

# Traverse (Cloud)

**Quick Start Guide** 

Version R94

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## **Preface**

#### **About this Traverse Quick Start Guide**

This guide provides a quick installation guide and overview for the cloud (SaaS) version of **Traverse** monitoring software.

#### **Audience**

This guide is intended for **Traverse** cloud administrators.

#### **About Traverse**

**Traverse** is a breakthrough IT infrastructure monitoring and service management solution for mission-critical, distributed, and complex environments for enterprises and managed services providers (MSPs). **Traverse** delivers real-time, correlated, end-to-end, service-oriented views of the performance of the entire IT infrastructure - physical, virtual and cloud. **Traverse**'s massively-scalable, patented solution architecture supports tens of thousands of distributed end-points, and processes millions of metrics. The software's innovative service container technology supports creation of purpose-specific, logical management views of business services and the underlying cloud and IT infrastructure. **Traverse** is fully-aligned with ITIL and provides an open, extensible API and plug-in framework for integration with the enterprise ecosystem.

#### **Contacting Kaseya**

- Customer Support You can contact Kaseya technical support online at:
  - https://helpdesk.kaseya.com/home (https://helpdesk.kaseya.com/home)
- Community Resources You can also visit the following community resources for Kaseya Traverse:
  - ➤ Knowledge base at: http://community.kaseya.com/kb/w/wiki/1206.kaseya-traverse.aspx (https://helpdesk.kaseya.com/forums/22931123)
  - Forum at: http://community.kaseya.com/xsp/f/340.aspx (http://community.kaseya.com/xsp/f/340.aspx)

### Chapter 1

# Installation and Logon (Cloud)

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### **Getting Started**

You can request either a production or trial subscription to the Kaseya Traverse cloud

(http://www.kaseya.com/forms/free-trial?prodcode=travsaas).

The trial subscription might limit the number of devices that you are allowed to monitor (about 50 devices).

Once your Traverse Cloud instance has been created, you will receive a Kaseya Traverse production or trial email similar to the sample image below. The email summarizes 4 simple steps to start monitoring devices on a network.





### Thank You For Requesting A Trial Of Kaseya Traverse

We are pleased to provide a 30 day Cloud Instance of Traverse to support your evaluation.

#### What's Next?

- 1. Download the DGE extension using the link on right and install it on a server inside your local network. When prompted, use the following values:
  - BVE Location: test1234. kaseyatrials.com
- Unique Name: dge-ext-1 2. Log into your Kaseya Traverse instance using following credentials:
  - URL: test1234.kaseyatrials.com
  - Username: traverse
  - Password: pwd9876abc
- 3. Follow the evaluation guide provided above to discover devices in your network
- 4. Start monitoring!



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Additional DGE extensions can be setup at different locations by following these instructions. The superuser administrator login is configured with same default password as above.

### **Traverse Minimum Requirements (Cloud)**

Traverse R94 requires a DGE extension be installed on a network Windows machine, one for each network you intend to monitor. The DGE extension relays collected data to the Traverse cloud website.

Note: Using Netflow requires a larger platform than one without Netflow (Network Flow Analysis (page 35)).

Known Issue: An issue with the installer on Windows 2012 R2 can be worked around easily by following these instructions (https://helpdesk.kaseya.com/hc/en-gb/articles/229042328).

#### Without Netflow

- Windows 2003 (for DGEx only), 2008, 2008 R2, 7, 2012, 2012 R2
- 2 GB RAM
- 10 GB free disk space
- 1 CPU

#### With Netflow

- Windows 2003 (for DGEx only), 2008, 2008 R2, 7, 2012, 2012 R2
- 4 GB RAM
- 50 GB disk space
- 2 CPU

### **Supported Browsers**

- Windows
  - Internet Explorer 10 and later
  - > FireFox 25 and later
  - > Chrome 30 and later
- Apple OS X
  - Safari 6 and later
  - FireFox 25 and later
  - Chrome 30 and later
- In addition, Traverse requires the Adobe Flash Player plugin be installed on your browser.

### **Disk Space Requirements**

- 36 GB free space in a RAID 5 configuration is recommended.
- Additional free space for the <TRAVERSE\_HOME>\logs directory. Plan for 5 GB of disk space for log files. The default <TRAVERSE\_HOME> directory is \Program Files (x86)\Traverse.

Note: See Installation Prerequisites (http://help.kaseya.com/webhelp/EN/TV/9040000/index.asp#17290.htm).

### **DGE Extension Installation Prerequisites**

Prior to installing a DGE extension, review the following:

- 1. Ensure the Windows machine you will install the DGE extension on has access to the internet.
- 2. Ensure the time on the Windows machine is accurate. Windows includes Internet Time Synchronization software (under **Date & Time**, click the **Internet Time** tab and enable it with default settings). See a detailed explanation below.
- 3. Identify the administrator password for your Windows servers so that they can be queried using WMI
- Identify the username and password with SYSDBA level rights you will use to monitor Oracle databases.
- 5. Identify, and if necessary, enable the (read-only) SNMP community string (SNMP v1 or v2) or username, password and optionally encryption key (SNMP v3) used by SNMP-capable devices on your network.
- 6. Update firewall rules and/or access lists (ACL) on routers to allow SNMP queries from the DGEx to monitored devices. The default is UDP 161. Also, ensure the DGEx has TCP access to the Cloud using the ports listed in the table below.

Source Port	Destination Port	Direction	Description
(any)	7651	DGEx > Cloud	Provisioning Database
(any)	7652	DGEx > Cloud	Provisioning Database
(any)	7653	DGEx > Cloud	Internal Messaging Bus
(any)	9443	DGEx > Cloud	Upstream DGE

### Setting the Time on a Non-Domain Server

Since **Traverse** is a distributed platform, it is important to make sure that the time on your DGE extension server is accurate. Windows has a built in time synchronization mechanism to set the time from an internet time server.

Note: For domain machines, time is synchronized from the domain controller.

To set the time on the server running the DGE extension:

- Open Date and Time by clicking the Start button , clicking Control Panel, clicking Clock, Language, and Region, and then clicking Date and Time.
- Click the Internet Time tab, and then click Change settings.
   If you are prompted for an administrator password or confirmation, type the password or provide confirmation.
- Click Automatically synchronize with an Internet time server, select a time server, and then click OK.

### Install the DGE Extension

#### Identify Your BVE Location and Unique Name

This information is provided by Kaseya and included in **step 1** of the **Kaseya Traverse Evaluation** (page 4) email you received. For example:

- BVE Location: your-unique-site-name.kaseyatrials.com
- Unique Name: your-unique-DGE-name

#### Download the Installer

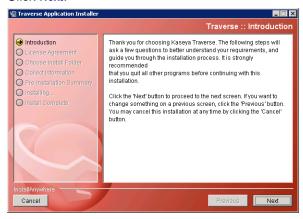
Download the Windows installer for the DGE extension by clicking the **Windows Install** button displayed on the **Kaseya Traverse Evaluation** email.

