# SPLUNK LOGS



Splunk is a powerful software platform designed for searching, analyzing, and visualizing machine-generated data from various sources. It specializes in processing unstructured and semi-structured data, making it particularly useful for IT operations, security, and business analytics.

# **How Splunk Works**

# 1. Data Input:

 Data is collected from various sources using Forwarders or direct integrations.

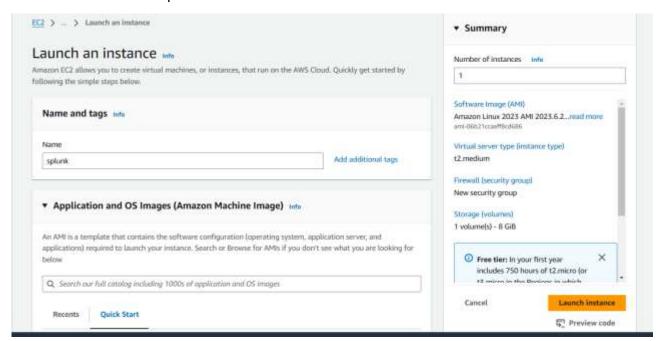
# 2. Indexing:

 The data is parsed, indexed, and stored in an organized manner.

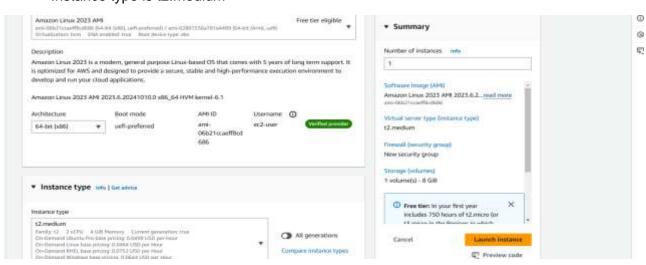
## 3. Search & Visualization:

Users query the data and visualize results on Splunk's
 Search Head or through dashboards.

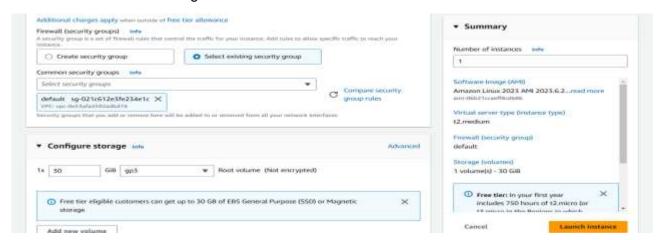
#### Create ec2 with below specifications



■ Instance type is t2.medium



- Select sg and allow all traffic
- Take ebs volume 30gb



Connect to instance install splunk

# wget -O splunk-9.3.1-0b8d769cb912.x86\_64.rpm "https://download.splunk.com/products/splunk/releases/9.3.1/linux/splunk-9.3.10b8d769cb912.x86\_64.rpm"

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[sed=uses@ip=172-31-91-152 *]% Wjet =0 splonk=9.3.1-Obd769cb912.x86_64.rpm *https://download.splunk.com/products/splunk/releases/9.3.1/limax/splunk=9.3.1-Obd8769cb912.x86_64.rpm *colving download.splunk.com/products/splunk/releases/9.3.1/limax/splunk=9.3.1-Ob88769cb912.x86_64.rpm *colving download.splunk.com (download.splunk.com)... 3.567.37.33, 3.167.37.110, 3.167.37.9, ...
**Connecting to download.splunk.com (download.splunk.com)13.167.37.33[:443... connected.
**String to download.splunk.com (download.splunk.
```

Install downloaded rpm package

#### sudo yum install splunk-9.3.1-0b8d769cb912.x86 64.rpm -y

Switch to root user then go to splunk bin directory

### cd /opt/splunk/bin/

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-91-152 ~]$ sudo su -
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 ~]# cd /opt/splunk/bin/
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 bin]#
```

