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Network Application Visibility Library (NAVL)

True layer 7 DPI technology for application identification and metadata extraction

Easily add deep packet inspection (DPI) technology to enable real-time layer-7 application identification in your broadband network.

Procera's Network Application Visibility Library (NAVL) uses next-generation deep packet inspection (DPI) technology to enable real-time, Layer-7 application identification and metadata extraction for network traffic.

NAVL delivers industry-leading network coverage and accuracy, together with the fastest throughput and lowest memory footprint in the market. NAVL uses a combination of deep packet and deep flow inspection techniques to accurately identify complex and rapidly changing applications, including social networking, P2P, instant messaging, file sharing, enterprise, Web 2.0 applications, and tunneling protocols (for a complete list of supported applications, visit www.applabs.proceranetworks.com). NAVL's metadata and content extraction architecture allows access to very detailed information and content contained within the packet flow.

NAVL is delivered as an OEM software development kit (SDK) to dramatically reduce the time, cost and complexity of adding DPI technology and application intelligence to your network.

KEY SYSTEM BENEFITS

Advanced DPI technology
- Industry-leading application identification and extraction for greater visibility of Layer 7 traffic

Fast throughput & low memory footprint
- Minimizes impact on network performance and CAPEX requirements

Delivered as SDK
- Rapid, cost-effective network implementation

Real-time identification
- Provides valuable insight into application traffic as it occurs

SOPHISTICATED IDENTIFICATION TECHNIQUES

PacketLogic solutions enable a variety of use cases that provide significant benefits to fixed and mobile broadband operators, including:

- **Surgical Pattern Matching –** The NAVL engine optimizes pattern matching by selectively identifying contextually relevant patterns at precise locations within each data stream.

- **Conversation Semantics –** NAVL leverages knowledge about how "conversations" occur between networked endpoints to identify and validate application identification.

- **Deep Protocol Dissection –** Going far beyond simple pattern matching, NAVL applies advanced intelligence based on extensive knowledge of transport protocols. This enables it to detect applications attempting to subvert firewall rules by behaving as other protocols.

- **Behavioral & Statistical Analysis –** NAVL calculates and tracks a number of behavioral and statistical markers within each traffic flow. This enables NAVL plug-in modules to use behavioral signatures as part of their traffic identification logic.

- **Future Flow Awareness & Flow Association –** Information extracted and "learned" from one traffic flow is used to improve identification accuracy and efficiency for related flows.

NETWORK APPLICATION VISIBILITY LIBRARY (NAVL)

NAVL operates as a user space library and is easily integrated into the host system through defined API calls that provide input and output via packet or data stream interfaces. NAVL is a thread-safe and lock-free library allowing near linear performance scalability to fully leverage the rapid increase in multi-core processor densities. The solution is also customizable with a packbased or stream-based interface and optimized connection management.

NAVL RESULTS

Traffic identification results are returned as an application stack that can contain both application IDs and application-specific attributes. Examples include:

- http.url
- http.host
- http.content_type

- facebook.post
- facebook.login
- pop3.from

- faceboook.search
- query.sip.caller.sip
- callee.pop3.sender

Metadata & Content Extraction

Call-back-driven architecture provides realtime configuration on metadata and content elements

Extensive list of metadata elements can be accessed, including details related to application content type, user information, application performance, VOIP, video quality, and many detailed elements.

Performance

Low memory footprint allowing integration into wide range of hardware platforms, from small, embedded devices to large ATCA chassis.

Performance: 4-8 Gbps* throughput per core in a standard x86 environment *Tested on Intel Xeon Hyper-threaded Cores. Traffic is a mix of service provider and enterprise data. Average packet size: 345 bytes.

Memory: 5MB base + 1 MB per thread + 1KB per flow

Figure 1

NETWORK APPLICATION VISIBILITY LIBRARY (NAVL) IDENTIFICATION
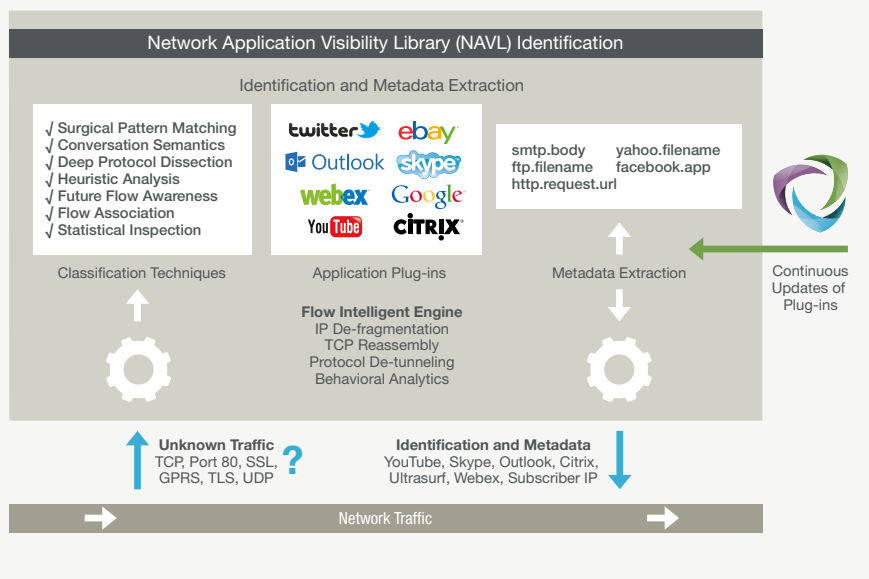
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