

"Looking under the hood" of complex Murex Dashboards

Creating fast Splunk dashboards for a user friendly experience

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- Who is Robert Lynch?
- A little about Murex
- What was the problem?
- What was the solution!
 - Architecture discussions
 - What does the SPL look like
 - "Post-process search" vs. "Where clause"
 - Don't forget we are human!

Who Am I?

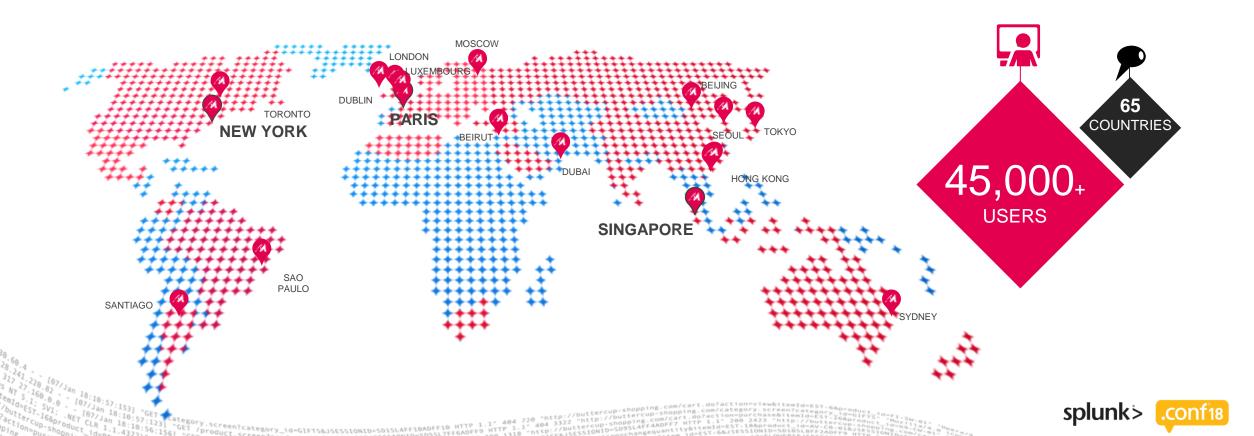
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 - Masters "High Performance Computing"
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 - Introduced Splunk to Murex 4 Years



A little about Murex

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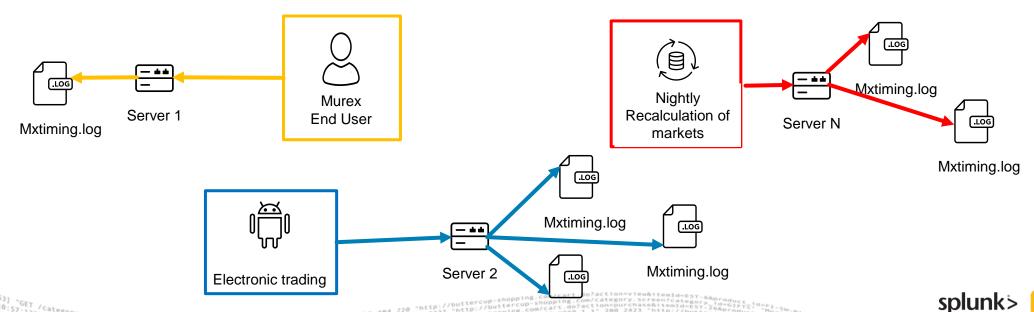
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What was the Problem?

