

Generate alerts using Elastalert

Step-by-step guide

Step 1:- Installation

Windows 10:-

- Setup Elasticsearch Instance --> I used version 6.8.2 the instance is hosted in <https://www.elastic.co/cloud/>
- Install Python 3.6 -----> Install python 3.6.x from <https://www.python.org/downloads/windows/>
- Install ----> Microsoft Visual Build Tools
- Download Elastalert ----> git clone <https://github.com/Yelp/elastalert.git>
- From the Elastalert folder --> pip install -r requirements.txt
- From the Elastalert folder --> python setup.py install

For Linux:- https://elastalert.readthedocs.io/en/latest/running_elastalert.html

Note:- We can also run Elastalert on a container

Step 2:- Create Elastalert indexes in Elasticsearch to store alerts and errors

- From Elastalert Folder use this command to create required meta indexes --> elastalert-create-index
- This will create following indexes try list indexes from the cluster using https://host:port/_cat/indices?v

GET

https://8977d5f533ca4d3ebb4dc8bbea032260.us-central1.gcp.cloud.es.io:9243/_cat/indices?v

Send

Save

Pretty

Raw

Preview

Visualize

Text

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elastalert_status_error

_6THd-1ZSb2Nhcs-frWIAJA

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164.4kb

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3

green

open

elastalert_status

YDxNLIdxR9q112ncz4Q1qw

5

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4

0

75.7kb

37.8kb

4

green

open

elastalert_status_status

aL1eqKMGtbsIh_kfgMJyVw

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32

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277.1kb

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green

open

elastalert_status_past

IAQrZ7mtTgmKYpzXPfDAVA

5

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2.5kb

1.2kb

6

green

open

.security-6

xJBBnf-zTZu211gvqJaDDw

1

1

4

0

59.3kb

29.6kb

7

green

open

event

m_sjjaFPSMG0Lahc0MZRPA

5

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20

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205.7kb

102.8kb

8

green

open

.kibana_1

j61DZd7J5Vy1hvBYCXQ1Aw

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green

open

apm-6.8.9-onboarding-2020.05.17

e_XT4eJSTaWt9kjTfgcvaQ

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11.9kb

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open

.kibana_task_manager

VXfVHMtISMekM8nSyZgyKA

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25.2kb

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elastalert_status_silence

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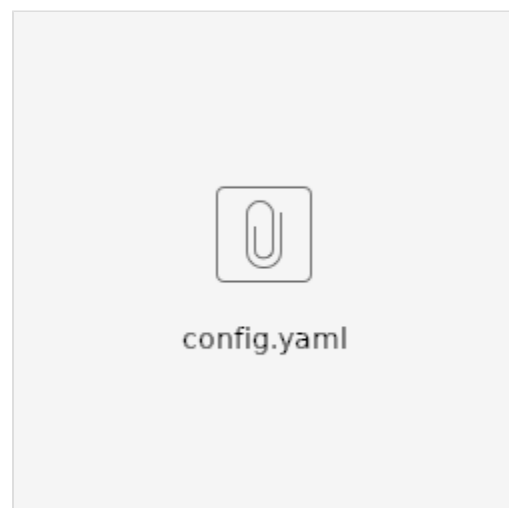
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Step 3:- Configure The global Elastalert configuration

- Rename the config.yaml.example file to config.yaml
- Provide the instance informations like host,port,ssl_required,username,password,etc..



