# Monitoring and Troubleshooting Without Packet Traces

Leveraging Cyber Tools



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# Background



 Most organizations have a number of different network monitoring tools, designed for different use cases.

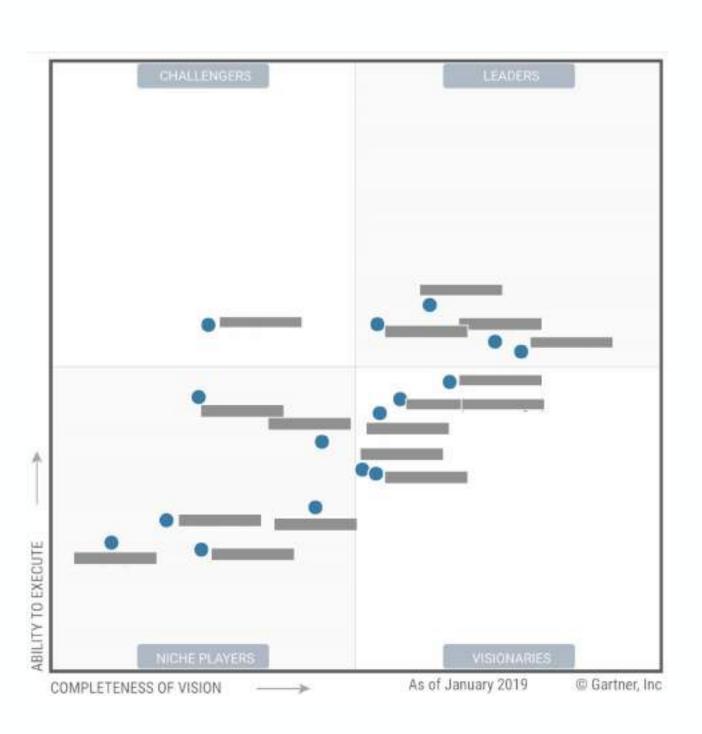
 Cybersecurity in general and the related Cyber tools in recent years have been a focus of investment

### Network Performance Monitoring

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- Netscout
- Riverbed
- ExtraHop
- SolarWinds
- AppNeta
- cPacket
- so many others (\$\$\$)



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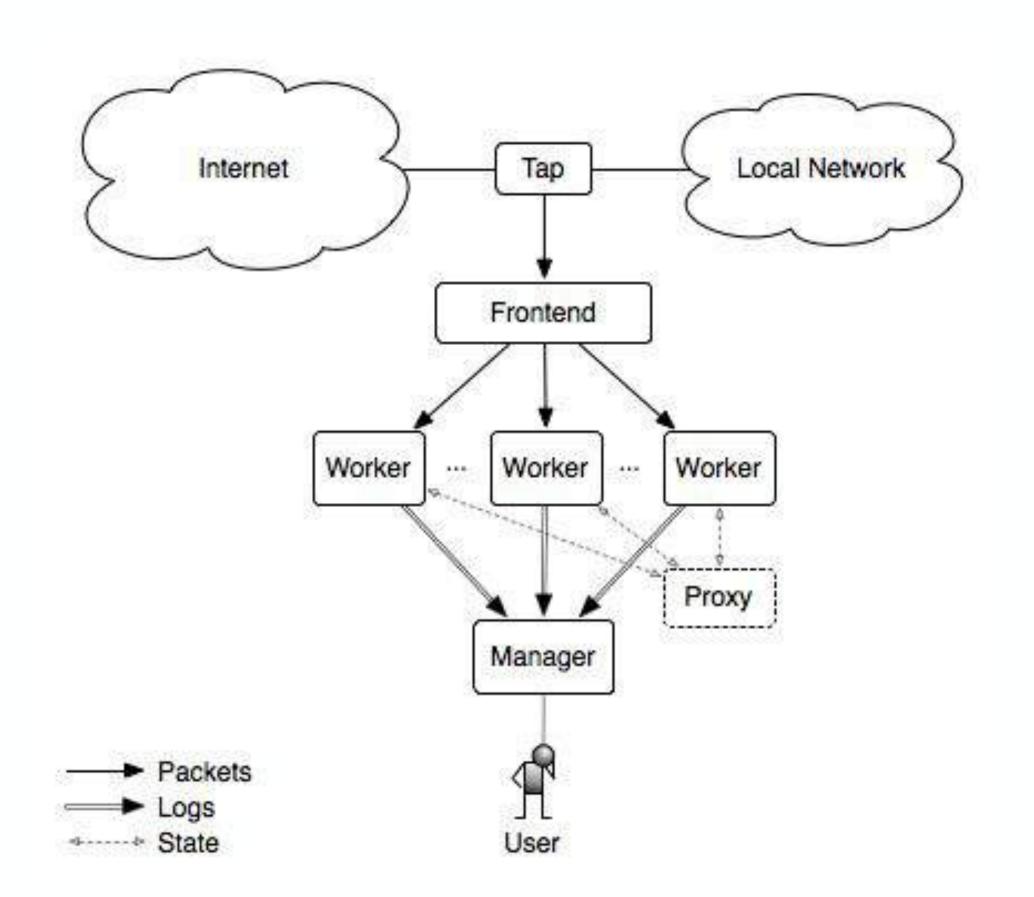
# Open Source Cyber Tools



- Wireshark (Packet Analyzer)
- Nagios Core (IDS)
- Snort (IDS/IPS)
- Zeek (IDS)
- Various Firewalls

### Zeek Architecture





- Runs on Commodity hardware
- Taps from any source
- Scalable architecture
- Frontend is typically packet broker/switch
- Analysis is handled elsewhere

### Data vs Metadata



Packets are DATA

- Descriptive information about packet are METADATA
  - 10 packets
  - 23784 bytes
  - 10 connections
  - 4 connection failures
  - HTTP/S Protocol

### Zeek logs

Don't defend alone. Nothing is faster than a community-based approach to security.

