How to Choose a Next-Generation Network Packet Broker with Confidence

Next-generation network packet brokers (NGNPBs) have been transformed over a few short years. Today, they ensure that IT security and performance monitoring tools have comprehensive visibility into network traffic across the enterprise and operate at peak efficiency. They help security and network operations teams remove blind spots, detect attacks and protect the performance of networks and applications.

Not all NGNPBs are created equal. Use the checklist below to ensure you pick a packet broker that meets all of your requirements.

**SINGLE VIEW AND COMMON ARCHITECTURE**
A state-of-the-art NGNPB provides complete visibility into physical, virtual and cloud infrastructure.

**PHYSICAL SERVERS**
**VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS**
**CLOUD PLATFORMS**

**SUPPORTS ALL TOOLS**
Your NGNPB is able to aggregate, balance, filter and decrypt network traffic while performing other services for:

**INTELLIGENT TOOLS**
What makes a packet broker “next generation”? It being able to provide the traffic visibility and context necessary to monitor and secure today’s multi-tier digital applications.

**INLINE TOOLS**
Security solutions including next-generation firewalls (NGFW), advanced threat detection (ATD) solutions, web application firewalls (WAF) and intrusion prevention systems (IPS).

**OUT-OF-BAND TOOLS**
Network management and security solutions, including network and application performance monitoring tools, SIEMs, intrusion detection systems (IDS), data leak prevention (DLP) products, behavioral analytics (UEBA) and forensics tools.

**APPLICATION IDENTIFICATION AND TRAFFIC FORWARDING**
Isolates and extracts application traffic and shares it with relevant monitoring and security tools.

**IMPROVE APPLICATION PERFORMANCE AND NETWORK SECURITY**
Generates 5,000+ metadata elements to empower security analytics and performance monitoring tools.

Is your packet broker checking the right boxes?

We're changing the game on how you see, control and contextualize traffic across your physical, virtual and cloud networks.

Reduce risk, complexity and costs to meet your business and innovation needs now — not later — with powerful visibility and insights into your organization’s network activity.

Learn more about what NGNPBs can do for your organization by downloading The Definitive Guide to Next-Generation Network Packet Brokers.