

# The ELK Stack

ElasticSearch, LogStash, and Kibana



What is

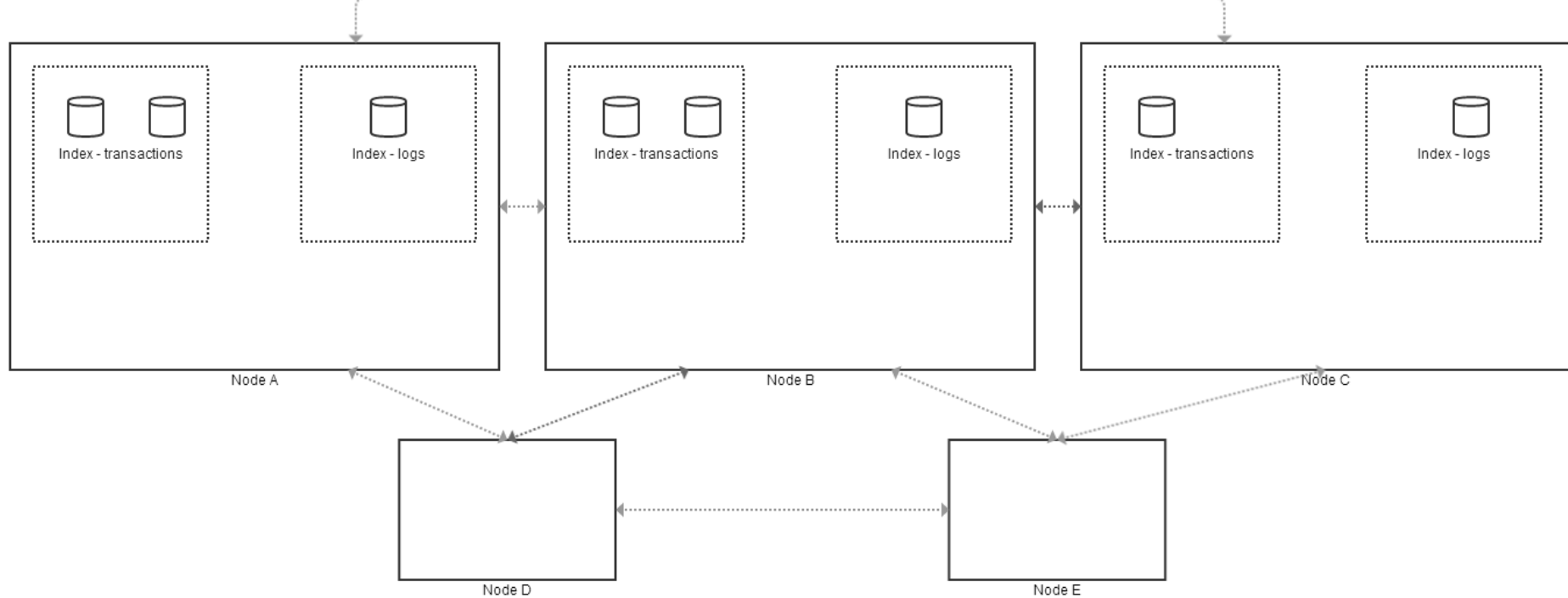


elasticsearch.

- Schema-less
- Distributed
- REST-ful, Document-oriented, and speaks JSON
- For searching and analytics
- and more...

# Architecture

- Built on top of Apache Lucene
- Runs on the JVM
- Distributed in nature - cluster can have data, master or load balancing nodes
- Highly available and fault tolerant





# ElasticSearch - document oriented

- and schema-less

Movies example...

