

# **Nomadix How-To Document**

## **SQL Access for the Alloc8**

## Chapter 1: Configure SQL Access

The SQL Access feature on an Alloc8 appliance provides access to the traffic monitoring database from any ODBC compliant application.

In order to use this feature, SQL access needs to be configured on the Alloc8 appliance, and an ODBC driver needs to be installed and configured on a client. ODBC aware applications running on the client will then be able to query the Alloc8 appliance's internal monitoring database.

This How to Guide explains how to configure the Alloc8 appliance to accept remote SQL connections, as well as setting up the ODBC driver on Windows XP and Windows Vista/7 clients.

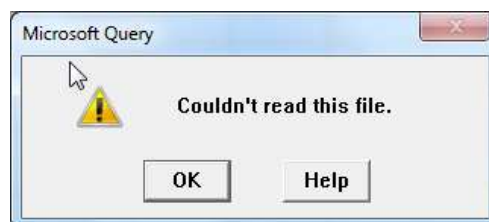
### Download the ODBC Driver

Download the ODBC driver version that corresponds to your client operating system. Follow the instructions on this site for installing the ODBC driver on your client operating system.

The ODBC driver can be downloaded from:

<http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/connector/odbc/>

Note: Regardless of your client operating system, only the 32-bit ODBC driver works well. The following error message will be displayed if 64-bit driver is installed:



## Set Remote SQL Options

In order to allow the Alloc8 appliance to accept remote SQL connections from an external ODBC connector, you must configure the following settings.

On the Alloc8 appliance, using the Web User Interface, navigate to System > Setup > SQL Access. You will be presented with the following form.

Remote SQL Options	
Remote SQL	<input type="checkbox"/> Enable
Allow access from (Hostname or IP)	<input type="text"/> (% = 'any')
Username	<input type="text"/>
Password	<input type="text"/>
Confirm Password	<input type="text"/>

Remote SQL	Select this option to allow the Alloc8 appliance to accept remote SQL connections
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	from external ODBC connectors.
Allow access from (Hostname or IP)	Use this option to restrict the hosts that can connect to the SQL database. Specify '%' to allow any hosts to connect or enter an IP address or Hostname of a specifyhost to restrict access.
Username	Specify a username to use for authentication (E.g. 'database').
Password	Specify a password to use for authentication.
Confirm Password	Retype the password specified above.

Apply the changes. The SQL access will be made available immediately. A successfully configured appliance would look something like:

**Remote SQL Options**

Remote SQL  Enable

Allow access from (Hostname or IP)  (% = 'any')

Username

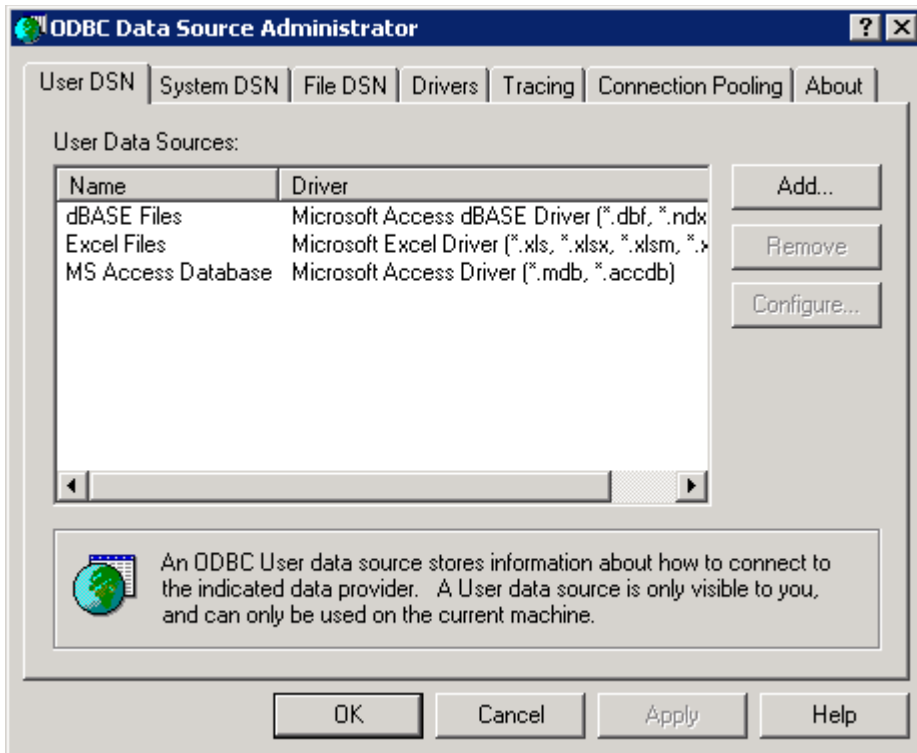
Password

Confirm Password

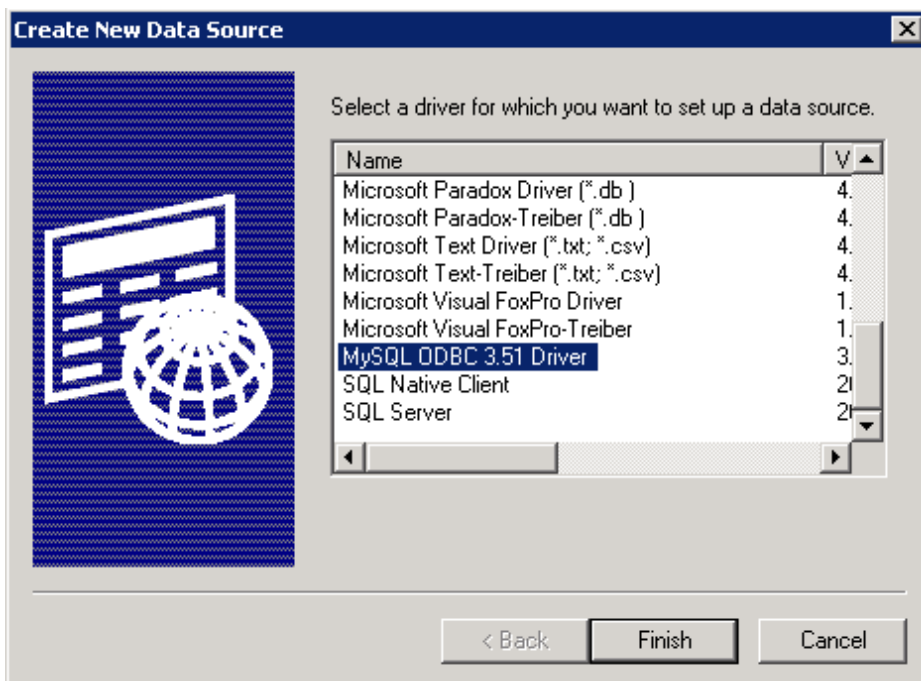
Once remote SQL access has been configured on the Alloc8 appliance, the next step is to create an ODBC data source on the client.

