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### Section 1: Quick Start Queries

#### Query 1: List All VMs

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| project name, location, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Basic VM inventory across all subscriptions **\*\*Output:\*\*** VM name, Azure region, resource group

#### Query 2: Find VMs in Specific Resource Group

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| where resourceGroup == "MyResourceGroup"
| project name, location
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Filter VMs to a specific resource group **\*\*Tip:\*\*** Replace "MyResourceGroup" with your target resource group

### Query 3: VM Count by Location

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| summarize count() by location
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Understand VM distribution across Azure regions **\*\*Output:\*\*** Location and VM count (useful for capacity planning)

## Section 2: Core Resource Queries

### Query 4: List All VMs Across Subscriptions

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| project name, type, location, resourceGroup, subscriptionId
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Multi-subscription VM inventory **\*\*Output:\*\*** Complete VM list with subscription context

### Query 5: List All Network Interfaces

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.network/networkinterfaces"
| project name, location, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Network interface inventory **\*\*Note:\*\*** Use this as a join target for VM-to-NIC correlation

### Query 6: List All Managed Disks

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/disks"
| project name, location, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Disk inventory for cost analysis **\*\*Tip:\*\*** Add disk size for capacity planning (see Query 25)

### Query 7: Filter Resources by Tag

```
Resources
| where tags["Environment"] == "Production"
| project name, type, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Find resources by tag value **\*\*Tip:\*\*** Replace "Environment" and "Production" with your tag key/value

### Query 8: Resources Missing Critical Tags

```
Resources
| where type in ("microsoft.compute/virtualmachines", "microsoft.storage/storageaccounts")
| where isnull(tags) or array_length(bag_keys(tags)) == 0
| project name, type, resourceGroup, location
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Governance audit - find untagged resources **\*\*Why:\*\*** Untagged resources complicate cost allocation and compliance



## Section 3: Join Queries

### Query 9: VMs Joined to NICs

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend NetworkInterfaceId = tostring(properties.networkProfile.networkInterfaces[0].id)
| join kind=leftouter (
    Resources
    | where type == "microsoft.network/networkinterfaces"
    | project NetworkInterfaceId = id, PrivateIP = tostring(properties.ipConfigurations[0].properties.privateIpAddress)
) on NetworkInterfaceId
| project VMName = name, PrivateIP, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Get VM private IP addresses **\*\*Output:\*\*** VM name with corresponding private IP

### Query 10: VMs Joined to OS Disks

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend DiskId = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.managedDisk.id)
| join kind=leftouter (
    Resources
    | where type == "microsoft.compute/disks"
    | project DiskId = id, DiskSizeGB = toint(properties.diskSizeGB)
) on DiskId
| project VMName = name, DiskSizeGB, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Audit VM disk sizes **\*\*Why:\*\*** Identify oversized disks for cost optimization

### Query 11: VMs Joined to Subscriptions

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| join kind=leftouter (
    ResourceContainers
    | where type == "microsoft.resources/subscriptions"
    | project subscriptionId, SubscriptionName = name
) on subscriptionId
| project VMName = name, SubscriptionName, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Add subscription names to VM inventory **\*\*Why:\*\*** Easier to read than subscription GUIDs

### Query 12: Complete VM Inventory (Multi-Join)

```

Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend NetworkInterfaceId = tostring(properties.networkProfile.networkInterfaces[0].id),
        DiskId = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.managedDisk.id),
        OSType = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.osType),
        Environment = tostring(tags["Environment"])
| join kind=leftouter (
    Resources
    | where type == "microsoft.network/networkinterfaces"
    | project NetworkInterfaceId = id, PrivateIP = tostring(properties.ipConfigurations[0].properties.privateIpAddress)
) on NetworkInterfaceId
| join kind=leftouter (
    Resources
    | where type == "microsoft.compute/disks"
    | project DiskId = id, DiskSizeGB = toint(properties.diskSizeGB)
) on DiskId
| project VMName = name, PrivateIP, OSType, DiskSizeGB, Environment, resourceGroup

