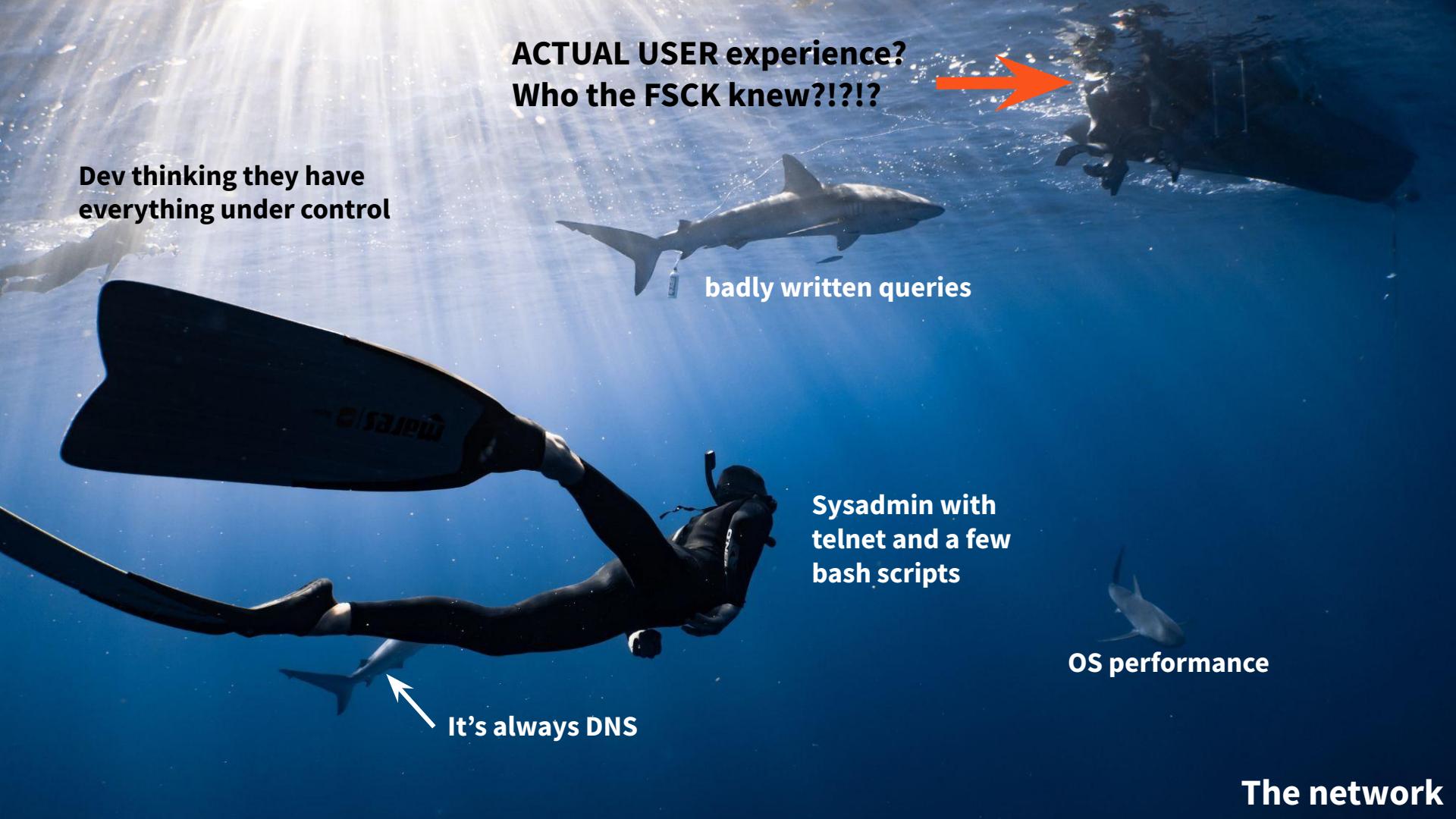


OBSERVABILITY



Back in
my day





**ACTUAL USER experience?
Who the FSCK knew?!?!**

**Dev thinking they have
everything under control**

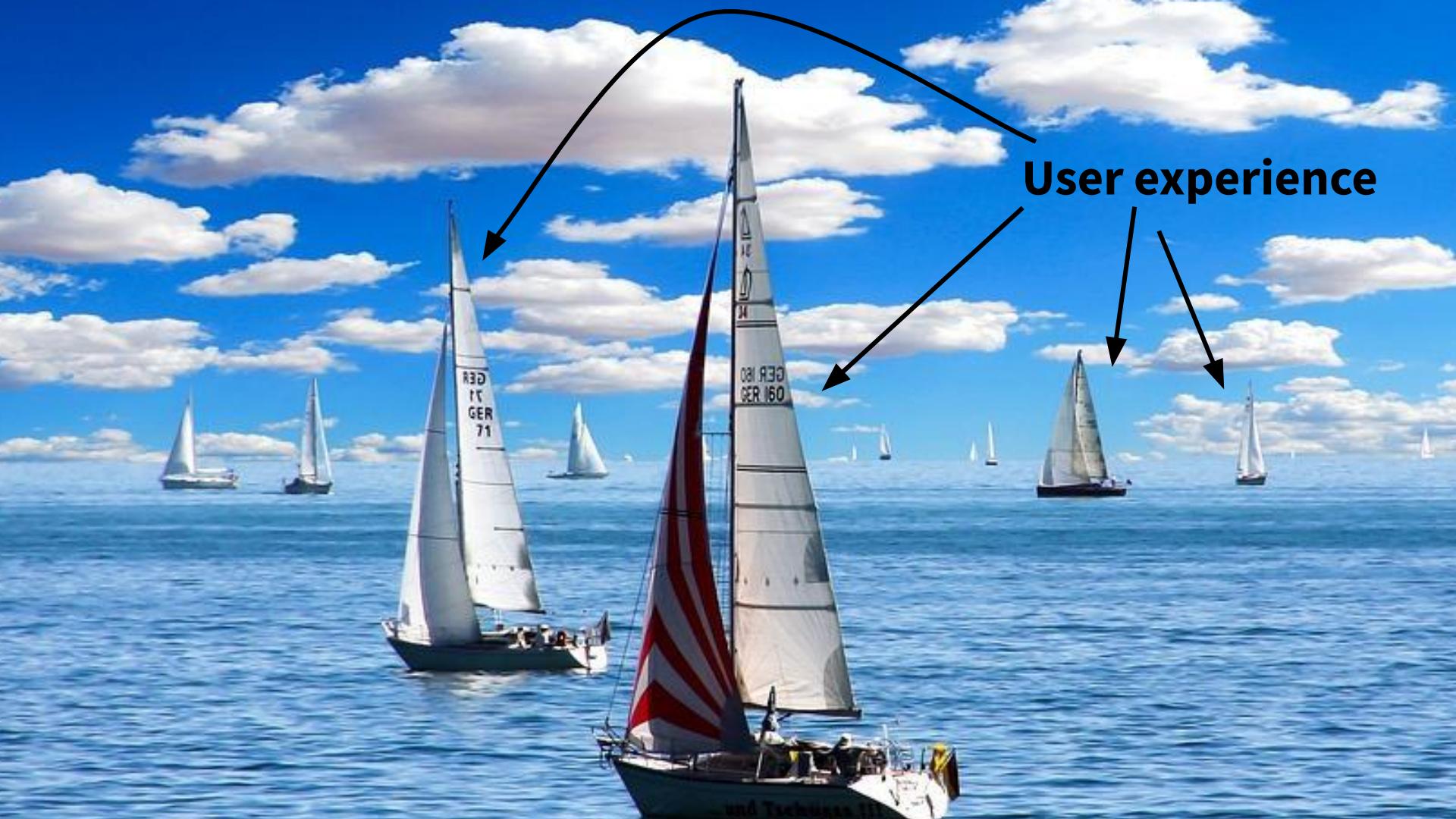
badly written queries

**Sysadmin with
telnet and a few
bash scripts**

It's always DNS

OS performance

The network

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Metrics



Traces



DevOps

Love your network

FOR THE LOVE OF PANTS!!!
Learn how IP addresses work.



**Is it the
Application?**

Is it the Network?

Network Observability

**Overlooked, Underappreciated,
and More Important Than Ever**

@LeonAdato

Principal Technical Evangelist



The network observability company



Leon Adato

- Principal Technical Evangelist
 - *at Kentik*
- ~35 yrs in tech.
- ~25 yrs monitoring & observability.
- ~10 yrs as a Tech Evangelist, DevRel Advocate, and (ugh) “Head Geek.”
- Tivoli, BMC, OpenView, janky perl scripts, Nagios, SolarWinds, DOS batch files, Zabbix, Grafana, New Relic, and other assorted nightmare fuel.

@LeonAdato on almost all social media.

