

PVX Summit - July 2018

PVQL: accessing data at the speed of light and enabling new use of performance insights with Spring 18 version

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PVX API: Smooth Integration

PVQL (Performance Vision Query Language) has been built to make powerful API...





Built-In Shell

Free your Imagination and write your own Queries https://<probe_IP>:443/shell

The shell has been mainly developed for R&D purposes: API code validation!

... still in version 0.1



```
Examples
        traffic.client
        traffic.client, traffic.server
        traffic.client BY time(60)
        traffic.client BY layer
        traffic.client, traffic.server BY time(60), layer
        traffic.client, traffic.server, (traffic.client+traffic.server)/2 BY time(3
        traffic BY ip.server[16] where ip.server[16] = 192.168.0.0
        rt.server BY app, zone.client TOP 20
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      0,000
                                      10:46:40
                                                                     11:03:20
```

traffic BY time(60), ip.server[16] where ip.server[16] = 192.168.0.0



Introduction: PVQL – The origins

- > PVQL provides the flexibility to query exactly what you want, in realtime
 - Which metrics
 - How to group them
 - Statistical operations
 - Sorting
 - Period of time
 - Filters
- > PVQL provides an easy and intuitive language



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Build PVQL queries from a form description

Arguments

- type: the type of representation
- exprs: list of formatted expressions for the value part
- layer: the source name
- groups: list of formatted expressions for the key part
- filter: formatted expression for the filter
- top : amount of rows to extract

Built-in Documentation

https://<probe_IP>:443/api/doc

This first version 0.1 will slightly change in the future...

Note

No quoting is applied to the arguments. So they must be all already properly quoted.

