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## Practical 1: Wazuh

**Objective:**

To deploy, configure, and verify the working of a Wazuh agent on a Windows endpoint and connect it to the Wazuh server for centralized monitoring and threat detection.

### Steps:

## 1. Launching Wazuh Server

The screenshot shows a terminal window with the Wazuh Open Source Security Platform logo at the top. The logo consists of a stylized 'W' made of dots, followed by the text 'WAZUH Open Source Security Platform' and the URL 'https://wazuh.com'. Below the logo, the command 'wazuh-server login: wazuh-user' is entered. The terminal prompt is 'wazuh-user@wazuh-server ~'.

## 2. Starting Wazuh Services:

- The following services were started using systemctl:
  - wazuh-manager
  - wazuh-dashboard
  - wazuh-indexer
- All services were confirmed to be running actively.

```
Home X Debian 12.x 64-bit X Wazuh X
root@wazuh-server ~# systemctl start wazuh-manager
root@wazuh-server ~# systemctl start wazuh-dashboard
root@wazuh-server ~# systemctl start wazuh-indexer
root@wazuh-server ~# systemctl status wazuh-dashboard
wazuh-dashboard.service - wazuh-dashboard
Loaded: loaded (/etc/systemd/system/wazuh-dashboard.service; enabled; pres>
Active: active (running) since Mon 2025-05-05 16:20:17 UTC; 45min ago
Main PID: 6981 (node)
Tasks: 11 (limit: 9434)
Memory: 208.2M
CPU: 24.204s
CGroup: /system.slice/wazuh-dashboard.service
└─6981 /usr/share/wazuh-dashboard/node/bin/node --no-warnings --ma>
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lines 1-20/20 (END)
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### 3.Find IP address

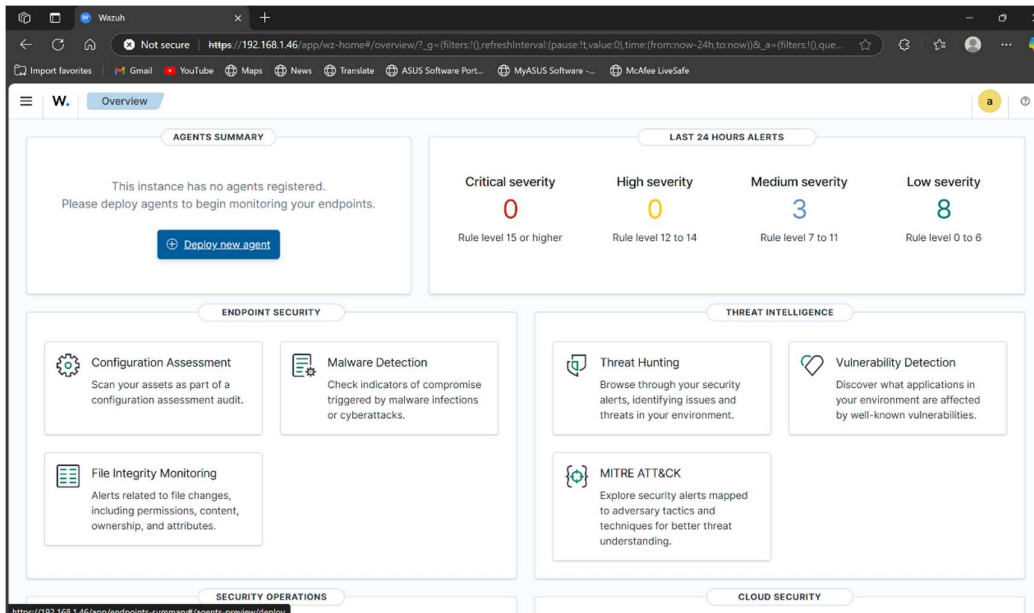
On checking the IP configuration using ip a, the server IP was found to be 192.168.1.46.

