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Metadata and Keywords

| Tag | Description |
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| _messageCount | A sequence number (per Source) added by the Collector when the message was received. |
| _messageTime | The timestamp of the message (in milliseconds) |
| _receiptTime | The time the Collector received the message (in milliseconds) |
| _size | The size of the log message in bytes |
| _raw | The raw log message |
| _format | The pattern used for parsing the timestamp |

- **Metadata** refers to the data describing other data
- Sumo Logic have metadata that are automatically tagged to ingested data

Main Built-in Metadata Fields

| Tag | Description |
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| <code>_collector</code> | Name of the collector (set when the Collector was installed) that received the log message. |
| <code>_sourceHost</code> | Hostname of the Source |
| <code>_sourceName</code> | The name of the log file, determined by the path you entered when you configured the Source |
| <code>_source</code> | Name of the source this data came through |
| <code>_sourceCategory</code> | The category of the Source that collected the log message. Can be freely configured. Main metadata tag |

Other Built-in Metadata Fields

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| <code>_messageTime</code> | The timestamp of the message (in milliseconds) |
| <code>_receiptTime</code> | The time the Collector received the message (in milliseconds) |
| <code>_size</code> | The size of the log message in bytes |
| <code>_raw</code> | The raw log message |
| <code>_format</code> | The pattern used for parsing the timestamp |

Benefits of Built-in Metadata

- Make easier to search for related messages
- Allow you to quickly identify the Collector or Source
- Allow you to query your data, or create dashboards

Parsing

Dynamic Parsing Mode

- **Auto Park Mode** is enabled as default

- **Dynamic Parsing** allows automatic field extraction from your JSON log messages when you run a search
 - Allows you to view fields from JSON logs without having to manually specify parsing logic