```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Comprehensive VM inventory for reporting **\*\*Output:\*\*** All critical VM details in one query



## Section 4: JSON Property Extraction

### Query 13: Extract VM Computer Name

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend ComputerName = tostring(properties.osProfile.computerName)
| project VMName = name, ComputerName, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Get internal hostname vs Azure resource name **\*\*Why:\*\*** Computer name may differ from VM name

### Query 14: Extract NIC Private IP

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.network/networkinterfaces"
| extend PrivateIP = tostring(properties.ipConfigurations[0].properties.privateIPAddress)
| project NICName = name, PrivateIP, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Network inventory and IP address management **\*\*Note:\*\*** Gets first IP configuration only

### Query 15: Extract VNet and Subnet from NIC

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.network/networkinterfaces"
| extend SubnetId = tostring(properties.ipConfigurations[0].properties.subnet.id),
       VNetName = split(tostring(properties.ipConfigurations[0].properties.subnet.id), "/")[8],
       SubnetName = split(tostring(properties.ipConfigurations[0].properties.subnet.id), "/")[10]
| project NICName = name, VNetName, SubnetName, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Map NICs to network topology **\*\*Why:\*\*** Understand which VMs are in which VNets/Subnets

### Query 16: Extract Disk Size

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/disks"
| extend DiskSizeGB = toint(properties.diskSizeGB)
| project DiskName = name, DiskSizeGB, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Disk capacity planning and cost analysis **\*\*Output:\*\*** Disk name and size in GB

### Query 17: Extract OS Type from VM

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend OSType = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.osType)
| project VMName = name, OSType, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Count Windows vs Linux VMs **\*\*Output:\*\*** VM name with OS type (Windows/Linux)

## Query 18: VM with OS and Disk Details

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend OSType = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.osType),
        DiskSizeGB = toint(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.diskSizeGB)
| project VMName = name, OSType, DiskSizeGB, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Combined OS and storage audit **\*\*Why:\*\*** Single query for VM OS and disk information

## Section 5: Conditional Logic & Custom Fields

### Query 19: Custom OS Categorization

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend OSType = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.osType),
    DetailedOS = case(
        OSType == "Linux" and properties.storageProfile.imageReference.publisher == "Canonical", "Ubuntu",
        OSType == "Windows" and properties.storageProfile.imageReference.offer contains "Windows", "Windows",
        "Other"
    )
| project VMName = name, DetailedOS, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Categorize VMs by OS distribution **\*\*Why:\*\*** More detailed than just Windows/Linux

### Query 20: Extract Owner from Tags

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend Owner = tostring(tags["Owner"])
| project VMName = name, Owner, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Identify VM ownership for accountability **\*\*Note:\*\*** Returns null if Owner tag is missing

### Query 21: Define Update Strategy by OS

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend OSType = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.osType),
    UpdateMethod = case(
        OSType == "Windows", "Azure Update Manager",
        OSType == "Linux", "Linux Package Manager",
        "Manual"
    )
| project VMName = name, OSType, UpdateMethod, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Patching strategy planning **\*\*Why:\*\*** Different update methods for Windows vs Linux

## Section 6: Disk Queries

### Query 22: List All Managed Disks with Size

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/disks"
| extend DiskSizeGB = toint(properties.diskSizeGB)
| project DiskName = name, DiskSizeGB, location, resourceGroup
| order by DiskSizeGB desc
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Disk inventory sorted by size **\*\*Why:\*\*** Identify large disks for cost optimization

### Query 23: Find Disks Larger Than 100GB

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/disks"
| extend DiskSizeGB = toint(properties.diskSizeGB)
| where DiskSizeGB > 100
| project DiskName = name, DiskSizeGB, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Target large disks for rightsizing **\*\*Tip:\*\*** Adjust threshold (100GB) based on your needs

