

WHITE PAPER

20 Nozomi Networks Queries: Unlock More Analytics on Assets, Traffic, and Alerts

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Introduction

One of the most popular Technical Support resources for Nozomi Networks customers has proven to be a knowledgebase article offering sample queries.

In this document, we have gathered a selection of 20 queries which can help build out your query library and enhance the value your Nozomi Networks system provides. Videos introducing these queries can also be found in the **Nozomi Networks Academy**.

These queries were chosen as much for their practical applications as for their examples of what's possible with Nozomi Network Query Language. Each query can be modified to expand its use, optimize it for your environment and ensure that you get the most benefit from the time you invest in understanding and applying the query.

If you need further assistance to understand or apply queries in the Nozomi Networks platform, please reach out to your Account Executive.

To easily copy and paste the queries from this
White Paper, head to our **GitHub** link:
https://github.com/NozomiNetworks/query_library

Get the queries here

What are my top 10 alerts?



Why would you use this query?

This query is short and simple. Queries like this can help new users become familiar with the query language and rapidly produce results. This query can form the basis for many more complicated queries across a wide range of data sets.

What can you expect this query to produce?

This query returns a pie chart of results. It can be altered to return other display types.

When should you use this query?

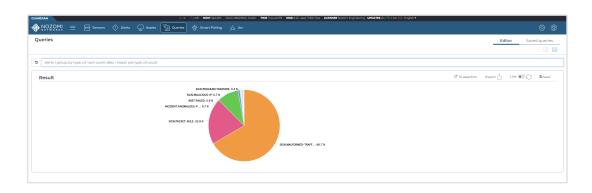
To produce a quick, simple, high level result set for regular reporting.

Where can this query be executed?

This can be run on a **Guardian**, **CMC**, or in **Vantage**.

What is the query format?

alerts | group_by type_id | sort count desc | head | pie type_id count



What traffic exists between these two zones?



Why would you use this query?

This query can be used to monitor links between zones. This can be used to monitor existing links, or to identify new links.

What can you expect this query to produce?

The output will be a table containing details of links which have occurred between the two zones identified in the query.

When should you use this query?

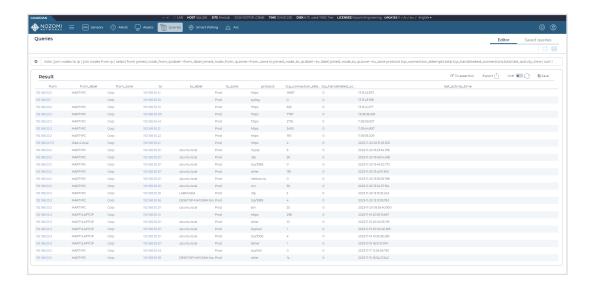
You can use this query early in your security journey as you come to understand your network. It will also be valuable in the future to identify new links which are occurring.

Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

links | join nodes to ip | join nodes from ip | select from joined_node_from_ip.label->from_label joined_node_from_ip.zone->from_zone to joined_node_to_ip.label->to_label joined_node_to_ip.zone->to_zone protocol tcp_connection_attempts.total tcp_handshaked_connections.total last_activity_time | sort last_activity_time desc | where from_zone include? Corp | where to_zone include? Prod



Do I have traffic to the public internet?



Why would you use this query?

Identifying and mitigating unwanted public internet communications can be a big step in improving security. If misconfiguration occurs in the future, monitoring and reporting on this activity will help identify potential problems before they can be exploited.

What can you expect this query to produce?

The output will be a table containing details of assets which are attempting to communicate with public IP addresses. This query can be modified to focus on any IP ranges outside your production environment.

When should you use this query?

You can use this query early in your security journey as you come to understand your network. It will also be valuable in the future to identify if assets attempt new communications to the public internet.

Where can this query be executed?

This guery can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

links | join nodes to ip | where joined_node_to_ip.is_public | select from to joined_node_to_ip.label protocol tcp_connection_attempts.total tcp_handshaked_connections.total | select from to tcp_connection_attempts_total | group_by from | head 25 | sort count desc | column from count



Do I have VNC and RDP traffic?



Why would you use this query?

Remote Access can be one of the largest risks to any environment. Monitoring and reporting on this activity will help identify potential problems before they can be exploited.

