Security Policy Translation in I2NSF

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Necessity for Policy Translator

- Policy Representation according to Users
  - The first policy is for I2NSF Users, and the second policy is for NSFs.

```
o  Block my son's computers from malicious websites.

o  Drop packets from the IP address 10.0.0.1 and 10.0.0.3 to harm.com
   and illegal.com
```

  - Even if I2NSF User gives the first high-level policy, I2NSF System needs to automatically translate it into the second low-level policy.

Previous Translation

- XSLT-based Policy Translation
  - Popular method of XML-based policy translation.
  - Proposed by W3C at 1999.

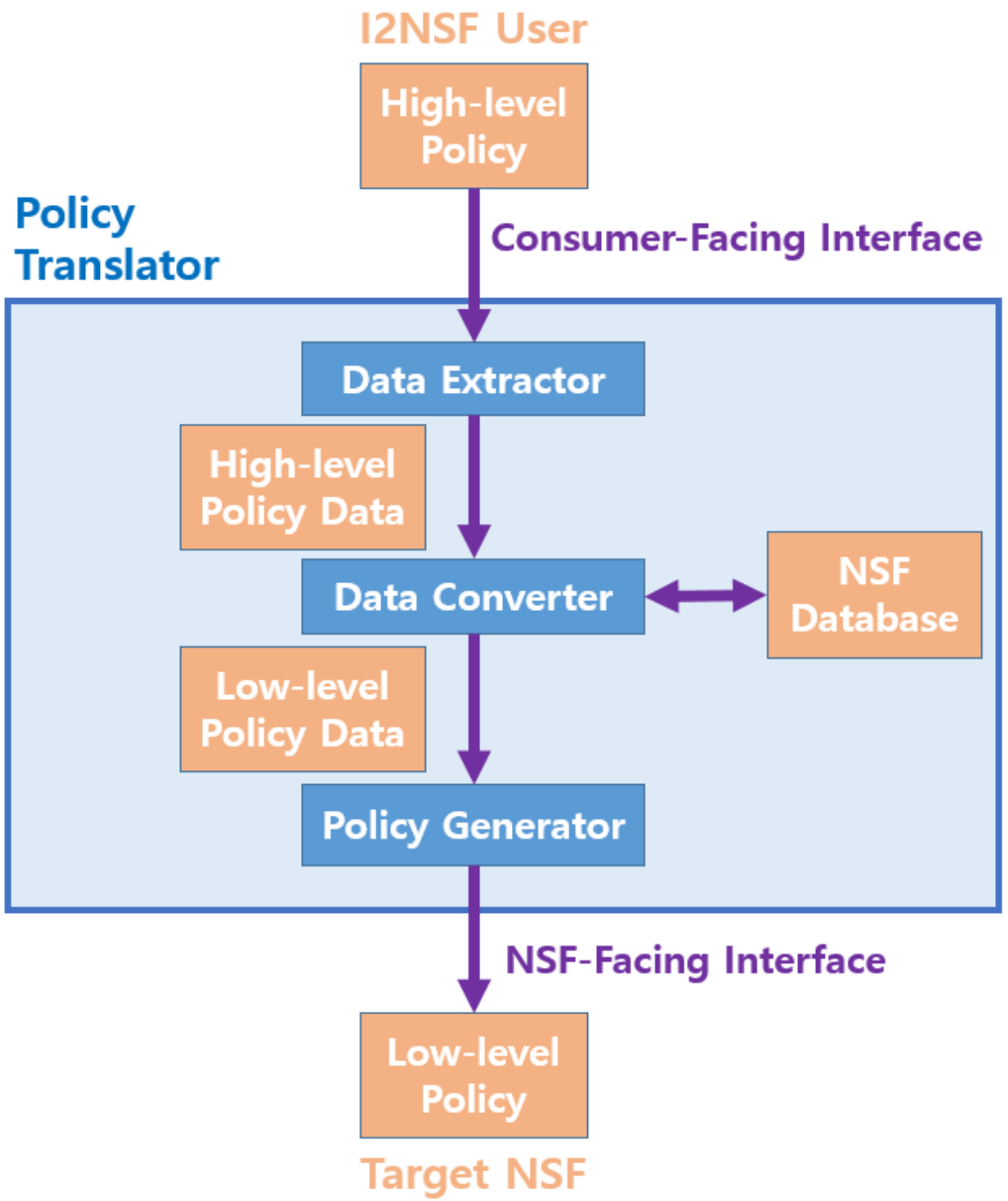
- Limitation
  1. Difficulty of Security Policy Construction
     - The manager MUST select the proper NSF directly.
  2. Inefficient Maintenance
     - Cannot adapt automatically to a Data Model's changes.

