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# IBM Security QRadar SIEM Foundations

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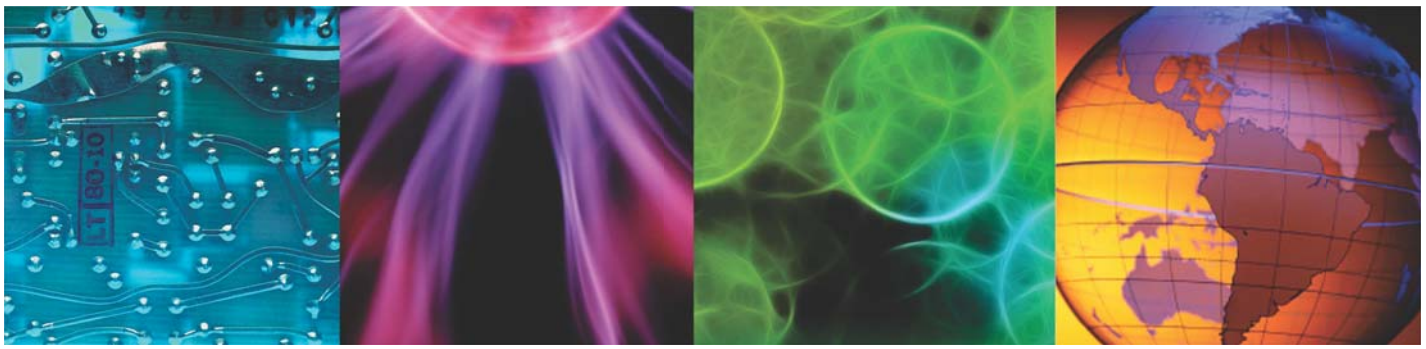

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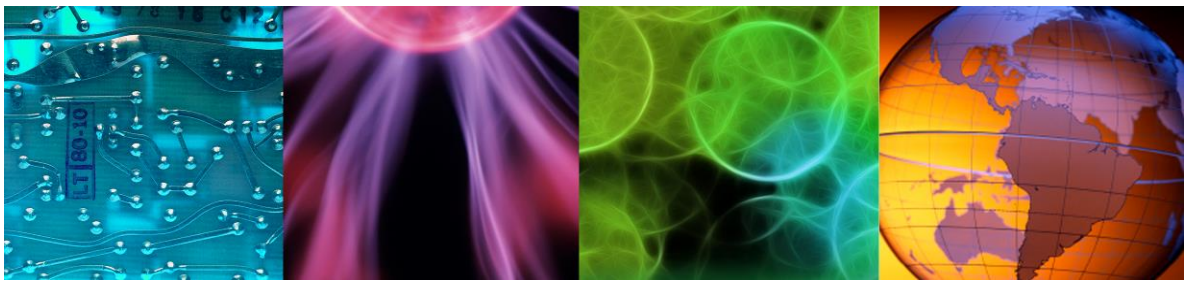

IBM Security QRadar SIEM provides deep visibility into network, user, and application activity. It provides collection, normalization, correlation, and secure storage of events, flows, assets, and vulnerabilities. QRadar SIEM classifies suspected attacks and policy breaches as offenses.

In this two-day course, you learn how to perform the following tasks:

- Describe how QRadar SIEM collects data to detect suspicious activities
- Navigate and customize the QRadar SIEM dashboard
- Investigate suspected attacks and policy breaches
- Search, filter, group, and analyze security data
- Investigate the vulnerabilities and services of assets
- Locate custom rules and inspect actions and responses of rules
- Use QRadar SIEM to create customized reports
- Use charts and apply advanced filters to examine specific activities in your environment

Using the skills taught in this instructor-led classroom course, you will be able to use QRadar SIEM to investigate threats and attacks, and configure the appropriate responses for your organization.

| Course properties | Details |
|---|---|
| **Delivery method** | Classroom or instructor-led online (ILO) |
| **Course level** | ERC 1.0 |
| | This course is an update of the following previous course:<br>• BQ101: IBM Security QRadar SIEM 7.2 Foundations ERC1.0 |
| **Product and version** | IBM Security QRadar SIEM 7.2.3 |
| **Duration** | Two days |
| **Skill level** | Basic |

# About the student

This course is designed for security analysts, security technical architects, offense managers, network administrators, and system administrators using QRadar SIEM. Before taking this course, make sure that you have the following skills:

- IT infrastructure
- IT security fundamentals
- Linux
- Windows
- TCP/IP networking
- Syslog

# Learning objectives

## Objectives

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# Course agenda

The course contains the following units:

1. Introduction to IBM Security QRadar SIEM

   This unit provides a high-level description of the purpose and capabilities of the QRadar SIEM licensed program.

2. How QRadar SIEM collects security data

   QRadar SIEM collects and processes the event data and vulnerability assessment data that is gathered by the systems in your network. This unit provides a high-level description of how QRadar SIEM collects data and performs vulnerability assessment.

3. Using the QRadar SIEM dashboard

   QRadar SIEM displays the Dashboard tab when you sign in. Multiple items on a dashboard display information about activities of systems in your network. The items enable you to focus on specific areas of interest such as security or network operations. You can customize each dashboard to meet the needs and responsibilities of the analyst. This unit teaches you how to navigate and customize the dashboard tab.

4. Investigating an offense that is triggered by events

   QRadar SIEM correlates events and flows into an offense if it assumes suspicious activity. This unit teaches you how to investigate the information that is contained in an offense and respond to an offense.

5. Investigating the events of an offense

   The investigation of an offense usually leads to the investigation of the events that contributed to the offense. This unit teaches you how to find, filter, and group events in order to gain critical insights about the offense. You also learn how to create and edit a search that monitors the events of suspicious hosts.

6. Using asset profiles to investigate offenses

   QRadar SIEM stores security-relevant information about systems in your network in asset profiles. This unit teaches you how asset profiles are created and updated, and how to use them as part of an offense investigation.

7. Investigating an offense that is triggered by flows

   QRadar SIEM correlates flows into an offense if it determines suspicious activities in network communications. This unit teaches you how to investigate the flows that contribute to an offense. You also learn how to create and tune false positives and investigate superflows.

8. Using rules and building blocks

   Rules perform tests on the events, flows, and offenses in QRadar SIEM and respond if the test criteria is met. A building block is a rule without a response that is used as a common variable in

multiple rules or to build complex rules. This unit teaches you how to find custom rules in the QRadar SIEM console and how to assign actions and responses to the rule. You also learn how to configure rules.

9. Creating QRadar SIEM reports

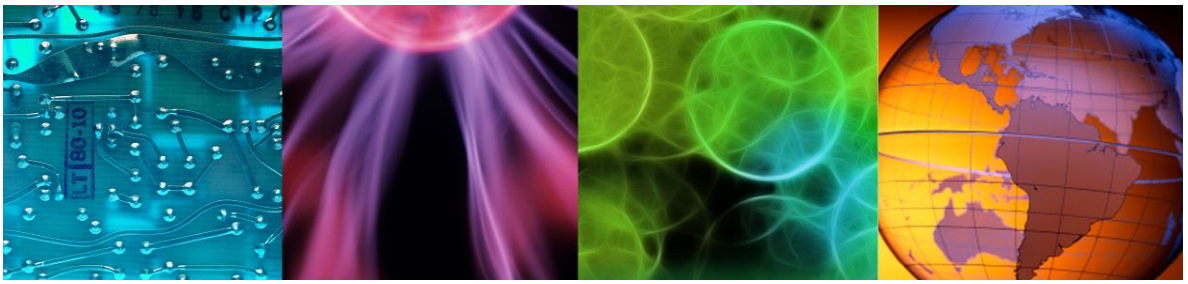
   Reports allow you to examine trends and statistical views on your network for various purposes, in particular to meet compliance requirements. This unit teaches you how to generate a report using a predefined template and create a report template.

10. Performing advanced filtering

    QRadar SIEM provides several filters that you can apply to identify suspicious or non-standard behavior. Bar, pie, table, and time-series charts visualize security data. This unit teaches you how to use charts and apply advanced filters to examine specific activities in your environment.

# 1 Introduction to IBM Security QRadar SIEM

## Introduction to IBM Security QRadar SIEM





This unit provides a high-level description of the purpose and capabilities of the QRadar SIEM licensed program.

This unit has no student exercises.

# Objectives

In this unit, you learn to perform the following tasks:

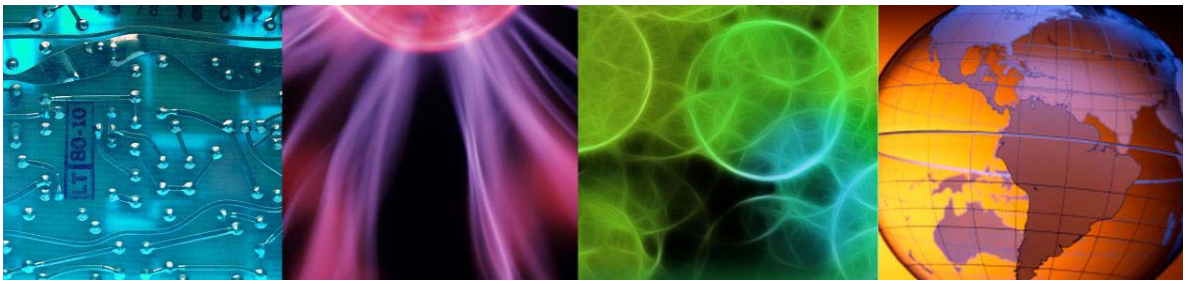
- Describe the purpose of QRadar SIEM
- List the capabilities of QRadar SIEM



*Objectives*

# Lesson 1 QRadar SIEM purpose

## Lesson: QRadar SIEM purpose





QRadar SIEM alerts to suspicious activities and enables security analysts to investigate them. In this lesson, you are introduced to the purpose of the QRadar SIEM software application, including the following aspects of the application:

- The challenges QRadar SIEM addresses
- Where QRadar SIEM fits into the IBM Security Framework
- How QRadar SIEM helps to identify attacks and provides context to investigate them

# Purposes of QRadar SIEM

The IBM Security QRadar SIEM licensed program performs these tasks

- Alerts to suspicious activities and policy breaches in the IT environment
- Provides deep visibility into network, user, and application activity
- Puts security-relevant data from various sources in context with each other
- Provides reporting templates to meet operational and compliance requirements
- Provides reliable, tamper-proof log storage for forensic investigations and evidentiary use

"Our most formidable challenge is getting companies to detect that they have been compromised."

Kimberly K. Peretti,
Senior Counsel,
US Dept. of Justice (DoJ)

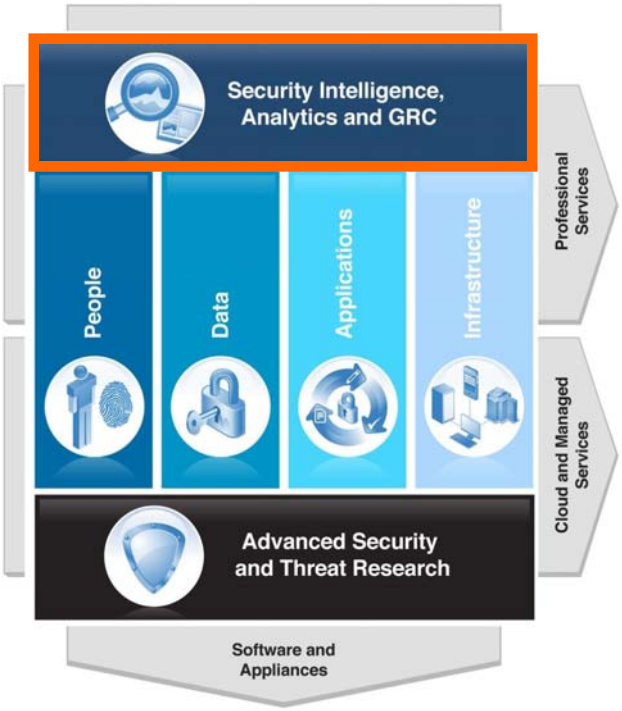


*Purposes of QRadar SIEM*

QRadar SIEM enables you to minimize the time gap between when a security incident occurs and when it is detected.

**Note:** SIEM = Security Information and Event Management

# QRadar SIEM and the IBM Security Framework




In the IBM Security Framework, QRadar SIEM offers these capabilities

- Security Intelligence, Analytics and Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance (GRC)
- Insight into all domains of the IBM Security Framework



*QRadar SIEM and the IBM Security Framework*

# Identifying suspected attacks and policy breaches

QRadar SIEM helps answer the following key questions

- What is being attacked?
- What is the security impact?
- Who is attacking?
- Where should the investigation be focused?
- When are the attacks taking place?
- How is the attack penetrating the system?
- Is the suspected attack or policy breach real or a false alarm?



*Identifying suspected attacks and policy breaches*

# Providing context

To enable security analysts to perform investigations, QRadar SIEM correlates information such as these examples

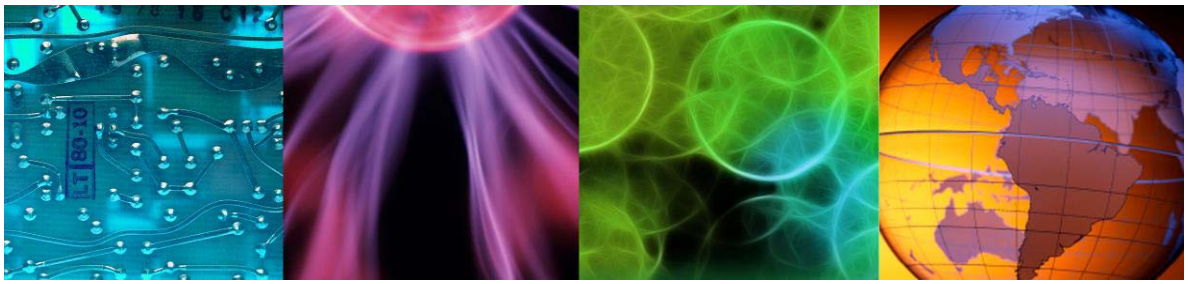
- Point in time
- Offending users
- Origins
- Targets
- Vulnerabilities
- Asset information
- Known threats



*Providing context*

# Lesson 2 QRadar SIEM capabilities

## Lesson: QRadar SIEM capabilities





QRadar SIEM helps your organization to identify attacks and policy breaches. This lesson provides a high-level description of the features of QRadar SIEM.

# Key QRadar SIEM capabilities

- Ability to process security-relevant data from a wide variety of sources, such as these examples
  - Firewalls
  - User directories
  - Proxies
  - Applications
  - Routers
- Collection, normalization, correlation, and secure storage of raw events, network flows, vulnerabilities, assets, and threat intelligence data
- Layer 7 payload capture up to a configurable number of bytes from unencrypted traffic



*Key QRadar SIEM capabilities*

By default, QFlow captures the first 64 bytes of unencrypted layer 7 payloads. The user interface displays these bytes without further decoding. Payloads from encrypted traffic are not captured.

# Key QRadar SIEM capabilities (continued)

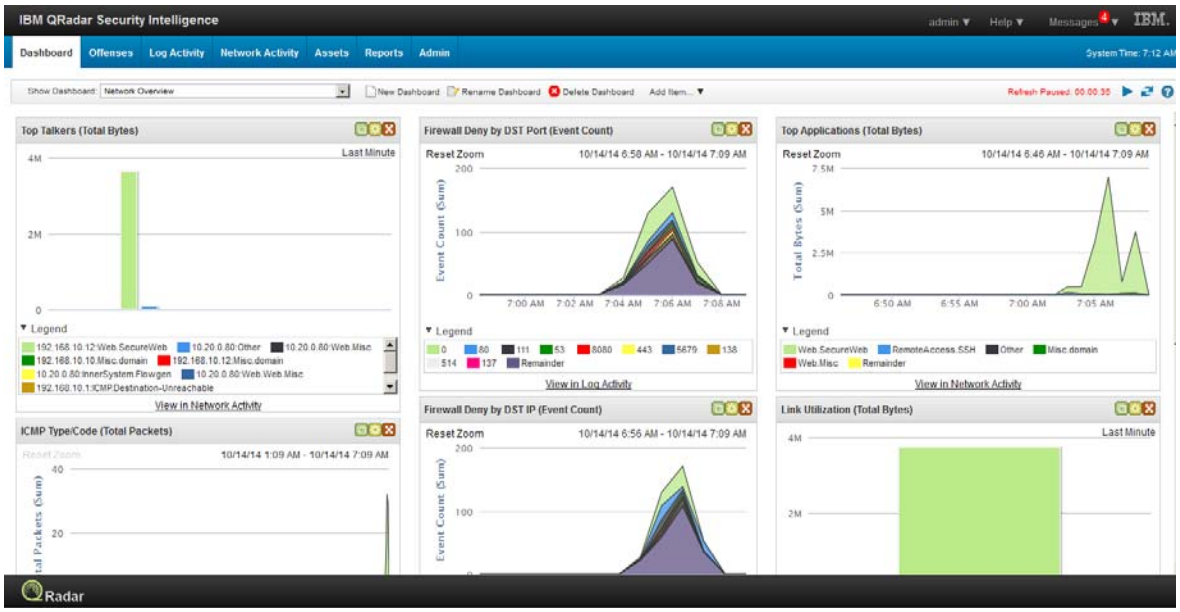
- Comprehensive search capabilities
- Monitor host and network behavior changes that could indicate an attack or policy breach such as these examples
  - Off hours or excessive usage of an application or network activity patterns inconsistent with historical profiles
  - Prioritization of suspected attacks and policy breaches
- Notification by email, SNMP, and others
- Many generic reporting templates included
- Scalable architecture to support large deployments
- Single user interface



*Key QRadar SIEM capabilities (continued)*

While QRadar SIEM alerts you to suspicious activities and facilitates their investigation, it does not respond automatically. For example, QRadar SIEM can detect services it suspects are targeted by an attack, but it does not change configurations or shut down such services. Such automatic changes can cause unwanted system outages.

# QRadar SIEM Console




The console provides one integrated user interface for all tasks



*QRadar SIEM Console*

# Summary

Now you should be able to perform the following tasks:

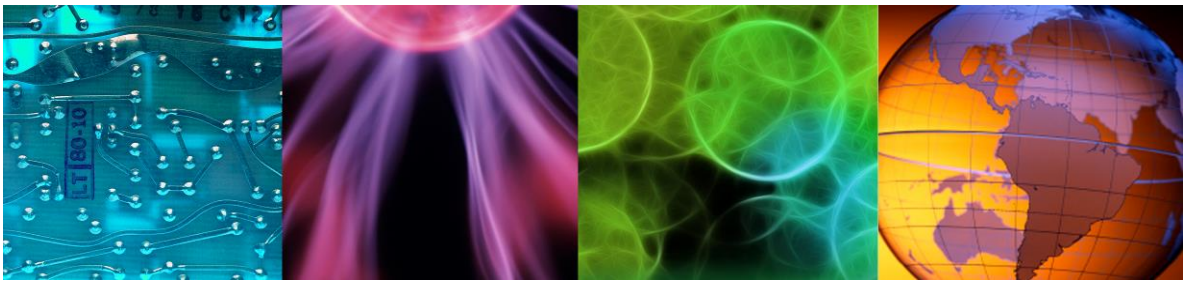
- Describe the purpose of QRadar SIEM
- List the capabilities of QRadar SIEM



*Summary*

# 2 How QRadar SIEM collects security data

## How QRadar SIEM collects security data





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- *IBM Security QRadar Log Sources User Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE
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- *IBM Security QRadar Adaptive Log Exporter Users Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE
- Microsoft Windows Management Instrumentation http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ee692942.aspx
- *IBM Security QRadar Vulnerability Assessment Configuration Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

This unit has no student exercises.

# Objectives

In this unit, you learn to perform the following tasks:

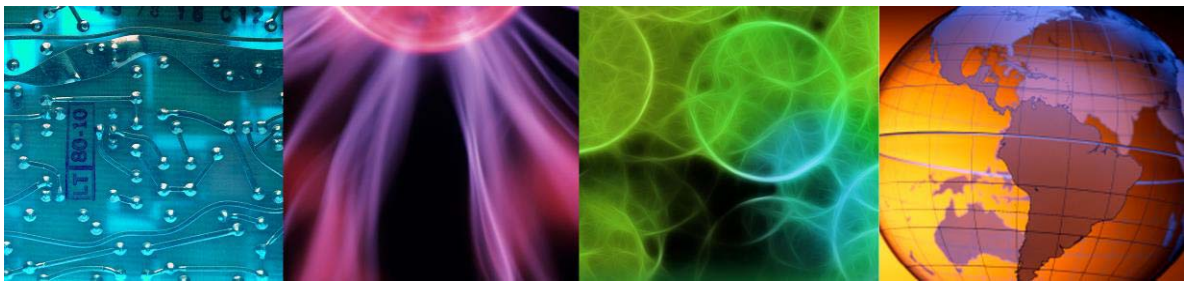
- Describe how QRadar SIEM collects and processes events and flows
- Describe how QRadar SIEM collects vulnerability data




*Objectives*

# Lesson 1 Collecting and processing events and flows

## Lesson: Collecting and processing events and flows





In this lesson, you learn how QRadar SIEM collects and processes both events and flows.

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# Normalizing raw events

- An *event* is a record from a device that describes an action on a network or host
- QRadar SIEM normalizes the varied information found in raw events
  - Normalizing means to map information to common field names, for example
    - SRC_IP, Source, IP, and others are normalized to **Source IP**
    - user_name, username, login, and others are normalized to **User**
  - Normalized events are mapped to high-level and low-level categories to facilitate further processing
- After raw events are normalized, it is easy to search, report, and cross-correlate these normalized events

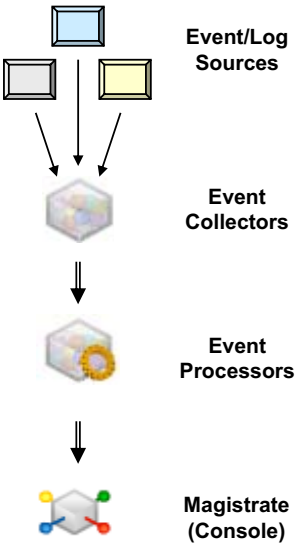



*Normalizing log messages to events*

# Event collection and processing

- *Log Sources* typically send syslog messages, but they can use other protocols also
- *Event Collectors* receive raw events as log messages from a wide variety of external log sources

  *Device Support Modules (DSMs)* in the event collectors parse and normalize raw events; raw log messages remain intact
- *Event Processors* receive the normalized events and raw events to analyze and store them
- *Data Nodes* (not pictured) provide additional storage for event and flow data
- *Magistrate* correlates data from event processors and creates offenses







*Event collection and processing*

To receive raw events from log sources, QRadar SIEM supports many protocols, such as those detailed in the following list:

- Syslog from operating systems, applications, firewalls, IPS/IDS, router, switches
- Other standard protocols, such as SNMP and SOAP
- Data from a database table or view, such as JDBC
- Proprietary vendor-specific messaging protocols, such as OPSEC/LEA from Checkpoint

Refer to the *IBM Security QRadar Log Sources User Guide* at http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE.

## Collection methods

QRadar SIEM uses the following collection methods on variants of UNIX and Linux operating systems (licensed programs):

- Output from the operating system's **syslog** licensed program is the most common method.
- **Transfer of syslog files** to QRadar SIEM allows more secure communication.
- Third-party agents such as the **syslog-ng**, **Snare**, and **Splunk Universal Forwarder** licensed programs are also available.

QRadar SIEM uses the following collection methods on variants of Microsoft Windows operating systems (licensed programs):

- The **IBM Security QRadar WinCollect** licensed program collects events by running as a service on a Windows system. That agent can also collect events from other Windows servers where the agent is not installed. WinCollect is centrally managed from the QRadar SIEM user interface. Refer to the *IBM Security QRadar WinCollect User Guide* at http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE.
- The **Microsoft Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI)** licensed program can be used and administered through the QRadar SIEM user interface to collect events without an agent. However, WMI puts a major load on network and Windows servers. Domain controllers usually slow down when WMI is configured. For more information, refer to http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ee692942.aspx.
- Third-party agents such as the **syslog-ng**, **Snare**, **Splunk Universal Forwarder**, and **Adiscon EventReporter** licensed programs are also available.

## About Event Collectors

Each Event Collector gathers events from local and remote sources.The Event Collector normalizes events and classifies them into low- and high-level categories. The Event Collector also bundles identical events to conserve system usage through a process that is known as *coalescing*.

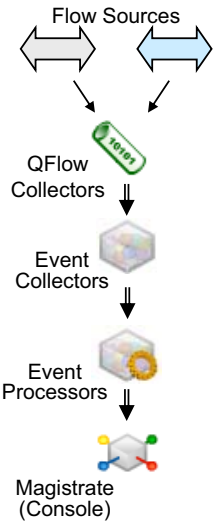
Event collectors use traffic analysis to discover which kind of device a log source is if a Device Support Module (DSM) for that kind of device is installed. In addition, the DSM for a device specifies how to map and normalize the device's raw events.

## About Event Processors

Each Event Processor processes events from the Event Collectors and flow data. Event processors correlate the information. The Event Processor examines information gathered by QRadar SIEM to indicate behavioral changes or policy violations. Rules are applied to the events to search for anomalies.

# Flow collection and processing

- A *flow* is a communication session between two hosts
- QFlow Collectors read packets from the wire or receive flows from other devices




- QFlow Collectors convert all gathered network data to flow records similar normalized events; they include such details as when, who, how much, protocols, and options.

| Flow Type | First Packet Time | Source IP | Source Port | Destination IP | Destination Port | Protocol | Application | Source Bytes | Destination Bytes | Source Packets | Destination Packets | ICMP Type/Code |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct 14, 2014, 7:00:13 AM | 192.168.... | 61190 | 202.12.27.33 | 53 | udp_ip | Misc.domain | 101 (C) | 0 | 1 | 0 | N/A |
| | Oct 14, 2014, 6:59:59 AM | 192.168.... | 64334 | 192.168.10.10 | 22 | tcp_ip | RemoteAccess.SSH | 380 (C) | 3,376 (C) | 4 | 4 | N/A |
| | Oct 14, 2014, 7:00:53 AM | 0.0.0.0 | 546 | 0.0.0.0 | 547 | udp_ip | Other | 612 (C) | 0 | 4 | 0 | N/A |
| | Oct 14, 2014, 6:59:59 AM | 192.168.... | 64334 | 192.168.10.10 | 22 | tcp_ip | RemoteAccess.SSH | 3,816 | 64,432 | 48 | 52 | N/A |
| | Oct 14, 2014, 6:59:59 AM | 192.168.... | 64334 | 192.168.10.10 | 22 | tcp_ip | RemoteAccess.SSH | 4,132 | 65,256 | 51 | 54 | N/A |
| | Oct 14, 2014, 7:00:09 AM | 192.168.... | 61190 | 192.203.230.10 | 53 | udp_ip | Misc.domain | 101 (C) | 0 | 1 | 0 | N/A |
| | Oct 14, 2014, 7:00:53 AM | 0.0.0.0 | 546 | 0.0.0.0 | 547 | udp_ip | Other | 459 (C) | 0 | 3 | 0 | N/A |
| | Oct 14, 2014, 7:00:24 AM | 192.168.... | 64348 | 192.168.10.10 | 443 | tcp_ip | Web.SecureWeb | 3,559 | 24,010 | 19 | 23 | N/A |
| | Oct 14, 2014, 7:00:05 AM | 192.168.... | 61709 | 192.168.10.1 | 53 | udp_ip | Misc.domain | 101 (C) | 0 | 1 | 0 | N/A |
| | Oct 14, 2014, 6:59:59 AM | 192.168.... | 61097 | 192.168.99.1 | 53 | udp_ip | Misc.domain | 78 | 0 | 1 | 0 | N/A |
| | Oct 14, 2014, 7:00:01 AM | 192.168.... | 64335 | 192.168.10.10 | 443 | tcp_ip | Web.SecureWeb | 192 | 297 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| | Oct 14, 2014, 7:00:05 AM | 192.168.... | N/A | 192.168.10.12 | N/A | icmp_ip | ICMP:Destination-Unreachable | 129 (C) | 0 | 1 | 0 | Port Unreac... |




*Flow collection and processing*

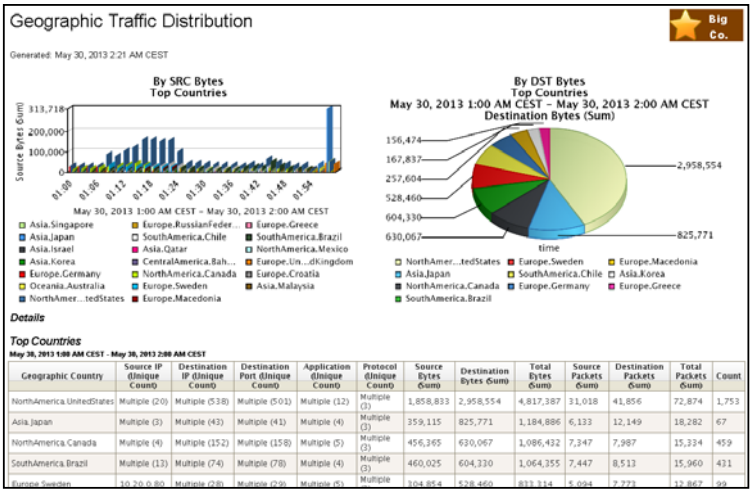
A *flow* is a record of a conversation between two devices on a network.

A network *flow record* provides information about a conversation between two devices using a specific protocol and can include many fields that describe the conversation. Examples include the source IP, the destination IP, the port, and other fields.

Up to a configurable number of bytes, QFlow provides layer 7 insights into the payload if it is unencrypted. Using a tap or span port, QFlow collects raw packets and places them into 60-second chunks. QFlow can also receive layer 4 flows from other network devices in IPFIX/NetFlow, sFlow, J-Flow, Packeteer, and Flowlog file accounting technologies.

Flows update asset profiles with the ports and services that are running on each host.

# Reporting




- All collected information is available for reports
- Thousands of report templates are available
- With the report wizard, you can create new templates and change existing templates

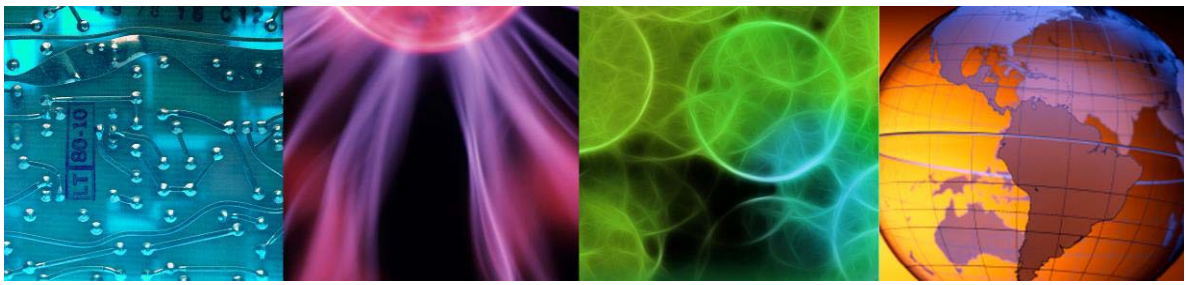



*Reporting*

Compliance reporting packages are available for PCI, SOX, FISMA, GLBA, and HIPAA, with reports based on control frameworks such as NIST, ISO, and CoBIT.

# Lesson 2 Collecting and processing vulnerability data

## Lesson: Collecting and processing vulnerability data





The more QRadar SIEM knows about vulnerabilities of hosts, the better it can detect and prioritize suspicious activities. This lesson introduces you to vulnerability scanning and detection, as well as tracking the found vulnerabilities in asset profiles.

# Asset profiles

QRadar SIEM maintains asset profiles for systems in the network; the profiles track host details, such as these examples

- IP addresses
- Services listening on open ports
- Vulnerabilities

| Id | IP Address | Asset Name | Aggregate CVSS Score | Vulnerabilities | Services |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1030 | 10.111.219.138 | 10.111.219.138 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1013 | 10.117.220.204 | 10.117.220.204 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1014 | 10.117.220.205 | 10.117.220.205 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1012 | 10.117.254.16 | 10.117.254.16 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1011 | 10.117.254.36 | 10.117.254.36 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1010 | 10.117.254.66 | 10.117.254.66 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1009 | 10.15.20.140 | 10.15.20.140 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1015 | 10.2.100.66 | 10.2.100.66 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1018 | 10.20.0.80 | 10.20.0.80 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1007 | 128.245.120.152 | 128.245.120.152 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1019 | 172.16.254.2 | chkpt1 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |




*Asset profiles*

In addition to technical asset information, asset profiles track user logins to the asset if this information is provided to QRadar SIEM. QRadar SIEM automatically creates and updates asset profiles for systems that are found in the following areas:

- DHCP, DNS, VPN, proxy, firewall NAT, and wireless AP logs
- Passively gathered bidirectional flow
- Vulnerability data provided by active scanners

If this information is unavailable, QRadar SIEM does not create asset profiles automatically. You can still create asset profiles manually in the user interface or by import. Only flows and vulnerability data add and update information about ports and services to asset profiles.

Asset profile information is used for correlation purposes. For example, if an attacker attempts to compromise a certain service that is running on a specific asset, QRadar SIEM can determine whether the asset is vulnerable to this attack by correlating the attack to the asset profile.

## Active scanners

For vulnerability assessment (VA) and maintaining asset profiles, QRadar SIEM integrates with many active scanners

- You can schedule Nessus, Nmap, and IBM Security QRadar Vulnerability Manager scanner directly in QRadar SIEM
- For other scanners, you schedule only the collection of scan results in QRadar SIEM but not the scan itself





*Active scanners*

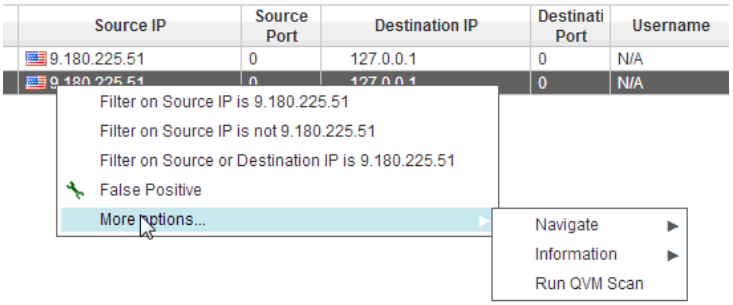
Third-party scanners, such as Nessus and nCircle IP360, report vulnerabilities to QRadar SIEM using external references from the Open Source Vulnerability Database (OSVDB) and National Vulnerability Database (NVDB) to identify found vulnerabilities. Each vulnerability is assigned a unique reference identifier, an OSVDB ID. In addition, each vulnerability can be identified by external data references, such as a Common Vulnerability and Exposures (CVE) ID or Bugtraq ID.

# QRadar Vulnerability Manager scanner

You can add the separate product IBM Security QRadar Vulnerability Manager licensed program with QRadar SIEM

It provides these benefits

- Active scanner present on all QRadar event and flow collectors and processors
- Detects 70,000+ vulnerabilities



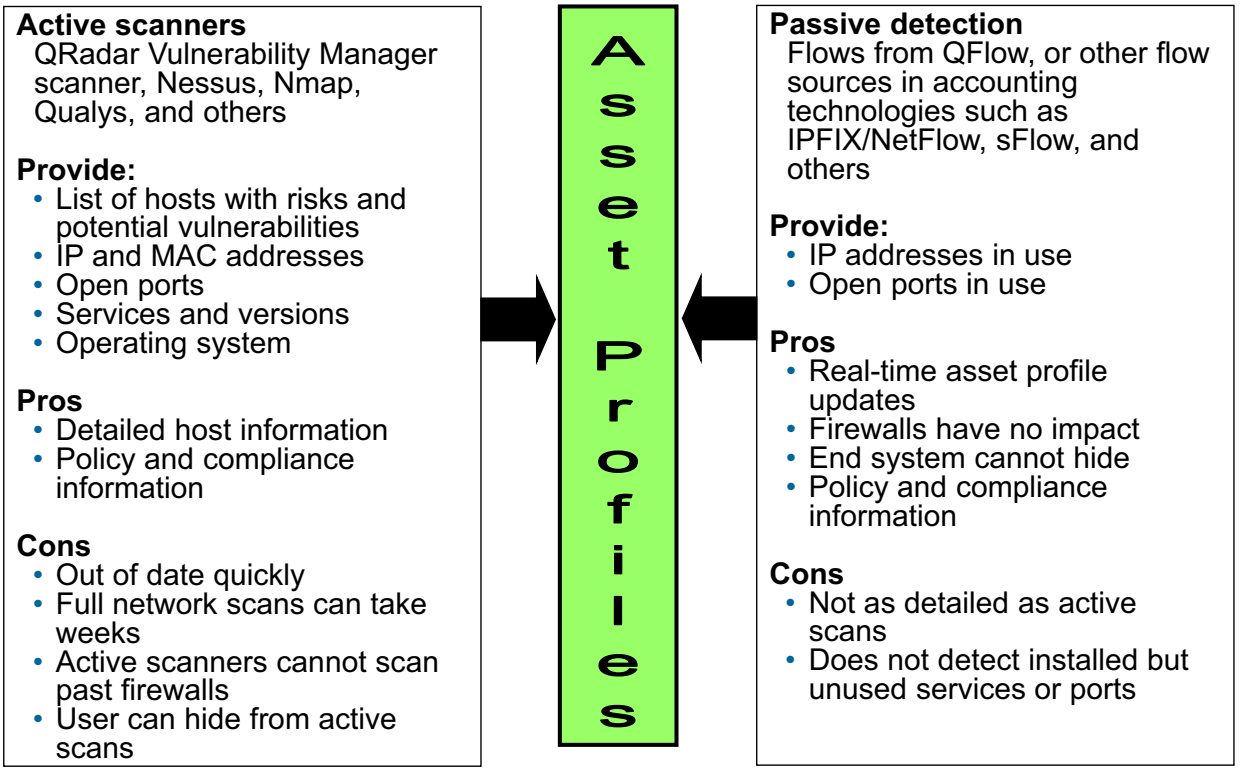

- Processes results from IBM-hosted scanner to see a view from outside your firewall
- Tracks *Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures* (CVE)
- Third-party vulnerability data feeds




*QRadar Vulnerability Manager scanner*

The user interface shows the **Vulnerabilities** tab if your organization deployed a license for QRadar Vulnerability Manager.

# Gathering asset information




*Gathering asset information*

A user can hide a system from active scans by connecting it to the network only for short periods for time.

# Summary

Now you should be able to perform the following tasks:

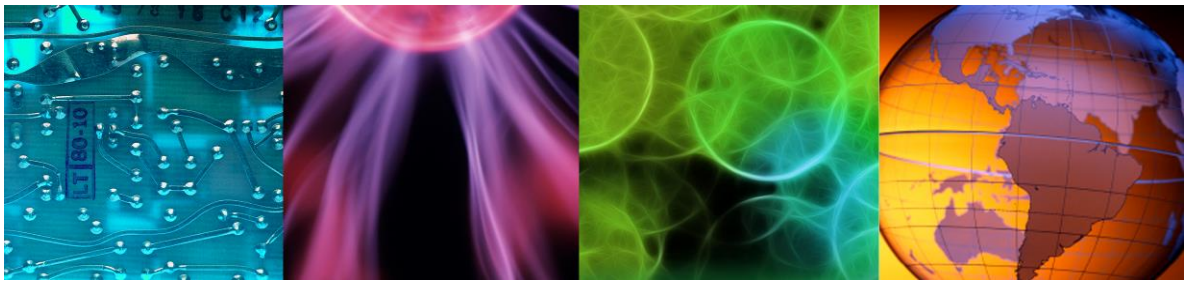
- Describe how QRadar SIEM collects and processes events and flows
- Describe how QRadar SIEM collects vulnerability data




*Summary*

# 3 Using the QRadar SIEM dashboard

## Using the QRadar SIEM dashboard





QRadar SIEM displays the **Dashboard** tab when you sign in. Multiple items on a dashboard display information about activities of systems in your network. The items enable you to focus on specific areas of interest such as security or network operations. You can customize each dashboard to meet the needs and responsibilities of the analyst. This unit teaches you how to navigate and customize the dashboard tab.

References:

- *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Users Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE
- *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

# Objectives

In this unit, you learn to perform the following tasks:

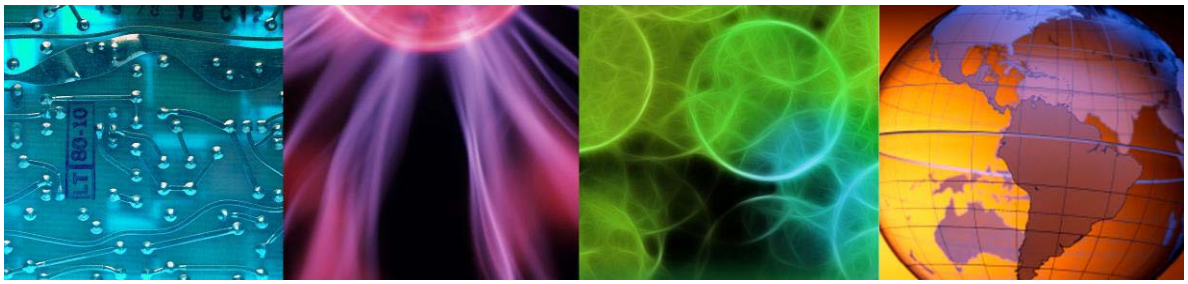
- Navigate the default dashboard
- Customize dashboards



*Objectives*

# Lesson 1 Navigating the Dashboard tab

## Lesson: Navigating the Dashboard tab





The **Dashboard** tab is the default view when you sign in to QRadar SIEM. In this lesson, you learn how to navigate the QRadar SIEM user interface and **Dashboard** tab by performing the following tasks:

- Locate the tabs in QRadar SIEM
- Use QRadar SIEM menu options
- Access context-sensitive help
- Refresh the dashboard

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# Dashboard overview

- QRadar SIEM shows the **Dashboard** tab when you log in
- You can create multiple dashboards
- Each dashboard can contain items that provide summary and detailed information
- Seven default dashboards are available
- You can create custom dashboards to focus on your security or operations responsibilities
- Each dashboard is associated with a user; changes that you make to a dashboard do not affect the dashboards of other users



*Dashboard overview*

# Instructor demonstration of the dashboard



*Instructor demonstration of the dashboard*

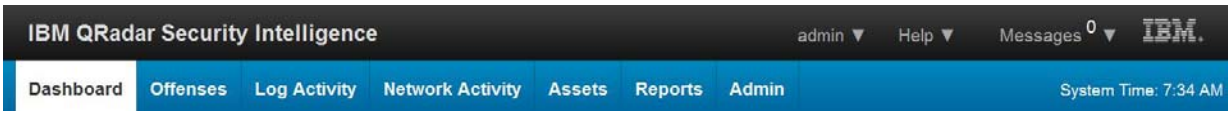
# Default dashboard

Click a tab to load it




*Default dashboard*

# QRadar SIEM tabs




Use tabs to navigate the primary QRadar SIEM functions

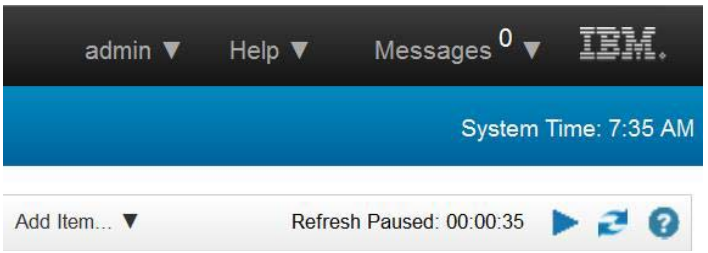
- **Dashboard**: The initial summary view
- **Offenses**: Displays offenses; list of prioritized incidents
- **Log Activity**: Query and display events
- **Network Activity**: Query and display flows
- **Assets**: Query and display information about systems in your network
- **Reports**: Create templates and generate reports
- **Admin**: Administrative system management



*QRadar SIEM tabs*

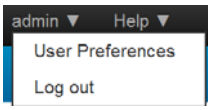
The user interface (UI) in QRadar SIEM includes a series of tabs that you use to navigate and focus on specific slices of the collected, analyzed, and displayed data.

# Other menu options

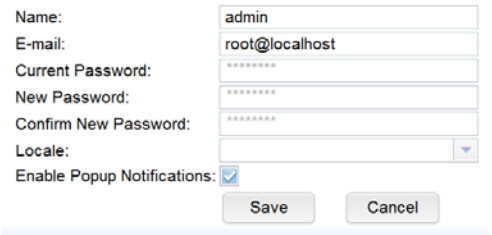



The dashboard has the following additional menu options

- **User Preferences**




- **Help**
- **Log out**






*Other menu options*

You can see these additional menu options:

- **User Preferences**: Users can change their password here if they authenticate with the local system authentication of QRadar SIEM. Users cannot change the password here if QRadar SIEM uses RADIUS, TACACS, Active Directory, or LDAP for their authentication.

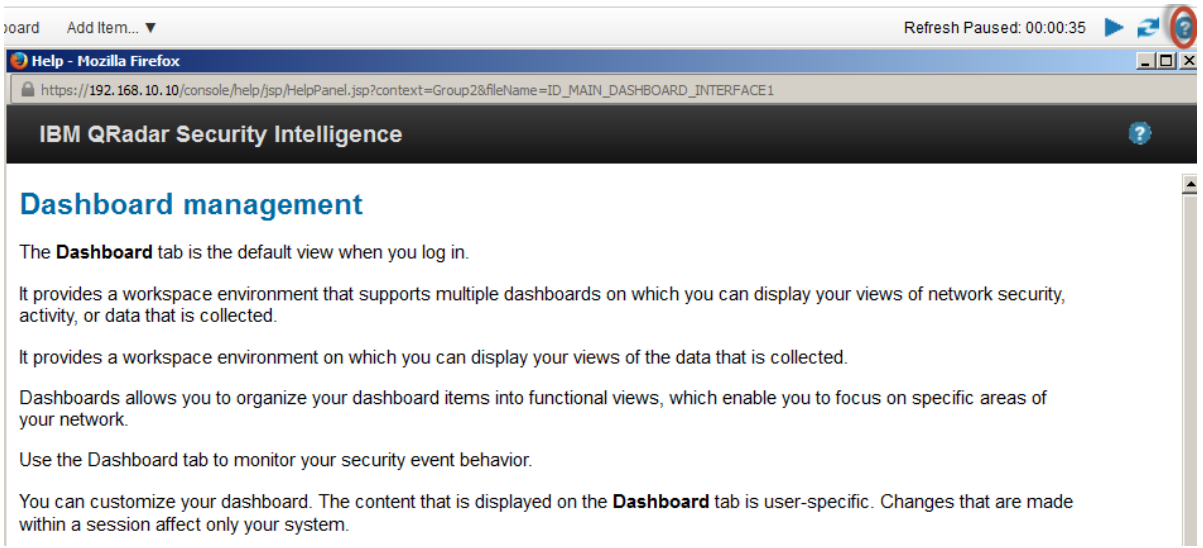
  In most deployments, the user *admin* authenticates with the local system authentication of QRadar SIEM even if other users use external authentication. Therefore, user *admin* usually can change his or her password in the User Preferences of QRadar SIEM.

**Note:** Refer to the *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* (http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE) for further details.

- **Help**: Opens the page-level help documentation.
- **Log out**: Closes the web session and logs out the user.
- **Messages:** Opens the system notification center.

# Context-sensitive help

Click the question mark in any window to access help for the current page





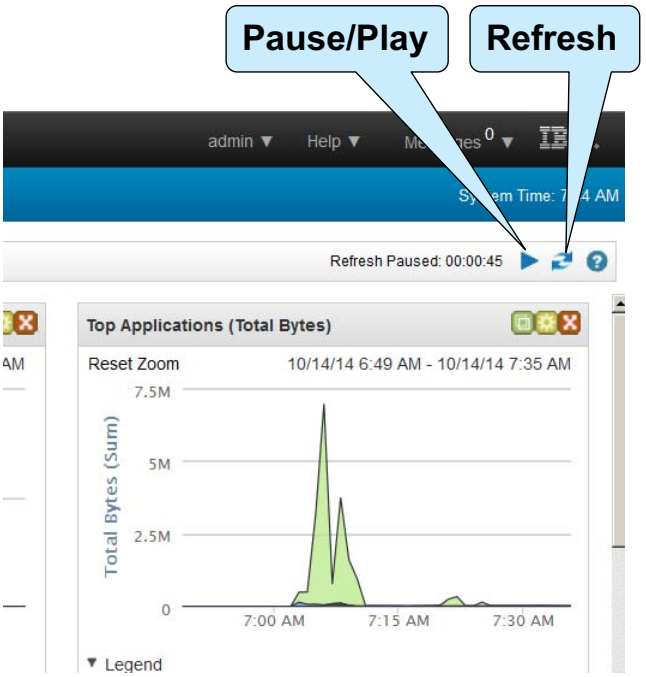

*Context-sensitive help*

You can access page-level help in the following ways:

- View the help text in the banner for an index of all help.
- Right-click the question mark icon (?) for context-sensitive help.

# Dashboard refresh

- In the displayed dashboard, events and flows refresh every minute unless you click **Pause**
- Use the **Refresh** button to manually refresh the displayed data





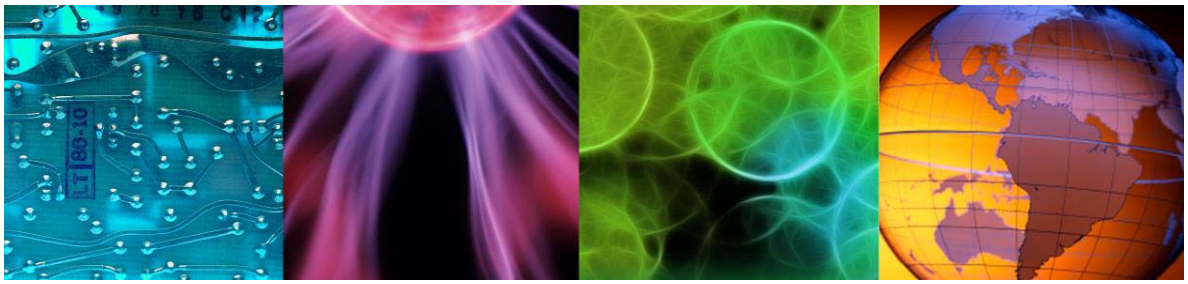

*Dashboard refresh*

The dashboard can display table, bar, pie, and time-series charts. By default, QRadar SIEM refreshes data from the event and flow processors every minute. The user can manually refresh at any time, resetting the displayed countdown to 60 seconds, but data results returned are from the prior minute to match the system refresh cycle for the event and flow processors. If the refresh clock is, for example, at 55 seconds and the user manually refreshes, the data displayed still originates from the earlier cycle. QRadar SIEM always refreshes automatically at the 1-minute mark.