#### **CONN.** IOS | IP, TCP, UDP, ICMP connection details

FIELD	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ts	time	Timestamp of first packet
uid	string	Unique identifier of connection
id	record conn_id	Connection's 4-tuple of endpoint addresses
> id.orig_h	addr	IP address of system initiating connection
> id.orig_p	port	Port from which the connection is initiated
> id.resp_h	addr	IP address of system responding to connection request
> id.resp_p	port	Port on which connection response is sent
proto	enum	Transport layer protocol of connection
service	string	Application protocol ID sent over connection
duration	interval	How long connection lasted
orig_bytes	count	Number of payload bytes originator sent
resp_bytes	count	Number of payload bytes responder sent
conn_state	string	Connection state (see conn.log > conn_state)
local_orig	bool	Value=T if connection originated locally
local_resp	bool	Value=T if connection responded locally
missed_bytes	count	Number of bytes missed (packet loss)
history	string	Connection state history (see conn.log > history)
orig_pkts	count	Number of packets originator sent
orig_ip_bytes	count	Number of originator IP bytes (via IP total_length header field)
resp_pkts	count	Number of packets responder sent
resp_ip_bytes	count	Number of responder IP bytes (via IP total_length header field)
tunnel_parents	table	If tunneled, connection UID value of encapsulating parent(s)
orig_I2_addr	string	Link-layer address of originator
resp_l2_addr	string	Link-layer address of responder
vlan	int	Outer VLAN for connection
inner_vlan	int	Inner VLAN for connection

#### conn\_state

A summa	arized state for each connection
SO	Connection attempt seen, no reply
S1	Connection established, not terminated (0 byte counts)
SF	Normal establish & termination (>0 byte counts)
REJ	Connection attempt rejected
<b>S2</b>	Established, Orig attempts close, no reply from Resp
S3	Established, Resp attempts close, no reply from Orig
RSTO	Established, Orig aborted (RST)
RSTR	Established, Resp aborted (RST)
RSTOS0	Orig sent SYN then RST; no Resp SYN-ACK

Resp sent SYN-ACK then RST; no Orig SYN

Resp sent SYN-ACK then FIN; no Orig SYN

No SYN, not closed. Midstream traffic.

Partial connection.

Orig sent SYN then FIN; no Resp SYN-ACK ("half-open")

#### → history

#### Orig UPPERCASE, Resp lowercase, compressed

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	A SYN without the ACK bit set
	A SYN-ACK ("handshake")
4	A pure <b>A</b> CK
	Packet with payload ("data")
	Packet with FIN bit set
	Packet with RST bit set
	Packet with a bad checksum
	Inconsistent packet (Both SYN & RST)
į.	Multi-flag packet (SYN & FIN or SYN + RST)
	Re <b>t</b> ransmitted packet
1	Packet with zero window advertisement

#### dhcp.log | DHCP lease activity

FIELD	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ts	time	Earliest time DHCP message observed
uids	table	Unique identifiers of DHCP connections
client_addr	addr	IP address of client
server_addr	addr	IP address of server handing out lease
mac	string	Client's hardware address
host_name	string	Name given by client in Hostname option 12
client_fqdn	string	FQDN given by client in Client FQDN option 81
domain	string	Domain given by server in option 15

#### http.log | HTTP request/reply details

Flipped connection

FIELD	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ts	time	Timestamp for when request happened
uid & id		Underlying connection info > See conn.log
trans_depth	count	Pipelined depth into connection
method	string	Verb used in HTTP request (GET, POST, etc.)
host	string	Value of HOST header
uri	string	URI used in request
referrer	string	Value of referer header
version	string	Value of version portion of request

#### radius.log | RADIUS authentication attempts

FIELD	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ts	time	Timestamp for when event happened
uid & id		Underlying connection info > See conn.log
username	string	Username, if present
mac	string	MAC address, if present
framed_addr	addr	Address given to network access server, if present
tunnel_client	string	Address (IPv4, IPv6, or FQDN) of initiator end of tunnel, if present
connect_info	string	Connect info, if present
reply_msg	string	Reply message from server challenge
result	string	Successful or failed authentication
ttl	interval	Duration between first request and either Access-Accept message or an error

DESCRIPTION

#### sip.log | SIP analysis

No.		
ts	time	Timestamp when request happened
uid & id		Underlying connection info > See conn.log
trans_depth	count	Pipelined depth into request/response transaction
method	string	Verb used in SIP request (INVITE, etc)
uri	string	URI used in request
date	string	Contents of Date: header from client
request_from	string	Contents of request From: header <sup>1</sup>
request_to	string	Contents of To: header
response_from	string	Contents of response From: header <sup>1</sup>
response_to	string	Contents of response To: header
reply_to	string	Contents of Reply-To: header
call_id	string	Contents of Call-ID: header from client
seq	string	Contents of CSeq: header from client
subject	string	Contents of Subject: header from client
request_path	vector	Client message transmission path, extracted from headers
response_path	vector	Server message transmission path, extracted from headers
user_agent	string	Contents of User-Agent: header from client
status_code	count	Status code returned by server
status_msg	string	Status message returned by server
warning	string	Contents of Warning: header
request_body_len	count	Contents of Content-Length: header from client
response_body _ len	count	Contents of Content-Length: header from server
content_type	string	Contents of Content-Type: header from

<sup>1</sup> The tag= value usually appended to the sender is stripped off and not logged.

