latest version of Secure Network Analytics. Note that Secure Network Analytics apps are only supported in version 7 and later.
- To use the Secure Network Analytics Crypto Audit app you will need Secure Network Analytics v7.0 or later components.
- To use the Cognitive Threat Analytics (CTA) capabilities you will need to ensure that the SMC and Flow Collector can communicate over the Internet (either direct or through a non-SSL proxy).
- To use ETA for malware detection the CTA feature must be enabled. Note that Secure Network Analytics with CTA can detect some forms of malware without ETA data.
- To investigate the source of some Internet malware detections it is necessary to send Internet NAT or proxy data to the Flow Collector. This allows for public IP addresses to be stitched into the connection data at the Flow Collector.

## Test Drive Outline

- Task 1. Enable Encrypted Traffic Analytics
- Task 2. Verify Encrypted Traffic Analytics
- Task 3. Crypto audit to enforce authorized encryption standards
- Task 4. Encrypted Malware Detection

### Task 1: Enable encrypted traffic analytics

ETA=capable platforms include the following devices (routers, switches or wireless LAN controllers running Cisco IOS-XE version 16.6 or later with a security feature license):

- Cisco Catalyst 9300 series switch
- ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers
- 4000 Series Integrated Services Routers
- Cloud Services Router 1000V Series
- Stealthwatch Flow Sensor v7.1 or later

Step	Command or Action	Purpose/Result
Step 1	<code>enable</code>	Enables privileged EXEC mode.  Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	<code>configure terminal</code>	Enters global configuration mode
Step 3	<code>et-analytics</code>	Enters encrypted traffic analytics configuration mode
Step 4	<code>ip flow-export destination ip-address port [vrf vrf-name]</code>	Configures the destination IP address optional VRF name. The ETA records are exported to this destination.
Step 5	<code>exit</code>	Returns to global configuration mode
Step 6	<code>interface interface-id</code>	Specifies the interface and port number and enters interface configuration mode
Step 7	<code>et-analytics enable</code>	Enables encrypted traffic analytics on this interface
Step 8	<code>end</code>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode

Below is an example of a configuration on a CSR which is already enabled in this lab.

```
Device> enable
Device# configure terminal
Device(config)# et-analytics
Device(config-et-analytics)# ip flow-export destination 192.0.2.1 2055 vrf green
Device(config-et-analytics)# exit
Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/0/1
Device(config-if)# et-analytics enable
Device(config-if)# end
```

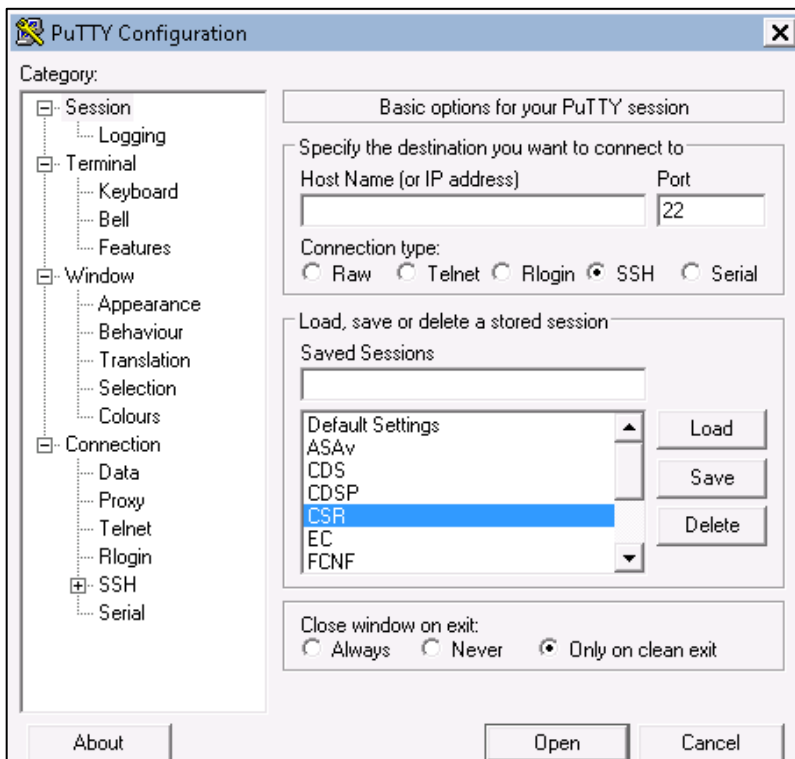
## Task 2: Verify Encrypted Traffic Analytics

ETA uses flow metadata to identify malware components, maintaining the integrity of the encrypted traffic without the need for decryption and without compromising data integrity.

ETA extracts the following main data elements from the network flow: the sequence of packet lengths and times (SPLT), TLS-specific features, and the initial data packet (IDP). Cisco's Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) architecture provides the ability to extract these data elements without slowing down the data network. Separate templates can be defined for each of the data elements

The following show commands are used to view ETA configuration information on a network router.

1. From **Wkst1**, access putty from the desktop.
2. Select the **CSR** router as shown below



3. Insert the following password: **Cisco12345**

4. Issue the following commands:

- a. Device# **show platform hardware qfp active feature et-analytics datapath interface gigabitEthernet 2**

```
CSR#show platform hardware qfp active feature et-analytics datapath interface gigabitEthernet 2
uidb handle: 0x3fe
Interface Name: GigabitEthernet2
CSR#
```

- b. Device# **show platform hardware qfp active feature et-analytics datapath memory**

```
CSR#show platform hardware qfp active feature et-analytics datapath memory
ET-Analytics memory information:
Size of FO           : 3200 bytes
No. of FO allocs    : 30825
No. of FO frees     : 30814
```

- c. Device# **show platform hardware qfp active feature et-analytics datapath runtime**

```
CSR#show platform hardware qfp active feature et-analytics datapath runtime
ET-Analytics run-time information:
Feature state       : initialized (0x00000004)
Inactive timeout    : 15 secs (default 15 secs)
Flow CFG information :
  instance ID       : 0x0
  feature ID        : 0x0
  feature object ID : 0x0
  chunk ID          : 0x4
CSR#
```

d. Device# `show platform hardware qfp active feature et-analytics datapath stats export`

```
CSR#rm hardware qfp active feature et-analytics datapath stats export
ET-Analytics 198.19.20.139:2055 Stats:
  Export statistics:
    Total records exported      : 1871
    Total packets exported     : 1303
    Total bytes exported       : 1254684
    Total dropped records      : 10723
    Total dropped packets      : 2155
    Total dropped bytes        : 600148
    Total IDP records exported :
      initiator->responder : 739
      responder->initiator : 126
    Total SPLT records exported:
      initiator->responder : 729
      responder->initiator : 123
    Total SALT records exported:
      initiator->responder : 0
      responder->initiator : 0
    Total BD records exported :
      initiator->responder : 0
      responder->initiator : 0
    Total TLS records exported :
      initiator->responder : 16
      responder->initiator : 16
  --More--
```



- e. Device# `show platform hardware qfp active feature et-analytics datapath stats flow`

```
CSR#$rm hardware qfp active feature et-analytics datapath stats flow
ET-Analytics Stats:
  Flow statistics:
    feature object allocs : 785
    feature object frees  : 775
    flow create requests  : 27964
    flow create matching  : 27179
    flow create successful: 785
    flow create failed, CFT handle: 0
    flow create failed, getting FO: 0
    flow create failed, malloc FO : 0
    flow create failed, attach FO : 0
    flow create failed, match flow: 0
    flow create, aging already set: 2
    flow ageout requests   : 775
    flow ageout failed, freeing FO: 0
    flow ipv4 ageout requests : 0
    flow ipv6 ageout requests : 0
    flow whitelist traffic match : 0
```

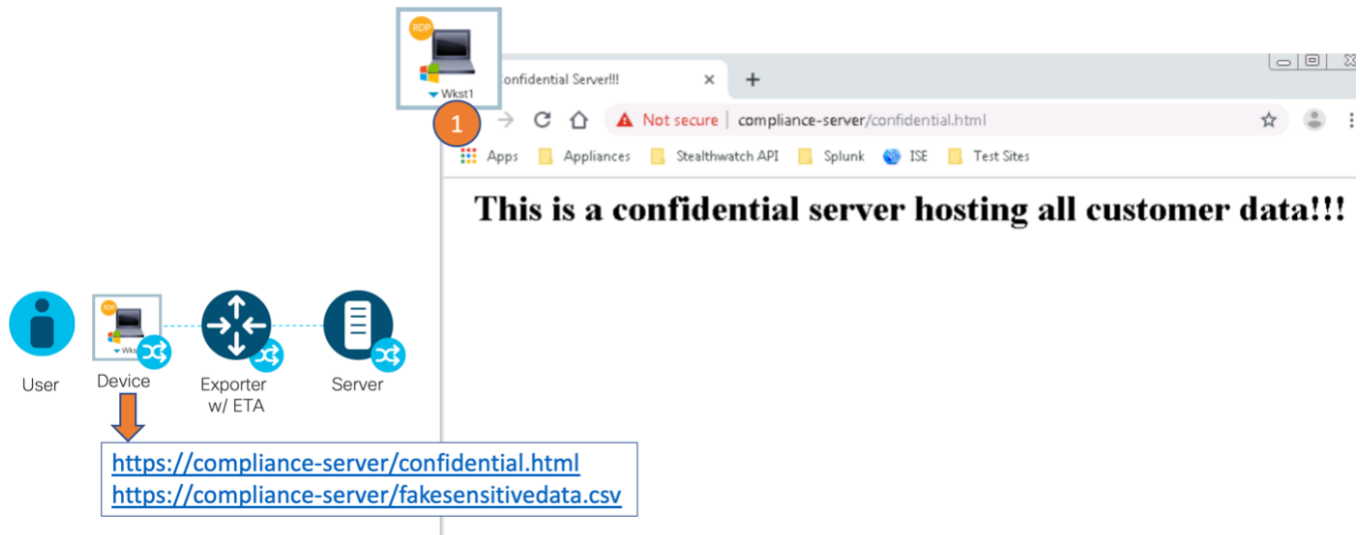
## Task 3: Crypto audit to enforce authorized encryption standards

### Generate Traffic to a Protected Server running TLS 1.0

Watch the Supporting lab video overview here > <http://cs.co/SWTestDrive-Lab10-Crypto-Audit>.

Secure Network Analytics can retain encryption related attributes of observed network connections and display it in the SMC, enabling Crypto auditing and assurance use cases.

1. Launch [Chrome](#) from the desktop of Wkst1.
2. From the Test Sites bookmark toolbar select [Compliance-Server](#) and [fakesensitivedata.csv](#) to download. See the image below. Using the infrastructure directly you can audit the cryptographic levels being used for any server hosting sensitive data.



## Use the Cryptographic Audit app (Secure Network Analytics v7.0 or later)

A crypto audit dashboard has been added within Secure Network Analytics to help audit and report on traffic that does not meet your company encryption standards and compliances. This dashboard is available in Secure Network Analytics 7.0 as an importable App.

1. From the SMC web interface launch **Dashboards > ETA Cryptographic Audit**
2. Select the date and time for the current day. For the end time it is easiest to select Today and Now.
3. Select the Subject Host Groups filter for the **Protected Asset Monitoring**.
4. Select the Peer Host Groups filter for the **Inside Hosts**.
5. Select **Search**.
6. Locate the TLS 1.0 connection and select **View Flows** as illustrated below

The screenshot shows the 'ETA Cryptographic Audit' dashboard in the Stealthwatch interface. The interface includes a navigation bar with 'Dashboards', 'Monitor', 'Analyze', 'Jobs', 'Configure', and 'Deploy'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Time Range:** Start Time is '05 December 2020 | 10:20' and End Time is '06 December 2020 | 10:29'.
- Subject Host Groups:** Filtered to 'Protected Asset Monitoring'.
- Peer Host Groups:** Filtered to 'Inside Hosts'.
- Audit Results:** Shows the time range 'December 5, 2020 10:20 - December 6, 2020 10:29' and filters for 'Server' orientation, 'Protected Asset Monitoring' subject groups, and 'Inside Hosts' peer groups. Buttons for 'Generate Report' and 'Download CSV' are present.
- Summary View:** Contains two donut charts. The first chart shows TLS versions: 'None' (87.50%, 675 B) and 'TLS 1.0' (12.50%, 23 KB). The second chart shows Cipher Suites: 'None' (87.50%) and 'TLS\_ECDHE\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_256\_CBC\_SHA' (12.50%).
- Detailed View:** A table with columns for 'TLS Version', 'Cipher Suites', 'Key Length', 'Connections', 'Traffic', and 'Actions'. The table has two rows:
 

TLS Version	Cipher Suites	Key Length	Connections	Traffic	Actions
None	None		7	875 B	[View Flows] [Edit]
TLS 1.0	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	256	1	23 KB	[View Flows] [Edit]

If it is not already displayed in the flow results, select Manage Columns and select Encryption TLS/SSL Version and the other Encryption columns as illustrated below.

Flow Table Columns

Connection Subject Peer General

- Domain
- End
- Duration
- Appliance
- Application
- Application (Flow Sensor)
- Application (NBAR)
- Application (PacketShaper)
- Application (Palo Alto Networks)
- Byte Rate
- Encryption TLS/SSL Version
- Encryption Key Exchange
- Encryption Authentication Algorithm
- Encryption Algorithm and Key Length
- Encryption MAC
- Start
- Flow Action
- MPLS Label
- Packet Rate
- Protocol
- TCP Connections
- TCP Retransmissions
- TCP Retransmission Ratio
- Total Bytes
- RTT Average
- RTT Maximum
- RTT Minimum
- SRT Average
- SRT Maximum
- SRT Minimum
- Total Packets
- Total Traffic (bps)
- VLAN ID

Select All Deselect All Restore Defaults

Cancel Set

You should see results similar to below showing the connection you made to a compliance server running a weak TLS version.

The screenshot shows the Stealthing interface with the following search criteria:

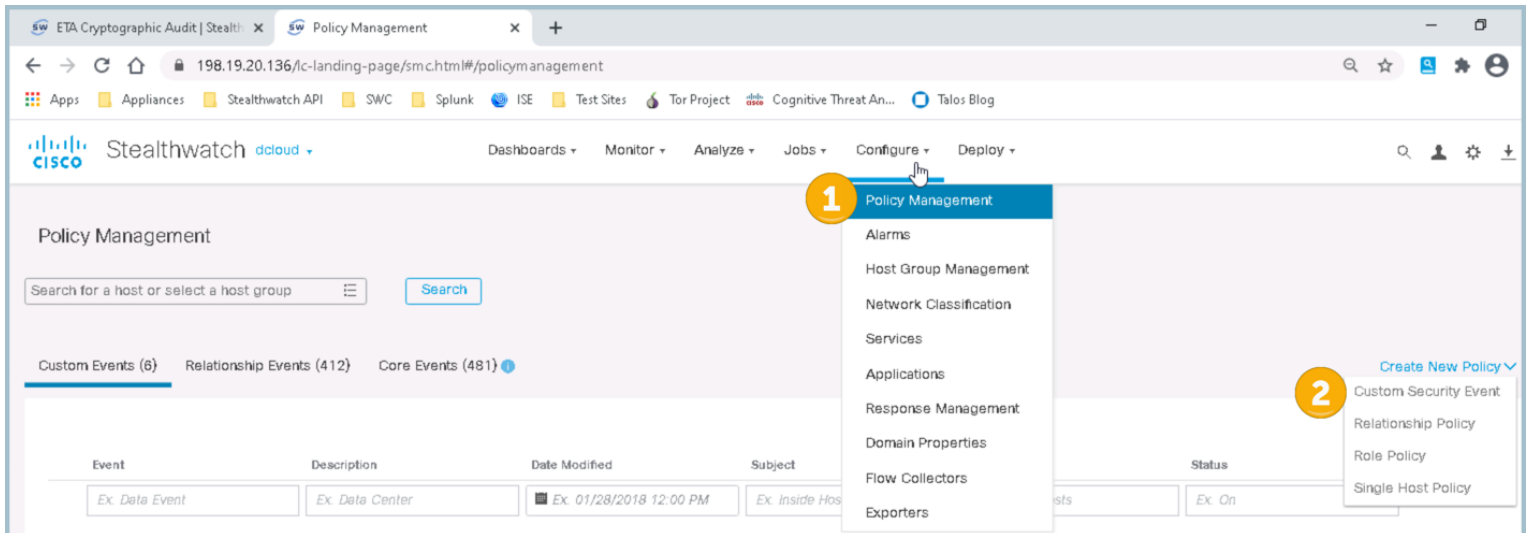
- Subject: Protected Asset Monitoring (Host Groups), Server (Orientation)
- Connection: All (Flow Direction), SHA (Encryption MAC), ECDHE (Encryption Key Exchange), RSA (Encryption Authentication Algorithm), AES\_256\_CBC (Encryption Algorithm), 256 (Encryption Key Length), TLS 1.0 (Encryption TLS/SSL Version)

