



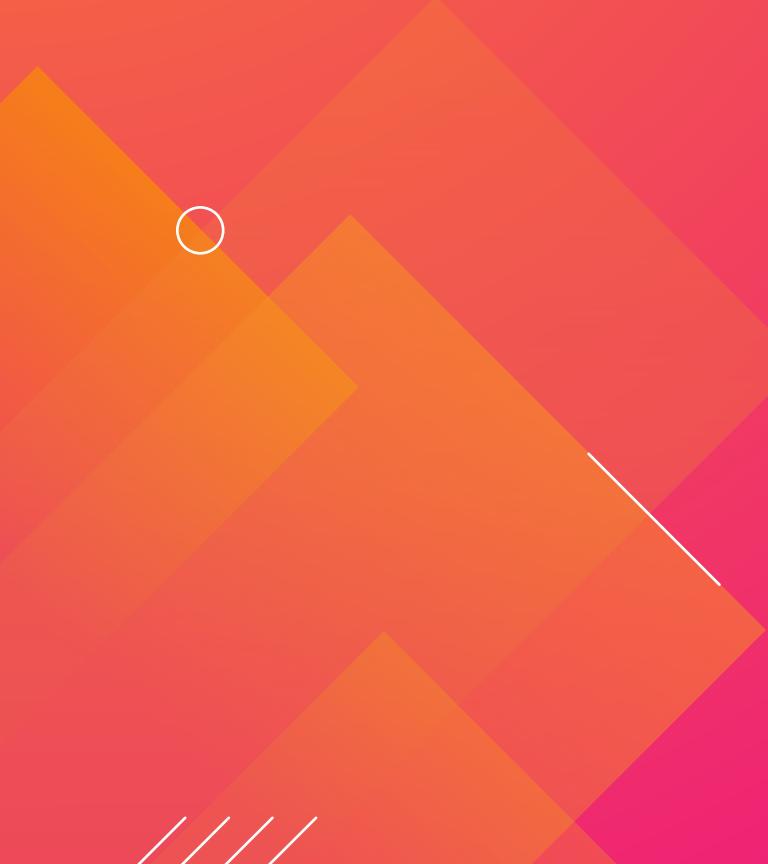
# Break Down Silos

Ingesting Multi Purpose Data in Splunk

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# Introduction

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Qualcomm

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Fabless semiconductor company

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In 3G/4G LTE modem

30+

Years of driving the evolution of wireless

804M

MSM™ chipsets shipped FY '17

Sources: Qualcomm Incorporated data, as of Q4 FY17; IHS, May '18;  
Strategy Analytics, Mar. '18. MSM is a product of Qualcomm  
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# Leading mobile innovation for over 30 years

## Digitized mobile communications



Analog to digital

## Redefined computing



Desktop to smartphones

## Transforming industries



Connecting virtually everything

Redefining how the world connects, computes and communicates

# Engineering Design Center Infrastructure Overview

## Large and Complex

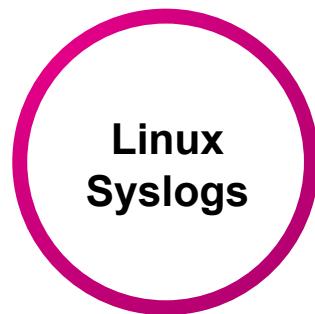
Large numbers of just about everything

- Compute servers globally connected
- Storage (thousands of mount points/volumes)
- Directory Services (LDAP and AD)
- Job Scheduling Software
- Revision Control Systems
- Tool License Servers
- Virtual Desktop Infrastructure
- Remote Display Software



# Visibility

Logs + Metrics + Services = Answers



Sudo  
Syslog  
Auditd



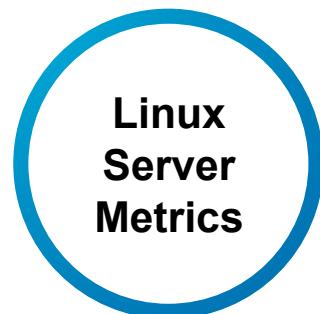
Webserver  
Revision Control  
Job Scheduler  
Database  
LDAP  
DNS  
Build System Config



Storage  
VMware  
Load Balancer  
Firewall  
VPN  
Router  
NTP  
Web Proxy



HP ILO  
HP VC  
HP OA  
Dell iDrac



Memory  
CPU  
Network  
Collectd  
Telegraf  
OSQuery



# Multi Purpose Data Sources

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Examples that span multiple use cases and business units