This is an Oyster Talk™





leon@leon-Latitude-7440:~

leon@leon-Latitude-7440:~\$ ping kentik.com

```
PING kentik.com (75.2.60.5) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from acd89244c803f7181.awsglobalaccelerator.com (75.2.60.5): icmp_seq=1 ttl=239 time=8.95 ms
64 bytes from acd89244c803f7181.awsglobalaccelerator.com (75.2.60.5): icmp_seq=2 ttl=239 time=8.77 ms
64 bytes from acd89244c803f7181.awsglobalaccelerator.com (75.2.60.5): icmp_seq=3 ttl=239 time=8.75 ms
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64 bytes from acd89244c803f7181.awsglobalaccelerator.com (75.2.60.5): icmp_seq=9 ttl=239 time=8.83 ms
^C
--- kentik.com ping statistics ---
9 packets transmitted, 9 received, 0% packet loss, time 12037ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 8.749/8.889/9.345/0.173 ms
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Apply a display filter ... <Ctrl-/>

Expression... +

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
343	65.142415	192.168.0.21	174.129.249.228	TCP	66	40555 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=5888 Len=0 TSval=491519346 TSecr=551811827
344	65.142715	192.168.0.21	174.129.249.228	HTTP	253	GET /clients/netflix/flash/application.swf?flash_version=flash_lite_2.1&v=1.5&n
345	65.230738	174.129.249.228	192.168.0.21	TCP	66	80 → 40555 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=188 Win=6864 Len=0 TSval=551811850 TSecr=491519347
