

Introduction into the ELK stack

Alexander Reelsen

alexander.reelsen@elasticsearch.com

[@spinscale](#)

Agenda

- Introduction
- The ELK stack
- Samples, samples, samples
- Summary

About Elasticsearch

- Founded 2012 in Amsterdam
- Funded by Benchmark, Index Ventures and NEA Ventures
- Distributed company
Offices in Los Altos, Amsterdam, London, Berlin, Phoenix
- Offering support subscriptions & trainings
- We're hiring

About me

- Joined early 2013
- Interested in all things scale, search & concurrency
- Elasticsearch developer, doing trainings, support, blog posts, conferences, presentations

About me

- Joined early 2013
- Interested in all things scale, search & concurrency
- Elasticsearch developer, doing trainings, support, blog posts, conferences, presentations



Lukas Grebe
@LukasGrebe

 Follow

@spinscale die JSON chars sind größer als
dein Kopf! #dchh

 Reply  Retweet  Favorite ... More

Introduction

How do **you** decide?

- What is the core asset of your company?
Ideas, patents, employees, customers, warehouse, software, ...
- Where to invest/develop next?
- Data driven decisions

How do **you** decide?

- What is the core asset of your company?
Ideas, patents, employees, customers, warehouse, software, ...
- Where to invest/develop next?
- Data driven decisions
logfiles for scaling up/down
warehouse withdrawal triggers orders
history for fraud detection
assembly line, throughput improvement

... data explosion

More data is *Big Data*

- More and more data
Recommendations, page views, IoT, social media
- Better decisions == more data?

but ...

The *Big Data* promise

The *Big Data* ~~promise~~ problem

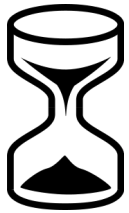
The *Big Data* ~~promise~~ problem



reaction time

Time between storing and analysing an event

The *Big Data* ~~promise~~ problem



reaction time



enrichment

Increase event value by enriching

The *Big Data* ~~promise~~ problem



reaction time



enrichment



insights

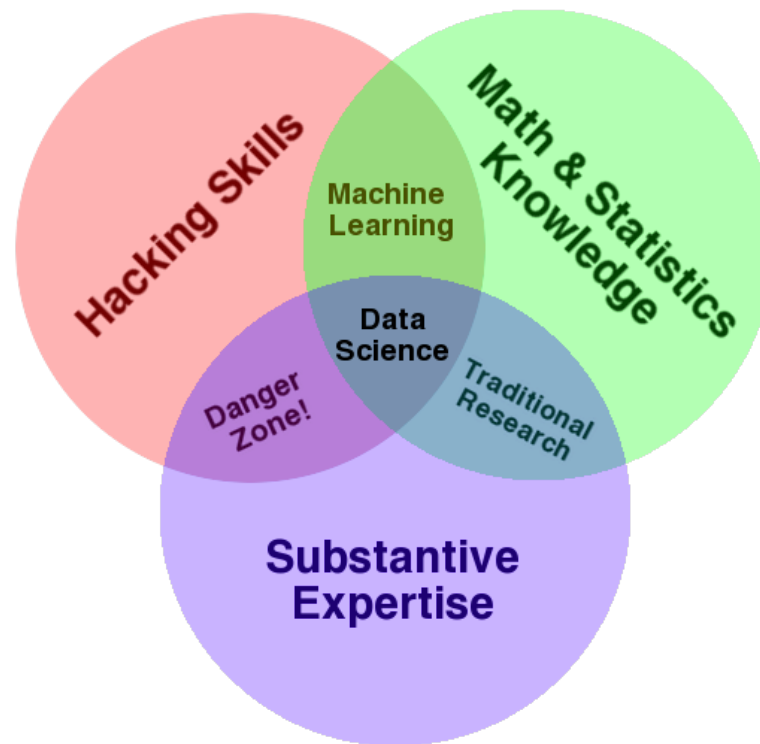
optimize for query, not for storage

No problem, lets make up a new job title

- We failed so hard in this industry, that we created a new job to clean up this mess

No problem, lets make up a new job title

- We failed so hard in this industry, that we created a new job to clean up this mess



Source: <http://drewconway.com/zia/2013/3/26/the-data-science-venn-diagram>

Data scientist problem

- Result of a flawed infrastructure
- Result of a flawed process/company politics
- Often doing someone else job
Enriching data, getting data, creating reports
- Data scientists are important, lets help them to do their real job, which is not ETL but providing information!

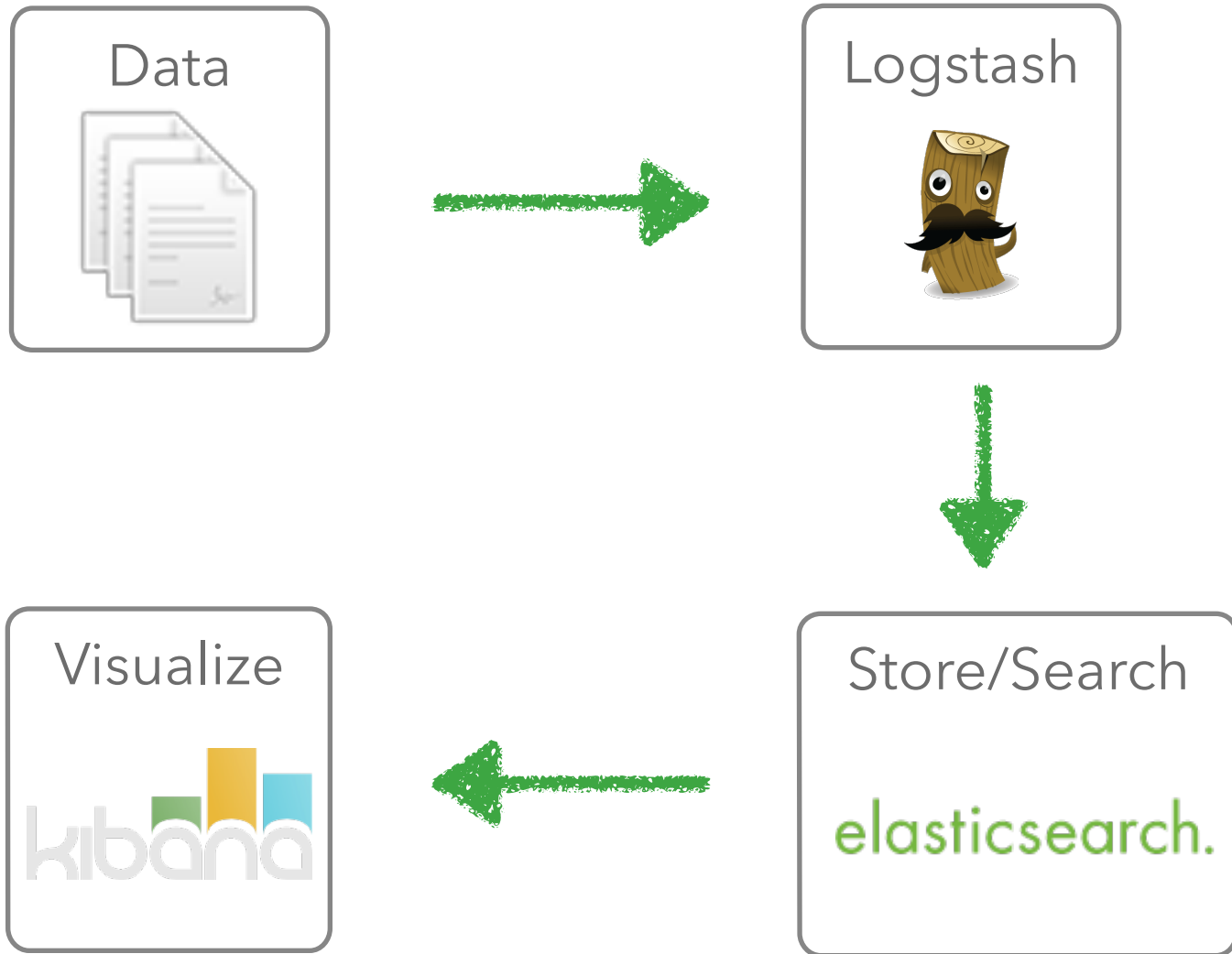
Requirements

- Clean data to work on
- Fast analysis chain
near real-time
- Easy to use user interface
Everyone is able to create own reports