### Create ODBC Data Source on Windows XP

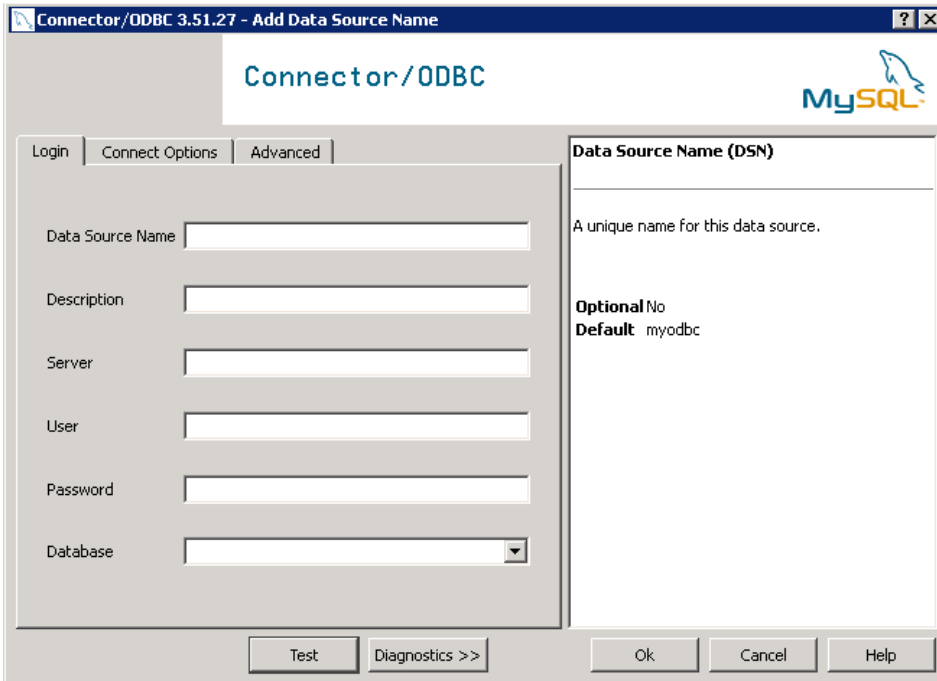
Open **Administrative Tools** and select **Data Sources (ODBC)**. You should be presented with the following dialog.



Select the **User DSN** tab or the **System DSN** tab depending on whether you wish the SQL data to be made available to only the current user (User DSN) or all users (System DSN). Then click **Add...**. This will start wizard that allows you to create a new data source.

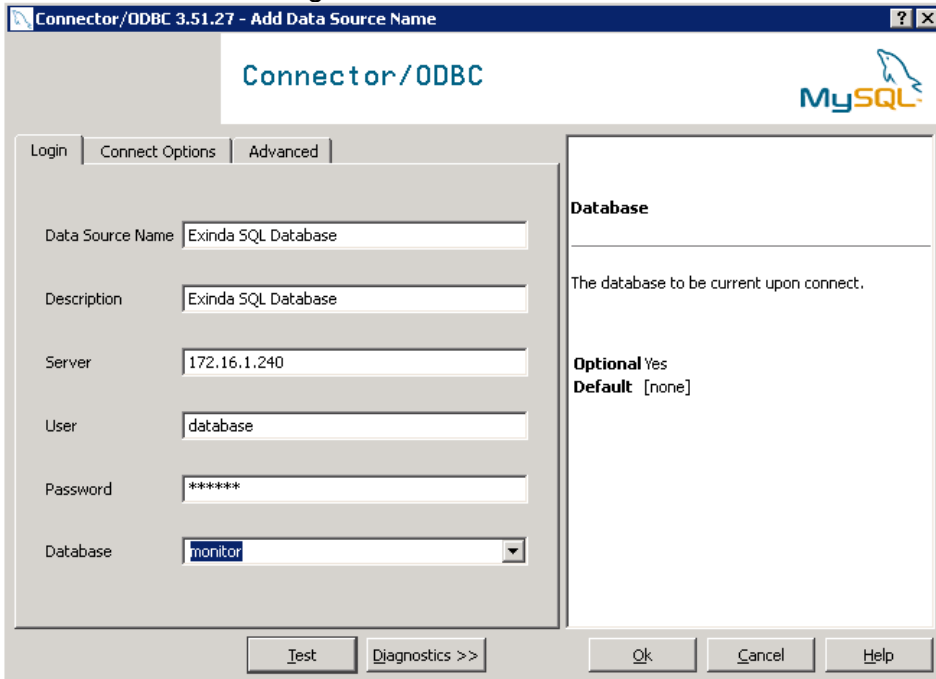


Select **MySQL ODBC Driver** and click **Finish**. You will be prompted to enter details about the SQL access using the form below:

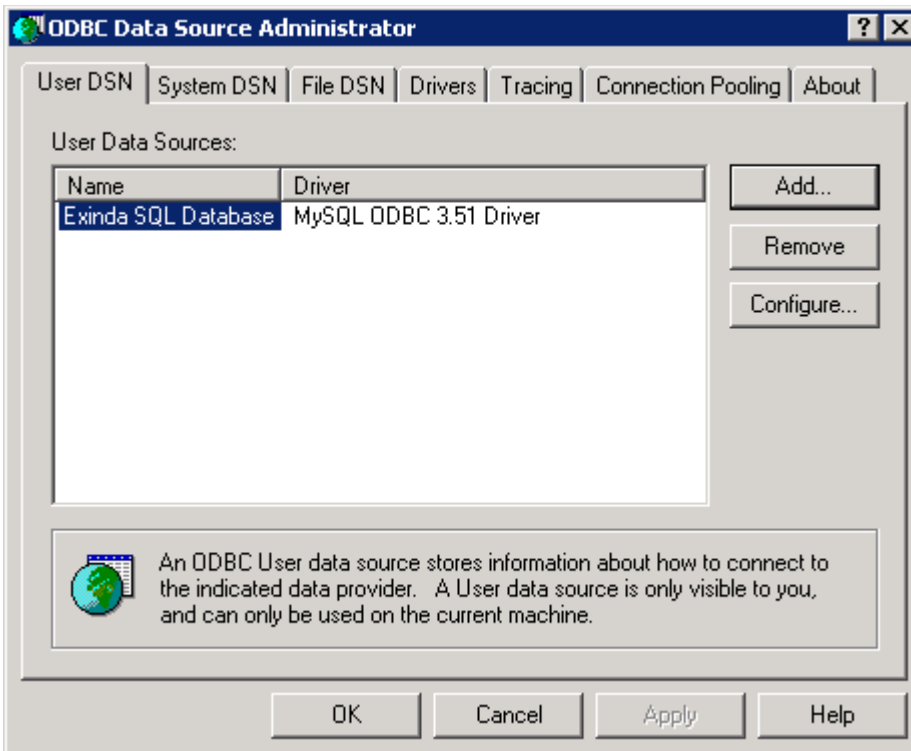


Data Source Name / Description	Enter a descriptive name for the DSN. E.g. 'Alloc8 SQL Database'.
Server	Enter the IP address of the Alloc8 appliance.
User	Enter the username you specified when enabling SQL access on the Alloc8 appliance.
Password	Enter the password you specified when enabling SQL access on the Alloc8 appliance.
Database	Once the above fields are configured, press the 'Test' button. If the connection attempt is successful, the 'Database' drop down will be populated with a list of available databases. Select 'monitor'.

Here is what a successful configuration looks like:



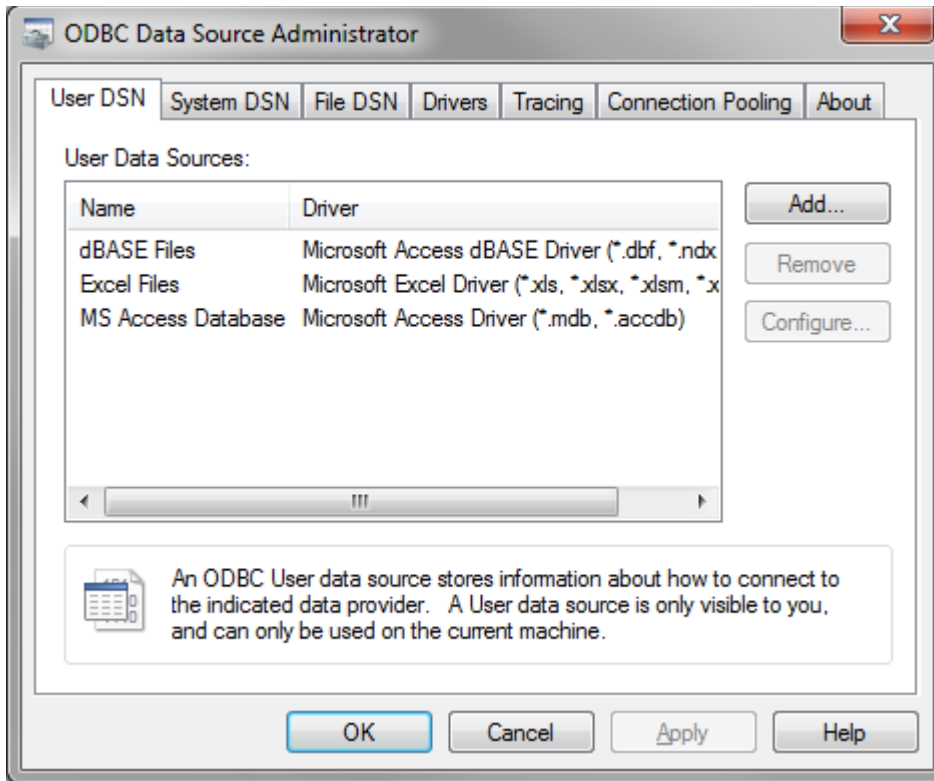
Click **OK**. This will add the 'Alloc8 SQL Database' to the list of available data sources that can be used by 3rd party applications on this client.



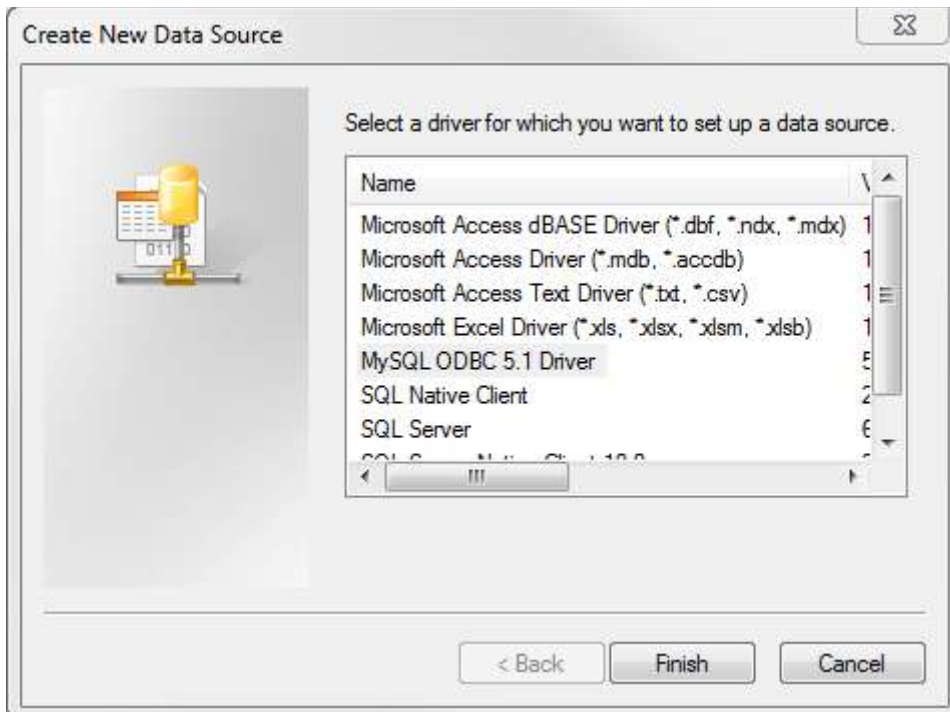
## Create ODBC Data Source on Windows 7

Open **Administrative Tools** and select **Data Sources (ODBC)**. You should be presented with the