346	65.240742	174.129.249.228	192.168.0.21	HTTP	828	HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
347	65.241592	192.168.0.21	174.129.249.228	TCP	66	40555 → 80 [ACK] Seq=188 Ack=763 Win=7424 Len=0 TSval=491519446 TSecr=551811852
348	65.242532	192.168.0.21	192.168.0.1	DNS	77	Standard query 0x2188 A cdn-0.netfliximg.com
349	65.276870	192.168.0.1	192.168.0.21	DNS	489	Standard query response 0x2188 A cdn-0.netfliximg.com CNAME images.netflix.com.edge
350	65.277992	192.168.0.21	63.80.242.48	TCP	74	37063 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=5840 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=491519482 TSecr
351	65.297757	63.80.242.48	192.168.0.21	TCP	74	80 → 37063 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=5792 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=3295
352	65.298396	192.168.0.21	63.80.242.48	TCP	66	37063 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=5888 Len=0 TSval=491519502 TSecr=3295534130
353	65.298687	192.168.0.21	63.80.242.48	HTTP	153	GET /us/nrd/clients/flash/814540.bun HTTP/1.1
354	65.318730	63.80.242.48	192.168.0.21	TCP	66	80 → 37063 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=88 Win=5792 Len=0 TSval=3295534151 TSecr=491519503
355	65.321733	63.80.242.48	192.168.0.21	TCP	1514	[TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]

< >

- > Frame 349: 489 bytes on wire (3912 bits), 489 bytes captured (3912 bits)
- > Ethernet II, Src: Globalsc_00:3b:0a (f0:ad:4e:00:3b:0a), Dst: Vizio_14:8a:e1 (00:19:9d:14:8a:e1)
- > Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.0.1, Dst: 192.168.0.21
- > User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53 (53), Dst Port: 34036 (34036)

▼ Domain Name System (response)

[\[Request In: 348\]](#)

[Time: 0.034338000 seconds]

Transaction ID: 0x2188

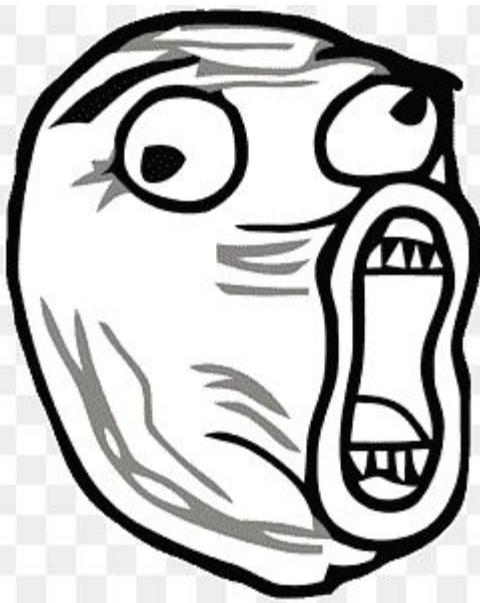
> Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error

Questions: 1

Answer RRs: 4

Authority RRs: 9

Additional RRs: 9



OBSERVABILITY

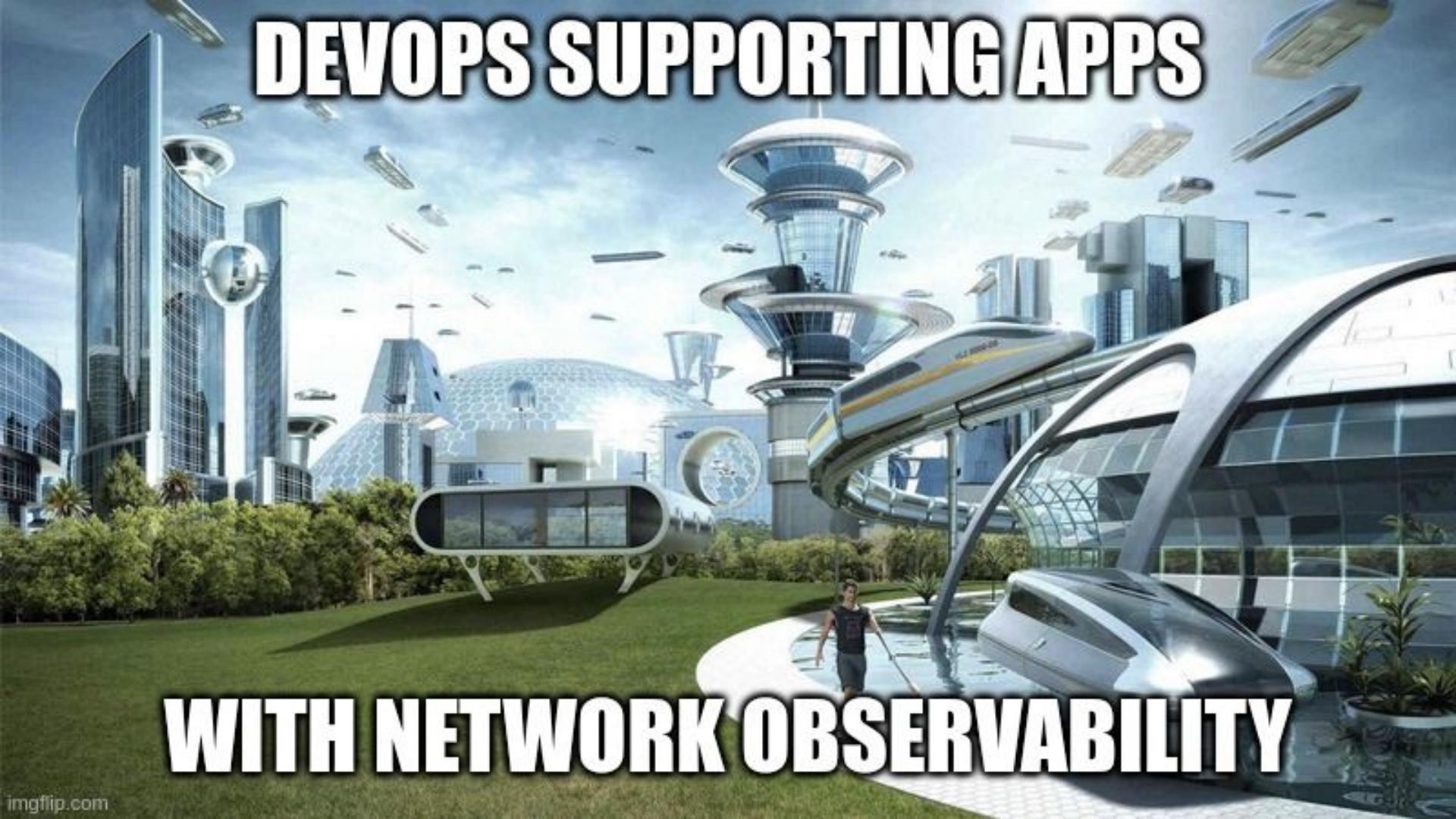
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Observability

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(latency, traffic, errors, saturation)

Monitoring

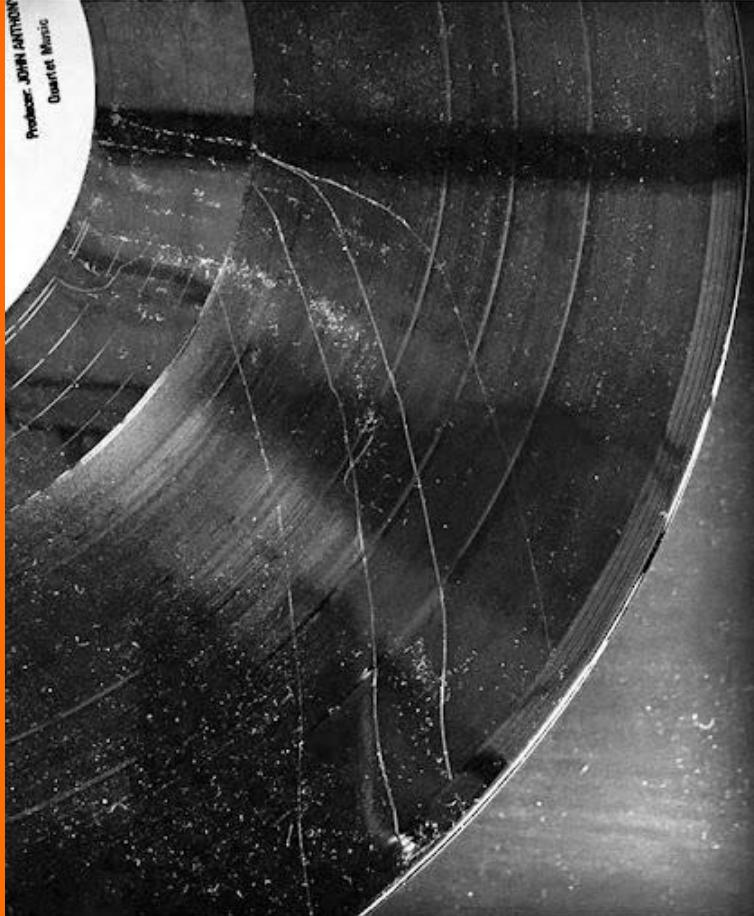
- Known Unknowns
- All cardinalities welcome
- (mostly) manual correlation
- Domain-specific signals

A futuristic cityscape featuring a large, multi-tiered tower with a circular observation deck at the top. In the foreground, a sleek, white and blue flying car is parked on a circular platform. A person stands next to it, looking up at the tower. The background shows more futuristic buildings, including a dome-shaped structure and several flying vehicles in the sky.

DEVOPS SUPPORTING APPS

WITH NETWORK OBSERVABILITY

Hold up...



1980s Internet
“No Comment.....”

WORLD

1990s Internet
“YOU GOT MAIL”



2000s Internet
“BROADCAST YOURSELF”



2010s Internet
(Early 2010s-Mid 2010s)
“Noise!”



2017 Internet
“This Is Fine...Right?”



2018-2019 Internet
