Maintenance and Troubleshooting Tools

CCNP TSHOOT: Module 5

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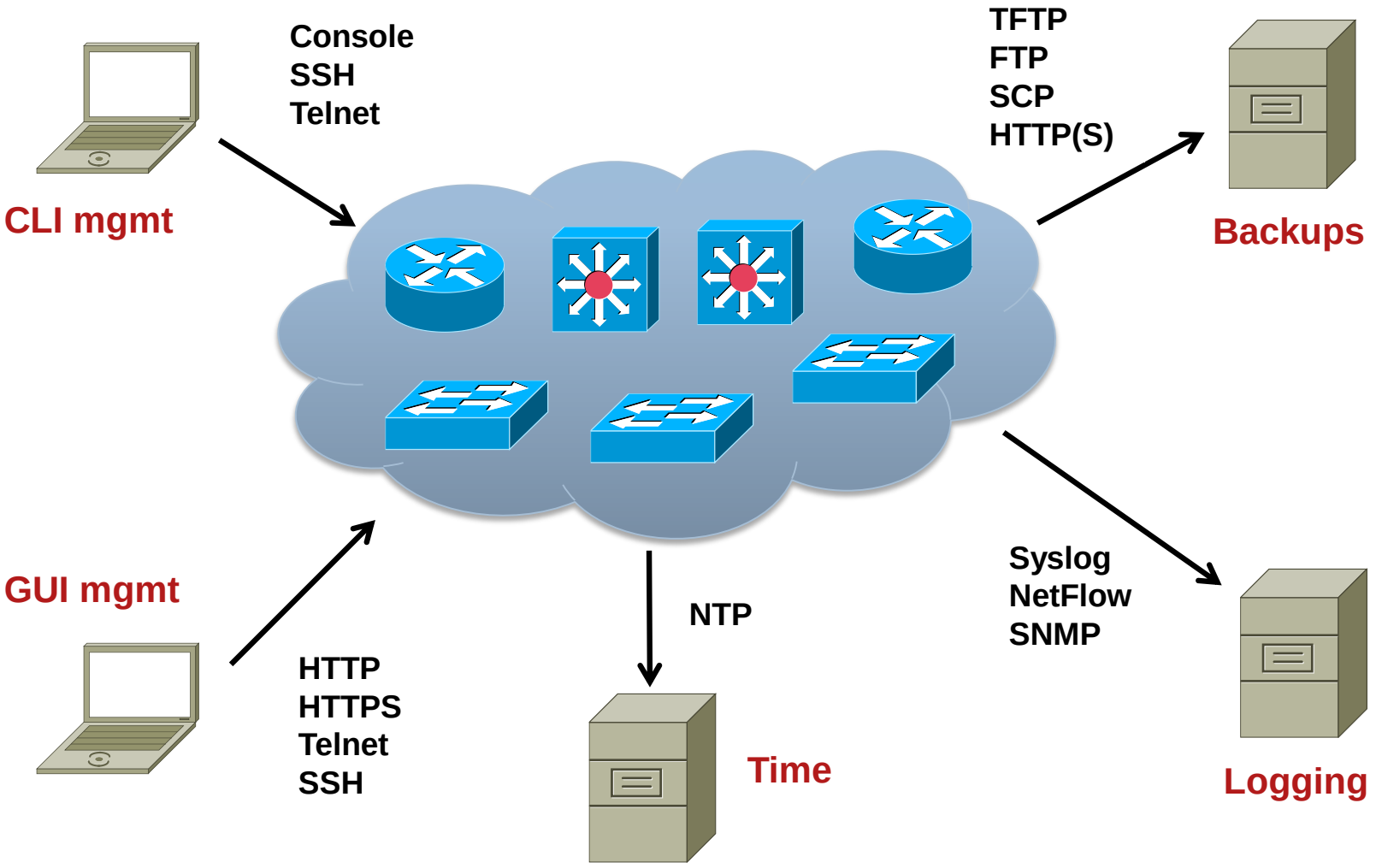
- NTP
- Syslog
- SNMP
- NetFlow
- (R)SPAN
- EEM

Fundamental Maintenance Tools



NTP

Network Time Protocol

- NTP specified in the RFC 5905, used to synchronize computer clocks in the Internet
- NTP uses hierarchy of servers. Accuracy of each server is defined by a number called the stratum
  - **Stratum 0**: Reference clock, e.g. atomic (cesium, rubidium) clocks, GPS clocks etc.
  - **Stratum 1**: NTP server whose system clocks are synchronized to within a few microseconds of their attached stratum 0 device
  - **Stratum N**: NTP server synchronized with NTP stratum N-1 server
- NTP is necessary for several reasons:
  - Key-chains - key expiration
  - Certificates – expiration
  - Logs – correlation logs from several devices

NTP Configuration

- NTP **client** configuration

```
Router(config)# ntp server IP [prefer]
```

- NTP **server** configuration

```
Router(config)# ntp master [1-15] ! stratum: 8 by default
```

- Time zone configuration

```
Router(config)# clock timezone CET 1

Router(config)# clock summer-time CEST recurring
  last Sun Mar 2:00 last Sun Oct 3:00
```

NTP Configuration and Verification

- Service timestamps add timestamp to debug and log messages

```
service timestamps debug datetime msec localtime show-timezone
service timestamps log datetime localtime show-timezone
!
clock timezone CET 1
clock summer-time CEST recurring last Sun Mar 2:00 last Sun Oct 3:00
!
ntp server 10.1.220.3 prefer
```

```
Router# show ntp status
Clock is synchronized, stratum 12, reference is 158.193.48.7
nominal freq is 119.2092 Hz, actual freq is 119.2078 Hz, precision is 2**18
reference time is D2054E5B.686C9787 (01:31:39.407 CEST Mon Aug 29 2011)
clock offset is -0.0317 msec, root delay is 2.15 msec
root dispersion is 12.08 msec, peer dispersion is 0.23 msec
Router# show ntp associations

      address         ref clock      st  when  poll reach  delay  offset    disp
*~158.193.48.7     127.127.1.0       11    37   512  377     2.2   -0.03     0.2
 * master (synced), # master (unsynced), + selected, - candidate, ~ configured
```

