Project 3: Building a Sec Monitoring Env

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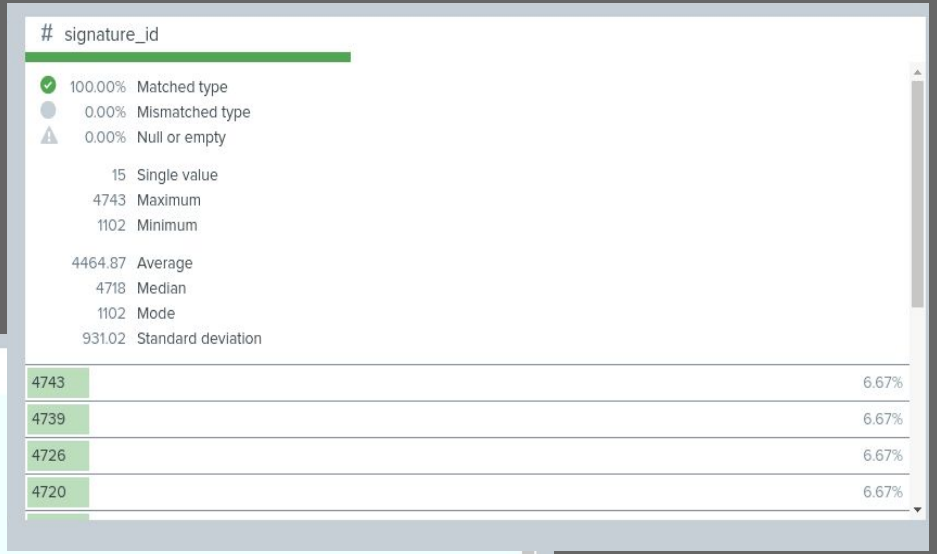
Day 1: Designing The Defensive Solution

Part 1: Window Reports

a 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



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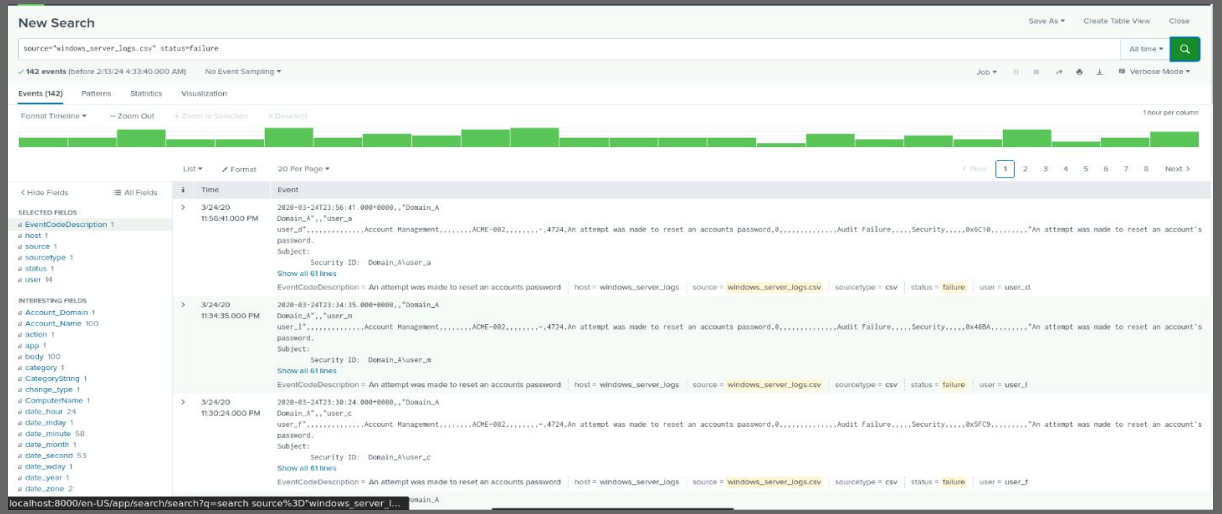
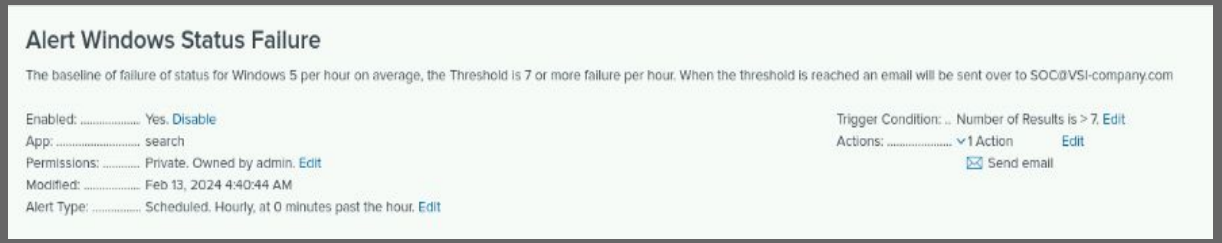
Part 2: Windows_server Alert #1 Failed Windows Activity





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

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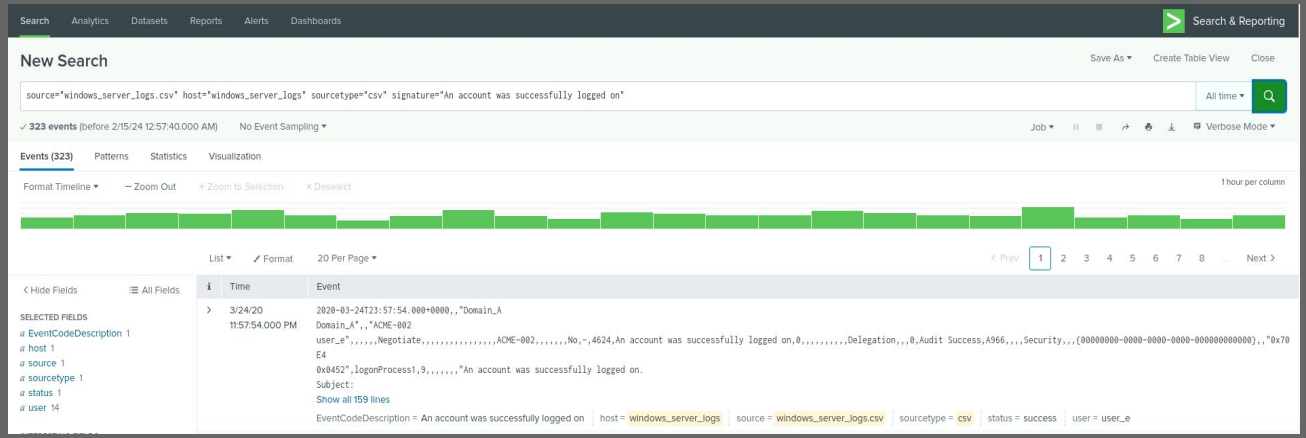
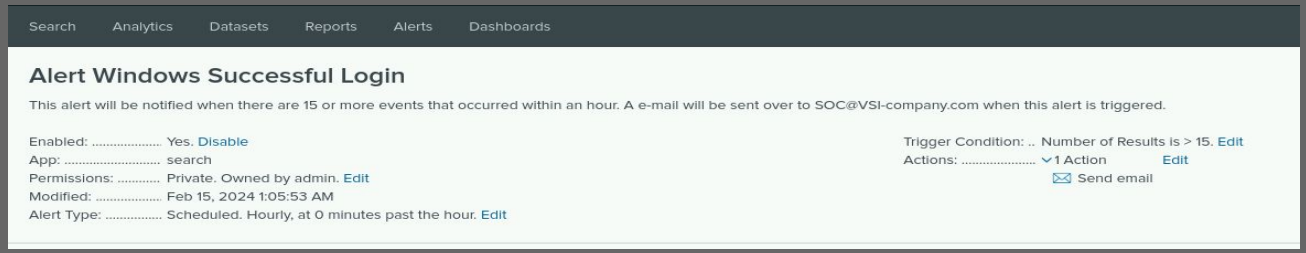
Part 2: Windows_server Alert #2 Successful Login