START	DURATION	SUBJECT IP A...	SUBJECT PO...	SUBJECT HO...	SUBJECT BYT...	APPLICATION	TOTAL BYTES	ENCRYPTION	PEER IP ADDR...	PEER PORT/P...	PEER HOST G...	PEER I
Aug 8, 2019 12:11:08 PM (18min 3s ago)	4min 51s	198.19.20.134	443/TCP	Protected Asset Monitoring	9.79 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	41.68 K	TLS 1.0	198.19.30.36	45116/TCP	Unknown	11.89
Aug 8, 2019 12:06:30 PM (22min 41s ago)	1min 29s	198.19.20.134	443/TCP	Protected Asset Monitoring	96 K	HTTPS (unclassified)	14.06 K	TLS 1.0	10.16.79.74	58871/TCP	End User Devices	4.11 K

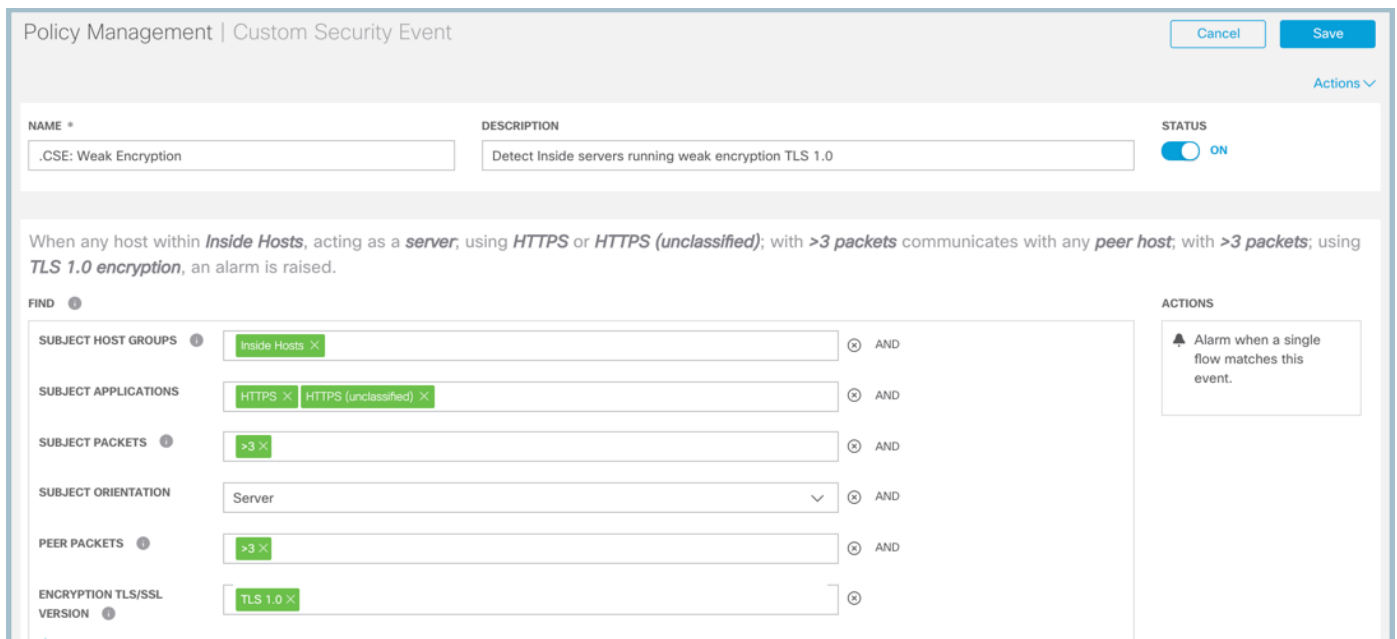
## Alarming on Unauthorized Encryption

Alarms may be setup to detect unauthorized traffic such as host running weaker versions of encryption. Let's create a rule to alarm on servers run out of compliance encryptions. This can be replicated on any SMC running v7.0 or greater and is collecting ETA enriched NetFlow.

1. Navigate to **Configure > Policy Management** within the SMC.
2. Select **Create New Policy > Custom Security Event** as illustrated below

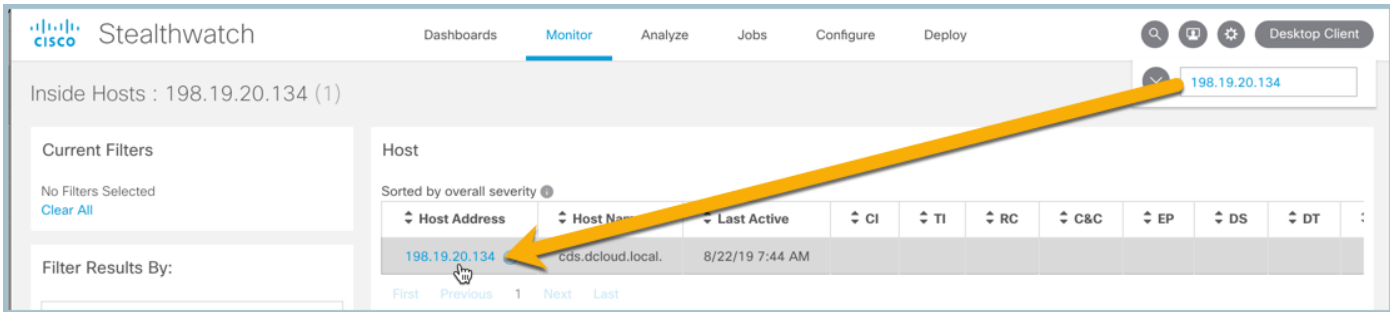


3. Create a rule to match exactly as illustrated in the image below and make sure the status is set to **On**. The rule is looking for any traffic where an internal server is running https running TLS 1.0 and there are at least 3 packets seen on both sides of the communication. The packet counts allow for looking for bidirectional flows only. After reviewing the rule select the **Save** button.

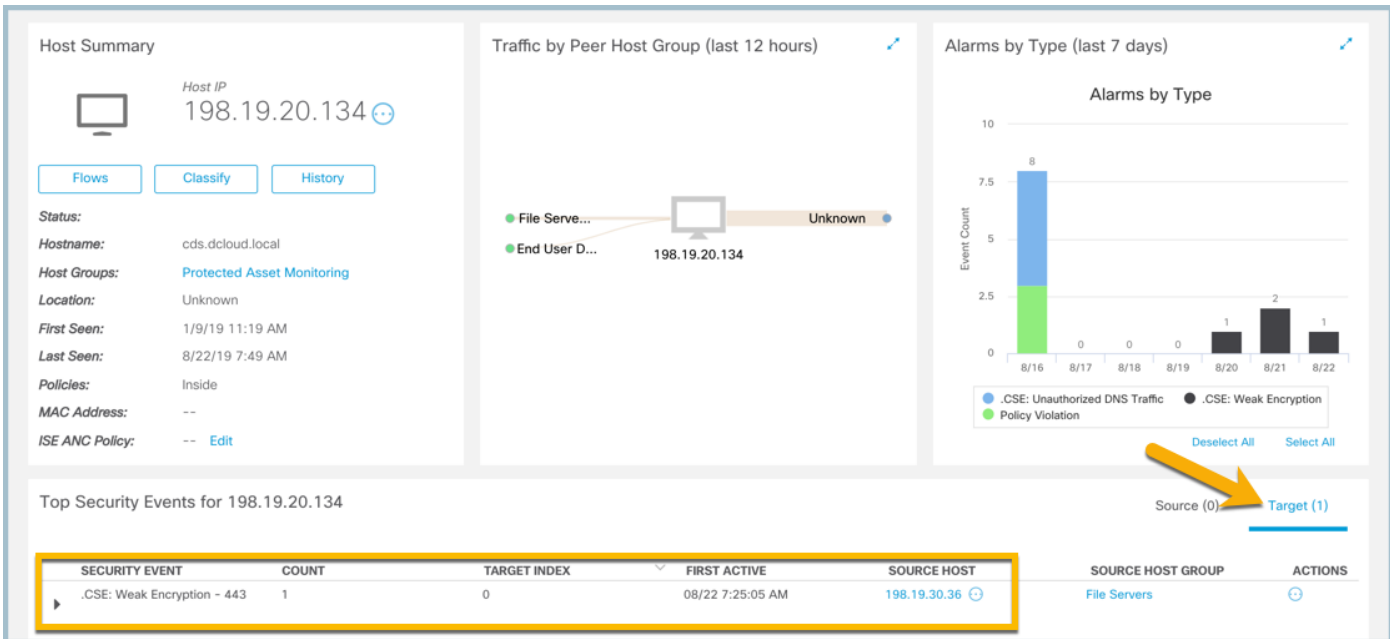


To show how the rule will detect unauthorized encryption, let's look at the server that was connected to <https://compliance-server> in the above lab.

- Type **198.19.20.134** in the search dialogue (magnifying glass) in the top right of the SMC web interface which is what compliance-server resolves to in the lab.
- Click the hyperlink of 198.19.20.134 as illustrated below to open the host report.



- Scroll down in the host report to the Top Security Events section and select the Target option as illustrated below. This should reflect the event that generated when you browsed to <https://compliance-server> in the previous task. These rules may be setup to meet your organization compliance needs for quick detection of unauthorized traffic.



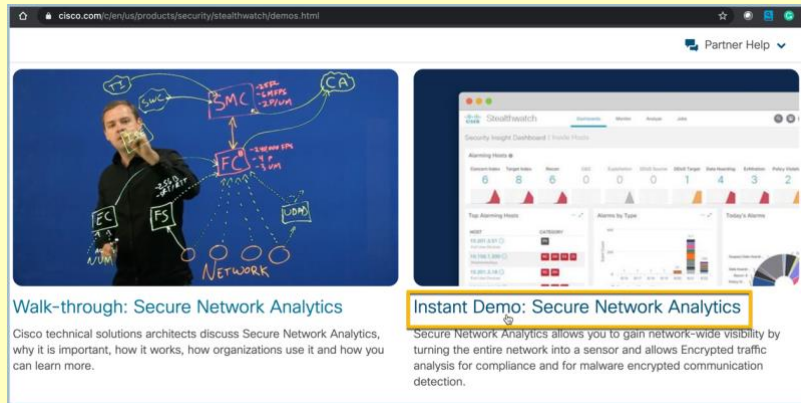
## Task 4: Encrypted Malware Detection

For this section, you will log in to a separate lab environment that has been running for a period of time long enough to allow for full machine learning for effective threat detection.

Before proceeding, please navigate to:

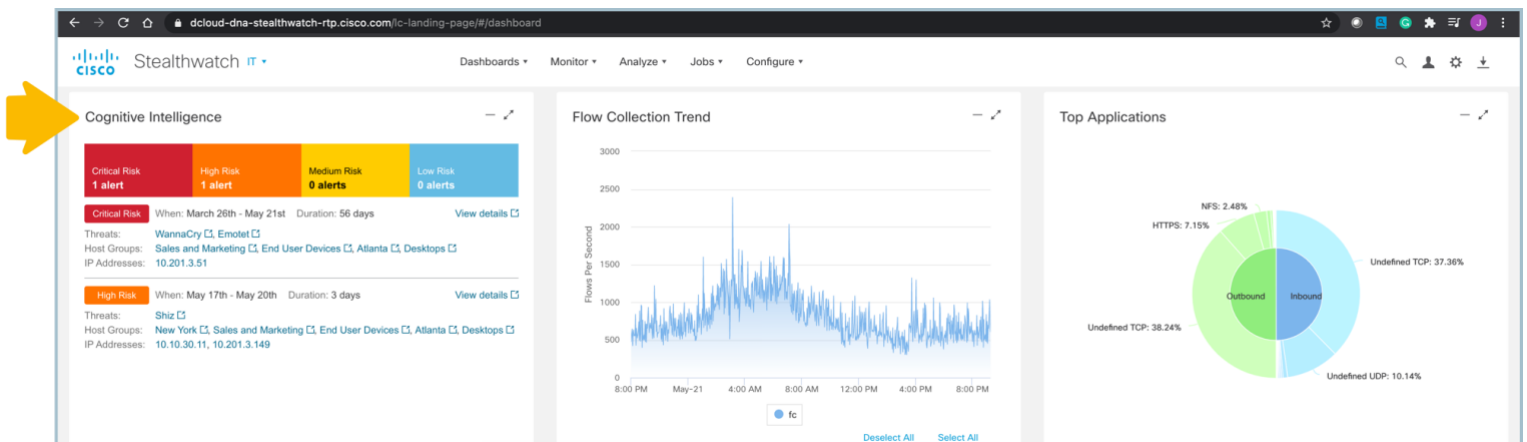
<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/security/stealthwatch/demos.html> and log in with your cisco.com account if prompted.

Navigate to: **Instant Demo: Secure Network Analytics** and follow the directions to view the instant demo.



Secure Network Analytics can be extended by enabling the cloud based Cognitive Threat Analytics (CTA). CTA uses Secure Network Analytics connection data that could include ETA metadata to identify encrypted threats. When first enabled, Secure Network Analytics users should be able to access CTA findings with 24-48 hours to allow for a good baseline and machine learning to take effect. To access Cognitive Threat Analytics, open the Secure Network Analytics Management Console (SMC) Web User Interface (UI) and locate the Cognitive Threat Analytics widget in the Security Insight Dashboard.

**Note:** If you have a Cisco AMP account that is also using Cognitive Threat Analytics you can request that your account be merged so that detections can be examined using data from either AMP or Secure Network Analytics. This allows for investigations from connection data all the way to files on a specific host.





For threat information, click an alarming host.

**Cognitive Intelligence**

Critical Risk 1 alert | High Risk 1 alert | Medium Risk 0 alerts | Low Risk 0 alerts

When: March 26th - May 21st | Duration: 56 days | View details

Threats: View host report for 10.201.3.51

Host Groups: Devices, Atlanta, Desktops

IP Address: 10.201.3.51

The Host Report displays with the following widgets:

- Host Summary
- Traffic by Peer Host Group

**Host Summary**

Host IP: 10.201.3.51

Buttons: Flows, Classify, History

Status: --

Hostname: --

Host Groups: End User Devices, Desktops, Atlanta, Sales and Marketing

Location: RFC 1918

First Seen: 10/9/20 4:20 PM

Last Seen: 5/21/21 9:23 PM

Policies: Client IP Policy, Inside

MAC Address: 08:00:27:8f:61:b8 (PCS Systemtechnik GmbH)

ISE ANC Policy: -- Edit

**Traffic by Peer Host Group (last 12 hours)**

Central Host: 10.201.3.51

Categories:

- Datacenter
- Terminal S...
- DMZ Server...
- Domain Con...
- DNS Server...
- Catch All
- DHCP Serve...
- Broadcast
- Others (In...

Destinations:

- United Sta...
- Switzerlan...
- Limelight ...
- Netherland...
- Google
- Canada
- Germany
- Window's U...
- Others (Ou...

If the network includes integration with Cisco Identity Service Engine (ISE), you will see the following widgets along with Cognitive Intelligence Analytics:

- Users and Sessions
- Application Traffic

**Users & Sessions**

MAC Address: 08:00:27:8f:61:b8 | MAC Vendor: PCS Systemtechnik GmbH | Device Type: unknown

User	Date / Time
dusti	Start: 5/21/21 9:20 PM End: ★ Current
dusti	Start: 5/21/21 9:07 PM End: 5/21/21 9:15 PM
dusti	Start: 5/21/21 8:18 PM End: 5/21/21 8:23 PM
dusti	Start: 5/21/21 8:09 PM End: 5/21/21 8:18 PM
dusti	Start: 5/21/21 8:00 PM End: 5/21/21 8:09 PM

**Application Traffic**

Application	Total	%	Sent	Ratio	Received	7-day Trend	24-hour Trend
Undefined TCP	309.09 MB	79.00	118.6 MB		190.5 MB		
HTTPS (unclassified)	53.81 MB	14.00	20.67 MB		33.14 MB		
Undefined UDP	8.23 MB	2.00	8.23 MB		619 B		

Internal | External

To see this threat in the Global Threat Analytics Dashboard, click the **ellipses** then click **Open in Cognitive Intelligence**.