Examples

```
>>> build_queries_from_form(type='value', exprs=['traffic.client'])
{'type': 'VALUE',

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The PVQL syntax

<metric(s)> [BY <xxx>] [WHERE <xxx>] [TOP <xxx>] [FROM <xxx>] [PRECISION <xxx>] SINCE <xxx> [UNTIL <xxx>]

Provides the PVX metric value(s)

Complete list available at https://complete list available at https://complete.

Examples

traffic	Traffic in both directions expressed in MB
server.traffic	Traffic from the servers expressed in MB
rtt.total	Average round trip time
client.rtt	Average client RTT
user.experience	Average end-user experience (previous EURT)
server.rt	Average server response time



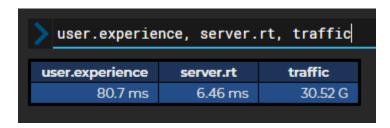


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To request multiple values at once, use a comma as separator:





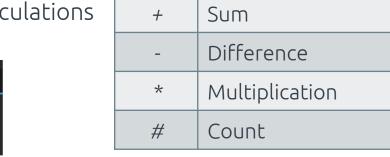


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You can perform calculations





#client.ip	AS	"nb (of connected	clients"	, #server.ip	AS "r	nb of	connected	servers"	client.rtt/server.rtt	AS	"RTT r	ratio"
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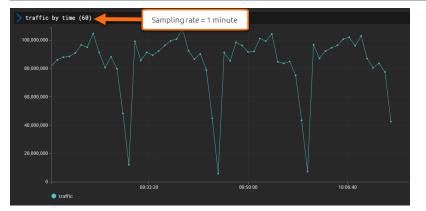
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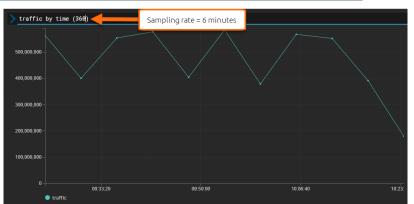


Used to group requested metrics by categories

Examples

BY application	Metric values grouped by application recognized by PVX
BY client.zone	Metric values grouped by client zone
BY time (3600)	Metrics values presented in a time-based chart The value provides the sampling rate in the chosen timeframe









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Used to group requested metrics by categories

You can group by multiple categories to obtain matrix view (with comma as separator)

	/Private/Servers/Citrix	/Private/Servers/Datacenter2/SQL server	/Private/Servers/Datacenteri/Web ERP	/Private/Servers/Exchange	/Private	/Private/Servers/Postgresql- Server	/Private/Servers/Datacenter1	/Private/Remote_sites/Ne York
cltrlx-sr	4.11 G							
ERP-Back- End		428.67 M						
ERP-Front- End			55.93 M					
File sharing		46.06 M						
DX CARE / Crossway				32.13 M				