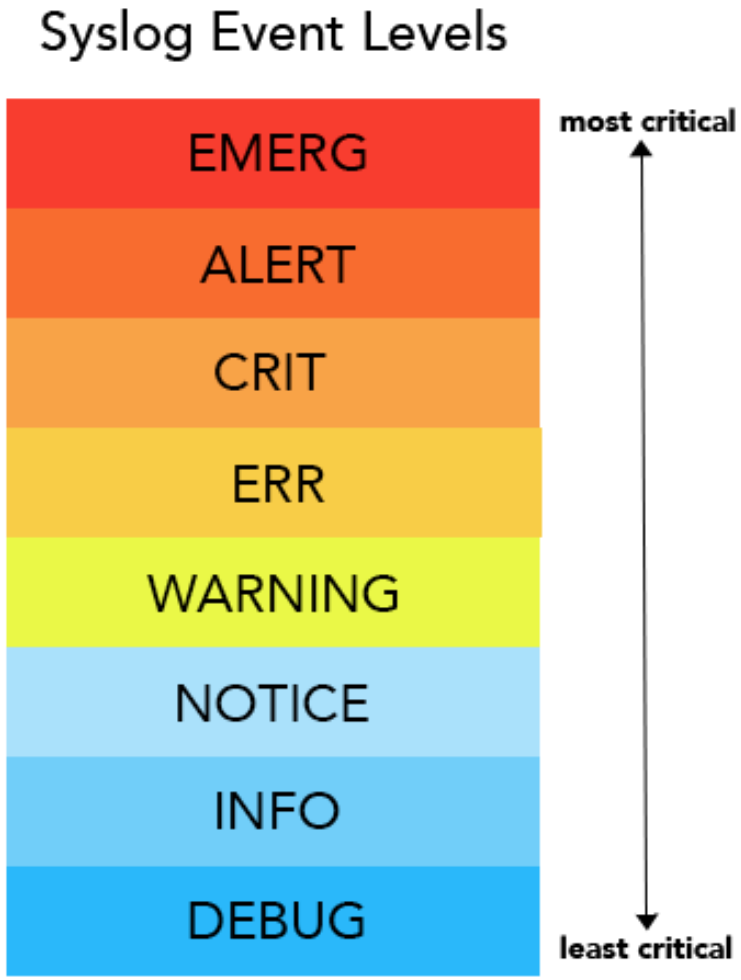
Syslog

Syslog

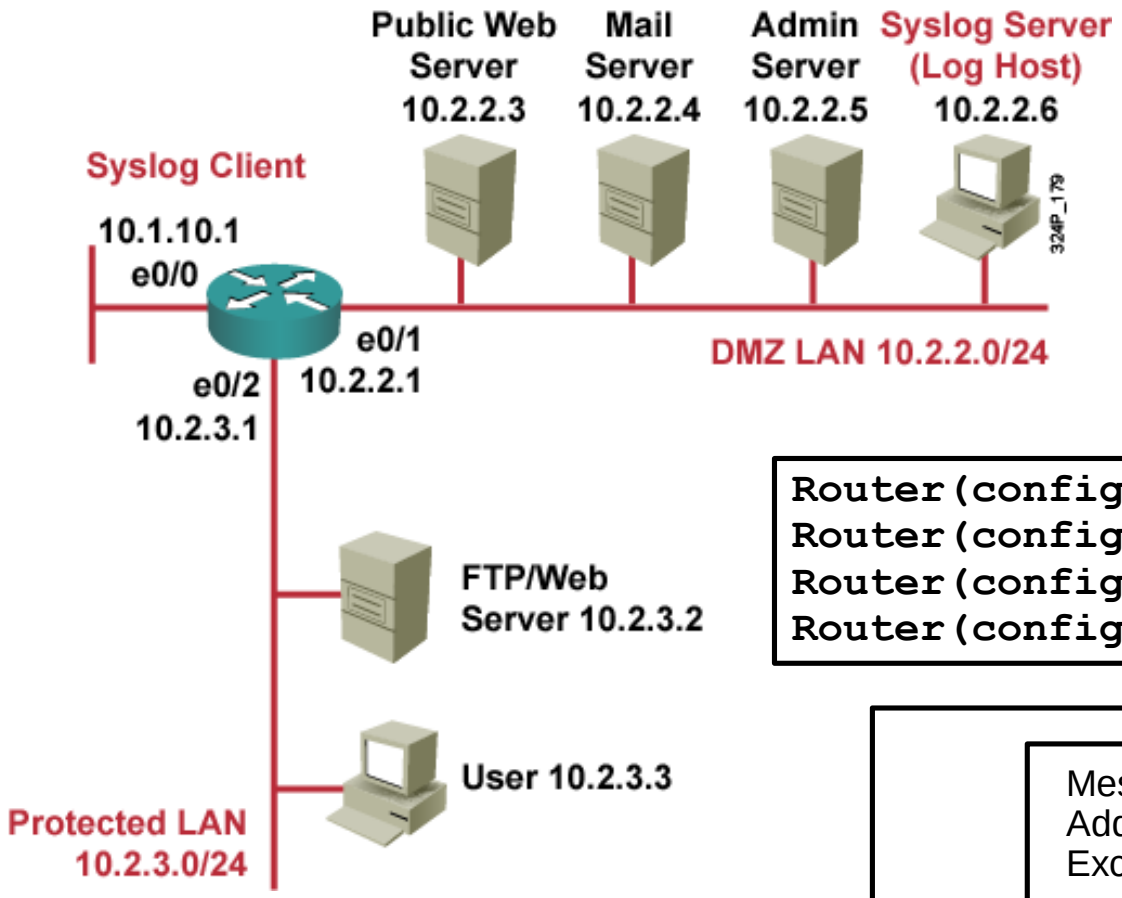
- Allows a device to report error and notification messages, either locally or to a remote logging server
- Using UDP port 514 (servers sometimes use TCP 514)
- Every syslog message contains a severity level and a facility
- Widely supported on many devices, including routers, switches, application servers, firewalls, and other network appliances