The **Pause** button stops only the display refresh. QRadar SIEM continues to update and process in the background.

# Lesson 2 Customizing a dashboard

## Lesson: Customizing a dashboard





You can customize dashboards to display user-specific information. In this lesson, you learn how to create a customized dashboard and manage dashboard items.

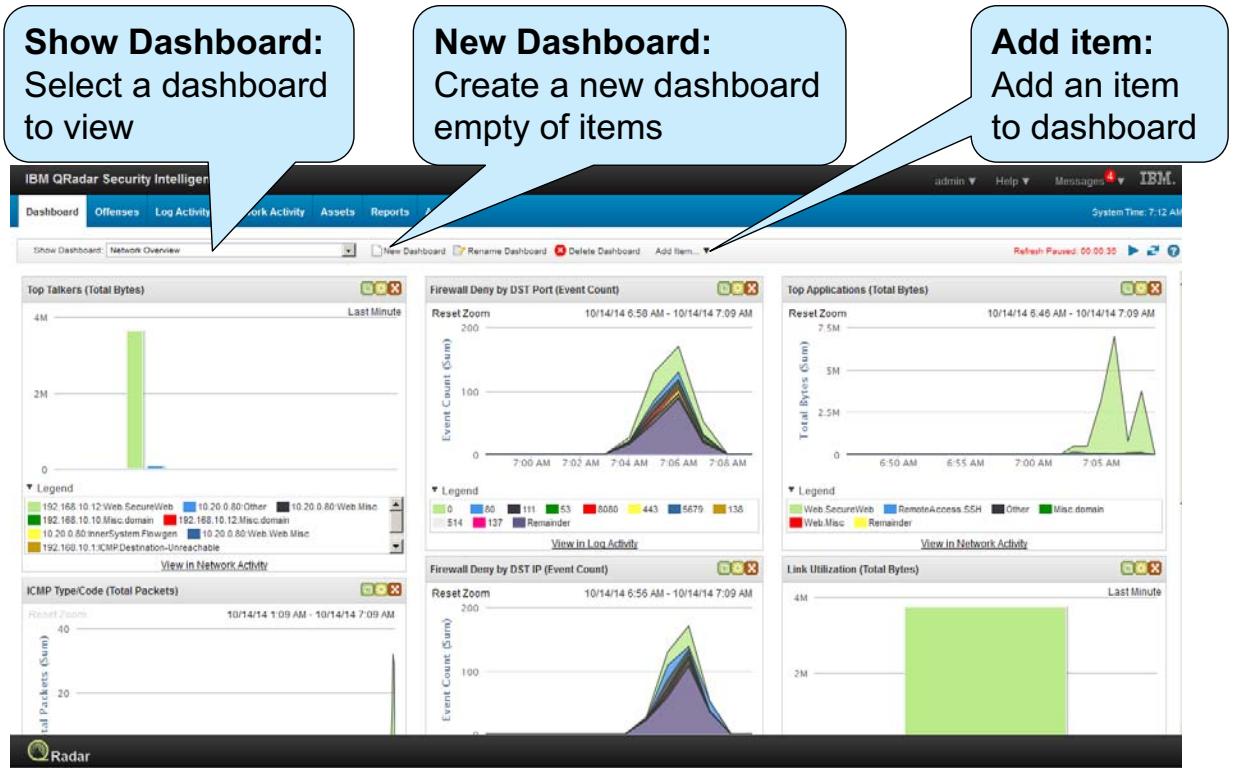
# Dashboard variety

- QRadar SIEM includes the following default dashboards
  - Application Overview
  - Compliance Overview
  - Network Overview
  - System Monitoring
  - Threat and Security Monitoring
  - Virtual Cloud Infrastructure
  - Vulnerability Management
- Use multiple dashboards to better organize data; for example, a single user can have the following dashboards to show log and network activity of these systems
  - Databases
  - Critical Applications



*Dashboard variety*

# Creating a custom dashboard






*Creating a custom dashboard*

To create a custom dashboard, perform the following steps:

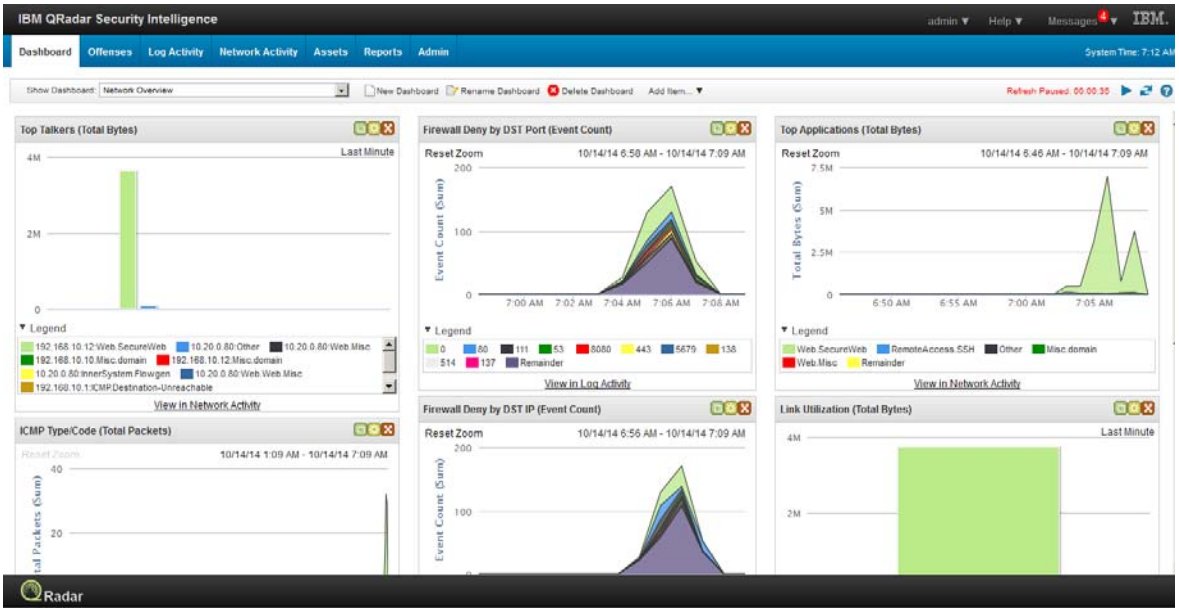
1. Click the **New Dashboard** icon.
   A new Dashboard window opens.
2. In the **Name** field, enter a name. You can enter up to 65 characters.
3. In the **Description** field, enter a description. You can enter up to 255 characters.
4. Click **OK**.
   The new dashboard opens on the **Dashboard** tab and is listed in the **Show Dashboard** list. The new dashboard is empty.

To add items to the new dashboard, perform the following steps:

1. From the **Show Dashboard** list, select the dashboard where you want the item added.
2. From the **Add Item** list, select an item.
   The item displays on the dashboard.
3. Repeat until you have added all the items you want to the dashboard.

# Items

Include no more than 15 items on each dashboard

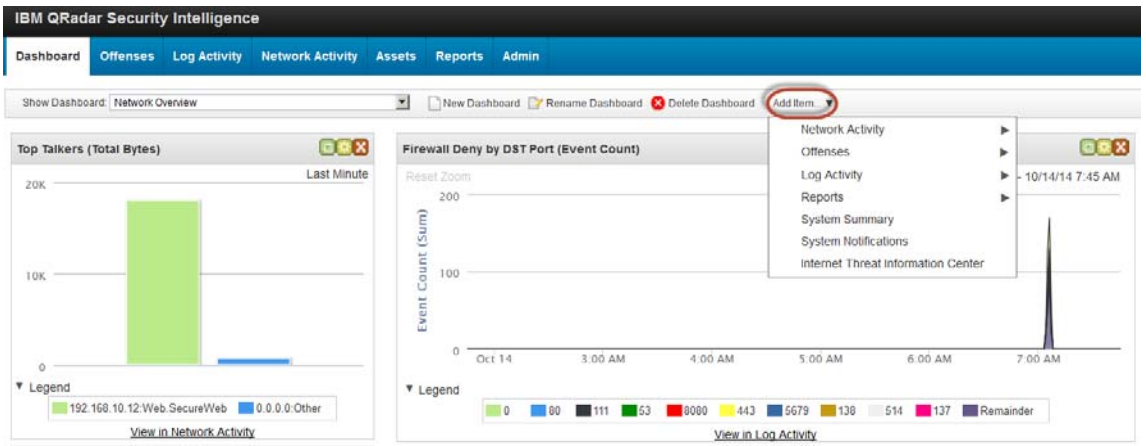





*Items*

# Managing dashboard items

Click **Add Item** to place additional objects on the dashboard
Click the green icon to detach the object from the interface to the desktop
Click the yellow icon to modify the settings of an object
Click the red icon to delete an object from the dashboard






*Managing dashboard items*

# Student exercise

Use the procedures in the *Student Exercises Guide* to create a new dashboard



*Student exercises*

Perform the exercises for this unit.

# Summary

Now you should be able to perform the following tasks:

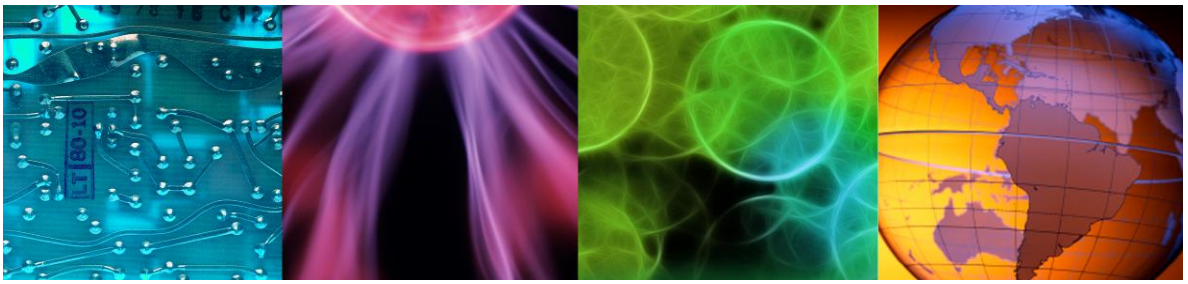
- Navigate and customize the user interface
- Customize dashboards



*Summary*

# 4 Investigating an offense that is triggered by events

## Investigating an offense that is triggered by events





QRadar SIEM correlates events and flows into an offense if it assumes suspicious activity. This unit teaches you how to investigate the information that is contained in an offense and respond to an offense.

References:

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- *QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

# Objectives

In this unit, you learn to perform the following tasks:

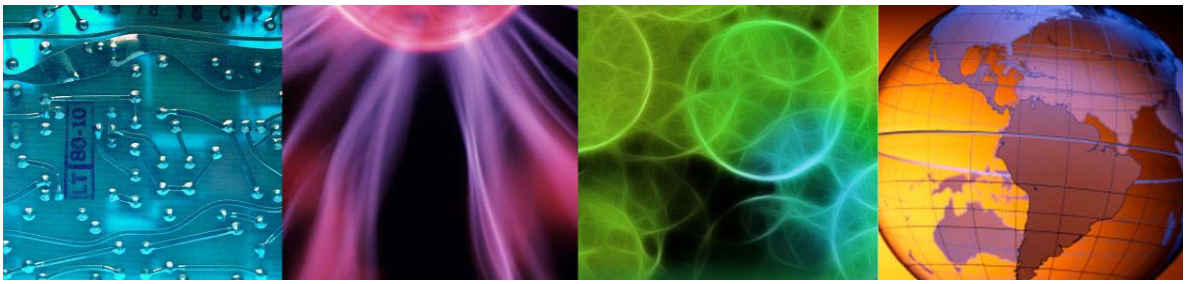
- Explain the concept of offenses
- Investigate an offense, which includes this information
  - Summary information
  - The details of an offense
- Respond to an offense



*Objectives*

# Lesson 1 Offenses overview

## Lesson: Offenses overview





By creating an offense, QRadar SIEM alerts to suspicious activities. In this lesson, you learn the significance of offenses and what offenses represent, including common offenses and their priority rating.

# Introduction to offenses

- The prime benefit of QRadar SIEM for security analysts is that it detects suspicious activities and ties them together into *offenses*
- An offense represents a suspected attack or policy breach; some common offenses include these examples
  - Multiple login failures
  - Worm infection
  - P2P traffic
  - Scanner reconnaissance
- Treat offenses as security incidents and have a security analyst investigate them



*Introduction to offenses*

The following list includes some of the most common offenses that a typical security analyst investigates:

- Clear Text Application Usage
- Remote Desktop Access from the Internet
- Connection to a remote proxy or anonymization service
- SSH or Telnet detected on Non-Standard Port
- Large Outbound Transfer
- Communication to a known Bot Command and Control
- Local IRC Server detected

# Creating and rating offenses

- QRadar SIEM creates an offense when events, flows, or both meet the test criteria specified in changeable **rules** that analyze the following information
  - Incoming events and flows
  - Asset information
  - Known vulnerabilities
- The **magistrate** in QRadar SIEM rates each offense by its **magnitude**, which has these characteristics
  - Ranges from 1 to 10, with 1 being low and 10 being high
  - Specifies the relative importance of the offense

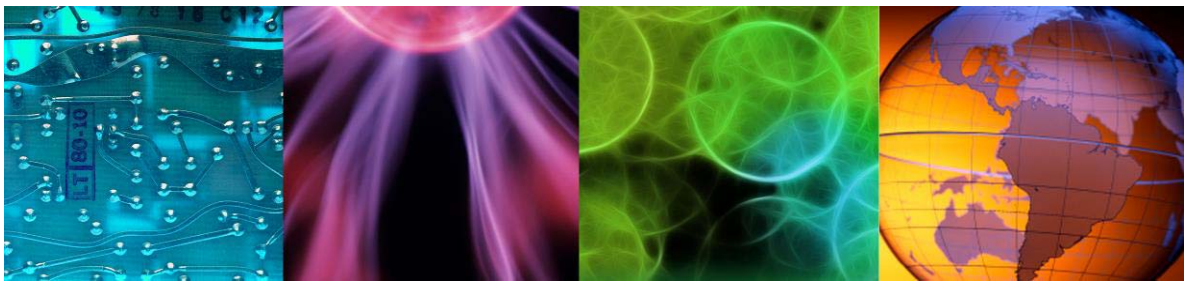


*Creating and rating offenses*

The magistrate reevaluates the offense magnitude at scheduled intervals and also when events are added to the offense.

# Lesson 2 Using summary information to investigate an offense

## Lesson: Using summary information to investigate an offense





An offense bundles a wealth of information about a suspicious activity. In this lesson, you learn how to use offense summary information to begin investigating an offense.

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# Instructor demonstration of offense parameters

This demonstration uses an offense that alerts to a suspected ICMP scanner as an example

Investigating this kind of offense is a typical part of a security analyst's job

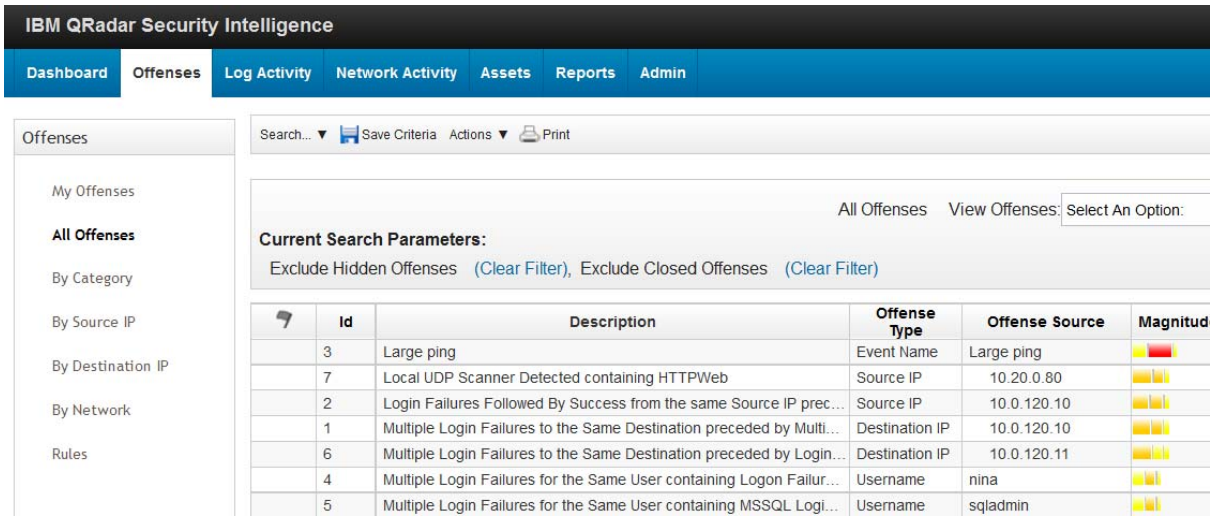


*Instructor demonstration of offense parameters*

# Selecting an offense to investigate

Offenses are listed in these locations

- In Dashboard items
- In the Offense Manager on the **Offenses** tab






*Selecting an offense to investigate*

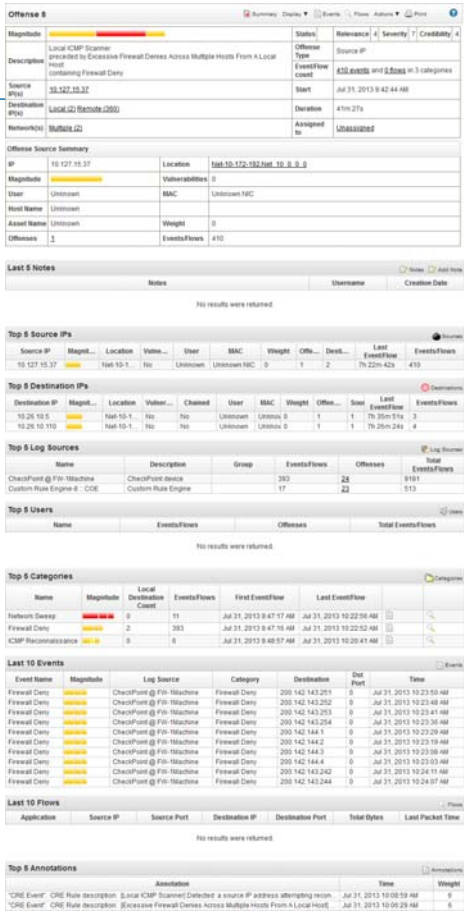
This slide presents the **Offenses** tab:

- The default view of the **Offenses** tab is called **Offense Manager**.
- Double-click an offense to view the detailed **Offense Summary** of that offense.
- Use the left navigation to view the offenses from different perspectives. For example, select **Offenses by Source IP** or **Offenses by Destination IP** to view this information:
  - Repeat offenders
  - IP addresses that generate a multitude of events
  - Systems that are continually under attack
- Use the **Search** menu to find offenses according to search criteria.

# Offense Summary window

The offense summary displays information about the ICMP scanning offense

The remainder of the unit examines the window sections in the same way as the security analyst does to investigate an offense.






*Offense Summary window*

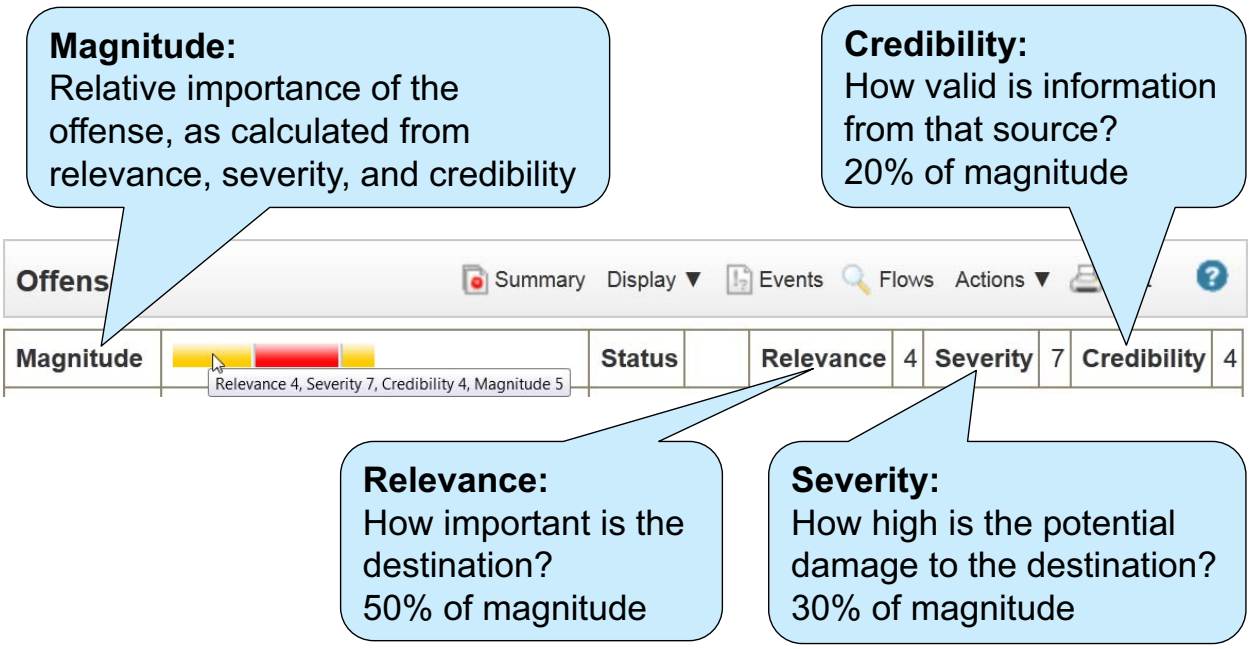
TheOffense Summary window includes these sections:

- Offense Parameters
- Offense Source Summary
- Last 5 Notes
- Top 5 Source IPs
- Top 5 Destination IPs
- Top 5 Log Sources
- Top 5 Users
- Top 5 Categories
- Top 10 Events
- Top 10 Flows
- Top 5 Annotations

We review these sections in the remainder of the unit.

# Offense parameters (1 of 4)

Investigating an offense begins with the parameters at the top of the offense summary window

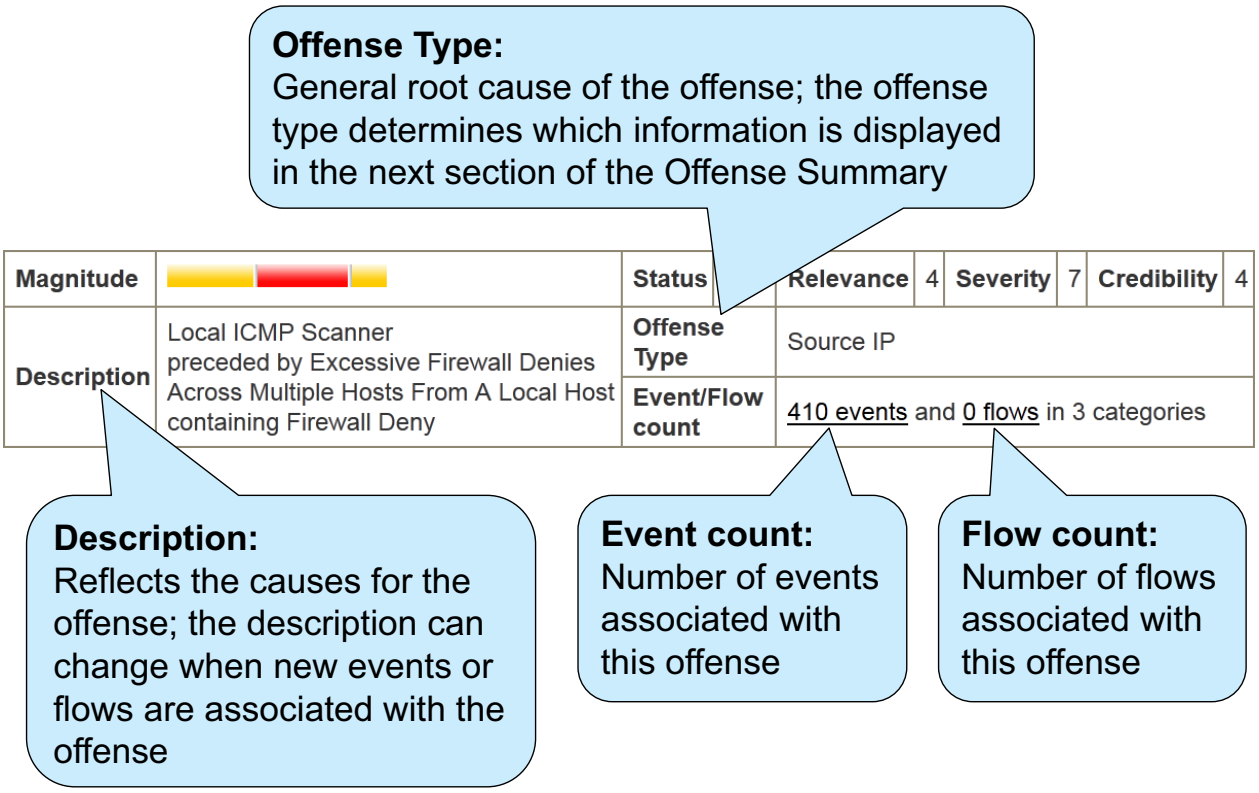





*Offense parameters*

- **Magnitude**: Prioritizes offenses by importance. Security analysts cannot ignore less important offenses because they could indicate a real attack or policy breach.
- **Status**: The offense on the slide is in status *active*. QRadar SIEM does not display a status icon for the *active* status. Other statuses are indicated with an icon in the **Status** field.
- **Relevance**: Indicates the importance of the destination. Less important areas of the network have a lower relevance. QRadar SIEM determines the relevance by the weight of networks and assets. QRadar SIEM administrators configure the weight in the network hierarchy, remote networks, remote services, and asset profiles.
- **Severity**: Indicates the amount of threat an attack poses in relation to the vulnerability of the destination.
- **Credibility**: Indicates the reliability of the witness. Credibility increases if multiple sources report the same attack. QRadar SIEM administrators configure the credibility rating of log sources.

# Offense parameters (2 of 4)





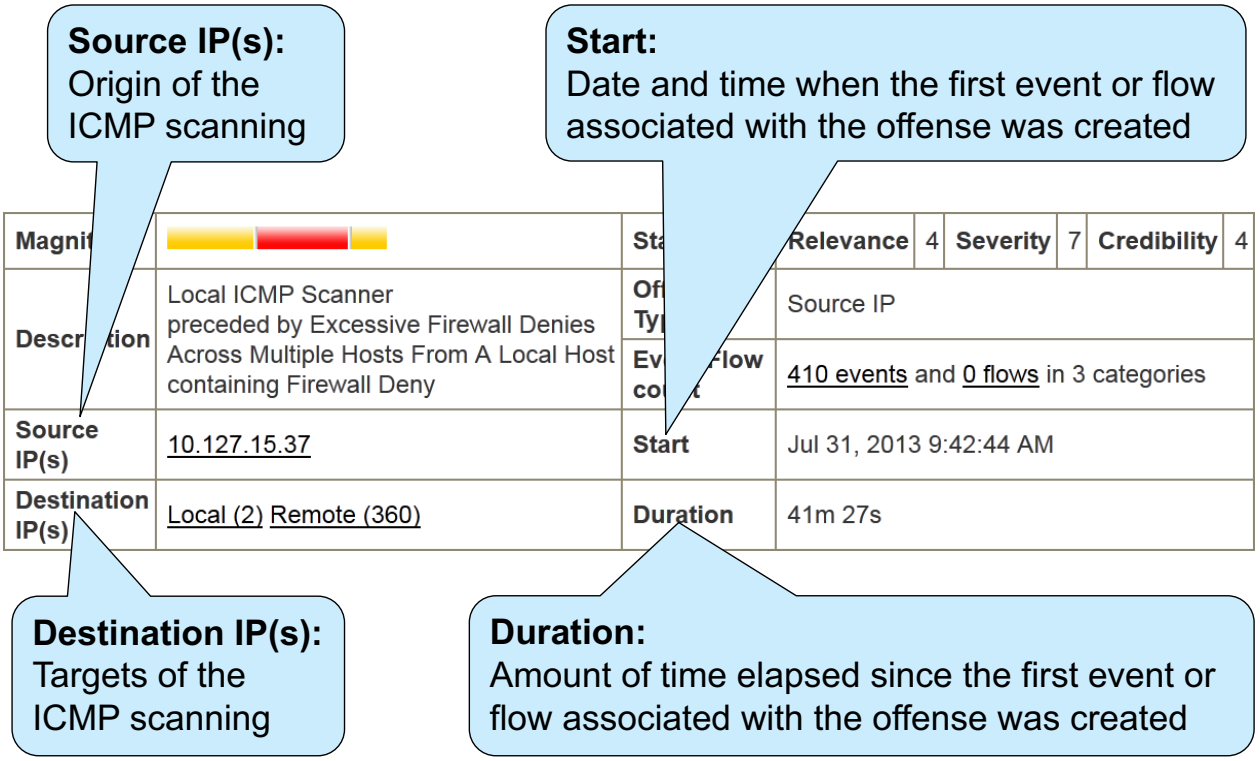

*Offense parameters (2 of 4)*

**Offense Type**: The rule that created the offense determines the one of the following Offense Types:

- Event Name
- Destination MAC Address
- Source Port
- Destination IPv6
- Rule
- Source IP Identity
- Source IP
- Username
- Log Source
- Destination Port
- Source ASN
- App ID
- Destination IP
- Source MAC Address
- Host Name
- Source IPv6
- Destination ASN

**ASN**: An **Autonomous System Number (ASN)** uniquely identifies one or more IP networks that have a single, clearly defined external routing policy. An ASN is required only if the autonomous system exchanges routing information with other autonomous systems on the Internet.

# Offense parameters (3 of 4)




*Offense parameters (3 of 4)*

## About Source IPs

- To get more information about the IP address, right-click, left-click, or hold the mouse over the address.
- Offenses of type **Source IP** always originate from only one source IP address. Offenses of other types can have more than one source IP address. In those cases, the **Source IP(s)** field displays **Multiple(n)**, where *n* indicates the number of source IP addresses.
- Left-click **Multiple(n)** to view a list of the source IP addresses.

## About Destinations IPs

- If the offense has only one target, its IP address is displayed. To get more information about the IP address, right-click, left-click, or hold the mouse over it.
- If the offense has multiple targets, the following terms are displayed:
  - **Local (n)**: Local IP addresses that were targeted.
  - **Remote (n)**: Remote IP addresses that were targeted.
- Left-click an option to view a list of the local or remote IP addresses.

# Offense parameters (4 of 4)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Magnitude** | | **Status** | | **Relevance** | 4 | **Severity** | 7 | **Credibility** | 4 |
| **Description** | Local ICMP Scanner preceded by Excessive Firewall Denies Across Multiple Hosts From A Local Host containing Firewall Deny | **Offense Type** | Source IP | | | | | | |
| | | **Event/Flow count** | 410 events and 0 flows in 3 categories | | | | | | |
| **Source IP(s)** | 10.127.15.37 | **Start** | Jul 31, 2013 9:42:44 AM | | | | | | |
| **Destination IP(s)** | Local (2) Remote (360) | **Duration** | 41m 27s | | | | | | |
| **Network(s)** | Multiple (2) | **Assigned to** | Unassigned | | | | | | |

**Network(s):**
Local networks of the local Destination IPs that have been scanned

**Assigned to:**
QRadar SIEM user assigned to investigate this offense



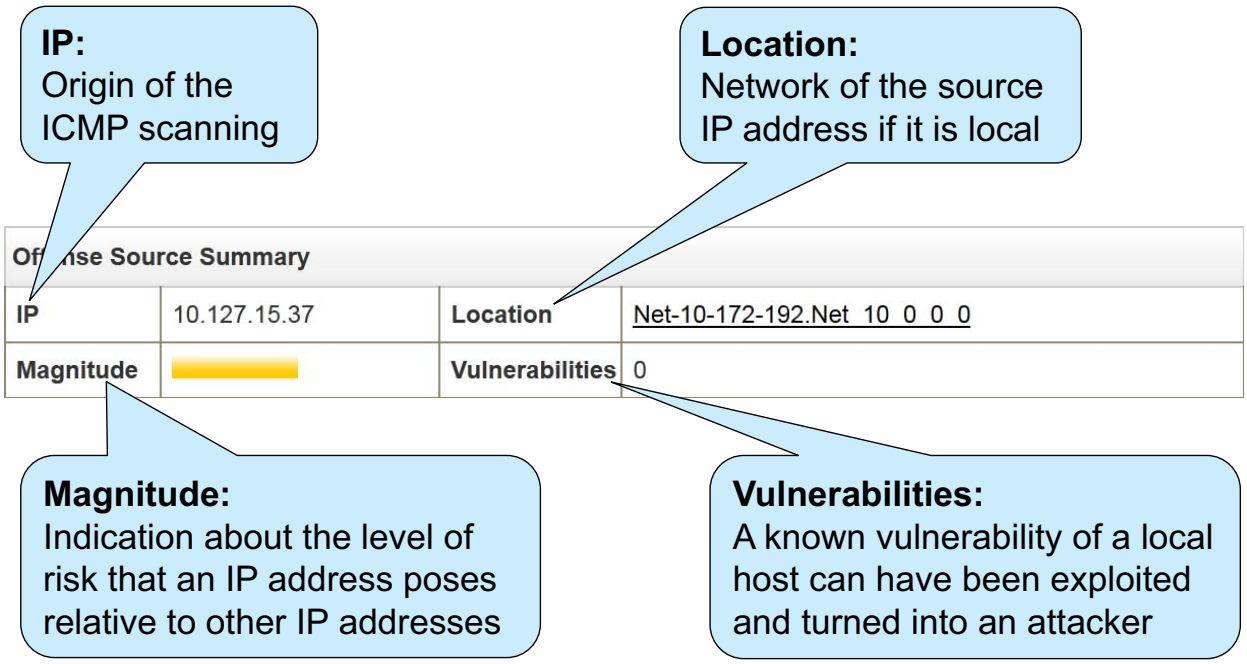
*Offense parameters (4 of 4)*

## About Networks

- QRadar SIEM considers all networks that are specified in the network hierarchy on the **Admin** tab as local.
- QRadar SIEM does not associate remote networks to an offense, even if they are specified as a Remote Network or Remote Service on the **Admin** tab.

# Offense Source Summary (1 of 4)

To the security analyst, the **Offense Source Summary** provides information about the origin of the ICMP scanning



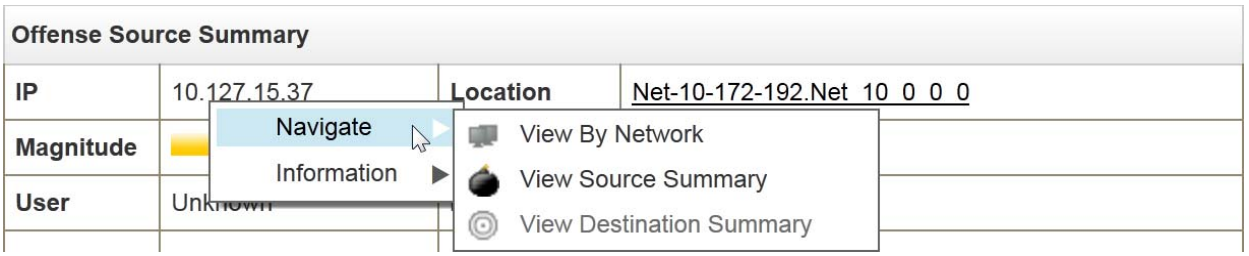



*Offense Source Summary*

The example offense on the slide is of the type **Source IP**. For an offense of type **Destination IP**, the fields display information about the destination.

# Offense Source Summary (2 of 4)

When you right-click the IP, you see navigation options for further investigation

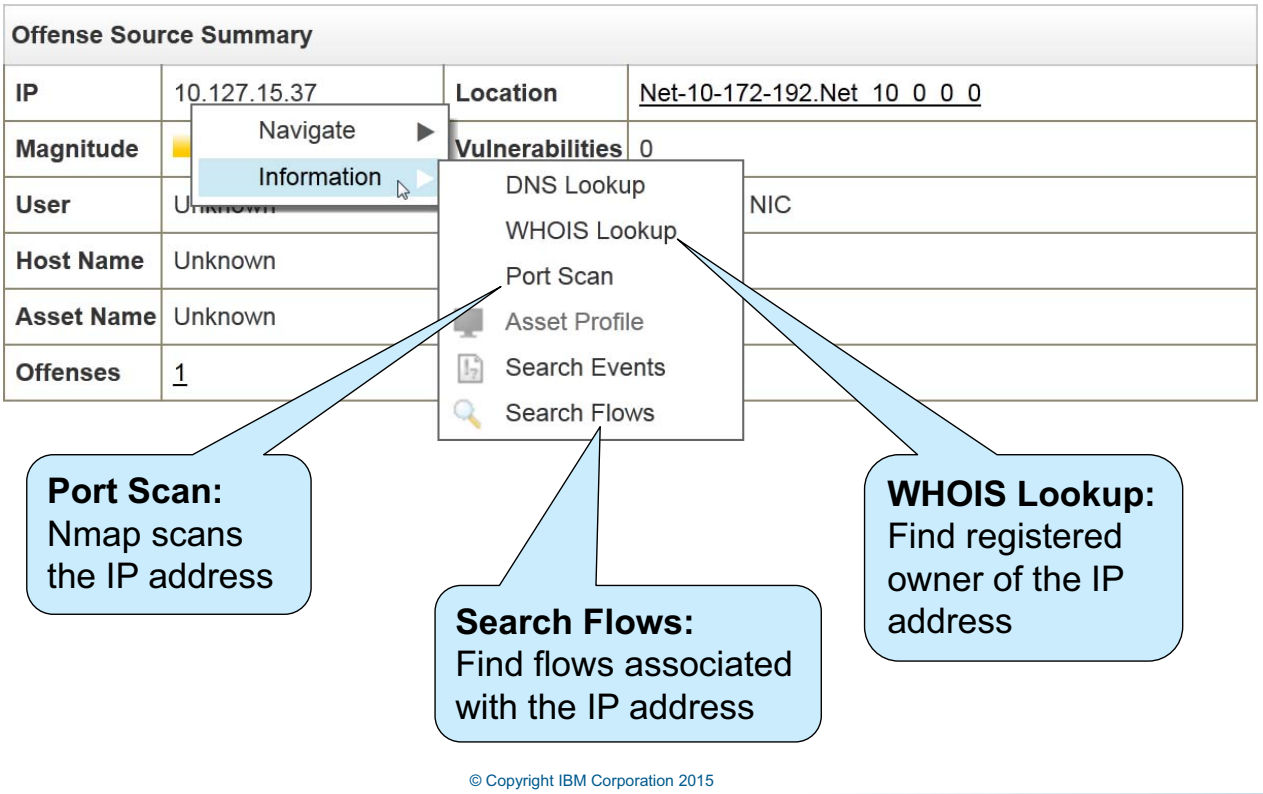





*Offense Source Summary (2 of 4)*

If a valid license for IBM Security QRadar Vulnerability Manager is deployed, the right-click menu includes the **Run QVM Scan** menu item.

# Offense Source Summary (3 of 4)





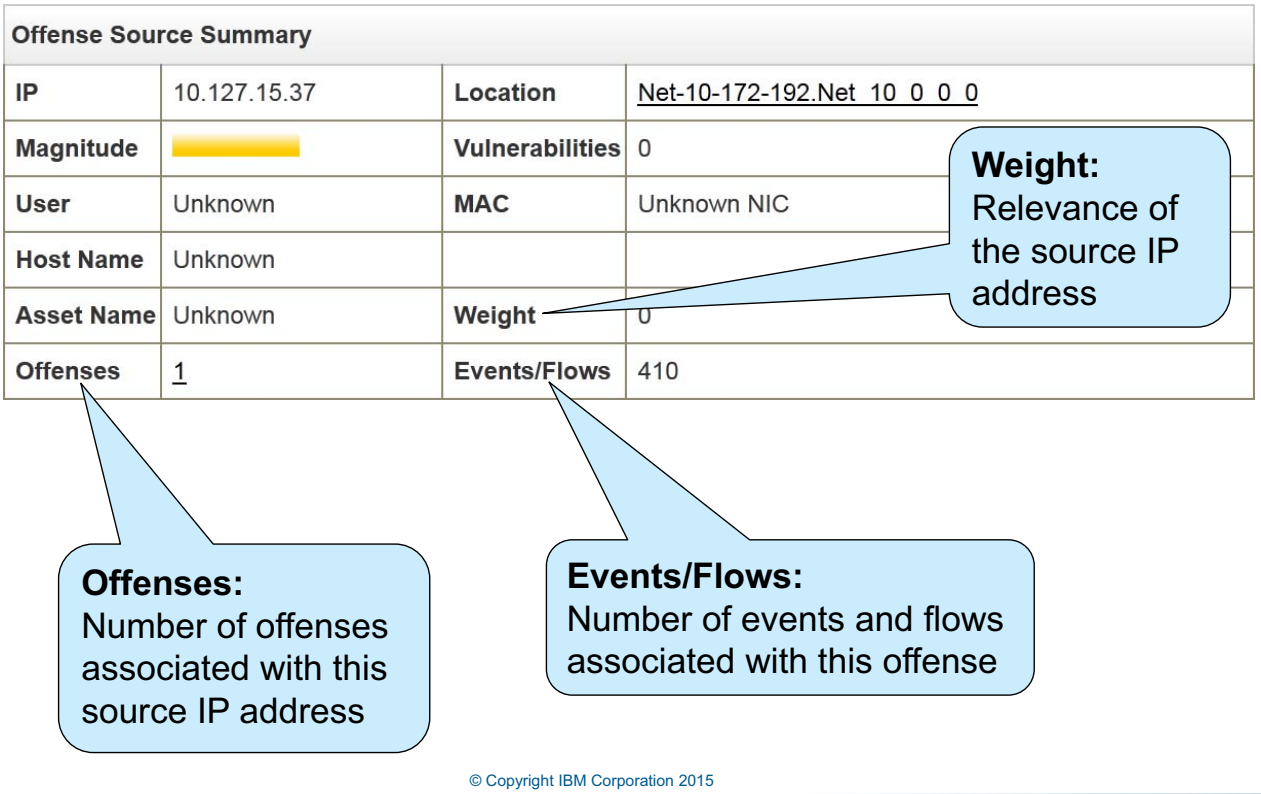

*Offense Source Summary (3 of 4)*

- **WHOIS Lookup**: By default, whois.arin.net is configured as the WHOIS server. It does not have the owners of local IP addresses registered. QRadar SIEM must be able to reach whois.arin.net to look up registered owners of remote IP addresses.
- **Port Scan**:
  - On the Console, QRadar SIEM runs the command `nmap -A` for the IP address. All QRadar SIEM 7.2 installations include Nmap.
  - QRadar SIEM displays the Nmap scan results in a pop-up window. In addition to open ports and services, Nmap detects operating system versions and a few potential vulnerabilities, such as anonymous FTP login. However, Nmap does not check for vulnerabilities that are provided by threat intelligence feeds.
  - The result of the Port Scan does not create or update the asset profile in QRadar SIEM. Even if Nmap is configured as a vulnerability scanner, Port Scan still does not update asset profiles because Port Scan runs `nmap -A` only on the Console. To have Nmap or other scanners create and update asset profiles, a QRadar SIEM administrator must configure and run them as vulnerability assessment (VA) scanners. These VA scanners are not invoked by selecting the **Port Scan** menu.

**Important:** A QRadar SIEM user can run a Port Scan for a remote IP address, but the owner of the remote system could consider this scan an attack. Therefore, do not scan remote IP addresses.

- **Asset Profile**: The menu item is *inactive* on the slide because no asset profile exists for the IP address in QRadar SIEM.
- **Search Events**: Use this menu item to find events that are associated with the IP address.

# Offense Source Summary (4 of 4)



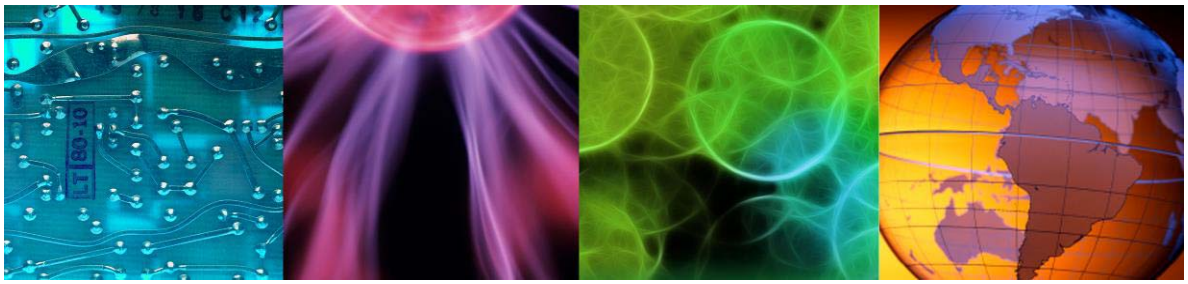



*Offense Source Summary (4 of 4)*

- **User:** User that is associated with this source IP address. If no user is identified, the field shows **Unknown**.
- **MAC**: MAC address with the source IP address when the offense began. If unknown, the field shows **Unknown NIC**.
- **Host Name**: Host name that is associated with the source IP address. If unidentified, the field shows **Unknown**.
- **Asset Name**: Asset name that is associated with the source IP address. If unidentified, the field shows **Unknown**.
- **Weight:** Relevance of the source IP address, as defined by QRadar SIEM administrators, in the asset profile. If no asset profile exists, the weight of the network hierarchy, remote network, or remote service determines the weight of the source IP address. The field in the user interface shows **0** in that case.

# Lesson 3 Investigating offense details

## Lesson: Investigating offense details





Many details help the security analyst to investigate an offense. In this lesson, you learn how to use further details to investigate an offense by performing the following tasks:

- View and add notes to an offense
- Investigate offense details
- View the annotations QRadar SIEM adds to an offense
- Use the Offense Summary toolbar

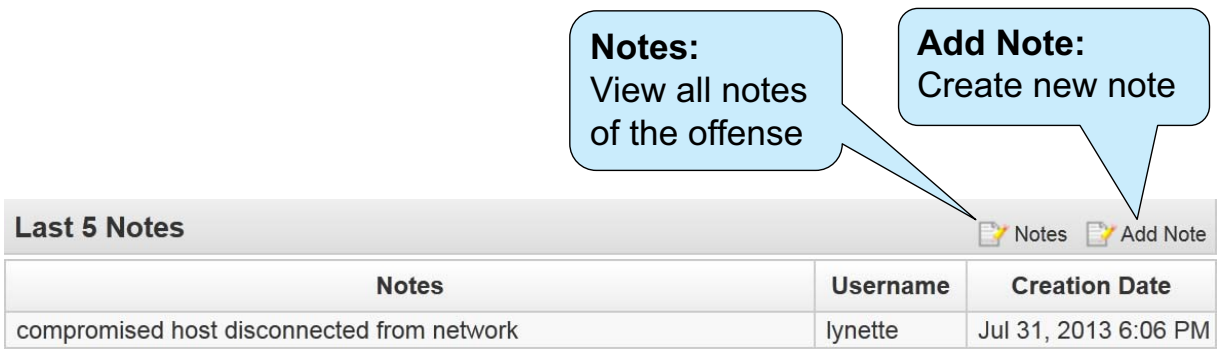
References:

- *QRadar SIEM Users Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE
- *QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

# Notes

QRadar SIEM users can add notes to offenses

- You cannot edit or delete notes
- The maximum length is 2000 characters



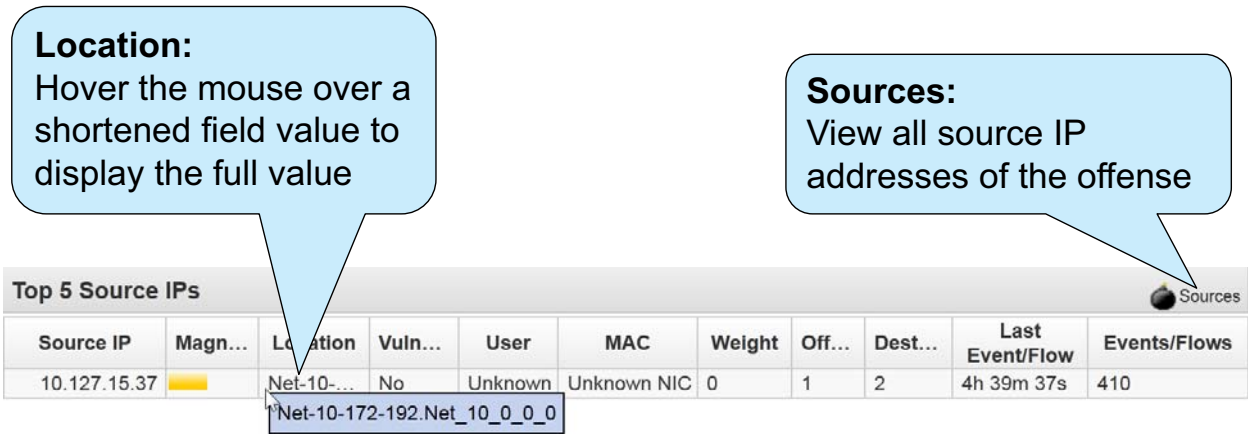



*Notes*

QRadar SIEM displays only the beginning of notes that are too long for one row on the Offense Summary window. Double-click the row to view the whole note.

# Top 5 Source IPs

QRadar SIEM lists the five IP addresses with the highest magnitude, which is where the suspected attack or policy breach originates




**Note:** The table contains only one row because the example offense has only one source IP address

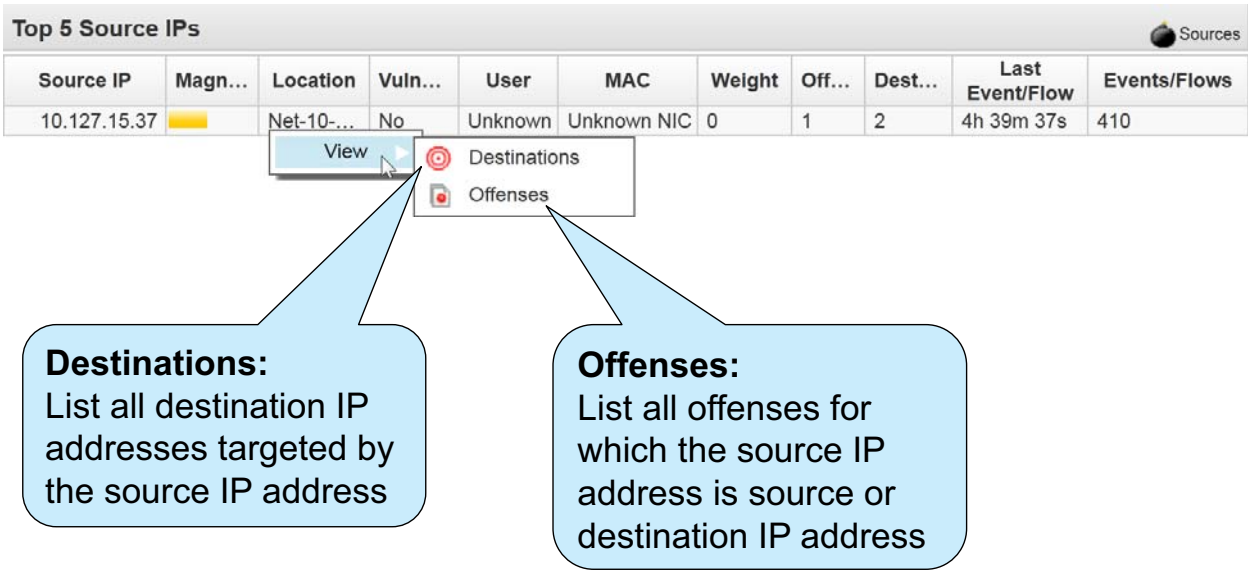


*Top 5 Source IPs*

The example offense on this slide is of type **Source IP**. Therefore, the Offense Source Summary displays the same information as the columns in the Top 5 Source IPs. Refer to the previous lesson for explanations of the columns.