Proposed Translation

- Automata-based Policy Translation
  - New method for XML-based policy translation.

- Approach
  1. Ease of Security Policy Construction
     - The manager doesn't need to select the proper NSF.
  2. Efficient Maintenance
     - Can adapt automatically to a Data Model's changes.

Translation Architecture



High-level policy

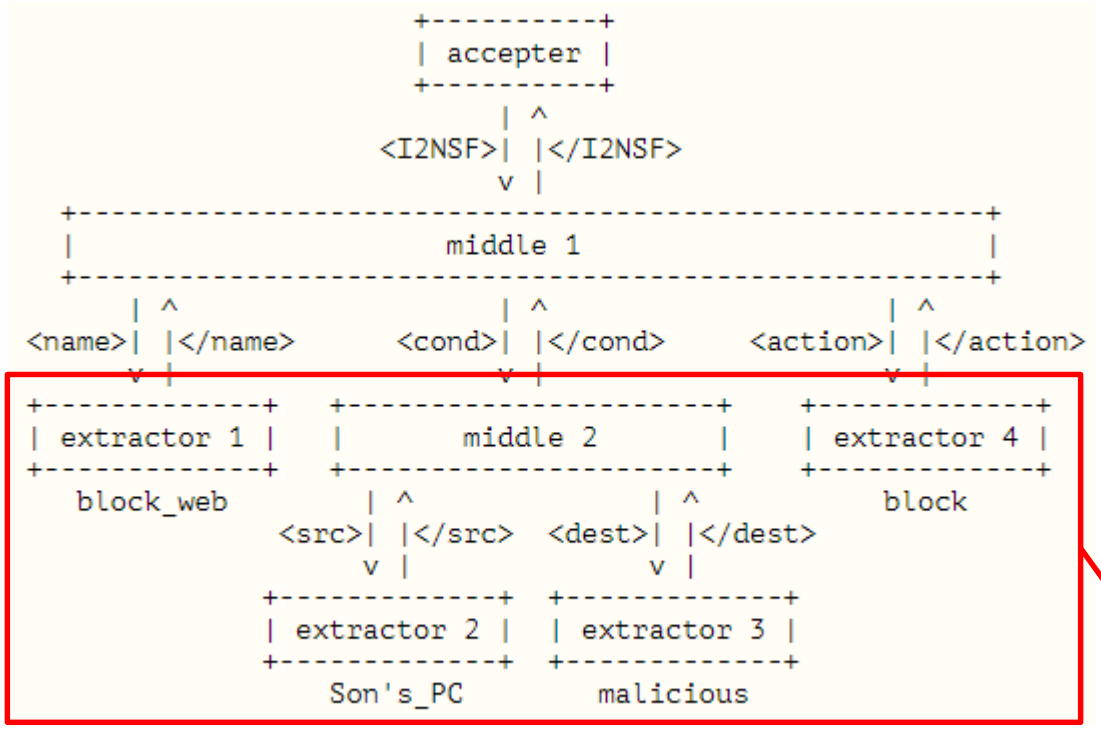
```
<I2NSF>
    <name>block_web</name>
    <cond>
        <src>Son's_PC</src>
        <dest>malicious</dest>
    </cond>
    <action>block<action>
</I2NSF>
```

Translation

Low-level policy

```
<I2NSF>
    <rule-name>block_web</rule-name>
    <rules>
        <condition>
            <packet>
                <ipv4>10.0.0.1</ipv4>
                <ipv4>10.0.0.3</ipv4>
            </packet>
            <payload>
                <url>harm.com</url>
                <url>illegal.com</url>
            </payload>
        </condition>
        <action>drop</action>
    </rules>
</I2NSF>
```

