# Introduction to KQL

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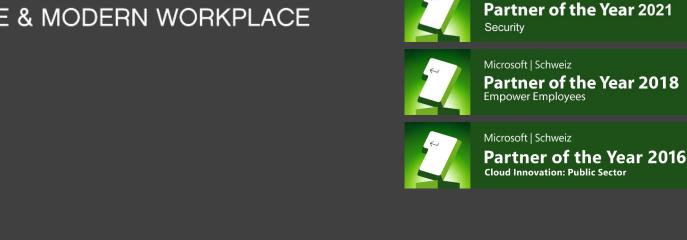
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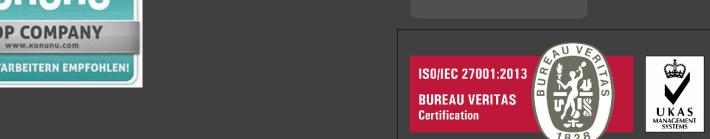
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Why Learn KQL?



# Why you should learn KQL

# IT Pro Toolbox



Skills that help you mastering your daily tasks as an IT Pro

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Windows Batch Scripting VB Script PowerShell KQL



# Why you should learn KQL



### Developer

Developers design, build, test, and maintain cloud solutions.



### Administrator

Administrators implement, monitor, and maintain Microsoft solutions.



### **Solution Architect**

Solutions architects have expertise in compute, network, storage, security.



### **Data Engineer**

Data engineers design and implement the management, monitoring, security, and privacy of data using the full stack of data services.



### **Data Scientist**

Data scientists apply machine learning techniques to train, evaluate, and deploy models that solve business problems.



### Al Engineer

Al engineers use Cognitive Services, Machine Learning, and Knowledge Mining to architect and implement Microsoft Al solutions.



### **DevOps Engineer**

DevOps engineers combine people, process, and technologies to continuously deliver valuable products and services that meet end user needs and business objectives.



### **Security Engineer**

Security engineers implement security controls and threat protection, manage identity and access, and protect data, applications, and networks.



### **Functional Consultant**

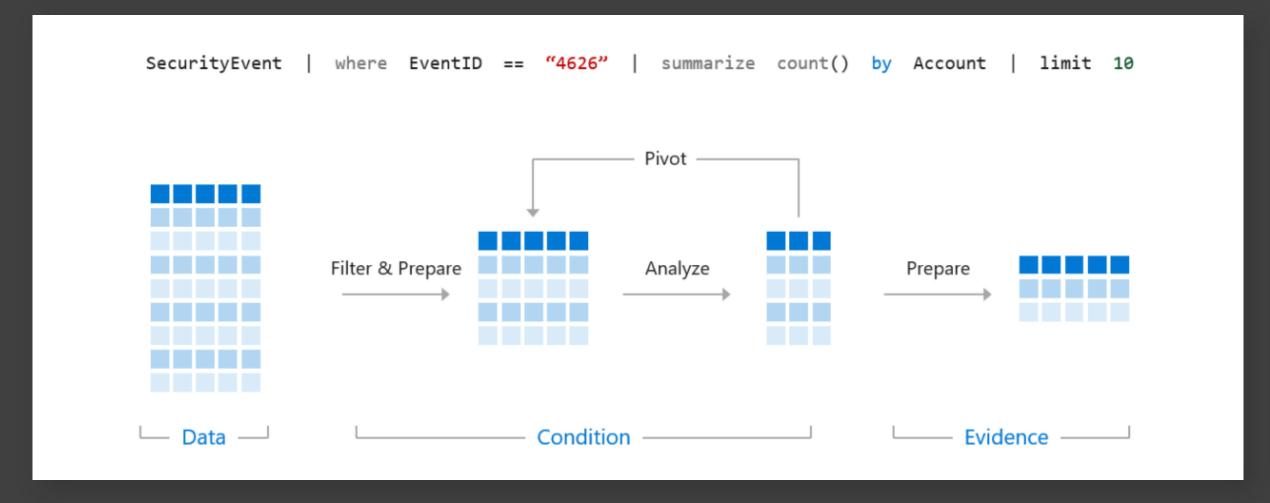
Functional consultants leverage Microsoft Dynamics 365 and Microsoft Power Platform to anticipate and plan for customer needs.

No matter what IT career path you pursue, you'll meet KQL

# Where to use KQL?

- Azure Monitor
- Azure Log Analytics
- Azure Data Explorer
- Azure Resource Graph
- Microsoft Sentinel
- Microsoft 365 Defender
- Microsoft Endpoint Manager (Configuration Manager & Intune)
- Microsoft Purview
- Azure Application Insights

A Kusto query is a read-only request to process data and return results. The request is stated in plain text, using a data-flow model that is easy to read, author, and automate. Kusto queries are made of one or more query statements.



KQL

- Demo Environments
- Setup Your Own Environment

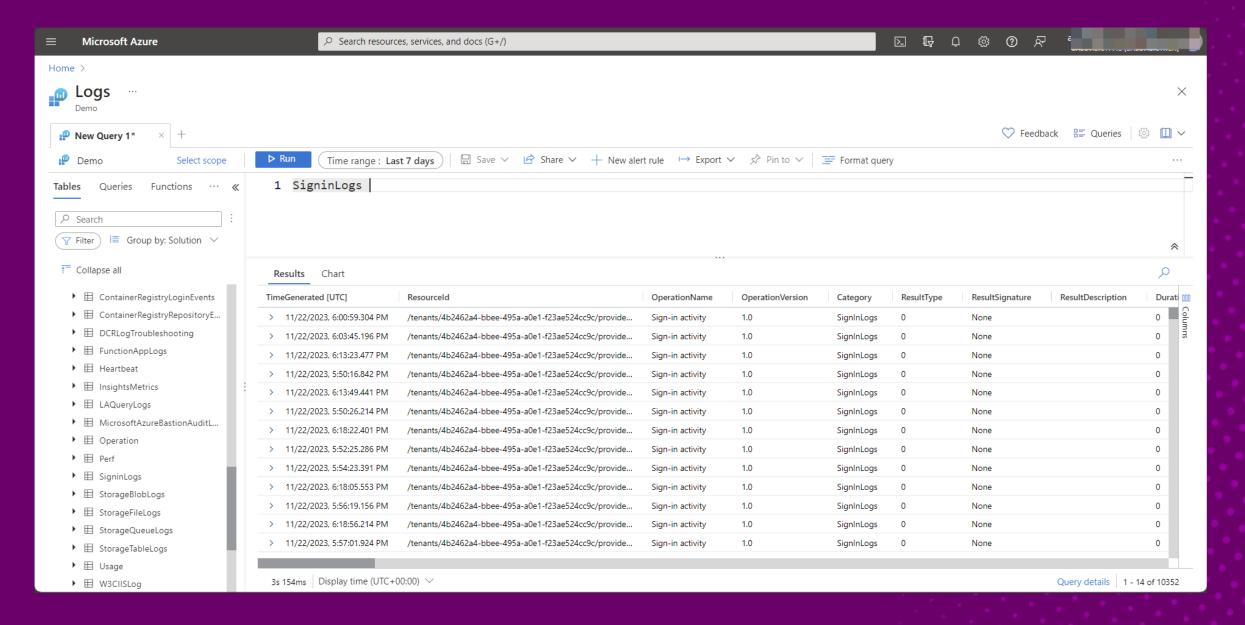


# Log Analytics Demo Environment

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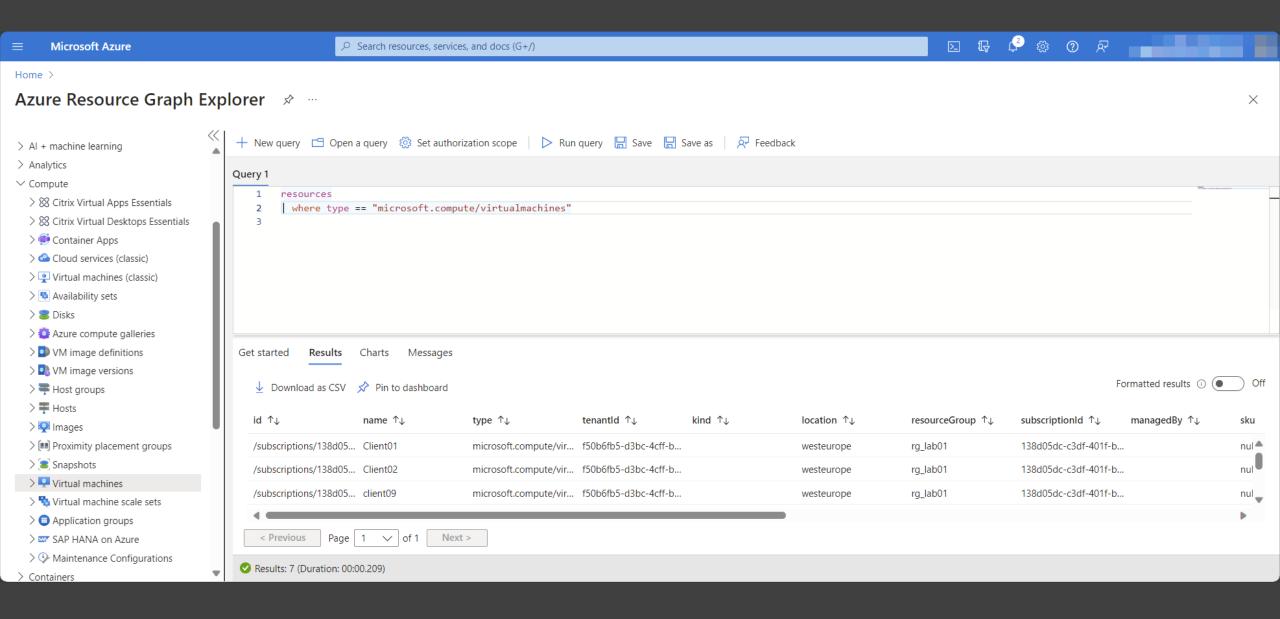
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# Azure Graph Explorer