# Top 5 Source IPs (continued)

Right-click anywhere on the row to view more information about the source IP address

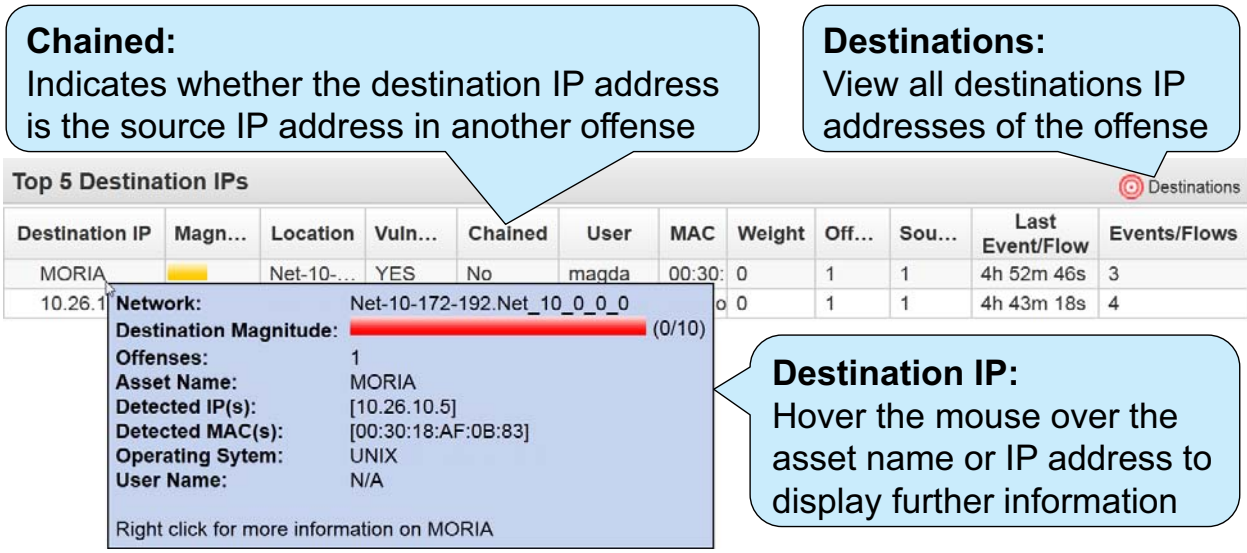





*Top 5 Source IPs (continued)*

# Top 5 Destination IPs

QRadar SIEM lists the five local IP addresses with the highest magnitude, which were targets of the ICMP scan




**Note:** The table contains only two rows because only two local IP addresses were scanned



*Top 5 Destination IPs*

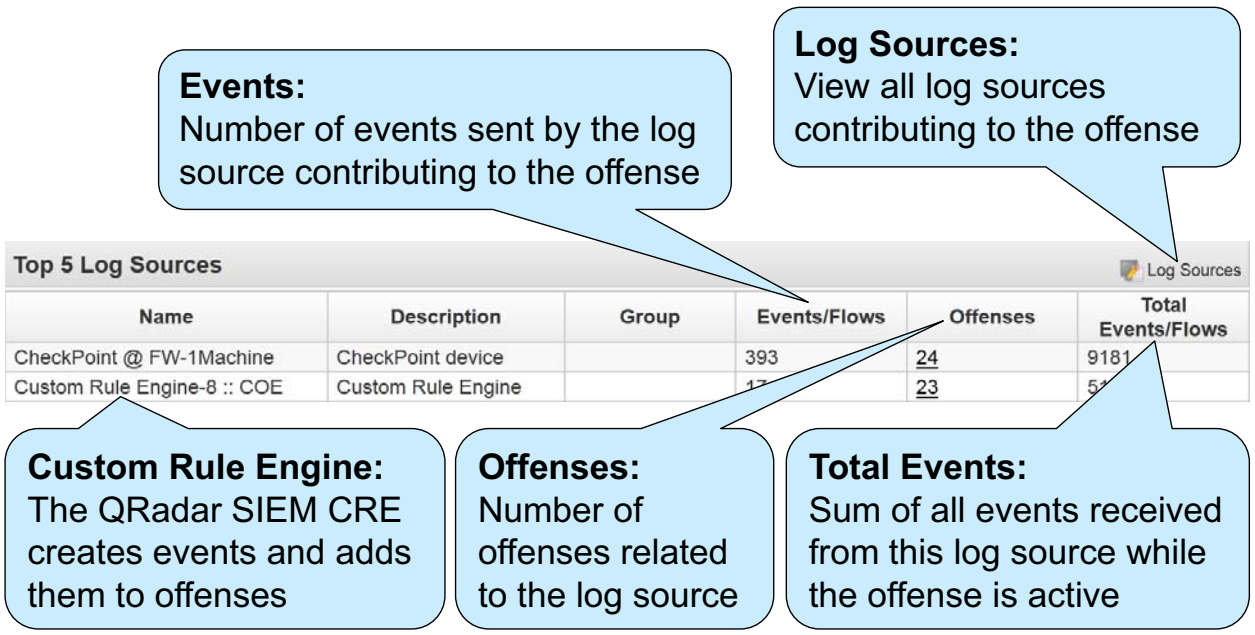
**Chained**: The field shows *Yes* if the destination IP address is the source IP address of other offenses. In such cases, an attacker has taken control over the system with this IP address and uses it to attack other systems. Click *Yes* to view the chained offenses.

**Magnitude**: The column displays the Aggregate CVSS Score if this value exists. If it does not exist, the column displays the highest offense magnitude of all the offenses that the IP address is a part of.

**Destination Magnitude**: The bar displays the Aggregate CVSS Score if this value exists. If it does not exist, a zero (0) is displayed.

# Top 5 Log Sources

A firewall provided the log messages about firewall denies; this firewall is the major log source of the ICMP scanner offense






*Top 5 Log Sources*

- **Name** and **Description**: QRadar SIEM administrators choose the name and description of a log source. They also choose the credibility for events that are received from the log source.
- **Custom Rule Engine**: The Custom Rule Engine (CRE) in QRadar SIEM contributes events to offenses. The CRE creates these events and adds them to offenses if test criteria specified in rules match the incoming events.
- **Group**: Optionally, QRadar SIEM administrators can group log sources.
- **Events/Flows** and **Total Events/Flows**: Although the column titles indicate flows, QRadar SIEM totals only events.

# Top 5 Users

QRadar SIEM lists the five users with the most events contributing to the offense

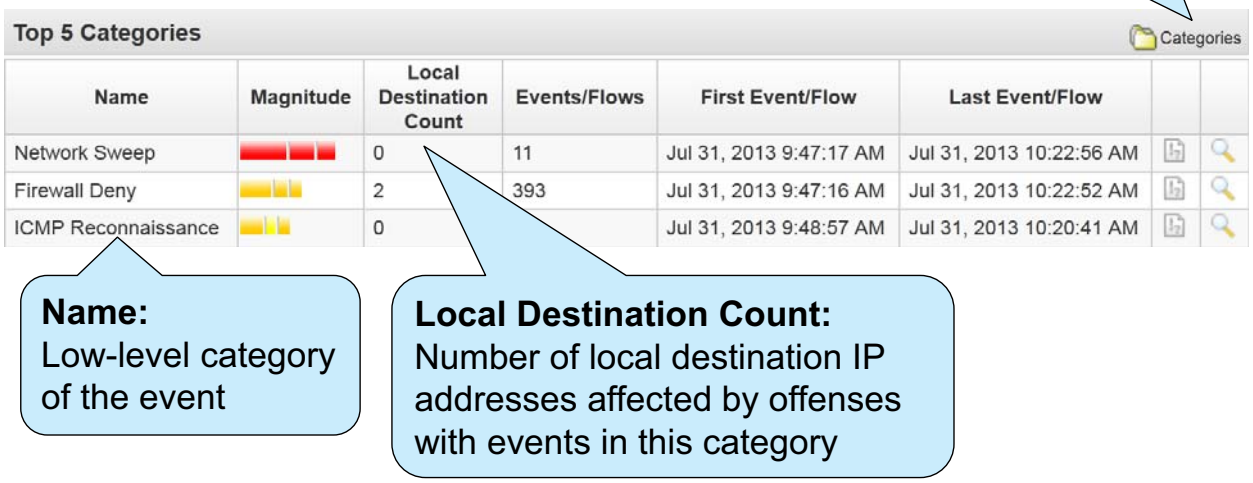

**Note:** In this example, QRadar SIEM did not receive an event with user information and therefore does not list a user



*Top 5 Users*

# Top 5 Categories

QRadar SIEM categorized most events into the Firewall Deny category; from this categorization and the nature of the events, rules deduced the ICMP scanning






*Top 5 Categories*

QRadar SIEM classifies offenses into categories. Categories cannot be added, deleted, or renamed.

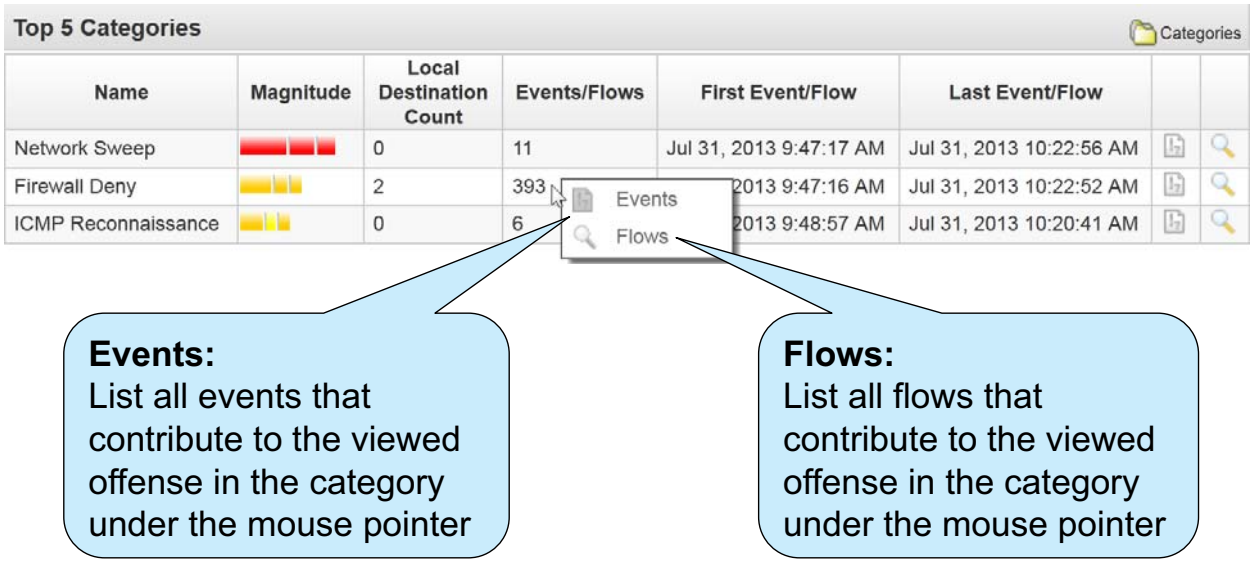
**Hint:** Refer to the *QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* (http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE) for a list of high-level categories (HLC) and low-level categories (LLC).

Rules that are applied by the Custom Rules Engine (CRE) noticed the suspicious Firewall Deny events. As an action of the rules, the CRE created the events in the Network Sweep and ICMP Reconnaissance categories, and created the ICMP scanner offense that ties these events together.

- **Local Destination Count**: Shows **0** if all destination IP addresses are remote.
- **Events/Flows**: Shows the number of events per low-level category that contributed to the offense.

# Top 5 Categories (continued)

Right-click anywhere on the row to view events and flows



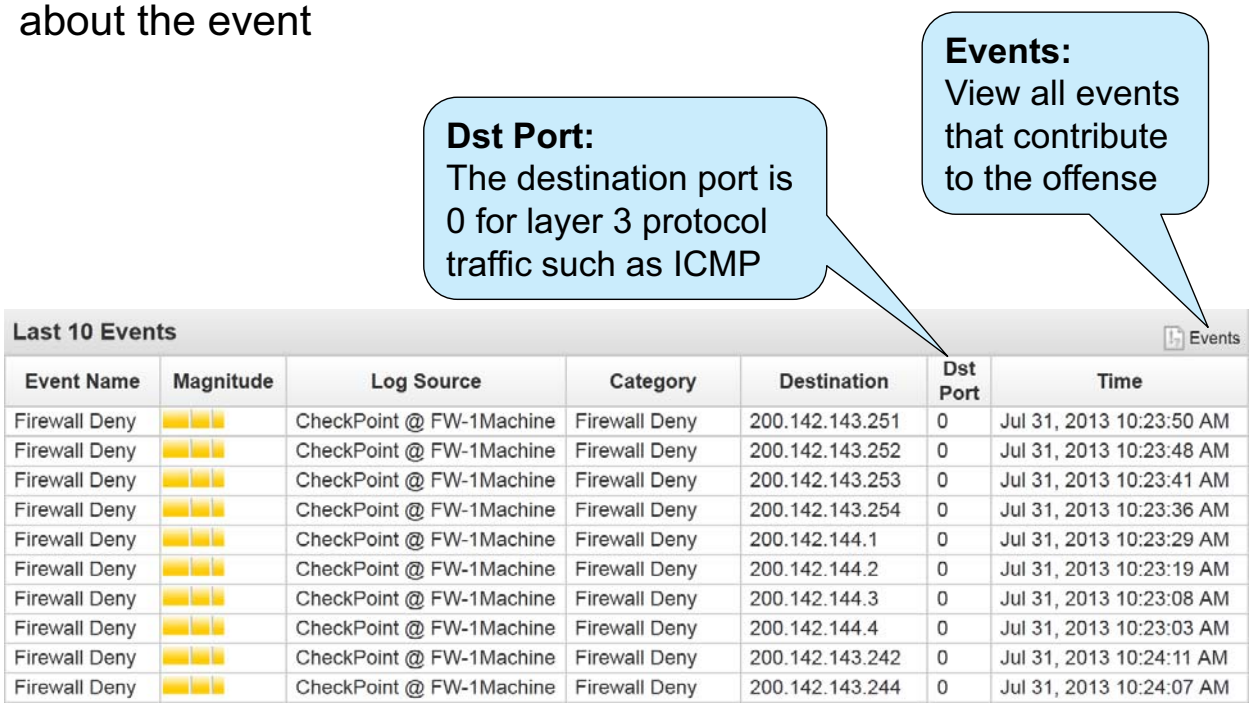



*Top 5 Categories (continued)*

The First Event/Flow and Last Event/Flow columns include the same menu items, **Events** and **Flows**, as the context menu.

# Last 10 Events

Double-click anywhere on a row to open a window with details about the event

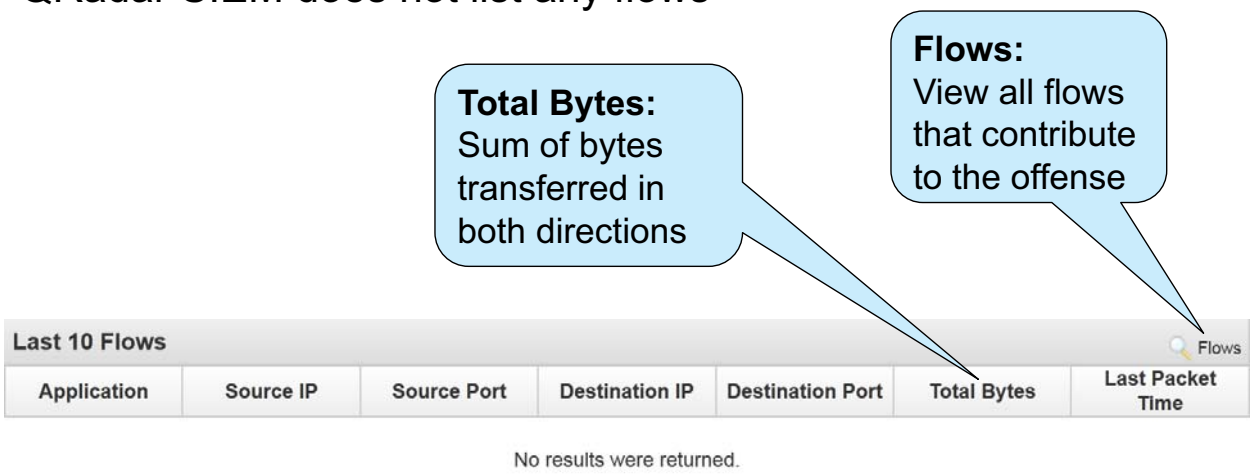



*Last 10 Events*

The last 10 events added to the offense provide the security analyst information about the latest developments in the offense.

# Last 10 Flows

No flows contributed to the ICMP scanner offense; therefore, QRadar SIEM does not list any flows

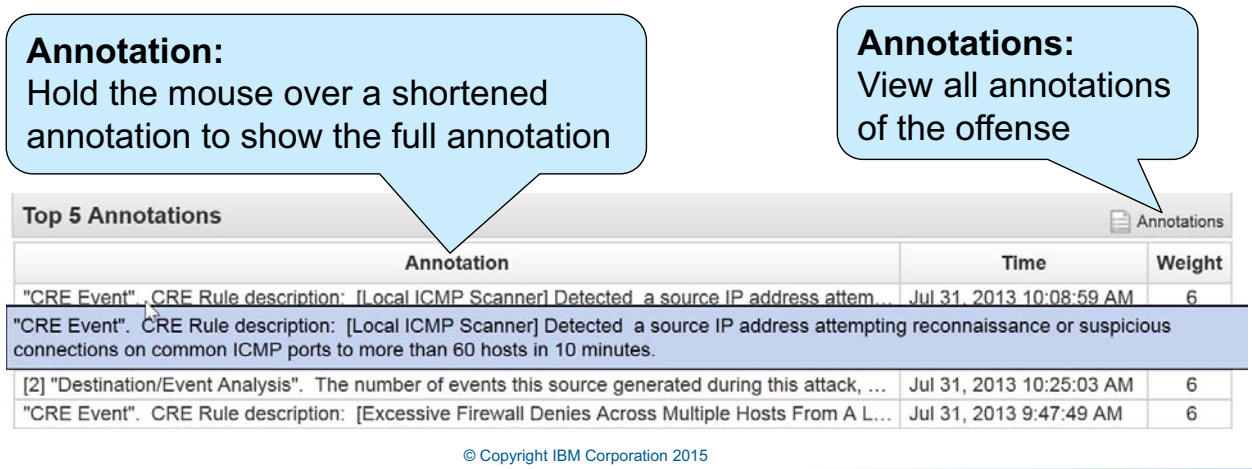





*Last 10 Flows*

# Annotations

- Annotations provide insight into why QRadar SIEM considers the event or observed traffic threatening
- QRadar SIEM can add annotations when it adds events and flows to an offense
- Read the oldest annotation because it was added when the offense was created






*Annotations*

QRadar SIEM rules and building blocks add annotations when they create or update an offense.

QRadar SIEM users cannot add, edit, or delete annotations.

# Offense Summary toolbar

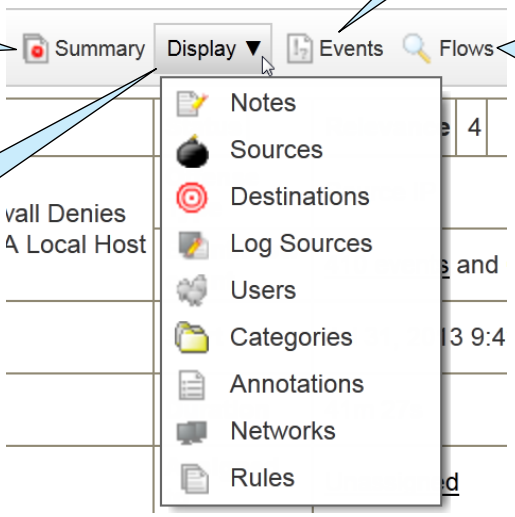
The Offense Summary toolbar provides direct links to the information that you just investigated

**Events:** View all events contributing to the offense

**Summary:** View the Offense Summary

**Flows:** View all flows contributing to the offense

**Display:** View offense information introduced on previous slides

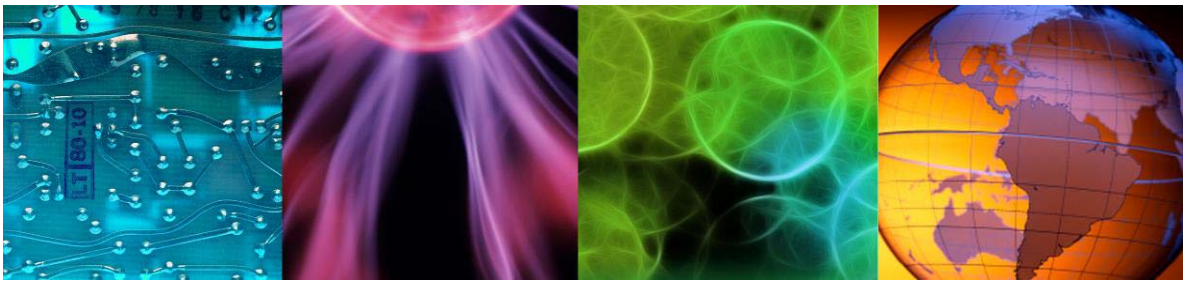





*Offense Summary toolbar*

# Lesson 4 Acting on an offense

## Lesson: Acting on an offense

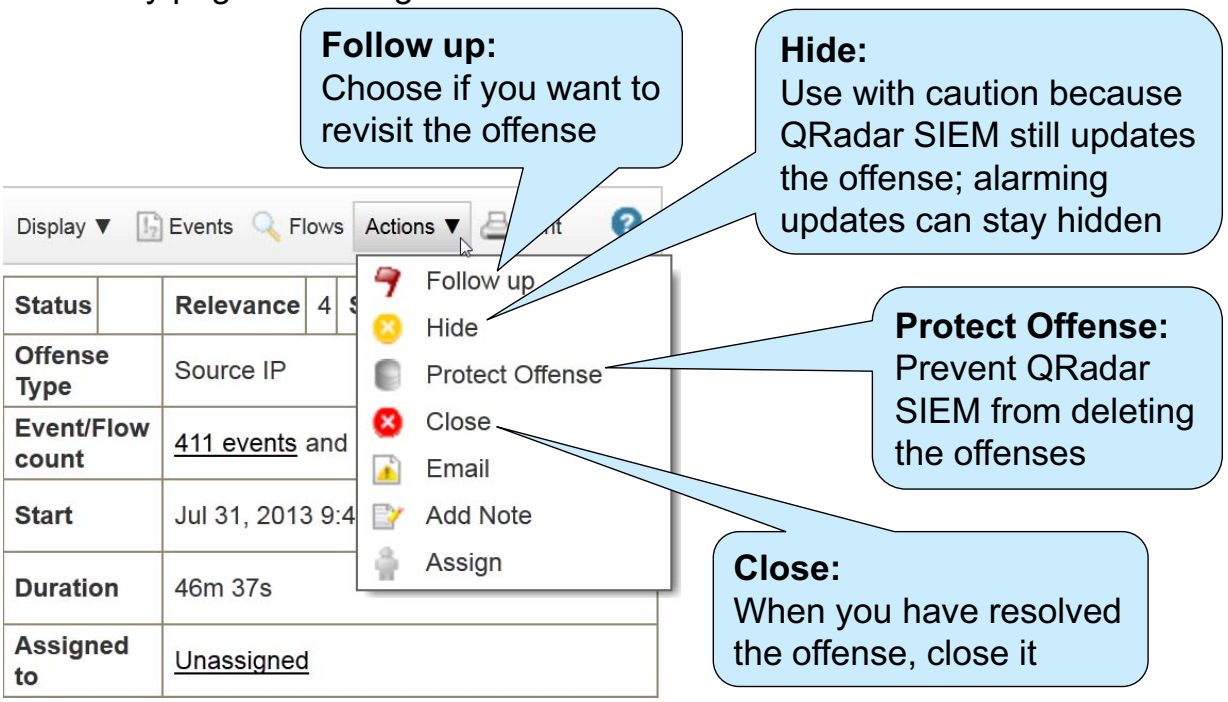




Security analysts draw conclusions from investigating an offense and can act accordingly. In this lesson, you learn how to take action on an offense in QRadar SIEM.

# Offense actions

After investigating an offense, click **Actions** at the top of the Offense Summary page to set flags and status



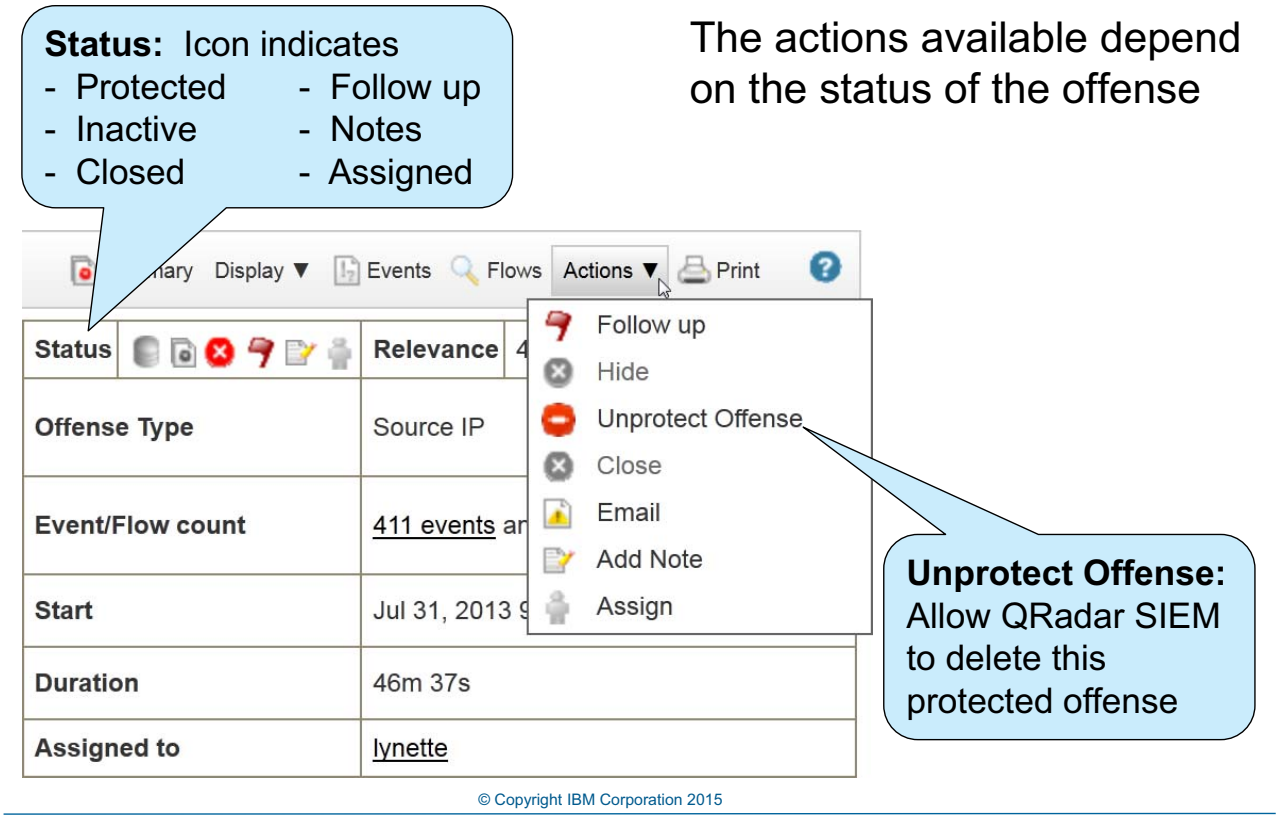

*Offense actions*

**Note:** All actions on the Offense Summary page are available on the **Offense** list except for **Email** and **Add Note**.

The **Actions** menu includes the following options:

- **Display**: Click to view offense information that was introduced on previous slides.
- **Hide**: An offense that is *hidden* by a QRadar SIEM user is also *hidden* for all other users.
  - The Offense Manager on the **Offenses** tab does not list *hidden* offenses by default.
  - To display *hidden* offenses, clear the **Exclude Hidden Offenses** filter.
  - An *inactive* offense can be hidden, but a *closed* offense cannot be *hidden*.
  - If a user closes a *hidden active* or *inactive* offense, QRadar SIEM displays it.

- **Protect Offense** and status *inactive*: QRadar SIEM deletes unprotected offenses with an *inactive* status after the retention period elapses. Administrators can change the default retention period of three days.
  - QRadar SIEM changes an offense status from *active* to *inactive* under the following occurrences:
    - After the offense has been closed
    - After the offense does not receive an event or flow for five days
    - When the QRadar SIEM installation is upgraded
  - A protected *active* offense can become *inactive* but QRadar SIEM does not delete it. QRadar SIEM stores a protected *inactive* offense indefinitely until a QRadar SIEM user unprotects it.
  - An *inactive* offense cannot become *active* again. If an event or flow arrives that matches an *inactive* offense, QRadar SIEM creates a new offense.
  - Only QRadar SIEM can turn an offense *inactive.*
  - Only users can automatically protect, unprotect, hide, or close an offense.
- **Close**: When a QRadar SIEM user closes an offense, the offense moves from the status of *active* to *inactive and closed*.
- **Email** and **Add Note**: The **Email** and **Add Note** actions are available only on the Offense Summary page.
- **Assign**: Delegate the offense to another QRadar SIEM user.




*Offense status and flags*

This slide displays the **Status** field and the **Actions** menu after you have performed the following actions:

- Follow up
- Protect Offense
- Close
- Add Note
- Assign

## Field descriptions

- **Status**: No icon exists for status *active.* An icon exists for the status of *hidden,* but it is not displayed in the slide.
- **Follow up**, **Email**, **Add Note**, and **Assign**: These actions are available for *inactive* offenses. When you select **Follow up** for an offense with the **Follow up** flag that is already set, QRadar SIEM removes the flag.
- **Assigned to**: The offense is now assigned to a QRadar SIEM user.

**Note:** The **Actions** menu of the Offense Manager on the **Offenses** tab allows you to export offenses. You can export offenses to keep records outside of QRadar SIEM. Exported offenses cannot be imported back into QRadar SIEM.

# Student exercise

Use the procedures in the *Student Exercises Guide* to investigate the local DNS scanner offense



*Student exercises*

Perform the exercises for this unit.

# Summary

Now you should be able to perform the following tasks:

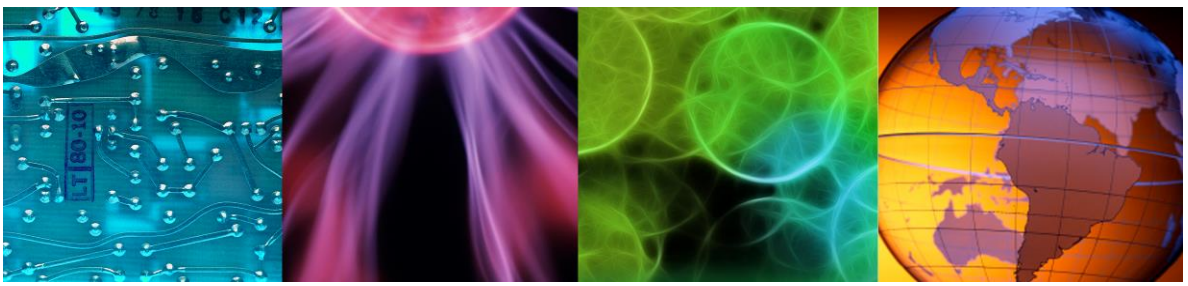
- Explain the concept of offenses
- Investigate an offense, which includes this information
  - Summary information
  - The details of an offense
- Respond to an offense



*Summary*

# 5 Investigating the events of an offense

## Investigating the events of an offense





The investigation of an offense usually leads to the investigation of the events that contributed to the offense. This unit teaches you how to find, filter, and group events in order to gain critical insights about the offense. You also learn how to create and edit a search that monitors the events of suspicious hosts.

Reference: *QRadar SIEM Users Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

# Objectives

In this unit, you learn to perform the following tasks:

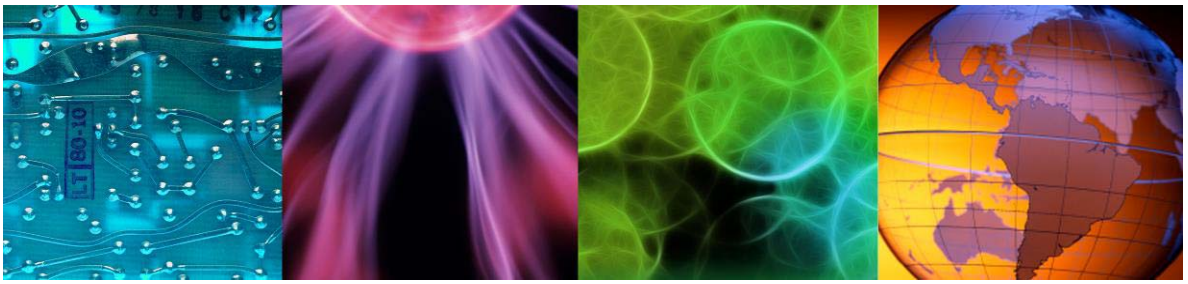
- Use the list of events to navigate event details
- Filter events included in an offense
- Group events to gain different perspectives
- Save a search that monitors a suspicious host
- Modify a saved search
- Add a search to the dashboard



*Objectives*

# Lesson 1 Investigating event details

## Lesson: Investigating event details



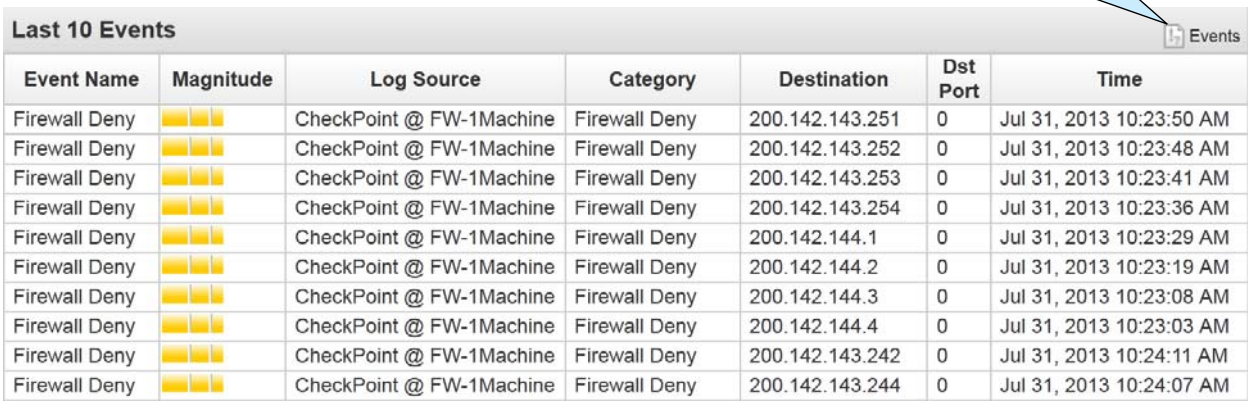


One of the first steps when investigating the events of an offense is to examine the event data at a high level. In this lesson, you learn how to navigate the event details that are displayed in the list of events.

# Navigating to the events

In the Offense Summary, click **Events** to open the list of events

**Events:**
View all events that contribute to the offense



Last 10 Events — Events

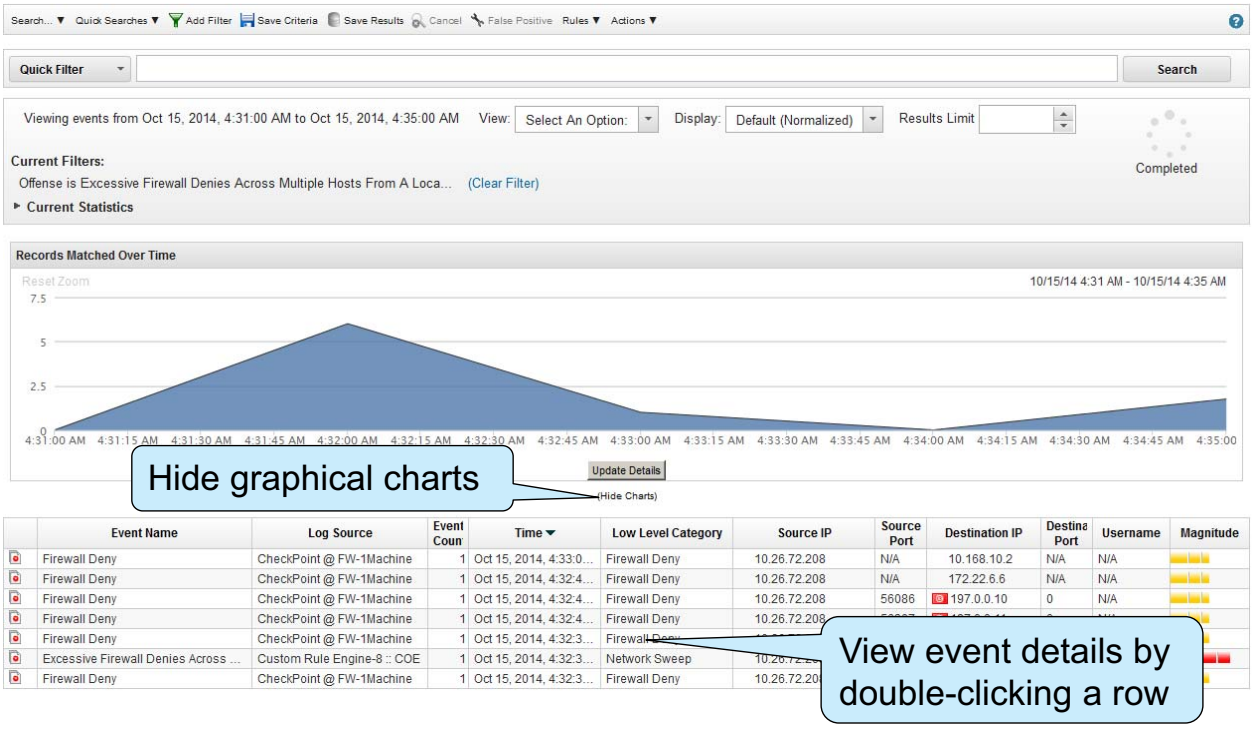
| Event Name | Magnitude | Log Source | Category | Destination | Dst Port | Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Firewall Deny | | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Deny | 200.142.143.251 | 0 | Jul 31, 2013 10:23:50 AM |
| Firewall Deny | | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Deny | 200.142.143.252 | 0 | Jul 31, 2013 10:23:48 AM |
| Firewall Deny | | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Deny | 200.142.143.253 | 0 | Jul 31, 2013 10:23:41 AM |
| Firewall Deny | | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Deny | 200.142.143.254 | 0 | Jul 31, 2013 10:23:36 AM |
| Firewall Deny | | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Deny | 200.142.144.1 | 0 | Jul 31, 2013 10:23:29 AM |
| Firewall Deny | | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Deny | 200.142.144.2 | 0 | Jul 31, 2013 10:23:19 AM |
| Firewall Deny | | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Deny | 200.142.144.3 | 0 | Jul 31, 2013 10:23:08 AM |
| Firewall Deny | | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Deny | 200.142.144.4 | 0 | Jul 31, 2013 10:23:03 AM |
| Firewall Deny | | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Deny | 200.142.143.242 | 0 | Jul 31, 2013 10:24:11 AM |
| Firewall Deny | | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Deny | 200.142.143.244 | 0 | Jul 31, 2013 10:24:07 AM |



*Navigating to the events*

**Note:** You can also use the **Log Activity** tab to view events.

# List of events

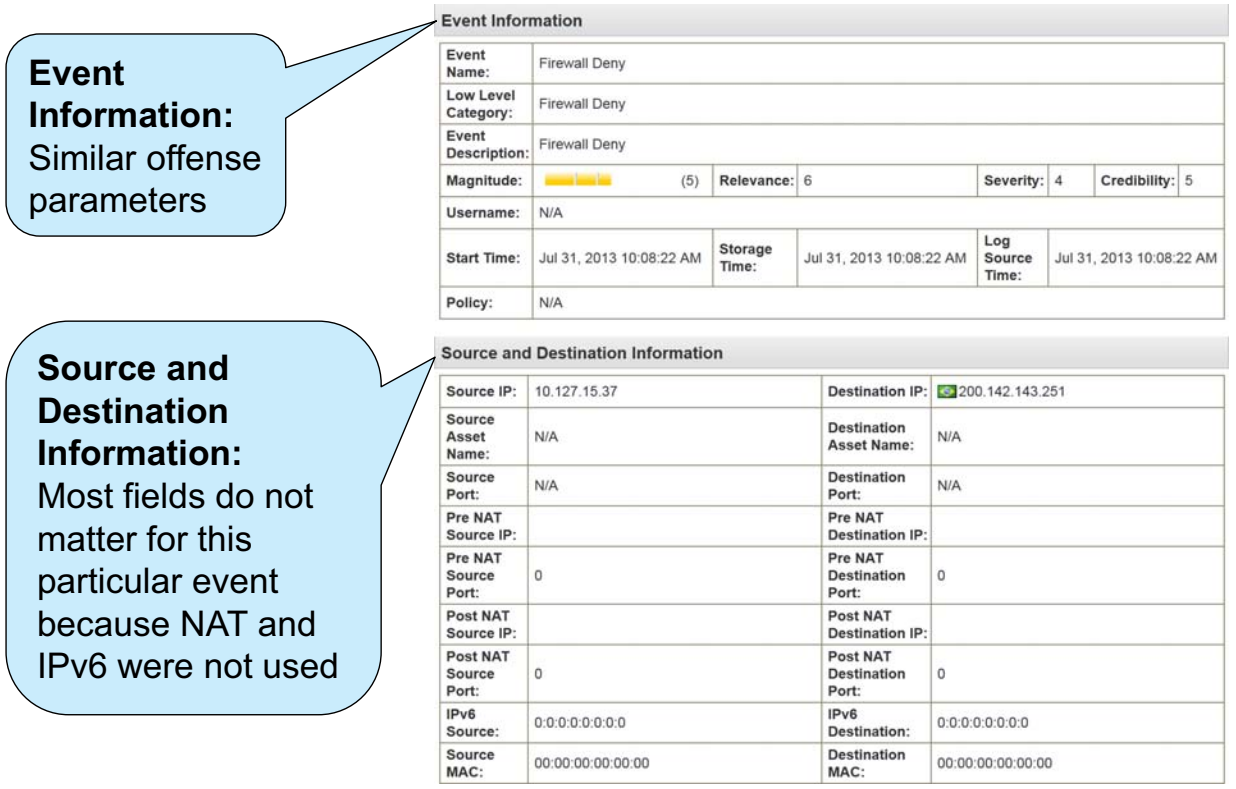





*List of events*

To sort events, click a column header. To investigate suspicious activity, you must locate the information that is associated with the offense, such as its events.

# Event details: Base information



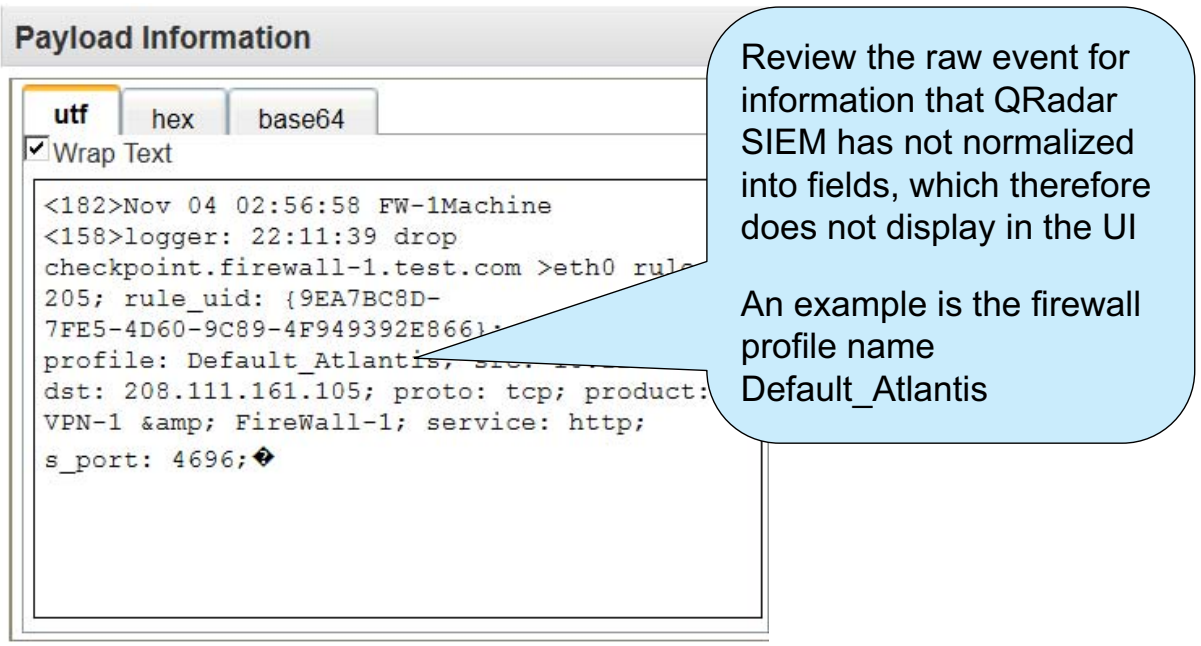

*Event details: Base information*

Typically, only a few fields in the event information and source and destination information areas include data.

- **Start Time**: The time when QRadar SIEM received the raw event from the log source
- **Storage Time**: The time when QRadar SIEM stored the normalized event in its database
- **Log Source Time**: The time that is recorded in the raw event

# Event details: Reviewing the raw event

Each normalized event carries its raw event as the payload



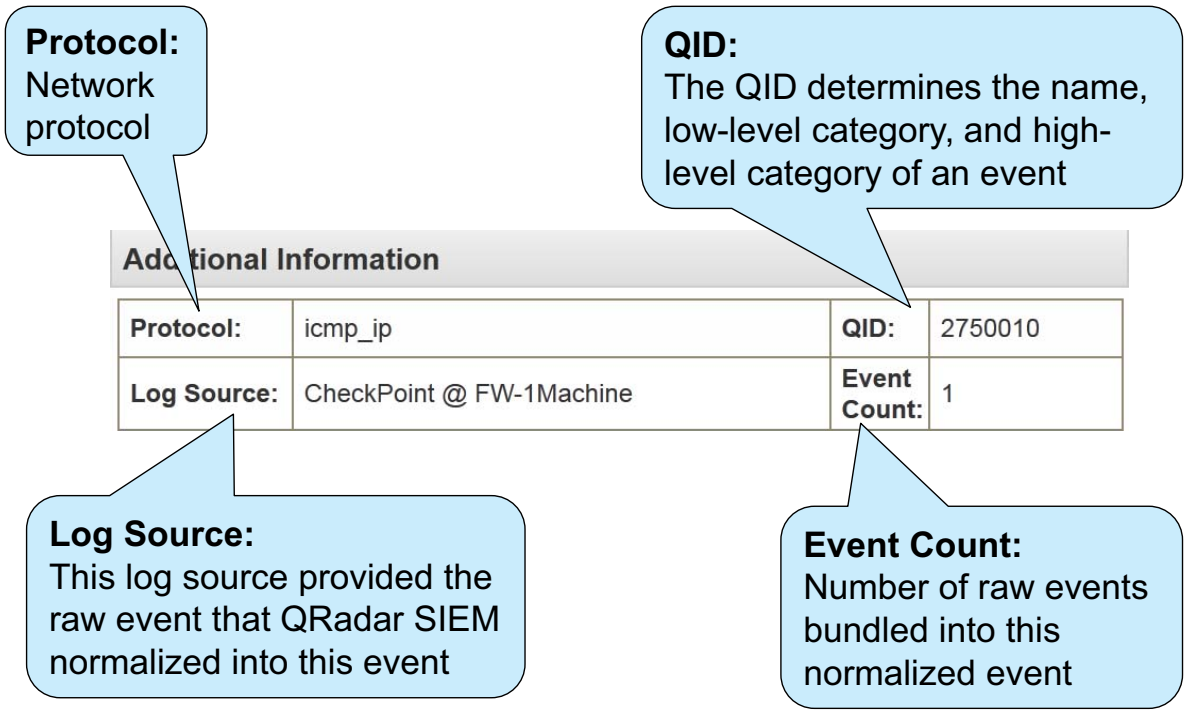



*Event details: Reviewing the raw event*

QRadar SIEM normalizes data out of raw events automatically, including information such as:

- Date
- Time
- Source IP address
- Destination IP address
- Protocol

# Event details: Additional details





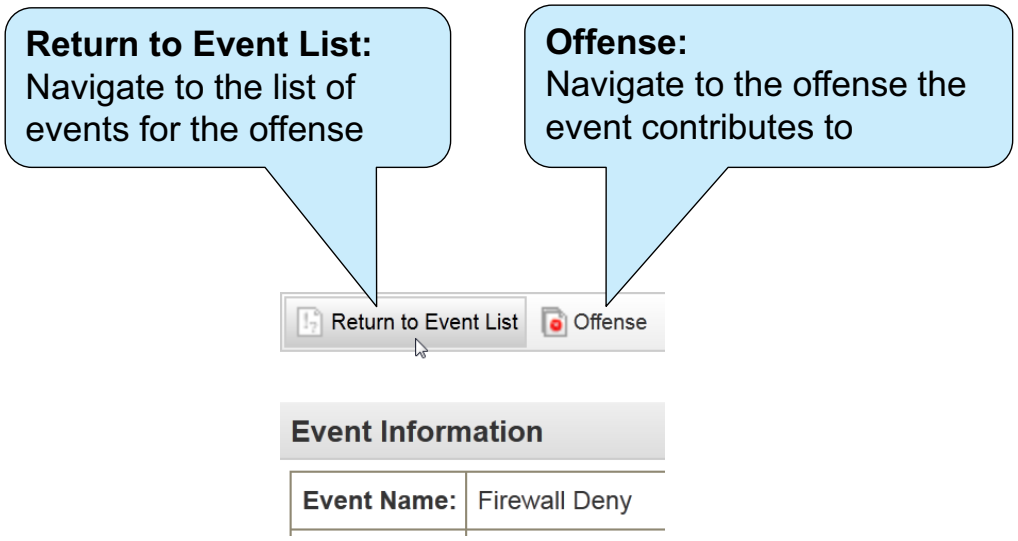

*Event details: Additional details*

The Event Details window provides more event information. This information is discussed in more depth later in this course.