Step 1: Extractor (DFA)



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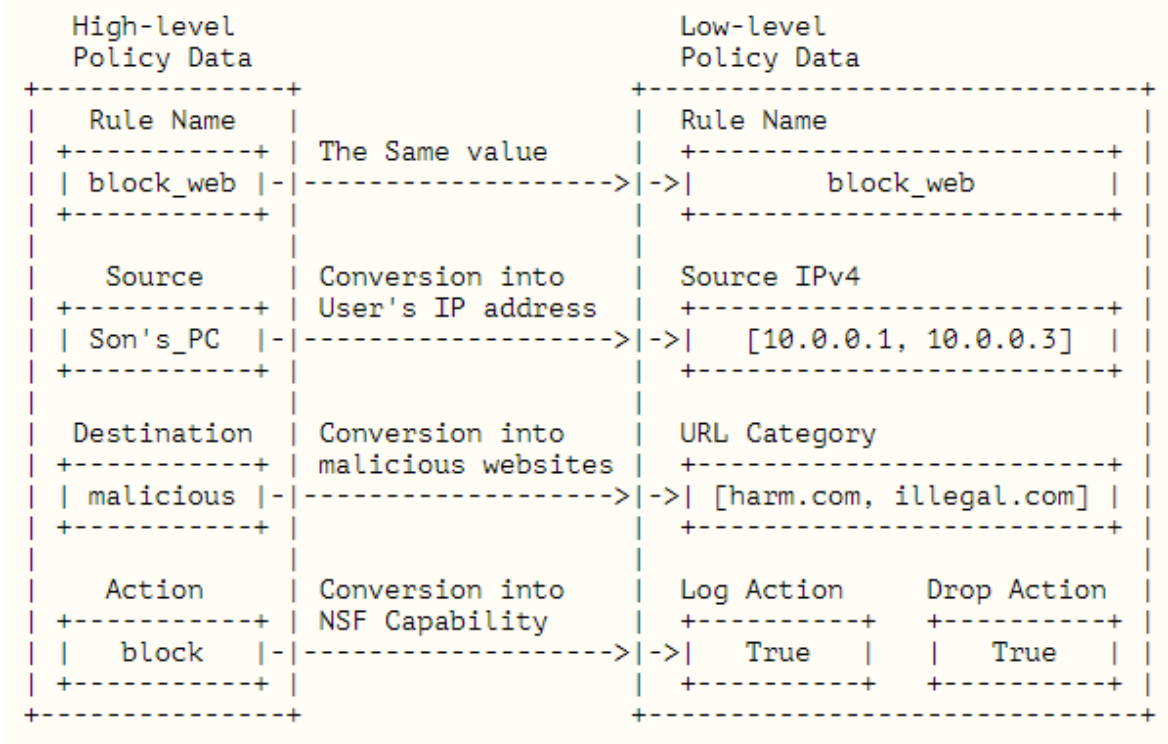
Extraction

High-level policy data

Rule Name	block_web
Source	Son's_PC
Destination	malicious
Action	block

Step 2: Data Converter (1/3)