Created an alert to notify VSI of suspicious activity.

There were 323 events that occurred over 24 hr. period.

Determined that the baseline is 13 per hour and threshold is 15 successful logins.

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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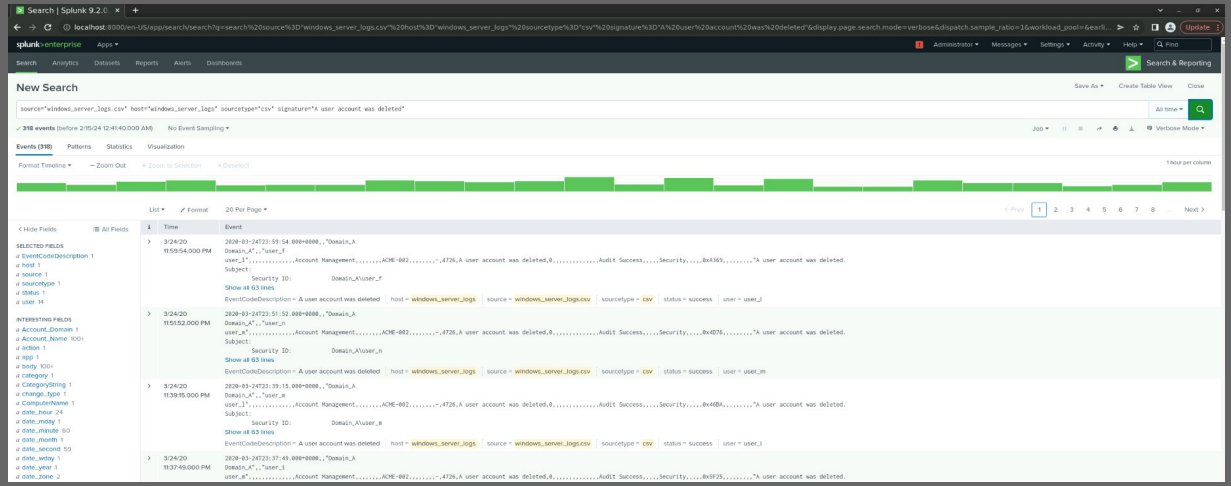
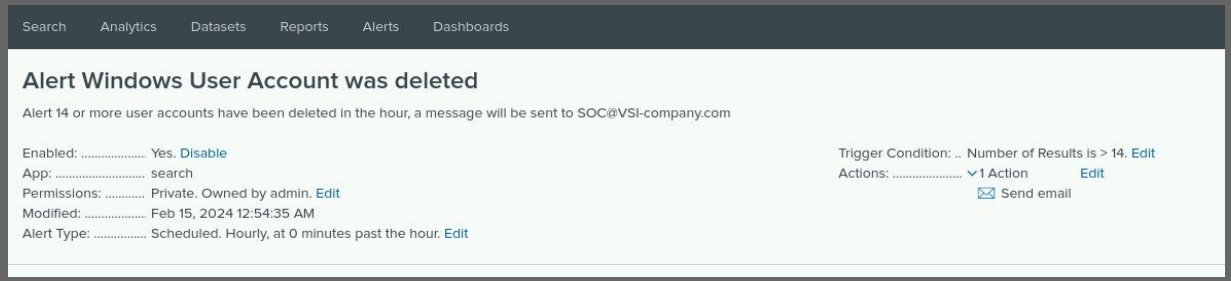
Part 2: Windows_server Alert #3 User Account was Deleted





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.

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

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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 ▾

✓ **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

20 Per Page ▾ | Format | Preview ▾

referer_domain	count	percent
http://www.semicomplete.com	3038	51.256960
http://semicomplete.com	2001	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

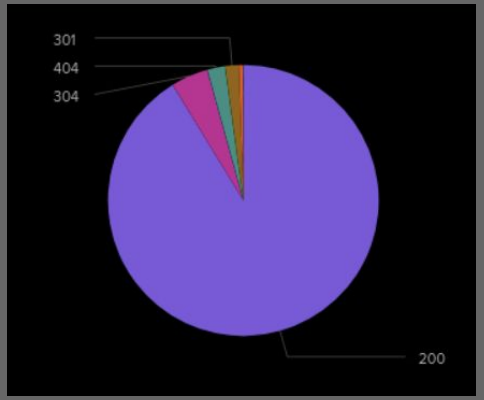
All time ▾

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

4 results | 20 per page ▾

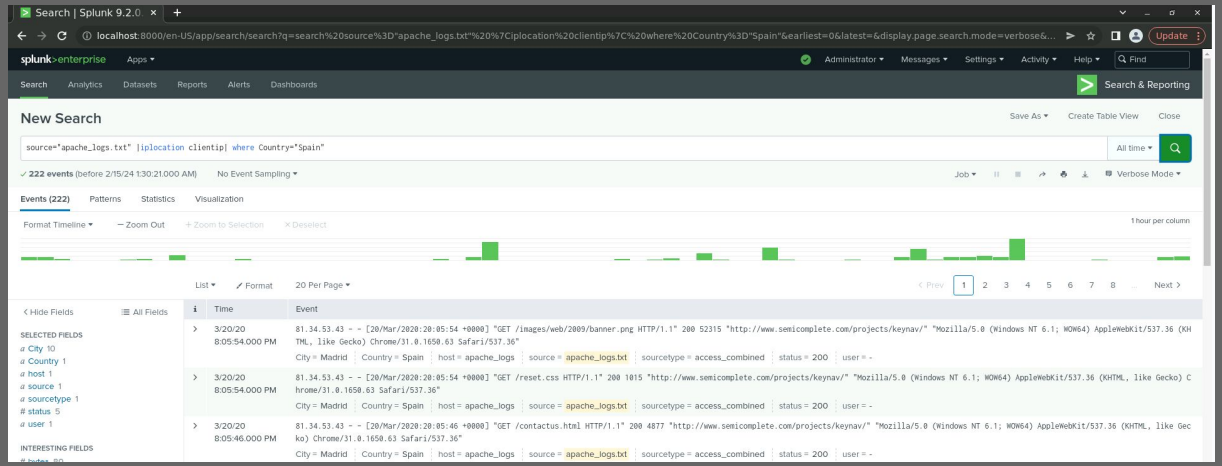
method	count	percent
GET	9851	98.510000
POST	106	1.060000
HEAD	42	0.420000
OPTIONS	1	0.010000