Step 4:- Dump some data to the Elasticsearch

- Create a spring boot application from initializer
- You can connect with Elasticsearch either by using Spring data jest/Spring data Elasticsearch
 - Using Spring Data Jest use (Deprecated)
 - Spring boot version--> 2.1.11.RELEASE
 - Spring data Jest version --> 3.2.2.RELEASE
 - Required properties:-
 - spring.data.elasticsearch.properties.path.logs=target/elasticsearch/log
 - spring.data.elasticsearch.properties.path.data=target/elasticsearch/data
 - spring.data.elasticsearch.cluster-name=# clustername
 - spring.data.elasticsearch.cluster-nodes=#host:port
 - spring.data.jest.password=#password
 - spring.data.jest.username=#username
 - spring.data.jest.readTimeout=100000000
 - spring.data.jest.uri=#https://host:port
 - Using Spring Data Elasticsearch
 - You can use the latest upgrade 4.0 with spring boot 2.3.0
 - Required properties:-
 - spring.data.elasticsearch.cluster-name=elasticsearch # Elasticsearch cluster name.
 - spring.data.elasticsearch.cluster-nodes= # Comma-separated list of cluster node addresses.
 - spring.data.elasticsearch.properties.*= # Additional properties used to configure the client.
 - spring.data.elasticsearch.repositories.enabled=true # Whether to enable Elasticsearch repositories

Important Note :- The data we dump into an index need a date field with **ISO8601** or **Unix timestamped** format

In spring boot we can achieve this by adding :-

@Field(type = FieldType.Date, store = true, format = DateFormat.custom, pattern = "yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ss.SSS'Z'")

@JsonFormat (shape = JsonFormat.Shape.STRING, pattern = "yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ss.SSS'Z'")

private Date timestamp;

Timestamp mapping should look like this in the index:-

```
"timestamp": {
  "type": "date",
  "store": true,
  "format": "yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ss.SSS'Z'"
}
```

Example, Create an index with name Event and dump some data and read using https://host:port/event/_search?q=

The screenshot shows a REST client interface with a GET request to `https://8977d5f533ca4d3ebbd4dc8bbea032260.us-central1.gcp.cloud.es.io:9243/event/_search?q=*&size=300`. The response is in JSON format, showing search results for the 'event' index. The response includes a 'hits' object with 'total', 'max_score', and a list of 'hits'. Each hit contains an '_id', '_score', and '_source' object. The '_source' object contains various fields including 'region', 'name', 'eventType', 'onlineVehicles', 'requiredNumberOnlineVehicles', 'offlineVehicles', 'onlineEmployees', 'requiredNumberOnlineEmployees', 'offlineEmployees', 'creationDate', and 'timestamp'.

```
{
  "hits": {
    "total": 8,
    "max_score": 1.0,
    "hits": [
      {
        "_index": "event",
        "_type": "event",
        "_id": "132",
        "_score": 1.0,
        "_source": {
          "id": 132,
          "region": "Oceania",
          "name": "InsufficientNumberOfOnlineVehicles",
          "eventType": "vehicle",
          "onlineVehicles": 5,
          "requiredNumberOnlineVehicles": 10,
          "offlineVehicles": null,
          "onlineEmployees": null,
          "requiredNumberOnlineEmployees": null,
          "offlineEmployees": null,
          "creationDate": "2020-05-28T13:17:41.538Z",
          "timestamp": "2020-05-28T12:47:41.538Z"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

Step 5:- Create Alert Rules and configure Alert Types

- Create rules

There are different types of rules you can create like any, new_term, blacklist, whitelist, frequency etc.,

Refer this for creating a rule --> https://elastalert.readthedocs.io/en/latest/running_elastalert.html#creating-a-rule

Refer this for rules configurations and types --> <https://elastalert.readthedocs.io/en/latest/ruletypes.html>

Refer this to know available alerts that you can configure with the alert --> <https://elastalert.readthedocs.io/en/latest/ruletypes.html#alerts>

- Timestamp configuration

If the timestamp is not a @timestamp you need to explicitly say which field to use as timestamp, provide the below configurations to the rule YAML file:-

timestamp_field: timestamp

timestamp_type: custom

timestamp_format: '%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S.%fZ'

timestamp_format_expr: 'ts[:23] + ts[26:]

- Email SMTP Configuration for rules

```
alert:
- "email"
email:
- "xxx.s@xxx.com" (to list)
email_from_field: "alerts"
email_add_domain: "@ucc.com"
smtp_host: "smtp.gmail.com"
smtp_port: 465
smtp_ssl: true
smtp_auth_file: 'email_auth.yaml' (Authentication credentials file)
```

The email_auth.yaml should contain username and password in YAML format for example:-