#### SSI.log | SSL handshakes

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ts	time	Time when SSL connection first detected
uid & id		Underlying connection info > See conn.log
version	string	SSL/TLS version server chose
cipher	string	SSL/TLS cipher suite server chose
curve	string	Elliptic curve server chose when using ECDH/ECDHE
server_name	string	Value of Server Name Indicator SSL/TLS extension
resumed	bool	Flag that indicates session was resumed
last_alert	string	Last alert seen during connection
next_protocol	string	Next protocol server chose using application layer next protocol extension, if present
established	bool	Flags if SSL session successfully established
cert_chain_fuids	vector	Ordered vector of all certificate file unique IDs for certificates offered by server
client_cert_chain _fuids	vector	Ordered vector of all certificate file unique IDs for certificates offered by client
subject	string	Subject of X.509 cert offered by server
issuer	string	Subject of signer of X.509 server cert
client_subject	string	Subject of X.509 cert offered by client
client_issuer	string	Subject of signer of client cert
validation_status	string	Certificate validation result for this connection
ocsp_status	string	OCSP validation result for this connection
valid_ct_logs	count	Number of different logs for which valid SCTs encountered in connection
valid_ct_operators	count	Number of different log operators for which valid SCTs encountered in connection
notary	record Cert Notary::	Response from the ICSI certificate notary

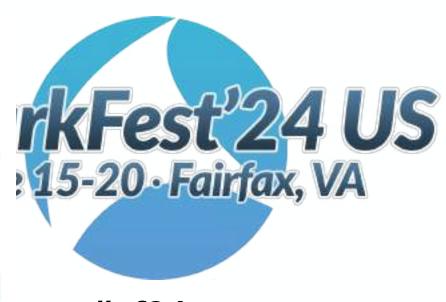
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#### syslog.log | Syslog messages

FIELD	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ts	time	Timestamp when syslog message was seen
uid & id		Underlying connection info > See conn.log
proto	enum	Protocol over which message was seen
facility	string	Syslog facility for message
severity	string	Syslog severity for message
message	string	Plain text message

#### tunnel.log | Details of encapsulating tunnels

FIELD	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ts	time	Time at which tunnel activity occurred
uid & id		Underlying connection info > See conn.log
tunnel_type	enum	Tunnel type



## Log Analytics



- May need to correlate across multiple logs
  - conn > ssl > files > x509 (investigate certs)
  - conn > dns (lookup hostnames)
- Log written at end of connection
  - No intermediate data available without customization

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client_subject	string	Subject of X.509 cert offered by client
client_issuer	string	Subject of signer of client cert
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files.log | File analysis results

bool

string

tx\_hosts

conn\_uids

source

depth

analyzers

mime\_type

filename duration

local\_orig

seen\_bytes

total\_bytes

missing\_bytes

overflow\_bytes

timedout parent\_fuid

sha1 sha256

extracted

extracted cutoff

extracted\_size

is\_orig

DESCRIPTION

Time when file first seen

Host or hosts data sourced from

Identification of file data source

Connection UID(s) over which file transferred

Value to represent depth of file in relation

Set of analysis types done during file analysis

Mime type, as determined by Zeek's signatures

Filename, if available from file source

Indicates if data originated from local

If file sent by connection originator or responder

Total number of bytes that should comprise

Number of bytes in file stream not delivered

Set to true if file being extracted was cut off

Number of bytes provided to file analysis

Number of bytes in file stream missed

If file analysis timed out at least once

Container file ID was extracted from

to stream file analyzers

MD5 digest of file contents SHA1 digest of file contents

SHA256 digest of file contents Local filename of extracted file

Number of bytes extracted to disk

Information density of file contents

Duration file was analyzed for

FIELD	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
ts	time	Current timestamp
id	string	File ID of certificate
certificate	record X509:: Certificate	Basic information about certificate
san	record X509:: Subject Alternative Name	Subject alternative name extension of certificate
basic_constraints	record X509:: Basic Constraints	Basic constraints extension of certificate

### TCP Connection State



- Zeek Data Analytics
  - TCP Connection State Metadata

	conn_state
S0	Connection attempt seen, no reply.
S1	Connection established, not terminated.
SF	Normal establishment and termination. Note that this is the same symbol as for state S1. You can tell the two apart because for S1 there will not be any byte counts in the summary, while for SF there will be.
REJ	Connection attempt rejected.
S2	Connection established and close attempt by originator seen (but no reply from responder).
S3	Connection established and close attempt by responder seen (but no reply from originator).
RSTO	Connection established, originator aborted (sent a RST).
RSTR	Responder sent a RST.
RSTOS0	Originator sent a SYN followed by a RST, we never saw a SYN-ACK from the responder.
RSTRH	Responder sent a SYN ACK followed by a RST, we never saw a SYN from the (purported) originator.
SH	Originator sent a SYN followed by a FIN, we never saw a SYN ACK from the responder (hence the connection was "half" open).
SHR	Responder sent a SYN ACK followed by a FIN, we never saw a SYN from the originator.
ОТН	No SYN seen, just midstream traffic (one example of this is a "partial connection" that was not later closed).

#### TCP Connection State



- Zeek Data Analytics
  - Retransmissions (T/t)
    - Uses logarithmic scale

history					
Letter	Meaning				
s	a SYN w/o the ACK bit set				
h	a SYN+ACK ("handshake")				
а	a pure ACK				
d	packet with payload ("data")				
f	packet with FIN bit set				
r	packet with RST bit set				
С	packet with a bad checksum (applies to UDP too)				
g	a content gap				
t	packet with retransmitted payload				
W	packet with a zero window advertisement				
1	inconsistent packet (e.g. FIN+RST bits set)				
q	multi-flag packet (SYN+FIN or SYN+RST bits set)				
٨	connection direction was flipped by Zeek's heuristic				
х	connection analysis partial (e.g. limits exceeded)				

