

Project 3: Building a Sec Monitoring Env

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Day 1: Designing The Defensive Solution

Part 1: Window Reports

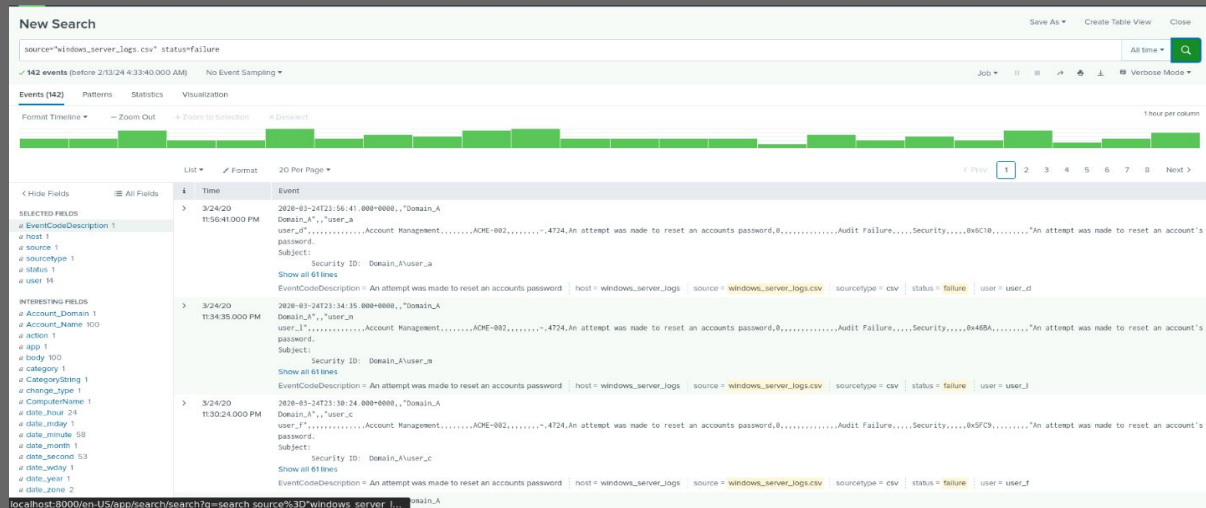
<i>a</i> signature	# signature_id
A user account was deleted	4726
A user account was created	4720
A computer account was deleted	4743
An account was successfully logged on	4624
Special privileges assigned to new logon	4672
An attempt was made to reset an accounts password	4724
System security access was granted to an account	4717
A privileged service was called	4673
A logon was attempted using explicit credentials	4648
A user account was locked out	4740
Domain Policy was changed	4739
A user account was changed	4738
A process has exited	4689
The audit log was cleared	1102
System security access was removed from an account	4718

<i>a</i> signature	
100.00% Matched type	
0.00% Mismatched type	
0.00% Null or empty	
15 Single value	
0 Multivalue	
15 Unique values	
The audit log was cleared	6.67%
System security access was granted to an account	6.67%
Domain Policy was changed	6.67%
An account was successfully logged on	6.67%
A user account was deleted	6.67%
A user account was changed	6.67%
A privileged service was called	6.67%

# signature_id	
100.00% Matched type	
0.00% Mismatched type	
0.00% Null or empty	
15 Single value	
4743 Maximum	
1102 Minimum	
4464.87 Average	
4718 Median	
1102 Mode	
931.02 Standard deviation	
4743	6.67%
4739	6.67%
4726	6.67%
4720	6.67%

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Part 2: Windows_server Alert #1 Failed Windows Activity



Created an alert to notify VSI of suspicious activity.

Determined that the baseline is 5 per hour and threshold is 7 failed Windows Activity.

When the threshold has been reached an alert will be activated and will send an email to SOC@VSI-company.com

Alert Windows Status Failure

The baseline of failure of status for Windows 5 per hour on average, the Threshold is 7 or more failure per hour. When the threshold is reached an email will be sent over to SOC@VSI-company.com

Enabled: Yes. [Disable](#)

App: search

Permissions: Private. Owned by admin. [Edit](#)

Modified: Feb 13, 2024 4:40:44 AM

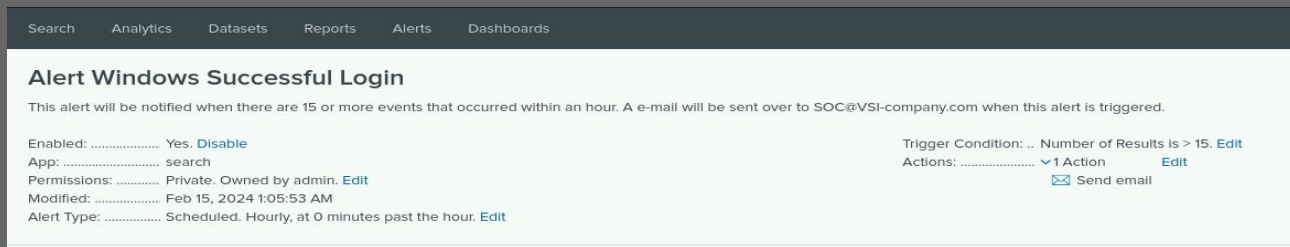
Alert Type: Scheduled. Hourly, at 0 minutes past the hour. [Edit](#)

Trigger Condition: .. Number of Results is > 7. [Edit](#)

Actions: 1 Action [Edit](#)

[✉ Send email](#)

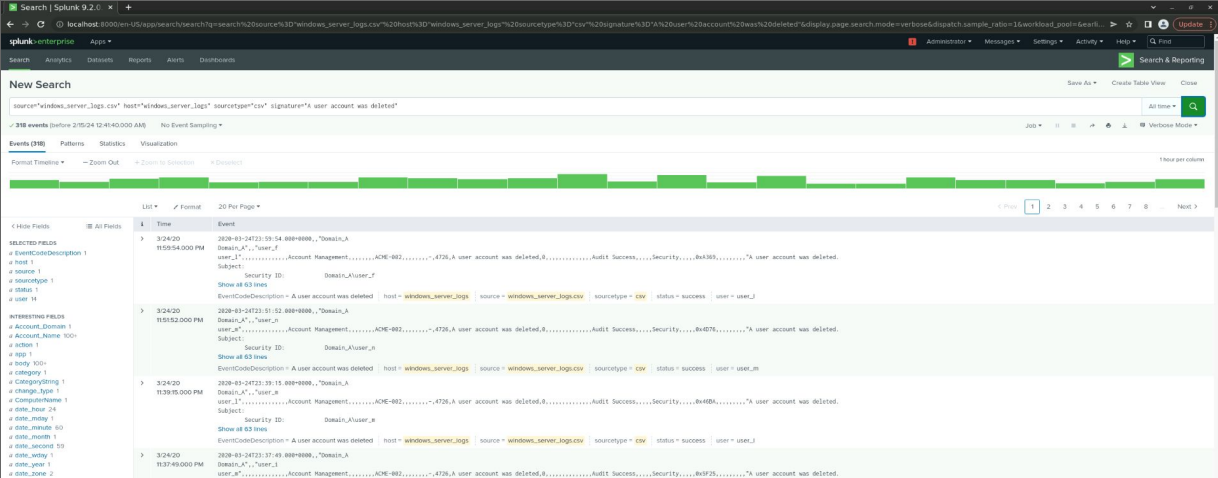
Part 2: Windows_server Alert #2 Successful Login



When the threshold has been reached an alert will be activated and will send an email to **SOC@VSI-company.com**

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Part 2: Windows_server Alert #3 User Account was Deleted



Created an alert to notify VSI of suspicious activity.