**Cognitive Intelligence**

**Critical Risk** When: March 26th - May 21st Duration: 56 days

Threats: [WannaCry](#), [Emotet](#)

Host Groups: [Sales and Marketing](#), [End User Devices](#), [Atlanta](#), [Desktops](#)

[View a detailed analytics report](#)

[View details](#)

The Global Threat Analytics Dashboard displays the threat details, including the complete story of how it went from “detected” to “confirmed.”

**Cognitive Intelligence** Alerts Threats Asset Groups

Threat indicators related to a variant of WannaCry (S0366) or WCry, a ransomware with worm capabilities which has observed in large scale attack across the world. WannaCry spreads as a worm through TCP port 445 (SMB) (T1018), exploiting the ETHERNBLUE SMB vulnerability (MS17-010) (T1210). After compromising the endpoint, the malware will encrypt the files on the host demanding a ransom in order regain access (T1486). Threat will attempt to contact a specific host on the internet, if the connection is successful, the threat will stop its execution. Threat can also leverage another vulnerability known as DOUBLEPULSAR, a persistent backdoor, to access and execute code on previously compromised systems.

Category: Malware - ransomware [Threat Detail](#)

**Emotet** Confirmed Severity: Critical Confidence: High

Emotet (S0367) is a banking trojan that has remained relevant due to its continual evolution to better avoid detection. It is commonly spread via malicious emails.

Category: Malware - bot [Threat Detail](#)

**Affected Assets**

User: dustl

IP Addresses: 10.201.3.51

Asset Groups: Atlanta, Desktops, Sales and Marketing, End User Devices

From: 2021-03-26 01:04:59 EDT

To: 2021-05-20 22:29:10 EDT

Security Events:

- Communication with hostnames 201.213.32.59 and 77.55.211.77 known to be indicative of Emotet
- Communication with hostnames www.luqerfsodp9ifjaposdfhgousurifae... and www.luqerfsodp9ifjaposdfhgousurifae... known to be indicative of WannaCry
- Communication to IP addresses 104.16.173.80 with local passive DNS inference to hostname www.luqerfsodp9ifjaposdfhgousurifae... and 104.17.244.81 with local passive DNS inference to hostname www.luqerfsodp9ifjaposdfhgousurifae... The hostnames are known to be indicative of WannaCry

[Asset Detail](#)

Select **Asset Detail** for added details of affected systems.

**Cognitive Intelligence** Alerts Threats Asset Groups

Security Events  Critical  High  Medium  Low

Security event Domain Server IP address Autonomous system

eg. domain1.com eg. 1.2.3.4 eg. "Amazon.com, Inc."

**Emotet**  
Infection with exfiltration capability that targets banking credentials

**Known malicious hostnames**  
Communication with hostnames 201.213.32.59 and 77.55.211.77 known to be indicative of Emotet

201.213.32.59 persistent 77.55.211.77

Prima S.A. AS10481 Nazwa.pl Sp.z.o.o. AS15967

**WannaCry**  
Disk encrypting malware contains worm-like features to spread itself using the SMBv1 exploit EternalBlue

**Known malicious hostnames**  
Communication with hostnames www.luqerfsodp9ifjaposdfhgousurifae... and www.luqerfsodp9ifjaposdfhgousurifae... known to be indicative of WannaCry

luqerfsodp9ifjaposdfhgousuri... 70.32.1.32 103.224.182.251 103.224.182.251 persistent 170.178.168.203

GigeNET AS32181 Trellian Pty. Limited AS133618

**Known malicious hostnames from local passive DNS inference**  
luqerfsodp9ifj... inferred: 62%

Take a few minutes to explore through the pages to learn about the threat detections.

## Summary

In this, lab you learned:

- How to enable Encrypted Traffic Analytics
- How to verify Encrypted Traffic Analytics
- How to use the Crypto Audit Report to detect policy violations
- How to detect malware within encrypted traffic

## Lab 11. Public cloud monitoring and threat protection

Many organizations are hosting part of their application infrastructure within public clouds. Gartner says infrastructure as a service (IaaS) has grown 31.3% in 2018. As businesses continue to move to the cloud, they must protect customer data and intellectual property for compliance and threat detection.

Watch the supporting lab video overview here > <https://cs.co/SWTestDrive-Lab11>.

### Test Drive Objectives

Secure Cloud Analytics (formerly called Stealthwatch Cloud) is a SaaS visibility and threat detection service that can monitor public cloud infrastructure hosted in AWS, Azure, and Google Cloud for compliance and threat detection. Secure Cloud is integrated with Secure Network Analytics Enterprise via an API.

In this lab, we are going to examine an AWS account via Secure Cloud Analytics. In addition to network telemetry, referred to as VPC flow logs, Secure Cloud Analytics can retrieve additional context and behavior information for the Amazon Web Services from sources like CloudTrail and IAM (Identity and Access Management) as well as their available API. The diagram below highlights the Secure Cloud Analytics integrations.

### Test Drive Requirements

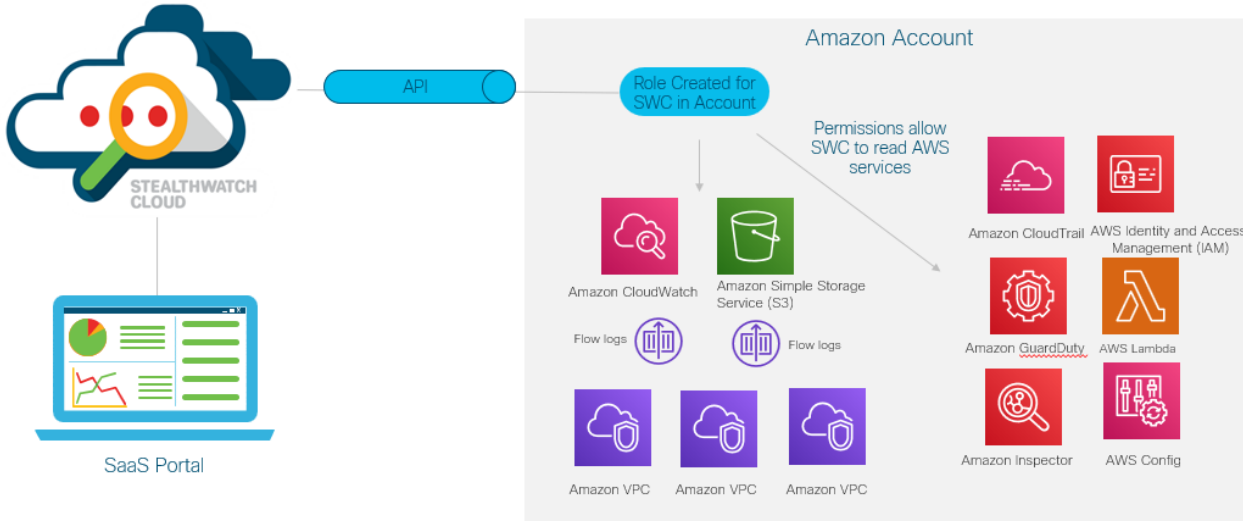
- A Secure Cloud Analytics portal monitoring AWS or other cloud hosted infrastructure

### Test Drive Outline

- Task 1: AWS Account Review
- Task 2: AWS Breach Lab
- Task 3: Using the Secure Cloud Analytics user interface

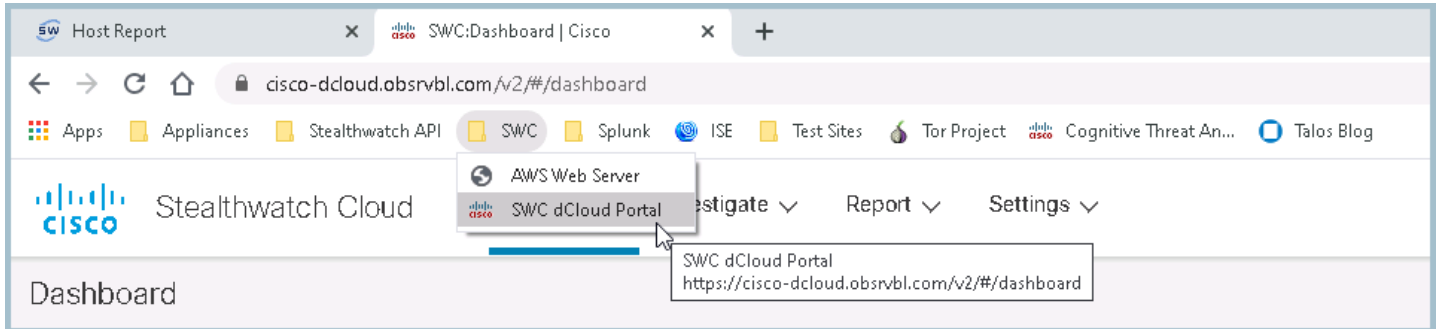
## Task 1: AWS

# Amazon Web Services Architecture

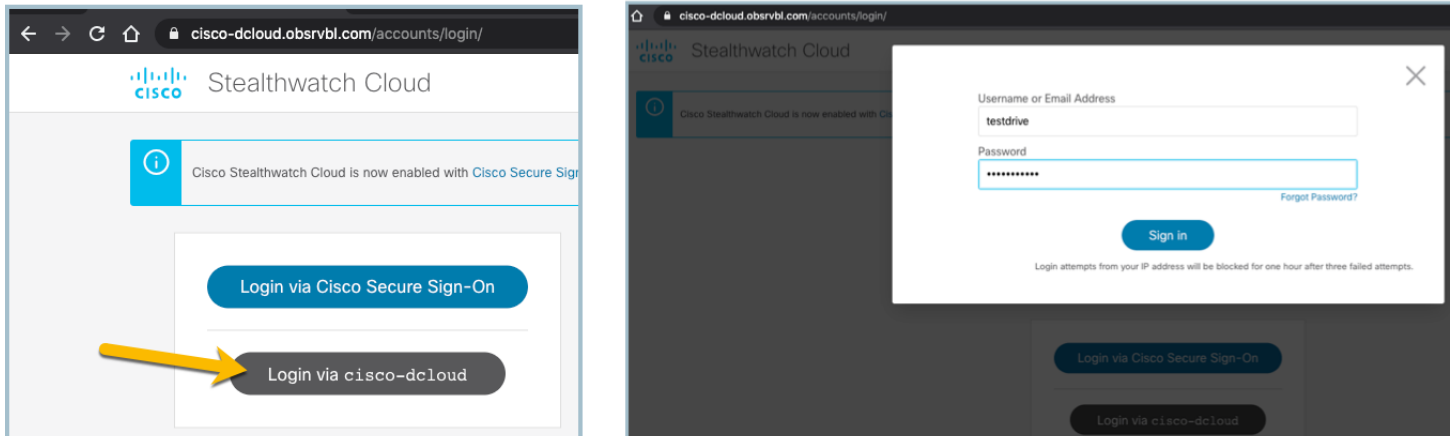


For reference, the AWS account has multiple VPCs. We will be looking at the VPC named **Cisco Test Drive**.

1. Launch **Chrome** from the desktop of your Wkst1, as shown below.
2. Select the **SWC dCloud Portal** bookmark from the **SWC** folder of the bookmark toolbar as illustrated below.

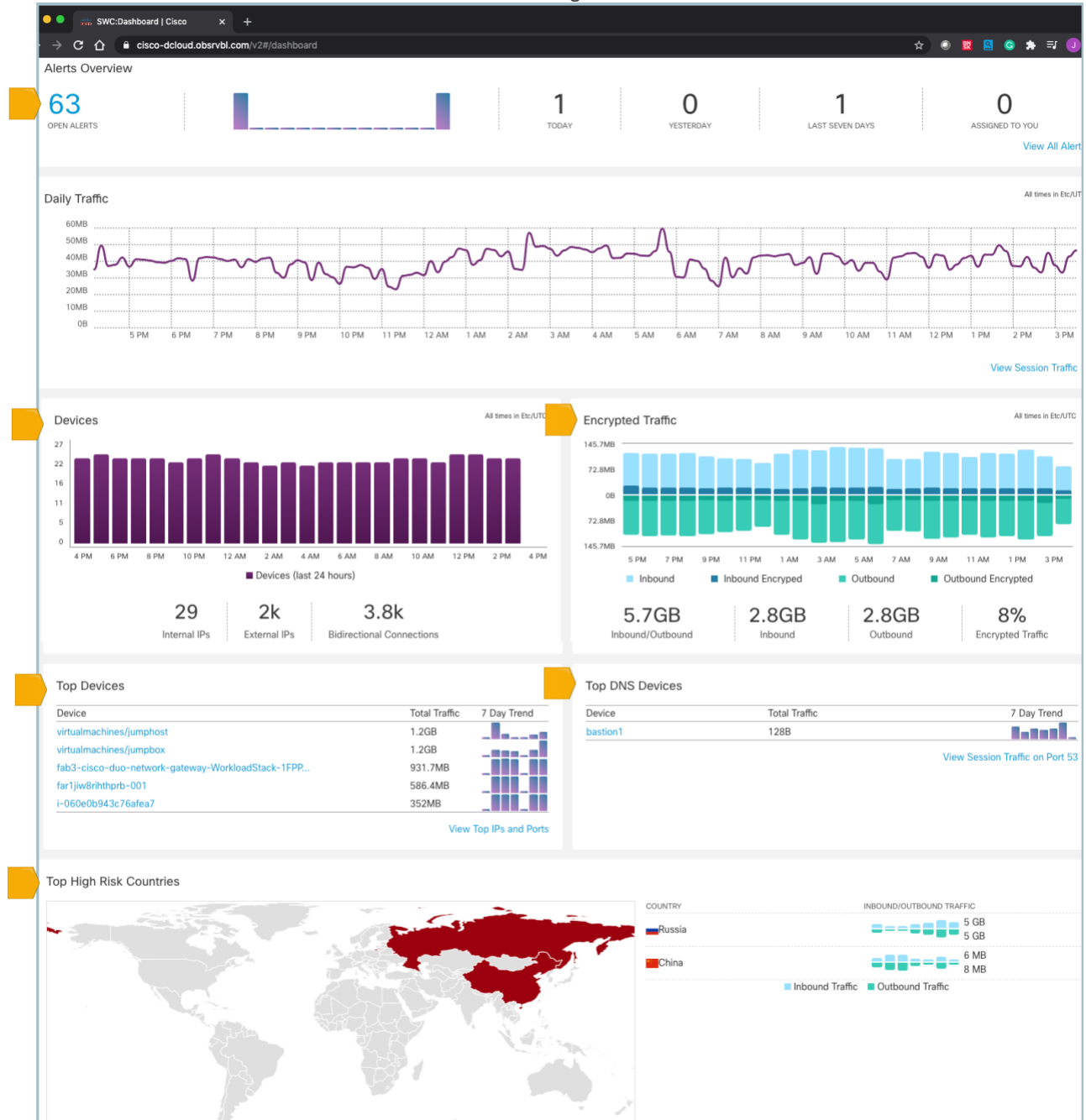


3. Select **Login via cisco-dcloud** and enter username **test drive** and password **C1sco12345!**

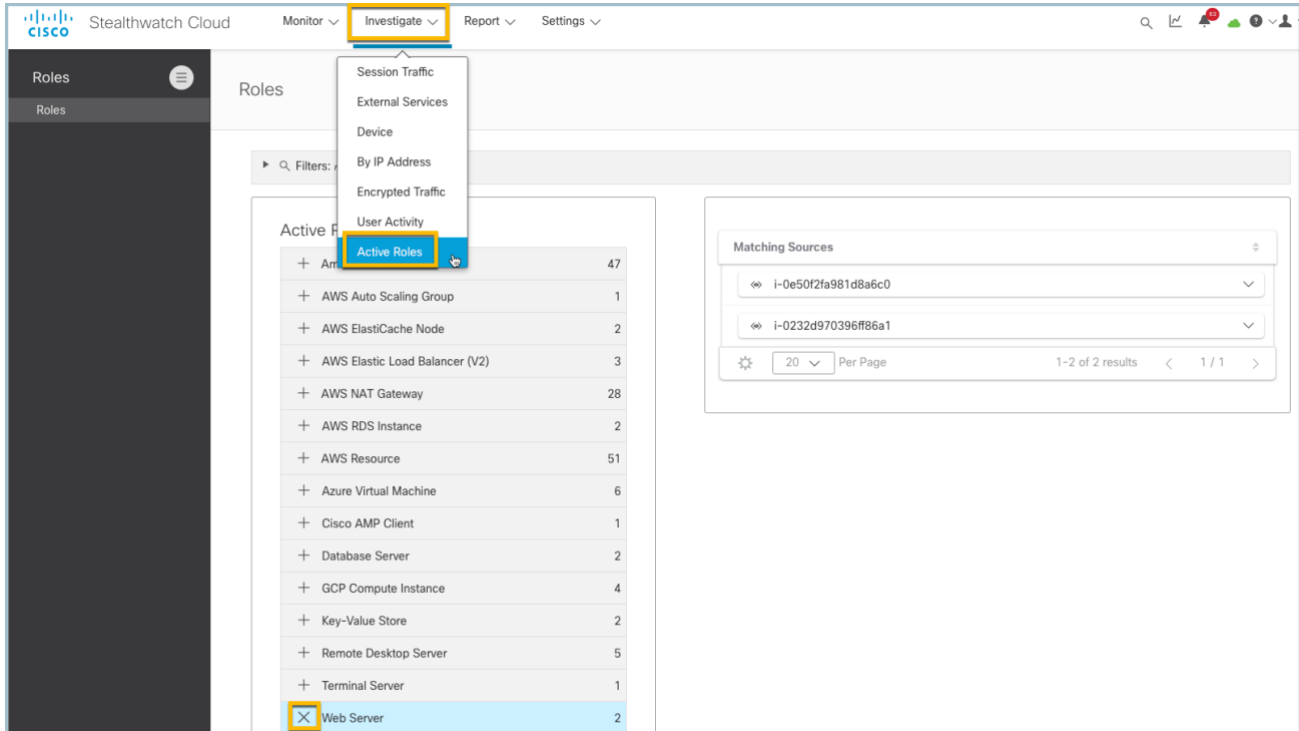


4. When in the cloud UI, we will look more closely at the AWS network. Briefly scroll through and review the components within the default Dashboard:

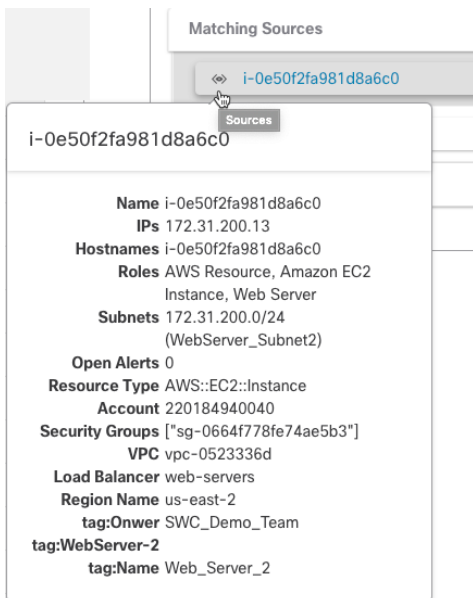
- Alerts Overview – List of open alerts that can be investigated.
- Daily Traffic – Visualization of session traffic flow.
- Devices – Could of daily internal and external endpoints observed.
- Encrypted Traffic – Visual of the volume of encrypted traffic inbound and outbound.
- Top Devices – Top devices exchanging data.
- Top DNS Devices – Top devices exchanging DNS traffic.
- Top High Risk Countries – Traffic flow to countries you may not do business with.
- Observations – Counts of observations of behavioral change.



5. Start by selecting **Investigate** and **Active Roles** from the drop down menu. Select the plus (+) sign next to **Web Server**. You should see a list like below.

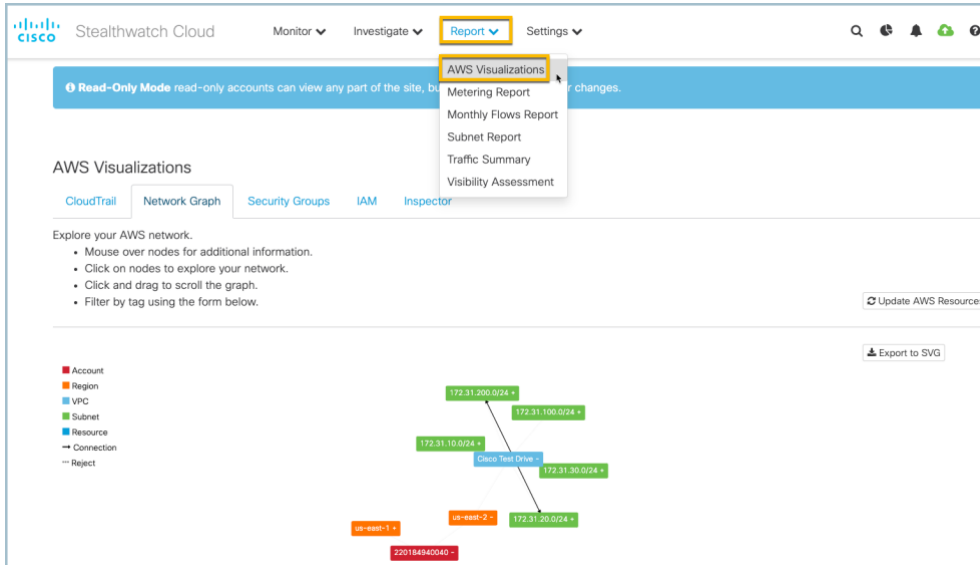


- Secure Cloud Analytics uses both APIs, as well as network telemetry to determine the types of endpoints, we call these “Roles”. Roles are automatically learned such as “AWS RDS Instances” and “Database Servers”. An endpoint can have multiple roles such as a Web Server that is also serving SSH sessions. **Hovering** over the will provide more context about the endpoint.

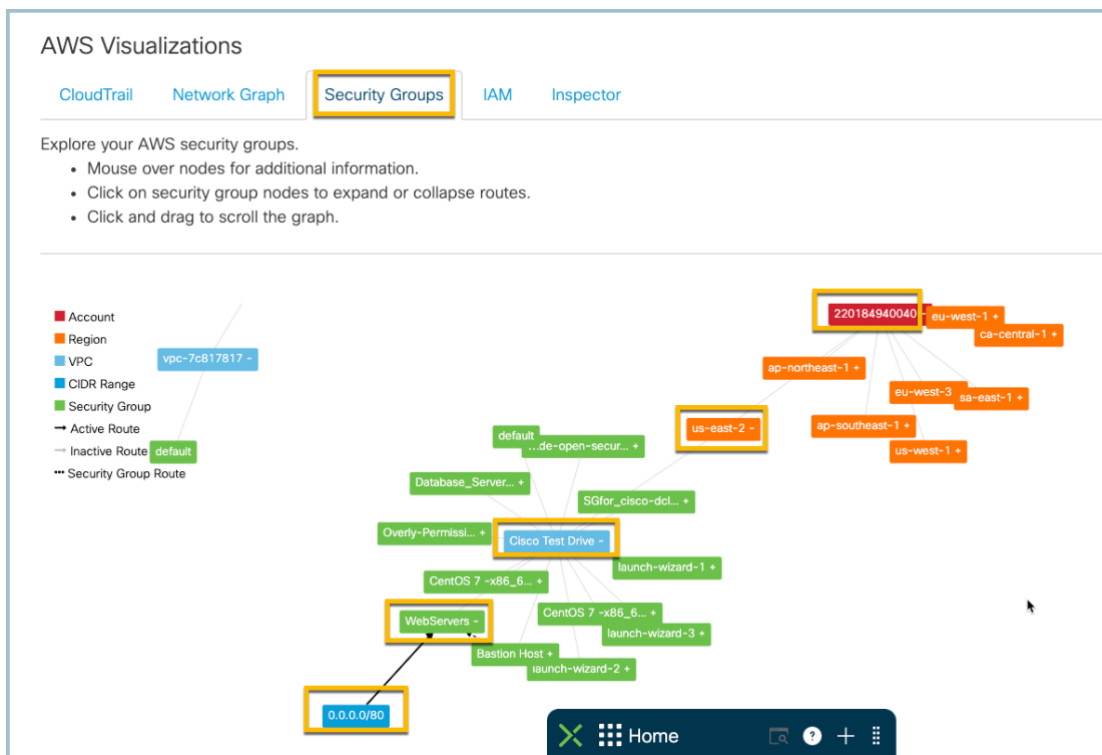


- Next, we will look more closely at some other data that AWS provides and how Secure Cloud Analytics makes use of it. Select **Report** and **AWS Visualizations** as illustrated in the figure below. Expand us-east-2, Cisco Test Drive, and then 172.31.20.0/24, 172.31.10.0/24, and 172.31.200.0/24 like the image below.





6. If you hover over the instance ID, you will see the name given to it. The solid lines (you will need to zoom in) indicate that we have traffic between the devices/networks.
7. Next, select the **Security Groups** tab. AWS creates a default security group in each region. We will focus on **us-east-2**. A security group is like a firewall rule, permitting defined traffic and denying everything else. By default, the outbound rule is **allow all**. In the screenshot, we can see a WebServers security group allowing port 80 from everywhere and another one labeled Overly-Permissive that is allowing any port on any IP.



8. Scroll down to see all the security groups defined for this account, what they are allowing, and how much traffic has been observed. This can be used to verify or audit security groups.

### Traffic

Bytes transferred via security group routes over the selected time range.

**Note:** Traffic and connection data depend on this service being configured to collect data relevant to each security group. Zeroes in either column may not reflect the true usage of the security group if the traffic associated with it is not monitored.

Q filters from 2020-12-07 10:44 to 2020-12-07 16:44 ⊞

10 records per page

Account ↕	Name ^	Identifier ↕	CIDR ↕	Ports ↕	Connections ↕	Traffic ↕
220184940040	Bastion Host	sg-0992f64839ce09042	0.0.0.0/0	22, 3389	2865	39 MB
220184940040	Bastion Host	sg-0992f64839ce09042	10.0.0.5/32	3389	0	0 B
220184940040	Bastion Host	sg-0992f64839ce09042	40.71.103.46/32	3389	0	0 B
220184940040	CentOS 7 -x86_64- - with Updates HVM-1901_01-AutogenByAWSMP-	sg-0b6db41cc28ee406c	0.0.0.0/0	22	0	0 B
220184940040	CentOS 7 -x86_64- - with Updates HVM-1901_01-AutogenByAWSMP-1	sg-0d2bd8cd0cdbfb2fd	0.0.0.0/0	22	0	0 B
220184940040	Database_Servers	sg-0b9da8fd5dff128b9	24.126.243.153/32	3306	0	0 B
220184940040	Jumpbox-Security-Group	sg-0a47a5f312c45dbbf	0.0.0.0/0	3389	0	0 B
220184940040	Overly-Permissive-Wide-Open	sg-0331907c24cc482f2	0.0.0.0/0	0-65535	0	0 B
220184940040	SGfor_cisco-dcloud_alert_test	sg-0ddeb37dad290bb32	0.0.0.0/0	0-65535	0	0 B
220184940040	WebServer-Security-Group	sg-07af655209c61c388	0.0.0.0/0	80, 443	0	0 B

- Select **IAM** to see more about the users and roles associated to this account. Click the user **“Admin”** to see what permissions it has. You will notice it is a member of the Administrator Access policy which has **“\*”** access, meaning this user has access to everything. Select other use accounts to contrast the permissions.

**AWS Visualizations**

CloudTrail Network Graph Security Groups **IAM** Inspector

Explore your IAM permissions.  
**Note:** Actions are classified as *used* based on the last 21 days of AWS CloudTrail Observations. Update IAM Permissions

Legend: User (blue), Group (light blue), Role (red), Policy (green), Action (orange), Used (arrow), Unused (dashed arrow)

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Account	Name	Type
805292866036	access_S3	Role
220184940040	admin	User
805292866036	admin	Role
220184940040	Admins	Group
805292866036	AWS_lab_webinar	Role
805292866036	AWSServiceRoleForAmazonEKSNodegroup	Role
220184940040	AWSServiceRoleForAutoScaling	Role

The diagram shows a green box labeled 'AdministratorAc...' containing an orange action icon, with a dashed arrow pointing to a blue box labeled 'admin'.

- Select the **CloudTrail** tab to see recent changes to the AWS account. CloudTrail is a logging service that AWS provides, and that Secure Cloud Analytics can read. It is a great audit trail of user and machine activity that can be used to see who or what made a change. Later, we will show an alert based on a watchlist we built for CloudTrail. In the example below, we can see a user was recently created, followed by some login failures and then a success.

**AWS Visualizations**

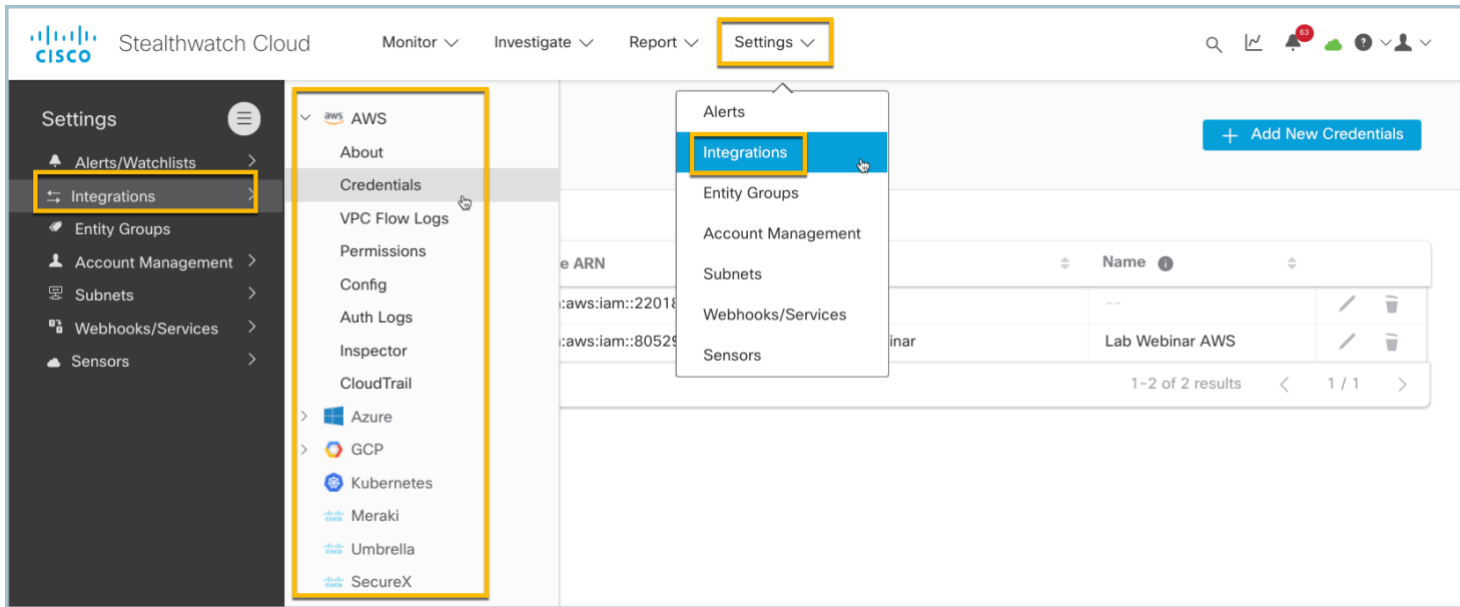
CloudTrail Network Graph Security Groups IAM Inspector

View your AWS CloudTrail logs

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Time	Username	Source IP	Event	Request	Response
11/6/20 10:25 PM		192.168.1.41.7	AssumeRole	roleArn: arn:aws:iam::220184940040:role/obsrvbl_role externalId: cisco-dclo...	credentials: {"expiration": "Nov 6, 2020 11:25:30 PM", "accessKeyId": "ASIA..."}
11/6/20 10:25 PM		192.168.1.41.7	AssumeRole	roleArn: arn:aws:iam::220184940040:role/obsrvbl_role externalId: cisco-dclo...	credentials: {"expiration": "Nov 6, 2020 11:25:30 PM", "accessKeyId": "ASIA..."}
11/6/20 10:25 PM		192.168.1.41.7	AssumeRole	roleArn: arn:aws:iam::220184940040:role/obsrvbl_role externalId: cisco-dclo...	credentials: {"expiration": "Nov 6, 2020 11:25:30 PM", "accessKeyId": "ASIA..."}
11/6/20 10:25 PM		192.168.1.41.7	AssumeRole	roleArn: arn:aws:iam::220184940040:role/obsrvbl_role externalId: cisco-dclo...	credentials: {"expiration": "Nov 6, 2020 11:25:30 PM", "accessKeyId": "ASIA..."}
11/6/20 10:25 PM		192.168.1.41.7	AssumeRole	roleArn: arn:aws:iam::220184940040:role/obsrvbl_role externalId: cisco-dclo...	credentials: {"expiration": "Nov 6, 2020 11:25:30 PM", "accessKeyId": "ASIA..."}
11/6/20 10:25 PM		192.168.1.41.7	AssumeRole	roleArn: arn:aws:iam::220184940040:role/obsrvbl_role externalId: cisco-dclo...	credentials: {"expiration": "Nov 6, 2020 11:25:30 PM", "accessKeyId": "ASIA..."}
11/6/20 10:25 PM		192.168.1.41.7	AssumeRole	roleArn: arn:aws:iam::220184940040:role/obsrvbl_role externalId: cisco-dclo...	credentials: {"expiration": "Nov 6, 2020 11:25:30 PM", "accessKeyId": "ASIA..."}

Secure Cloud Analytics can provide this data via a special role that is created in the customer account that gives this portal Read Only permissions to the data. To see more about how the integration works, click the **Settings menu**, and select **Integrations**. AWS is the first listed integration, while you will also see **Azure**, **GCP**, **Kubernetes**, **Meraki**, and **Umbrella**. The JSON document lists the various permissions used. In the next lab we will examine an AWS breach.