#### Run the Installer

Run the installer as a local or domain administrator, not a standard user.

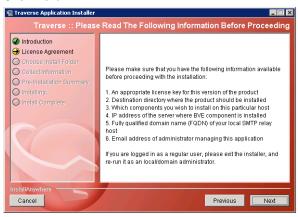
### Introduction

### Click Next.



### **Checklist**

Except for running the installer as a local or domain administrator, ignore the instructions on this page. Click **Next**.



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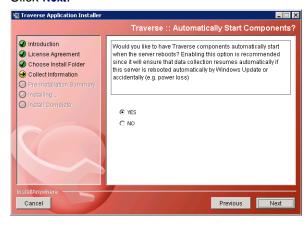
Review the License Agreement, then click the I accept the terms of the License Agreement option. Click Next.



### Automatically Restart DGE Extension Services After a Reboot

Accepting the default **Yes** option to this prompt is strongly recommended. It ensures all DGE extension services will be restarted if the network Windows machine is rebooted.

Click Next.

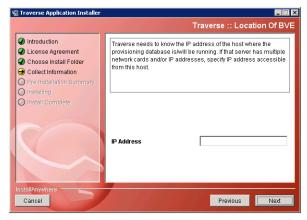


### **Location BVE**

Enter the value for the BVE Location you identified in Install the DGE Extension (page 6) in the IP Address field. It should be similar in format to your-unique-site-name.kaseyatrials.com.

Note: Do not include an <a href="http://">http://</a> prefix when you enter this value.

#### Click Next.

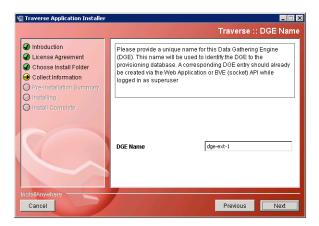


### **DGE Name**

Enter the value for the **Unique Name** you identified in **Install the DGE Extension** (page 6) above in the **DGE Name** field. It should be similar in format to your-unique-DGE-name.

Note: Typically your first DGE extension is called dge-ext-1.

Click Next.



### **Pre-Installation Summary**

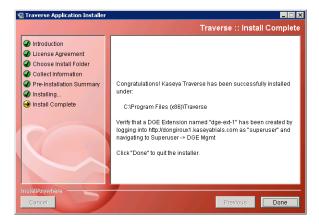
Review the following information before beginning the installation. Click **Install**. It may take a few minutes to complete the install.



### **Close the Installer**

Ensure the text displayed in this box matches the values you were provided in Install the DGE Extension  $(page\ 6)$ .

Note: The text prompts you to continue by logging on to your unique **Traverse** website, using the username superuser and the same assigned password you were provided in the **Kaseya Traverse Evaluation**  $(page\ 4)$  email.



### **Traverse Cloud Logon**

### Logon as a Standard User

Identify your Traverse Cloud assigned URL, username and password.

This information was included in **step 1** of the **Kaseya Traverse Evaluation** (*page 4*) email you received. For example:

- URL: your-unique-site-name.kaseyatrials.com
- Username: traverse
- Password: your-assigned-password

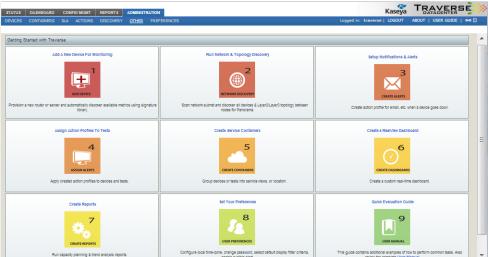
Use these values to logon to your unique **Traverse** Cloud website as a standard user.



### Initial Page after Standard User Logon

By default, the first page a standard user sees after logon is the **Getting Started with Traverse** page. You can click any tile to jump immediately to one of these frequently used pages.

You can also navigate to other pages using the menu bar at the top.



### Logon as a Superuser

You can also logon using the administrator-level username superuser and the same assigned password you were provided in the Kaseya Traverse Evaluation (page 4) email.

Navigate your browser to the URL you were provided, similar in format to your-unique-site-name.kaseyatrials.com

- Username: superuser
- Password: your-assigned-password

Note: You should only logon as a superuser when you need to perform an administrative-level task. Otherwise, logon as a standard user.

### Initial Page after Administrator Logon

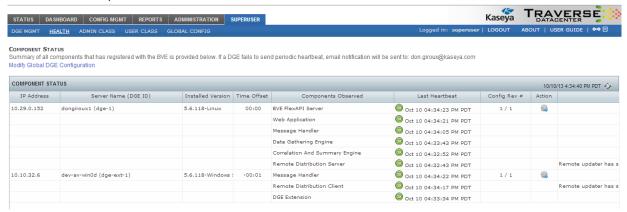
By default, the first page a superuser or other administrator sees after logon is the Status > Departments page.

### Check the Health Status of the DGE Extension

Note: Whenever you install a new DGE extension, you should logon as the superuser to verify the connection.

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Logon as superuser. Navigate to the Superuser > Health page. Verify the IP address and Server Name of the DGE extension you installed. The "heartbeats" for all the components of your DGE extension should display a green OK icon. Logoff when you're done. Re-logon as a standard user to resume normal operations.



A component displays in the status list when the component begins operating. The **Component Status** page includes information about the following:

- IP address of the component
- component name
- the last status update received by the BVE
- the version of the component
- the last action performed on the component

By default, **Traverse** components are configured to send status updates every two minutes. The status changes to a state of "warning" if **Traverse** does not receive an update after more than five minutes. The status changes to "critical" after 10 minutes elapse without **Traverse** receiving an update.

Refresh the Component Status page to view the latest Traverse component information.

If components are in a "warning" or "critical" state, see **Troubleshooting Traverse** (http://help.kaseya.com/webhelp/EN/TV/9040000/index.asp#16912.htm).

### **Change Your Passwords**

**Note:** Kaseya strongly urges you to change the passwords you were assigned when your **Traverse** website was created.

- 1. Navigate to the Administration > Preferences page.
- 2. Change the password for the admin called superuser.
- 3. Change the password for the user called traverse.

Note: Unless a feature specifically requires superuser access, you should logon as the traverse user.

### Chapter 2

# **Basic Configuration**

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### **Shared Credentials/Configurations**

Administration > Other > Shared Credentials/Configuration

Before running **Network Discovery** (page 15) or creating tests manually, you should register shared credentials required to *provision* tests on discovered devices. Each shared credential you create:

- Authenticates running multiple tests on multiple devices.
- Is specific to a department.
- Has additional options, based on its monitor type. For example:
  - > SNMP credentials
  - Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI)
  - Amazon Web Services
- Are validated against the appropriate tests automatically. The mapping is remembered from that point forward.