Strat the splunk

sudo ./splunk start --accept-license --answer-yes

It will ask usename password

Username :admin

Password : admin1234 [give your custom password]

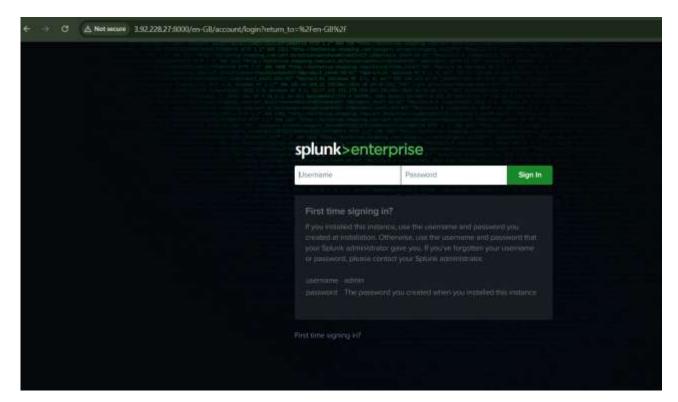
#### Successfully started the splunk

#### ■ Enable the splunk

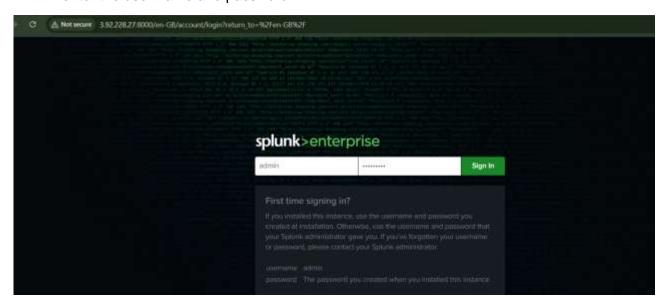
#### ./splunk enable boot-start

```
[root@ip-172-31-86-68 bin]# ./splunk enable boot-start
Init script installed at /etc/init.d/splunk.
Init script is configured to run at boot.
[root@ip-172-31-86-68 bin]#
```

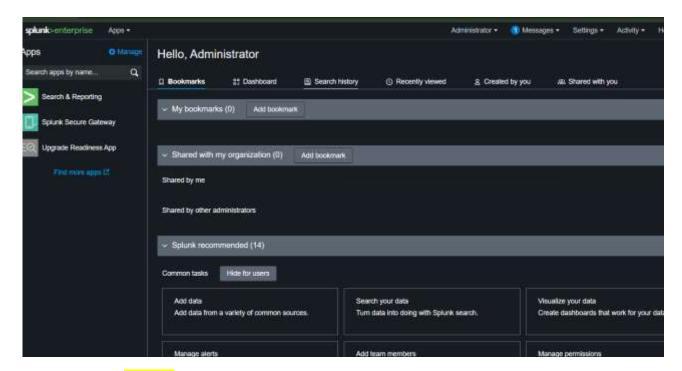
- the public ip and enter port
- http://3.92.228.27:8000