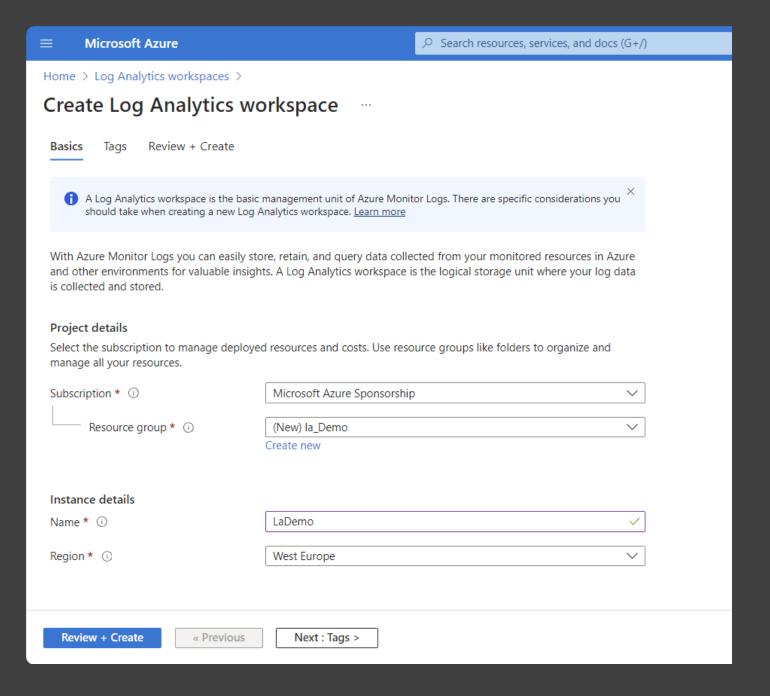




# Setup your own Environment

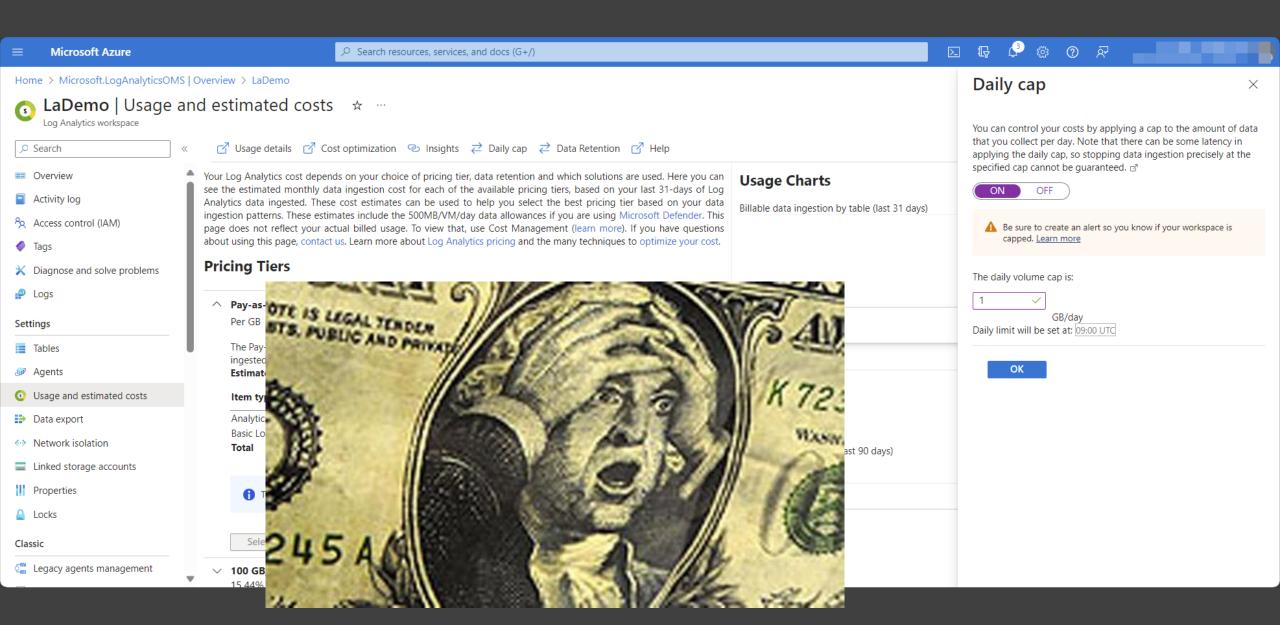


Deploy your Log Analytics Workspace



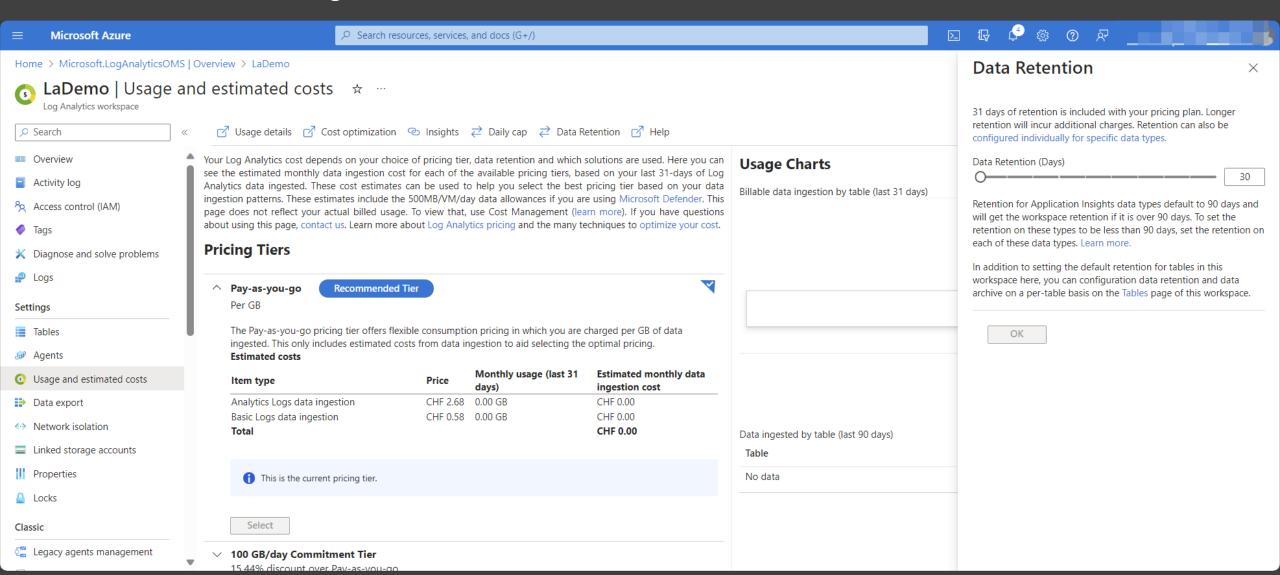


### **Configure Daily Cap**



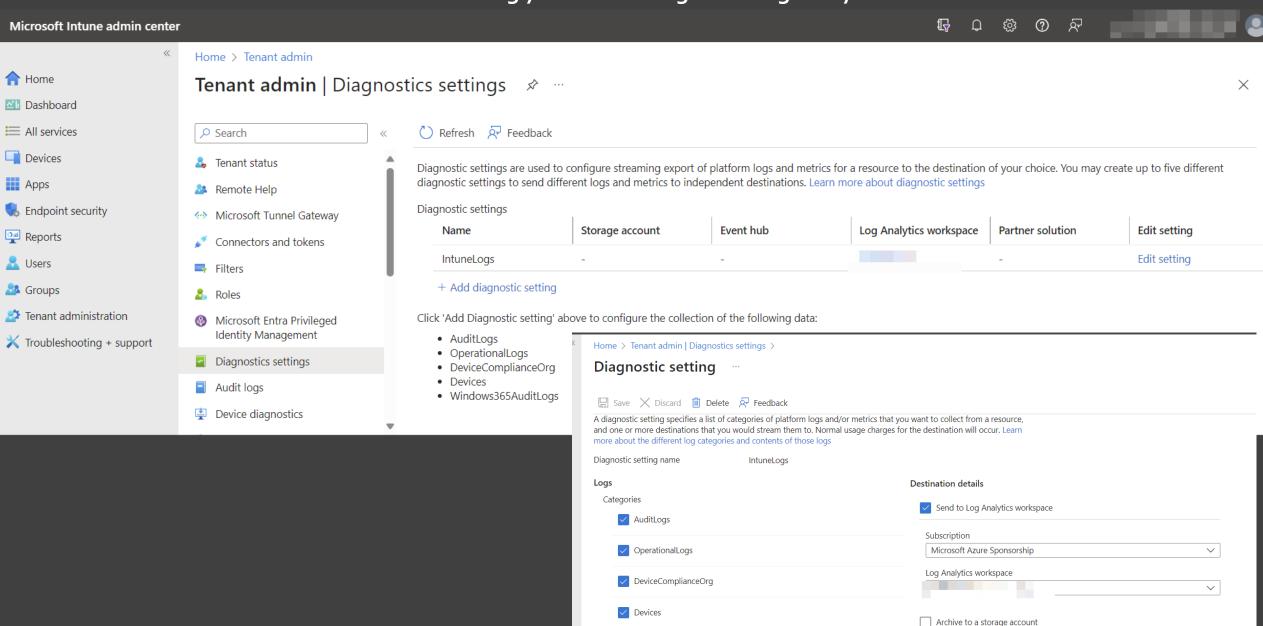


### **Configure Retention Period**



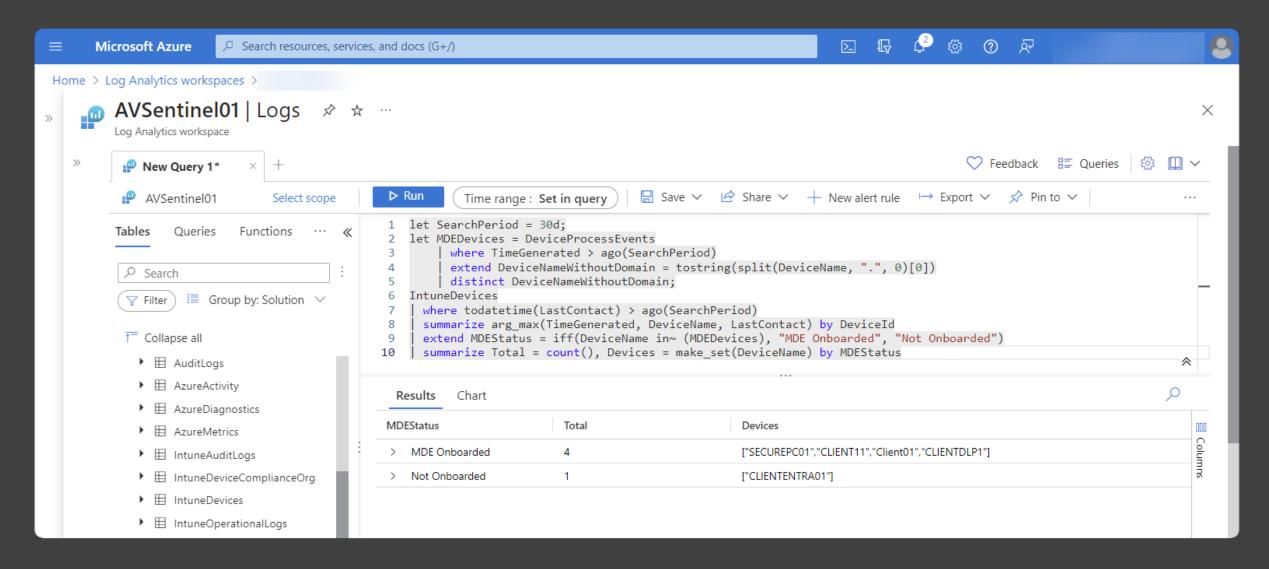


