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Structured Logging



Why logging?

- **Troubleshooting & Remediation**
- Where did the problem occur?
- **Performance & Cost**
- How my changes impact overall performance?
- **Learning & Improvement**
- Can I detect or prevent this problem in the future?
- **Trends**
- Do I need to scale?
- **Customer Experience**
- Are my customers getting a good experience?

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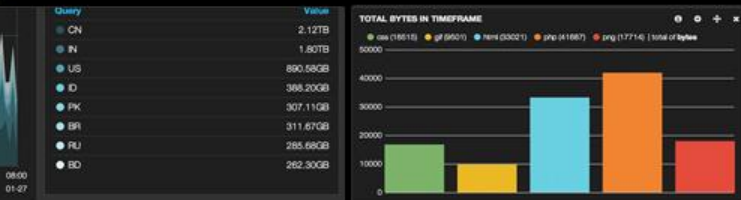
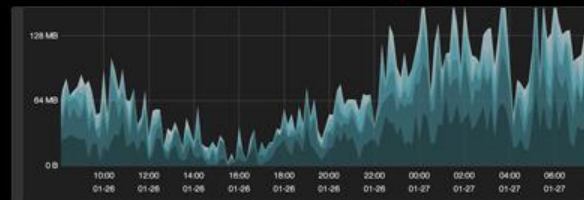
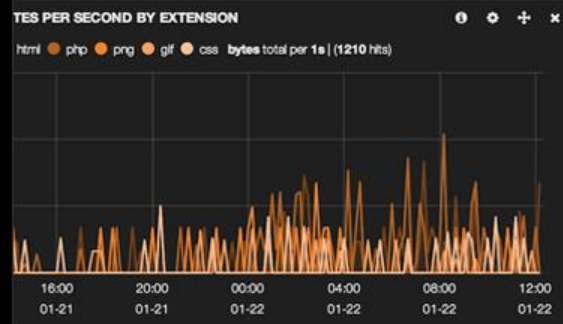
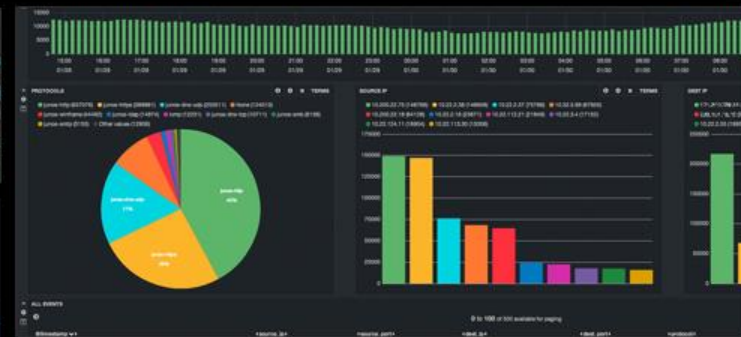
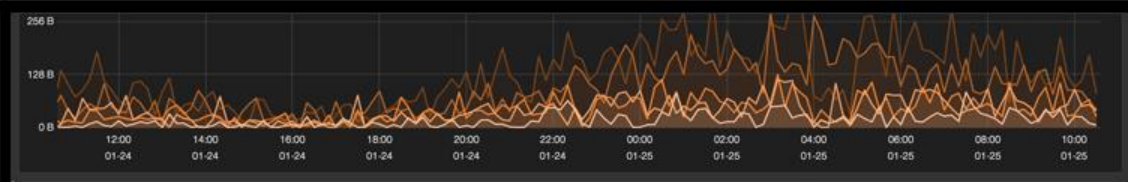
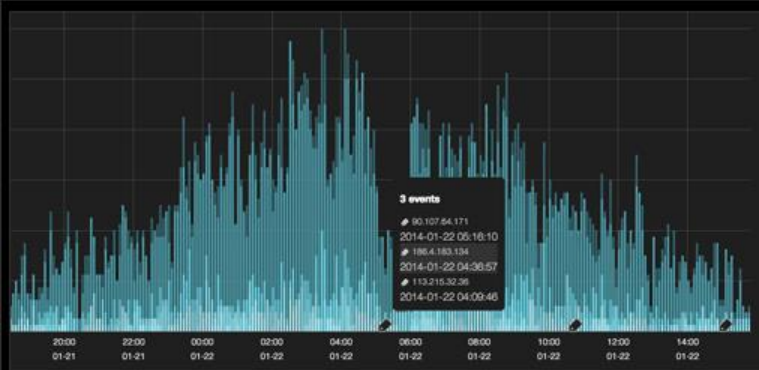


