

Defensive Security Project

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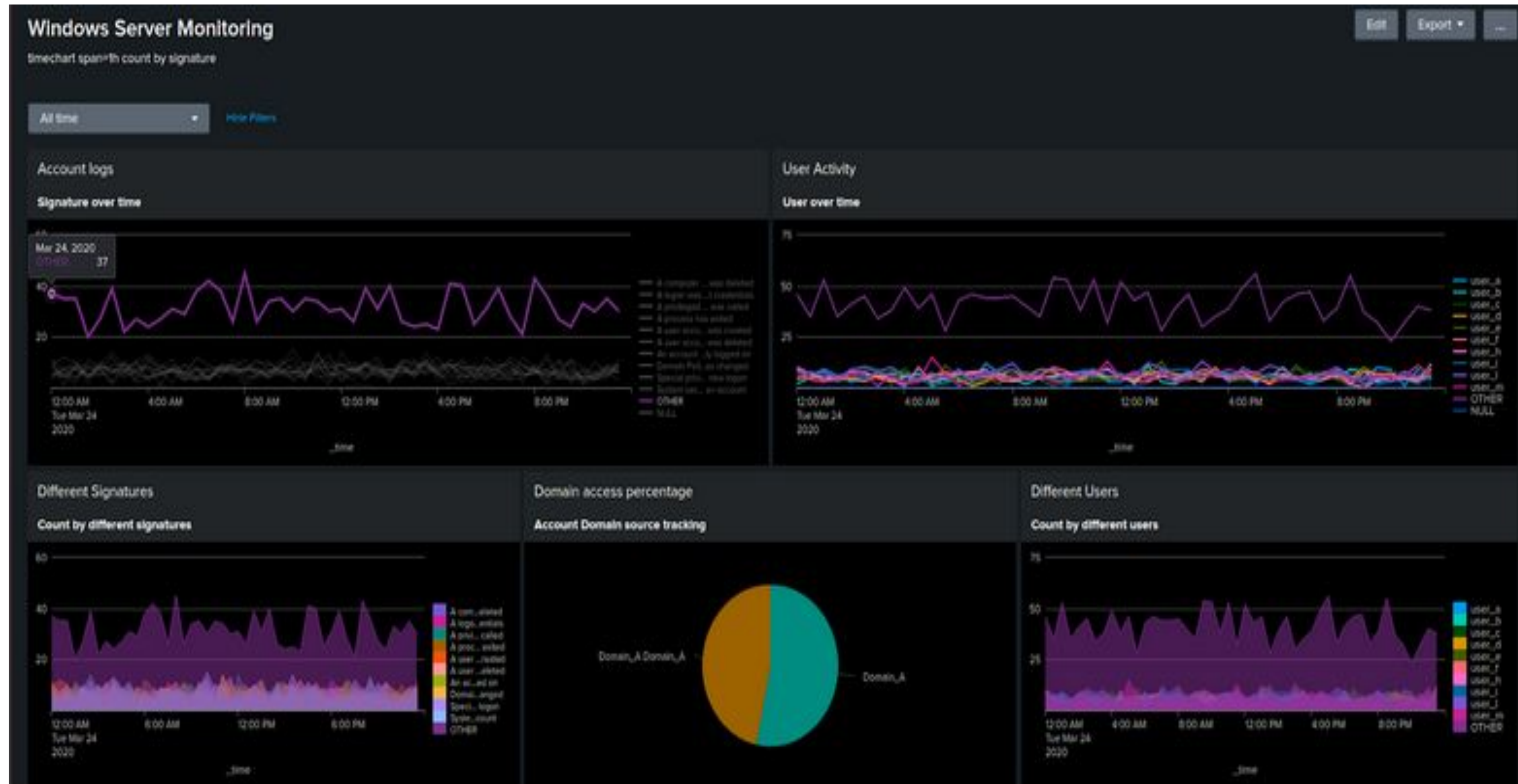
**Project Summary
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Monitoring Environment

Scenario

- I was notified by my manager that VSI recently experienced several cyber attacks, likely from their adversary Jobecorp. Unfortunately, this attack took down several of VSI's systems. Fortunately, i've set up several monitoring solutions to help VSI quickly identify what was attacked. The attack that occurred targeted several systems specifically, Windows & Apache servers, which are fountatley monitoring. Management has quickly provided me with more logs from those same servers. These new logs cover the time period during which the attack occurred.]

Windows Server Monitoring



Logs Analyzed

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Windows Logs

[windows_server_logs.csv
windows_server_attack_logs.csv]
o signature
o signature_id
o user
o status
o severity

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Apache Logs

[apache.logs.txt
apache_attack_logs.txt]
o method
o referrer_domain
o status
o clientip
o useragent

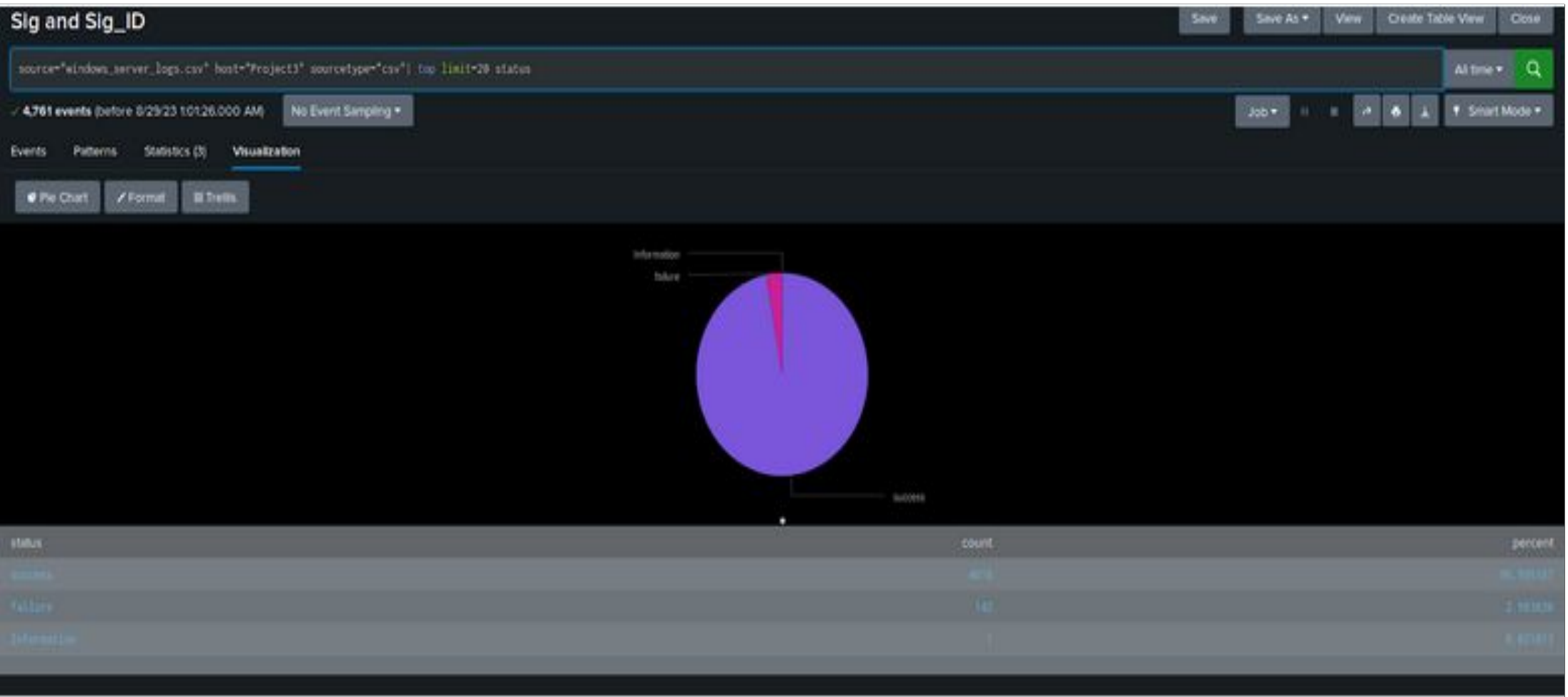
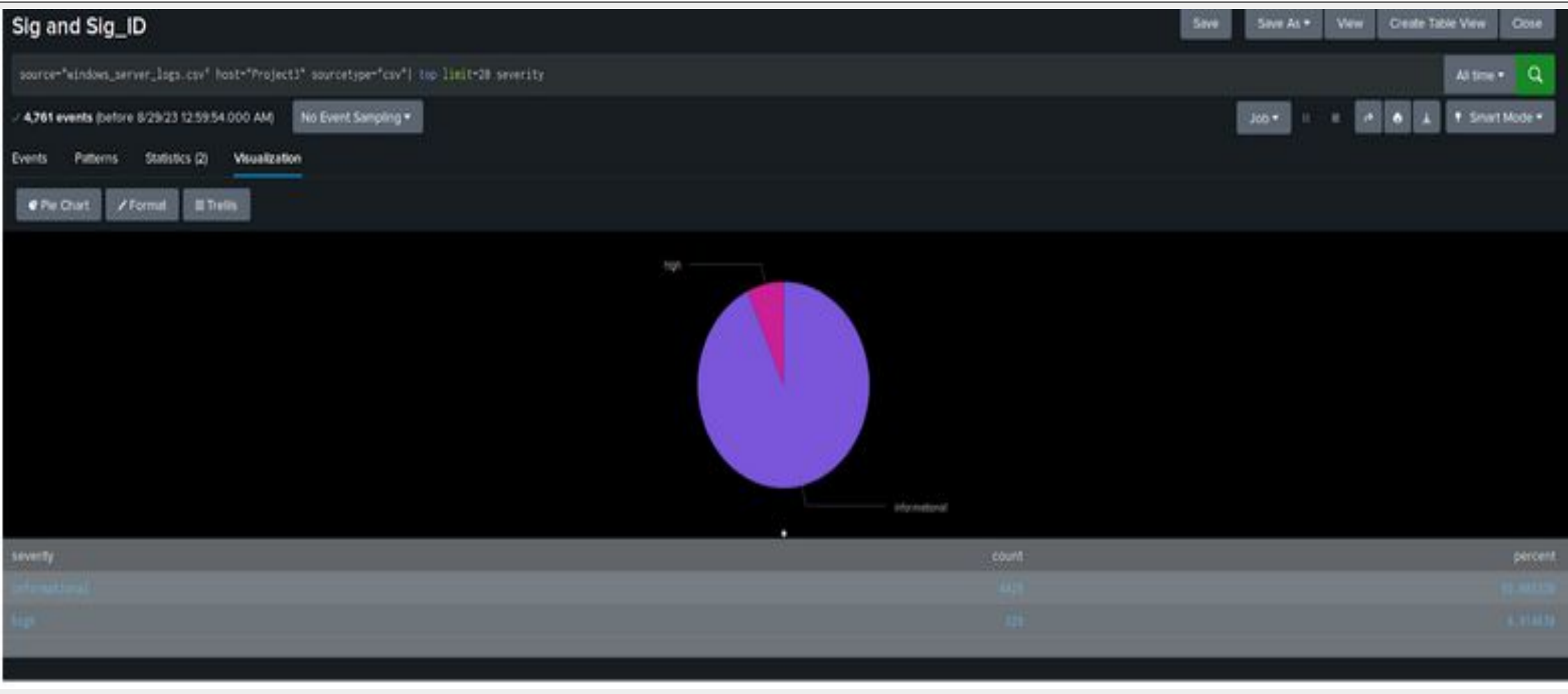
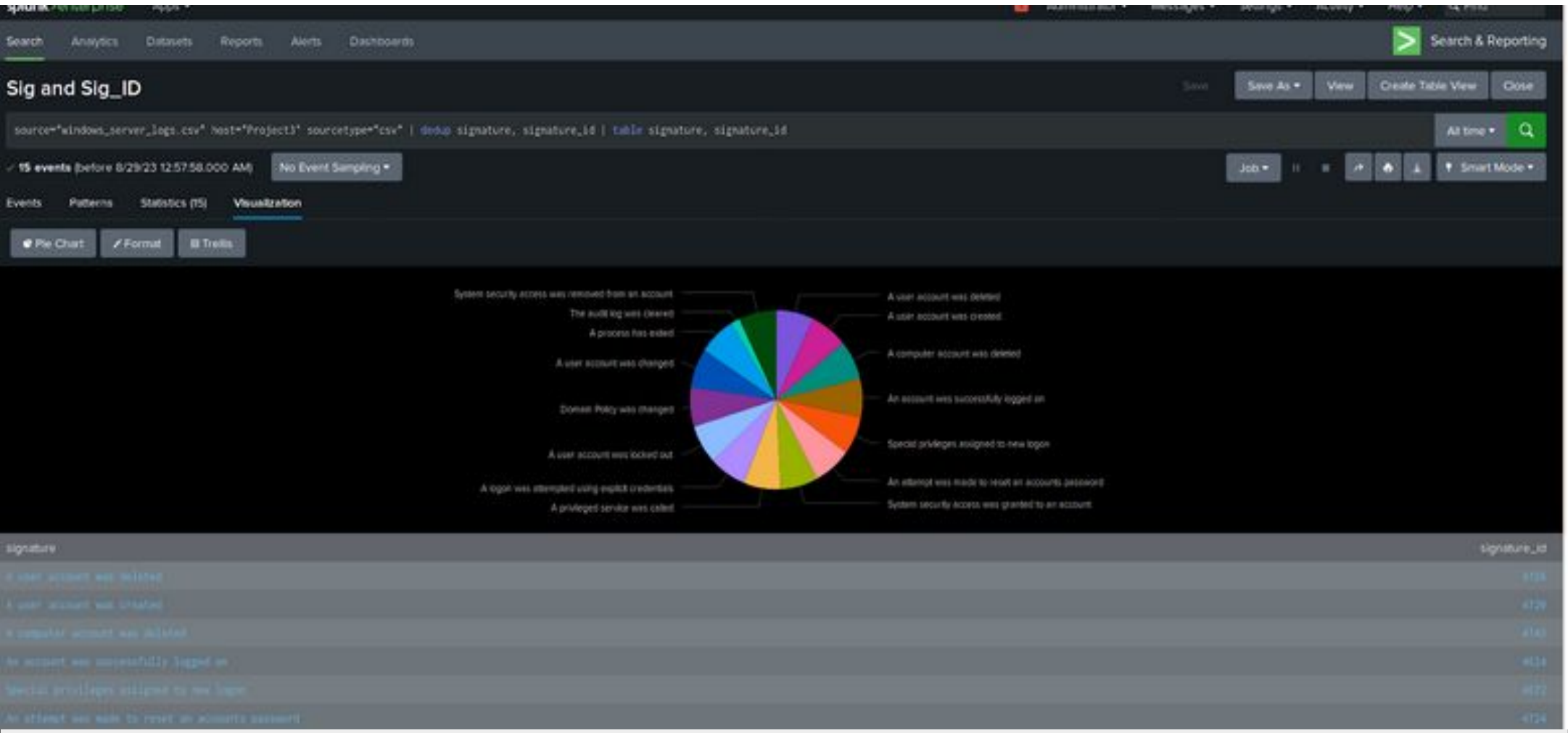
Windows Logs

