

# Arbor Networks® NSI

Comprehensive visibility for incident response and forensics

Advanced security attacks are not one size fits all. Whether motivated by profit or politics, today's attackers are organized and efficient. They get to know each enterprise network and create custom attacks designed to take advantage of whatever vulnerabilities are left open, either through business design or human error. The resulting attacks—through advanced denial of service, botnets, malware, etc.—are unrelenting. These targeted attacks are designed to bypass basic perimeter protections like anti-malware, firewalls or intrusion prevention systems.

Arbor Networks NSI tackles these advanced threats head-on by giving organizations an enterprise-wide view of all network activities, critical attack details for fast remediation and expert-level blocking, all backed by world-class security research. NSI acts as the central nervous system for security deployments. It sits inside the network and collects information on network traffic patterns and security events that are occurring throughout the network, alerting security teams to those events that indicate an attack or breach is in progress. NSI aggregates traffic data from multiple Arbor Networks® APS deployments with network-wide internal traffic to provide a clearer picture of enterprise risk. This traffic is analyzed using policies and threat countermeasures developed by Arbor's Security Engineering and Response Team (ASERT) to not only detect attacks, but to also prioritize risk and provide salient details that enable fast remediation.

## Key Features

### Network Wide Visibility

Aggregate IP flow information and network traffic information into a single view for pervasive, cost-effective visibility and performance analysis across the entire network.

### Comprehensive Threat Detection and Analysis

Quickly and accurately identify attacks that have bypassed security controls and breached the network.

### Enable Faster Incident Response

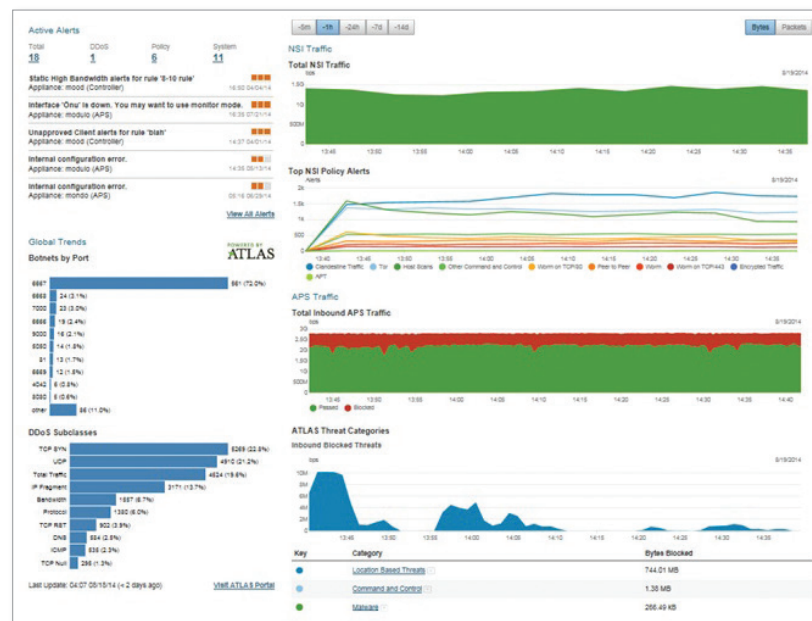
Identify and quickly follow up on security events with in-depth analysis on traffic activity and attack data.

### Enhanced Forensic Capabilities

Leverage detailed network traffic reporting and attack analysis for security forensics.

### Best-in-Class Security

Take advantage of expert security analysis and attack data derived from real world events for enhanced detection and alerting



Detailed deployment and management from a single dashboard, with the ability to easily click through to a specific device for in-depth investigation and/or adjustments.

## Why Arbor?

### Broadest Level of Enterprise Network Information

NSI uses IP flow information to give enterprise organizations the richest set of data regarding the activities happening on the network. This level of activity awareness is unmatched by products that sit outside the network.

### Security Fueled by World-Class Research

The ATLAS Intelligence Feed keeps NSI at the cutting edge of network security. The threat policies in this service are created from data derived from the ATLAS Active Threat Level Analysis System. Using this system, Arbor monitors Internet traffic to detect new threats targeting the enterprise. This data is analyzed by security experts within ASERT and developed into effective detection methodologies.