#### Adding a Shared Credential

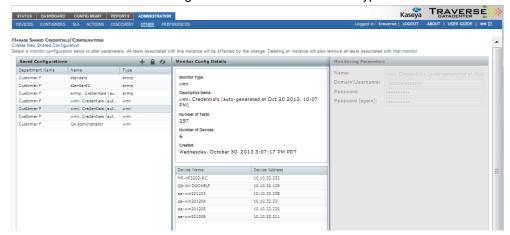
- 1. Navigate to Administration > Other > Shared Credentials/Configuration.
- 2. Click the plus licon in the title bar of the Saved Configuration panel.
- 3. Enter the following:
  - > Department Select a department
  - Monitor Type Select a monitor type.
  - Additional properties as required for the monitor type.

### **Editing a Shared Credential**

- 1. Click a row in the Saved Configuration panel.
- 2. Click Edit in the middle panel.
  - > The middle panel also lists the devices that use this credential.

### **Deleting a Shared Credential**

Deleting a shared credential/configuration removes it from all the tests that use it. You'll have to apply a new shared credential/configuration of the same monitor type to enable those tests to return data.



### **Run Network Discovery**

The Discovery Sessions page searches a network and discovers devices. A discovery session:

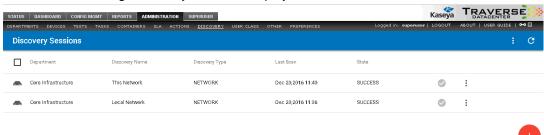
- Can automatically provision discovered devices with tests and start monitoring them immediately.
- Can be scheduled on a recurring basis.
- Should be limited to class-C networks instead of class-B or larger.

### **Prerequisites**

Discovery requires the appropriate **shared credentials** (page 14) be defined for the networks you want to scan

#### **Procedure**

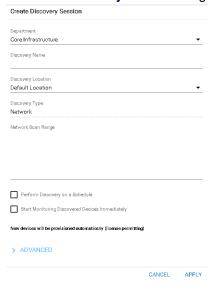
- 1. Navigate to the Administration > Discovery page.
  - > A list of existing Discovery sessions displays.



2. Click the add icon, then click the Network Discovery icon.



The Create Discovery Session dialog displays.



- 3. Enter the following values:
  - Department

- > Discovery Name Enter a name.
- Discovery Location Your DGE extension was assigned a unique location when it was installed. Select it from the drop-down list. Most private networks use the same range of IP addresses. This is how Traverse identifies which network you want to run Network Discovery on.
- Discovery Type Network
- Network Scan Range Enter a network subnet starting value followed by the network mask. Example: 192.168.1.0/255.255.0. The DGE extension you installed must have network access to the range of IP addresses you specify.
- ➤ Perform Discovery on a Schedule If checked, enter the number of intervals to wait between recurring discovery session runs.
- Start Monitoring Discovery Immediately If checked, newly discovered devices are provisioned with tests, becoming managed assets, and begin being monitored immediately. If unchecked, devices are discovered but not yet provisioned.
- 4. You can now click Apply or...
- 5. Click Advanced to enter values in these optional fields.

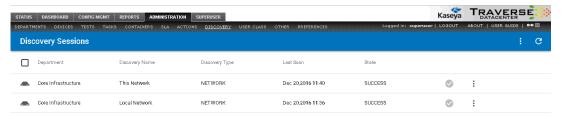
Note: Ignore these advanced features for your first run of network discovery.

- > SNMP Community Strings/Credentials Optionally toggle each SNMP credential to include or exclude it from the discovery session.
  - ✓ Bolded text means the credential is included.
  - ✓ Unbolded text means the credential is excluded.
- VMware Hypervisor Credentials Optionally enter a VMware credential to discover additional information about VMware hypervisors.
- > Filter by Device Type
- Physical Connectivity Topology
  - ✓ Discover new devices and new/updated topology
  - ✓ Update topolog information for provisioned devices only
- > Seed Router Discover connected devices from following 'seed' router (must be SNMP enabled)
  - ✓ IP address of seed router
  - ✓ Limit search within number of hops
- Click Apply.

### **Review Network Discovery Results**

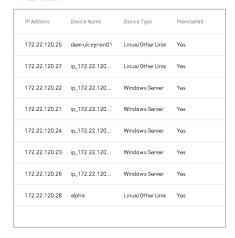
To review the results of a Discovery session:

1. Click a row.





- 2. A dialog displays in three sections:
  - > Status
  - > History
  - Network
- 3. Click the Network section to display the list of items discovered.
  - > STATUS
    > HISTORY
  - √ NETWORK



PROVISION SELECTED DEVICES

4. If you chose not to provision newly discovered devices immediately, you can optionally click the rows you now want to provision, then click the **Provision Selected Devices** link..

## **Device Management**

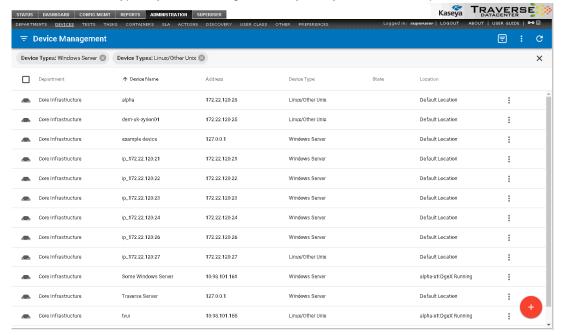
Administration > Devices

The **Device Management** menu configures all devices managed by Traverse. The initial page lists all the devices the user is authorized to see. Each row contains the Department, Device Name, Address, Device type, State (Active or Suspended) and Location.

- Users can search, filter, add and edit multiple devices within their own department.
- Administrators can search, filter, add and edit devices across multiple departments.

#### **Basic Configuration**

Devices are typically added using Discovery. They can also be imported or added manually.



### **Search and Filter Options**

Use the filter : icon in the far left of the titlebar to display filter options.

- Enter a free-form **Search** string to filter by Device Name or Address.
- Select values by filter facet. For example, by Device Type.
- Your selected filter criteria displays just below the title bar.
- Filter settings are remembered when you leave this page and return to it.

### **Manage Perspectives**

Use the perspective licon to select or save a filter by name.

- Click the Create New Perspective... to save the currently selected filter criteria to a new name.
- Click the filter ☐ icon to modify the perspective, then click the Save ☐ icon to resave the perspective.
- Use a selected perspective's options icon to Clone or Delete the perspective.
- Perspectives cannot be shared between users.