NC					23.85 M	4.72 M	379.11 k	592.1
hbcl					12.27 M			
e-shop back						3.11 M		
Intranet- Sharepoint					324.66 k		3 M	
ms-sql-s					2.32 M			2
https								2.19
slp					1.08 M			
gre								
MS Sharing								311.1
CRM								240.1
lcmp		47.32 k		148	9.09 k		518	198.
snmp								175.7.
MS DTC		139.66 k						
Home Web Mall								
netblos- ssn		65.31 k						5
domain					(//////			





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Used to filter the results

Examples

WHERE application != « http »	The result excludes the metric values related to the « http » application
WHERE client.ip[16] = 192.168.0.0	Metric values provided for the clients in the subnet 192.168.0.0/16

Filters can be combined

WHERE (application = "http" OR application = "https") AND server.zone IN "/Local"





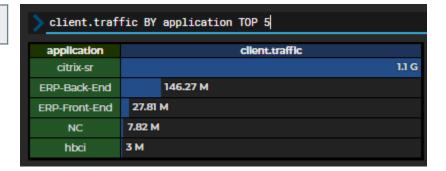
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Used to keep the top values, potentially in a range of values

Example of keeping the top 5 values

client.traffic BY application TOP 5



Example of keeping the top 5 values, exluding the first one (so second to sixth)

client.traffic BY application TOP 5@1

Offset value -

> client.traffic BY application TOP 5@1					
application	client.traffic				
ERP-Back-End	140.26 M				
ERP-Front-End	28.6 M				
NC	5.45 M				
hbci	2.22 M				
File sharing	2.16 M				





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Example of keeping all values but the first one

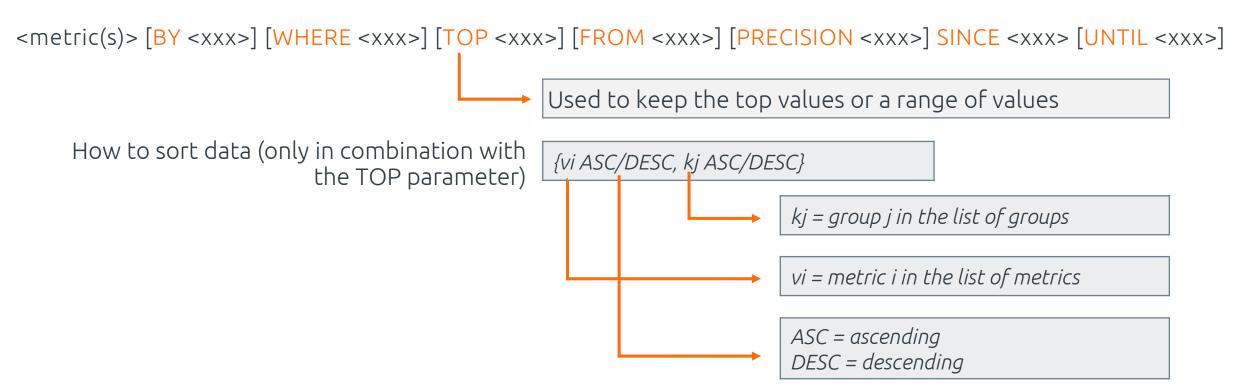
client.traffic BY application TOP ALL@1







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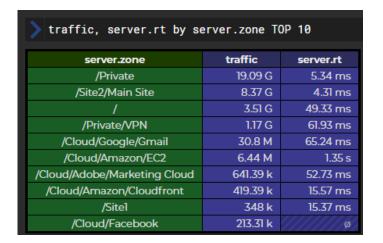
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Used to keep the top values or a range of values

Examples

Without sorting



With ascending sorting on « traffic »

traffic, server.rt by server.zone TOP 10 {v2 ASC}						
server.zone	traffic	server.rt				
/Cloud/Facebook	213.31 k	Ø				
/Cloud/Dropbox	79.43 k	Ø				
/Cloud/Amazon/Route53	17.26 k	Ø				
/Site2/Main Site	8.35 G	4.3 ms				
/Private	18.45 G	5.37 ms				
/Sitel	348 k	15.37 ms				
/Cloud/Amazon/Cloudfront	419.39 k	15.57 ms				