```
user: xxxx@gmail.com
password: xxxxx
```

- HTTP POST Alert Type

This will post the resultant alert as JSON, the required configurations are

```
alert: post
http_post_url: "http://localhost:8080/api/event"
```

In our server, we need to have a rest endpoint which accepts the JSON body

```
@PostMapping("/event")
public void alert(@RequestBody Event event) {
    log.debug("alert posted successfully with payload {}",event);
}
```

Example Rules



blacklist.yaml



email_auth.yaml



events_term.yaml



change_rule_http_post.yaml



frequency_rule.yaml



flatline.yaml



any_rule.yaml



whitelist.yaml

Step 7:- Testing the alert rule

Use this command :- **elastalert-test-rule** your_rules/your_rule.yaml

This is only for test purpose this will log the details to the console, this will not send actual alerts if we want to send the real alerts we can specify the **--alert** flag, below are output logs of some rule types

New Term (Email alert)

- This rule matches when a new value appears in a field that has never been seen before. When ElastAlert starts, it will use an aggregation query to gather all known terms for a list of fields/query_key

```
INFO:elastalert:Note: In debug mode, alerts will be logged to console but NOT actually sent.
    To send them but remain verbose, use --verbose instead.
Didn't get any results.
INFO:elastalert:Found 3 unique values for eventType
INFO:elastalert:Note: In debug mode, alerts will be logged to console but NOT actually sent.
    To send them but remain verbose, use --verbose instead.
1 rules loaded
INFO:apscheduler.scheduler:Adding job tentatively -- it will be properly scheduled when the scheduler starts
```

- Elastalert will poll the Elasticsearch according to the configured buffer_time and print the matched document to the console

```
INFO:elastalert:Queried rule New Term Event rule from 2020-05-28 09:41 India Standard Time to 2020-05-28 09:56 India Standard Time: 0 / 0 hits
INFO:elastalert:Queried rule New Term Event rule from 2020-05-28 09:56 India Standard Time to 2020-05-28 10:11 India Standard Time: 0 / 0 hits
INFO:elastalert:Queried rule New Term Event rule from 2020-05-28 10:11 India Standard Time to 2020-05-28 10:26 India Standard Time: 0 / 0 hits
INFO:elastalert:Queried rule New Term Event rule from 2020-05-28 10:26 India Standard Time to 2020-05-28 10:41 India Standard Time: 0 / 0 hits
INFO:elastalert:Queried rule New Term Event rule from 2020-05-28 10:41 India Standard Time to 2020-05-28 10:56 India Standard Time: 0 / 0 hits
INFO:elastalert:Queried rule New Term Event rule from 2020-05-28 10:56 India Standard Time to 2020-05-28 11:11 India Standard Time: 0 / 0 hits
INFO:elastalert:Queried rule New Term Event rule from 2020-05-28 11:11 India Standard Time to 2020-05-28 11:26 India Standard Time: 0 / 0 hits
INFO:elastalert:Queried rule New Term Event rule from 2020-05-28 11:26 India Standard Time to 2020-05-28 11:41 India Standard Time: 0 / 0 hits
INFO:elastalert:Queried rule New Term Event rule from 2020-05-28 11:41 India Standard Time to 2020-05-28 11:56 India Standard Time: 0 / 0 hits
INFO:elastalert:Queried rule New Term Event rule from 2020-05-28 11:56 India Standard Time to 2020-05-28 12:11 India Standard Time: 1 / 1 hits
INFO:elastalert:Queried rule New Term Event rule from 2020-05-28 12:11 India Standard Time to 2020-05-28 12:26 India Standard Time: 2 / 2 hits
INFO:elastalert:Queried rule New Term Event rule from 2020-05-28 12:26 India Standard Time to 2020-05-28 12:41 India Standard Time: 0 / 0 hits
INFO:elastalert:Queried rule New Term Event rule from 2020-05-28 12:41 India Standard Time to 2020-05-28 12:56 India Standard Time: 1 / 1 hits
INFO:elastalert:Queried rule New Term Event rule from 2020-05-28 12:56 India Standard Time to 2020-05-28 13:11 India Standard Time: 0 / 0 hits
INFO:elastalert:Alert for New Term Event rule, typeqqez at 2020-05-28T07:12:19.347Z:
INFO:elastalert:New Term Event rule
_id: 345
_index: event
_type: event
creationDate: 2020-05-28T07:42:19.347Z
eventType: typeqqez
id: 345
name: InsufficientNumberOfOnlineVehicles
new_field: eventType
num_hits: 4
num_matches: 1
offlineEmployees: None
offlineVehicles: None
onlineEmployees: None
onlineVehicles: 5
requiredNumberOnlineEmployees: None
requiredNumberOnlineVehicles: 10
timestamp: 2020-05-28T07:12:19.347Z
```

- At last, the server will write the results to the index for audit purpose

