

Creating Splunk 6.4 Knowledge Objects Class Lab Exercises with Solutions

Lab typographical conventions

{student ID} indicates you should replace this with your student number.

{server-name} indicates you should substitute the server name assigned to this class.

There are a number of source types used in these lab exercises. The lab instructions refer to these source types by the types of data they represent:

Туре	Sourcetype	Interesting Fields
AD/DNS	winauthentication_security (corporate network)	<pre>bcg_ip, bcg_workstation, fname, lname, location, rfid, splunk_role</pre>
	WinEventLog:Security (engineering network)	Account_Domain, Account_Name, action, app, Authentication_Package, Type, User
BI server	sales_entries	AcctCode, CustomerID, TransactionID
Email data	cisco_esa	dcid, icid, mailfrom, mailto, mid
Web appliance data	cisco_wsa_squid	action, bandwidth, cs_method, cs_mime_type, cs_url, cs_username, sc_bytes, sc_http_status, sc_result_code, severity, src_ip, status, url, usage, x_mcafee_virus_name, x_wbrs_score, x_webcat_code_abbr
Online transactions	access_combined	<pre>action, bytes, categoryId, clientip, itemId, JSESSIONID, price, productId, product_name, referer, referer_domain, sale_price, status, user, useragent</pre>
Retail sales	vendor_sales	AcctID, categoryId, product_name, productId, sale_price, Vendor, VendorCity, VendorCountry, VendorID, VendorStateProvince
Web server	linux_secure	<pre>action, app, COMMAND, dest, process, src_city, src_country, src_ip, src_port, user, vendor_action</pre>
Windows server logs	win_audit	



For all exercises, keep the permissions for your knowledge objects private.

Module 3 Lab Exercise: Creating Lookups

Description

In this lab exercise, you create a new automatic lookup that provides additional information for the vendors selling Buttercup Games products. **Note: this automatic lookup is required for Lab Exercise 9.

Steps

Task 1: Log into Splunk on the classroom server.

- 1. Direct your web browser to the class lab system (for example, {server-name}.splunk.com)
- 2. Log in with the credentials assigned by your instructor.
- 3. Click on the Search & Reporting app. If you are prompted to take a tour, click Skip.
- 4. Take a minute to examine the data sources on the **Data Summary** page.

Task 2: Change your account name and time zone setting to reflect your local time.

- From the Splunk bar, select your user name located to the left of the Messages menu. Choose Edit Account.
- 6. In the Full name field, type your name.
- 7. From the **Time zone** menu, select your local time zone.
- 8. From the **Default app** menu, select **search**. Click **Save**.
- 9. Return to the Search & Reporting app.

Scenario: The vendor_sales source type does not contain vendor locations. Reports need to be created to show how game sales are performing based on region, country, state, and city. A lookup is needed to provide this information when searches are performed.

Task 3: Search retail sales for vendor data.

10. Search the vendor data [vendor_sales] over the last 30 days specifically for the Dream Crusher product [product_name="Dream Crusher"]. sourcetype=vendor sales product name="Dream Crusher"

Note: As you can see, the raw data has a limited amount of useful and detailed information. For example, the vendor name or city is not listed.

Results Example:

≺ Hide Fields	:≡ All Fields	i	Event
	>	[23/Jul/2015:15:47:07] VendorID=3112 Code=B AcctID=xxxxxxxxxxx6880	
Selected Fields a host 1 a source 1 a sourcetype 1 a tag 1	>	[23/Jul/2015:15:18:42] VendorID=1125 Code=B AcctID=xxxxxxxxxxxx9535	
	>	[23/Jul/2015:12:51:12] VendorID=1094 Code=B AcctID=xxxxxxxxxxx1586	
		>	[23/Jul/2015:09:56:39] VendorID=3103 Code=B AcctID=xxxxxxxxxxx6485
		>	[23/Jul/2015:06:45:26] VendorID=1067 Code=B AcctID=xxxxxxxxxxxx8027
		>	[23/Jul/2015:05:30:01] VendorID=1116 Code=B AcctID=xxxxxxxxxxx9468

11. Save your search as report, {student name}_DreamCrusherSales.



Task 4: Add a lookup file.

12. Navigate to: Settings > Lookups > Lookup table files

13. Click New.

14. Save the lookup table file with these values:

Destination app: search

File: vendor_lookup.csv
Destination filename: vendor_lookup.csv

Task 5: Create a lookup definition.

15. Navigate to Settings > Lookups > Lookup definitions

16. Click New.

17. Save the lookup definition with these values:

Destination app: search
Name: vendor_lookup

Type: File-based Lookup file: vendor_lookup.csv

18. Click Save.

Task 6: Verify the lookup definition.