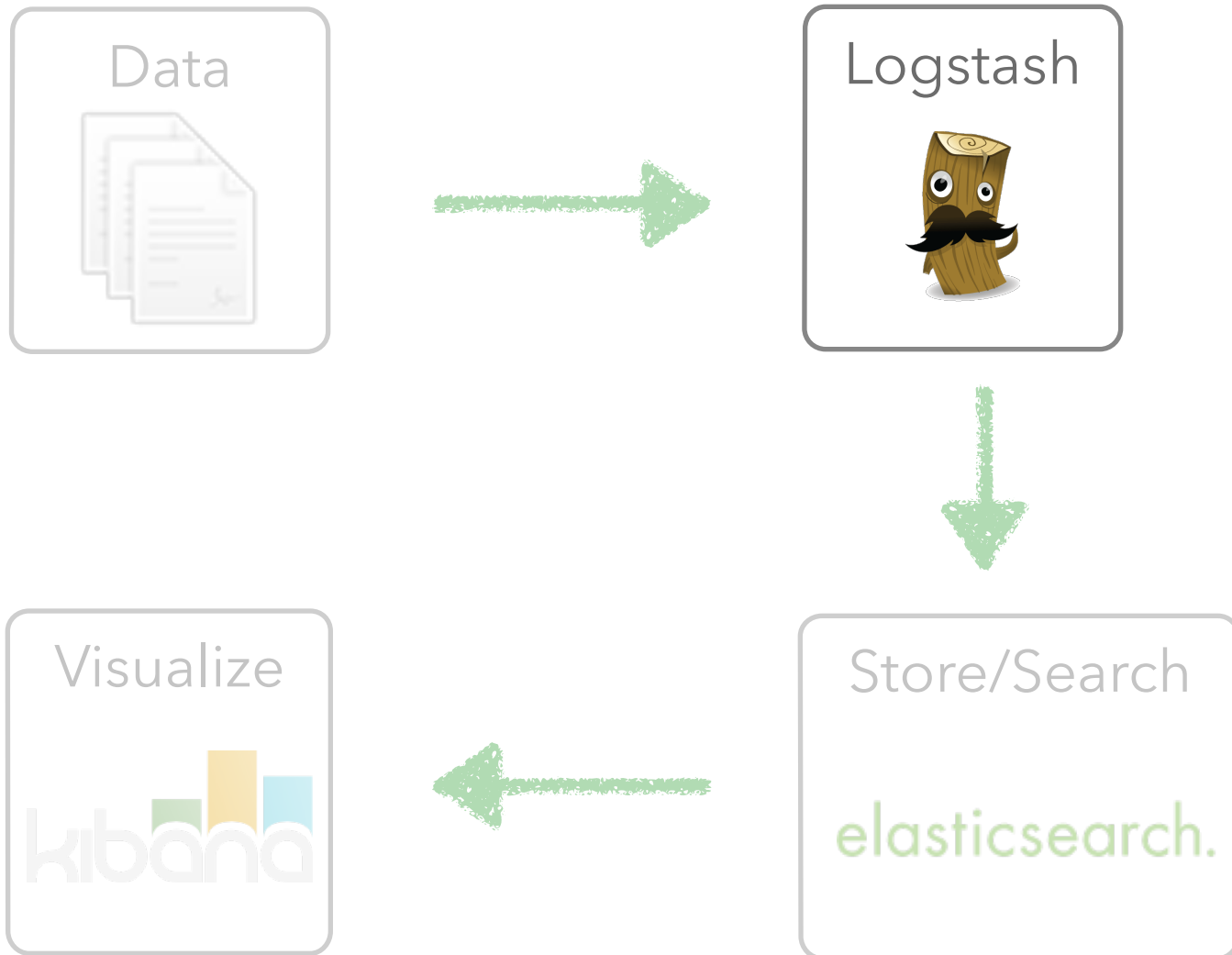
Meet the ELK stack

The ELK stack

The ELK stack



Logstash



Logstash

- Managing events and logs
- Collect data
- Parse data
- Enrich data
- Store data
- Open Source: Apache License 2.0



Logstash architecture

Input

datastore
stream
log files
files
monitoring
queues
network



Filter



parse, enrich, tag, drop

Output

datastore
files
email
pager
monitoring
chat
API
queues



Logstash architecture

Input

datastore
stream
log files
files
monitoring
queues
network



ip: 141.1.1.1

Filter



parse, enrich, tag, drop

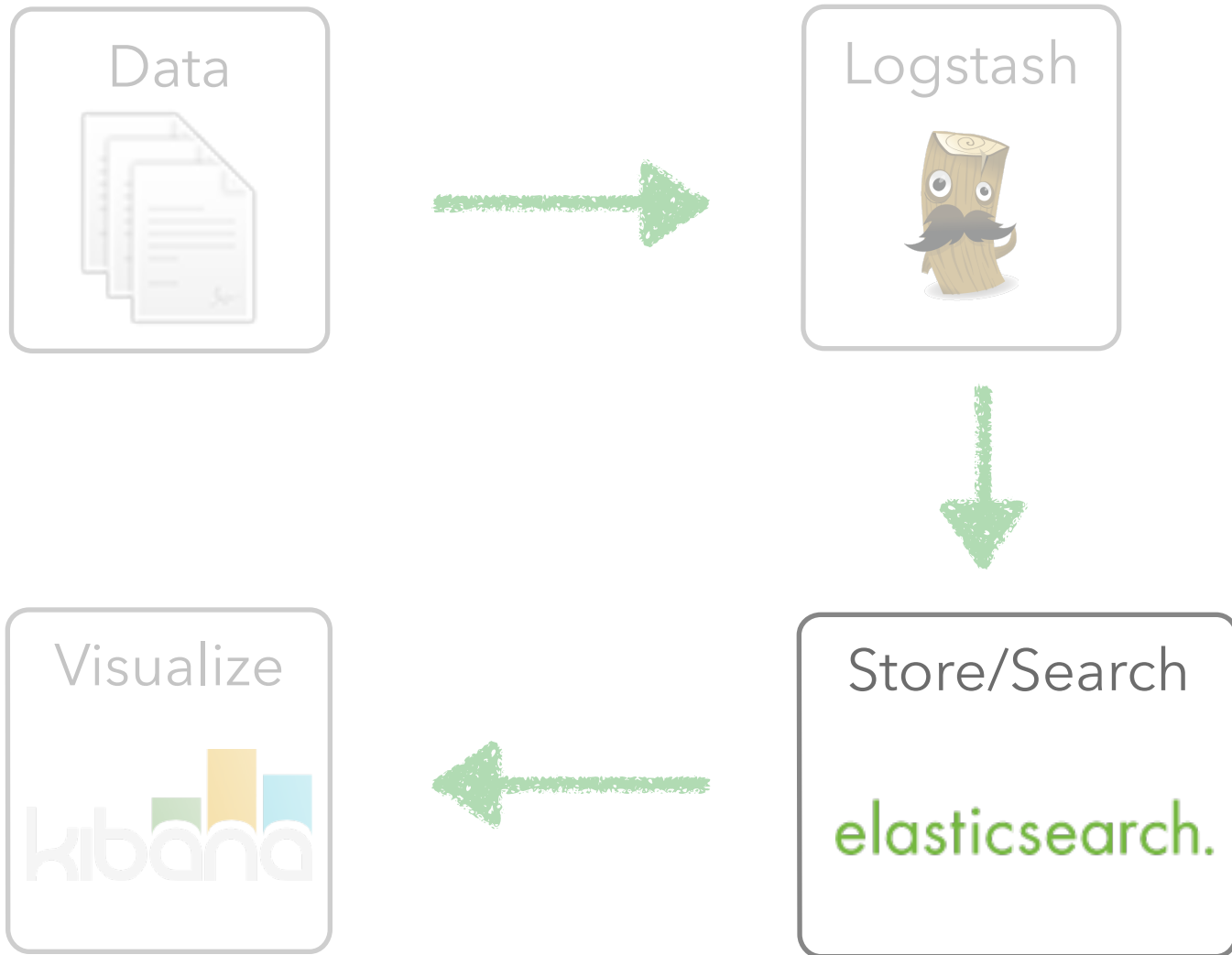
Output

ip: 141.1.1.1
city: Zurich
country: CH



datastore
files
email
pager
monitoring
chat
API
queues

Elasticsearch



Elasticsearch

- Schema-free, REST & JSON based distributed search engine
- Open Source: Apache License 2.0
- Easy to understand, yet very powerful query language
 - Full text search (phrase, fuzzy)
 - Numeric search (support ranges, dates, ipv4 addresses)
 - Highlighting
 - Aggregations
 - Suggestions

Wenn Suchboxen nicht funktionieren

Wie am besten die Qualitaet der eigenen Suchapplikation
sicherstellen?