```
Would have written the following documents to writeback index (default is elastalert_status):

silence - {'exponent': 0, 'rule_name': 'New Term Event rule.typeqqez', '@timestamp': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 7, 44, 21, 686730, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'until': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 7, 45, 21, 686730, tzinfo=tzutc())}

elastalert_status - {'rule_name': 'New Term Event rule', 'endtime': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 7, 41, 30, 598045, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'starttime': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 27, 7, 41, 30, 598045, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'matches': 1, 'hits': 4, '@timestamp': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 7, 44, 21, 691707, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'time_taken': 165.0793936252594}
```

Change (HTTP POST Alert)

- This rule will monitor a certain field and match if that field changes
- Resultant log at the end (real alerts are sending used --alert flag)

```
INFO:elastalert:HTTP Post alert sent.
INFO:elastalert:Ignoring match for silenced rule New region.InsufficientNumberOfOnlineVehicles
INFO:elastalert:Ignoring match for silenced rule New region.InsufficientNumberOfOnlineVehicles

Would have written the following documents to writeback index (default is elastalert_status):

silence - {'exponent': 0, 'rule_name': 'New region.InsufficientNumberOfOnlineVehicles', '@timestamp': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 11, 21, 1, 332327, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'until': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 11, 22, 1, 332327, tzinfo=tzutc())}

elastalert - {'match_body': {'requiredNumberOnlineVehicles': 10, 'offlineEmployees': None, 'offlineVehicles': None, 'onlineVehicles': 5, 'name': 'InsufficientNumberOfOnlineVehicles', 'id': 243, 'eventType': 'vehicle', 'region': 'USA', 'requiredNumberOnlineEmployees': None, 'creationDate': '2020-05-28T10:20:23.820Z', 'onlineEmployees': None, 'timestamp': '2020-05-28T09:50:23.820Z', 'id': '243', 'index': 'event', 'type': 'event', 'old_value': ['Asia'], 'new_value': ['USA'], 'num_hits': 4, 'num_matches': 3}, 'rule_name': 'New region', 'alert_info': {'type': 'http post', 'http_post_webhook_url': ['http://localhost:8080/api/event']}, 'alert_sent': True, 'alert_time': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 11, 21, 1, 332327, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'match_time': '2020-05-28T09:50:23.820Z'}

elastalert_status - {'rule_name': 'New region', 'endtime': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 11, 19, 12, 779560, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'starttime': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 27, 11, 4, 48, 779560, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'matches': 3, 'hits': 4, '@timestamp': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 11, 21, 1, 437447, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'time_taken': 107.34557218687430}
```

Frequency

- This rule matches when there are at least a certain number of events in a given time frame.
- Resultant log at the end

```

INFO:elastalert:Alert for Example frequency rule at 2020-05-28T11:30:19.304Z:
INFO:elastalert:Example frequency rule

At least 2 events occurred between 2020-05-27 17:00 India Standard Time and 2020-05-28 17:00 India Standard Time

