



# FLEX

Flow-based event exchange format



# Agenda



Problem & Goal

Scenario

Exchange formats

FLEX

Discussion

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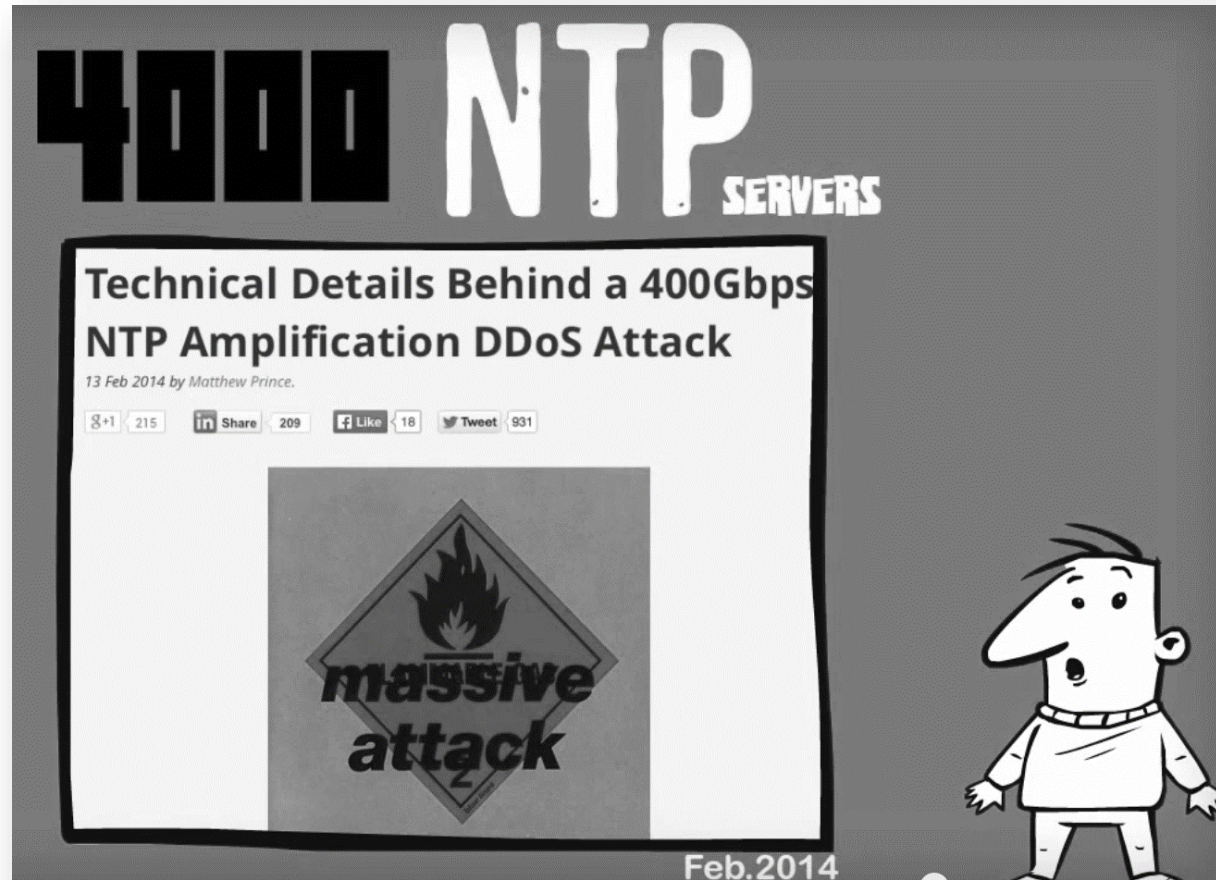