### Query 24: VMs with OS Disk Sizes

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend DiskId = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.managedDisk.id)
| join kind=leftouter (
    Resources
    | where type == "microsoft.compute/disks"
    | project DiskId = id, DiskSizeGB = toint(properties.diskSizeGB)
) on DiskId
| project VMName = name, DiskSizeGB, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** VM disk sizing audit **\*\*Why:\*\*** Correlate VM to disk size in single query

## Section 7: Production-Ready Templates

### Query 25: Complete VM Inventory

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend NetworkInterfaceId = tostring(properties.networkProfile.networkInterfaces[0].id),
        DiskId = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.managedDisk.id),
        OSType = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.osType),
        Environment = tostring(tags["Environment"])
| join kind=leftouter (
    Resources
    | where type == "microsoft.network/networkinterfaces"
    | project NetworkInterfaceId = id, PrivateIP = tostring(properties.ipConfigurations[0].properties.privateIpAddress)
) on NetworkInterfaceId
| join kind=leftouter (
    Resources
    | where type == "microsoft.compute/disks"
    | project DiskId = id, DiskSizeGB = toint(properties.diskSizeGB)
) on DiskId
| project VMName = name, PrivateIP, OSType, DiskSizeGB, Environment, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Enterprise VM inventory with all details **\*\*Output:\*\*** Export to Excel for reporting

### Query 26: Cost Analysis - Resources by Type and Location

```
Resources
| summarize ResourceCount = count() by type, location
| order by ResourceCount desc
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Understand resource distribution for cost planning **\*\*Output:\*\*** Resource type, location, and count

### Query 27: Security Audit - Untagged Resources

```
Resources
| where type in ("microsoft.compute/virtualmachines", "microsoft.storage/storageaccounts", "microsoft.network/networkinterfaces")
| where isnull(tags) or array_length(bag_keys(tags)) == 0
| project name, type, resourceGroup, location
| order by type, name
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Governance audit for compliance **\*\*Why:\*\*** Untagged resources can't be properly allocated

### Query 28: VMs by Subscription and VNet

```

Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend NetworkInterfaceId = tostring(properties.networkProfile.networkInterfaces[0].id)
| join kind=leftouter (
    Resources
    | where type == "microsoft.network/networkinterfaces"
    | extend VNetName = split(tostring(properties.ipConfigurations[0].properties.subnet.id), "/")[0]
    | project NetworkInterfaceId = id, VNetName
) on NetworkInterfaceId
| join kind=leftouter (
    ResourceContainers
    | where type == "microsoft.resources/subscriptions"
    | project subscriptionId, SubscriptionName = name
) on subscriptionId
| project VMName = name, VNetName, SubscriptionName, resourceGroup

```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Network topology mapping **\*\*Output:\*\*** VMs with their VNet and subscription

## Query 29: Find Production VMs with Owner Tag

```

Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend Environment = tostring(tags["Environment"]),
    Owner = tostring(tags["Owner"])
| where Environment == "Production"
| project VMName = name, Environment, Owner, resourceGroup

```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Production VM accountability **\*\*Why:\*\*** Ensure production VMs have owners assigned

## Query 30: OS Distribution and Update Strategy

```

Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend OSType = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.osType),
    OSProduct = tostring(properties.storageProfile.imageReference.offer),
    OSVersion = tostring(properties.storageProfile.imageReference.sku),
    DetailedOS = case(
        OSType == "Linux" and properties.storageProfile.imageReference.publisher == "Canonical",
        OSType == "Linux" and properties.storageProfile.imageReference.publisher == "RedHat",
        OSType == "Windows" and OSProduct contains "WindowsServer" and OSVersion contains "20",
        OSType == "Windows" and OSProduct contains "WindowsServer", "Windows Server - Other",
        "Unknown"
    ),
    UpdateMethod = case(
        OSType == "Windows" and OSProduct contains "WindowsServer", "Azure Update Manager",
        OSType == "Linux", "Linux Package Manager",
        "Manual"
    )
| project VMName = name, DetailedOS, UpdateMethod, resourceGroup