{
  _id: 121
  _index: event
  _type: event
  CreationDate: 2020-05-28T12:00:19.305Z
  eventType: vehicle
  id: 121
  name: InsufficientNumberOfOnlineVehicles
  num_hits: 2
  num_matches: 1
  offlineEmployees: None
  offlineVehicles: None
  onlineEmployees: None
  onlineVehicles: 5
  region: Antarctica
  requiredNumberOnlineEmployees: None
  requiredNumberOnlineVehicles: 10
  timestamp: 2020-05-28T11:30:19.304Z
}

Would have written the following documents to writeback index (default is elastalert_status):

silence - {'exponent': 0, 'rule_name': 'Example frequency rule', '@timestamp': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 12, 0, 44, 386978, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'until': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 12, 1, 44, 386978, tzinfo=tzutc())}

elastalert_status - {'rule_name': 'Example frequency rule', 'endtime': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 11, 59, 20, 672923, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'starttime': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 27, 11, 44, 56, 672923, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'matches': 1, 'hits': 2, '@timestamp': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 12, 0, 44, 394981, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'time_taken': 82.11450719833374}

```

Flatline

- This rule matches when the total number of events is under a given threshold for a time period.
- Resultant log at the end

```

INFO:elastalert:Alert for Example Flatline rule at 2020-05-28T12:42:45.893027Z:
INFO:elastalert:Example Flatline rule

An abnormally low number of events occurred around 2020-05-28 18:12 India Standard Time.
Between 2020-05-26 18:12 India Standard Time and 2020-05-28 18:12 India Standard Time, there were less than 10 events.

count: 2
key: all
num_hits: 2
num_matches: 2
timestamp: 2020-05-28T12:42:45.893027Z

INFO:elastalert:Ignoring match for silenced rule Example Flatline rule.all

Would have written the following documents to writeback index (default is elastalert_status):

silence - {'exponent': 0, 'rule_name': 'Example Flatline rule.all', '@timestamp': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 12, 59, 13, 565258, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'until': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 13, 0, 13, 565258, tzinfo=tzutc())}

elastalert_status - {'rule_name': 'Example Flatline rule', 'endtime': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 12, 56, 33, 893027, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'starttime': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 26, 12, 27, 45, 893027, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'matches': 2, 'hits': 2, '@timestamp': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 12, 59, 13, 572072, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'time_taken': 158.060156583786}

```

When using flatline rule or spike this won't work as we expected in a test environment, this needs a minimum `_elapsed_timeframe` to begin the alerts

Note

Results from running this script may not always be the same as if an actual ElastAlert instance was running. Some rule types, such as spike and flatline require a minimum **elapsed** time before they begin alerting, based on their timeframe. In addition, `use_count_query` and `use_terms_query` rely on `run_every` to determine their resolution. This script uses a fixed 5 minute window, which is the same as the default.

In order to trigger the alerts, we can increase the timeframe with the configuration

```

timeframe:
  days: 2

```

Any

- Any rule will match everything. Every hit that the query returns will generate an alert.
- Resultant log at the end

```
INFO:elastalert:Alert for Any rule at 2020-05-28T12:47:41.538Z:
INFO:elastalert:Any rule

_id: 132
_index: event
_type: event
creationDate: 2020-05-28T13:17:41.538Z
eventType: vehicle
id: 132
name: InsufficientNumberOfOnlineVehicles
num_hits: 1
num_matches: 1
offlineEmployees: None
offlineVehicles: None
onlineEmployees: None
onlineVehicles: 5
region: Oceana
requiredNumberOnlineEmployees: None
requiredNumberOnlineVehicles: 10
timestamp: 2020-05-28T12:47:41.538Z