### Examples

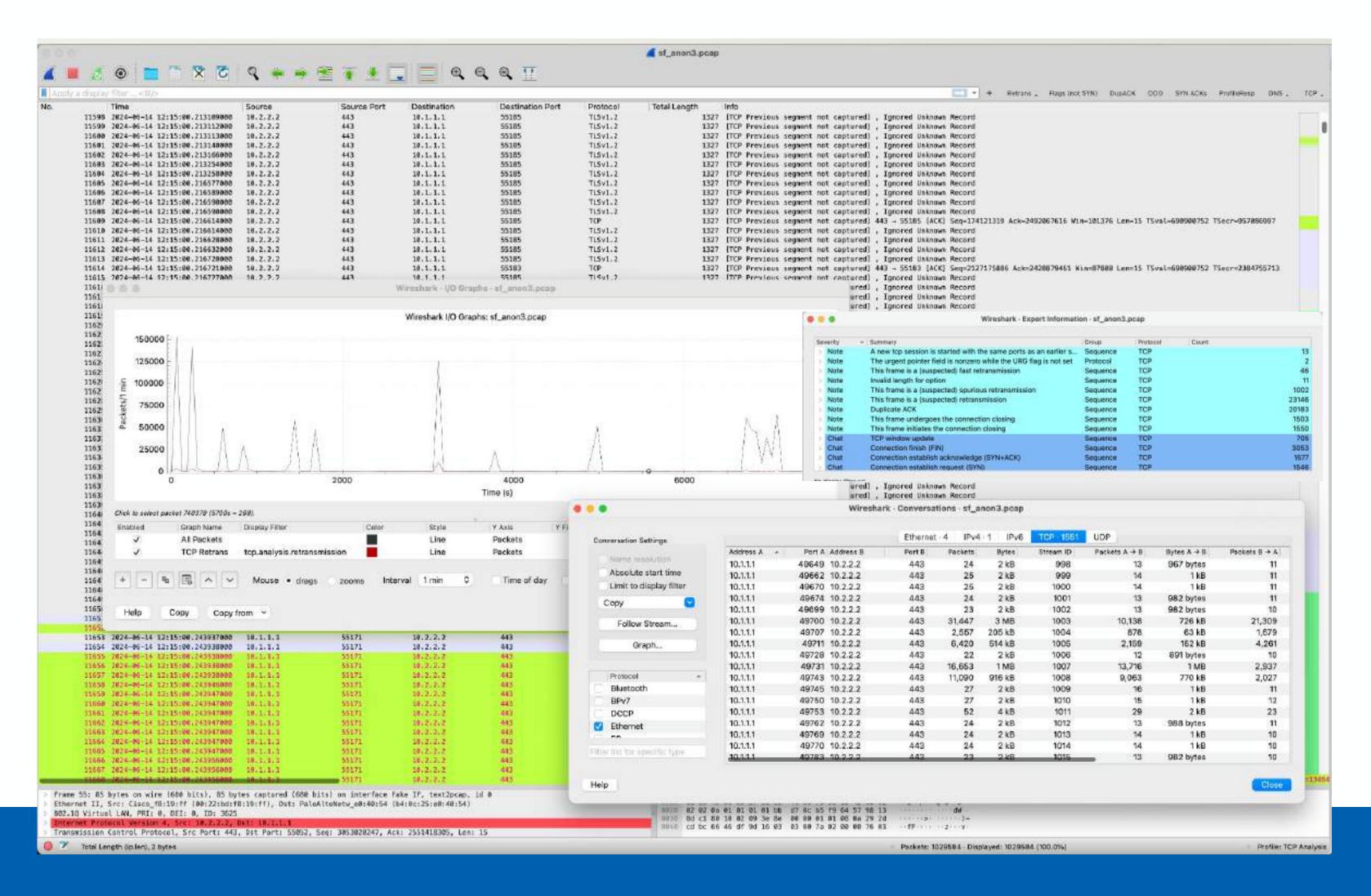


- Testing for 2.5 Hours with Variable WiFi
- SaaS Incident



# Demonstration

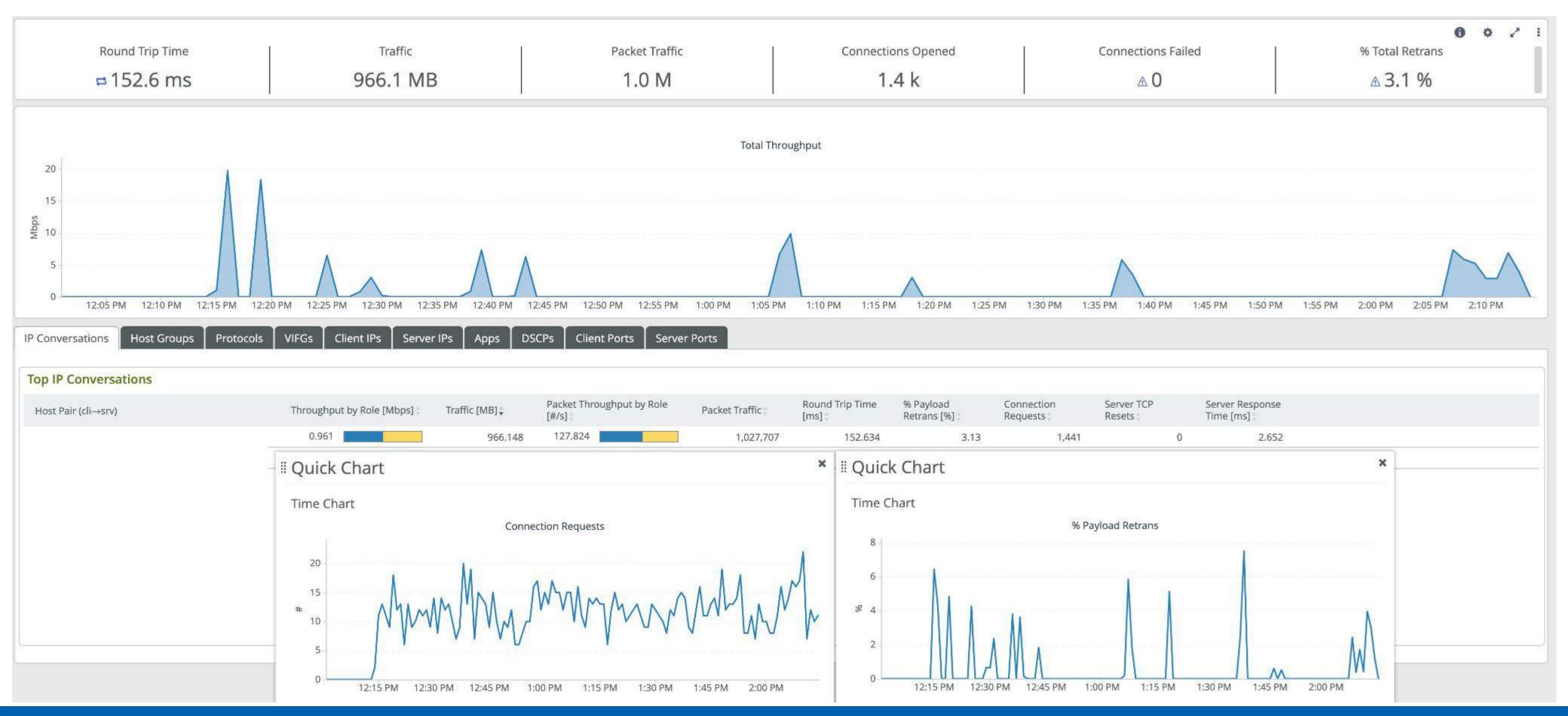
### Testing - Wireshark View





# Testing - NPM Monitoring





# Testing - Zeek View

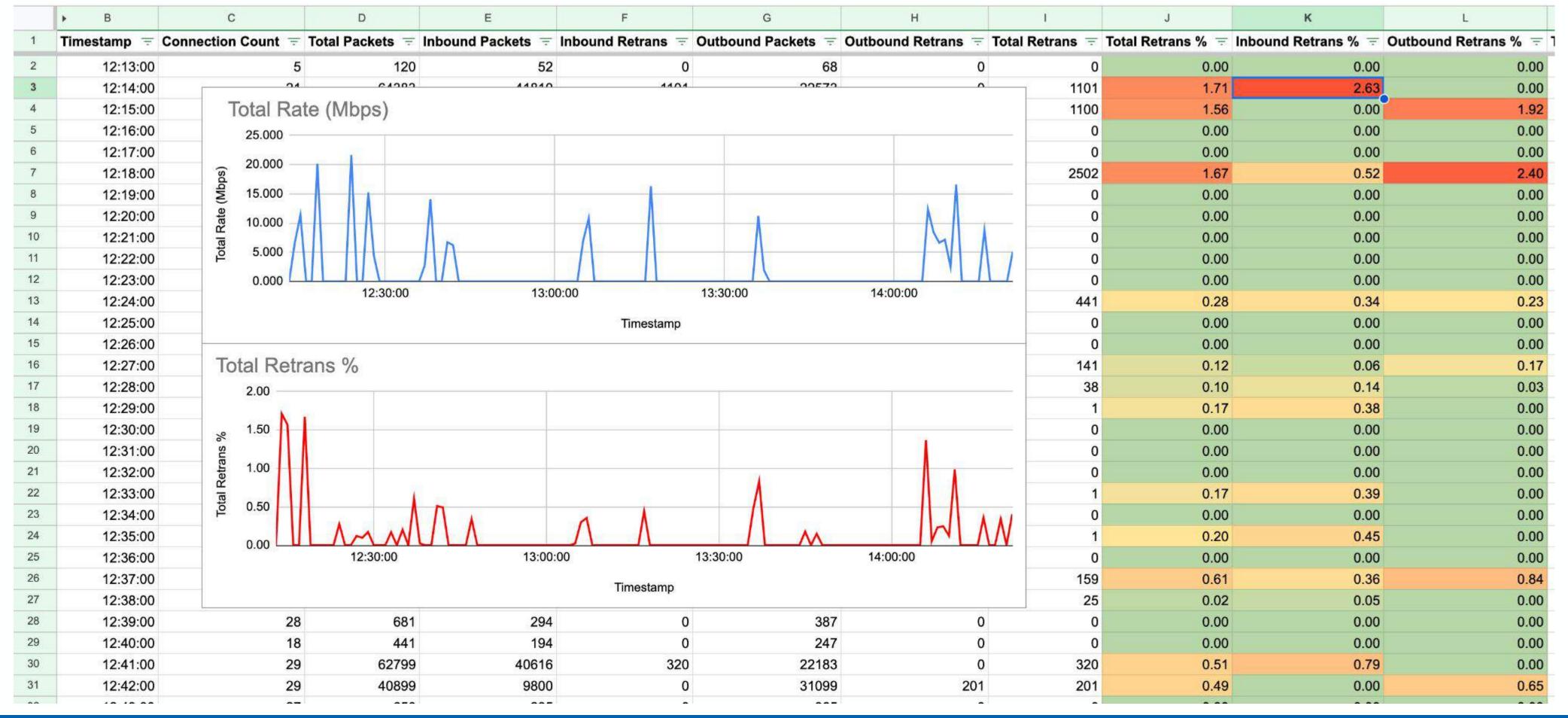


TS	ID_ORIG_H ID_ORIG	ID_ORIG_P	P ID_RESP_H ID_RESP_P PROTO DURATION HISTORY			MISSED_BYTES ORIG_BYTES ORIG_IP_BYTES ORIG_PKTS RESP_BYTES RESP_IP_BYTES RESP_PKTS CONN_STATE							
2024-06-14T12:13:53.516-04:00	10.1.1.1	54958	10.2.2.2	443 tcp	1 ShADadFfR	0	574	1302	14	2967	3547	11 SF	Cq1K3S3I76K3ZkHUKf
2024-06-14T12:13:56.572-04:00	10.1.1.1	54974	10.2.2.2	443 tcp	0 ShADadFfR	0	574	1250	13	2967	3547	11 SF	CU0hxq8t7S450sUC4
