Logging Services

CloudTrail - logs all **API calls** (SDK, CLI) between **AWS services** (who can we blame)

Who created this bucket?
Who spun up that expensive EC2 instance?
Who launched this SageMaker Notebook?

- Detect developer misconfiguration
- Detect malicious actors
- Automate responses

CloudWatch is a collection of multiple services

- CloudWatch **Logs** A centralized place to store your cloud services log data or application logs.
- CloudWatch **Metrics** Represents a time-ordered set of data points. A variable to monitor
- CloudWatch **Events (EventBridge)** trigger an event based on a condition eg. ever hour take snapshot of server
- CloudWatch **Alarms** triggers notifications based on metrics
- CloudWatch **Dashboard** create visualizations based on metrics

AWS X-Ray is a **distributed tracing system**. You can use it to pinpoint issues with your microservices.
See how data moves from one app to another, how long it took to move, and if it failed to move forward.

AWS CloudTrail

AWS CloudTrail is a service that enables governance, compliance, operational auditing, and risk auditing of your AWS account.

AWS CloudTrail is used to monitor API calls and Actions made on an AWS account.

Easily identify which users and accounts made the call to AWS eg.

- **Where** — Source IP Address
- **When** — EventTime
- **Who** — User, UserAgent
- **What** — Region, Resource, Action

```
1  {"Records": [{
2      "eventVersion": "1.0",
3      "userIdentity": {
4          "type": "IAMUser",
5          "principalId": "EX_PRINCIPAL_ID",
6          "arn": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:user/Worf",
7          "accountId": "123456789012",
8          "accessKeyId": "EXAMPLE_KEY_ID",
9          "userName": "Worf"
10      },
11      "eventTime": "2014-03-24T21:11:59Z",
12      "eventSource": "iam.amazonaws.com",
13      "eventName": "CreateUser",
14      "awsRegion": "us-east-1",
15      "sourceIPAddress": "127.0.0.1",
16      "userAgent": "aws-cli/1.3.2 Python/2.7.5 Windows/10",
17      "requestParameters": {"userName": "LaForge"},
18      "responseElements": {"user": {
19          "createDate": "Mar 24, 2014 9:11:59 PM",
20          "userName": "LaForge",
21          "arn": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:user/LaForge",
22          "path": "/",
23          "userId": "EXAMPLEUSERID"
24      }}
25  }]}
```

AWS CloudTrail

CloudTrail is already logging by default and will collect logs for **last 90 days** via **Event History**

If you need more than 90 days you need to create a **Trail**

Trails are output to S3 and do not have GUI like Event History. To analyze a Trail you'd have to use **Amazon Athena.**

CloudWatch Alarms

A CloudWatch Alarm monitors a **CloudWatch Metric** based on **a defined threshold.**