What can you expect this query to produce?

This query will output a column chart sorted by traffic throughput from highest to lowest.

When should you use this query?

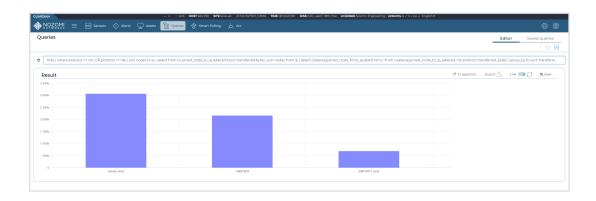
This query is also useful early in your security journey as you come to understand your network. Further along the roadmap, it will also be valuable to identify remote access connections, both expected and unexpected. The query can easily be altered to work with almost any protocol.

Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

links | where protocol == vnc OR protocol == rdp | join nodes to ip | select from to joined_node_to_ip.label protocol transferred.bytes | join nodes from ip | select coalesce(joined_node_from_ip.label,from)->from coalesce(joined_node_to_ip_ label,to)->to protocol transferred_bytes | group_by to sum transferred_bytes | select to sum->dst_transferred_bytes | sort dst_transferred_bytes desc | head 25 | column to dst_transferred_bytes



How big is my traffic to the internet?



Why would you use this query?

If internet traffic is part of your operation, monitoring the volume of traffic may be a useful part of your risk management practice.

What can you expect this query to produce?

This query will output a column chart highlighting links and sorted by traffic throughput from highest to lowest.

When should you use this query?

If you have an environment, or subnets and zones, where traffic to the internet may be expected (perhaps cloud-based IoT or IIoT devices) and this traffic is considered a manageable and acceptable risk.

Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

links | where is_to_public = true | select concat(from,"-",to)->my_link transferred.bytes | group_by my_link sum transferred_bytes | select my_link sum->transferred_bytes | sort transferred_bytes desc | head | column my_link transferred_bytes



What CVEs are unresolved on this asset?



Why would you use this query?

This query can form a useful part in a Vulnerability Management program. You could alter this query to report on zones or subnets instead of single nodes.

What can you expect this query to produce?

This query will output a table of information sorted in descending order of risk. This query returns vulnerabilities that have been publicly exploited.

When should you use this query?

This query will provide vulnerability data for assets.

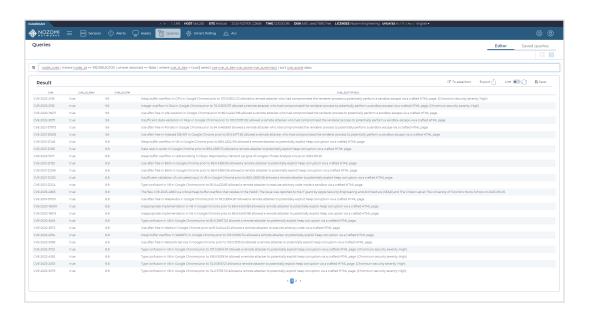
This data can be used to plan workloads ensuring that devices with the greatest risk are targeted at the most appropriate time.

Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

node_cves | where node_id == 192.168.20.100 | where resolved == false | where cve_is_ kev = true | select cve cve_is_kev cve_score cve_summary | sort cve_score desc



What are the most used protocols in my network?



Why would you use this query?

If internet traffic is part of your operation, monitoring the volume of traffic may be a useful part of your risk management practice.

What can you expect this query to produce?

This query will output a column chart highlighting links and sorted by traffic throughput from highest to lowest.

When should you use this query?

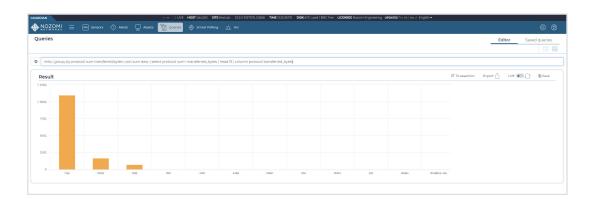
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Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

links | group_by protocol sum transferred.bytes | sort sum desc | select protocol sum->transferred_bytes | head 15 | column protocol transferred_bytes



How are my vulnerabilities trending?



Why would you use this query?

