How To Install Windows NetFlow Exporters For Nagios Network Analyzer 2026

Purpose

This document describes how to install NetFlow exporters on Windows machines so that you can send flow data to Nagios Network Analyzer from them.

Choosing An Exporter

An exporter is a third-party application that will send NetFlow data from your Windows machine to your Nagios Network Analyzer server. There are a number of different exporters available for Windows. Unfortunately, most are commercial offerings only and the few free options have a number of known issues. If you have any suggestions for other flow exporters for Windows, please open a thread at http://support.nagios.com/forum/ to let us know! The current options are:

- nProbe
  - http://www.ntop.org/products/netflow/nprobe/
  - Trial allows for 25,000 flow exports
  - Download the latest nprobe-x64-x.x.x.zip package from:

    https://www.ntop.org/support/documentation/software-installation/
  - Only Windows x64 version is supported
- FlowTraq Flow Export
  - https://www.flowtraq.com/product/flow-exporter/
  - This website requires registration before the download link is available
  - The demo does not have any restrictions, but requires it to be licensed for commercial/production use
  - Requires WinPcap to be installed on Windows, available here: http://www.winpcap.org/

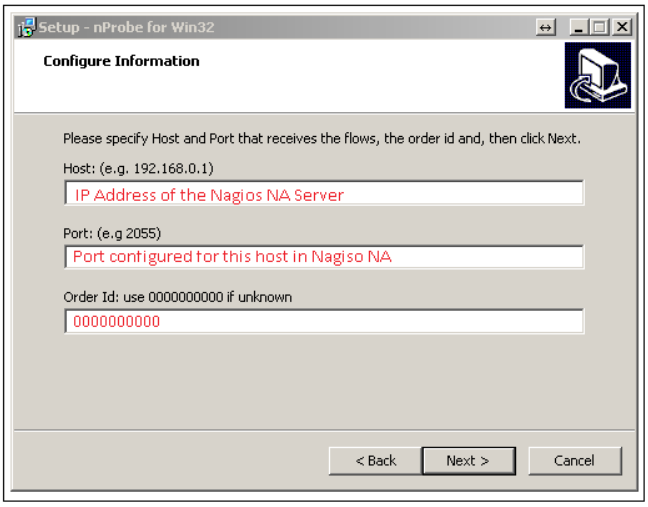
Network Analyzer Source

When you install nProbe or FlowTraq you will be required to provide the network port that the Nagios Network Analyzer server will be listening on. This assumes you already have a Source created for this traffic. Please refer to the following documentation on creating a source:

Understanding Sources And Source Groups In Network Analyzer

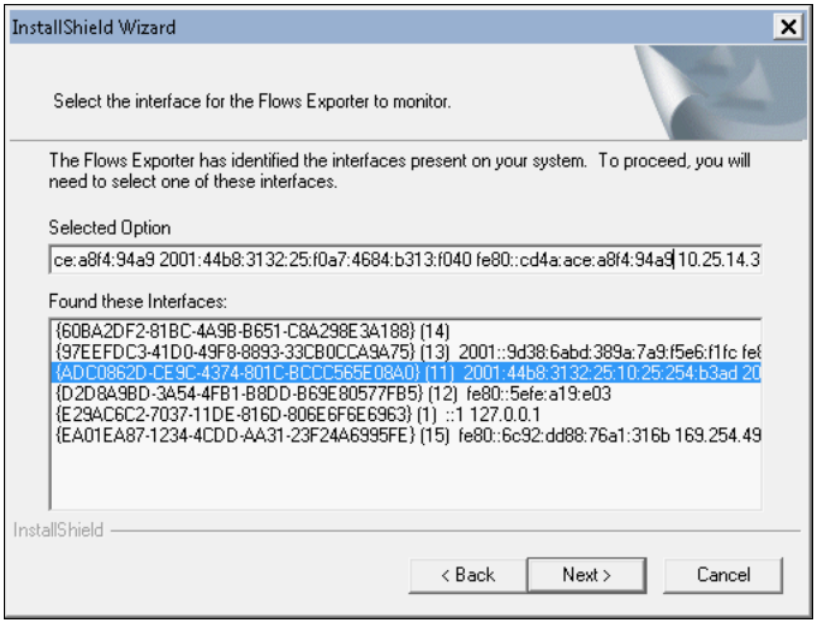
Installing nProbe

1. Download nProbe and run the installer
2. Enter the necessary setup information:
    - **Host:** The ip address of your Nagios Network Analyzer server
    - **Port:** The port the Nagios Network Analyzer server is listening for flow data, as configured in the source
    - **Order ID:** Use 10 zeros: `0000000000`



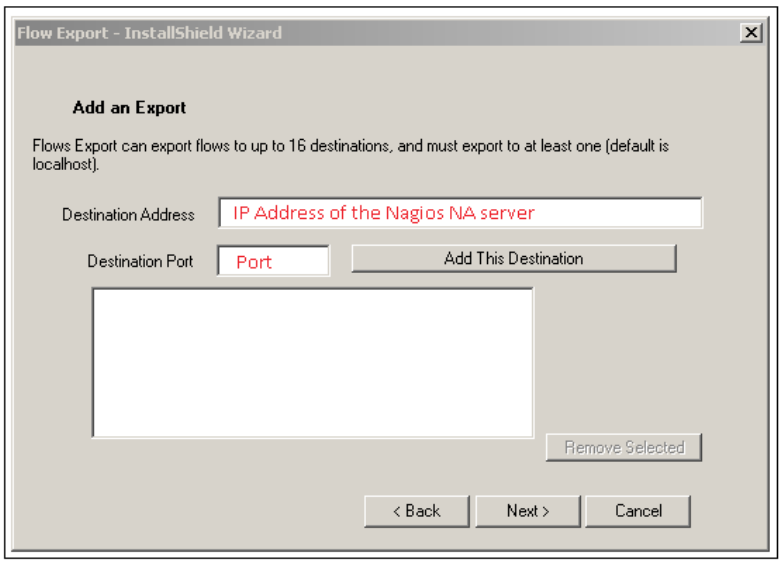
3. Finish the Installation, the default options should be fine from this point onward. You may be prompted to install additional libraries, please install these as well.
4. Open `services.msc` and start the nProbe service
    - If the nProbe service cannot be located, run the install again and it should exist after the second attempt.

Installing FlowTraq Flow Export



1. Install WinPcap first, accept all defaults
2. Run the Flow Export installer, accept the EULA, default locations, and then click **Install**
3. Choose the interface from which to collect flows
    - There will be a number to choose from and if you have IPv6 it may be hard to determine the right adapter.
    - To identify the correct interface, select one from the bottom window, then click the selected field at the top. Press **End** on your keyboard to jump to the end of the field, where the IPv4 address will be displayed.

4. Now you need to add the details of your Nagios Network Analyzer server
    - **Destination Address:** The ip address of your Nagios Network Analyzer server
    - **Destination Port:** The port the Nagios Network Analyzer server is listening for flow data, as configured in the source
    - Click the **Add This Destination** button
    - Click **Next** and finish the installation



A new service called ProQueSys Flow Export has been created and started.

Check Flow Data

It can take multiple minutes before the NetFlow data appears under your source in Nagios Network Analyzer. If you want to confirm the data is being received, you can use the `tcpdump` program. To do this, establish a terminal session to your Nagios Network Analyzer server.