```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Patching strategy planning by OS **\*\*Output:\*\*** VM inventory with detailed OS and recommended patching method



## Section 8: Visualization Queries

### Query 31: VMs by OS Type (Chart-Ready)

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| summarize count() by OSType = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.osType)
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Visualize Windows vs Linux distribution **\*\*Output:\*\*** OS type and count (render as pie chart)

### Query 32: Disks by Size (Chart-Ready)

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/disks"
| summarize count() by DiskSizeGB = toint(properties.diskSizeGB)
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Disk size distribution visualization **\*\*Output:\*\*** Disk size and count (render as bar chart)



## Section 9: Performance Optimization

### Example 1: Filter Early (Bad vs Good)

**\*\*■ BAD (Slow):\*\***

```
Resources
| project name, type, location, resourceGroup, tags
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| where resourceGroup == "Production-RG"
```

**\*\*Why slow:\*\*** Projects all columns from all resources before filtering

**\*\*■ GOOD (Fast):\*\***

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| where resourceGroup == "Production-RG"
| project name, location, tags
```

**\*\*Why fast:\*\*** Filters first, then projects only needed columns **\*\*Performance gain:\*\*** 10-20x faster

### Example 2: Project Only What You Need

**\*\*■ BAD:\*\***

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend AllProperties = parse_json(properties)
```

**\*\*■ GOOD:\*\***

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend OSType = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.osType)
```

**\*\*Why:\*\*** Parsing entire JSON objects is expensive

### Example 3: Use `in` Instead of Multiple `or`

**\*\*■ BAD:\*\***

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| or type == "microsoft.storage/storageaccounts"
| or type == "microsoft.network/networksecuritygroups"
| or type == "microsoft.sql/servers"
```

**\*\*■ GOOD:\*\***

```
Resources
| where type in ( "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines",
                  "microsoft.storage/storageaccounts",
                  "microsoft.network/networksecuritygroups",
                  "microsoft.sql/servers" )
```

**\*\*Performance gain:\*\* 3-5x faster**

## Example 4: Limit Results During Testing

**\*\*Testing queries:\*\***

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| take 10 // Test with 10 VMs first
| extend OSType = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.osType)
| project name, OSType
```

**\*\*Why:\*\* Testing on 10 rows is instant vs 10,000 rows**

## Example 5: Join Efficiently (Bad vs Good)

**\*\*■ BAD (45 seconds):\*\***

```
Resources
| join (Resources | where type == "microsoft.network/networkinterfaces") on $left.id == $right.projectId
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
```

**\*\*■ GOOD (3 seconds):\*\***

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend NetworkInterfaceId = tostring(properties.networkProfile.networkInterfaces[0].id)
| join kind=leftouter (
    Resources
    | where type == "microsoft.network/networkinterfaces"
    | project NetworkInterfaceId = id, PrivateIP = tostring(properties.ipConfigurations[0].privateIpAddress)
) on NetworkInterfaceId
| project VMName = name, PrivateIP
```

**\*\*Performance gain:\*\* 15x faster \*\*Why:\*\* Filter both sides before join, use efficient join key**

## Section 10: Advanced Techniques

### Query 33: Dynamic Columns with mv-expand

**\*\*Extract all NICs from multi-NIC VMs:\*\***

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| mv-expand NIC = properties.networkProfile.networkInterfaces
| extend NetworkInterfaceId = tostring(NIC.id)
| join kind=leftouter (
    Resources
    | where type == "microsoft.network/networkinterfaces"
    | project NetworkInterfaceId = id, PrivateIP = tostring(properties.ipConfigurations[0].properties.privateIpAddress)
) on NetworkInterfaceId
| summarize NICs = make_list(PrivateIP) by VMName = name
| project VMName, AllPrivateIPs = NICs
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** VMs with multiple network interfaces **\*\*Why:\*\*** `mv-expand` expands arrays into separate rows