Syslog Levels

- Logging severity levels on Cisco devices:
  0) Emergencies
  1) Alerts
  2) Critical
  3) Errors
  4) Warnings
  5) Notifications
  6) Informational
  7) Debugging
- Enabling logging for a lower level (from importance point of view) will enable logging for all the above levels.



Logging to a Server



Messages are logged to a circular log buffer in RAM that is limited to 16384 Bytes.

```
Router(config)# logging buffered 16348
Router(config)# logging console warnings
Router(config)# logging trap alerts
Router(config)# logging 10.1.152.1
```

Messages are logged to a syslog server at IP Address 10.1.152.1. By default all messages Except level 7 are sent.

Logging messages on the console are limited to severity level 4 and lower. By default all messages from severity level 0 (emergencies) to severity level 7 (debugging) are logged.

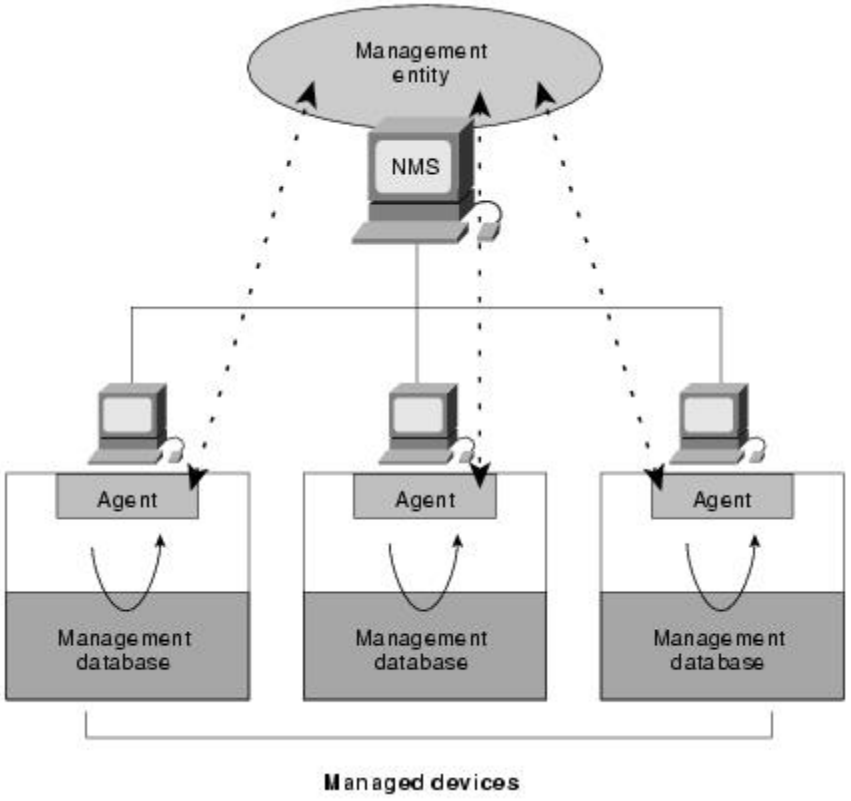
Logging to a Server

```
Router# show logging
Syslog logging: enabled (11 messages dropped, 0 messages rate-limited,
                0 flushes, 0 overruns, xml disabled, filtering disabled)
    Console logging: level warnings, 29 messages logged, xml disabled,
                     filtering disabled
    Monitor logging: level debugging, 0 messages logged, xml disabled,
                     filtering disabled
    Buffer logging: level debugging, 2 messages logged, xml disabled,
                    filtering disabled
    Logging Exception size (4096 bytes)
    Count and timestamp logging messages: disabled

No active filter modules.

    Trap logging: level informational, 35 message lines logged
        Logging to 10.1.152.1 (udp port 514, audit disabled, link up), 2
message lines logged, xml disabled,
              filtering disabled

Log Buffer (16384 bytes):

*Mar  2 02:26:08.909: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
*Mar  2 02:26:09.909: %SYS-6-LOGGINGHOST_STARTSTOP: Logging to host
10.1.152.1 started - CLI initiated
```