### Bring your Intune Logs into Log Analytics



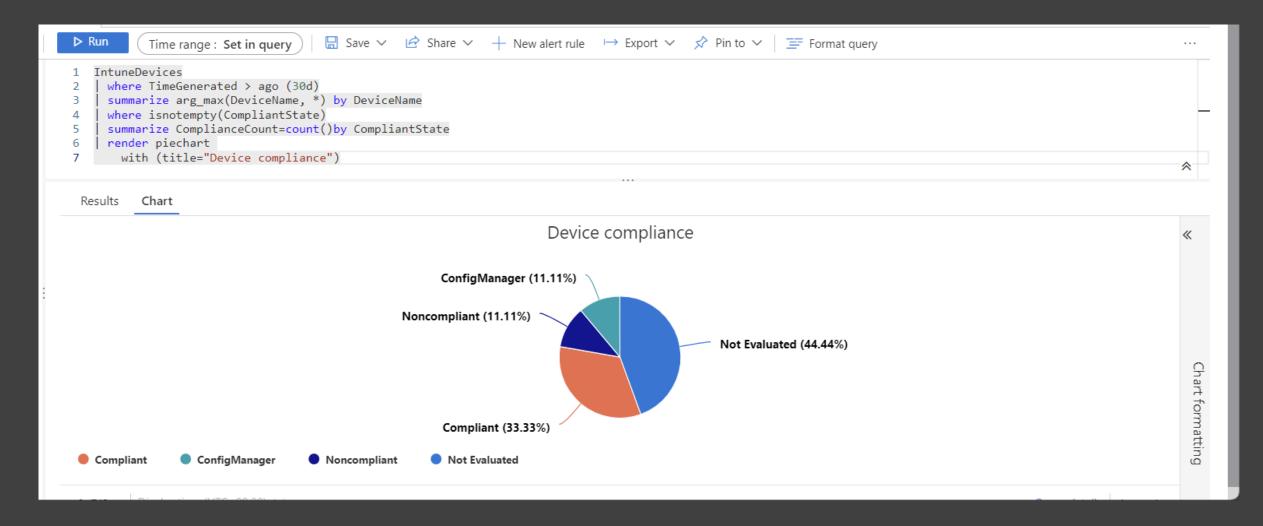


This query compares devices in Intune and Microsoft Defender for Endpoint



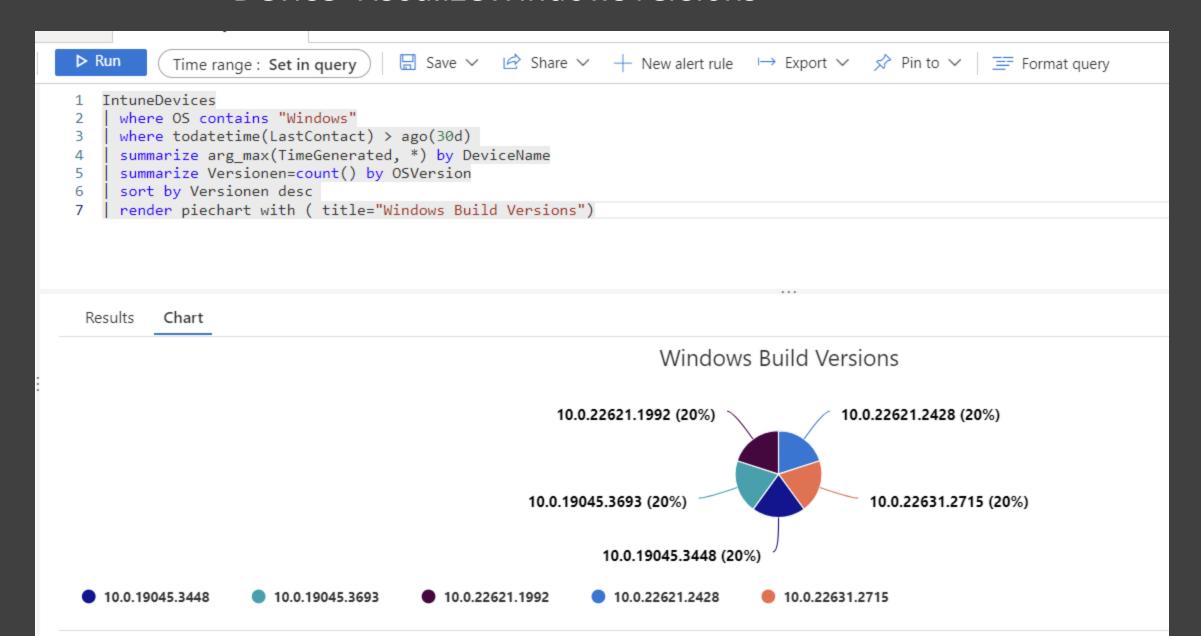


## Device - Visualize device compliance



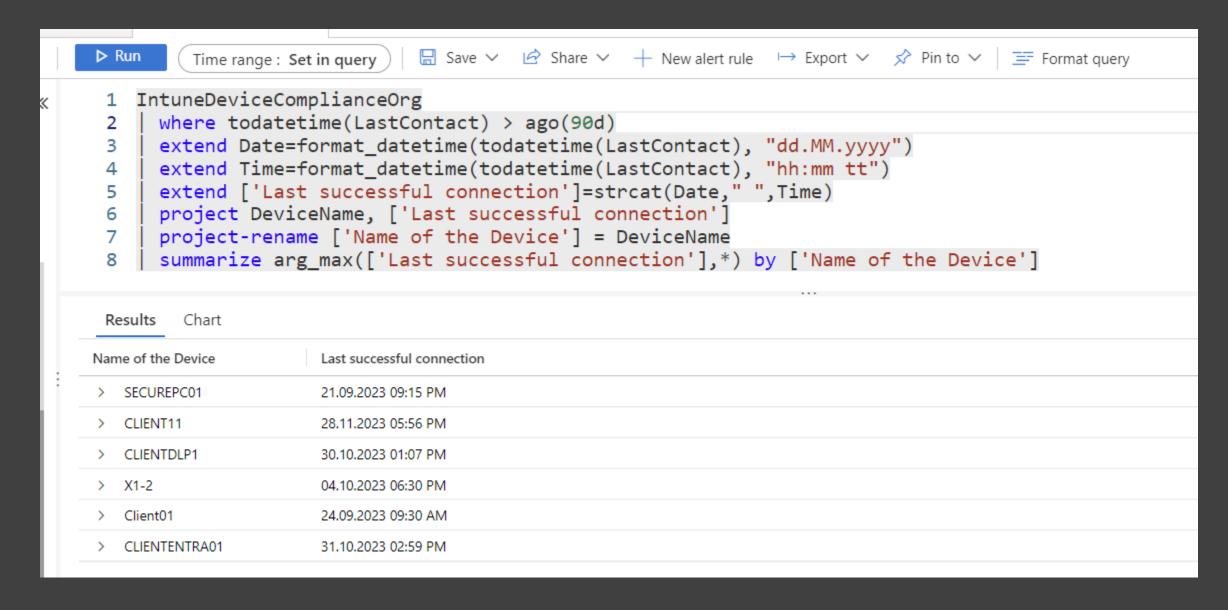


### Device-VisualizeWindowsVersions

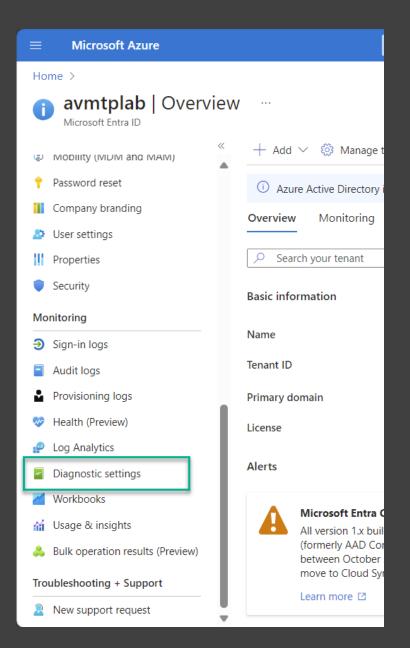