Reports—Windows

Designed the following reports:

Report Name	Report Description
[signature_id]	[source="windows_server_attack_logs.csv" host="Linux_Server" sourcetype="csv" dedup signature, signature_id table signature, signature_id]
[sig & sig id]	[source="windows_server_attack_logs.csv" host"project3" sourcetype="csv" dedup signature, signature_id table signature, signature_id]
[sig & sig id]	[source="windows_server_logs.csv" host-'project3" sourcetype="csv" top limit=20 severity]

Images of Reports—Windows

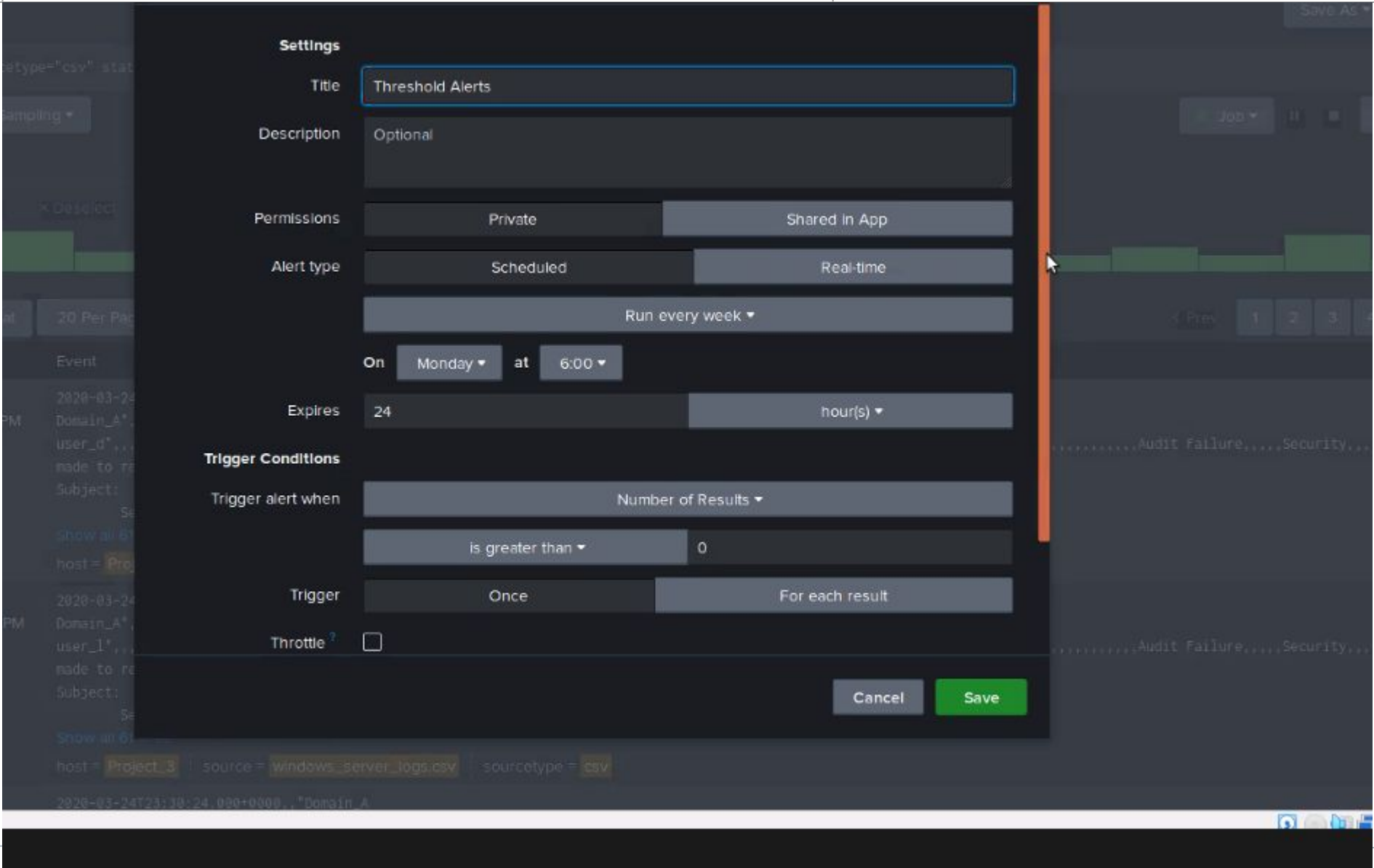


Alerts—Windows

Designed the following alerts:

Alert Name	Alert Description	Alert Baseline	Alert Threshold
[Threshold alert]	[alarm triggered when number of results are greater than 18.]	[for each result]	[18]

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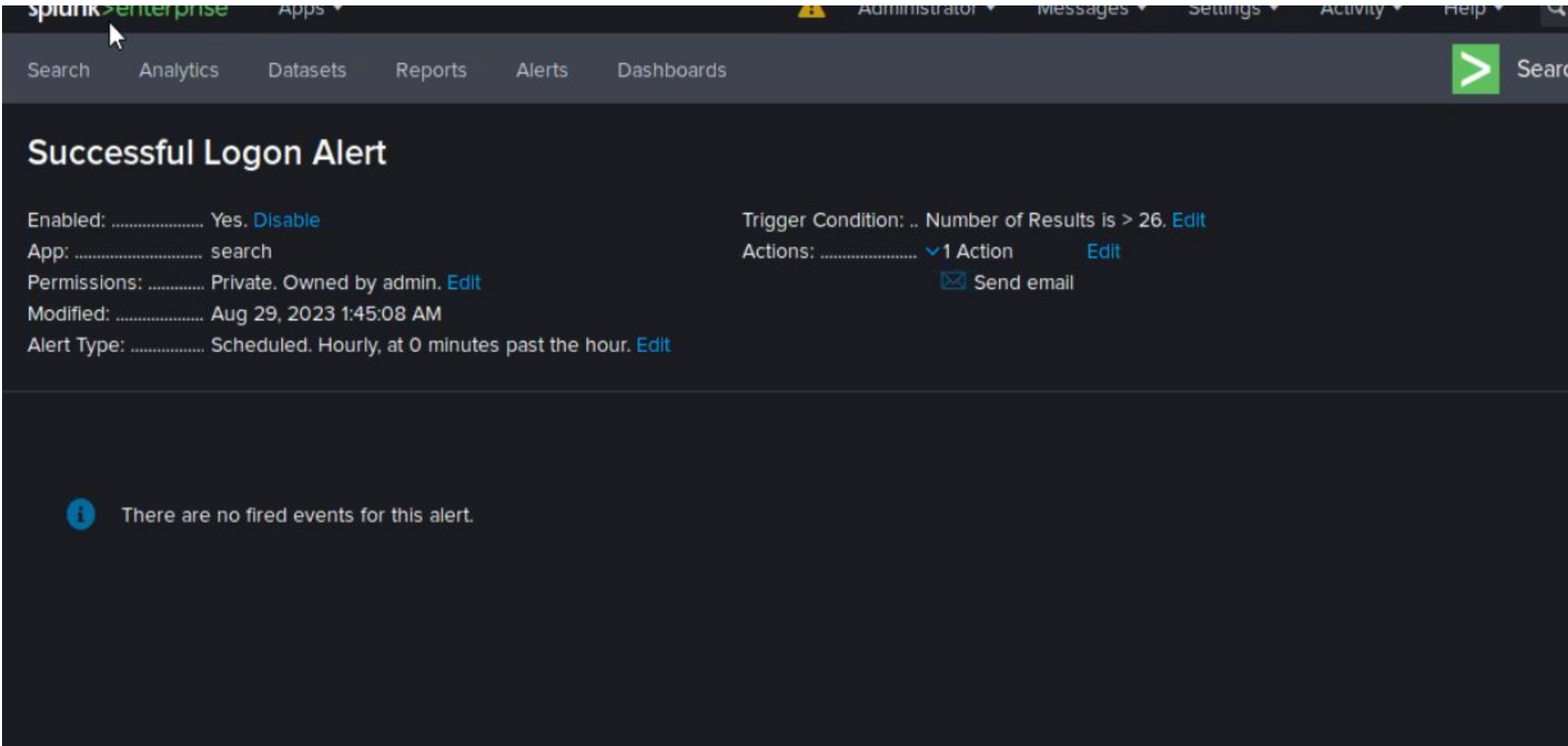


Alerts—Windows

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[Successful Logon Alert]	[scheduled alert type triggered if number of results are greater than 26]	[Baseline]	[26]