Would have written the following documents to writeback index (default is elastalert_status):

silence - {'exponent': 0, 'rule_name': 'Any rule', '@timestamp': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 13, 21, 44, 390283, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'until': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 13, 22, 44, 390283, tzinfo=tzutc())}

elastalert_status - {'rule_name': 'Any rule', 'endtime': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 13, 19, 29, 502811, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'starttime': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 27, 13, 19, 29, 502811, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'matches': 1, 'hits': 1, '@timestamp': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 13, 21, 44, 396261, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'time_taken': 132.30936241149902}
```

Blacklist

- The blacklisting rule will check a certain field against a blacklist, and match if it is in the blacklist.

Whitelist

- Similar to `blacklist`, this rule will compare a certain field to a whitelist, and match if the list does not contain the term.
- Apart from the blacklist, the whitelist had a required field `ignore_null`: If `true`, events without a `compare_key` field will not match. If not provided a validation error will throw
- Resultant log at the end

```
INFO:elastalert:Alert for Event rule Whitelist at 2020-05-28T13:25:31.212Z:
INFO:elastalert:Event rule Whitelist

_id: 91
_index: event
_type: event
creationDate: 2020-05-28T13:55:31.213Z
eventType: vehicle
id: 91
name: InsufficientNumberOfOnlineEmployees
num_hits: 1
num_matches: 1
offlineEmployees: None
offlineVehicles: None
onlineEmployees: None
onlineVehicles: 5
region: Oceana
requiredNumberOnlineEmployees: None
requiredNumberOnlineVehicles: 10
timestamp: 2020-05-28T13:25:31.212Z

Would have written the following documents to writeback index (default is elastalert_status):

silence - {'exponent': 0, 'rule_name': 'Event rule Whitelist', '@timestamp': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 13, 57, 51, 177006, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'until': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 13, 58, 51, 177006, tzinfo=tzutc())}

elastalert_status - {'rule_name': 'Event rule Whitelist', 'endtime': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 13, 54, 52, 512632, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'starttime': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 27, 13, 54, 52, 512632, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'matches': 1, 'hits': 1, '@timestamp': datetime.datetime(2020, 5, 28, 13, 57, 51, 182453, tzinfo=tzutc()), 'time_taken': 168.20908045768738}
```

Common Issues/concerns might face during the test

- Configure Buffer Time

Elastalert checks the data in a range of 15 minutes(comparing with the timestamp we are provided to the document) we can customize this by passing `--start` and `--end` parameters

We can customize the polling time using **"buffer_time"** By default, ElastAlert will query large overlapping windows to ensure that it does not miss any events, even if they are indexed in real-time. In config.YAML, you can adjust "buffer_time" to a smaller number to only query the most recent few minutes.

buffer_time:
minutes: 5

- Why did I only get one alert when I expected to get several?

Log:- "INFO:elastalert: Ignoring match for silenced rule Event rule"

There is a setting called **realert** which is the minimum time between two alerts for the same rule. Any alert that occurs within this time will simply be dropped. The default value for this is one minute. If you want to receive an alert for every single match, even if they occur right after each other, use, by default this property is 1

realert:

minutes: 0

- Issue With keyword type fields

Log: INFO:elastalert:Found no values for your_field (When pulling the data for the first time)

When you're working with term queries, for example writing a **new_term** rule, by default the string fields mapping type will be the **keyword**, So when you specify a field for filter/querying you need to postfix **.keyword** to the fields. Elastalert provides **use_keyword_postfix** boolean configuration to solve this issue, by default this property is set to **true**. another solution here is to change the field type itself in Elasticsearch you can do this by annotating the field @ **Field(type = FieldType.Text, fielddata = true)**

To see the mapping for the index:- https://host:port/index/_mapping/

For a String field by default, the mapping will be

```
"name": {
  "type": "text",
  "fields": {
    "keyword": {
      "type": "keyword",
      "ignore_above": 256
    }
  }
},
```

A Very helpful **resource**:- <https://awesomeopensource.com/project/Yelp/elastalert>

- Issue when testing the HTTP Post Alert type

Issue:- AttributeError: '_thread._local' object has no attribute 'alerts_sent'

Fix:- Open elastalert.py on the local AppData, make the below change