# Problem & Goal



# Problem

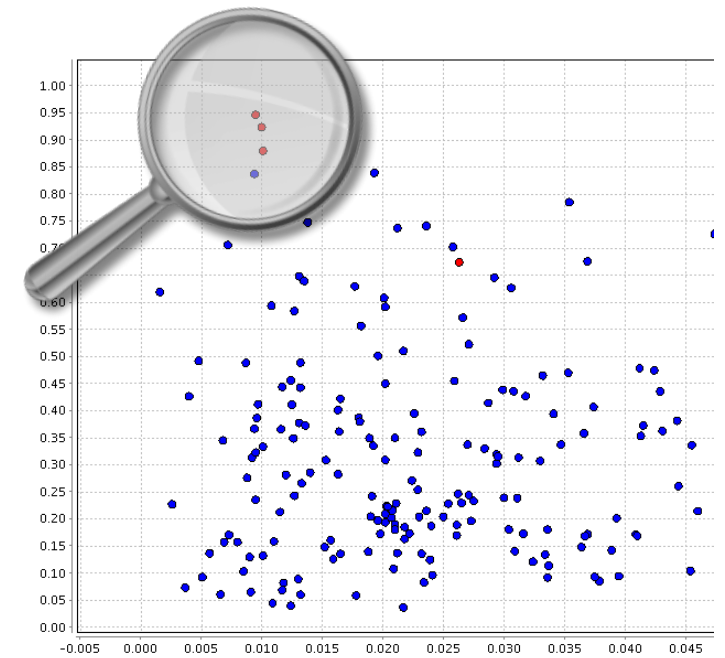
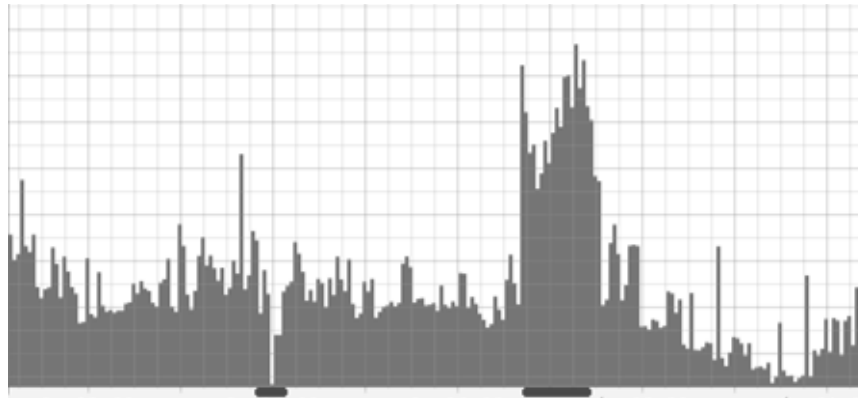