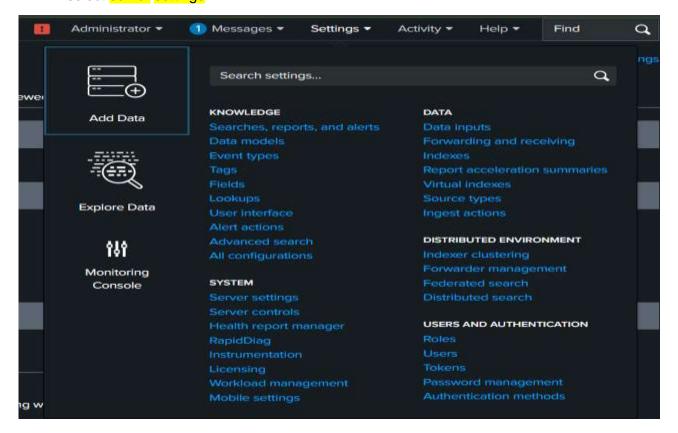
enter the user name and password



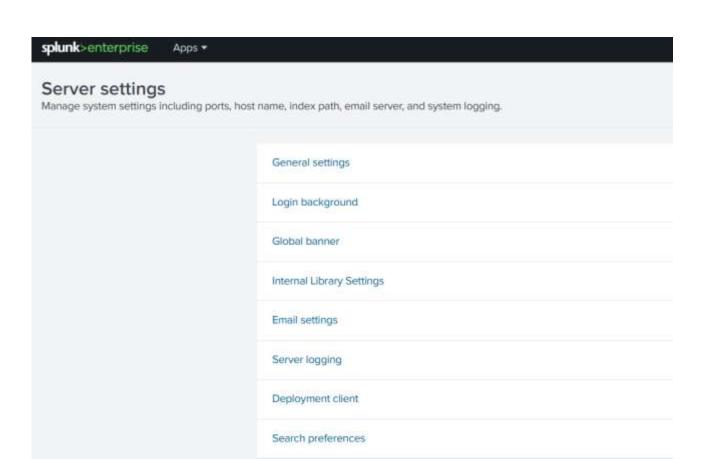
this is the dashboard of splunk



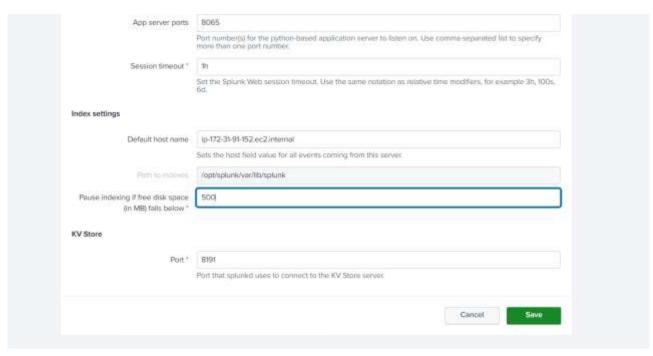
- click on settings
- select server settings



- after selecting server settings
- click on general settings



- change free disk space 5000 to 500
- than save it



- Now its time to install splunk forwader
- What is Splunk forwarder? A **Splunk Forwarder** is a lightweight agent used to collect and send data to a Splunk indexer. It is commonly deployed on servers, devices, or endpoints to gather logs and metrics.

wget -O splunkforwarder-9.3.1-0b8d769cb912.x86\_64.rpm

"https://download.splunk.com/products/universalforwarder/releases/9.3.1/linux/splunkforwarder-9.3.1-0b8d769cb912.x86\_64.rpm"

Install downloaded rpm package

## sudo yum install splunkforwarder-9.3.1-0b8d769cb912.x86\_64.rpm -y

Switch to splunkforwarder bin directory

#### cd /opt/splunkforwarder/bin/

```
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 ~]# cd /opt/splunkforwarder/bin/
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 bin]#
```

Strat the splunk

#### sudo ./splunk start --accept-license --answer-yes

- It will ask usename password
- Better to give splunk credentials

Username :admin

Password: admin1234 [give your custom password]

```
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 bin] # sudo ./splunk start --accept-license --answer-yes
Warning: Attempting to revert the SPLUNK_HOME ownership
Warning: Executing "chown -R splunkfwd:splunkfwd /opt/splunkforwarder"
This appears to be your first time running this version of Splunk.
Splunk software must create an administrator account during startup. Otherwise, you cannot log in.
Create credentials for the administrator account.
Characters do not appear on the screen when you type in credentials.

Please enter an administrator username: admin
Password must contain at least:
    * 8 total printable ASCII character(s).
Please enter a new password:
Please confirm new password:
Creating unit file...
Important: splunk will start under systemd as user: splunkfwd
The unit file has been created.
```