- MxTiming is a Performance log that is produced over multiple machines
- Millions of files, each containing thousands of lines of data

>	Date Time Us	erName iD	Context	Command	 Elapsed	LAST CPU CPU%%	 RDB+Com RDB+C%%
>	20180618 12:39:10.454 MUR	EXBO	6 RequestDocument3	MXINTERNAL.LOGINIMPL	0.038s	0.002s 5%	0.036s 95%
>	20180618 12:39:09.932 MUR	EXBO	5 RequestDocument3	MXINTERNAL.LOGINIMPL	0.020s	0.002s 9%	0.018s 91%
>	20180618 12:39:09.913 MUR	EXBO	4 SessionCreate	MXINTERNAL.LOGINIMPL	0.401s	0.069s 17%	0.332s 83%
>	20180618 12:39:08.376 MUR	EXBO	3 RequestDocument3	MXDISPATCHER	0.006s	0.001s 16%	0.005s 84%
>	20180618 12:39:08.369 MUR	EXBO	2 RequestDocument3	MXDISPATCHER	0.008s	0.003s 37%	0.005s 63%
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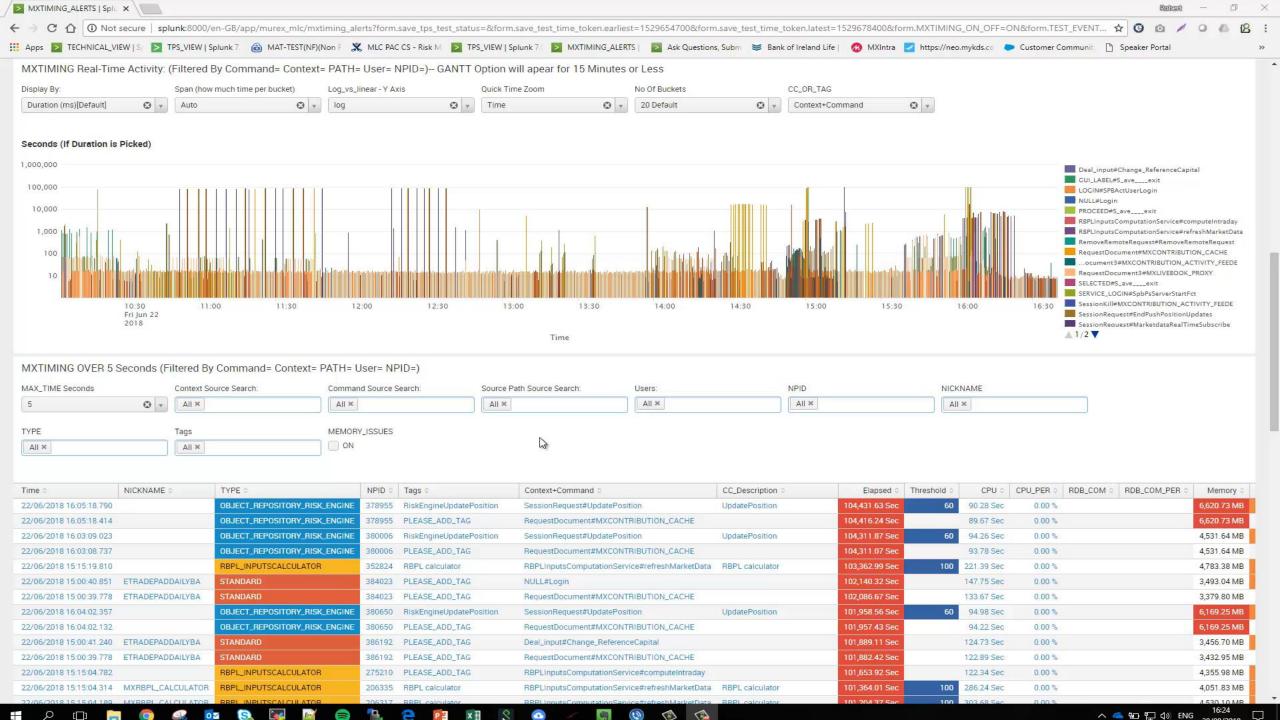


What was the solution?

- Bring all the Data into 2 main Data models
 - Create Multiple "Extracted" fields
 - Create Multiple "Calculated" fields (performance)
 - NO data is perfect so do the work at the data model level not in real time.
 - Accelerate the Data models for speed
 - In one week we can have billions of lines of data
- Start developing a dashboard that any user can use (Developers, Testers..etc)
 - Has to be fast, easy to use and users have to help you make it.