2024-06-14T12:13:57.08-04:00	10.1.1.1	54980	10.2.2.2	443 tcp	0 ShADadFfR	0	574	1302	14	2967	3495	10 SF	CYEAbd3xZhiSMBPTO7
2024-06-14T12:13:57.624-04:00	10.1.1.1	54983	10.2.2.2	443 tcp	0 ShAaGdDFfR	347	574	903	13	2967	3495	10 SF	CSE0TB4jn9gPlH3wk4
2024-06-14T12:13:59.18-04:00	10.1.1.1	54990	10.2.2.2	443 tcp	0 ShADadFfR	0	574	1302	14	2967	3495	10 SF	CbAUJk3VT1Oc0qlXWa
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2024-06-14T12:14:11.748-04:00	10.1.1.1	55010	10.2.2.2	443 tcp	0 ShADadFfR	0	574	1302	14	2967	3495	10 SF	CuTCfD3AC7jd0SeWY6
2024-06-14T12:14:17.337-04:00	10.1.1.1	55022	10.2.2.2	443 tcp	0 ShADadFfR	0	574	1302	14	2967	3495	10 SF	CzCKyBFljRoq17tt7
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2024-06-14T12:14:33.501-04:00	10.1.1.1	55070	10.2.2.2	443 tcp	0 ShADadGFfR	74	574	1124	12	2967	3495	10 SF	CfvmNU1WEUfW4Dvzk4