- It will ask mgmt port change just give yes
- Then enter port number 8091

```
Checking mgmt port [8089]: not available

ERROR: mgmt port [8089] - port is already bound. Splunk needs to use this port.

Would you like to change ports? [y/n]: y

Enter a new mgmt port: 8091

Setting mgmt to port: 8091

The server's splunkd port has been changed.

8 Checking mgmt port [8091]: open
```

Splunk forwarder is successfully started

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New certs have been generated in '/opt/splunkforwarder/etc/auth'.

Checking conf files for problems...

Done

Checking default conf files for edits...

Validating installed files against hashes from '/opt/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/splunkforwarder/s
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- We need to add forward server
- This splunk forwarder forwared the logs to splunk

./splunk add forward-server <your splunk public-ip>:9997

Ex: ./splunk add forward-server 35.175.147.153 :9997

It will ask your splunk user name and password

```
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 bin] # ./splunk add forward-server 3.92.228.27:9997
Warning: Attempting to revert the SPLUNK_HOME ownership
Warning: Executing "chown -R splunkfwd:splunkfwd /opt/splunkforwarder"
Splunk username: admin
Password:
Added forwarding to: 3.92.228.27:9997.
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 bin] # []
```

After that restart the splunk forwarder

PublicIPs: 3.92.228.27 PrivateIPs: 172.31.91.152

i-0639b3bf88289f12c (splunk)

## ./splunk restart

```
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 bin]# ./splunk restart
Warning: Attempting to revert the SPLUNK HOME ownership
Warning: Executing "chown -R splunkfwd:splunkfwd /opt/splunkforwarder"
Stopping splunkd...
Shutting down. Please wait, as this may take a few minutes.
                                                             [ OK ]
Stopping splunk helpers...
                                                             [ OK ]
Done.
splunkd.pid doesn't exist...
Splunk> Finding your faults, just like mom.
Checking prerequisites...
        Checking mgmt port [8091]: open
        Checking conf files for problems...
        Checking default conf files for edits...
        Validating installed files against hashes from '/opt/splunkforwarder/splunkforwa
        All installed files intact.
        Done
All preliminary checks passed.
Starting splunk server daemon (splunkd)...
                                                             [ OK ]
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 bin]#
```

Now add the log path to splunk forwarder

#### ./splunk add monitor /var/log

Enter the splunk user name and password

```
[root@ip-172-31-86-68 bin]# ./splunk add monitor /var/log
Warning: Attempting to revert the SPLUNK_HOME ownership
Warning: Executing "chown -R splunkfwd:splunkfwd /opt/splunkforwarder"
Your session is invalid. Please login.
Splunk username: admin
Password:
Added monitor of '/var/log'.
[root@ip-172-31-86-68 bin]#
```

: 070aada017ba21E12 (vav)

- Now again restart the splunk forwarder
- Restart is mandatory after doing any changes

```
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 bin]# ./splunk restart
Warning: Attempting to revert the SPLUNK_HOME ownership
Warning: Executing "chown -R splunkfwd:splunkfwd /opt/splunkforwarder"
Stopping splunkd...
Shutting down. Please wait, as this may take a few minutes.
                                                                   OK ]
Stopping splunk helpers...
                                                                [ OK ]
Done.
splunkd.pid doesn't exist...
Splunk> Finding your faults, just like mom.
Checking prerequisites...
        Checking mgmt port [8091]: open
        Checking conf files for problems...
        Checking default conf files for edits...
        Validating installed files against hashes from '/opt/splunkforwarder/splunkforwa
        All installed files intact.
        Done
All preliminary checks passed.
Starting splunk server daemon (splunkd)...
Done
                                                                [ OK ]
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 bin]#
```

Now switch to splunk bin folder

#### cd /opt/splunk/bin

```
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 bin]# cd /opt/splunk/bin
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 bin]#
```