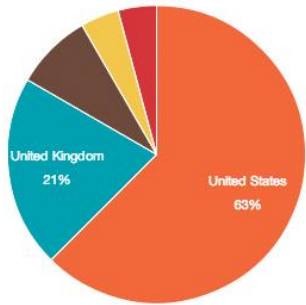
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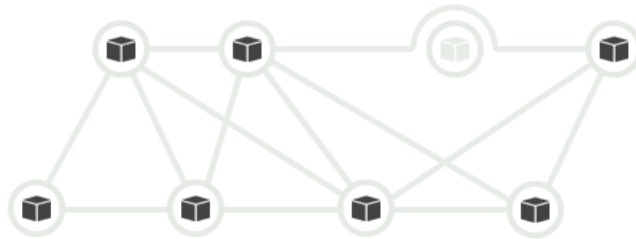
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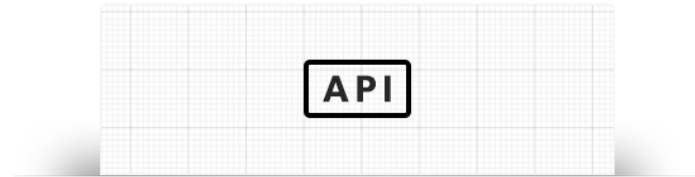




Real-Time
Advanced Analytics



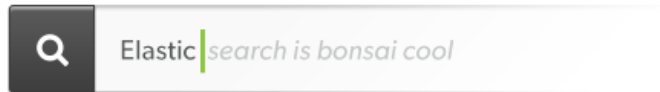
High Availability



Developer-Friendly,
RESTful API



Schema-Free



Full-Text Search



Build on top of
Apache Lucene

Inputs

- File
- TCP
- UDP
- HTTP
- WebSocket
- Syslog
- IRC
- IMAP

Filters

- Grok
- GeoIP
- Filetr
- Tags
- DNS
- Aggregate
- JSON
- XML

Outputs

- Elasticsearch
- Graphite
- Nagios
- Riemann
- DataDog
- Redis
- Riak
- MongoDB



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S3_ACCESS_LOG %{WORD:owner} %{NOTSPACE:bucket} [%{HTTPDATE:timestamp}] %{IP:clientip}
%{NOTSPACE:requester} %{NOTSPACE:request_id} %{NOTSPACE:operation} %{NOTSPACE:key}
(?:"%{S3_REQUEST_LINE}"|-) (?:%{INT:response:int}|-) (?:-|%{NOTSPACE:error_code}) (?:%{INT:bytes:int}|-)
(?:%{INT:object_size:int}|-) (?:%{INT:request_time_ms:int}|-) (?:%{INT:turnaround_time_ms:int}|-) (?:%{QS:referrer}|-)
(?:"%{QS:agent}"?|-) (?:-|%{NOTSPACE:version_id}) ELB_URIPATHPARAM
%{URIPATH:path}(?:%{URIPARAM:params})?

ELB_URI %{URIPROTO:proto}://(?:%{USER}(?:[:^@]*)?@)?(?:%{URIHOST:urihost})?(?:%{ELB_URIPATHPARAM})?

ELB_REQUEST_LINE (?:%{WORD:verb} %{ELB_URI:request}(?:
HTTP/%{NUMBER:httpversion})?|%{DATA:rawrequest})

ELB_ACCESS_LOG %{TIMESTAMP_ISO8601:timestamp} %{NOTSPACE:elb} %{IP:clientip}:%{INT:clientport:int}
(?:(%{IP:backendip}?:%{INT:backendport:int})|-) %{NUMBER:request_processing_time:float}
%{NUMBER:backend_processing_time:float} %{NUMBER:response_processing_time:float} %{INT:response:int}
%{INT:backend_response:int} %{INT:received_bytes:int} %{INT:bytes:int} "%{ELB_REQUEST_LINE}