following dialog



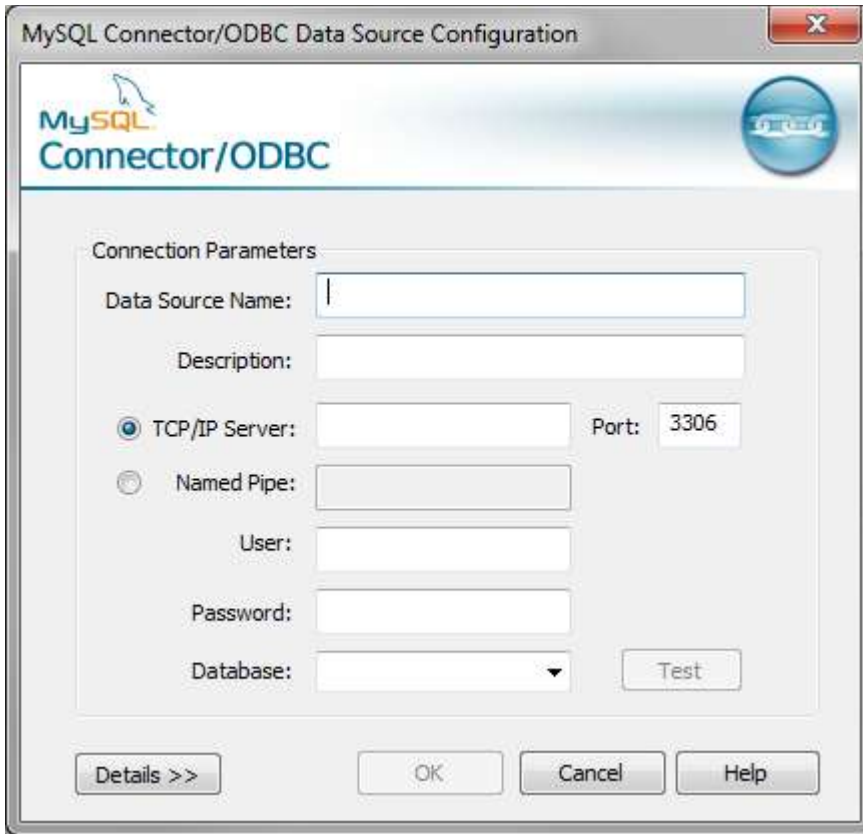
Select the **User DSN** tab or the **System DSN** tab depending on whether you wish the SQL data to be made available to only the current user (User DSN) or all users (System DSN). Then click **Add...** This will start wizard that allows you to create a new data source.





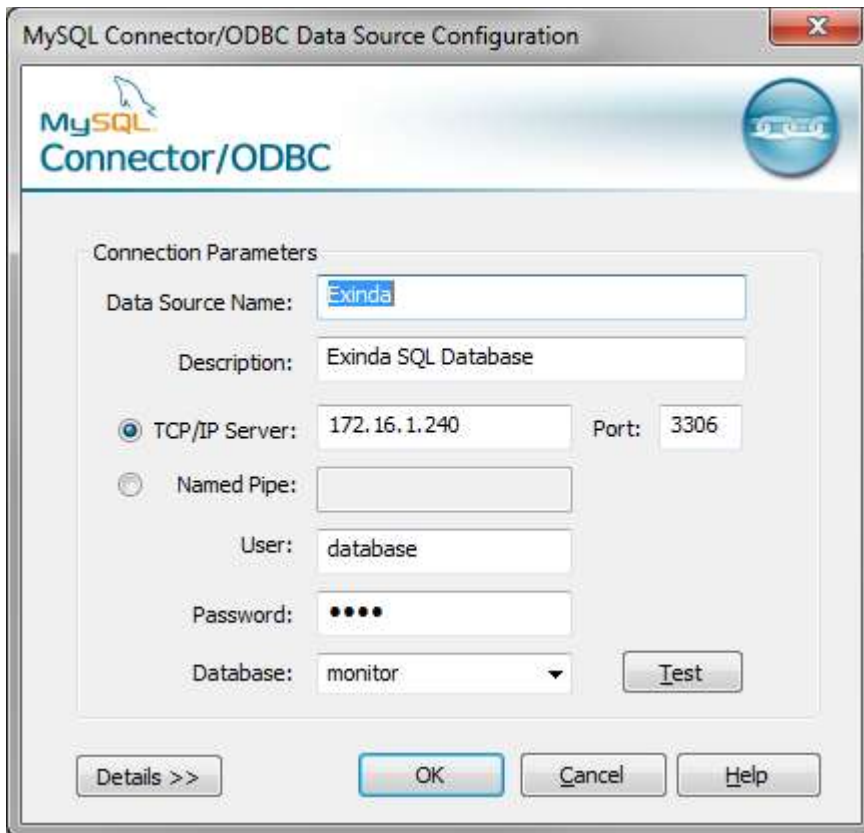
Select **MySQL ODBC Driver** and click **Finish**

You will be prompted to enter details about the SQL access using the form below:

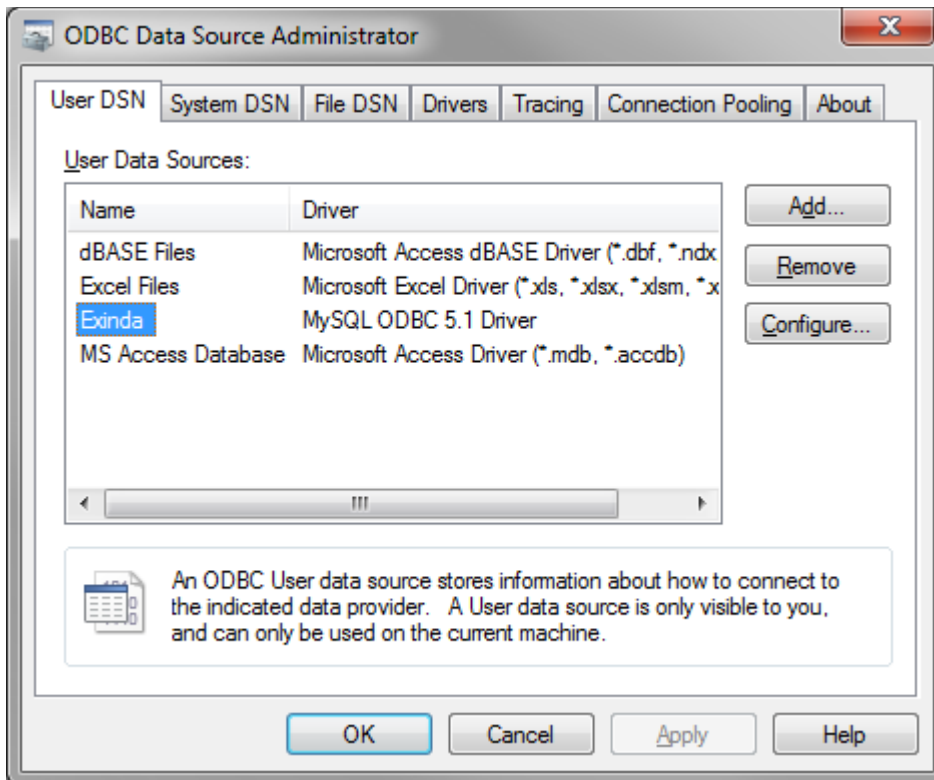


Data Source Name / Description	Enter a descriptive name for the DSN. E.g. 'Alloc8 SQL Database'.
Server	Enter the IP address of the Alloc8 appliance.
User	Enter the username you specified when enabling SQL access on the Alloc8 appliance.
Password	Enter the password you specified when enabling SQL access on the Alloc8 appliance.
Database	Once the above fields are configured, press the 'Test' button. If the connection attempt is successful, the 'Database' drop down will be populated with a list of available databases. Select 'monitor'.

Here is what a successful configuration looks like:



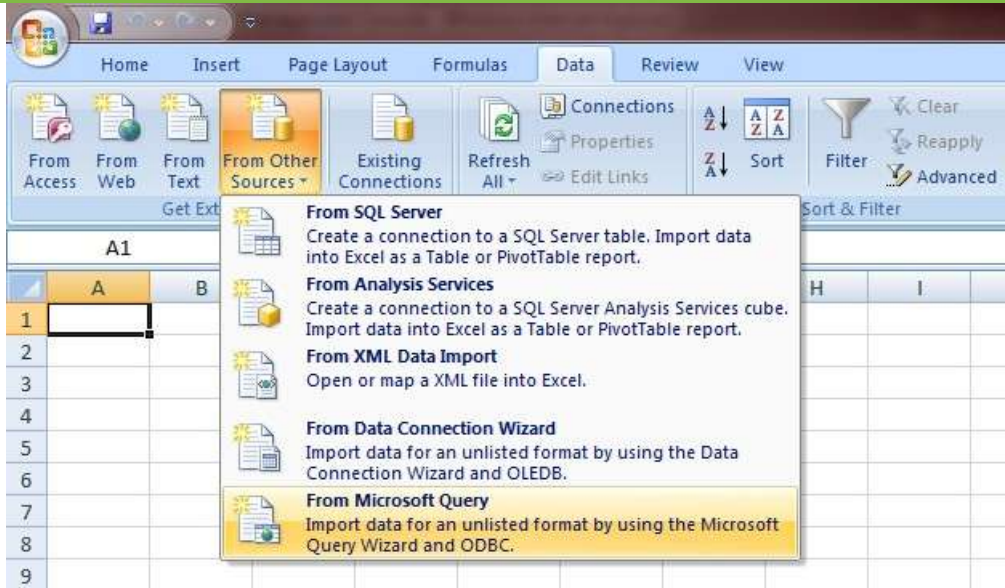
Click **OK**. This will add the 'Alloc8 SQL Database' to the list of available data sources that can be used by 3rd party applications on this client.



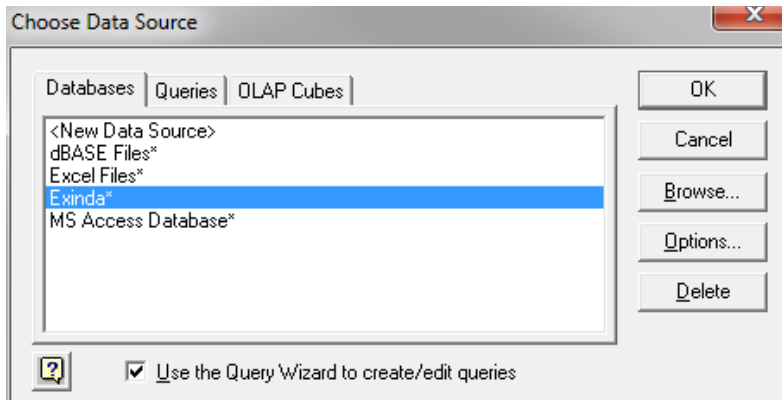
### View SQL Access data in Microsoft Excel

You will need a 3rd party application that is capable of accessing data from ODBC data sources. For the purposes of this How to Guide, we will use Microsoft Excel as an example.

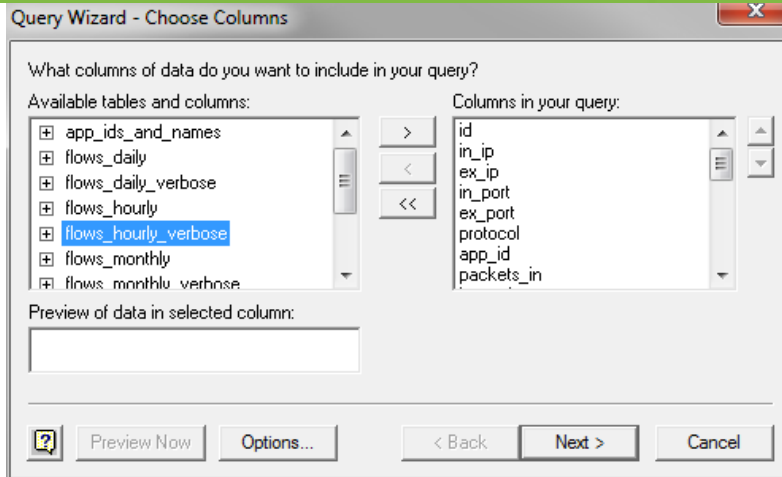
From the **Data** tab in Excel, select **From Other Sources > From Microsoft Query**.



