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Session 1 | Getting started

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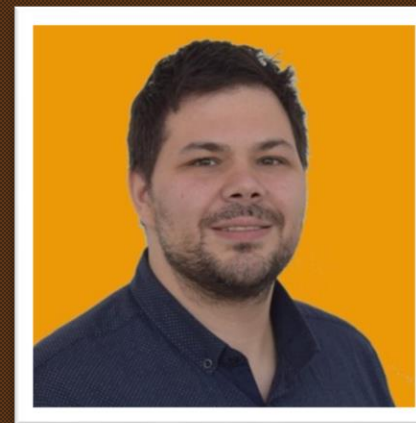
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Today's | Guest

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Schedule | Registration

We plan to run the show on every 3rd Tuesday of the month

18:00 – 20:00 Central European Time

Sessions will be announced in Meetup

<https://www.meetup.com/kql-cafe/>

Show | Agenda

Where do we KQL?

Your Playground Options

KQL Basics | Top 8 Operators

KQL Tables | How to find new things

Working with IOCs

Features worth mentioning

Today's guest speaker: Rod Trent

What did you do with KQL this month?

KQL Challenge of the month

Where do we KQL?

Microsoft 365 Defender

Microsoft Sentinel

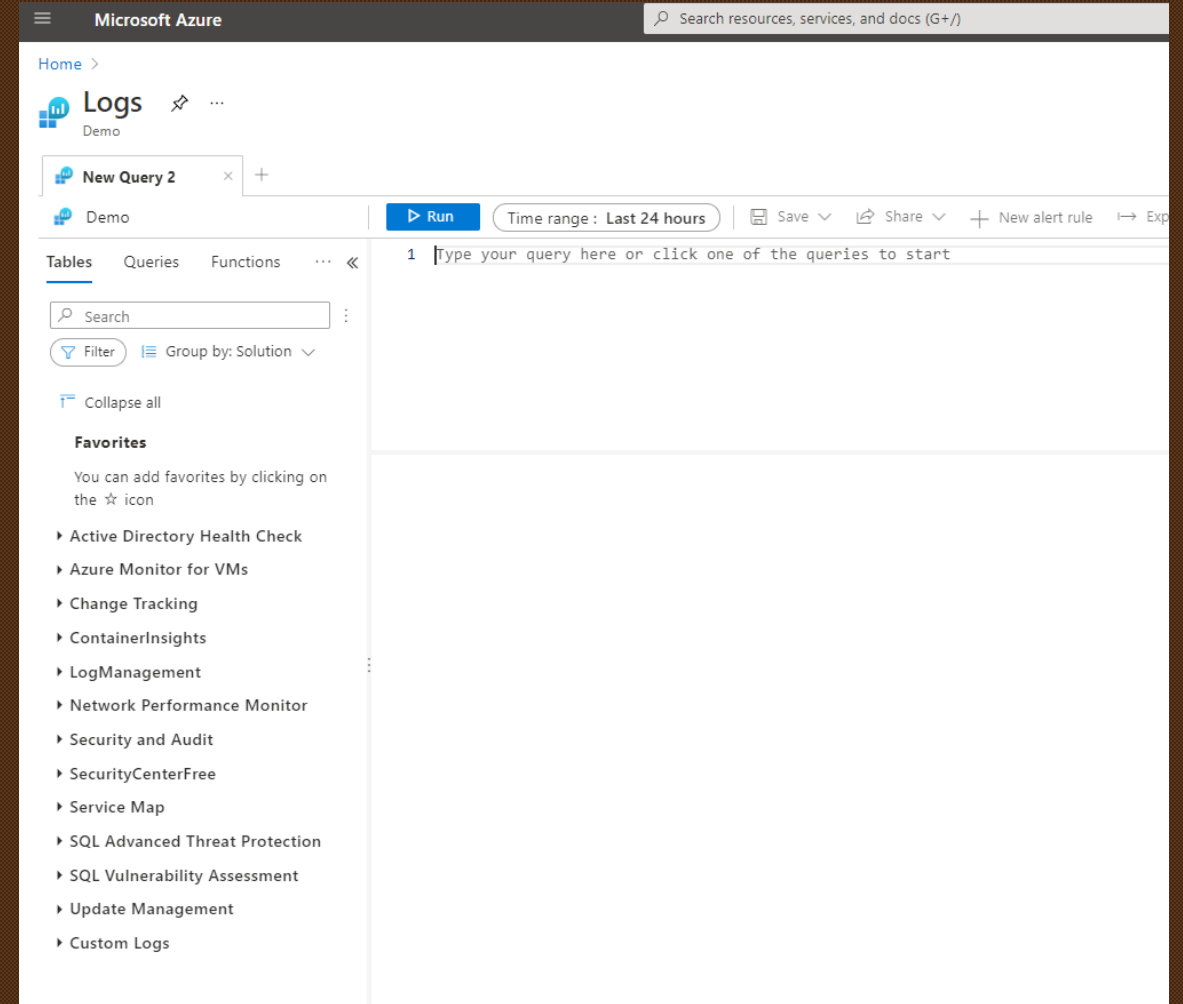
Log Analytics

Data Explorer

Microsoft Endpoint Configuration Manager
(CMPivot)