- index a document (PUT and POST)
- check for existence of a document
- retrieve fields
- delete
- update
- update with optimistic concurrency
- update partial
- upsert

# ElasticSearch - Distributed

- Start a node - open Marvel
  - Data is allocated within the node
- Start another node
  - Highlight data being redistributed to the new node
- Discovery mechanisms - multicast vs. unicast
- Master election, sharding

# ElasticSearch - RESTful

- **Get index stats** - number of shards (partitions of data), replicas, state and size
- **Get cluster health** - overall health status, number of shards and nodes
- **Get cluster state** - metrics of all indices, settings and mappings of all indices, some metrics, info on all shards in all indices



# ElasticSearch - Concepts

- **Index** - highest level bucket to store documents, indicates some physical storage

- **Type**

Relational DB ⇒ Databases ⇒ Tables ⇒ Rows ⇒ Columns

Elasticsearch ⇒ Indices ⇒ Types ⇒ Documents ⇒ Fields

- **Mapping** - the definition of a type (think schema) and how ElasticSearch should analyze, parse and store the fields of this type

- **Analysis:**

- first, tokenizing a block of text into individual *terms* suitable for use in an inverted index,
- then normalizing these terms into a standard form to improve their “searchability” or *recall*.

# ElasticSearch - search and analytics

- Search

- **Structured search** - working with exact values, between date ranges, numbers, enumerated strings, etc...
- **Full-text search** - natural language and other text, relevance is usually concern here instead of exact matches

# ElasticSearch - search in depth

- Analyzes all documents and keeps an inverted index data structure for fast matching

# Inverted index example

Document: “The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog.”

Term		Doc 1	
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The		x	
quick		x	
brown		x	
fox		x	
jumped		x	
over		x	
the		x	
lazy		x	
dog		x	

# Inverted index example

Document: “The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog.”

Document: “Quick, the fox, was lazy.”

Term	Doc 1	Doc 2
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The	x	
quick	x	
brown	x	
fox	x	x
jumped	x	
over	x	
the	x	x
lazy	x	x
dog	x	
Quick		x
was		x

# ElasticSearch - Query DSL

- Simple search
- Compound search
- Query vs. Filters
- Range filter
- Aggregations
- Significant terms ('the uncommonly common')



# ElasticSearch - search examples

- NFL data - fuzzy description, more like this
- NFL data - bool query
- NFL data - all IND offense
- NFL data - aggregations - average down and distance, 2nd half yard to go

# ElasticSearch - search examples

- NFL 2013 data - get touchdowns by quarter
- NFL 2013 data - get significant terms in description by teams

# ElasticSearch - Demo Charting App

NFL Viz: <https://github.com/mradamlacey/nfl-viz>

# What is LogStash



- Data import/export tool for time series and log data
- Design inspired by Unix utilities which pipe in/out to each other