/Cloud/Microsoft/Lync Online	70.37 k	18.66 ms				
/	3.4 G	49.24 ms				
/Cloud/Adobe/Marketing Cloud	641.39 k	52.73 ms				

With descending sorting on server zone

> traffic, server.rt by server.zone TOP 10 {k1 DESC}					
server.zone	traffic	server.rt			
/Site1	338.17 k	15.34 ms			
/Site2/Main Site	7.94 G	4.5 ms			
/Private/VPN	1.17 G	60.66 ms			
/Cloud/Microsoft/Office 365	110.55 k	185.99 ms			
/Cloud/Microsoft/Lync Online	61.72 k	18.35 ms			
/Cloud/Google/Gmail	30.2 M	64.91 ms			
/Cloud/Facebook	213.31 k	Ø			
/Cloud/Dropbox	79.43 k	Ø			
/Cloud/Amazon/Route53	17.26 k	Ø			
/Cloud/Amazon/EC2	6.42 M	1.3 s			





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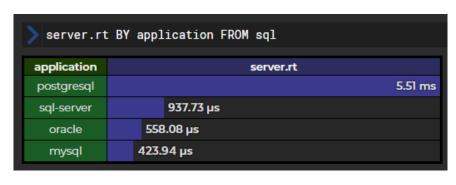
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Possible layers (must be lower case)

tcp udp icmp other_ip non_ip Lets you specify which layer to request By default, PVQL requests data from all L2-L4

Examples

http
sql
citrix
citrix_channels
smb
voip
dns



application	server.rt	
MS SCM	2	ll ms
MS Sharing	8.02 ms	
MS Remote Services	6.88 ms	
smb	4.65 ms	
MS Security	3.63 ms	
MS DLT	2.43 ms	
MS Active Directory	2.11 ms	
MS Indeterminate	694.06 µs	
MS DFS	331.13 µs	
MS Storage	284.69 µs	





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Lets you specify which aggregation level to query Is not limited to the aggregation levels of Nevrax (ex. : it is possible to ask for 1 minute granularity for 30 days or more)

The limit depends on the disk space capacity

Possible values : 1m, 1h and 1d

Aggregation level by default:
L1 (1m) up to 6 hours
L2 (1h) from 6 hours to 5 days
L3 (1d) – from 5 days





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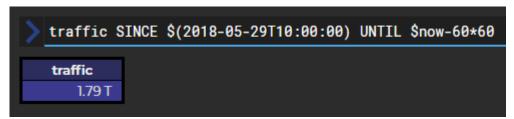
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Limits the query to a given time interval Time interval is one hour (last hour) by default Accepts either the ISO8601 standard, or time expressions



Example



Example (last 2 hours)





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Fast data discovery/correlation Some examples...

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How many users have used the applications the last hour?

