

RingSphere	MRTG
Designed to monitor the metrics that affect network performance, including bandwidth, application latency, utilization, packet loss, and provides traffic analysis.	Designed only to measure bandwidth.
User can define data collection frequency and resolution for any metric.	User has no control over fixed, 5 minute polling interval.
Extensible framework provides for data collection using standards based protocols, including SNMP or with module-based interfaces.	Limited data collection mechanism provides no interface to collect non-SNMP data and must rely upon hacking with scripts.
Designed for use with multiple, disparate networks.	Designed for use with a single network.
Can correlate multiple metrics.	Limited to correlating 2 metrics.
User can correlate any metrics that have been collected and need not know in advance which ones they are.	User must know which two metrics she wants to correlate in advance, when data collection is defined.
Provides data export capability in XML format.	Provides no export capability.
Provides data import capability using module-based interfaces.	Provides no data import capability.
Provides SLA Verification Report.	Provides no SLA verification functionality.
Provides N-Tier monitoring and data collection architecture.	Provides no scaleable monitoring or data collection architecture which poses serious scalability problems.
Provides centralized reporting on metrics from disparate networks.	Provides no central reporting on disparate networks.
Configuration is performed via a web interface.	Configuration is performed via command-line interface. Very time consuming.
Uses a distributed security model for information access.	Uses no security or access model.
Provides role-based security.	Provides no role-based security due to lack of security model.
Packaged and deployed as an appliance.	Packaged as a separate application which requires OS support.
Support provided by assigned customer support representative.	Supported ad-hoc by community.
Supports data collection across firewalls, proxies and NAT routers.	Data collection across firewalls and proxies problematic. Data collection across NAT routers not possible.