This query makes use of the 'bucket' and 'history' features to display a line graph measuring quantity over time. This can be adapted to measure other metrics in a similar manner.

What can you expect this query to produce?

The line graph output from this query is very simple to understand and can be adapted to suit reporting periods by altering the time "buckets" to give hours, days, weeks and so on. In this case, if the line is trending up – more vulnerabilities exist. If it trends down, vulnerabilities are being mitigated or managed. Please note, this query will return an empty result when vulnerability assessment is performed on an upstream CMC or Vantage.

When should you use this query?

Monitoring trends over time is an integral part of good reporting. Vulnerability trending can be one metric to help track the overall performance of your security program when reporting to senior levels.

Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

node_cves | where resolved = false | bucket record_created_at 604800000 | sort record_created_at | where record_created_at != 0 | history count record_created_at



What are my greatest MITRE ATT&CK tactic risks?



Why would you use this query?

This query would be useful in an environment where MITRE tactics are used in risk assessment, or as a common language across IT and OT teams.

What can you expect this query to produce?

This query will output a column graph showing the number of assets which may be susceptible to a given attack tactic. This information will show where common improvements will affect the largest change.

When should you use this query?

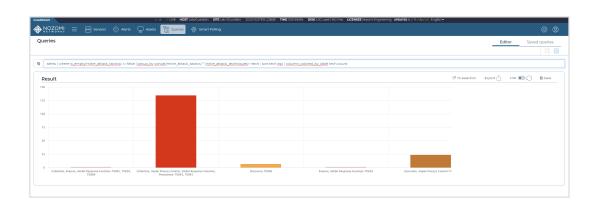
Assessing detected MITRE ATT&CK tactics may help you recognize patterns of weakness in areas of your network, and/or help you develop workstreams that return larger risk reductions or ROI for effort expended.

Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

alerts | where is_empty(mitre_attack_tactics) == false | group_by concat(mitre_attack_tactics,"-",mitre_attack_techniques)->tech | sort tech asc | column_colored_by_label tech count



Is this protocol/function used in my network?



Why would you use this query?

This query may return this information faster than other tools such as Wireshark. Identifying this kind of traffic may not be possible using proprietary OT tools, so this becomes a way to perform deeper investigations into traffic.

What can you expect this query to produce?

This query will output a table showing the link where the protocol/function was detected and the last time it was detected.

When should you use this query?

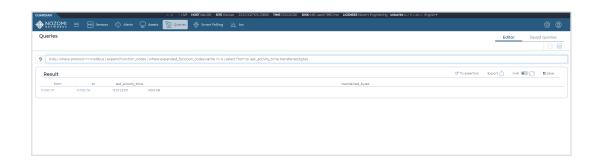
This query can be useful for quickly and easily identifying if certain protocol functions are in use in production. This may even extend to alerting if certain function codes are detected in traffic – an added layer of protection. You can refine the query by specifying only the protocol you wish to investigate.

Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

links | expand function_codes | select from to expanded_ function_codes.name last_activity_time transferred.bytes



What alerts happened on this day?



Why would you use this query?

This query can be customized down to the millisecond level using the epoch timestamps. With minimal alteration, the query could narrow in on specific alert types, network zones or subnets.

What can you expect this query to produce?

The table this query outputs can be configured to deliver a lot of different information depending on your needs.

When should you use this query?

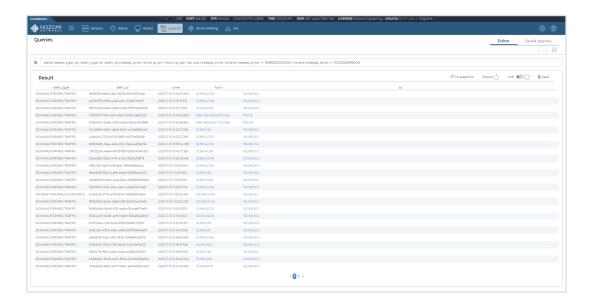
You may find this query useful during general security operations, forensic activities or threat hunting.

Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**. With minimal alteration, it can be used on **Vantage**.

What is the query format?

alerts |select type_id->alert_type id->alert_id created_time->time ip_src->source ip_dst->destination | sort created_time | where created_time >= 1699920000000 | where created_time <= 1700006399000



What assets appeared in the last 7 days?



