



Understanding The Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) in a Splunk Deployment

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About Bob



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- Formerly of Splunk (2006-2013)
- Formerly of Sun Microsystems (1999-2002)
- Wall St. IT Operations and Data Center Management Roles
- Recovering DBA, Unix Hack, Author and Dad

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About SBOX, Inc.

- Crazy mash up of Splunk Professionals and InfoSec Specialists
- Shipping appliances since 2013
- San Francisco, CA based
- We sell the SBOX Security Analytics Appliance (Powered by Splunk)
- Come visit our booth!



Presentation Objectives

- Introduce the Total Cost of Ownership model used at SBOX, Inc.
- Bring to light the myriad of ‘soft costs’ involved in enterprise software deployments
- Present advice for cost avoidance (or at least cost discovery)



My Challenges Today

- Keep the audience awake
- Make “Total Cost of Ownership” seem somewhat exciting.



What is TCO



Total cost of ownership (TCO) is a financial estimate intended to help buyers and owners determine the **direct** and **indirect** costs of a product or system.

Costs of a Splunk Deployment

(Commodity Server)

DIRECT

License + Server + Disk
+ Maintenance + Training + PS

INDIRECT

OS + Tuning + Security + Installation
+ Time



Model Assumptions

Splunk License

100 GB

Retention

1 Year

Cost Window

3 Years

Cost Assumptions

Server

\$8K

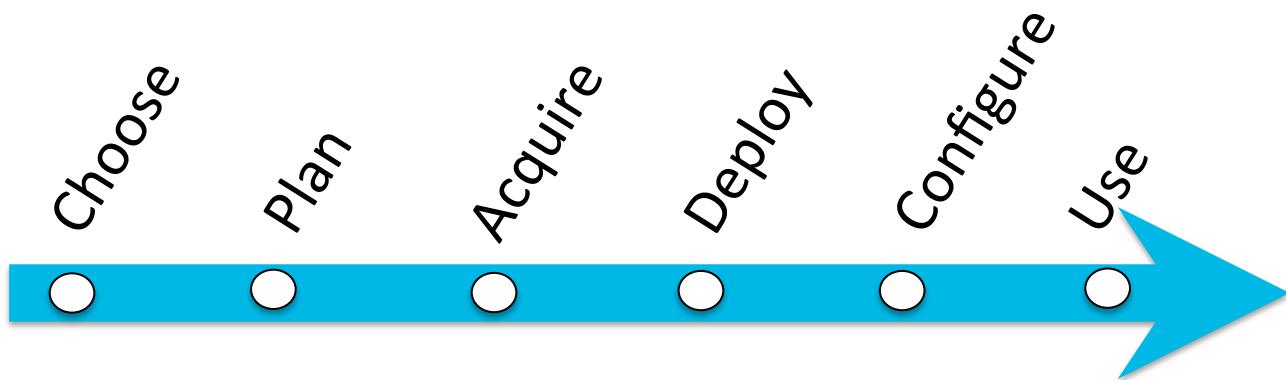
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\$3K/TB

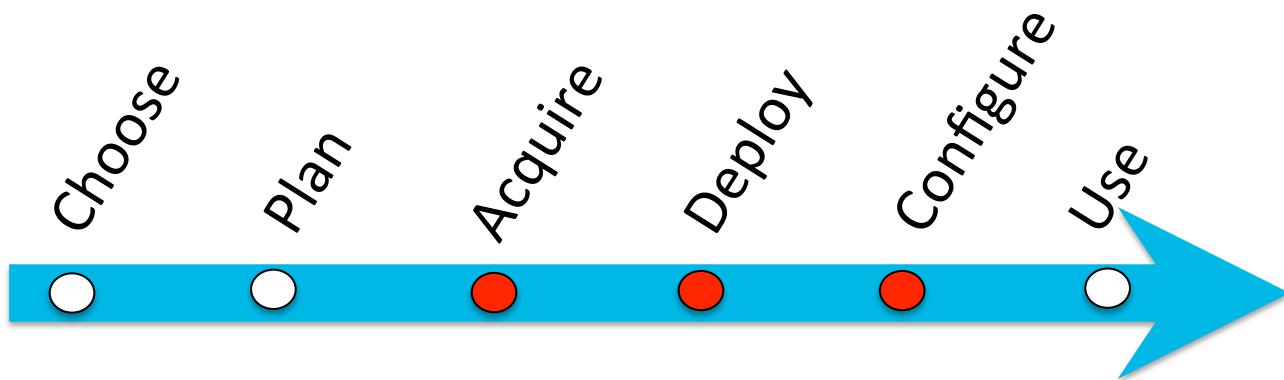
IT OPS

\$50/Hr

Splunk Deployment Timeline



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Not drawn to scale!

