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PACKET CONTINUUM
DEPLOYABLE EXTREME PACKET CAPTURE PLATFORM

Innovative, High-Density Rackmount Appliance For Cyber Analytics OEMs and Solution Providers

Within a compact, short-depth rackmount footprint, the Packet Continuum Deployable Extreme Packet Capture Platform is based on NextComputing's unique Packet Continuum capture and storage architecture. The system platform is a NextComputing 3U rackmount, which offers high-speed packet recording with real-time analytics and visualization. With optional 3U cluster nodes, packet processing may be distributed to a cluster network of rackmount nodes with massive high-speed storage.

This system is designed for applications that demand high-speed data recording and extensive storage, such as cyber forensics, cyber security, and big data analytics.

FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Lossless packet capture, with deterministic performance, up to 10Gbps aggregate capture rate

- Extended forensic timeline and storage features, starting with 24TB physical storage in a stand-alone capture node, up to max amplified storage of 1 Petabyte in a cluster system

- Log Manager: HTTP, files, DNS, email, user agents, NetFlow, TLS/SSL and VOIP

- Actionable search of all logs, cross-correlated with PCAP & NetFlow

- Active Triggers: real-time, dynamic, user-defined

- Open data access: view PCAPs & NetFlow records in Wireshark, view log data as CSV

- Open PCAP workflows: playback output to any 3rd party forensic capture tool

- Open remote access: web GUI and RESTful interface

- Scalable, lightweight, MapReduce cluster architecture

Lossless capture to 10Gbps

2-4 capture interfaces (10G)

100 Active Triggers

3U capture node

Up to 48TB capture store (24TB standard)

Scalable to 4 cluster nodes

Scalable to 1 Petabyte amplified capture store

Simultaneous search

Federated search

Very fast query response

Streaming PCAP playback to 3rd party tools

LOSSLESS PACKET CAPTURE & LOG MANAGER, WITH DETERMINISTIC PERFORMANCE

Packet Continuum provides a performance guarantee of sustained lossless capture rate, for a set of real-time packet analytics (Log Manager) functions, and a specified number of Packet Continuum cluster nodes. This means a deterministic guarantee to capture every packet under real world conditions, not just a "best effort" attempt.

- Real-time indexing, for efficient query and retrieval of retrospective PCAP data or NetFlow records

- Log Manager advanced packet analytics options include real-time event logging & cross-correlation:

  ◦ Logs for HTTP, files, DNS, email, user agents, NetFlow, TLS/SSL, and VOIP

  ◦ Active Triggers (BPF signature)

  ◦ Snort rules (emerging-DNS, emerging-ftp, and files)

  ◦ System events

- Log Manager search actions:

  ◦ All logs are time-correlated with PCAPs, NetFlow data

  ◦ Text string search of logs
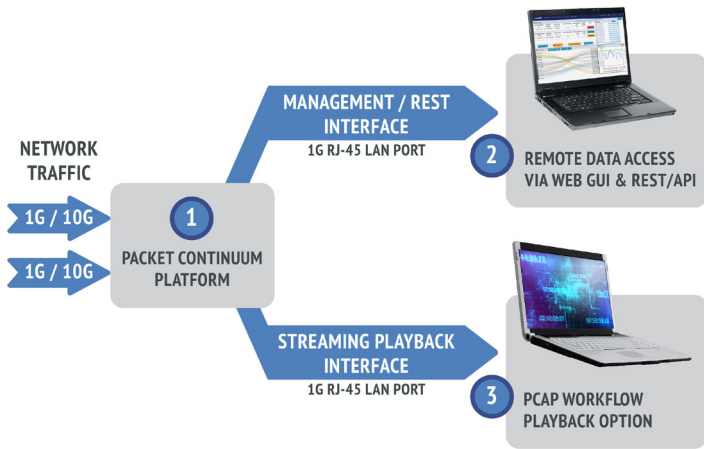
  ◦ NetFlow record logging and search

FIND CRITICAL EVENT INFORMATION FAST!

- Fast, Streamed Query Results: Every query has the option to return PCAP files, NetFlow records, and/or any log files. Especially valuable for PCAP queries, all results are streamed in "chunks", allowing partial results to be analyzed while the remaining query is completed, the first of which appear almost immediately after the query initiates.

- "One-Click" searches directly from Sankey Relationship Diagrams, Time Graph or Critical Alerts Log.

- Historical "look-back" queries based on standard Berkeley Packet Filter (BPF) within a time period. Users can setup multiple BPF-based

- Active Trigger "look-forward" alerts, BPF-based and user-defined, will generate alerts whenever the target condition occurs. Dozens can be active simultaneously.

- Pre-capture filters, also BPF-based, can be changed on-the-fly during capture operations.

- All historical logs are searchable by text string

- Cluster systems may be globally federated for unified search/retrieval, or locally aggregated for lossless capture in excess of 100+Gbps.

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STREAMING PLAYBACK FEATURE

- PCAPs that have been searched/filtered/extracted with the Packet Continuum UI may be regenerated out a 1G copper RJ45 interface to an external device.
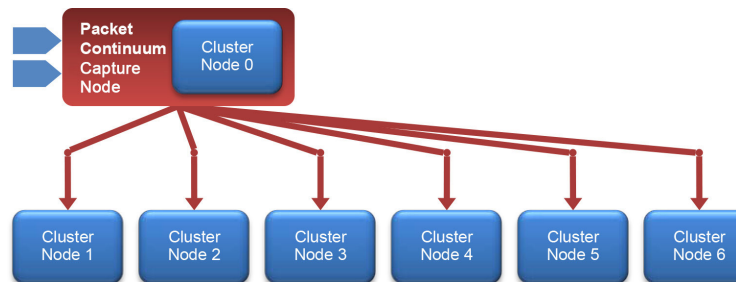
OPEN DATA ACCESS

- Open file formats and data viewers: standard PCAP-NG file and NetFlow record extractions are viewable in Wireshark or TShark. All log files and alerts are viewable as CSV or text files in any compatible application such as MSFT Office.