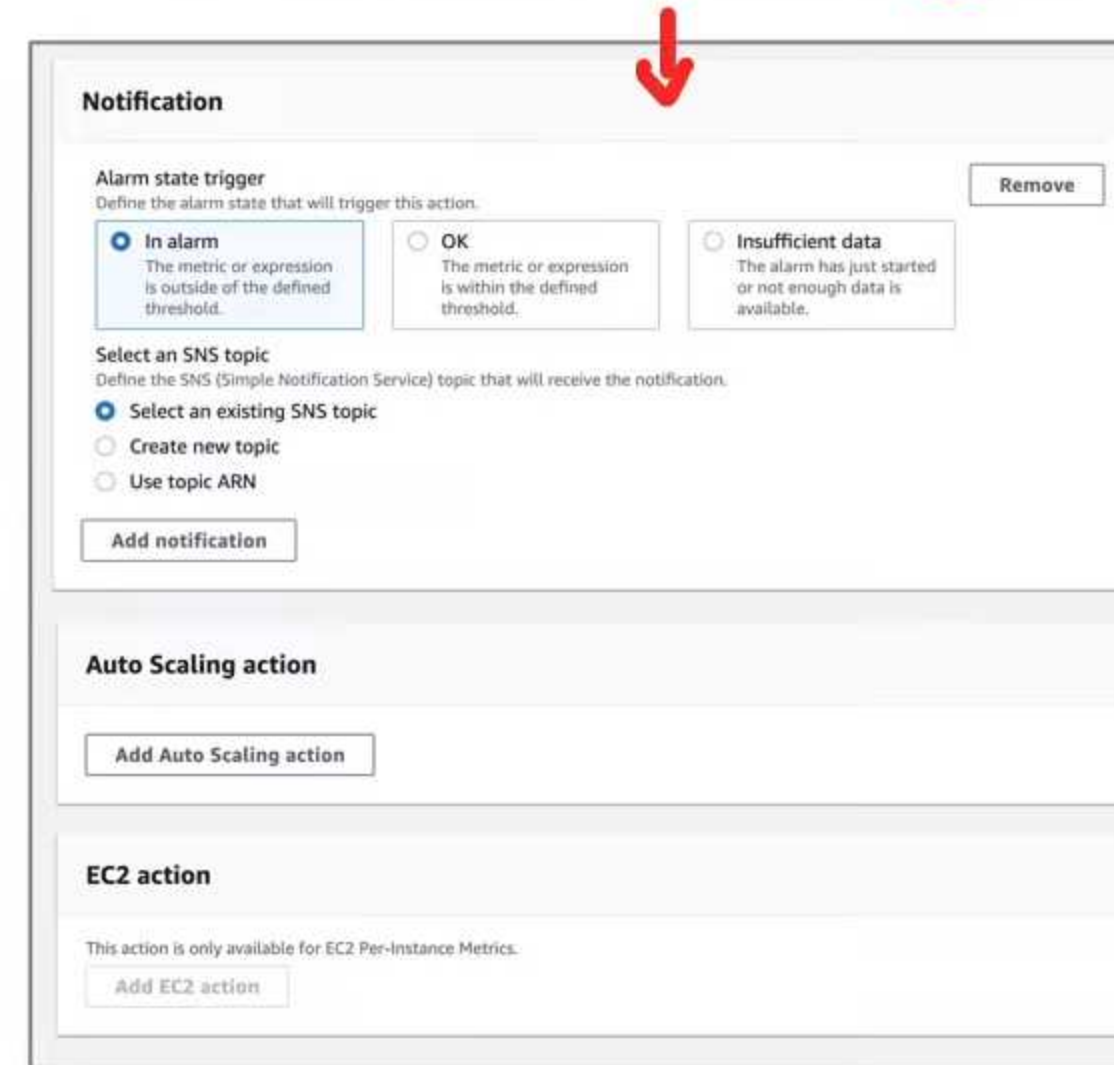|	Name	▽	State	▽	Last state update	▽	Conditions	Actions
☐	Network_In		⚠ In alarm		2020-07-20 13:01:35		NetworkIn > 300 for 1 datapoints within 5 minutes	No actions

When alarm breaches (goes outside the defined threshold) than it changes **state**.

When it changes state we can define what **action it should trigger.**

- Notification
- Auto Scaling Group
- EC2 Action

Notification

Alarm state trigger
Define the alarm state that will trigger this action.   [Remove]

- 🔘 **In alarm**
  The metric or expression is outside of the defined threshold.
- ○ **OK**
  The metric or expression is within the defined threshold.
- ○ **Insufficient data**
  The alarm has just started or not enough data is available.

Select an SNS topic
Define the SNS (Simple Notification Service) topic that will receive the notification.

- 🔘 Select an existing SNS topic
- ○ Create new topic
- ○ Use topic ARN

[Add notification]

Auto Scaling action

[Add Auto Scaling action]

EC2 action

This action is only available for EC2 Per-Instance Metrics.

[Add EC2 action]

Metric Alarm States

- **OK** The metric or expression is **within** the defined threshold
- **ALARM** The metric or expression is **outside** of the defined threshold
- **INSUFFICIENT_DATA**
  - The alarm has **just started**
  - the metric is **not available**
  - **Not enough data** is available

CloudWatch Alarms — Anatomy of an Alarm

Threshold Condition
Defines when a datapoint is breached

Threshold type

◉ Static
Use a value as a threshold

Whenever NetworkIn is...
Define the alarm condition.

○ Greater   ○ Gr
  > threshold   >=

than...
Define the threshold value.