Isabel Drost-Fromm

Freitag, 15:00 Uhr, Kinosaal 8

Kibana

- Execute queries on your data & visualize results
- Add/remove widgets
- Share/Save/Load dashboards
- Open Source: Apache License 2.0

Kibana



Samples, samples, samples

Samples

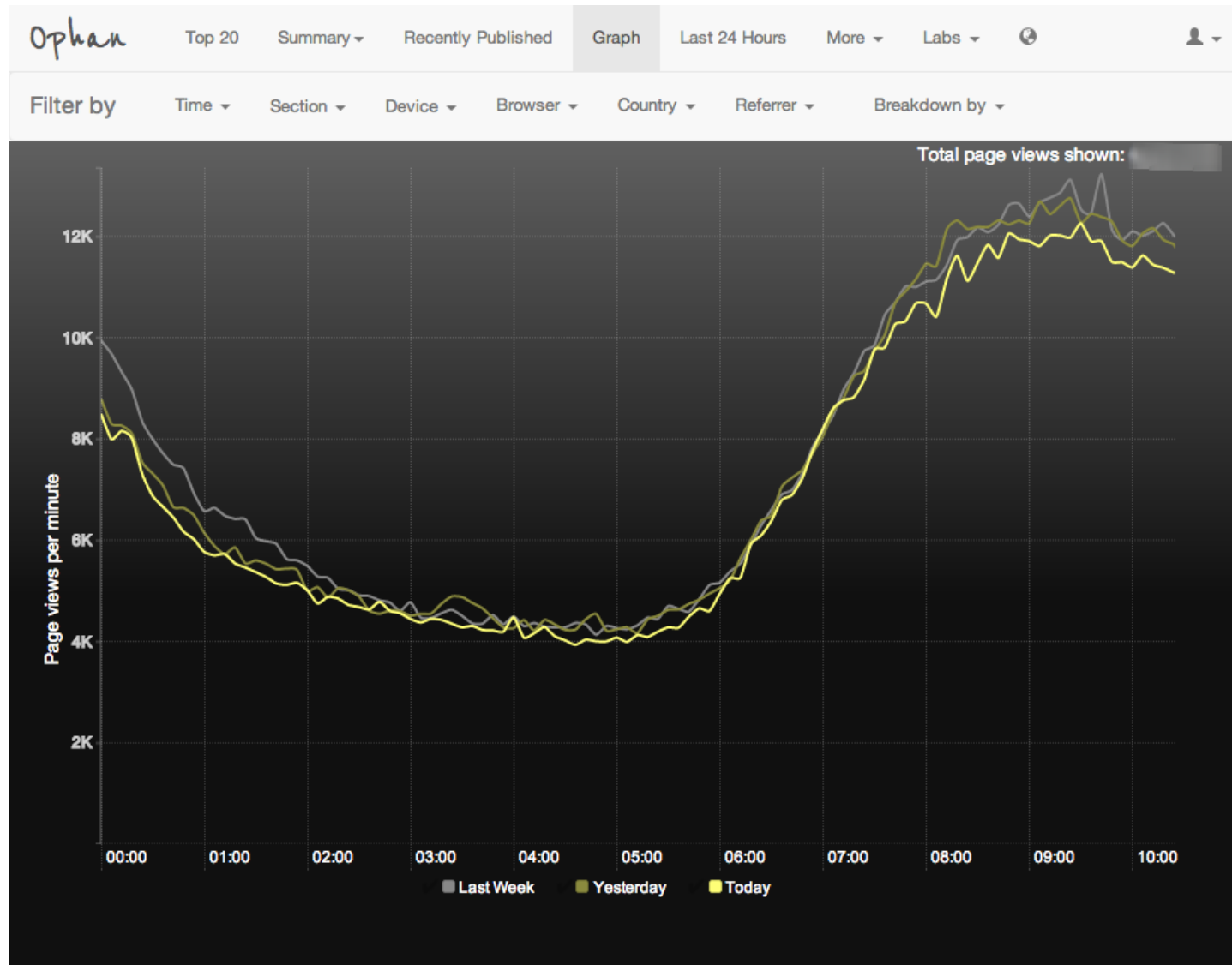
- Guardian case study
- Web server logs
- meetup.com RSVP stream
- Wikipedia update stream
- sysdig output

Case Study: The Guardian

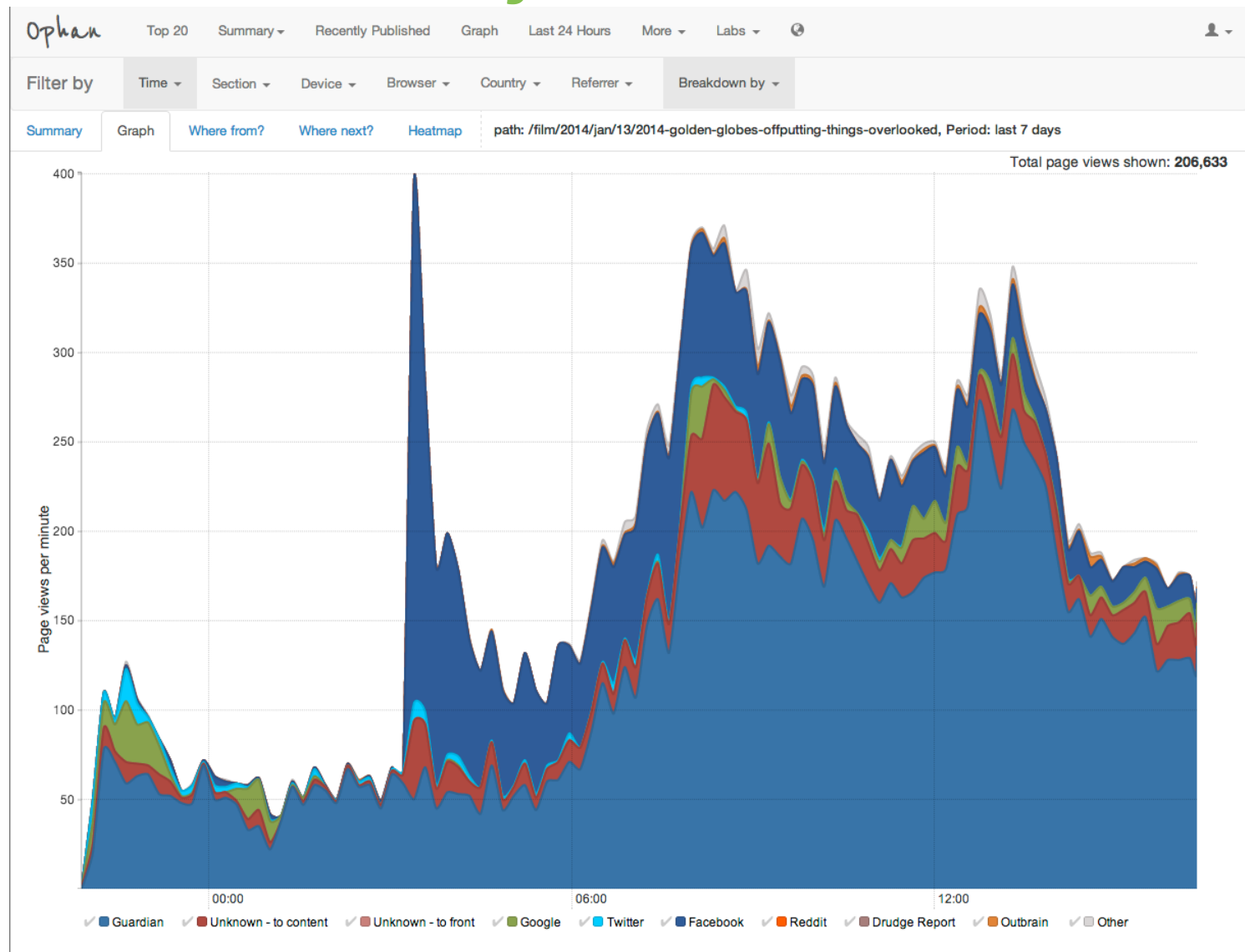


- Ophan: In-house analytics software
- Empower the organization
 - Give the entire organization real-time insight into audience engagement
 - Democratize analytics access for more than 500 users
 - Encourage a culture of exploration and innovation for all employees
- Leverage real-time analytics
 - Easily query 360 million documents
 - See traffic for all content as it happens