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2024-06-14T12:14:42.209-04:00	10.1.1.1	55096	10.2.2.2	443 tcp	0 ShADadFfR	0	574	1302	14	2967	3495	10 SF	CCslq23kYtOG1K6J84
2024-06-14T12:14:42.721-04:00	10.1.1.1	55098	10.2.2.2	443 tcp	0 ShADadFfR	0	574	1198	12	2967	3547	11 SF	Clmh1w2K5eq2g01Pcf
2024-06-14T12:14:46.341-04:00	10.1.1.1	55102	10.2.2.2	443 tcp	0 ShADadFfR	0	574	1302	14	2967	3495	10 SF	CypDpK3yGaF3yB7kq2
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2024-06-14T12:14:48.965-04:00	10.1.1.1	55132	10.2.2.2	443 tcp	0 ShADadFfR	0	574	1302	14	2967	3495	10 SF	CNEyWK38CCYoXSVtoa
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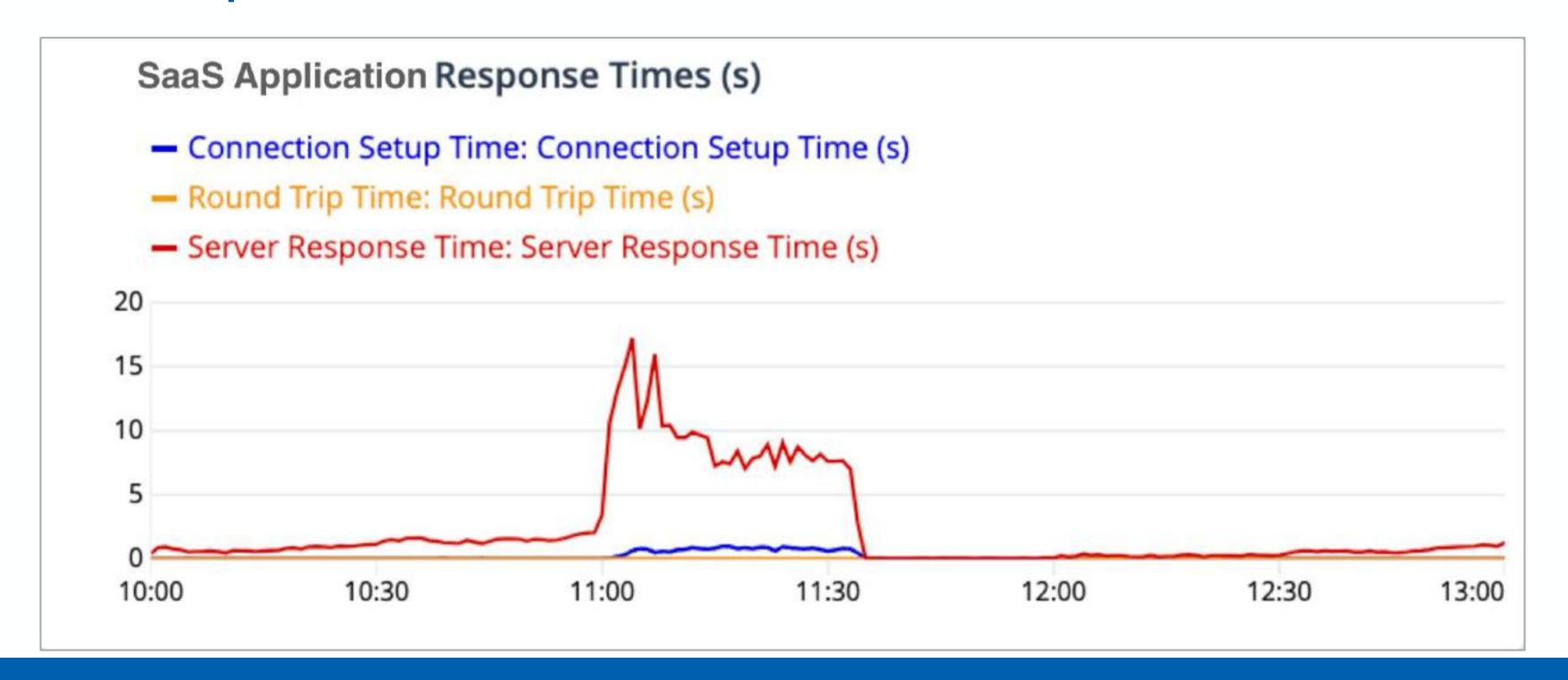