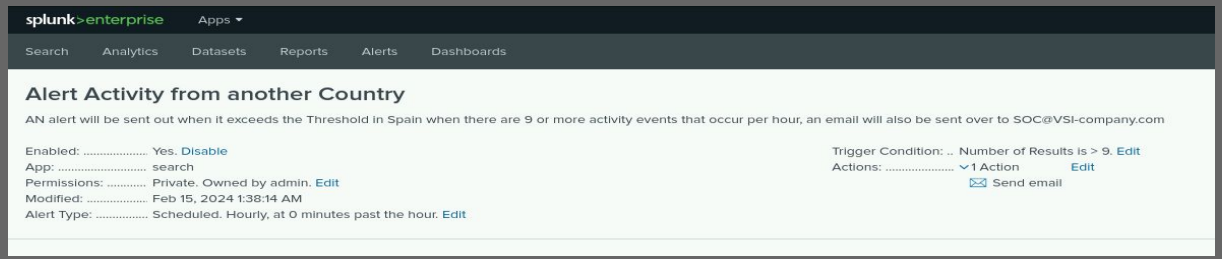
Status Codes



Day 1: Alert HTTP POST Apache Logs

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





Created an alert to notify VSI of suspicious activity.

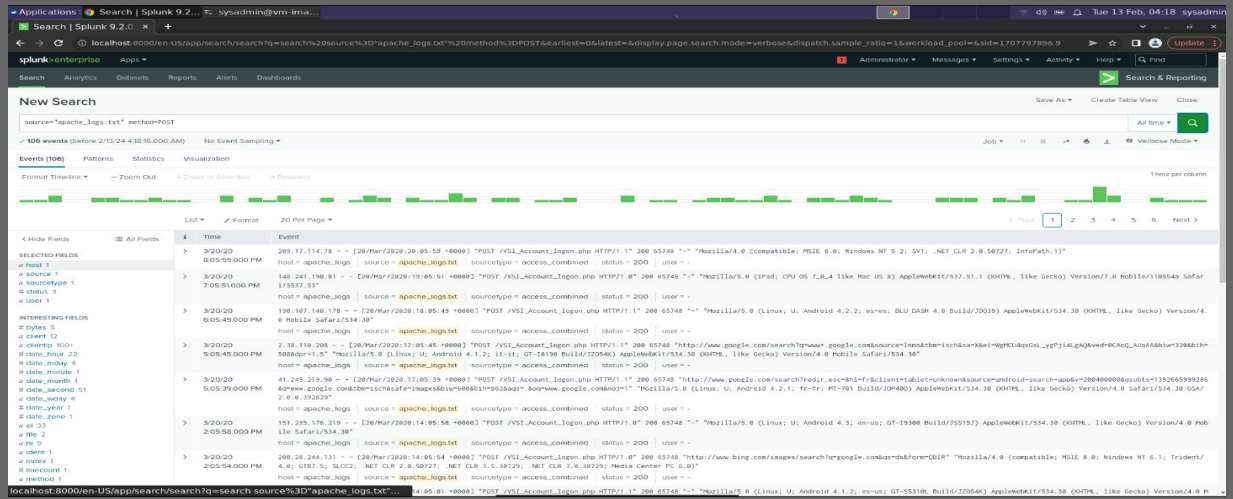
There were 222 events that occurred in Spain.

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



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

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

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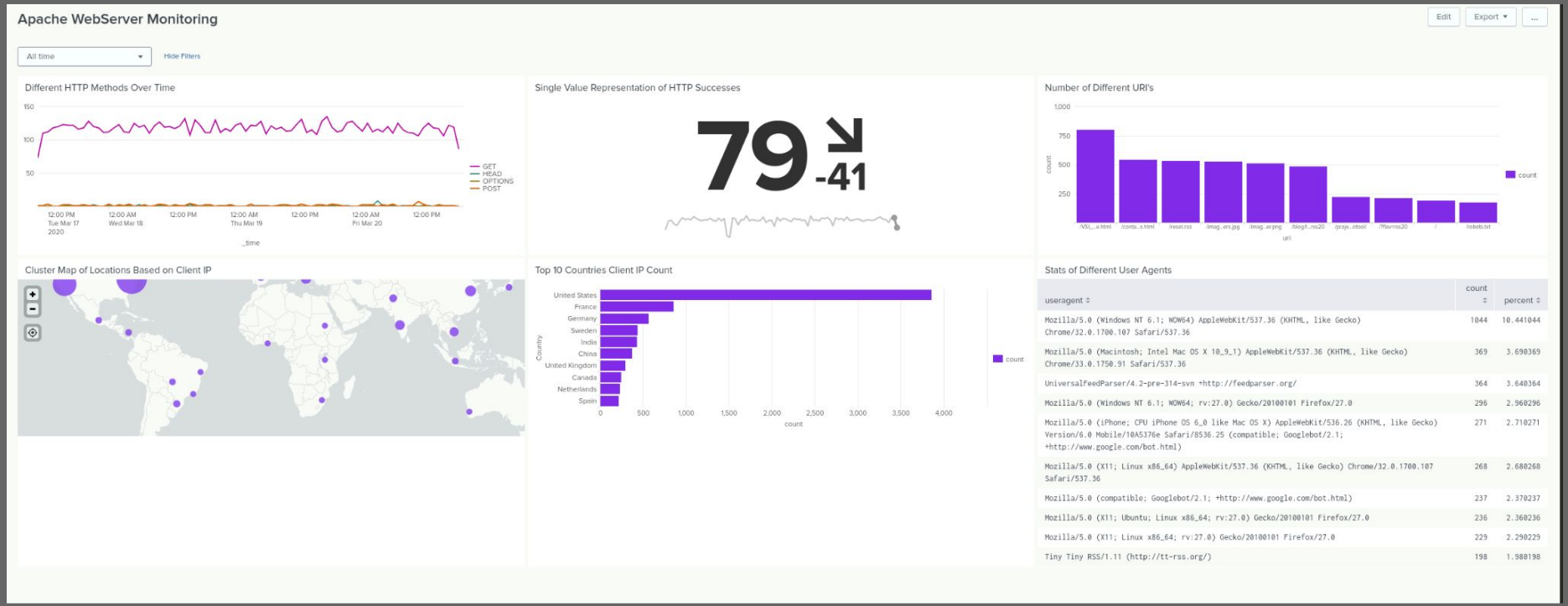
Part 4: Visualisations and Dashboards Apache Web Server Monitoring