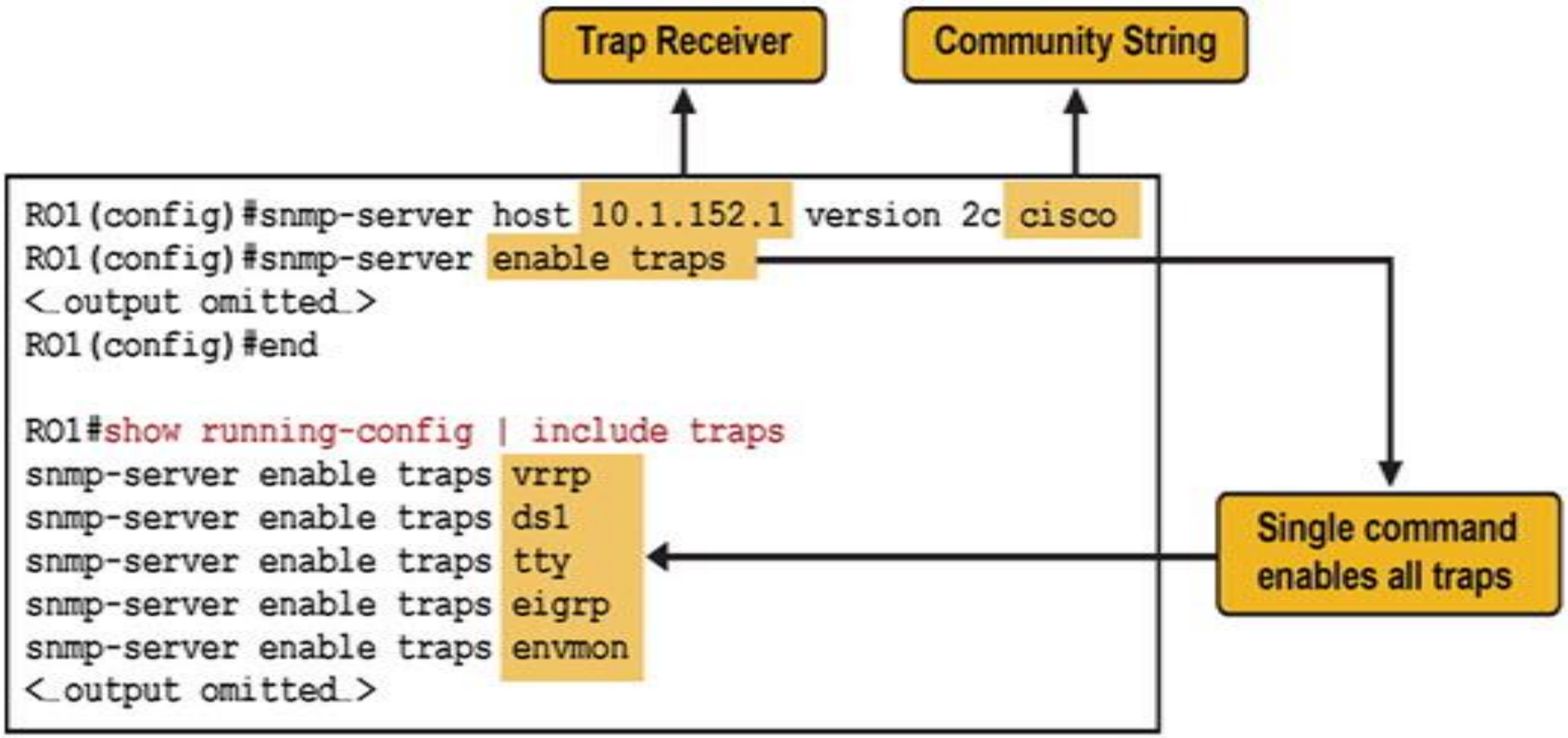
SNMP

SNMP

- Standard for managing devices and collect statistics
- Widely supported on many networking devices, including routers, switches, application servers, firewalls, and other network appliances
- Three key components:
  - NMS – network management system
  - Managed Device
  - Agent
- Polling - NMS query agent (UDP port 161)
- Trap - Agent inform NMS (UDP port 162)
- OID – Object identifier