### Query 34: Find Resources Missing Critical Tags

```
Resources
| where type in ("microsoft.compute/virtualmachines", "microsoft.storage/storageaccounts")
| extend HasEnvironmentTag = isnotnull(tags["Environment"]),
    HasOwnerTag = isnotnull(tags["Owner"]),
    HasCostCenterTag = isnotnull(tags["CostCenter"])
| where HasEnvironmentTag == false or HasOwnerTag == false or HasCostCenterTag == false
| extend MissingTags = strcat(
    iff(HasEnvironmentTag == false, "Environment ", ""),
    iff(HasOwnerTag == false, "Owner ", ""),
    iff(HasCostCenterTag == false, "CostCenter", "")
)
| project name, type, resourceGroup, MissingTags
| order by type, name
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Tag governance audit **\*\*Output:\*\*** Resources with exactly which tags are missing

### Query 35: Complex JSON Parsing - Image Distribution

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend ImagePublisher = tostring(properties.storageProfile.imageReference.publisher),
    ImageOffer = tostring(properties.storageProfile.imageReference.offer),
    ImageSku = tostring(properties.storageProfile.imageReference.sku),
    ImageVersion = tostring(properties.storageProfile.imageReference.version),
    FullImageString = strcat(ImagePublisher, ":", ImageOffer, ":", ImageSku, ":", ImageVersion)
| summarize VMCount = count() by FullImageString
| order by VMCount desc
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Understand image distribution across environment **\*\*Why:\*\*** Identify non-standard images for security

## Query 36: Cross-Subscription Resource Relationships

```
Resources
| where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"
| extend NetworkInterfaceId = tostring(properties.networkProfile.networkInterfaces[0].id)
| join kind=leftouter (
    Resources
    | where type == "microsoft.network/networkinterfaces"
    | extend SubnetId = tostring(properties.ipConfigurations[0].properties.subnet.id)
    | extend VNetSubscription = split(SubnetId, "/")[2]
    | project NetworkInterfaceId = id, VNetSubscription, NICSubscription = subscriptionId
) on NetworkInterfaceId
| where VNetSubscription != NICSubscription
| project VMName = name, VMSubscription = subscriptionId, VNetSubscription, resourceGroup
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Find VMs connected to VNets in different subscriptions **\*\*Why:\*\*** Cross-subscription networking creates security/cost complexity

## Section 11: Microsoft Sentinel Security Queries

### Query 37: Failed Sign-In Attempts

```
SigninLogs
| where TimeGenerated > ago(24h)
| where ResultType != "0" // 0 = success
| summarize FailedAttempts = count(),
              IPAddresses = make_set(IPAddress),
              Locations = make_set(Location)
              by UserPrincipalName
| where FailedAttempts > 5
| order by FailedAttempts desc
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Detect brute force attacks **\*\*Output:\*\*** Users with >5 failed logins in 24 hours

### Query 38: Track Resource Deletions

```
AzureActivity
| where TimeGenerated > ago(7d)
| where OperationNameValue endswith "/delete"
| where ActivityStatusValue == "Success"
| project TimeGenerated, Caller, OperationNameValue, ResourceId, ResourceGroup
| order by TimeGenerated desc
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Security audit trail for deletions **\*\*Why:\*\*** Know who deleted what and when

### Query 39: Monitor VM Deployments

```
AzureActivity
| where TimeGenerated > ago(30d)
| where ResourceProviderValue == "Microsoft.Compute"
| where OperationNameValue has "virtualMachines/write"
| extend VMName = tostring(parse_json(Properties).resource)
| project TimeGenerated, Caller, VMName, ResourceGroup, SubscriptionId
| order by TimeGenerated desc
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Track VM creation for cost control **\*\*Output:\*\*** Who created VMs and when

### Query 40: Detect Logins from New Countries