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# Problem



network-  
traffic



# Problem

mitigation and reaction



# Goal

## collaboration



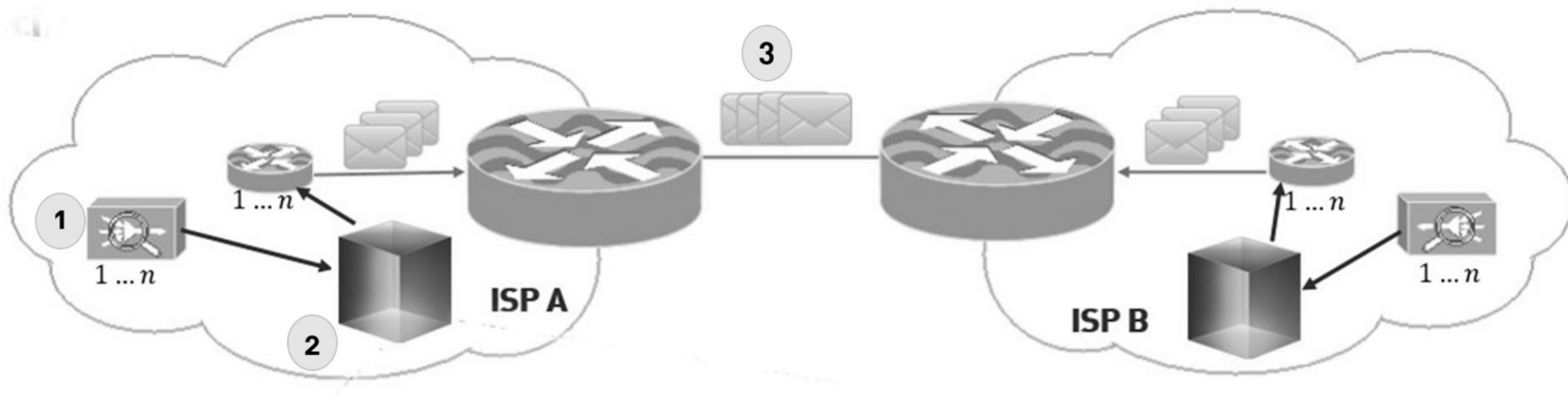




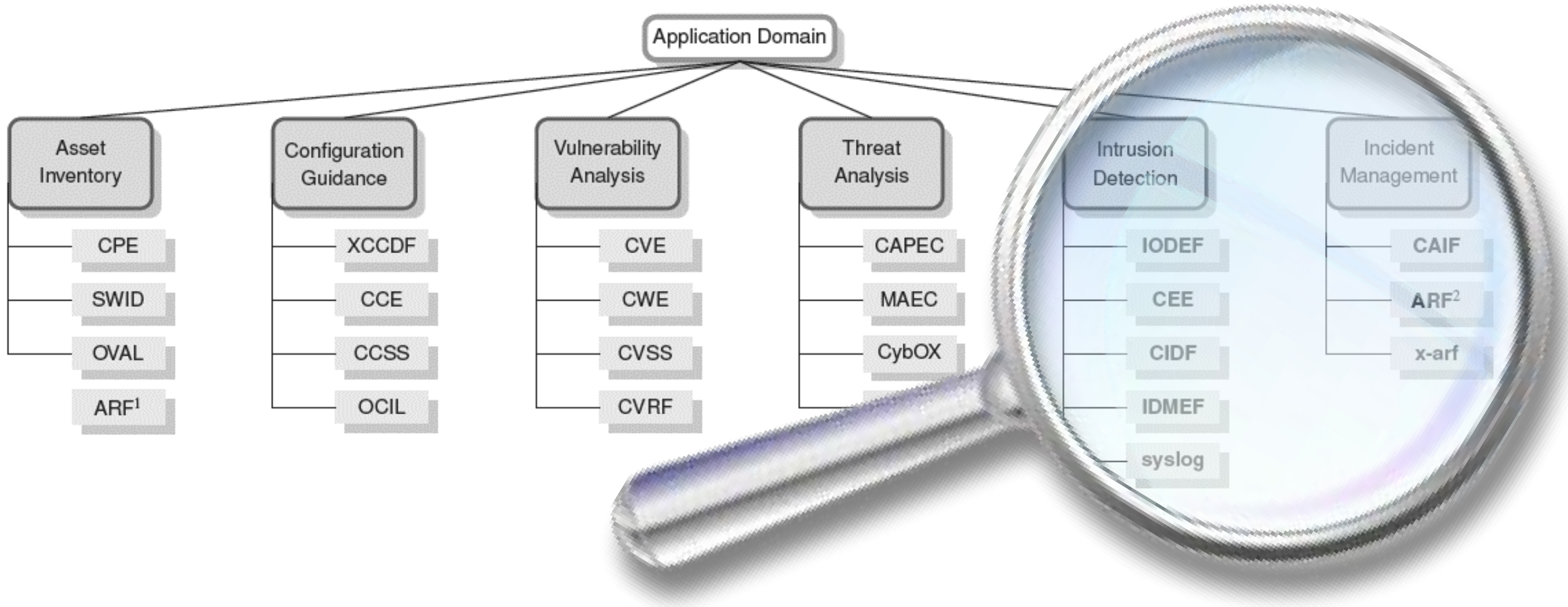
# Scenario



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# Application Domain





# Exchange formats



# Security Event

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```
{"dstIP": "65.55.162.200", "flags": "0x00 Unsampled", "
  proto": "tcp", "srcIP": "10.0.2.15", "aType": "C&C-
  Server", "dstPort": "25", "srcPort": "1036", "
  relatedFlows": [[ "2014-09-08 00:56:23", "2014-09-08
  00:56:23", "1.2.3.4", "9.8.7.6", "80", "34833", "4", "634
  ", "tcp", "2", "0", "27", "13", "13", "1"], [ "
  2014-09-08 00:56:23", "2014-09-08 00:56:23", "1.2.3.4"
  , "9.8.7.6", "80", "42512", "4", "634", "tcp", "2", "0
  ", "27", "13", "13", "1"], [ "2014-09-08 00:56:23", "
  2014-09-08 00:56:24", "1.2.3.4", "188.140.172.14", "
  52767", "80", "6", "520", "tcp", "2", "0", "30", "14",
  "14", "1"] ] ] }
```

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# NetFlow meets IODEF / IDMEF

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## Listing 3 IODEF message including NetFlow

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```
<IODEF-Document>
<Incident>
<EventData>
<Flow>
<System category="source">
<Node>
<Address category="ipv4-addr">127.0.0.1</Address>
<Address category="scr-mask">0 /0</Address>
</Node>
<Service>
<Port>54586</Port>
</Service>
</System>
<System category="target">
<Node>
<Address category="ipv4-addr">127.0.0.2</Address>
<Address category="dst-mask">0 /0</Address>
</Node>
<Service>
<Port>80</Port>
</Service>
</System>
</Flow>
<AdditionalData dtype="string" meaning="proto">6</
  AdditionalData>
...
<AdditionalData dtype="string" meaning="(in)packets">5</
  AdditionalData>
</EventData>
</Incident>
</IODEF-Document>
```

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## Listing 4 IDMEF message including NetFlow