SNMP Configuration



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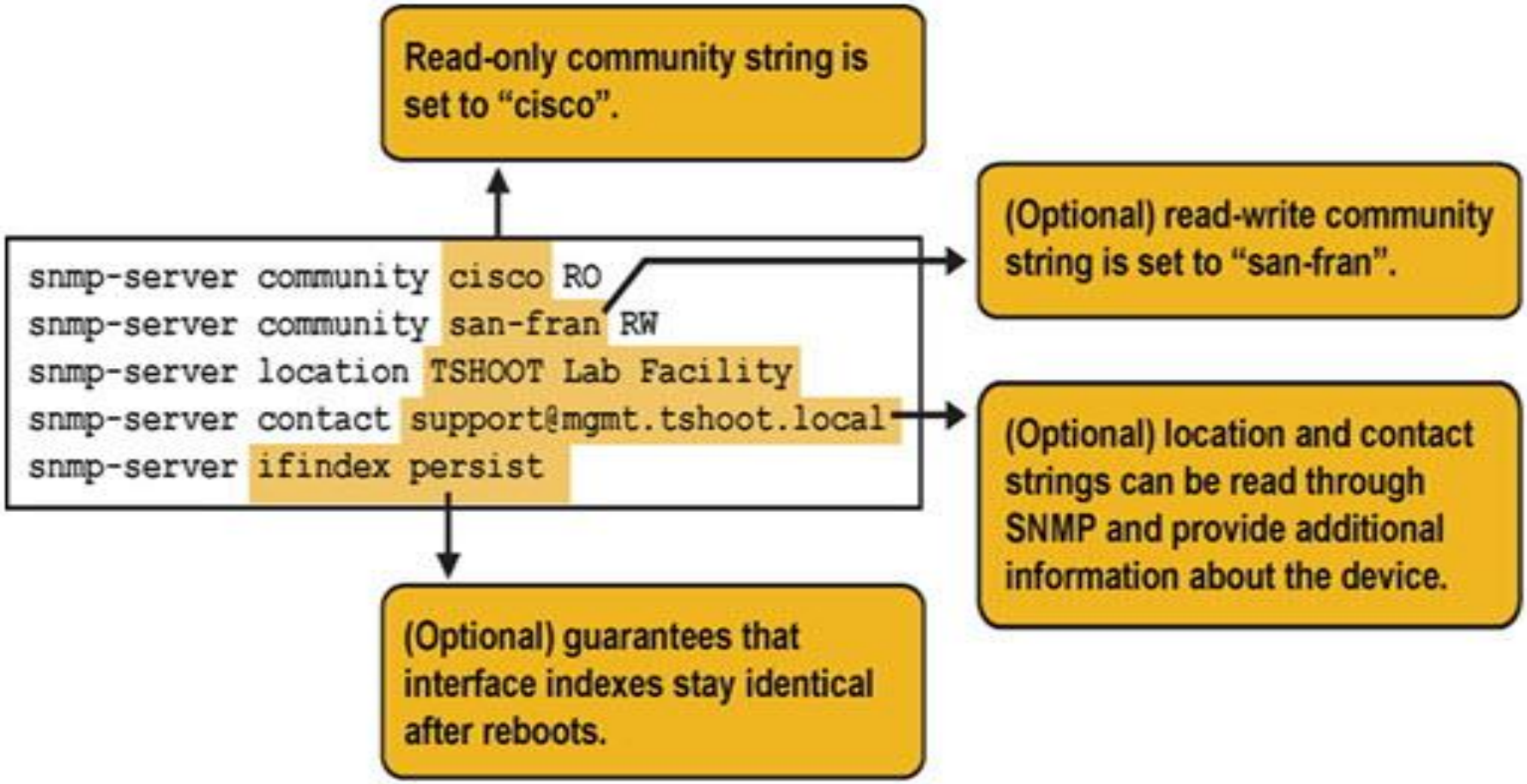
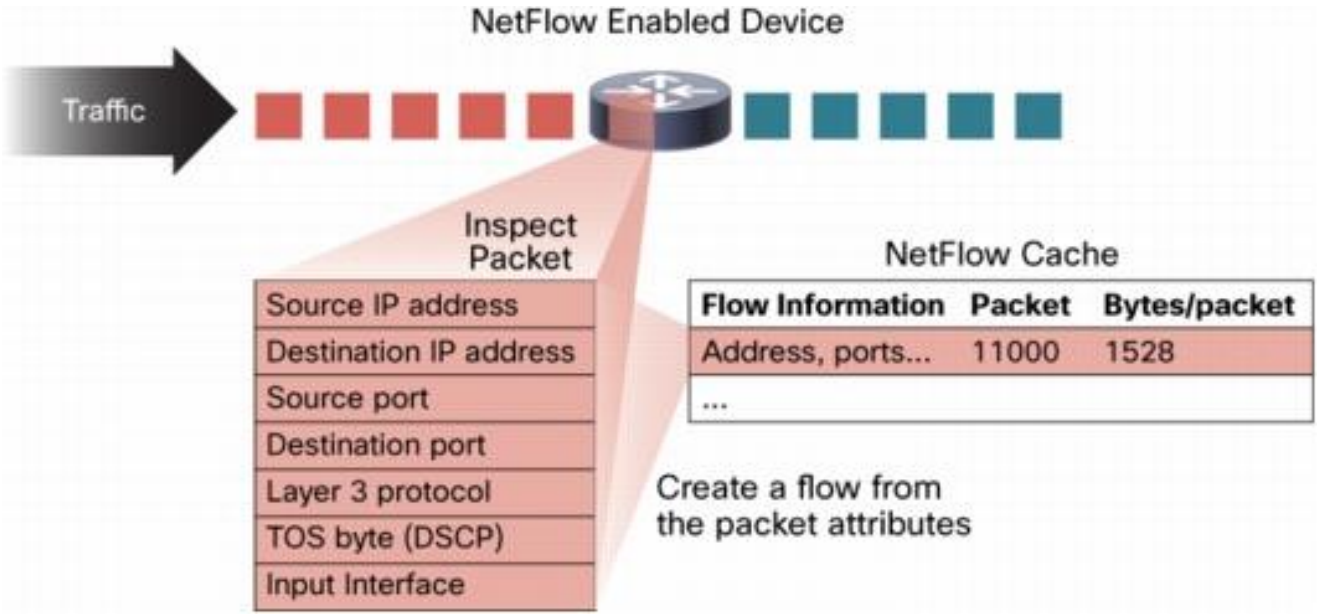


