**Suricata - Feature #1300**
 profiling: per flow recording of profiling data

10/10/2014 10:46 AM - Victor Julien

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**Description**

Flows track number of packets, so adding a total ticks count would allow calculating an average.

We could then output (in the flow log):
- absolute and relative cost of a flow

Also, a simple keyword could perhaps match on this. Then we'd alert on overly expensive flows (and even drop/pass them?).

Both should greatly help debugging performance issues.

**History**

#1 - 10/12/2014 03:35 AM - Peter Manev
Great idea I think.

#2 - 01/01/2016 06:00 PM - Andreas Herz
- Assignee set to OISF Dev
- Target version set to TBD

#3 - 09/18/2018 07:14 AM - Victor Julien
- Effort set to low
- Difficulty set to medium

I think this would be quite easy now. Just capture the ticks within the lock of the FlowWorker and store that in the Flow in a new field.