CISCOFW106001 %{CISCO_DIRECTION:direction} %{WORD:protocol} connection %{CISCO_ACTION:action} from
%{IP:src_ip}/%{INT:src_port} to %{IP:dst_ip}/%{INT:dst_port} flags %{GREEDYDATA:tcp_flags} on interface
%{GREEDYDATA:interface}

CISCOFW106006_106007_106010 %{CISCO_ACTION:action} %{CISCO_DIRECTION:direction} %{WORD:protocol}
(?:from|src) %{IP:src_ip}/%{INT:src_port}(\(%{DATA:src_fwuser}\))?(?:to|dst)
%{IP:dst_ip}/%{INT:dst_port}(\(%{DATA:dst_fwuser}\))?(?:on interface %{DATA:interface}|due to
%{CISCO_REASON:reason})

```
class LoggedInEvent
{
    string    Name
    IPAddress Address
    string[]  Roles
}
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```
String.Format(
    "User {0} logged in
    from {1}
    with {2} roles", ... )
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User Guest logged in from 127.0.0.1 with [Admin, God] roles

```
{
    string    Name
    string    Address
    string[]  Roles
}
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WHAT IF I TOLD YOU



THAT THERE'S A BETTER WAY TO LOG

Event Viewer

File Action View Help

Event Viewer (Local)

- Custom Views
- Windows Logs
 - Application
 - Security
 - Setup
 - System
 - Forwarded Events
- Applications and Services Logs
- Subscriptions

Security Number of events: 70 881 (!) New events available

Keywords	Date and Time	Source	Event ID	Task Category
Audit Success	14.11.2015 16:20:03	Microsoft Windows sec...	4648	Logon
Audit Failure	14.11.2015 16:15:12	Microsoft Windows sec...	4656	File System
Audit Success	14.11.2015 16:15:11	Microsoft Windows sec...	4611	Security System Extensi...
Audit Failure	14.11.2015 16:15:11	Microsoft Windows sec...	4656	File System
Audit Success	14.11.2015 16:15:11	Microsoft Windows sec...	4611	Security System Extensi...
Audit Failure	14.11.2015 15:51:24	Microsoft Windows sec...	4673	Sensitive Privilege Use
Audit Success	14.11.2015 15:50:02	Microsoft Windows sec...	4648	Logon
Audit Success	14.11.2015 15:42:38	Microsoft Windows sec...	4648	Logon

Actions

- Security
 - Open Saved Log...
 - Create Custom View...
 - Import Custom View...
 - Clear Log...
 - Filter Current Log...
 - Properties

Event Properties - Event 4648, Microsoft Windows security auditing.

General Details

☐ Friendly View ☒ XML View

```

<Opcode>0</Opcode>
<Keywords>0x8020000000000000</Keywords>
<TimeCreated SystemTime="2015-11-14T11:49:59.597538800Z" />
<EventRecordID>1865084</EventRecordID>
<Correlation />
<Execution ProcessID="912" ThreadID="55236" />
<Channel>Security</Channel>
<Computer>AKulak.paladyne.com</Computer>
<Security />
</System>
- <EventData>
  <Data Name="SubjectUserSid">S-1-5-21-3474699846-2331608753</Data>
  <Data Name="SubjectUserName">AKulakov</Data>
  <Data Name="SubjectDomainName">P</Data>
  <Data Name="SubjectLogonId">0x550b5</Data>
  <Data Name="LogonGuid">{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}</Data>
  <Data Name="TargetUserName">kulakov</Data>
  <Data Name="TargetDomainName">b</Data>
  <Data Name="TargetLogonGuid">{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}</Data>
  <Data Name="TargetServerName">X.com</Data>
  <Data Name="TargetInfo">X.com</Data>
  <Data Name="ProcessId">0xd5c</Data>
  <Data Name="ProcessName">C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Office15\OUTLOOK.EXE</Data>
  <Data Name="IpAddress"></Data>
  <Data Name="IpPort"></Data>
</EventData>
  