NetFlow

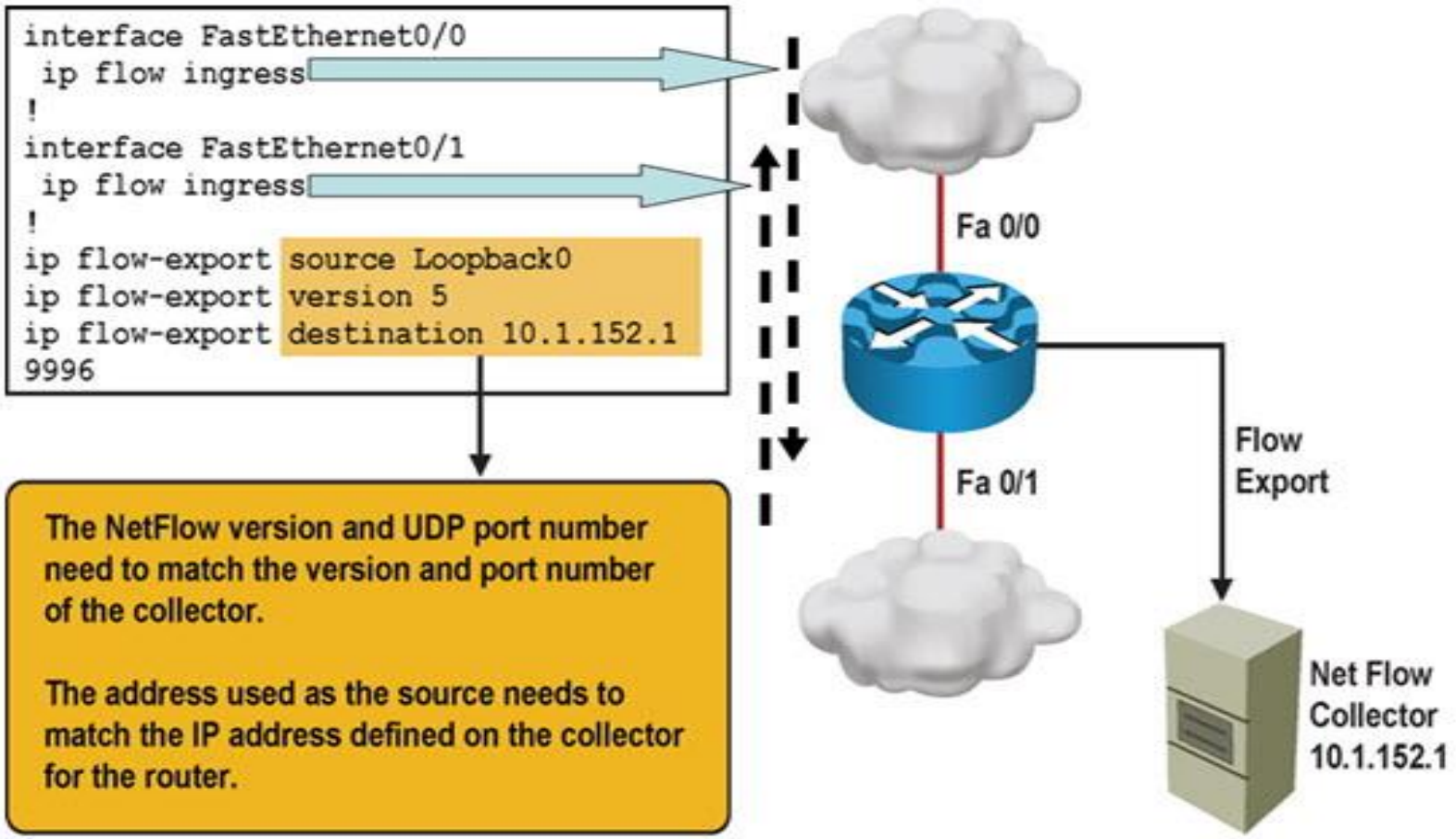
NetFlow

- Defined in RFC 3954 (NetFlow v9) RFC 7011 (IPFIX)
- Standard for collection information about flows
- Two main components
  - exporter
  - collector



Gathering Information with NetFlow

A Simple NetFlow Configuration Example



SNMP and NetFlow Comparison

- Both are used to gather statistics from Cisco switches and routers.
- SNMP's focus is primarily on the collection of various statistics from components within network devices.
- A NetFlow enabled device collects information about the IP traffic flowing through the device.
- NetFlow uses a "push" based model – devices send data to a collector.
- SNMP is considered pull-based – the NMS queries SNMP Agents.
- NetFlow only gathers traffic statistics.
- SNMP can also collect many other performance indicators such as interface errors, CPU usage, and memory usage.
- Statistics collected using NetFlow have more granularity.
- NetFlow is currently supported on most Cisco IOS routers but only the 4500 and 6500 series switches

Gathering Information with NetFlow

- You can display the NetFlow cache content by issuing the **show ip cache flow** command

```
R1# show ip cache flow
<output omitted>
SrcIf         SrcIPaddress    DstIF    DstIPaddress    Pr  SrcP  DstP  Pkts
Se0/0/0.121   10.1.194.10     Null     224.0.0.10      58  0000  0000  27
Se0/0/0.121   10.1.194.14     Null     224.0.0.10      58  0000  0000  28
Fa0/0         10.1.192.5      Null     224.0.0.10      58  0000  0000  28
Fa0/1         10.1.192.13     Null     224.0.0.10      58  0000  0000  27
Fa0/1         10.1.152.1      Local    10.1.220.2      01  0000  0303   1
Se0/0/1       10.1.193.6      Null     224.0.0.10      58  0000  0000   28
Fa0/1         10.1.152.1      Se0/0/1  10.1.163.193    11  0666  E75E   1906
Se0/0/1       10.1.163.193    Fa0/0    10.1.152.1      11  E75E  0666   1905
```

EEM

Embedded Event Manager (EEM)

- Enables custom policies that trigger actions based on events:
  - syslog messages
  - Cisco IOS counter changes
  - SNMP MIB object changes
  - SNMP traps
  - CLI command execution
  - Timers and many other options
- Actions can consist of:
  - Sending SNMP traps or syslog messages
  - Executing CLI commands
  - Sending email
  - Running tool command language (TCL) scripts

Sample EEM

- The `occurs 1` option forces the event to be triggered on a single occurrence of the CLI pattern
- For more information, visit http://cisco.com/go/instrumentation

```
R1(config)# event manager applet CONFIG-STARTED

R1(config-applet)# event cli pattern "configure terminal" sync no skip no
occurs 1

R1(config-applet)# action 1.0 syslog priority critical msg "Configuration mode
was entered"

R1(config-applet)# action 2.0 syslog priority informational msg "Change
control policies apply. Authorized access only."
```