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:

After:

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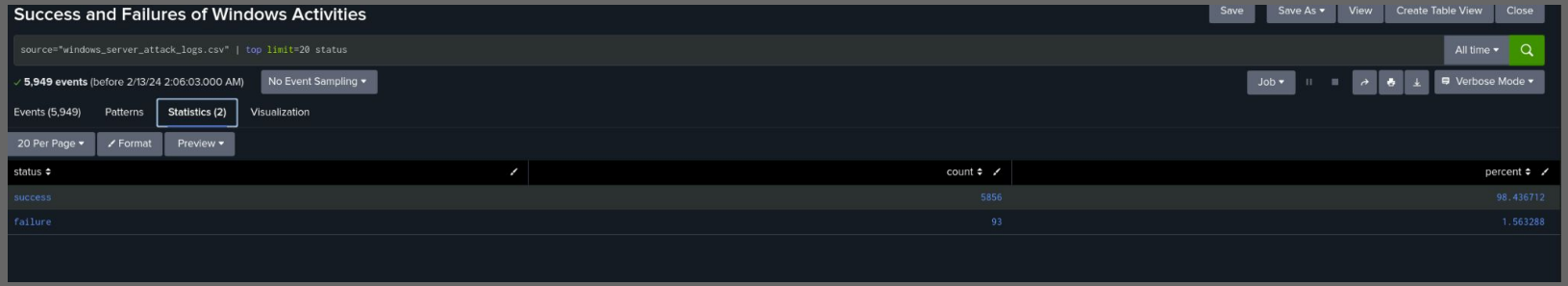
Report Analysis: Windows Failed Activities

Before:

After:



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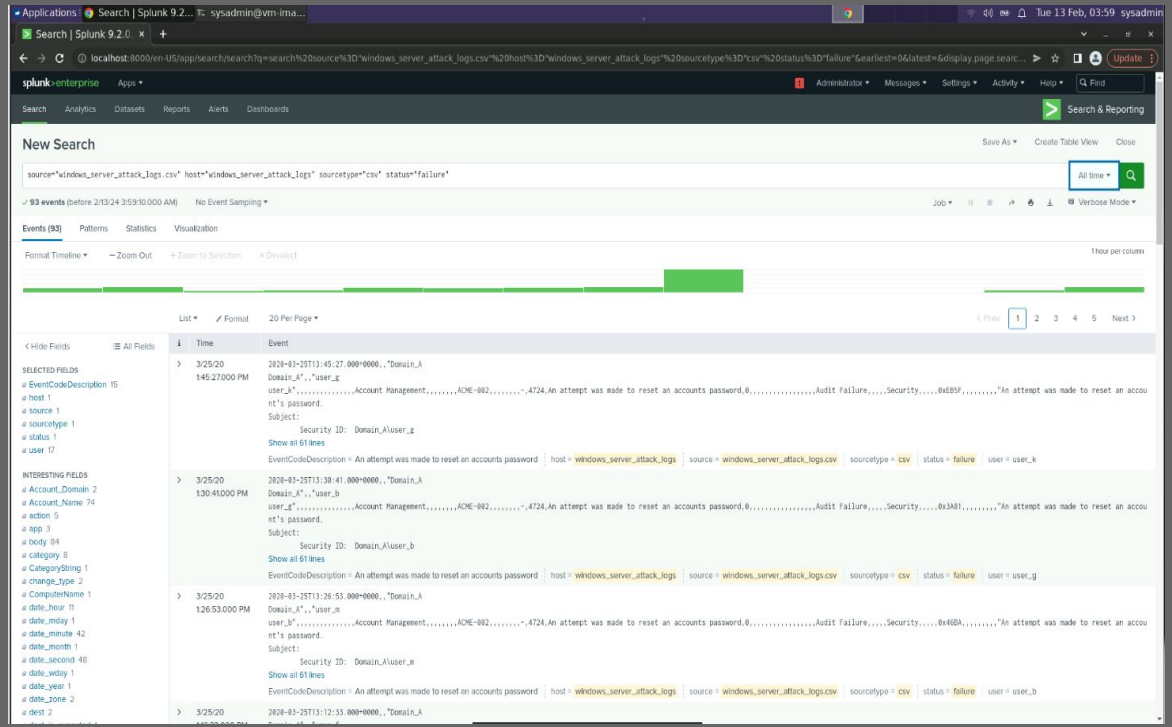
Alert Analysis for Failed Windows Activity



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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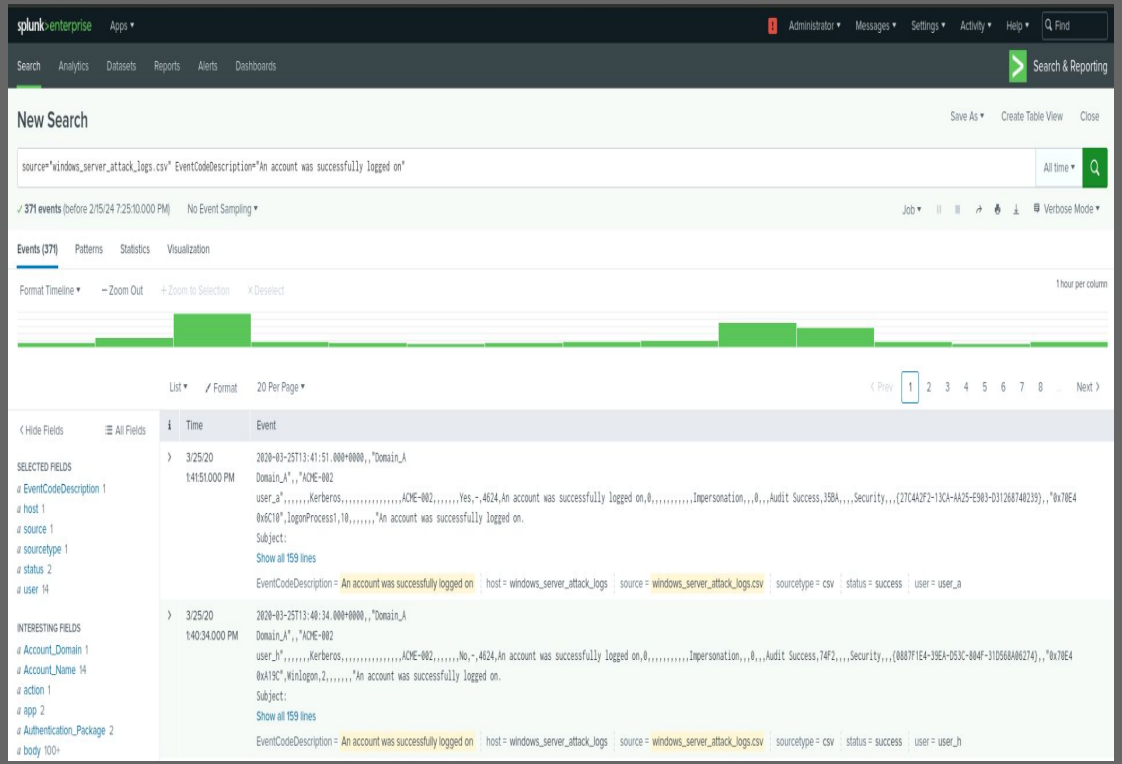
Alert Analysis for Successful Logins Windows Activity