There were 318 events that occurred over 24 hr. period.

Determined that the baseline is 12 per hour and threshold is 14 user account was deleted results.

SearchAnalyticsDatasetsReportsAlertsDashboards

Alert Windows User Account was deleted

Alert 14 or more user accounts have been deleted in the hour, a message will be sent to SOC@VSI-company.com

Enabled: Yes. Disable

App: search

Permissions: Private. Owned by admin. Edit

Modified: Feb 15, 2024 12:54:35 AM

Alert Type: Scheduled. Hourly, at 0 minutes past the hour. Edit

Trigger Condition: .. Number of Results is > 14. Edit

Actions: 1 Action Edit

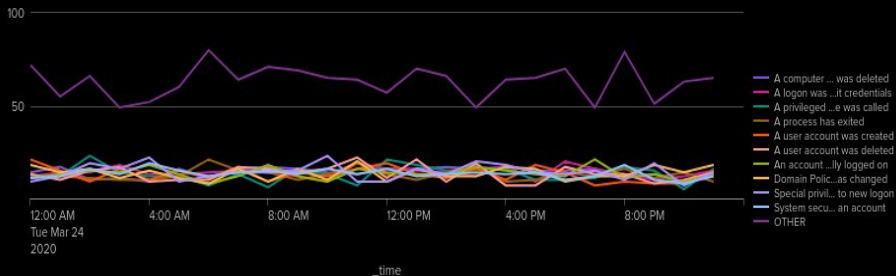
Send email

When the threshold has been reached an alert will be activated and will send an email to SOC@VSI-company.com

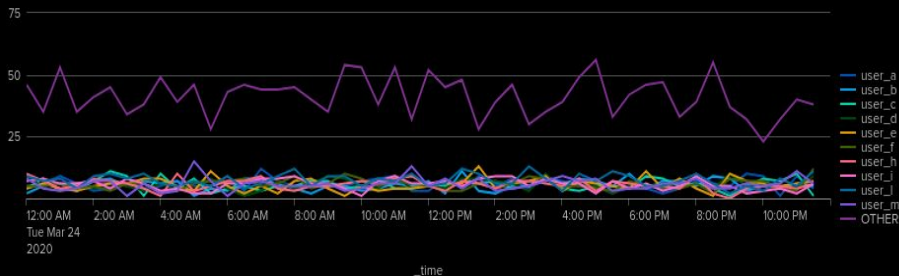
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Part 3: Windows Dashboard

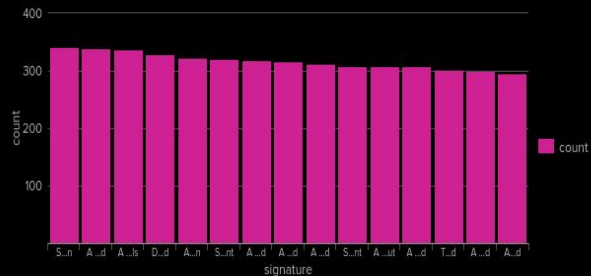
Signatures Over Time (1H)



Users Over Time (1H)



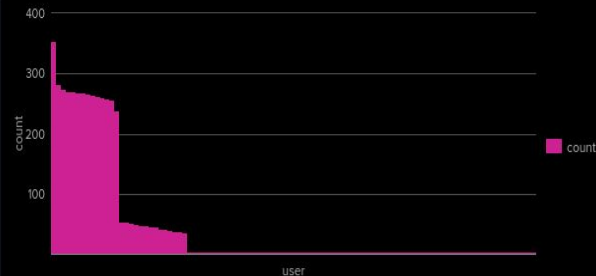
Signature By Count



Privileged Service Was Called



User By Count



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Part 4: Apache Logs Report

Domains

New Search Save As Create Table View Close

source="apache_logs.txt" | top limit=10 referer_domain All time Q

✓ **10,000 events** (before 2/9/24 2:40:20.000 AM) No Event Sampling Job || ≡ ↶ ↷ ⬇ Verbose Mode

Events (10,000) Patterns **Statistics (10)** Visualization

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referer_domain	count	percent
http://www.semicomplete.com	3838	51.256960
http://semicomplete.com	2901	33.760756
http://www.google.com	123	2.075249
https://www.google.com	105	1.771554
http://stackoverflow.com	34	0.573646
http://www.google.fr	31	0.523030
http://s-chassis.co.nz	29	0.489286
http://logstash.net	28	0.472414
http://www.google.es	25	0.421799
https://www.google.co.uk	23	0.388055

HTTP Methods

HTTP Methods Edit More Info Add to Dashboard

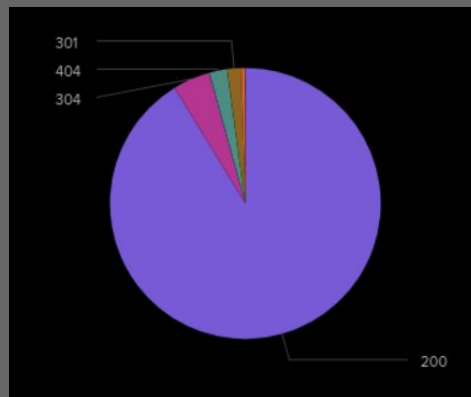
All time

✓ **10,000 events** (before 2/9/24 3:35:25.000 AM) Job || ≡ ↶ ↷ ⬇

4 results 20 per page

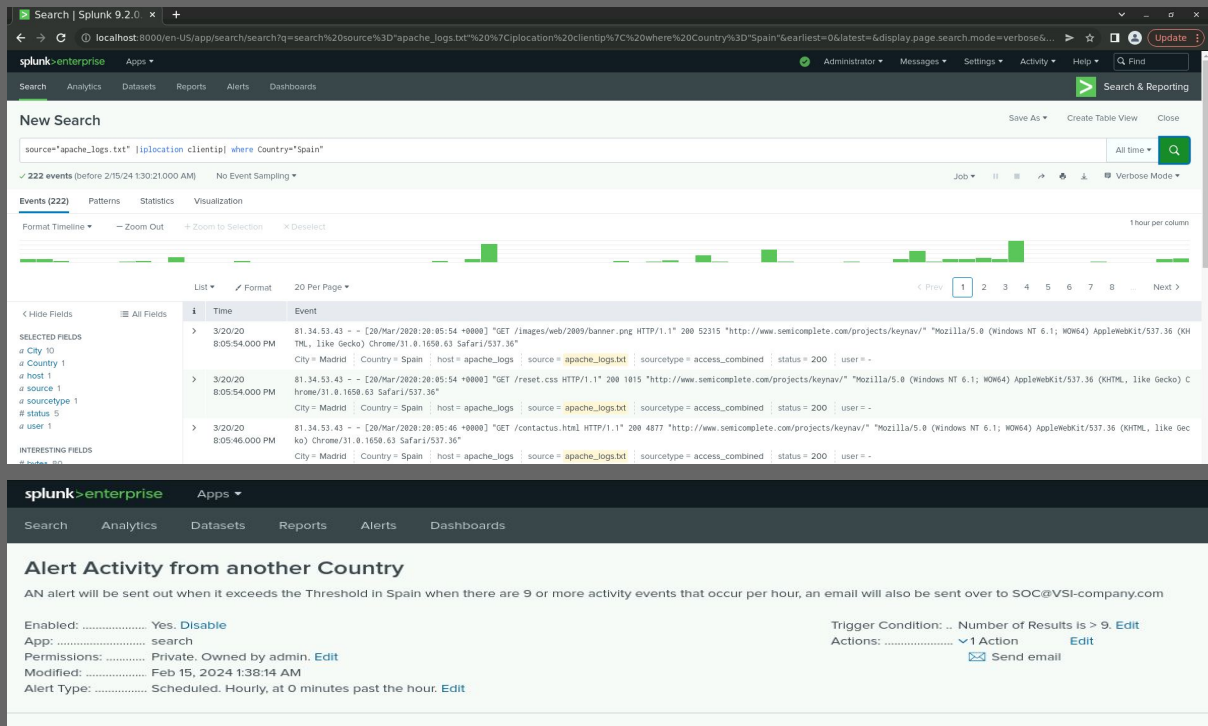
method	count	percent
GET	9851	98.510000
POST	106	1.060000
HEAD	42	0.420000
OPTIONS	1	0.010000