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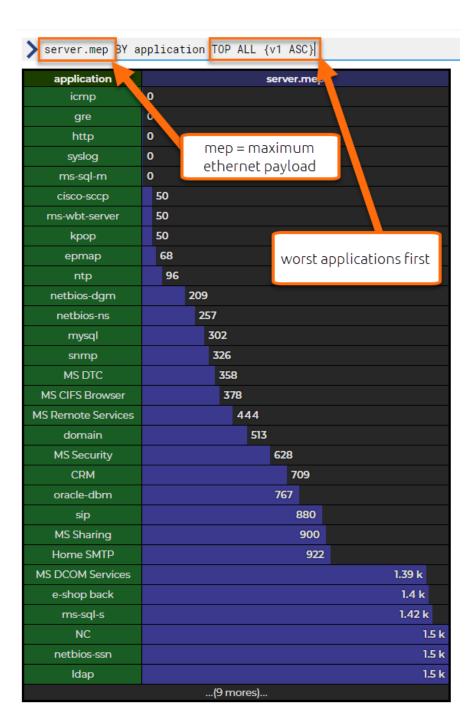
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Question: What about maximum pdu size per application?





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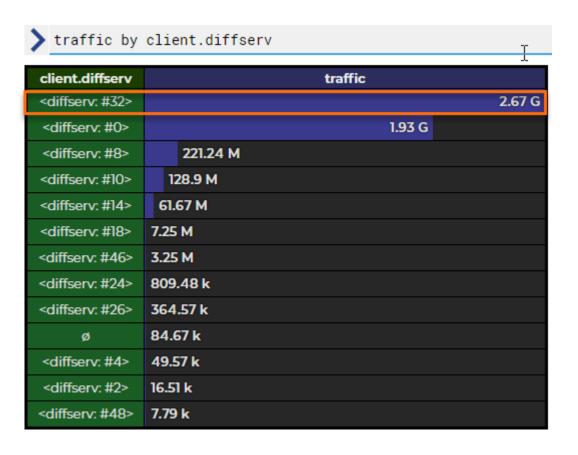
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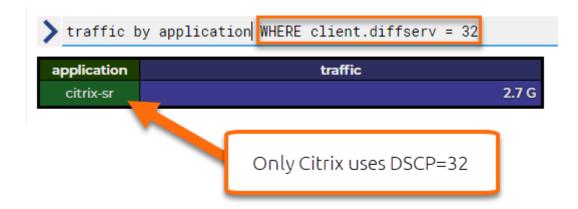
> Question 1: Is there any realtime tagged application on the network?





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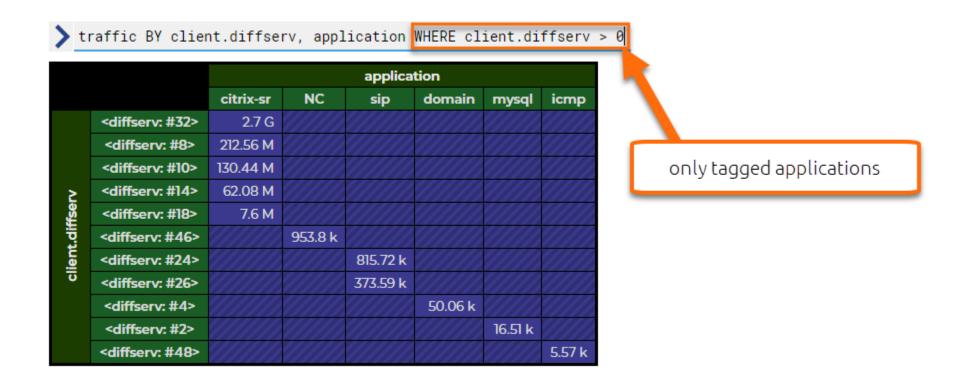
> Question 2 : What applications are tagged with DSCP=32?





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> Question 3 : How many applications are being tagged?





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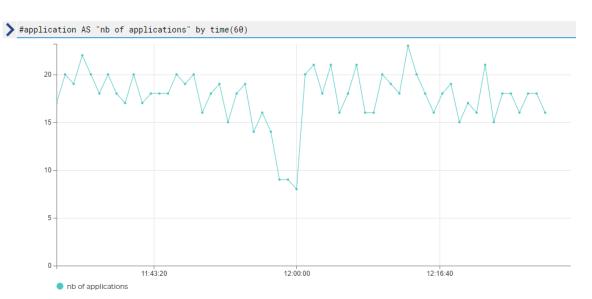
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How many users have used the applications the last hour?





> #client.ip AS "nb of users" by application

•		
application	nb of users	
citrix-sr		669
ERP-Back-End	153	
ERP-Front-End	26	
icmp	25	
domain	14	
NC	13	
sip	10	
netbios-ssn	8	
File sharing	6	
DX CARE / Crossway	6	
Intranet-Sharepoint	6	
ntp	4	
ms-sql-s	4	
ms-sql-m	4	
oracle-dbm	3	
epmap	2	
netbios-ns	2	
netbios-dgm	2	
ldap	2	
https	2	
mysql	2	
MS Security	2	
gre	1	
http	1	
snmp	1	
syslog	1	
cisco-sccp	1	
e-shop back	1	
kpop	1	
Home SMTP	1	
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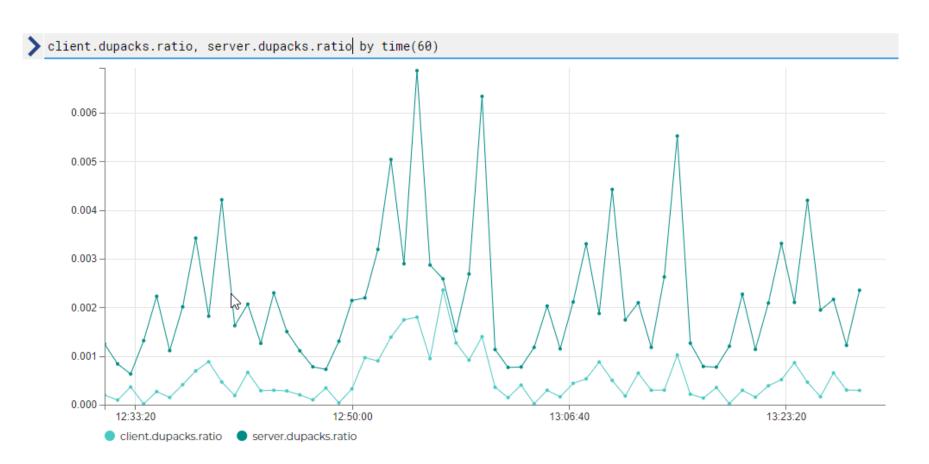
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Dupacks client/server

Question 1: Is there any correlation between client dupacks and server dupacks ratio?





Dupacks client/server

Question 2: Which client zones suffer from the biggest pourcentage of retransmission requests?

> dupacks.ratio, dupacks, pdus BY client.zone

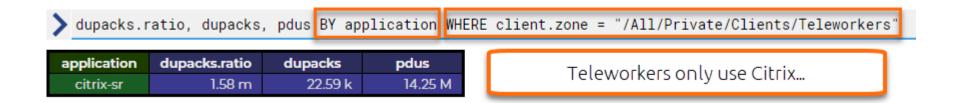
client.zone	dupacks.ratio	dupacks	pdus
/All/Private/Remote_sites/Lyon	10.24 m	681	66.52 k
/All/Private/Remote_sites/Berlin	9.86 m	296	30.02 k
/All/Private/Servers/Exchange	7.28 m	295	40.5 k
/All/Private/Remote_sites/Toronto	5.78 m	138	23.87 k
/All/Private/Remote_sites/Londres	3.47 m	348	100.15 k