# What problem does it solve?

- How to parse and analyze log data from many sources?

```
Mar 12 12:00:08 server2 rcd[308]: Loaded 12 packages in 'ximian-red-carpet|351' (0.01878 seconds)
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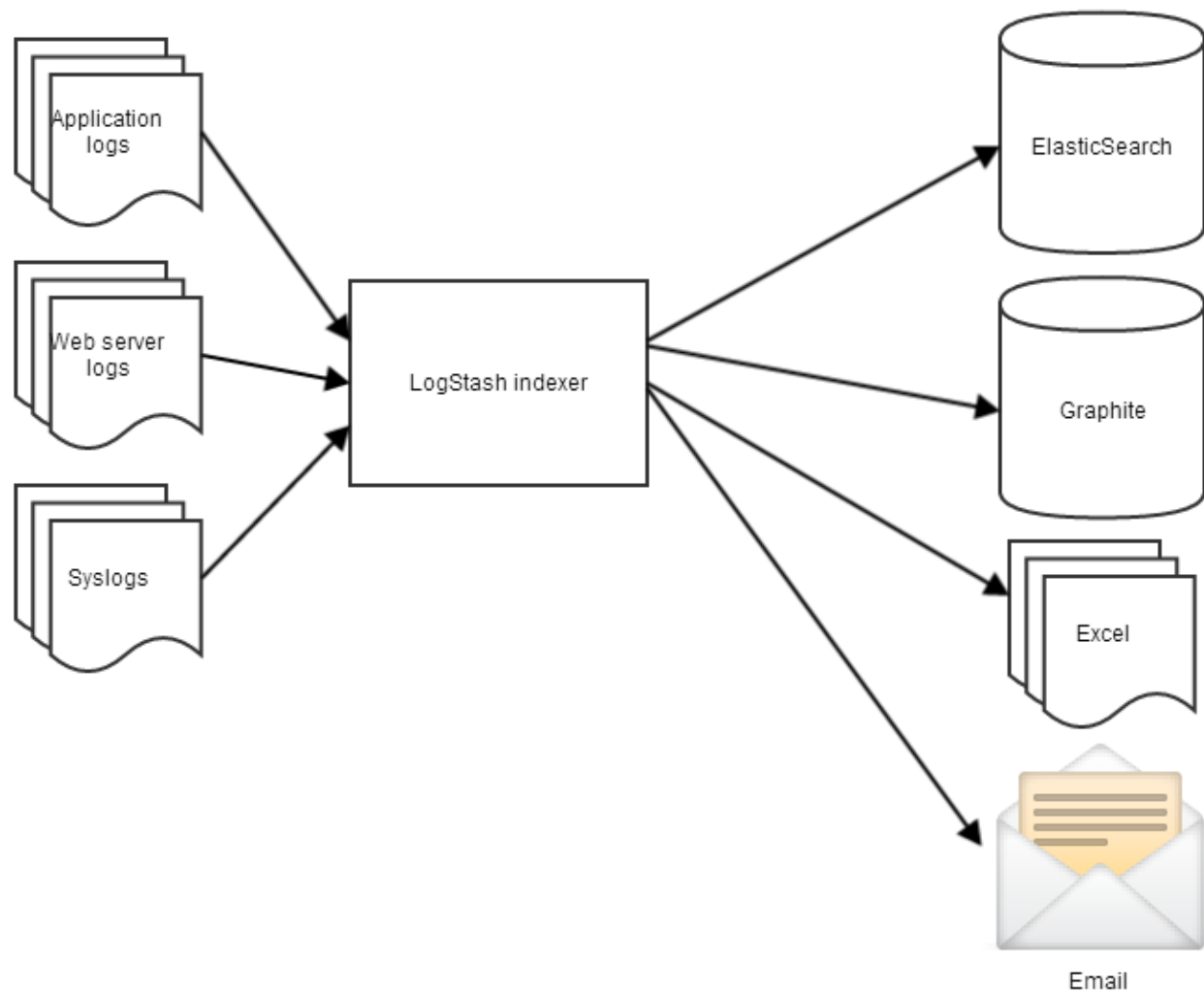
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[2014-05-06 08:04:00.333] [ERROR] - core - bad thing happened
```