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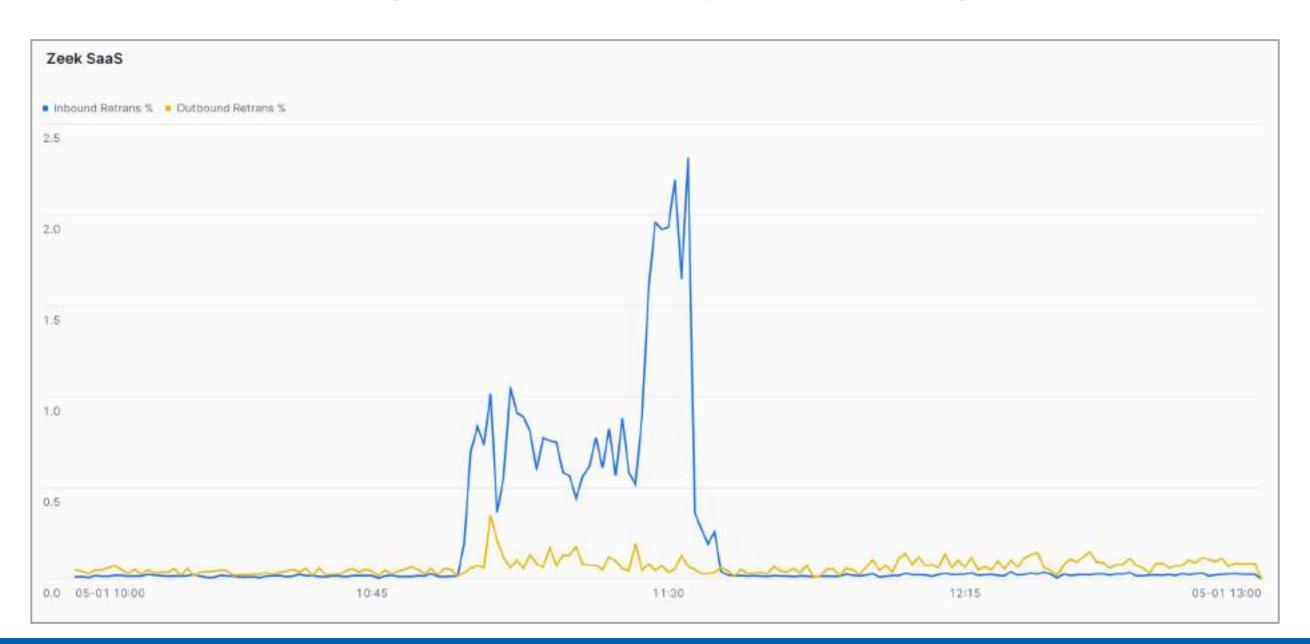
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- Zeek Data Analytics
  - No Response Times
  - Caught Retransmissions (another symptom)