Status Codes



Day 1: Alert HTTP POST Apache Logs

Part 4: Alert: Activity from Any Other Country besides the United States



The screenshot displays the Splunk Enterprise web interface. At the top, the search bar contains the query: `source=apache_logs.txt | [iplocation] clientip where Country="Spain"`. Below the search bar, a summary bar indicates **222 events** (before 2/15/24 1:30:21:000 AM) with a 'No Event Sampling' status. The main view is split into a timeline visualization at the top and a table of events below. The timeline shows several green bars representing event counts over time. The table lists three events, all occurring on 3/20/20 at 8:05:54:000 PM. Each event is a GET request from a Mozilla/5.0 browser to a specific URL on a server. The 'SELECTED FIELDS' section on the left shows fields like City, Country, host, source, sourcetype, status, and user. The 'INTERESTING FIELDS' section shows fields like City, Country, host, source, sourcetype, status, and user. Below the search results, there is a section titled 'Alert Activity from another Country' which describes the alert configuration. It states: 'AN alert will be sent out when it exceeds the Threshold in Spain when there are 9 or more activity events that occur per hour, an email will also be sent over to SOC@VSI-company.com'. The alert is currently 'Enabled' and 'Disabled'. The app is 'search'. The permissions are 'Private. Owned by admin. Edit'. The modified date is 'Feb 15, 2024 1:38:14 AM'. The alert type is 'Scheduled. Hourly, at 0 minutes past the hour. Edit'. The trigger condition is 'Number of Results is > 9. Edit'. The actions are '1 Action' and 'Send email'.

New Search

source="apache_logs.txt" | [iplocation] clientip where Country="Spain"

222 events (before 2/15/24 1:30:21:000 AM) No Event Sampling

Events (222) Patterns Statistics Visualization

Format Timeline Zoom Out Zoom to Selection Deselected

1 hour per column

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 ... Next

Time	Event
3/20/20 8:05:54:000 PM	81.34.53.43 -- [20/Mar/2020:20:05:54 +0000] "GET /images/web/2009/banner.png HTTP/1.1" 200 52315 "http://www.semiconple.com/projects/keynav/" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/31.0.1658.63 Safari/537.36"
3/20/20 8:05:54:000 PM	81.34.53.43 -- [20/Mar/2020:20:05:54 +0000] "GET /reset.css HTTP/1.1" 200 1915 "http://www.semiconple.com/projects/keynav/" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/31.0.1658.63 Safari/537.36"
3/20/20 8:05:54:000 PM	81.34.53.43 -- [20/Mar/2020:20:05:54 +0000] "GET /contactus.html HTTP/1.1" 200 4877 "http://www.semiconple.com/projects/keynav/" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/31.0.1658.63 Safari/537.36"

Alert Activity from another Country

AN alert will be sent out when it exceeds the Threshold in Spain when there are 9 or more activity events that occur per hour, an email will also be sent over to SOC@VSI-company.com

Enabled: Yes. [Disable](#)

App: [search](#)

Permissions: Private. Owned by admin. [Edit](#)

Modified: Feb 15, 2024 1:38:14 AM

Alert Type: Scheduled. Hourly, at 0 minutes past the hour. [Edit](#)

Trigger Condition: ... Number of Results is > 9. [Edit](#)

Actions: 1 Action [Edit](#)

[Send email](#)

Created an alert to notify VSI of suspicious activity.

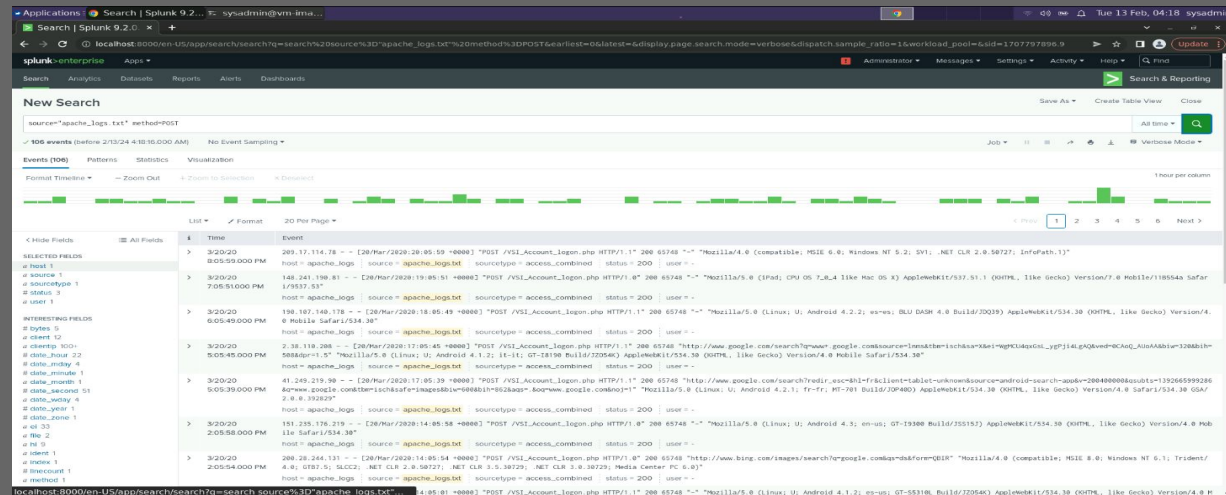
There were 222 events that occurred in Spain.

Determined that the baseline is 6 per hour and threshold is 9.

When the threshold has been reached an alert will be activated and will send an email to SOC@VSI-company.com

Day:1 Alert HTTP POST Apache Logs

Part 4: Alert: HTTP POST



Created an alert to notify VSI of suspicious activity.

Determined that the baseline is 3 per hour and threshold is 4 failed HTTP POST Activity.