### Device-LastTimeTheDeviceWasActive

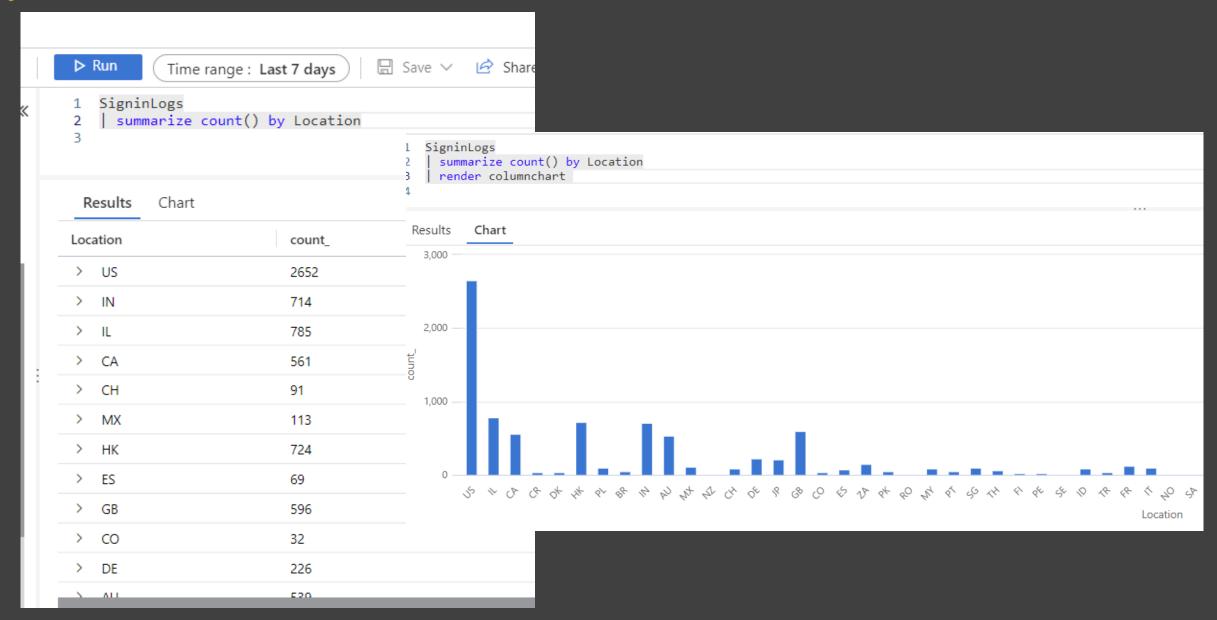




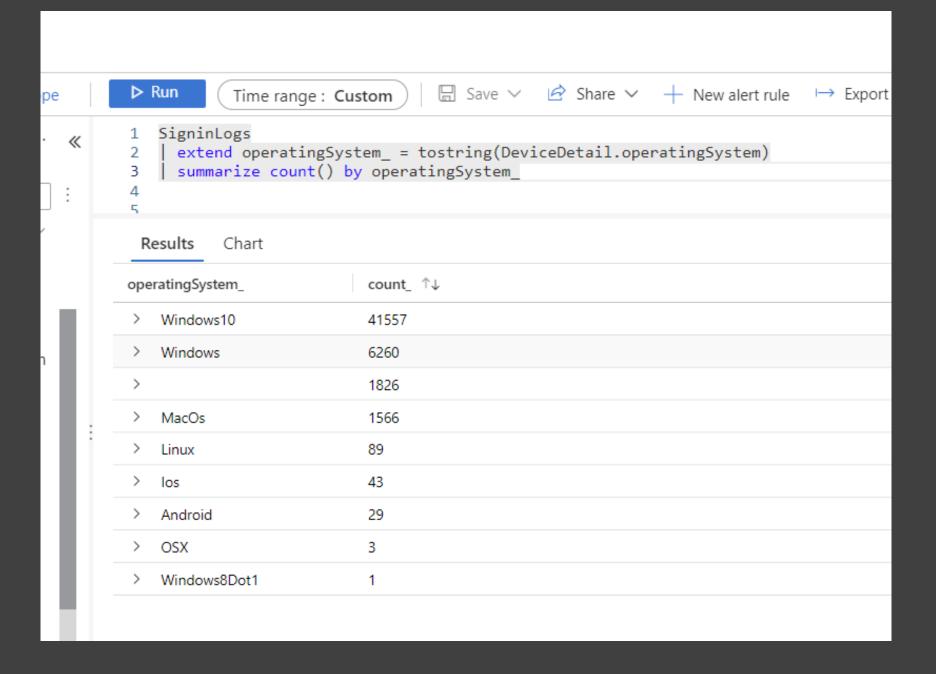


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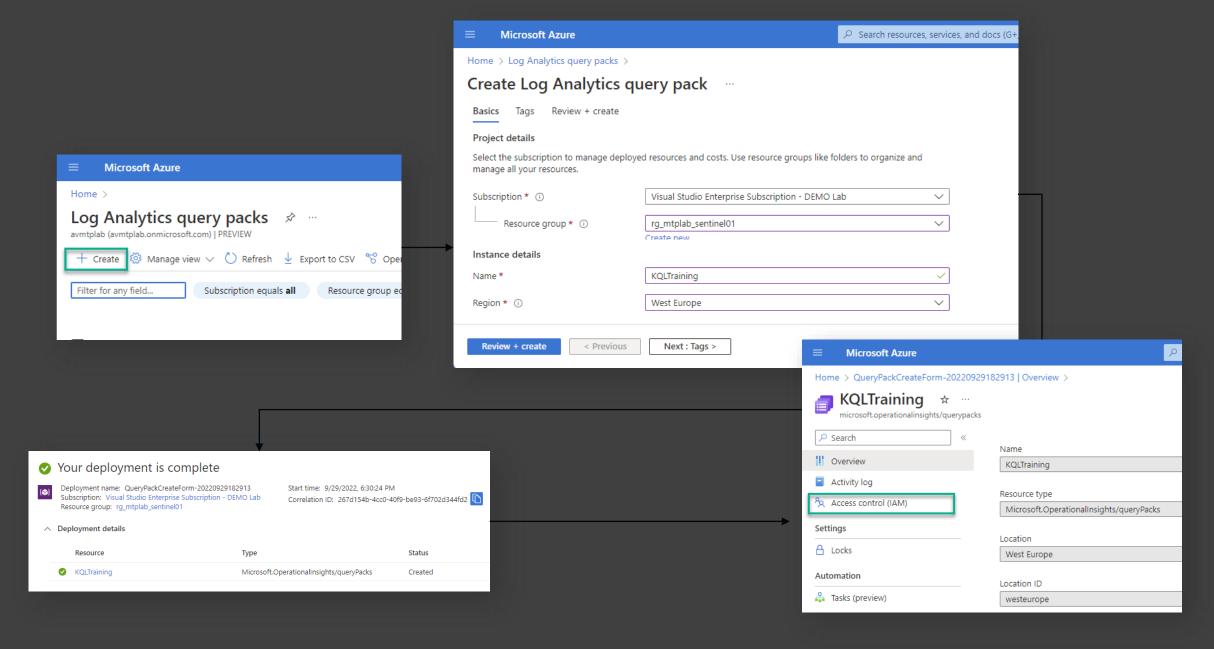
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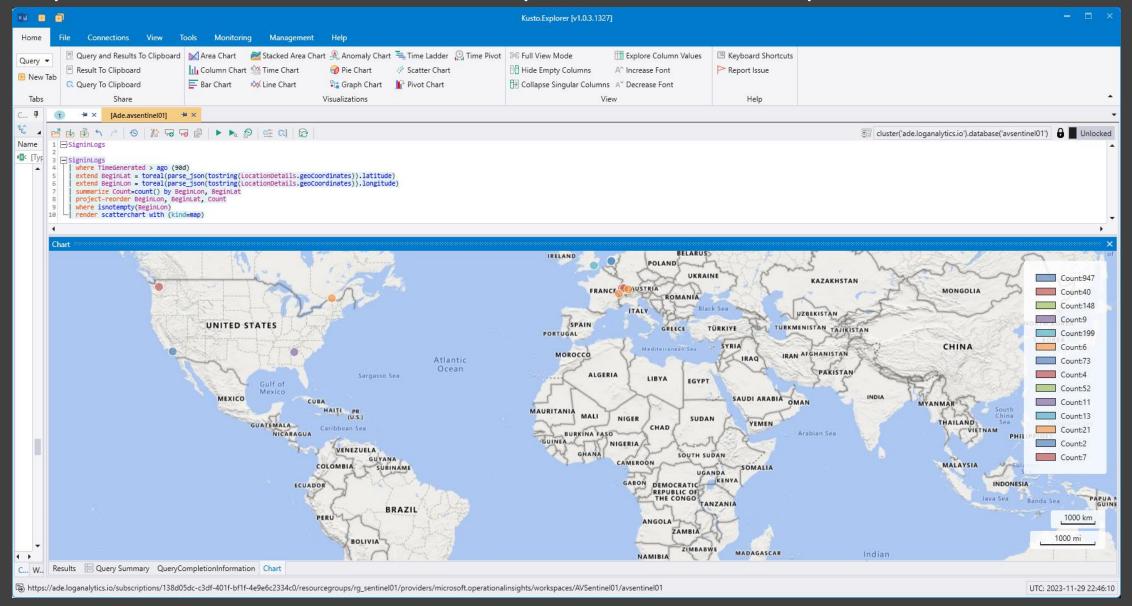