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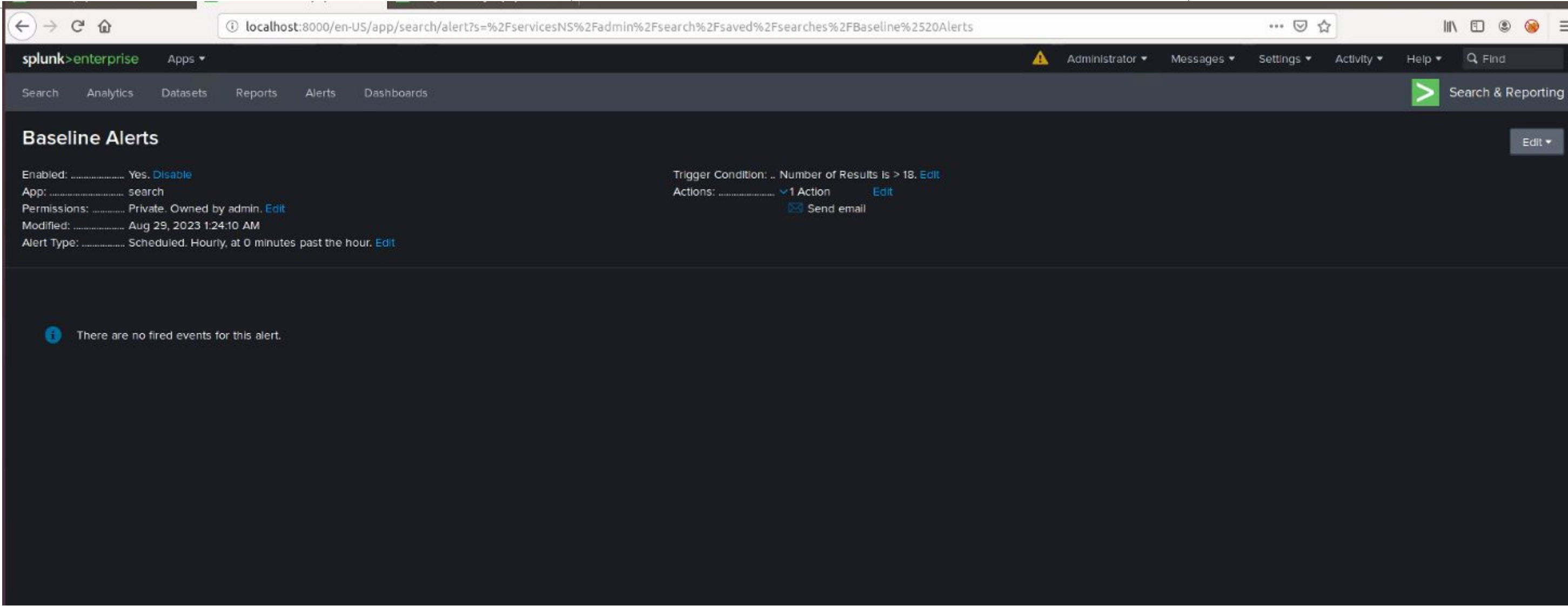


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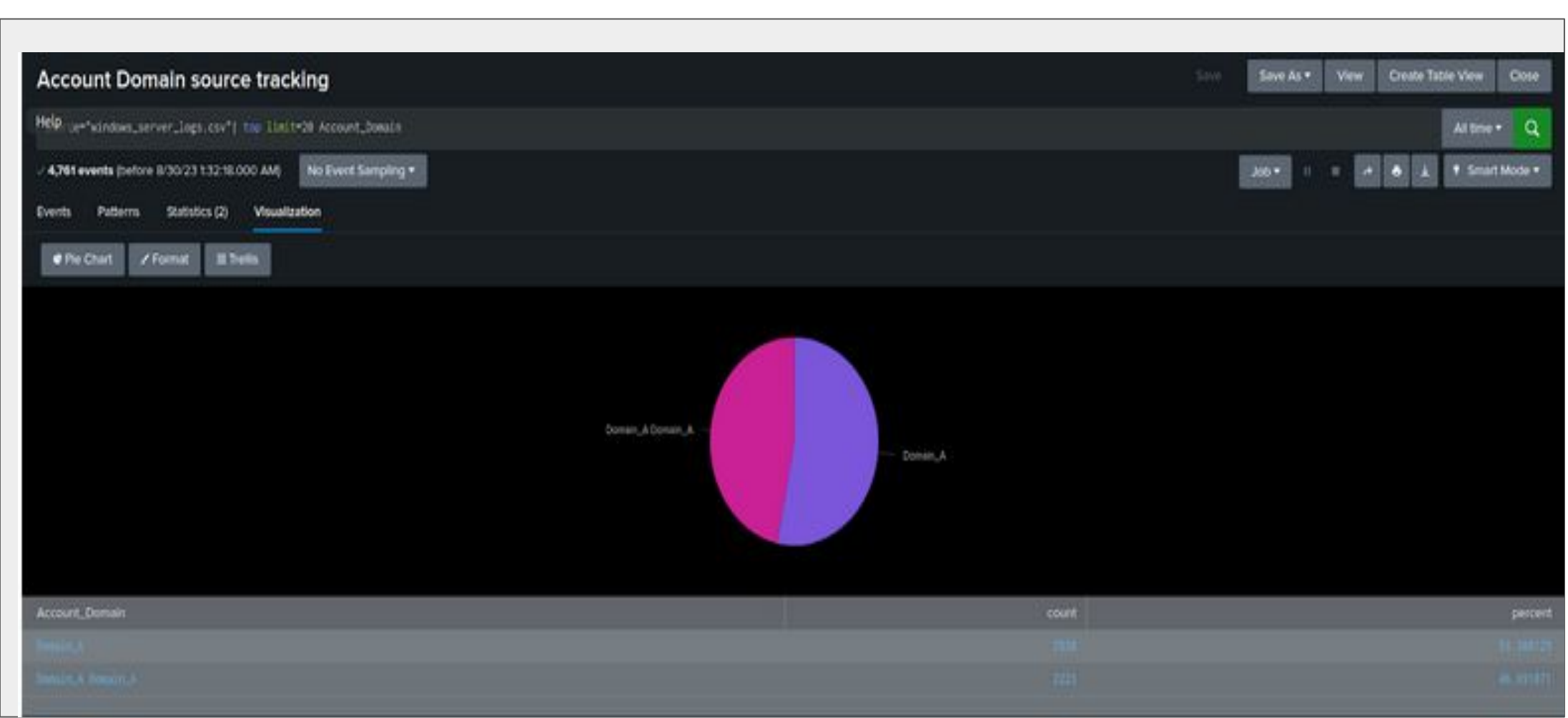
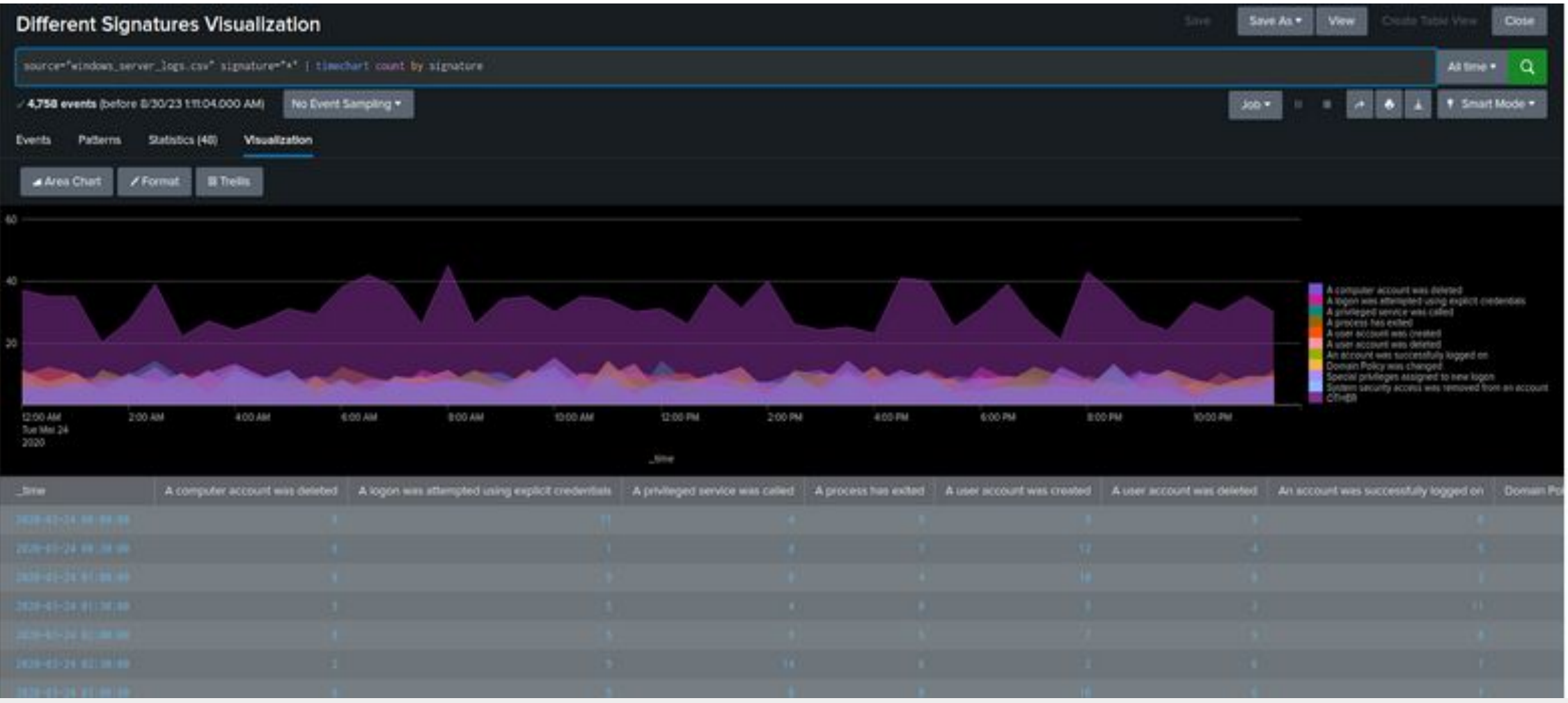
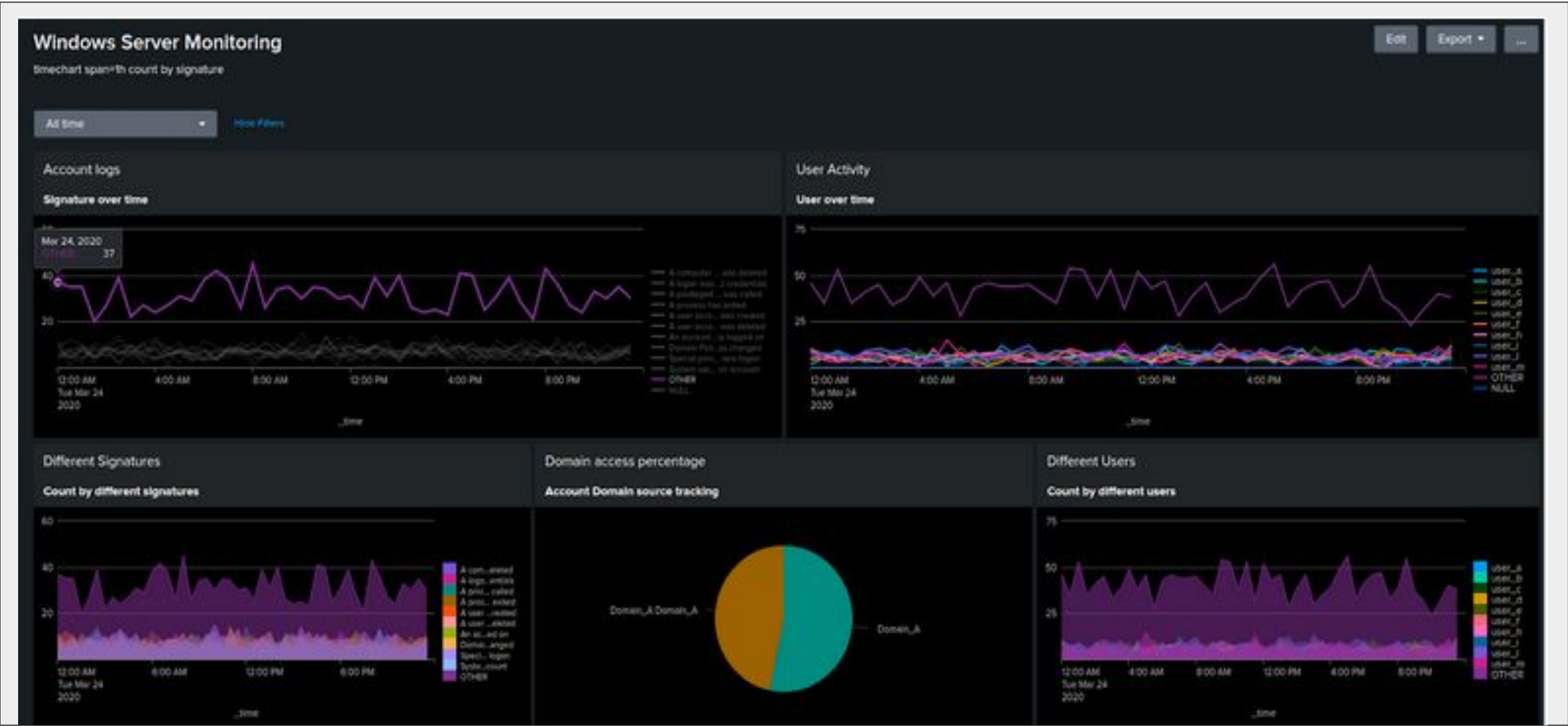
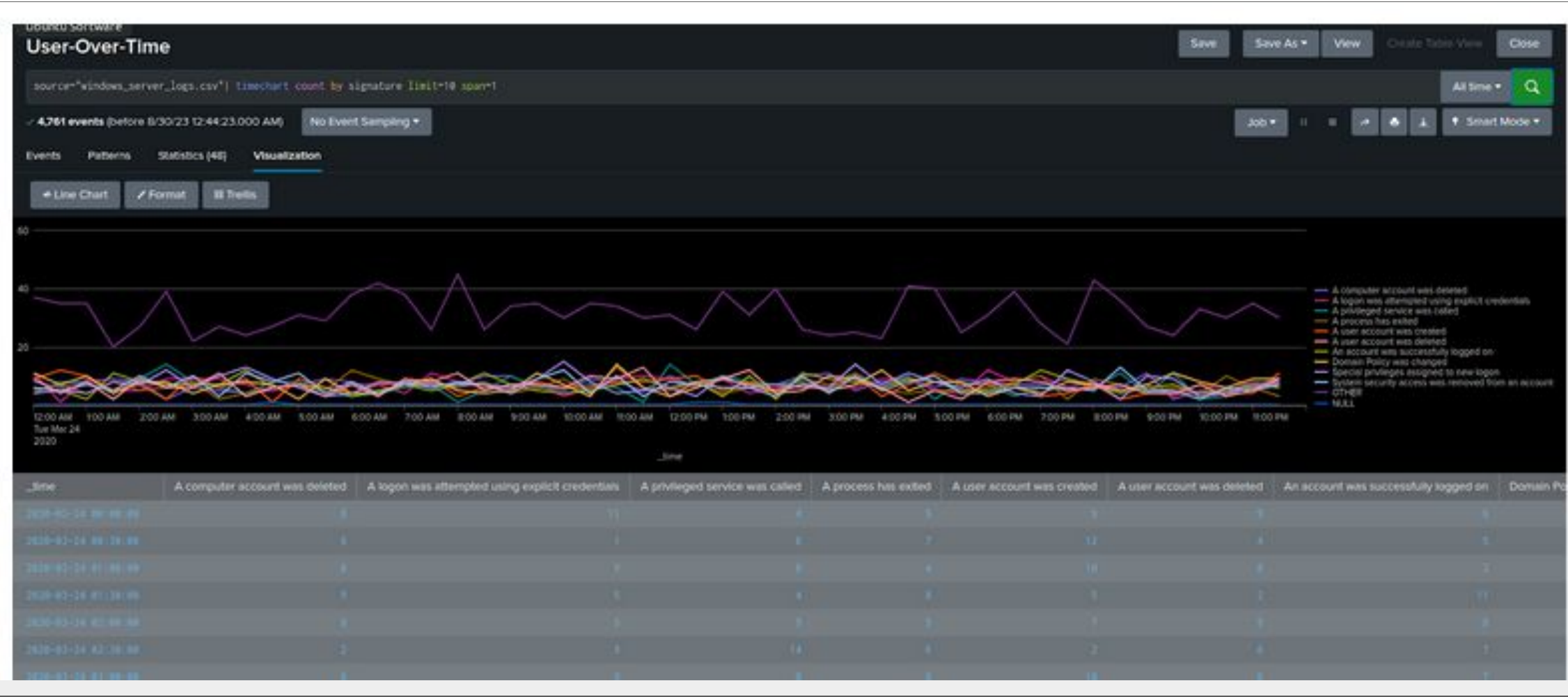
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Alert Name	Alert Description	Alert Baseline	Alert Threshold
[Baseline Alert]	[scheduled hourly trigger condition greater than 18]	[Baseline]	[Greater than 18]