High-level policy data

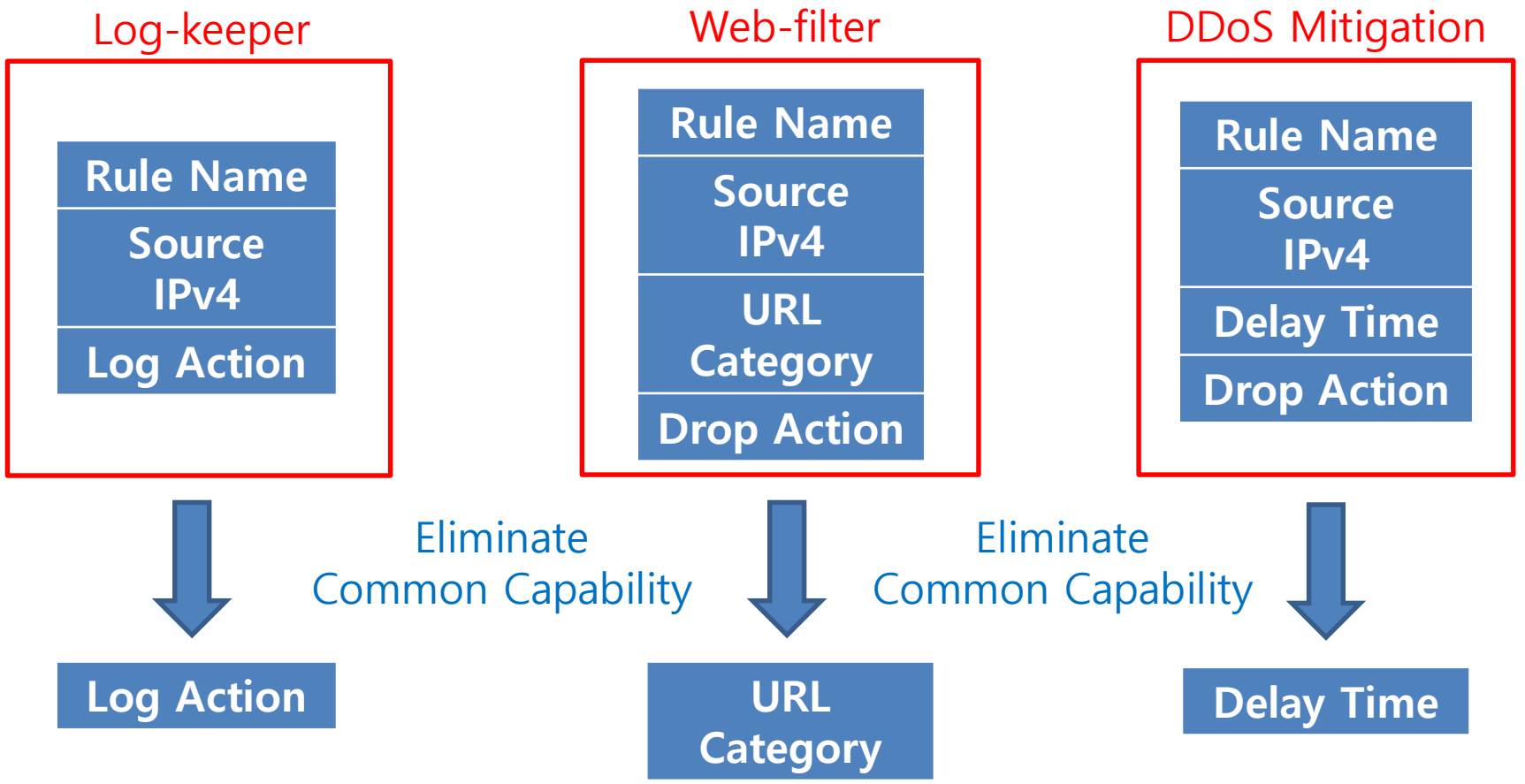
Rule Name	block_web
Source	Son's_PC
Destination	malicious
Action	block

