vSTREAM Virtual Appliance

vSTREAM Virtual Appliance for Service Assurance
The NETSCOUT® vSTREAM virtual appliance complements exiting Adaptive Service Intelligence® (ASI)-based instrumentation to provide the same smart data visibility within the cloud and virtualized infrastructures that is already possible in physical environments. This provides superior end-to-end analytics, adding east-west traffic monitoring to help identify performance problems and security issues across wherever they occur. Key functionality of the vSTREAM includes:

- Provides insight into packet traffic and application workloads, providing IT organizations visibility for service assurance, performance management, and cybersecurity purposes
- Supported by nGeniusONE Service Assurance platform and virtual nGeniusONE for views of end-to-end call trace data, network-wide KPIs, alerts, network and application error details, specialized service monitors, and packet decodes
- Used for proactive monitoring, troubleshooting, baselines, and dependencies to protect end-user experience, as well as the reliability and availability of application and network services
- Supports NETSCOUT Smart Edge Monitoring solution. With the addition of NETSCOUT Cloud Adaptor, approved vSTREAM virtual appliances are able to leverage smart data from nGeniusPULSE nPoints to provide visibility and analysis for service edge and end-user experience monitoring with nGeniusONE

Deployment
From a use case perspective, vSTREAM can be used in Software-Defined Networks (SDNs), private and public cloud, co-locations (co-lo), and branches. The different scenarios vSTREAM can be deployed include a dedicated virtual appliance, an agent installed on a target virtual machine, or as a container. Supported in the world's largest and most demanding hybrid cloud environments, including Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure (AZURE), Google Cloud Platform (GCP), and Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI), vSTREAM is both easy to deploy and easy to manage.

For virtualized environments, vSTREAM supports deployment in VMware NSX-V and NSX-T environments, OpenStack, and KVM private cloud, providing visibility to critical network data that is lost when key network functions and services are virtualized. It is ideal for real-time monitoring of business-critical traffic running either locally or on a host or as an aggregation point for multiple hosts. For containers, vSTREAM supports Docker and Kubernetes (K8).

The agent form of vSTREAM can be installed on bare-metal or can be co-resident with the workload, running in the same Operating System (OS) as the target application(s).

vSTREAM can be deployed in tandem with InfiniStreamNG® software and hardware appliances to provide seamless, end-to-end, ASI-based analysis across the entire network and application service infrastructure.

Figure 1: NETSCOUT vSTREAM virtual appliance extends the reach of ASI via software-based solution for critical service visibility in virtual and cloud environments with multiple deployment options.
SPECIFICATIONS

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Hypervisors
VMware vSphere ESXi Standard, Enterprise or Enterprise Plus running ESXi v6.7 or v6.5
Linux KVM 2.0.0, QEMU 2.0,
OpenStack OSP 13 (Queens) and OSP 16 (Train)

Operating Systems
Red Hat / CentOS 6.5 thru 7.5
Amazon Linux 4.9+, Amazon Linux2 (all versions)
Ubuntu 14 LTS, 16 LTS
SUSE 11 and 12

vSwitches
VMware vSphere VSS & VDS
Open vSwitch (OVS)
AWS VPC Traffic Mirroring
GCP Packet Mirroring

Public Clouds
Amazon Web Services (AWS) – AWS Marketplace Certified
Microsoft Azure Certified – Azure Marketplace
Google Cloud Platform
IBM Cloud
Oracle Cloud Infrastructure - Certified

Virtual Interfaces
1 Management and up to 4 Monitoring

Network Optimization
Built with Intel Data Plane Development Kit (DPDK)
PCI Passthrough support
SR-IOV support
Amazon Web Services Elastic Network Adapter

vCPU
1 or more (depending on configuration)

Memory
2 GB RAM or more (depending on configuration)

vSTREAM Disk
100 GB

Packet Capture Disk
Configurable

vSTREAM Agent

Guest Operating Systems
Red Hat / CentOS 6.5 thru 7.5
Amazon Linux 4.9+, Amazon Linux2 (all versions)
Ubuntu 14 LTS, 16 LTS
SUSE 11 and 12

Containers
Docker 1.10
Kubernetes (K8) 1.6.5+

vCPU
1 or more (depending on configuration)

vSTREAM Disk
N/A – Uses host OS Storage

nGeniusONE Service Assurance Platform

nGeniusONE is a real-time information platform that provides a single pane of glass to view the data, voice, and video service delivery performance to manage both the availability and quality of the user’s experience.

NETSCOUT’s Smart Edge Monitoring leverages the vSTREAM virtual appliance with Cloud Adaptor for smart data from packet monitoring and nPoint synthetic tests to provide service edge monitoring and end-user experience assurance.

Available on both hardware and virtual platforms, nGeniusONE leverages NETSCOUT smart data as a universal source for providing smarter analytics for end-to-end visibility throughout private, virtualized, public, and hybrid cloud environments.

ASI Technology

ASI technology transforms wire traffic into smart data, providing real-time visibility into user experience for the most advanced and adaptable information platform to ensure security, manage risk, and drive service performance.

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