```
Wazuh - VMware Workstation
File Edit View VM Tabs Help
Home X Debian 12.x 64-bit X Wazuh X
[root@wazuh-server ~]# ip a s
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP grou
    p default qlen 1000
    link/ether 00:0c:29:86:ca:0f brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    altname enp2s0
    altnam ens32
    inet 192.168.1.46/24 metric 1024 brd 192.168.1.255 scope global dynamic eth0
        valid_lft 86173sec preferred_lft 86173sec
    inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fe86:ca0f/64 scope link proto kernel_ll
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
[root@wazuh-server ~]#
```

To direct input to this VM, click inside or press Ctrl+G.

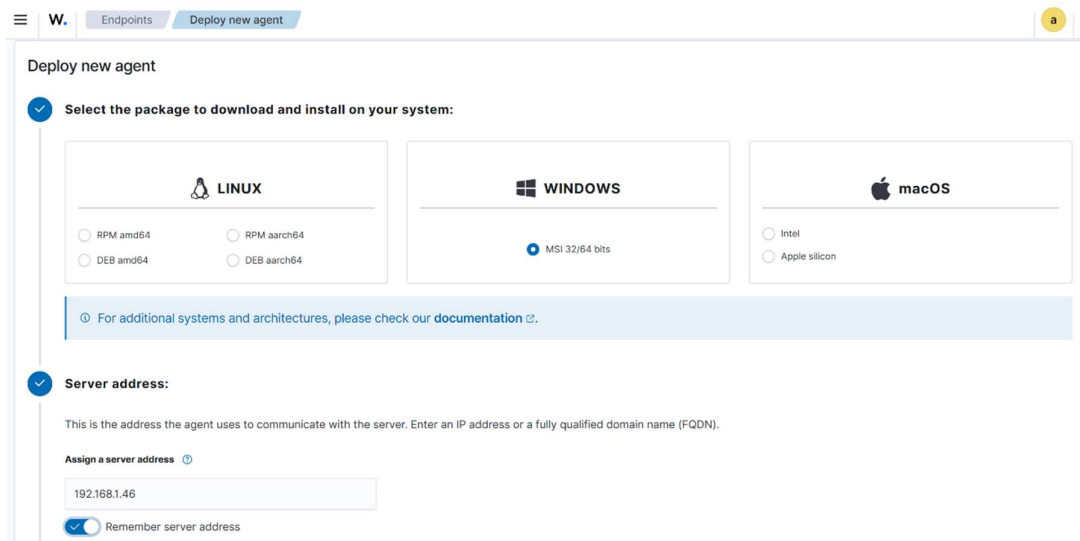
#### 4. Accessing Wazuh Dashboard:

- The Wazuh dashboard was accessed via browser using the server IP: <https://192.168.1.46>.
- The overview section initially showed **no registered agents**.



#### 5. Deploying the Agent:

- From the dashboard, under “Deploy new agent”, **Windows (MSI 32/64 bits)** was selected as the target platform.
- The server address 192.168.1.46 was specified to ensure agent-server communication.



## 6. Installing Agent on Windows Machine:

A PowerShell command was used to download and install the Wazuh agent:

```
Windows PowerShell
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Writing web request
Writing request stream... (Number of bytes written: 2096588)

tmp\wazuh-agent; msixec.exe /i $env:tmp\wazuh-agent /q WAZUH_MANAGER='192.168.1.46' WAZUH_AGENT_NAME='Windows11'
PS C:\Users\mhdas> Invoke-WebRequest -Uri https://packages.wazuh.com/4.x/windows/wazuh-agent-4.11.2-1.msi -OutFile $env:
tmp\wazuh-agent; msixec.exe /i $env:tmp\wazuh-agent /q WAZUH_MANAGER='192.168.1.46' WAZUH_AGENT_NAME='Windows11'
```

## 7. Starting the Agent Service:

The Wazuh agent service was started using the commands:

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
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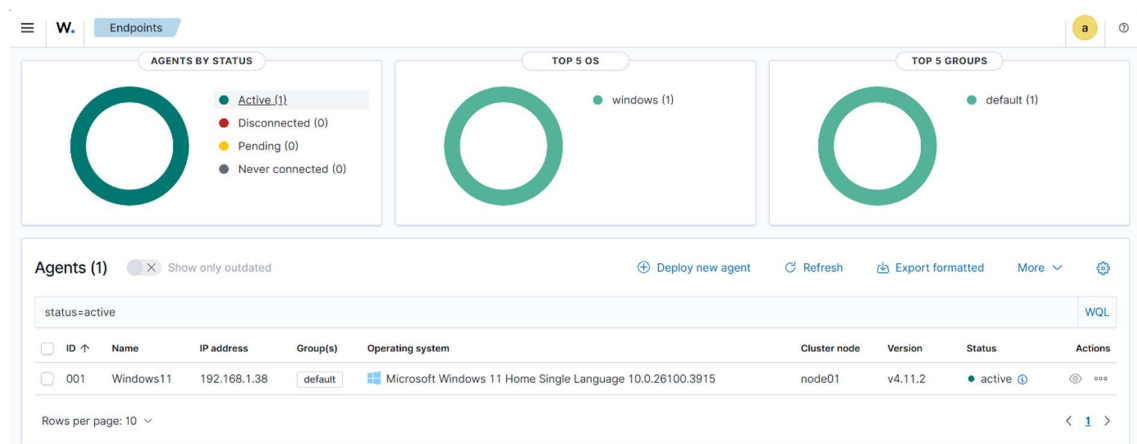
Install the latest PowerShell for new features and improvements! https://aka.ms/PSWindows

PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Invoke-WebRequest -Uri https://packages.wazuh.com/4.x/windows/wazuh-agent-4.11.2-1.msi -OutFile
$env:tmp\wazuh-agent; msixec.exe /i $env:tmp\wazuh-agent /q WAZUH_MANAGER='192.168.1.46' WAZUH_AGENT_NAME='Windows11'
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> NET START WazuhSvc
The Wazuh service is starting.
The Wazuh service was started successfully.

PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Start-Service wazuh
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32>
```