```
self.replace_dots_in_field_names = self.conf.get('replace_dots_in_field_names', False)
self.thread_data.num_hits = 0
self.thread_data.num_dupes = 0
self.thread_data.alerts_sent = 0 #add
self.scheduler = BackgroundScheduler()
```

Step 8:- Run the Elastalert server


- Use this command:- **python -m elastalert.elastalert --verbose --rule your_rules_dir/your_rule.yaml**
- Output Log

INFO:elastalert:Queried rule Event rule blacklist from 2020-05-21 16:02 India Standard Time to 2020-05-21 16:05 India Standard Time: 0 / 0 hits
 INFO:elastalert:Ran Event rule blacklist from 2020-05-21 16:02 India Standard Time to 2020-05-21 16:05 India Standard Time: 0 query hits (0 already seen), 0 matches, 0 alerts sent
 INFO:elastalert:Disabled rules are: []
 INFO:elastalert:Sleeping for 59.9995 seconds
 INFO:elastalert:Background configuration change check run at 2020-05-21 16:06 India Standard Time
 INFO:elastalert:Sent email to ['abhilash.s@infoispica.com']
 INFO:elastalert:Sent email to ['abhilash.s@infoispica.com']
 INFO:elastalert:Queried rule Event rule blacklist from 2020-05-21 16:02 India Standard Time to 2020-05-21 16:06 India Standard Time: 1 / 1 hits
 INFO:elastalert:Background alerts thread 2 pending alerts sent at 2020-05-21 16:06 India Standard Time
 INFO:elastalert:Sent email to ['abhilash.s@infoispica.com']
 INFO:elastalert:Ran Event rule blacklist from 2020-05-21 16:02 India Standard Time to 2020-05-21 16:06 India Standard Time: 1 query hits (0 already seen), 1 matches, 1 alerts sent
 INFO:elastalert:Disabled rules are: []
 INFO:elastalert:Sleeping for 60.0 seconds
 INFO:elastalert:Background configuration change check run at 2020-05-21 16:07 India Standard Time
 INFO:elastalert:Background alerts thread 0 pending alerts sent at 2020-05-21 16:07 India Standard Time
 INFO:elastalert:Queried rule Event rule blacklist from 2020-05-21 16:02 India Standard Time to 2020-05-21 16:07 India Standard Time: 1 / 1 hits
 INFO:elastalert:Ran Event rule blacklist from 2020-05-21 16:02 India Standard Time to 2020-05-21 16:07 India Standard Time: 1 query hits (1 already seen), 0 matches, 0 alerts sent
 INFO:elastalert:Disabled rules are: []
 INFO:elastalert:Sleeping for 60.0 seconds
 INFO:elastalert:Background configuration change check run at 2020-05-21 16:08 India Standard Time
 INFO:elastalert:Background alerts thread 0 pending alerts sent at 2020-05-21 16:08 India Standard Time
 INFO:elastalert:Queried rule Event rule blacklist from 2020-05-21 16:02 India Standard Time to 2020-05-21 16:08 India Standard Time: 2 / 2 hits
 INFO:elastalert:Sent email to ['abhilash.s@infoispica.com']
 INFO:elastalert:Ran Event rule blacklist from 2020-05-21 16:02 India Standard Time to 2020-05-21 16:08 India Standard Time: 2 query hits (1 already seen), 1 matches, 1 alerts sent
 INFO:elastalert:SIGINT received, stopping ElastAlert...

- Email Message:-

The email alert looks like this (We can customize the subject and content)

ElastAlert: Event rule blacklist



abhilash14300@gmail.com

To: abhilash.s@infoispica.com

Thu, May 21 at 4:08 PM

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Event rule blacklist

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_id: 6
_index: event
_type: event
creationDate: 2020-05-21T10:37:51.852Z
id: 6
name: InsufficientNumberOfOnlineVehicles
num_hits: 2
num_matches: 1
offlineEmployees: None
offlineVehicles: None
onlineEmployees: 3
onlineVehicles: 5
requiredNumberOnlineEmployees: 2
requiredNumberOnlineVehicles: 8
timestamp: 2020-05-21T10:37:51.852Z

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