#### Add or Edit a Single Device

- Click the Create New Device (page 19) icon to create a new device manually.
- Click any single row to display the Device Details dialog for an existing single device. These are the same properties as Create New Device except for the Suspended checkbox.

### **Edit Multiple Devices**

- 1. Check multiple rows.
- Click the edit icon in the page title bar.
- 3. Check each property you want update and enter a value.
  - ➤ These are the same properties as Create New Device except for the Suspend/Resume checkbox.
- 4. Click Apply.

#### **Delete Devices**

Warning: Deleting a device will remove all information about that device from the database, including all historical records. Deletions are not reversible. Suspending a device may be preferable because there is no loss of data.

- 1. Check multiple rows.
- 2. Click the delete icon.
- 3. Click Delete.

### Suspending a Device

- Edit one or more device rows, then click the Suspended checkbox.
- When a device is suspended, polling and data collection for all tests on the device are suspended.
   All actions and notifications associated with the tests are not generated.
- Time is not included in total downtime reports since it is considered a planned outage.
- A 'polling disabled' icon displays in the Status column of the Manage Device page when a device is suspended.
- Tests can also be suspended.

### **Select Row Options**

Click a device row's options icon to select:

- Manage Tests Update existing tests for that device.
- Update Device Dependency.
- Test Baseline Management
- Create Device Template
- Create New Standard Tests
- Create New Advanced Tests

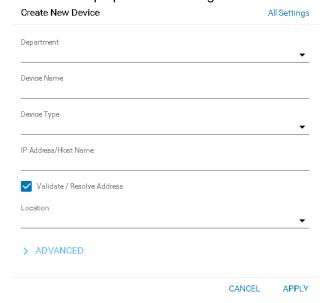
### **Create New Device**

You can create a new device manually. See Network Discovery to create devices automatically.

- 1. Navigate to Administration > Devices.
  - Click the Create New Device (page 19) ticon to create a new device manually.

#### **Basic Configuration**

➤ Click any single row to display the **Device Details** dialog for an existing single device. These are the same properties as adding a new device.



- 2. Enter values in these required fields:
  - Department Only displays when logged in as an administrator.
  - > Device Name Enter a name for the device.
  - Device Type Select the type of device you are configuring from the drop down list (for example Linux or any other UNIX server, Windows server, managed switch/hub, IP router, firewall appliance, load balancer, proxy server, VPN concentrator, wireless access point or any other).
  - > IP Address/Host Name Type in the fully qualified host name or IP address of the device.
  - Validate / Resolve Address If checked, validates the address immediately when you click Apply.
  - Location Select a location. Locations are created by a superuser using the Superuser > DGE Mgmt page. (Each DGE Location is a collection of DGEs, not necessarily in the same physical location, that are grouped for load-balancing purposes.) If this device will be monitored via WMI, select a DGE Location that contains WMI-enabled DGEs.
- 3. You can now click Apply or...
- 4. Click Advanced to enter values in these optional fields.
  - Device/OS Vendor
  - Device/OS Model/Version
  - > Tag 1 through Tag 5 Specify custom attributes. You can use these attributes to create rules for populating device containers. For example, if can use Tag 1 to store values for the City the device is located in, Tag 2 to store the value of the State. Once users have entered city and state information for each device, you can create a device container that automatically includes all devices where City equals San Jose and State equals CA.
  - Comment Add a comment as necessary.
  - Display Comment in Summary If checked, displays the comment on the Status > Devices > Device Summary page..
  - ➤ Automatically Clear Comment When In OK State If checked, clears comments from device information when a device is "OK". This option is useful during maintenance periods. If you are disabling a device maintenance, you can insert a text message (such as down for maintenance) in the comment field and click on the Display comment on the Summary Screen

- to display the message. If you select the **Automatically Clear Comment When...** option, this text message is automatically cleared when the device is enabled and has 0% packet loss. This prevents situations where a device fails after maintenance, but (because of the maintenance message) the administrator sees the device as down due to maintenance.
- ➤ Flap Prevention Wait Cycles Select the number of cycles to show a state of TRANSIENT when a devices has switched to a new state. For example, assume the flap-prevention cycle is configured to be 2, and a ping test is configured for a 3 minute interval. When the ping test switches from a state of OK to a state of WARNING, the **Traverse** user interface will display the ping test in a TRANSIENT state for 2 additional cycles (2 times 3 min = 6 min) before displaying the ping test in a WARNING state.
- ➤ Enable Smart Notification Leave selected to prevent getting alarms on tests when the device is unreachable. See Smart Notifications for more information.
- ➤ Enable Test Parameter Rediscovery If checked, several other options display on this page.

  Traverse uses these options to periodically rediscover SNMP and WMI tests. See Test Parameter Rediscovery for more information.
- 5. Click Apply..

### All Settings

Click the All Settings link to create a device manually using the legacy Create Device page. The Create Device page has these additional properties.

- Click All Settings create a device using the legacy Create Device page. This page includes
- Create New Tests After Creating This Device If checked, when you save this page, an additional Add Standard Tests page displays enabling you to create tests for this device.
- Create Device Dependency After Creating This Device If checked, when you save this page, an
  additional window displays enabling you to assign the device a parent device. See Device
  Dependency.
- Enable Network Configuration Management If checked, Traverse backs up configurations for a network device. See Network Configuration Manager for more information. If this option is selected, an additional Schedule Configuration Backup Frequency option displays. Enter a frequency and choose Hour(s) or Day(s) from the drop-down menu to enable automated backups.
- Enable Process Collection If checked, you can use the process monitor to return metrics for device processes. Requires the device be either WMI or SNMP enabled.Read Only Displays only for admin group users. Enables an administrator to create a read-only device in a department.

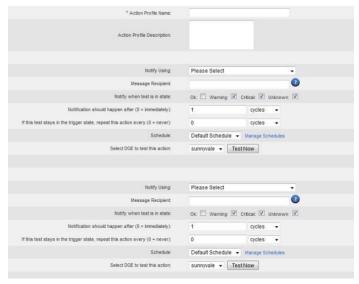
### **Creating Actions and Schedules**

When a test result crosses a threshold, **Traverse** takes action based on rules defined in action profiles. Some possible actions include sending email, sending SNMP traps, opening trouble tickets, or running an external script.

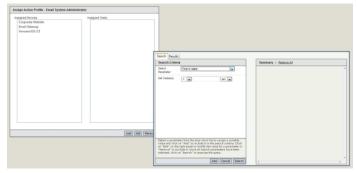
1. Navigate to Administration > Actions > Create an Action Profile.

#### **Basic Configuration**

2. Create an action profile with two levels of escalation. In this example, email is sent immediately to the admin when a test goes into warning, critical, or unknown state, and to the manager after a test is critical for 15 minutes during peak hours.