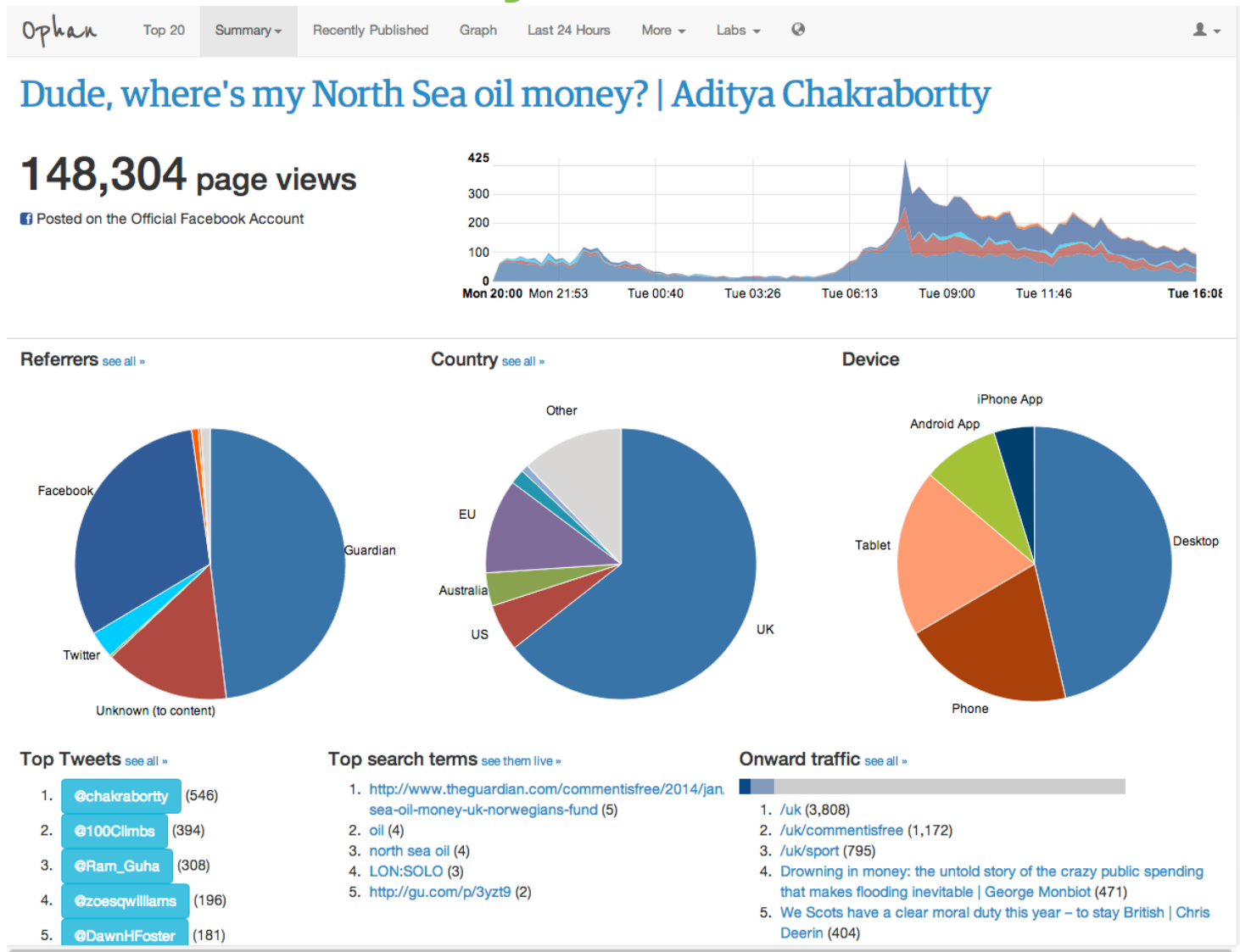
Case Study: The Guardian



Case Study: The Guardian



Case Study: The Guardian



Case Study: The Guardian



Example: Web server log files



Example: Web server log files

```
input { stdin {} }

filter {
  grok { match => { "message" => "%{COMBINEDAPACHELOG}" } }

  date { match => [ "timestamp", "dd/MMM/YYYY:HH:mm:ss Z" ] }

  geoip { source => "clientip" }

  useragent {
    source => "agent"
    target => "useragent"
  }
}

output {
  elasticsearch {
    protocol => "http"
    host => "localhost"
  }
}
```

Example: Web server log files

```
input { stdin {} }

filter {
  grok { match => { "message" => "%{COMBINEDAPACHELOG}" } }

  date { match => [ "timestamp", "dd/MMM/YYYY:HH:mm:ss Z" ] }

  geoip { source => "clientip" }

  source => "agent"
  target => "useragent"
}

output {
  elasticsearch {
    protocol => "http"
    host => "localhost"
  }
}
```

cat access.log | logstash agent -f logstash-logs.conf

Example: Web server log files

```
{
  "message" => "83.149.9.216 - - [28/May/2014:16:13:42 -0500] \"GET /presentations/logstash-monitorama-2013/images/kibana-search.png HTTP/1.1\" 200 203023\nhttp://semicomplete.com/presentations/logstash-monitorama-2013/\" \"Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_9_1) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/32.0.1700.77 Safari/537.36\"",
  "@version" => "1",
  "@timestamp" => "2014-05-28T21:13:42.000Z",
  "host" => "kryptic.local",
  "clientip" => "83.149.9.216",
  "ident" => "-",
  "auth" => "-",
  "timestamp" => "28/May/2014:16:13:42 -0500",
  "verb" => "GET",
  "request" => "/presentations/logstash-monitorama-2013/images/kibana-search.png",
  "httpversion" => "1.1",
  "response" => "200",
  "bytes" => "203023",
  "referrer" => "\"http://semicomplete.com/presentations/logstash-monitorama-2013/\"",
  "agent" => "\"Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_9_1) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/32.0.1700.77 Safari/537.36\"",
  "geoip" => {
    "ip" => "83.149.9.216",
    "country_code2" => "RU",
    "country_code3" => "RUS",
    "country_name" => "Russian Federation",
    "continent_code" => "EU",
    "region_name" => "48",
    "city_name" => "Moscow",
    "latitude" => 55.752199999999999,
    "longitude" => 37.6156,
    "timezone" => "Europe/Moscow",
    "real_region_name" => "Moscow City",
    "location" => [
      [0] 37.6156,
      [1] 55.752199999999999
    ]
  },
  "useragent" => {
    "name" => "Chrome",
    "os" => "Mac OS X 10.9.1",
    "os_name" => "Mac OS X",
    "os_major" => "10",
    "os_minor" => "9",
    "device" => "Other",
    "major" => "32",
    "minor" => "0",
    "patch" => "1700"
  }
}
```


Example: Web server log files

```
"message" => "83.149.9.216 - - [28/May/2014:16:13:42 -0500] \"GET /
presentations/logstash-monitorama-2013/images/kibana-search.png HTTP/1.1\"
200 203023 \"http://semicomplete.com/presentations/logstash-
monitorama-2013/\" \"Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_9_1)
AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/32.0.1700.77 Safari/
537.36\"",
```

grok

```
"@version" => "1",
"@timestamp" => "2014-05-28T21:13:42.000Z",
  "host" => "kryptic.local",
  "clientip" => "83.149.9.216",
  "ident" => "-",
  "auth" => "-",
  "timestamp" => "28/May/2014:16:13:42 -0500",
  "verb" => "GET",
  "request" => "/presentations/logstash-monitorama-2013/images/
kibana-search.png",
  "httpversion" => "1.1",
  "response" => "200",
  "bytes" => "203023",
  "referrer" => "\"http://semicomplete.com/presentations/logstash-
monitorama-2013/\"",
  "agent" => "\"Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_9_1)
AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/32.0.1700.77 Safari/
537.36\""
```

Example: Web server log files

```
"message" => "83.149.9.216 - - [28/May/2014:16:13:42 -0500] \"GET /
presentations/logstash-monitorama-2013/images/kibana-search.png HTTP/1.1\"
200 203023 \"http://semicomplete.com/presentations/logstash-
monitorama-2013/\" \"Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_9_1)
AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/32.0.1700.77 Safari/
537.36\""
```

grok

date

```
"@version" => "1",
"@timestamp" => "2014-05-28T21:13:42.000Z",
"host" => "kryptic.local",
"clientip" => "83.149.9.216",
"ident" => "-",
"auth" => "-",
"timestamp" => "28/May/2014:16:13:42 -0500",
"verb" => "GET",
"request" => "/presentations/logstash-monitorama-2013/images/
kibana-search.png",
"httpversion" => "1.1",
"response" => "200",
"bytes" => "203023",
"referrer" => "\"http://semicomplete.com/presentations/logstash-
monitorama-2013/\"",
"agent" => "\"Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_9_1)
AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/32.0.1700.77 Safari/
537.36\""
```

Example: Web server log files

```
"geoip" => {  
  "ip" => "83.149.9.216",  
  "country_code2" => "RU",  
  "country_code3" => "RUS",  
  "country_name" => "Russian Federation",  
  "continent_code" => "EU",  
  "region_name" => "48",  
  "city_name" => "Moscow",  
  "latitude" => 55.752199999999999,  
  "longitude" => 37.6156,  
  "timezone" => "Europe/Moscow",  
  "real_region_name" => "Moscow City",  
  "location" => [  
    [0] 37.6156,  
    [1] 55.752199999999999  
  ]  
},  
"useragent" => {  
  "name" => "Chrome",  
  "os" => "Mac OS X 10.9.1",  
  "os_name" => "Mac OS X",  
  "os_major" => "10",  
  "os_minor" => "9",  
  "device" => "Other",  
  "major" => "32",  
  "minor" => "0",  
  "patch" => "1700"  
}
```