F*CK YOU, YOUTUBE REWIND 2018
but hey at least we have good memes from 2018-2019



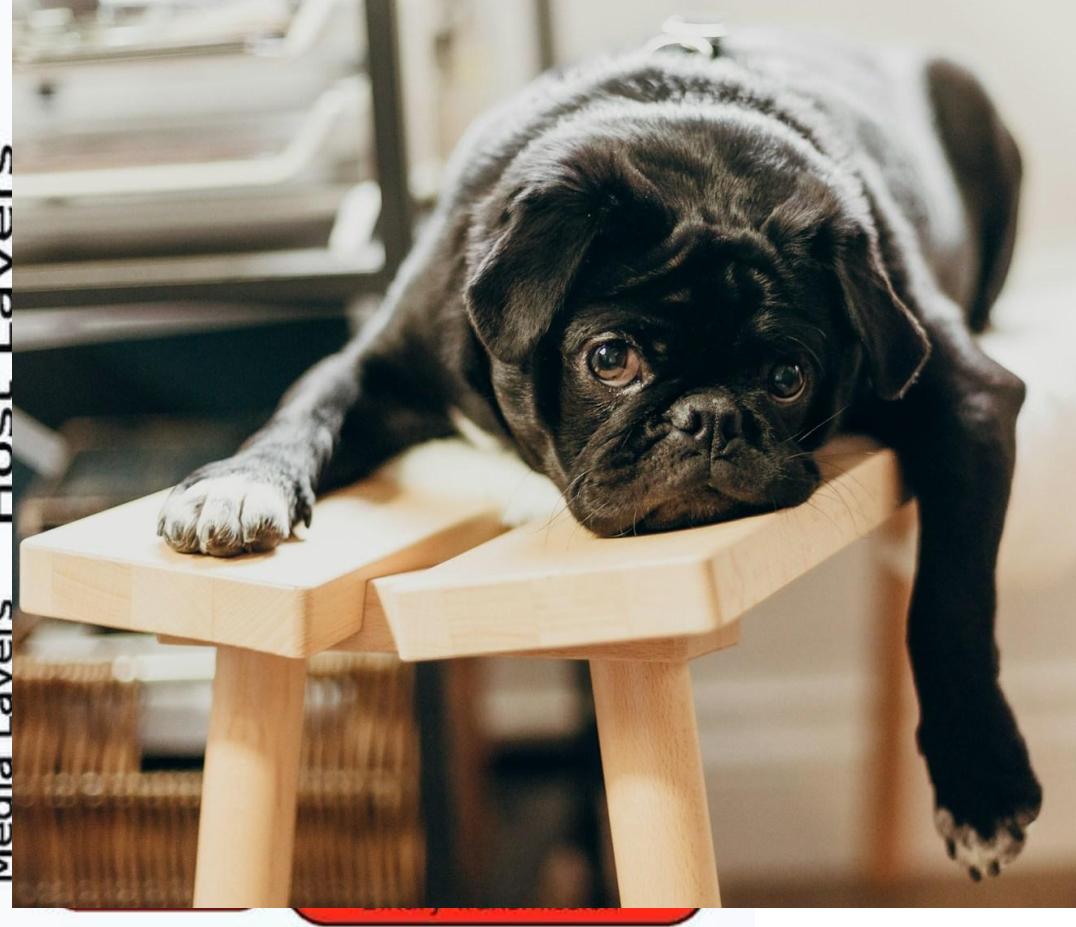
EARLY-2020s INTERNET
“GOT DAMN!!!!!!”



2024 INTERNET
[So Far]
“Really.. Still January” “Sighs”



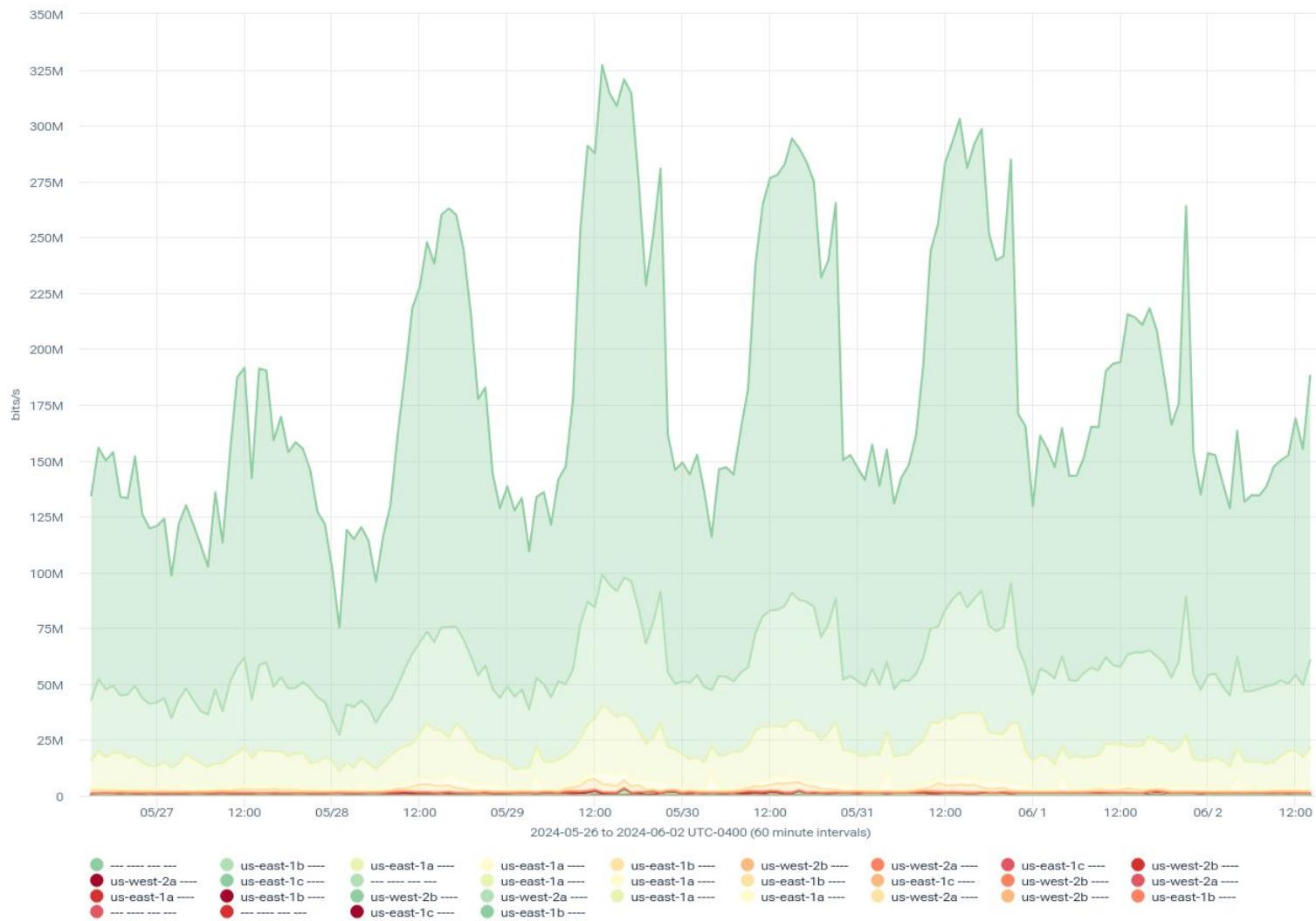
Host Layers Media Layers

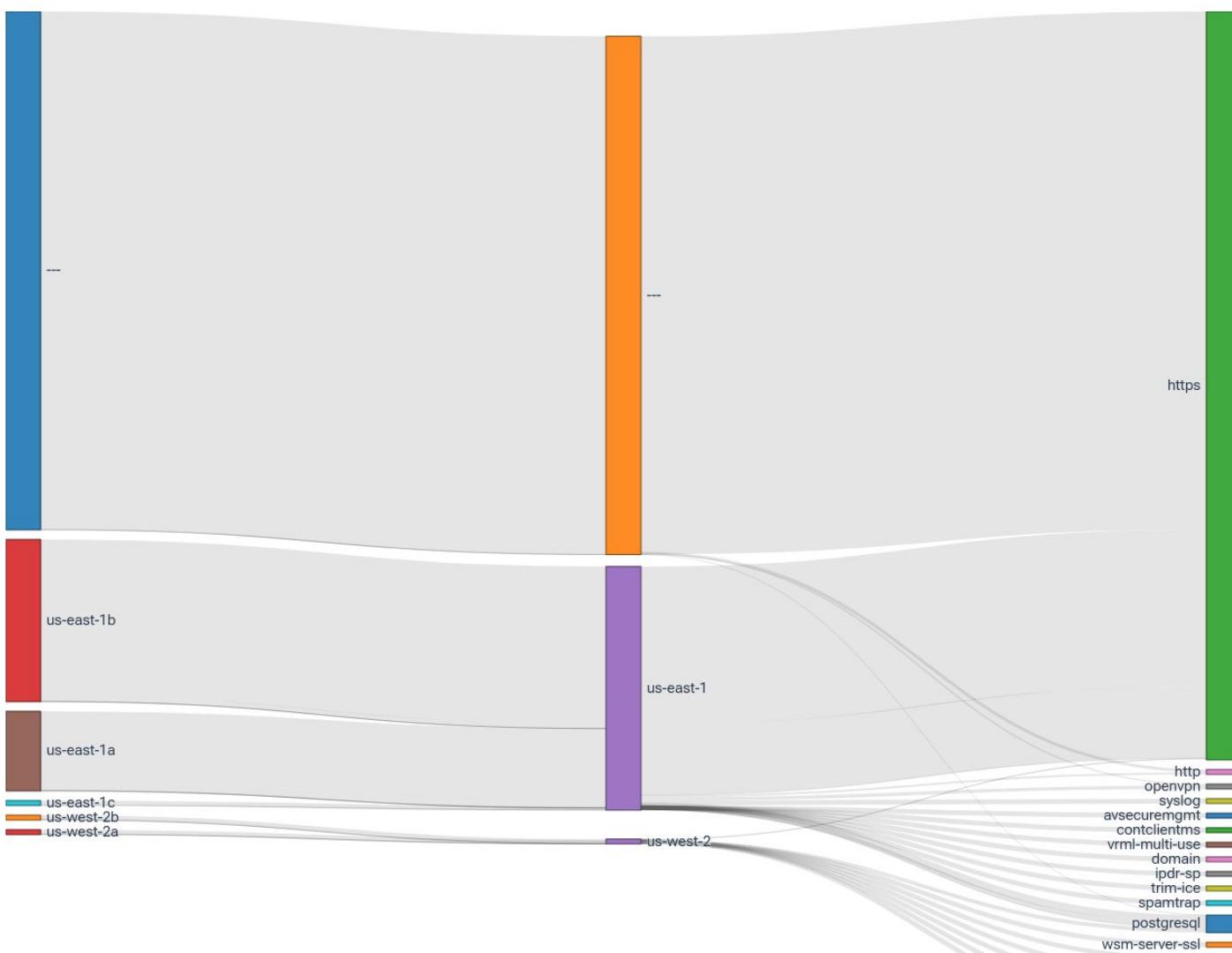


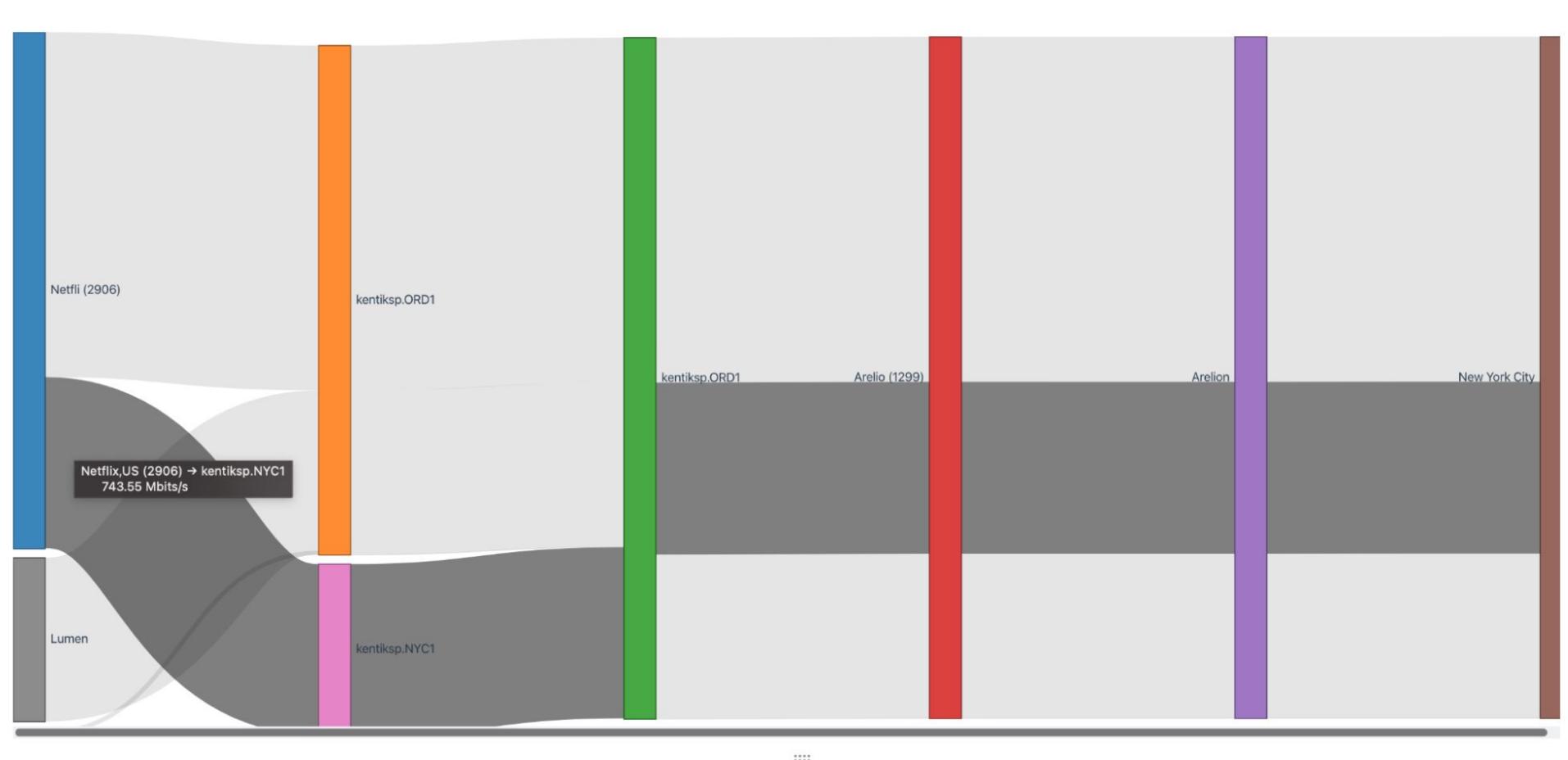
[SNMP]

OBLEM

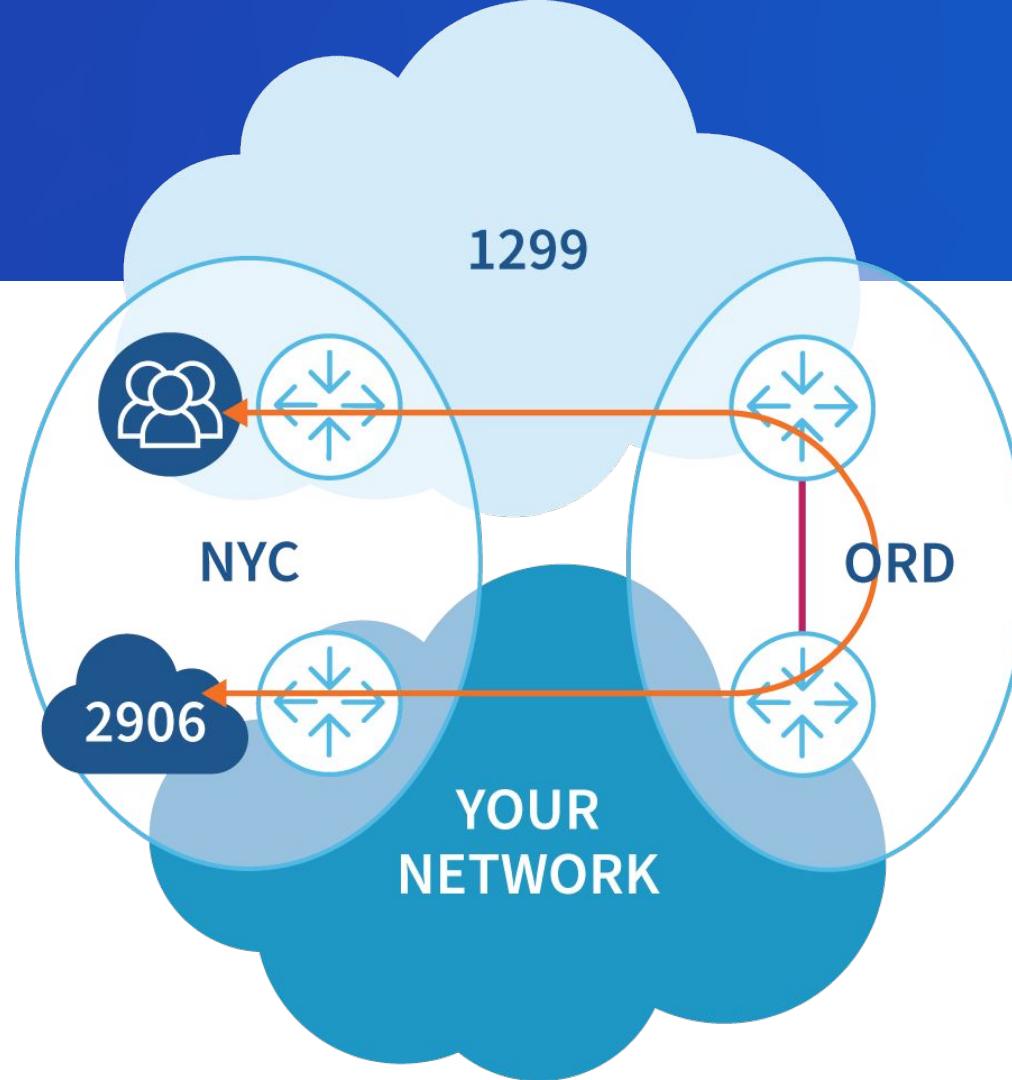






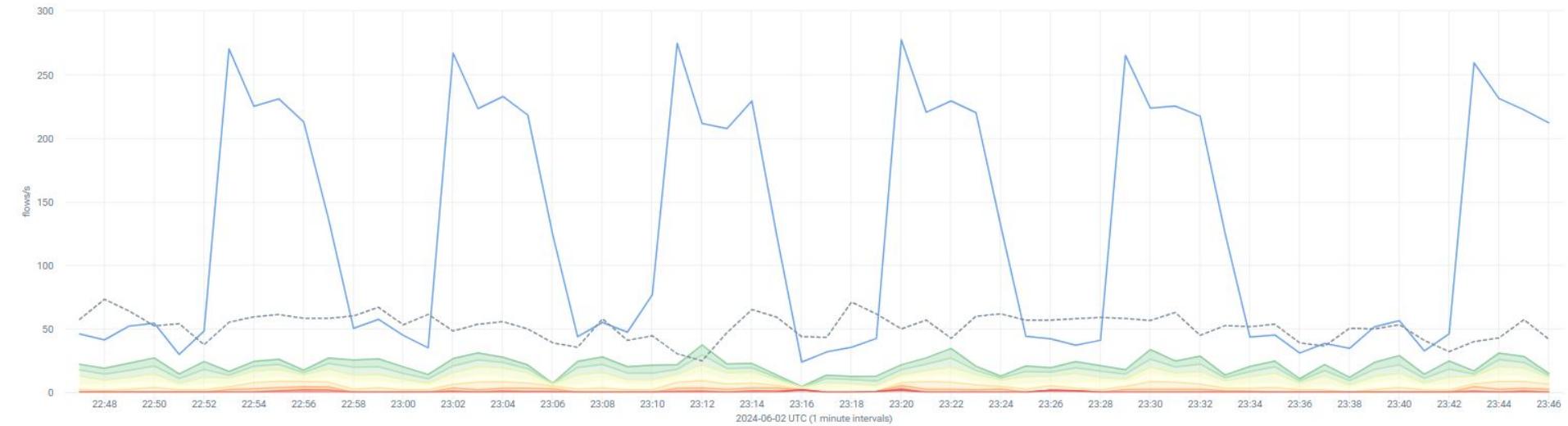


Source AS Number	Site	Ultimate Exit Site	Destination Next Hop AS Number	Destination AS Number	Destination City	Average Mbits/s	95th Percentile Mbits/s	Max Mbits/s	Last Datapoint Mbits/s
2906 - Netflix,US	kentiksp.ORD1	kentiksp.ORD1	1299 - Arelio (Telia Carrier),SE	1299 - Arelio (Telia Carrier),SE	New York City	1,492.22	1,987.23	2,055.64	1,276.01



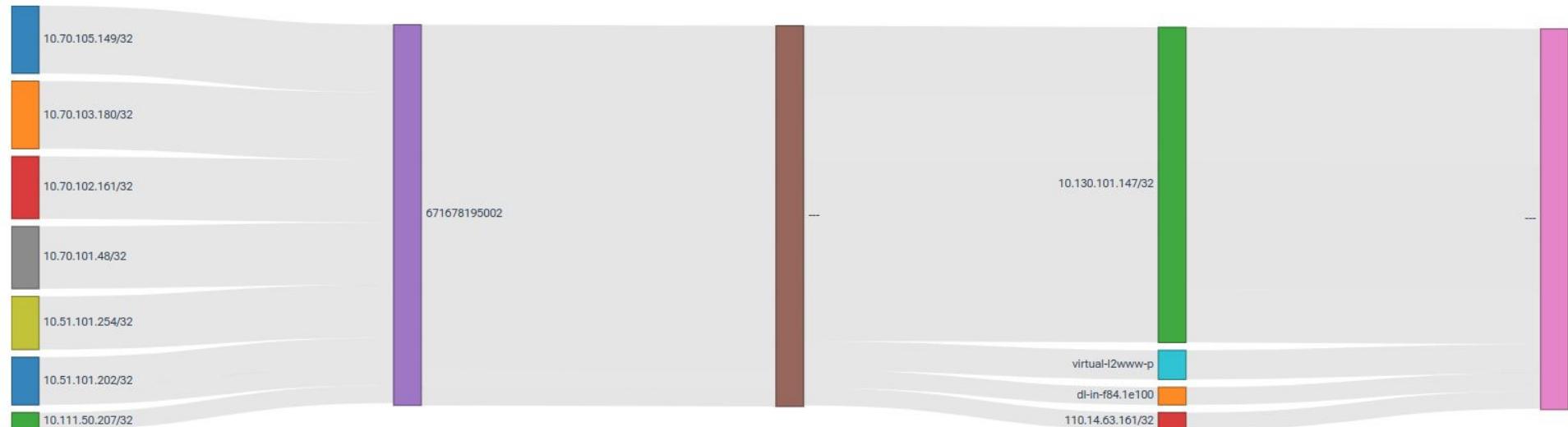
Top Src IP/CIDR, Src AWS Account, Dest AWS Account, Dest IP/CIDR, Dest Public DNS Name by Max flows/s

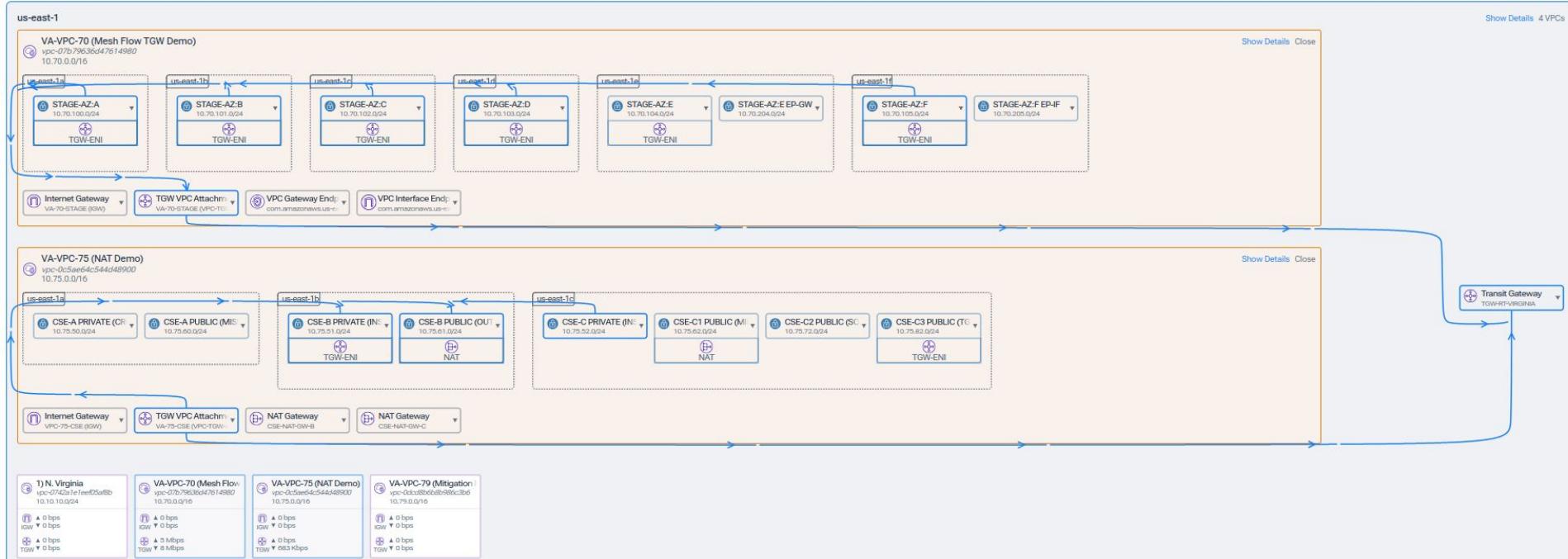
Last 1 hour | 38 of 260 data sources | 1 Filter

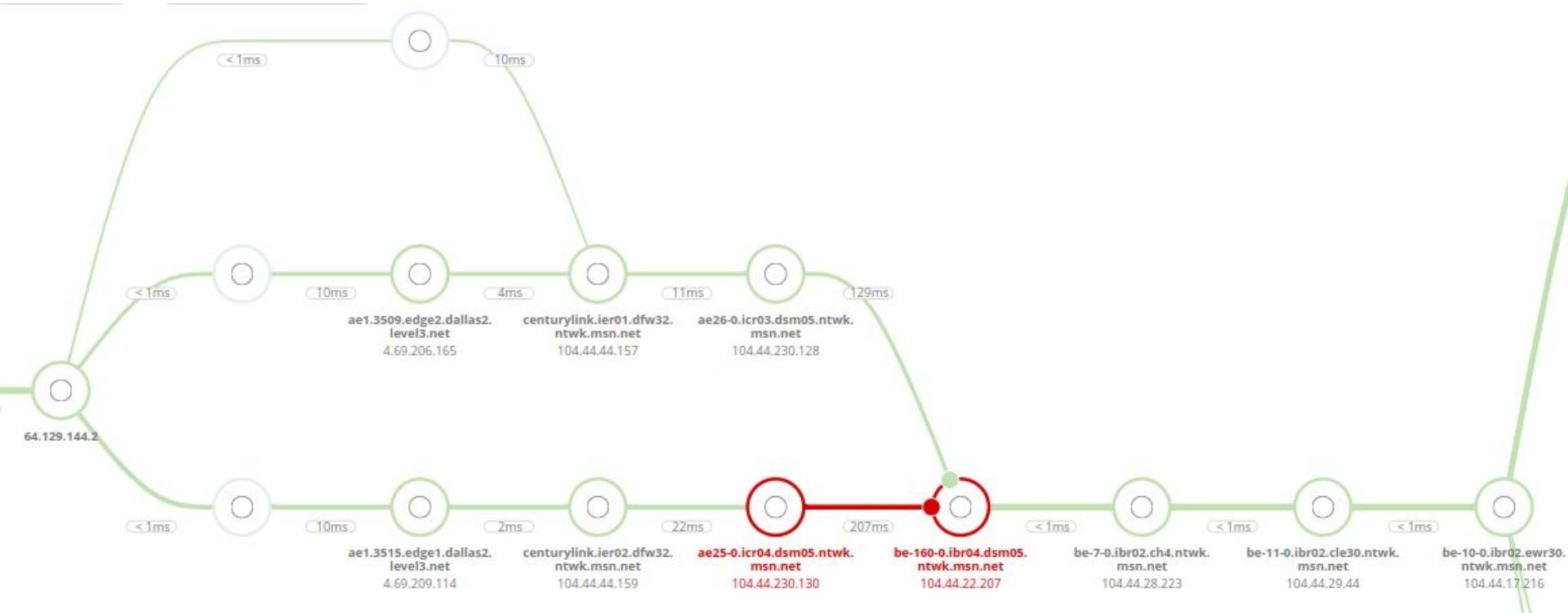


Review of Traffic from Cloud to Outside

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Last 1h

Monday, Dec 7, 18:02 UTC
Critical

ping global agent Critical

18:00 18:05 18:10 18:15 18:20 18:25 18:30 18:35 18:40 18:45 18:50 18:55 19:00

Map Path

Traceroute Explorer

Monday, Dec 7, 18:18 UTC
Number of hops changed