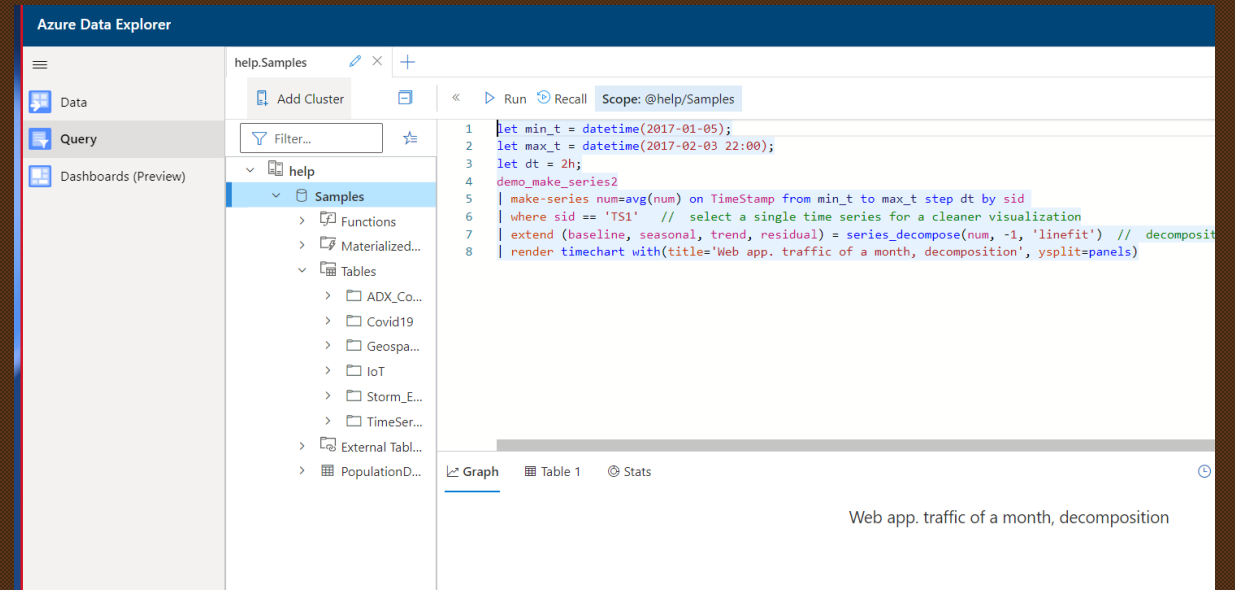
Log Analytics Demo

<https://aka.ms/lademo>



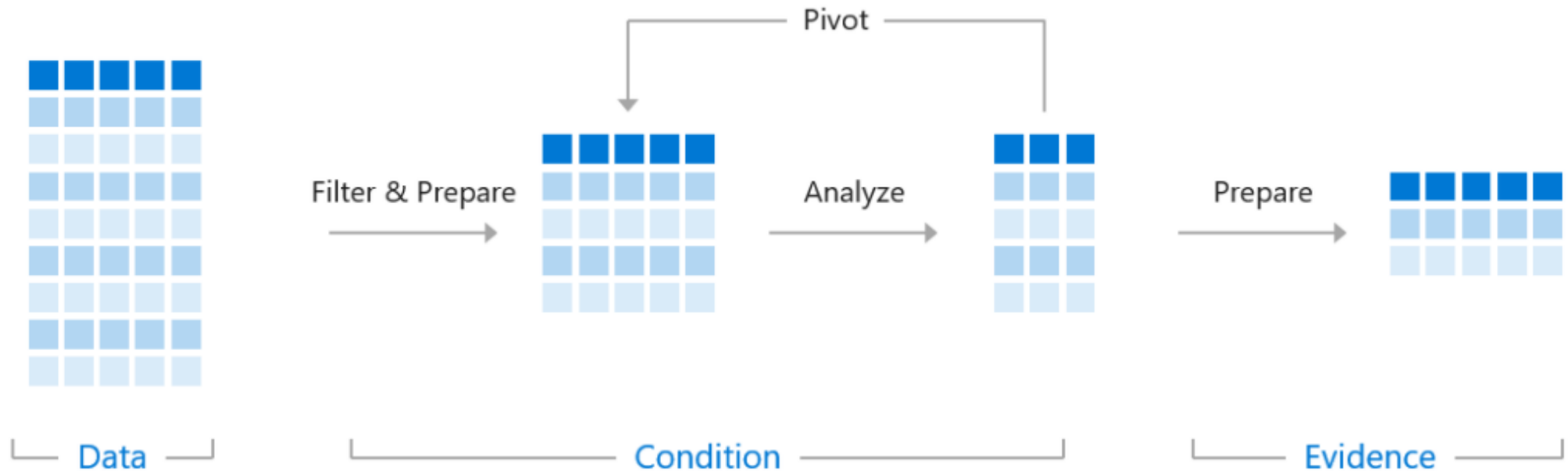
Azure Data Explorer

<https://dataexplorer.azure.com/clusters/help/databases/Samples>



KQL Basics | Top 8 operators

```
SecurityEvent | where EventID == "4626" | summarize count() by Account | limit 10
```