# HP ILO Syslogs

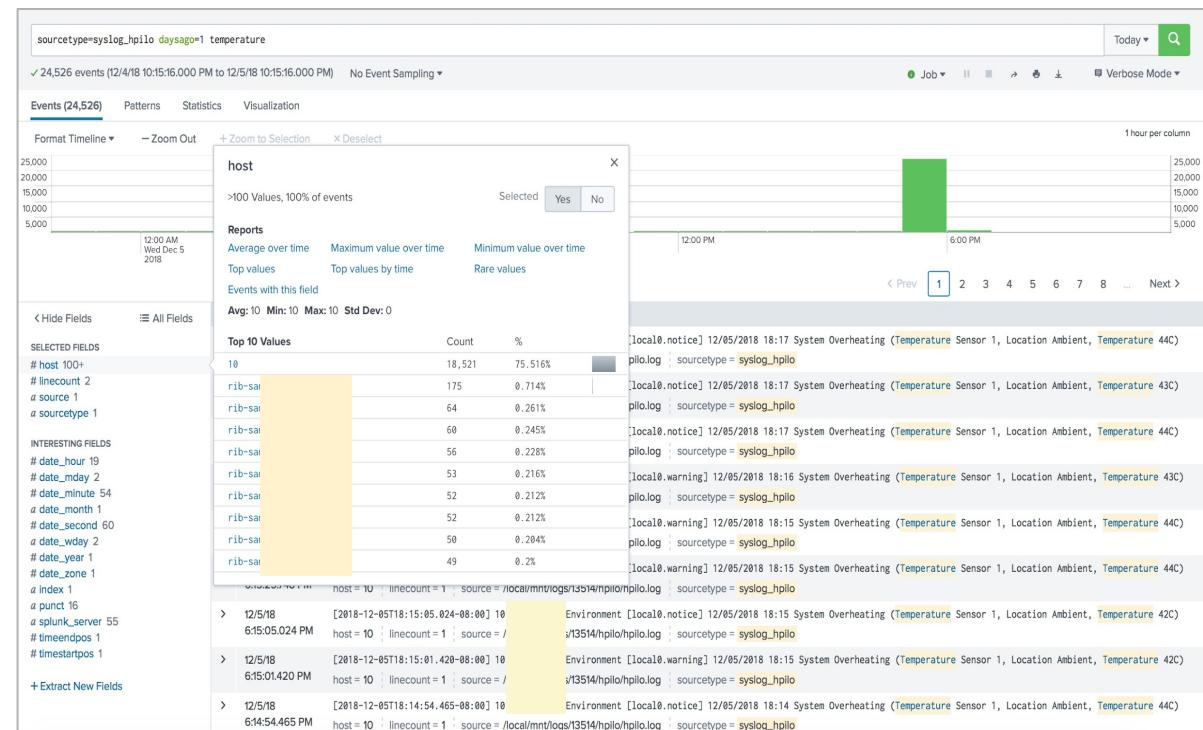
Server Administrators & Data Center Team

## Use Cases: Server Administrators

- Monitoring servers for hardware issues (broken fans, disk drives, memory)

## Use Cases: Data Center Team

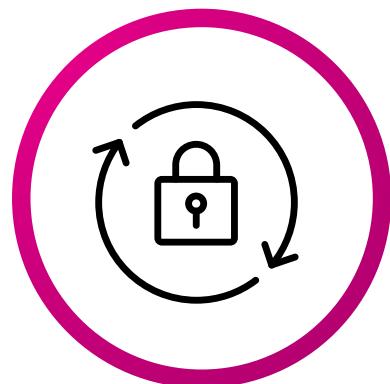
- Overheating servers in datacenters
- Impacted hosts



# Firewall Logs

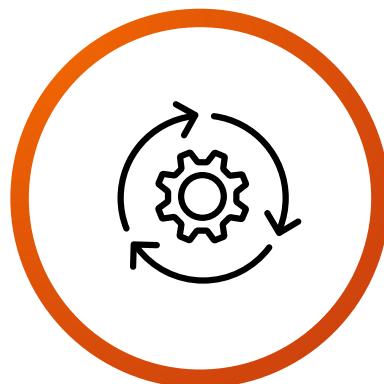
Multi Purpose Benefits

## Security



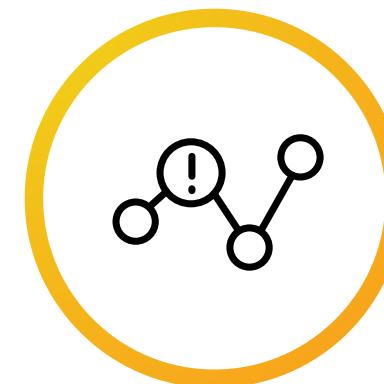
Original Use Case  
Traffic Policies

## Operations



Use Case:  
Bringing up a new site  
Servers would not image  
Firewall logs showed DNS  
blocked