When the threshold has been reached an alert will be activated and will send an email to SOC@VSI-company.com

Alert Apache HTTP POST

The Baseline is 3 the Threshold is 4 or more HTTP POST events for Apache. If there are 4 or more events alert will be activated. and an email will be sent to SOC@VSI-company.com

Enabled: Yes. Disable
App: search
Permissions: Private. Owned by admin. Edit
Modified: Feb 13, 2024 4:23:51 AM
Alert Type: Scheduled. Hourly, at 0 minutes past the hour. Edit

Trigger Condition: .. Number of Results is > 4. Edit
Actions: 1 Action Edit
Send email

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Part 4: Visualisations and Dashboards Apache Web Server Monitoring

Apache WebServer Monitoring

All time Hide Filters

Different HTTP Methods Over Time



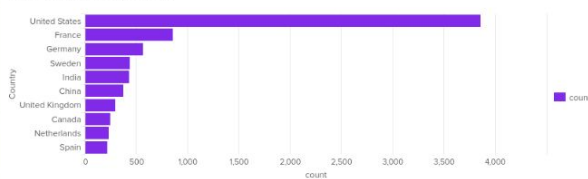
Cluster Map of Locations Based on Client IP



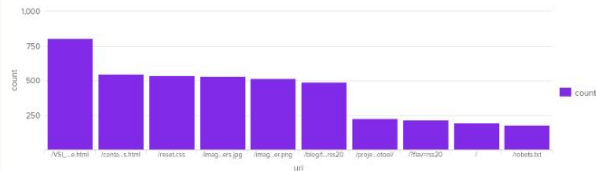
Single Value Representation of HTTP Successes



Top 10 Countries Client IP Count



Number of Different URI's



Stats of Different User Agents

useragent :	count	percent
Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/32.0.1700.107 Safari/537.36	1844	10.441044
Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_9_1) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/33.0.1750.91 Safari/537.36	369	3.698369
UniversalFeedParser/4.2-pre-314-svn -http://feedparser.org/	364	3.648364
Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; rv:27.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/27.0	296	2.968296
Mozilla/5.0 (iPhone; CPU iPhone OS 6_0 like Mac OS X) AppleWebKit/536.26 (KHTML, like Gecko) Version/6.0 Mobile/10A5376e Safari/8536.25 (compatible; Googlebot/2.1; +http://www.google.com/bot.html)	271	2.718271
Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/32.0.1700.107 Safari/537.36	268	2.688268
Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; Googlebot/2.1; +http://www.google.com/bot.html)	237	2.378237
Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:27.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/27.0	236	2.368236
Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:27.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/27.0	229	2.298229
Tiny Tiny RSS/1.11 (http://tt-rss.org/)	198	1.988198

Day:1 Part 5 [Add-On The Watch v2]



Summary - This application aims to enhance Splunk Enterprise by providing SIEM-like functionality for teams that do not have Splunk Enterprise Security. The main concept of this tool is to streamline the identification of events from known information without the need to create new searches for each artifact. It also aims to capitalize on the time spent on investigations by improving alert handling and automation.

Scenario - The Watch v2 add-on empowers the team to establish live monitoring on essential data sources like database access logs and user authentication events. They can specify conditions, such as repeated failed login attempts or unauthorized access to restricted files, to promptly trigger alerts.

Day 2: Monitoring and Analyzing Attacks

Report Analysis: Severity

Before:

New Search

Save AsCreate Table ViewClose

source="windows_server_logs.csv" | top severity

All time

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✓ 4,764 events (before 2/21/24 6:15:40.000 PM)No Event SamplingJob||▣→📄⬇️💡 Smart Mode

EventsPatternsStatistics (2)Visualization

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severity	count	percent
informational	4435	93.094039
high	329	6.905961

After:

source="windows_server_attack_logs.csv" | top severity

All time

✓ 5,949 events (before 2/21/24 6:04:02.000 PM)

No Event Sampling

Job

Smart Mode

Events

Patterns

Statistics (2)

Visualization

20 Per Page

Format

Preview

severity	count	percent
informational	4383	79.777940
high	1111	20.222060

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Report Analysis: Windows Failed Activities

Before:

Success and Failures of Windows Activities

source="windows_server_logs.csv" | top limit=20 status

✓ 4,764 events (before 2/13/24 2:06:57.000 AM) No Event Sampling

Events (4,764) Patterns Statistics (2) Visualization

20 Per Page Format Preview

status	count	percent
success	4622	97.019312
failure	142	2.980688

After:

Success and Failures of Windows Activities

source="windows_server_attack_logs.csv" | top limit=20 status

✓ 5,949 events (before 2/13/24 2:06:03.000 AM) No Event Sampling

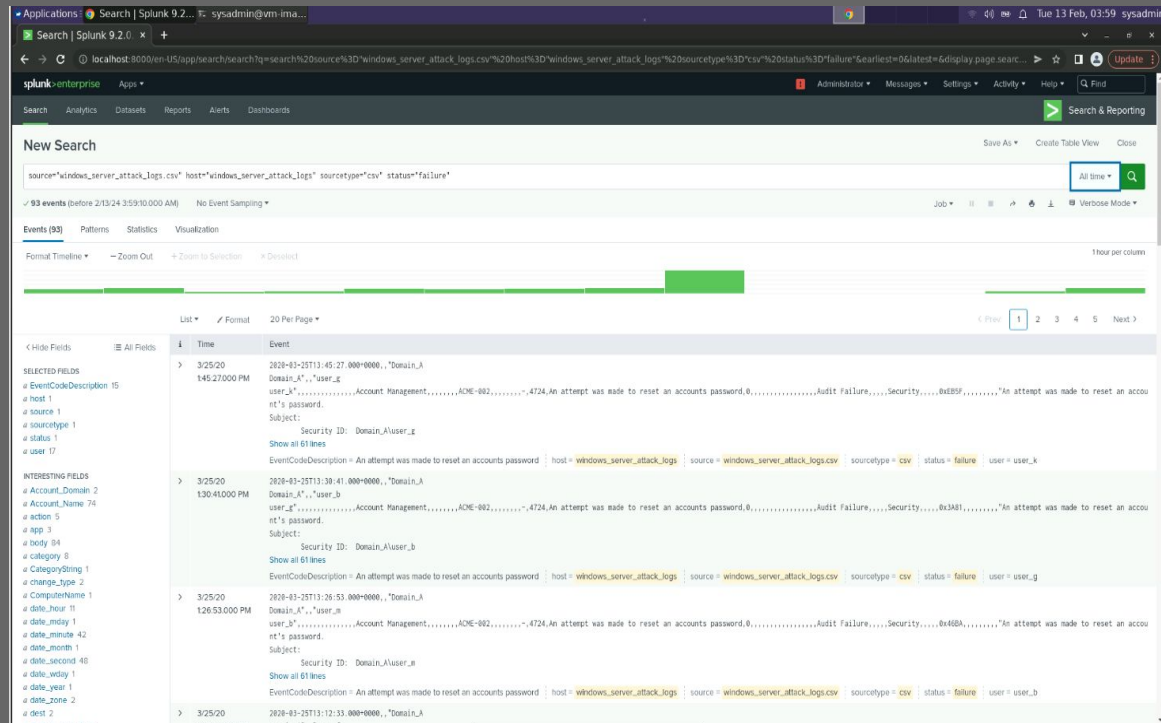
Events (5,949) Patterns Statistics (2) Visualization

20 Per Page Format Preview

status	count	percent
success	5856	98.436712
failure	93	1.563288

Day 2: Monitoring and Analyzing Attacks

Alert Analysis for Failed Windows Activity



We did detect a suspicious volume of failed activity

The count of events was 93 that occurred over 14 hours.