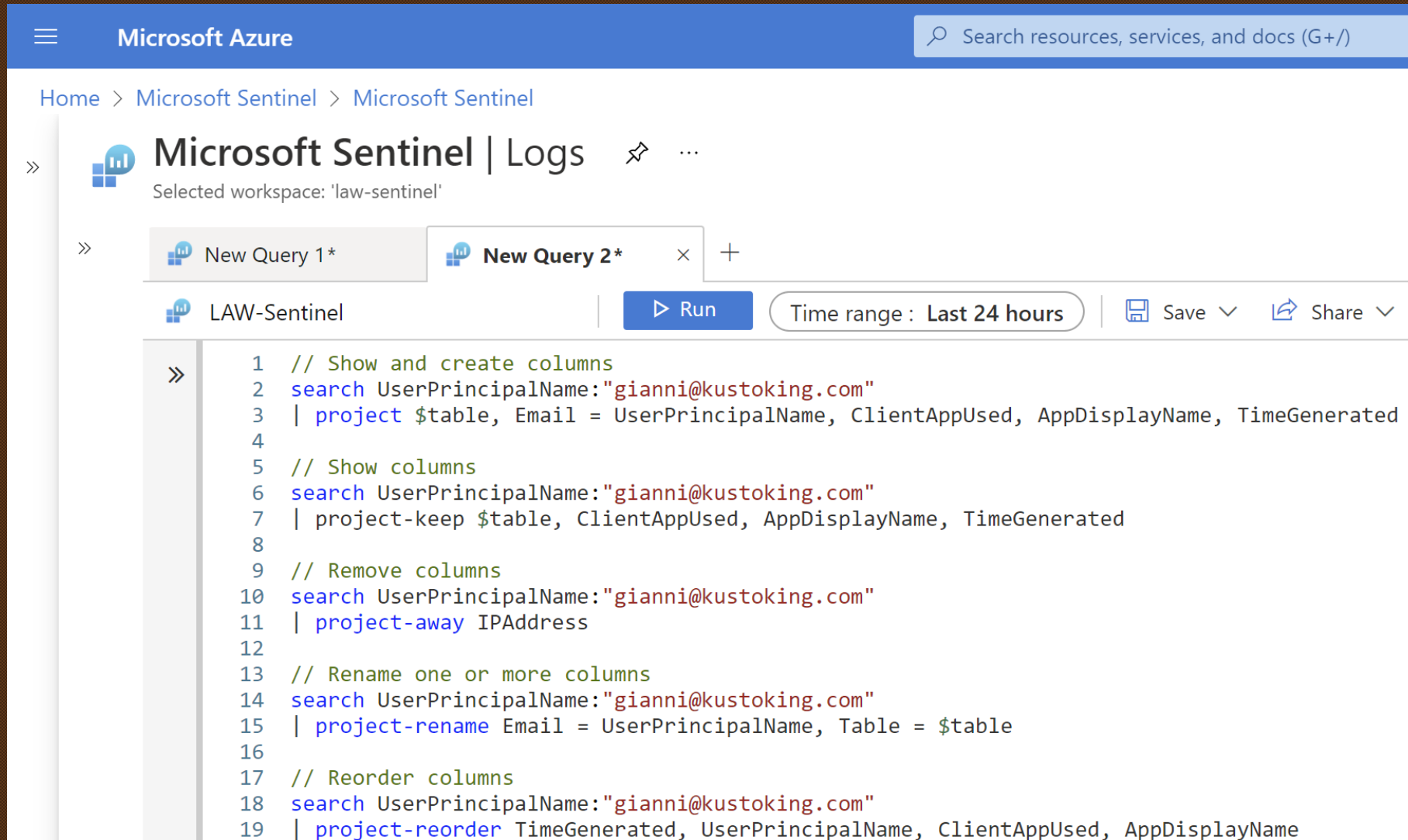
search
project
has <> contains
distinct
summarize
extend
take <> limit
join