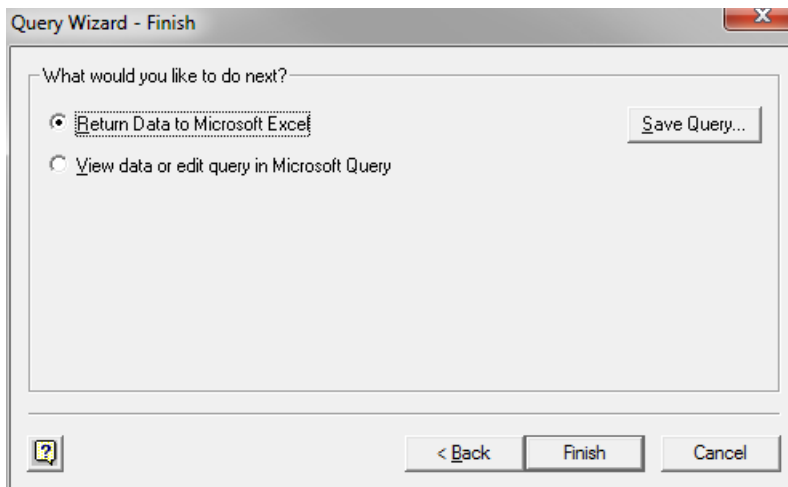
You will be presented with a dialog box that allows you to select the DSN you created in the previous chapter.



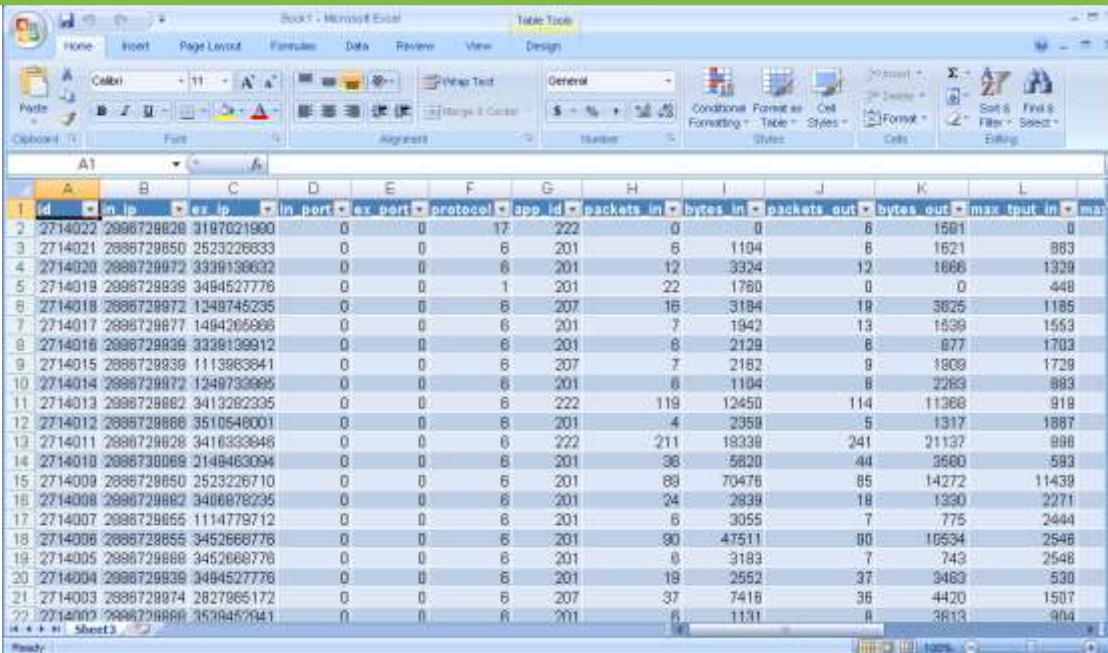
Select the **Alloc8 SQL Database** DSN. This will allow you to choose from the available tables and select the columns to query. Select a table and click the > button to move that table's fields into the list of columns to query.



Click through the wizard, optionally specifying columns to filter or sort by. Then click Finish to return the data to Excel.



The Alloc8 appliance will now be queried and the data will be returned to the Excel spreadsheet.



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	
1	id	in ip	ex ip	in port	ex port	protocol	app id	packets in	bytes in	packets out	bytes out	max tput in	max tput out
2	2714022	2886728828	3187021990	0	0	17	222	0	0	6	1591	0	0
3	2714021	2886728850	2523226833	0	0	6	201	6	1104	6	1621	883	883
4	2714020	2886728872	3338138632	0	0	6	201	12	3324	12	1866	1328	1328
5	2714019	2886728838	3484527776	0	0	1	201	22	1760	0	0	448	448
6	2714018	2886728872	1248745235	0	0	6	207	16	3184	18	3825	1185	1185
7	2714017	2886728877	1494265896	0	0	6	201	7	1942	13	1539	1553	1553
8	2714016	2886728839	3338138912	0	0	6	201	8	2129	8	877	1702	1702
9	2714015	2886728838	1113863841	0	0	6	207	7	2182	8	1808	1729	1729
10	2714014	2886728872	1248733885	0	0	6	201	6	1104	6	2283	883	883
11	2714013	2886728882	3413262335	0	0	6	222	119	12450	114	11368	918	918
12	2714012	2886728888	3510548001	0	0	6	201	4	2358	5	1317	1887	1887
13	2714011	2886728828	3416333846	0	0	6	222	211	18338	241	21137	888	888
14	2714010	2886730088	2148463094	0	0	6	201	38	5820	44	3580	593	593
15	2714009	2886728850	2523226710	0	0	6	201	88	70476	85	14272	11439	11439
16	2714008	2886728882	3408878235	0	0	6	201	24	2839	18	1330	2271	2271
17	2714007	2886728855	1114779712	0	0	6	201	6	3055	7	775	2444	2444
18	2714006	2886728855	3452668776	0	0	6	201	90	47511	80	16534	2548	2548
19	2714005	2886728888	3452668776	0	0	6	201	6	3183	7	743	2548	2548
20	2714004	2886728838	3484527776	0	0	6	201	19	2652	37	3483	530	530
21	2714003	2886728874	2827865172	0	0	6	207	37	7418	36	4420	1507	1507
22	2714002	2886728888	3528452941	0	0	6	201	6	1131	6	3813	904	904

## Chapter 2: SQL Schema

There are a total of 10 tables available for access via SQL.