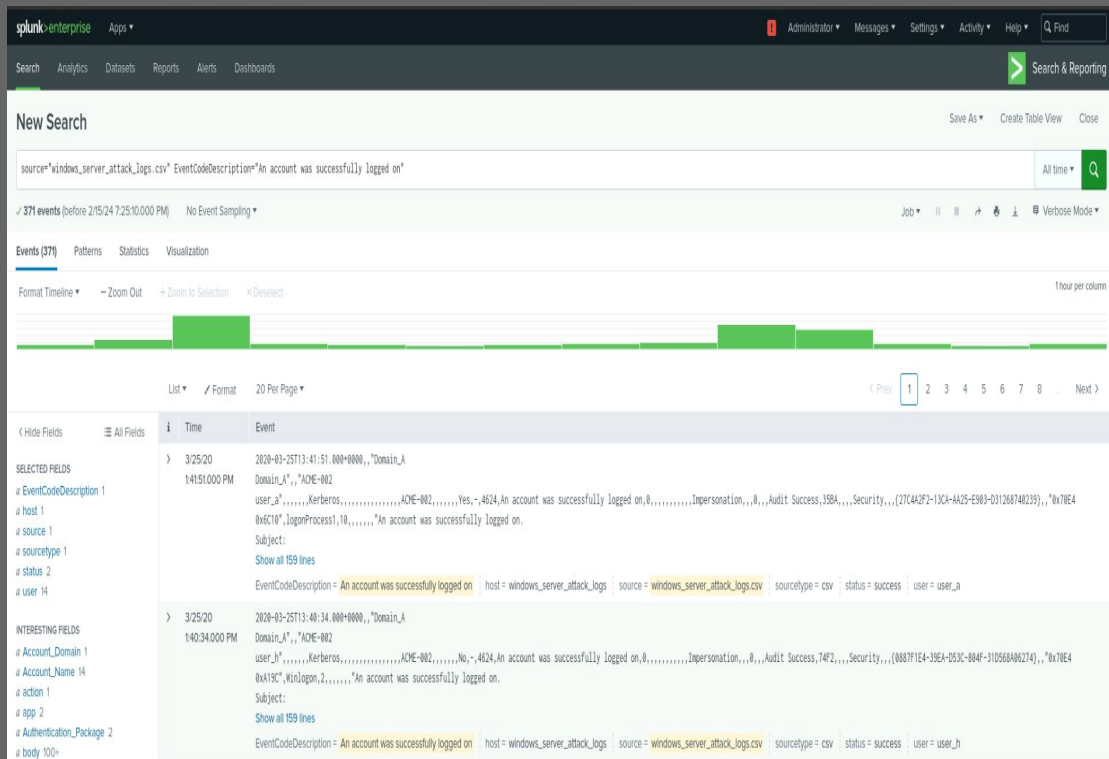
It occurred on 8AM Wed. March 25th 2020 with 35 events.

The alert would be triggered for this activity.

After reviewing the results I would keep my threshold the same.

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Alert Analysis for Successful Logins Windows Activity



We did detect a suspicious volume of failed activity

The count of events was 371 that occurred over 14 hours.

It occurred 4 times on Wednesday 25 March 2020:

- 1 AM 25 events,
- 2 AM 94 events.
- 9 AM 70 events,
- 10 AM 54 events.

The alert would be triggered for this activity.

After reviewing the results I would change the threshold to 16 events or more before the threshold is triggered.

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Alert Analysis: Windows Alert for Deleted Account

Before:



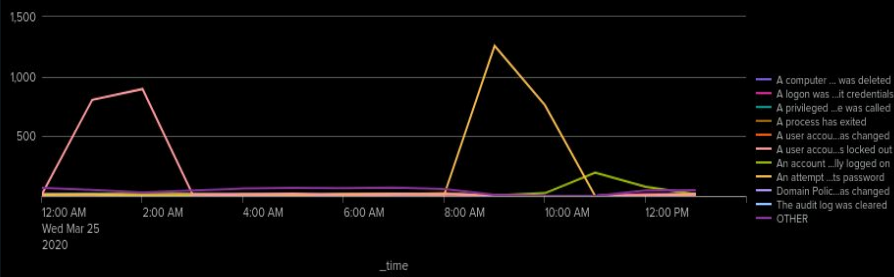
After:



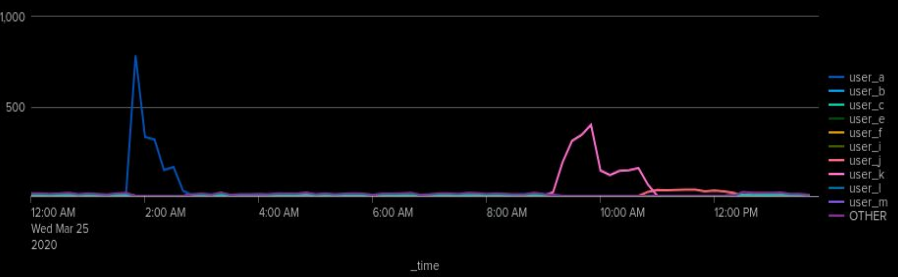
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Dashboard Analysis: Windows Server (Signatures)

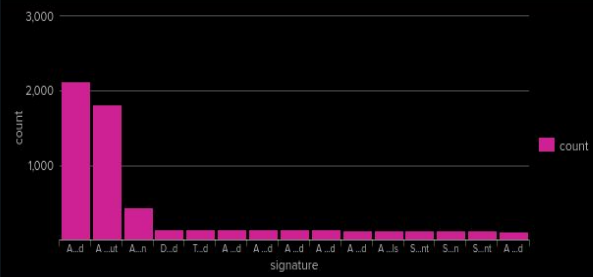
Signatures Over Time (1H)



Users Over Time (1H)



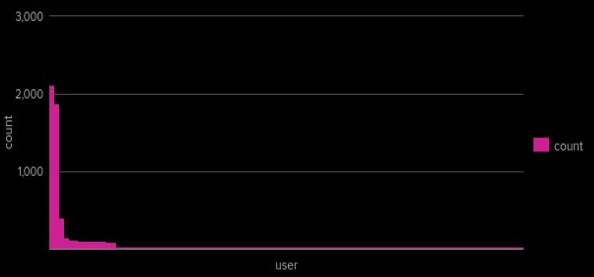
Signature By Count



Privileged Service Was Called



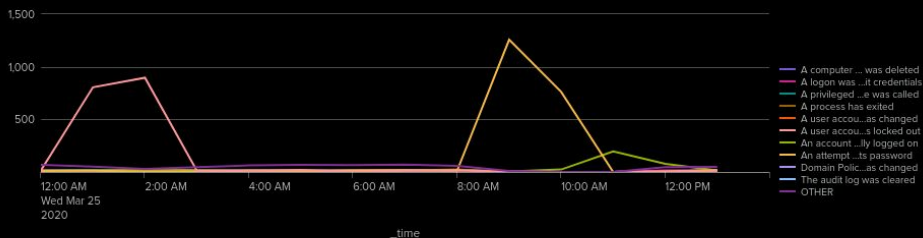
User By Count



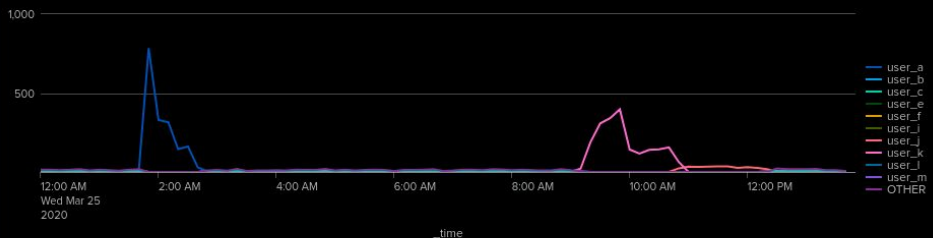
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Dashboard Analysis: Windows Server (Users)