search

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Sentinel Logs interface. At the top, there's a blue header with the Microsoft Azure logo and a search bar. Below the header, the breadcrumb navigation shows 'Home > Microsoft Sentinel > Microsoft Sentinel'. The main title is 'Microsoft Sentinel | Logs' with a subtext 'Selected workspace: 'law-sentinel''. Below the title, there's a tab for 'New Query 1*' and a 'Run' button. The time range is set to 'Last 24 hours'. The left sidebar contains a search bar, a filter button, a 'Group by: Solution' dropdown, and a 'Collapse all' button. Below these are 'Favorites' and a 'LogManagement' section. The main area displays a KQL query:

```
1 // contains
2 search "*kustoking*"
3
4 // has
5 search "kustoking"
6
7 // prefix
8 search "gianni*"
9
10 // suffix
11 search "*kustoking.com"
12
13 // search in tables
14 search in (OfficeActivity, SigninLogs, AAD*) "kustoking"
15
16 // search all tables with column
17 search UserPrincipalName:"gianni@kustoking.com"
```


project



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```
1 // Show and create columns
2 search UserPrincipalName:"gianni@kustoking.com"
3 | project $table, Email = UserPrincipalName, ClientAppUsed, AppDisplayName, TimeGenerated
4
5 // Show columns
6 search UserPrincipalName:"gianni@kustoking.com"
7 | project-keep $table, ClientAppUsed, AppDisplayName, TimeGenerated
8
9 // Remove columns
10 search UserPrincipalName:"gianni@kustoking.com"
11 | project-away IPAddress
12
13 // Rename one or more columns
14 search UserPrincipalName:"gianni@kustoking.com"
15 | project-rename Email = UserPrincipalName, Table = $table
16
17 // Reorder columns
18 search UserPrincipalName:"gianni@kustoking.com"
19 | project-reorder TimeGenerated, UserPrincipalName, ClientAppUsed, AppDisplayName
```

has <> contains

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```
1 // Does work
2 SigninLogs
3 | where UserPrincipalName has "Gianni"
4
5 // Does not work
6 SigninLogs
7 | where UserPrincipalName has "Gia"
8
9 // Does work
10 SigninLogs
11 | where UserPrincipalName contains "Gia"
12
13 // Does not work
14 SigninLogs
15 | where UserPrincipalName contains_cs "Gia"
16
17 // Multiple Values
18 SigninLogs
19 | where UserPrincipalName has_all("Gianni", "KustoKing")
```

distinct

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```
1 // Show distinct
2 SigninLogs
3 | distinct UserPrincipalName
4
5 // Take sample of distinct
6 SigninLogs
7 | sample-distinct 5 of AppDisplayName
```

summarize

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface for Microsoft Sentinel. The top navigation bar includes the Microsoft Azure logo and a search bar. The breadcrumb trail indicates the path: Home > Microsoft Sentinel > Microsoft Sentinel. The main heading is "Microsoft Sentinel | Logs" with a subtext "Selected workspace: 'law-sentinel'". Below this, there are tabs for "New Query 1*", "New Query 2*", "New Query 3*", "New Query 4*", and "New Query 5*". The active query is "LAW-Sentinel". The query editor shows a KQL query with line numbers 1 through 15. The query is as follows:

```
1 // count by AppDisplayName
2 SigninLogs
3 | summarize count() by AppDisplayName
4
5 // create a set of AppDisplayName
6 SigninLogs
7 | summarize make_set(AppDisplayName) by UserPrincipalName
8
9 // create a set of AppDisplayName by User and Country
10 SigninLogs
11 | summarize make_set(AppDisplayName) by UserPrincipalName, Location
12
13 // Show last record by AppDisplayName and UserPrincipalName
14 SigninLogs
15 | summarize arg_max(TimeGenerated, *) by UserPrincipalName, AppDisplayName
```

On the left side of the query editor, there are tabs for "Tables", "Queries", and "Functions". The "Tables" tab is selected. Below the tabs, there is a search bar and a "Filter" button. The "Group by: Solution" dropdown is set to "Solution". There is also a "Collapse all" button. Below these, there is a "Favorites" section with a note: "You can add favorites by clicking on the ☆ icon".

extend

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```
1 // Combine TimeGenerated - $Table
2 search "*kustoking*"
3 | extend NewColumn = strcat(TimeGenerated, " - ", $table)
4
5 // Combine multiple Columns
6 search "*kustoking*"
7 | extend NewColumn1 = strcat(TimeGenerated, " - ", $table)
8       , NewColumn2 = strcat(TeamName, " - ", ChannelName)
```

take <> limit

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Sentinel 'Logs' page for the 'law-sentinel' workspace. The interface includes a top navigation bar with the Microsoft Azure logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb path is 'Home > Microsoft Sentinel > Microsoft Sentinel'. The main heading is 'Microsoft Sentinel | Logs' with a 'Selected workspace: 'law-sentinel'' note. A toolbar contains several 'New Que...' buttons and a 'Run' button. The 'Time range' is set to 'Last 24 h'. On the left, there are tabs for 'Tables', 'Queries', and 'Functions', with 'Tables' selected. Below the tabs is a search bar and a 'Filter' button. The 'Favorites' section is visible at the bottom left. The main query editor displays the following KQL code:


```
1 // Take
2 SigninLogs
3 | take 10
4
5 // Limit
6 SigninLogs
7 | limit 10
8
9 // Bonus take but sorted
10 SigninLogs
11 | top 10 by TimeGenerated
```