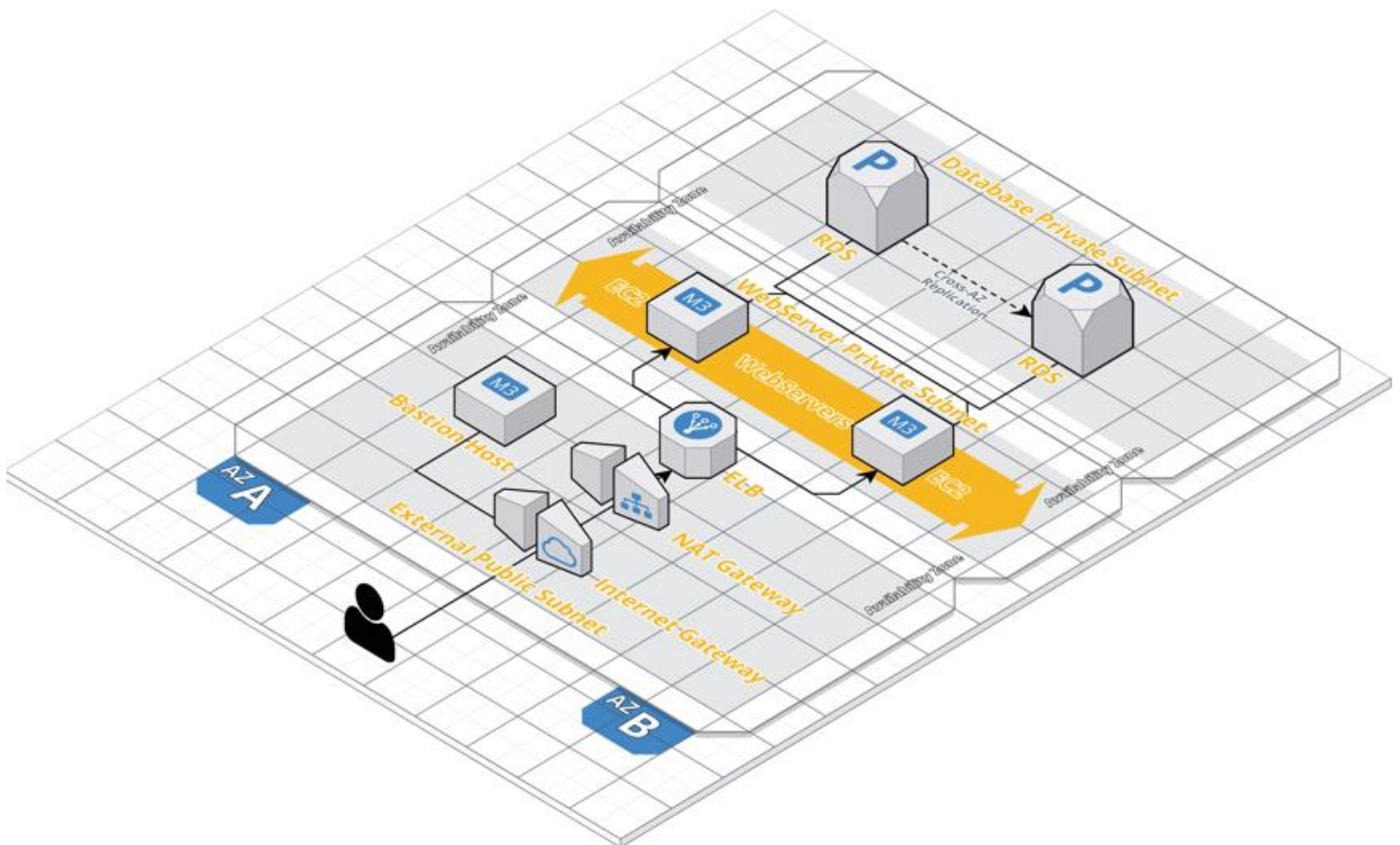


## Task 2: AWS Breach Lab

Secure Cloud Analytics collects VPC flow logs (i.e. NetFlow) from AWS. In the AWS console you select which VPCs (Virtual Private Clouds) you want flow logs enabled on, when enabled for a VPC, any traffic between machines in the VPC and to the internet is recorded.

In this lab we will look at some of the active alerts for the demo portal. Below is how the AWS network has been setup.

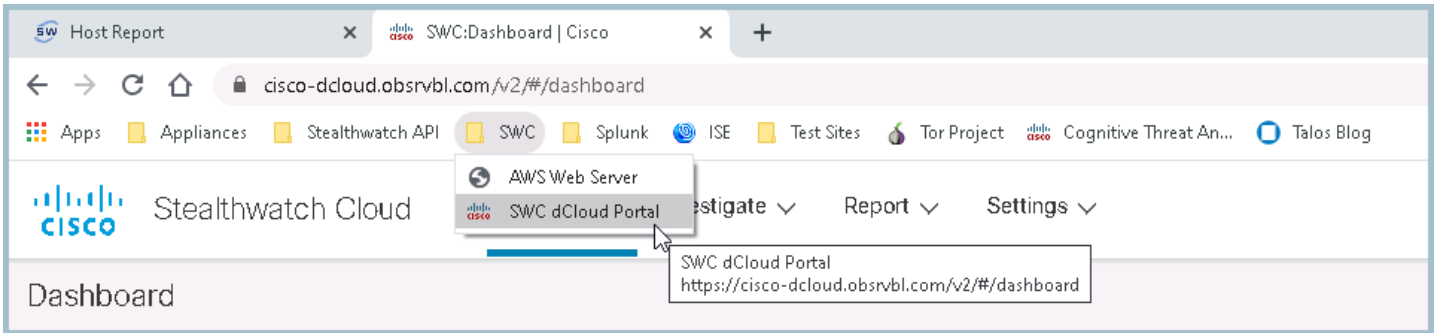
1. Bastion Host – Remote Desktop Server w/public IP
2. ELB – Web load balancers (AWS Hosted Service)
3. RDS – Database Servers (AWS Hosted Service)
4. NatGW – Path for external traffic out of the VPC (AWS Hosted Service)
5. Web Servers – Standard EC2 instances running Apache



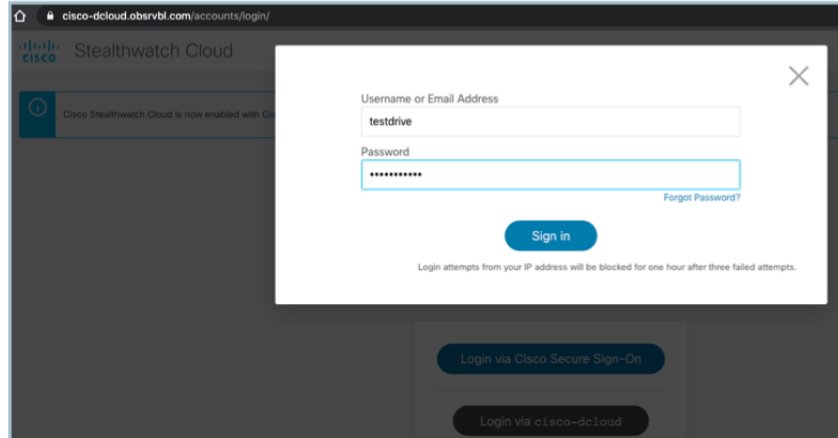
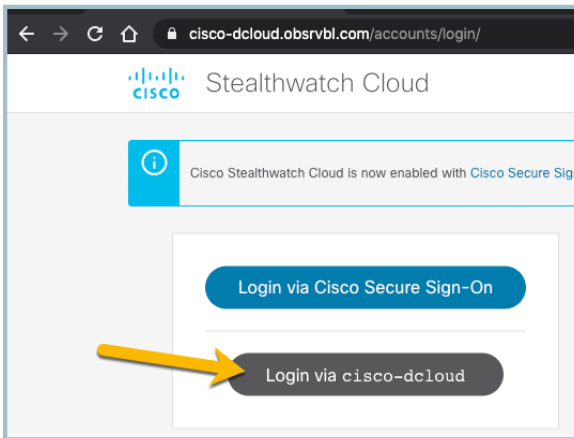
If you are not already logged into the Secure Cloud Analytics portal, do the following to access it:

1. Launch **Chrome** from the desktop of your Wkst1, as shown below.

2. Select the **SWC dCloud Portal** bookmark from the **SWC** folder of the bookmark toolbar as illustrated below.



3. Select **Login via cisco-dcloud** and enter username **test drive** and password **C1sco12345!**



4. Select the **Alerts** option from the **Monitor** menu as illustrated below. You should see a mix of alerts like below.

The screenshot shows the Cisco Stealthwatch Cloud interface. At the top, the 'Monitor' menu is highlighted with a yellow box, and its dropdown menu is open, with 'Alerts 63' also highlighted. Below the menu, a blue banner indicates 'Read-Only Mode' for a read-only account. The main content area is titled 'Alerts' and features a search bar, a search icon, and filters for Status, Tags, Assignee, and Sort. A summary bar shows '63 open alerts sorted by newest' and 'Page 1 of 3'. The alert list includes:

- Permissive AWS Security Group Created** (Amazon Web Services) 8052928660361fgandola@cisco.com, an hour ago, 2 comments.
- Excessive Access Attempts (External)** virtualmachines/jumpbox, 4 hours ago, 50 comments.
- Excessive Access Attempts (External)** virtualmachines/rogue-server, 4 hours ago, 50 comments.
- Excessive Access Attempts (External)** virtualmachines/jumphost, 4 hours ago, 50 comments.
- Excessive Access Attempts (External)** i-0f5c16650ace2e7ac, 4 hours ago, 53 comments. Includes a 'Brute Force' tag.
- Excessive Access Attempts (External)** bastion1, 4 hours ago, 50 comments. Includes a 'GCP' tag.
- Inbound Port Scanner** Network, 11 hours ago, 34 comments. Includes an 'AWS' tag.

- We will start with alert [433](https://cisco-dcloud.obsrvbl.com/#/alerts/433) (https://cisco-dcloud.obsrvbl.com/#/alerts/433). Search for 433 if you do not see it and click the hyperlink to get full details. This alert uses the IAM (Identity and Access Management) data from AWS to check for fraudulent activity. Scroll down to the supporting observations and you will see that user Patron tried unsuccessfully to login several times.

Stealthwatch Cloud | Monitor | Investigate | Report | Settings

**Read-Only Mode** read-only accounts can view any part of the site, but cannot make updates or changes.

Alerts

433

1 open alert sorted by newest

**AWS Console Login Failures** CloudTrail Event observation and may indicate an unauthorized user is attempting to gain access. 0040|patron 5 months, 2 weeks ago

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**AWS Console Login Failures** patron

Status Open

ID 433

Description This user tried and failed to log in to the AWS Console several times. This alert uses the AWS CloudTrail Event observation and may indicate an unauthorized user is attempting to gain access.

Updated Jun 23, 2020 2:23:53 PM

Created Jan 30, 2020 11:42:22 PM

Assignee Nobody

Tags AWS CSPM

After reviewing an alert, closing it will let the rest of your team know it's been resolved. In addition, closing alerts sends important feedback.

Close Alert

Post to Threat Response

Supporting Observations

AWS CloudTrail Event Observation

AWS CloudTrail event reported for the device.

20 records per page

Time	User	Source IP	Event	Request	Response	Error Code
6/23/20 2:17 PM	patron	72.223.96.68	ConsoleLogin	none	{"ConsoleLogin": "Failure"}	
6/23/20 2:17 PM	patron	72.223.96.68	ConsoleLogin	none	{"ConsoleLogin": "Failure"}	



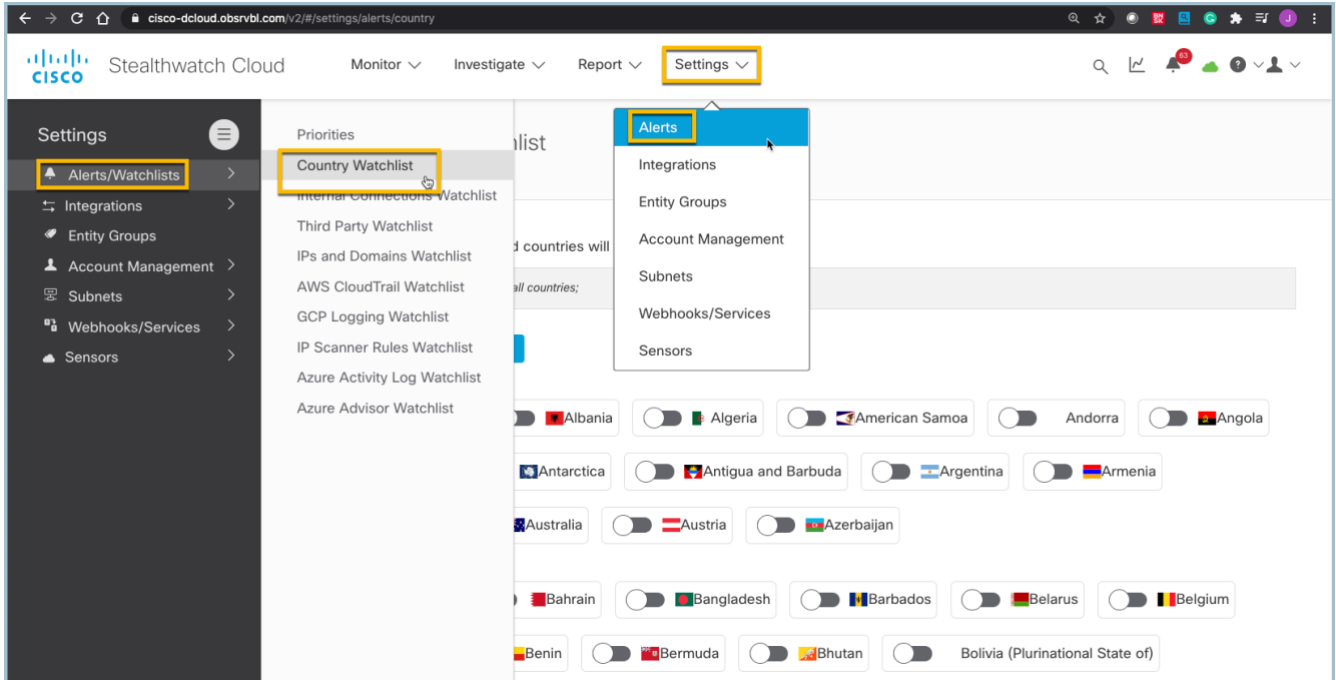
- Click the black triangle next to the source IP address, and then click **Talos Intelligence** to pivot and see more detail about the source IP Address and its reputation. Notice the Network Owner is “Cisco Systems.” As a first step, Operations should reach out to the user and understand why they are not able to log in.