### Proven Effectiveness in the World's Toughest Environments

NSI utilizes the same flow intelligence and tracking engine that powers Arbor Networks® SP, which is used to help stop DDoS and botnets in hundreds of global Internet and Cloud service providers. The engine is built into a platform designed to address the unique demands of the enterprise.

NSI offers threat detection and network visibility that is critical for enterprise incident response and forensics. The attack details provided by this platform can be used to adjust and enhance enforcement policies in other network security products, including Arbor Networks APS.

*Using Arbor Networks NSI, organizations have the ability to:*

- View and prioritize advanced threat risks.
- Defend the network against in-bound malware, botnets and targeted attacks while stopping infected hosts on the network from leaking data.
- Decrease risks from malware and botnet infection by blocking access to malware infected sites or known command and control servers.
- Conduct detailed incident response and/or network forensics on attacks post-breach.

### Advanced Threat Detection with the ATLAS Intelligence Feed

Arbor Networks' ATLAS® Intelligence Feed is Arbor's research-based security intelligence service. These policies are developed by ASERT using a combination of real attack data pulled from multiple sources including ATLAS, the Red Sky Alliance and other partners. This attack data is analyzed by ASERT's expert research team and turned into security policies that are used by NSI for threat detection.

### Centralized Configuration and Management with the Pravail Console

Threat Console is sold with the NSI appliance. The threat console offers users comprehensive visibility of the network and detection of activities indicative of security threats such as DDoS, malware, botnets or Trojans. The Console aggregates traffic and alerts from APS deployments with the internal activity monitoring of NSI to give organizations a clearer picture of their security risk.

### Advanced Security Powered by Flow Intelligence

NSI leverages Arbor's flow intelligence and tracking engine. This powerful engine is used to gather and analyze IP flow information to track malware activity, detect botnet communication and/or other activity that could cause harm to the corporate network.

*Key features of the flow engine include:*

#### Stateful Flow Reassembly

Account and correct for multiple traffic flows generated by multiple appliances on a network; address real-world challenges that make raw IP flow monitors unreliable, including:

- De-duplication of redundant flows.
- Proper handling of data-channel connections from multiple protocols such as VoIP, FTP and RPC.

#### Compensation for Asymmetric Routing and Route Updates

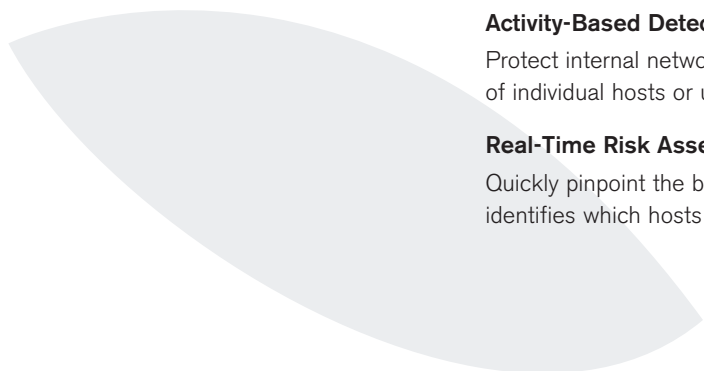
Gain an accurate view of the traffic at a high or granular level through a specific router.

#### Activity-Based Detection

Protect internal networks from employee misuse or worms; track the behavior of individual hosts or users and identify anomalous behavior.

#### Real-Time Risk Assessment

Quickly pinpoint the biggest threats on your network by calculating a risk index that identifies which hosts or users are involved in multiple activities.



## Application Intelligence

Network security intelligence demands application awareness for enterprises to understand what they need to do to protect and identify application-specific threats. NSI extends visibility to layer 7, providing a single, integrated solution for detecting and thwarting advanced attacks that can lead to fraud or leakage of confidential or proprietary information.

## Identity Tracking

Identity tracking technology adds valuable context to data being monitored by NSI. Using directory service information (i.e., Active Directory), the product can associate user identity with traffic flowing throughout the network. This information allows organizations to see who has access to what applications and how they are using them. It also allows organizations to set usage policies that align with compliance requirements.

## Comprehensive Reporting for Effective Incident Response

NSI features a wide range of standard and customizable graphical reports containing the actionable information required to identify and escalate incidents. The reports provide insight into which users are accessing which applications, the information leaving the confines of the network, and which types of devices are accessing corporate resources.