Name	Description
flows_hourly	Flow records at an hourly resolution, that is, information for each flow is stored hourly, on the hour.
flows_daily	Flow records at daily resolution, that is, information for each flow is stored daily, on the day at midnight.
flows_monthly	Flow records at monthly resolution, that is, information for each flow is stored monthly, on the 1st day of the month at midnight.
urls_hourly	URL records for each flow record that contain 1 or more urls at hourly resolution, that is, information for each url is stored hourly, on the hour.

urls_daily	URL records for each flow record that contain 1 or more urls at daily resolution, that is, information for each url is stored daily, on the day at midnight.
urls_monthly	URL records for each flow record that contain 1 or more urls at monthly resolution, that is, information for each url is stored monthly, on the 1st day of the month at midnight.
app_ids_and_names	Application records. The record contains a name, id and a flag to indicate if the application has been deleted. Deleted applications are used when labeling historical data.
summary_applications	Flow records summarized by application. Each record contains information gathered over a 5 minute period.
summary_	Flow records summarized by external host. Each record contains information gathered over a 5 minute period.
summary_hosts_in	Flow records summarized by internal host. Each record contains information gathered over a 5 minute period.

## flows Table

The following table describes the schema of the flows\_\* SQL tables.

Field	Type	Description
id	unsigned 32-bit integer	A unique id that defines this record. This is the primary key.
in_ip	binary	A 16 byte (128 bit) representation of the internal IPv6 address (the IP

Field	Type	Description
	(128 bit)	address on the LAN side of the Alloc8 appliance) of the flow. IPv4 addresses are represented as IPv4 mapped format.
ex_ip	binary (128 bit)	A 16 byte (128 bit) representation of the external IPv6 address (the IP address on the WAN side of the Alloc8 appliance) of the flow. IPv4 addresses are represented as IPv4 mapped format.
in_port	unsigned 24-bit integer	The TCP or UDP port number on the internal side (the LAN side of the Alloc8 appliance) of the flow. <sup>1</sup>
ex_port	unsigned 24-bit integer	The TCP or UDP port number on the external side (the WAN side of the Alloc8 appliance) of the flow. <sup>1</sup>

protocol	unsigned 24-bit integer	The IANA assigned IP protocol number of the flow. See <a href="http://www.iana.org/assignments/protocol-numbers/">http://www.iana.org/assignments/protocol-numbers/</a> for more information.
app_id	unsigned 24-bit integer	The internal Alloc8 Application ID assigned to this flow. This represents Alloc8's classification of the flow - 0 means unclassified.
packets_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of inbound (WAN -> LAN) packets recorded for this flow over the sample period.
bytes_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of inbound (WAN -> LAN) bytes recorded for this flow over the sample period.
packets_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of outbound (LAN -> WAN) packets recorded for this flow over the sample period.
bytes_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of outbound (LAN -> WAN) bytes recorded for this flow over the sample period.
max_tput_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The maximum inbound (WAN -> LAN) throughput observed for this flow during the sample period.
max_tput_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The maximum outbound (LAN -> WAN) throughput observed for this flow during the sample period.
intervals_in	unsigned 24-bit integer	The number of 10 second intervals there was inbound (WAN -> LAN) traffic observed for this flow during the sample period (bps).
intervals_out	unsigned	The number of 10 second intervals there was outbound (LAN -> WAN) traffic

Field	Type	Description
out	24-bit integer	observed for this flow during the sample period (bps).
timestamp	unsigned 32-bit integer	A UNIX timestamp (number of seconds since epoch - 1st Jan 1970) that represents the start of the sample period.
in_username	string	A string representation of the username that was assigned to the internal IP of this flow when it was created (if available).
ex_username	string	A string representation of the username that was assigned to the external IP of this flow when it was created (if available). <sup>1</sup>



rtt	unsigned 32-bit integer	Round Trip Time in milliseconds. A measure of the time a packet takes to leave a device, cross a network and return. <sup>2</sup>
network_delay	unsigned 32-bit integer	A normalized measure of the time taken for transaction data to traverse the network. <sup>2</sup>
network_jitter	unsigned 32-bit integer	A normalized measure of the network_delay variability. <sup>2</sup>
server_delay	unsigned 32-bit integer	A normalized measure of the time taken for a server to respond to a transaction request. <sup>2</sup>
bytes_lost_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of bytes lost due to retransmissions (WAN -> LAN). <sup>2</sup>
bytes_lost_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of bytes lost due to retransmissions (LAN -> WAN). <sup>2</sup>
aps	unsigned 64-bit integer	Application Performance Score. A measure of an applications performance on the network. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> in\_port and ex\_port are only defined when the IP protocol is TCP (6) or UDP (17) and the Alloc8 was unable to classify the flow (so the app\_id is 0).

<sup>2</sup> See the APS HowTO Guide for further information.

The flows\_\* tables are available as views that represent the binary IPv6 addresses in string format. The views tables are flows\_\*\_verbose (e.g. flows\_hourly\_verbose). The fields are identical to the above except for the following:

Field	Type	Description
in_ip	string	A string representation of the internal address (the IP address on the LAN side of the Alloc8 appliance) of the flow. IPv4 mapped IPv6 addresses are represented as IPv4 dotted quad.
ex_ip	string	A string representation of the external address (the IP address on the WAN side of the Alloc8 appliance) of the flow. IPv4 mapped IPv6 addresses are represented as IPv4 dotted quad.

### app\_ids\_and\_names Table

The following table describes the schema of the app\_ids\_and\_names SQL table.

Field	Type	Description
app_id	unsigned 24-bit integer	A unique id that defines the Application. This is the primary key.
app_name	string	The Application name (e.g HTTP, Hotmail)
deleted_flag	unsigned 8-bit integer	A flag indicating if the Application has been deleted from the appliance (0 = no, 1 = yes)

## urls Table

The following table describes the schema of the urls\_\* SQL tables.