/All/Private/Remote_sites/Marseille	2.89 m	165	57.04 k
/All/Private/Servers/Datacenter2	2.04 m	48	23.5 k
/All/Private/Remote_sites/Tokyo	1.57 m	3.97 k	2.53 M
/All/Private/Clients/Teleworkers	1.56 m	22.11 k	14.2 M
/All/Private/Servers/Datacenter1	1.14 m	545	476.49 k
/All/Private/Remote_sites/Madrid	1.04 m	2.92 k	2.82 M
/All/Private/Remote_sites/New York	693.3 µ	26	37.5 k
/All/Private	535.57 µ	99	184.85 k
/All/Private/Remote_sites/Lille	511.18 µ	46	89.99 k
/All	317.44 µ	145	456.78 k
/All/Private/Remote_sites/Bordeaux	288.28 µ	572	1.98 M
/All/Private/Remote_sites/Detroit	225.65 µ	1.04 k	4.62 M
/All/Private/Remote_sites/Amsterdam	0	0	162.21 k
/All/Private/Servers/Postgresql-Server	0	0	33.1 k
/All/Private/Servers/Datacenter2/SQL server	0	0	12.69 k
/All/Private/Servers/Datacenter2/Mail server	0	0	2.06 k
/All/Private/Servers/Datacenter1/Web ERP	0	0	520
/All/Private/Servers/MySql-Server/Mysql-Server-A	0	0	114

Taking the generated traffic into account, the teleworkers can be considered as the most impacted....



Dupacks client/server

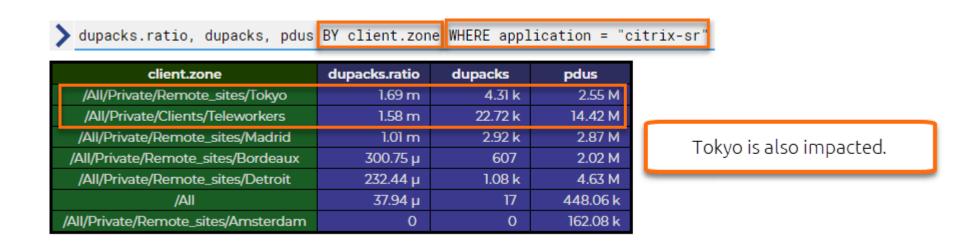
> Question 3 : What about impacted applications for teleworkers?





Dupacks client/server

> Question 4 : Are other sites impacted for Citrix traffic?





Dupacks client/server

> Question 5 : What are the top 10 users impacted on both sites?

	.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		client.zone TOP 10 WHERE application="citrix-sr" AND (client.zone="/All/Private/Clients/Teleworkers" OR client.zone="/All/Private/Remote_s	
		client		
		/All/Private/Clients/Teleworkers	All/Private/Remote_sites/Tokyo	
	60.143.21.12	26.23 m 1.27 k 48.31 k		
	60.143.46.51	16.86 m 741 43.96 k		
	60.143.195.122	15.97 m 940 58.88 k		
	60.143.46.46	15.1 m 342 22.65 k		
t.ip	60.143.223.66		15.07 m 25 1.66 k	
client.ip	60.143.34.245	14.41 m 409 28.38 k		
	60.143.34.252	13.36 m 1.24 k 92.83 k		
	60.143.58.50	13.28 m 1.75 k 132.04 k		
	60.143.46.43	13.22 m 898 67.9 k		
	60.143.195.119	12.36 m 605 48.95 k		



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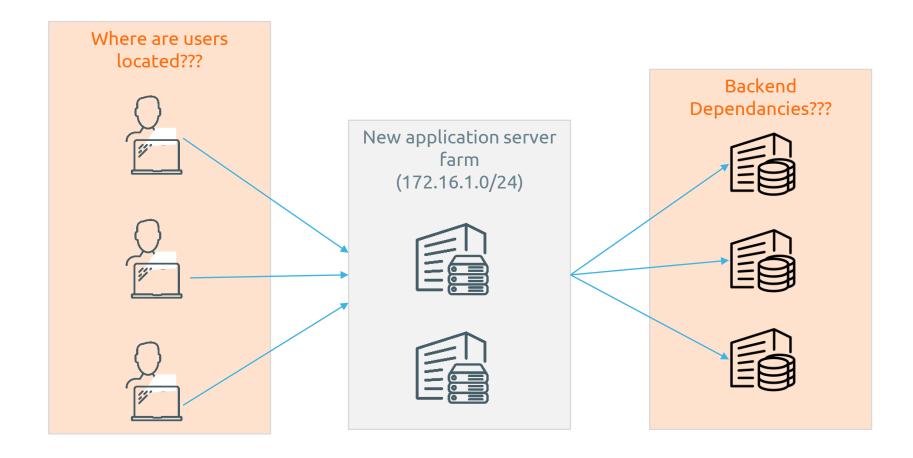