Install `tcpdump` with this command:

```
yum install -y tcpdump
```

Watch the network traffic with this command:

```
tcpdump -nnvvS -i eth0 src host 10.25.14.81 and dst host 10.25.5.91
```

You will need to change `-i` to the network interface to listen on and the `src host` and `dst host` addresses relevant to your situation. You should see traffic come in that looks something like this:

```
15:11:09.212599 IP (tos 0x0, ttl 128, id 17861, offset 0, flags [none], proto UDP (17), length 532)
10.25.14.81.50316 > 10.25.5.91.2055: [udp sum ok] UDP, length 504
15:11:18.050608 IP (tos 0x0, ttl 128, id 17864, offset 0, flags [DF], proto UDP (17), length 1492)
10.25.14.81.50316 > 10.25.5.91.2055: [udp sum ok] UDP, length 1464
15:11:20.090137 IP (tos 0x0, ttl 128, id 17865, offset 0, flags [DF], proto UDP (17), length 1492)
10.25.14.81.50316 > 10.25.5.91.2055: [udp sum ok] UDP, length 1464
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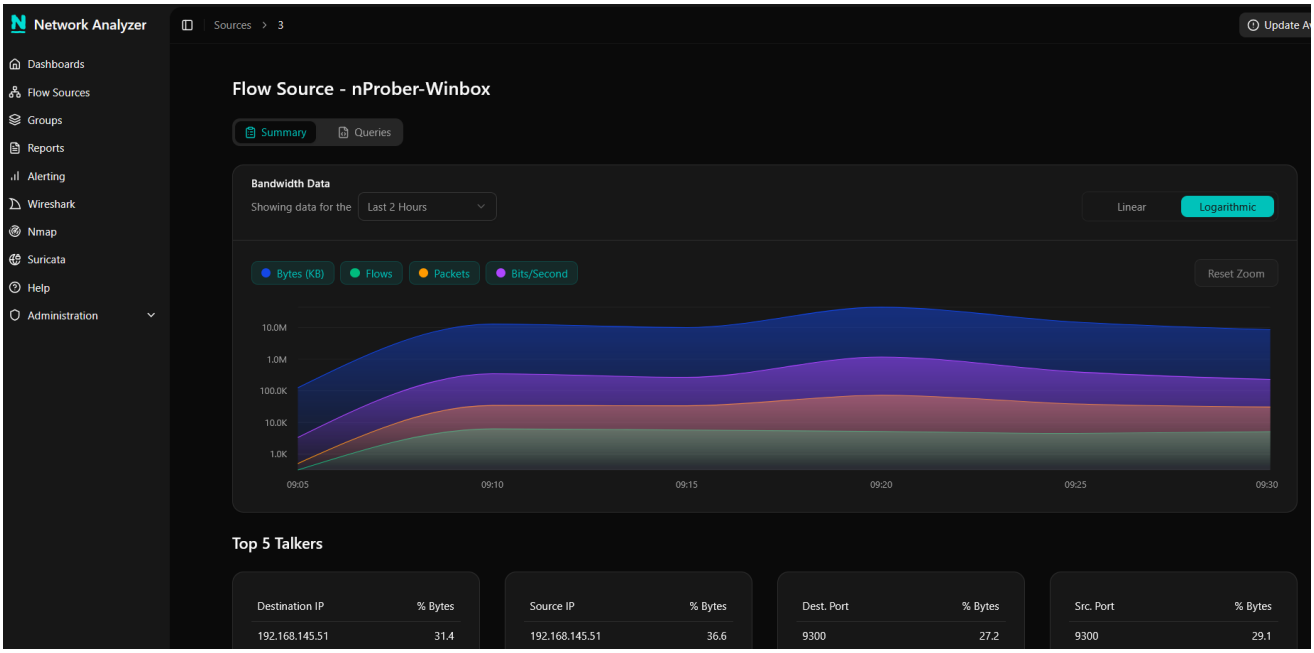
You can see the port that the traffic is coming in on is 2055, which is what was configured on the Windows machine and matches the source that was created in Nagios Network Analyzer.

The following screenshot is an example of the NetFlow data received in Nagios Network Analyzer. It will take at least five minutes for enough data to be collected before you see data for the source appear.



Finishing Up

This completes the documentation on how to install Windows NetFlow exporting software on Windows systems for Nagios Network Analyzer. If you have additional questions or other support-related questions, please visit us at our Nagios Support Forum, Nagios Knowledge Base, or Nagios Library:

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