■ Enable the 9997 port requests

#### ./splunk enable listen 9997

It will ask the username and password just enter and continue

```
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 bin] ./splunk enable listen 9997
wARNING: Server Certificate Hostname Validation is disabled. Please see server.conf/[sslConfig]/cliverifyServerName for details.
Splunk username: admin
Fassword:
Listening for Splunk data on TCP port 9997.
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 bin] | |
```

Restart the splunk

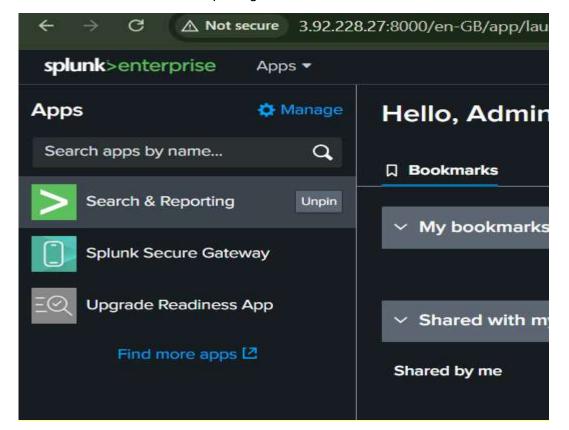
#### ./splunk restart

```
[root@ip-172-31-91-152 bin] # ./splunk restart
Stopping splunkd...
Shutting down. Please wait, as this may take a few minutes.
Stopping splunk helpers...
                                                                 OK 1
Done.
Splunk> Finding your faults, just like mom.
Checking prerequisites...
        Checking http port [8000]: open
        Checking mgmt port [8089]: open
        Checking appserver port [127.0.0.1:8065]: open
        Checking kystore port [8191]: open
       Checking configuration... Done.
        Checking critical directories...
                                                  Done
        Checking indexes...
                Validated: audit configtracker dsappevent dsclient dsphonehome internal introspect
story main summary
        Done
       Checking filesystem compatibility... Done Checking conf files for problems...
        Checking default conf files for edits...
        Validating installed files against hashes from '/opt/splunk/splunk-9.3.1-0b8d769cb912-linux-2.6-x
        All installed files intact.
        Done
  i-0639b3bf88289f12c (splunk)
  PublicIPs: 3.92.228.27 PrivateIPs: 172.31.91.152
```

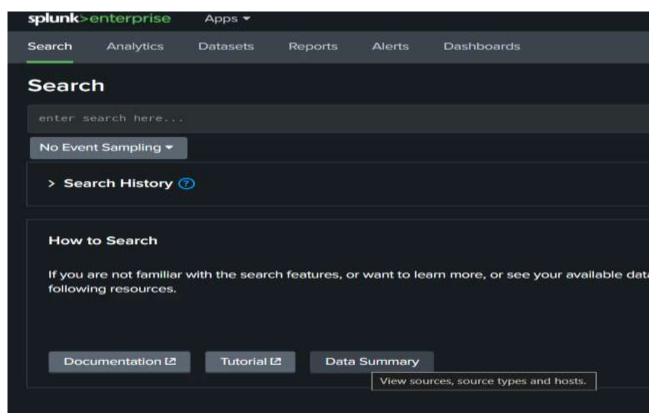
Again to the login to the splunk



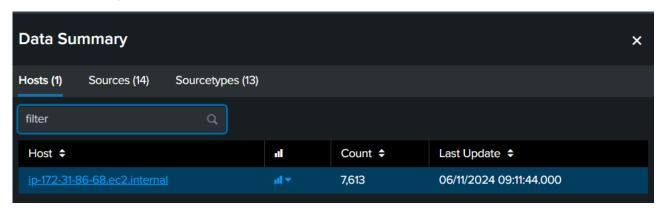
- Click in search and reporting
- If you not find serch and reporting just click on splunk>enterprise
- Click on search and reporting