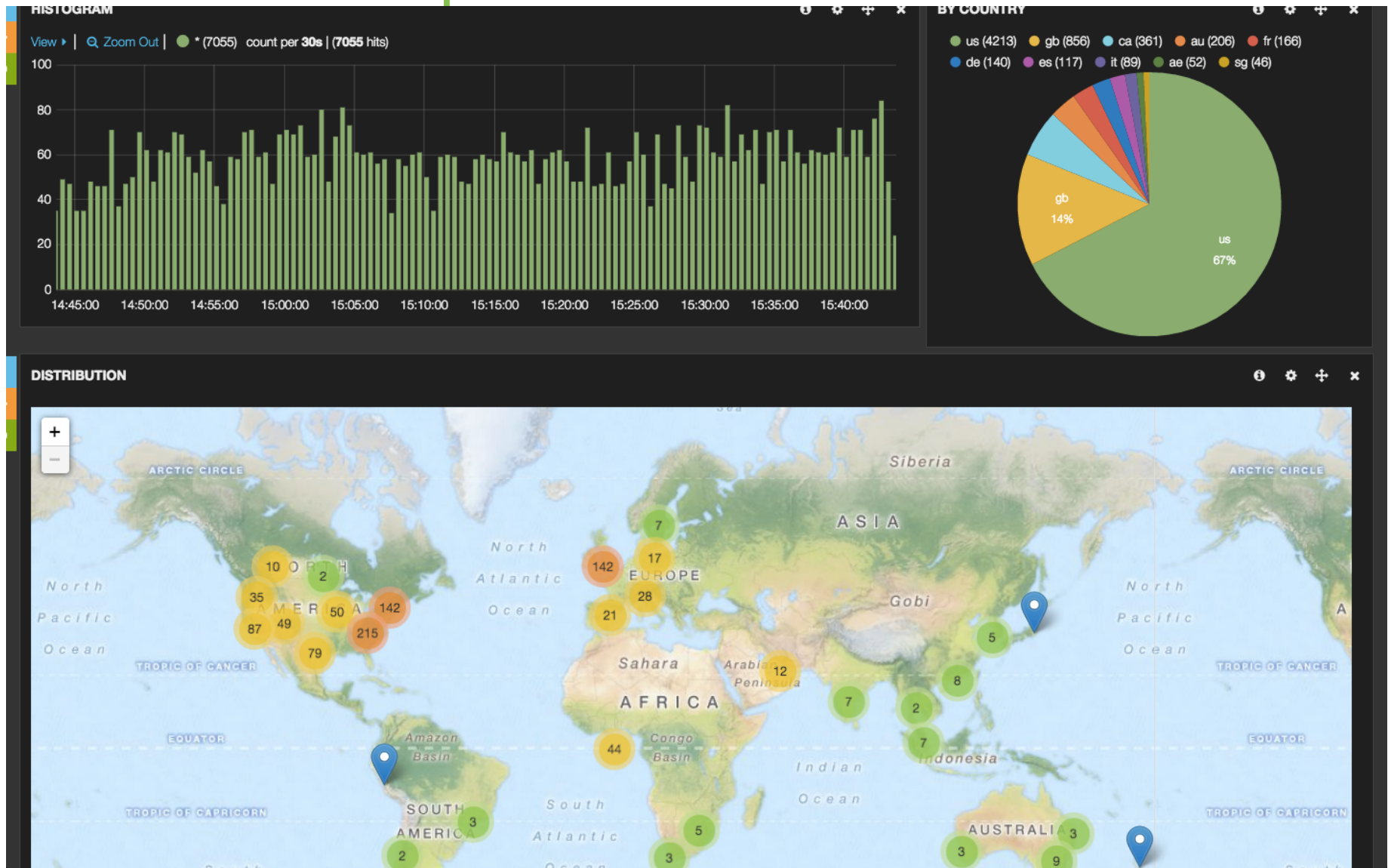
geoip

useragent

meetup.com RSVP stream

- All RSVPs are written out to a HTTP stream
- Each line is a JSON document
- Available at *<http://stream.meetup.com/2/rsvps>*

meetup.com RSVP stream



meetup.com RSVP stream

```
{
  response: "yes",
  member: { member_name: "Charlie ", member_id: 176530582 },
  visibility: "public",
  event: {
    time: 1413270000000,
    event_url: "http://www.meetup.com/2EuroBootCamp/events/212054422/",
    event_id: "qsvrtkysnbsb", event_name: "Tuesday Morning Boot Camp"
  },
  guests: 0,
  mtime: 1412774717000,
  rsvp_id: 1477279032,
  group: {
    group_name: "2 Euro Boot Camp!!",
    group_city: "Barcelona",
    group_lat: 41.4, group_lon: 2.17,
    group_urlname: "2EuroBootCamp",
    group_id: 17456462,
    group_country: "es",
    group_topics: [ { urlkey: "fitness", topic_name: "Fitness" } ]
  },
  venue: {
    lon: 1.58728,
    venue_name: "Paque de la Espana Industrial",
    venue_id: 22845382,
    lat: 41.462646
  }
}
```

meetup.com RSVP stream

```
# curl -s http://stream.meetup.com/2/rsvps |  
logstash agent -f logstash-meetup.conf
```

```
input {  
  stdin {  
    codec => json_lines  
    type => 'meetup'  
  }  
}
```

meetup.com RSVP stream

```
filter {
  if [venue][lat] and [venue][lon] {
    mutate {
      add_field => [ "[venue][lonlat]", "%{[venue][lon]}",
                    "tmplat", "%{[venue][lat]}" ]
    }
    mutate { merge => [ "[venue][lonlat]", "tmplat" ] }
    mutate {
      convert => [ "[venue][lonlat]", "float" ]
      remove => [ "tmplat" ]
    }
  }
}

metrics {
  meter => "meetup.country.%{[group][group_country]}"
  meter => "meetup.country.total"
  add_tag => "metric"
  flush_interval => 60
}
}
```


meetup.com RSVP stream

```
output {
  if "metric" in [tags] {
    stdout {
      codec => rubydebug
    }
    elasticsearch {
      host => 'localhost'
      index => 'metrics'
      protocol => 'http'
    }
  }
  if [type] == "meetup" {
    elasticsearch {
      host => 'localhost'
      index => 'meetups'
      protocol => 'http'
    }
  }
}
```

wikipedia edits

- wikipedia has a changes stream
- constantly posted in an IRC channel

wikipedia edits

```
input {  
  irc {  
    type => 'wikipedia'  
    host => 'irc.wikimedia.org'  
    nick => 'logstash-wikipedia'  
    channels => ['#de.wikipedia']  
  }  
}
```

wikipedia edits

```
filter {
  # remove some weird encoding stuff from IRC
  mutate {
    gsub => [
      "message", "\u000302", "",
      "message", "\u000303", "",
      "message", "\u000307", "",
      "message", "\u000310", "",
      "message", "\u000314", "",
      "message", "\u00034", "",
      "message", "\u00035", "",
      "message", "\u0003", ""
    ]
  }
  # extract page and user
  grok {
    match => [ "message", "\[ \[ %{GREEDYDATA:page} \] \] %{GREEDYDATA} \*
%{GREEDYDATA:user} \* %{GREEDYDATA}" ]
  }
}
```

wikipedia edits

```
output {  
  stdout {  
    codec => line {  
      format => 'Page: %{page}'  
    }  
  }  
  elasticsearch {  
    host => 'localhost'  
    index => 'wikipedia-edits'  
    protocol => 'http'  
  }  
}
```

wikipedia edits

```
» logstash agent -f logstash-wikipedia.conf
```

```
Page: Yamaha Aerox
```

```
Page: Neues Beginnen - Blätter internationaler Sozialisten
```

```
Page: Portal Diskussion:Fußball
```

```
Page: Saputo
```

```
Page: Portal:Phantastik/Mitarbeiten
```

```
Page: Gesetz über den Einsatz der Informations- und  
Kommunikationstechnik in der öffentlichen Verwaltung
```

```
Page: Spvg Plettenberg
```

```
Page: Pflanzen gegen Zombies: Garden Warfare
```

```
Page: Wasserstandsanzeiger Bremerhaven
```

sysdig

- sysdig is a system call tracer (tcpdump for syscalls)
- powerful query language
- very useful for system tracing (intrusions, performance tracing, weird behaviour)
- See <http://www.sysdig.org/>

sysdig

- Easy to find things

```
# sysdig -r dumpfile.scap "evt.type = open and evt.arg.name  
contains /usr/sbin"  
  
2122 13:54:01.755117599 0 bash (1633) < open fd=3(<f>/usr/sbin/  
hacked) name=/usr/sbin/hacked flags=262(O_TRUNC|O_CREAT|O_WRONLY)  
mode=0
```

- Now do this for all machines...