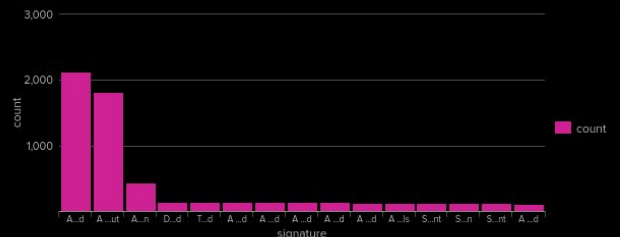
Signatures Over Time (1H)



Users Over Time (1H)



Signature By Count



Privileged Service Was Called



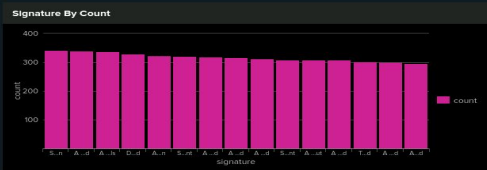
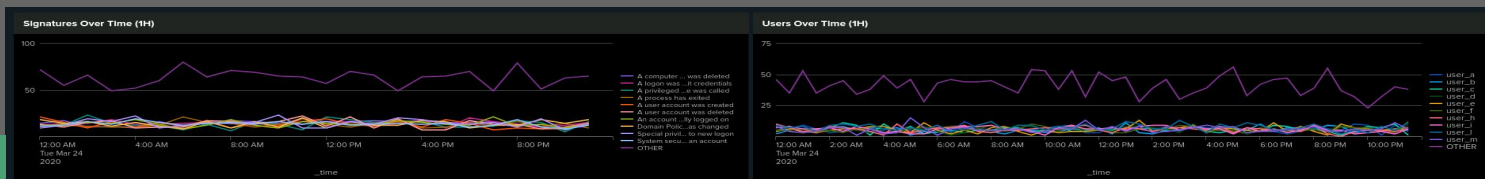
User By Count



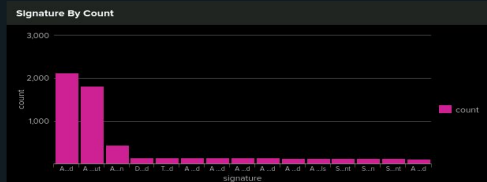
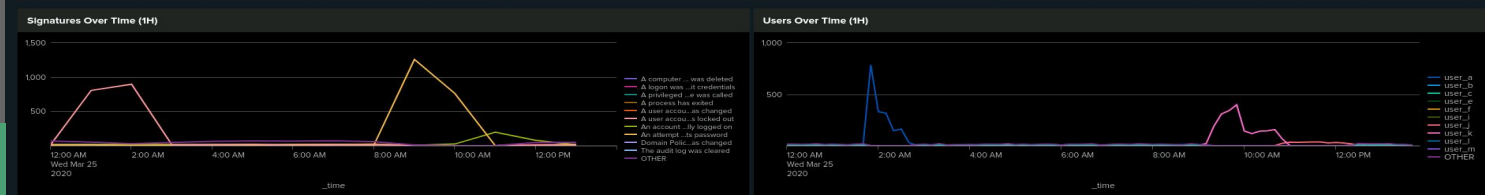
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Dashboard Analysis: Windows Server (SIDE BY SIDE)

Baseline:



During Attack:



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Part 4: Report Analysis: HTTP Methods

- Most suspicious: POST
- Allows user to create/update source

Before:

method ↕	count ↕
GET	9851
POST	106
HEAD	42
OPTIONS	1

After:

method ↕	count ↕
GET	3157
POST	1324
HEAD	15
OPTIONS	1

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Part 4: Report Analysis: Referrer Domains

BEFORE THE ATTACK

referrer_domain
http://www.semicomplete.com
http://semicomplete.com
http://www.google.com
https://www.google.com
http://stackoverflow.com
http://www.google.fr
http://s-chassis.co.nz
http://logstash.net
http://www.google.es
https://www.google.co.uk

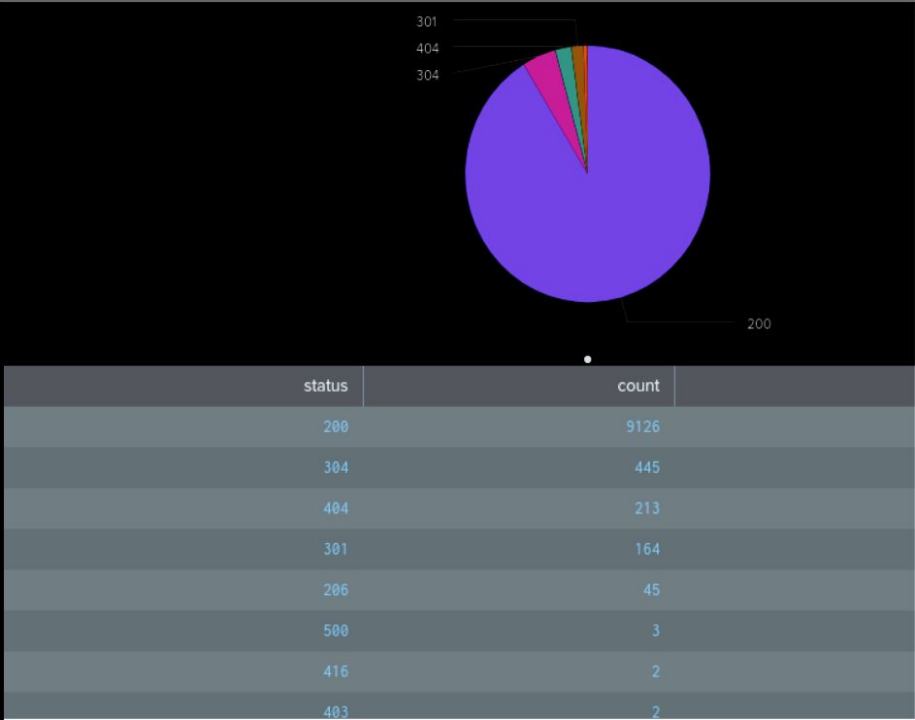
AFTER THE ATTACK

http://www.semicomplete.com
http://semicomplete.com
http://www.google.com
https://www.google.com
http://stackoverflow.com
https://www.google.com.br
https://www.google.co.uk
http://tuxradar.com
http://logstash.net
http://www.google.de