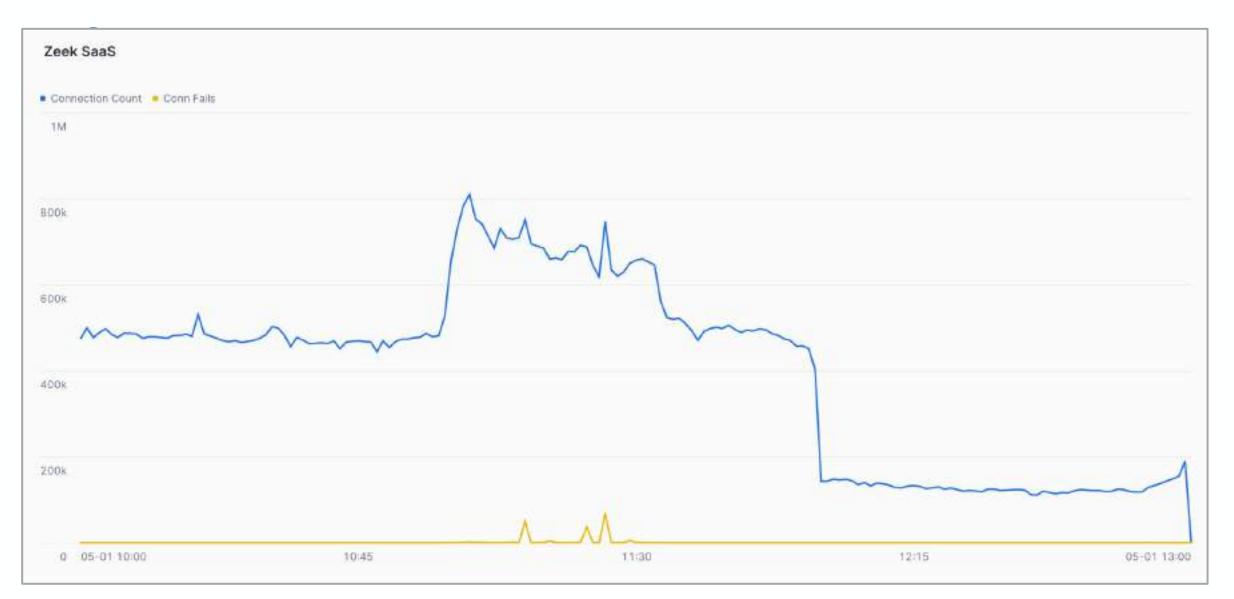


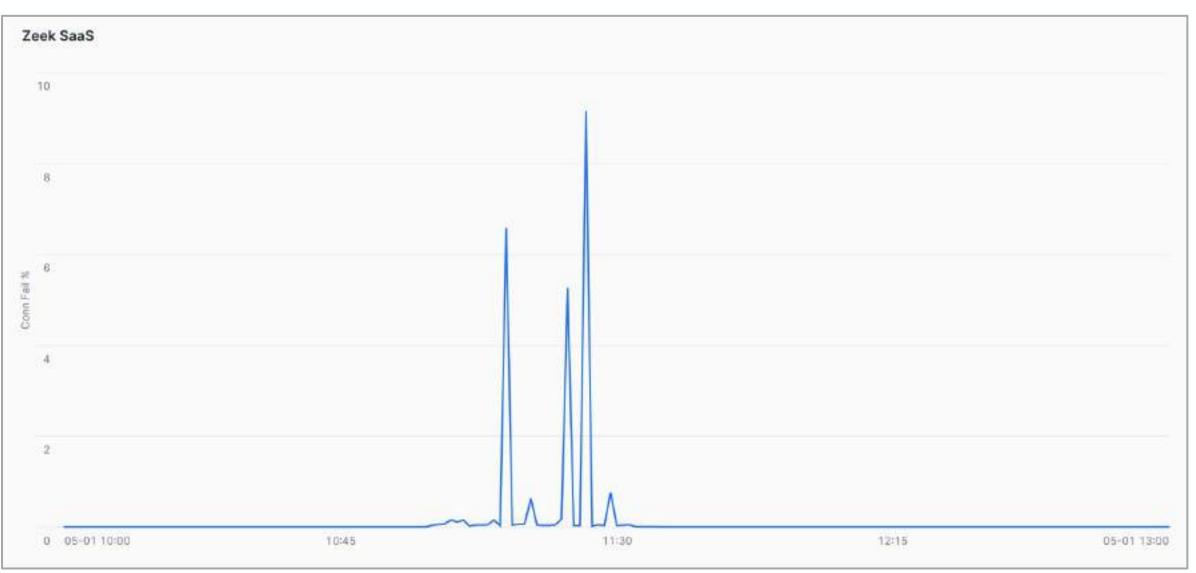
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- Connection Failures

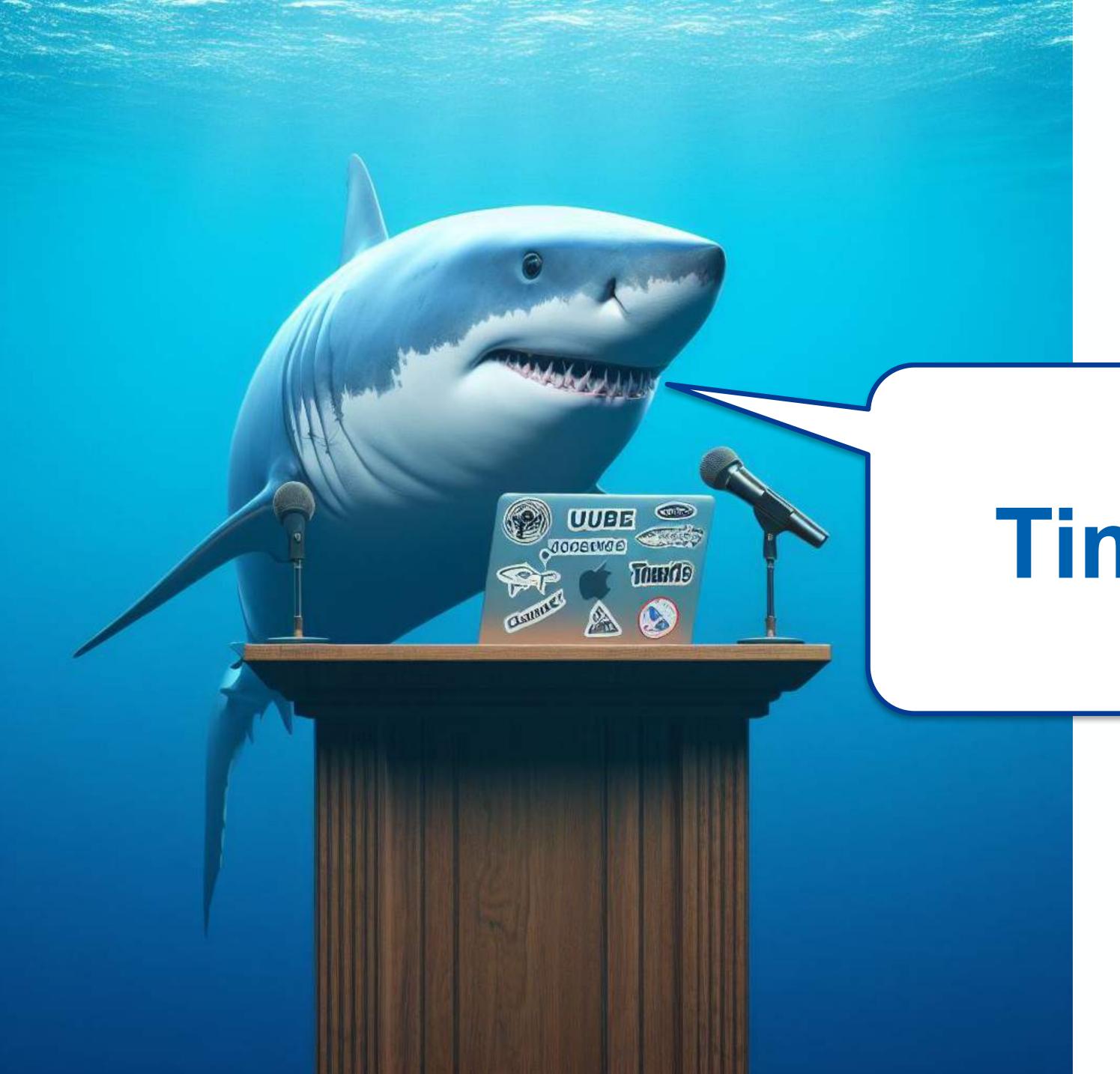




### Takeaways



- Cyber tooling can be used for network monitoring in lieu of dedicated NPM tools
  - Leverage focus on Cyber Security
  - Open Source options
- Network Troubleshooting
  - Leverage extensive metadata





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Time for Q & A