Data Conversion

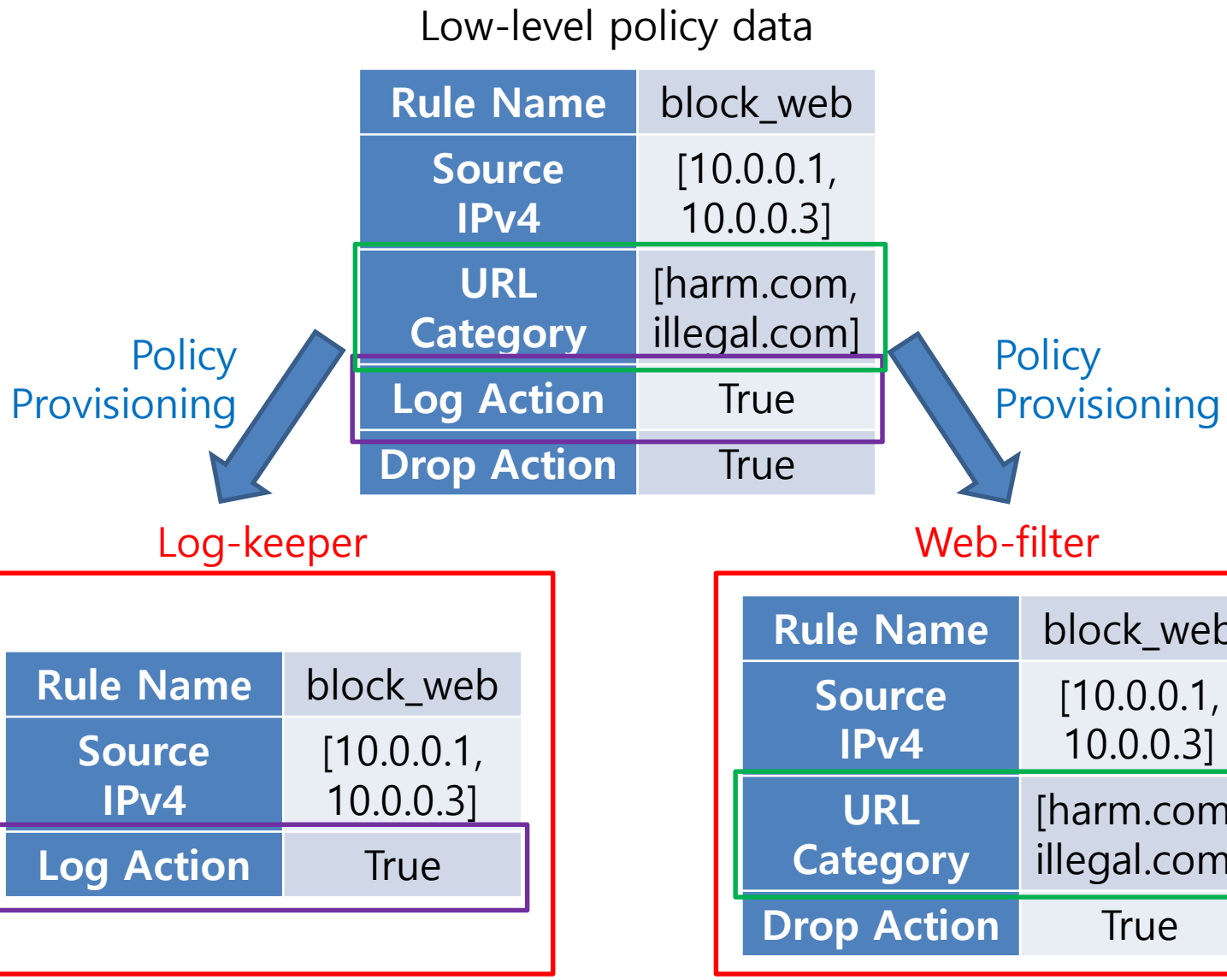
Low-level policy data

Rule Name	block_web
Source IPv4	[10.0.0.1, 10.0.0.3]
URL Category	[harm.com, illegal.com]
Log Action	True
Drop Action	True

Step 2: Data Converter (2/3)



Step 2: Data Converter (3/3)



Step 3: Generator (CFG)