The screenshot shows the Talos Intelligence interface. On the left, a table of 'Supporting Observations' lists events for user 'patron' from source IP '72.223.96.68'. A dropdown menu is open for this IP, with 'Talos Intelligence' selected. The main panel displays 'Lookup data results for IP Address: 72.223.96.68'. It includes sections for 'LOCATION DATA' (Scottsdale, United States), 'OWNER DETAILS' (IP ADDRESS: 72.223.96.68, HOSTNAME: ip72-223-96-68.ph.ph.cox.net, DOMAIN: cox.net, NETWORK OWNER: Cox Communications), 'CONTENT DETAILS' (No established content categories), 'REPUTATION DETAILS' (Email Reputation: Neutral, Web Reputation: Neutral, Spam Level: None, Email Volume: 0.0, Volume Change: 0%), and 'BLOCK LISTS' (BL-SPAMCOPNET, CBLL-ABUSEAT.ORG, PBL-SPAMHAUS.ORG, SBL-SPAMHAUS.ORG, TALOS SECURITY INTELLIGENCE BLOCK LIST).

- Go back to the main alerts page (<https://cisco-dcloud.observbl.com/#/alerts>) and search for Alert 430 (<https://cisco-dcloud.observbl.com/#/alerts/430>). You will see that after the failed login attempts, we have a Geographic Unusual API Usage trigger because a user logged in from an unusual country, in this case it was Japan. Secure Cloud Analytics monitors what countries normally access the API and can detect unusual behavior. This specific alert has a 14 day baseline period. In this case, it is the same user as the console logins alert.

The screenshot shows the details for Alert 430. The status is 'Open'. The description states: 'The AWS API has been accessed from a remote host in a country that doesn't normally access the API. For example, creating an IAM role from an unusual foreign IP would trigger this alert.' The alert was updated and created on Jan 30, 2020 at 11:43:01 PM. The assignee is 'Nobody'. Tags include 'AWS' and 'CSPM'. A blue notification bar says: 'After reviewing an alert, closing it will let the rest of your team know it's been resolved. In addition, closing alerts sends important feedback.' There are buttons for 'Close Alert' and 'Post to Threat Response'. Below, 'Supporting Observations' shows an AWS CloudTrail event for user 'patron' from source IP '64.104.44.105' at 1/30/20 12:43 AM, with event 'ConsoleLogin', request 'none', and response '{\"ConsoleLogin\": \"Success\"}'. The error code field is empty.

- Users can also select what countries are typically not associated with their account by selecting high risk countries from **Settings > Alerts > Alerts/Watchlists > Country Watchlist**.



- Go back to the main alerts page **Monitor > Alerts** (<https://cisco-dcloud.observbl.com/#/alerts>) and search for Alert **431** (<https://cisco-dcloud.observbl.com/alerts/431>), this alert also uses data from AWS CloudTrail, it looks for security groups (e.g. firewall rules) that are overly permissive. If this was a real account, this would be very suspicious. We can easily pivot out from the alert Observation to see what else this user has been doing in the AWS account.
- Click the black triangle next to the user and select **Activity**, then **Observations**. Scroll through the list of observations.

The screenshot shows the Cisco dCloud interface. The top panel displays an alert titled "Permissive AWS Security Group Created" with status "Open" and ID "431". A dropdown menu for the user "patron" is open, showing options for "Activity", "Alerts", and "Observations".

The middle panel shows the "User Activity" view for the user "patron". It includes a table with columns: Authority, User Name, Type, Source, Last Active, and # observations. The table shows one entry for "Amazon Web Services" with a "Normal User" type and a "Network" source, last active on "6/29/20 6:04 PM". The "# observations" column shows a count of "44".

The bottom panel shows the "Observations" view for the user "patron". It includes a table with columns: Time, User, Source IP, Event, Request, Response, and Error Code. The table shows four entries for "ConsoleLogin" and "AuthorizeSecurityGroupingress" events.

Time	User	Source IP	Event	Request	Response	Error Code
6/29/20 6:04 PM	patron	72.223.96.68	ConsoleLogin	none	{"ConsoleLogin": "Success"}	
6/23/20 2:30 PM	patron	128.107.241.162	ConsoleLogin	none	{"ConsoleLogin": "Success"}	
6/23/20 2:26 PM	patron	72.223.96.68	AuthorizeSecurityGroupingress	{ "groupId": "sg-0ddeb37dad290bb32", "ipPermissions": [{"items": [{"ipProtoco...	{"requestId": "021a3043-9a72-4efc-93d4-35abf00fecf6", "_return": true}	
6/23/20 2:23 PM	patron	72.223.96.68	ConsoleLogin	none	{"ConsoleLogin": "Success"}	

- Similar to how Secure Cloud Analytics monitors the API for AWS, it monitors remote access protocols and what IPs are used to access the local network. In the previous example, the user enabled some very permissive policies for the instance, permitting any to any.
- Go back to the **Monitor > Alerts** page and search for alert **435** (<https://cisco-dcloud.obsrvbl.com/#/alerts/435>) to see how an alert was triggered for what appears to be a Geographically Unusual Remote Access, the remote IP is the same one used in the Geographically Unusual API access.

**Supporting Observations**  
Remote Access Observation ⓘ  
Device was accessed from a remote source.

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Time ▾	Device ⇅	Remote Device ⇅	Local Port ⇅	Profile ⇅	Remote IP ⇅
1/31/20 1:20 AM	ⓘ i-0f5c16650ace2e7ac ▾	• 64.104.44.97 ▾	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer	64.104.44.97

- Another example behavior change Secure Cloud Analytics looks for is when a machine that hasn't been accessed remotely is accessed for the 1st time (after the baseline period). Go back to the **Monitor > Alerts** page and search for alert **434** (<https://cisco-dcloud.obsrvbl.com/#/alerts/434>), the supporting observations for this is "Remote Access Observation". This has been used to detect out of compliance access, for example a user changing a rule so they login from home vs using the VPN or by a machine being compromised and made a terminal server.

**Supporting Observations**  
Remote Access Observation ⓘ  
Device was accessed from a remote source.

20 records per page  Q

Time ▾	Device ⇅	Remote Device ⇅	Local Port ⇅	Profile ⇅	Remote IP ⇅
1/31/20 12:20 AM	ⓘ i-0f5c16650ace2e7ac ▾	🇺🇸 72.163.2.249 ▾	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer	72.163.2.249

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In our examples, so far, we have detected:

- Failed logins.
- Followed by an unusual login.
- A security group change on an instance.
- Followed by new and unusual remote accesses.

At this point, we have a good case to 1) disable the user Patron and 2) lock down or terminate the instance. Ideally, we would want to know what else this instance has been doing to see what the attacker may have done while accessing the machine. Go back to the [Monitor > Alerts](#) page and search for alert **463**.

Because this alert looks for unusual traffic leaving the network, supporting observations will typically have the current and new peak values. In this example, we have a new peak of 3GB of external traffic, old peak of 195MB and record profile outlier for Dropbox of 2.96GB with and old value of 0. The example uses Dropbox, but a variety of profiles would have been matched for the new peak.

### Supporting Observations

New Large Connection (External) Observation ↕

Device exchanged an unusually large amount of data with an external host.

20 records per page search

Time	Device	Connected IP	Bytes		Packets	
			in	out	in	out
1/31/20 1:00 AM	<span style="color: red;">!</span> i-0f5c16650ace2e7ac	<span style="color: blue;">🇺🇸</span> 162.125.3.6	10,573,498	1,790,548,793	216,131	13,952,120

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Record Metric Outlier Observation ↕

Device sent or received a record amount of traffic.

20 records per page search

Time	Device	Metric	New value	Old value
1/31/20 12:00 AM	<span style="color: red;">!</span> i-0f5c16650ace2e7ac	External bytes out	3,110,450,369	195,577,964

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Record Profile Outlier Observation ↕

Device sent or received a record amount of traffic that matched a known profile.

20 records per page search

Time	Device	Profile tag	Metric	New value	Old value
1/31/20 12:00 AM	<span style="color: red;">!</span> i-0f5c16650ace2e7ac	DropboxClient	Bytes out	2,954,077,199	0

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14. Click the **black triangle** next to the host and select **Device** as illustrated below. This will show more details about the host traffic. We can see the spike in traffic over the past 30 days.

Read-Only Mode read-only accounts can view any part of the site, but cannot make updates or changes.

**Outbound Traffic Spike** ⓘ

<b>Status</b>	Open
<b>ID</b>	463
<b>Description</b>	Device started sending a much larger amount of traffic to external destinations than before.
<b>Updated</b>	Jan 31, 2020 2:00:00 AM
<b>Created</b>	Jan 31, 2020 2:00:00 AM

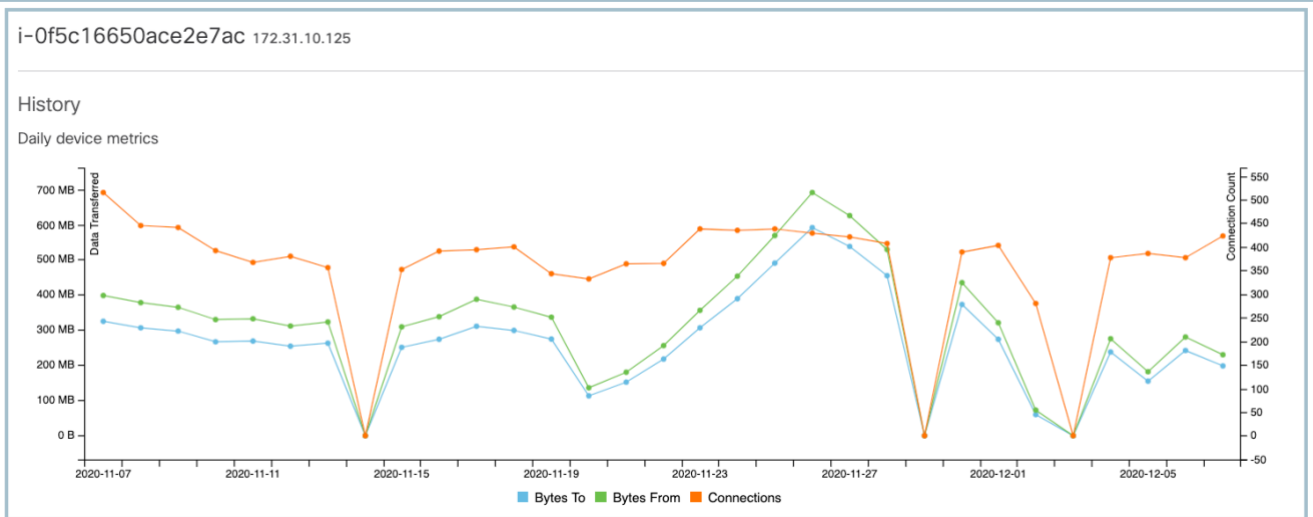
IPs at the time of alert: 172.31.10.125

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- 🔍 Observations
- 🖨️ Device
- 📊 Session Traffic

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15. Scroll through the rest of the page and other tables to see more traffic details about the host. We will cover more details on using the portal in the next lab.

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Summary Traffic Profiling DNS

Attendance		Traffic		Alerting	
Normally Active	0:16:29 to 23:49:11	Bytes In	98 MB	Open Alerts	5 <span>🔔</span>
Account	<span style="color: red;">ⓘ</span>	Bytes Out	114 MB	Closed Alerts	0 <span>🔔</span>
IP Addresses	172.31.10.125	Bytes Total	212 MB	Observations	93780 <span>🔔</span>

### Task 3: Using the Secure Cloud Analytics User Interface

In this lab, we will look at some current alerts and how to use the UI to troubleshoot the network and endpoints.

- Go back to the **Monitor > Alerts** page and search for alert 562 (<https://cisco-dcloud.observbl.com/-/alerts/562>) and open it. This device is a Remote Desktop server used to administer the public cloud workloads. This alert looks for excessive login attempts, this is typical of a host with a public IP address and an open remote access policy. This first step to remediate would be to change the security group policy for this host.

**!** Excessive Access Attempts (External) ▾
bastion1 ▾

**Status** Open

**ID** 562

**Description** Device has many failed access attempts from an external device. For example, a remote device trying repeatedly to access an internal server using SSH or Telnet would trigger this alert. The alert uses the Multiple Access Failures observation and may indicate the device is compromised.

**Next Steps** Reference the supporting observations and ensure that the external entity is abnormal and unexpected. If it is normal and expected, determine why a user or machine login keeps failing to login, such as if credentials changed, but the user or machine was not given the updated credentials. If the external entity is unknown, update your firewall or security group rules to limit access for the remote control protocol. Update your block list and firewall rules to disallow this entity's access to your network if the entity is potentially malicious.

**Updated** Dec 7, 2020 3:00:00 PM

**Created** Mar 5, 2020 11:00:00 AM

**IPs at the time of alert:** 10.0.1.2

**Hostname at the time of alert:** bastion1

**Assignee** Nobody ▾

**Tags** ▾ GCP

Supporting Observations

Multiple Access Failures Observation ↕

Device had multiple failed application (e.g., FTP, SSH, RDP) access attempts.

20 records per page

Time ▾	Device ⇅	Port ⇅	Profile ⇅	Connected Device ⇅	Failed Attempts ⇅
12/7/20 3:00 PM	<span style="color: red;">!</span> bastion1 ▾	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer	185.193.88.77 ▾	131 <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="button" value="x"/>
12/7/20 3:00 PM	<span style="color: red;">!</span> bastion1 ▾	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer	185.156.74.28 ▾	126 <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="button" value="x"/>
12/7/20 3:00 PM	<span style="color: red;">!</span> bastion1 ▾	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer	45.146.165.95 ▾	121 <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="button" value="x"/>
12/7/20 3:00 PM	<span style="color: red;">!</span> bastion1 ▾	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer	45.146.165.245 ▾	118 <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="button" value="x"/>
12/7/20 3:00 PM	<span style="color: red;">!</span> bastion1 ▾	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer	185.193.88.87 ▾	123 <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="button" value="x"/>
12/7/20 3:00 PM	<span style="color: red;">!</span> bastion1 ▾	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer	185.156.74.26 ▾	126 <input style="width: 20px; height: 15px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="button" value="x"/>

- To see more about the traffic for one of the external IPs, select the down arrow next to the IP address and then **Find IP on Multiple Days**. In the example screenshot below we can see the external IP has increased the amount of attack traffic.

Supporting Observations

Multiple Access Failures Observation [🔗](#)

Device had multiple failed application (e.g., FTP, SSH, RDP) access attempts.

20 records per page search

Time	Device	Port	Profile	Connected Device	Failed Attempts
12/7/20 3:00 PM	bastion1	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer	185.193.88.77	131
12/7/20 3:00 PM	bastion1	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer		126
12/7/20 3:00 PM	bastion1	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer		121
12/7/20 3:00 PM	bastion1	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer		118
12/7/20 3:00 PM	bastion1	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer		123
12/7/20 3:00 PM	bastion1	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer		126
12/7/20 3:00 PM	bastion1	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer		86
12/7/20 3:00 PM	bastion1	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer		120
12/7/20 3:00 PM	bastion1	3389 (terminal)	RDPServer		123

*Note: A dropdown menu is open for the IP 185.193.88.77, with 'Find IP on multiple days' highlighted.*

### Find IP

Q filters from 2020-11-07 to 2020-12-07; IP: 185.193.88.77

Day	IP	Bytes Total	Bytes To	Bytes From	Connections
2020-12-07	185.193.88.77	9,508,264	4,824,946	4,683,318	4
2020-12-06	185.193.88.77	10,486,373	5,524,948	4,961,425	4
2020-12-05	185.193.88.77	6,585,110	3,375,543	3,209,567	4
2020-12-04	185.193.88.77	10,117,754	5,143,034	4,974,720	5
2020-12-03	185.193.88.77	3,137,728	1,638,946	1,498,782	3
2020-12-02	185.193.88.77	490,739	262,795	227,944	1



- Go back to the alert and select a time stamp, as illustrated below (you can pick any time) to see the raw flow data collected that produced the alert. In this example, we see multiple small byte/packet counts that indicate the likelihood of what appears to be a dictionary login attack.