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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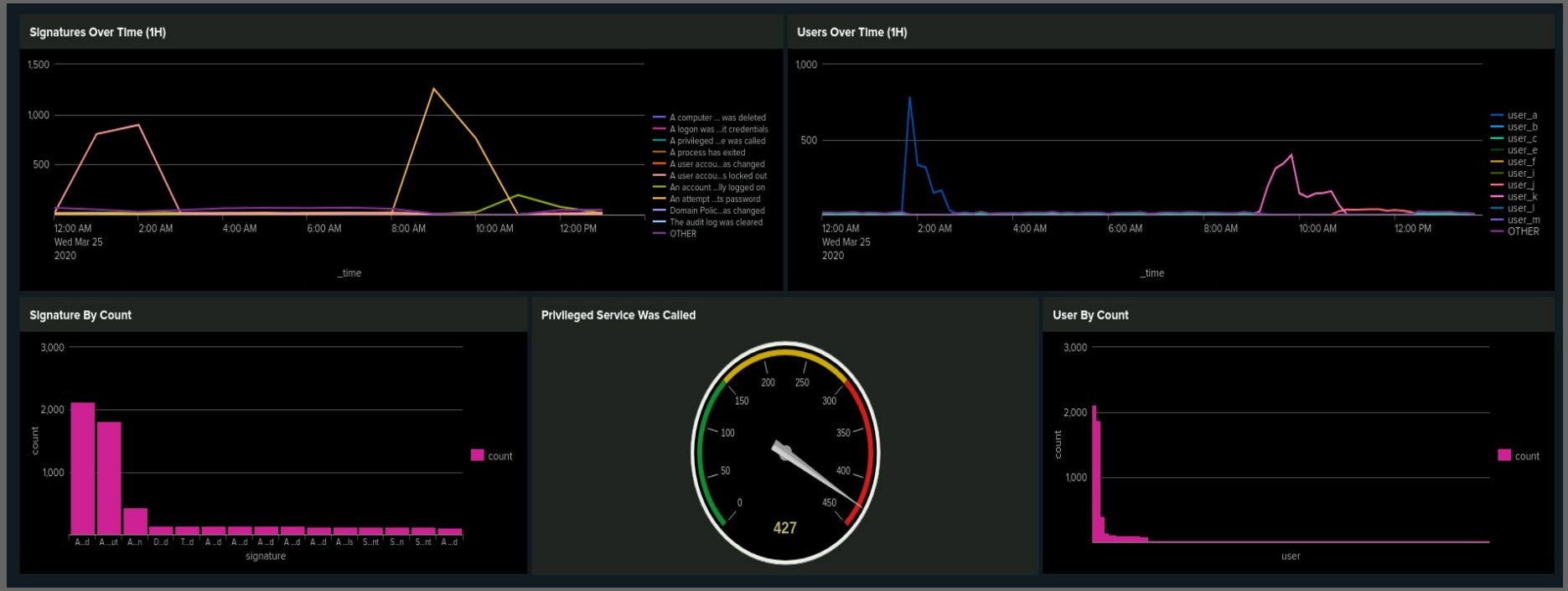
Dashboard Analysis: Windows Server (Signatures)



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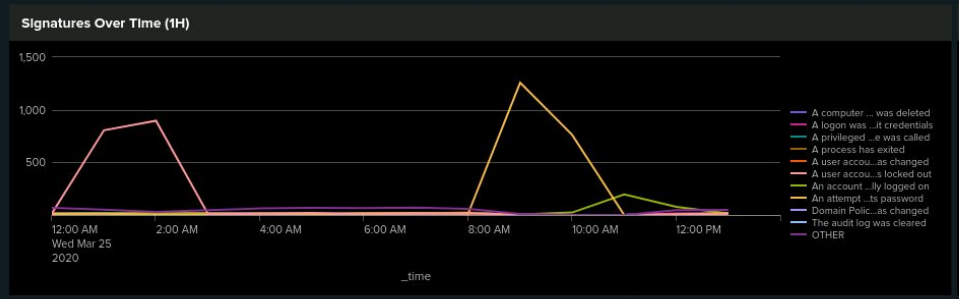
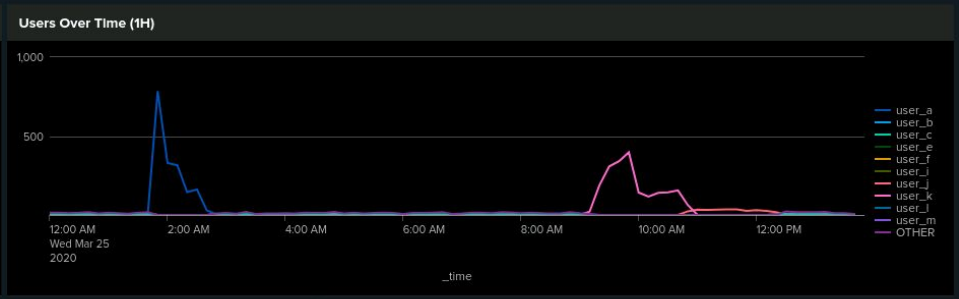
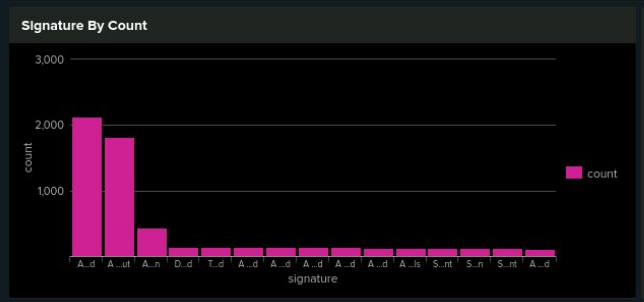
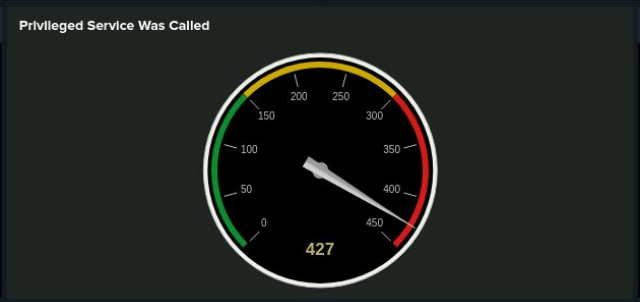
Dashboard Analysis: Windows Server (Users)