Why would you use this query?

While not a particularly complicated query, the output of this query would make a good discussion point during weekly team meetings and can provide a way to open discussion between Security and OT teams.

What can you expect this query to produce?

The table and information produced by this query are a good starting point to customize to the needs of your environment and how you intend to implement the information returned. Start with this, and expand to suit your needs.

When should you use this query?

This query should form part of your regular monitoring and reporting. Regular alerting will highlight new assets on your network, so this query becomes a summary of that activity.

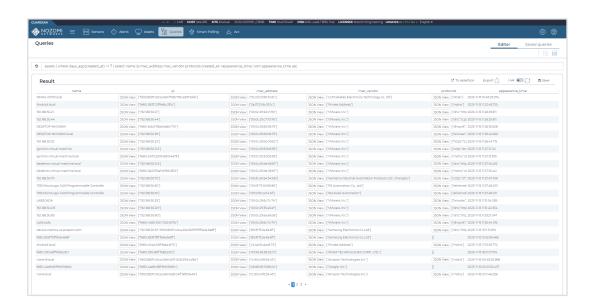
Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

assets | where days_ago(created_at) <= 7 | select name ip mac_address mac_vendor protocols created_at->appearance_time | sort appearance_time asc

What should the results look like?



Do I have open CVEs more than a month old?



Why would you use this query?

This query differs from the earlier query "What CVEs are unresolved on this asset?" by not focusing on a single asset. This query can be modified to use the 'is_kev' flag to extract only vulnerabilities that have been exploited in public.

What can you expect this query to produce?

The table produced by this query is sorted by CVE score. After that, you should pay most attention to the 'record_created_at' field and use this information to plan remediation efforts.

When should you use this query?

As your program matures and you get on top of vulnerability management, this query can help ensure you stay ahead. At other times, adjusting the period of reporting can also help.

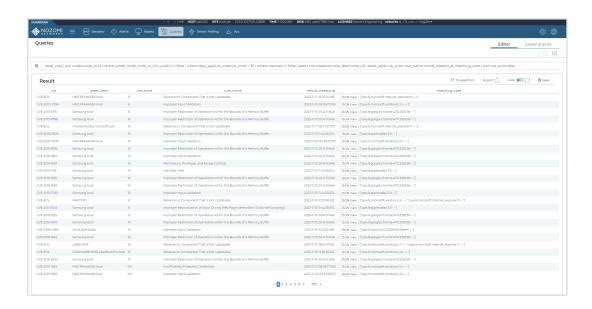
Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

node_cves | join nodes node_id id | where joined_node_node_id_id.is_public == false | where days_ago(cve_creation_time) > 30 | where resolved == false | select cve coalesce(node_label,node_id)->asset_label cve_score cwe_name record_created_at matching_cpes | sort cve_score desc

What should the results look like?



What traffic is being blocked by my firewall?



Why would you use this query?

This query extracts link attempts which did not successfully complete TCP handshaking. From this you could make the assumption that the handshake was blocked by a firewall. When combined with a firewall integration on a Guardian sensor, this could be a useful test.

What can you expect this query to produce?

This query will output a table of link connection attempts which did not complete handshaking. This query may also capture events which are not the result of a firewall block. This information in itself may be useful in optimizing network performance.

When should you use this query?

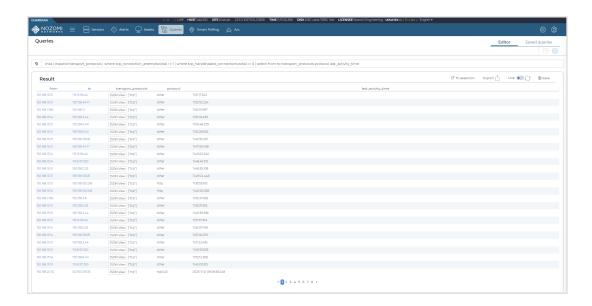
This query may be helpful when testing, or confirming operation of, firewall rules.

Where can this query be executed?

This guery can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

links | expand transport_protocols | where tcp_connection_attempts. total >= 1 | where tcp_handshaked_connections.total == 0 | select from to



What traffic is crossing Purdue levels?



Why would you use this query?