Methodology

- Break out major components:
 - Acquire
 - Deploy
 - Configure
- Separate costs:
 - Direct
 - Indirect
- Analyze by year



Not Considered

- Power
- Cooling
- OS and OS Support Costs
- Facilities
- Downtime costs
- Professional Services



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- 1) Size the Indexer(s)
 - Splunk License + headroom
 - Use Splunk recommendations
- 2) Choose a Hardware Vendor
- 3) Procurement
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Indirect: 160 Hours

Direct: (2) Servers = \$16,000

Maintenance Yearly = \$4,000



Deploy (commodity server)

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- 2) Network and Firewall
- 3) OS Load
- 4) Security
- 5) Ops Training (SOP, Recovery)
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Indirect: 56 Hours (Initial)
 80 Hours (Yearly)

Direct: 18 TB = 54,000



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Indirect: 240 Hours (Initial)



Total Costs

First Year

- Indirect Costs: 536 Hrs @ \$50 = \$26,800
- Direct Costs: \$30,800

Years 2 and 3

- Indirect Costs: 80 Hrs @ \$50 = \$4,000
- Direct Costs: \$4,000

Yearly Totals

- Year 1: \$57,600
- Year 2: \$ 8,000
- Year 3: \$ 8,000

Total Cost: **\$73,600**



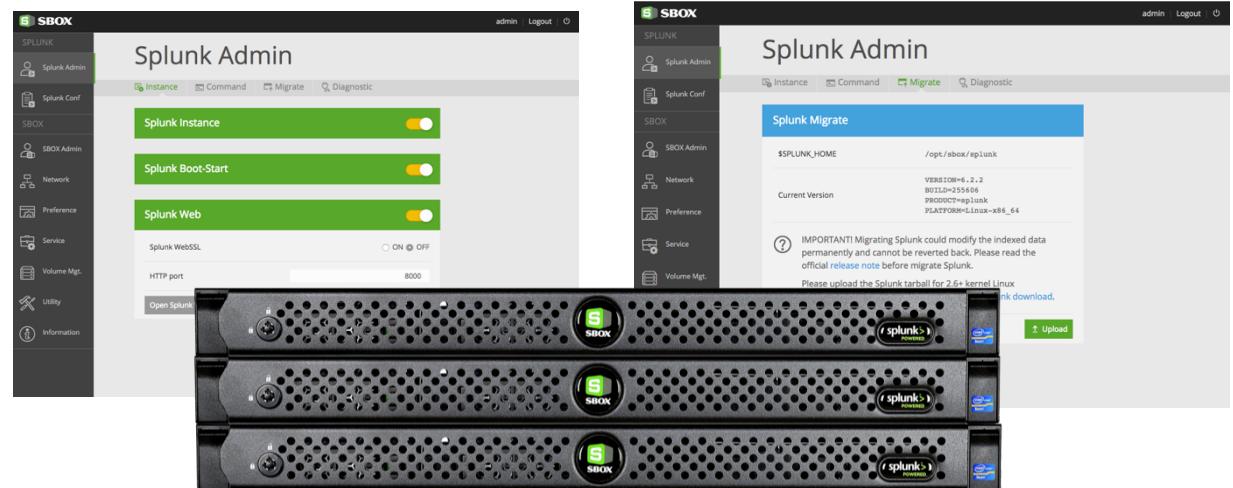
Alternatives and Impact on Model

- Professional Services
- Cloud
- Virtual
- Hyper Converged
- Converged



The SBOX Security Appliance Powered by Splunk

- Significant Indirect Cost Reduction (~20-30%)
- Pre-configured, Pre-tuned
- Converged Appliance
- Limited IT Ops Required
- Disk + CPU + Splunk



Any Questions?





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