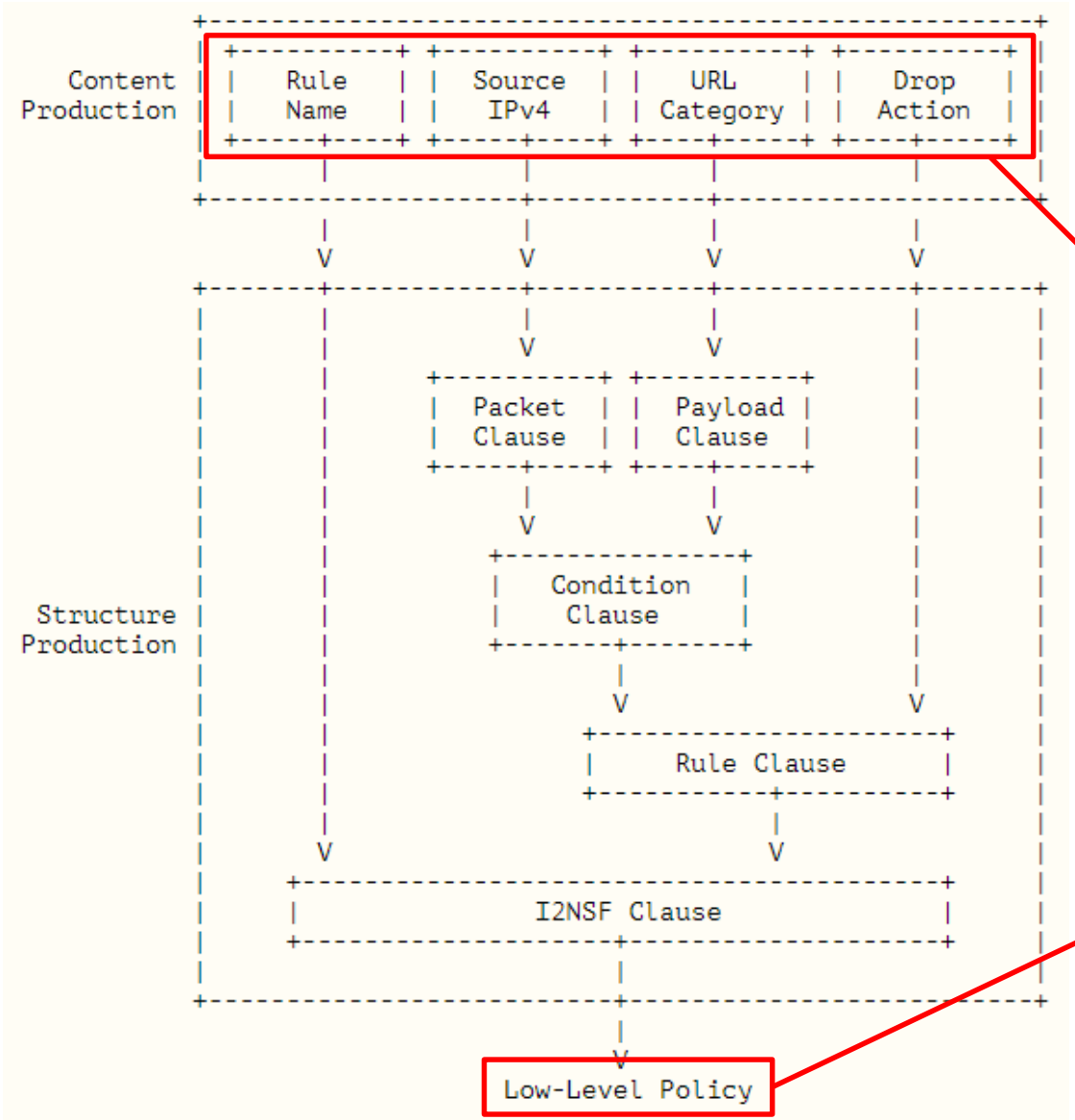


Figure 7: Generator Construction for Web-Filter NSF

Low-level policy data

Rule Name	block_web
Source IPv4	[10.0.0.1, 10.0.0.3]
URL Category	[harm.com, illegal.com]
Drop Action	True

Generation

Low-level policy

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            </payload>
        </condition>
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    </rules>
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Updates from the Previous Versions

- The Previous Draft:
  - draft-yang-i2nsf-security-policy-translastion-02

- Changes from the previous versions
  - Explanations have been added for explaining NSF Database component.
  - The section “Implementation Consideration” is added for guidelines.
  - Other changes are described in detail in Appendix section.

Next Steps

- **WG Adoption Call at IETF 104**
  - Key Functionality for I2NSF's Implementation & Deployment in the real world.
  - This draft can provide the I2NSF developers with the guidelines to implement Security Policy Translator.
  - This draft aims at an Informational RFC.
  - The security policy translator is proved through IETF-104 Hackathon.