sysdig

```
input { stdin { } }

filter {

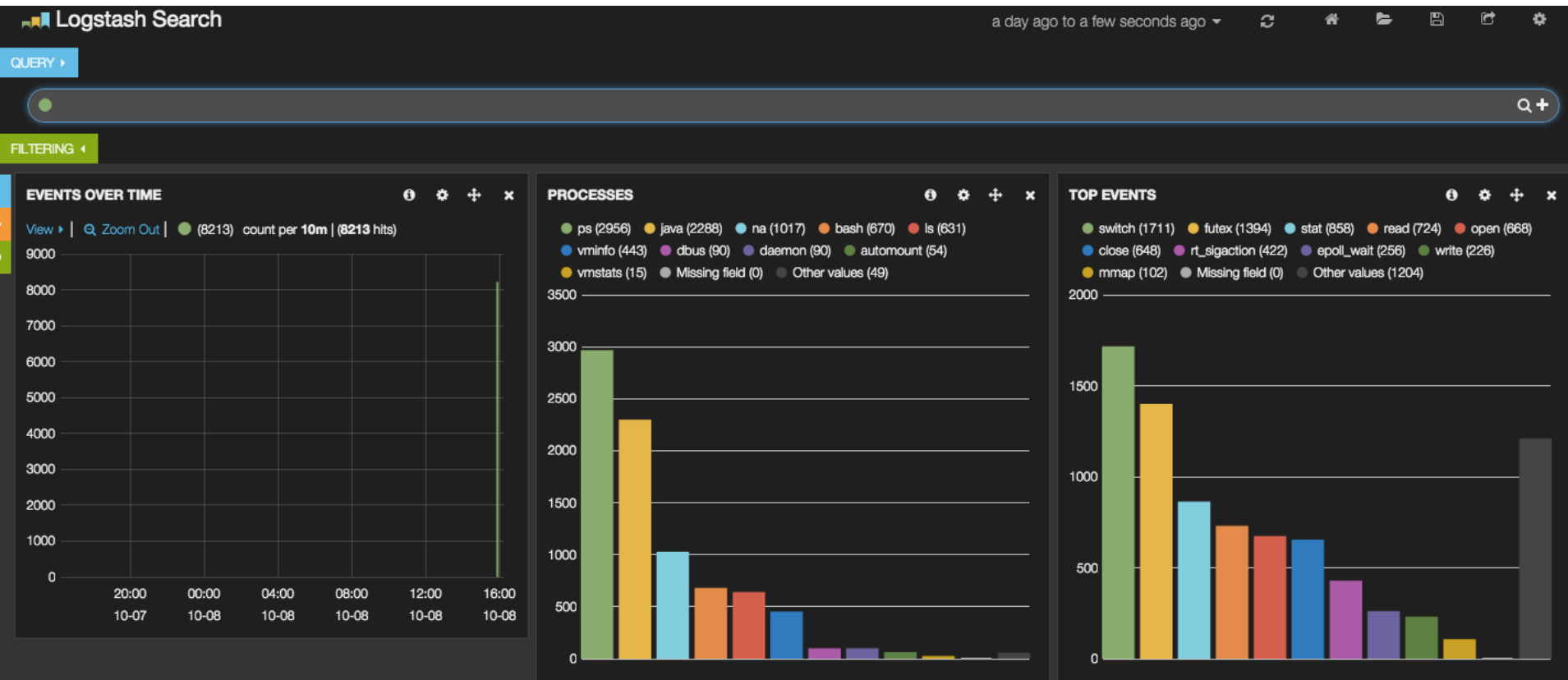
  grok {
    pattern => "^%{NUMBER:num:int} %{NUMBER:time:float} %{INT:cpu:int} %
{NOTSPACE:procname} %{NOTSPACE:tid} (?<direction>[<>]) %{WORD:event} %
{DATA:args}$"
  }

  date { match => [ "time", "UNIX" ] }

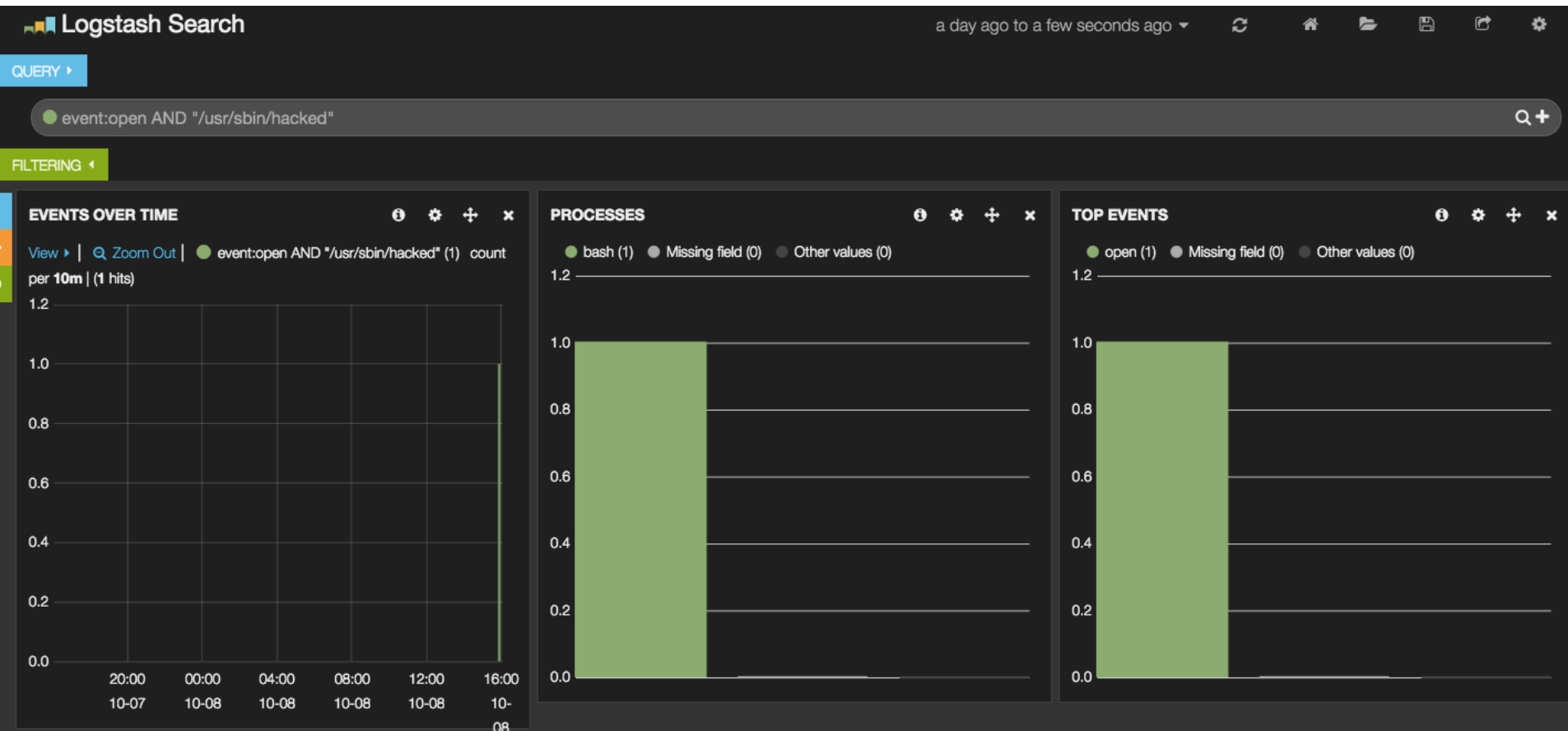
  if [args] {
    kv {
      source => "args"
      remove_field => "args"
    }
  }
}

output {
  elasticsearch {
    protocol => http
    index => "sysdig-%{+YYYY.MM.dd}"
  }
}
```

sysdig



sysdig



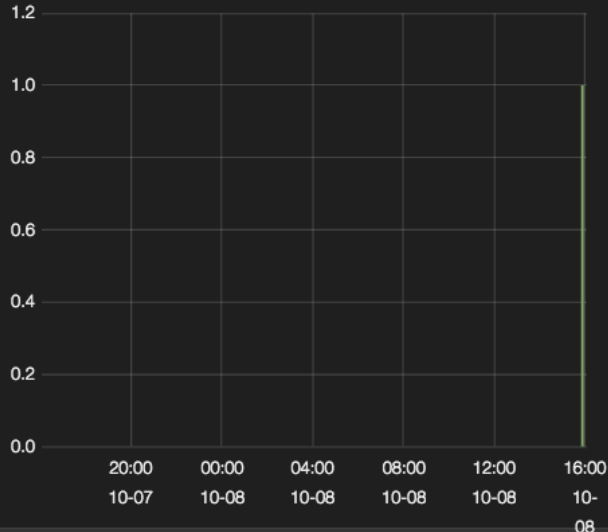
sysdig

● event:open AND "/usr/sbin/hacked"