REAL-TIME LOG MANAGER / DATA RECORDER

- Packet Continuum is a lossless, time-based data recorder of PCAP files, IPIX flow records, Log files and Alerts. All data is searchable, with actionable correlations. All data is accessible via an open REST/API.

FOR END USERS

This "Open PCAP Infrastructure" has multiple use cases across the enterprise:

- **SOC & Cyber Security** teams need access to PCAPs for Incident Response (IR) investigations.

- **IT/Operations** needs fast IR access regarding uptime and performance problems.

- **Compliance, Audit and Legal** teams increasingly have their own IR requirements for the same ground truth for critical network events.

FOR OEMS

You can further differentiate yourself with the Packet Continuum through private label branding, customer-specific features, and application integration, as well as additional OEM appliance services offered by NextComputing.
We can help you productize your innovation with first to market advantage for a specific service solution or product appliance.

PACKET CONTINUUM DEPLOYABLE EXTREME

Capture Interface Options	• 4 x 10G interfaces • 2 x 10G interfaces
Capture Rate	Up to 10Gbps aggregate lossless capture rate with Log Manager disabled and 10Gbps with Log Manager enabled. *Additional cluster nodes increase: capture rate, forensics timeline, and/or advanced packet analytics*
Time Stamp	150 nanoseconds
Pre-Capture Filter	BPF (dynamically adjustable)
Active Triggers	BPF (100 simultaneous)
Management Interface	1G RJ-45 LAN port, to an external host for Web GUI and REST/API. Automation via REST API and shell scripts to assist with automated workflows.
Playback Interface	PCAP Streaming / Playback Interface: Playback of filtered packets from historical searches via 1G RJ-45 LAN port, to an external traffic/PCAP analyzer
Encryption	Optional AES256 encryption on OS/application and data arrays. *Note:* Capture Store capacity reduced by 20%, per each Capture Node and/or Cluster Node
Device Control	IPMI Interface
Operating System	CentOS or RedHat
Forensic Timeline - Capture Node	PCAP storage of 24TB physical, up to 240TB with amplification
Forensic Timeline - Cluster Node	PCAP storage of 20TB physical, up to 200TB with amplification
Forensic Timeline - Max System Capacity	Up to 4 cluster nodes, for total PCAP storage of 100TB physical, up to 1PB with amplification
Support	Full appliance support from NextComputing
Physical	Capture Node & Cluster Nodes: 3U rackmount, 20"(508mm) depth
OEM Services	• Front bezel branding, soft bag branding, GUI branding, and customization services • Packet Continuum RESTful interface for network-based laptop or remote client access • OEM/solution provider-specific analytics, visualization and cyber solutions • Other OEM/solution provider services available to help you create your cyber appliance solution
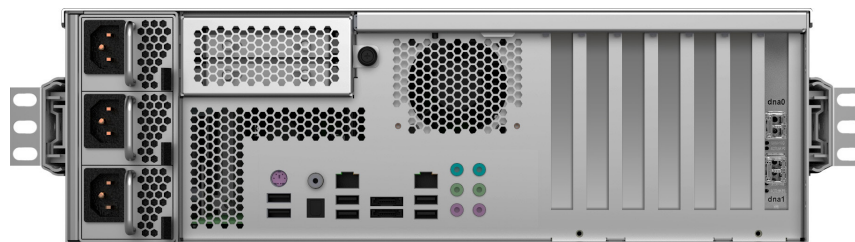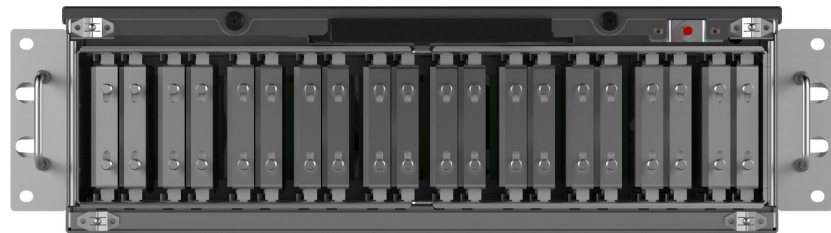
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3rd Party Analytics, Cyber Security, and PCAP exploitation tools

Web GUI (Remote, Browser-Based) and REST Function Calls

Management Interface (HTTPS - 1/10GbE)

Actions:
- **Setup**
- **Search Queries**
- **Status requests**

Responses:
- **Streamed PCAP "chunks"**
- **IPFIX or log results**

Web Server and REST Interface Server

Packet Continuum Capture Engine

Network Traffic

(4x10G or 8x10G) up to 40Gbps aggregate

— or —

Network Traffic (1G)

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Real-Time Data Compression, Indexing & Alerts

Forensic Timeline Capture Store (rolling FIFO)

PCAP files ++
- **IPFIX records**
- **Logs (CSV, JSON, text)**
- **Streaming Playback output**

Dedicated PCAP Extraction Store