Field	Type	Description
id	unsigned 32-bit integer	This id references an id in the corresponding parent flows_* table. There can be multiple url records referencing the same flow id, so this field is not unique.
url	string	The URL (host) extracted from the HTTP header of the parent flow.
packets_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of inbound (WAN -> LAN) packets recorded for this URL over the sample period.
bytes_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of inbound (WAN -> LAN) bytes recorded for this URL over the sample period.
packets_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of outbound (LAN -> WAN) packets recorded for this URL over the sample period.
bytes_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of outbound (LAN -> WAN) bytes recorded for this URL over the sample period.

Field	Type	Description
out	64-bit integer	sample period.
max_tput_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The maximum inbound (WAN -> LAN) throughput observed for this URL during the sample period.
max_tput_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The maximum outbound (LAN -> WAN) throughput observed for this URL during the sample period.

intervals_in	unsigned 16-bit integer	The number of 10 second intervals there was inbound (WAN -> LAN) traffic observed for this URL during the sample period.
intervals_out	unsigned 16-bit integer	The number of 10 second intervals there was outbound (LAN -> WAN) traffic observed for this URL during the sample period.

**Note** id's are only consistent across the same sample periods. For example, id's in the urls\_hourly table only reference id's in the flows\_hourly table.

### summary\_applications Table

The summary\_application table summarizes the aggregated data from the Alloc8. The following table describes the schema of the summary\_applications SQL table.

Field	Type	Description
in_port	unsigned 24-bit integer	The TCP or UDP port number on the internal side (the LAN side of the Alloc8 appliance) <sup>1</sup>
ex_port	unsigned 24-bit integer	The TCP or UDP port number on the external side (the WAN side of the Alloc8 appliance) <sup>1</sup>
protocol	unsigned 24-bit integer	The IANA assigned IP protocol number of the flow. See <a href="http://www.iana.org/assignments/protocol-numbers/">http://www.iana.org/assignments/protocol-numbers/</a> for more information.
app_id	unsigned 24-bit integer	The internal Alloc8 Application ID assigned to this flow. This represents Alloc8's classification of the flow. A zero value should be interpreted as unclassified.
bytes_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of inbound (WAN -> LAN) bytes recorded for this flow over the sample period.

Field	Type	Description
bytes_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of outbound (LAN -> WAN) bytes recorded for this flow over the sample period.
packets_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of inbound (WAN -> LAN) packets recorded for this flow over the sample period.

packets_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of outbound (LAN -> WAN) packets recorded for this flow over the sample period.
intervals_in	unsigned 24-bit integer	The number of 10 second intervals there was inbound (WAN -> LAN) traffic observed for this flow during the sample period.
intervals_out	unsigned 24-bit integer	The number of 10 second intervals there was outbound (LAN -> WAN) traffic observed for this flow during the sample period.
timestamp	unsigned 32-bit integer	A UNIX timestamp (number of seconds since epoch - 1st Jan 1970) that represents the start of the sample period.
max_tput_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The maximum inbound (WAN -> LAN) throughput observed for this flow during the sample period (bps).
max_tput_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The maximum outbound (LAN -> WAN) throughput observed for this flow during the sample period (bps).
rtt	unsigned 32-bit integer	Round Trip Time in milliseconds. A measure of the time a packet takes to leave a device, cross a network and return. <sup>2</sup>
network_delay	unsigned 32-bit integer	A normalized measure of the time taken for transaction data to traverse the network. <sup>2</sup>
network_jitter	unsigned 32-bit integer	A normalized measure of the network_delay variability. <sup>2</sup>
server_delay	unsigned 32-bit integer	A normalized measure of the time taken for a server to respond to a transaction request. <sup>2</sup>
bytes_lost_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of bytes lost due to retransmissions (WAN -> LAN). <sup>2</sup>

Field	Type	Description
bytes_lost_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of bytes lost due to retransmissions (LAN -> WAN). <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> in\_port and ex\_port are only defined when the IP protocol is TCP (6) or UDP (17) and the Alloc8 was unable to classify the flow (so the app\_id is 0).

<sup>2</sup> See the APS How To Guide for further information.

## summary\_hosts Table

The following table describes the schema of the summary\_hosts\_in and summary\_hosts\_ex SQL tables.

The table fields are identical apart from the ip field - this field represent the IPv4 or IPv6 address of an internal host (summary\_hosts\_in) or an external host (summary\_hosts\_ex).

A host is internal if it is on the LAN side of the appliance and external when on the WAN side.

Field	Type	Description
ip	binary string	A string representation of the internal or external IPv4 or IPv6 address of the host.
bytes_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of inbound (WAN -> LAN) bytes recorded for this flow over the sample period.
bytes_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of outbound (LAN -> WAN) bytes recorded for this flow over the sample period.
packets_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of inbound (WAN -> LAN) packets recorded for this flow over the sample period.
packets_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of outbound (LAN -> WAN) packets recorded for this flow over the sample period.
intervals_in	unsigned 24-bit integer	The number of 10 second intervals there was inbound (WAN -> LAN) traffic observed for this flow during the sample period (bps).
intervals_out	unsigned 24-bit integer	The number of 10 second intervals there was outbound (LAN -> WAN) traffic observed for this flow during the sample period (bps).
timestamp	unsigned 32-bit integer	A UNIX timestamp (number of seconds since epoch - 1st Jan 1970) that represents the start of the sample period.

Field	Type	Description
max_tput_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The maximum inbound (WAN -> LAN) throughput observed for this flow during the sample period.
max_tput_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The maximum outbound (LAN -> WAN) throughput observed for this flow during the sample period.

rtt	unsigned 32-bit integer	Round Trip Time in milliseconds. A measure of the time a packet takes to leave a device, cross a network and return. <sup>1</sup>
network _delay	unsigned 32-bit integer	A normalized measure of the time taken for transaction data to traverse the network. <sup>1</sup>
network _jitter	unsigned 32-bit integer	A normalized measure of the network_delay variability. <sup>1</sup>
server_ delay	unsigned 32-bit integer	A normalized measure of the time taken for a server to respond to a transaction request. <sup>1</sup>
bytes_ lost_in	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of bytes lost due to retransmissions (WAN -> LAN). <sup>1</sup>
bytes_ lost_out	unsigned 64-bit integer	The number of bytes lost due to retransmissions (LAN -> WAN). <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See the APS How To Guide for further information.