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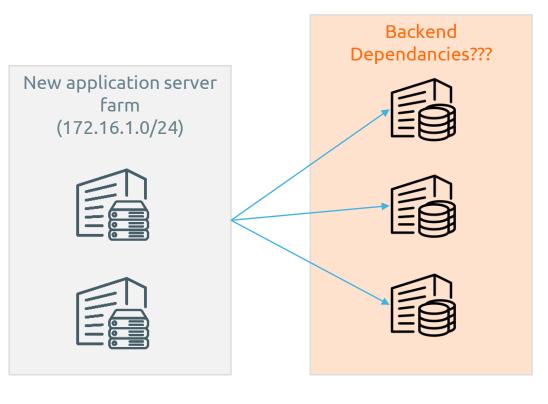
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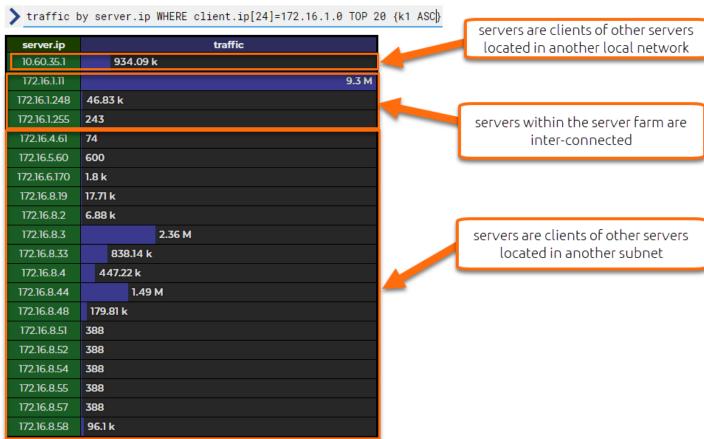




Application chain discovery

> Question 1: Which other servers is this server farm connecting to?

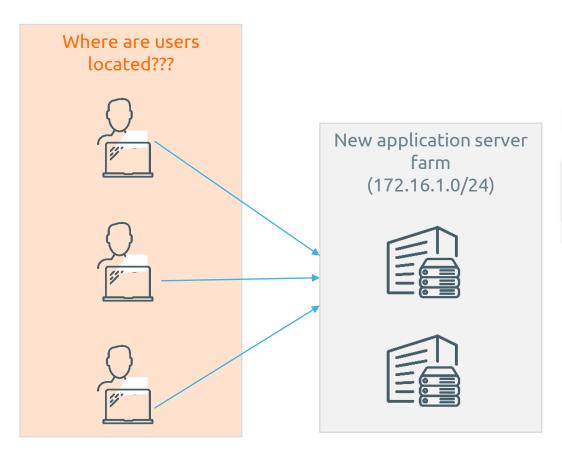


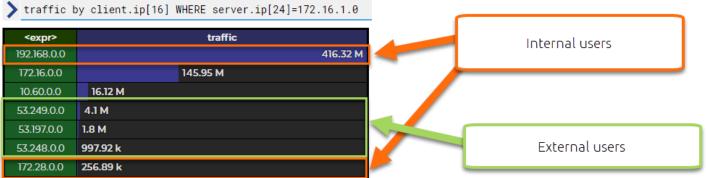




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> Question 2 : What are the users from?







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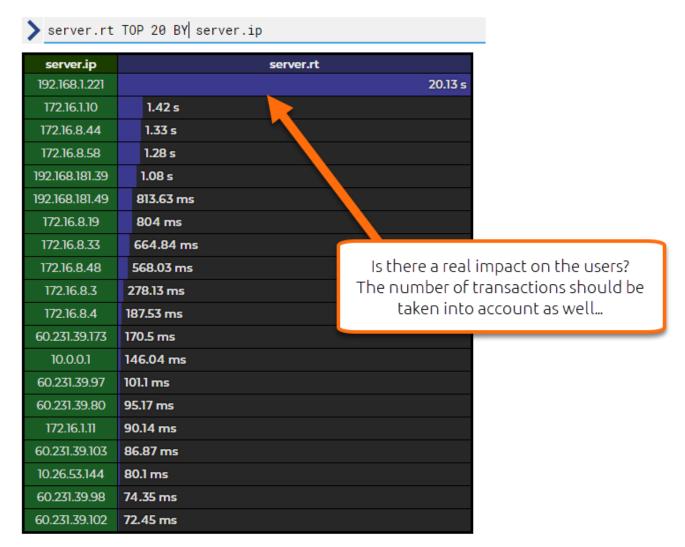
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The slowest significants servers...

> Asking for the top 20 slowest servers is not enough...





The slowest significants servers...

Mixing SRT and number of transactions to sort by degree of relevance...

> server.rt,	server.rt.	count BY server.i	ip TOP	20	{v2	DESC}
server.ip	server.rt	server.rt.count				
172.16.1.11	93.32 ms	191.28 k				
127.0.0.1	5 ms	8.54 k				
60.231.39.107	37.46 ms	5.57 k				
60.231.39.111	46 ms	4.36 k				
60.231.39.104	37.12 ms	4.14 k				
192.168.181.49	670.83 ms	3.98 k				
60.231.39.101	47.53 ms	3.63 k				
172.16.1.10	1.54 s	3.05 k				
60.231.39.103	87.99 ms	2.9 k				
60.231.39.100	42.33 ms	2.85 k				
60.231.39.105	57.24 ms	2.67 k				
60.231.39.156	42.6 ms	2.21 k				
60.231.39.117	55.35 ms	1.74 k				
60.231.39.96	48.62 ms	1.66 k				
60.231.39.173	170.22 ms	1.59 k				
60.231.39.84	40.73 ms	1.23 k				
60.231.39.80	95.18 ms	912				
60.231.39.98	73.95 ms	808				
10.26.53.144	222.88 ms	800				
172.16.8.4	162.62 ms	676				



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Perform calculations

Some examples...

Servers discovery based on connected clients

Worst HTTP site based on Page Load Time and Page Traffic



Use cases Servers discovery...

> #client.ip AS "nb of connected users", #application AS "nb of applications on the server" by server.ip

server.ip	nb of connected users	nb of applications on the server
172.16.1.11	149	7
60.231.39.105	37	1
60.231.39.111	36	1
60.231.39.80	36	1
60.231.39.96	36	1
60.231.39.100	35	1
60.231.39.101	35	1
60.231.39.102	35	1
60.231.39.103	35	1
60.231.39.104	35	1
60.231.39.109	35	1
