Creating your first dashboard

Now that we have data ingested, it is time to use it in order to derive something meaningful out of it. You are still in the Destinations app, correct? We will show you the basic routine when creating new dashboards and dashboard panels.

Copy and paste the following search query in the **Search Field**, then hit **Enter**:

```
SPL> index=main /booking/confirmation earliest=-24h@h |
timechart
     count span=15m
```

After the search results render, click on the **Visualization** tab. This will switch your view into visualization so you can readily see how your data will look. By default, it should already be using the **Column Chart** as shown in the following screenshot. If it does not, then use the screenshot as a guide on how to set it:
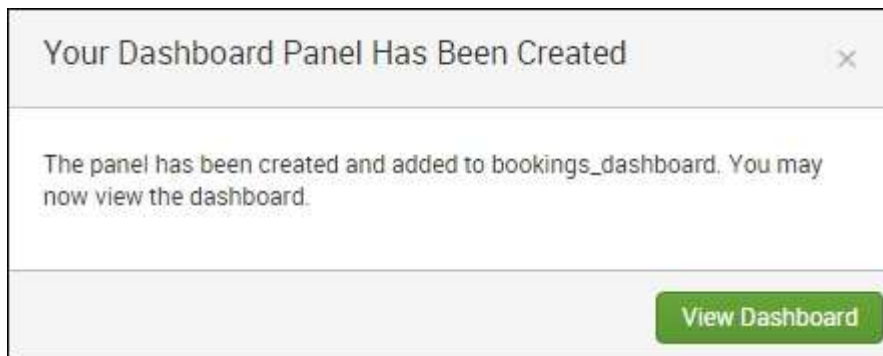
Now that you can see your **Column Chart**, it is time to save it as a dashboard. Click on **Save As** in the upper-right corner of the page, then select **Dashboard Panel** as shown in the following screenshot:
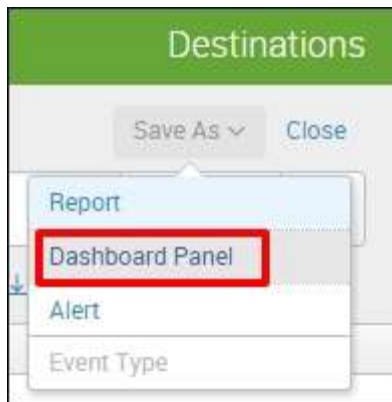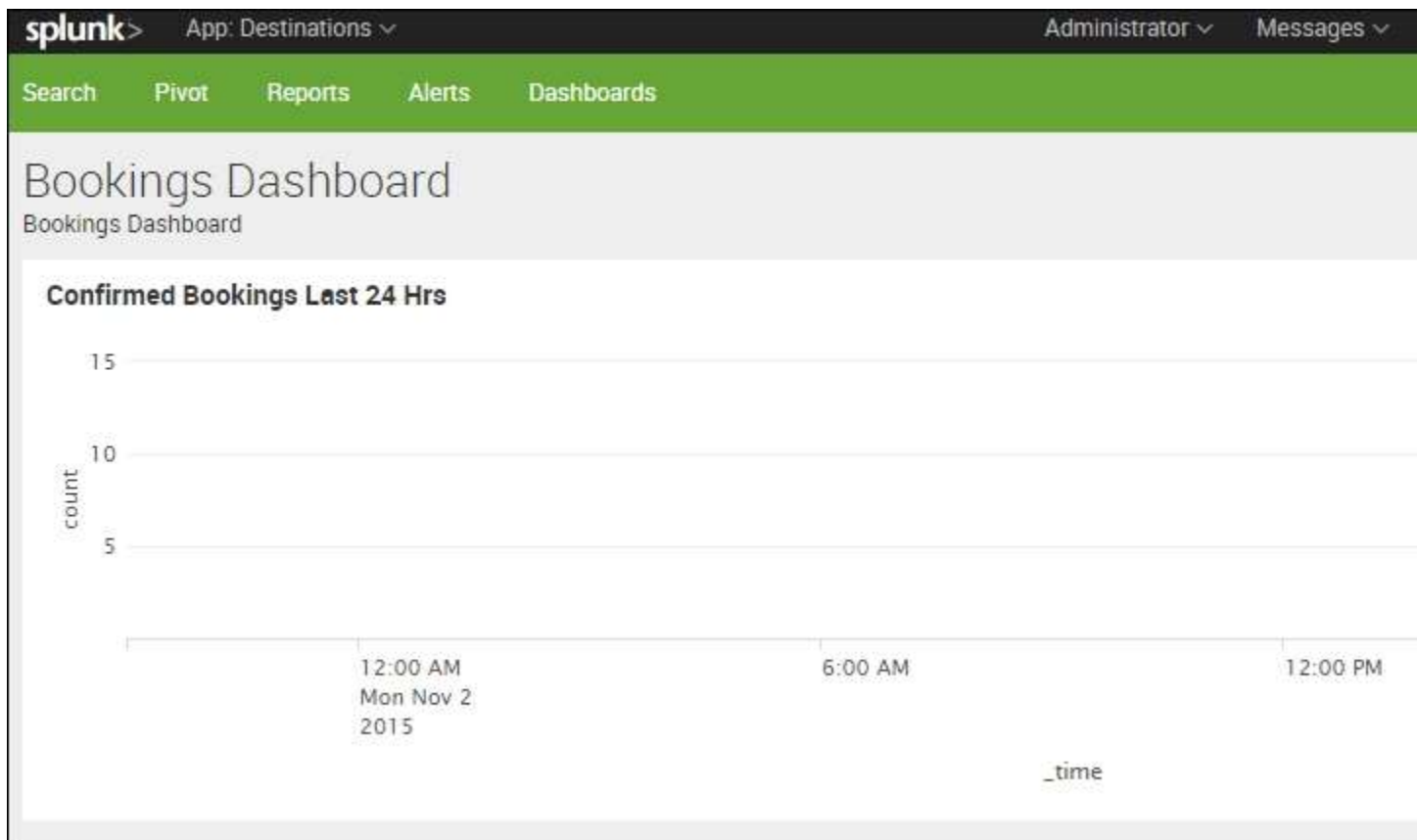
Now let's fill up that dashboard panel information, as seen in the following screenshot. Make sure to select the **Shared in App** in the **Dashboard Permissions** section:

Finish up by clicking **View Dashboard** in the next prompt:

Your Dashboard Panel Has Been Created   ✕

The panel has been created and added to bookings_dashboard. You may now view the dashboard.

View Dashboard

You have created your very first Splunk dashboard with a panel that tells you the number of confirmed bookings in the last 24 hours at 15-minute intervals. Time to show it to your boss!

splunk>   App: Destinations ⌄   Administrator ⌄   Messages ⌄

Search   Pivot   Reports   Alerts   Dashboards

Bookings Dashboard
Bookings Dashboard

Confirmed Bookings Last 24 Hrs

15

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count

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Take that well-deserved coffee break. You now have a fully-functional Splunk installation with live data. Leave Splunk running for 2 hours or so. After a few hours, you can stop Splunk if you need to rest for a bit to suppress indexing and restart it when you're ready to proceed into the next chapters. Do you recall how to control Splunk from the command line?

```
C:\>  C:\Splunk\bin> splunk stop
C:\Splunk\bin> splunk start
```