18:00 18:05 18:10 18:15 18:20 18:25 18:30 18:35 18:40 18:45 18:50 18:55 19:00

- AS16509 - AMAZON-02,US
- AS13355 - CLOUDFLARENET,US
- AS36351 - SOFTLAYER,US
- AS132203 - TENCENT-NET-AP-CN Tencent Building, Kejizhongyi Avenue,CN
- AS209141 - CMI-RUSSIA,RU
- AS52368 - ZAM LTD,CL
- AS3549 - LVLT-3549,US
- AS14061 - DIGITALOCEAN-ASN,US
- AS205399 - HOSTIGGER,TR
- AS15830 - EQUINIX-CONNECT-EMEA,GB
- AS61098 - EXOSCALE,CH

▼ Hide Options

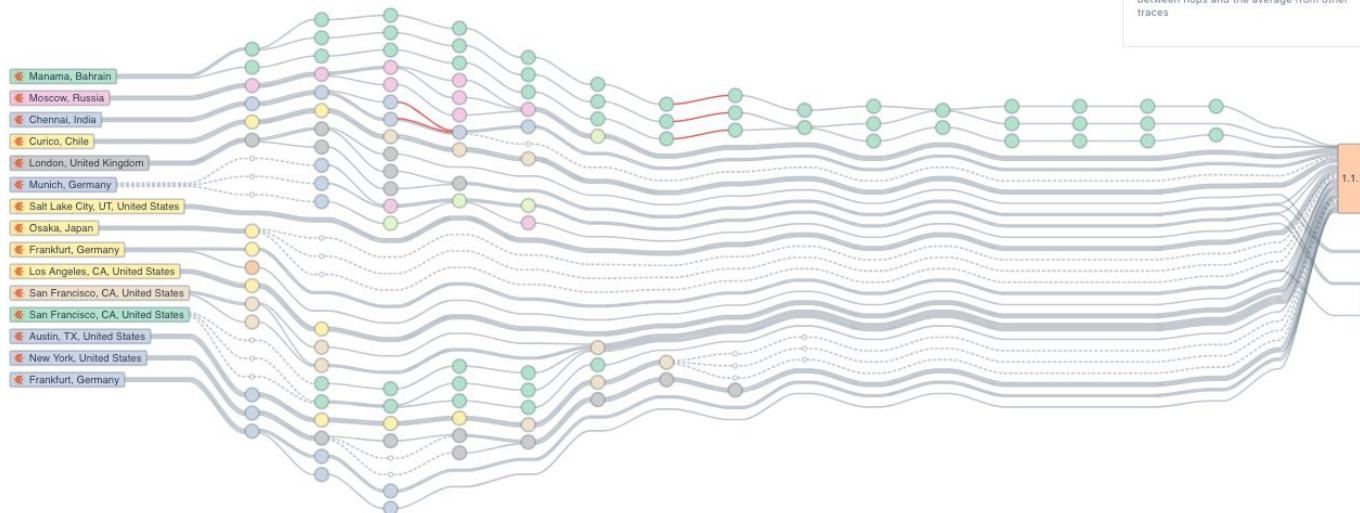
Collapse ASNs

Agents to show
Show 15 of 31 agents

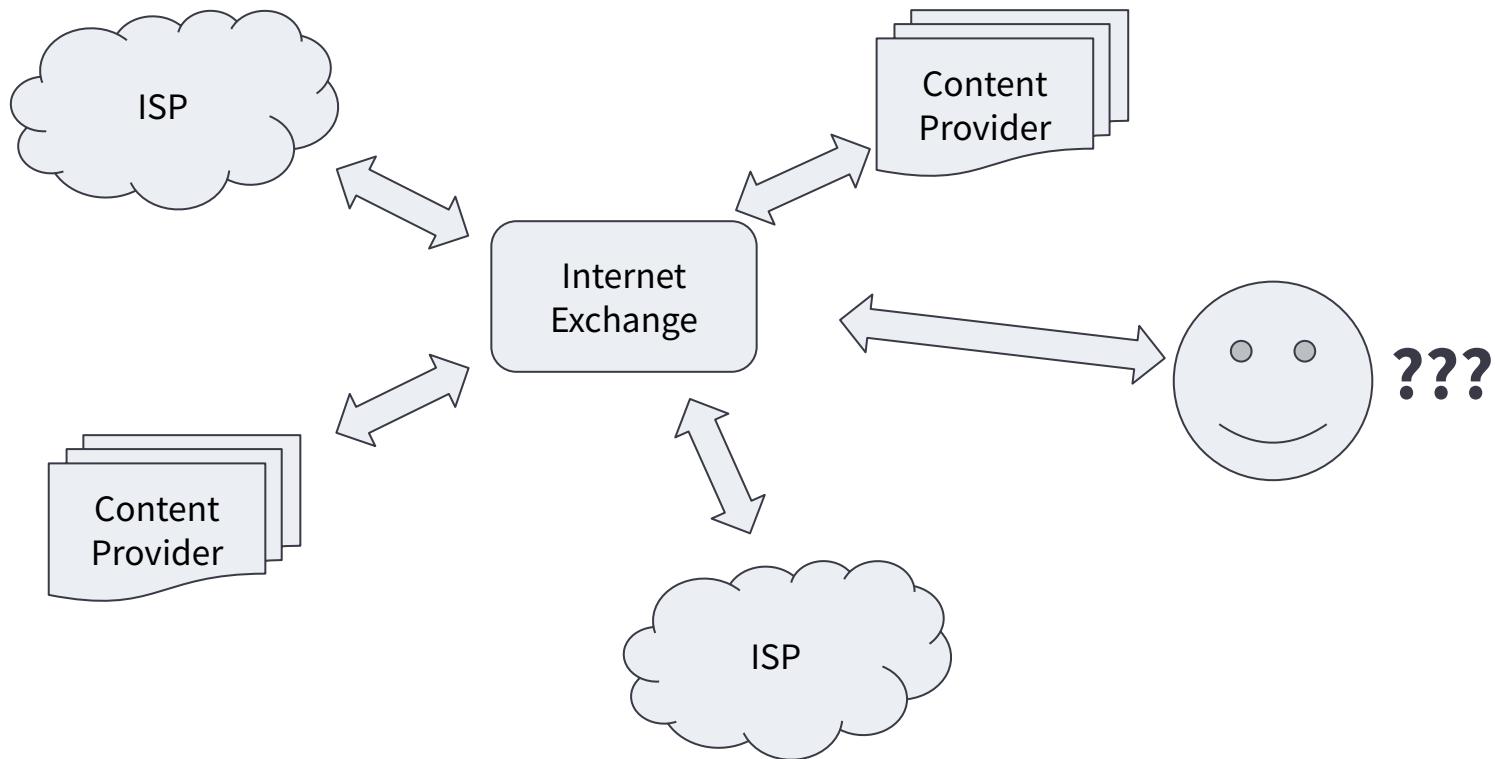
Highlight nodes
Loss is at least 10 %

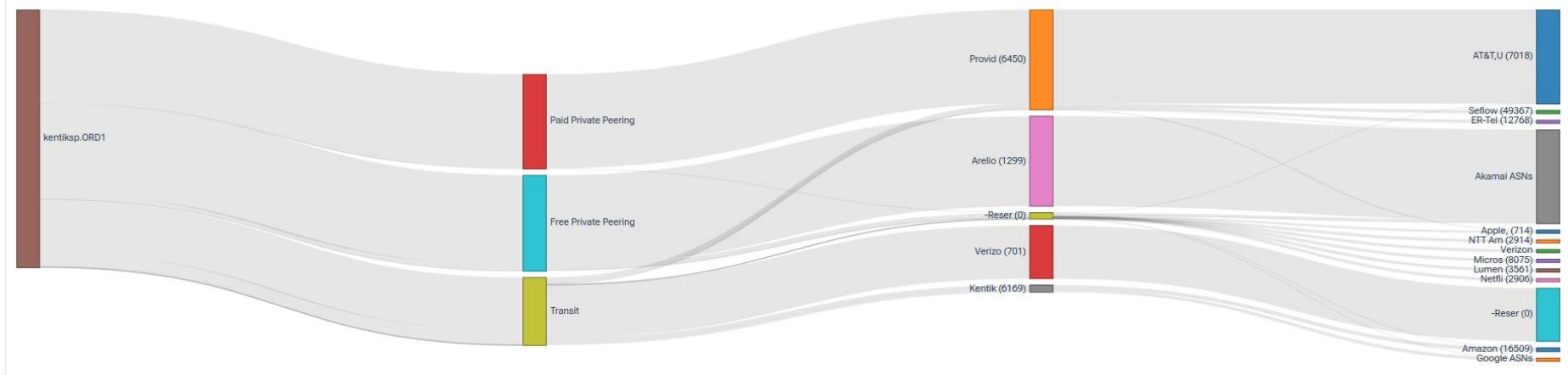
Highlight links
Latency is at least 10 ms

Latency is more than expected
Expected latency based on distance between hops and the average from other traces



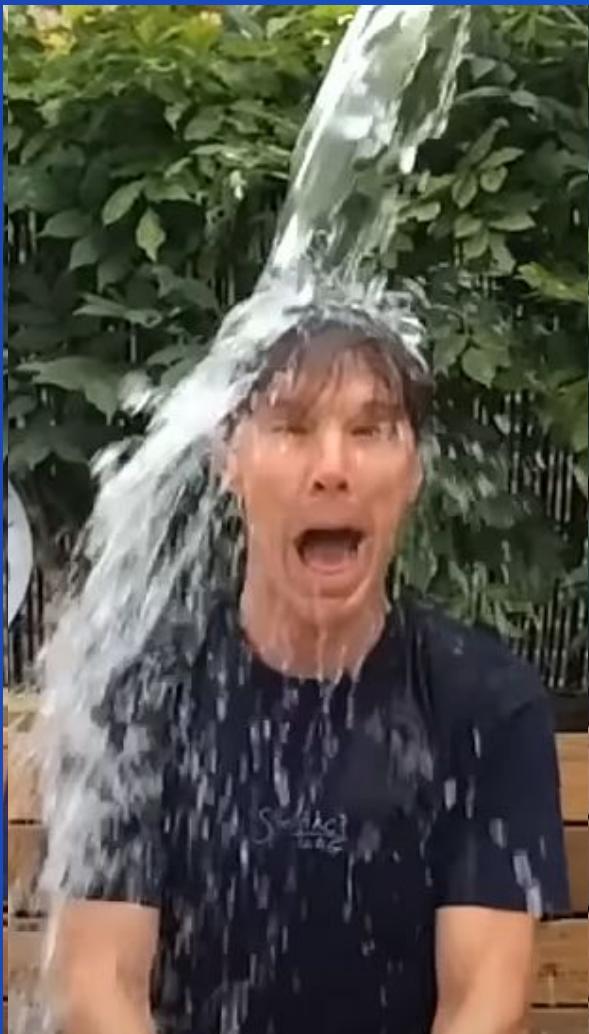
What is an IX (Internet Exchange) point?





Potential Peers

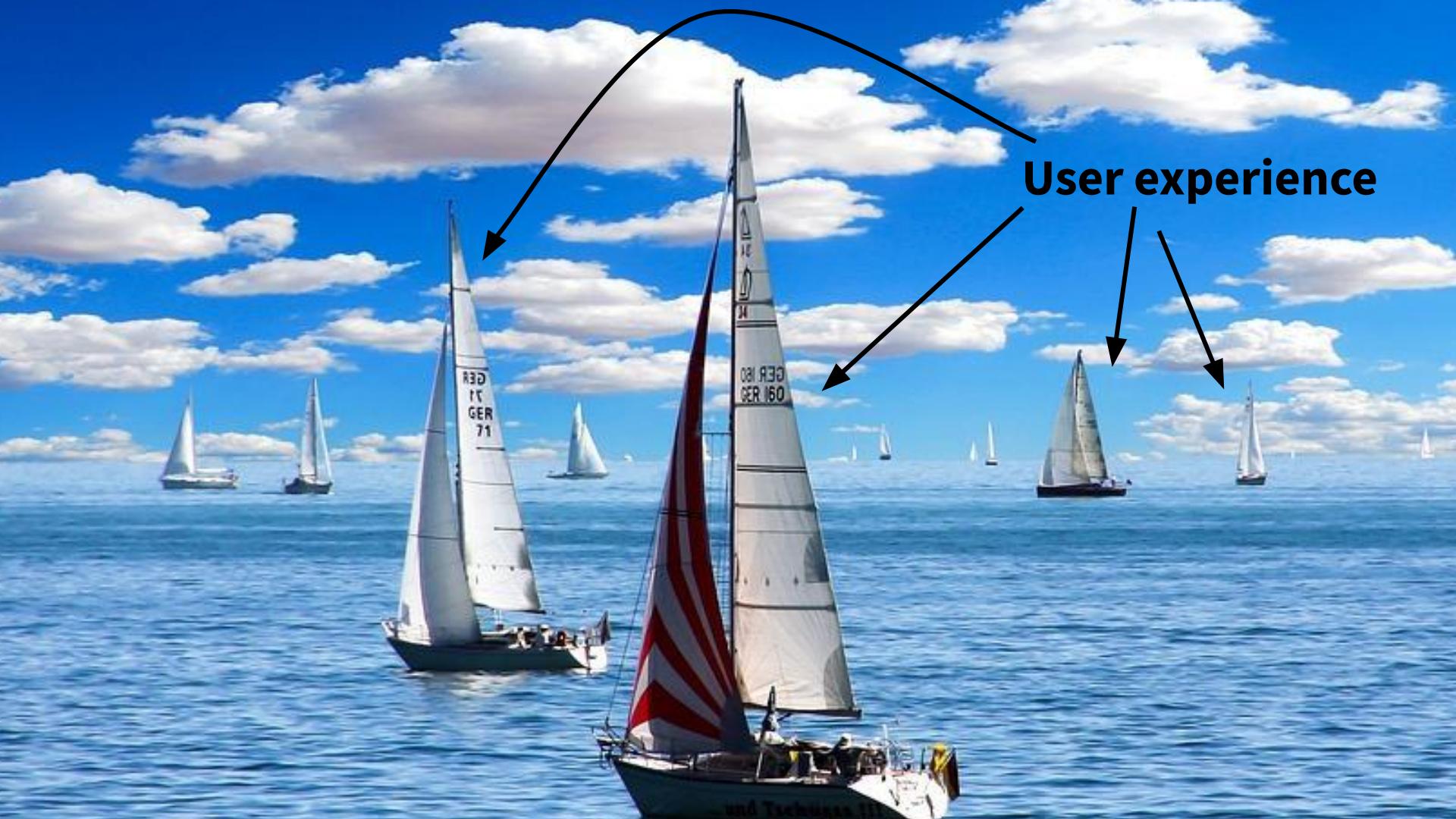
Peer Name	AS Name	Shared Facilities	Average Traffic (Gbps)	Time Range
AT&T US - 7018	7018 - AT&T,US		1.20	Last 30 Days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Akamai,US (16625)	16625 - Akamai,US		1.19	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nathan Sales0	0 - -Reserved AS-ZZ		0.68	<input type="checkbox"/>





Network Observability is NOT



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User experience

Observability / Monitoring

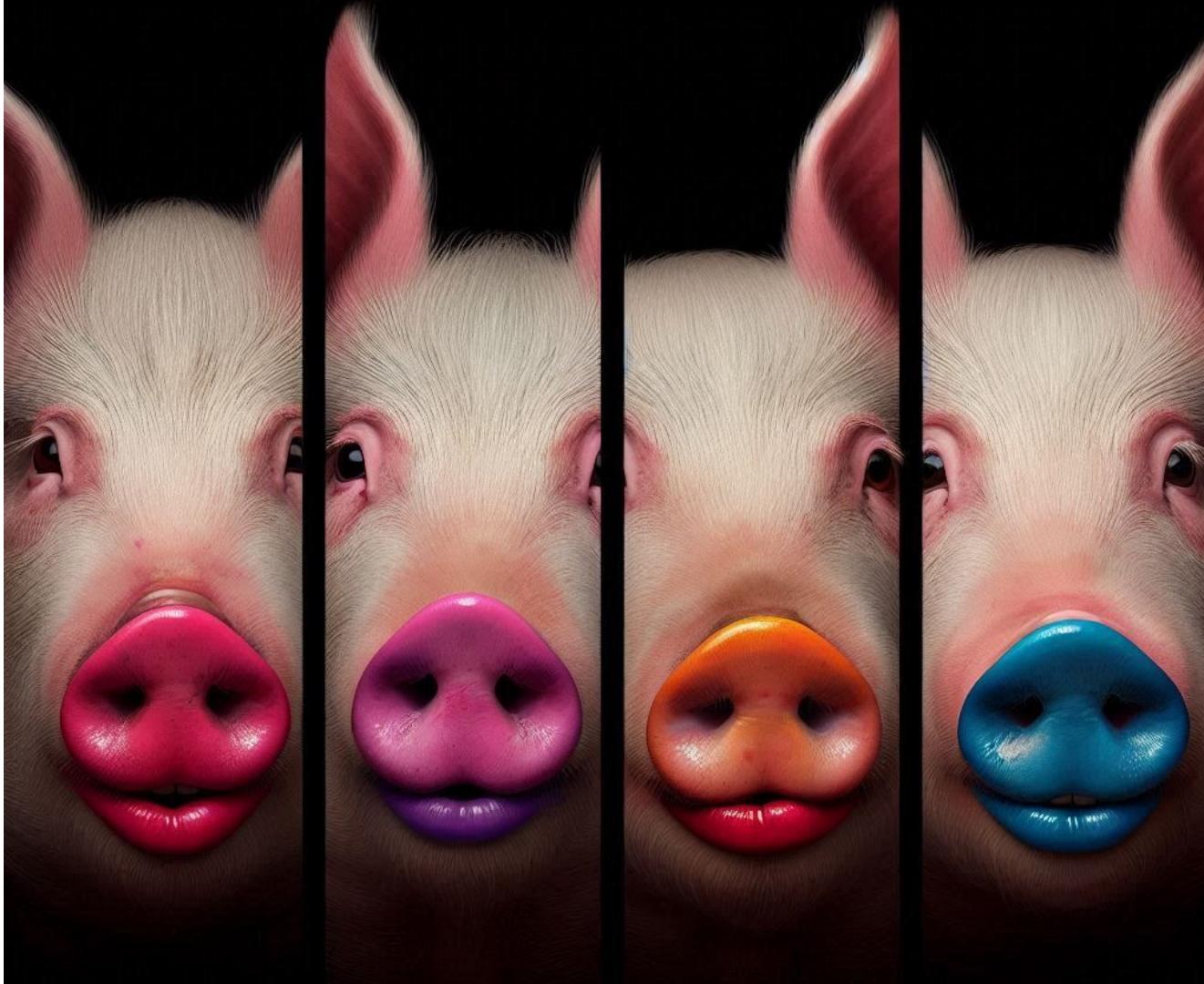


Management



