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(57) ABSTRACT

A method for deep packet inspection (DPI) in a software defined network (SDN). The method includes configuring a plurality of network nodes operable in the SDN with at least one probe instruction; receiving from a network node a first packet of a flow, the first packet matches the at least one probe instruction and includes a first sequence number; receiving from a network node a second packet of the flow, the second packet matches the at least one probe instruction and includes a second sequence number, the second packet is a response of the first packet; computing a mask value respective of at least the first and second sequence numbers indicating which bytes to be mirrored from subsequent packets belonging to the same flow; generating at least one

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mirror instruction based on at least the mask value; and configuring the plurality of network nodes with at least one mirror instruction.

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FIG. 1

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KEY <u>210</u>						DATA <u>220</u>							
Client IP	Server IP	Client	Server	IP	Flow	Client->	Server->	state	Creation	Client->	Server	Client->	S
address	address	source	destination	protocol	D	Server	Client		timestamp	Server	→	Server	C
		ТСР	TCP port	number		sequence	sequence			Hit counter X	Client	data buffer	b
		port				number M	number N			[bytes]	Hit		
											counter		
											Y		
											[bytes]		
192.1.1.1	209.1.4.4	15431	21	6	1	0xf46d5c34	0x3c98b9ab	ACK	15:32:13				

FIG. 2

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