## 8. Verifying Agent Registration:

- After successful installation and service startup, the agent appeared in the Wazuh dashboard.
- Details like agent ID, name (Windows11), IP address (192.168.1.38), OS, status (active), and version were visible.



## Practical 2: ELK (Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana)

### Objective:

To install and configure the ELK stack components — **Elasticsearch** and **Kibana** — on a local machine, and verify that the services are running and connected properly for data visualization and search.

### Steps:

## 1. Started Elasticsearch using the elasticsearch.bat file from the command line.

Waited for Elasticsearch to finish its startup. The terminal displayed logs confirming successful initialization and cluster details.

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.26100.3915]
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C:\Users\mhmdas\Downloads\ELK\elasticsearch-9.0.0\bin>elasticsearch.bat
2025-05-08T00:06:55,188][INFO ][o.e.b.Elasticsearch ] [ASLAH_VVBOOK] version[9.0.0], pid[12100], build[zip|112859b
58d0e2a7e63f73c8f70b99ee24291]-2025-04-08T15:13:46.049795831Z], OS[Windows 11/10.0/amd64], JVM[Oracle Corporation/Ope
nJDK 64-Bit Server VM/24.0.4-patch-3646]
2025-05-08T00:06:55,213][INFO ][o.e.b.Elasticsearch ] [ASLAH_VVBOOK] JVM home [C:\Users\mhmdas\Downloads\ELK\elasti
search-9.0.0\jdk\], using bundled JDK [true]
2025-05-08T00:06:55,213][INFO ][o.e.b.Elasticsearch ] [ASLAH_VVBOOK] JVM arguments [-Des.networkaddress.cache.ttl=