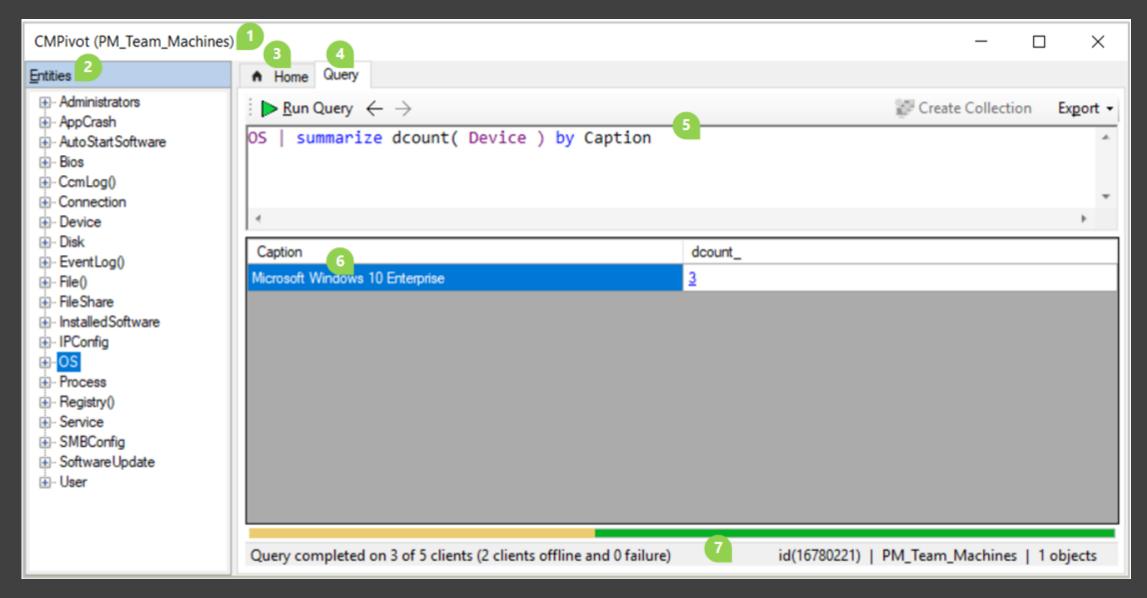


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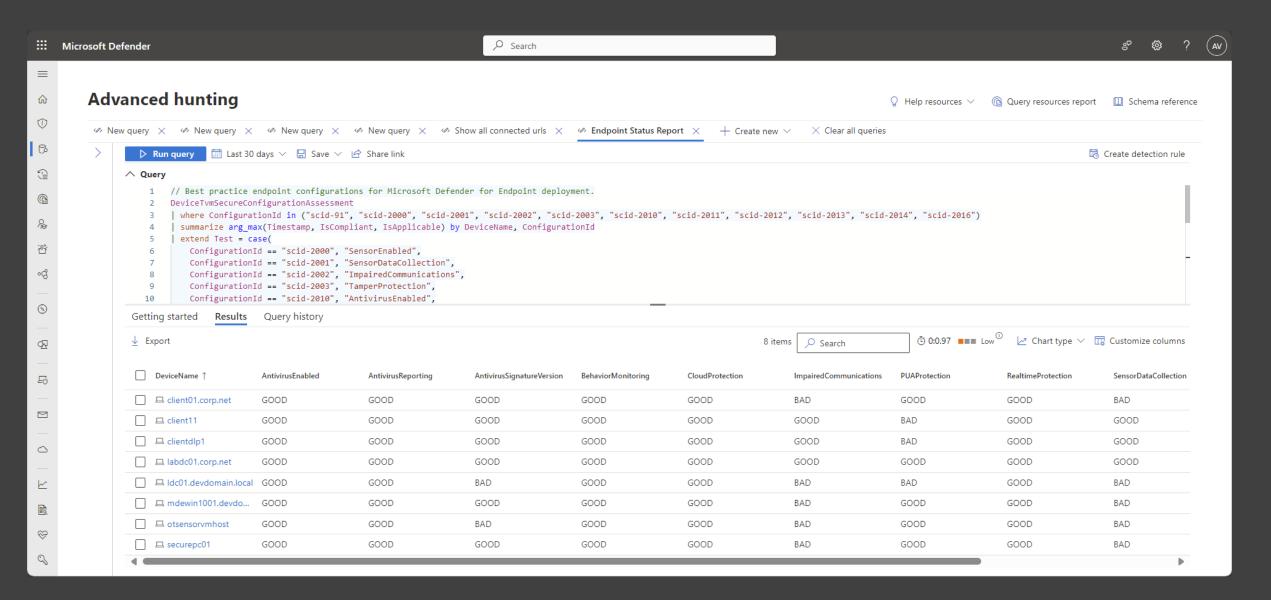


### CMPivot in ConfigMgr





### Advanced Hunting in Defender XDR



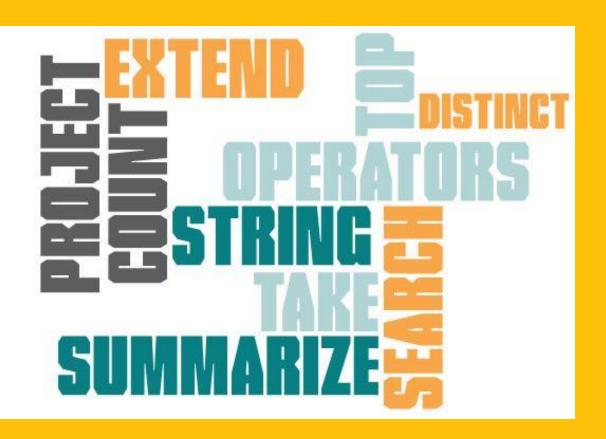


### Advanced Hunting in Defender XDR

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    2
            , "procdump.exe", "whoami.exe", "wmic.exe", "mimikatz.exe", "tasklist.exe", "rubeus.exe"]);
    3
        DeviceProcessEvents
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         where FileName has any(SuspiciousFiles)
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**KQL Operators** 

KQL – Most used operators



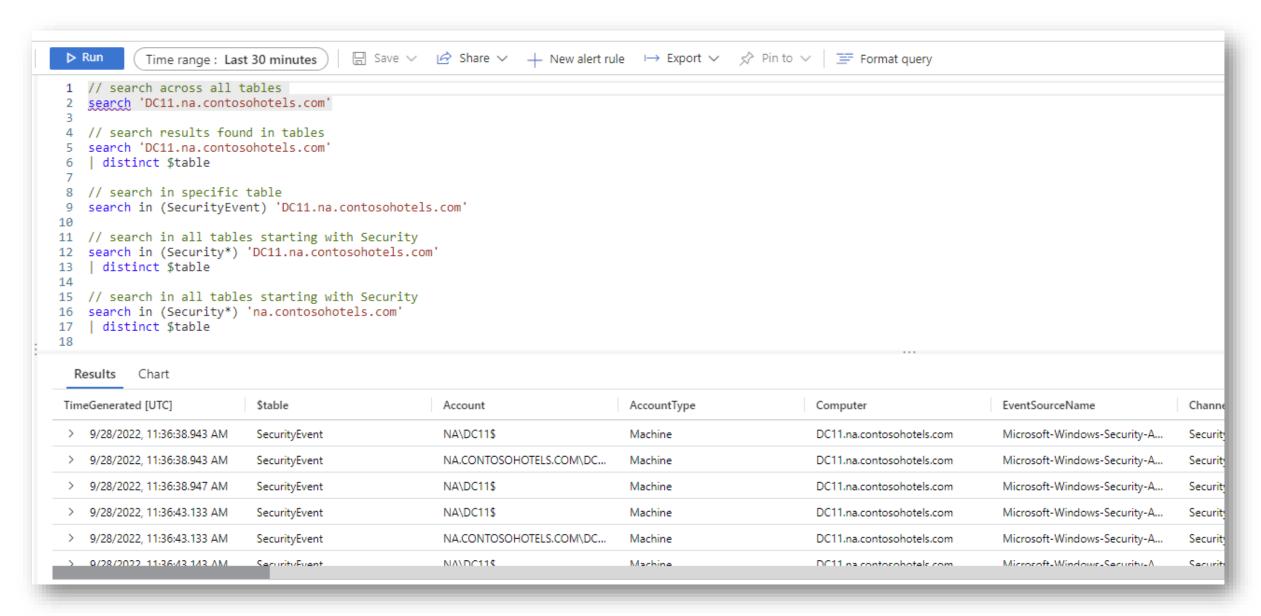
## **KQL – String Operators**

Operator	Description	<b>Case-Sensitive</b>	Example (yields <sup>true</sup> )
==	Equals	Yes	"aBc" == "aBc"
!=	Not equals	Yes	"abc" != "ABC"
=~	Equals	No	"abc" =~ "ABC"
!~	Not equals	No	"aBc" !~ "xyz"
contains	RHS occurs as a subsequence of LHS	No	"FabriKam" contains "BRik"
!contains	RHS doesn't occur in LHS	No	"Fabrikam" !contains "xyz"
contains_cs	RHS occurs as a subsequence of LHS	Yes	"FabriKam" contains_cs "Kam"
!contains_cs	RHS doesn't occur in LHS	Yes	"Fabrikam" !contains_cs "Kam"
endswith	RHS is a closing subsequence of LHS	No	"Fabrikam" endswith "Kam"
!endswith	RHS isn't a closing subsequence of LHS	No	"Fabrikam" !endswith "brik"
endswith_cs	RHS is a closing subsequence of LHS	Yes	"Fabrikam" endswith_cs "kam"
!endswith_cs	RHS isn't a closing subsequence of LHS	Yes	"Fabrikam" !endswith_cs "brik"
	Right-hand-side (RHS) is a whole term in	nNo	"North America" has "america"
has	left-hand-side (LHS)		
!has	RHS isn't a full term in LHS	No	"North America" !has "amer"
	Same as has but works on all of the	No	"North and South America"
has_all	elements		has_all("south", "north")
	Same as has but works on any of the	No	"North America" has_any("south",
has_any	elements		"north")
has_cs	RHS is a whole term in LHS	Yes	"North America" has_cs "America"
!has_cs	RHS isn't a full term in LHS	Yes	"North America" !has_cs "amer"