Day 2: Monitoring and Analyzing Attacks
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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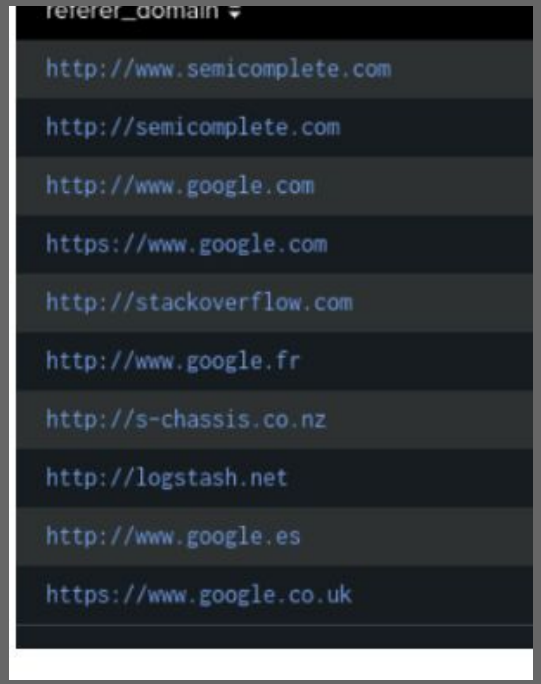
Part 4: Report Analysis: Referrer Domains

BEFORE THE ATTACK



AFTER THE ATTACK

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Part 4: Report Analysis: HTTP Response Codes

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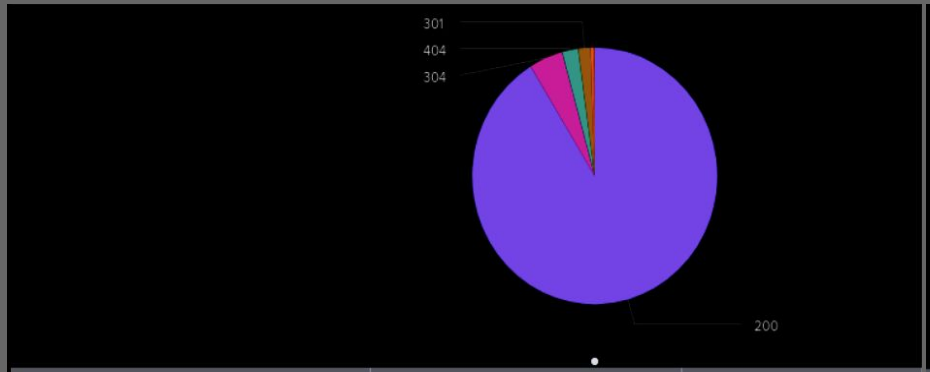
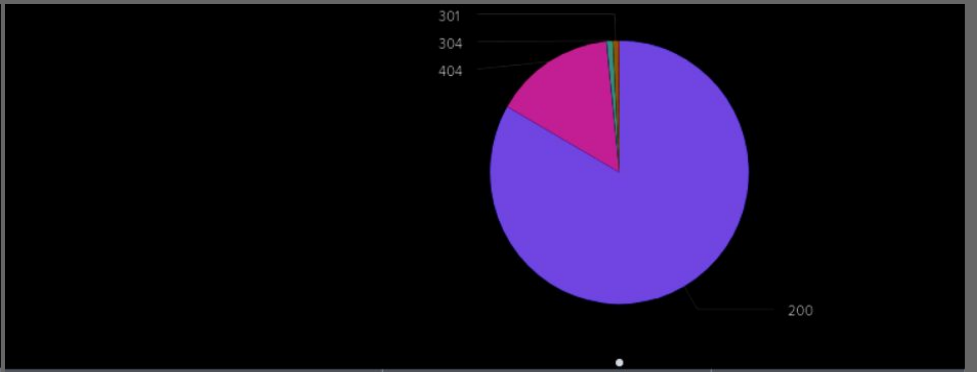


status	count
200	9126
304	445
404	213
301	164
206	45
500	3
416	2
403	2

After the Attack:



status	count
200	3746
404	679
304	36
301	29
206	5
500	1
403	1

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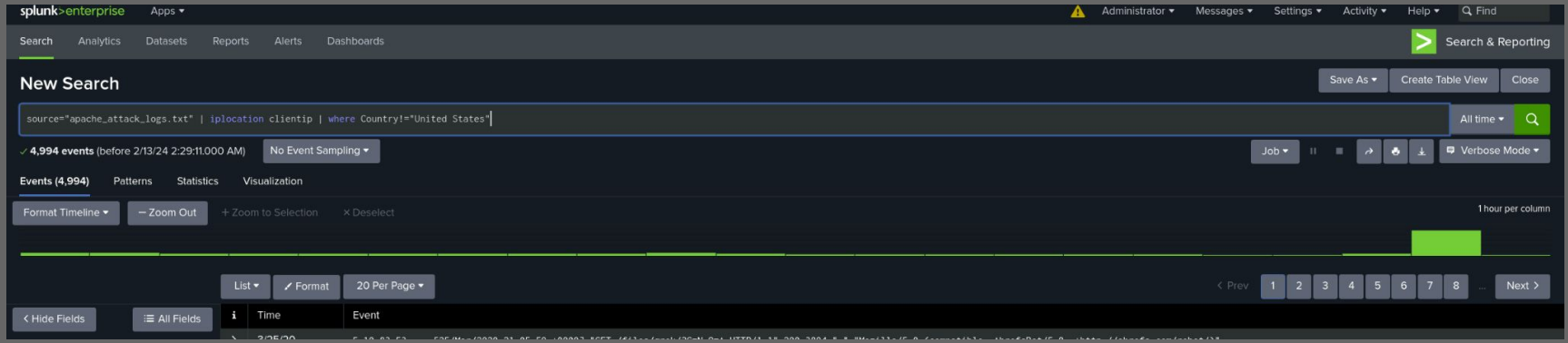
Part 4: Alert Analysis: Alert Analysis for International Activity