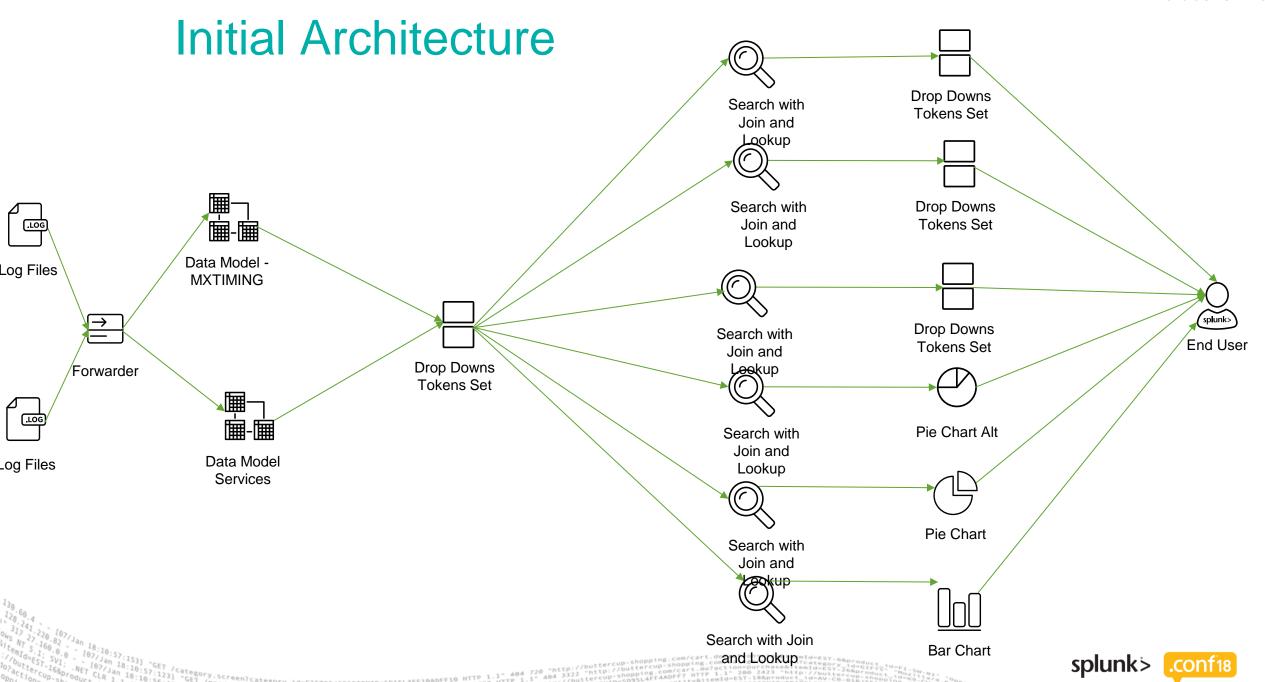
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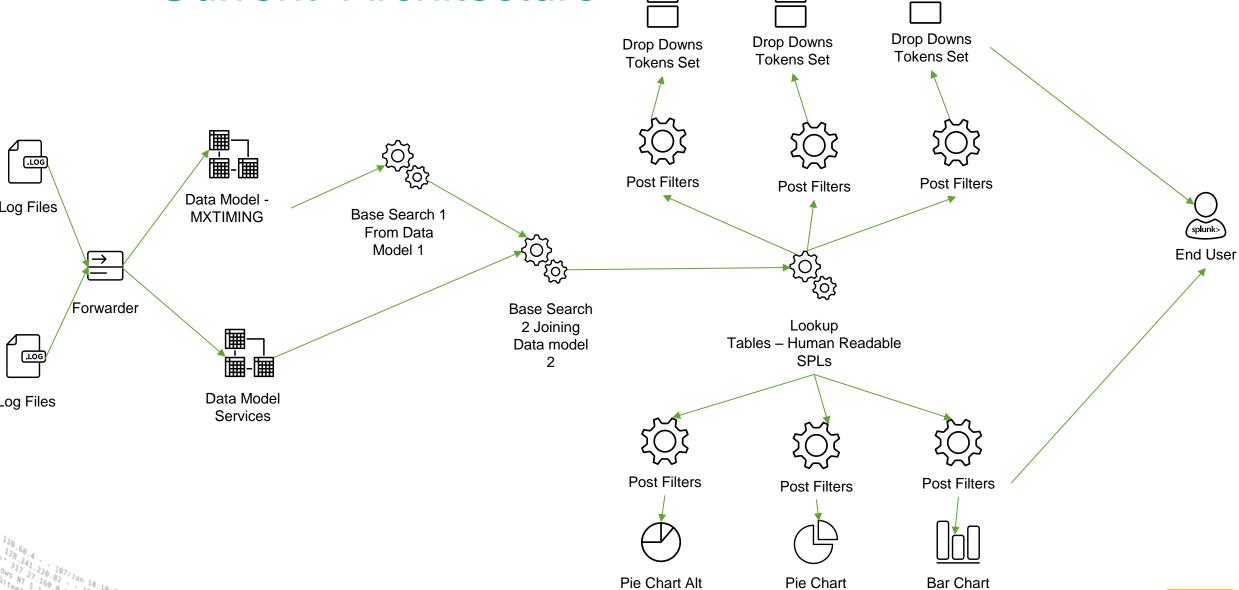


