

Keywords

Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana, Beat, Elastic Stack, Log Data, Log Management

References

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- Learning Elastic Stack 6.0 Pranav Shukla & Sharath Kumar 2017

Log Data and Log Management

What is Log Data?

Log data is the intrinsic meaning that a log message has. Or put another way, log data is the information pulled out of a log message to tell you why the log message generated

What is Log Management?

Log management (LM) comprises an approach to dealing with large volumes of computer-generated log messages (also known as audit records, audit trails, event-logs, etc.)

What does LM cover?

- Log collection
- Centralized log aggregation
- Long-term log storage and retention
- Log rotation
- Log analysis (in real-time and in bulk after storage)
- Log search and reporting.



What is Elastic Stack?

- Consist of Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana, and Beat
- Built on an open source foundation
- The Elastic Stack lets you reliably and securely take data from any source, in any format, and search, analyze, and visualize it in real time.

Elastic Stack Architecture



Data Collection Data Aggregation & Processing Indexing & storage

Analysis & visualization

Elasticsearch (1)



Elasticsearch is a distributed, RESTful search and analytics engine capable of solving a growing number of use cases. As the heart of the Elastic Stack, it centrally stores your data so you can discover the expected and uncover the unexpected.

Elasticsearch (2)



- Elasticsearch lets you perform and combine many types of searches — structured, unstructured, geo, metric — any way you want.
- Elasticsearch aggregations let you zoom out to explore trends and patterns in your data.
- It scales horizontally to handle kajillions of events per second, while automatically managing how indices and queries are distributed across the cluster for oh-so smooth operations.

Logstash (1)

Logstash is a dynamic data collection pipeline with an extensible plugin ecosystem and strong Elasticsearch synergy.

Logstash (2)

- Logstash supports a variety of inputs that pull in events from a multitude of common sources, all at the same time.
- As data travels from source to store, Logstash filters parse each event, identify named fields to build structure, and transform them to converge on a common format for easier, accelerated analysis and business value.
- Logstash has a variety of outputs that let you route data where you want, giving you the flexibility to unlock a slew of downstream use cases.

Logstash (3)

- Input plugin: beats, exec, file, github, stdin syslog, twitter, tcp, udp, websocket, http.
- Filter plugin: cidr, csv, date, dns, geoip, grok, json, mutate, useragent, urldecode.
- Output plugin: elasticsearch, datadog, email, file, influxdb, stdout.

Check:

- https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/logstash/current/input-plugins.html
- https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/logstash/current/filter-plugins.html
- https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/logstash/current/output-plugins.html

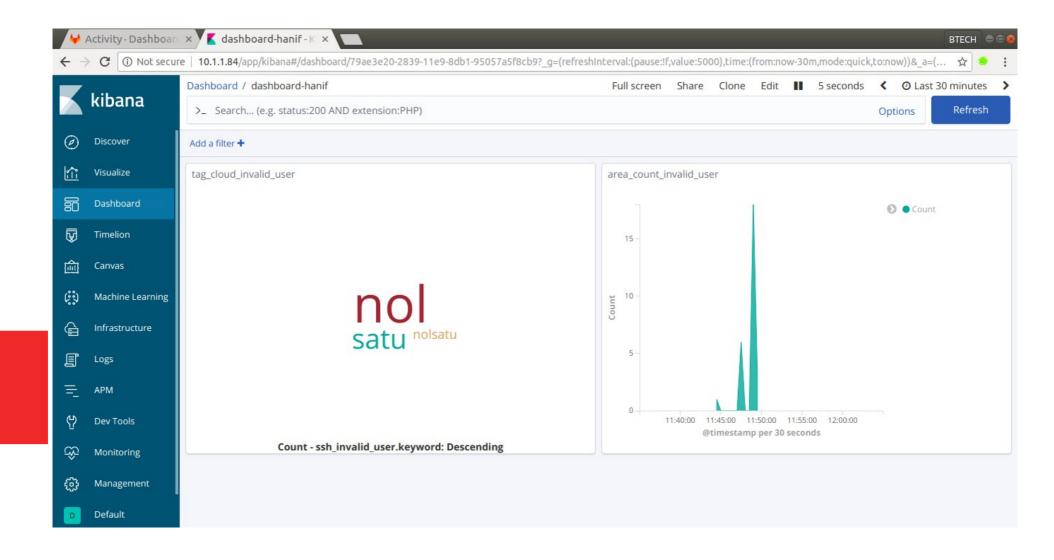
Kibana (1)



Kibana gives shape to your data and is the extensible user interface for configuring and managing all aspects of the Elastic Stack.