## Network



Use Case:  
Traffic Patterns

# Netstat

## Use Cases: System Operations

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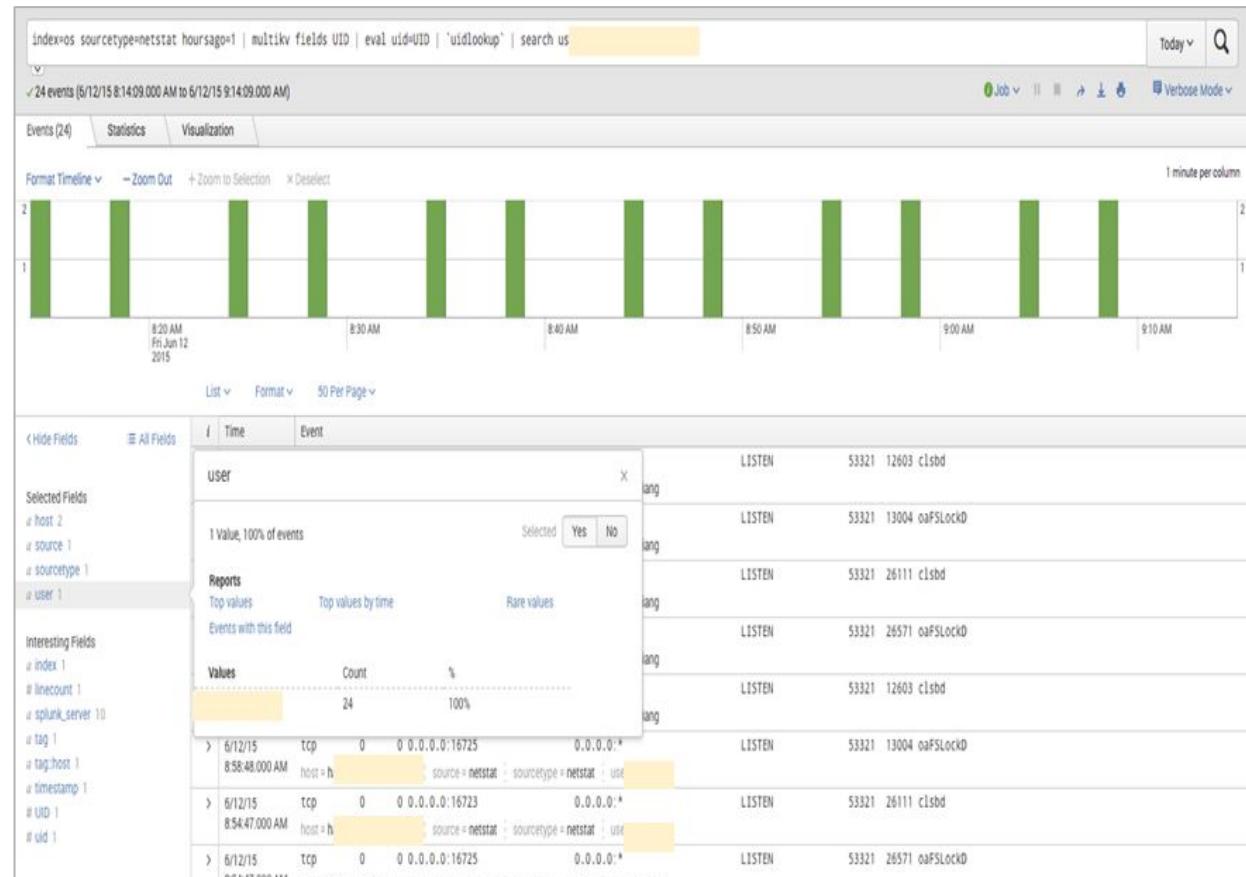
- Debug programs and associated sockets

### Use Cases: Security

- What hosts are connecting to other hosts?