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```
1 // (Default) Inner unique
2 SigninLogs
3 | project TimeGenerated, UserPrincipalName, AppDisplayName
4 | join ( SigninLogs
5 | sample-distinct 5 of AppDisplayName ) on AppDisplayName
6
7 // Inner
8 SigninLogs
9 | project TimeGenerated, UserPrincipalName, AppDisplayName
10 | join kind=inner ( SigninLogs
11 | sample-distinct 5 of AppDisplayName ) on AppDisplayName
12
13 // Left anti
14 SigninLogs
15 | project TimeGenerated, UserPrincipalName, AppDisplayName
16 | join kind=leftanti ( SigninLogs
17 | sample-distinct 5 of AppDisplayName ) on AppDisplayName
18
19 // Left semi
20 SigninLogs
21 | project TimeGenerated, UserPrincipalName, AppDisplayName
22 | join kind=leftsemi ( SigninLogs
23 | sample-distinct 5 of AppDisplayName ) on AppDisplayName
24
25 // Left outer
26 SigninLogs
27 | project TimeGenerated, UserPrincipalName, AppDisplayName
28 | join kind=leftouter ( SigninLogs
29 | sample-distinct 5 of AppDisplayName ) on AppDisplayName
```

How to find new things?

Microsoft Defender 365 Schema Reference Microsoft Tech Docs

Schema reference	
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AADSpnSignInEventsBeta	
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AlertEvidence	
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AlertInfo	
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CloudAppEvents	
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DeviceEvents	

<https://docs.microsoft.com/microsoft-365/security/defender/advanced-hunting-schema-tables>

Working with IOCs

Microsoft 365 Defender
Microsoft Sentinel

Microsoft Sentinel

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Sentinel 'Logs' workspace for 'LAW-Sentinel'. The interface includes a top navigation bar with the 'Microsoft Azure' logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb path 'Home > Microsoft Sentinel > Microsoft Sentinel' is visible. The main content area shows a query editor with a 'New Query 1*' tab. The query is a Kusto statement designed to retrieve threat intelligence indicators from a watchlist. The query editor includes a 'Run' button, a 'Time range' dropdown set to 'Last 24 hours', and options to 'Save', 'Share', 'New alert rule', 'Export', and 'Pin to'. On the left side of the query editor, there are tabs for 'Tables', 'Queries', and 'Functions', along with a search bar and a 'Filter' button. The query text is as follows:

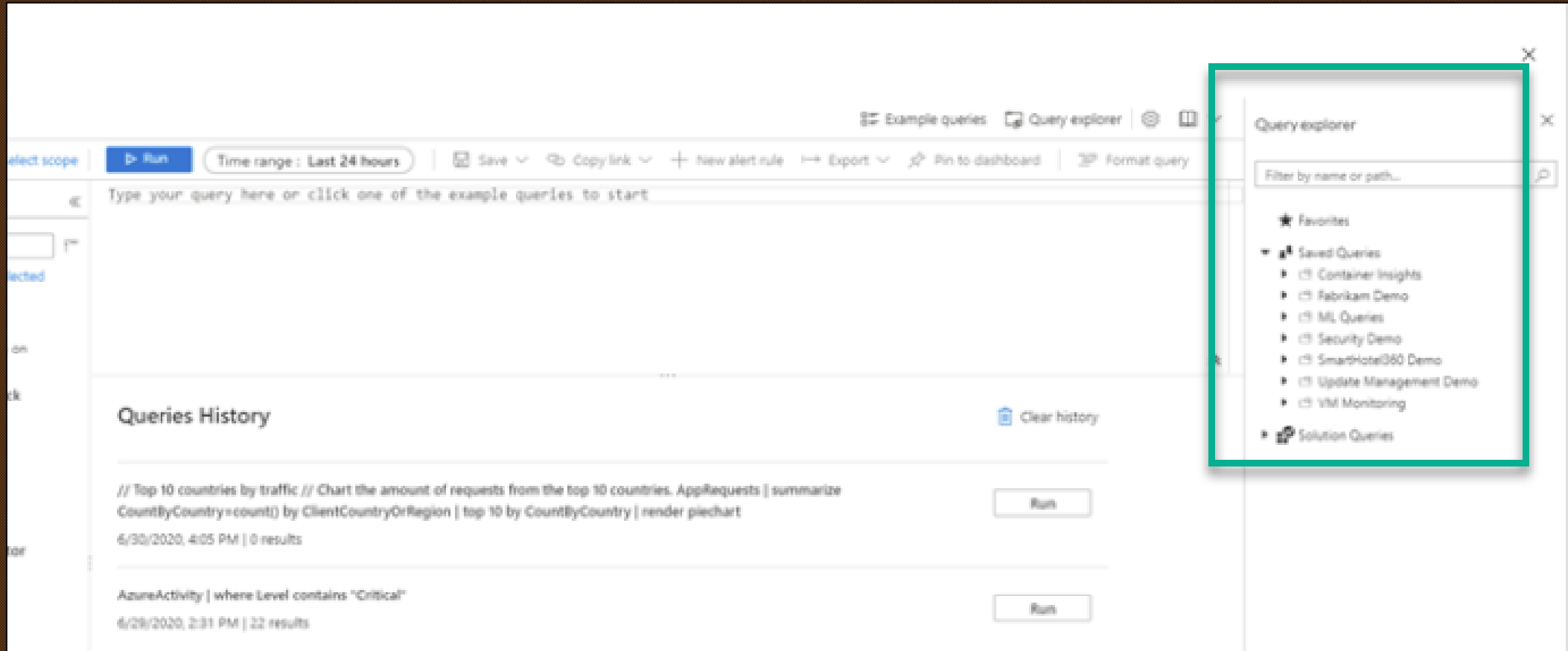
```
1 _GetWatchlist('Blocklists')
2
3 ThreatIntelligenceIndicator
4 | take 10
5
6 let List = (externaldata(Netblock:string, Company:string, Count:int)
7 ["https://raw.githubusercontent.com/KustoKing/SentinelWatchlists/main/ASN-of-CloudProviders.csv"]
8 with (ignoreFirstRecord=true, format="SCsv"));
9 List
```

Features worth Mentioning

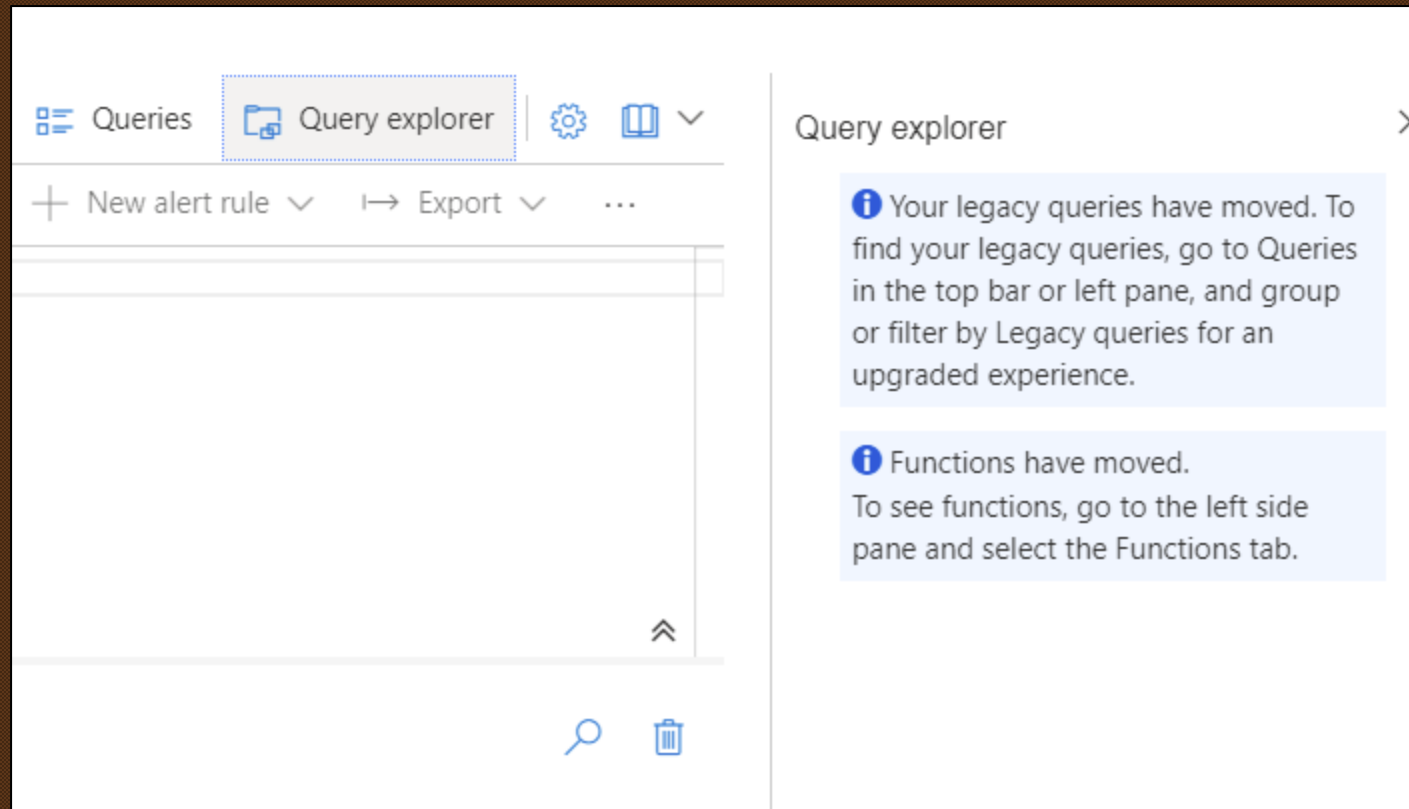
Azure Query Packs

Advanced KQL for Microsoft Sentinel workbook

Previously in query explorer



Now moved



To Queries

Home > Microsoft Sentinel > Microsoft Sentinel

Microsoft Sentinel | Logs

Selected workspace: 'mtplabsentinel01'

Search (Ctrl+//)

General

- Overview
- Logs
- News & guides

Threat management

- Incidents
- Workbooks
- Hunting
- Notebooks
- Entity behavior
- Threat intelligence

Content management

- Content hub (Preview)
- Repositories (Preview)
- Community

Configuration

- Data connectors

Queries

Query packs: 2 selected

Category

Search

Add filter

★ Favorites

- All Queries
- Applications
- Audit
- Azure Monitor
- Azure Resources
- Containers
- Databases
- Desktop Analytics
- IT & Management Tools
- Network
- Security

APPLICATIONS

Response time trend

Chart request duration over the last 12 hours.

Run

Example query

Request count trend

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Example query

Response time buckets

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Example query

Operations performance

Calculate request count and duration by operations.

Run

Example query

Always show Queries

Community Git repo

Documentation

Log Analytics query packs

A log Analytics query pack is a container for queries, designed to store and manage queries in an effective way.

Query Packs are ARM objects - allowing users to granularly control various aspects of the query pack including permissions, where it is stored, deployment etc.

