

## Understanding Grail in Dynatrace

**Grail** is Dynatrace's purpose-built database, explicitly designed for handling **observability and security data**. Unlike traditional databases, Grail integrates data within a **real-time model** that mirrors the **topology and interdependencies** across your monitored environment.

### Real-Time Interconnected Data

Grail captures and organizes data that reflects:

- The **structure** of services, containers, and code.
- The **network topology** and interactions between components.

For instance, when monitoring a VPN server, Grail helps visualize how different services and containers operate and connect. This topological insight is key for deep system understanding.

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### Powered by Dynatrace Query Language (DQL)

Grail is queried using **DQL (Dynatrace Query Language)**:

- **Schema-on-read**: No need to predefine schemas.
  - **Index-less storage**: Ensures **blazing fast** query performance.
  - Designed for **efficiency and flexibility**.
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### Optimized for Davis® AI

Grail is tightly integrated with **Davis**, Dynatrace's hypermodal AI. It supports:

- **Precise Anomaly Detection**
  - **Root Cause Analysis (RCA)**
  - **Business Impact Analysis (BIA)**
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## Why RCA and BIA Matter

### Root Cause Analysis:

Breaks down complex issues into manageable components, helping engineers:

- Trace problems to their origin.
- Resolve incidents faster and with accuracy.

### Business Impact Analysis:

Evaluates how technical issues affect business outcomes:

- Understand revenue or customer loss if a service fails.
- Prioritize issues based on their **financial or operational impact**.

📌 Example: If a microservice on your e-commerce site becomes unresponsive, users may abandon their purchase, leading to direct revenue loss. Grail + Davis can correlate this issue with business KPIs in real-time.

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### ✅ Summary

Feature	Description
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Database Name	Grail
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Query Language	Dynatrace Query Language (DQL)
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Key Traits	Schema-on-read, index-less, ultra-fast
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AI Integration	Optimized for Davis®
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Use Cases	Anomaly detection, RCA, BIA, performance analysis
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