- **Protocol**: In this example, the protocol is *icmp_ip.* ICMP is encapsulated into IP. Both are layer 3 protocols.
- **QID**: To normalize raw events, QRadar SIEM maps them to unique QIDs.
- **Log Source**: A system on your network is a log source if QRadar SIEM receives raw events from it.
- **Event Count**: For each individual log source, QRadar SIEM administrators can enable or disable **coalescing** of multiple similar raw event into one normalized event. The number indicates how many raw events have been coalesced into one normalized event. A coalesced, normalized event contains only the first raw event in the payload.

# Returning to the list of events

After investigating the event details, click **Return to Event List**, in the upper-left corner of the event details window, to return to the event list

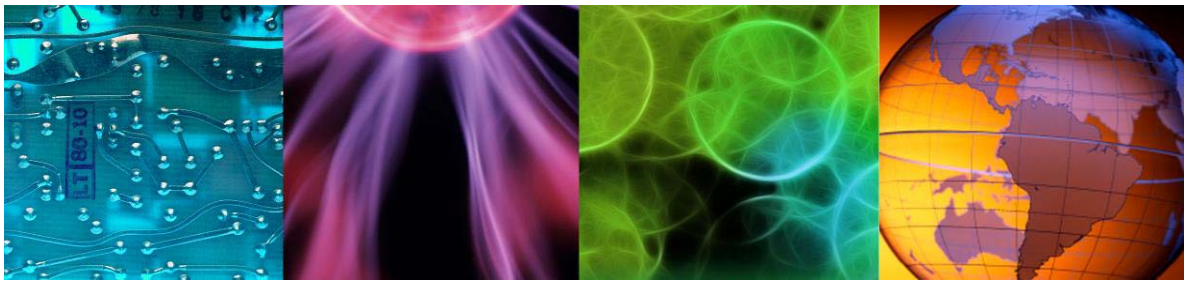





*Returning to the list of events*

# Lesson 2 Using filters to investigate events

## Lesson: Using filters to investigate events



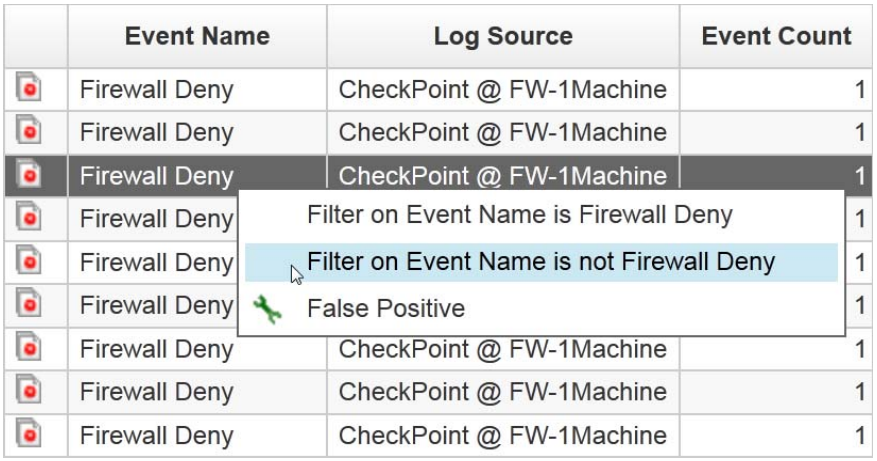


Filters can temporarily hide events from the user interface, which makes it easier to focus on more significant events. When investigating events, it can be helpful to filter the events. In this lesson, you learn how to filter events.

Reference: *QRadar SIEM Users Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

# Filtering events (1 of 3)

- In the list of events, you can use filters to explore the offense further
- Most events in this offense are *Firewall Deny*
- Because other events provide more insight, right-click the event name to filter for events that are not Firewall Deny






*Filtering events*

You can right-click most fields to filter them. Use the **False Positive** option to prevent this and similar events from contributing to an offense.

# Filtering events (2 of 3)

By filtering **Firewall Deny** events, you can focus on events that do not originate from the firewall

| | Event Name | Log Source |
|---|---|---|
| | Local ICMP Scanner | Custom Rule Engine-8 :: COE |
| | Excessive Firewall Denies Across Multiple Hosts From A Local Host | Custom Rule Engine-8 :: COE |
| | Excessive Firewall Denies Across Multiple Hosts From A Local Host | Custom Rule Engine-8 :: COE |
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| | Local ICMP Scanner | Custom Rule Engine-8 :: COE |

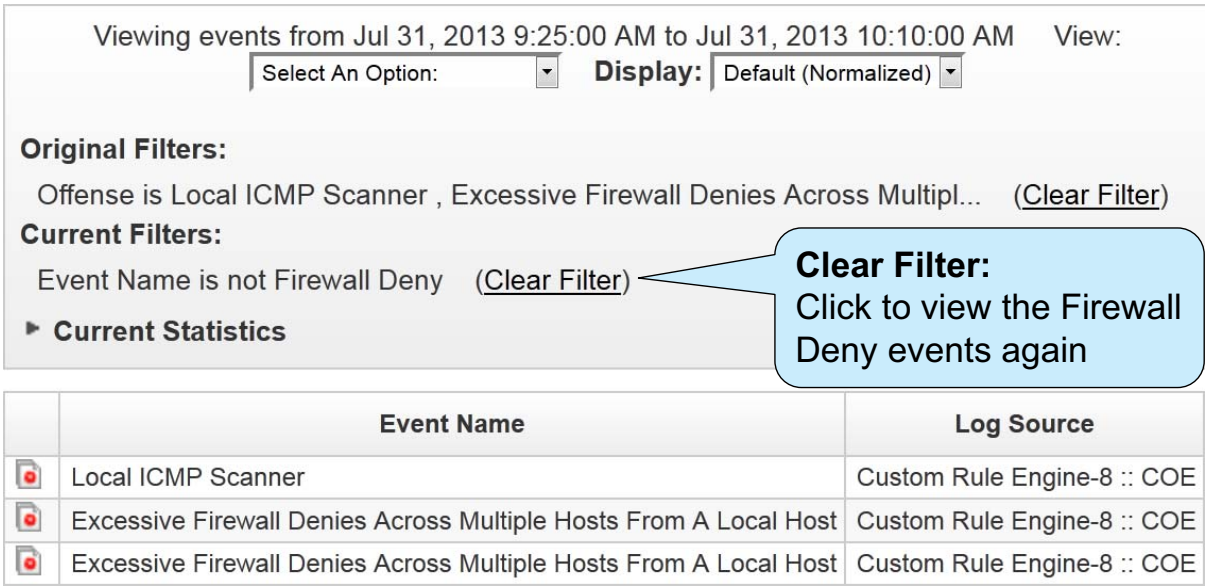
The Custom Rule Engine (CRE) in QRadar SIEM created the events in this list to alert you to suspicious activity



After filtering the **Firewall Deny** events, the List of Events displays the events created by the Custom Rule Engine (CRE) in QRadar SIEM. These events do not carry a payload because they are not based on a raw event.

In the example on the slide, the filtered **Firewall Deny** events sent by the **CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine** log source. The Low Level Category column (not displayed on the slide) indicates that QRadar SIEM classified those events into the ICMP Reconnaissance and Network Sweep categories.

# Filtering events (3 of 3)



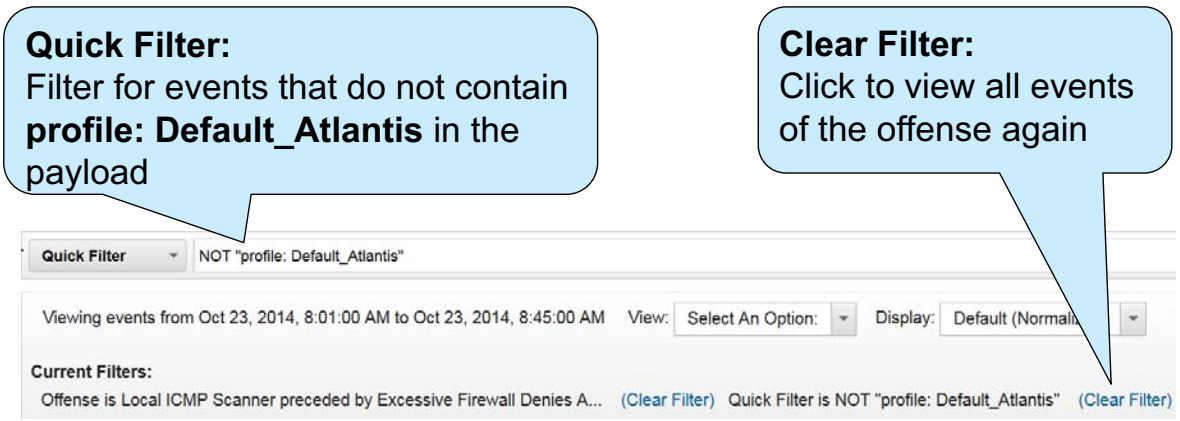

Unlike searches, filters do not query each event processor



**Note:** Searches are introduced later in this course.

# Applying a Quick Filter to the payload

- The payload of an event contains the raw event that mentions the firewall profile that denied the connection
- To verify that the company's main profile, Atlantis, was always active, filter events without **profile: Default_Atlantis** in the payload






*Applying a Quick Filter to the payload*

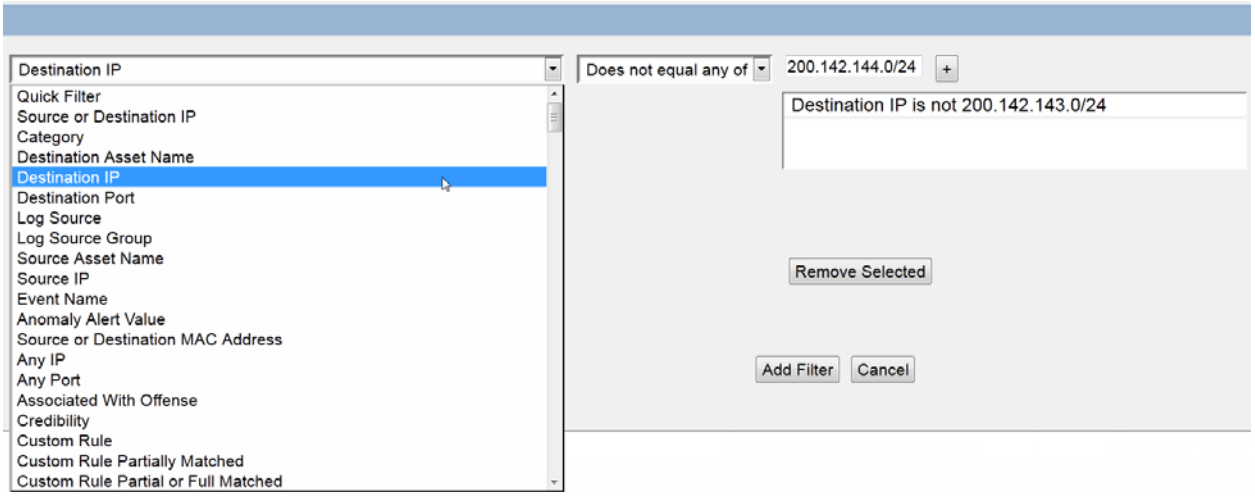
Quick Filter supports expressions with AND, OR, and NOT. For example, when you apply the **NOT "profile: Default_Atlantis"** Quick Filter and no events show, you can assume that all of the event's payloads mention the firewall profile **Default_Atlantis** because no other firewall profile was active.

**Note:** Refer to the *QRadar SIEM Users Guide* (http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE) for more information about the expressions that Quick Filter supports.

A coalesced event contains only the payload of one of the raw events that are bundled. Therefore, quick filtering looks into only that one payload.

# Using another filter option

- You can use each event field as a filter
- To create a filter, in the top menu bar, click the icon Add Filter





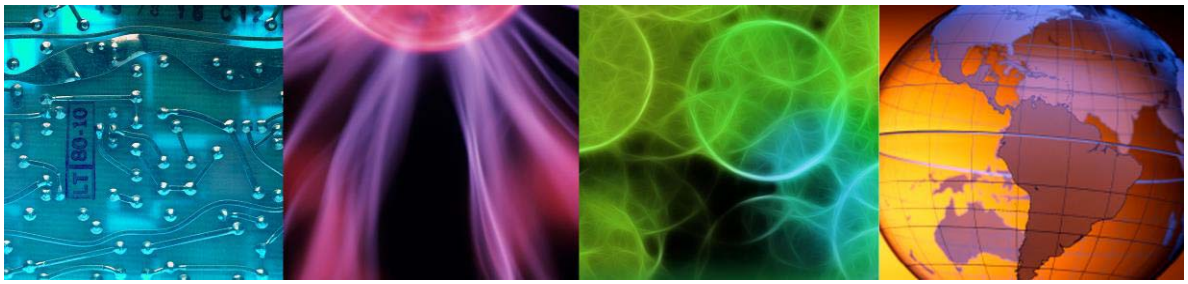

*Using another filter option*

Other filter options are available:

- Instead of an IP address, you can enter a range of IP addresses, in CIDR notation, such as 10.100.0.016.
- To include multiple filters, write **AND** between each one.
- To build an OR expression, use **Equals any of**.
- To search the payload for something that is not normalized, use **Payload contains** and **Payload Matches Regular Expression**. To find these menu items, scroll to the end of the list.

# Lesson 3 Using grouping to investigate events

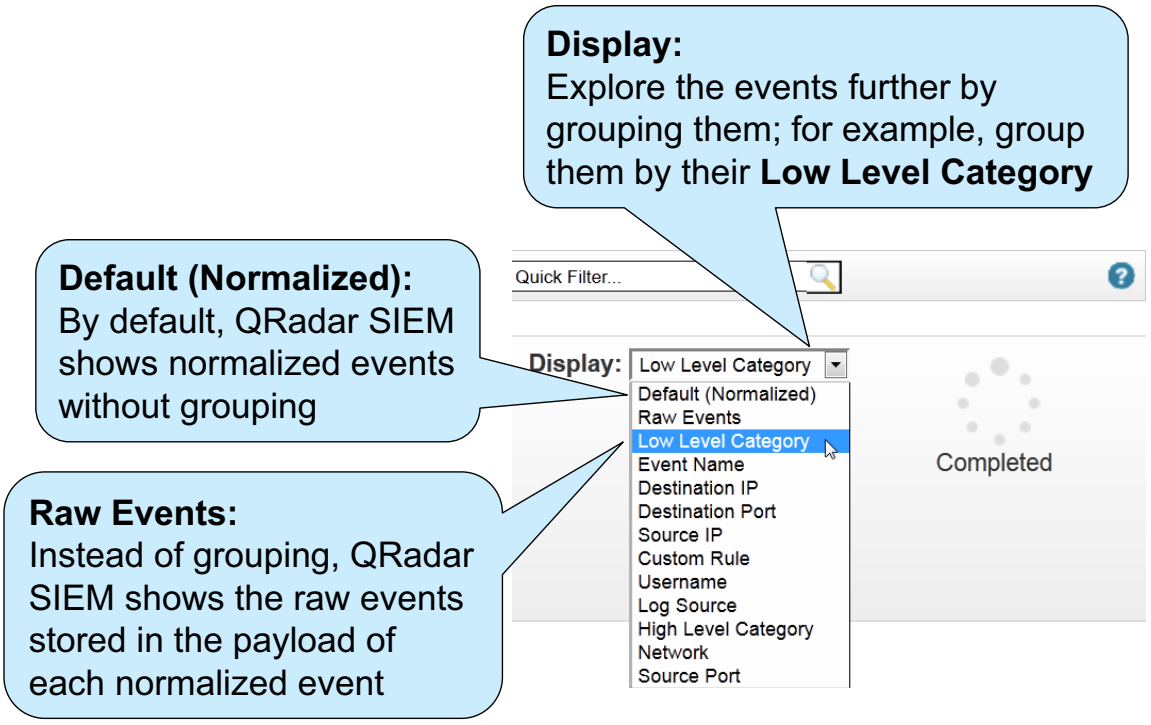
## Lesson: Using grouping to investigate events





Grouping events arranges the events so you can view them from different perspectives. In this lesson, you learn how to group the events of an offense.

# Grouping events





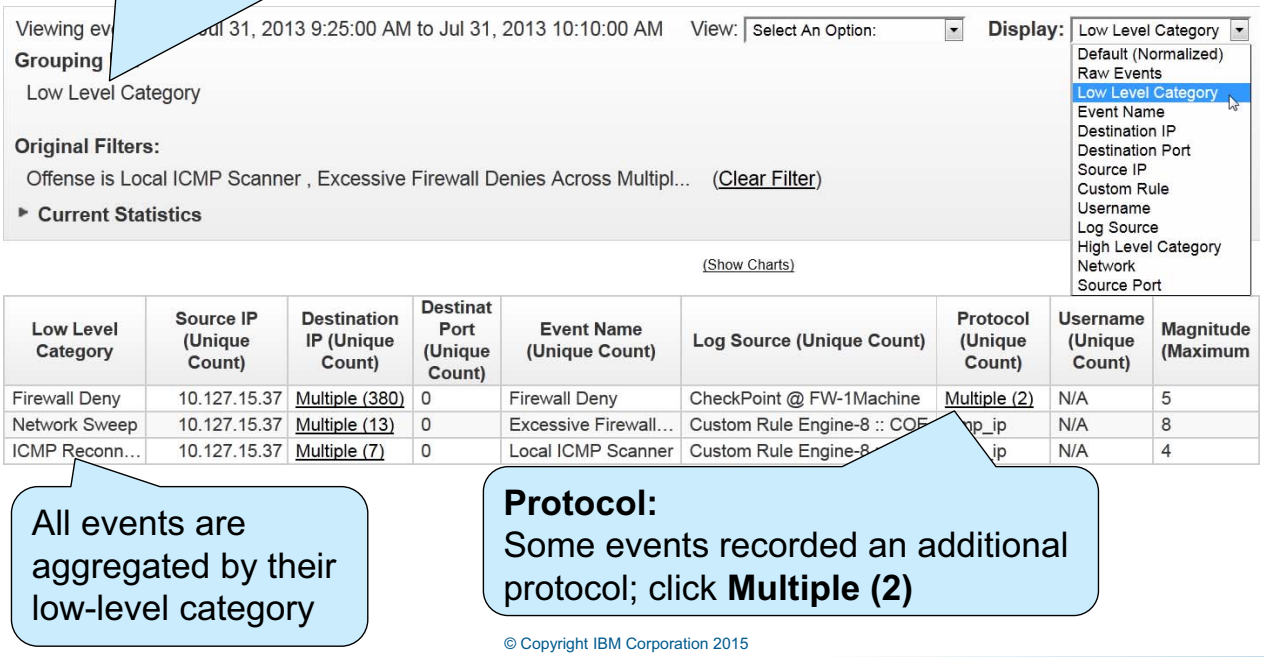

*Grouping events*

After changing the grouping, events are organized accordingly. All filters are retained.

## Grouping events by low-level category

**Grouping By:**
QRadar SIEM shows the currently selected grouping above the filters

In this example, exploring by grouping indicates a second protocol




All events are aggregated by their low-level category

**Protocol:**
Some events recorded an additional protocol; click **Multiple (2)**



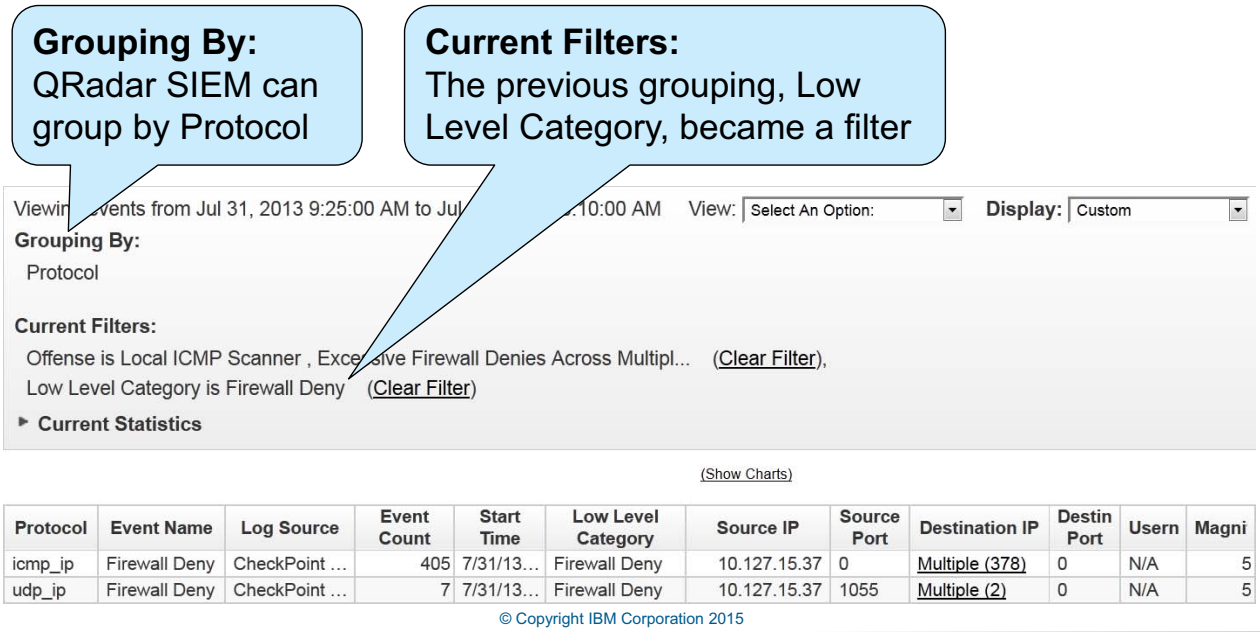
*Grouping events by low-level category*

Grouping summarizes all events by the chosen field. In this example, grouping events by **Low Level Category** displays a column of all the unique low-level categories and summary information of the other columns, such as the number of unique protocols for each low-level category.

In the Protocol column, **Multiple (x)** is displayed, where *x* is the number of unique protocols. If only one protocol exists for a low-level category, that value displays instead of **Multiple (x)**. When you double-click the **Multiple (x)** protocols, a browser window that groups these protocols opens. The new window displays the unique protocols summarized by the previous grouping of low-level category.

# Grouping events by protocol

In the Protocol column, click **Multiple (2)** to open a window with events grouped by protocol; you learn that the firewall denied **udp_ip** in addition to **icmp_ip**



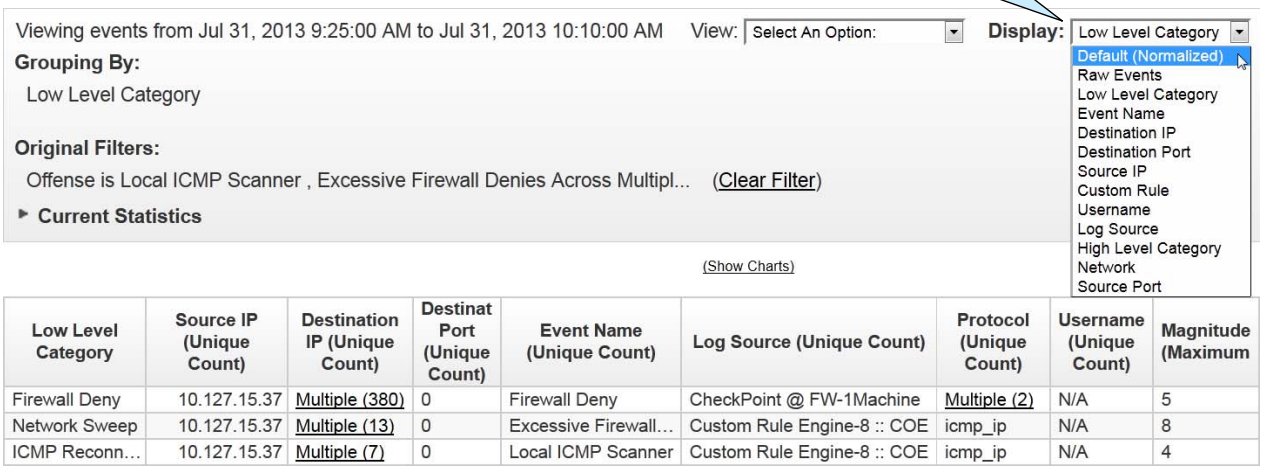

| Protocol | Event Name | Log Source | Event Count | Start Time | Low Level Category | Source IP | Source Port | Destination IP | Destin Port | Usern | Magni |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| icmp_ip | Firewall Deny | CheckPoint ... | 405 | 7/31/13... | Firewall Deny | 10.127.15.37 | 0 | Multiple (378) | 0 | N/A | 5 |
| udp_ip | Firewall Deny | CheckPoint ... | 7 | 7/31/13... | Firewall Deny | 10.127.15.37 | 1055 | Multiple (2) | 0 | N/A | 5 |



To explore the event further, click **Multiple (2)** to view the two destinations IP addresses that the source IP address wanted to contact using **udp_ip**. When finished, close the window.

# Removing grouping criteria

**Display:**
Group by **Default (Normalized)** to remove the grouping by Low Level Category




| Low Level Category | Source IP (Unique Count) | Destination IP (Unique Count) | Destinat Port (Unique Count) | Event Name (Unique Count) | Log Source (Unique Count) | Protocol (Unique Count) | Username (Unique Count) | Magnitude (Maximum |
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| Firewall Deny | 10.127.15.37 | Multiple (380) | 0 | Firewall Deny | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Multiple (2) | N/A | 5 |
| Network Sweep | 10.127.15.37 | Multiple (13) | 0 | Excessive Firewall... | Custom Rule Engine-8 :: COE | icmp_ip | N/A | 8 |
| ICMP Reconn... | 10.127.15.37 | Multiple (7) | 0 | Local ICMP Scanner | Custom Rule Engine-8 :: COE | icmp_ip | N/A | 4 |

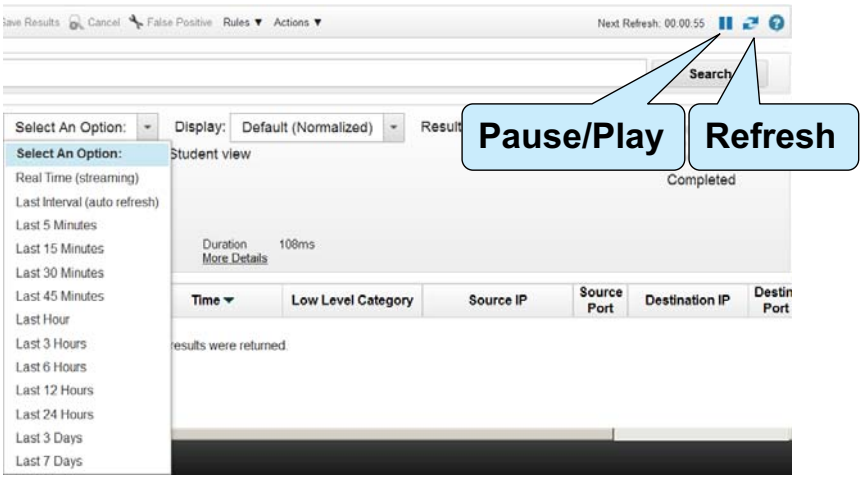


*Removing grouping criteria*

# Viewing a range of events

If events are still added to the investigated offenses, view them

- **Real Time (streaming)**: Shows events as they arrive at the Event Processor (EP); grouping and sorting are not available
- **Last Interval (auto refresh)**: Shows the last minute of events; refreshes automatically after 1 minute





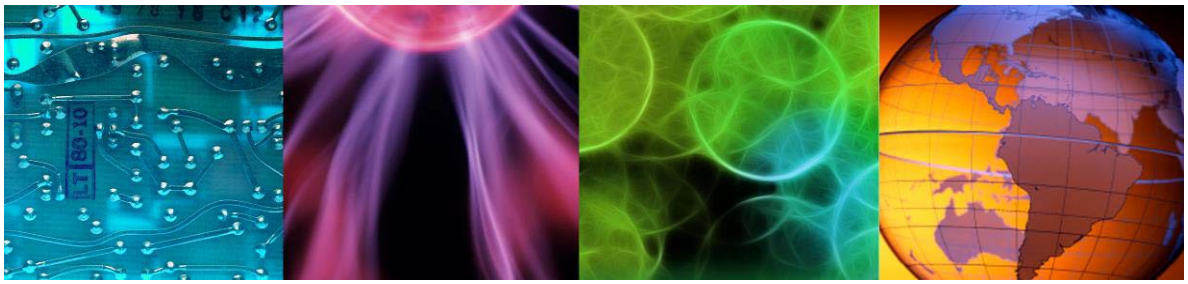

*Viewing a range of events*

In addition to viewing incoming events, you can select a time range from the **View** list. When you open the List of events window from the Offense Summary, QRadar SIEM automatically includes all events added to the offense.

- **Last Interval (auto refresh)**: The last minute of events can be delayed by up to one minute from the time the event reached the Event Processor refresh cycle.
- **Real Time (streaming)**: To view the details of an event, pause streaming and double-click the event.
- **Real Time (streaming)** and **Last Interval (auto refresh)**: Quick Filter on payloads allows filtering on simple words and phrases but not on expressions with AND, OR, and NOT.

# Lesson 4 Saving a search

## Lesson: Saving a search

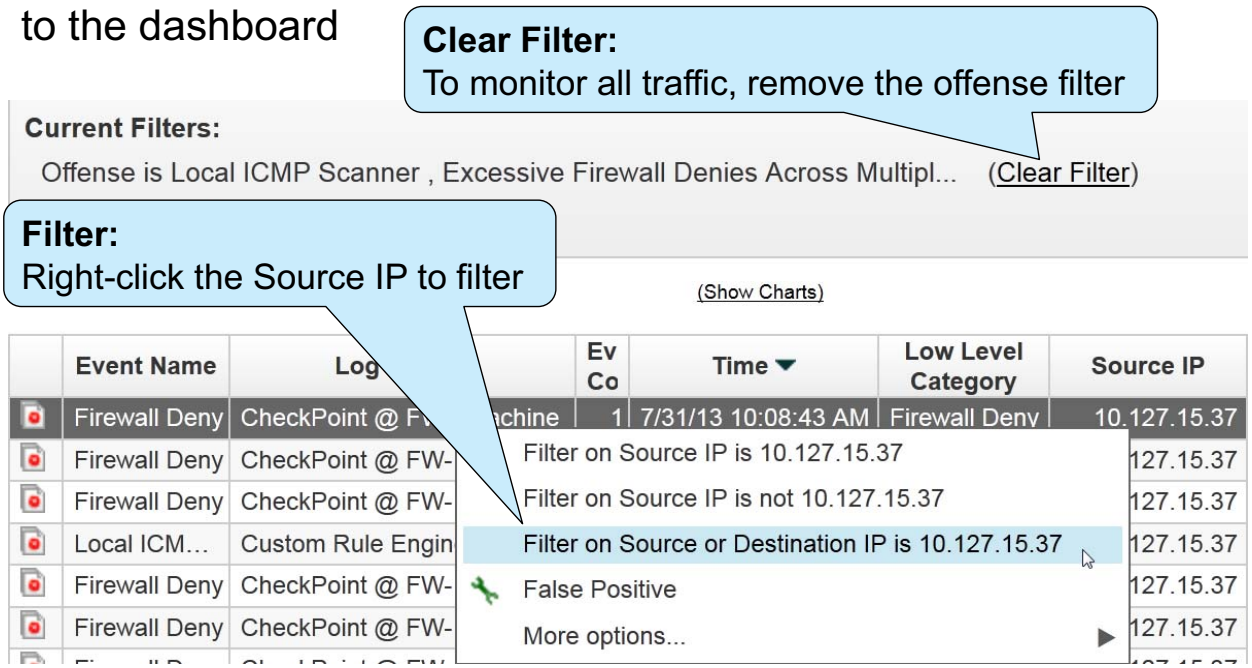




The event list is the result of the search criteria that you chose. In this lesson, you learn how to save a search and use it to investigate the events that are included in an offense. The scenario that is used as an example in this lesson monitors a suspicious host.

# Monitoring the scanning host (1 of 3)

The event list always displays search results; to view traffic to and from the scanning host, edit this search, save it, and add it to the dashboard

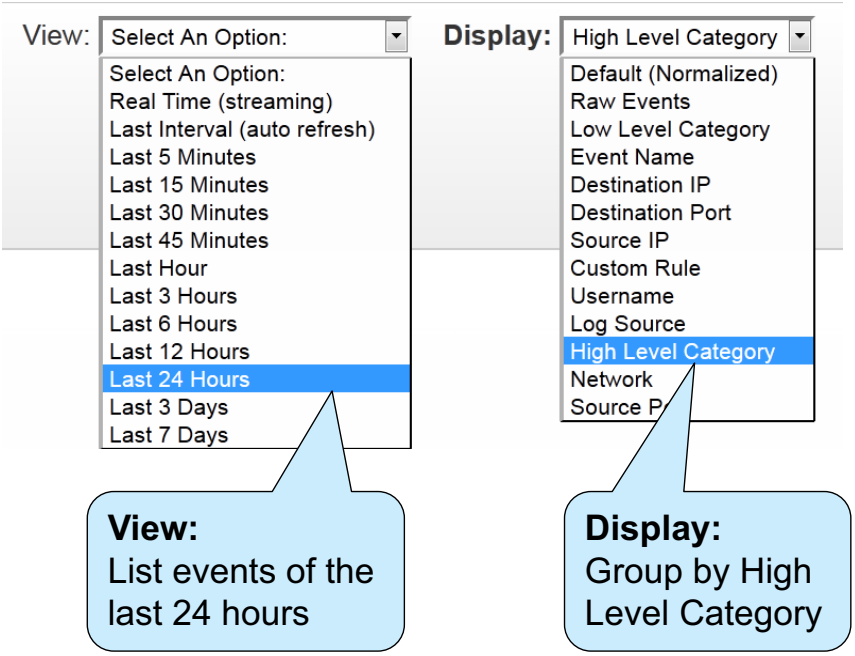





*Monitoring the scanning host*

To monitor a scanning host, filter on the IP address and then clear the offense filter. If you clear the offense filter first, all of the events in the given time range show, making it difficult to find the IP address of interest.

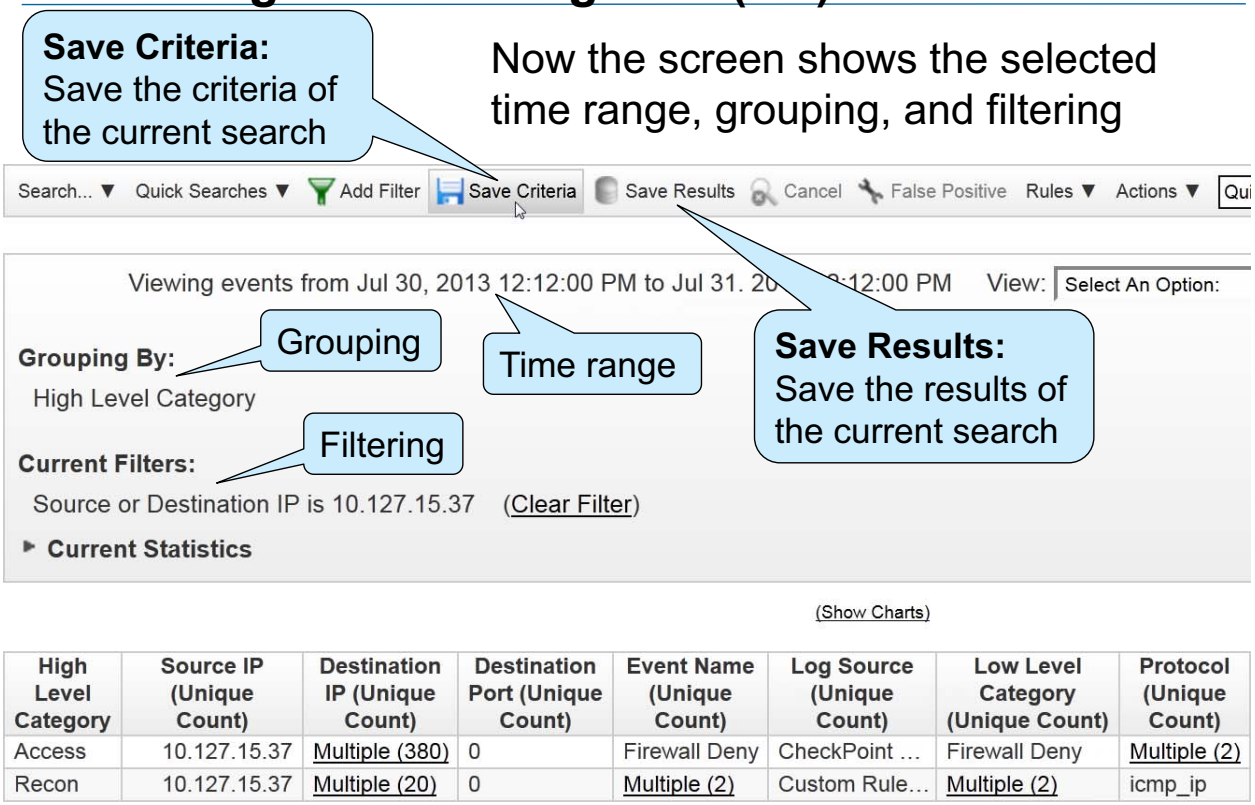
# Monitoring the scanning host (2 of 3)






*Monitoring the scanning host (2 of 3)*

# Monitoring the scanning host (3/3)




| High Level Category | Source IP (Unique Count) | Destination IP (Unique Count) | Destination Port (Unique Count) | Event Name (Unique Count) | Log Source (Unique Count) | Low Level Category (Unique Count) | Protocol (Unique Count) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Access | 10.127.15.37 | Multiple (380) | 0 | Firewall Deny | CheckPoint … | Firewall Deny | Multiple (2) |
| Recon | 10.127.15.37 | Multiple (20) | 0 | Multiple (2) | Custom Rule… | Multiple (2) | icmp_ip |

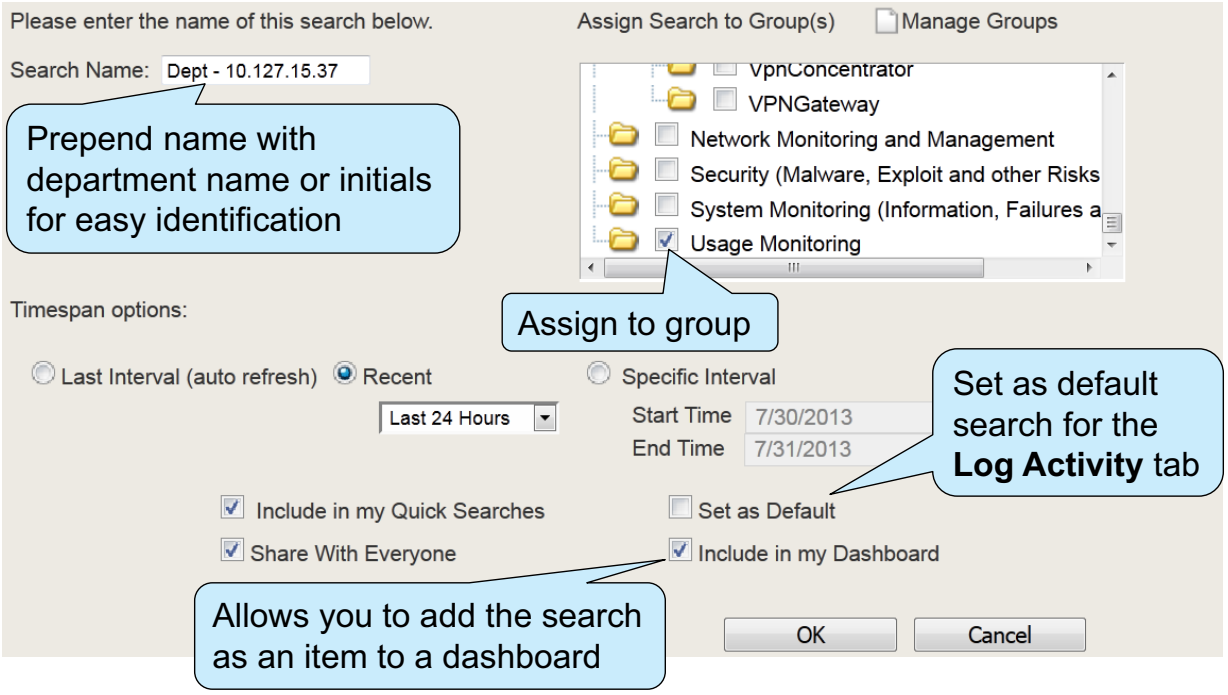


*Monitoring the scanning host (3 of 3)*

The key components of a search are time range, grouping, and filtering. You can save the search criteria, the results, or both. To save the displayed search, click **Save Criteria**.

# Saving search criteria

## Save the search with the criteria specified

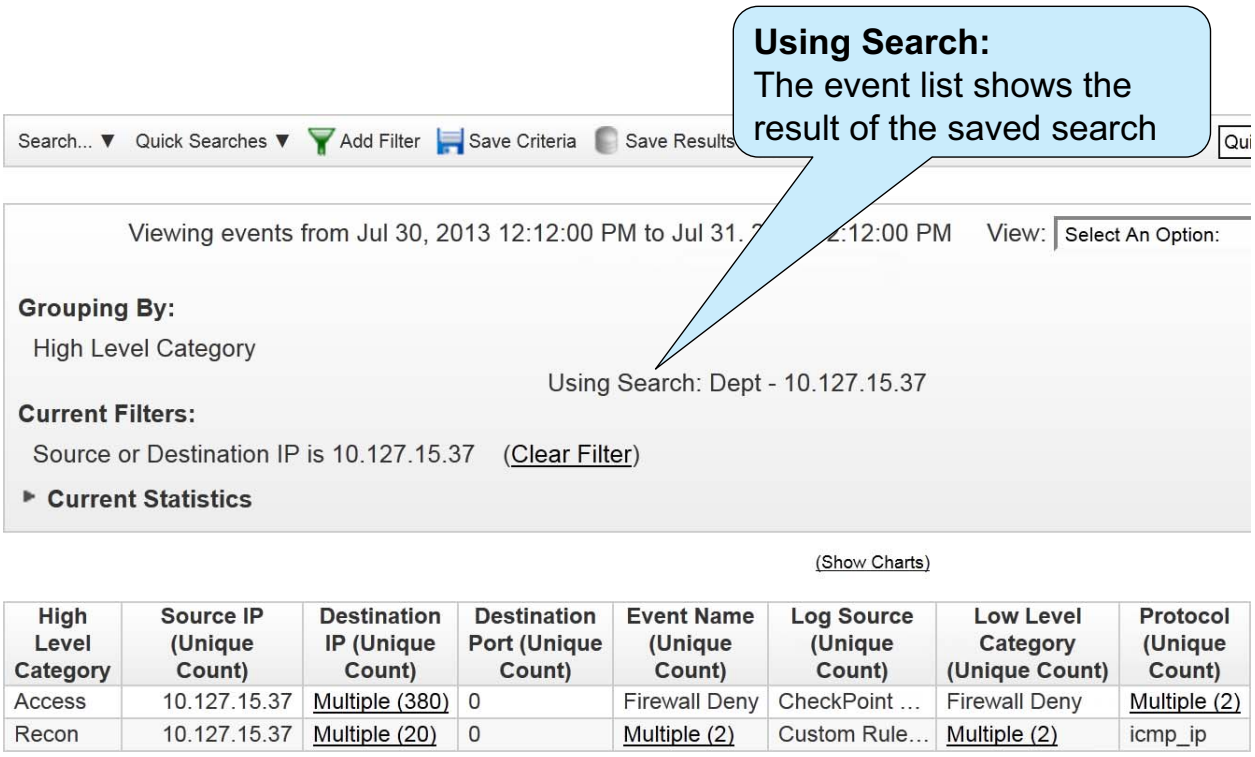



*Saving search criteria*

You can include the criteria shown in the following list in your saved search:

- **Manage Groups**: Add, edit, or remove search groups.
- **Include in Quick Searches**: Add the saved search to the **Quick Searches** menu.
- **Share with Everyone**: Include this search in other users' lists of available searches.
- **Set as Default**: Show the result of this search by default on the **Log Activity** tab.
- **Include in my Dashboard**: Note that only grouped searches can be included in the dashboard.

# Event list using the saved search

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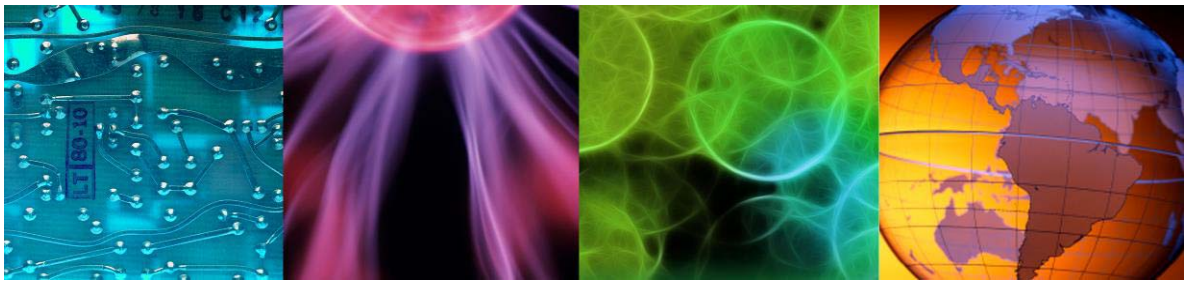
| Recon | 10.127.15.37 | Multiple (20) | 0 | Multiple (2) | Custom Rule… | Multiple (2) | icmp_ip |



*Event list using the saved search*

# Lesson 5 Modifying saved searches

## Lesson: Modifying saved searches

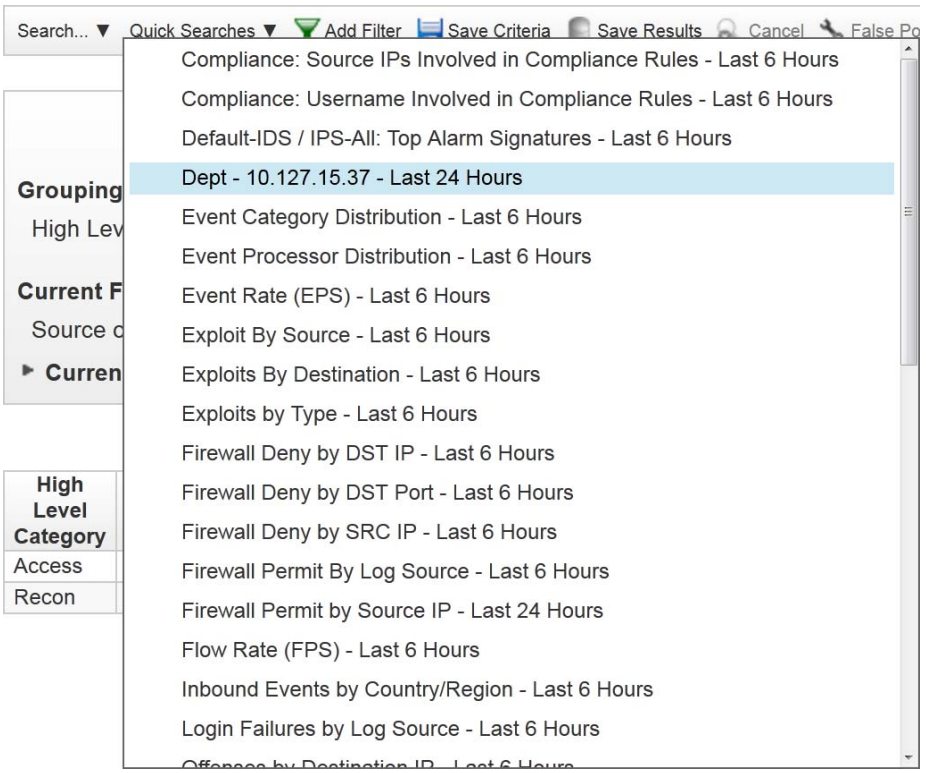




To use QRadar SIEM effectively, manage and modify saved searches. In this lesson, you learn how to work with saved searches.

# About Quick Searches

When you select **Include in my Quick Searches** when saving a search, QRadar SIEM lists the saved search in the predefined **Quick Searches** list

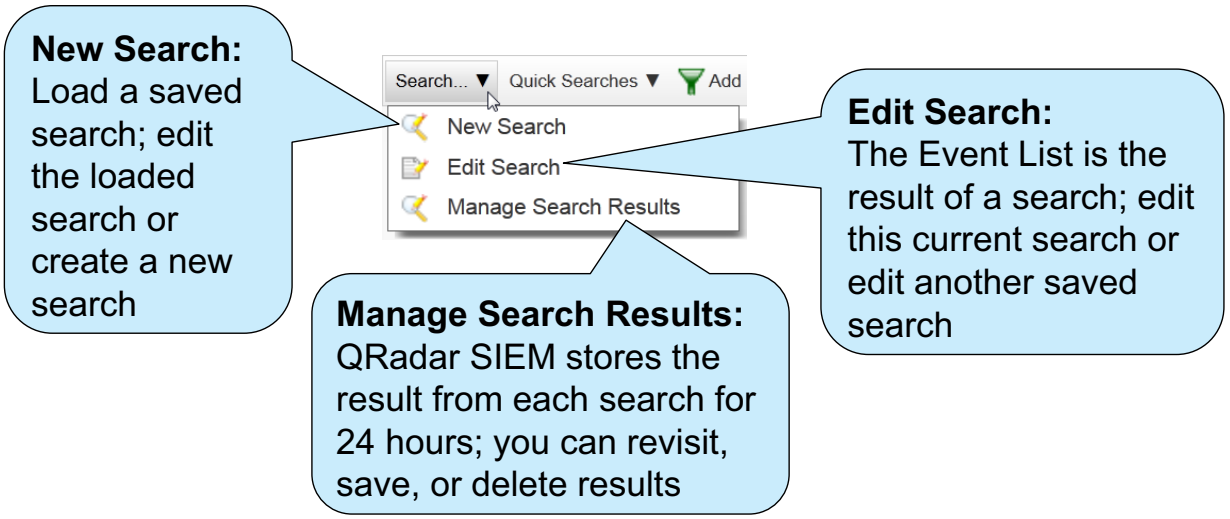





*About Quick Searches*

# Using alternative methods to create and edit searches

- Most predefined saved searches are not listed under **Quick Searches**
- To find, use, and edit saved searches, select **Search** in the top menu bar






*Using alternative methods to create and edit searches*

Use the following options on the **Search** menu:

- The **New Search** and **Edit Search** menu items are about search criteria.
- The **Manage Search Results** menu item is about search results.