60.231.39.110	35	1
60.231.39.116	35	1
60.231.39.106	34	1
60.231.39.108	34	1
60.231.39.117	34	1
60.231.39.97	34	1
60.231.39.98	34	1
60.231.39.107	33	1
60.231.39.99	31	1
192.168.181.49	19	2
10.5.0.65	10	5
60.231.39.158	10	1
172.16.8.4	8	11
62.193.32.2	8	1
172.16.1.12	7	3
60.231.39.159	7	1
172.16.8.58	6	7
172.16.1.24	5	5
172.16.1.34	5	2
	(66 more	es)



Perform calculations

Some examples...

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Use cases Worst HTTP site...

> page.load.time/page.traffic, page.load.time, page.traffic, hit.rt FROM http BY server.ip

server.ip	<expr></expr>	page.load.time	page.traffic	hit.rt
	200.92 µ	157.93 ms	786	157.93 ms
	132.93 µ	104.48 ms	786	104.48 ms
	67.61 µ	53.15 ms	786	53.15 ms
	41.27 µ	32.4 ms	785	32.4 ms
	40.65 µ	31.95 ms	786	31.95 ms
	34.64 µ	83.03 ms	2.4 k	83.03 ms
	24.66 µ	135.82 ms	5.51 k	135.82 ms
	3.44 µ	4.92 s	1.43 M	112.25 ms
	3.24 µ	5.7 s	1.76 M	60.22 ms
	2.01 µ	19.16 ms	9.54 k	19.16 ms
	1.85 µ	117.37 ms	63.39 k	114.69 ms
	1.73 µ	161.42 ms	93.38 k	3.83 ms
	1.21 µ	11.16 ms	9.21 k	11.16 ms
	496.26 n	11.8 ms	23.78 k	11.75 ms
	491.59 n	20.79 ms	42.29 k	20.74 ms
	163.85 n	101.34 ms	618.5 k	100.87 ms
	15.68 n	1.45 s	92.44 M	518.62 ms
	6.09 n	6.79 ms	1.11 M	1.28 ms
	5.9 n	25.19 ms	4.27 M	18.63 ms
	4.32 n	37.48 µs	8.67 k	37.48 µs
	3.93 n	4.42 ms	1.12 M	4.39 ms
	2.61 n	14.71 ms	5.64 M	12.63 ms



In addition to API validation, what can PVQL be typically used for?

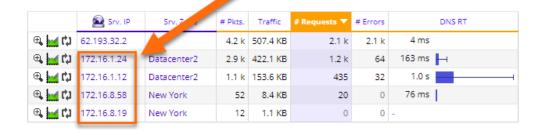
- 1 Fast data discovery/correlations
- 2 Perform calculations
- Create detailed matrix



I'm only interested in the internal DNS servers...

Use cases

Internal DNS Servers performance...

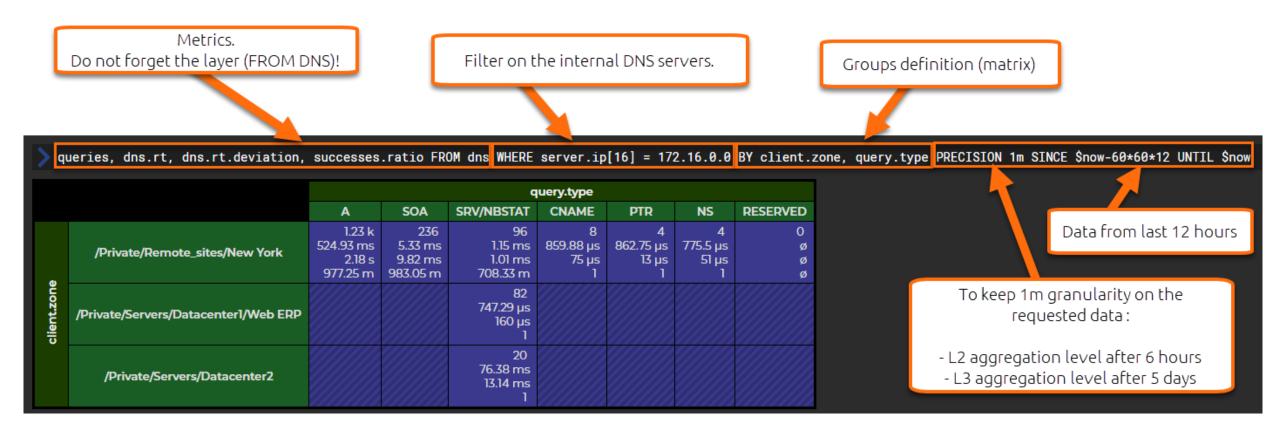


> In one view I want to see

Metric	Reason for the metric
Number of DNS requests	Is the information relevant?
Average DNS Response Time	Performances
DNS Response Time deviation	Stability
% of successful requests	Success rate

I want to see these data per client zone, per type of DNS request and for the last 12 hours







Agenda - PVQL

- 1 Introduction: PVQL The origins
- 2 How to use it
- 3 Use cases
- 4 Let's define the roadmap together