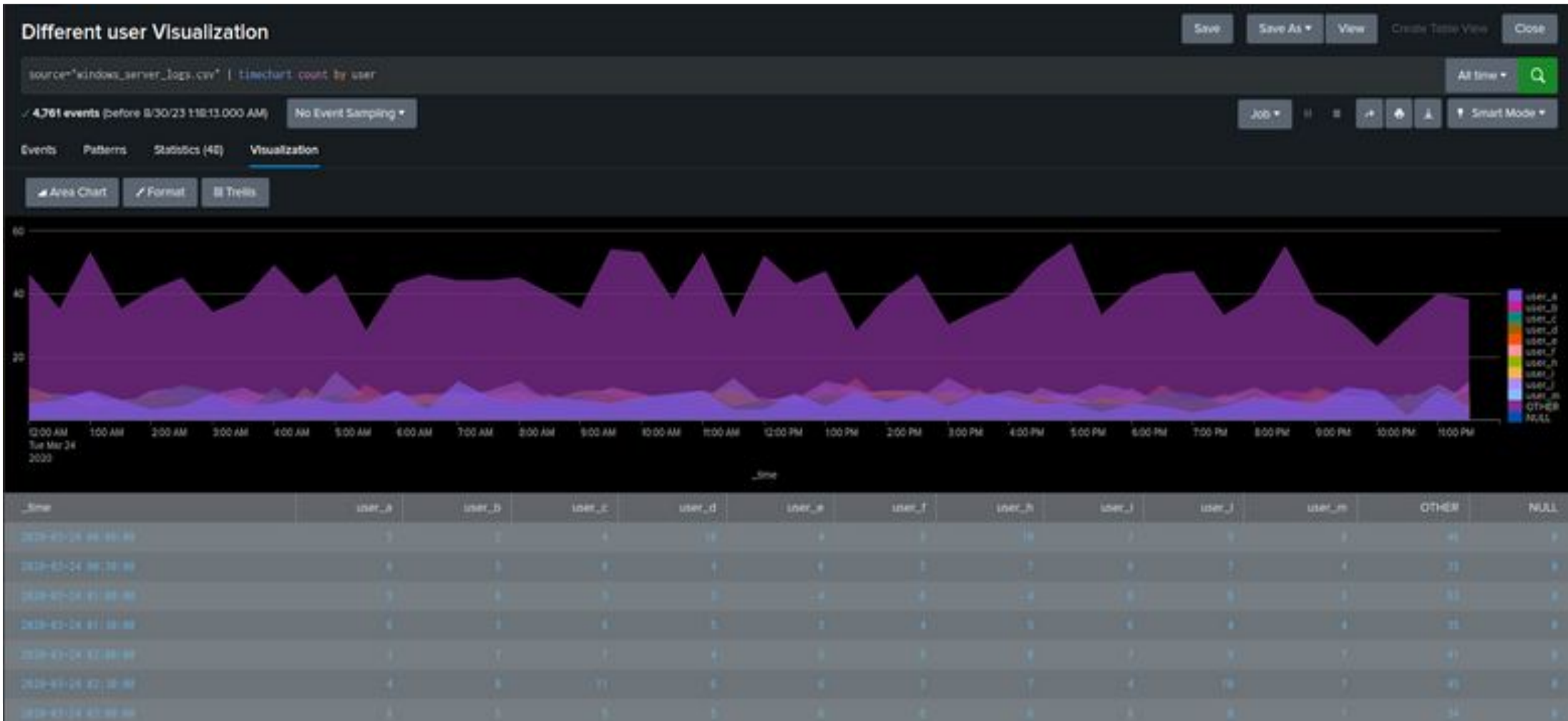
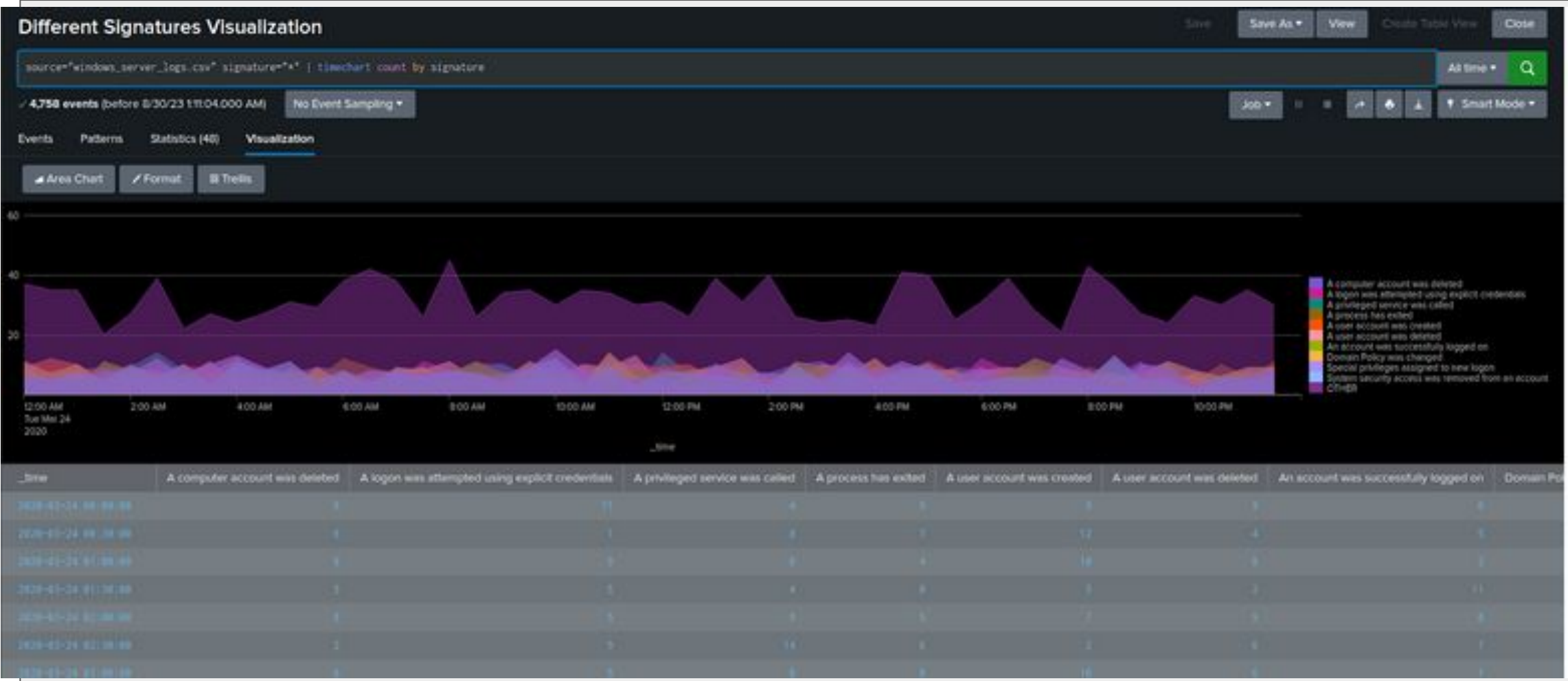
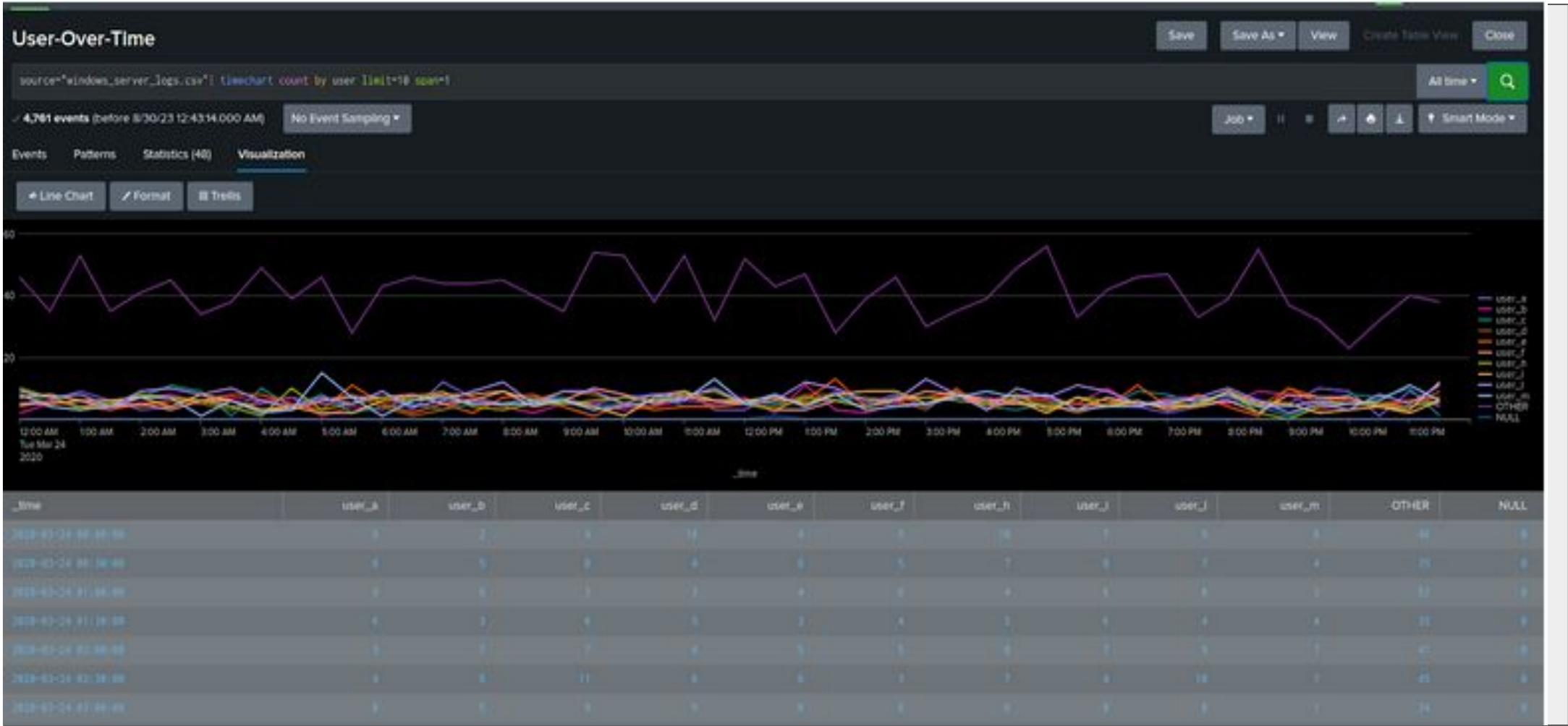
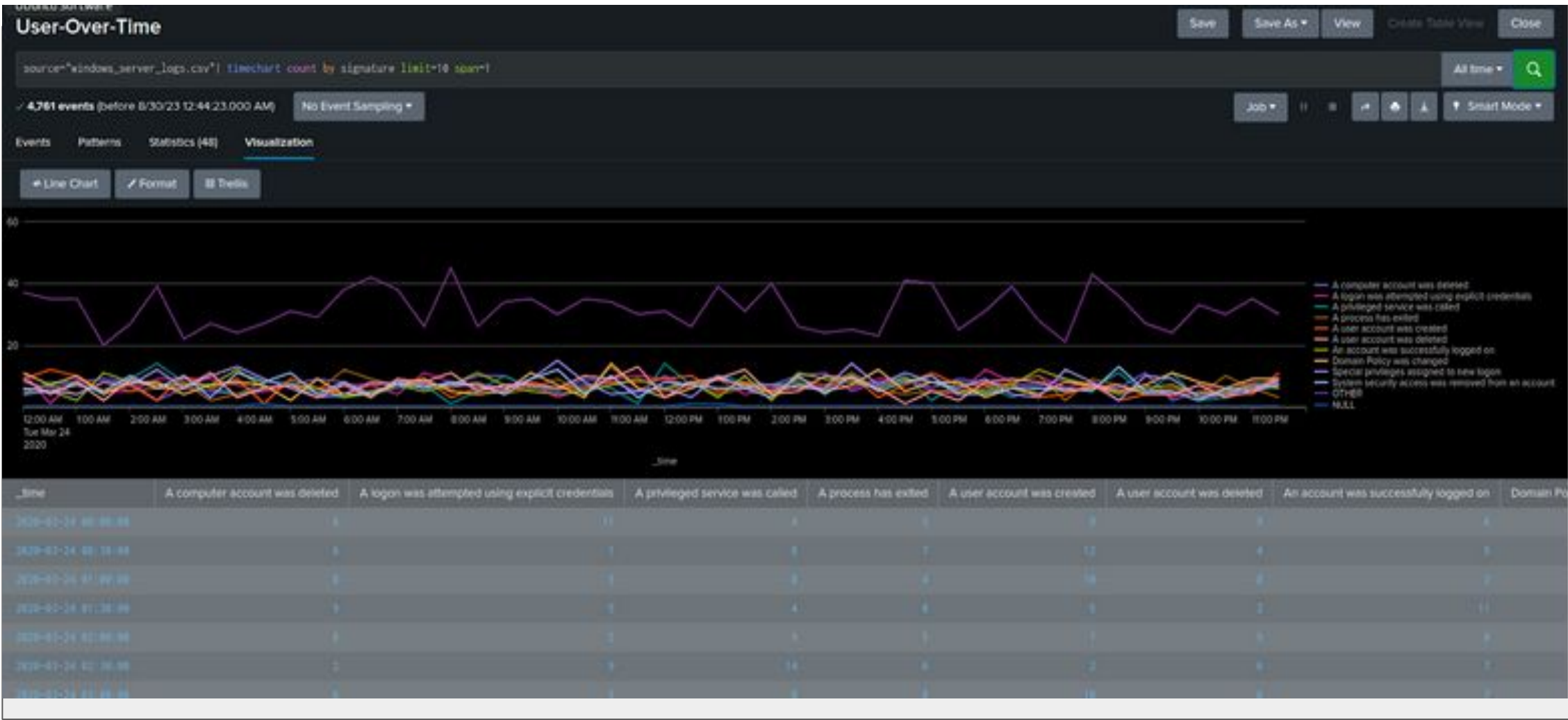
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Dashboards—Windows