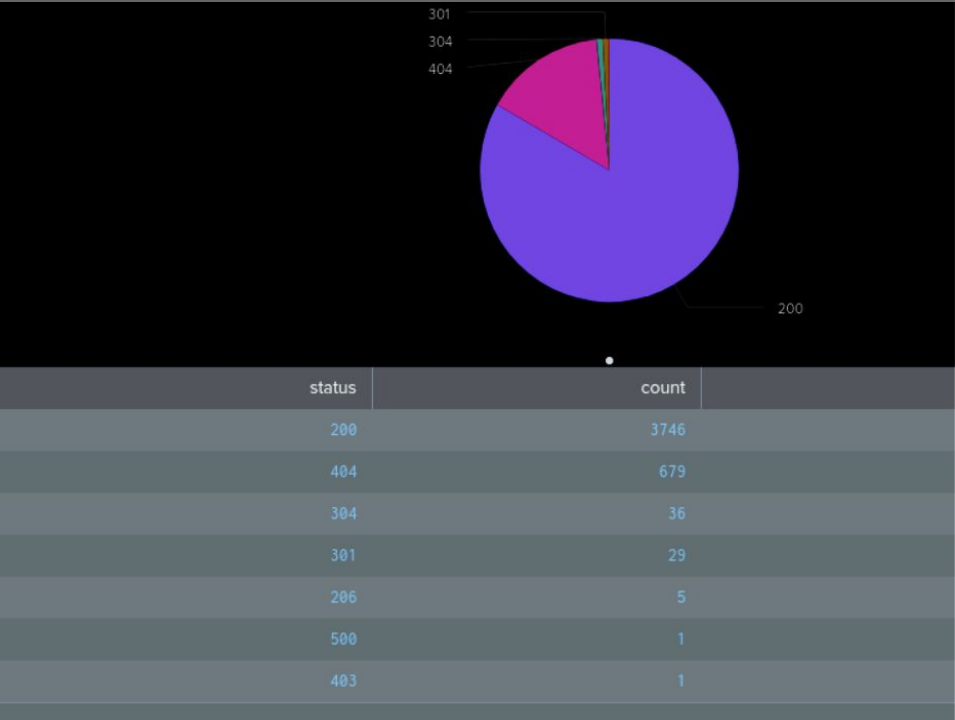
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Part 4: Report Analysis: HTTP Response Codes

Before the Attack:



After the Attack:

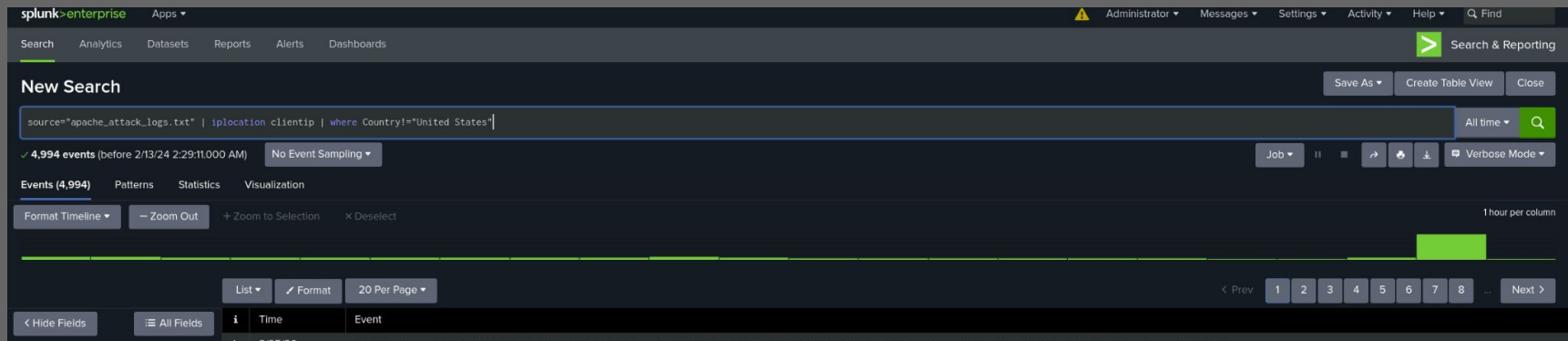


Part 4: Alert Analysis: Alert Analysis for International Activity

Before:



After:



Day 2: Monitoring and Analyzing Attacks

Part 4: Alert Analysis for HTTP POST Activity

The screenshot shows the Splunk Enterprise interface with a search query: `source="apache_attack_logs.txt" host="apache_attack_logs" sourcetype="access_combined" method=POST`. The search results show 1,324 events. The table below displays a sample of the results.

Time	Event
3/25/20 8:05:59:000 PM	194.146.132.138 -- [25/Mar/2020:20:05:59 +0000] "POST /VSI_Account_Login.php HTTP/1.1" 200 65748 "-" Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.2; SV1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727.98787; InfoPath.1) host = apache_attack_logs source = apache_attack_logs.txt sourcetype = access_combined status = 200 user = -
3/25/20 8:05:59:000 PM	194.146.132.138 -- [25/Mar/2020:20:05:59 +0000] "POST /VSI_Account_Login.php HTTP/1.1" 200 65748 "-" Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.2; SV1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727.98787; InfoPath.1) host = apache_attack_logs source = apache_attack_logs.txt sourcetype = access_combined status = 200 user = -
3/25/20 8:05:59:000 PM	194.165.145.147 -- [25/Mar/2020:20:05:59 +0000] "POST /VSI_Account_Login.php HTTP/1.1" 200 65748 "-" Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.2; SV1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727.98787; InfoPath.1) host = apache_attack_logs source = apache_attack_logs.txt sourcetype = access_combined status = 200 user = -
3/25/20 8:05:59:000 PM	194.165.145.147 -- [25/Mar/2020:20:05:59 +0000] "POST /VSI_Account_Login.php HTTP/1.1" 200 65748 "-" Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.2; SV1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727.98787; InfoPath.1) host = apache_attack_logs source = apache_attack_logs.txt sourcetype = access_combined status = 200 user = -
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Yes we did detect suspicious volume of HTTP POST activity.

1,324 events occurred over an 18 hour period.

It occurred at 8PM March 25th 2020 with 1,296 events.

I would change the threshold from notifying at 4 events to 3 events.

There were only 4 other times when the numbers reached higher than 2 events per hour.

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Dashboard Analysis: HTTP POST Method

Before:



After:



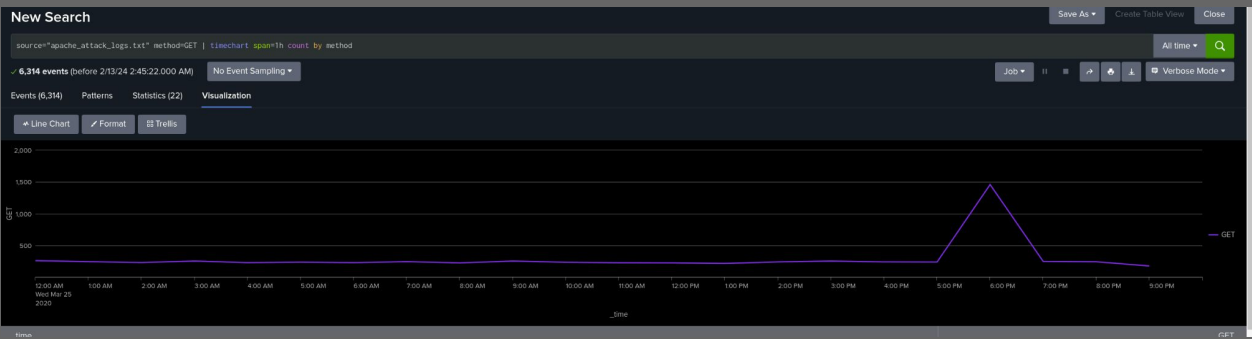
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Dashboard Analysis: HTTP GET Method