## Managing search results

You can use the **Manage Search Results** option to complete the following tasks:

- Save results for auditing or forensics
- Delete previously saved search results
- Cancel long-running searches
- Send an email when the search in progress finishes

**Note:** Users see only the searches they create in the Manage Search Results window. Administrators see all searches.

## Canceling a search

QRadar SIEM might delete unsaved search results earlier than 24 hours if it requires the disk space.

When a search is queued or in progress, you can cancel the search in Manage Search Results or by clicking the **Cancel** button in the top menu bar. Search results accumulated before the cancellation are maintained.

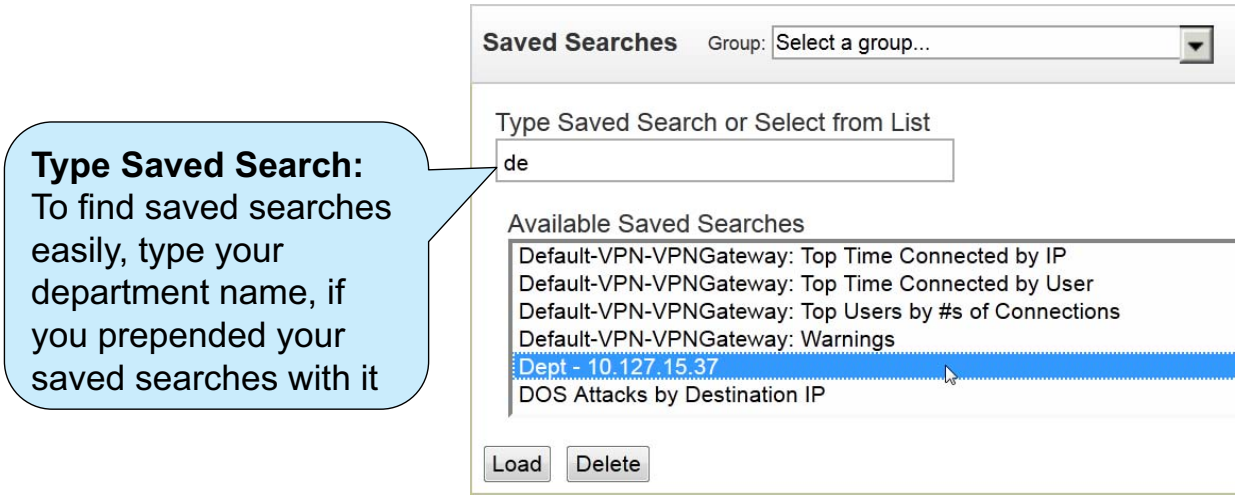
## How QRadar SIEM processes searches

Searches run concurrently in the background. The maximum number of concurrent searches depends on the search and the appliance in use. Subsequent searches above the maximum number are queued. Details of the three search queues are as follows:

- The **low-priority queue** includes searches that generate reports.
- The **normal-priority queue** includes searches created by users.
- The **high-priority queue** includes searches for dashboard items such as graphs and searches for the view Last interval (auto refresh).

# Finding and loading a saved search

If you select **New Search** or **Edit Search**, the Event Search window opens

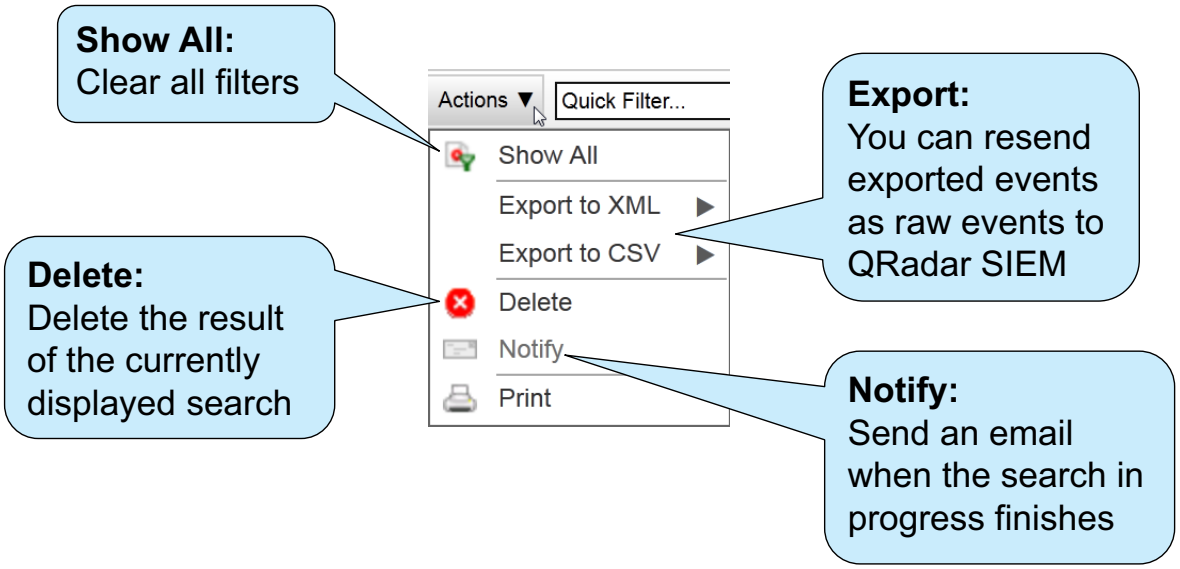





*Finding and loading a saved search*

The Event Search window provides more search features, such as custom time ranges, grouping by two or more fields, and column arrangement for the results.

# Search actions





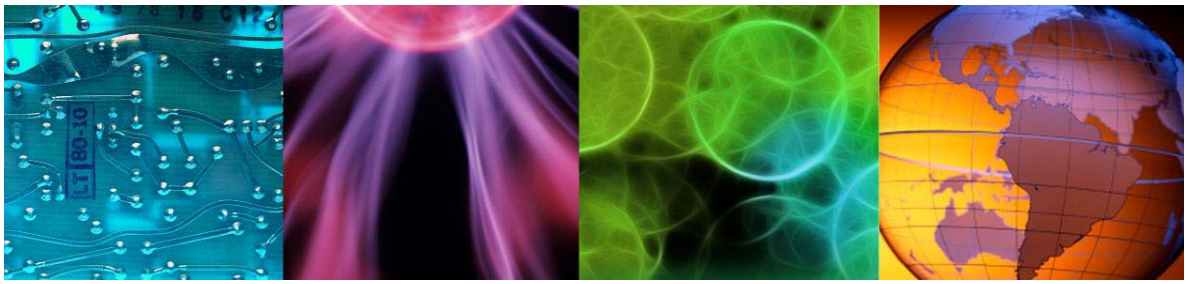

*Search actions*

The following actions are available on the Quick Filter Search's **Action** menu:

- **Export to XML**, **Export to CSV**, and **Print**: These menu items are not available when viewing *Real Time (streaming)* or viewing partial results from a canceled search.
- **Delete**: This menu item is available only when no search is in progress.
- **Notify**: This menu item is available only when a search is in progress.

# Lesson 6 Adding a search to the dashboard

## Lesson: Adding a search to the dashboard

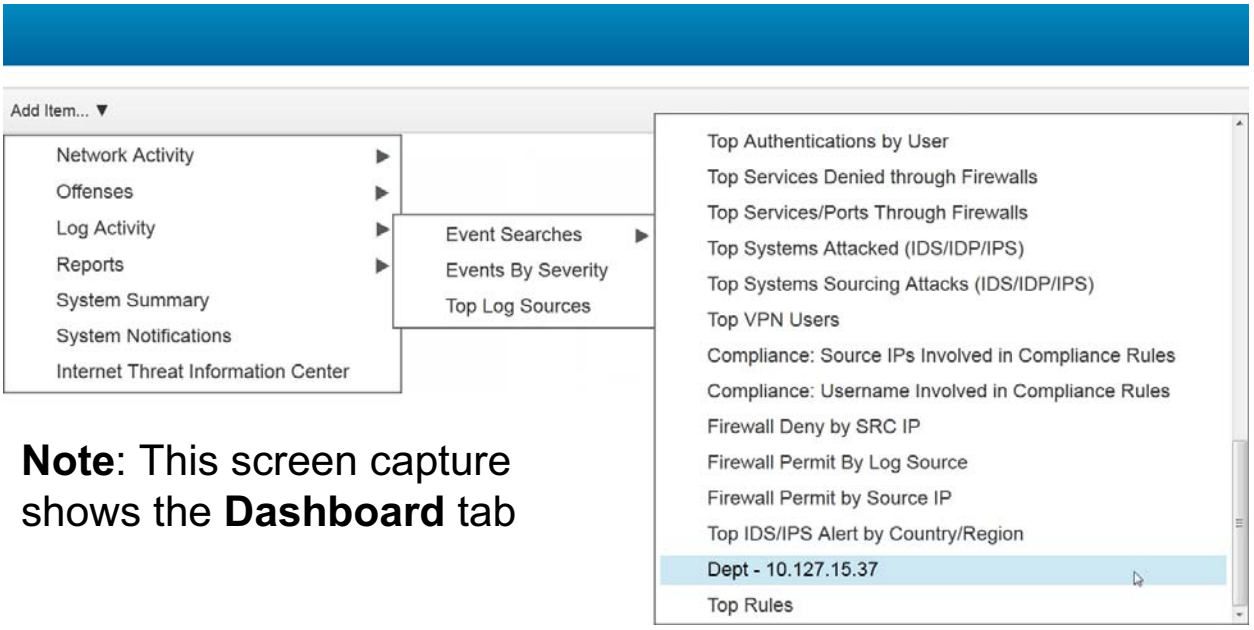




Dashboard items display the results of searches. In this lesson, you learn how to add and edit a saved search to the dashboard.

# Adding a saved search as a dashboard item

To watch the scanning IP address from the dashboard, add the saved search as a dashboard item



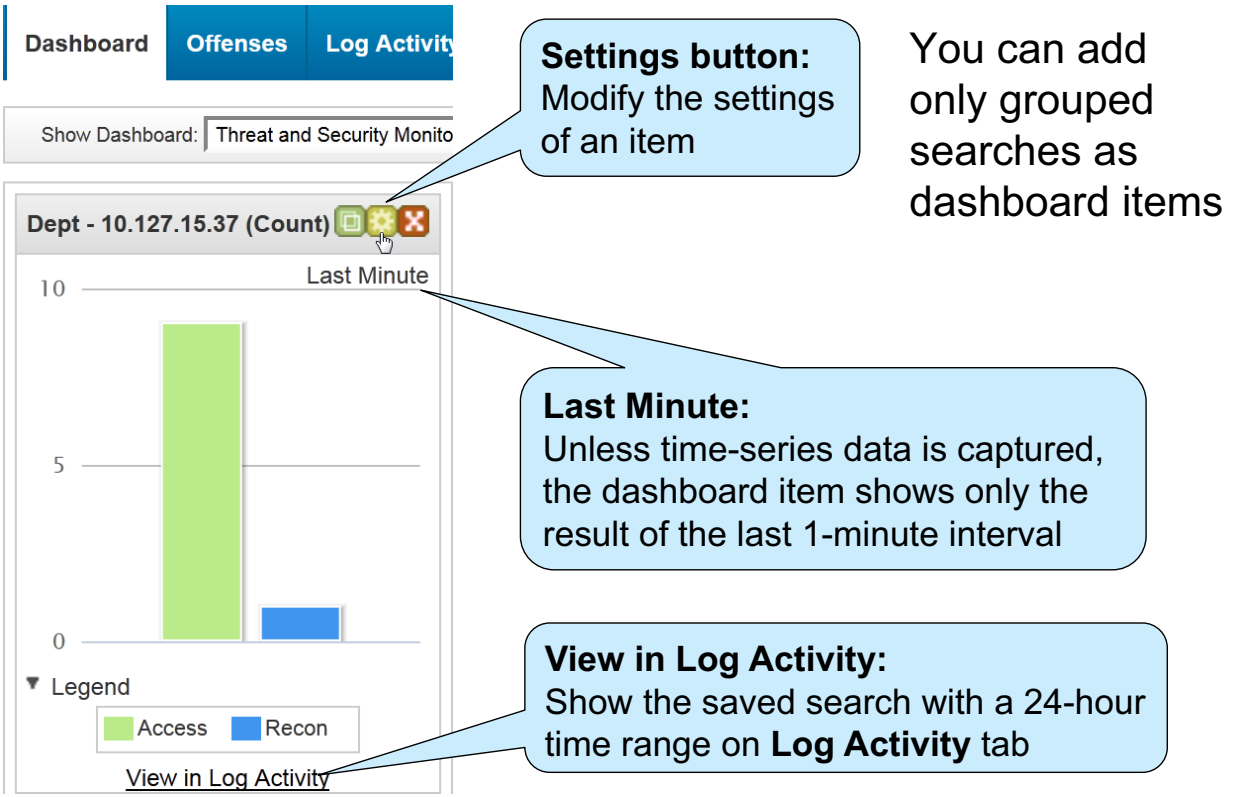

**Note**: This screen capture shows the **Dashboard** tab



*Adding a saved search as a dashboard item*

If you select **Include in my Dashboard** when saving the search, you can add it as dashboard item. Dashboard items can display only searches with grouping.

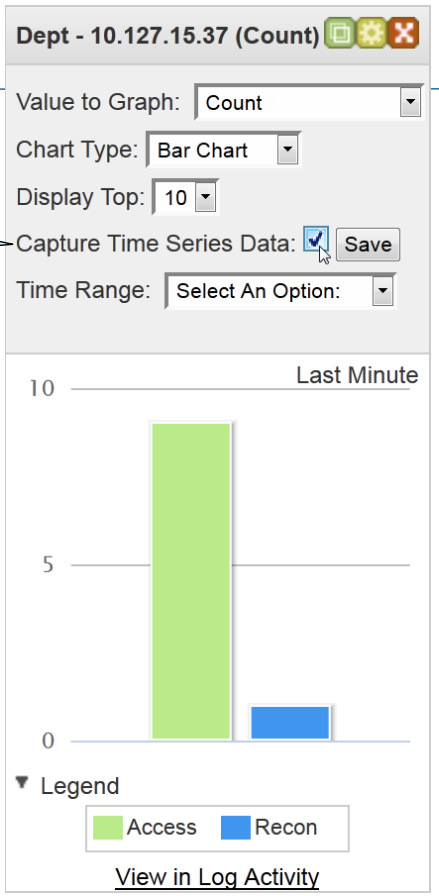
# Saving a search as a dashboard item






*Saving a search as a dashboard item*

# Enabling time-series data




**Capture Time Series Data:**
Select to accumulate time-series data to count events and click **Save**

- Capturing time-series data means that QRadar SIEM counts incoming events according your search criteria, grouping, and chosen value to graph
- Most of the predefined searches capture time-series data
- Capturing time-series data can negatively affect the performance of QRadar SIEM

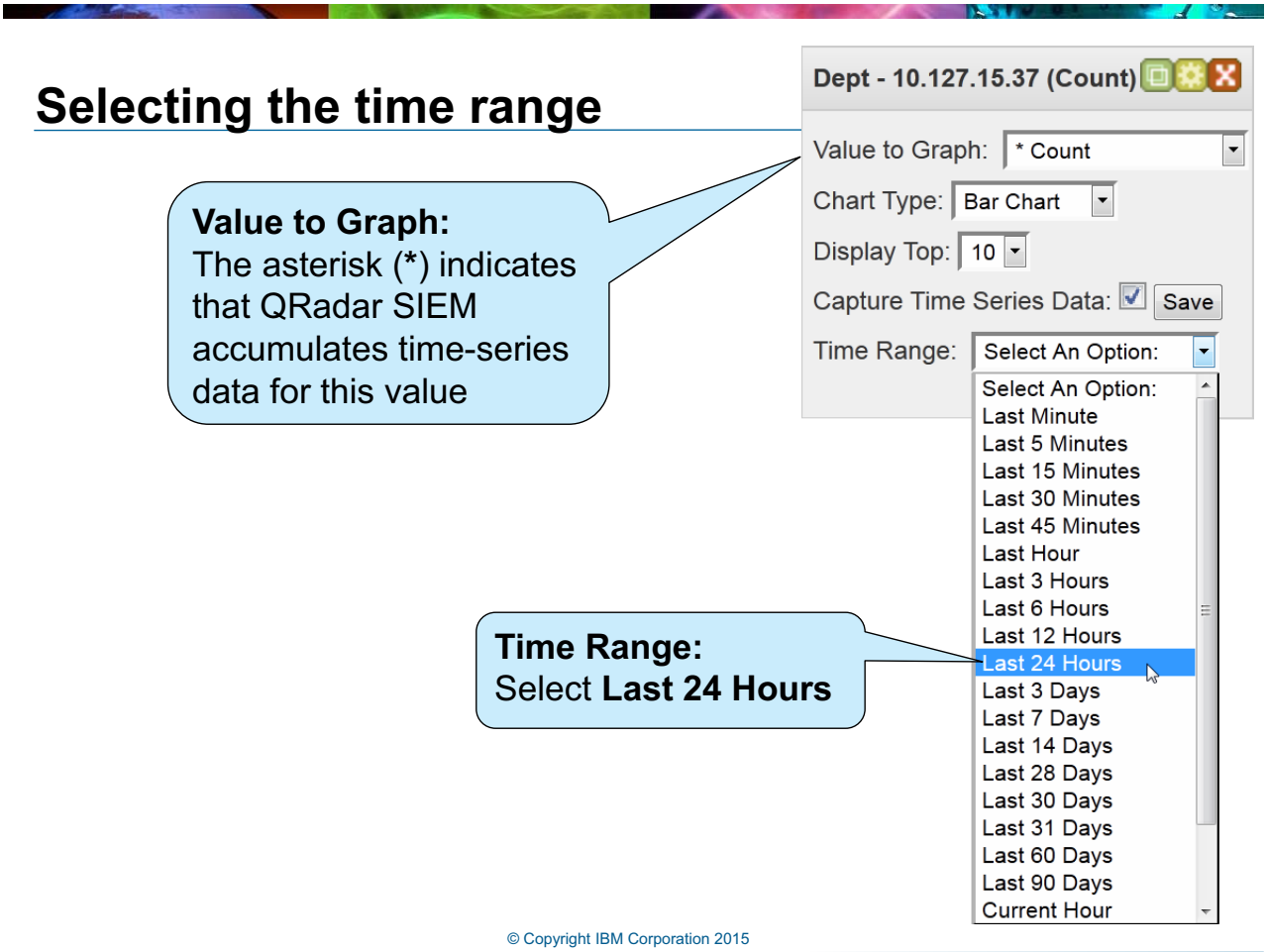


*Enabling time-series data*

**Note:** User permissions control the ability to configure and view time-series data.

Two options are in the **Value to Graph** list:

- **Count**: Number of events **before** coalescing bundles several raw events into one normalized event.
- **Event Count**: Number of events **after** coalescing has bundled several raw events into one normalized event.



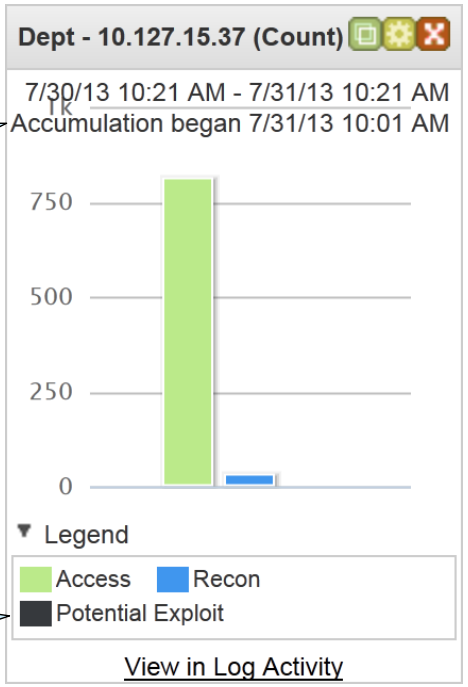

*Selecting the time range*

# Displaying 24 hours in a dashboard item

**Accumulation began:**
QRadar SIEM started accumulating time-series data on this date at this time

A third high-level category shows now

**Potential Exploit:**
This third high-level category does not have enough events to display in a bar chart





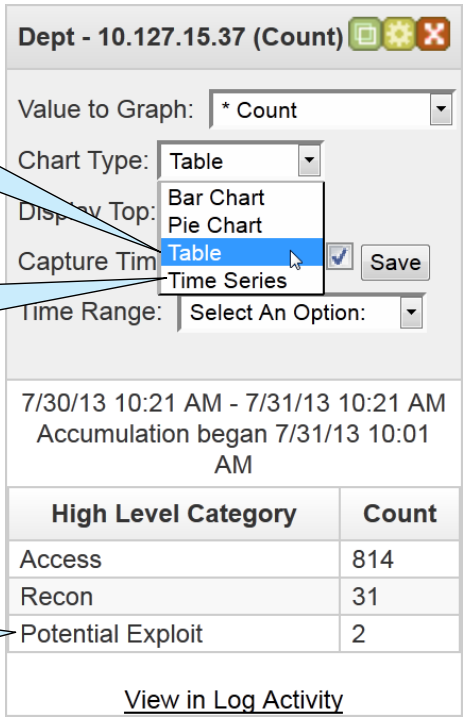

*Displaying 24 hours in a dashboard item*

# Modifying items in the chart type table

**Chart Type: Table**
To view all high-level categories, select the chart type **Table**

**Chart Type: Time Series**
To view trending of data, select the chart type **Time Series**

**Potential Exploit:**
Two events of high-level category Potential Exploit






*Modifying items in the chart type table*

# Student exercises

Use the procedures in the *Student Exercises Guide* to perform these tasks

- Look for events contributing to an offense
- Save search criteria and search results
- Investigate event details



*Student exercises*

Perform the exercises for this unit.

# Summary

Now you should be able to perform the following tasks:

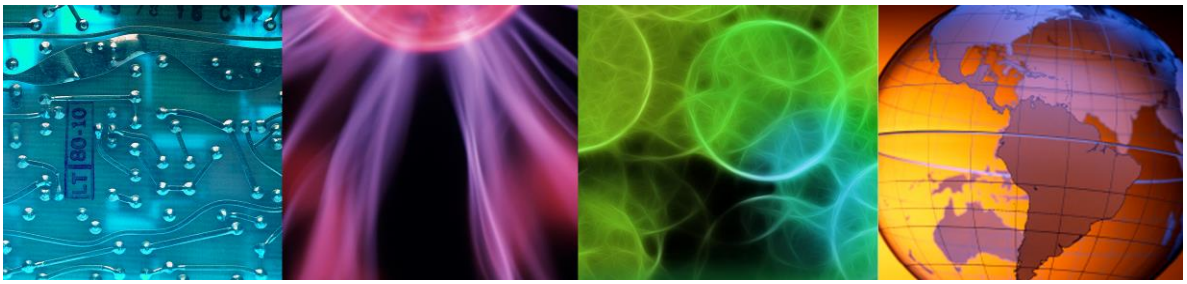
- Use the list of events to navigate event details
- Filter events included in an offense
- Group events to gain different perspectives
- Save a search that monitors a suspicious host
- Modify a saved search
- Add a search to the dashboard



*Summary*

# 6 Using asset profiles to investigate offenses

## Using asset profiles to investigate offenses





QRadar SIEM stores security-relevant information about systems in your network in asset profiles. This unit teaches you how asset profiles are created and updated, and how to use them as part of an offense investigation.

References:

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- *QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE
- *PCI Security Standards Council* https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org

This unit has no student exercises.

# Objectives

In this unit, you learn to perform the following tasks:

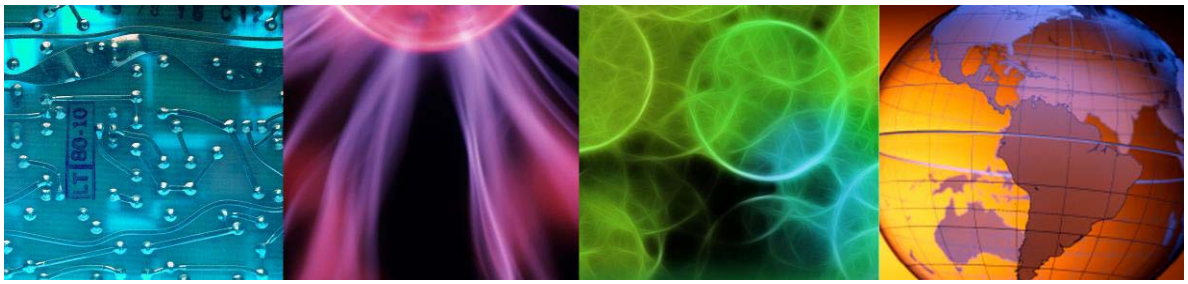
- Describe the purpose of an asset profile
- Investigate asset profile details



*Objectives*

# Lesson 1 Assets overview

## Lesson: Assets overview





The asset profiles of QRadar SIEM store security-relevant data of systems in your network. In this lesson, you are introduced into asset profiles and also learn how QRadar SIEM creates and updates asset profiles.

# About asset profiles

- An asset is any type of system or host in the network
- Asset profiles store a wealth of information about the system resources, such as these examples
  - Name
  - IP addresses
  - MAC addresses
  - Operating system
  - Vulnerabilities
  - Services
  - Other resource information
- Use asset profiles to investigate each source and destination IP address of an offense



*About asset profiles*

Asset information is used throughout QRadar SIEM. For example, if a source attempts to attack a specific service running on a specific asset, QRadar SIEM can determine if the asset is vulnerable to this attack by correlating the attack to the asset profile.

**Note:** QRadar SIEM is not a full-fledged asset management system. For example, it does not show which computer hosts a virtual machine. QRadar SIEM also cannot represent storage in asset profiles.

## Creating asset profiles

- QRadar SIEM automatically creates and updates asset profiles for systems found in these locations
  - DHCP, DNS, VPN, proxy, firewall NAT, and wireless access point logs
  - Passively gathered bidirectional flows
  - Vulnerability data provided by active scanners

  Only flows and vulnerability data add and update information about ports, services, and products to asset profiles
- QRadar SIEM administrators can create assets by using these methods
  - Manually in the user interface
  - By importing a CSV file in this format
    `IP address, Name, Weight (1-10), Description`
    Administrators can use the REST API to import other properties

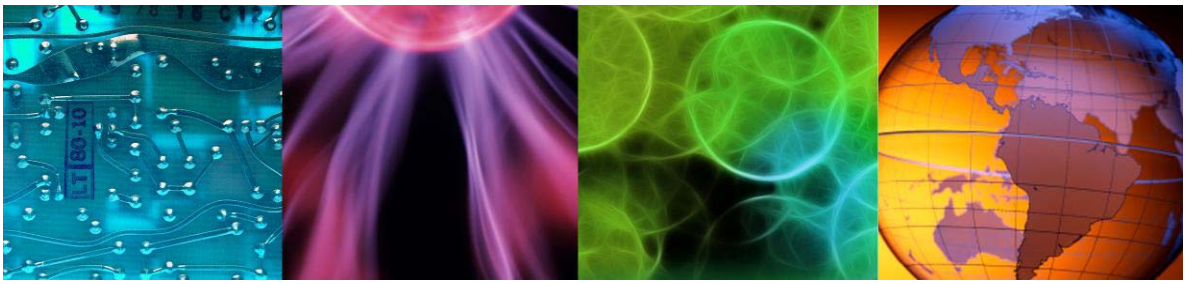


*Creating asset profiles*

QRadar SIEM administrators can delete asset profiles. A deleted asset profile is recreated if an active scanner finds the system or QRadar SIEM detects it in flow data.

# Lesson 2 Investigating asset details

## Lesson: Investigating asset details





Information regarding a system in your network is often beneficial to an offense investigation. In this lesson, you learn how to locate asset profiles and find details about an asset.

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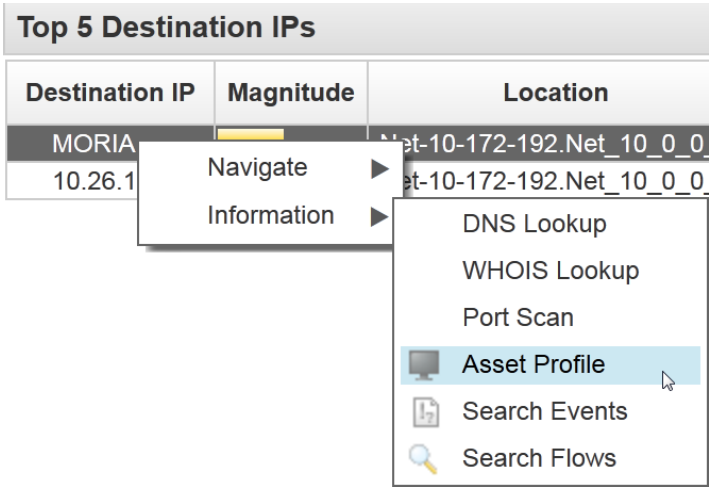
# Navigating from an offense to an asset

In the Offense Summary, you can navigate to the asset profile of any source or destination by this method

1. Right-click the IP address or asset name
2. Click **Information** > **Asset Profile**

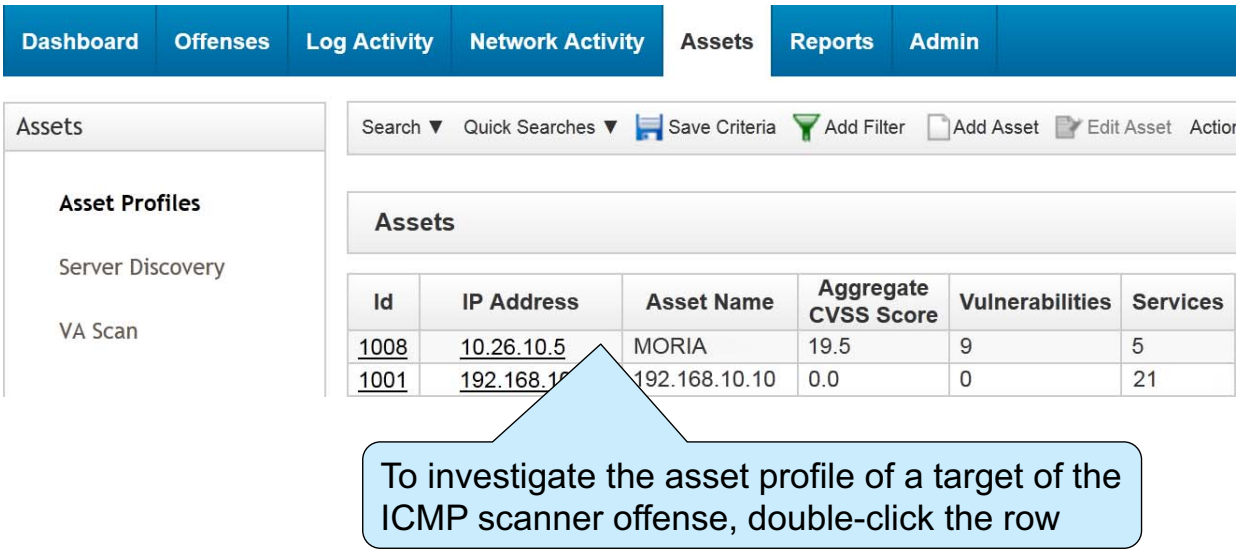





*Navigating from an offense to an asset*

# Assets tab

- You can also click the **Assets** tab to locate asset profiles
- You can search, filter, and sort asset profiles in a similar way as events





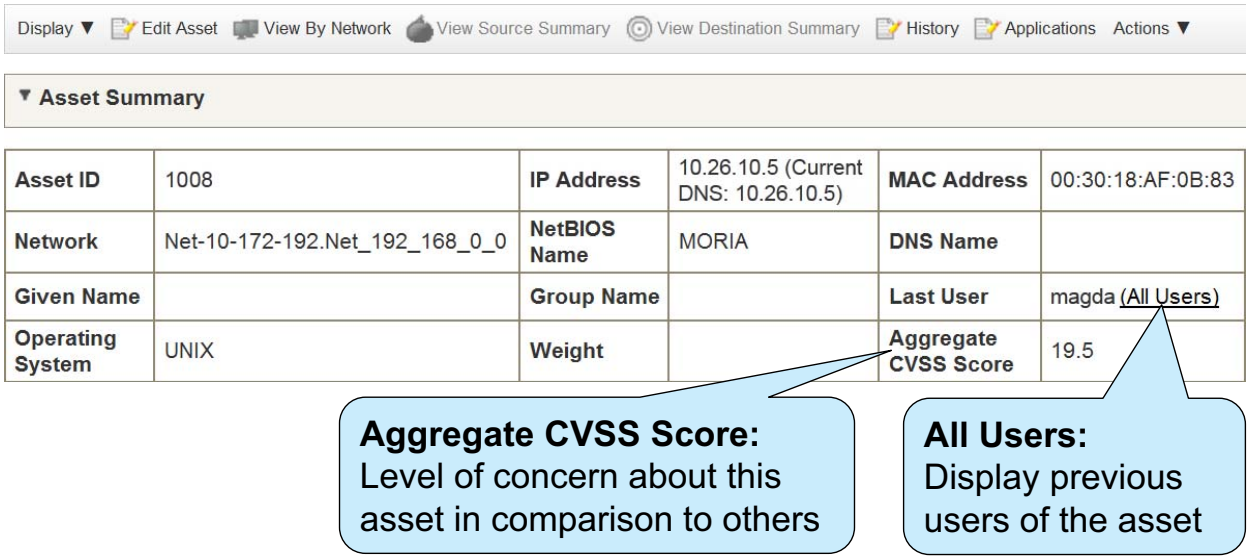

*Assets tab*

Use the **Assets** tab to work with the following aspects of the asset management system within QRadar SIEM:

- **Asset Profiles**: If a system has two IP addresses on two different networks and a QRadar SIEM user is granted permission to view only one of the networks, the user will not see the system's asset profile at all.
- **Server Discovery**: QRadar SIEM administrators can discover different server types, such as mail, web, and Windows servers. QRadar SIEM classifies a server of a specific type if one or more open ports match the standard port for that server type. QRadar SIEM does not probe open server ports but uses the passively gathered network flows to determine open ports. Refer to the *QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* (http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE) for more information about Server Discovery.
- **VA Scan**: QRadar SIEM administrators can schedule active scans for vulnerability assessments (VA) of systems on the network. Refer to the *QRadar SIEM Vulnerability Assessment Configuration Guide* (http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE) for more information about VA Scan.

# Asset summary

## Double-click an asset to open the asset details






*Asset summary*

An asset can have many MAC addresses, IP addresses, DNS names, and NetBIOS names.

Either of the following statements can be true about a MAC Address:

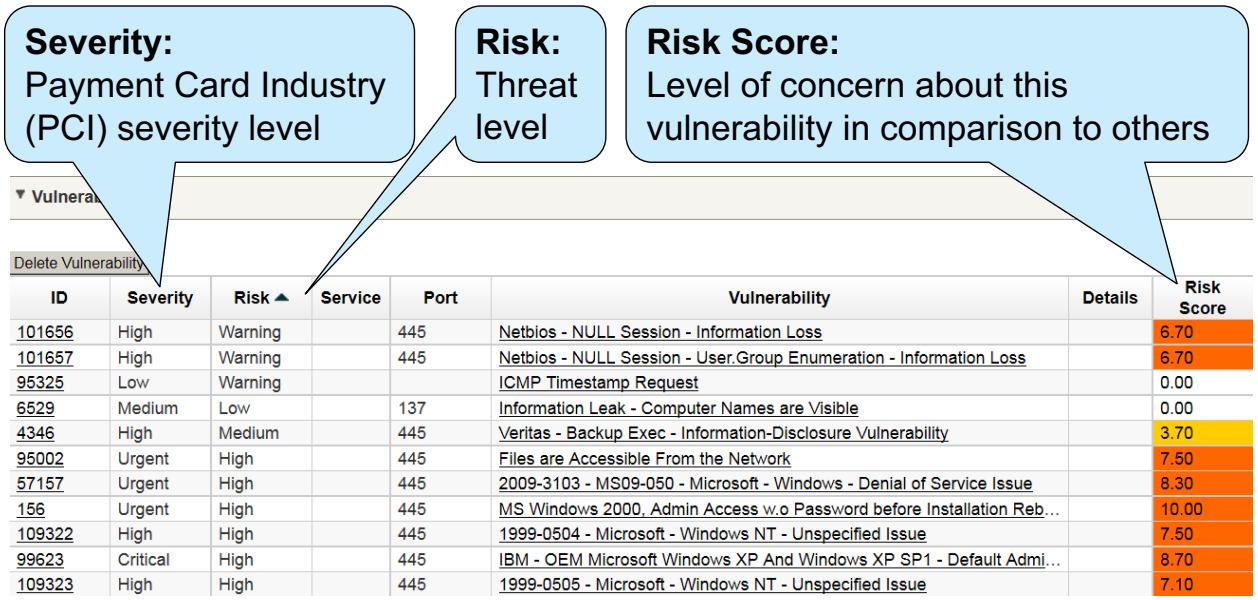
- It is manually entered by a QRadar administrator.
- It is populated by an active scanner.

QFlow and other accounting technologies do not capture the MAC address.

The asset **Weight** measures the importance of the asset. The levels range from 0 (not important) to 10 (very important).

# Vulnerabilities

Verify the vulnerabilities of the asset to determine whether the investigated offense is a concern






*Vulnerabilities*

Following are the Severity levels:

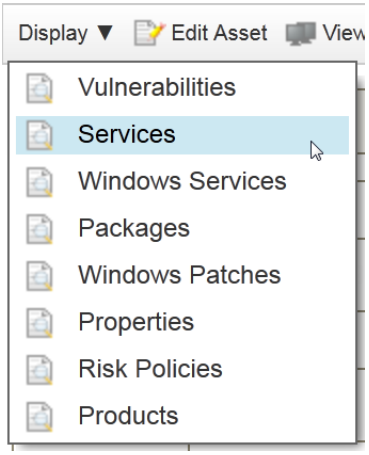
- Low
- Medium
- High
- Critical
- Urgent

**Hint:** Refer to the PCI Security Standards Council (https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org) for more information about PCI severity levels.

Following are the Risk levels:

- Warning
- Low
- Medium
- High

# Services




- By default, the asset details display the vulnerabilities of the asset
- In the **Display** menu, click **Services** to investigate the known services of the asset

**Last Seen Passive:** Services detected in passively gathered network flows

**Last Seen Active:** Services detected actively by scanners

▼ Services

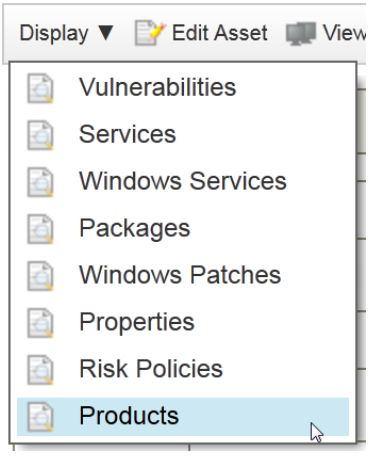
| Service | Product | Port | Proto | Last Seen Passive | Last Seen Active | Service Default Ports | Vulnerabilities |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NetBIOS-IP | | 137 | udp | 2013-07-25 14:07:51.0 | | 137 | 0 |
| NETBIOS | Samba Samba 3.6.3 | Multiple (2) | tcp | | 2013-07-25 20:53:45.771 | 137,138,139 | 5 |
| UPnP | | 49152 | tcp | | 2013-07-25 20:44:24.997 | 1900,5000 | 0 |
| SSH | OpenSSH OpenSSH… | 22 | tcp | | 2013-07-25 20:52:55.535 | 22 | 0 |
| Misc | Apache Software F… | 80 | tcp | 2013-07-25 21:03:26.891 | 2013-07-25 20:59:57.114 | | 3 |



*Services*

**Note:** The vulnerabilities count is always 0 for open ports with unknown services.

# Products




- Investigate the vulnerabilities of the asset grouped by product
- All other **Display** menu items provide information only if you license and run QRadar Vulnerability Manager

**Products**

| Product | Port | Vulnerability | Vulnerability ID |
|---|---|---|---|
| UNIX | | | |
| Samba Samba 3.6.3 | 445 | Multiple (4) | Multiple (4) |
| OpenSSH OpenSSH 28.0.150 | 22 | | |
| Apache Software Foundation Apache 2.2… | 80 | Multiple (3) | Multiple (3) |



*Products*

# Summary

Now you should be able to perform the following tasks:

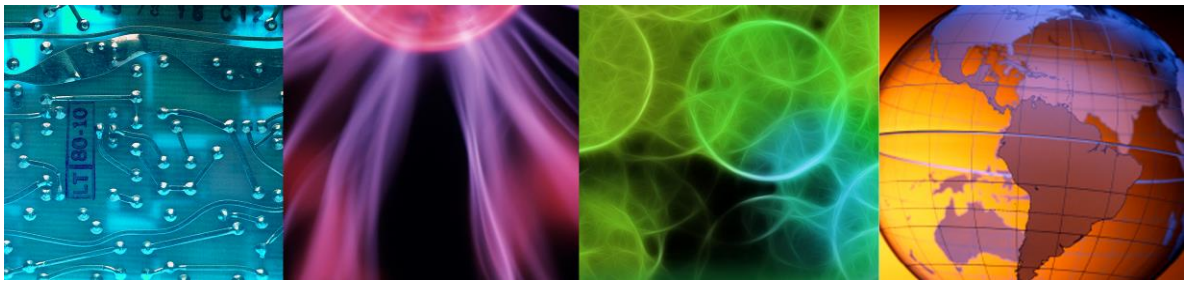
- Describe the purpose of an asset profile
- Investigate asset profile details



*Summary*

# 7 Investigating an offense that is triggered by flows

## Investigating an offense that is triggered by flows





QRadar SIEM correlates flows into an offense if it determines suspicious activities in network communications. This unit teaches you how to investigate the flows that contribute to an offense. You also learn how to create and tune false positives and investigate superflows.

References:

- *QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE
- *QRadar SIEM Application Configuration Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

# Objectives

In this unit, you learn to perform the following tasks:

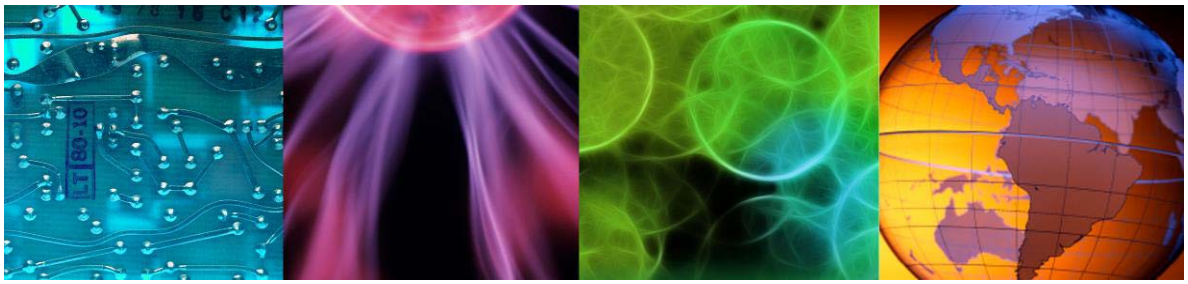
- Find and group flows on the **Network Activity** tab
- Investigate the summary of an offense that is triggered by flows
- Investigate flow details
- Tune false positives
- Investigate superflows



*Objectives*

# Lesson 1 Viewing and grouping flows

## Lesson: Viewing and grouping flows





A flow provides information about a network conversation between two systems. In this lesson, you learn how to use the **Network Activity** tab to view and group flows.

Reference: *QRadar SIEM Application Configuration Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

# About flows

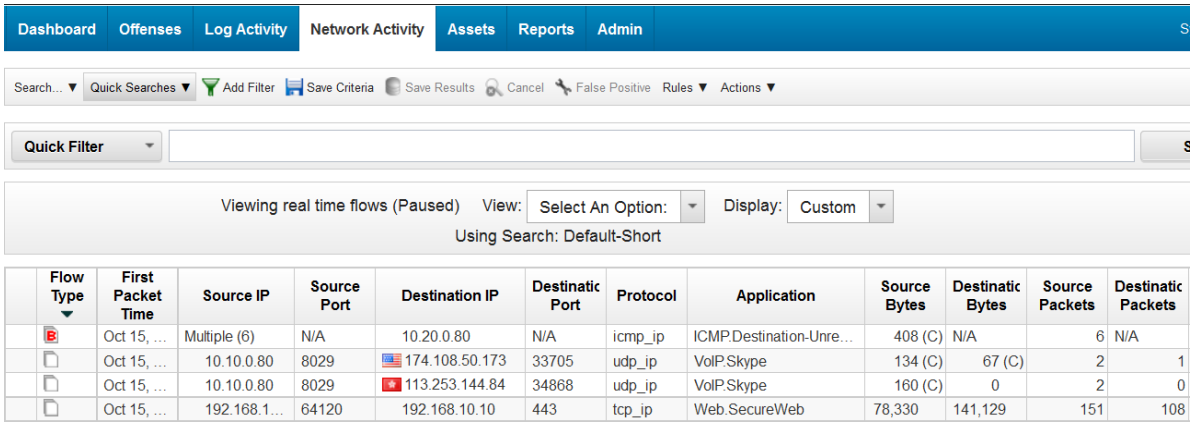
- A flow provides information about network communication between two systems
- A flow can include information about the conversation, such as these examples
  - Source and destination IP address
  - Protocol transport
  - Source and destination port
  - Application information
  - Traffic statistics
  - Quality of service
  - Packet payload from unencrypted traffic



*About flows*

# Network Activity tab

- Click the **Network Activity** tab to perform these tasks
  - Investigate flows sent to QRadar SIEM
  - Perform detailed searches
  - View network activity
- Flows on the **Network Activity** tab are shown in a similar way as events are on the **Log Activity** tab





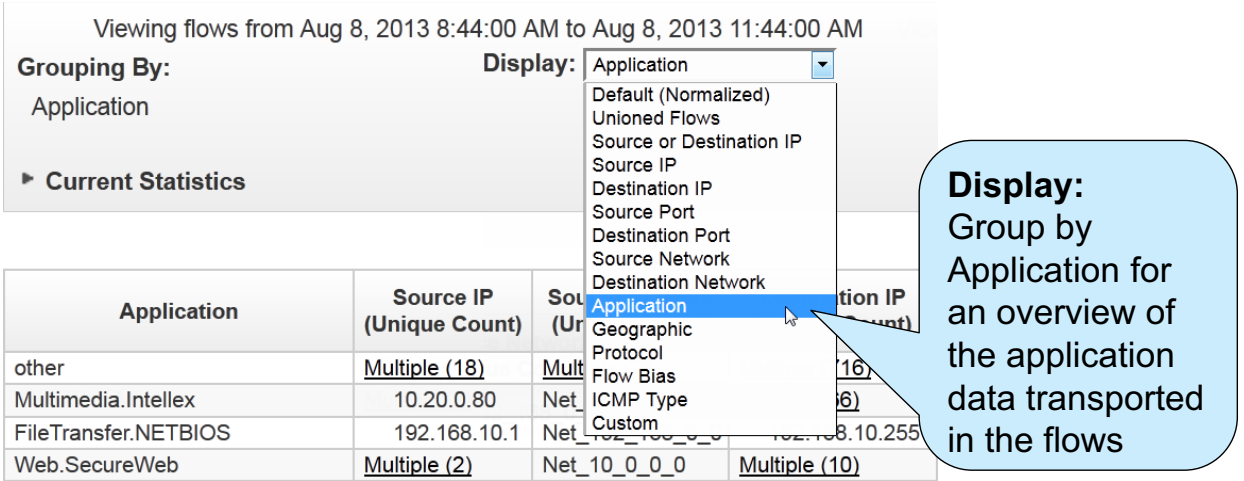

*Network Activity tab*

The following information pertains to the Source Bytes and Destination Bytes columns:

- The **(C)** behind the number of bytes indicates that the flow contains captured layer 7 payload.
- The number of captured bytes is not displayed. By default, QRadar SIEM captures 64 bytes in each direction.
- The number of bytes in the Source Bytes and Destination Bytes columns indicates how many bytes the source and destination sent.

# Grouping flows

## Some flow grouping options differ from event grouping options.






*Grouping flows*

The following information describes some of the **Display** options available for flow grouping:

- **Display > Default (Normalized)**: To remove a grouping, select **Default (Normalized)**.
- **Display > Unioned Flows**: QRadar SIEM works in 1-minute cycles. When the minute is over, the event processors send the events and flows they processed to the console (only if they are needed on the console). Therefore, QRadar SIEM cuts off flows even if the real network flows have not actually terminated. QRadar SIEM creates a new flow record during the next 1-minute cycle for such a flow. To merge these flow-slices into one flow representing the real network flow, group by **Unioned Flows**. Otherwise, one real network flow can be represented by more than one flow in QRadar SIEM.
- **Display > Application**: QRadar SIEM detects the kind of application data transported in flows.