FILTERING

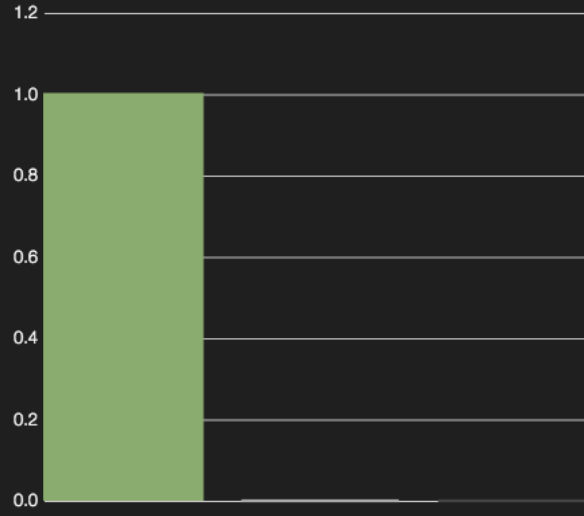
EVENTS OVER TIME

View | Zoom Out | ● event:open AND "/usr/sbin/hacked" (1) count per 10m | (1 hits)



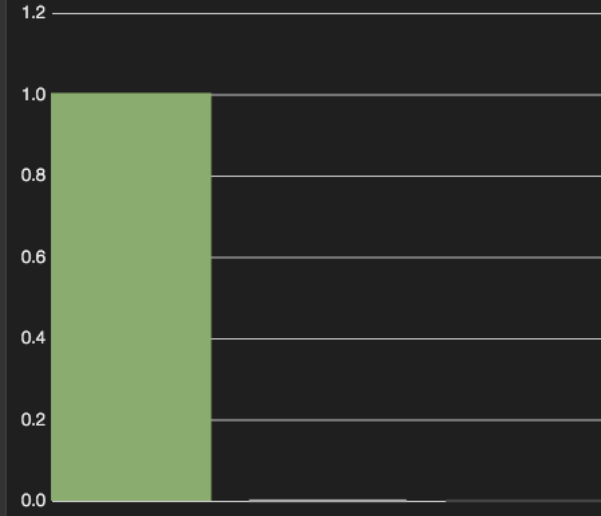
PROCESSES

● bash (1) ● Missing field (0) ● Other values (0)



TOP EVENTS

● open (1) ● Missing field (0) ● Other values (0)



Summary

Summary

- Do not create data silos. Free your data!
- Make sure data is easy to query, not to store
- Visualize
- Find your use-case: Business, system administration, your app... it's versatile!



elasticsearch.

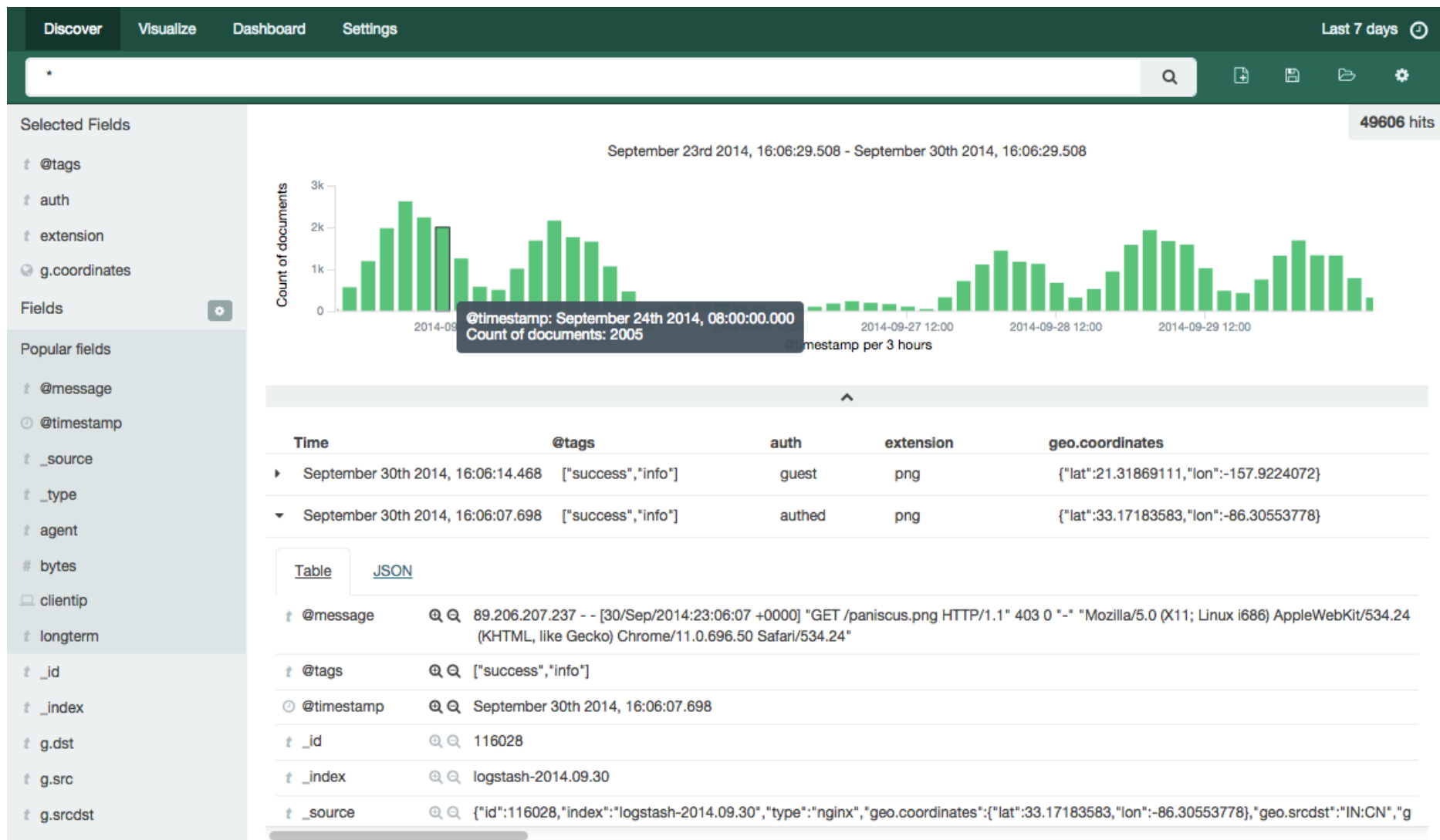


elasticsearch.

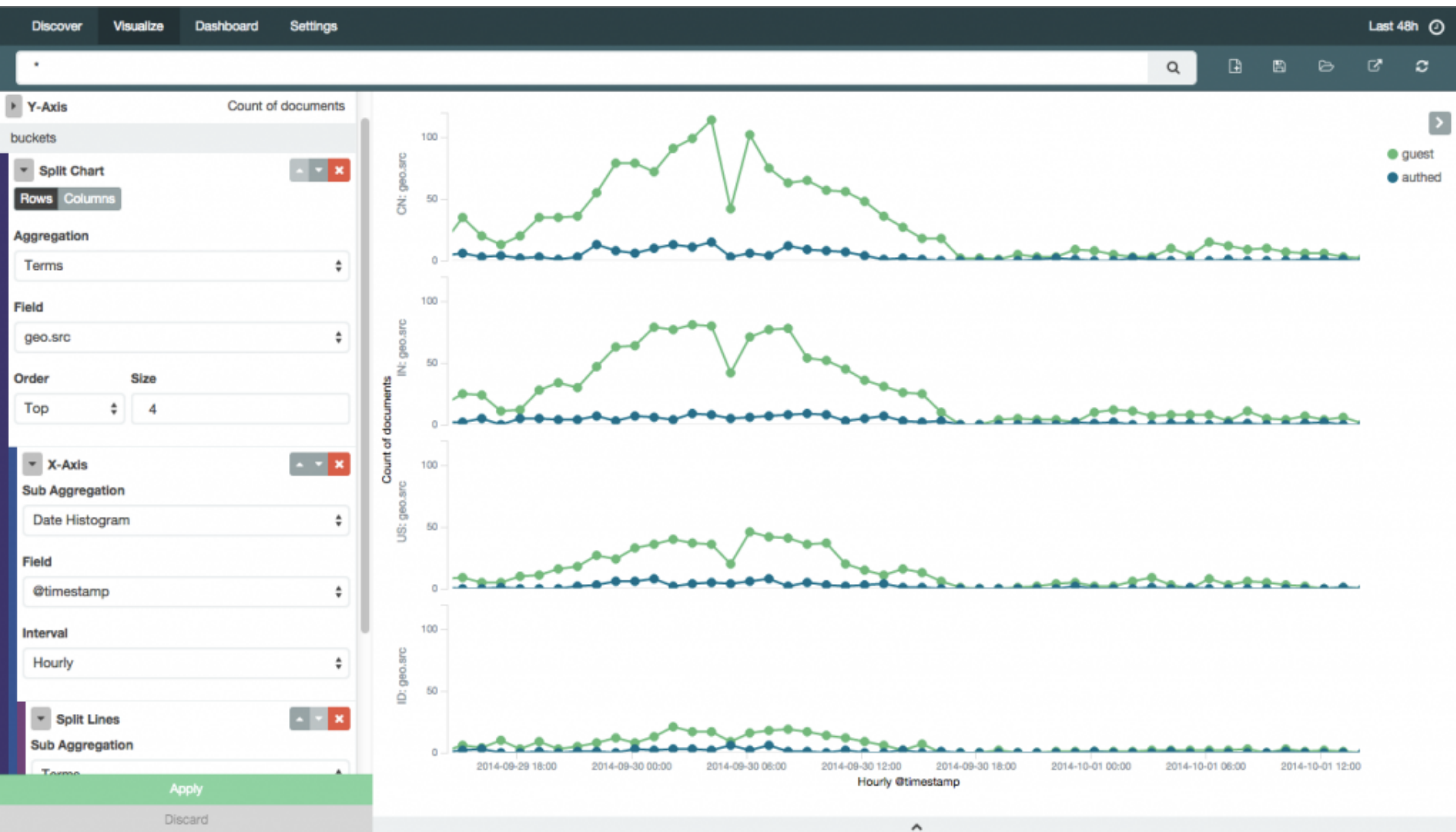
Soon...