```

Copy Close

Structure log

- Windows Event Log
- Event Tracing for Windows (ETW)
- Semantic Logging Application Block (SLAB)
- Microsoft.Framework.Logging (ASP.NET)
- Splunk, Graylog2

name=Guest, address=127.0.0.1, role=Admin

Serilog

Serilog is built with
powerful structured
event data in mind



```
String.Format(
    "User {0} logged in from {1} with {2} roles",
    Name, Address, Roles)
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```
Log.Information(
    "User {UserName} logged in
    from {RemoteAddress}
    with {SecurityRoles} roles",
    Name, Address, Roles)
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```
{
    EventType = UserLoggedIn
    UserName = "Guest"
    RemoteAddress = "127.0.0.1"
    SecurityRoles = ["Admin", ...]
}
```


Structured Data

- Simple, Scalar Values
- Collections
- Dictionaries
- Objects
- String format specifier
- Stringification and Destructuring

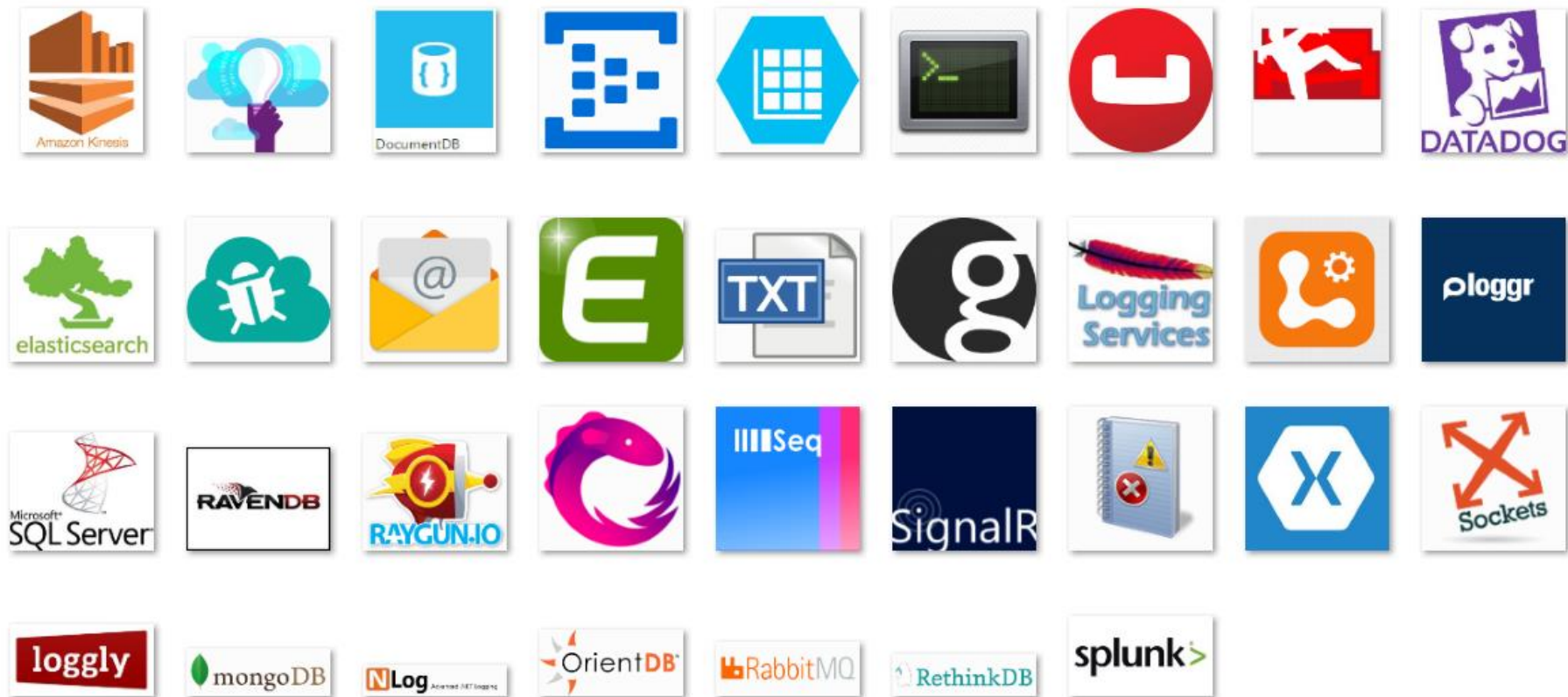
Enrichment

- MachineName
- UserName
- ProcessId
- ThreadId
- ASP ClientHostIP
- ASP UserAgent