Before:

After:



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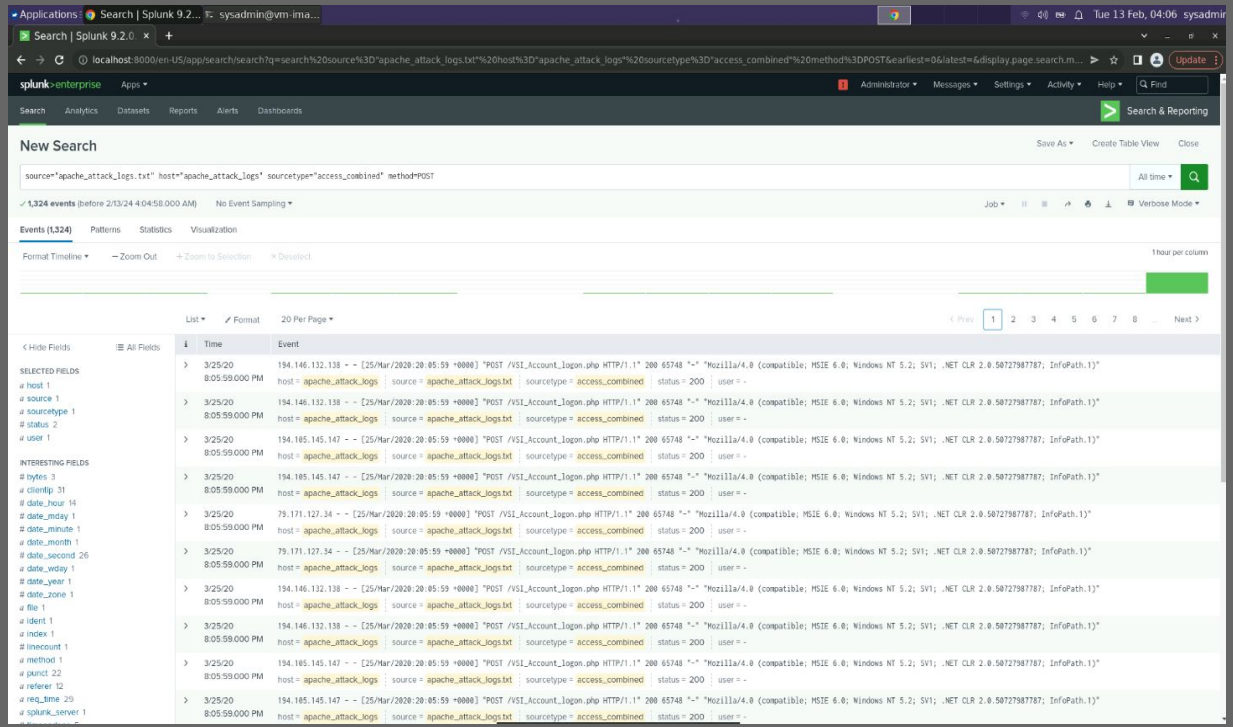
Part 4: Alert Analysis for HTTP POST Activity



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

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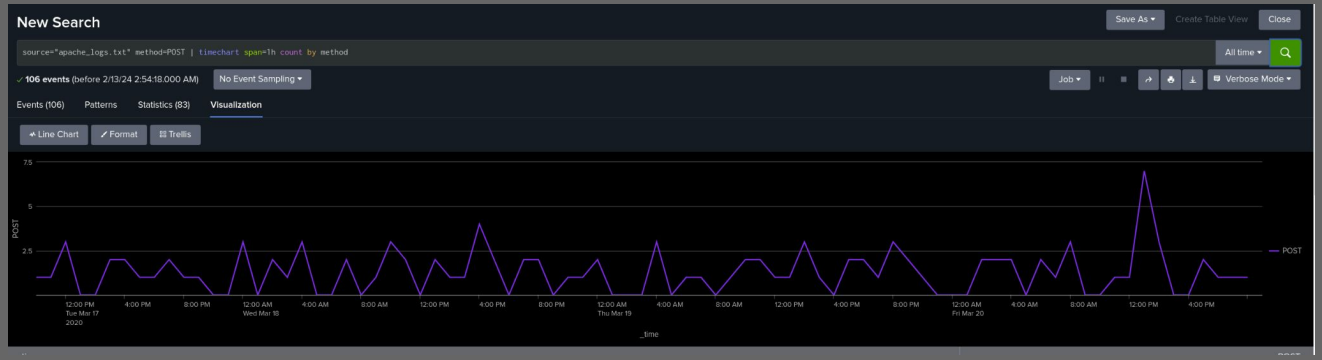

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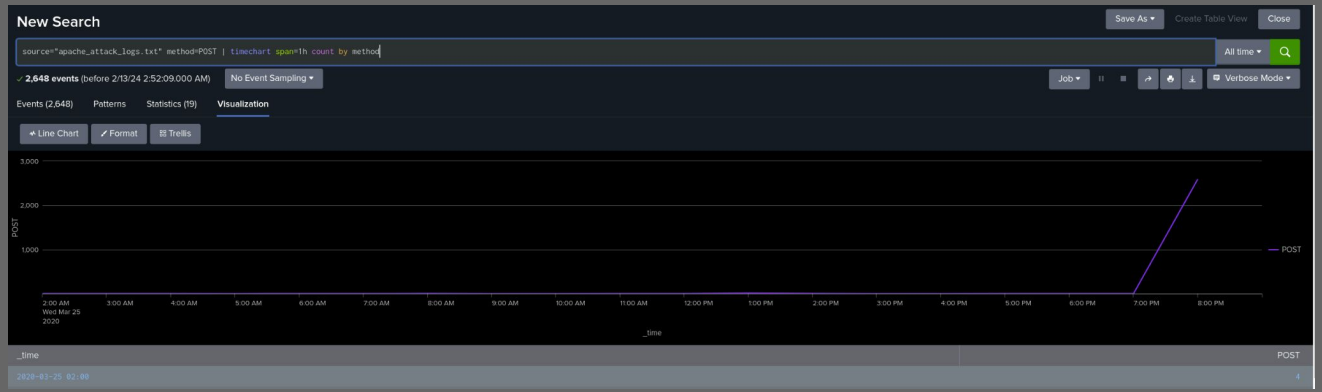

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Dashboard Analysis: HTTP GET Method