- Kibana 4... is going to be **huge**
- Elasticsearch 1.4.0.Beta1 has been released
- Logstash going towards 1.5.0

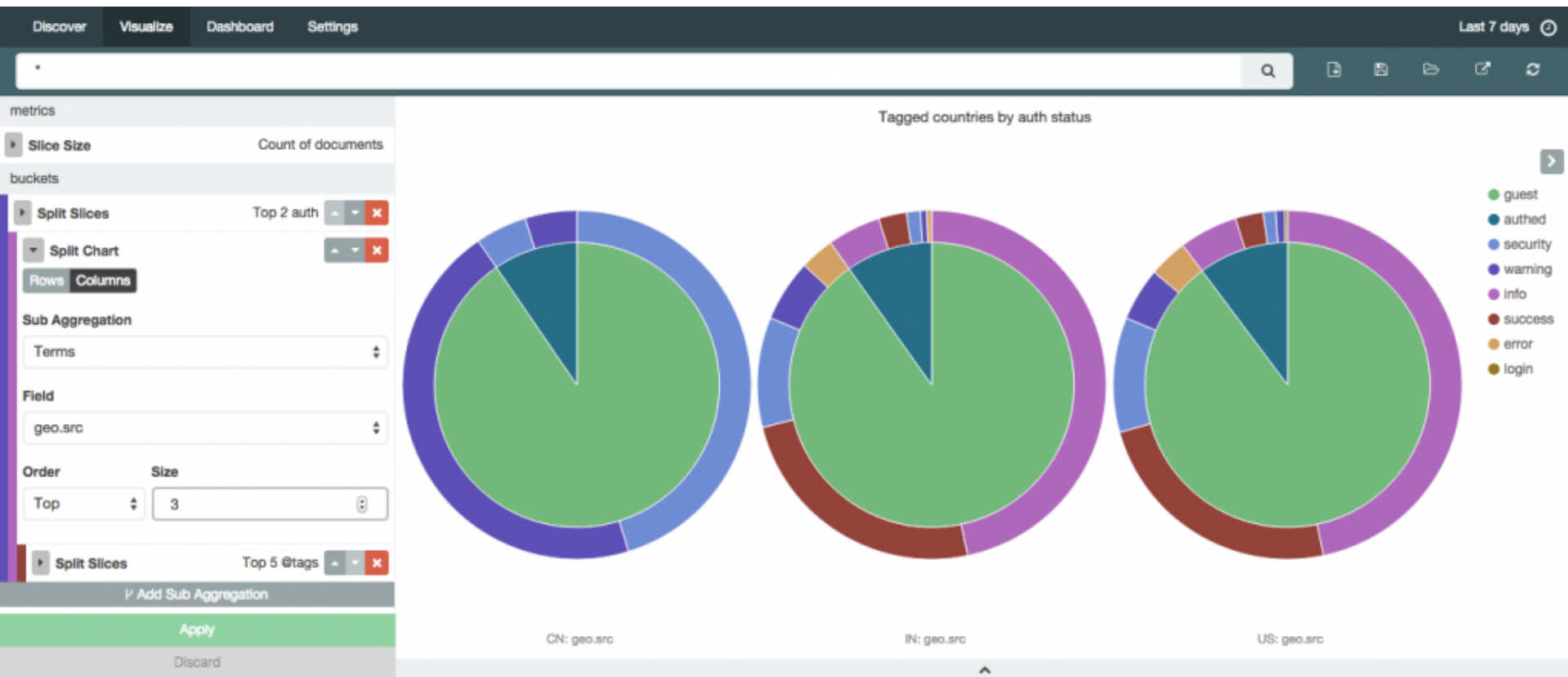
Kibana 4



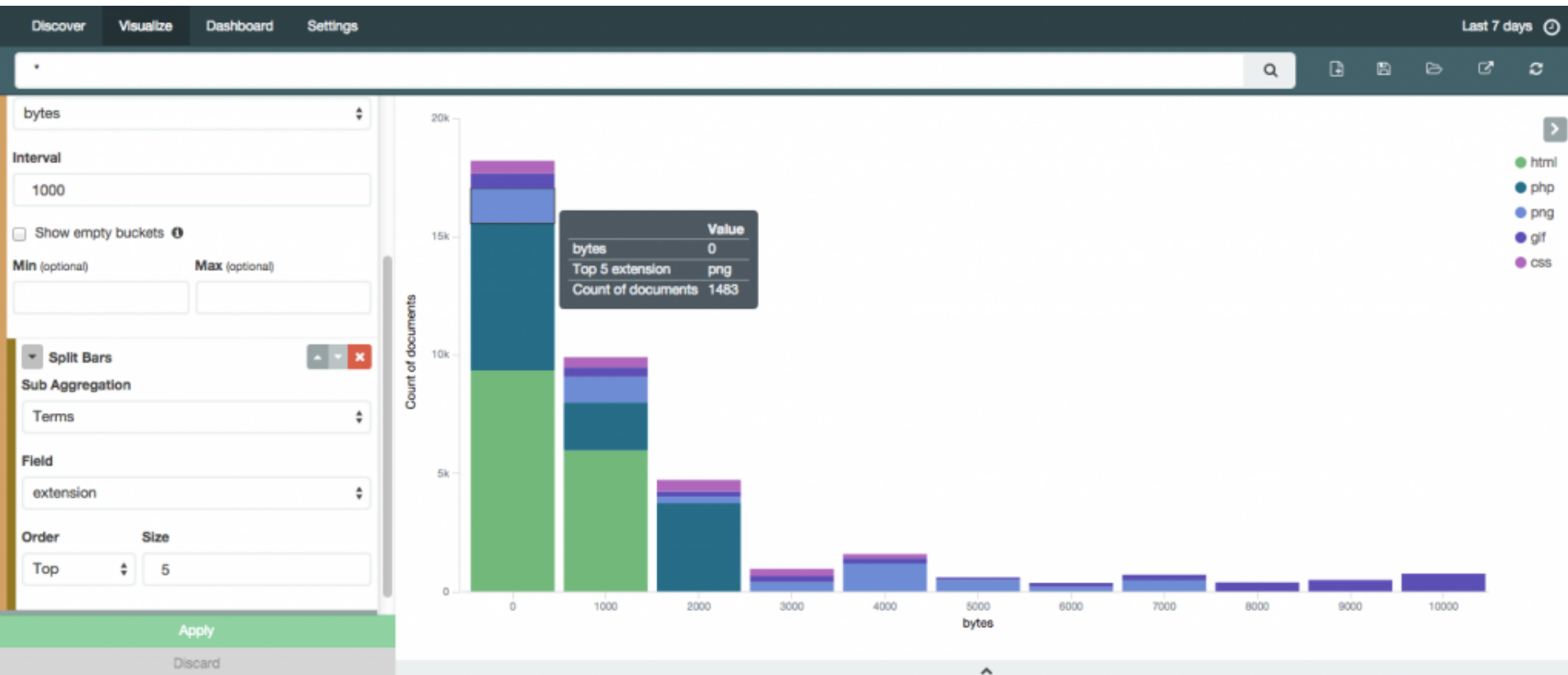
Kibana 4



Kibana 4



Kibana 4



Kibana 4



Getting up & running is easy

- Download Elasticsearch, logstash & Kibana archives

```
# elasticsearch-1.4.0.Beta1/bin/elasticsearch  
  
# kibana-4.0.0-BETA1/bin/kibana  
  
# logstash-1.4.2/bin/logstash agent -f logstash.conf  
  
# open localhost:5601
```

Thanks for listening!

Q & A

P.S. We're hiring

<http://elasticsearch.com/about/jobs>

P.P.S. We're helping

<http://elasticsearch.com/support>

<http://elasticsearch.com/training>

Alexander Reelsen

@spinscale

alexander.reelsen@elasticsearch.com

elasticsearch.