- 3. Click Create Action Profile to create the profile.
- 4. To assign this profile to tests, click **Assign to Tests** in the row where the new action profile now appears on the **Manage Action Profiles** page, and then click **Add**.
- 5. Choose a parameter you want to search with, then a value, and then click **Add** to use this as a search criterion. Add as many other search criteria as you like, and then click **Search**.



- 6. In the **Results** pane, select the devices whose tests you want to use the action profile, and then click **Assign Action Profile**.
- 7. The Assign Action Profile page now lists all of the devices with tests to which this action profile is assigned, and if you click on a device, you can see the specific tests on that device that are using the profile.

By default, tests and actions run all the time, but you can control when they run by creating and assigning schedules to them. For instance, you might want some tests and actions to run only during business hours.

- 1. Navigate to Administration > Other > Custom Schedules > Create a Schedule.
- 2. Enter "business hours" in the **Schedule Name** field, uncheck all the boxes for days and times that fall outside of business hours, and then click **Create Schedule**.
- 3. To assign this schedule to a device, click **Select Devices For Schedule** in the row where the new schedule appears, and then click **Add**.
- 4. Choose a parameter you want to search with, then a value, and then click **Add** to use this as a search criterion. Add as many other search criteria as you like, and then click **Search**.

5. In the **Results** pane, select the device you want to add, and then click **Assign Schedule**. The new schedule is assigned to all tests for that device.

You can also assign a schedule to specific tests through device administration.

- Navigate to Administration > Devices and click Tests in the row for the device whose tests you want to schedule.
- 2. Click the **Modify** icon in the row for the test you want to schedule, and then use the drop-down Schedule menu to assign a schedule.

You can assign the new business hours schedule to the actions in your action profiles as well.

- 1. Navigate to Administration > Actions and click Update in the row for the action profile you created.
- 2. For each action, use the drop-down **Schedule** menu to assign a schedule.

### **Adjusting Thresholds & Baselining**

**Traverse** comes with pre-defined thresholds for most metrics, but these warning & critical thresholds might be too low for your environment and require adjustments. If you have a small number of devices, and if you are seeing some devices in warning or critical state for long periods of time, you should click on the devices and increase the thresholds as needed.

- 1. Click on Status > Tests from the main menu
- 2. Click once on the test name which is in red or yellow state to select that row. Note the current result, and then click on the **edit** icon on the top right menu.
- 3. On the **Update Test** page, change the warning threshold to be a little higher than the current value for the test that you noted earlier and a matching critical threshold (slightly higher than warning).
- 4. Click on the Submit button.
- 5. Repeat these steps for the remaining tests which are in warning or critical state.

If you have a large number of devices, you can use the "baselining" feature in **Traverse** to automatically adjust the thresholds based on the historical data collected. This option is under Administration > Devices > **Test Baseline Management**.

#### **Adaptive Thresholds**

**Traverse** also supports dynamic, **Adaptive Thresholds**. This feature allows setting alarm thresholds that match varying patterns of use or load in the IT infrastructure. For example, if nightly back-up jobs increase the utilization levels of a server during the evening hours, then you can set higher threshold levels for this time period so that unnecessary alarms are not generated. Currently you have to enable this on a per test basis. To access this feature for a test:

- 1. Select a device and display its tests by going to Administration > Devices > Tests
- 2. Then click on the Modify button for a test, and select the Time Based Threshold checkbox.
- You can either click on the Configure link if you want to set the thresholds manually, or else you
  can configure the thresholds automatically using the baselining feature by going to Administration
  > Devices > Test Baseline Management.
- 4. Click on the Submit button.

### **Generating Reports**

**Traverse** has extensive and flexible reporting generated in real time from data collected by your DGE extensions and relayed to your **Traverse** instance in the cloud. Navigate to **Reports** to access the different report capabilities. **Traverse** reports are organized and accessible in four areas, each one serving a specific purpose.

#### Advanced

These are a set of pre-defined reports that allows users to view and analyze different "types" of performance data for a user-specified set of devices or containers (and some additional context depending on the report itself). These reports are designed to allow users to quickly perform specific types of operational analysis of the IT infrastructure, and answer some commonly asked questions for specific tests, devices and containers.

#### Custom

There reports allow users to conduct system-wide or broader analysis of events, thresholds, capacity, future-trending and availability. Users have greater flexibility in selecting the report parameters, and can choose to run more granular reports for specific test, devices and containers if desired.

#### SLA

These reports are designed for the purpose of historical and deeper analysis of the SLA metrics and measurements configured and monitored in **Traverse**.

### Ad Hoc Reports (My Reports)

Users can create ad hoc report queries for the first three types of reports, and retrieve and run these in the future. **Traverse** allows adding individual components from the various pre-defined reports into the same composite, user-specific report. The reporting framework is very flexible and allows completely arbitrary user-defined statistics generated on an as needed basis.

- 1. Run a report, and then click on the icon next to a component title to bring up the Add To My Reports dialog.
- 2. Name your ad hoc report in the Create A New Report field, and then click Submit.
- 3. Your saved report now shows up when you navigate to Reports > My Reports, where you can click the name of the report to run it.

#### **Scheduling Automatic Reports**

You can also schedule any saved report (saved query parameters or ad hoc reports) to execute automatically and email the results to a list of recipients.

- 1. Navigate to Reports > Emailed > Create A Scheduled Report.
- Name your scheduled report in the Scheduled Report Name field, use the drop-down Generate Using Saved Query menu to select a saved report, and then enter the recipient(s) and define the schedule.

### **Security Model**

The **Traverse** security model controls user access to the data generated by customer networks and to **Traverse** user functions that act on that data.

**Note:** A full description of the security model is described in **Users and Departments** (http://help.kaseya.com/webhelp/EN/TV/9040000/index.asp#17371.htm) in the **Traverse User Guide**.

To help quickstart your deployment of **Traverse**, the most common security scenario for MSPs is described below. This configuration will ensure that *all* your MSPs have access *across all* departments. Keep in mind the following guidelines:

- Create a unique department for each customer organization. You may need to create more than one department for larger organizations.
- Ensure all the departments you create use the same, single user class.

- Define the customers of MSPs as users of a selected department. Users of departments only have access to the data in their own department. A department user with the same name as the department is created automatically for you, each time you create a department.
- Define all MSPs as users of the same, single admin group. Each admin group can only be assigned
  to one admin class. Ensure the admin class you select is mapped to the single user class you are
  using for all your departments.

Some of the steps below require superuser access. Your configuration steps make use of the following pages, in case you have to return to them.