100000

Must be a number

Evaluation Periods
number of previous periods

Data point
Represents the metric's measurement
at a given period

Period
How often it checks to
evaluate the Alarm

Period

5 minutes ▾

100K

Metric
The actual data
we are measuring

5m   5m   5m   5m   5m   5m
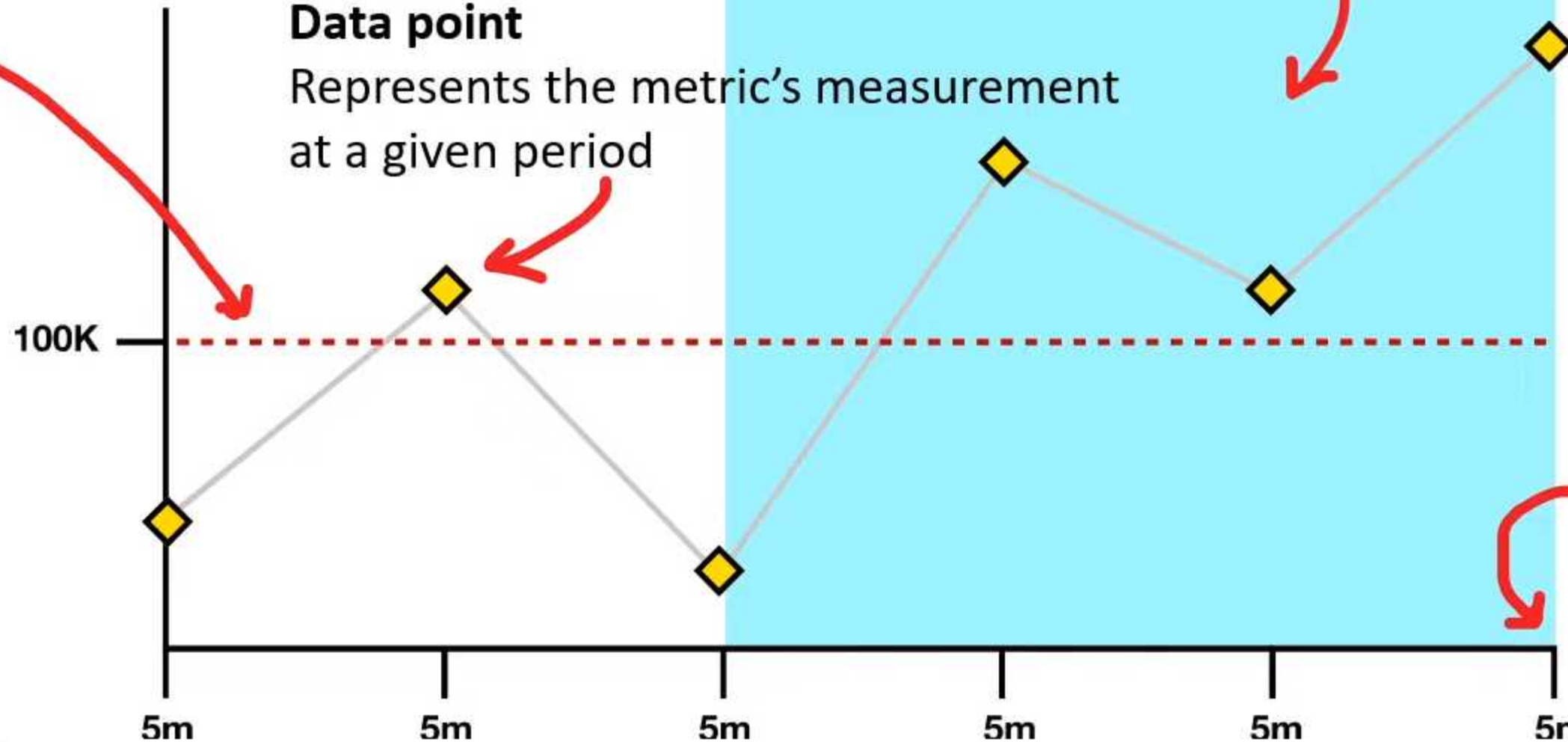
NetworkIn
The volume of incoming network traffic.
measured in Bytes. When using 5min monitoring
divide by 300 to get Bytes/second

Datapoints to alarm
1 data point is breached in an evaluation
period going back 4 periods.
This is what triggers the alarm

Datapoints to alarm
Define the number of datapoints within the evaluation period that must be
breaching to cause the alarm to go to ALARM state.

1   out of   4

CloudWatch Logs – Log Streams

Log Streams

A log stream represents a **sequence of events** from a **application or instance being monitored**.