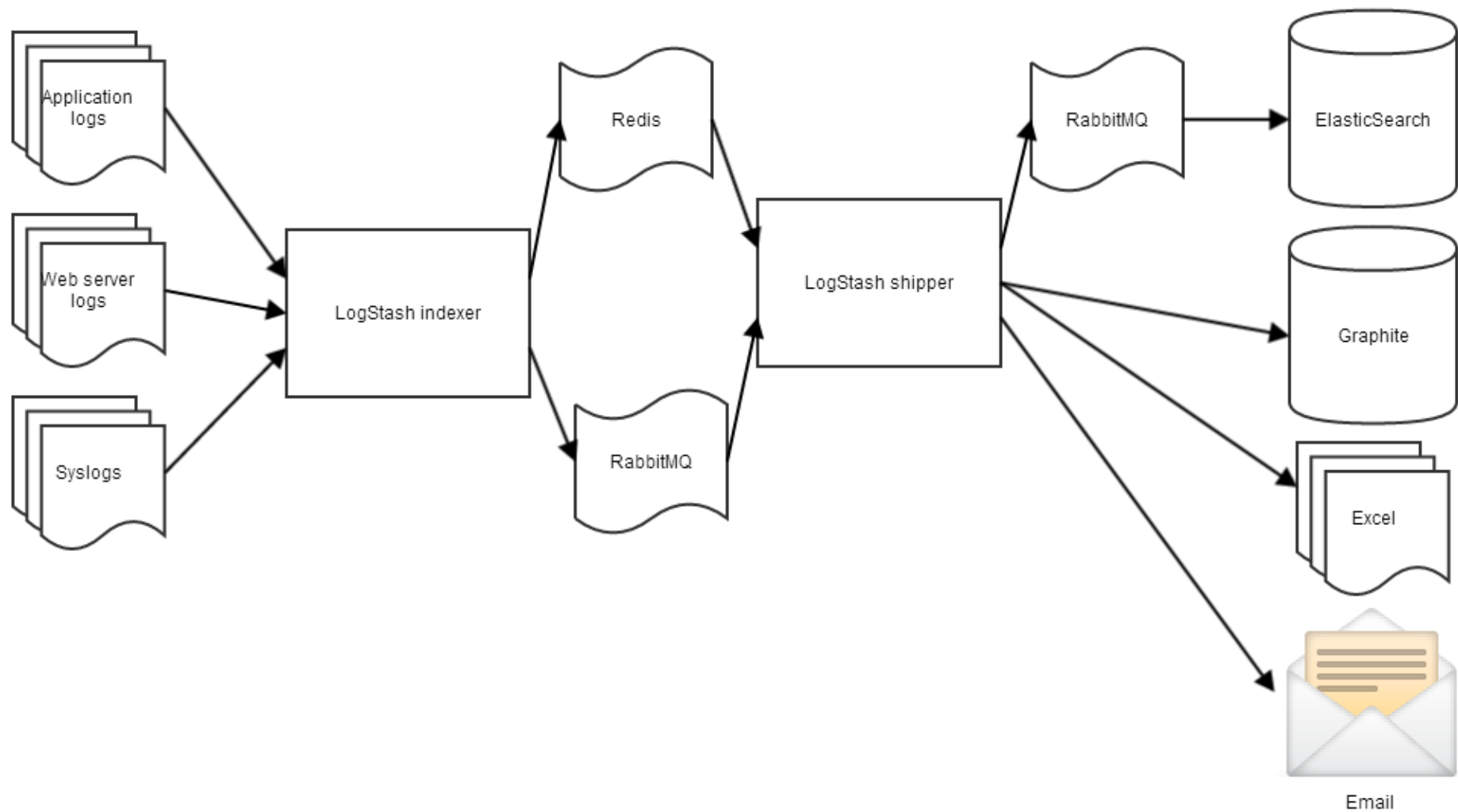
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[Wed Oct 11 14:32:52 2000] [error] [client 127.0.0.1] client denied by server configuration: /export/home/live/ap/htdocs/test
```

# LogStash - example use cases

- Import of JSON to ES by dropping files into a folder
- Parse webserver access files across multiple servers, calculate response times and chart
- Parse application logs and send emails when an error occurs
- Stream application log data across many servers to a single log dashboard
- Drop a file into a folder to be ingested and aggregated into centralized log database







# LogStash - example configuration

- input
- filter
- output

# LogStash - demo

- output CPU load to CSV (load-avg.conf)
- Stream tweets to ElasticSearch (twitter.conf)
- Parse NodeJS server logs to ElasticSearch (mp.conf)

# What is Kibana



- Dashboard tool for data in ElasticSearch
- Highly configurable/customizable, build panels with user defined charts, tables, etc...
- Built on AngularJS

# Kibana - demos

- NFL stats dashboard
- Tweets dashboard
- ElasticSearch Marvel





<https://github.com/mradamlacey/elk-stack-presentation>

# Sources

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LMAO If you don't LogStash: <http://tech.paulcz.net/ACUG-Logstash>

Quick ELK Demos: <https://github.com/kurtado/quick-elk>