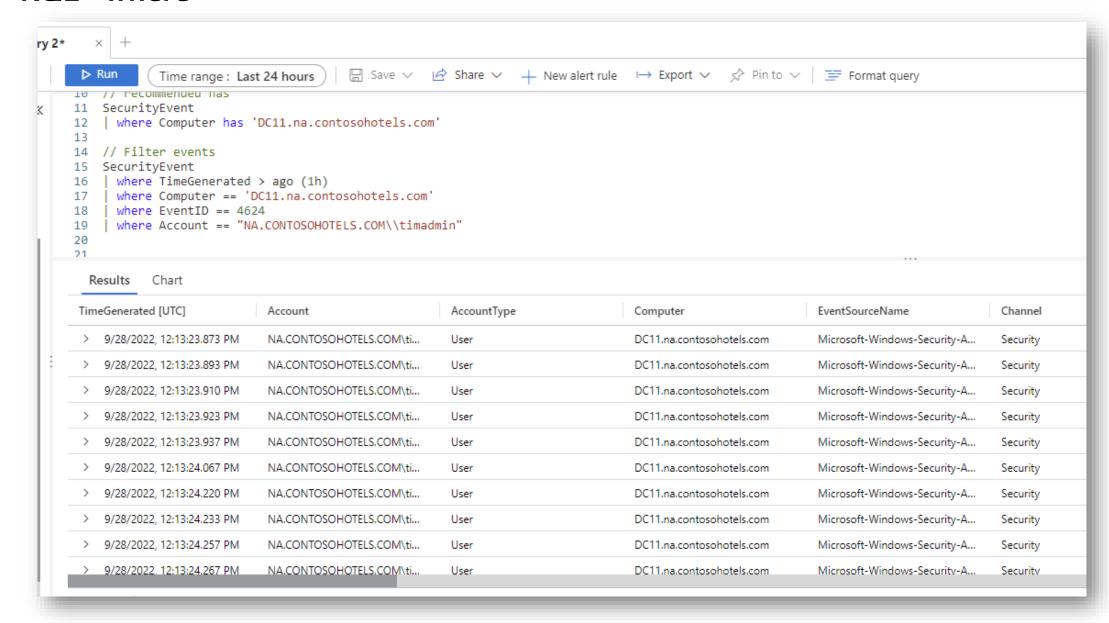
# **KQL – String Operators**

Operator	Description	<b>Case-Sensitive</b>	Example (yields true)
hasprefix	RHS is a term prefix in LHS	No	"North America" hasprefix "ame"
!hasprefix	RHS isn't a term prefix in LHS	No	"North America" !hasprefix "mer"
hasprefix_cs	RHS is a term prefix in LHS	Yes	"North America" hasprefix_cs "Ame"
!hasprefix_cs	RHS isn't a term prefix in LHS	Yes	"North America" !hasprefix_cs "CA"
hassuffix	RHS is a term suffix in LHS	No	"North America" hassuffix "ica"
!hassuffix	RHS isn't a term suffix in LHS	No	"North America" !hassuffix "americ"
hassuffix_cs	RHS is a term suffix in LHS	Yes	"North America" hassuffix_cs "ica"
!hassuffix_cs	RHS isn't a term suffix in LHS	Yes	"North America" !hassuffix_cs "icA"
in	Equals to any of the elements	Yes	"abc" in ("123", "345", "abc")
!in	Not equals to any of the elements	Yes	"bca" !in ("123", "345", "abc")
in~	Equals to any of the elements	No	"Abc" in~ ("123", "345", "abc")
!in~	Not equals to any of the elements	No	"bCa" !in~ ("123", "345", "ABC")
matches regex	LHS contains a match for RHS	Yes	"Fabrikam" matches regex "b.*k"
startswith	RHS is an initial subsequence of LHS	No	"Fabrikam" startswith "fab"
!startswith	RHS isn't an initial subsequence of LHS	No	"Fabrikam" !startswith "kam"
startswith_cs	RHS is an initial subsequence of LHS	Yes	"Fabrikam" startswith_cs "Fab"
!startswith_cs	RHS isn't an initial subsequence of LHS	Yes	"Fabrikam" !startswith_cs "fab"

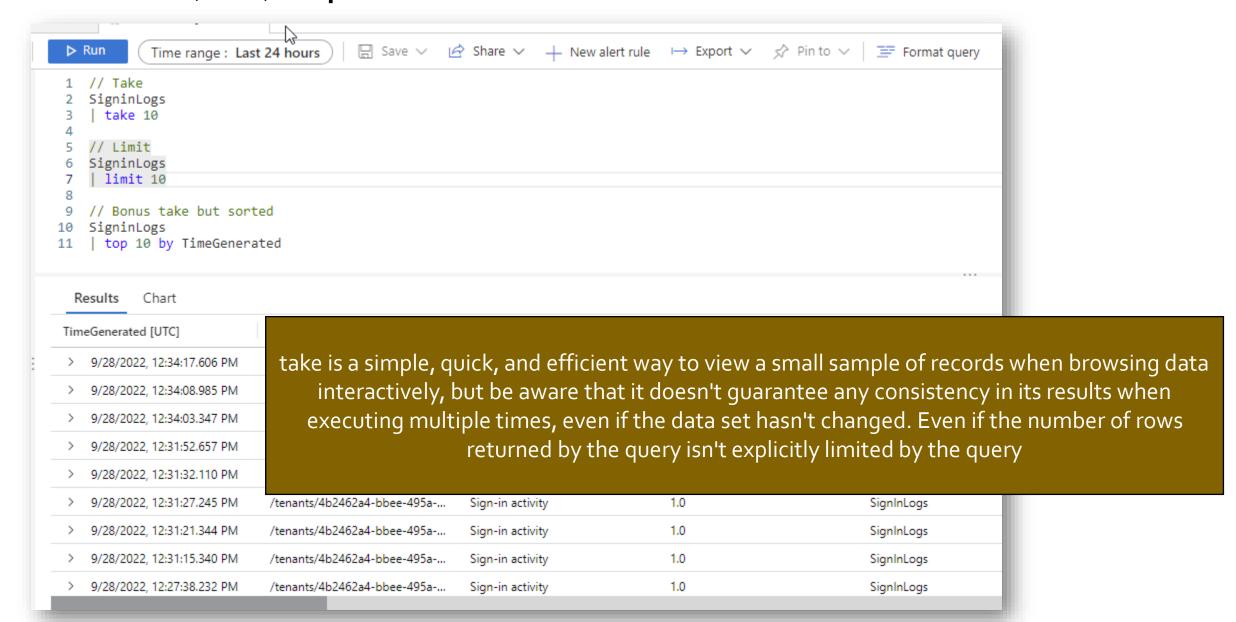
### **KQL** - search



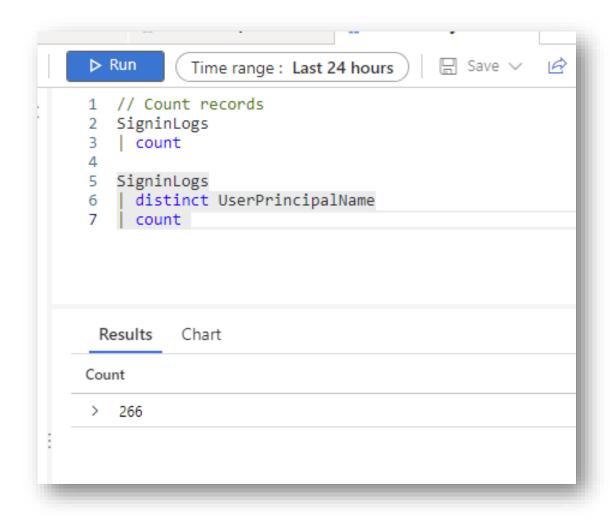
#### **KQL** - where



# KQL – take (limit) - top

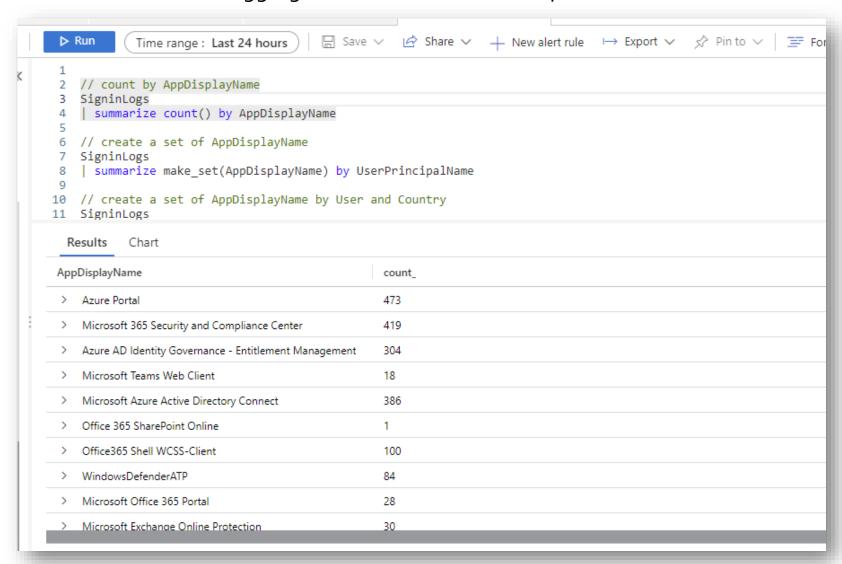


### **KQL** - count



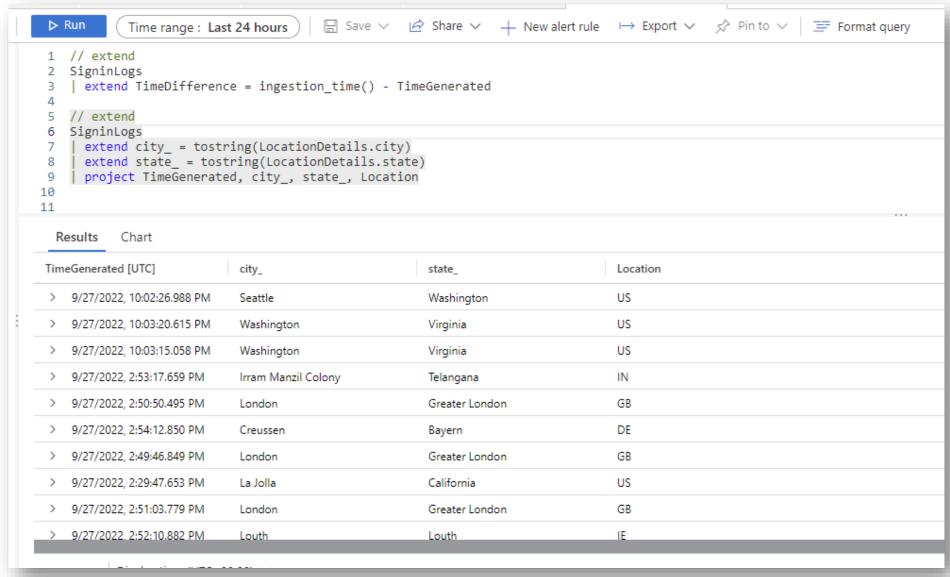
#### **KQL** - summarize

Produces a table that aggregates the content of the input table.