Create log stream ✕

Log stream name

my-log-stream

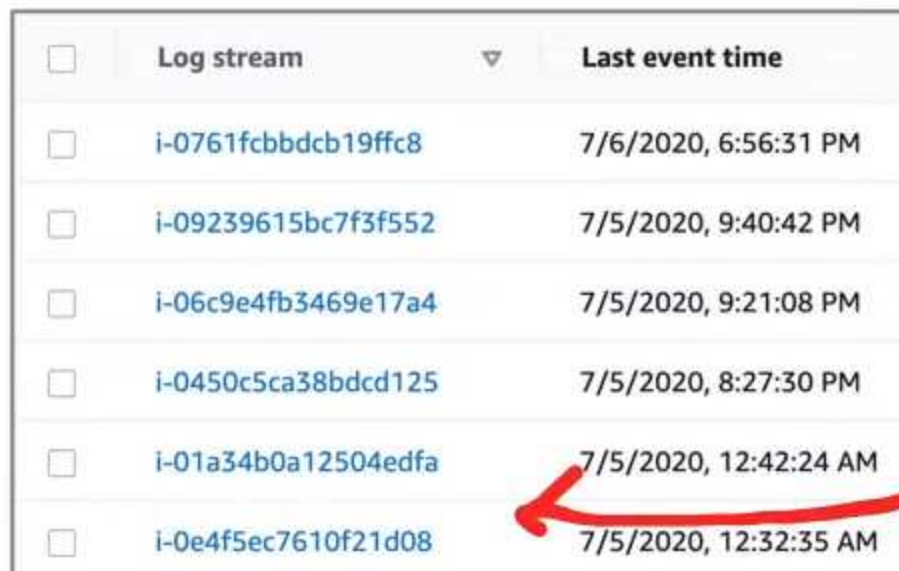Cancel   Create

You can create Log Streams manually but generally this is automatically done by the service you are using

Here is a Log Group for a **Lambda function**
You can see here the Log Streams are named after the **running instance.** Lambdas frequency run on new instances so the stream streams contain timestamps

	Log stream ▽	Last event time
☐	2020/07/06/[$LATEST]ebca38579fac4842b531b260d5c35e0e	7/6/2020, 7:41:24 PM
☐	2020/07/06/[$LATEST]7679ba0f37b14a3da994cd243963ca60	7/6/2020, 6:14:42 PM
☐	2020/07/06/[$LATEST]bb7edeb95cb345b48dd151a79367a5d6	7/6/2020, 3:52:56 PM
☐	2020/07/06/[$LATEST]e1544efd95a4492585b9c8d27ddaea4b	7/6/2020, 1:30:09 PM
☐	2020/07/06/[$LATEST]86a8ec4dcff746628effaeb82b41e1cc	7/6/2020, 12:28:00 PM
☐	2020/07/06/[$LATEST]a06263c73f8242e5a0e35b366b3bbdf9	7/6/2020, 10:08:43 AM

	Log stream ▽	Last event time
☐	i-0761fcbbdcb19ffc8	7/6/2020, 6:56:31 PM
☐	i-09239615bc7f3f552	7/5/2020, 9:40:42 PM
☐	i-06c9e4fb3469e17a4	7/5/2020, 9:21:08 PM
☐	i-0450c5ca38bdcd125	7/5/2020, 8:27:30 PM
☐	i-01a34b0a12504edfa	7/5/2020, 12:42:24 AM
☐	i-0e4f5ec7610f21d08	7/5/2020, 12:32:35 AM

Here is a Log Group for an **application logs running on EC2** You can see here the Log Streams are named after the **running instance's Instance ID**

	Log stream ▽	Last event time
☐	exampro-events-crawler	6/30/2019, 12:57:11 PM
☐	exampro-waf-logs	6/26/2019, 9:00:49 AM
☐	exampro-leads-crawler	3/24/2019, 7:57:03 PM
☐	dynamodb-events-tracking	3/13/2019, 4:38:00 PM
☐	cloudtrail	2/24/2019, 4:12:18 PM

Here is a Log Group for **AWS Glue**. You can see here the Log Streams are named after the **Glue Jobs.**

CloudWatch Logs – Log Events

Log Events

Represents a single event in a log file. Log events can be seen within a Log Stream.

▶	2020-07-06T20:12:18.079-04:00	START RequestId: e4b5bd10-5d88-4d7b-870c-daf793159b88 Version: $LATEST
▶	2020-07-06T20:12:18.082-04:00	{"records_size":1}
▶	2020-07-06T20:12:18.093-04:00	{"failed_put_count":0}
▶	2020-07-06T20:12:18.127-04:00	END RequestId: e4b5bd10-5d88-4d7b-870c-daf793159b88
▶	2020-07-06T20:12:18.127-04:00	REPORT RequestId: e4b5bd10-5d88-4d7b-870c-daf793159b88 Duration: 45.32 ms Billed Duration: 100 ms Memory Size: 128

You can use filter events to filter Out logs based on simple or Pattern matching syntax:

Log events

🔍 Filter events
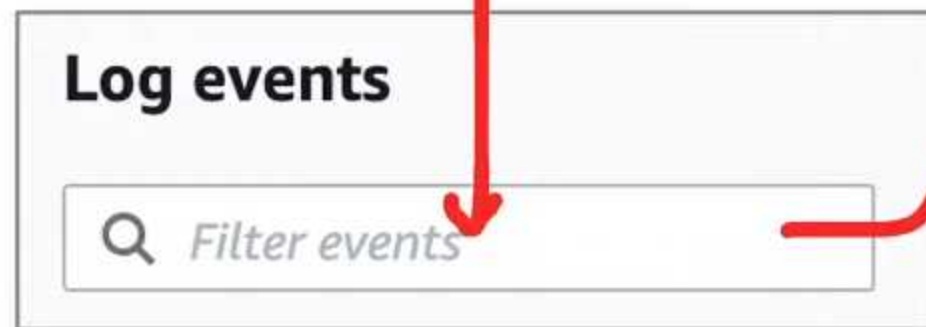
🔍 D   ✕ | Clear   1m   30m   1h   12h   custom 🔢   ⚙

▶	Timestamp	Message
▶	2020-07-05T21:39:26.857-04:00	D, [2020-07-06T01:39:26.596187 #3979] DEBUG -- : [1m [35m (0.4ms)
▶	2020-07-05T21:39:26.857-04:00	D, [2020-07-06T01:39:26.614381 #3979] DEBUG -- : [1m [35m (1.5ms)
▶	2020-07-05T21:39:26.857-04:00	D, [2020-07-06T01:39:26.621670 #3979] DEBUG -- : [1m [36mActiveRec
▶	2020-07-05T21:39:26.857-04:00	D, [2020-07-06T01:39:26.626819 #3979] DEBUG -- : [1m [35m (0.4ms)
▶	2020-07-05T21:39:26.857-04:00	D, [2020-07-06T01:39:26.627990 #3979] DEBUG -- : [1m [35m (0.4ms)

CloudWatch Logs – Log Insights

CloudWatch Logs Insights enables you to <mark>**interactively search and analyze your CloudWatch log data**</mark> and has the following advantages:

- more robust filtering then using the simple Filter events in a Log Stream
- Less burdensome then having to export logs to S3 and analyze them via Athena.
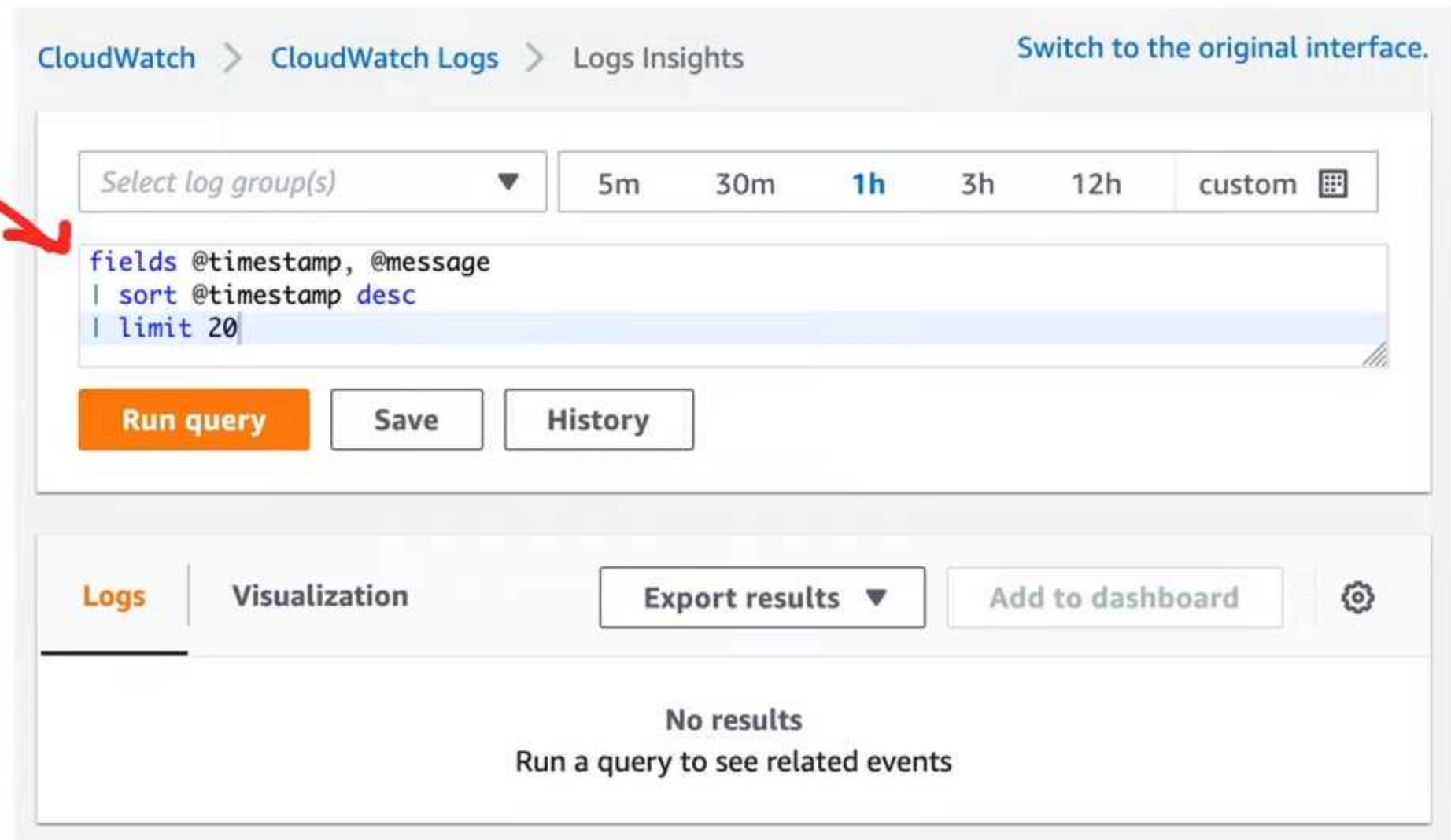
CloudWatch Logs Insights <u>supports all types of logs</u>.