Introducing MxTiming Dashboard

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 - 8 Global dropdowns
 - 12 searches running in parallel
- Initial Architecture
 - All searches ran separately (Difficult to manage SPL for new updates)
- Current Architecture
 - 2 Base searches
 - "Post-process search" vs. "where clause"
 - Human readable Tags (Lookup tables)



Current Architecture





What does the SPL look like?

```
<search id="baseSearch">
   <query>| tstats summariesonly=$summariesonly token$ max(MXTIMING.RDB COM PER) AS CPU max(MXTIMING.CPU) AS CPU max(MXTIMING.RDB COM PER) AS CPU PER values(MXTIMING.RDB COM) AS RDB COM values(MXTIMING.RDB COM PER1) AS
   RDB COM PER max (MXTIMING.Memory V2) AS Memory max (MXTIMING.Elapsed C values (source) AS source MXTIMING.Elapsed) AS average, count (MXTIMING.Elapsed) AS count, stdev (MXTIMING.Elapsed) AS stdev,
   median (MXTIMING.Elapsed) AS median, exactperc95 (MXTIMING.Elapsed) AS perc95, exactperc99.5 (MXTIMING.Elapsed) AS perc99.5, min (MXTIMING.Elapsed) AS min, earliest (time) as start, latest (time) as stop FROM
   datamodel=$MXTIMING DATASET$ WHERE
  host=$host token$
AND MXTIMING.Elapsed > $MAX TIME$
GROUPBY time MXTIMING. Machine Name MXTIMING. Context+Command MXTIMING. NPID MXTIMING. Date MXTIMING. Time MXTIMING TYPE DM source MXTIMING. UserName2 MXTIMING. source path MXTIMING. Command3 MXTIMING. Context3 span=1s
rename MXTIMING.Context+Command as Context+Command
 rename MXTIMING.NPID as NPID
 rename MXTIMING.MXTIMING TYPE DM as TYPE
                                                                1<sup>st</sup> Base search
 rename MXTIMING.Date as Date
rename MXTIMING. Time as Time
rename MXTIMING.Machine Name as Machine Name
                                                               tstats command on data model
