

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:

New Search

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

✓ 1 event (7/10/16 7:00:00.000 AM to 7/11/16 7:55:37.819 AM) No Event Sampling

Events Patterns Statistics (100) Visualization

Column Chart Format

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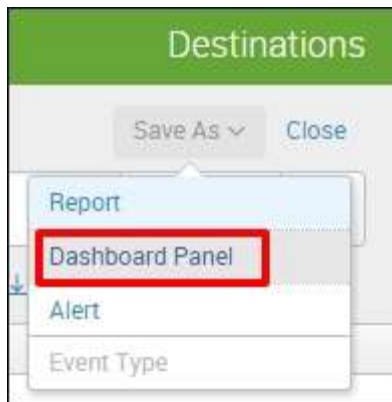
Column Chart
Compare values or fields.
Search Fragment
| stats count by comparison_category

6:00 PM

_time

2016-07-10 07:15:00

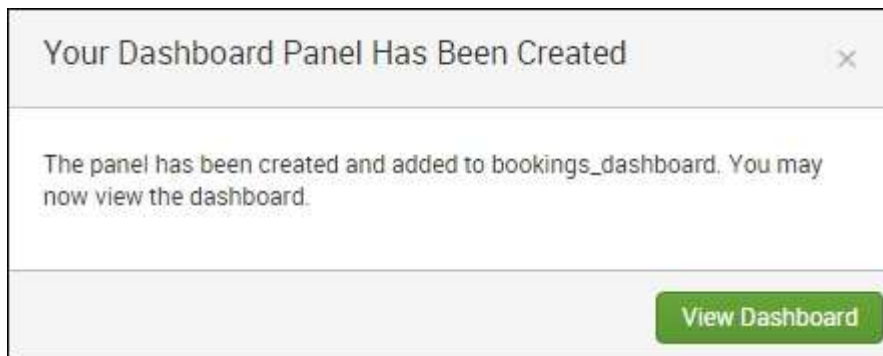
Now that you can see your **Column Chart**, it is time to save it as a dashboard. Click on **Save As** in the upper-right corner of the page, then select **Dashboard Panel** as shown in the following screenshot:



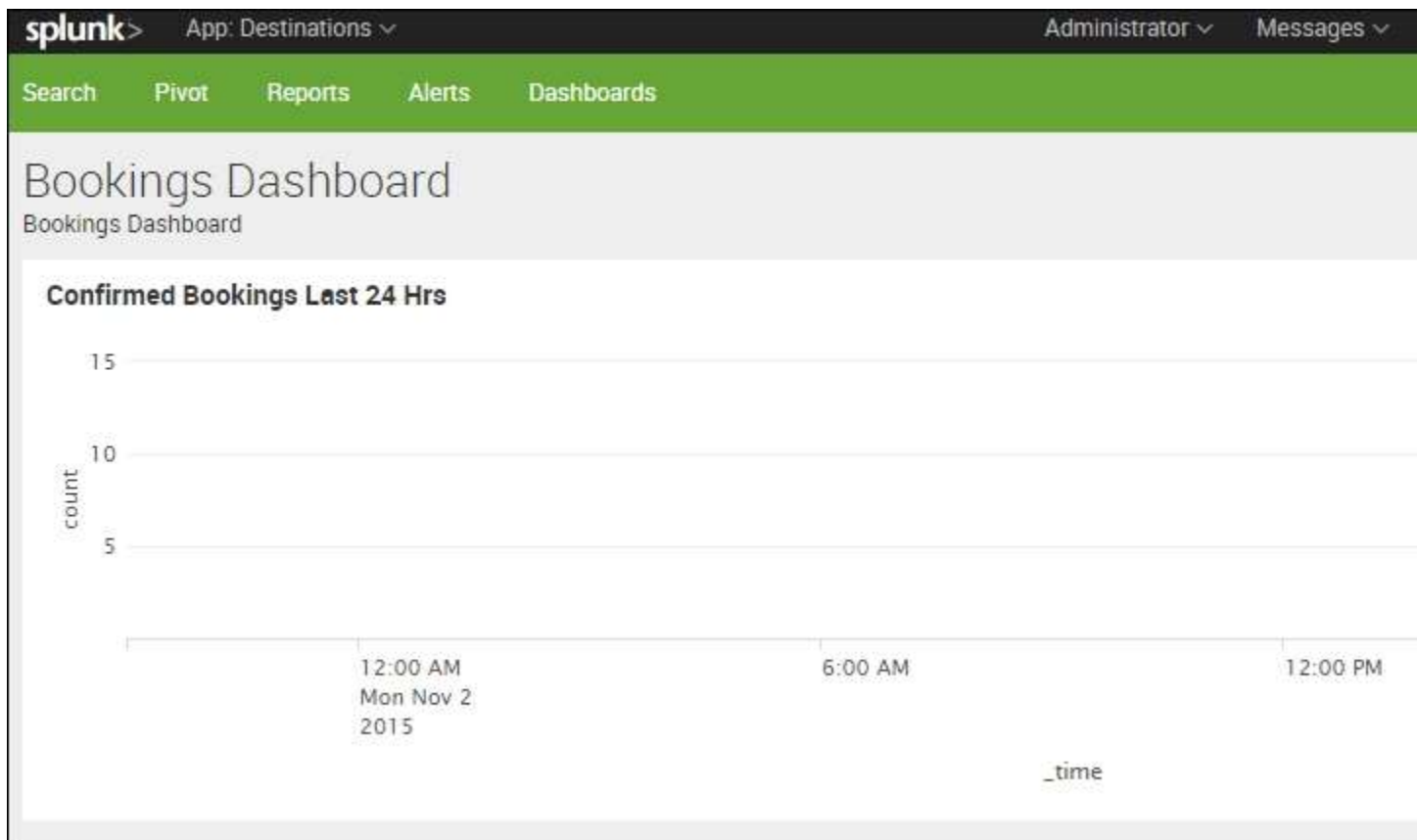
Now let's fill up that dashboard panel information, as seen in the following screenshot. Make sure to select the **Shared in App** in the **Dashboard Permissions** section:

A screenshot of a "Save As Dashboard Panel" dialog box. The dialog has a title bar with a close button. It contains several fields and buttons. The "Dashboard" section has "New" and "Existing" buttons. The "Dashboard Title" field contains "Bookings Dashboard". The "Dashboard ID?" field contains "bookings_dashboard" with a note below it: "Can only contain letters, numbers and underscores." The "Dashboard Description" field contains "Bookings Dashboard". The "Dashboard Permissions" section has "Private" and "Shared in App" buttons, with "Shared in App" highlighted by a red box. The "Panel Title" field contains "Confirmed Bookings Last 24 Hrs". The "Panel Powered By" field contains "Q Inline Search". The "Panel Content" section has "Statistics" and "Column" buttons, with "Column" highlighted by a red box. At the bottom, there are "Cancel" and "Save" buttons.

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



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!



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
```