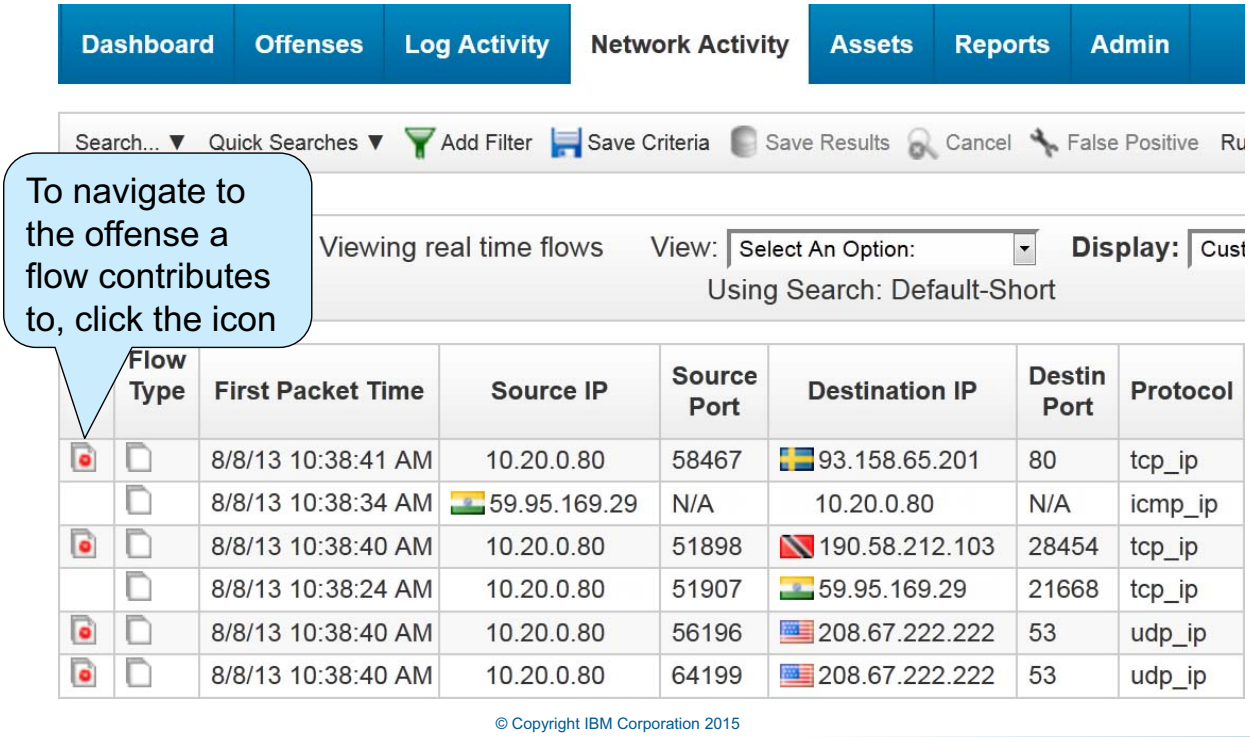
  QFlow detects applications by performing traffic analysis on network packets. If you do not use QFlow, QRadar SIEM determines the type of application from the destination port.

  Refer to the *QRadar SIEM Application Configuration Guide* (http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE) for further information.

- **Display > Geographic**: To summarize flows by the geographic country/region of their destination IP addresses, group by **Geographic**.
- **Display > Flow Bias**: To summarize flows by the flow direction, group by **Flow Bias**.

# Finding an offense

A red icon indicates that a flow contributes to an offense

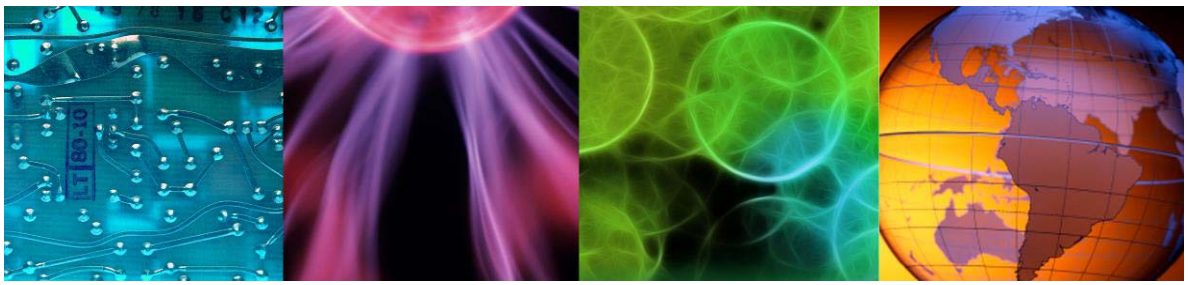



*Finding an offense*

In addition to the **Dashboard** and **Offenses** tabs, you find offenses on the **Network Activity** and **Log Activity** tabs.

# Lesson 2 Using summary information to investigate an offense

## Lesson: Using summary information to investigate an offense





An offense bundles information about a suspicious activity, including flows. In this lesson, you learn how to use offense summary information related to flows to begin your offense investigation.

References:

- *QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE
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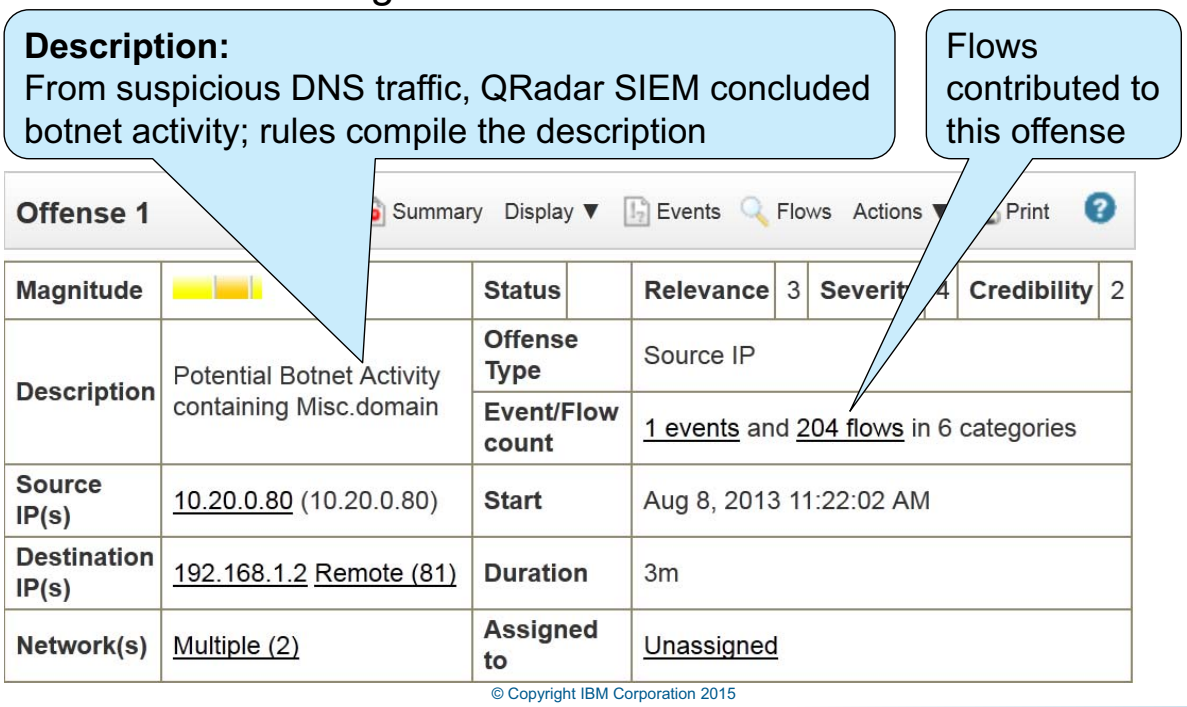
# Offense parameters

The parameter at the top of the offense summary provides the first clues to investigate the offense




*Offense parameters*

**Note:** **Description**: *Misc.domain* refers to domain name resolution traffic. Refer to the *QRadar SIEM Application Configuration Guide* (http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE) for further information.

# Top 5 Source and Destination IPs

- Source and destination IP addresses provide information about the origin of the offense and its local targets
- Remote source IP addresses are displayed, but remote destination IP addresses are not

**Top 5 Source IPs** Sources

| Source IP | Magnitude | Location | Vuln... | User | MAC | Weight | Offenses | Desti... | Last Event/Flow | Events/Flows |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10.20.0.80 | | Net-10-1... | No | Unknown | Unknown | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1h 16m 56s | 205 |

**Top 5 Destination IPs** Destinations

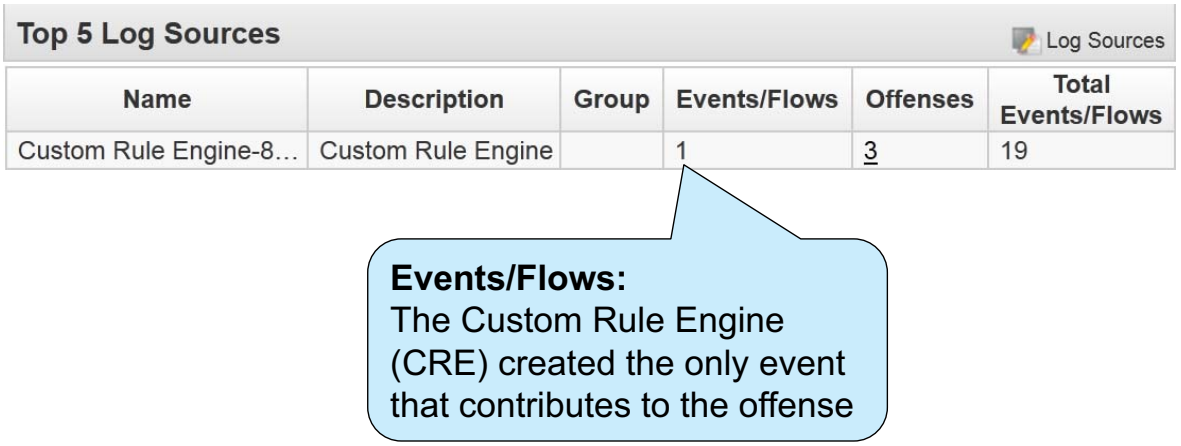
| Destination IP | Magnitude | Location | Vuln... | Chained | User | MAC | Weight | Offenses | Source(s) | Last Event/Flow | Events/Flows |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 192.168.1.2 | | Net-10-1... | No | No | Unkno | Unkno | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1h 17m 42s | 2 |



*Top 5 Source and Destination IPs*

Right-click anywhere in the row to view more information about the source IP address.

# Top 5 Log Sources






*Top 5 Log Sources*

In the example on the slide, no events created from log messages contribute to the offense.

# Top 5 Categories

QRadar SIEM sorted the event and the flows into categories

**Top 5 Categories** Categories

| Name | Magnitude | Local Destination Count | Events/Flows | First Event/Flow | Last Event/Flow | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Misc Malware | | 0 | 1 | Aug 8, 2013 … | Aug 8, 2013 … | | |
| Misc | | 0 | 16 | Aug 8, 2013 … | Aug 8, 2013 … | | |
| HTTP In Progress | | 1 | 158 | Aug 8, 2013 … | Aug 8, 2013 … | | |
| Web | | 0 | 20 | Aug 8, 2013 … | Aug 8, 2013 … | | |
| Multimedia | | 0 | 3 | Aug 8, 2013 … | Aug 8, 2013 … | | |



*Top 5 Categories*

**Hint:** Refer to the *QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* (http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE) for a list of high-level categories (HLC) and low-level categories (LLC).

# Last 10 Events

The Custom Rule Engine (CRE) created an event with information about the suspected botnet activity

**Last 10 Events** Events

| Event Name | Magnitude | Log Source | Category | Destination | Dst Port | Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Potential Botnet Activity | | Custom Rule E… | Misc Malware | 208.67.222.222 | 53 | Aug… |



*Last 10 Events*

# Last 10 Flows

This table provides information about what happened most recently

Double-click a row to open a window with details about the flow

**Last 10 Flows** Flows

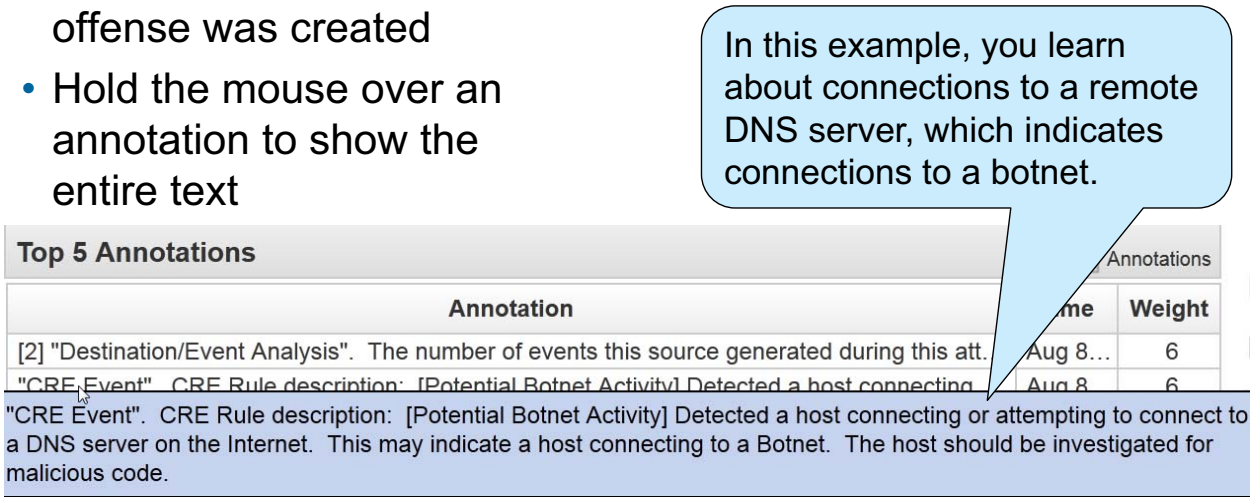
| Application | Source IP | Source Port | ...mation IP | Dest... Port | Total Bytes | Last Packet Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Web.Misc | 10.20.0.80 | 58467 | 93.158.65.201 | 80 | 526 | Aug 8, 2013 11:25:02 AM |
| Misc.domain | 10.20.0.80 | 56196 | 208.67.222.222 | 53 | 174 | Aug 8, 2013 11:25:02 AM |
| Misc.domain | 10.20.0.80 | 64395 | 208.67.222.222 | 53 | 166 | Aug 8, 2013 11:25:02 AM |
| Misc.domain | 10.20.0.80 | 64199 | 208.67.222.222 | 53 | 184 | Aug 8, 2013 11:25:02 AM |
| other | 10.20.0.80 | 51954 | 86.3.249.91 | 10638 | 202 | Aug 8, 2013 11:24:58 AM |
| P2P.BitTorrent | 10.20.0.80 | 51898 | 190.58.212.103 | 28454 | 136 | Aug 8, 2013 11:24:43 AM |
| other | 10.20.0.80 | 51897 | 188.51.8.41 | 54713 | 125 | Aug 8, 2013 11:24:43 AM |
| other | 10.20.0.80 | 51969 | 190.213.79.246 | 38201 | 136 | Aug 8, 2013 11:24:24 AM |
| other | 10.20.0.80 | 54752 | 119.153.99.23 | 57396 | 68 | Aug 8, 2013 11:24:15 AM |
| Misc.domain | 10.20.0.80 | 64199 | 208.67.222.222 | 53 | 736 | Aug 8, 2013 11:24:02 AM |



*Last 10 Flows*

# Annotations

- Annotations provide insight into why QRadar SIEM considers the event or traffic threatening
- QRadar SIEM can add annotations when it adds events and flows to an offense
- Read the oldest annotation because it was added when the offense was created
- Hold the mouse over an annotation to show the entire text



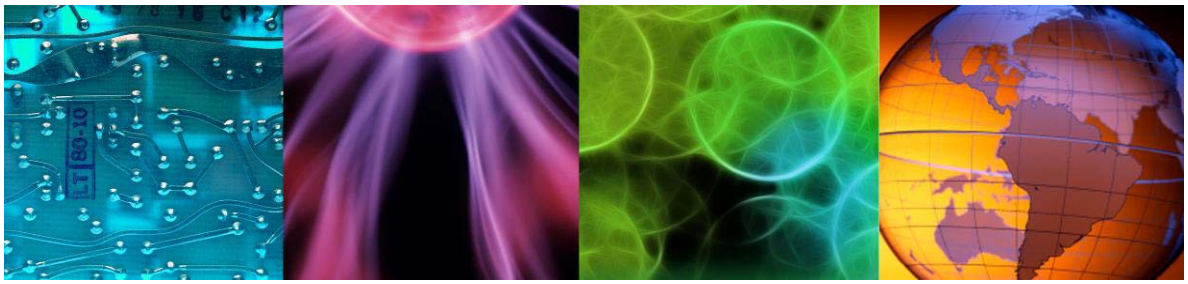



*Annotations*

QRadar SIEM rules and building blocks add annotations when they create or update an offense. QRadar SIEM users cannot add, edit, or delete annotations.

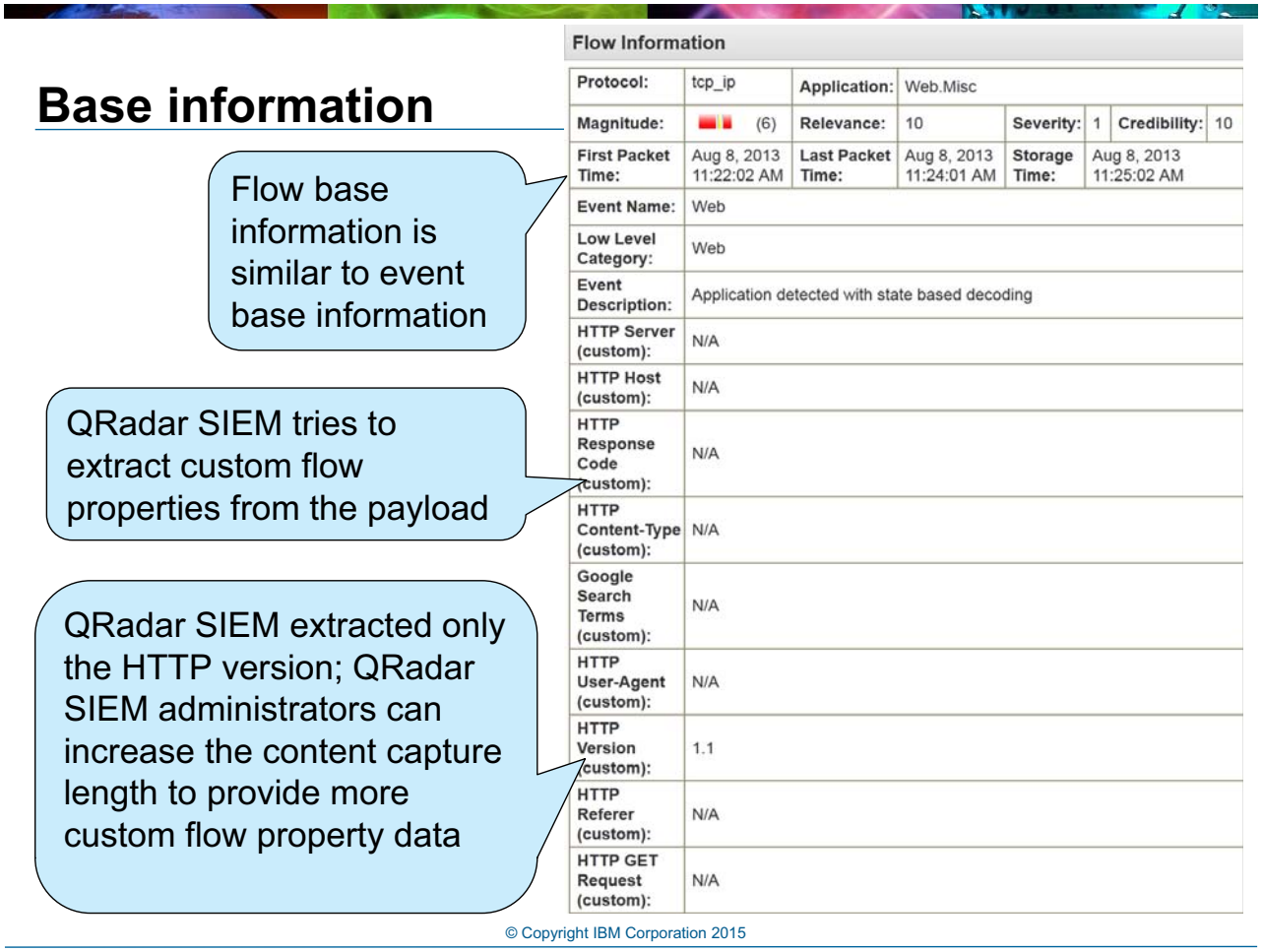
# Lesson 3 Navigating flow details

## Lesson: Navigating flow details





A flow in QRadar SIEM provides much information about the network conversation it represents. In this lesson, you learn how to navigate the details of a flow, such as base, source, and destination information, and layer 7 payload.




*Base information*

In the example on the slide, the Event Description, **Application detected with state based decoding**, means that the state-based decoder QRadar SIEM uses determined the application of this flow.

# Source and destination information

QRadar SIEM provides network connection details about the flow

**Source and Destination Information**

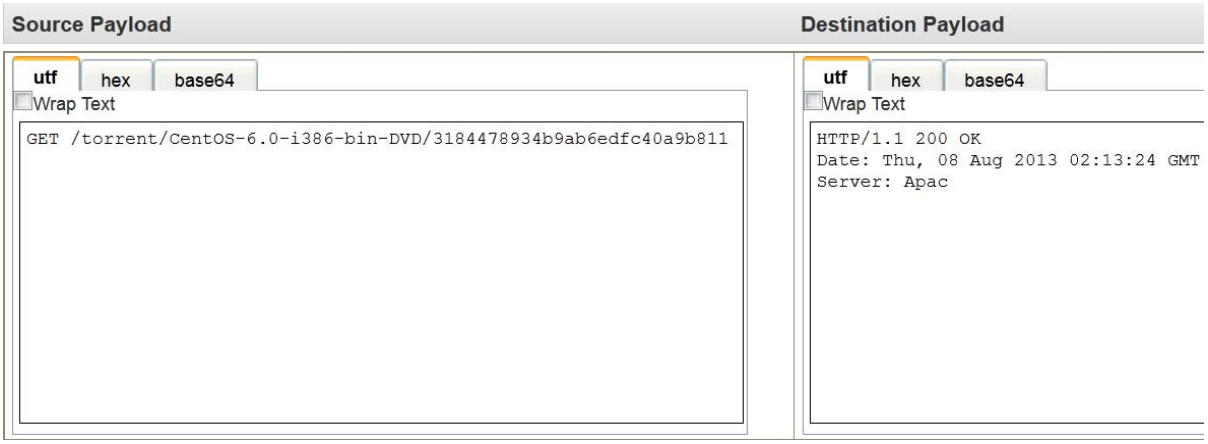
| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Source IP:** | 10.20.0.80 | **Destination IP:** | 93.158.65.201 |
| **Source Asset Name:** | N/A | **Destination Asset Name:** | N/A |
| **IPv6 Source:** | 0:0:0:0:0:0:0:0 | **IPv6 Destination:** | 0:0:0:0:0:0:0:0 |
| **Source Port:** | 58467 | **Destination Port:** | 80 |
| **Source Flags:** | S,P,A | **Destination Flags:** | S,A |
| **Source QoS:** | Best Effort | **Destination QoS:** | Class 1 |
| **Source ASN:** | 0 | **Destination ASN:** | 0 |
| **Source If Index:** | 0 | **Destination If Index:** | 0 |
| **Source Payload:** | 3 packets, 260 bytes | **Destination Payload:** | 3 packets, 266 bytes |



*Source and destination information*

# Layer 7 payload

This example shows the layer 7 payloads for an HTTP GET request and response; both show only the first 64 bytes of payload by default



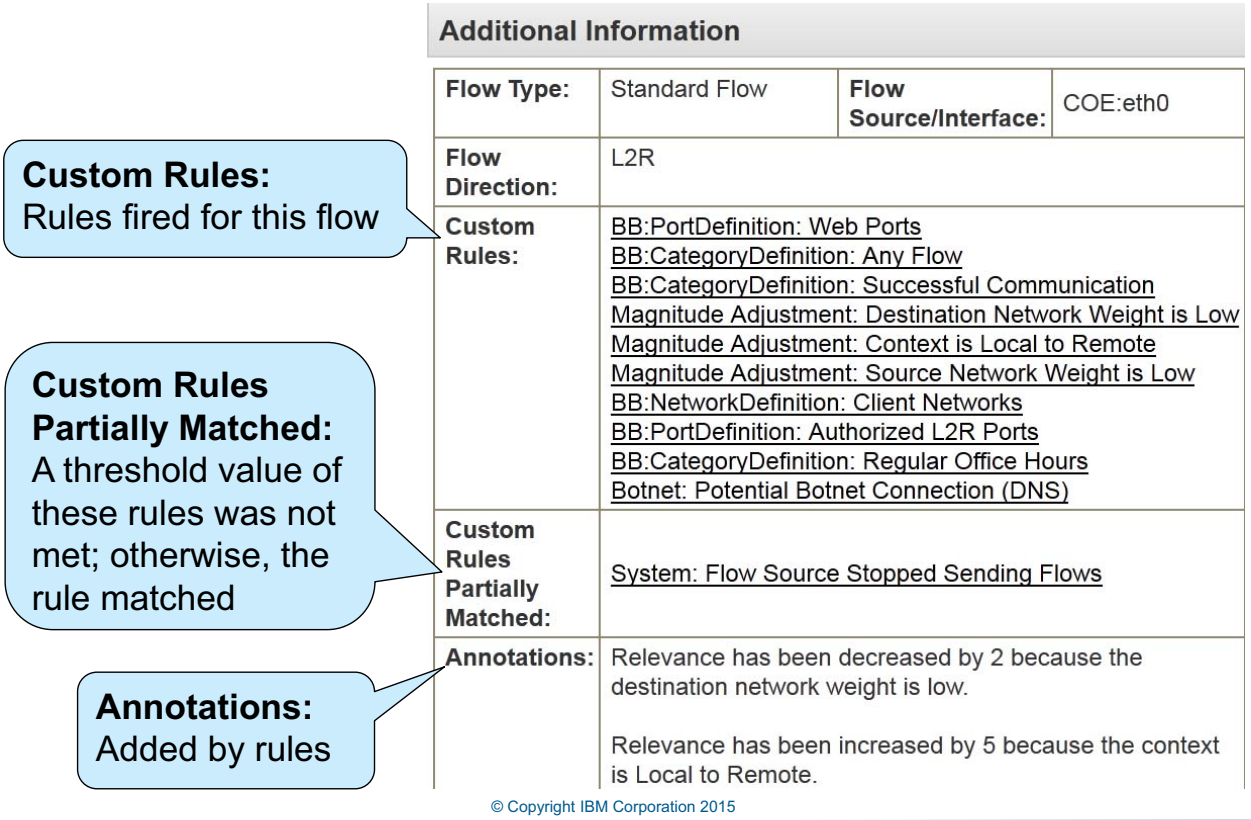

**Note:** QRadar SIEM administrators can increase the content capture length to provide more layer 7 payload



*Layer 7 payload*

A content capture length greater than 1024 bytes negatively impacts the performance of QRadar SIEM.

# Additional information



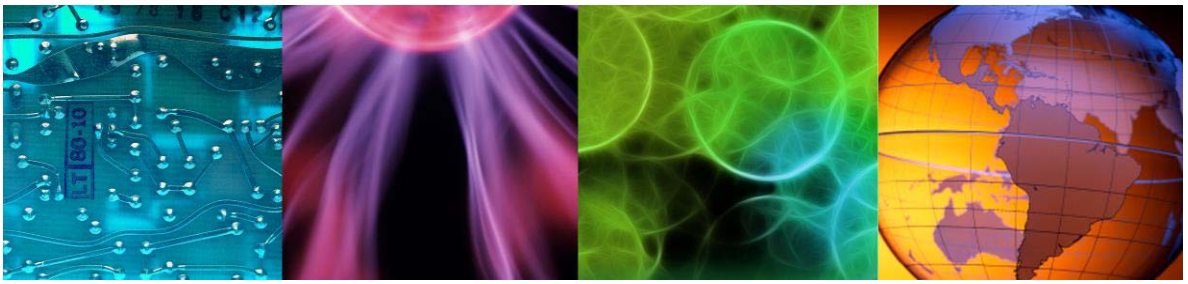

*Additional information*

The **Flow Direction** field can include the following values:

- **L2L**: Traffic from a local network to another local network
- **L2R**: Traffic from a local network to a remote network
- **R2L**: Traffic from a remote network to a local network
- **R2R**: Traffic from a remote network to another remote network

# Lesson 4 False positives overview

## Lesson: False positives overview

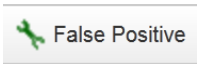




Each organization has legitimate network traffic that can trigger false positive flows and events. This traffic creates noise that makes it difficult to identify true security incidents. In this lesson, you learn how to tune a flow or event as false positive.

# Creating a false positive flow or event

- If an event or flow is legitimate, you can prevent it and similar events and flows from contributing to offenses
- In the top menu bar, click the **False Positive** icon









*Creating a false positive flow or event*

The example on the slide removes any event and flow that includes the specified QID and targets the 93.158.65.201 IP address without regard for the origin.

For events, the QID uniquely identifies a specific action of a device. For example, firewall denies issued from different firewall models have different QIDs. For flows, the QID uniquely identifies which kind of application data is transported by the flow.

To edit a false positive, edit the **User-BB-FalsePositive: User Defined False Positives Tunings** building block. To locate this building block, navigate to **Rules** on the **Offenses** tab.

# Tuning a false positive flow or event

- Flows and events that you tagged as false positives perform in these ways
  - Contribute to reports
  - No longer contribute to offenses
  - Are still stored by QRadar SIEM
- QRadar SIEM administrators must perform these tasks
  - Keep the network hierarchy and Device Support Modules (DSM) up-to-date to prevent false alarm offenses
  - Disable rules that produce numerous unwanted offenses



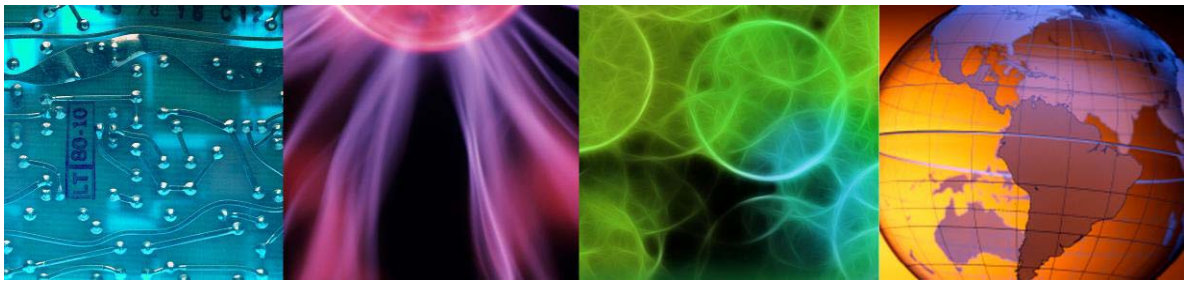
*Tuning a false positive flow or event*

QRadar SIEM considers all networks in the network hierarchy local. You find the network hierarchy on the **Administration** tab.

By default, QRadar SIEM has many rules disabled. In a production environment, it can be necessary to enable some rules. In most deployments, a professional services consultant performs initial tuning for a new QRadar SIEM deployment.

# Lesson 5 Investigating superflows

## Lesson: Investigating superflows





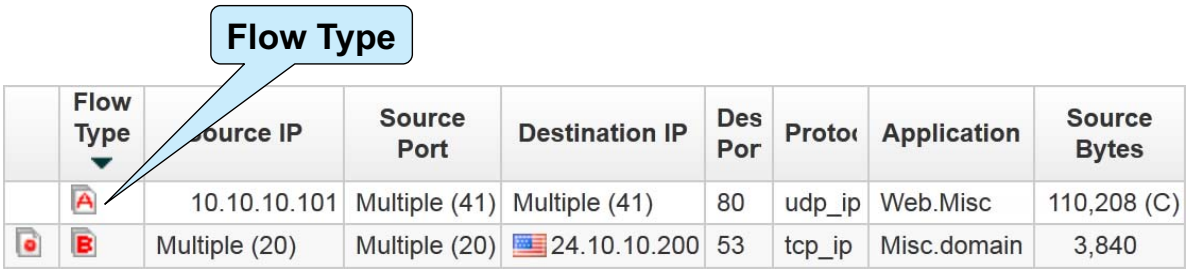
A superflow is a flow that is an aggregate of a number of flows that have a similar set of elements. In this lesson, you learn how to find the information stored in a superflow.

Reference: *QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

# About superflows

QRadar SIEM aggregates flows with common characteristics into superflows that indicate common attack types

- Type A: Network sweep
  **one source IP address > many destination IP addresses**
- Type B: Distributed denial of service (DDOS) attack
  **many source IP addresses > one destination IP address**
- Type C: Portscan
  **one source IP address > many ports on one destination IP address**






*About superflows*

Following are some of the benefits of superflows:

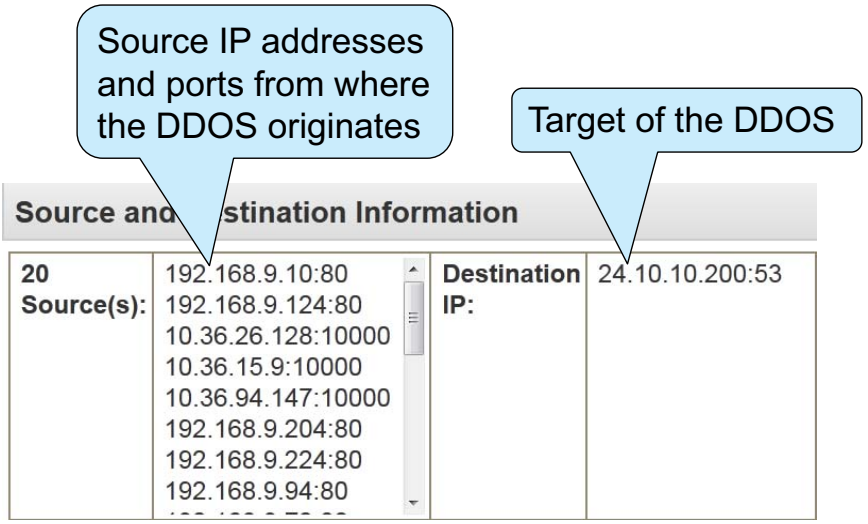
- Reduced traffic from QFlow collectors
- Store only a single flow to disk

QRadar SIEM administrators can enable or disable the creation of superflows in the QFlow configuration.

Refer to the *QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* (http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE) for the criteria flows must meet so that QRadar SIEM can aggregate them into superflows.

# Superflow source and destination information

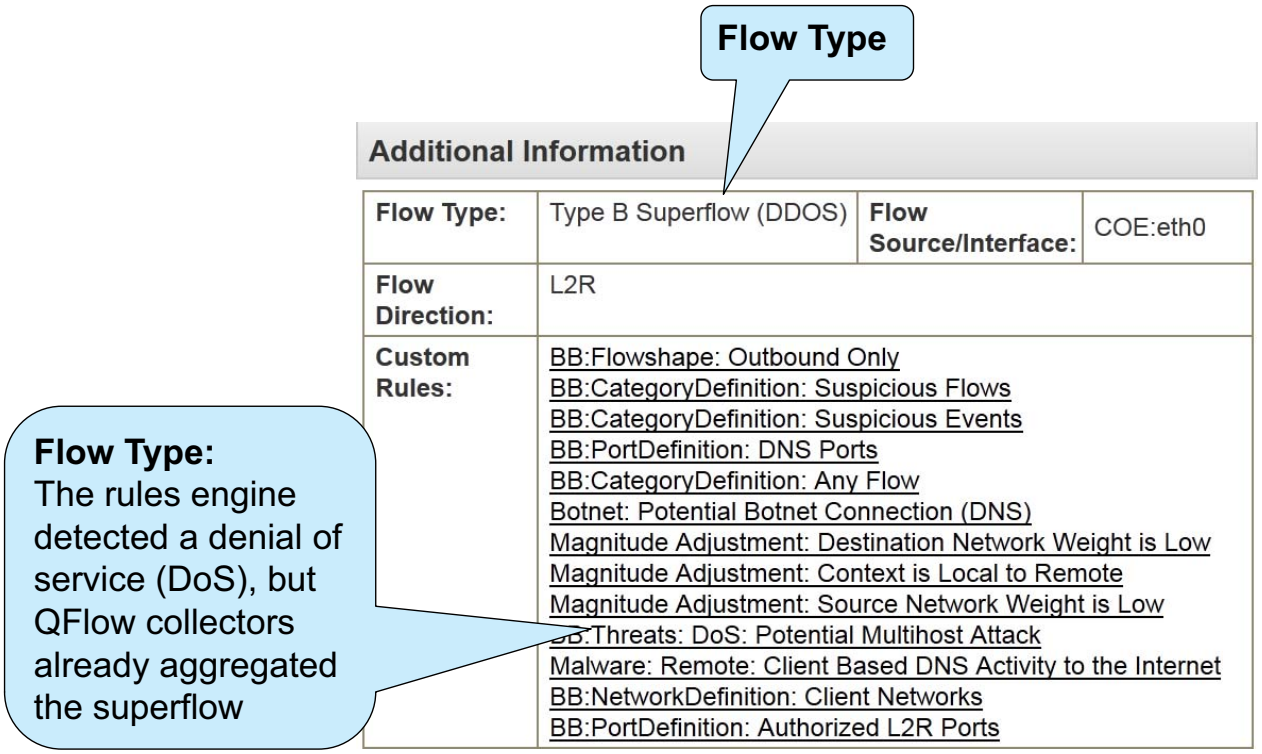
- Navigate to the flow details to investigate a superflow further
- This example shows a Type B Superflow that indicates a DDOS






*Superflow source and destination information*

# Superflow additional information






*Superflow additional information*

# Student exercises

Use the procedures in the *Student Exercises Guide* to investigate an offense that is triggered by flows



*Student exercises*

Perform the exercises for this unit.

# Summary

Now you should be able to perform the following tasks:

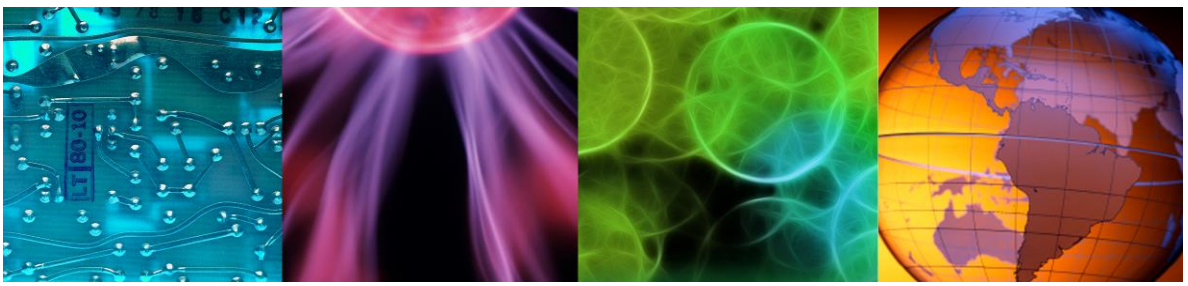
- Find and group flows on the **Network Activity** tab
- Investigate the summary of an offense that is triggered by flows
- Investigate flow details
- Tune false positives
- Investigate superflows



*Summary*

# 8 Using rules and building blocks

## Using rules and building blocks





Rules perform tests on the events, flows, and offenses in QRadar SIEM and respond if the test criteria is met. A building block is a rule without a response that is used as a common variable in multiple rules or to build complex rules. This unit teaches you how to find custom rules in the QRadar SIEM console and how to assign actions and responses to the rule. You also learn how to configure rules.

References:

- *QRadar SIEM Users Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE
- *QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

# Objectives

In this unit, you learn to perform the following tasks:

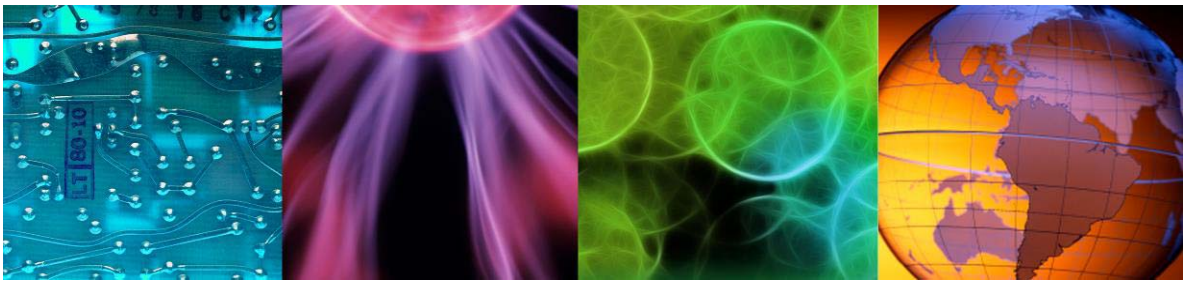
- Describe rules and building blocks
- Locate the rules that fired for events, flows, and offenses
- Use the Rule Wizard to examine a rule action and response



*Objectives*

# Lesson 1 Rules and build blocks overview

## Lesson: Rules and building blocks overview





Rules perform tests on events, flows, and offenses and respond if the test criteria is met. A building block is a rule without a response and can be used as a variable in multiple rules. In this lesson, you learn about rules and building blocks.

# About rules and building blocks

- Rules and building blocks are a collection of tests
- Rules and building blocks test incoming events, flows, and offenses such as the following examples
  - Events
    **Example:** when the user name matches the following regex …
  - Flows
    **Example:** when the destination TCP flags are exactly these flags …
  - Offenses
    **Example:** when the number of categories involved in the offense is greater than …



*About rules and building blocks*

# About rules

- If the tests of a rule match, the rule generates the configured actions and responses, such as these examples
  - Creating an offense
  - Adding an annotation
  - Sending an email
  - Generating system notifications shown on the dashboard
- Rules on offenses do not create new events or offenses; they perform only these tasks
  - Send notifications
  - Annotate the triggering offense
  - Name the triggering offense
- The Custom Rule Engine (CRE) performs all tests, actions, and responses specified in rules



*About rules*

# About building blocks and functions

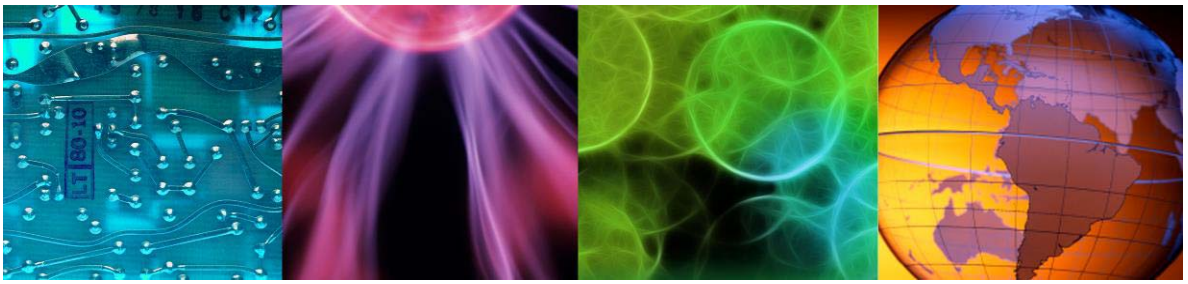
- A building block is a collection of tests without actions and responses
- Building blocks group commonly used tests to build complex logic that enables the building block to be reused in rules
- Building blocks often test for IP addresses, privileged user names, or collections of event names; for example, if a building block includes the IP addresses of all DNS servers, rules can then use this building block
- The CRE evaluates a building block only if a rule test uses it
- Functions allow rule tests with building blocks, for example: *when an event matches any|all of the following BB:HostDefinition: DNS Servers*



*About building blocks and functions*

# Lesson 2 Locating rules

## Lesson: Locating rules





QRadar SIEM offers various options to navigate and list rules. In this lesson, you learn how to locate rules in general and find specific rules that fired for an event, flow, and offense.

References:

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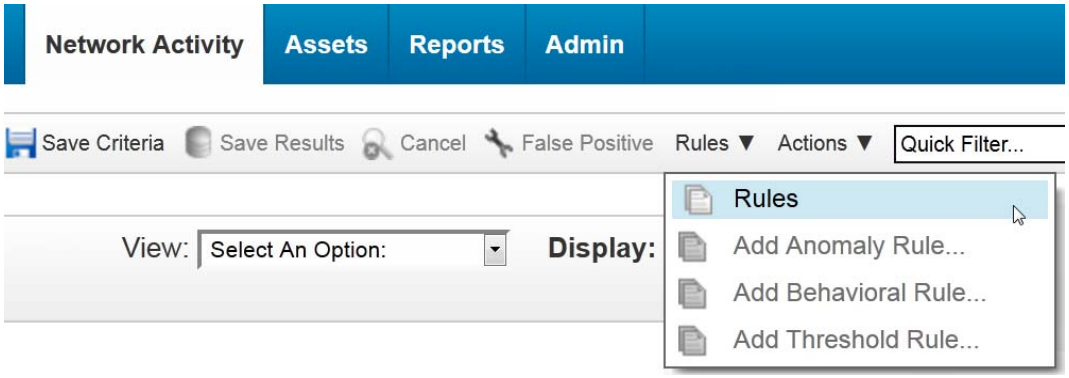
# Navigating to rules

Select **Rules** by clicking either the **Log Activity** tab or **Network Activity** tab






*Navigating to rules*

The **Rules** list opens in a separate window.

This unit addresses only **custom rules**. They test the incoming events, flows, and offenses. QRadar SIEM includes four custom rule types:

1. Event rules that test only events
2. Flow rules that test only flows
3. Common rule that tests events and flows
4. Offense rule that tests only offenses

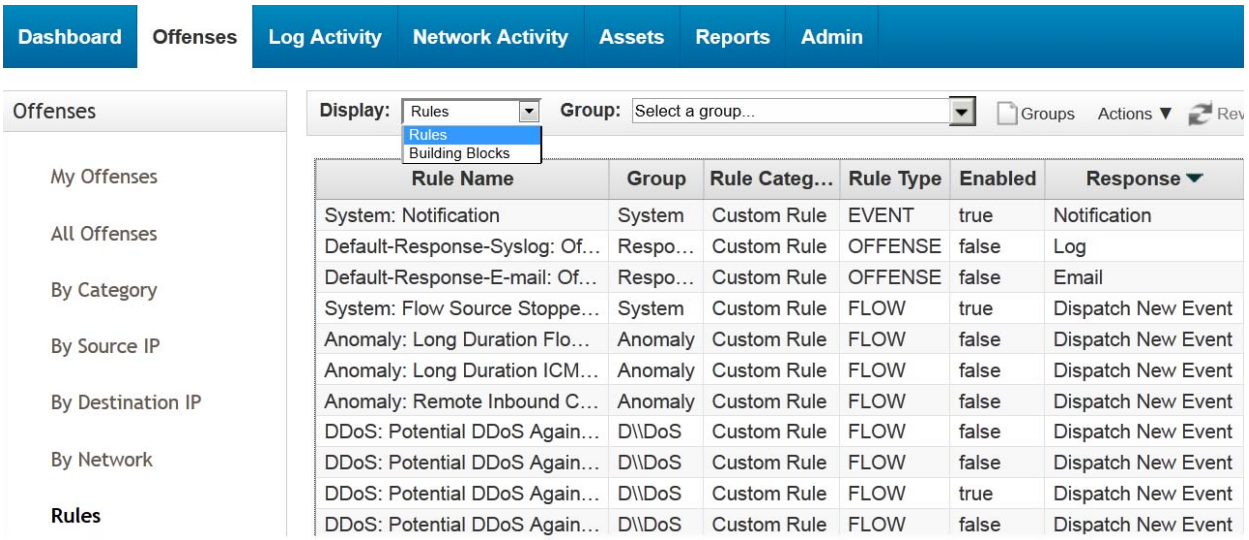
In addition, QRadar SIEM includes three **anomaly detection** rule types:

1. Anomaly detection rules that test the results of saved flow or event searches to detect when unusual traffic patterns occur in your network
2. Behavioral rules that test event and flow traffic according to seasonal traffic levels and trends
3. Threshold rules that test event and flow traffic for activity less than, equal to, or greater than a configured threshold or within a specified range

**Hint:** Refer to the *QRadar SIEM Users Guide* (http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE) for more information about anomaly detection rules.

# Navigating to rules (continued)

Select **Rules** in the **Display** list on the **Offenses** tab to navigate to all rules and building blocks





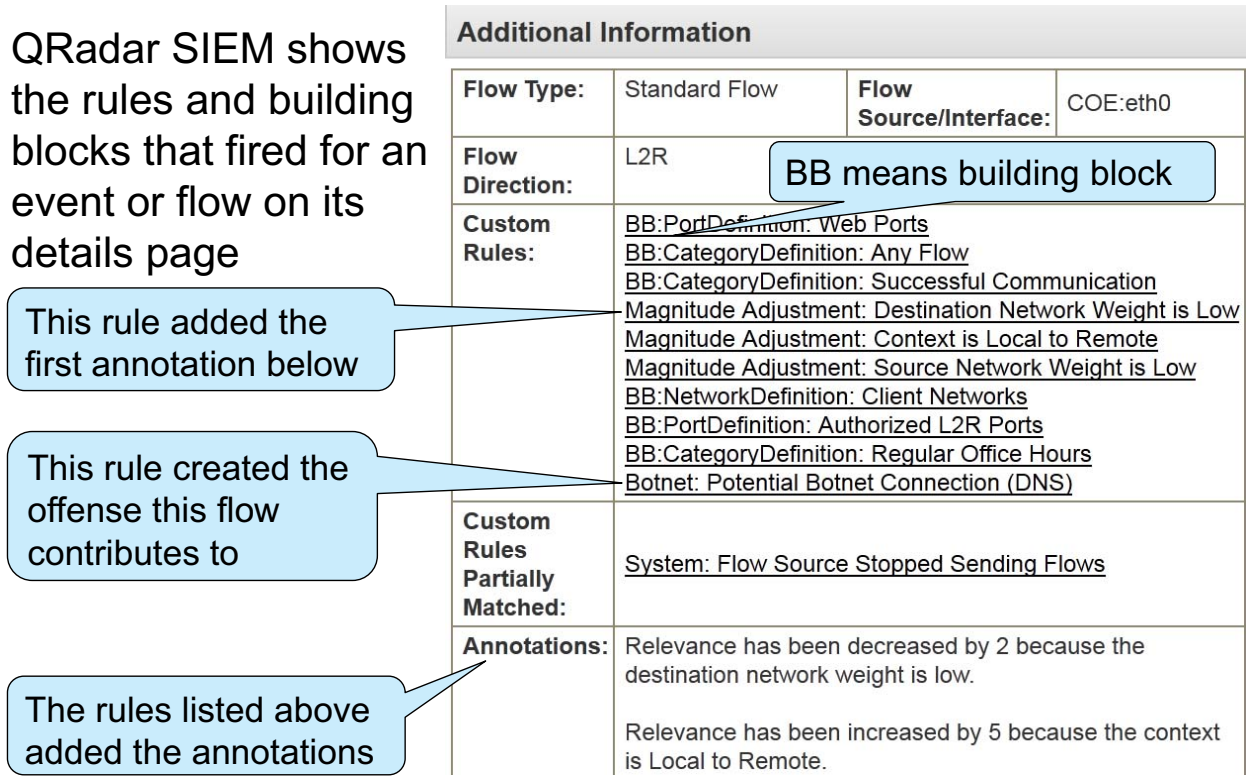

*Navigating to rules (continued)*

You can click the column headers to sort rules.