-50, -Des.networkaddress.cache.negative.ttl=10, -XX:+AlwaysPreTouch, -Xss1m, -Djava.awt.headless=true, -Dfile.encoding=UTF
-8, -Djna.nosys=true, -XX:-OmitStackTraceInFastThrow, -Dio.netty.noUnsafe=true, -Dio.netty.noKeySetOptimization=true, -
Dio.netty.recycler.maxCapacityPerThread=0, -Dlog4j.shutdownHookEnabled=false, -Dlog4j2.disable.jmx=true, -Dlog4j2.format
MsgNoLookup=true, -Djava.locale.providers=CLDR, -Dorg.apache.lucene.vectorization.upperJavaFeatureVersion=24, -Des.dist
ribution.type=zip, -Des.java.type=bundled JDK, --enable-native-access=org.elasticsearch.nativeaccess,org.apache.lucene.c
ore, --enable-native-access=ALL-UNNAMED, --illegal-native-access=deny, -XX:ReplayDataFileLogs/replay.pid%p.log, -Des.en
titlements.enabled=true, -XX:+EnableDynamicAgentLoading, -Djdk.attach.allowAttachSelf=true, --patch-module=java.base:lib
entitlement-bridge\elasticsearch-entitlement-bridge-9.0.0.jar, --add-exports=java.base/org.elasticsearch.entitlement.bri
dge=org.elasticsearch.entitlement.java.logging,java.net.http,java.naming,jdk.net, -XX:+UseG1GC, -Djava.io.tmpdir=C:\Use
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ce=normal, -XX:+HeapDumpOnOutOfMemoryError, -XX:ExitOnOutOfMemoryError, -XX:HeapDumpPath=data, -XX:ErrorFile=logs/hs_e
r.pid%p.log, -Xlog:cgc,gc+trace,safepoint:file-logs/cgc.log:utctime,level,pid,tags:filecount=32,filesize=64m, -Xms788
7m, -Xmx7887m, -XX:MaxDirectMemorySize=4135583744, -XX:G1HeapRegionSize=4m, -XX:InitiatingHeapOccupancyPercent=30, -XX:G
1ReservePercent=15, --module-path=C:\Users\mhmdas\Downloads\ELK\elasticsearch-9.0.0\lib, --add-modules=jdk.net, --add-mod
