



# NVIDIA DOCA DPI Compiler

## User Guide

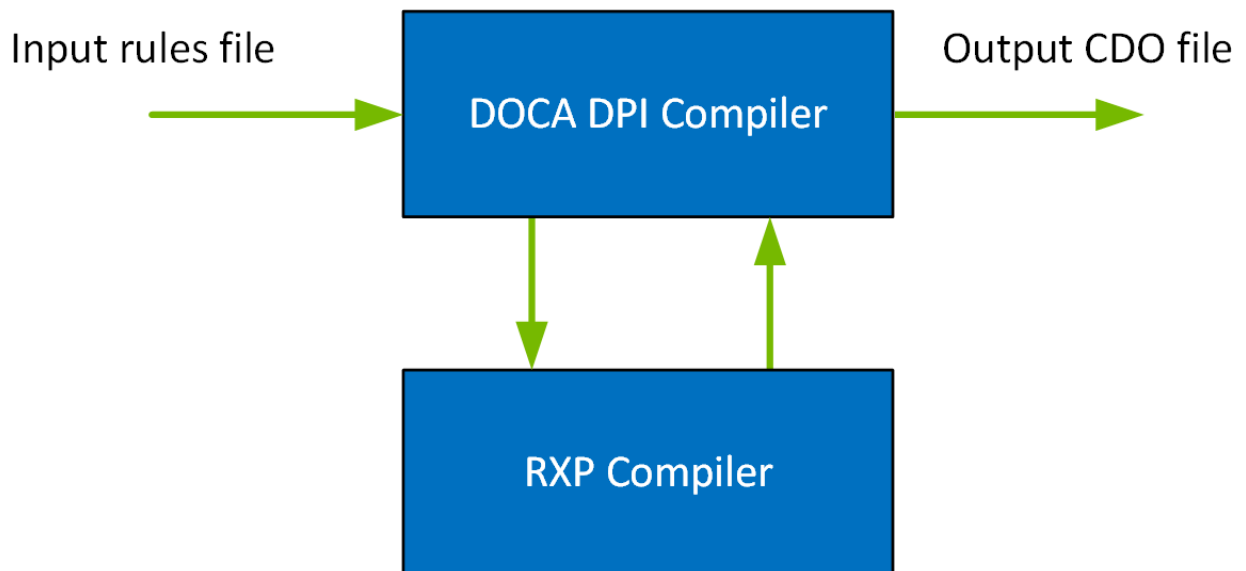
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# Chapter 1. DPI Compiler Architecture

DPI compiler is used to compile a signature file which will be loaded to the BlueField RegEx HW accelerator using a dedicated API (`doxa_dpi_load_signatures(cdo_file)`). The output for the DPI compiler is a JSON-based CDO file.



This diagram contains the following elements:

- ▶ Input rules file – file containing list of rules

Supported formats:

- ▶ Suricata (limited support—see section "[Syntax Example](#)" for more information)
- ▶ Third party signature files (for more information, please contact NVIDIA Support at: [networking-support@nvidia.com](mailto:networking-support@nvidia.com)).
- ▶ RXP compiler – regular expression compiler which is part of the DPI compiler
- ▶ Output CDO file – compiled signature output from compiler. File containing list of rules to be loaded to the RegEx engine.

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# Chapter 2. Syntax Example

The following is a Suricata syntax example:

```
alert udp any any -> any 53 (msg:"ET DOS DNS BIND 9 Dynamic Update DoS attempt";  
content:"|00 00 06|"; offset:8; content:"|c0 0c 00 ff|"; sid:2009701; )
```

Suricata rules are made of three parts – action, header, and options. Take the following rule for example:

```
drop tcp 1.1.1.1/11 8080 -> 2.2.2.2/22 9090 (msg:"ET TROJAN Likely Bot Nick in IRC  
(USA +..)"; flow: to_server; content:"NICK "; nocase; pcre:"/NICK .*USA.*[0-9]{3,}/  
iI"; sid:2008124;)
```

The following table breaks down the rule syntax:

Part	Rule Element
Action	drop
Header	tcp any any -> any any 1.1.1.1/11 8080 -> 2.2.2.2/22 9090
Options	(msg:"ET TROJAN Likely Bot Nick in IRC (USA +..)"; flow: to_server; content:"NICK "; nocase; pcre:"/NICK .*USA.*[0-9]{3,}/i"; sid:2008124;)  Detailed explanation can be found in <a href="#">Suricata's official documentation</a> .

DPI compiler has limited support for Suricata format. Field support is detailed in the following table:

Part	Keyword	Support
Action	Any	Accept any value. The application decides what to do with each action value.
Header	Protocol	tcp/udp
Header	Port	Single port number or range (ex. 100:150)
Header	Address	Single IP address and netmask (ex. 1.2.3.4/5)
Header	Direction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ -&gt; - unidirectional: client-to-server OR server-to-client (default is client-to-server)</li><li>▶ &lt;&gt; - bidirectional: client to server and server to client</li></ul>
Option	msg	Any string – use to identify the rule in case of match on the DPI

Part	Keyword	Support
Option	http. (must come before content option)	uri, cookie, user_agent, host, server, referer, content_type, location, request_body, response_body
Option	http_ (must come after content option)	uri, cookie, user_agent, host, referer, content_type, request_body, response_body
Option	content pattern	Hexadecimal conversion is not supported (no support for " #HEX " conversions). Negation (!) for content is not supported.
Option	content modifiers	nocase, startswith, endswith, offset Negation (!) for content is not supported
Option	PCRE modifiers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ i – PCRE is case insensitive</li> <li>▶ s – PCRE checks new line characters</li> <li>▶ A – A pattern must match at the beginning of a buffer</li> <li>▶ I – Makes PCRE match on the HTTP-raw-uri</li> <li>▶ C – Makes PCRE match on the HTTP-cookie</li> <li>▶ V – Makes PCRE match on the HTTP-User-Agent</li> <li>▶ W – Makes PCRE match on the HTTP-Host</li> <li>▶ P – Makes PCRE match on the HTTP-Content for CTS</li> <li>▶ Q – Makes PCRE match on the HTTP-Content for STC</li> </ul>
Option	ip_proto	Supported values: 1 (ICMP), 6 (TCP), 17 (UDP)
Option	flow	from_client, to_client, from_server, to_server
Option	tls.	sni – server name indication
Option	dns.	query
Option	sid	Any number



**Note:** If content or PCRE are provided without a field (e.g., `http_uri`), content/PCRE is searched on TCP/UDP payload according to the header protocol.

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# Chapter 3. Running DPI Compiler

Prerequisites:

Package	Instructions
json-c library	For RHEL, run: <code>yum install json-c</code>  For Debian, run: <code>apt install libjson-c</code>
RXPC engine	Packaged in the BlueField software

To execute the compiler, run the following command:

```
./doca_dpi_compiler -i [in_rules] -o [out_rules.cdo] -f [format] -r [rxpc_path]
```

For example:

```
./doca_dpi_compiler -i ./suricata_rules.rules -o compiler_output.cdo -f suricata -r /usr/bin/rxpc
```

Flags:

Flag	Description
-h / --help	Print all information about the available options
-i / --input	Path to input files
-o / --output	Path to output file
-f / --format	Signatures format
-r / --rxp	Path to RXP compiler
-p / --print_rules	Add the RegEx rules being passed to the RXPC to the CDO as well (useful for debug)
-v / --version	Print the current DOCA version in use

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