Query packs exist at the subscription level - meaning your queries stored in a Query Pack are **available to your users across Log Analytics resources and workspaces** - eliminating silos. Save your query once, and use it everywhere in Log Analytics.

Query packs are designed as ARM objects

RBAC at query pack level

Deploy as code

Export Query Pack

Manage from API

RBAC at query pack level

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Azure portal interface for managing access control (IAM) for a Log Analytics query pack named 'AlexQueryPack'. The breadcrumb navigation shows 'Home > Log Analytics query packs > AlexQueryPack'. The left sidebar contains a list of query packs: 'AlexQueryPack', 'DefaultQueryPack', and 'Yves'. The 'AlexQueryPack' item is selected, and the 'Access control (IAM)' option in the sidebar is highlighted with a green box. The main content area shows the 'Access control (IAM)' page for 'AlexQueryPack | Access control (IAM)'. The 'Check access' tab is selected, and the 'Add role assignment' button is highlighted. The page also includes sections for 'My access', 'Check access', and 'View access to this resource'.

Access Query Packs

Home > Microsoft Sentinel > Microsoft Sentinel

Microsoft Sentinel | Logs

Selected workspace: 'mtplabsentinel01'

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Use multiple query packs

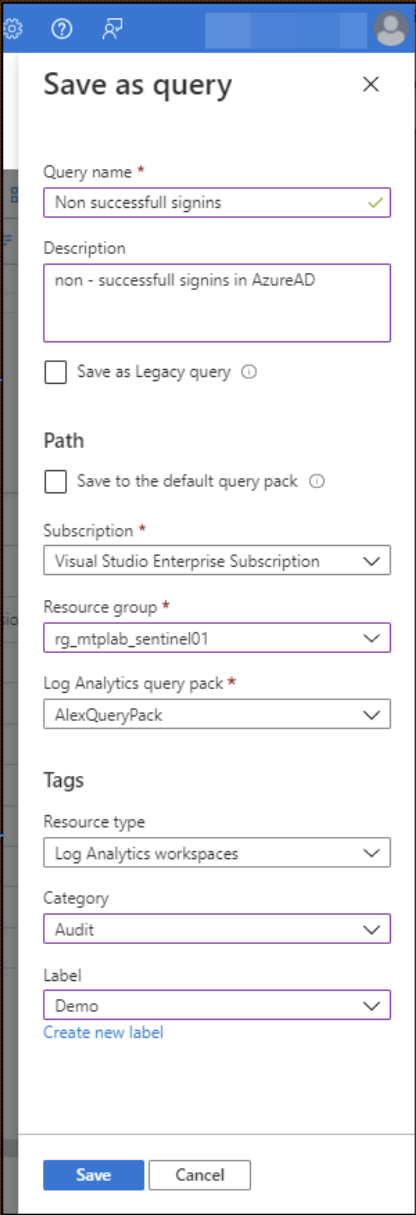
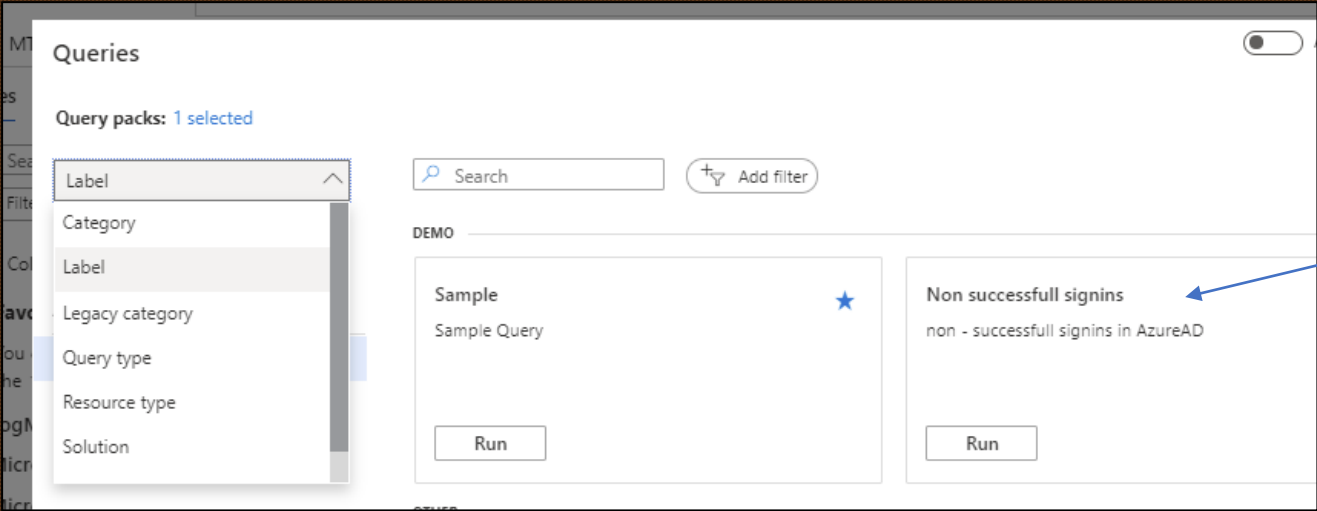
The screenshot displays the Microsoft Sentinel interface. On the left, the 'Logs' view is active, showing a sidebar with navigation options like 'Overview', 'Logs', 'News & guides', 'Threat management', 'Content management', and 'Configuration'. A 'New Query 1' tab is open, and a dropdown menu is visible under 'Queries' with 'Query packs: 1 selected' and a list of categories including 'Applications', 'Audit', 'Azure Monitor', 'Azure Resources', 'Containers', 'Databases', 'Desktop Analytics', 'IT & Management Tools', 'Network', and 'Security'. A blue arrow points to the 'Query packs: 1 selected' text.

The 'Select query packs' dialog is open, showing a table of available query packs. The table has columns for 'Name', 'Type', 'Resource group', 'Location', and 'Subscription'. Two query packs are listed and selected: 'AlexQueryPack' and 'DefaultQueryPack'. Both are 'Log Analytics query pack' type, located in 'West Europe' under the 'Visual Studio Enterprise Subscription'.