This query could form part of a regular review of traffic looking for an increase or decrease in allowed traffic between levels. This query could easily be modified to assert and alert on new links.

What can you expect this query to produce?

This query outputs a table of links showing the origin and destination layers with respect to the Purdue model. Attention should be paid to those links which do not have layers assigned, and to those where the distance between layers is greater than 1. You will need to have assigned, or confirmed the detected, Purdue level to each of your assets for this query to produce best results.

When should you use this query?

While the Purdue model itself is not the panacea to OT/ ICS security issues, accepting that traffic should only cross the production levels laid out in the Purdue model at the correct places and times is a sensible approach to quick security wins. This query highlights active links and allows you to triage those and mitigate unnecessary risks.

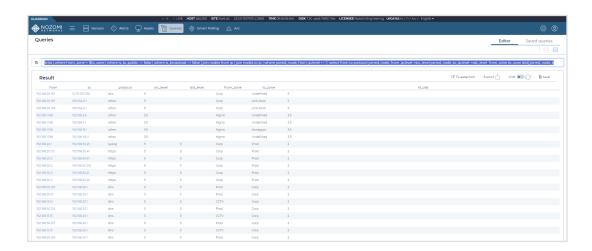
Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

links | where from_zone != to_zone | where to != 0.0.0.0 | where to exclude? "224.0.0" | where to exclude? "255.255.255.255" | join nodes from ip | join nodes to ip | select from to protocol joined_node_from_ip.level->src_level joined_node_to_ip.level->dst_level from_zone to_zone | select from to protocol dst_level src_level dist(dst_level,src_level) from_zone to_zone | where dst_level_src_level_dist > 1 | sort dst_level_src_level_dist desc

What should the results look like?



Do we have ICMP traffic? Can we alert on that?



Why would you use this query?

This query could be used to detect changes in normal network operations, particularly in network environments where legacy devices cannot detect or protect against this type of attack.

What can you expect this query to produce?

This query outputs a table of links showing the origin and destination layers with respect to the Purdue model. Attention should be paid to those links which do not have layers assigned, and to those where the distance between layers is greater than 1. With some small modification, this query can be configured to assert/alert on this traffic.

When should you use this query?

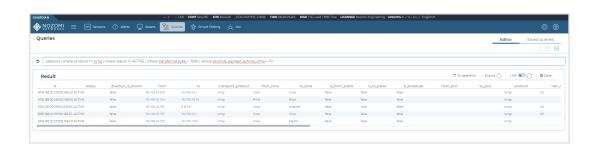
Depending on your policies, ICMP traffic may, or may not, be allowed in your environment. Using this query can either detect unauthorized ICMP usage, or detect attempts at improper ICMP use, such as ICMP tunnelling.

Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

sessions | where protocol == icmp | where status == ACTIVE | where transferred.bytes > 1000 | where seconds_ago(last_activity_time) < 10



What vulnerabilities exist on this device?



Why would you use this query?

This query would be useful when a deeper level of reporting is required across your entire asset inventory. The query can be refined to target assets, zones, or subnets with the same level of detail.

What can you expect this query to produce?

The table of results for this query contains a lot more information which may be of use when used as part of an audit. The results can be further refined by adding or removing fields as needed.

When should you use this query?

This query is intended to provide more detailed results than previous queries around vulnerabilities.

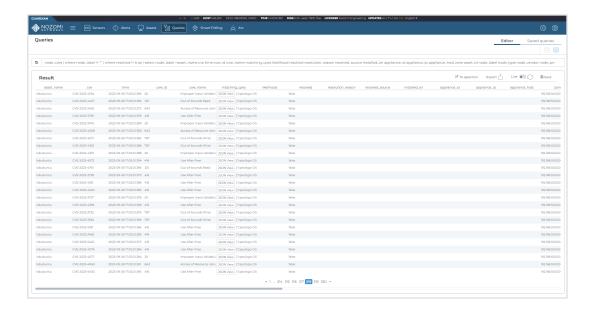
Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

node_cves | where node_label != "" | where resolved != true | select node_label->asset_
name cve time cwe_id cwe_name matching_cpes likelihood resolved resolution_
reason resolved_source installed_on appliance_id appliance_ip appliance_host zone
asset_id node_label node_type node_vendor node_product_name node_firmware_
version node_os resolution_status minimum_hotfix latest_hotfix cve_summary
cve_references cve_score cve_creation_time cve_update_time cve_source | sort asset_
name_asc

What should the results look like?