LogContext

```
public class RequestContextMiddleware
{
    public async Task Invoke(IDictionary<string, object> environment)
    {
        using (LogContext.PushProperty("RequestId", Guid.NewGuid()))
        {
            await next(environment);
        }
    }
}
```

Sinks



Demo powered by



Serilog



PowerShell



GraphViz

Demo powered by



Microsoft®
SQL Server®



Serilog

Seq

- Quick install
- Built with .NET
- C#-like queries over structured data
- Filters and dashboards
- Lightweight but powerful
- HTTP API
- Seq Apps



Demo powered by

Seq



Serilog

The screenshot shows the Seq application interface. The top bar is blue with the Seq logo and navigation links: dash, events, help, settings, and a user profile icon for nblumhardt. Below the top bar is a search bar with the query `Hostname == "ae789cc0.cloudapp.net" && E`. A filter bar below the search bar shows various event types: Elapsed, Eligibility, EndsWith, Environment, ExceptionMessage, and ExceptionType. The main area displays a list of log events with timestamps and messages. The right sidebar is blue and contains a 'signal bar' with a description: 'This is the signal bar. You can apply and switch between existing signals, or create a new one by moving filters with the button to the left.' Below the description is a list of signals: None, Errors, Patient Portal (selected), and Production. At the bottom of the signal bar are links for 'Slow Requests', 'Staging', and 'Create or add a signal...'.

Time	Message
09 Jun 2015 12:48:29.940	Eligibility check for HIS-95f4-f6eed0 returned {"AcceptAfter":"2015-06-26","Category":"OSTR-C"}
09 Jun 2015 12:48:29.924	● Execution time of 180ms exceeded budget of 30ms; query SELECT ct.contact_id, p.scheduled_admission_dt, p.preadmission_status fro...
09 Jun 2015 12:48:29.917	User bthompson logged on as contact HIS-95f4-f6eed0
09 Jun 2015 12:48:29.910	● Transaction committed in 1209ms
09 Jun 2015 12:48:29.900	● Uptime 32.10:19:59 - threads: 141, working set 312093kB
09 Jun 2015 12:48:29.894	Writing updated indications to EHR HIS-5d1f-db7e1
09 Jun 2015 12:48:29.879	Eligibility check for HIS-b564-ec20d5 returned {"AcceptAfter":"2015-06-11","Category":"PSCD"}
09 Jun 2015 12:48:29.832	Eligibility check for HIS-0477-44f2c2 returned {"AcceptAfter":"2015-06-26","Category":"OSTR-C"}
09 Jun 2015 12:48:29.817	● Execution time of 180ms exceeded budget of 30ms; query SELECT ct.contact_id, p.scheduled_admission_dt, p.preadmission_status fro...
09 Jun 2015 12:48:29.808	User dlam logged on as contact HIS-0477-44f2c2
09 Jun 2015 12:48:29.801	● Transaction committed in 1199ms
09 Jun 2015 12:48:29.792	● Uptime 32.10:19:59 - threads: 131, working set 312093kB
09 Jun 2015 12:48:29.786	Writing updated indications to EHR HIS-6b1c-96c067
09 Jun 2015 12:48:29.769	Eligibility check for HIS-47e8-1c5da0 returned {"AcceptAfter":"2015-06-11","Category":"PSCD"}
09 Jun 2015 12:48:26.765	● Failed to log on user HIS-eb9a-20aea2

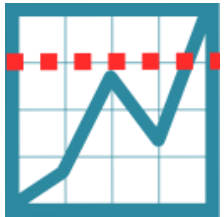
SIGNALS

- (=) None
- (=) Errors
- (=) Patient Portal
- (=) Production
- (=) Slow Requests
- (=) Staging

[Create or add a signal...](#)

Seq Apps

- FirstOfType
- Timeout
- Thresholds
- FileArchive
- Replication
- Email
- YouTrack
- Slack
- HipChat



In conclusion



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Graphite



Resources

- Serilog (serilog.net)
- Seq (getseq.net)
- Nicholas Blumhardt (nblumhardt.com)
- FSharp (github.com/destructurama/fsharp)
- JavaScript (github.com/structured-log/structured-log)



Resources

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