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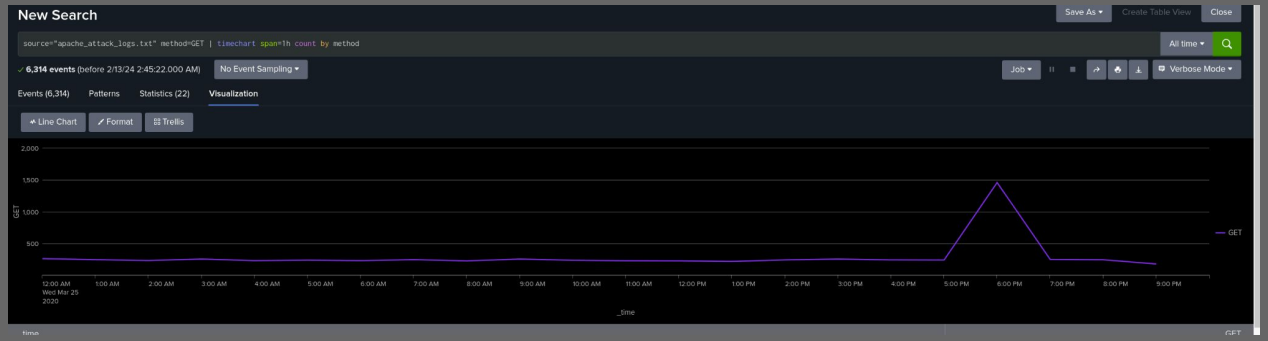

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Dashboard Analysis: Cluster Map

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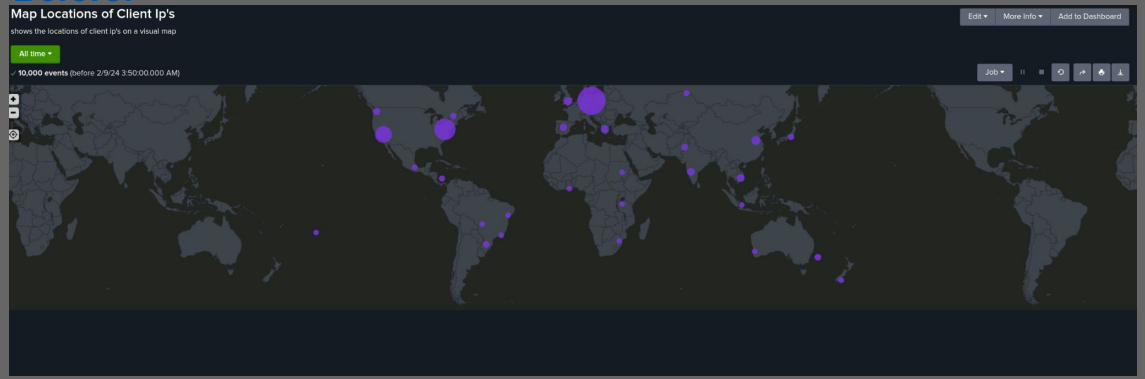

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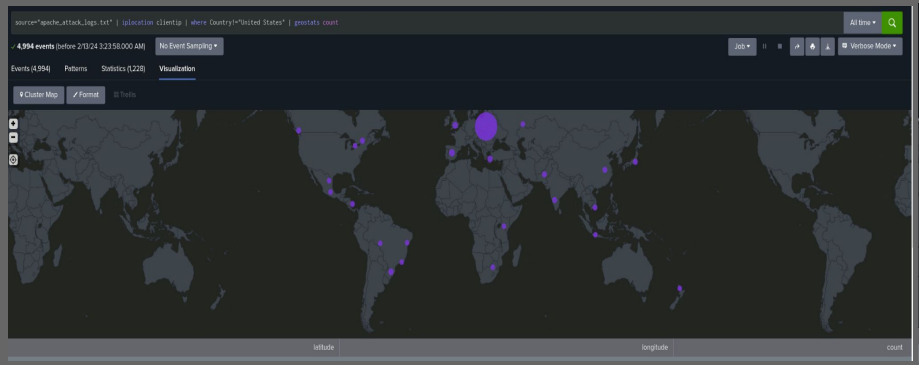

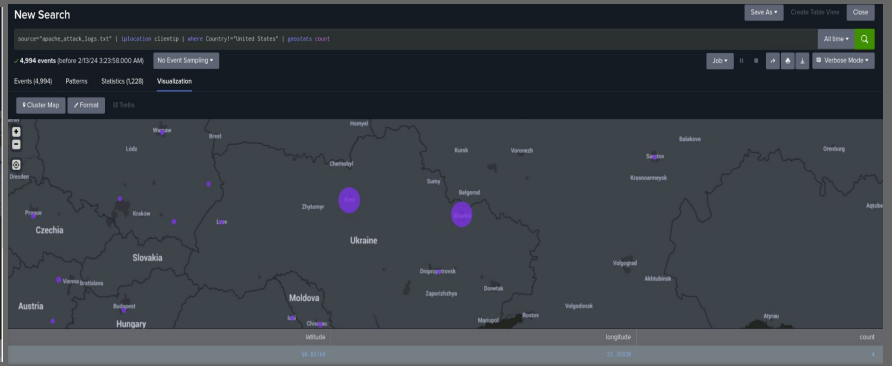

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Dashboard Analysis: Apache URI Data

Before:

After:

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Dashboard Analysis: Apache URI Data

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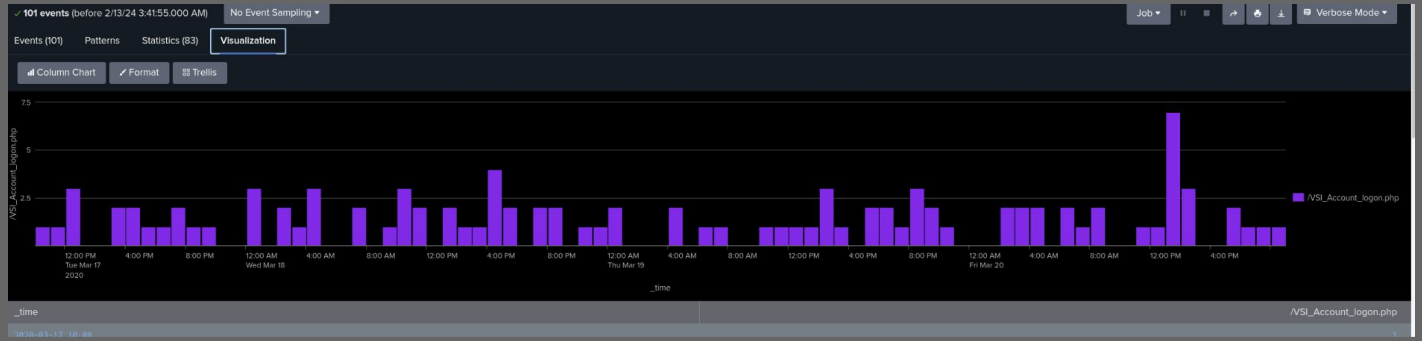

After:

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