 rename MXTIMING.UserName2 as UserName
rename MXTIMING.source path as source path
 eval Date=strftime(strptime(Date, "%Y%m%d"), "%d/%m/%Y")
                                                               Gets most of the data
eval Time = Date." ".Time
eval FULL EVENT=Elapsed C
eval FULL EVENT=replace(FULL EVENT, "\d+.\d+", "FULL EVENT") 
  <earliest>$time token.earliest$</earliest>
   <latest>$time token.latest$</latest>
<search base="baseSearch" id="First Base Search">
   <query>| join Machine Name NPID type=$join type token$ [| tstats summariesonly=$summari.sonry tokens com
                                                                                                     (SERVICE.NPID) AS count2 values(source) AS source SERVICES FROM datamodel=SERVICE V6 WHERE ( host=$host token$
  earliest=$service earliest time$ latest=$service latest time$) AND SERVICE.NICKNAME IN ($NICKNAME TOKEN$)
                                                                                                                  2<sup>nd</sup> Base search
GROUPBY SERVICE.Machine Name SERVICE.NICKNAME SERVICE.NPID
rename SERVICE.NPID AS NPID
rename SERVICE.NICKNAME AS NICKNAME
                                                                                                                  Uses 1st Base and a Join on second
rename SERVICE.Machine Name as Machine Name
table NICKNAME NPID source SERVICES Machine Name ]
       $Tags Table token$ Context Command AS "Context+Command" Type as "TYPE" OUTPUT Tags CC Description Threshold Alert
                                                                                                                  data model
| where isnull(Threshold)
rename TYPE AS BACKUP_TYPE