### Use Cases: Finance

- Long running jobs to license servers
- Save \$\$\$



# DNS

## Security & IT Operations

### Use Cases: **Security**

- Improve command and control
- Track DNS client requests & zone transfers

### Use Cases: **IT Operations**

- Avoided outages by finding misconfigured hosts
- Decommissioning DNS servers without client downtime
- Improved incident resolution with job scheduler



# NFSMountStat

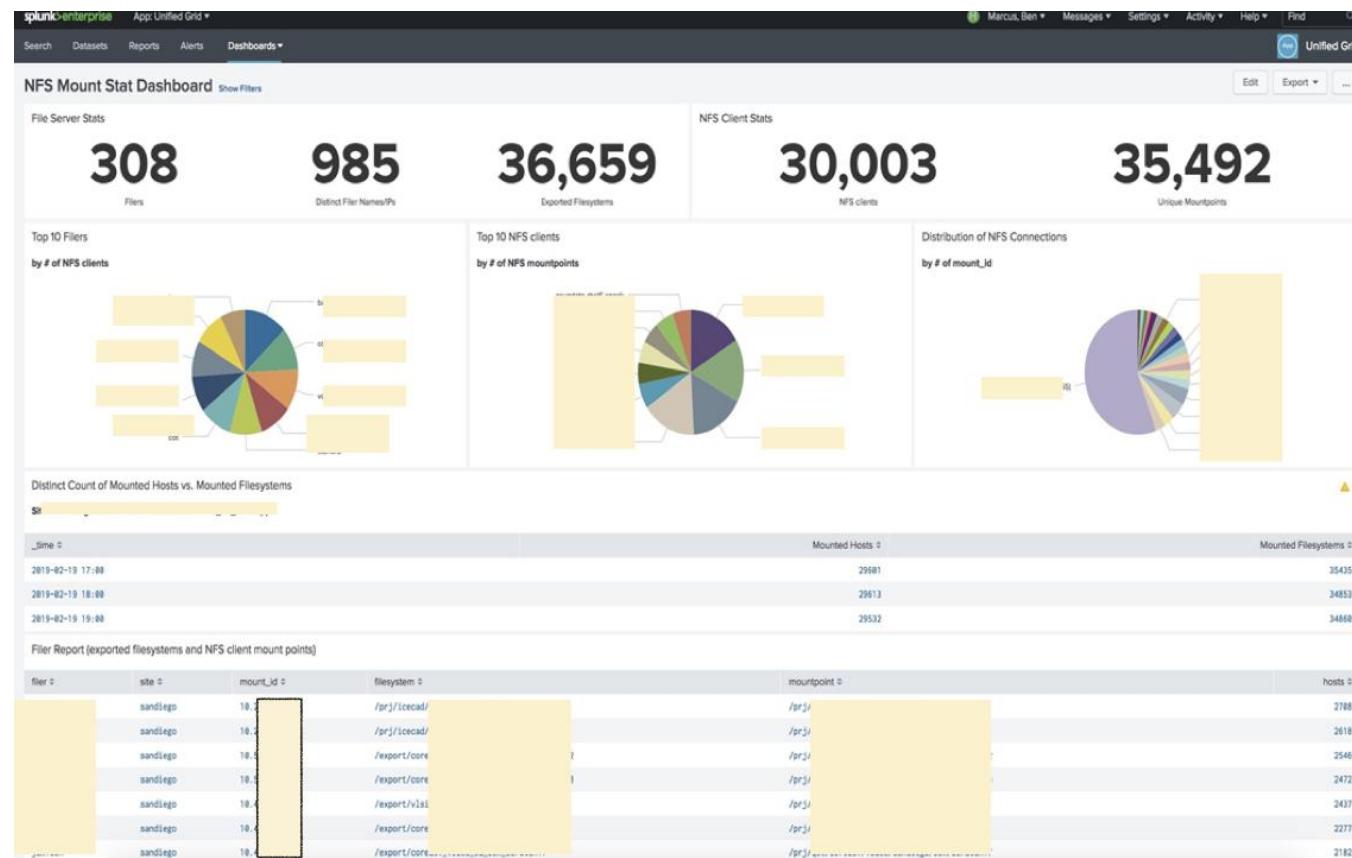
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- Identify hosts affected by storage outages

### Use Cases: Security

- Anomaly Dashboard
- User mounting many paths
- Cross site/region mounting



# NFS Mount Screen Shot

## Anomaly Dashboard for Security & Operations

**NFS Client Mount Anomalies (last 24 hours)**  
Displays hosts that have reported an anomalous number of mountpoint counts for 2 or more times in a row over the last 24 hours