Kibana (2)





Kibana (3)





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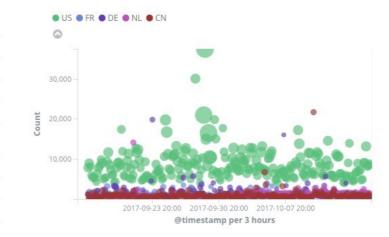
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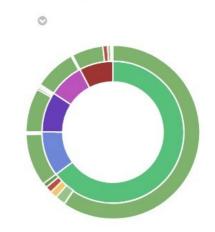


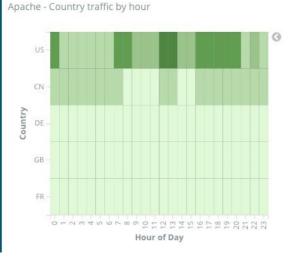
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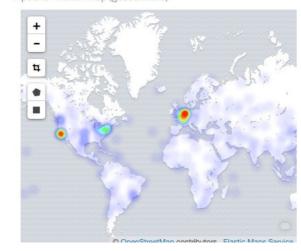


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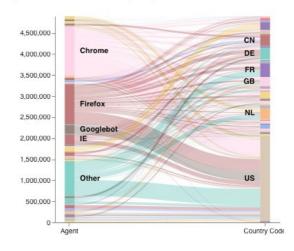




Apache - Visitor Map (geocentroid)



Apache - Browser to Country (vega)



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Beat



Beats is a platform for lightweight shippers that send data from edge machines to Logstash and Elasticsearch.

The Beats Family

- Filebeat
- Metricbeat
- Packetbeat
- Winlogbeat

- Auditbeat
- Heartbeat
- Functionbeat







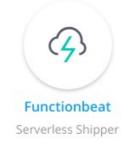




Windows Event Logs







Use Cases

- Log and security analytics
- Product search
- Metrics analytics
- Web search and website search

Elastic Stack Users













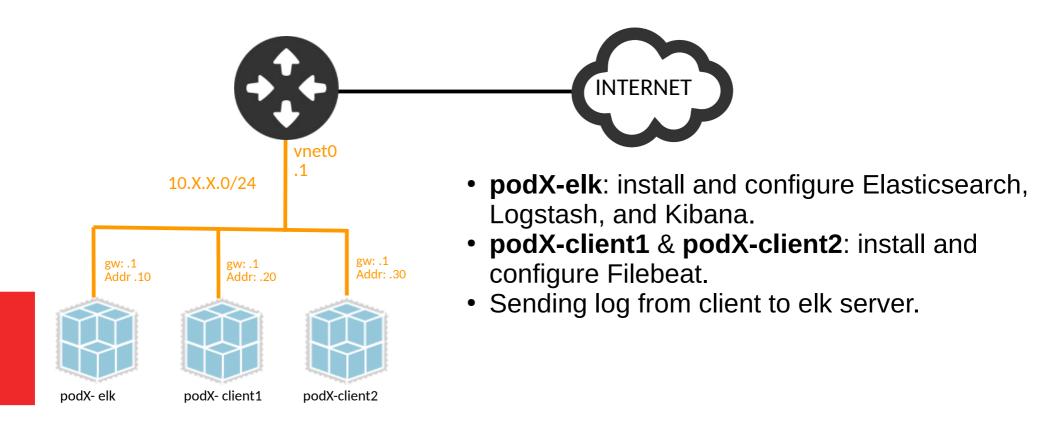


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Lab 1

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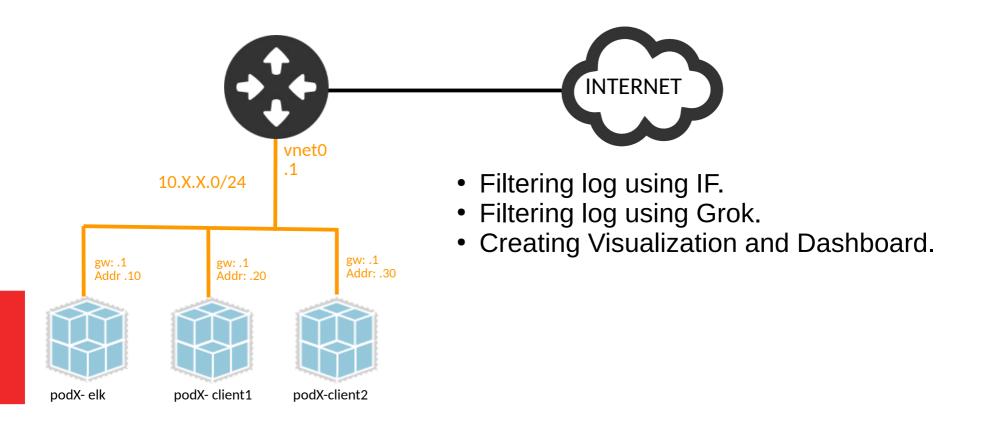
Lab 1 Topology



Lab 2

Elasticsearch, Logstash, and Kibana Administration

Lab 2 Topology



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