CloudWatch Logs Insights is commonly used via the console to do ad-hoc queries against logs groups.

CloudWatch Insights has its own language called:
- CloudWatch Logs Insights **Query Syntax**

```
filter action="REJECT"
| stats count(*) as numRejections by srcAddr
| sort numRejections desc
| limit 20
```

CloudWatch > CloudWatch Logs > Logs Insights   Switch to the original interface.

```
Select log group(s)  ▼      5m   30m   1h   3h   12h   custom 📅

fields @timestamp, @message
| sort @timestamp desc
| limit 20
```

Run query   Save   History

Logs   Visualization   Export results ▼   Add to dashboard   ⚙
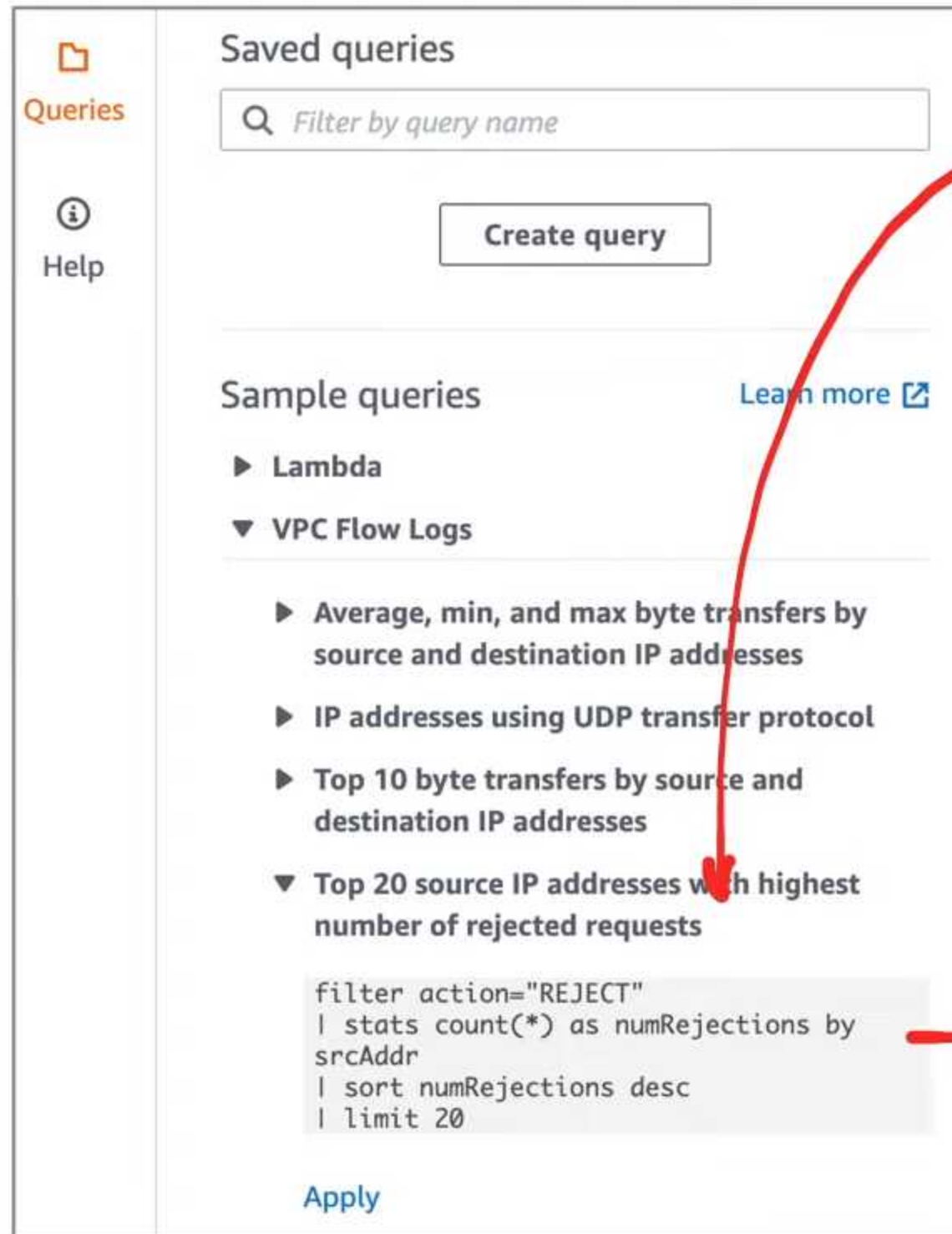
No results
Run a query to see related events

