# **Logstash Azure Event Hub**

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To collect logs from on-premises Windows servers and send them to Azure Event Hub using Logstash, you need to configure Logstash to read from the Windows Event Log. Here's an end-to-end guide:

## **Step 1: Set Up Azure Event Hub**

#### 1. Create an Event Hub Namespace:

- Go to the Azure portal.
- Search for "Event Hubs" and create a new Event Hub namespace.
- Provide the required details (e.g., name, region, pricing tier) and create it.

#### 2. Create an Event Hub:

- Within the namespace, create an Event Hub.
- Configure the necessary settings (e.g., partition count, retention period).

## **Step 2: Configure Logstash on Windows Server**

#### 1. Install Logstash:

Download and install Logstash on your Windows server from the <u>official</u> <u>Logstash download page</u>.

# 2. Install Azure Event Hubs Plugin:

Open Command Prompt and run the following command to install the Azure Event Hubs output plugin for Logstash:

sh

bin\logstash-plugin install logstash-output-azure\_event\_hubs

### 3. Create Logstash Configuration File:

 Create a configuration file (e.g., logstash.conf) with the following content:

```
input {
  winlogbeat {
    type => 'wineventlog'
    event_logs => ['Application', 'System']
  }
}

output {
  azure_event_hubs {
    event_hub_name => "your-event-hub-name"
    namespace => "your-namespace"
    sas_policy => "your-sas-policy-name"
    sas_key => "your-sas-key"
  }
}
```

Replace your-event-hub-name, your-namespace, your-sas-policy-name, and your-sas-key with the actual values from your Azure Event Hub.

# **Step 3: Send Logs to Azure Event Hub**

### 1. Run Logstash:

Start Logstash with your configuration file:

sh

bin\logstash -f logstash.conf

# **Step 4: Set Up Azure Data Lake Storage (ADLS)**

#### 1. Create an ADLS Gen2 Account:

- Go to the Azure portal.
- Search for "Storage accounts" and create a new storage account.
- Ensure you enable the "Hierarchical namespace" feature for ADLS Gen2.

#### 2. Create a Container:

Inside your storage account, create a container to store your logs.

# **Step 5: Process and Save Logs in Parquet Format**

#### 1. Set Up Azure Databricks:

- Create an Azure Databricks workspace.
- Launch a Databricks cluster.

# 2. Configure Event Hub Integration:

Use Databricks to read from Azure Event Hub:

```
python

from pyspark.sql import SparkSession

spark =
   SparkSession.builder.appName("EventHubIntegration").getOrCreate()

connectionString = "your-event-hub-connection-string"
eventHubsConf = {
   'eventhubs.connectionString': connectionString}
}

df =
   spark.readStream.format("eventhubs").options(**eventHubsConf).load()
```

#### 3. Transform and Write to ADLS in Parguet Format:

Transform the data and write it to ADLS in Parquet format:

```
python

outputPath = "abfss://your-container@your-storage-
account.dfs.core.windows.net/logs-parquet"

query = df.writeStream \
    .format("parquet") \
    .option("path", outputPath) \
    .option("checkpointLocation", "/path/to/checkpoint/dir") \
    .start()

query.awaitTermination()
```

## **Summary**

- 1. Set up Azure Event Hub and ADLS.
- 2. Configure Logstash to collect logs from Windows Event Log and send them to Event Hub.
- 3. Use Azure Databricks to read from Event Hub and write logs to ADLS in Parquet format.

Sure, I'll provide more details on configuring Logstash to collect logs from single and multiple Windows servers.

# **Single Server Configuration**

For a single server, you will configure the Logstash input plugin to read from the Windows Event Log. Here's a sample configuration:

## 1. Logstash Configuration File for Single Server:

```
plaintext
input {
 # Read from Windows Event Log
 winlogbeat {
   type => 'wineventlog'
    event_logs => ['Application', 'System', 'Security'] # Specify
the logs you want to collect
  }
}
output {
  azure_event_hubs {
    event_hub_name => "your-event-hub-name"
    namespace => "your-namespace"
    sas_policy => "your-sas-policy-name"
    sas_key => "your-sas-key"
  }
}
```

# **Multiple Servers Configuration**

For multiple servers, there are several approaches you can take:

#### 1. Centralized Logstash Instance:

- Install Logstash on one central server.
- Configure each Windows server to forward logs to the central Logstash instance.

#### 2. Winlogbeat on Each Server:

- Install Winlogbeat on each Windows server.
- Configure Winlogbeat to send logs to a centralized Logstash instance or directly to Azure Event Hub.

### **Centralized Logstash with Forwarding**

### 1. Install Winlogbeat on Each Server:

- o Download and install Winlogbeat on each Windows server.
- Configure winlogbeat.yml on each server to forward logs to Logstash:

```
winlogbeat.event_logs:
    - name: Application
    - name: System
    - name: Security

output.logstash:
    hosts: ["central-logstash-server:5044"]
```

### 2. Logstash Configuration on Central Server:

On the central Logstash server, configure the input to receive logs from Winlogbeat and forward them to Azure Event Hub:

```
input {
  beats {
    port => 5044
  }
}

output {
  azure_event_hubs {
    event_hub_name => "your-event-hub-name"
    namespace => "your-namespace"
    sas_policy => "your-sas-policy-name"
    sas_key => "your-sas-key"
  }
}
```

## **Direct Winlogbeat to Azure Event Hub**

Alternatively, you can configure Winlogbeat to send logs directly to Azure Event Hub, bypassing Logstash:

# 1. Install Winlogbeat on Each Server:

- o Download and install Winlogbeat on each Windows server.
- Configure winlogbeat.yml on each server to send logs to Azure Event Hub:

## **Summary**

- Single Server: Configure Logstash to read from Windows Event Log directly.
- **Multiple Servers (Centralized Logstash)**: Install Winlogbeat on each server to forward logs to a central Logstash instance.
- Multiple Servers (Direct to Event Hub): Install Winlogbeat on each server to send logs directly to Azure Event Hub.