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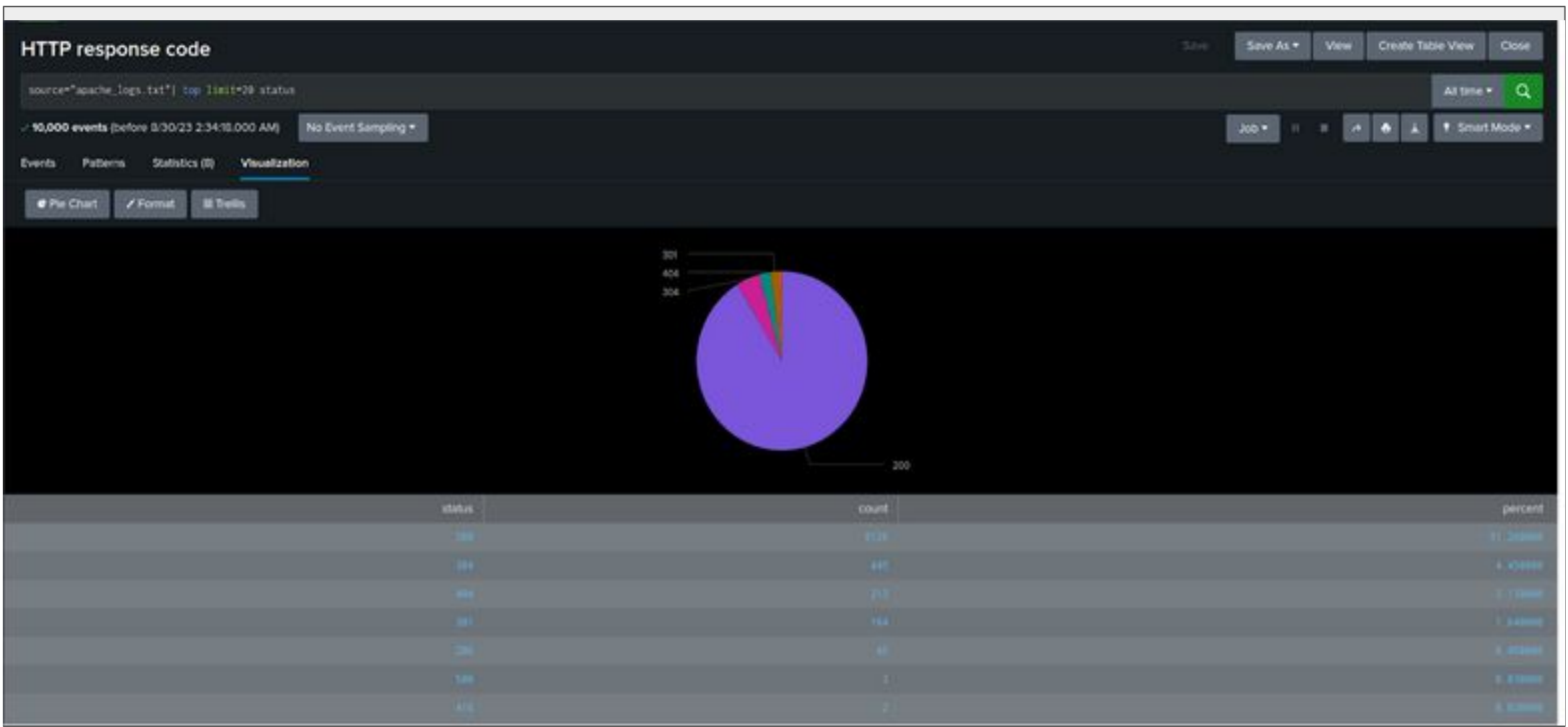
Apache Logs

Reports—Apache

Designed the following reports:

Report Name	Report Description
[Method]	[Analyzes the percent & count of various method]
[Referer Domain]	[Analyzes the different referrer domains]
[Http Response Code]	[Analyzes the different http reponse code]
[Http Post Activity]	[Setting up alerts for suspicious activity & volume of Http Post Activity]

Images of Reports—Apache



Alerts—Apache

Designed the following alerts:

Alert Name	Alert Description	Alert Baseline	Alert Threshold
[France IP Access]	[Scheduled alert type trigger condition greater than 2]	[Baseline]	[Greater than 2]

JUSTIFICATION:



Alerts—Apache

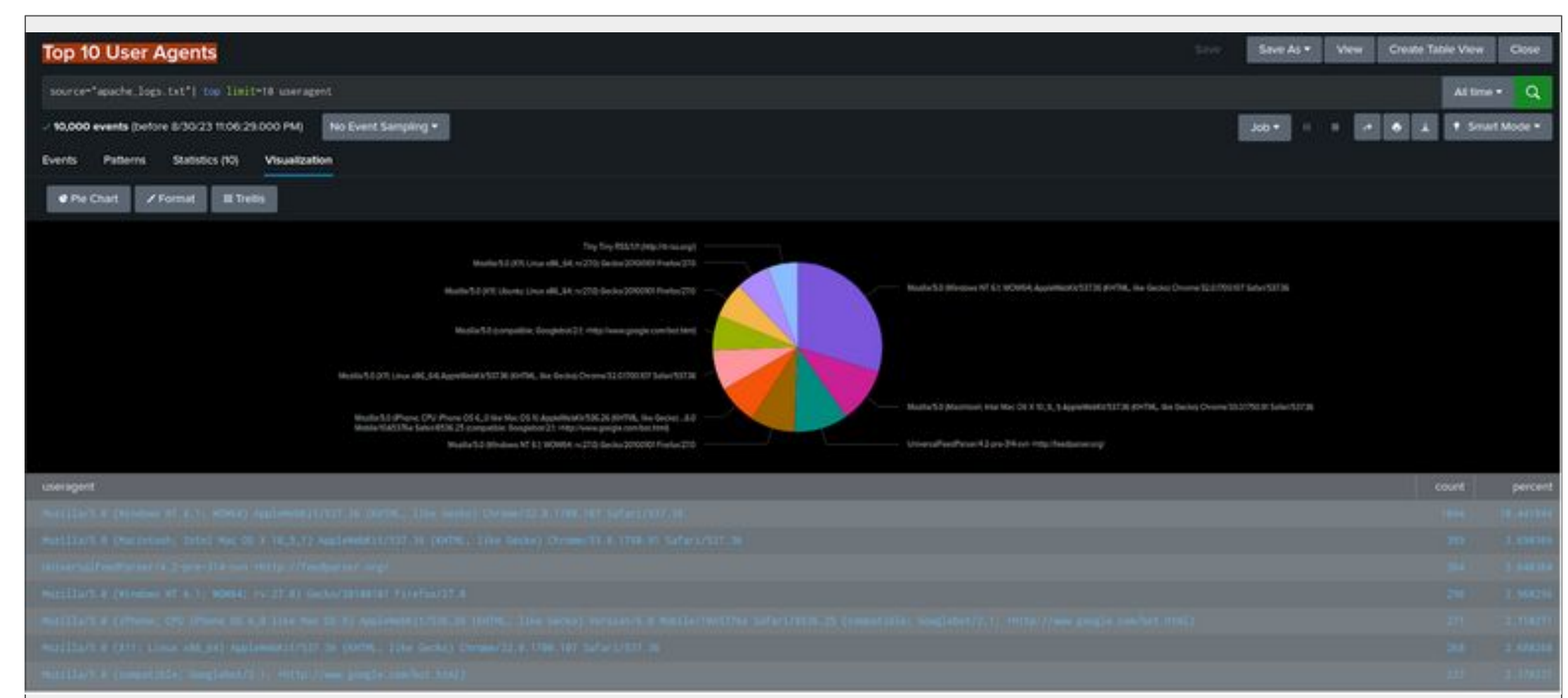
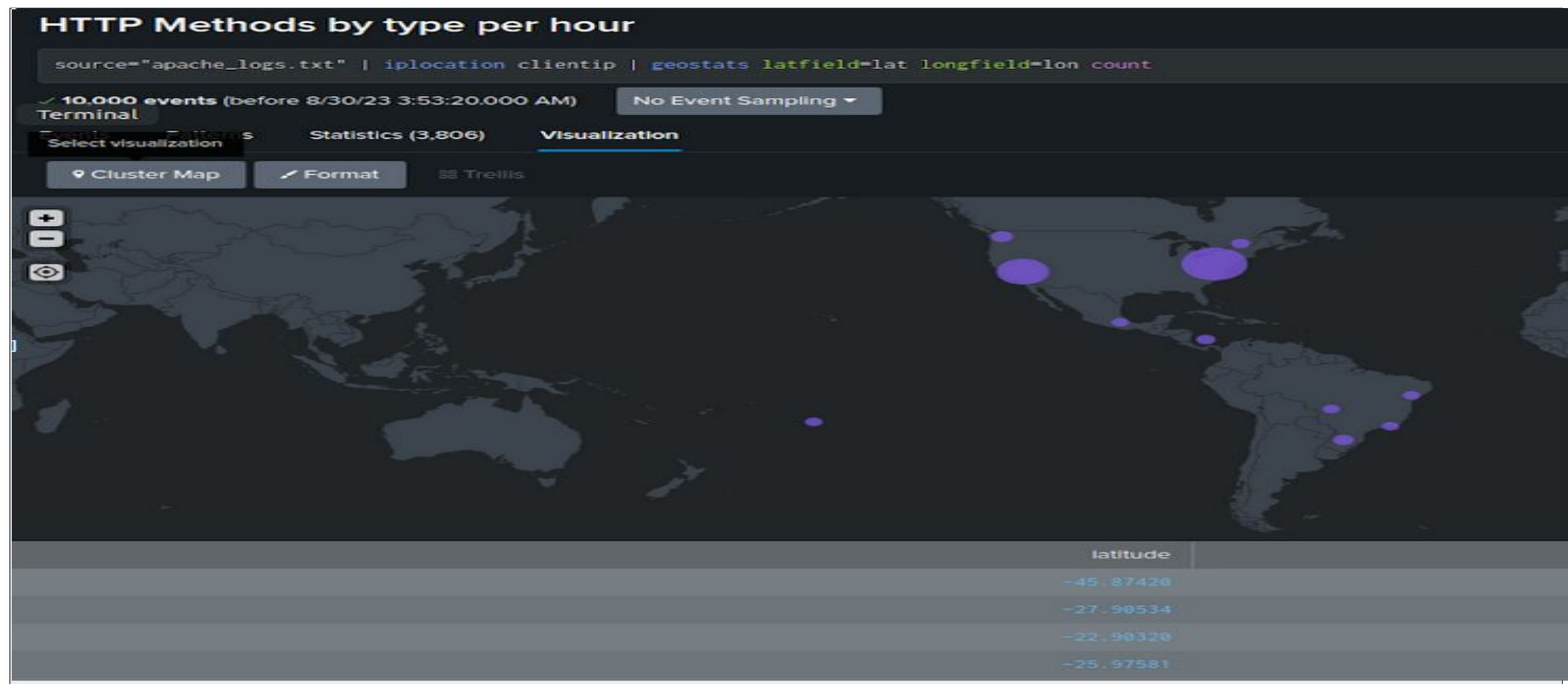
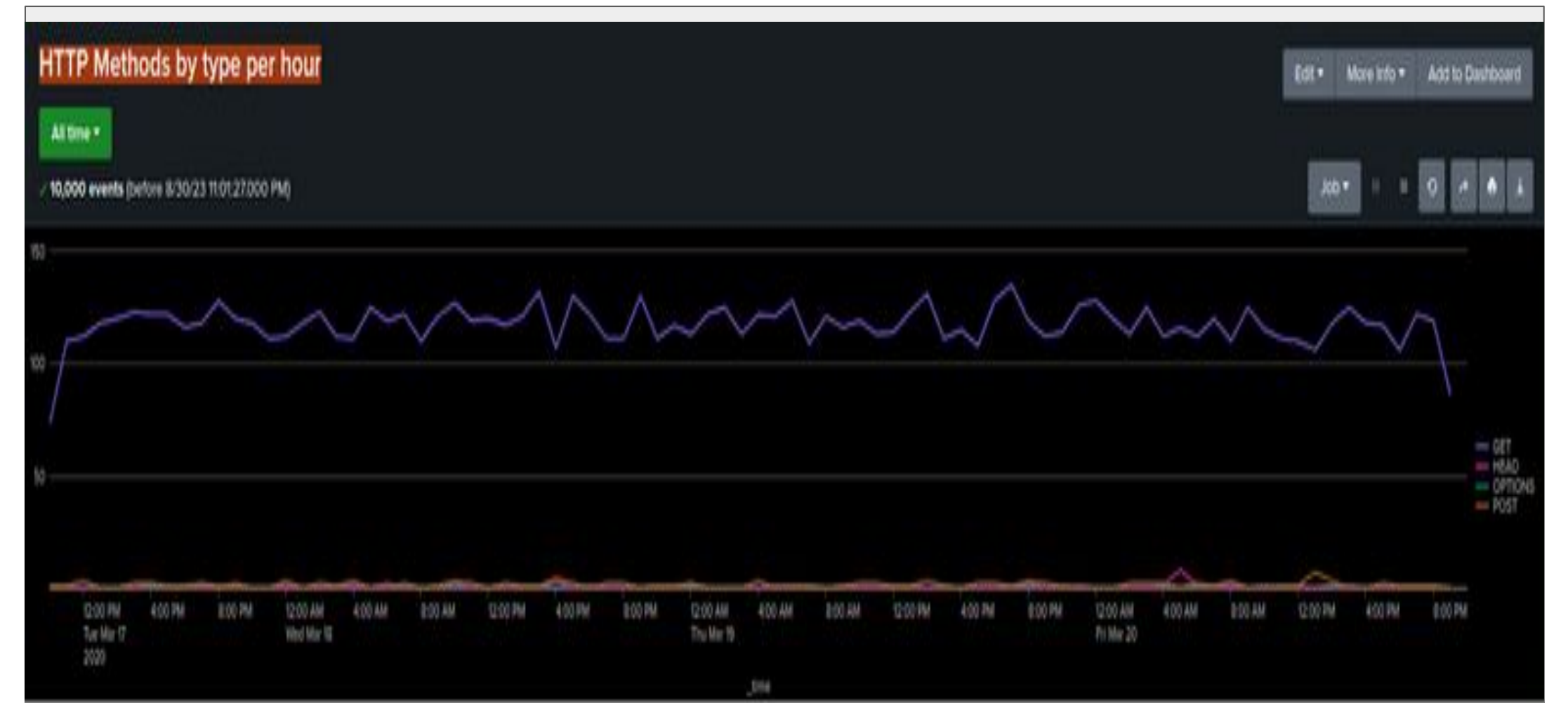
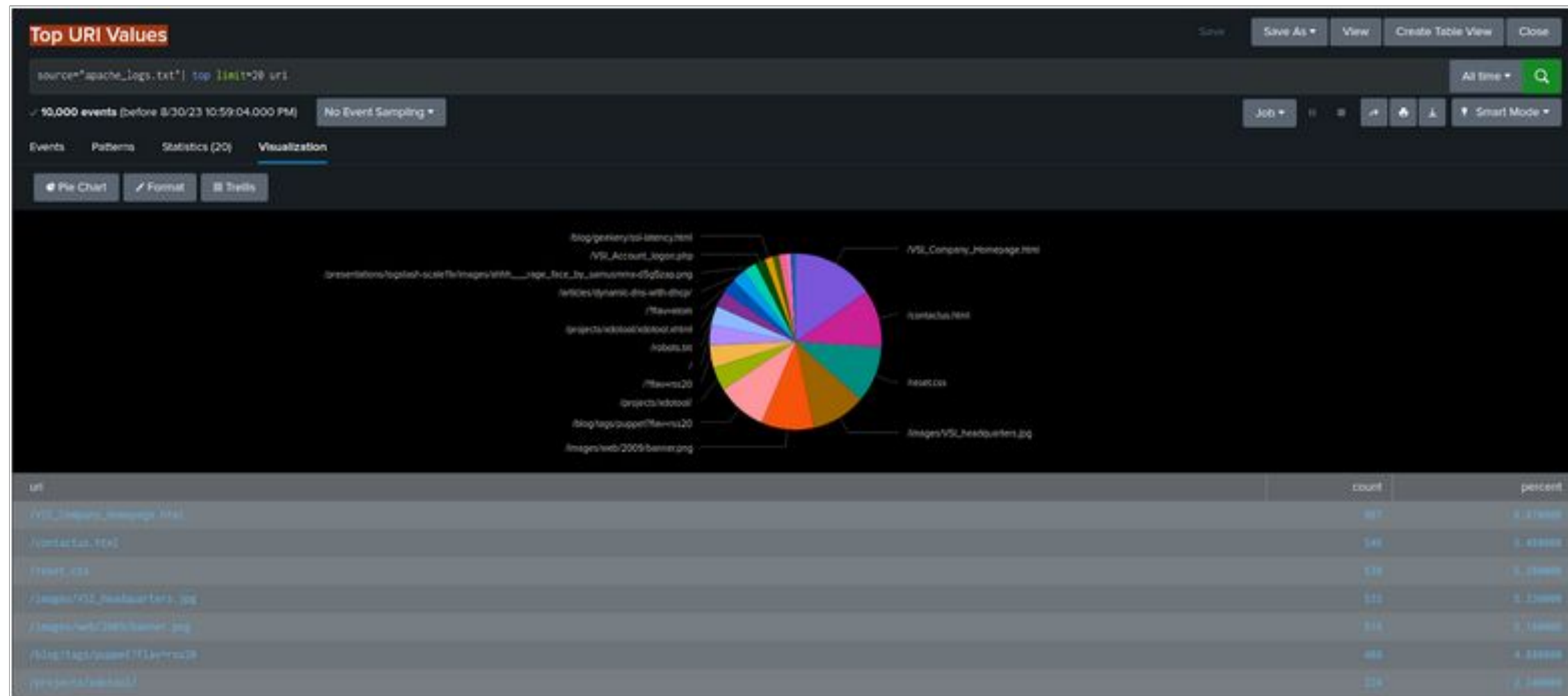
Designed the following alerts:

Alert Name	Alert Description	Alert Baseline	Alert Threshold
[Alert Post Method]	[Scheduled alert trigger condition greater than 10]	[Baseline]	[Greater than 10]

JUSTIFICATION:



Dashboards—Apache



Attack Analysis

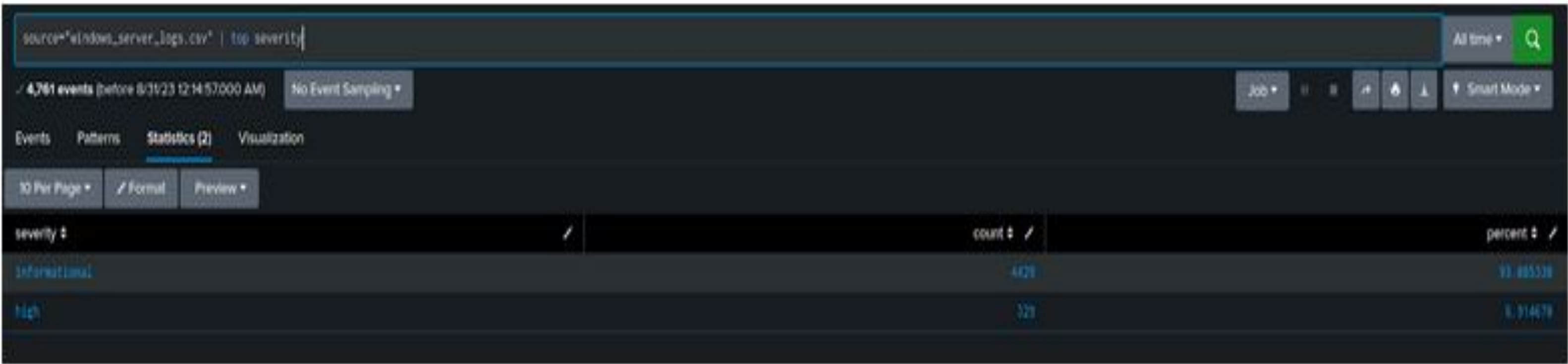
Attack Summary—Windows

Summarize your findings from your reports when analyzing the attack logs.

SPLUNK DAY 2

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TOP SEVERITY- LOGS



TOP SEVERITY- ATTACKS

Attack Summary—Windows

Summarize your findings from your alerts when analyzing the attack logs. Were the thresholds correct?

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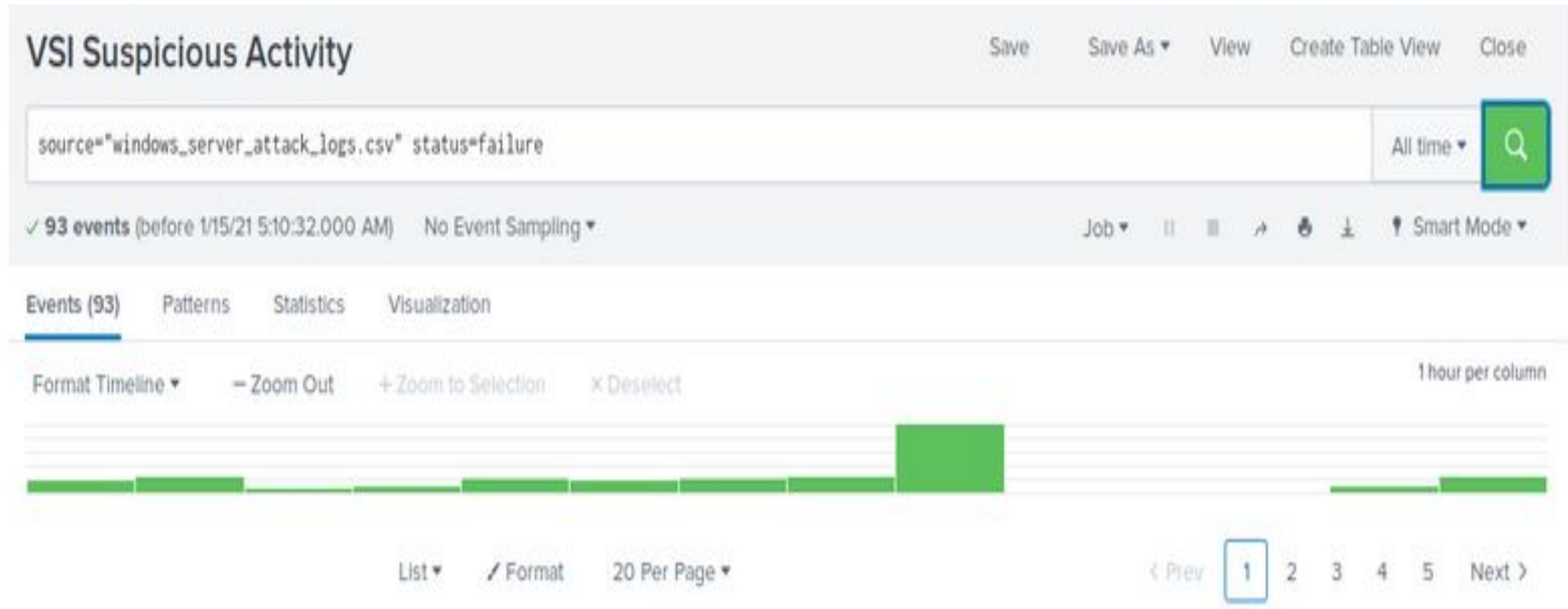
The screenshot shows a Splunk search interface with the following components:

- Search Bar:** Contains the query `source="windows_server_attack_logs.csv" | top severity`. Buttons for "Save As", "Create Table View", and "Close" are visible.
- Results Summary:** Shows "5,948 events (before 8/31/23 12:09:00 AM)" and "No Event Sampling".
- Navigation:** Tabs for "Terminal", "Events", "Patterns", "Statistics (2)", and "Visualization". The "Statistics (2)" tab is active.
- Table Controls:** Includes "10 Per Page", "Format", and "Preview" buttons.
- Table:** A table with 3 columns: "severity", "count", and "percent". It lists two severity levels: "Informational" and "High".

severity	count	percent
Informational	4381	73.779675
High	1111	18.729425

Attack Summary—Windows

Summarize your findings from your dashboards when analyzing the attack logs.