A close-up shot from a TV show. On the right, a man with dark hair is wearing a black hooded robe and a black mask that covers his eyes. He is looking towards the left. On the left, the back of a woman's head is visible; she has long, wavy, light brown hair. The background is blurred green foliage.

Anyone who says otherwise
is selling something



Network Observability Pillars

THREE PILLARS OF NETWORK MONITORING

NETWORK TRAFFIC ANALYTICS



Network Flow

SYNTHETIC TESTING



Digital Experience Monitoring

INFRASTRUCTURE METRICS

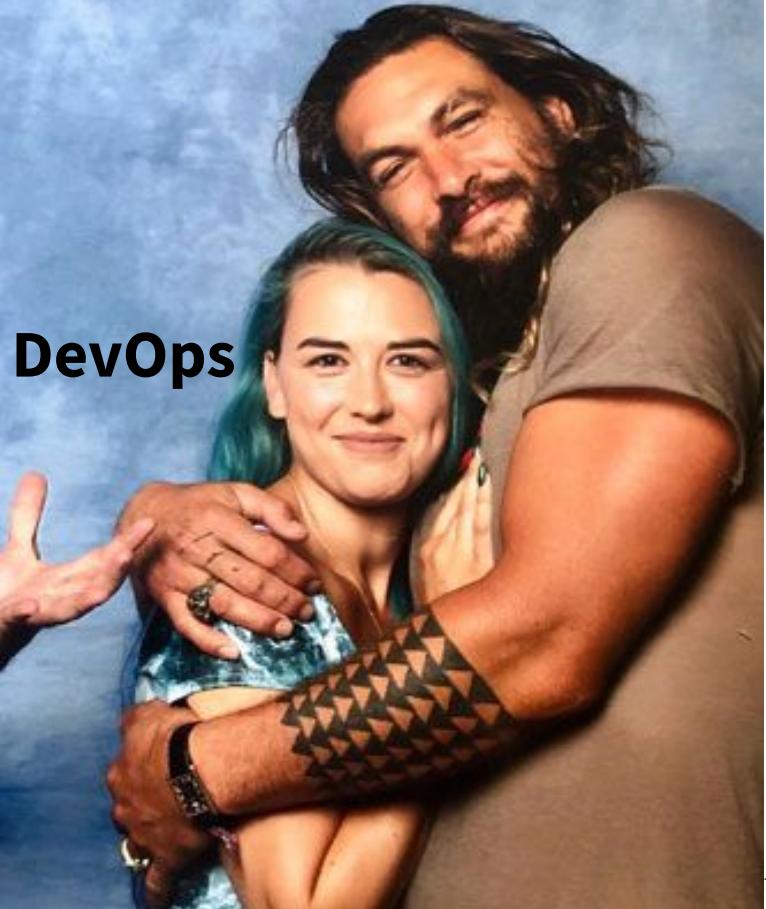


Network Monitoring Systems

Metrics



Traces

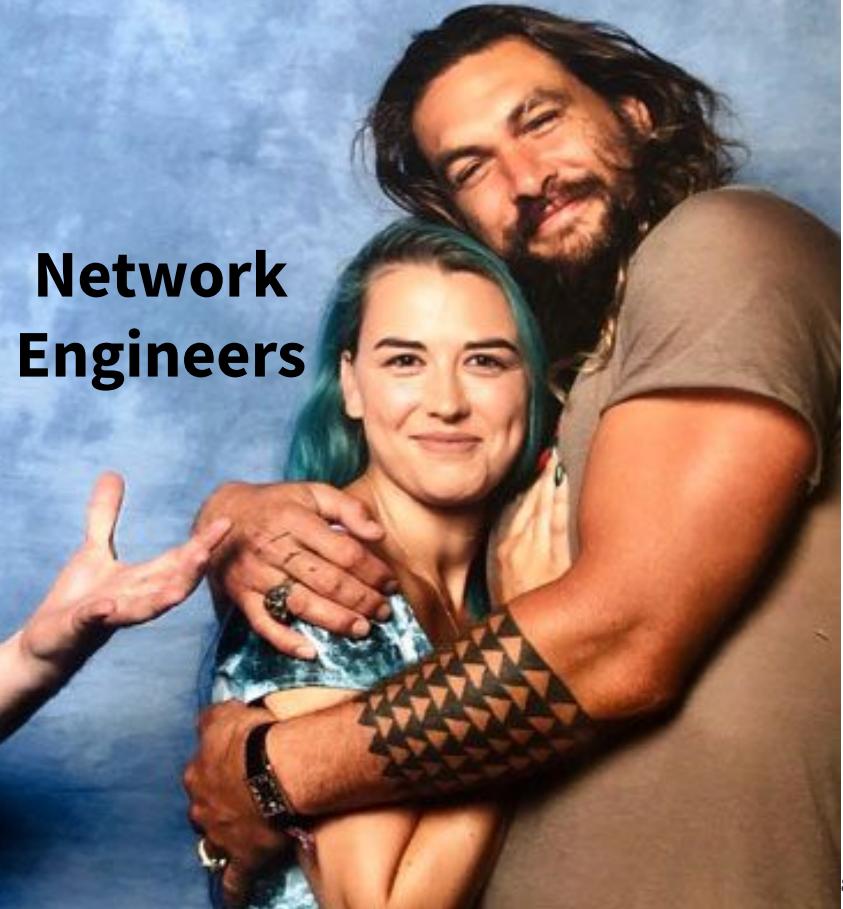


DevOps

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NetFlow



**Network
Engineers**

Netflow Options

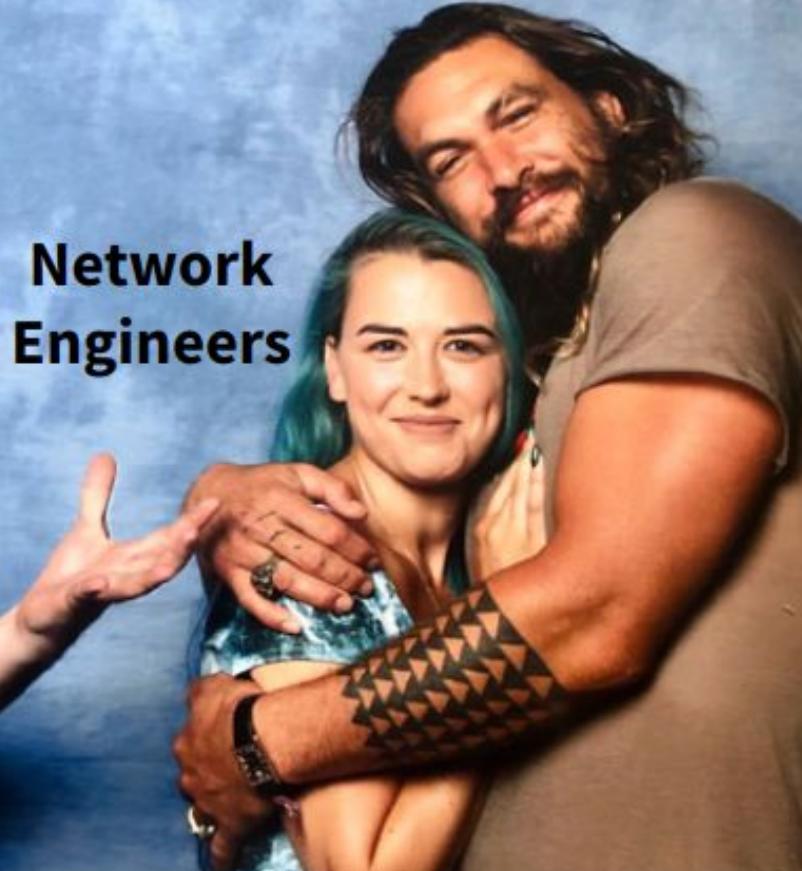
- By source / destination
- By port
- By protocol
- By application
- By geography (based on IP)

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Network Monitoring Systems

<https://api.cisco.com/supporttools/eox/rest/{version}/EOXByProductID/{pageIndex}/{productIDs}>

Examples 0 ▾

BUILD



GET

https://api.cisco.com/supporttools/eox/rest/:version/EOXByProductID/:pageIndex/:productIDs?responseencoding=&

Send

Save

Cookies

Code

Params ● Authorization ● Headers (8) Body Pre-request Script Tests Settings

KEY

 responseencoding

KEY

Key

Path Variables

KEY

version

pageIndex

productIDs

Body Cookies Headers (12) Test Results

Pretty

Raw

Preview Visualize

JSON