ules=jdk.management.agent, --add-modules=ALL-MODULE-PATH, -Djdk.module.main=org.elasticsearch.server]
2025-05-08T00:06:55,215][INFO ][o.e.b.Elasticsearch ] [ASLAH_VVBOOK] Default Locale [en_IN]
2025-05-08T00:06:55,375][INFO ][o.e.n.NativeAccess ] [ASLAH_VVBOOK] Using [jdk] native provider and native method
s for [Windows]
2025-05-08T00:06:55,512][INFO ][o.a.l.i.v.PanamaVectorizationProvider] [ASLAH_VVBOOK] Java vector incubator API enabled
, uses preferredBitSize=256; FMA enabled
```

**2. Noted the auto-generated enrollment token** and password for the elastic user from the console logs.

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### 3. Started Kibana by executing kibana.bat from the Kibana directory.

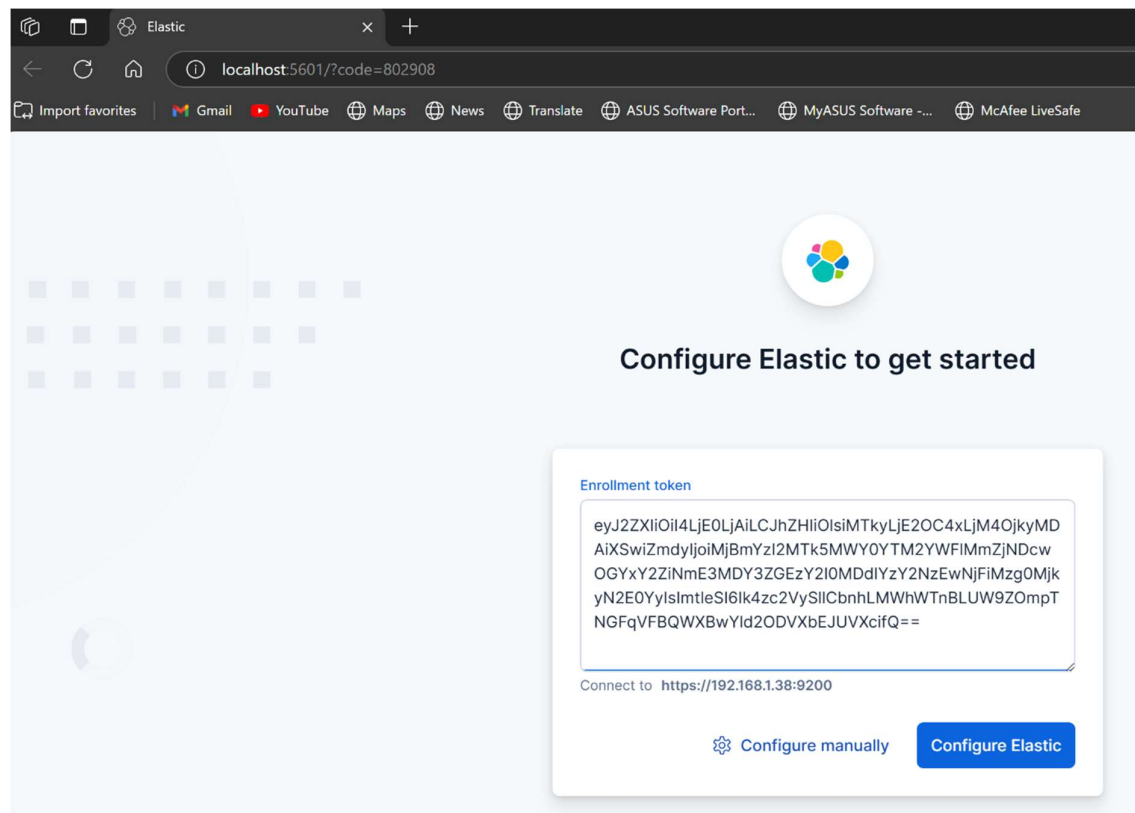
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C:\Windows\System32\cmd.e x + v
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nName":"service_name"},"serviceVersion":{"source":"start", "value":"9.0.0", "commonName":"service_version"},"activationMe
thod":{"require","message":"Elastic APM Node.js Agent v4.11.2"}
Native global console methods have been overridden in production environment.
[2025-05-08T00:33:42.649+05:30][INFO ][root] Kibana is starting
[2025-05-08T00:33:42.671+05:30][INFO ][node] Kibana process configured with roles: [background_tasks, ui]
[2025-05-08T00:33:53.586+05:30][INFO ][plugins-service] The following plugins are disabled: "cloudChat,cloudExperiments,
cloudFullStory,dataUsage,investigateApp,investigate,profilingDataAccess,profiling,searchHomepage,securitySolutionServerl
