NETSCOUT and Arbor Networks: Reduce Time to Threat Identification

The security threat landscape has fundamentally changed. It is no longer advanced malware, which traditional defenses can miss, that represents the greatest risk to your organization. As individual bad actors give way to organized crime syndicates and state sponsored cyberterrorism, sophisticated, multi-stage attacks have become the main worry for network and security teams.

The majority of successful advanced threat attacks in the past two years never exploited a critical vulnerability, and many did not use malware to bypass the target’s defenses. The attacks’ effectiveness now lies in their ability to remain undetected; most organizations take months to detect a breach. To counteract these threats, enterprises must dramatically reduce detection times.

Search and surface anything within the network: unlike the current security forensics models, the solution provides complete visibility into all past and present network activity, at a fraction of the cost.

Prove threats on your network faster: real-time workflows and analytics empower and scale security teams to investigate threats 10 times faster than existing solutions.

The NETSCOUT nGenius® packet flow switches (PFS) enable you to easily and rapidly deploy, scale and optimize the Arbor Networks Spectrum™ environments where the need for enterprise-wide data access and visibility is essential. Arbor Spectrum gets a complete view of all activity on the network for real-time flow and packet analysis.

Packet flow switches create a logical separation between physical network and security capabilities via network aggregation, enabling the security teams to easily expand their threat protection as the traffic grows. The NETSCOUT vMesh™, a fabric-based architecture, allows the PFS devices in the network to communicate with each other, enabling a unified packet delivery strategy for service assurance and security across the entire network.

See attack campaigns in real-time across your entire network: Arbor’s global threat intelligence coming from its service provider network will be cross referenced to an organization’s internal traffic patterns to detect the most dangerous threats.

Diagram 1. See and search across the entire network — connecting awareness of global attacks with activity on the internal network.
Unified and Pervasive Visibility

The vMesh architecture aggregates traffic from all data center locations within the enterprise to a central point where Arbor Spectrum can perform its discovery and forensic analysis. The packet flow switches deliver the entirety of the traffic to the Arbor Packet Collectors for real-time flow and packet analysis, giving the Spectrum platform a complete view of all activity on the network.

The NETSCOUT nGenius packet flow switches enable you to connect your inline active security infrastructure, in addition to one or more Arbor Spectrum appliances. The PFS tool chaining capability allows network security teams to aggregate the traffic and direct it to inline and passive security systems for filtering and inspection in a central location. This reduces not only the security team's workload but improves the organization's security posture.

This combination of packet flow switches, active inspection from third-party tools and Arbor Spectrum discovery and investigation provides a sophisticated infrastructure that offers unmatched visibility spanning the entire network. The combined Arbor Networks and NETSCOUT solution accelerates time to identify a threat and allows you to secure your digital assets, protecting your brand.
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