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```
<IDMEF-Message>
<Alert>
<CreateTime>2013-01-05T17:33:52.904+01:00</CreateTime>
<Source>
<Node>
<Address category="ipv4-net-mask">
<address>127.0.0.1</address>
<netmask>0 /0</netmask>
</Address>
</Node>
</Source>
<Target>
<Node>
<Address category="ipv4-net-mask">
<address>127.0.0.2</address>
<netmask>0 /0</netmask>
</Address>
</Node>
</Target>
<AdditionalData type="string" meaning="proto">
<string>6</string>
</AdditionalData>
...
<AdditionalData type="string" meaning="(in)packets">
<string>5</string>
</AdditionalData>
<AdditionalData type="string" meaning="(in)bytes">
<string>661</string>
</AdditionalData>
</Alert>
</IDMEF-Message>
```

# Netflow meets MIME

Dat:  
From:  
To:  
Message-ID:  
Subject:  
MIME-Version:  
Content-Type:"multipart/report; report-type=feedback-report;"  
Auto-submitted: auto-generated

-----=\_Part\_5\_255604560.1357480202349  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=UTF-8  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit  
<E-Mail message>

-----=\_Part\_5\_255604560.1357480202349  
Content-Type: message/feedback-report  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit  
<Meta-Data>

-----=\_Part\_5\_255604560.1357480202349  
Content-Type: message/rfc822  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit  
Content-Disposition: inline  
<Original message in its entirety>

Dat:  
From:  
To:  
Message-ID:  
Subject: abuse report about <source> - <date>  
MIME-Version:  
X-XARF:SECURE  
Content-Type:"multipart/signed;  
    protocol="application/pgp-signature"; micalc=pgp-...  
Auto-submitted: auto-generated

RFC822 Container  
Content-Type: message/rfc822; name="xarf.eml"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit  
Content-Disposition: attachment; filename="xarf.eml"

embedded mail header  
X-XARF: PLAIN  
Auto-Submitted: auto-generated  
Subject: abuse report about <source> - <date>  
Content-Type: multipart/mixed

1st MIME part  
Content-Type: text/plain  
charset=utf-8 <human readable text>

2nd MIME part  
Content-Type: text/plain  
charset=utf-8  
name="report.txt"  
<YAML notation of a JSON object>

3rd MIME part  
Content-Type: message/rfc822  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit  
Content-Disposition: inline  
<any content>

PGP/MIME signature  
Content-Type: application/pgp-signature  
<signature>

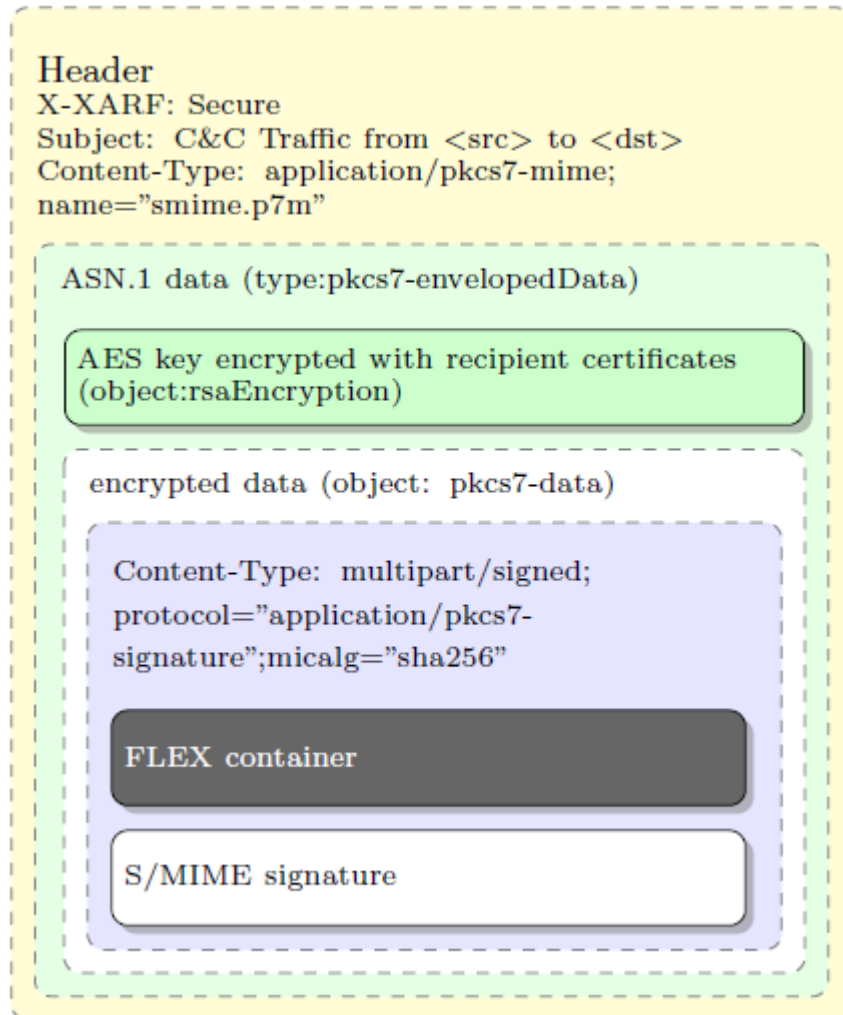


FLEX





# FLEX - Components



- Transport:

- SMTP

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# FLEX - Container

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## Listing 5 ASN.1 structure of a FLEX message

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```
FLEXRecord ::= [APPLICATION 0] SEQUENCE {  
  settings      [0] Settings,  
  flowFields    [1] FlowFieldTypes,  
  detection     [2] Detection,  
  correlation   [3] SEQUENCE OF CorrelatedFlows DEFAULT {}}
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## Listing 6 Settings of a FLEX message

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```
Settings ::= [APPLICATION 1] SEQUENCE {  
  id           [0] INTEGER,  
  msgType      [1] ENUMERATED{alert(0), request(1), feedback  
    (2)}  
  eventType    [2] ENUMERATED{CuC(0), DDoS(1)}  
  type         [3] ENUMERATED{netflow(0), ipfix(1)},  
  version      [4] ENUMERATED{two(0), four(1), five(2), nine  
    (3)}}  

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# Discussion



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