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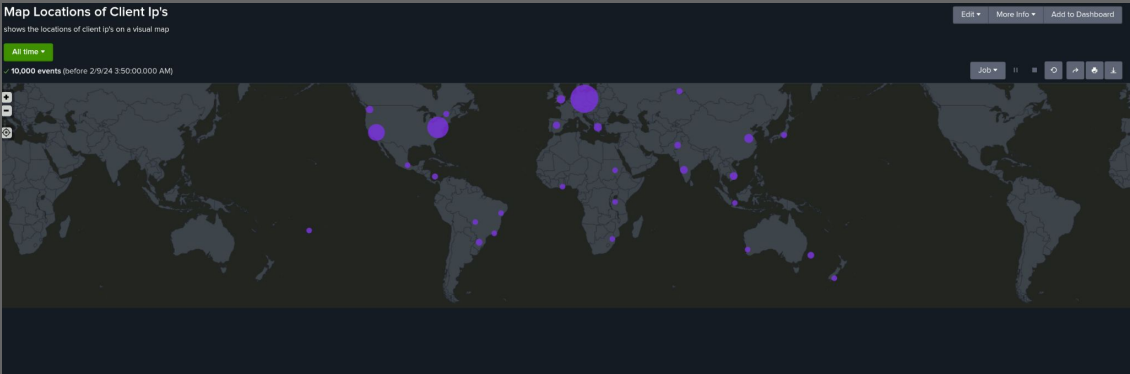
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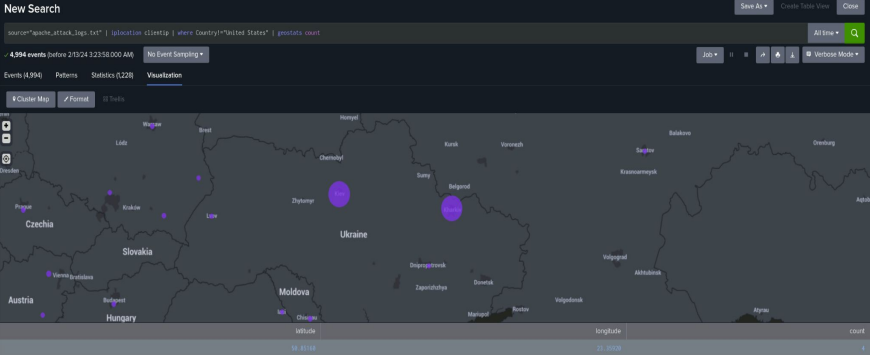
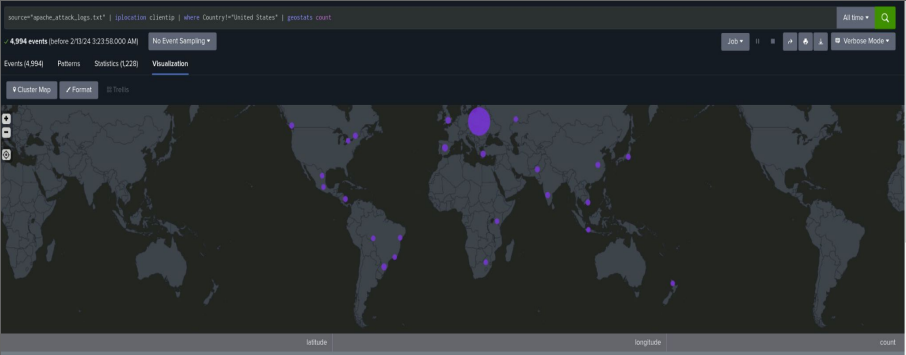
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Dashboard Analysis: Cluster Map

Before:



After:



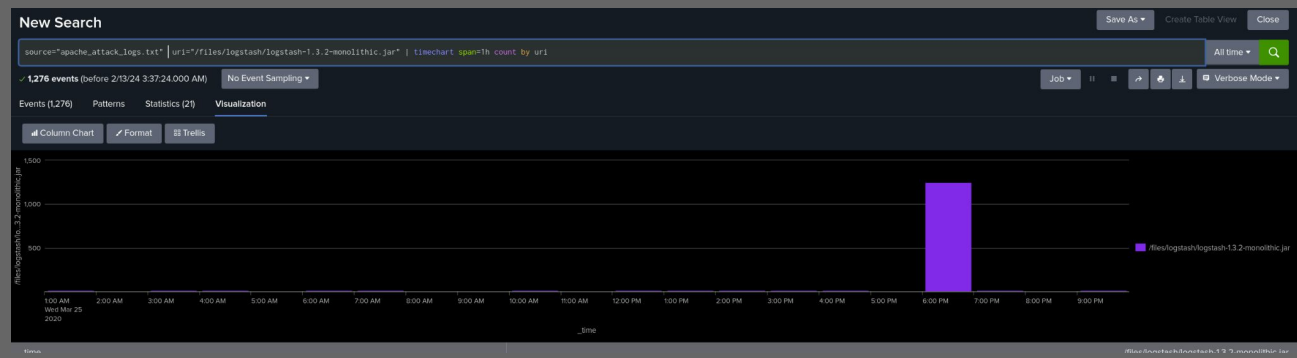
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Dashboard Analysis: Apache URI Data

Before:



After:



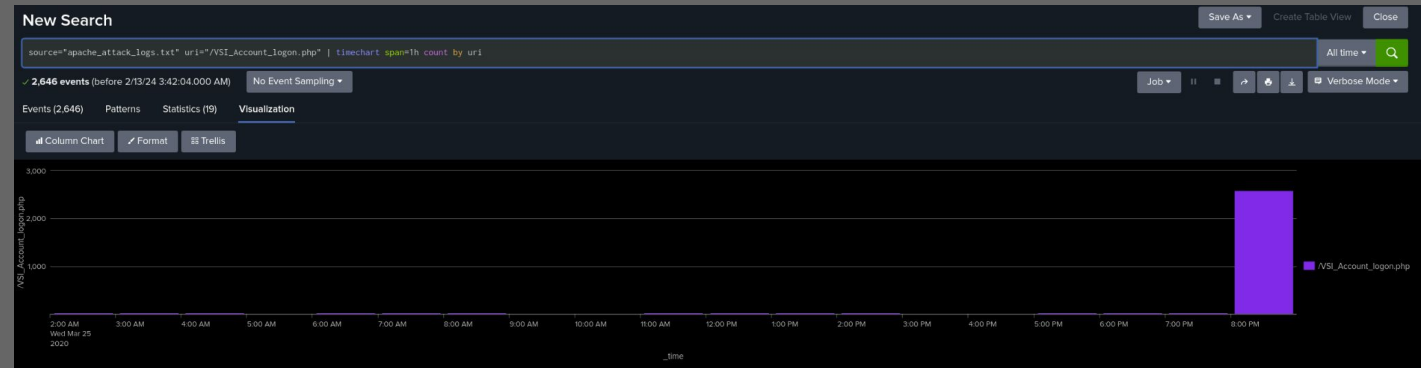
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Dashboard Analysis: Apache URI Data

Before:



After:



Overview of Project 3

MILESTONES

Day 1

- Loaded and analyzed Windows Logs
- Created reports, alerts, and dashboards for the Windows Logs
- Loaded and analyzed Apache Logs
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- Installed an add-on Splunk application for additional monitoring

Day 2

- Loaded Windows Attack Logs
- Analyzed Windows Attack Logs
- Loaded Apache Attack Logs
- Analyzed Apache attack Logs