lookup $Tags Table token$ Context Command AS "Context+Command" Type as "TYPE" OUTPUT Tags CC Description Threshold Alert
rename BACKUP TYPE AS TYPE]
                                                                                                                  2 tokens can be updated
sort Threshold
dedup Time, NPID, Context+Command
where Elapsed > Threshold OR isnull('Threshold')
                                                                                                                  Re-driving only 2<sup>nd</sup> Base search
eval Tags=if(Tags=0,"PLEASE ADD TAG",Tags)
makemv Tags delim=","
 eval Tags=split(Tags,",")
 search Tags IN ($TAG TOKEN$)
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eval source_SERVICES_count=mvcount(split(source_SERVICES, " ")) | eval NICKNAME=if(source_SERVICES_count > 1, "MULTIPLE_OPTIONS_FOUND", NICKNAME)

</search>

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Users:

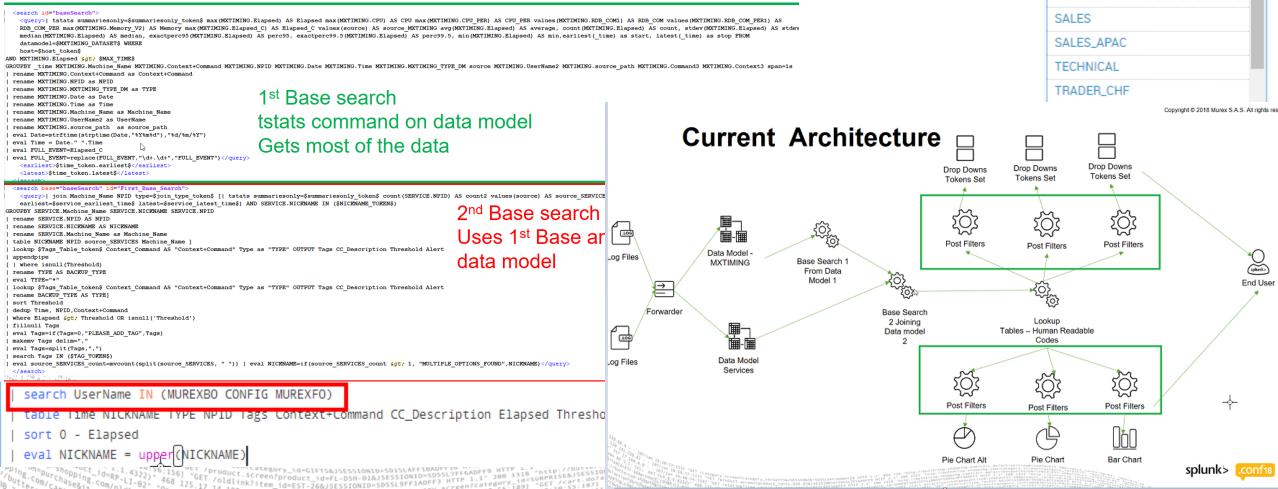
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"Post-process search" vs. "Where clause"

- Initially, we used filtering clauses (Where) in 12 different Splunk searches
 - E.G User = MUREXBO, CONFIG...MUREXFO -
- For GUI performance reasons use a Post-process search

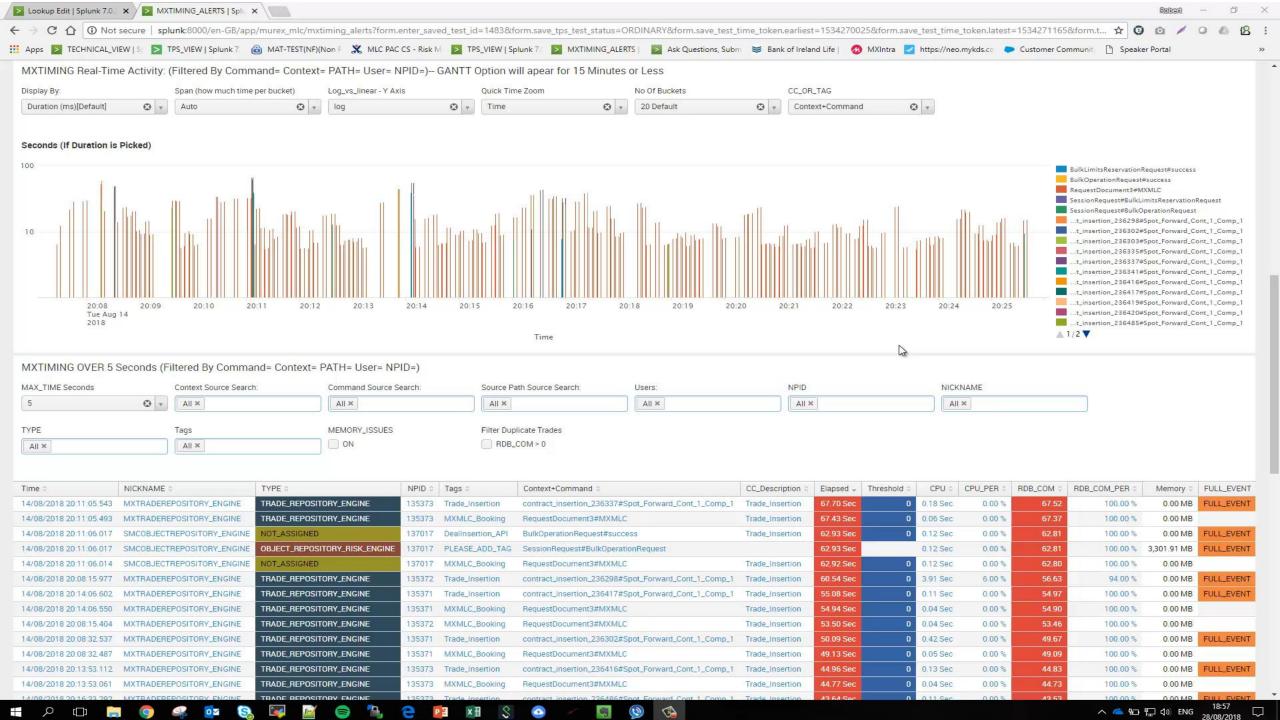


Don't forget we are human!

- The data inside the log files can be very technical and not human readable
 - People find it hard to understand and wont use the system
- By creating an interactive Tagging system (lookup tables), people can update the data by themselves to display
 - Developer's Code -> Human Readable Data

Filters: Command= Context= PATH= User= NPID= TYPE= Services=* Tags=*



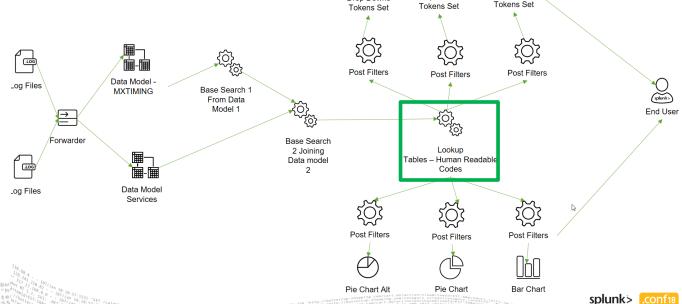


What does the SPL look like?

The lookups are in the second base search