#### **KQL** - extend

Create calculated columns and append them to the result set.



# **KQL** - project

Select the columns to include, rename or drop, and insert new computed columns.

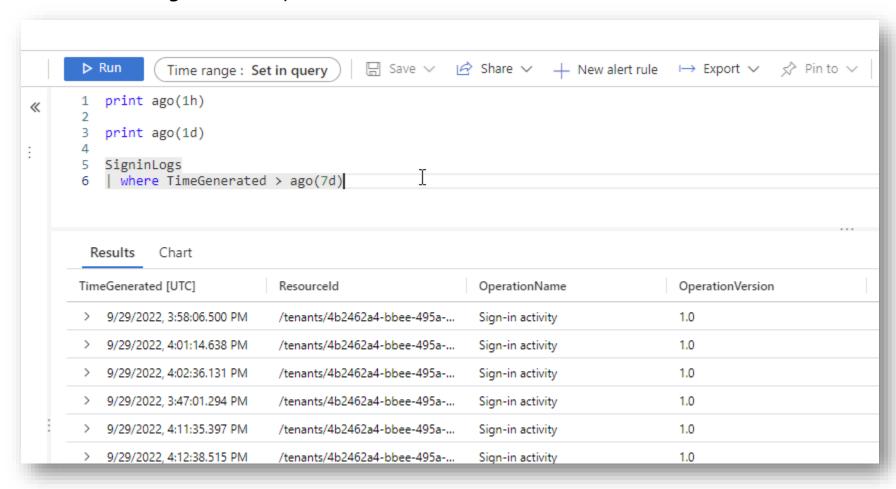
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More Operators



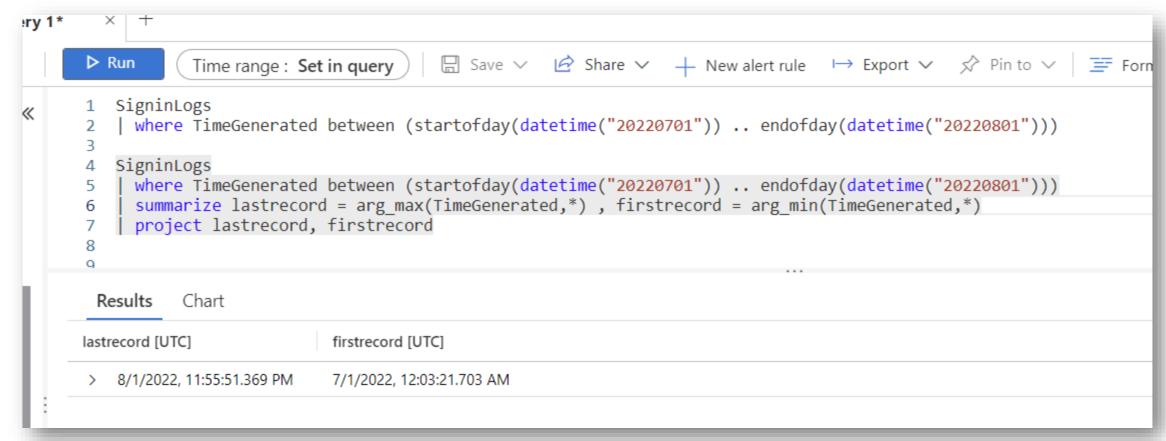
## KQL - ago

Subtracts the given timespan from the current UTC clock time.



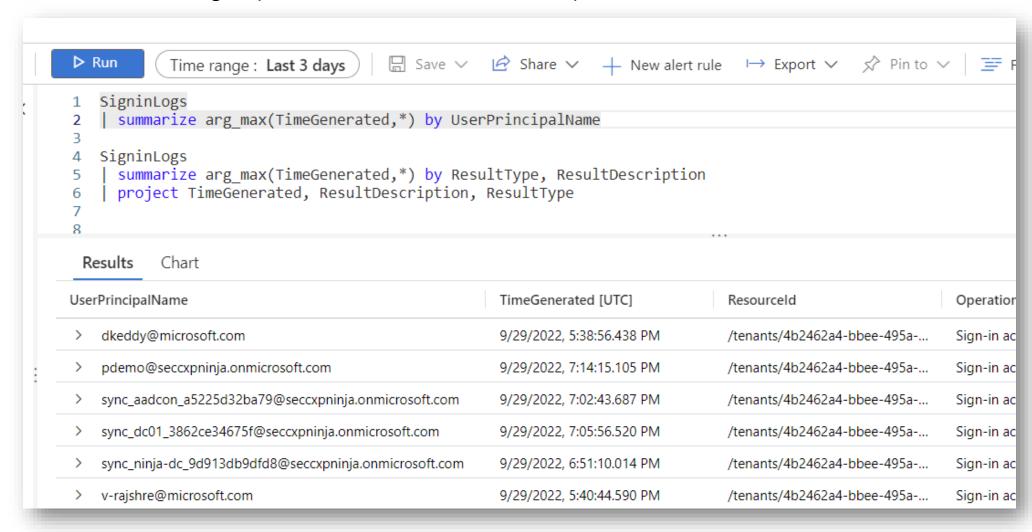
#### **KQL** - datetime

The datetime (date) data type represents an instant in time, typically expressed as a date and time of day. Values range from oo:oo:oo (midnight), January 1, ooo1 Anno Domini (Common Era) through 11:59:59 P.M., December 31, 9999 A.D. (C.E.) in the Gregorian calendar.



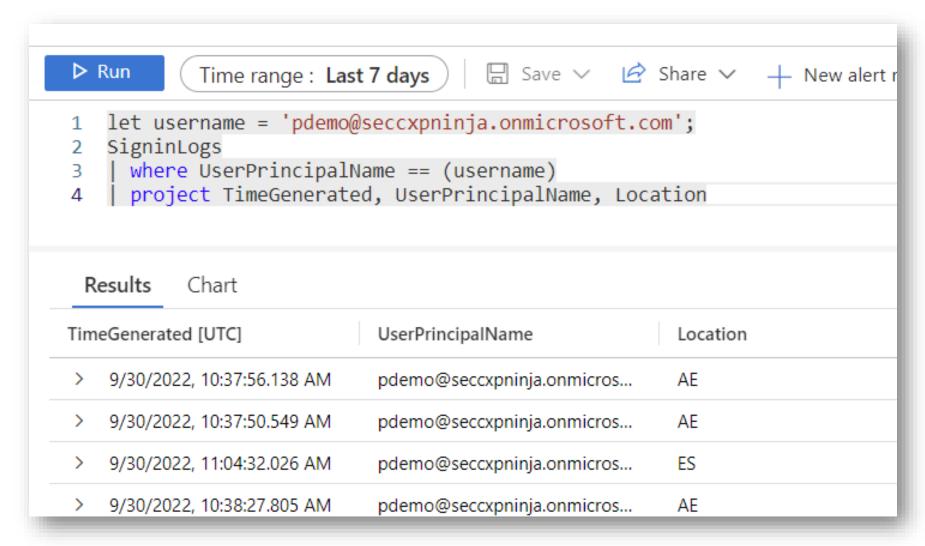
## KQL – arg\_max / arg\_min

Finds a row in the group that maximizes / minimizes ExprToMaximize.

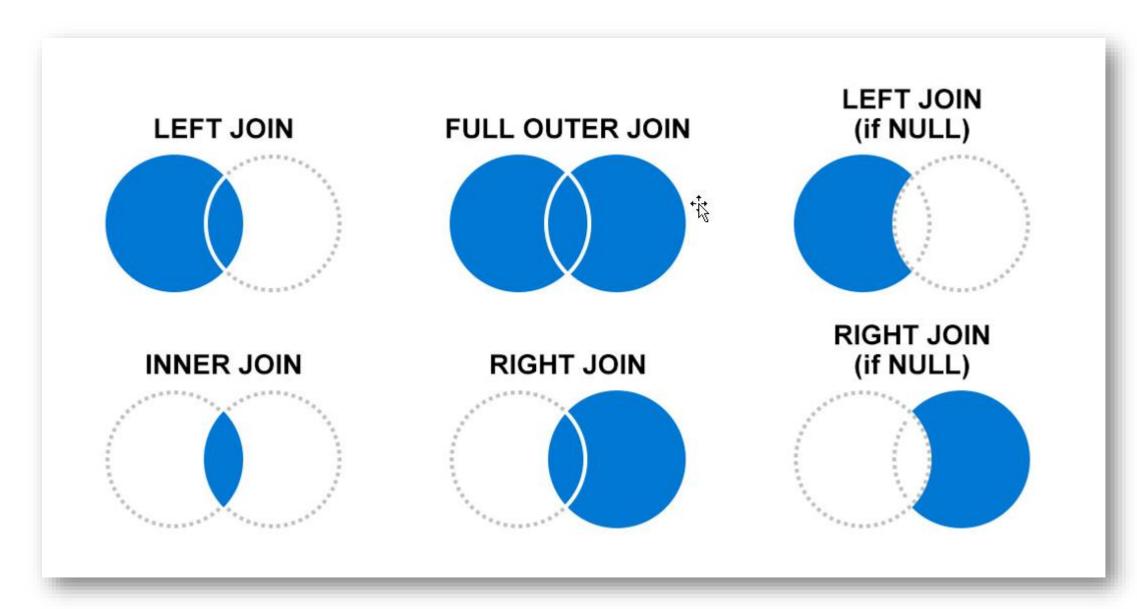


#### KQL – let

#### Variable with a single value



# KQL – join



# KQL-join

Join Flavor	Output Records
kind=leftanti, kind=leftantisemi	Returns all the records from the left side that don't have matches from the right
kind=rightanti, kind=rightantisemi	Returns all the records from the right side that don't have matches from the left.
kind unspecified, kind=innerunique	Only one row from the left side is matched for each value of the on key. The output contains a row for each match of this row with rows from the right
kind=leftsemi	Returns all the records from the left side that have matches from the right.
kind=rightsemi	Returns all the records from the right side that have matches from the left.
kind=inner	Contains a row in the output for every combination of matching rows from left and right.
kind=leftouter (or kind=rightouter or kind=fullouter)	Contains a row for every row on the left and right, even if it has no match. The unmatched output cells contain nulls.