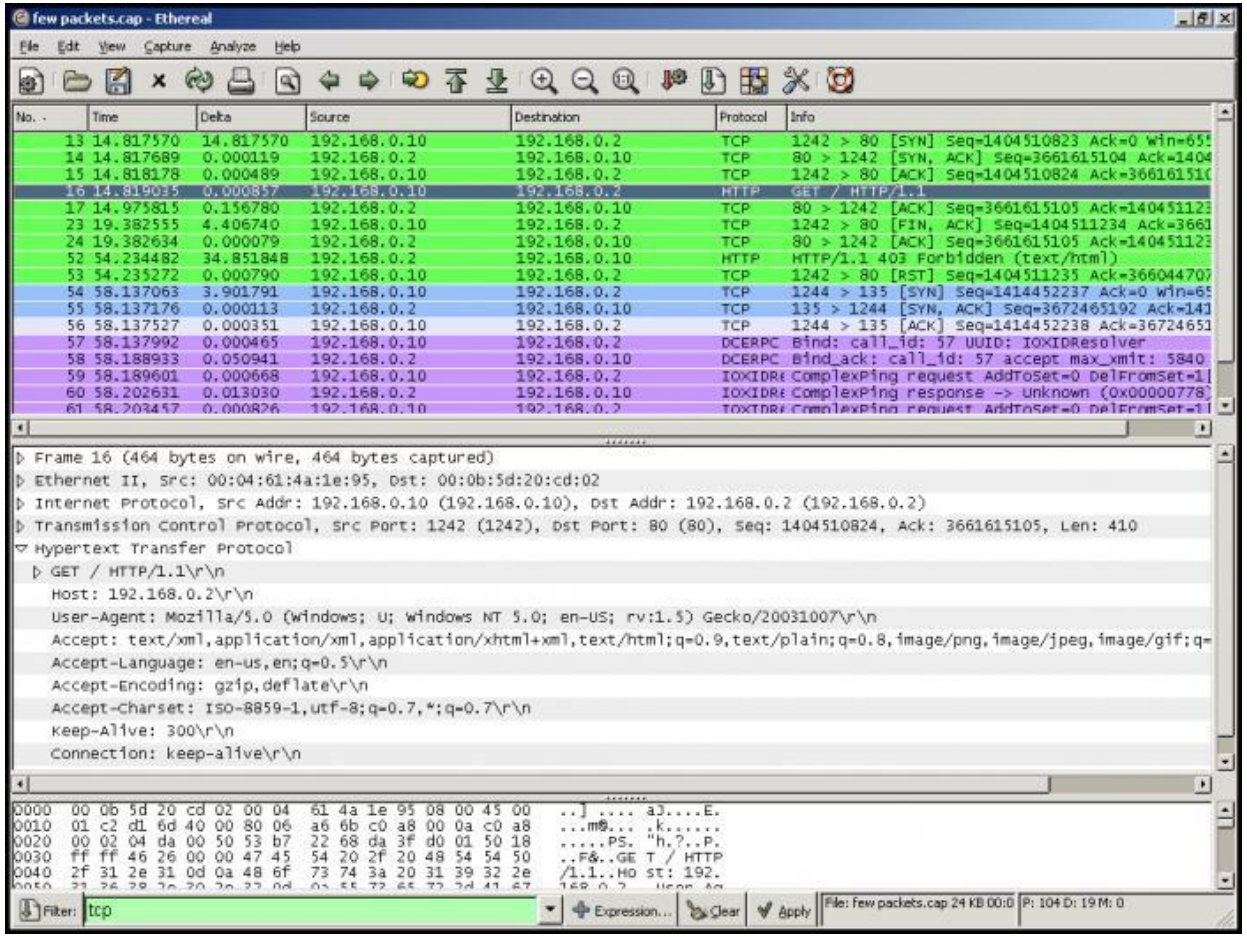
```
R1# conf t
Enter configuration commands, one per line.  End with CNTL/Z.

R1(config)#
Jul 13 03:24:41.473 PDT: %HA_EM-2-LOG: CONFIG-STARTED: Configuration mode was
entered
Jul 13 03:24:41.473 PDT: %HA_EM-6-LOG: CONFIG-STARTED: Change control policies
apply. Authorized access only
```

RSPAN

Using Traffic Capturing Tools

- PCAP, PCAPng, MNM
- http://www.fit.vutbr.cz/~ivesely/pubs.php?id=10183

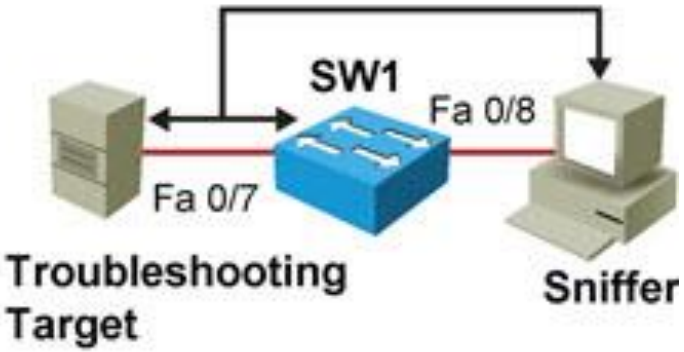


Switched Port Analyzer (SPAN)