```
let UserLocations = SigninLogs
    | where TimeGenerated > ago(90d)
    | summarize KnownCountries = make_set(LocationDetails.countryOrRegion) by UserPrincipalName;
SigninLogs
| where TimeGenerated > ago(24h)
| extend Country = tostring(LocationDetails.countryOrRegion)
| join kind=leftouter (UserLocations) on UserPrincipalName
| where Country !in (KnownCountries)
| project TimeGenerated, UserPrincipalName, Country, IPAddress, ResultType
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Detect compromised accounts **\*\*Why:\*\*** Unusual login locations indicate compromise

## Query 41: Track High-Privilege Role Assignments

```
AzureActivity
| where TimeGenerated > ago(30d)
| where OperationNameValue == "Microsoft.Authorization/roleAssignments/write"
| extend RoleDefinition = tostring(parse_json(Properties).roleDefinitionId)
| where RoleDefinition has "Owner" or RoleDefinition has "Contributor"
| project TimeGenerated, Caller, ResourceId, ResourceGroup, SubscriptionId
| order by TimeGenerated desc
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Monitor privilege escalation **\*\*Output:\*\*** Who assigned Owner/Contributor roles

## Query 42: Watchlist Threat Intelligence Integration

```
let ThreatIPs = _GetWatchlist("KnownBadIPs")
| project IPAddress = SearchKey;
SigninLogs
| where TimeGenerated > ago(24h)
| where IPAddress in (ThreatIPs)
| project TimeGenerated, UserPrincipalName, IPAddress, Location, ResultType
```

**\*\*Use Case:\*\*** Correlate Azure activity with threat intelligence **\*\*Note:\*\*** Requires Sentinel watchlist named "KnownBadIPs"

## Appendix: Quick Reference

### KQL vs SQL Translation

Task	SQL	KQL
Select all	<code>SELECT * FROM VMs</code>	<code>Resources   where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"</code>
Filter rows	<code>WHERE location = 'eastus'</code>	<code>  where location == "eastus"</code>
Select columns	<code>SELECT name, location</code>	<code>  project name, location</code>
Count rows	<code>SELECT COUNT(*)</code>	<code>  count</code>
Group by	<code>GROUP BY location</code>	<code>  summarize count() by location</code>
Order results	<code>ORDER BY name</code>	<code>  order by name</code>
Limit results	<code>LIMIT 10</code>	<code>  take 10</code>

### Common KQL Operators

Operator	Purpose	Example
<code>where</code>	Filter rows	<code>Resources   where type == "microsoft.compute/virtualmachines"</code>
<code>project</code>	Select columns	<code>  project name, location</code>
<code>extend</code>	Add calculated columns	<code>  extend OSType = tostring(properties.storageProfile.osDisk.osType)</code>
<code>summarize</code>	Aggregate data	<code>  summarize count() by location</code>
<code>join</code>	Combine tables	<code>  join kind=leftouter (Resources)</code>
<code>order by</code>	Sort results	<code>  order by name desc</code>
<code>distinct</code>	Remove duplicates	<code>  distinct</code>
<code>take</code>	Limit results	<code>  take 10</code>

Unique values | `| distinct location` |

## Common Troubleshooting

**\*\*Query Timeout:\*\*** - Add `| take 100` to limit results while testing - Filter early with `where` clauses - Use performance optimization techniques (Section 9)

**\*\*JSON Parsing Errors:\*\*** - Always use `tostring()` when extracting from `properties` - Check if property exists with `isNotNull()` first - Use `coalesce()` to provide default values

**\*\*Join Failures:\*\*** - Verify join keys match exactly (case-sensitive) - Filter both sides of join before joining - Use `kind=leftouter` to include unmatched rows

**\*\*Empty Results:\*\*** - Check resource type spelling (all lowercase) - Verify subscriptions are accessible - Use `| count` to check if any rows exist before filtering

## About This Library

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