**Hint:** Refer to the *QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* (http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE) for a list of all rules and more information about managing rules.

# Finding the rules that fired for an event or flow

QRadar SIEM shows the rules and building blocks that fired for an event or flow on its details page



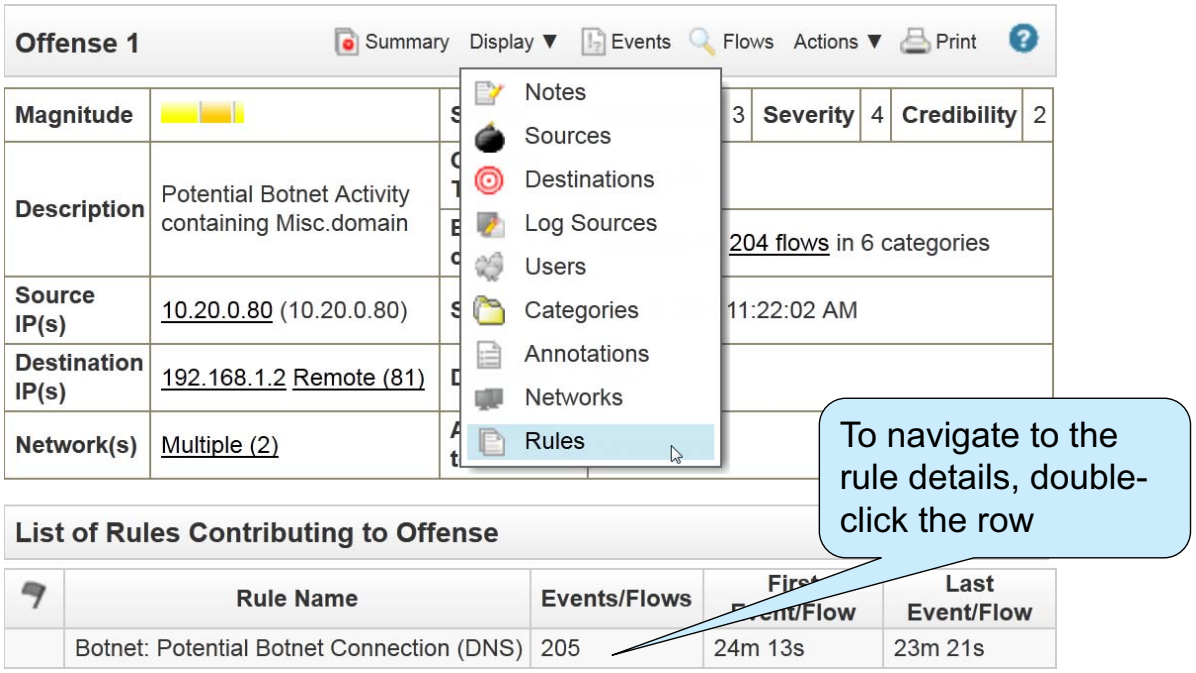



*Finding the rules that fired for an event or flow*

In the example on the slide, **Botnet: Potential Botnet Connection (DNS)** created the offense. The other rules (Magnitude Adjustment) adjusted only the magnitude, and building blocks do not trigger offenses.

# Finding the rules that triggered an offense

Select **Rules** in the **Display** menu of the Offense Summary to navigate to the rules that triggered the offense



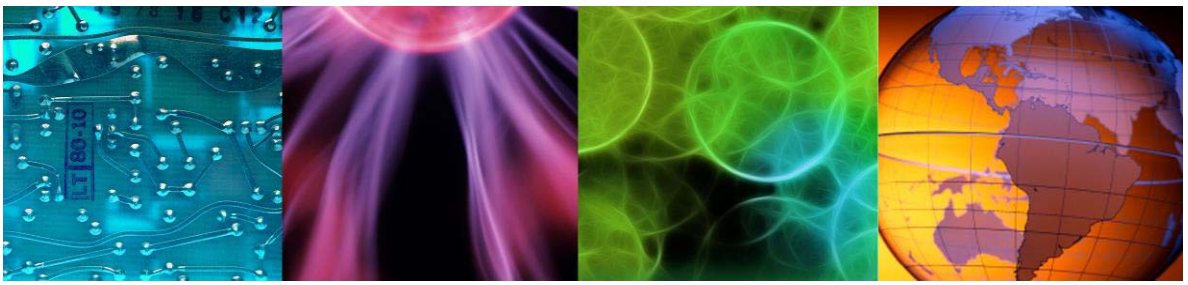



*Finding the rules that triggered an offense*

Using the navigation path on the slide, QRadar SIEM displays only rules and does not display the building blocks. To view and manage rules, the user must have the **View Custom Rules** or **Maintain Custom Rules** role permissions.

# Lesson 3 Using rule definitions during an investigation

## Lesson: Using rule definitions during an investigation



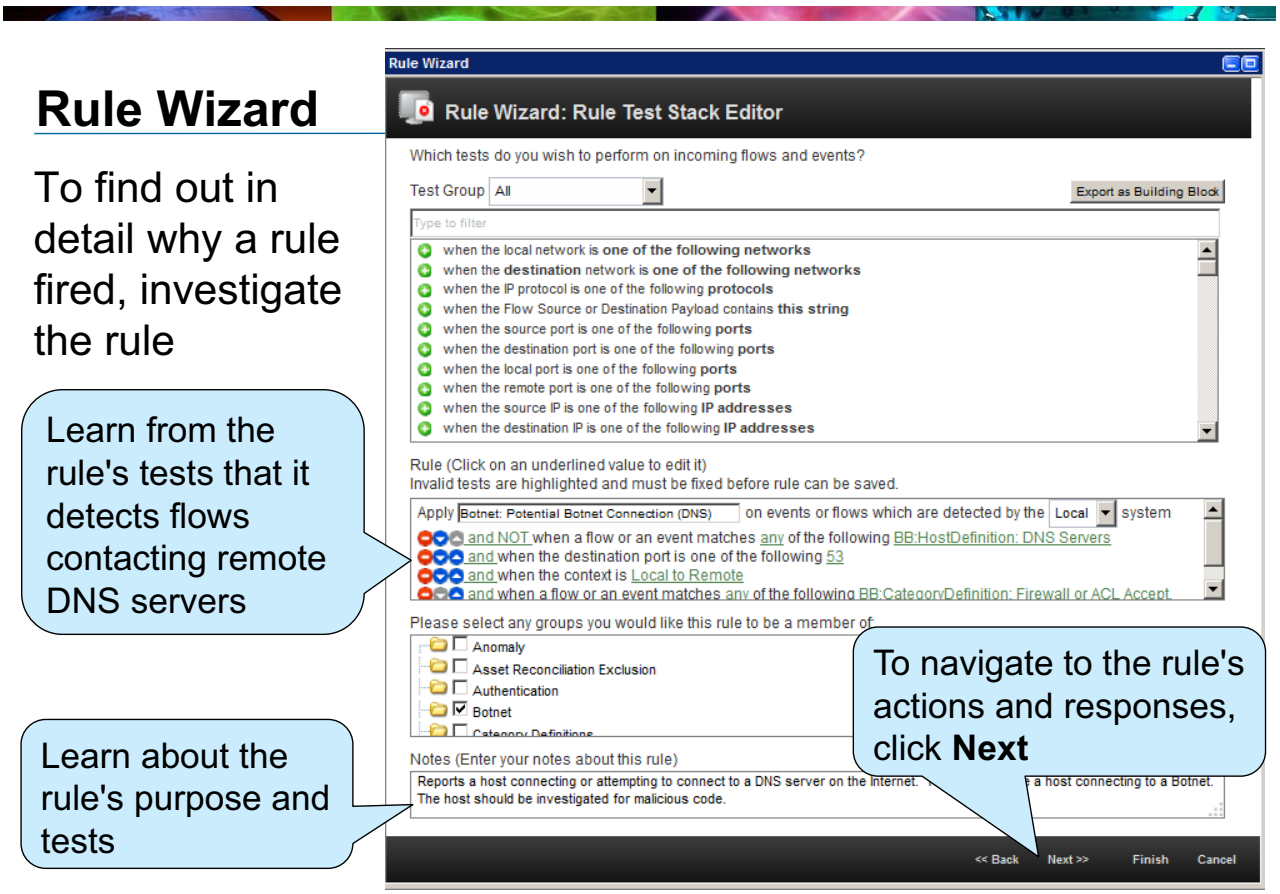
As part of an offense investigation, you might need to find out in detail why rules triggered an offense. The Rule Wizard allows you to view and modify tests, actions, and responses of rules. In this lesson, you learn how to examine a rule in the Rule Wizard.

Reference: *QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

# Rule Wizard demonstration



*Rule Wizard demonstration*






*Rule Wizard*

If you have the **Maintain Custom Rules** permission, QRadar SIEM opens the Rule Test Stack Editor to edit the rule as displayed on the slide. If you have the **View Custom Rules** permission, but not the **Maintain Custom Rules** permission, QRadar SIEM displays the rule summary as read only.

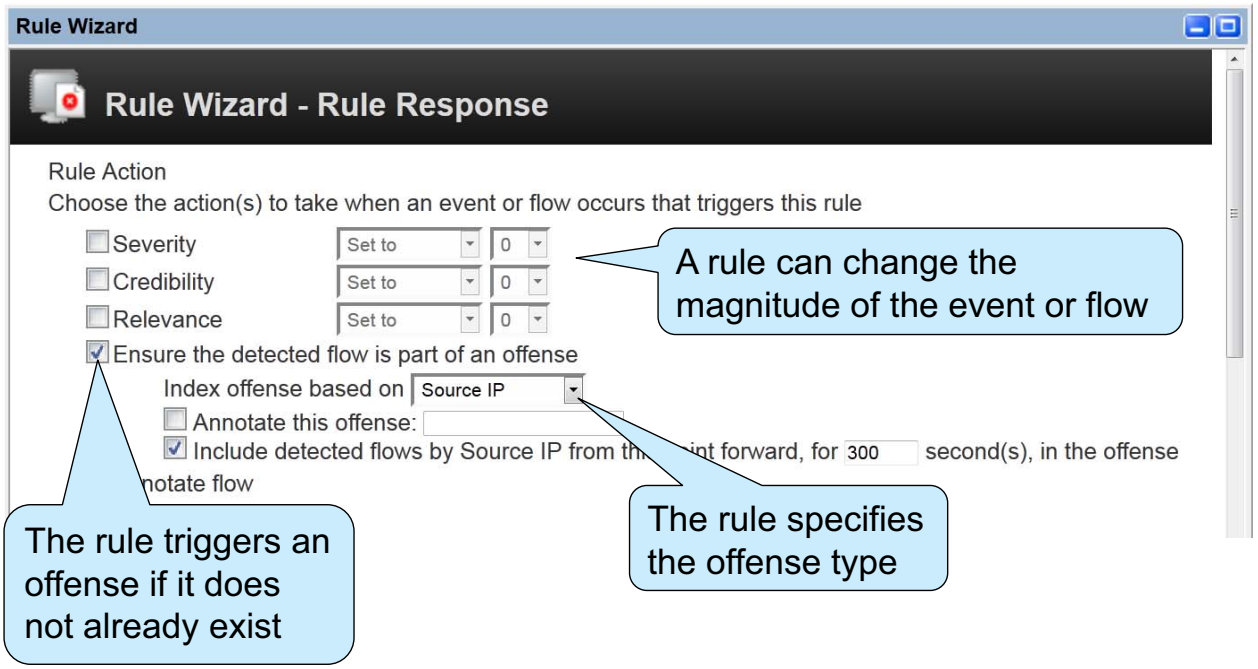
To add or remove a test:

- Click the green **+** to add the test.
- Click the red **–** to remove the test.

**Hint:** Refer to the *QRadar SIEM Administration Guide* (http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE) for more information about developing rules.

# Rule actions

## When a rule fires, QRadar SIEM executes its actions





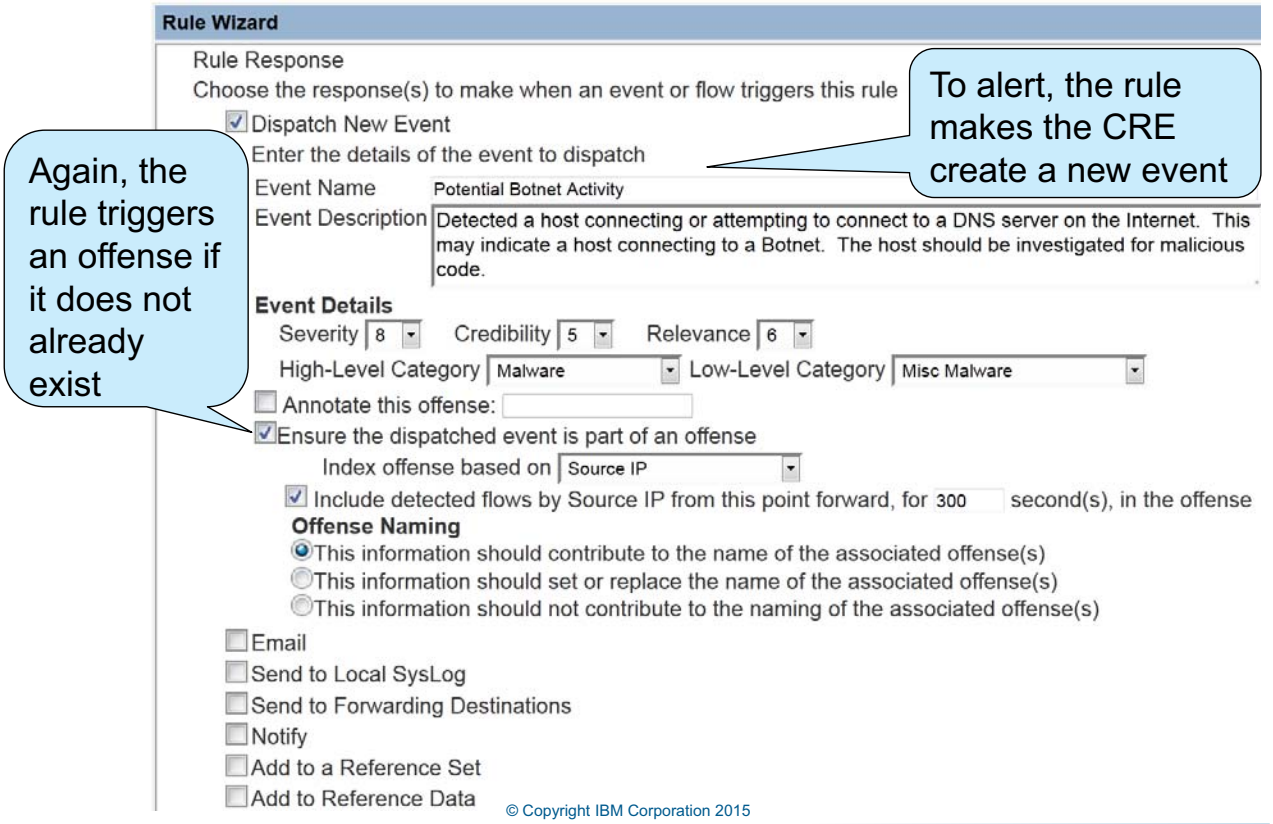

*Rule actions*

The rule can also annotate the offense or flow.

Some of the rules that come with QRadar SIEM do not have defined actions and responses. QRadar SIEM still tags the event or flow as meeting the test criteria specified in the rule. This information can be used later in searches, reports, and other rules. Following are some examples of how this information could be used:

- Anomaly: Single IP with Multiple MAC Addresses
- Policy: Host has SANS Top 20 Vulnerability
- Recon: Single Merged Recon Events Remote Scanner
- System: Host Based Failures
- System: Critical System Events

# Rule response




*Rule response*

The Custom Rule Engine (CRE) is the log source of the new event because the CRE creates all events that are triggered by rules.

# Student exercises

Use the procedures in the *Student Exercises Guide* to perform the following tasks

- Create an event rule
- Analyze the rule that contributed to the Local DNS Scanner offense
- Work with rule parameters
- Delete changes made to a rule
- Search for a rule



*Student exercises*

Perform the exercises for this unit.

# Summary

Now you should be able to perform the following tasks:

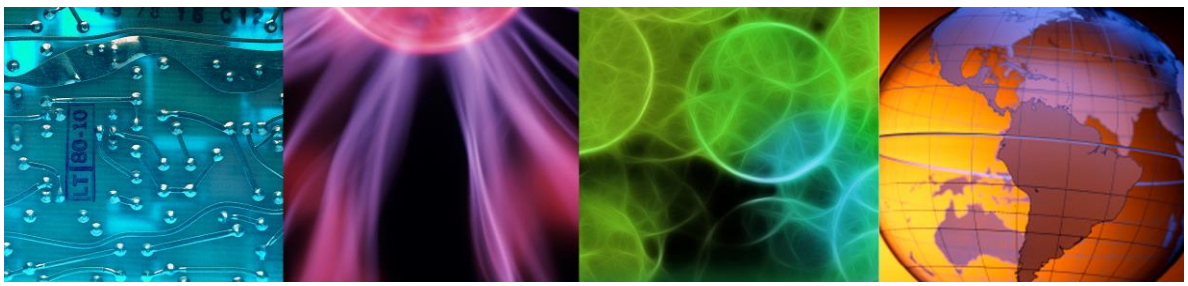
- Describe the rules and building blocks
- Locate the rules that fired for events, flows, and offenses
- Use the Rule Wizard to examine a rule action and response



*Summary*

# 9 Creating QRadar SIEM reports

## Creating QRadar SIEM reports





Reports allow you to examine trends and statistical views on your network for various purposes, in particular to meet compliance requirements. This unit teaches you how to generate a report using a predefined template and create a report template.

Reference: *QRadar SIEM Users Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

# Objectives

In this unit, you learn to perform the following tasks:

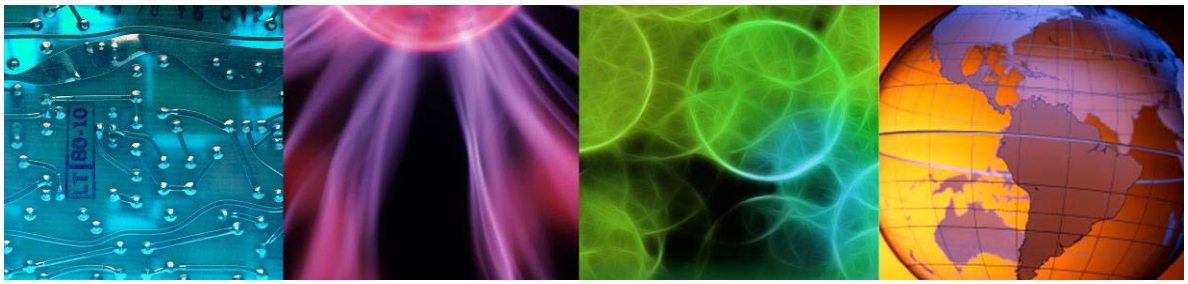
- Navigate and use the **Reports** tab
- Generate and view a report
- Use the Report Wizard to create a custom report template



*Objectives*

# Lesson 1 Navigating the Reports tab

## Lesson: Navigating the Reports tab





QRadar SIEM provides over one thousand templates you can use to generate reports. In this lesson, you learn how to access the report templates and generate a report.

Reference: *QRadar SIEM Users Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

## Reporting introduction

- A QRadar SIEM report is a means of scheduling and automating one or more *saved searches*
- QRadar SIEM reports perform the following tasks
  - Present measurements and statistics derived from events, flows, and offenses
  - Provide users the ability to create custom reports
  - Can brand reports and distribute them
- Predefined report templates serve a multitude of purposes, such as the following examples
  - Regulatory compliance
  - Authentication activity
  - Operational status
  - Network status
  - Executive summaries



*Reporting introduction*

QRadar SIEM supports the following regulatory schemas:

- **HIPAA**: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
- **COBIT**: Control Objectives for Information and Related Technology
- **SOX**: Sarbanes-Oxley Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act
- **PCI**: Visa Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard
- **GLBA**: Gramm-Leach-Bliley Privacy Act
- **FISMA**: Federal Information Security Management Act
- **NERC**: The North American Electric Reliability Council
- **GSX**: Government Secure Extranet

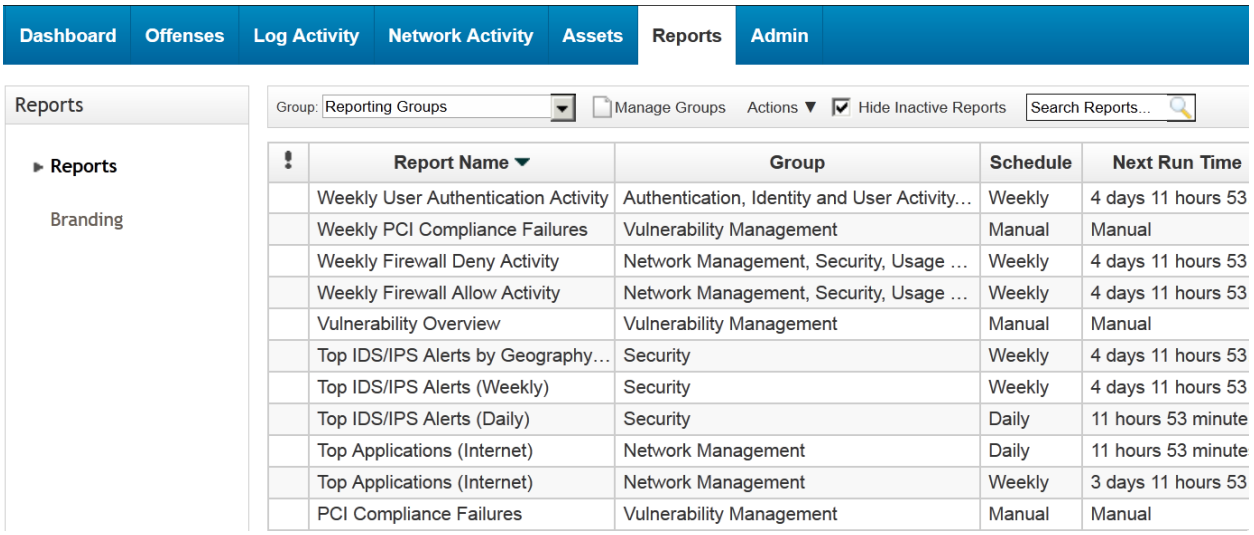
# Reporting demonstration



*Reporting demonstration*

# Reports tab

You can search and sort report templates in a similar way as events and flows



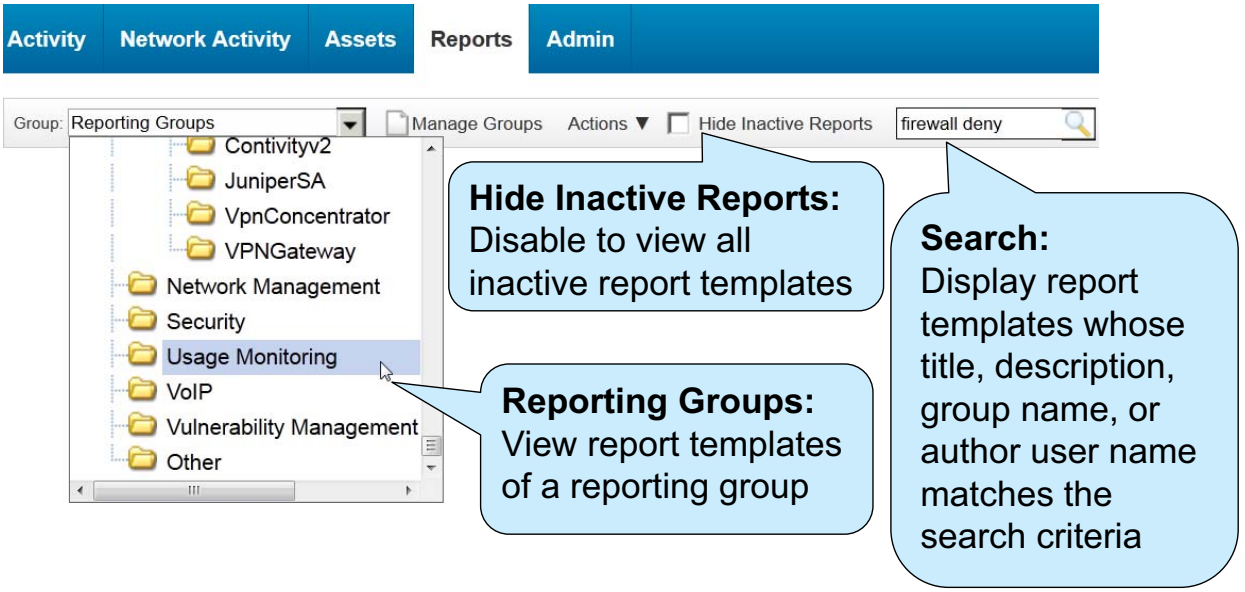



*Reports tab*

Select **Branding** in the left column to upload logos for your reports. Once a logo is uploaded, users can use the log when creating or editing report templates.

# Finding a report

QRadar SIEM includes more than 1500 report templates; before you create a new template, check the predefined templates

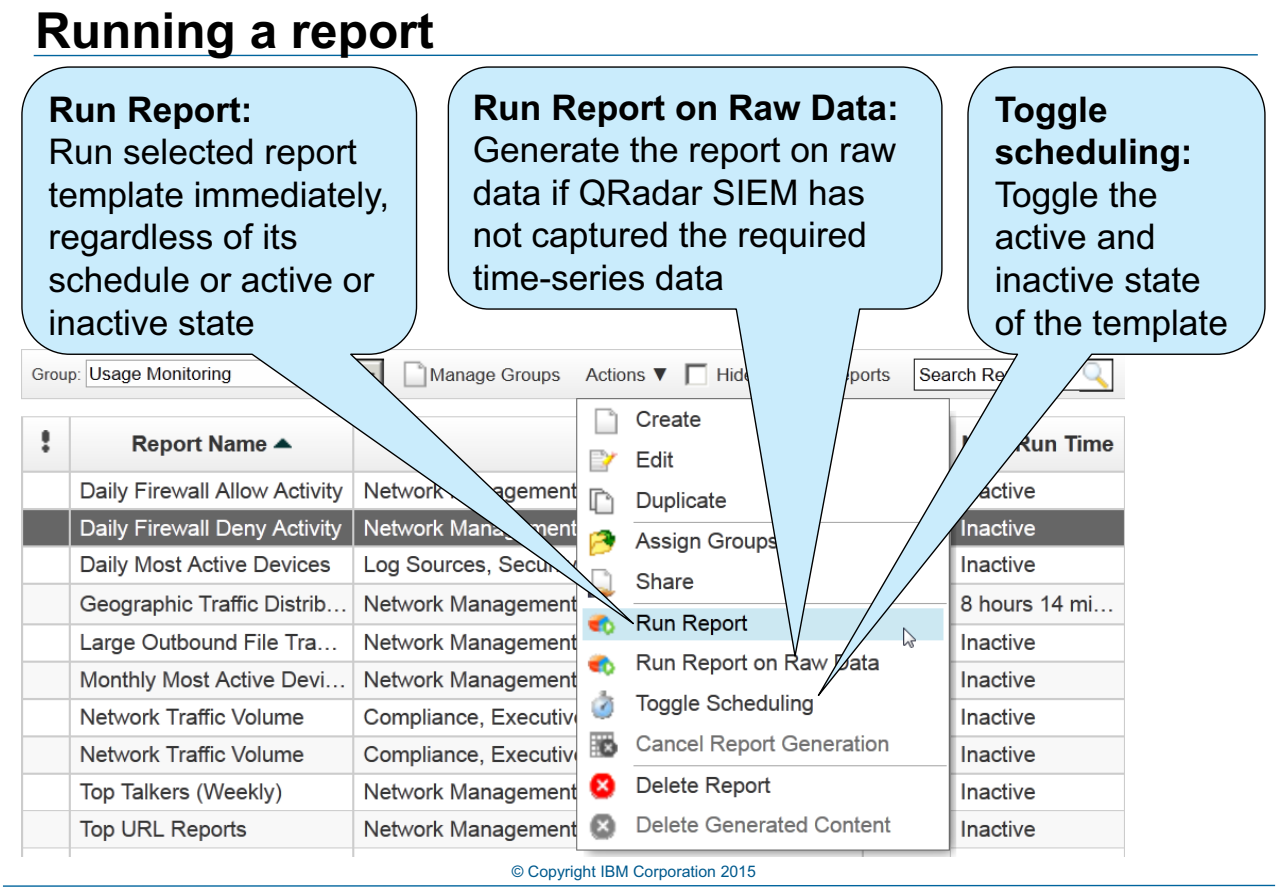





*Finding a report*

**Inactive reports**: QRadar SIEM does not automatically generate reports for inactive templates.

**Active reports**: QRadar SIEM generates reports for active templates automatically according to the schedule, unless the schedule is set to manual. QRadar SIEM lists active templates with a manual schedule if the **Hide Inactive Reports** check box is enabled.




*Running a report*

The left-most column with the exclamation point includes an error icon when a report fails to generate.

## About the Run Report option

Reports scheduled to run daily, weekly, and monthly use accumulated time-series data. When a report is scheduled or created, the time-series data accumulations begins:

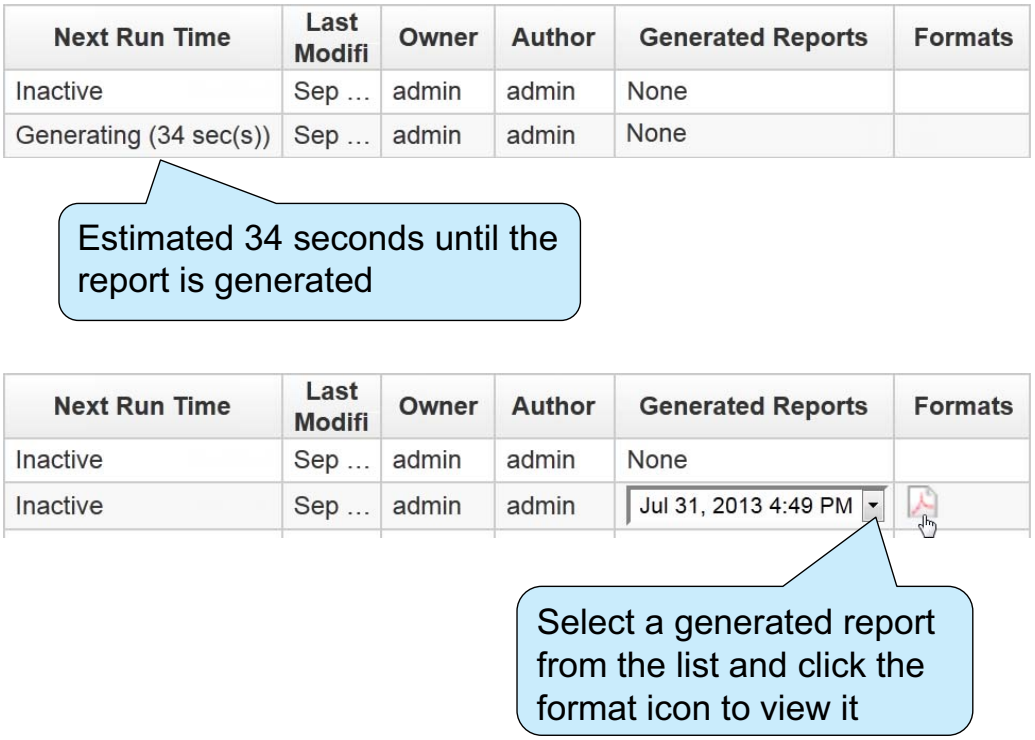
- If no accumulated data is available when the report runs, the generated report displays the message that accumulated data is not available.
- Hourly reports use accumulated time-series data if it is available. If accumulated time-series data is not available, an hourly report automatically uses raw data to generate the report.
- Manually scheduled reports use accumulated data if it is available; however, they do not start the time-series data accumulation process.

## About the Run Report on Raw Data option

You can choose this option if QRadar SIEM has not accumulated time-series data for your required reporting period. When a report runs on raw data, QRadar SIEM queries the data in its datastore to

generate the report. Running a report on raw data takes a longer time to process than running a report on accumulated time-series data.

# Selecting the generated report





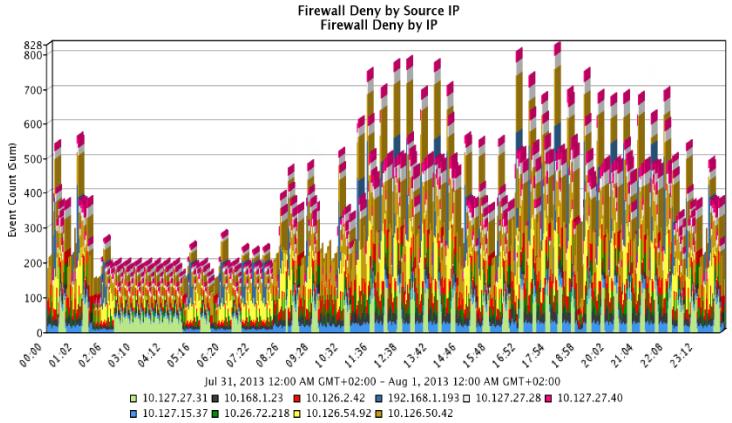

*Selecting the generated report*

QRadar SIEM generates reports one at a time. When you generate a report while another one report is generating, your report displays **Queued** in the Next Run Time column.

# Viewing a report

## Daily Firewall Deny Activity

Generated: Jul 31, 2013 3:28:04 PM




***Firewall Deny by Device***
***Firewall Deny by Log Source***
***Jul 31, 2013 12:00:00 AM - Aug 1, 2013 12:00:00 AM***

| Log Source | Source IP (Unique Count) | Destination IP (Unique Count) | Destination Port (Unique Count) | Event Name (Unique Count) | Low Level Category (Unique Count) | Protocol (Unique Count) | Username (Unique Count) | Magnitude (Maximum) | Event Count (Sum) | Count |
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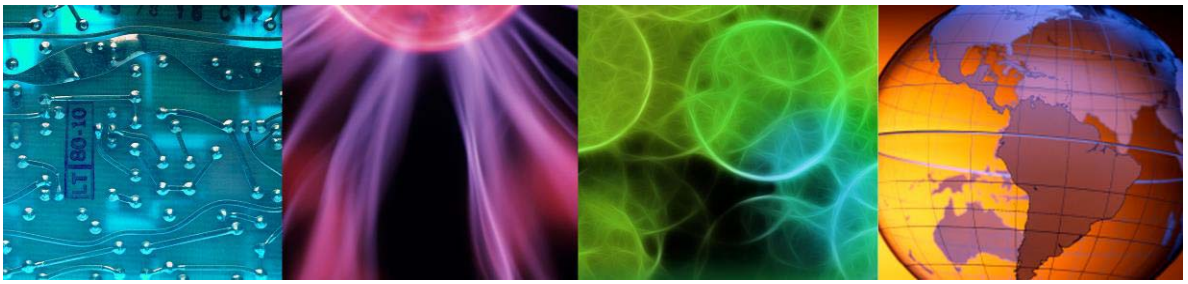
| CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Multiple (13,157) | Multiple (4,355) | Multiple (2,180) | Multiple (2) | Firewall Deny | Multiple (5) | N/A | 6 | 717,764 | 717,268 |
| Custom Rule Engine-8 :: COE | 192.168.10.1 | 192.168.10.255 | 137 | Flow Source/Interface Stopped Sending Flows | ACL Deny | udp_ip | N/A | 4 | 1 | 1 |



*Viewing a report*

# Lesson 2 Creating a report template

## Lesson: Creating a report template





If the default QRadar SIEM report templates do not meet your specific needs, you can create and save a customized report template. In this lesson, you learn how to use the Report Wizard to create a new report template and generate the report.

Reference: *QRadar SIEM Users Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

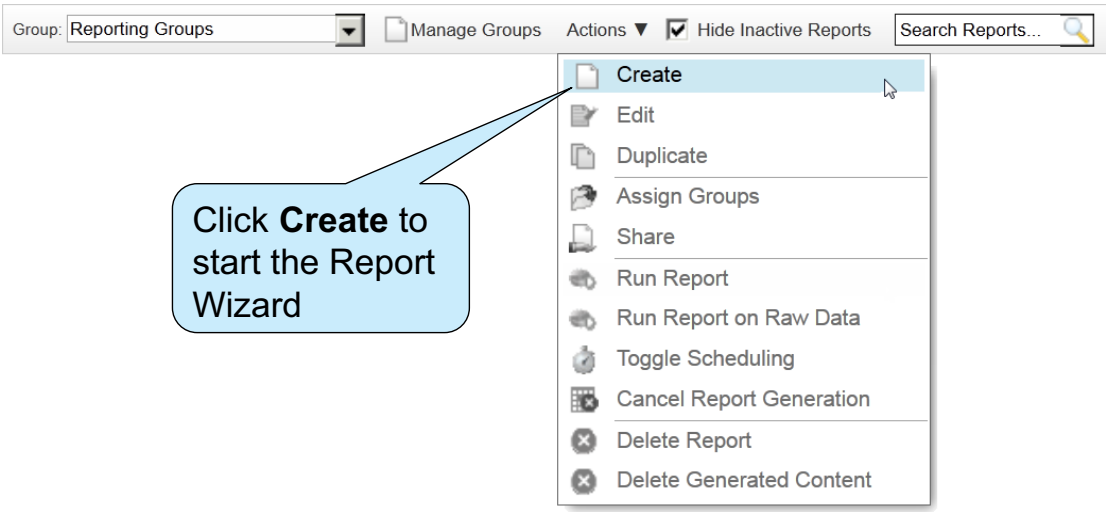
# Reporting demonstration



*Reporting demonstration*

# Creating a new report template

To watch specific firewall activity in a daily report, create a custom report template

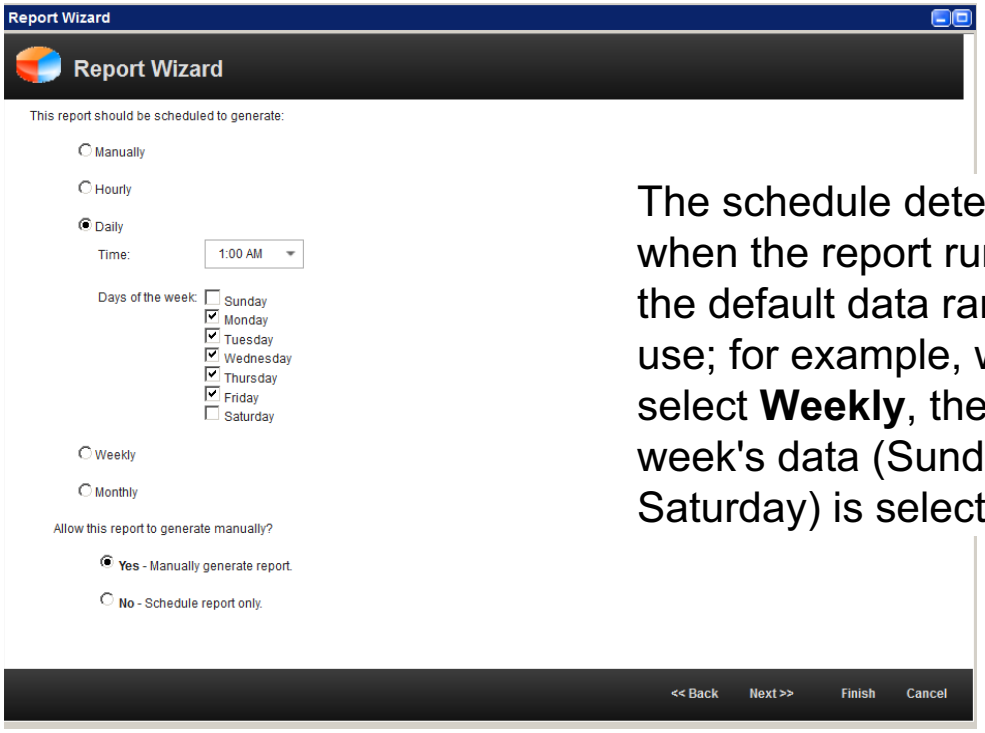





*Creating a new report template*

Click **Create** or **Edit** to open the Report Wizard.

# Choosing a schedule




The schedule determines when the report runs and the default data range to use; for example, when you select **Weekly**, the previous week's data (Sunday-Saturday) is selected



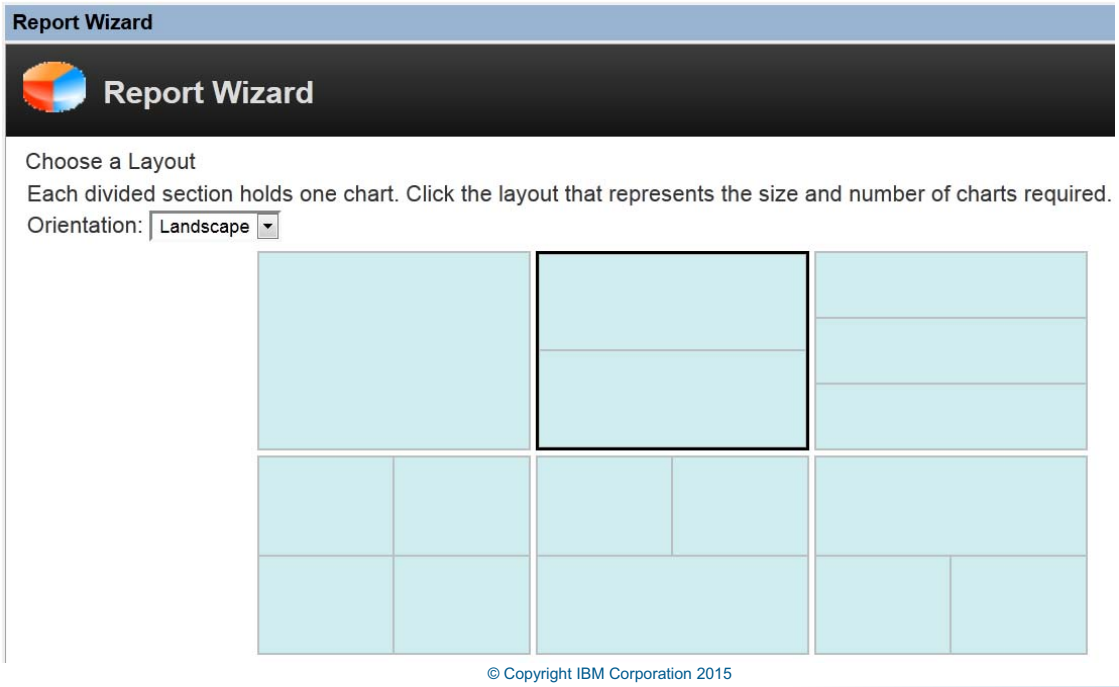
*Choosing a schedule*

Use the following options to schedule the report:

- **Manually**: QRadar SIEM generates the report only when a user initiates.
- **Hourly**: Schedules the report to generate at the end of each hour using the data from the previous hour.
- **Daily**: Schedules the report to generate daily using the data from the previous day.
- **Weekly**: Schedules the report to generate weekly using the data from the previous week.
- **Monthly**: Schedules the report to generate monthly using the data from the previous month.

# Choosing a layout

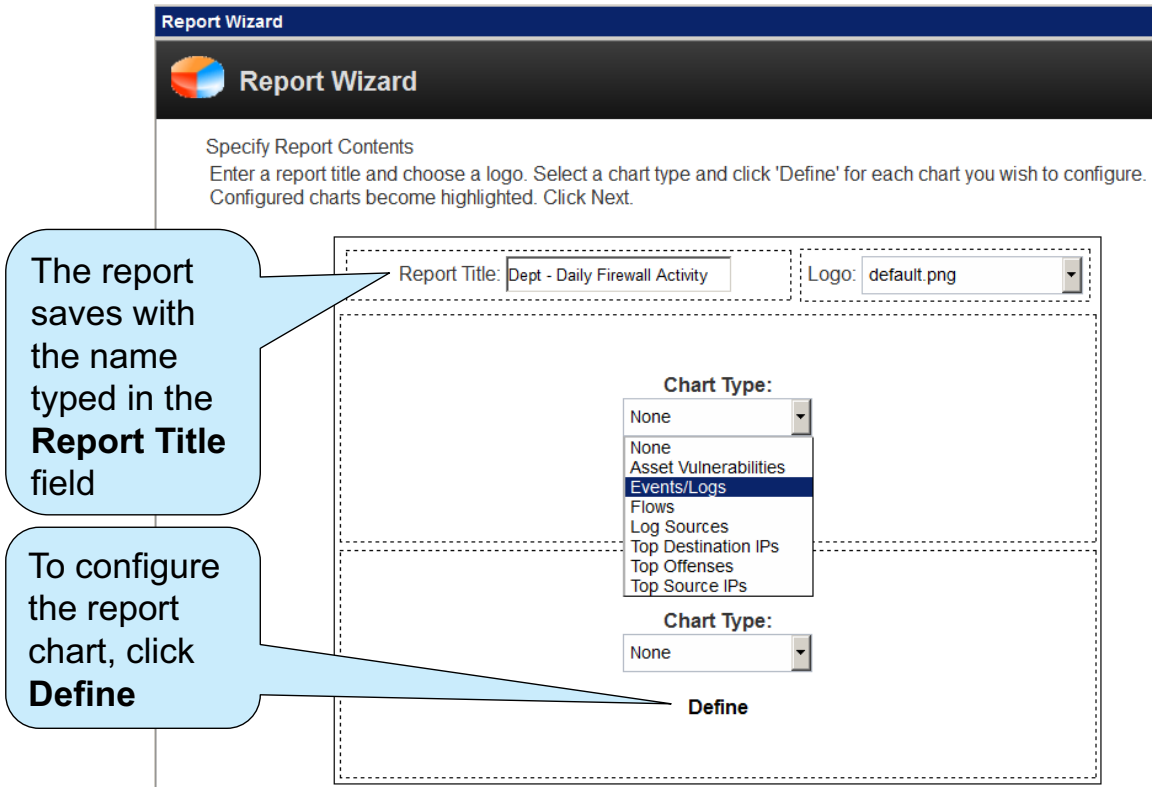
QRadar SIEM uses containers to segregate report pages so that different data sets can show on the same report page




*Choosing a layout*

**Hint:** When you select the layout of a report, consider the type of report you want to create. For example, do not choose a small chart container for graph content that displays a large number of objects. Each graph includes a legend and a list of networks from which the content is derived. Choose a container large enough to hold the data.

# Defining report contents



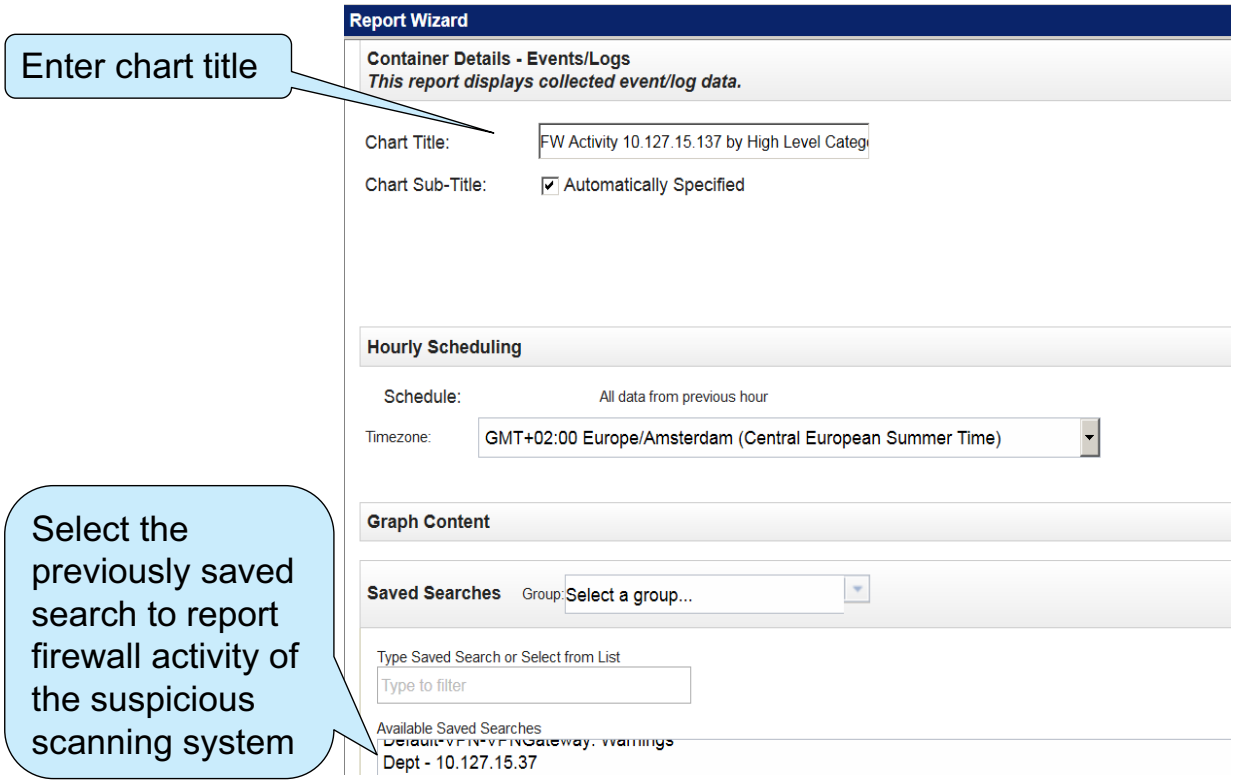

*Defining report contents*

On the **Reports** tab under **Branding**, QRadar SIEM administrators can upload logos. All uploaded logos are available from the **Logo** list.

