

1. **Question:** What is the **advantage of using PRTG** and **overusing our existing NM with API connectivity to NetBrain**?

Answer: There are two main advantages. Firstly, NetBrain can act as a single pane of glass and show the information gathered from PRTG on the dynamic map. Secondly, NetBrain can be triggered from PRTG to gather information and generate maps when a particular event occurs.

2. **Question:** Are these **remote probes** appliance based, or application based?

Answer: They're universal. Any probe supports everything PRTG supports.

3. **Question:** By monitoring devices, can you **collect configs and or push out updates** to your devices?

Answer: Not so practically as specific tools, but yes, using Scripts or EXEs as notifications.

4. **Question:** What might NetBrain show for a connection **from a home user, through an enterprise VPN, to an internal or cloud-hosted server**? A to B mapping and discovery would have some limitations, I assume.

Answer: You can map paths for any devices NetBrain has access to. You could map a path from the VPN concentrator to the application in the DC.

5. **Question:** For the **path trace to work end to end**, all the devices in the path should be added into NetBrain. Can NetBrain show path if the destination is on internet?

Answer: All the devices should be added to NetBrain. If the destination is in a public cloud, e.g., a VPC in AWS, NetBrain can show the path and the associated VPNs.

6. **Question:** What is difference between **"retrieve live" vs "default live"**?

Answer: When performing a comparison, you can select the results of a 'retrieve live data' runbook node to compare what it was when the data was retrieved to the 'default live'.

7. **Question:** Can we use our **existing NM, instead of PRTG**, to integrate with NetBrain to receive the same level of information as your demonstration?

Answer: Any system with an API can be accessed and information displayed in the NetBrain map.

8. **Question:** Can NetBrain also **integrate to other tools** like VitalNet, NetScout which also perform similar functions like PRTG?

Answer: Any system with an API can be accessed and information displayed in the NetBrain map.

9. **Question:** Can NetBrain **map the public AS paths**?

Answer: In order to map a path NetBrain needs to be able to access the devices and pull data from their forwarding tables. It is not like a traceroute.

10. **Question:** Can you build a **map with non-interactive objects by mapping on copy/paste traceroute** from the two-end device?

Answer: NetBrain can map a traceroute result produced from an end device and show it on the map.

11. **Question:** Using a tool like PRTG doesn't that significantly increase the size of the **NetBrain database**?

Answer: Not significantly. In any case, the NetBrain database can scale to 100,000s of devices.

12. **Question:** Are PRTG **maps that are dynamically built from Netbrain** able to be saved for later use or do they have some sort of timeout?

Answer: Any NetBrain map can be saved or exported to Visio or Word.

13. **Question:** Does the network **devices switches, routers etc. need some base config on it first for NetBrain** to dynamically make the network diagram e.g. SNMP config or HTTP server enabled etc.? Does our devices switches/router need any specific config on it **FIRST** in order for NetBrain to create the map? Or can it just build a map regardless?

Answer: NetBrain needs to be able to access the devices using SNMP and the CLI and NDP for L2 topology information.

14. **Question:** Are there a list of intergrations?

Answer: NetBrain can integrate with pretty much anything which has a RESTful API.

15. **Question:** Can you also **integrate a map from NetBrain into PRTG** and thus visualize it in PRTG? Do the integrated maps in PRTG stay dynamic?

Answer: PRTG question. Though you can embed NetBrain maps in third party applications, e.g. ServiceNow, allowing you to run Data Views.

16. **Question:** Doesn't that **generate a lot of traffic** on the network? There is a lot of broadcasting when it shows live changes, right?

Answer: Not sure whether this is for NetBrain or PRTG. NetBrain is only issuing 'show' commands (Or REST API calls for more modern equipment) and parsing the results so the load on the network is light.

17. **Question:** Can I also perform server updates with the **Ansible module**? Where is the on-prem download available?

Answer: NetBrain has an Ansible plugin which can be used as part of our Change Management module. We don't have a free version for download.

18. **Question:** Which **hardware is required for NetBrain**? How big is the initial effort? Which parameters are required?

Answer: The default installation for up to 2000 nodes involves a Linux server for the DB and Windows for the application. This typically takes a couple of hours to install and setup.

19. **Question:** Can you scroll back the **timeline**?

Answer: you can view data tables and the configuration information from any point in time, see changes and compare with other time points.

20. **Question:** Can you also see the **changelog live**?

Answer: You can run a change analysis report and view changes to the configuration, routing tables, etc.

21. **Question:** Is a special license required for **data exchange / integration between the two systems**?

Answer: Not currently.