## Arbor Networks NSI Specifications and Features

### Systems and Software

Features	Description				
<b>ATLAS Intelligence Feeds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hourly updates</li> <li>Detailed threat analysis</li> <li>Delivery via RSS feed</li> </ul>				
<b>ATLAS Integration</b>	In-depth intelligence on threat activity on a global and local perspective				
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<b>Stateful Flow Reassembly</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asymmetric routing</li> <li>De-duplication of data</li> <li>Ephemeral port mapping</li> </ul>				
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<b>Operating System</b>	ArbOS®, our proprietary, embedded operating system, is based on open-source operation system technology such as Linux and OpenBSD.				
<b>Device Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hardened OS and network stack</li> <li>Fully encrypted communications channels</li> <li>Software packages are cryptographically signed, preventing Trojan code</li> <li>Built-in firewalling support, rejecting all packets by default (transparent to pings and port scans)</li> </ul>				

## Security Intelligence that Scales for Every Enterprise

Arbor Networks NSI provides scalable deployment options that start with a central management and intelligence appliance with optional collectors that add scalability for geographically distributed networks. The product family includes:

### NSI Controller

A central platform for receiving IP flow and providing intelligent analysis of all network-wide activity. It can be used to collect IP flow directly or as an aggregation point for IP flow that comes from the NSI Collectors.

### Arbor Networks NSI Controller XL

A 3U platform for receiving IP flow and analyzing network activity. The Controller XL offers the same functions as the regular Controller—but with additional flow storage for more in-depth forensics.

### Arbor Networks NSI Collector

Distributed appliances that gather IP flow data and transfer it to the NSI Controller for analysis. Collector licenses can be purchased according to specific needs.

The NSI solution is available in multiple platform options to meet the unique needs of each organization. Each platform is designed to offer the highest performance for the amount of traffic volume monitored.



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## NSI Controllers

Features	5110	5120	5125	5130	5220	5230	5220XL	5230XL
<b>Flows Per Second</b> Direct flow received from routers	3,500	10,000	20,000	35,000	25,000	80,000	25,000	80,000
<b>Max Flows Per Second</b> Direct + Collectors	100,000				250,000			
<b>Monitored Routers</b>	10	250	250	500	500			
<b>Max Collectors</b>	10	30	30	30	50			
<b>Optional Deep History Module (DHM)</b>	No				Yes		No	
<b>Flow Storage</b>	300 GB				1.7 TB		5 TB	
<b>Monitoring Interface Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 x 10/100/1000 Copper</li> <li>• 4 x GE SX/LX</li> <li>• 2 x 10 GE SR/LR</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 x 10/100/1000 Copper</li> <li>• 4 x GE SX/LX</li> <li>• 2 x 10 GE SR/LR</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x 10 GE SPF+</li> <li>• 4 x 1 G SPF</li> </ul>	
<b>Management Port Interfaces</b>	2 x 10/100/1000 Copper				2 x 10/100/1000 Copper			
<b>Processor</b>	Dual Intel Six Core Xeon CPU 2.40 GHz				Dual Intel Six Core Xeon CPU 2.40 GHz		Dual Intel Xeon ES-2658 2.1 GHz/ 20 MB 8 Core Processors	
<b>Hard Drives</b>	4 SSD in RAID 5 (N+1); 4 x 120 GB drives				4 SSD in RAID 5 (N+1); 4 x 480 GB drives		5 x 3 TB SATA 7200 RPM	
<b>Packet Processing</b>	200 Mbps				200 Mbps			
<b>Memory</b>	24 GB				48 GB		64 GB	
<b>PSU</b>	Dual AC or DC Power				Dual AC or DC Power			

## NSI Collectors

Features	5003AI	5004	5005	5006	5007
<b>Flows Per Second</b>	Not applicable	8,000	16,000	35,000	80,000
<b>Monitoring Interface Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 x 10/100/1000 Copper</li> <li>• 4 x GE SX/LX</li> <li>• 2 x 10 GE SR/LR</li> </ul>				
<b>Management Port Interfaces</b>	2 x 10/100/1000 Copper				
<b>Packet Processing</b>	2 Gbps	1 Gbps			
<b>Processor</b>	Single Intel QuadCore Xeon CPU 2.40 GHz				
<b>Hard Drives</b>	2 SSD in RAID 1 (1/2n); 2 x 120 GB drives				
<b>Memory</b>	24 GB				
<b>PSU</b>	Dual AC or DC Power				