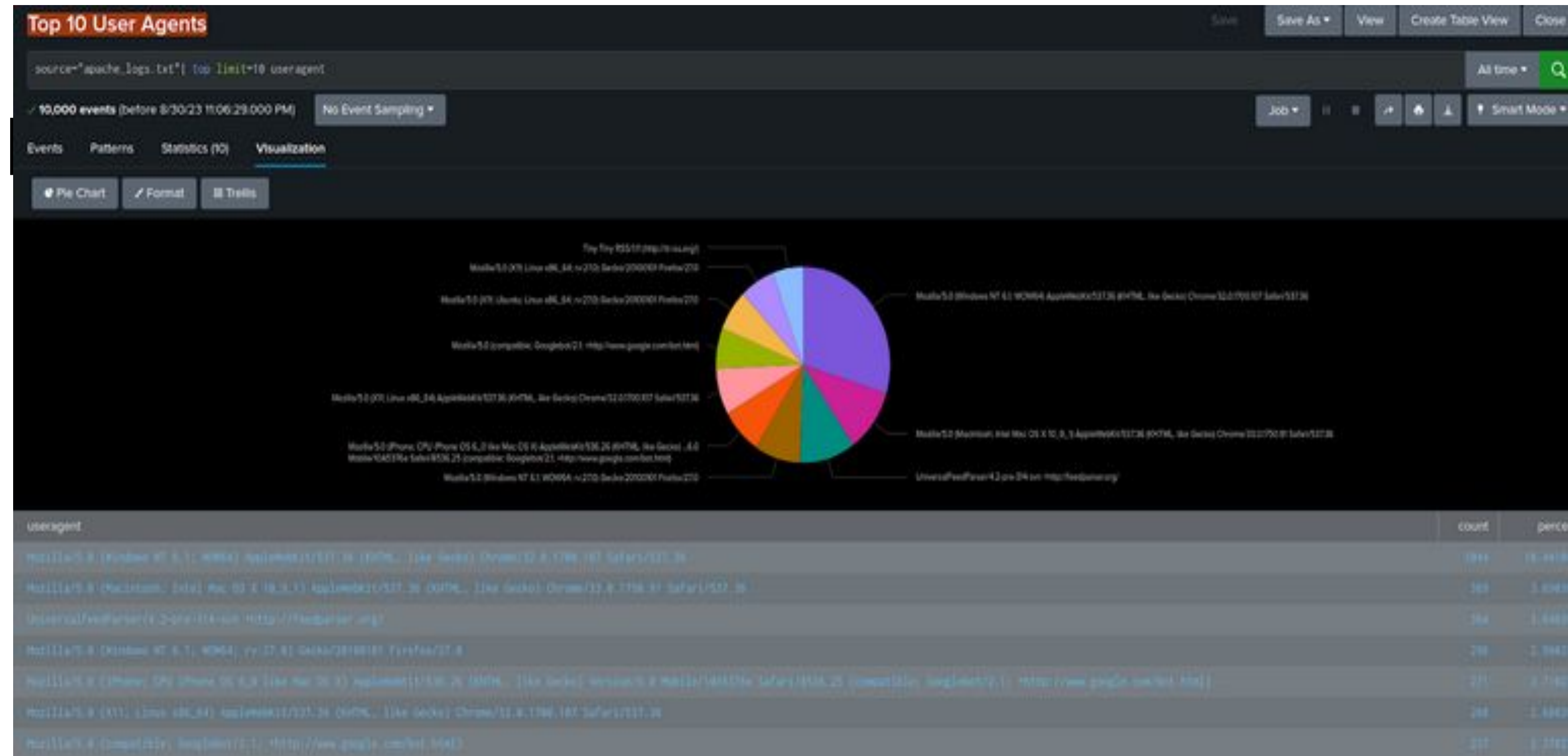
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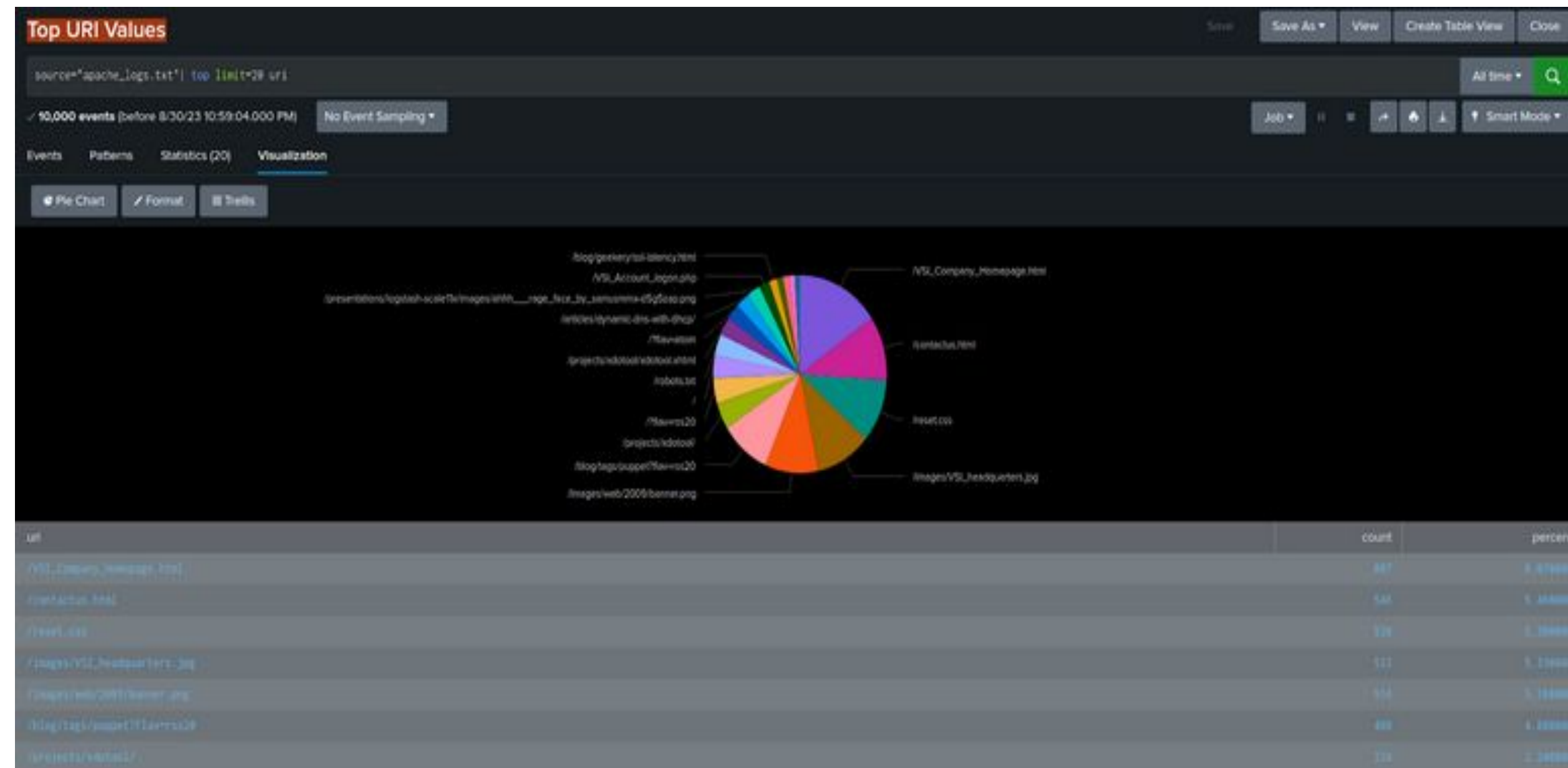
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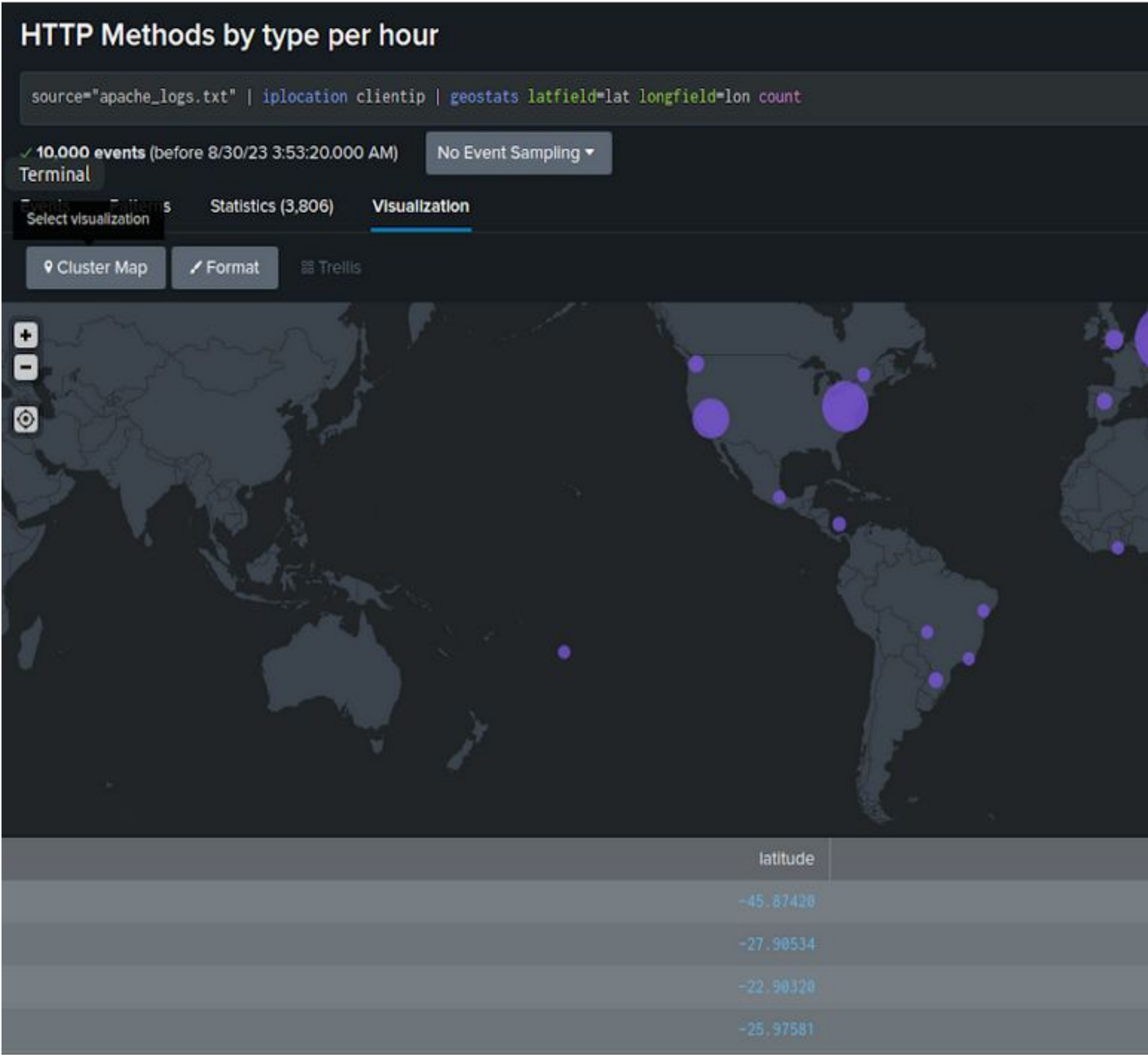


Attack Summary—Apache

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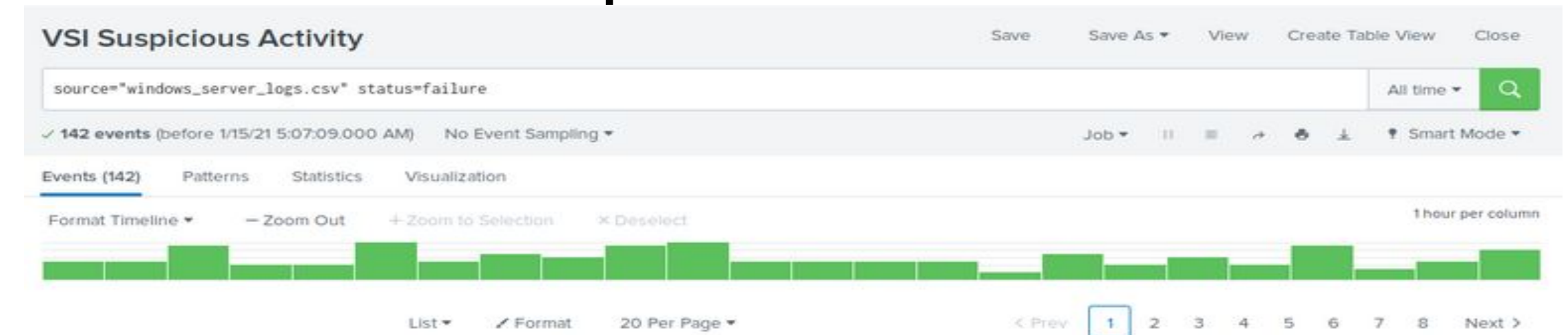
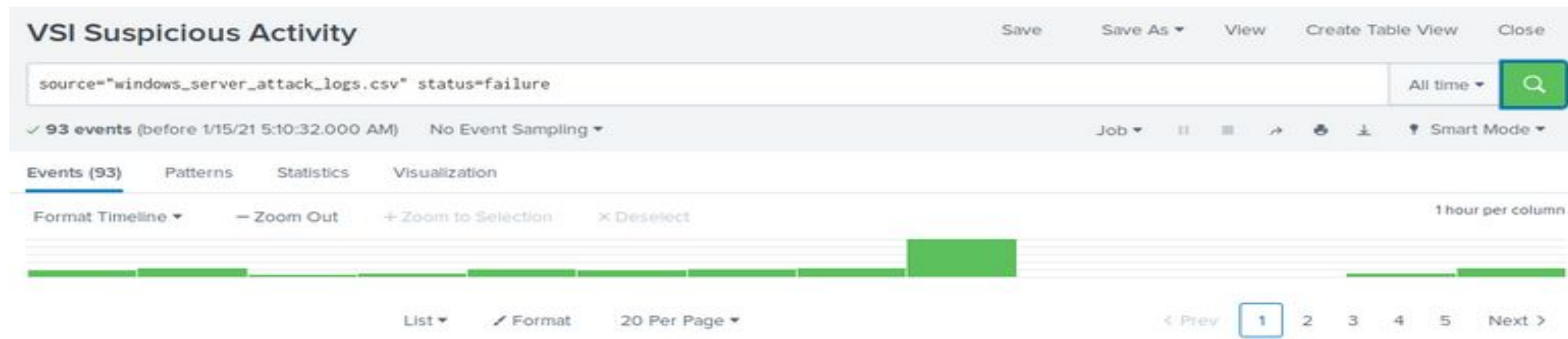
Screenshots of Attack Logs



Summary and Future Mitigations

Project 3 Summary

- What were your overall findings from the attack that took place?



- To protect VSI from future attacks, what future mitigations would you recommend?

[I would consider raising the thresholds on alerts. Also using statistical charts providing a comprehensive view of identification outliers for unusual activities as they will stand out from typical statistical patterns.]