- Superuser > User Class
- Superuser > Admin Class
- Administration > Departments

When you're done, review the Administration > **Departments** page. It's a good way to summarize your security configuration, as shown in the example below:



#### **Configure an Admin Group and Admins**

- 1. Log in to your Traverse website as superuser.
- 2. Navigate to Superuser > User Class and click on Update for the Default User Class.
- 3. Change the name to be Default Customer Class and click Update User Class. Alternatively, you can create a new user class instead of renaming the existing one.
- 4. Navigate to Superuser > Admin Class and create a new admin class called MSP Class.
- 5. Now click **User Class Mappings** and then **Assign User Class to Admin Class**. Select the default grid that is presented and click the **Update Privileges** button.
- 6. Navigate to Administration > **Departments** and click **Create new Admin Group**. Create a new admin group called MSP Group belonging to the MSP Class.
- 7. Create new users in the MSP Group for each of your staff by going to Administration > Departments and clicking on Create User.
- 8. At this point, you have the basic security model setup with all your staff belonging to MSP Group.

#### Configure a Department and User

- 1. Log into your **Traverse** website as superuser.
- 2. Navigate to Administration > Departments and then click Create New Department.
- 3. Give a meaningful name to the department. A default user will be automatically be created with the same name as the Department name. You can provide this user logon to the MSP's customer if the customer requests access.
- 4. Ensure the new department uses the Default Customer Class described in step 2 of the previous procedure.
- You can optionally create a Read Only user for this same department. Click Create User and add a new user. Using the user's email address as the login is recommended. Make sure you set the user's role to Read Only when you do.

Creating URL with auto-login: You can create a URL with an encrypted username and password to do autologin for a single Traverse page by using the Auto-Login URL generator at www.zyrion.com/support/tools/urlgen/ (http://www.zyrion.com/support/tools/urlgen/)

### **Adding Additional DGE Extensions**

Installing a DGE extension is required to relay monitoring data from a local network to your **Traverse** website. Use the following procedure for creating *additional* DGE extensions.

**Note**: Adding additional DGE extensions to your **Traverse** Cloud instance requires a different procedure than the one used to install your first DGE extension.

- 1. Navigate to Superuser > DGE Mgmt.
- 2. Click Create New DGE Extension.
- 3. Provide a unique name like dgex-customerA.
- 4. Give a suitable **Description** to identify the customer.
- 5. Select the upstream DGE name from the drop down list. This is the **Upstream DGE Name** (page 4) you were originally assigned when your **Traverse** website was created. Unless support has created additional upstream DGEs for you, there should only be one upstream DGE you can select.
- Select the Upstream DGE Fully Qualified Host Name/IP Address. This is your-unique-site-name.kaseyatrials.com without the http://prefix.
- 7. Click on Create DGE Extension.
- 8. Run the DGE extension installer.
- 9. Installations steps are described in detail here (page 7).
- 10. When the installer prompts you to enter a **DGE Name**, ensure it matches the **Unique Name** you just specified above for the new DGE extension you are creating.
- 11. Finish up by confirming the "health" of the new DGE extension, as described in the installation procedure (page 11).
- 12. You are now ready to provision the monitoring of devices for this new network by running Network Discovery or by adding devices and tests manually.

### **Branding (Logos)**

If the provided **Traverse** license permits you to change the logo, you can set the logo and theme and custom URL for each of the customers (and intermediate MSPs) by logging in as **superuser** and going to Administration > **Departments** and selecting **Themes** from the **Modify** column.

### Chapter 3

# **Advanced Features**

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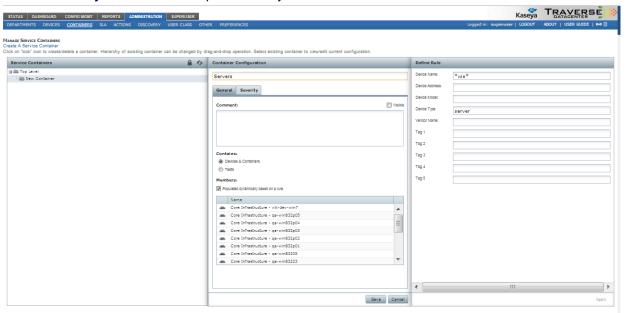
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### **Service Monitoring & Containers**

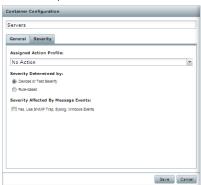
Service containers allow you to group tests and devices to create logical, business-oriented views of your network in addition to your hardware-oriented views. A service container can hold virtual devices (special types of containers that hold only tests), real devices, or other service containers.

### **Creating a Service Container for Devices**

- Navigate to Administration > Containers > Create a Service Container. A middle Container Configuration panel displays.
- 2. Enter Servers in the field at the top of the Container Configuration panel.
- 3. Select the Contains: Devices & Containers option.
- 4. You can assign devices to a container either by performing a search in the right hand panel and manually selecting the devices to include, or by specifying rules and having the results automatically assigned to the container.
- 5. For this example, check the Populated dynamically based on a rule checkbox. A Define Rule panel slides in from the right side of the page. Enter server in the Device Type field. Click Apply to see which devices match this rule. You can add additional rules, such as entering \*win\* in the Device Name field to filter the list of devices found even further.
- 6. Click the Severity tab in the middle panel when you are done.

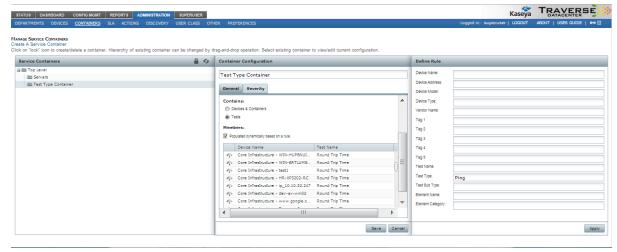


7. Assign an action profile if desired, decide the criteria for determining the severity status of the container, and then click **Save**.



### **Creating a Service Container for Monitoring Tests**

- 1. Navigate to Administration > Containers > Create a Service Container.
- 2. Enter Test Type Container in the field at the top of the Container Configuration panel.
- 3. Select the Contains: Tests option.
- 4. You can assign monitoring tests to a container either by performing a search in the right hand panel and manually selecting the test to include, or by specifying rules and having the results automatically assigned to the container.
- 5. For this example, check the **Populated dynamically based on a rule** checkbox. A **Define Rule** panel slides in from the right side of the page. Enter **Ping** in the **Test Type** field. Click **Apply** to see which devices have tests that match this rule.
- 6. Click the Severity tab in the middle panel.
- Assign an action profile if desired, decide the criteria for determining the severity status of the container, and then click Save.