- A single request can query up to **20 log groups**.
- Queries **time out after 15 minutes**, if they have not completed.
- Query results are **available for 7 days.**

CloudWatch Logs — Log Insights

AWS provides sample queries that can get you started for common tasks,
And to ease learning the Query Syntax. A good example Is filtering VPC Flow Logs.

Queries
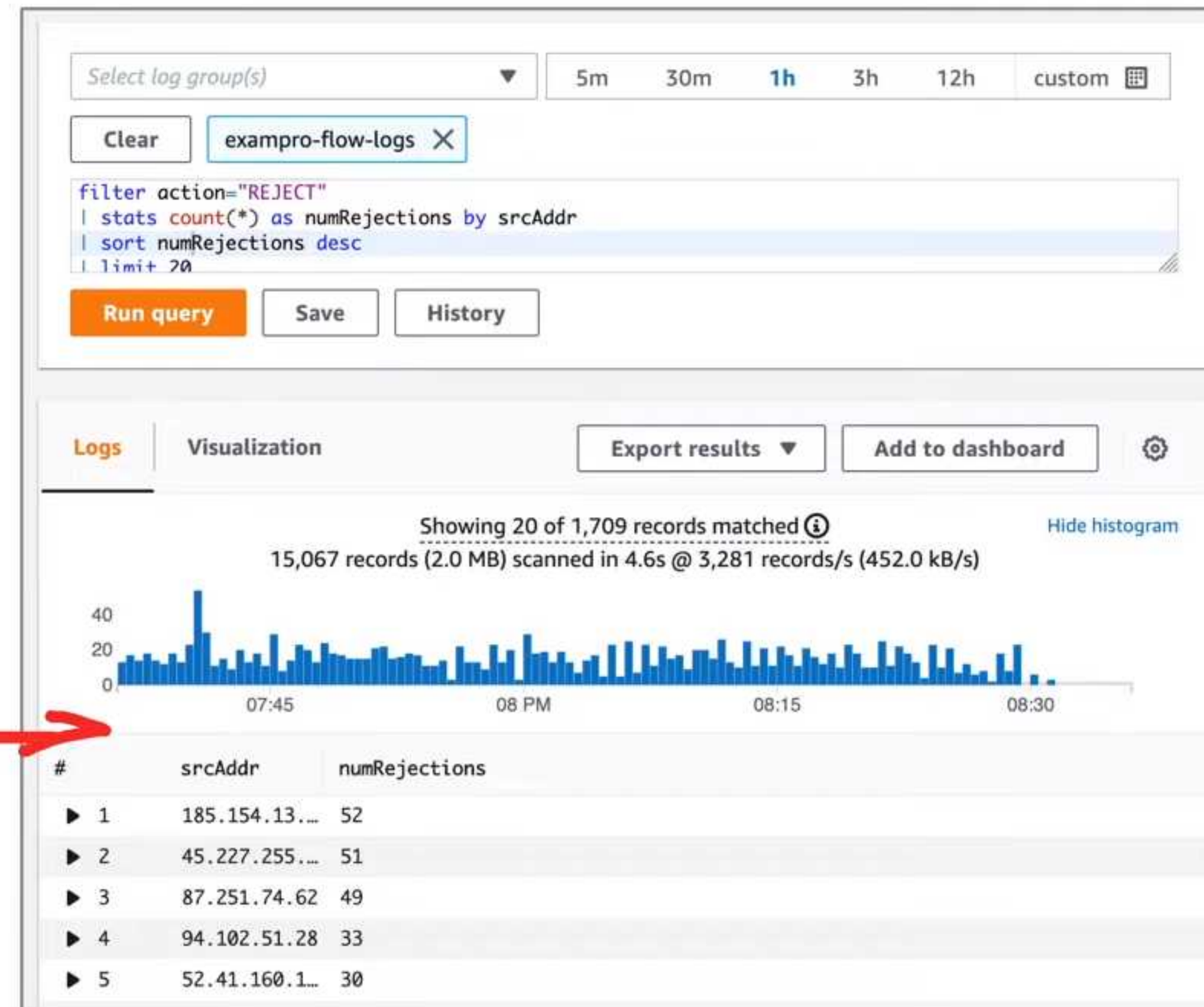
Saved queries

🔍 Filter by query name

Create query

Sample queries   Learn more ☑

▶ **Lambda**

▼ **VPC Flow Logs**

   ▶ **Average, min, and max byte transfers by source and destination IP addresses**

   ▶ **IP addresses using UDP transfer protocol**

   ▶ **Top 10 byte transfers by source and destination IP addresses**

   ▼ **Top 20 source IP addresses with highest number of rejected requests**

```
filter action="REJECT"
| stats count(*) as numRejections by
srcAddr
| sort numRejections desc
| limit 20
```

Apply

Select log group(s) ▼ | 5m | 30m | **1h** | 3h | 12h | custom ▦

Clear   exampro-flow-logs ✕

```
filter action="REJECT"
| stats count(*) as numRejections by srcAddr
| sort numRejections desc
| limit 20
```

Run query   Save   History