Site	Hosts to exclude	Minimum Gap	Minimum # of Anomalies
All		1000	2

**Hosts that have reported an anomalous number of mount points**

host	site	Time	Actual	upperBound	Gap	Anomalies
		06/27/2018 16:00:00	5530	3954	2176	4
		06/27/2018 14:00:00	5528	3967	1561	
		06/27/2018 15:00:00	5528	147	5381	
		06/27/2018 11:00:00	3694	147	3547	
		06/27/2018 15:00:00	2808	1106	1702	4
		06/27/2018 11:00:00	3993	1106	2887	
		06/27/2018 12:00:00	3994	1098	2896	
		06/27/2018 13:00:00	3994	2137	1857	
		06/27/2018 15:00:00	3191	881	2310	3
		06/27/2018 16:00:00	3194	694	2500	
		06/27/2018 14:00:00	2756	841	1915	
		06/27/2018 15:00:00	1528	157	1371	3
		06/27/2018 12:00:00	2552	157	2395	
		06/27/2018 13:00:00	2626	162	2464	
		06/27/2018 14:00:00	1191	174	1017	2
		06/27/2018 13:00:00	1191	158	1033	

**Number of mountpoints today vs. yesterday (sa)**

**Count of mounted filesystems by Filer for san-p**

Filer	filer_site	count
	s8	680
	s8	464
	s8	448
	s8	331
	s8	137
	s8	131
	s8	117
	s8	112
	s8	75
	s8	75

# NFS: Cross site example

## Security

	lsf_filer	mount	lsfcluster	DistinctUsers	user	count
1	sandiego:lasvegas	/prj	CRD	1		4865
2	sandiego:lasvegas	/prj	CRD ICEng	1		3537
3	sandiego:rtp	/prj	ICEng	18		3004
4	sandiego:lasvegas	/prj	CRD ICEng	3		1264
5	sandiego:lasvegas	/prj	CRD	2		1209
6	sandiego:santaclara	/prj	GBC ICEng	3		1122
7	encncaa:rtp	/prj	GRIDECDCA	5		942
8	sandiego:lasvegas	/prj	CRD	3		572

# Netflow

**Networking**

Use Case:

User Activity Insight

**Grid**

Use Case:

User Activity Insight

**Security**

Use Case:

Data Protection

Traffic for Protocol 6 (tcp) reported by 1!														
		IP/Host Name												
Source IP	Source Host	Source Port	Destination IP	Destination Host	Destination Port	Max Mbps	Average Mbps	Total Traffic MB	% of Total	Average Packets/s	Total Packets	Connec		
	linux	47658/tcp (unknown)	10.	unknown	22/tcp (ssh)	5,289.38	72.36	31,054.13	3.19	6,332.41	22,796,667			
	cron-	60385/tcp (unknown)	10.		22/tcp (ssh)	2,780.16	40.11	17,214.12	1.77	3,385.84	12,189,027			

# Filer audit data

Storage Admins & Security & Grid Admins

## Use Cases: Storage Admins

- Determining who deleted files

## Use Cases: Security

- Who is accessing files?

_time	filer	action	type	path	uidresolved	client
2019-09-05T08::C		Del	FILE	/usr2/cX_0016/userv/..tool/mcr_v92/.deploy_lock.339	613	10.x
2019-09-05T08::C		Add	FILE	/usr2/cXt_0044/usery/..tool/mcr_v85/.deploy_lock.663	713	10.x
2019-09-05T08::C		Ren	FILE	/usr2/cX_0044/usery/..tool/mcr_v85/b.settings.tmp	82285	10.x
2019-09-05T08::C		Del	FILE	/usr2/cX_0082/userr/..tool/mcr_v85/.deploy_lock.164	316269	10.x
2019-09-05T08::C		Add	FILE	/usr2/cX_0044/usery/..tool/mcr_v85/.deploy_lock.206	382285	10.x
2019-09-05T08::C		Del	FILE	/usr2/cX_0051/userz/..tool/mcr_v92/.deploy_lock.220	1242	10.x
2019-09-05T08::C		Del	FILE	/usr2/cX_0051/userv/..tool/mcr_v92/.deploy_lock.49	1242	10.x