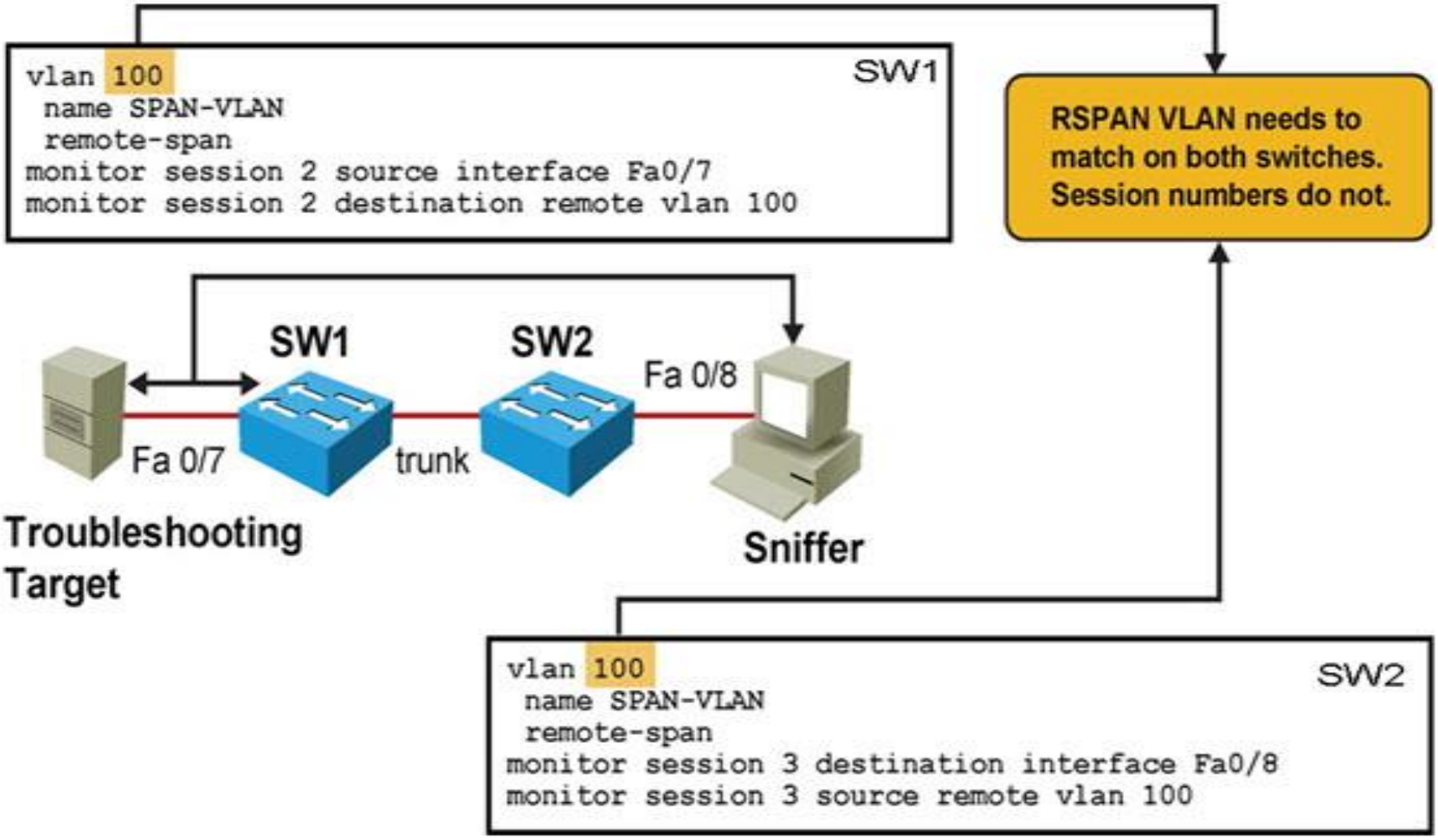
```
monitor session 1 source interface Fa0/7
monitor session 1 destination interface Fa0/8
```

Sources and destinations that form a single SPAN session are identified by a session number

```
SW1#show monitor
Session 1
---------
Type                    : Local Session
Source Ports            :
    Both                : Fa0/7
Destination Ports       : Fa0/8
    Encapsulation       : Native
          Ingress       : Disabled
```



Remote Switched Port Analyzer (RSPAN) ②



Remote Switched Port Analyzer (RSPAN) ①

```
SW1#show monitor
Session 2
---------
Type                   : Remote Source Session
Source Ports           :
     Both              : Fa0/7
Dest RSPAN VLAN        : 100
```

```
SW1#show vlan remote-span

Remote SPAN VLANs
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100
```

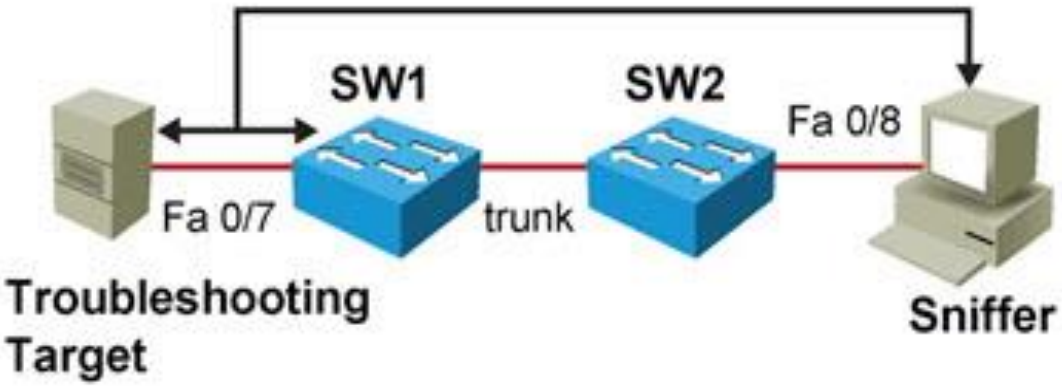


```
SW2#show vlan remote-span

Remote SPAN VLANs
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100
```

```
SW2#show monitor
Session 3
---------
Type                   : Remote Destination Session
Source RSPAN VLAN      : 100
Destination Ports      : Fa0/8
    Encapsulation      : Native
          Ingress      : Disabled
```

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