Logs   Visualization   Export results ▼   Add to dashboard   ⚙

Showing 20 of 1,709 records matched ⓘ   Hide histogram
15,067 records (2.0 MB) scanned in 4.6s @ 3,281 records/s (452.0 kB/s)

#	srcAddr	numRejections
▶ 1	185.154.13.…	52
▶ 2	45.227.255.…	51
▶ 3	87.251.74.62	49
▶ 4	94.102.51.28	33
▶ 5	52.41.160.1…	30

You can create and save your own queries to make future repetitive tasks easier.
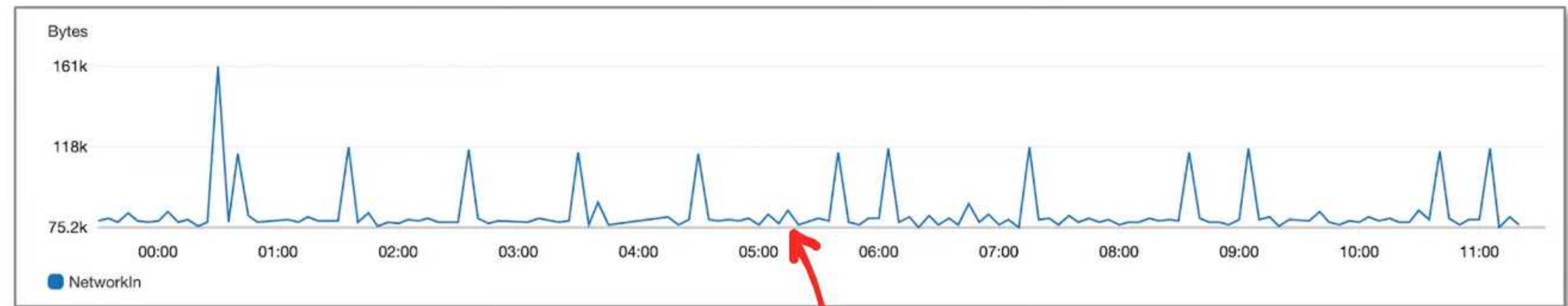
CloudWatch Metrics

A CloudWatch Metric represents a <mark>**time-ordered set of data points**</mark>

Its a **variable** that is **monitored over time**.

CloudWatch comes with many **predefined** metrics that are generally name spaced by AWS Service.

EC2 Per-Instance Metrics
- CPUUtilization
- DiskReadOps
- DiskWriteOps
- DiskReadBytes
- DiskWriteBytes
- **NetworkIn**
- NetworkOut
- NetworkPacketsIn
- NetworkPacketsOut

Bytes

161k

118k

75.2k

| 00:00 | 01:00 | 02:00 | 03:00 | 04:00 | 05:00 | 06:00 | 07:00 | 08:00 | 09:00 | 10:00 | 11:00 |

■ NetworkIn

AWS Namespaces

ApiGateway	ApplicationELB	Billing
21 Metrics	75 Metrics	104 Metrics
CloudFront	CodeBuild	DynamoDB
30 Metrics	28 Metrics	98 Metrics
EBS	EC2	Events
216 Metrics	640 Metrics	9 Metrics