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1. Request Counts

The server handled 10,000 HTTP requests. The vast majority were GET, totaling 9,952, indicating a content-heavy or static website. Only 5 POST requests were logged , suggesting limited interactivity. There were 43 other types of HTTP methods such as HEAD or PUT, possibly for administrative or technical tasks.

2. Unique IP Addresses

There were 1,753 unique IP addresses, showing moderate diversity in user origin. The most active IP was 66.249.73.135, making 482 requests, followed closely by a few others ranging from about 300 to 80 requests. Interestingly, all of these top 10 IPs used only GET requests, indicating automated systems like crawlers, bots, or passive users.

3. Failure Requests

The report shows that 2.20% of all requests failed, with 220 total errors. Most of these were 404 Not Found errors, suggesting many users or bots were trying to access non-existent resources. A few internal server errors (500), forbidden access (403), and range not satisfiable (416) were also noted, which might point to configuration issues or improper client requests.

4. Top Users

The IP 66.249.73.135 was the most active overall and for GET requests, likely a search engine bot. The IP that issued the most POST requests was 78.173.140.106, possibly indicating a real user or a test interaction, since only 5 POSTs were logged in total.

5. Daily Request Averages

Traffic was fairly balanced over the four days, with a slight peak on May 18 and 19 . The average daily traffic was 2,500 requests, suggesting consistent access patterns over time.

6. Failure Analysis

Failure rates were highest on May 18 and 19 (each with 66 failures), slightly less on May 20 (58), and the least on May 17 (30). This trend correlates with the increase in traffic and could reflect broken links, crawler activity, or incorrect API calls during those peaks.

Additional Analysis: Hourly Traffic Patterns

Traffic was steady around the clock but gradually increased during the day. Activity peaked between 2 PM and 8 PM, especially at 2 PM (498 requests) and 3 PM (496 requests), indicating heavy usage in the afternoon and evening hours. These hours should be considered for performance scaling and server health monitoring.

Detailed Status Code Breakdown

Most responses were successful (HTTP 200, 9126 times). Others included:

- **206 Partial Content**: 45 times, often used for media streaming.

- **301 Moved Permanently** and **304 Not Modified**: These redirection and cache status codes appeared over 600 times in total, implying browser or proxy caching behavior.

- Errors (403, 404, 416, 500) summed up to 220, consistent with the earlier failure count.

Analysis Suggestions

Failure Reduction:
Investigate 404 errors, as they are the main failure type. These may point to outdated links or bot probing. Additionally, checking the URLs that returned 403 or 500 errors could uncover permission or internal configuration issues. The timing of failures also suggests scheduling reviews or alerts in the evening hours.

1. **Performance Optimization**:
   The suggests scaling server resources or caching during afternoon and evening hours where traffic peaks. Given the consistent daily pattern, maintenance or heavy background processes should be avoided during these windows.

2. **Security Considerations**:
   Repeated failed access or unusual request volumes from specific IPs should be examined. Monitoring or blocking suspected IPs may be necessary. POST endpoints, though rare here, are prime targets for malicious attacks—so their access and payloads should be monitored closely.

3. **General Improvements**:
   Knowing the traffic and failure patterns allows better planning of system updates or downtimes. **Rate limiting**, **bot detection**, and **real-time monitoring** during busy periods would improve both user experience and system resilience.