```
<search base="baseSearch" id="First Base Search">
    <query>| join Machine Name NPID type=$join type token$ [| tstats summariesonly=$summariesonly token$ count(SERVICE.NPID) AS count2 values(source) AS source SERVICES FROM datamodel=SERVICE V6 WHERE ( host=$host token$
    earliest=$service earliest time$ latest=$service latest time$) AND SERVICE.NICKNAME IN ($NICKNAME TOKEN$)
GROUPBY SERVICE.Machine Name SERVICE.NICKNAME SERVICE.NPID
 rename SERVICE.NPID AS NPID
 rename SERVICE.NICKNAME AS NICKNAME
 rename SERVICE.Machine Name as Machine Name
 lookup $Tags Table token$ Context Command AS "Context+Command" Type as "TYPE" OUTPUT Tags CC Description Threshold Alert
 appendpipe
 | where isnull(Threshold)
 rename TYPE AS BACKUP TYPE
 lookup $Tags Table token$ Context Command AS "Context+Command" Type as "TYPE" OUTPUT Tags CC Description Threshold Alert
 rename BACKUP TYPE AS TYPE]
 sort Threshold
| dedup Time, NPID, Context+Command
 where Elapsed > Threshold OR isnull('Threshold')
 eval Tags=if(Tags=0, "PLEASE ADD TAG", Tags)
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| makemv Tags delim=","
| eval Tags=split(Tags,",")
                                                                                                                    Current Architecture
| search Tags IN ($TAG TOKEN$)
 eval source SERVICES count=mvcount(split(source SERVICES, " ")) | eval NICKNAME=if(source SERVICES c
                                                                                                                                                                                             Drop Downs
 </search>
                                                                                                                                                                   Drop Downs
```

If there is an update in the second base search, it won't rerun the 1st base search



Conclusion SPLUNK "MXTIMING"

Problem:

We needed to View <u>Millions</u> and <u>Millions</u> of MXTIMING Tracing quickly

Solution:

Using Data models15 Million Lines of Data (Sliced and Diced) in 15 seconds!!

Problem:

Updating 12 searches in the SPL was difficult

Solution:

Bringing together all searches to 2 base searches is easer to manage

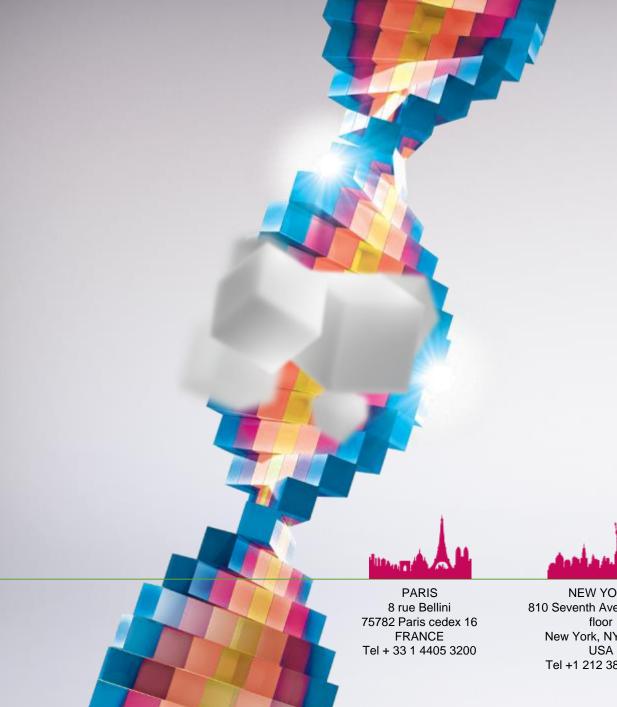
Problem

The Data was not human readable

Solution:

Using lookups we made it an open system to add Human Tags







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