```
1  {
2      "PaginationResponseRecord": {
3          "PageIndex": 1,
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7      },
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9          {
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Observability

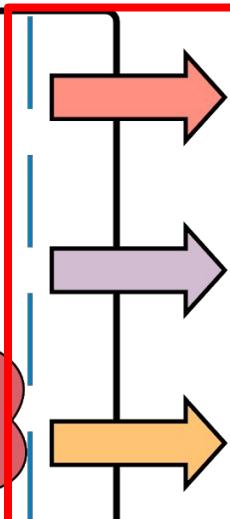
System



States



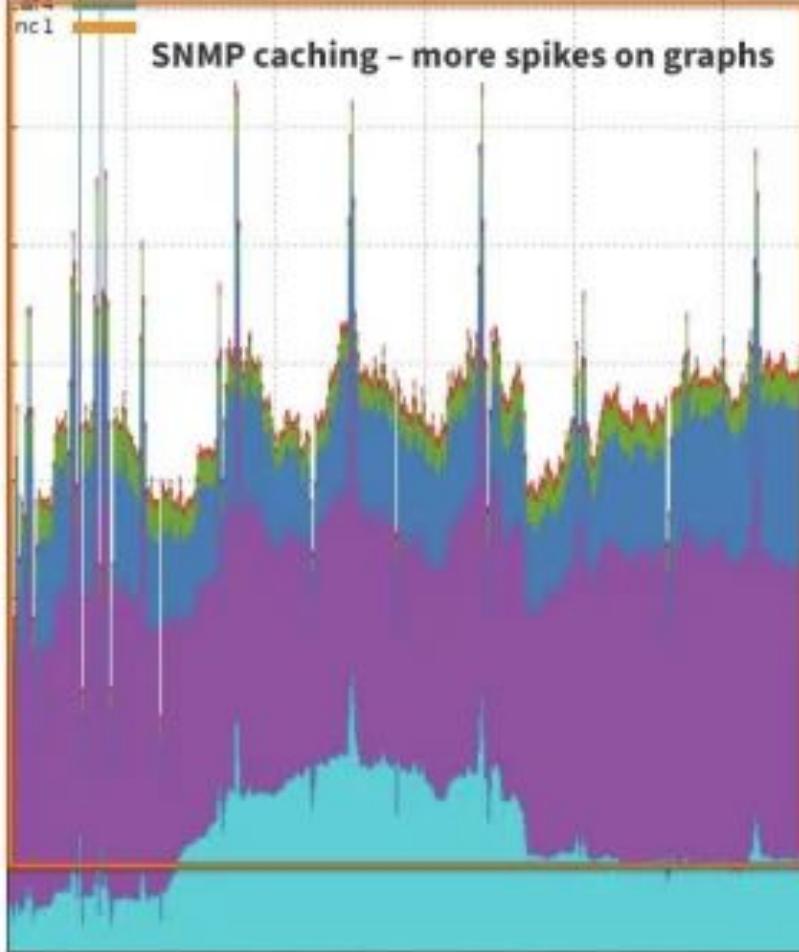
Monitoring ??



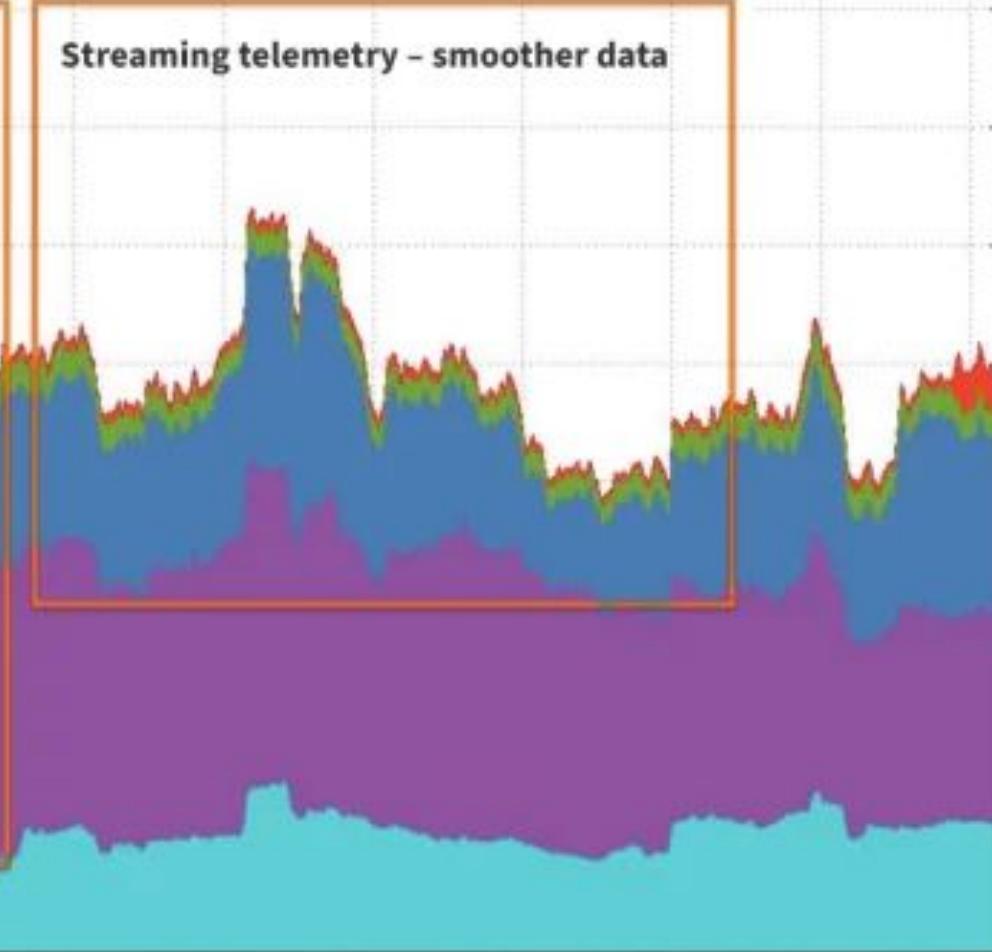
Outputs

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af4
nc1

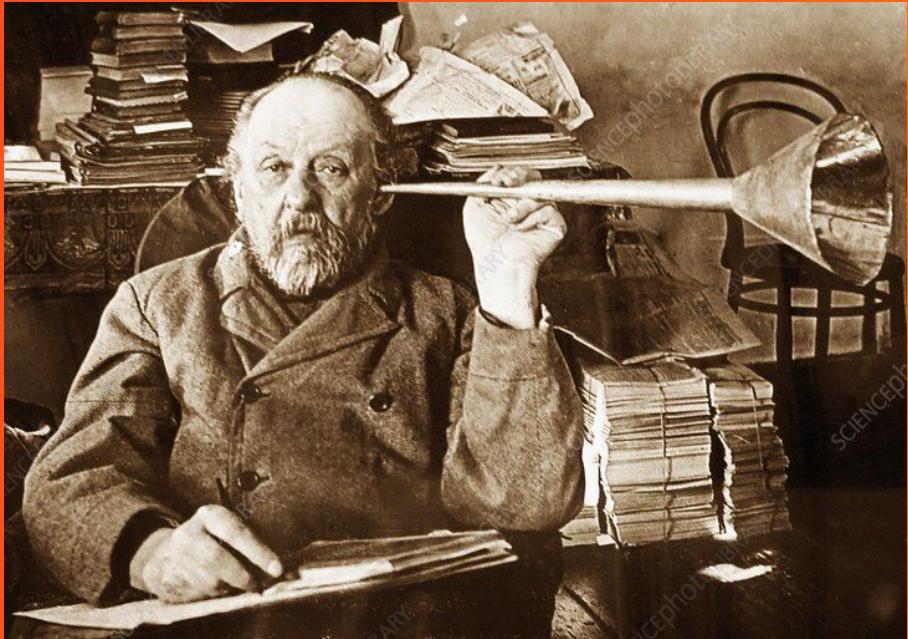
SNMP caching – more spikes on graphs



Streaming telemetry – smoother data



I want to hear from you!



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Are you ~~IRRITATED~~ ?

I'm ready for your
questions!

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Spare slides



When I call a
network design "robust"
instead of really good



Blahblah





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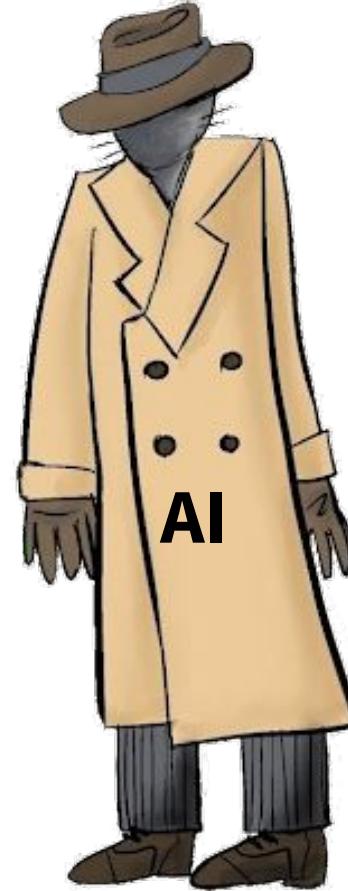
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