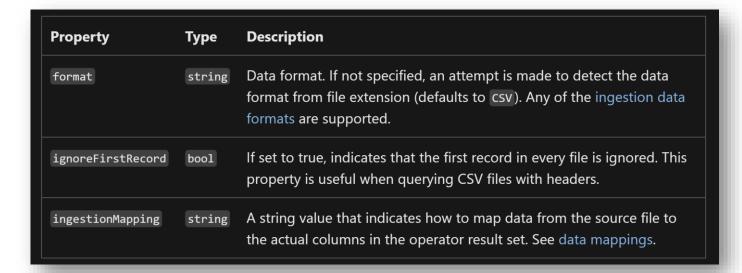
#### KQL – externaldata

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Syntax

externaldata ( ColumnName : ColumnType [, ...] )

[ StorageConnectionString [, ...] ]

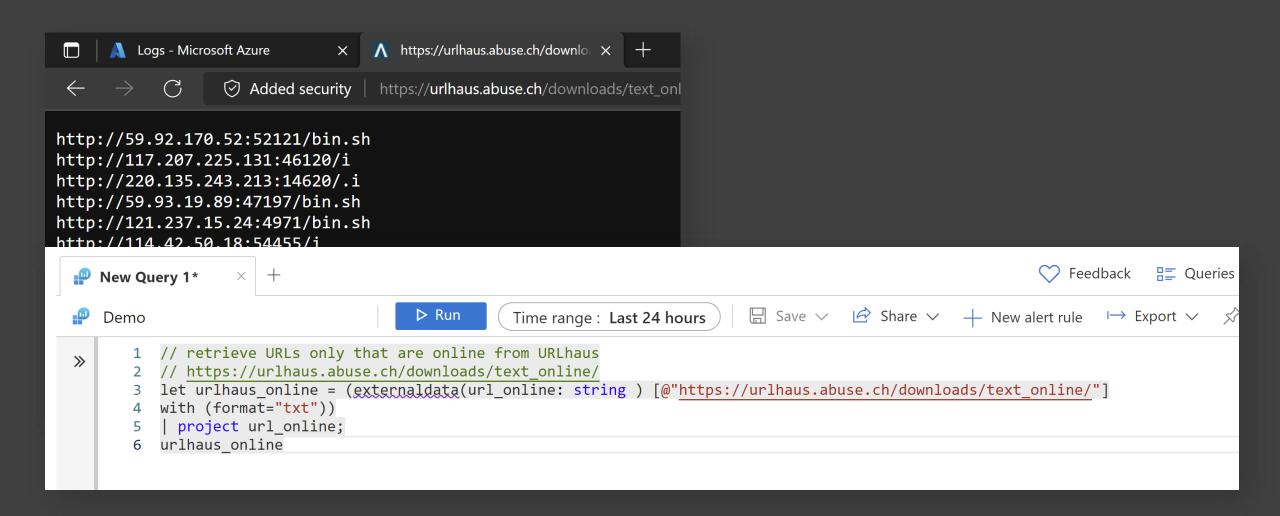
[with ( PropertyName = PropertyValue [, ...] )]
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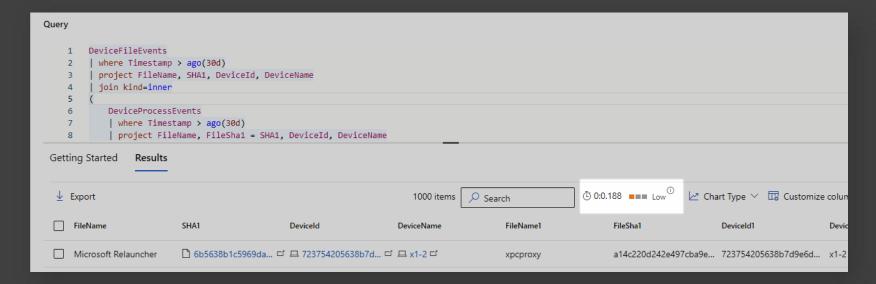


Format	Extension	Description
CSV	.csv	A text file with comma-separated values (, ). See RFC 4180: Common Format and MIME  Type for Comma-Separated Values (CSV) Files ☑.
JSON	.json	A text file with JSON objects delimited by \n or \r\n. See JSON Lines (JSONL) 2.
MultiJSON	.multijson	A text file with a JSON array of property bags (each representing a record), or any number of property bags delimited by whitespace, \n or \r\n. Each property bag can be spread on multiple lines. This format is preferred over JSON, unless the data is non-property bags.
тхт	.txt	A text file with lines delimited by \n. Empty lines are skipped.

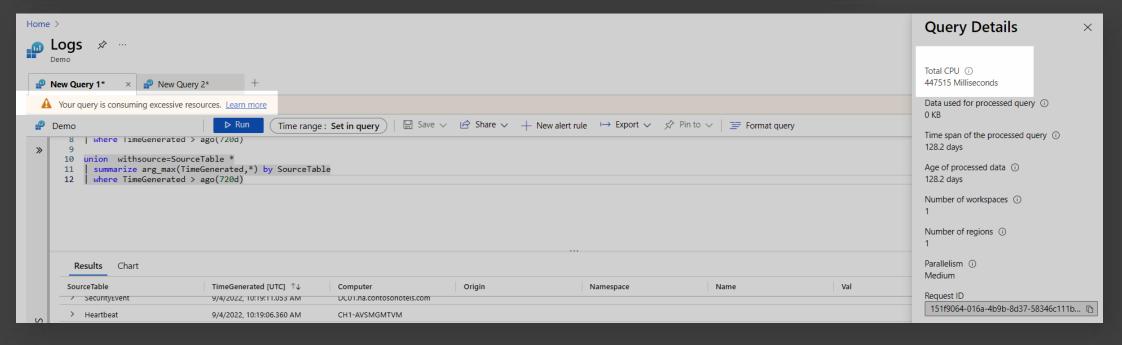
More ingestion formats

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/data-explorer/ingestion-supported-formats





Query that utilizes more than 100 seconds of CPU is considered a query that consumes excessive resources. Query that utilizes more than 1,000 seconds of CPU is considered an abusive query and might be throttled.

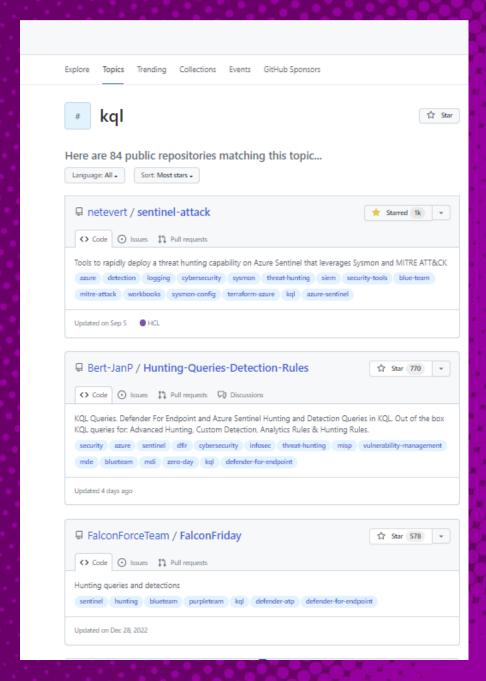


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- Learn from Others
- Learn by yourself

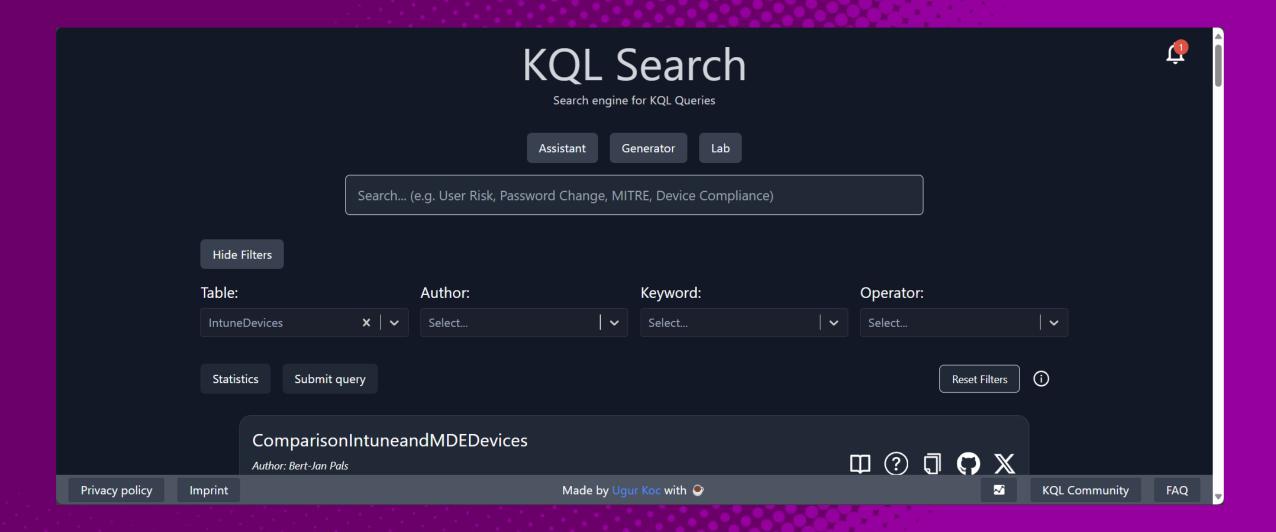


# GitHub





# KQL Search – Your Best Friend





# More KQL Learning Resources

Must Learn KQL	https://aka.ms/MustLearnKQL
KQL Café	https://kqlcafe.com
KQL Search	https://kqlsearch.com
KQL Query	https://kqlquery.com
The KQL Mysteries	https://github.com/rod-trent/KQLMysteries
Kusto Detective Agency	https://detective.kusto.io/