### Supporting Observations

Multiple Access Failures Observation ↕

Device had multiple failed application (e.g., FTP, SSH, RDP) access attempts.

records per page

Time ↕	Device ↕	Port ↕	Profile ↕	Connected Device ↕
12/7/20 3:00 PM	<span style="color: red;">!</span> bastion1 ↕	3389 (terminal)	RDPsServer	185.193.88.77 ↕



### Session Traffic

Q active filters start time: 2020-12-07T15:00:00Z; end time: 2020-12-07T23:59:00Z; ip: 765; port: 3389; connected\_ip: 185.193.88.77;

Traffic Traffic Chart Rejects Connections Graph

Table of matching sessions.

records per page

Time ↕	IP ↕	Connected IP ↕	Port ↕	Connected Port ↕	Protocol ↕	Bytes		Packets	
						To ↕	From ↕	To ↕	From ↕
12/7/20 7:17 PM	<span style="color: red;">!</span> 10.0.1.2 ↕	185.193.88.77 ↕	3389 (terminal)	33558	TCP	1,036	2,558	22	12
12/7/20 7:14 PM	<span style="color: red;">!</span> 10.0.1.2 ↕	185.193.88.77 ↕	3389 (terminal)	44802	TCP	2,596	0	18	0
12/7/20 7:14 PM	<span style="color: red;">!</span> 10.0.1.2 ↕	185.193.88.77 ↕	3389 (terminal)	52904	TCP	1,116	0	20	0
12/7/20 7:14 PM	<span style="color: red;">!</span> 10.0.1.2 ↕	185.193.88.77 ↕	3389 (terminal)	39976	TCP	0	3,180	0	18

- Navigate to **Monitor > Observations** to see more Observations for the portal.
- Select types to see the list of all potential Observations.

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Read-Only Mode read-only account... Alerts 63

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Alerts 63  
**Observations**

Observations

Recent Highlights **Types** By Device

Additional Observation (0)  
Additional information about this source.

Amazon GuardDuty DNS Request Finding Observation (0)  
Amazon GuardDuty reported a suspicious DNS request.

Amazon GuardDuty Network Connection Finding Observation (0)  
Amazon GuardDuty reported a suspicious network connection.

Amazon Inspector Finding Observation (0)  
A finding was reported for an AWS resource.

Anomalous Profile Observation (0)  
Device(s) used a profile for the first time which differs from typical behaviors seen in the network (e.g., an abnormally high number of devices using the profile for the first time, sending anomalous traffic)

AWS API Watchlist Access Observation (0)  
AWS API was accessed from an IP on a watchlist

- Select **By Devices** to show which devices have the most Observations as illustrated below.

Observations

Recent Highlights **Types** **By Device**

10 records per page

Device	Count	Last Observation Time
Network	4,146,972	12/6/20 9:04 PM
virtualmachines/jumphost	150,210	12/6/20 7:03 PM
i-0f5c16650ace2e7ac	67,646	12/6/20 7:46 PM
virtualmachines/jumpbox	65,699	12/6/20 7:53 PM
bastion1	63,397	12/6/20 7:08 PM

- Navigate to **Reports > Traffic Summary** to show traffic summarization data. From here, you can query specific time periods to determine top IPs, ports, etc. The view below shows the traffic spike from the exfiltration to Dropbox.

**Traffic**

Q filters from 2020-12-06 19:00 to 2020-12-07 19:00

**Overview**  
Aggregate data from Dec 6, 2020 7:00:00 PM to Dec 7, 2020 7:00:00 PM.

Total Bytes	Bytes To	Bytes From	Bidirectional Connections	Internal Devices	External Devices
9 GB	4 GB	4 GB	3,858	29	2,077

**Data Transferred**

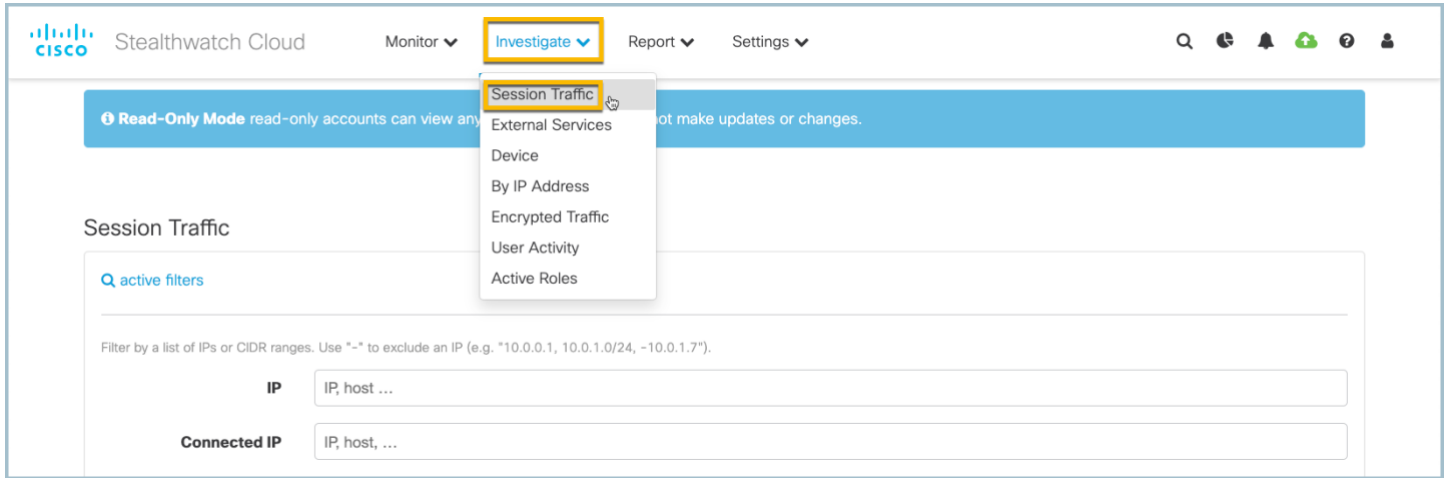
**Top IPs**  
The most active IPs on the network.

Internal External

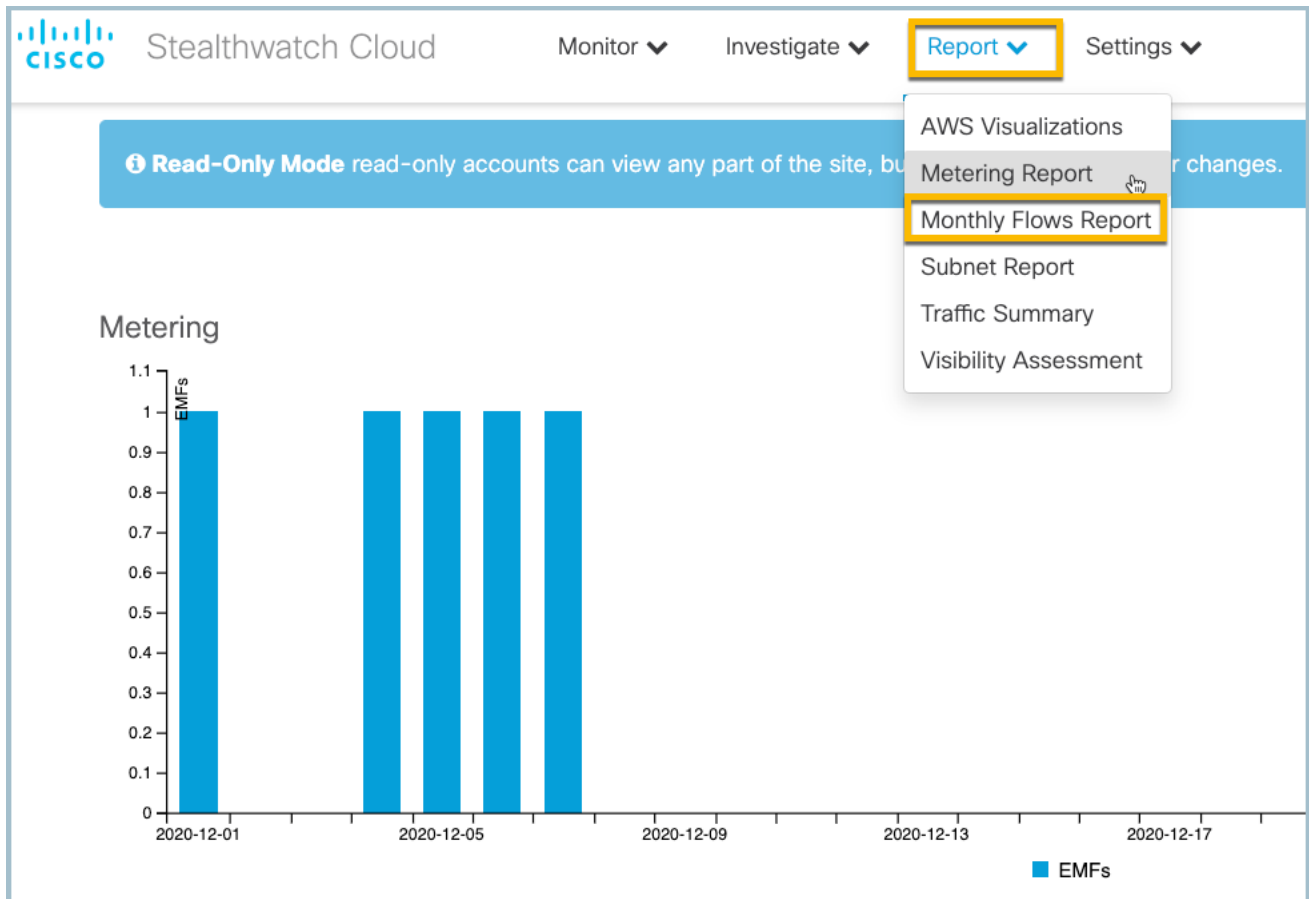
10 records per page

IP	Total Bytes	Bytes To	Bytes From
10.0.0.5	2,210,224,291	1,186,320,860	1,023,903,431
10.0.1.4	1,763,694,661	814,839,579	948,855,082
10.0.0.52	593,093,721	284,976,536	308,117,185
10.0.3.238	586,075,866	305,808,011	280,267,855

8. Navigate to **Investigate > Session Traffic** to show how to build queries of all the stored flow data. You can filter by IPs, Ports, Protocol, Byte Counts, Packet, Counts and time period. You can also use put a hyphen (-) in front of a field to remove it from the query. In the example below, we are running a query for all traffic, except 443.




Secure Cloud Analytics is charged by the volume of flows that are analyzed. In every portal, you can see the volume of flows by navigating to **Report > Monthly Flows Report**. We call each million flows an EMF (estimated mega flow), the monthly quantity is what is used.




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## Summary

You have learned how to monitor and protect cloud hosted infrastructure using Secure Cloud Analytics.

## Appendix A. Integrate Splunk using the Secure Network Analytics App

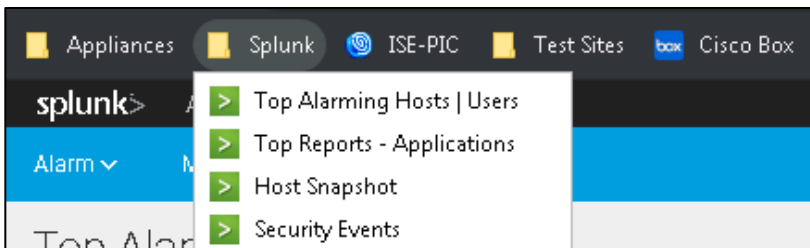
Many enterprises want to use the Splunk console to aggregate actionable intelligence and integrate Cisco Secure Network Analytics® behavioral analytics into a common view.

This use case describes how to configure a recommended syslog format for Splunk along with how to configure sending alarms out of the Secure Network Analytics Management Console (SMC). There are three main steps:

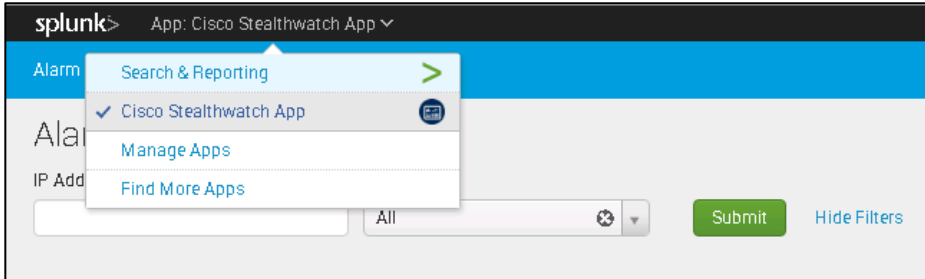
- **Configure response management rules** (Send syslog messages from the SMC)
- **Configure response management actions**
- **Configure syslog message format**

### View alarms in Splunk

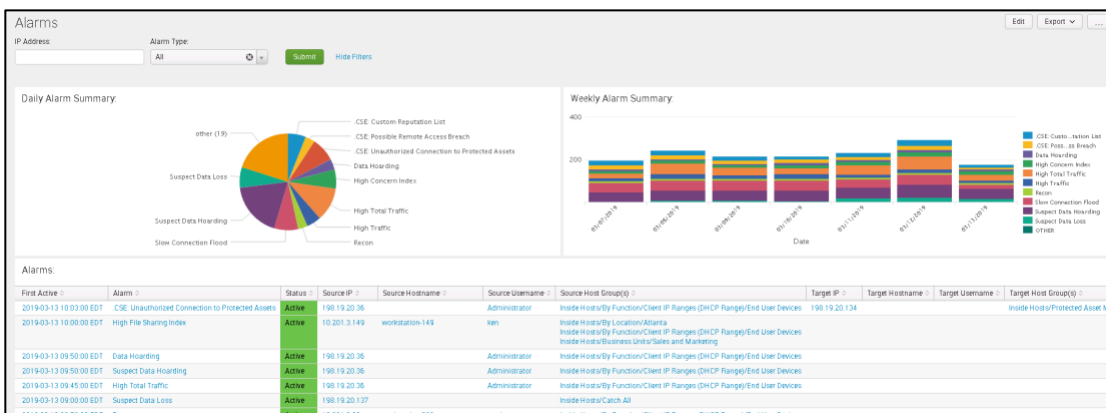
1. Open Chrome, select **Splunk** from the Favorites menu, and then choose **Top Alarming Hosts**.



2. Splunk Enterprise will open. From the top of the menu, select **Cisco Secure Network Analytics App**.



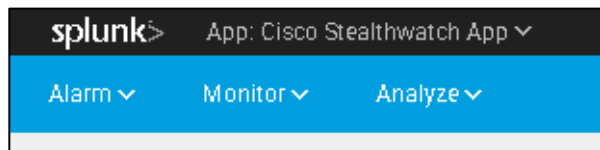
3. Observe that the data will populate after a minute and you can see the Daily Alarm Summary, Weekly Alarm Summary and Alarms.



Within the Cisco Secure Network Analytics Splunk App there are various reports you can pull from Splunk, based on three

main categories as shown below:

- a. Alarm
- b. Monitor
- c. Analyze



- 4. Each main category has sub-categories to display data Secure Network Analytics has sent to Splunk.

## Appendix B. About NetFlow & IPFIX

### What is NetFlow?

NetFlow is a feature that was originally introduced on Cisco routers that provides the ability to collect IP network traffic as it enters or exits an interface. By analyzing the data provided by NetFlow, a network administrator can determine things such as the source and destination of traffic, class of service, and the causes of congestion.

### What are the various kinds of NetFlow?

Most enterprise class networking devices today support some variant of NetFlow. These can go by different names, so you may run across one or more of these in client environments:

- FNF (Flexible NetFlow)
- NSEL (NetFlow Security Event Logging)
- IPFIX (IP Flow Information Export)
- TNF (Traditional NetFlow)
- FlowCache
- NetFlow-lite Phase 1
- NetFlow-lite Phase 2
- AVC (Application Visibility and Control)
- NBAR2 (Network-Based Application Recognition)
- sFlow (Sampled Flow)

These all differ in various ways, and some Cisco devices can export NBAR2 as part of AVC which can provide extra application information to assist in investigations with Secure Network Analytics.

### What NetFlow information is Secure Network Analytics expecting to see?

Secure Network Analytics expects specific NetFlow fields to be passed for it to properly analyze network traffic. Together, these fields comprise the NetFlow template.

