Specifications of the Protocol for IPFIX Mediations

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Work Justification

IPFIX Mediation: Aggregation
draft-trammell-ipfix-a9n-01

IPFIX Mediation: Flow Selection
(WGLC DONE)

IPFIX Mediation: Anonymization
(IETF Last Call)

IPFIX Mediation: Problem Statement
(RFC5982)

IPFIX Mediation: Framework
(in AD Follow Up)

Sometimes some generic solutions for all Intermediate Process Types

Sometimes some specific solutions per Intermediate Process Type
Introduction

• Clearly differentiate the aggregation case (in draft-trammell-ipfix-a9n-01) versus what is generic for all IPFIX Mediation (Intermediate Process Type)

  Happy because most cases dealt with in previous version dealt with aggregation

• Not a complete new protocol, but a series of conventions on the top of the IPFIX protocol RFC5101
New in this Version

• When required, refer to or copy the terminology from the different drafts.

"IPFIX Mediation: Problem Statement" [RFC5982], Informational -> copy

[IPFIX-MED-FMWK], Informational -> copy

[IPFIX-MED-ANON], Experimental -> copy

[IPFIX-MED-FLOWSEL], Standards Track -> refer

[IPFIX-MED-AGGR], Standards Track -> refer
New in this Version

- For a specific Intermediate Process, the specifications in the following reference MUST be followed, on the top of the specifications in this document:
  - For the Intermediate Aggregation Process, the specifications in [IPFIX-MED-AGGR] MUST be followed.
  - For the Intermediate Selection Process, the specifications in [IPFIX-MED-FLOWSEL] MUST be followed.
    EDITOR'S NOTE: actually, there is no MUST/SHOULD/MAY in [IPFIX-MED-FLOWSEL]. Seems to be just a list of required Information Elements.
  - For the Intermediate Anonymization Process, the specifications in [IPFIX-MED-ANON] should be considered as guidelines as [IPFIX-MED-ANON] is an experimental RFC.

- Note that no specific document deals with the Intermediate Conversion Process at the time of this publication.
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• Time management:
  “It is RECOMMENDED that Mediators handle time using absolute timestamps”

• Observation Point Management
  New IEs: originalExporterIPv4Address and originalExporterIPv6Address
  IPFIX Structured MUST be used to represent any complex observation point (list of something)
Technical Content

• Observation Domain management

  Intermediate Processes that maintain the O.D.
  Intermediate Processes that don’t maintain the O.D. (ex: aggregation from multiple exporters)

  “The Observation Domain ID SHOULD be 0 when no specific Observation Domain ID is relevant for the entire IPFIX Message.”

• Flow keys Management

  Like in RFC5101, with an Options Template Record
• Sampling Management

“In an IPFIX Mediation, aggregation for Flow Records with same sampling rate and same sampling algorithm is recommended. In that case, an IPFIX Mediator can export this sampling rate and sampling algorithm, and other accuracy statistics data, part of the PSAMP Report Interpretation [RFC5476]. “

Otherwise, “some more research is required to determine the right sampling function and/or sampling rate to export from the IPFIX Mediator”

Maybe something from [IPFIX-MED-FLOWSEL] or maybe [IPFIX-MED-AGGR]?
TO DO

• A couple of EDITOR’S NOTE in the draft
• Check that all documents (this one, [IPFIX-MED-ANON], [IPFIX-MED-FLOWSEL], [IPFIX-MED-AGGR]) all fit together.
  [IPFIX-MED-AGGR], mainly done
  [IPFIX-MED-ANON], on its way
  [IPFIX-MED-FLOWSEL], no done
  And obviously [IPFIX-MED-FMWK]