### **Nesting Service Containers**

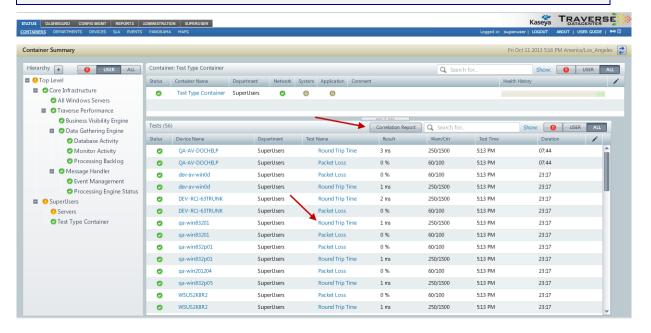
You can nest service containers to build a logical hierarchy of your environment. For example, you might have critical services for different departments within an organization, all contained within a Critical Services container.



### **Examining Service Container Status**

- Navigate to Status > Containers to view a status summary for all containers. Traverse provides a number of built-in containers ready to use.
- Click on a container name to list its contents.
- 3. Drill down into the container hierarchy to reach a test container. Then click the **Correlation Report** button at the top of the page to generate reports of **Recent Events** and **Correlation**.
- Click on a test name to see its status page and access Long-Term History, Trend Analysis, and Raw Data reports.

Note: The options filters the hierarchy of containers in the left hand panel, and items displayed in the right hand panel, by their state. Set state filter preferences for the User option using the Administration > Preferences > Only Show Devices In Following State(s) When Filter Is On settings.



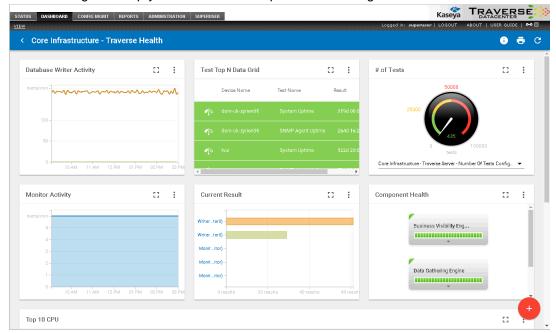
### **Dashboards Overview**

Click the **Dashboard** menu to display the default dashboard.

Dashboards provide real-time, top-level views of all critical issues, services and infrastructure. Whereas service containers let you group tests and devices according to business-oriented views, the

dashboards provide a more abstract way to organize information. For example, you might create a dashboard to monitor bandwidth across your entire network, or a dashboard that reports which devices are the top resource hogs.

- You can create multiple dashboards, each containing up to twenty components that can display and chart any metrics selected, and update in real time.
- In some types of components, you can click through to view the test details for reported tests or test summary for devices.
- By default, a dashboard is visible only to the user who created it, but you can mark a dashboard as "Public" to give other users in the department a read-only view of it.
- You can drag and drop your dashboard components to arrange them in the dashboard.



### Panorama Topology & Maps Display

The **Panorama** feature offers an interactive graphical representation of the devices in your network that are being monitored, including the status of the devices and the dependency relationships between them. **Panorama** offers three different topology layouts, flexible display filters, pan and zoom functionality, the ability to configure and save custom views, and the ability to add or remove device dependencies.

1. Navigate to Status > Panorama.

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2. Click on the **Display Filter** icon on the top left hand corner to view various filtering and layout options.



- 3. Choose between hierarchical (the default), circular, or grid layout options.
- 4. In edit mode, you can move the position of the nodes on the canvas. You can also add or remove device dependencies. When you click on a device node, a plus sign appears on the icon; click this plus sign and drag to another device to create a new parent/child dependency relationship. When you click on the line connecting two devices, a red X icon appears. Click this X to remove the device dependency.
- 5. You can filter the devices shown in the topology view by type or status. By default, the Filter By Device Type & Status frame opens with the Device Types pane expanded. If you click on the Status bar, the Status pane expands instead. You can also click on the highlight option for each device or state, and device nodes of that type or state will appear highlighted in the topology view.



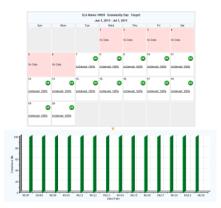
- 6. You can choose to collapse nodes based on depth in the hierarchy or threshold number of child nodes. If you select the **Leaf Nodes Only** check box, only the leaf nodes will be collapsed.
- 7. After customizing the topology view, you can save it as a custom layout.
- 8. You can Navigate to Status > Maps to view network on a geographical overlay.



### **Creating an SLA Measurement**

The SLA Manager lets you track compliance against user-defined service level agreement metrics for containers, devices and tests. These SLA metrics are calculated and displayed on a real-time dashboard that displays the amount of time that the metric is within the SLA threshold and also displays how close the metric is to violating the SLA requirement.

- 1. Navigate to Administration > **SLA**.
- 2. On the Configure SLA Manager page, click Create an SLA Measurement.
- 3. Fill out the fields in the Create an SLA Measurement form:
  - SLA Measurement Name
  - ➤ Comments/Description: An optional field that lets you provide some additional descriptive information that will appear in the SLA Manager list of SLA measurements.
  - > Calculation Period
  - > Calculation Frequency
  - > Threshold: The percentage of the Calculation Period that the metric must be in the OK state.
  - > Schedule: Used to specify business hours and weekdays for calculation of the SLA period.
- 4. Select whether the SLA is being created for a Container, Device or Test
  - ➤ If you selected **Container** or **Device**, then via the drop-down list, select the specific **Container** or **Device** for which the SLA is being created, and then click **Submit**.
  - ➤ If you selected **Test**, then click **Submit** to go to the page for selecting the underlying device tests for this SLA metric, and then click **Add**.
- Choose a parameter you want to search with, then a value, and then click Add to use this as a search criterion. Add as many other search criteria as you need, and then click Apply to run the search.
- 6. In the **Search Results** pane, select the tests that you want to be a part of the SLA metric for each device, and then click **Assign to SLA Measurement**.
- 7. You can now click on the devices you've added in the **Assigned Devices** list, and the tests you selected will appear under **Assigned Tests**.
- 8. Use the Add, Edit, and Remove buttons to make any further changes to the devices and tests you want to include.
- Click Done to finish creating the SLA measurement.
- 10.Navigate to Status > **SLA** to view real-time data for your SLA metrics on the SLA Manager dashboard.



### **Event Manager and Message Handler**

The Event Manager console displays messages (traps, logs, windows events) forwarded from the Message Handler, as well as threshold violations.

- Navigate to Status > Events.
- From the Event Manager console you can acknowledge, suppress, and delete events. Events can
  be suppressed until a particular date and time, or until the state changes. The screen refreshes
  automatically every few minutes (this interval can be changed on the Administration > Preferences
  page).

The Message Handler is a distributed component of Traverse which accepts syslogs, SNMP traps, Windows events or any other text messages and then searches for specified patterns in these messages. When a pattern match is found, the message string is transformed and a severity assigned to it, and then it is forwarded to the DGE. The processed messages from the Message Handler are displayed on the Event Manager console and can trigger actions and notifications. For more information on configuring the Message Handler, see the Message Handler for Traps and Logs

(http://help.kaseya.com/webhelp/EN/TV/9040000/index.asp#16774.htm) in the Traverse User Guide.

