

1 HTTP Traffic Spike Detection (DDoS / Bot Activity)

SOC Use: Live monitoring + alert

```
index=main sourcetype=http  
| timechart span=5m count as request_count  
| where request_count > 1000
```

📌 **Why SOC cares:**

Sudden spikes = DDoS, bot flood, scanning activity

2 Excessive HTTP Errors (4xx / 5xx Abuse)

SOC Use: Exploitation & brute-force detection

```
index=main sourcetype=http  
| where status>=400  
| stats count by src_ip status  
| where count > 50
```



- 404 → directory brute force
 - 401/403 → auth abuse
 - 500 → exploitation attempt
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3 Web Login Brute-Force Detection

SOC Use: Account compromise detection

```
index=main sourcetype=http  
| search action="login" status="failed"  
| stats count as failures by src_ip  
| where failures > 10
```



Direct indicator of brute-force or credential stuffing

Web Scanning / Enumeration Detection

SOC Use: Reconnaissance detection

```
index=main sourcetype=http  
| where status=404  
| stats count by src_ip  
| where count > 100
```



High 404s = directory/file scanning tools

Suspicious File Download / Data Exfiltration

SOC Use: Malware delivery / data theft

```
index=main sourcetype=http  
| search uri="*.exe" OR uri="*.zip" OR uri="*.rar" OR uri="*.pdf"  
| stats count by src_ip uri  
| where count > 5
```



- Malware downloads
- Data exfiltration via HTTP