ess,serverless,serverlessObservability,serverlessSearch".
[2025-05-08T00:33:53.646+05:30][INFO ][http.server.Preboot] http server running at http://localhost:5601
[2025-05-08T00:33:53.793+05:30][INFO ][plugins-system.preboot] Setting up [1] plugins: [interactiveSetup]
[2025-05-08T00:33:53.823+05:30][INFO ][preboot] "interactiveSetup" plugin is holding setup: Validating Elasticsearch con
nection configuration.
[2025-05-08T00:33:53.864+05:30][INFO ][root] Holding setup until preboot stage is completed.

i Kibana has not been configured.
Go to http://localhost:5601/?code=802908 to get started.
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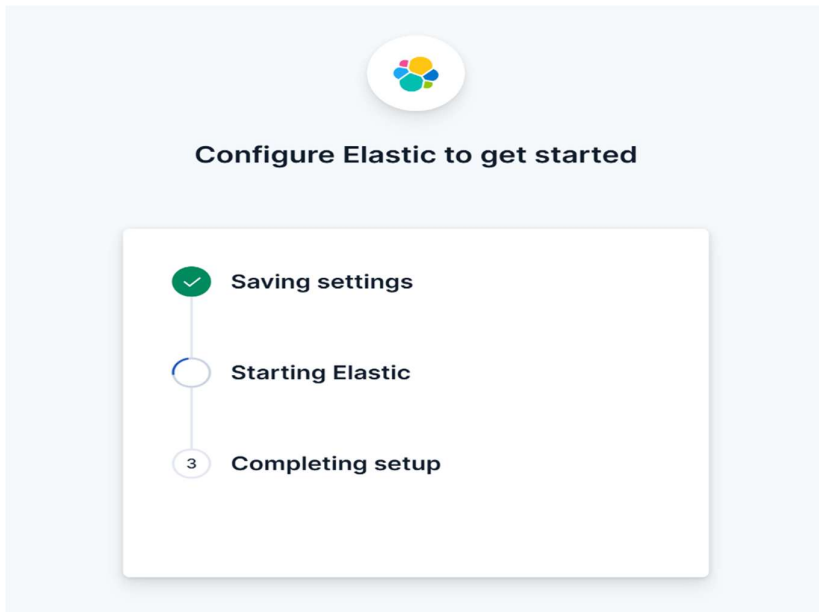
### 5. Accessed Kibana setup via browser using the link:

<http://localhost:5601/?code=802908>.

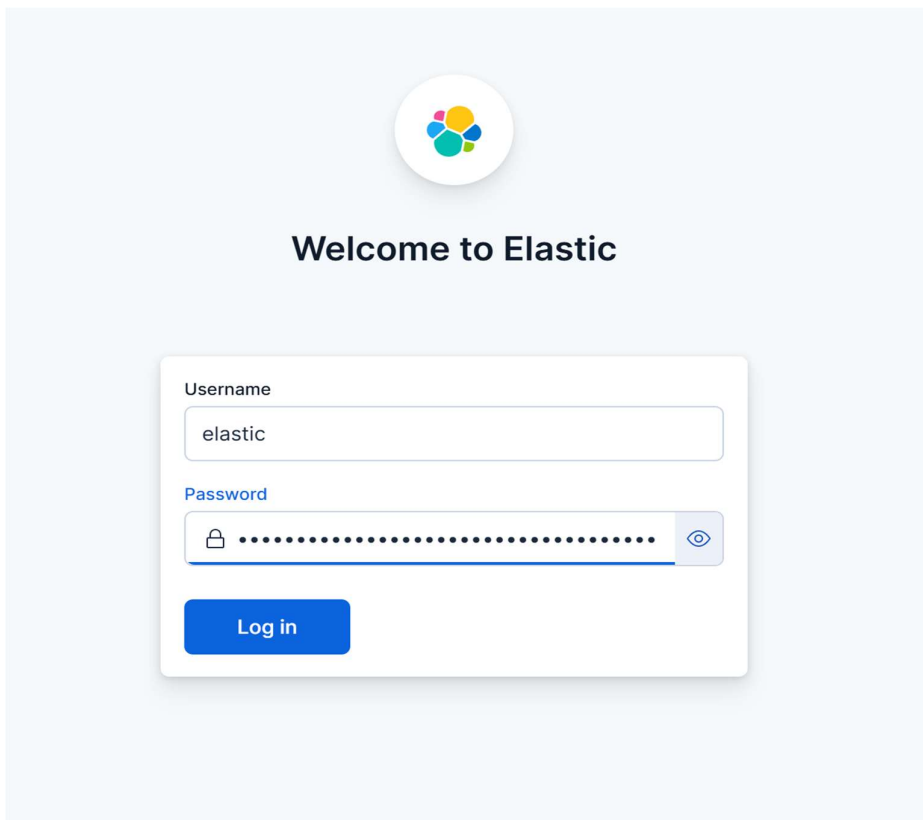
Pasted the enrollment token copied from the Elasticsearch console into the Kibana web UI to begin the setup.



6. After successful verification, Kibana proceeded to the “**Saving settings**” → “**Starting Elastic**” → “**Completing setup**” stages.

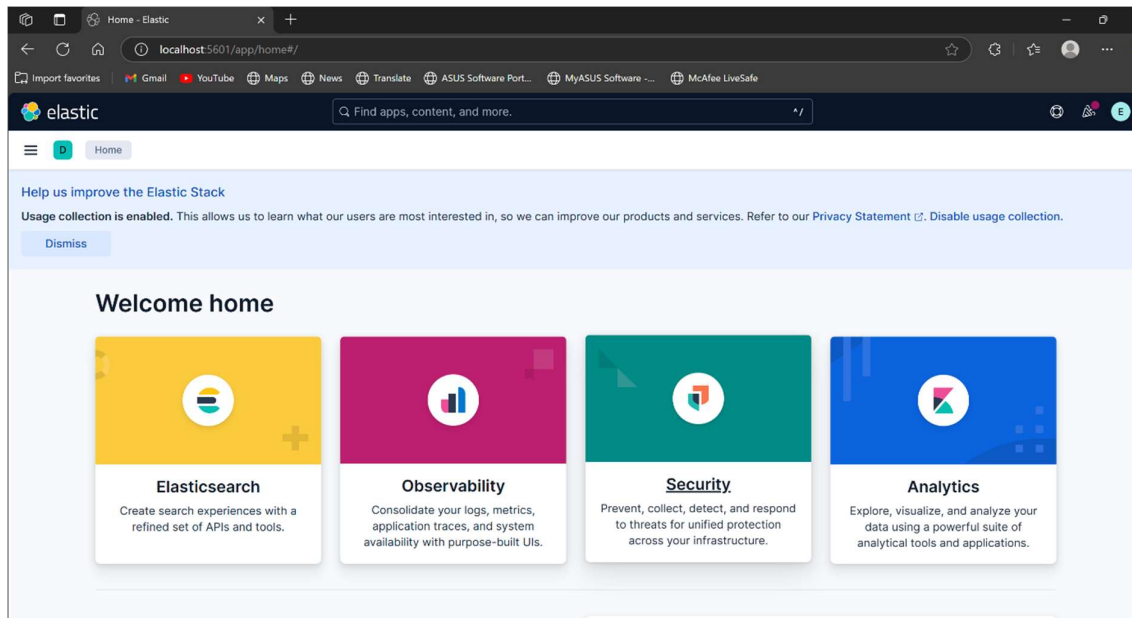


7. Logged in with the default username elastic and the password shown during Elasticsearch startup.





8. Accessed the **Kibana Dashboard**, which displayed available modules like *Elasticsearch*, *Observability*, *Security*, and *Analytics*.



9. Verified Elasticsearch was running by visiting <https://192.168.1.38:9200>, where the node details, version, and cluster metadata were shown in JSON format.