### **Configuring NetFlow Collectors**

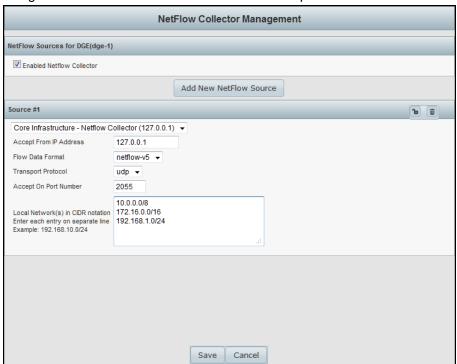
Traverse has an integrated NetFlow collector which is pre-installed, but disabled by default.

- 1. Login to **Traverse** as superuser, or an equivalent user.
- 2. Navigate to the Superuser > Global Config > Netflow Collector page.



3. Choose the DGE or DGE extension you wish to add a netflow collector on, and select Update.

4. Enable the netflow collector, then choose a device from your list of network devices. Only routers, switches, and firewalls can be used as flow sources. Choose the host to allow flow data from. This allows you to send flow data from the loopback interface, or from a different IP than the one provisioned in Traverse). Choose the port, and the protocol that Traverse will accept. Additionally, you can specify the network that is "inside" of this device, so that Traverse can categorize the data from an internal/external standpoint.



5. Press the Save button when you are done. Traverse will respond with the following prompt:



Choosing Yes, Apply Now will immediately write the new configuration out to the flow collector, and
re/start the flow collection subsystem. Choosing No, Defer For Later will save your configuration, but
not apply it to the DGE extensions nor re/start any flow services.

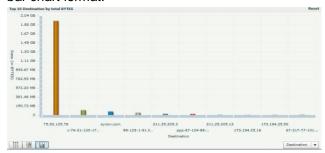
## **Using the Network Flow Analysis Console**

You can access the **Network Flow Analysis** console from a device **Test Summary** page or from a **Test Details** page. Each chart in the network flow analysis console has a title bar that states which device(s) (and optionally, which application) are being examined, as well as their roles.

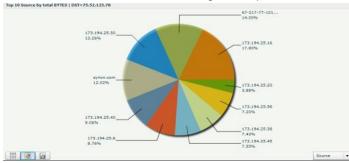
- 1. Navigate to Status > **Devices** and click on a device name.
- 2. On the Test Summary page, open the Run Reports drop-down menu and click on Flow Analysis.

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3. By default, network flow data for the past 24 hours is analyzed to determine the top 10 destinations communicating with the selected device (source), and the results are presented in bar chart format.



4. Click on the results for an IP address on the **Destination** chart to display the top 10 applications for that destination of that source alongside in pie chart format.



- 5. Click on the results for an application on the **Applications** chart to display historical data for network traffic for that application for the selected destination-source pair.
- 6. Normally data is displayed for a single source or destination device, but you can click Reset in the upper right corner of the first chart in the network flow analysis console to expand the scope of data to the entire network, providing a network-wide view of the top-N sources, destinations, or applications.
- 7. Click through as described above to get detailed device data.
- 8. Each network flow analysis chart can be displayed as a table, a pie chart, or a bar chart. Click on the corresponding button in the lower left corner of the chart to change how the data is displayed.
- 9. You can change the network flow analysis workflow by looking at a device first from any of the three different roles: source, destination, or application. Choose the role from the drop-down menu in the lower right corner of the chart.
- 10.Use the options in the menu bar at the top of the network flow analysis console to customize the data shown:
  - > The Protocol drop-down menu lets you choose whether to show just top or udp traffic, or all traffic
  - You can specify the Start Time and End Time to see network flow data for a particular time period.
  - > The Metric drop-down menu lets you choose whether to show data in bytes or packets.
  - > The **Top** field lets you choose how many clients or servers to show.

Note: You must click Apply to show the new data after making any changes to these options.

### **Extensible and Open APIs**

Traverse has very powerful APIs which allow access to all components of the software. Users familiar

with Perl or C can start using the API very quickly due to its familiar commands and interface. These APIs allow you to configure connections to other legacy products or custom applications.

#### **BVE Flex API**

You can use the BVE API to perform bulk changes to tests or devices. The BVE API can be accessed via a direct telnet connection or through the perl API. Any **Traverse** end user can log in to the API and will get access to the same privileges and devices as when logging in via the Web interface.

To log in, ensure that the BVE API is running on the **Traverse** host. Then, from a Windows command prompt, UNIX shell, or alternate telnet client, telnet to port 7661 and enter the following command:

telnet your-unique-site-name.kaseyatrials.com 7661
LOGIN <login\_id>/<password>

The basic commands are list, add, delete, and suspend, which can be applied to contexts such as device, test, and user. The general syntax is context.command contexts, as in the following examples.

List all devices.

device.list "deviceName=\*"

List all tests for a device.

test.list "deviceName=xyz", "testName=\*"

 Set the warning threshold for all line utilization tests to 80%. You can also set this threshold using the Web application.

test.update "testName=Line Utilization", "deviceName=\*", warningThreshold="80"

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#### **Linked Device Templates**

A linked device template contains a group of tests that can then be applied to multiple devices so that each associated device is provisioned with the same tests. The linked device template can also include an action profile and a custom schedule as well. Creating a linked device template, allows you to configure tests for a master device and then apply that template across multiple associated devices. What's important to note is that when the template for the master device is updated, you have the option to push the updated template to all the devices associated with the given linked device template. See the *Traverse User Guide* for instructions on how to use **Linked Device Template** 

(http://help.kaseya.com/webhelp/EN/TV/9040000/index.asp#17555.htm) functionality.

#### **Scheduled Maintenance**

Scheduled maintenance allows defining in advance any number of time periods for automatically suspending devices at the start of the time-period, and then automatically resuming the devices at the end of the time-period. This functionality is in addition to the functionality that allows users to manually (on-demand) suspend/resume devices. Both the scheduled and the manual functionality allow you to temporarily turn off all the tests for one or more devices and turn them on again. This is useful for the purpose of performing maintenance tasks on the devices, where you do not want to receive alerts while the device is offline. Once a device is suspended, the polling and data collection for all the tests on the device is suspended and thus any associated actions to the tests will not generate notifications. Furthermore, when a device is suspended (e.g. for maintenance), this time is not included in the total downtime reports since it is considered a planned outage. See the Traverse User Guide for instructions on how to use Scheduled Maintenance (http://help.kaseya.com/webhelp/EN/TV/9040000/index.asp#17555.htm) functionality.

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