Name	Type	Resource group	Location	Subscription
AlexQueryPack	Log Analytics query pack	rg_mtplab_sentinel01	West Europe	Visual Studio Enterprise Sub...
DefaultQueryPack	Log Analytics query pack	loganalyticsdefaultresources	West Europe	Visual Studio Enterprise Sub...

At the bottom of the dialog are 'Select' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Save a query to a pack



Advanced KQL for Microsoft Sentinel workbook

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Sentinel Workbooks interface. The top navigation bar shows the Microsoft Azure logo and a search bar. The main header indicates the selected workspace is 'law-sentinel'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories: General (Overview, Logs, News & guides), Threat management (Incidents, Workbooks), Hunting (Notebooks, Entity behavior, Threat intelligence), Content management (Content hub (Preview), Repositories (Preview), Community), and Configuration (Data connectors, Analytics, Watchlist, Automation, Settings). The main content area shows a summary of 1 Saved workbook, 116 Templates, and 0 Updates. Below this is a list of templates under the 'Templates' tab, including 'Advanced KQL for Microsoft Sentinel' (AZURE SENTINEL COMMUNITY), 'ADXvsLA' (AZURE SENTINEL COMMUNITY), 'AI Analyst Darktrace Model Breach Summary' (DARKTRACE), 'AI Vectra Detect' (VECTRA AI), 'Alsid for AD | Indicators of Attack' (ALSID), 'Alsid for AD | Indicators of Exposure' (ALSID), 'AMA migration tracker' (MICROSOFT SENTINEL COMMUNITY), 'Analytics Efficiency' (MICROSOFT), and 'ASC Compliance and Protection'. A right-hand panel provides a detailed view of the 'Advanced KQL for Microsoft Sentinel' template, including its description: 'This interactive Workbook is designed to improve your KQL proficiency by using a use-case driven approach.' and a preview of the workbook content. At the bottom of this panel are buttons for 'View saved workbook', 'View template', and 'Delete'.

And now we present this week's guest.

What did you do with KQL this month?

KQL Challenge of the month

Questions?

Thanks for attending