Some of the chart types include the following charts:

- **Asset Vulnerabilities**: Displays vulnerability data for defined assets in your deployment
- **Top Destination IPs**: Displays the top targeted IP addresses
- **Top Offenses**: Displays the top threat types to the managed network
- **Top Source IPs**: Displays the top IP addresses that attack any defined network or asset

# Configuring the upper chart



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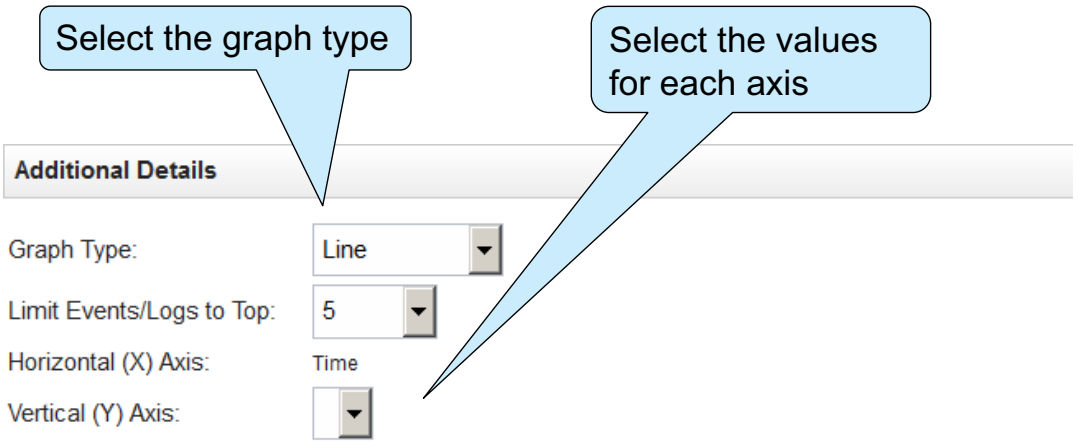




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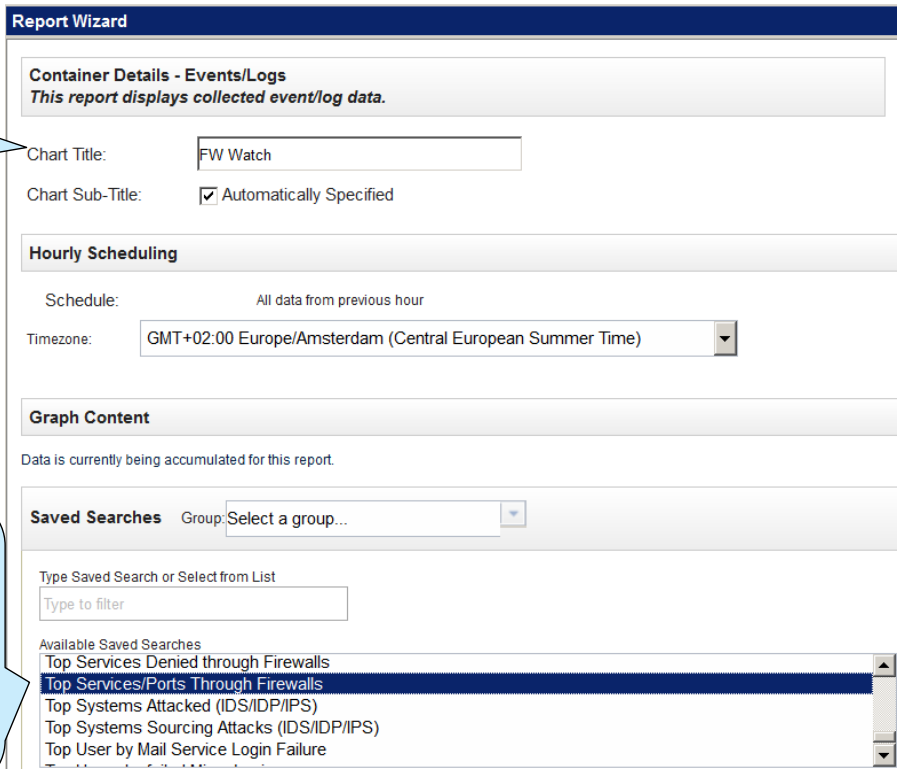
# Configuring the lower chart

Define a chart for firewall activity

Select a predefined search to report the top services and port numbers of traffic through firewalls



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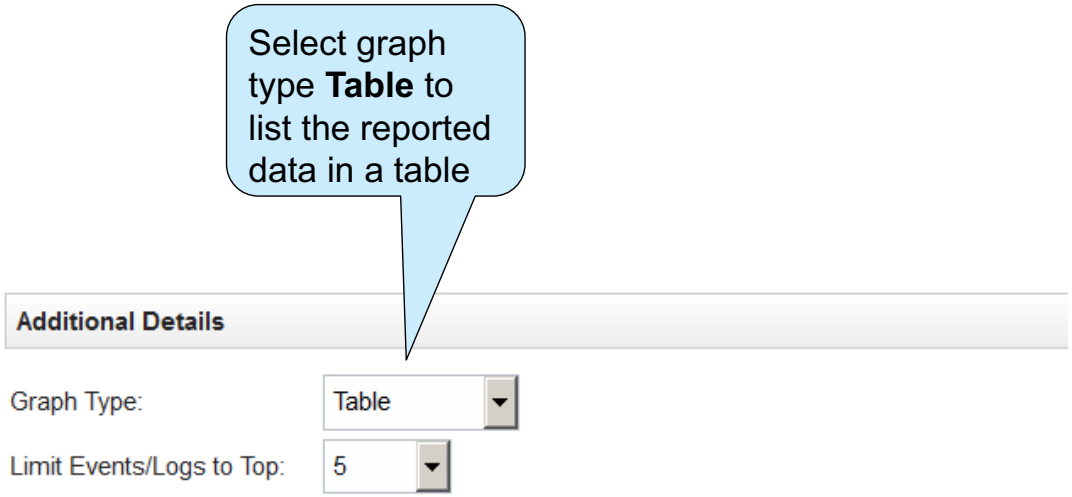




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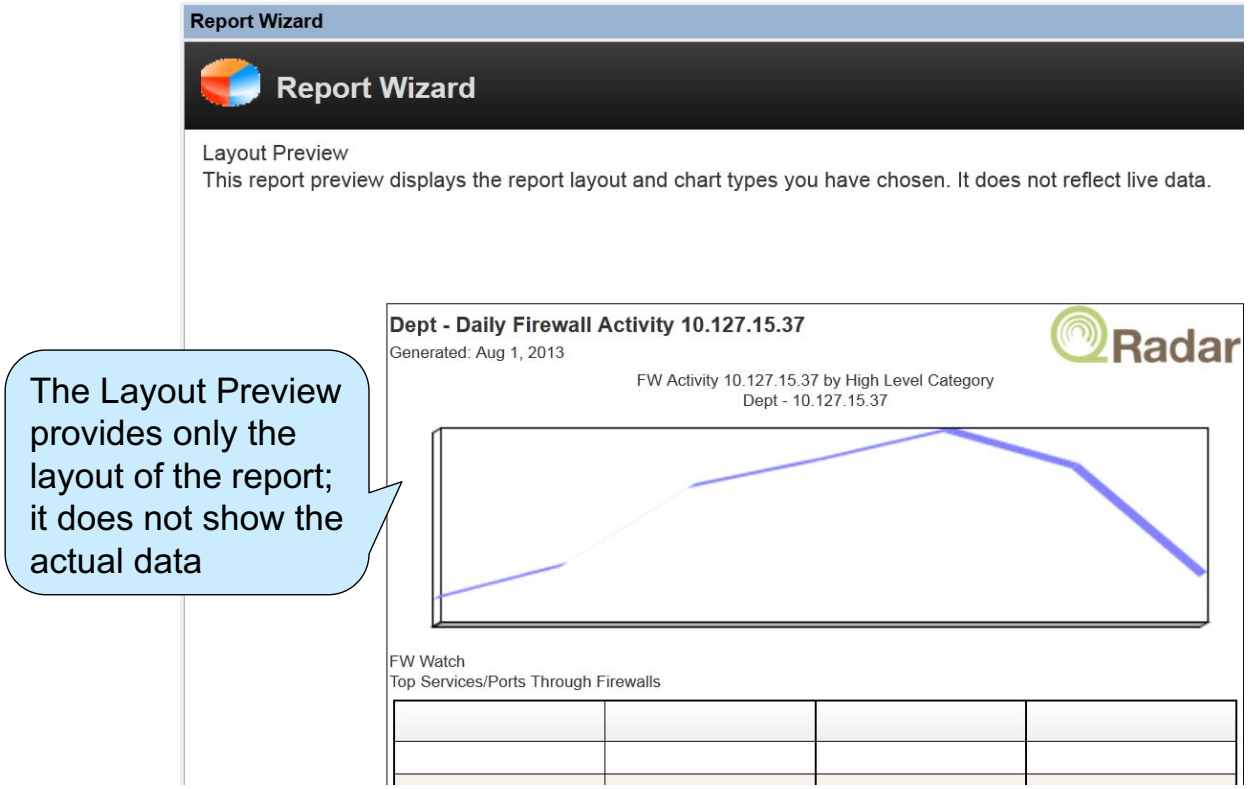
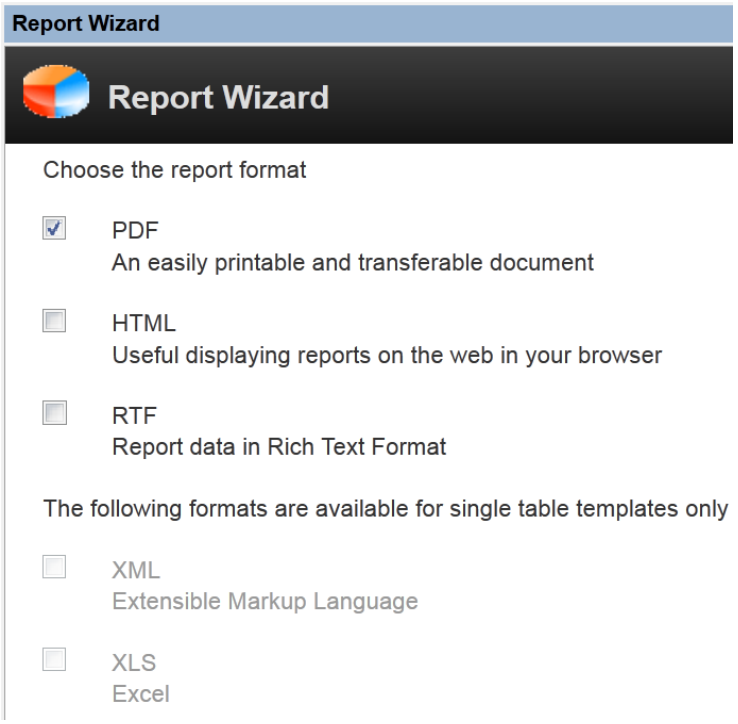



*Verifying the layout preview*

**Note:** Reports can take a long time to generate. Therefore, the preview helps you configure the layout correctly before running a potentially large amount of real data for a long time.

# Choosing a format

You can select any or all of the available formats for reports

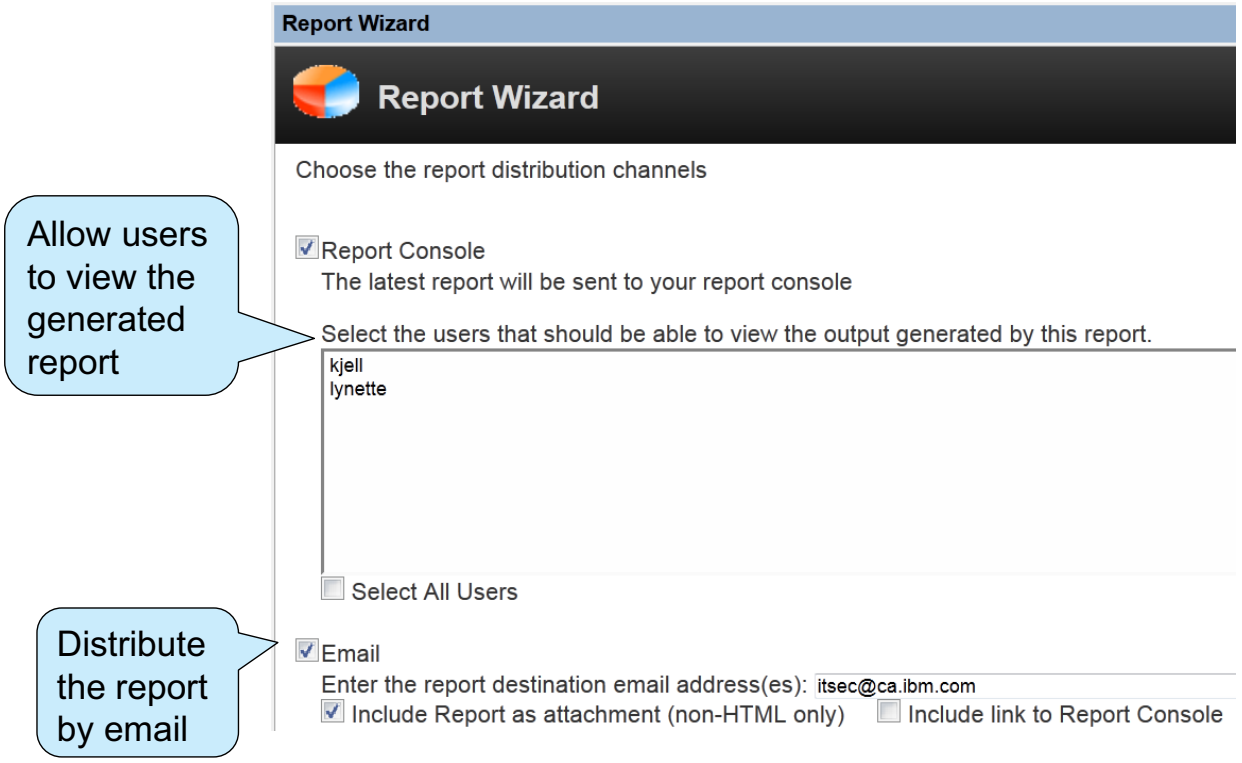





*Choosing a format*

You will most likely use the PDF format for most of your reports, but you can also generate reports in HTML and RTF format. XML and RTF facilitate further processing and the extraction of report data.

# Distributing the report

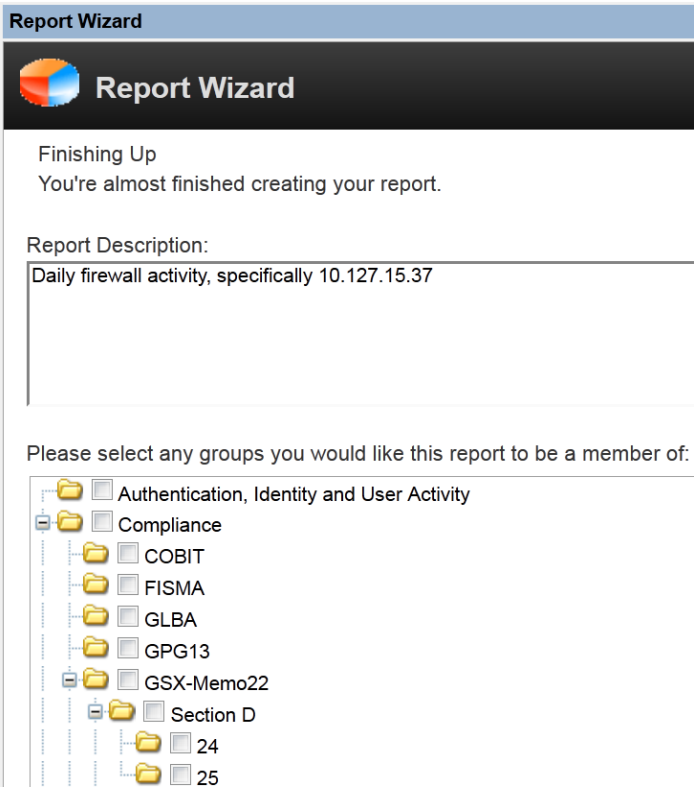



*Distributing the report*

**Note:** You can distribute the report to multiple email addresses. Use commas to separate email addresses listed in the **Enter the report destination email address(es)** field.

# Adding a description and assigning the group

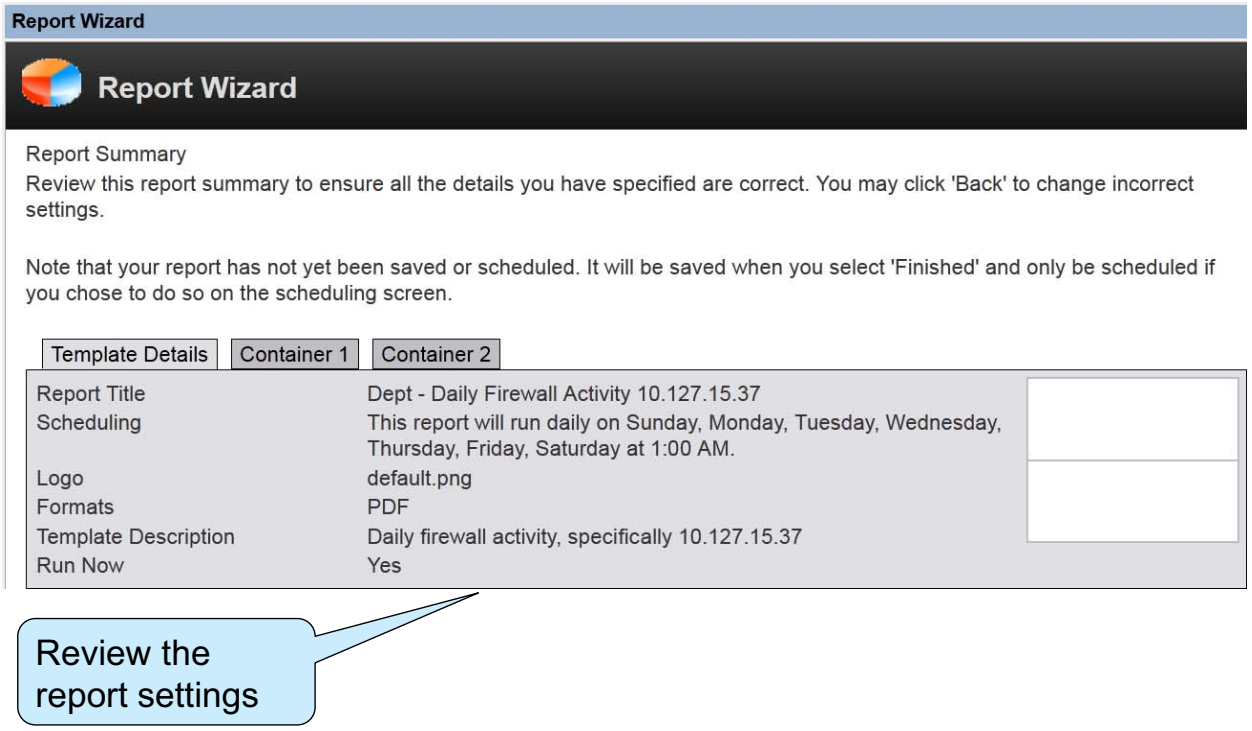
- You can organize reports by groups much like rules and log sources
- You can use reporting groups to sort report templates by purpose, such as a specific regulatory or executive requirement






*Adding a description and assigning the group*

# Verifying the report summary




Review the report settings

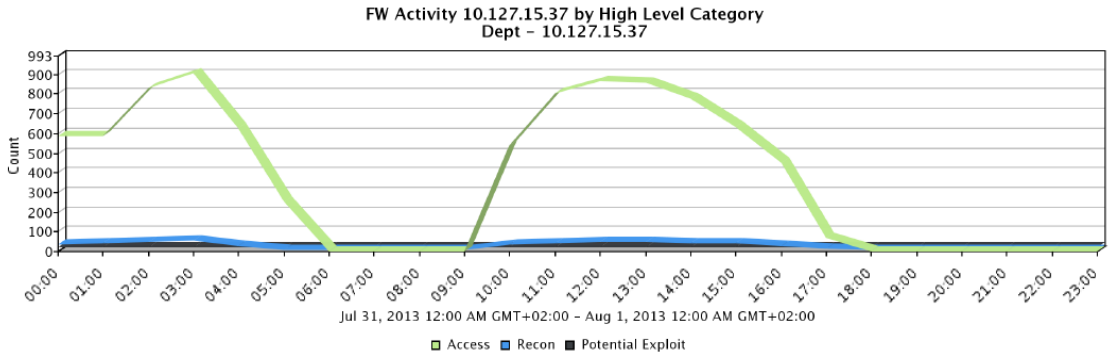


*Verifying the report summary*

# Viewing the generated report

## Dept - Daily Firewall Activity 10.127.15.37

Generated: Aug 1, 2013 1:02:44 AM




***FW Watch***
***Top Services/Ports Through Firewalls***
***Jul 31, 2013 12:00:00 AM - Aug 1, 2013 12:00:00 AM***

| Destination Port | Log Source | Event Name | Low Level Category | Source IP | Destination IP | Username | Event Count | Count |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 443 | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Permit | Firewall Permit | Multiple (4,961) | Multiple (22) | N/A | 409,974 | 407,503 |
| 0 | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Permit | Firewall Permit | Multiple (4,791) | Multiple (451) | N/A | 246,956 | 246,872 |
| 80 | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Permit | Firewall Permit | Multiple (3,547) | Multiple (74) | N/A | 190,056 | 189,528 |
| 25 | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Permit | Firewall Permit | Multiple (530) | Multiple (5) | N/A | 15,115 | 15,109 |
| 161 | CheckPoint @ FW-1Machine | Firewall Permit | Firewall Permit | Multiple (4) | Multiple (57) | N/A | 9,139 | 9,139 |



*Viewing the generated report*

The example report on the slide is useful for security analysts who investigate or watch activities. The upper chart displays firewall denies from the local system 10.127.15.37. The lower table displays firewall permits from remote sources to all local systems.

The lower table provides you with an overview of the services and ports used remotely through your firewall. The destination port is 0 for layer 3 protocol traffic such as ICMP. If you were analyzing this report, notice that the lower table displays firewall permits from remote sources to the SNMP port 161. Perhaps this is legitimate traffic from a system management provider to port 161 on some internal systems. As an analyst, this type of information is something to verify.

You can also create or activate reports for regulatory compliance and system performance.

# Best practices when creating reports

- For comparison and review, present network traffic charts and event tables together
- Consider the purpose of the report and choose the least number of page containers that is necessary to communicate the data
- Do not choose a small page division for a graph that might contain a large number of objects
- Executive summary reports use one-page or two-page divisions to simplify the report focus



*Best practices when creating reports*

# Student exercises

Use the procedures in the *Student Exercises Guide* to perform the following tasks

- View an existing report
- Create a new event report
- Create new search and report



*Student exercises*

Perform the exercises for this unit.

# Summary

Now you should be able to perform the following tasks:

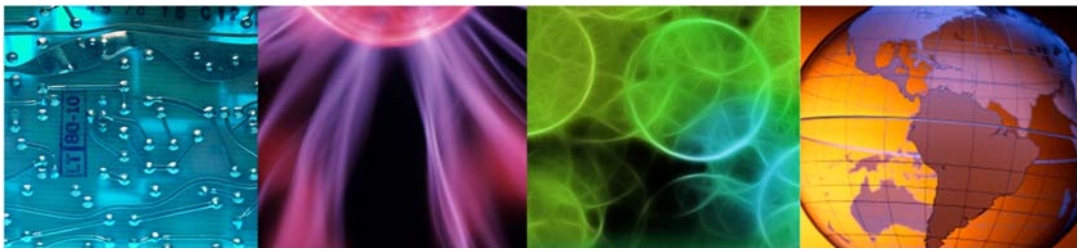
- Navigate and use the **Reports** tab
- Generate and view a report
- Use the Report Wizard to create a custom report template



*Summary*

# 10 Performing advanced filtering

## Performing advanced filtering





QRadar SIEM provides several filters that you can apply to identify suspicious or non-standard behavior. Bar, pie, table, and time-series charts visualize security data. This unit teaches you how to use charts and apply advanced filters to examine specific activities in your environment.

Reference: *QRadar SIEM Users Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

This unit has no student exercises.

## Objectives

In this unit, you learn to perform the following tasks:

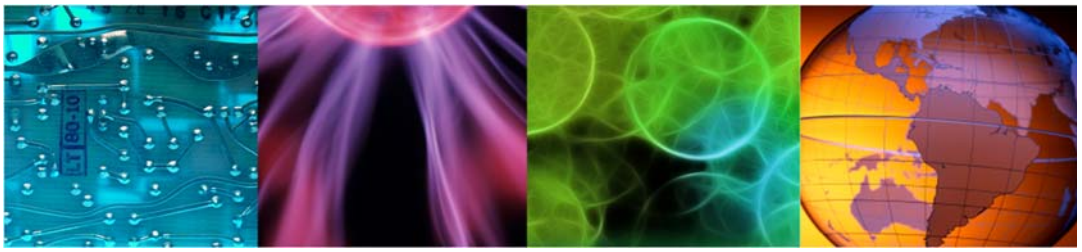
- Apply advanced filters that locate specific events and flows
- Use advanced search capabilities of the Ariel Query Language
- Use time series and other charts to view data



*Objectives*

# Lesson 1 Filtering scenarios

## Lesson: Filtering scenarios





The events and flows collected by QRadar SIEM provide a great deal of information about the activities in your environment. In this lesson, you learn how to apply advanced filters to look for specific activities.

Reference: *QRadar SIEM Users Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

# Filtering demonstration

This demonstration illustrates the scenarios described in this lesson



*Filtering demonstration*

## Flows to external destinations

- Flows originate in the local network and connect to an external network
- Filters
  - **Source Network is not other**
  - **Destination Network is other**

**Current Filters:**

Destination Network is other (Clear Filter), Source Network is not other (Clear Filter)

▸ **Current Statistics**

(Show Charts)

| | Flow Type | First Packet Time ▾ | Source IP | Source Port | Destination IP | Destination Port | Protocol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 7/31/13 10:25:37 AM | 10.20.0.80 | 51781 | 72.14.204.101 | 80 | tcp_ip |
| | | 7/31/13 10:25:37 AM | 10.20.0.80 | 51953 | 94.98.224.26 | 55778 | tcp_ip |
| | | 7/31/13 10:25:37 AM | 10.20.0.80 | 51952 | 112.135.77.198 | 40507 | tcp_ip |
| | | 7/31/13 10:25:37 AM | 10.20.0.80 | 51951 | 190.59.102.214 | 60213 | tcp_ip |
| | | 7/31/13 10:25:35 AM | 10.20.0.80 | 51950 | 202.65.129.229 | 16450 | tcp_ip |



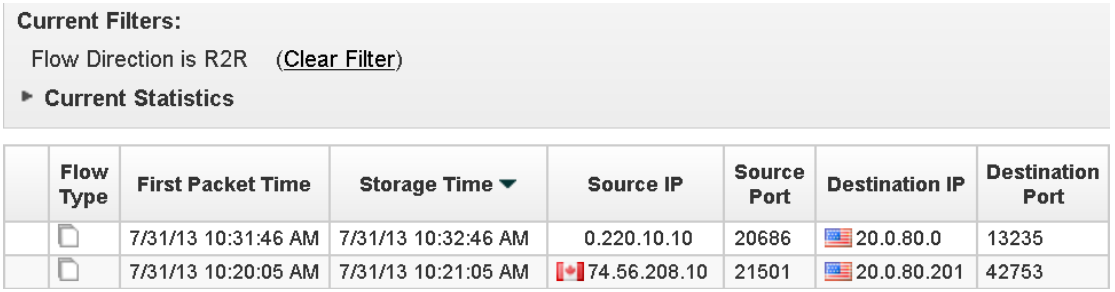
*Flows to external destinations*

**Note:** You get the same results by using the **L2R** Flow Direction filter.

## Remote to Remote flows

- Flows originate in the local network and connect to an external network
- Filter

  **Flow Direction is R2R**




| | Flow Type | First Packet Time | Storage Time | Source IP | Source Port | Destination IP | Destination Port |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 7/31/13 10:31:46 AM | 7/31/13 10:32:46 AM | 0.220.10.10 | 20686 | 20.0.80.0 | 13235 |
| | | 7/31/13 10:20:05 AM | 7/31/13 10:21:05 AM | 74.56.208.10 | 21501 | 20.0.80.201 | 42753 |

**Note:** In a properly configured network, you do not see R2R flows

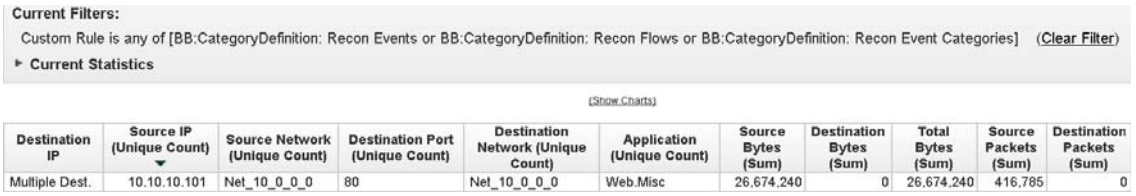


*Remote to Remote flows*

## Scanning activity

- Filtering rules help locate inappropriate traffic such as scanning activity
- Filter

  **Custom Rule is any of:**
  **BB:Category Definition: Recon Events**, or
  **BB:Category Definition: Recon Flows**, or
  **BB:Category Definition: Recon Event Categories**



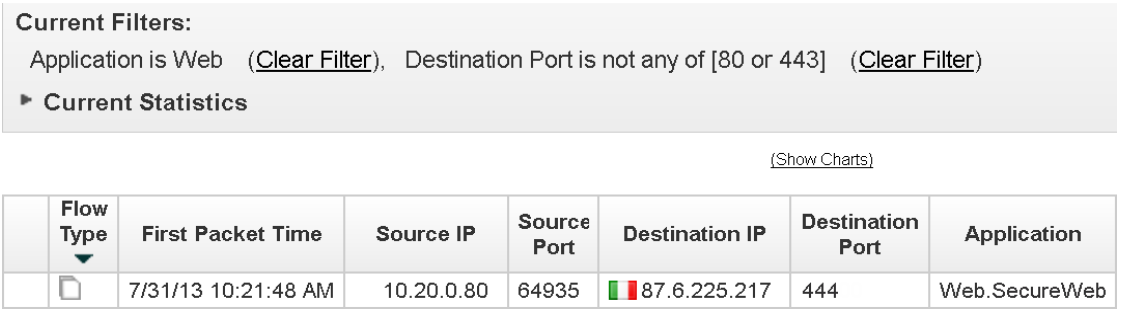

| Destination IP | Source IP (Unique Count) | Source Network (Unique Count) | Destination Port (Unique Count) | Destination Network (Unique Count) | Application (Unique Count) | Source Bytes (Sum) | Destination Bytes (Sum) | Total Bytes (Sum) | Source Packets (Sum) | Destination Packets (Sum) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Multiple Dest. | 10.10.10.101 | Net_10_0_0_0 | 80 | Net_10_0_0_0 | Web.Misc | 26,674,240 | 0 | 26,674,240 | 416,785 | 0 |



*Scanning activity*

## Applications not running on the correct port

- Filters can identify applications running on nonstandard ports
- Filters
  - **Application is Web**
  - **Destination Port is not any of 80, 443**




**Note:** Use a similar filter to identify nonweb flows, such as botnet traffic, on port 80



*Applications not running on the correct port*

## Data loss

- Filters can identify large amounts of data leaving the network
- Filters
  - **Flow Direction is L2R**
  - **Source Bytes greater than <*threshold*>**

**Current Filters:**
Flow Direction is L2R (Clear Filter), Source Bytes is greater than 10,000 (Clear Filter)
▸ **Current Statistics**

| | Flow Type | First Packet Time | Source IP | Source Port | Destination IP | Destina Port | Application | Source Bytes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 7/31/13 10:22:32 AM | 10.20.0.80 | 49328 | 114.17.182.241 | 18945 | other | 27,108 |
| | | 7/31/13 10:21:21 AM | 10.20.0.80 | 49279 | 78.237.66.116 | 61682 | other | 19,570 (C) |
| | | 7/31/13 10:24:48 AM | 10.20.0.80 | 51920 | 117.200.131.241 | 28599 | P2P.BitTorrent | 18,840 (C) |
| | | 7/31/13 10:24:48 AM | 10.20.0.80 | 51921 | 122.173.122.6 | 62063 | other | 14,910 |
| | | 7/31/13 10:22:30 AM | 10.20.0.80 | 49223 | 203.173.242.87 | 9942 | other | 14,598 (C) |
| | | 7/31/13 10:33:43 AM | 10.10.0.80 | 50854 | 72.14.204.19 | 443 | Web.SecureWeb | 14,328 |

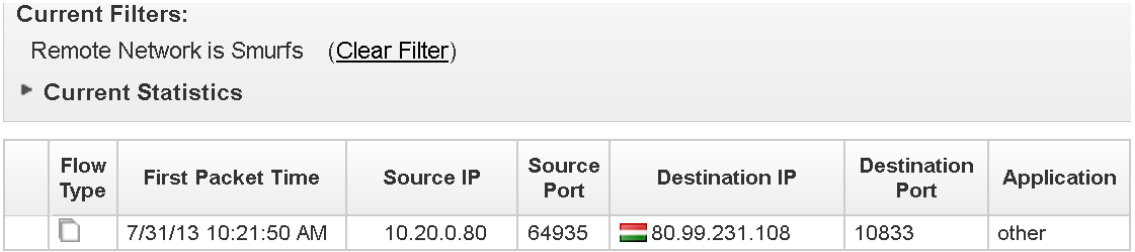
**Note:** Choose an appropriate threshold value for your environment



*Data loss*

## Flows to suspect Internet addresses

- Filters can identify flows to suspect Internet addresses
- Filters
  - **Remote Network**
  - **Remote Service**



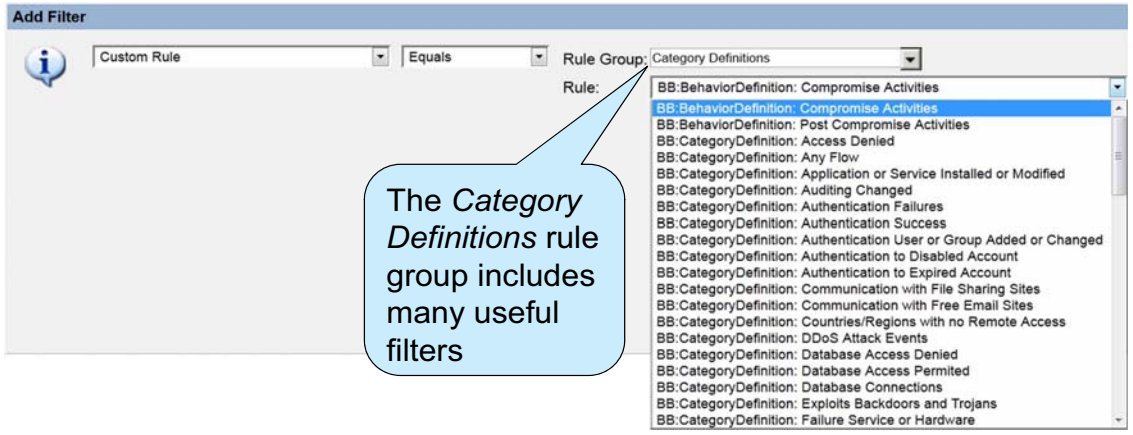

**Note**: Using the **Remote Networks** and **Remote Services** filters, QRadar SIEM administrators can identify customers and trusted networks and malware sources



*Flows to suspect Internet addresses*

## Filtering on custom rules and building blocks

- When events or flows match a custom rule or building block, they are tagged with that rule
- You can filter on these tagged events and flows; such filters are useful for creating reports

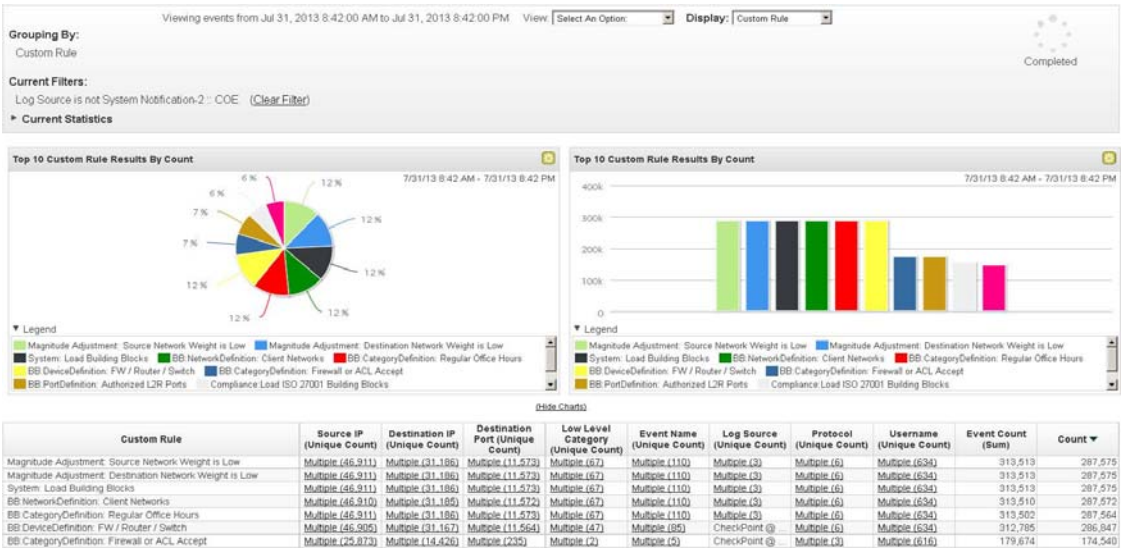





*Filtering on custom rules and building blocks*

## Grouping by custom rules

Group events and flows by custom rules; this feature is useful when you investigate offenses



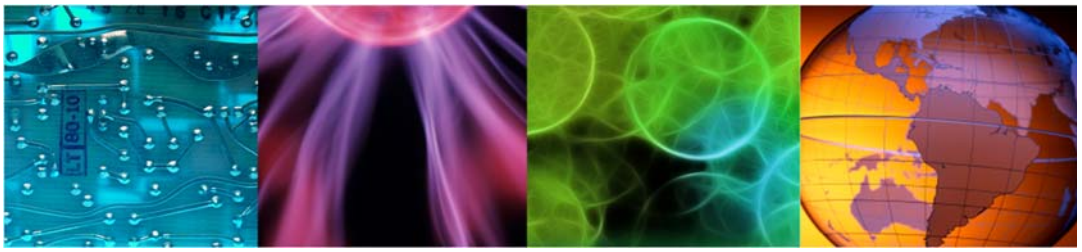



*Grouping by custom rules*

QRadar SIEM allows you to group events and flows by custom rules, but not by anomaly detection rules. The latter rule type is beyond the scope of this course.

# Lesson 2 Using Advanced Search filters

## Lesson: Using Advanced Search filters





QRadar features an advanced search facility using the Ariel Query Language (AQL). This lesson teaches you to use the AQL to construct advanced queries from one screen.

Reference: *QRadar SIEM Users Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

## Ariel Query Language

- QRadar SIEM provides an **Advanced Search** filter option in the GUI that you can use to query the events and flows database
- The **Advanced Search** filter uses Ariel Query Language (AQL) to build SQL-like queries
- For example, the following query would look for events sharing the same source IP address over the past four hours




*Ariel Query Language*

## Additional AQL examples

- AQL provides different filter types, one of which deals with using IP/CIDR filters; this query excludes a subnet


- AQL queries can be structured to return specific fields in event or flows

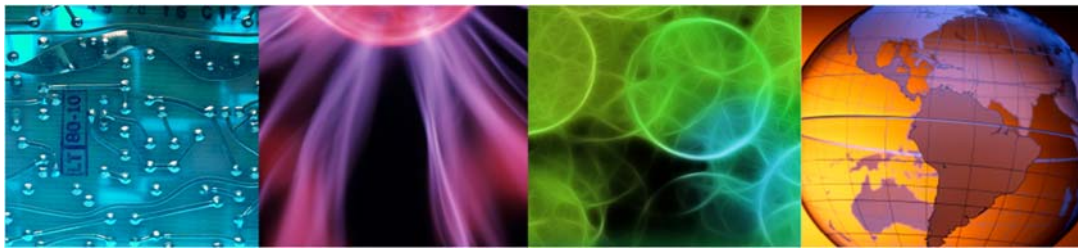

- AQL queries can also reference both wildcards and regular expressions; for example, this query looks for a user account name that contains the string `sql`




*Additional AQL examples*

# Lesson 3 Using charts

## Lesson: Using charts



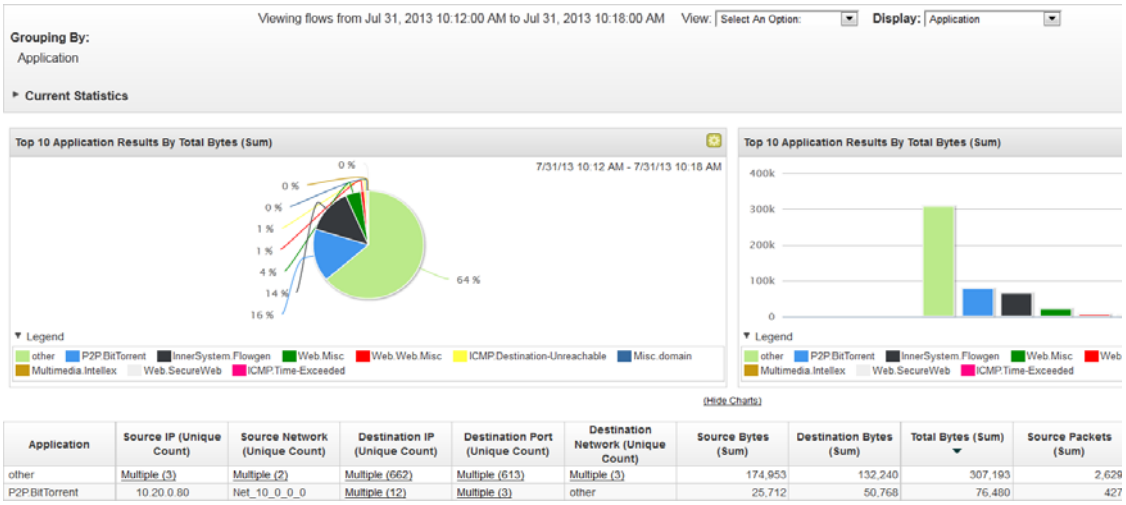


Charts graph log or network activity and are used to determine short- and long-term data trends. In this lesson, you learn how to use time-series and other charts to view log or network activity.

Reference: *QRadar SIEM Users Guide* http://ibm.co/1wvpSEE

## Charts on Log and Network Activity tabs: Grouping

When you select a grouping on the **Log** tab or **Network Activity** tab, QRadar SIEM shows a pie chart and a bar chart




| Application | Source IP (Unique Count) | Source Network (Unique Count) | Destination IP (Unique Count) | Destination Port (Unique Count) | Destination Network (Unique Count) | Source Bytes (Sum) | Destination Bytes (Sum) | Total Bytes (Sum) | Source Packets (Sum) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| other | Multiple (3) | Multiple (2) | Multiple (662) | Multiple (613) | Multiple (3) | 174,953 | 132,240 | 307,193 | 2,629 |
| P2P.BitTorrent | 10.20.0.80 | Net_10_0_0_0 | Multiple (12) | Multiple (3) | other | 25,712 | 50,768 | 76,480 | 427 |



*Charts on Log and Network Activity tabs: Grouping*

After you configure a chart on the **Log Activity** or **Network Activity** tabs, the chart configurations remain when you perform one of the following activities:

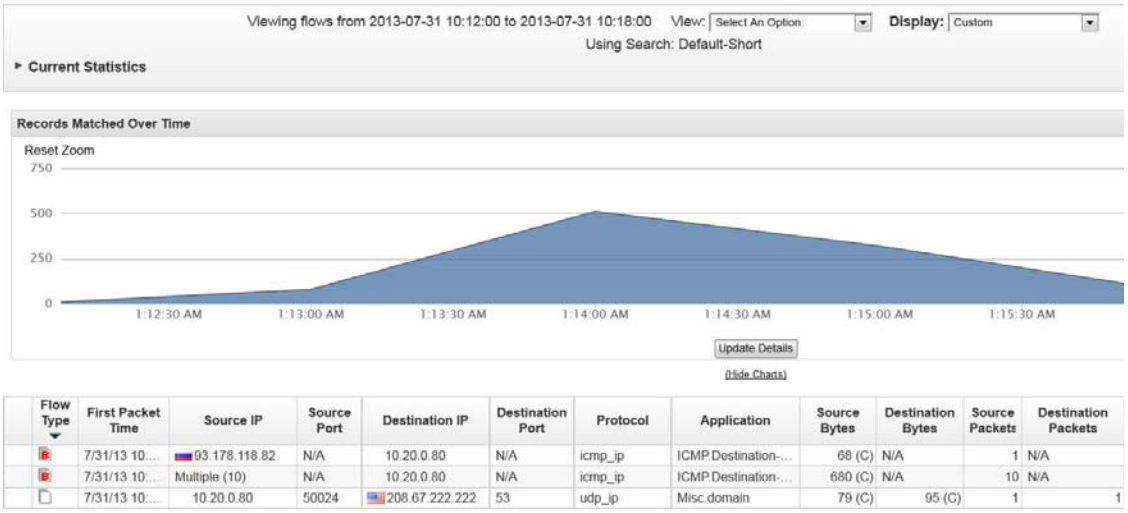
- Change the event view using the Display list
- Apply a filter
- Save the search criteria

Chart configurations do not remain when you perform one of the following activities:

- Start a new search
- Access a quick search
- View grouped results in a branch window
- Save the search results

## Charts on Log and Network Activity tabs: Time range

When you select a time range other than **Real Time (streaming)**, QRadar SIEM shows a time-series chart even if it did not capture time-series data for the chart






*Charts on Log and Network Activity tabs: Time range*

The **Log Activity** and **Network Activity** tabs display only one time-series chart. QRadar SIEM displays this chart even if it did not capture time-series data for the chart. The data is then retrieved from the datastore. This can require considerable processing time.

The **Dashboard** tab can display many items with time-series charts. For performance reasons, QRadar SIEM displays time-series charts for ranges longer than 1 minute only if you enabled capturing of time-series data for these charts in dashboard items.

## Capturing time-series data

- If you chose to capture time-series data or you scheduled a report run, QRadar SIEM counts incoming events and flows according your search criteria, grouping, and chosen value to graph
- To reduce storage needs and limit data queries, QRadar SIEM aggregates the counts into smaller accumulations
  - After each minute, the counters are aggregated into minute-by-minute accumulations
  - The minute-by-minute accumulations are aggregated into hourly accumulations
  - The hourly accumulations are aggregated into daily accumulations

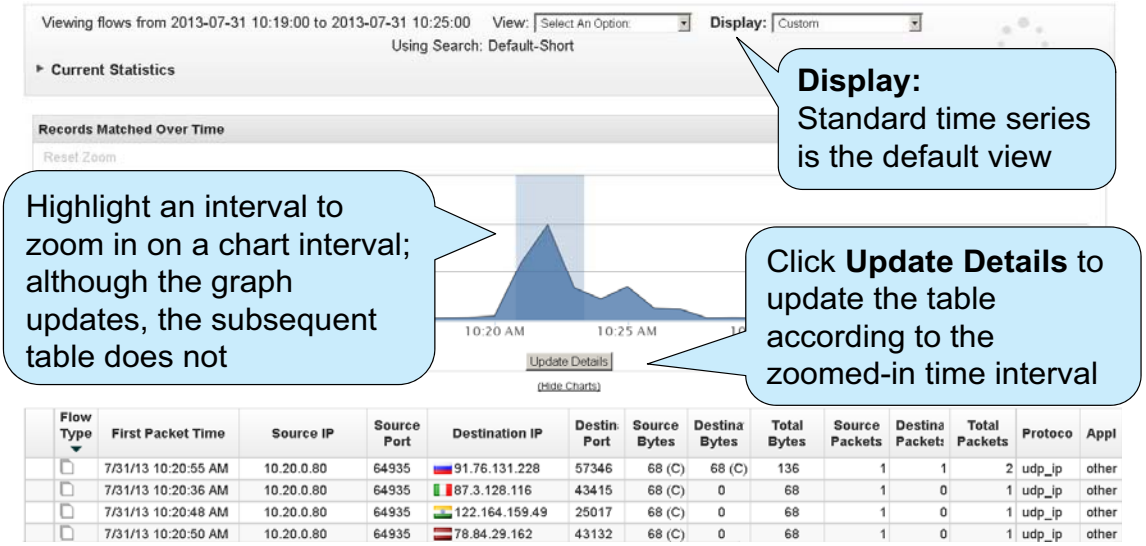
  **Note:** Charts containing old data appear coarse-grained because QRadar SIEM deletes fine-grained accumulations earlier than the coarse-grained accumulations



*Capturing time-series data*

Each Event Processor runs an accumulator process. QRadar SIEM administrators can change the accumulator retention time periods.

## Viewing time-series charts: Zooming to focus

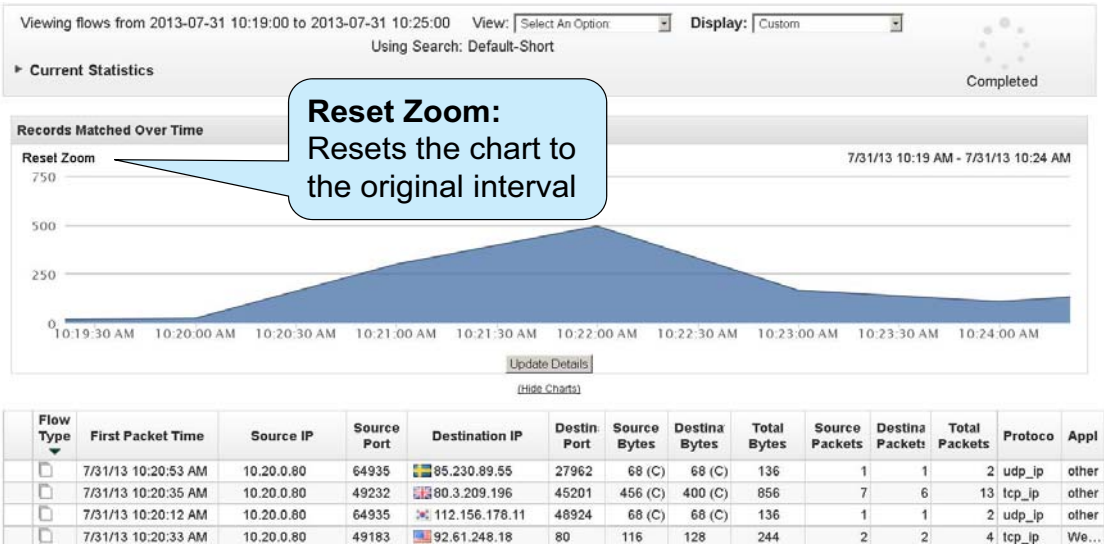





*Viewing time series charts: Zooming to focus*

Time-series charts are graphical representations of log or network activity over time. Peaks and valleys displayed in the chart depict high- and low-volume activity. Time-series charts are useful for short-term and long-term data trending. Using time-series charts, you can access, navigate, and investigate log and network activity from various views and perspectives.

# Viewing time-series charts: Resetting zoom






*Viewing time series charts: Resetting zooming*

Plan a time-series search according to what data you want to investigate and how you want to display the data on the time-series chart. For example, consider how to group the search, what columns to display, and what filters to apply.

## Summary

Now you should be able to perform the following tasks:

- Apply advanced filters that locate specific events and flows
- Use advanced search capabilities of the Ariel Query Language
- Use time series and other charts to view data



*Summary*