The most common issue experienced when setting up Secure Network Analytics is invalid template errors. On most devices, you will be able to modify the NetFlow fields sent to Secure Network Analytics to receive the proper template information. For those devices that cannot send the proper template information, you will need to either rely on the NetFlow generated by other devices or install a device like a Secure Network Analytics Flow Sensor to generate NetFlow that Secure Network Analytics can interpret for you.



The **Required** and **Optional** NetFlow fields that Secure Network Analytics ingests are:

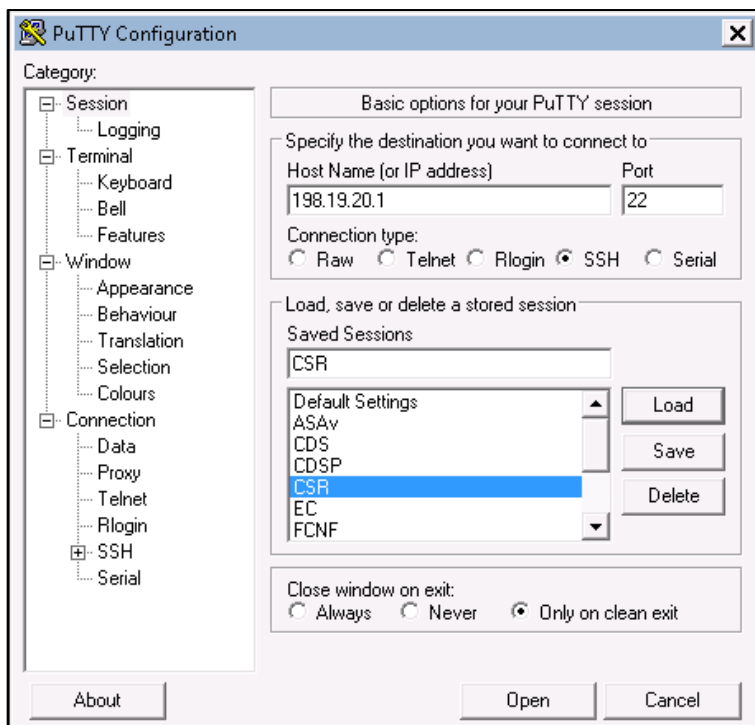
<i>Description</i>	<i>Required or Optional?</i>	<i>Notes</i>
match ipv4 protocol	<b>Required</b>	Key field
match ipv4 source address	<b>Required</b>	Key field
match ipv4 destination address	<b>Required</b>	Key field
match transport source-port	<b>Required</b>	Key field
match transport destination-port	<b>Required</b>	Key field
match interface input	<b>Required</b>	Key field
match ipv4 tos	<b>Required</b>	Key field
collect interface output	<b>Required</b>	Key field
collect counter bytes	<b>Required</b>	Key field
collect counter packets	<b>Required</b>	Key field
collect timestamp sys-uptime first	<b>Required</b>	For calculating duration
collect timestamp sys-uptime last	<b>Required</b>	For calculating duration
collect routing next-hop address ipv4	Optional	Used for closest interface determination
collect ipv4 dscp	Optional	Used for closest QoS monitoring
collect ipv4 ttl minimum	Optional	Used for to understand the path of flow
collect ipv4 ttl maximum	Optional	Used for to understand the path of flow
collect transport tcp flags	Optional	Used for reporting on TCP flags
collect routing destination AS	Optional	Used for AS reporting
collect application name	Optional	Used to capture layer 7 application name when NBAR2 is being used
collect application http host	Optional	Used to capture URL information when AVC is being used

## Enable flow: Steps

1. Create a [Flow Record](#)
2. Configure the [Exporter](#)
3. Configure the [Monitor](#)
4. Configure the [Interface\(s\)](#)

### View flow configurations from the CSR Router

1. Open Putty, load the CSR configuration, and then open the session as shown below:



2. When the session loads with the username **admin**, insert **Cisco12345** for the password.
3. Use the following command to view the interfaces flow is being exported from: **show flow interface**.
4. Observe the output which should look like this:

```
CSR#show flow interface
Interface GigabitEthernet1
  FNF: monitor:      IPv4_NETFLOW
      direction:    Input
      traffic(ip):   on
Interface GigabitEthernet2
  FNF: monitor:      IPv4_NETFLOW
      direction:    Input
      traffic(ip):   on
CSR#
```

**Note:** The direction of the flow: **Input**. When enabling flow, it is best practice to enable flow on the interface in the ingress direction.

5. View the flow exporter with the following command: **show run flow exporter**.
6. The output should be the same as below for **show run flow exporter**:

```
CSR#show run flow exporter
Current configuration:
!
flow exporter NETFLOW_TO_STEALTHWATCH
  description Export NetFlow to SW
  destination 198.19.20.139
  transport udp 2055
  template data timeout 30
  option interface-table
!
CSR#
```

7. Issue the following command: **show run flow monitor**.
8. Observe the output which should be the same as the **show run flow monitor** shown below:

```
CSR#show run flow monitor
Current configuration:
!
flow monitor IPv4_NETFLOW
  exporter NETFLOW_TO_STEALTHWATCH
  cache timeout active 60
  record STEALTHWATCH_FLOW_RECORD
!
CSR#
```

**Note:** The cache timeout on Cisco devices by default is **30 minutes**. Secure Network Analytics needs the cache active timeout to be 1 minute or 60 seconds.

9. Issue the command: **show run flow record**.
10. Take note of the output shown in the **Show flow record**:

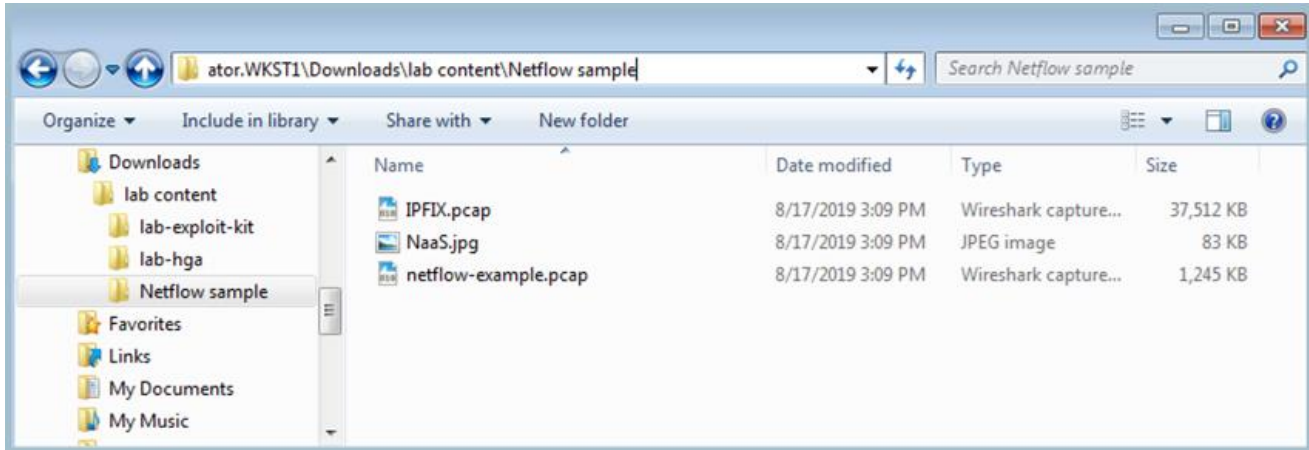
```
CSR#show run flow record
Current configuration:
!
flow record STEALTHWATCH_FLOW_RECORD
description NetFlow record for SW
match ipv4 tos
match ipv4 source address
match ipv4 destination address
match transport destination-port
match transport source-port
match interface input
match ipv4 protocol
collect routing source as
collect routing destination as
collect routing next-hop address ipv4
collect ipv4 dscp
collect ipv4 id
collect ipv4 source prefix
collect ipv4 source mask
collect ipv4 destination mask
collect ipv4 ttl minimum
collect ipv4 ttl maximum
collect transport tcp flags
collect interface output
collect counter bytes
collect counter packets
collect timestamp sys-uptime first
collect timestamp sys-uptime last
!
CSR#
```

**Note:** The highlighted match and collect statements above are required fields in Secure Network Analytics. The other fields are optional to collect additional data.

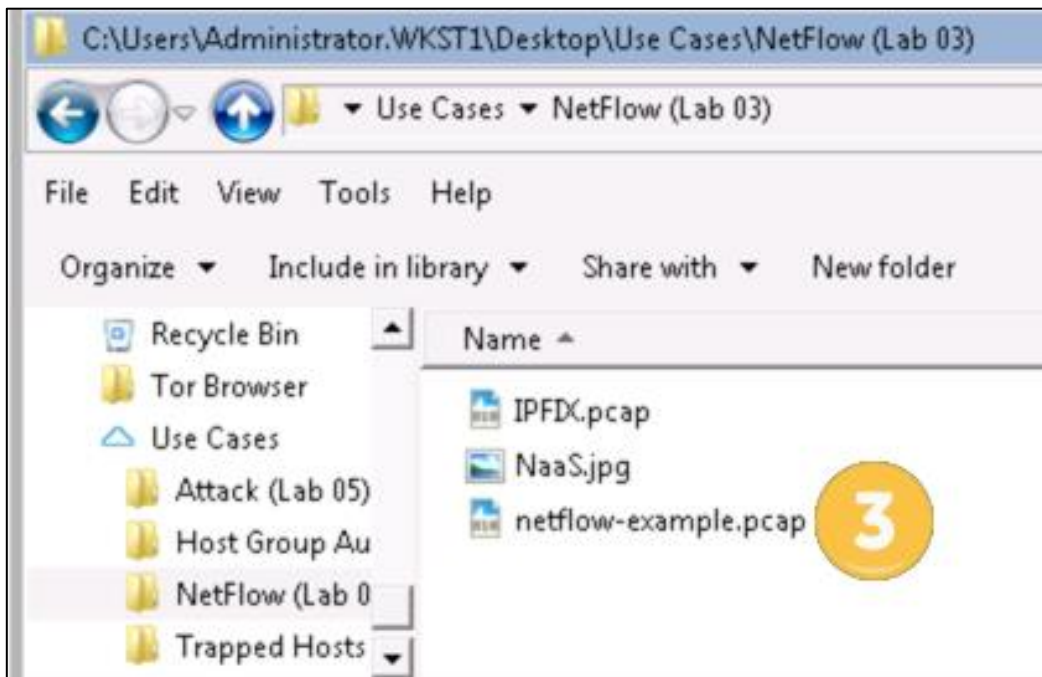
Review this tool that was built by a Cisco engineering on sample NetFlow configurations on a per devices bases:  
<https://configurenetflow.info/>. This is a good resourced when having NetFlow enabled within your environment.

## Review a NetFlow packet capture

1. From Wkst1, open the **Downloads > lab content** from Windows Explorer.
2. Open the **Netflow sample** folder.



3. Open the **netflow-example.pcap** file
  - a. **Note:** If a Wireshark update window appears, select skip this version.



- Select the first packet from the capture.

Wireshark packet listing of netflow-example.pcap

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	198.18.133.36	198.18.133.137	CFLOW	1508	total: 30 (v5) flows
2	1.945376	198.18.133.36	198.18.133.137	CFLOW	1508	total: 30 (v5) flows
3	32.707583	198.18.133.36	198.18.133.137	CFLOW	1220	total: 24 (v5) flows
4	42.742017	198.18.133.36	198.18.133.137	CFLOW	1508	total: 30 (v5) flows
5	45.897316	198.18.133.36	198.18.133.137	CFLOW	1508	total: 30 (v5) flows
6	45.897433	198.18.133.36	198.18.133.137	CFLOW	1508	total: 30 (v5) flows
7	47.741774	198.18.133.36	198.18.133.137	CFLOW	1508	total: 30 (v5) flows
8	47.741904	198.18.133.36	198.18.133.137	CFLOW	1508	total: 30 (v5) flows
9	47.742047	198.18.133.36	198.18.133.137	CFLOW	1508	total: 30 (v5) flows
10	47.742251	198.18.133.36	198.18.133.137	CFLOW	1508	total: 30 (v5) flows
11	47.742454	198.18.133.36	198.18.133.137	CFLOW	1508	total: 30 (v5) flows
12	50.742417	198.18.133.36	198.18.133.137	CFLOW	1508	total: 30 (v5) flows
13	53.766295	198.18.133.36	198.18.133.137	CFLOW	1508	total: 30 (v5) flows
14	53.766389	198.18.133.36	198.18.133.137	CFLOW	1508	total: 30 (v5) flows

- In the middle section of Wireshark, click the plus sign (+) next to Cisco NetFlow/IPFIX.

Packet details of netflow-example.pcap

```

+ Frame 1: 1508 bytes on wire (12064 bits), 1508 bytes captured (12064 bits)
+ Linux cooked capture
+ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 198.18.133.36, Dst: 198.18.133.137
+ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 50432, Dst Port: 2055
- Cisco NetFlow/IPFIX
  ... Version: 5
  ... Count: 30
  ... SysUptime: 171.957000000 seconds
  + Timestamp: May 3, 2017 01:49:00.000000302 Eastern Daylight Time
  ... FlowSequence: 124
  ... EngineType: RP (0)
  ... EngineId: 158
  ... 00.. .... = SamplingMode: No sampling mode configured (0)
  ... ..00 0000 0000 0000 = SampleRate: 0
  + pdu 1/30
  + pdu 2/30
  + pdu 3/30
  + pdu 4/30
  + pdu 5/30
  + pdu 6/30
  + pdu 7/30
  + pdu 8/30
  + pdu 9/30
  
```

- Click to expand one of the PDU's, as shown above. PDU is short for Protocol Data Unit--the term used to describe data as it moves from one layer of the OSI model to another. In this reference, PDU is often used synonymously with *packet*.

- Compare the fields in the PDU to the figure below.

## Expanded PDU

```
Frame 1: 1508 bytes on wire (12064 bits), 1508 bytes captured (12064 bits) on interface 0
Linux cooked capture
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 198.18.133.36, Dst: 198.18.133.137
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 50432, Dst Port: 2055
Cisco NetFlow/IPFIX
  Version: 5
  Count: 30
  SysUptime: 171.957000000 seconds
  Timestamp: May 3, 2017 01:49:00.000000302 Eastern Daylight Time
  FlowSequence: 124
  EngineType: RP (0)
  EngineId: 158
  ..00 0000 0000 0000 = SamplingMode: No sampling mode configured (0)
  ..00 0000 0000 0000 = SampleRate: 0
  pdu 1/30
    SrcAddr: 198.18.133.137 ← match ipv4 source address - required - key field
    DstAddr: 198.18.133.36 ← match ipv4 destination address - required - key field
    NextHop: 0.0.0.0 ← collect routing next-hop address - optional - used for closest interface determination
    InputInt: 0 ← match interface input - required key field
    OutputInt: 0 ← collect interface output - required - key field
    Packets: 3 ← collect counter packets - required - key field
    Octets: 498 ← collect counter bytes - required - key field
    [Duration: 2.379000000 seconds]
      StartTime: 123.638000000 seconds ← collect timestamp sys-uptime first - required - key field
      EndTime: 126.017000000 seconds ← collect timestamp sys-uptime last - required - key field
    SrcPort: 443 ← match transport source-port - required - key field
    DstPort: 54836 ← match transport destination-port - required - key field
    Padding: 00
    TCP Flags: 0x19 ← collect transport tcp flags - optional - used for closest interface determination
    Protocol: TCP (6) ← match ipv4 protocol - required - key field
    IP ToS: 0x00 ← match ipv4 tos - required - key field
    SrcAS: 0
    DstAS: 0 ← collect routing destination as - optional - used for closest interface determination
    SrcMask: 0 (prefix: 198.18.133.137/32)
    DstMask: 0 (prefix: 198.18.133.36/32)
    Padding: 0000
  pdu 2/30
```

You may need to do a similar analysis of a packet if Secure Network Analytics is giving invalid template errors for a device, and the configuration looks accurate.

If any NetFlow fields are missing, like the source IP, time stamps, or byte counters that Secure Network Analytics requires, you will need to have the NetFlow record on the source exporters adjusted to contain the minimum required fields.

## Summary

Within this lab, you learned:

- That Secure Network Analytics uses netflow as its primary data source.
- The different types of NetFlow.
- Which NetFlow fields are required and which fields are optional.
- How to decode a NetFlow packet with Wireshark.
- How to decode an IPFIX packet with Wireshark.



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