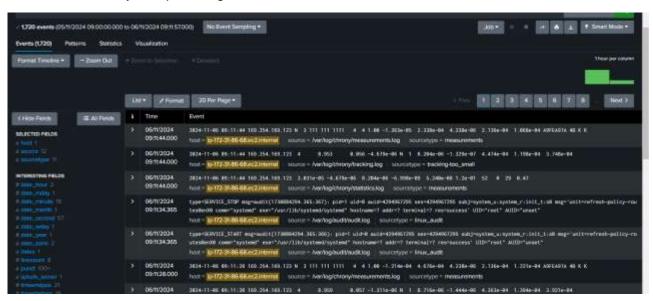
Click on data summary



Click on your ip address



■ These are your splunk logs



# Testing the splunk

Install httpd in splunk server

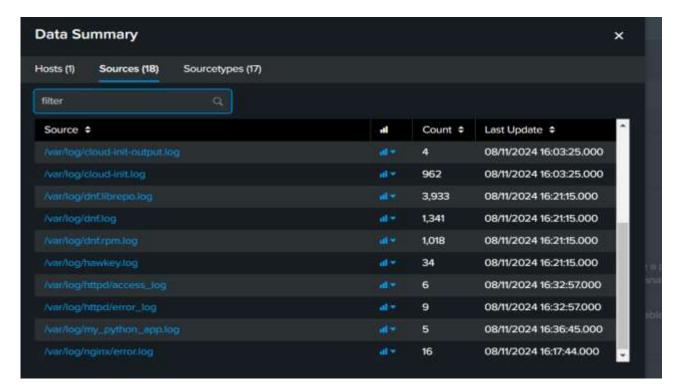
yum install httpd -y

systemctl start httpd

■ Then search your public ip in browser

Next go to splunk click on data summery select sources

■ Click on httpd/accesslog



Click on httpd/accesslog ### these are the httpd application access logs



#### Testing method 2

■ Create a test.py file add the bellow script

import logging

```
# Configure logging settings
```

logging.basicConfig(

level=logging.INFO,

format='%(asctime)s - %(levelname)s - %(message)s',

handlers=[

logging.FileHandler("/var/log/my\_python\_app.log"), # Change path if needed

```
logging.StreamHandler()
]

# Example usage
logging.info("This is a success log message.")
logging.error("This is an error log message.")
```

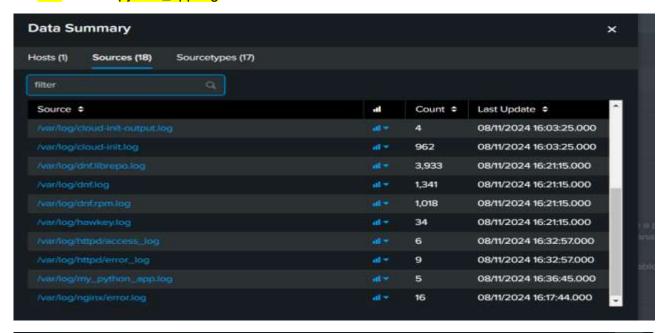
■ Create another file app.py enter the below script

```
import logging
# Configure logging settings
logging.basicConfig(
  level=logging.INFO,
  format='%(asctime)s - %(levelname)s - %(message)s',
  handlers=[
     logging.FileHandler("/var/log/my_python_app.log"), # Ensure path is writable
    logging.StreamHandler()
  ]
)
# Success log
logging.info("This is a success log message.")
try:
  # Intentional error: Divide by zero
  result = 10 / 0
except ZeroDivisionError as e:
  # Log the error with stack trace
  logging.error("An error occurred: %s", e, exc_info=True)
```

#### # Additional success log

logging.info("This message will still log after the error.")

- Then open splunk data summary select sources
- Click on python\_app.log





These are the python application logs