What Nozomi Networks licenses do I have?



Why would you use this query?

When the time comes to renew your licenses or provide evidence for an audit, this query will be more efficient than checking all sensors (physical, virtual or container) individually.

What can you expect this query to produce?

This query will return a table of information showing the license status of each Nozomi Networks sensor connected to the CMC where the query was executed. You may need to run this query on multiple CMCs to capture your entire environment.

When should you use this query?

This query can save you time when auditing your license status.

Where can this query be executed?

This query can only be executed on a CMC.

What is the query format?

appliances | select info.host info.license_threat_intelligence info.license_asset_intelligence info.license_base info.license_smart_polling | select info.host->Guardian_HOSTNAME info.license_base.license_machine_id->Machine-ID info.license_base.extra.supported_nodes->Supported_NODES info.license_base.bundle_name->Bundle_NAME info.license_base.extra.expire_date->Base_Expiry_date info.license_threat_intelligence.extra.expire_date->TI_expiry_date info.license_asset_intelligence.extra.expire_date->AI_expiry_date



How can I tell when a multihomed asset is present?



Why would you use this query?

Use this query to find or report on multihomed assets. You could modify the query to assert/alert if there's an unexpected change.

What can you expect this query to produce?

This query will return a table of information showing the label/name of assets with more than one node associated. This will be a good indication of a multihomed asset. If the results of this report change over time, there is a likelihood that a configuration change has happened in your environment.

When should you use this query?

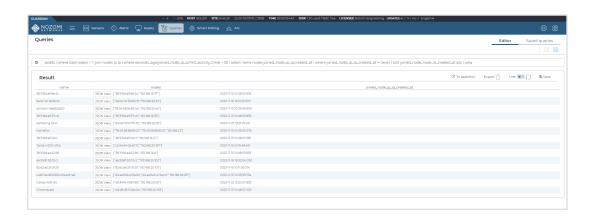
This query would be useful for reporting at any point in your security maturity journey or during an audit.

Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a Guardian or CMC.

What is the query format?

assets | where size(nodes) > 1 | join nodes ip ip | where seconds_ago(joined_node_ip_ip.first_activity_time) > 30 | select name nodes joined_node_ip_ip.created_at | where joined_node_ip_ip_created_at != never | sort joined_node_node_id_created_at asc | uniq



How many assets are in each of my subnets?



Why would you use this query?

This query provides a quick answer and could be expanded to provide reporting and alerting.

What can you expect this query to produce?

This query will return a simple table listing subnets and the quantity of assets found in each.

When should you use this query?

Like many of the queries so far, this query would be useful for reporting at any point in your security maturity journey or during an audit.

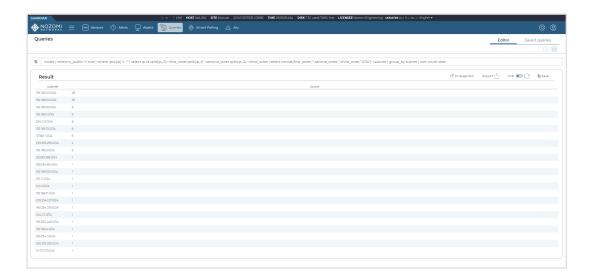
Where can this query be executed?

This query can be executed on a **Guardian** or **CMC**.

What is the query format?

 $nodes \mid where is_public != true \mid where is_broadcast != true \mid where ipv4(ip) != "" \mid select ip id split(ip,,,0)->first_octet split(ip,,,1)->second_octet split(ip,,,2)->third_octet \mid select concat(first_octet,".",second_octet,".",third_octet,".0/24")->subnet \mid group_by subnet \mid sort count desc$

What should the results look like?





Cybersecurity for OT, IoT and Critical Infrastructure

Nozomi Networks protects the world's critical infrastructure from cyber threats. Our platform uniquely combines network and endpoint visibility, threat detection, and AI-powered analysis for faster, more effective incident response. Customers rely on us to minimize risk and complexity while maximizing operational resilience.