## Use Cases: Grid Admins

- Tool information – running IO intensive workloads in home directories

# Remote Display Software

Operations & Finance & Security

## Use Cases: IT Operations (Remote Display)

- Track remote users login in

## Use Cases: Security

- Who was accessing the system and how

## Use Cases: Finance

- Tie license usage to department
- License renewal

1	User authenticated using user credentials. Client origin: 10.0.0.1	5056. Windows username	Client type:	Client version:	SSL protocol: TLSv1.2.
2	User authenticated using user credentials. Client origin: 10.0.0.1	57188. Windows username	Client type:	Client version:	SSL protocol: TLSv1.2.
3	User authenticated using user credentials. Client origin: 10.0.0.1	57827. Windows username	Client type: E	Client version:	SSL protocol: TLSv1.2.
4	User authenticated using user credentials. Client origin: 10.0.0.1	58712. Windows username	Client type:	Client version:	. SSL protocol: TLSv1.2.
5	User authenticated using user credentials. Client origin: 10.0.0.1	57592. Windows username	Client type:	Client version:	. SSL protocol: TLSv1.2.
6	User authenticated using user credentials. Client origin: 10.0.0.1	59313. Windows username	Client type:	Client version:	SSL protocol: TLSv1.2.
7	User authenticated using user credentials. Client origin: 10.0.0.1	5556. Windows username	Client type:	Client version:	SSL protocol: TLSv1.2.
8	User authenticated using user credentials. Client origin: 10.0.0.1	61460. Windows username	Client type:	Client version:	SSL protocol: TLSv1.2.
9	User authenticated using user credentials. Client origin: 10.0.0.1	8684. Windows username	Client type:	Client version:	SSL protocol: TLSv1.2.

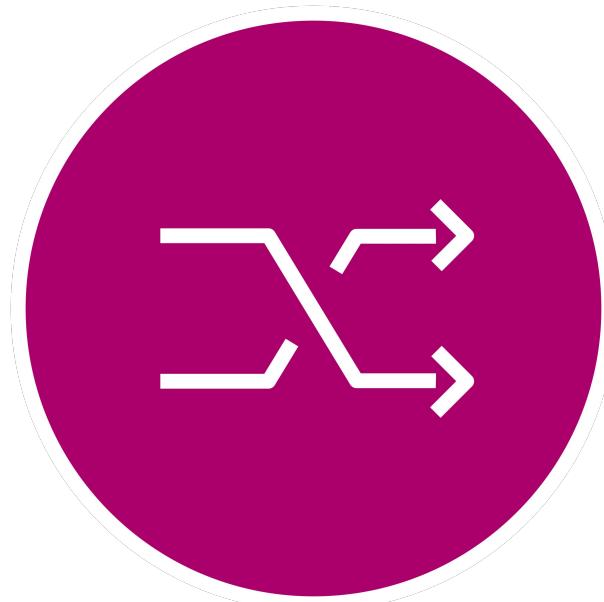
# Integrations and Enrichment

Integrating with people data to understand departmental use cases

People directory (LDAP, AD)

Server directory (CMDB)

Network inventory



# Documenting Data Sources

- Data source catalog – document as part of onboarding
- Periodic Splunk meetings with representatives from different teams/groups
- Splunk app
- Blog



“The alchemists in their search for gold found many other things of greater value”

Arthur Schopenhauer, German Philosopher



# Q&A

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splunk>

# Thank

# You

!

Go to the .conf19 mobile app to

**RATE THIS SESSION**



# Visibility

Metrics...More sourcetypes => Visibility

## Linux Server metrics

- Custom \*nix Technology Add On
  - Memory, load, uptime, cpu, network, interfaces, disk, etc.
  - System command data - process (extended), netstat (extended), top
  - Custom command output – nfsmountstat, linux file handles (/proc), lscpu, etc.
- Collectd/Telegraf
- Osquery

# Visibility

## Lots of Sourcetypes

- Linux syslogs, sudo logs, audit logs, etc.
- Application logs
  - Webserver (apache, nginx)
  - Revision control (Perforce, ClearCase)
  - Job scheduling (LSF, UGE)
  - Database
  - LDAP (access/errorreplication)
  - DNS
  - Build and automation logs
  - System configuration logs.
- Appliance syslogs
  - Netapp logs, VMware ESX logs, LoadBalancer logs, Firewall logs, VPN logs, Router logs, NTP logs, Webproxy logs
- “Lights Out” management server logs (HP ILO, HP Virtual Connect, HP OA Dell iDRAC, etc)