19. Return to the Search view.

20. Use inputlookup to verify the lookup definition was created correctly.

| inputlookup vendor_lookup

Results Example:

Vendor 0	VendorCity 0	VendorCountry 0	VendorID 0	VendorStateProvince 0
Anchorage Gaming	Anchorage	United States	1001	Alaska
Games of Salt Lake	Salt Lake City	United States	1002	Utah
New Jack Games	New York	United States	1003	New York
Seals Gaming	San Francisco	United States	1004	California
Lost Angels Games	Los Angeles	United States	1005	California
Flyin' Hawaiian Hobbyist	Honolulu	United States	1006	Hawaii
Flyin' Hawaiian Hobbyist	Kahului	United States	1007	Hawaii
Phoenix Games	Phoenix	United States	1008	Arizona
Mile High Games	Denver	United States	1009	Colorado
Beantown Games	Boston	United States	1010	Massachusetts
Seattle Games	Seattle	United States	1011	Washington

Task 7: Use your lookup in a search. Search for all Dream Crusher games sold by each country in the last 30 days.

21. Search the vendor data for the **last 30 days** for all Dream Crusher game sales worldwide. Create a table with the total of games sold by country. Use the lookup command and reference the file you just created. Use the OUTPUT function to output VendorCountry.

sourcetype=vendor_sales product_name="Dream Crusher" | lookup vendor_lookup VendorID OUTPUT VendorCountry |stats sum(price) as sales by VendorCountry

Results Example:



Task 8: Create an automatic lookup definition.

- 22. Navigate to Settings > Lookups > Automatic lookups
- 23. Click New.
- 24. Create the automatic lookup with these values:

Destination app: search

Name: vendor_auto_lookup
Lookup table: vendor_lookup
Apply to: sourcetype
named: vendor_sales
Lookup input fields: VendorID
Lookup output fields: Vendor

VendorCity

VendorStateProvince VendorCountry

25. Click Save.

Task 9: Verify your automatic lookup is working.

26. Search the vendor sales data for the total amount of Manganiello Bros. games sold by country in the last 30 days. Sort your sales results in descending order.

sourcetype=vendor_sales product_name="Manganiello Bros." | stats count, sum(price) as sales by VendorCountry | sort -sales

Now, you will notice that the Vendor, VendorCity, VendorStateProvince, and VendorCountry fields appear in the fields sidebar when you perform a search on vendor_sales data.

VendorCountry 0	count 0	sales •
United States	945	77055.30
Canada	91	7420.14
Germany	32	2609.28
Italy	29	2364.66
China (PRC)	28	2283.12
India	25	2038.50
France	24	1956.96
United Kingdom	23	1875.42
Spain	19	1549.26
Brazil	18	1467.72
Egypt	15	1223.10
Israel	15	1223.10
Japan	14	1141.56
Poland	14	1141.56
Australia	11	896.94
Belgium	10	815.40
Denmark	10	815.40
Hungary	10	815.40
Ireland	10	815.40
South Africa	9	733.86



Module 4 Lab Exercise: Working with Field Aliases and Calculated Fields

Description

This lab exercise walks you through the process of creating field aliases and calculated fields.

Steps

Scenario: The IT Ops team runs reports for all employee access but the user name field is not consistent across the different source types.

Task 1: Create a field alias to change cs_username to user.

1. Search for all events in the cisco wsa squid source type over the last 24 hours.

```
sourcetype=cisco_wsa_squid
```

- 2. Note the cs username field values.
- 3. Go to Settings > Fields > Field aliases. Create a field alias with the following values:

Destination app: search

Name: cisco_wsa_squid_aliases

Apply to: sourcetype

Named: cisco_wsa_squid
Field aliases: cs_username = user

- 4. Click Save.
- 5. Return to the Search & Reporting app. Re-run your search and examine the user field and values.

Results Example:

```
a splunk_server 1
a src 100+
a src_ip 100+
# status 10
# timeendpos 2
# timestartpos 1
a url 100+
a usage 5
a user 72
```

- 6. Perform a search on the cisco_firewall sourcetype for the Username field for the last 24 hours. sourcetype=cisco_firewall Username=*
- 7. Create a field alias for sourcetype cisco firewall with the following values:

Destination app: search

Name: cisco_firewall_aliases

Apply to: sourcetype

Named: cisco_firewall

Field aliases: Username = user

- 8. Perform the following search: sourcetype=cisco* user=*
- 9. Do you receive results from the cisco wsa squid and cisco firewall sourcetypes?



Scenario: The IT Ops team is monitoring bandwidth usage for all users for the last 30 days, but the data is reported in bytes. The team needs the usage to be measured in megabytes.

Task 2: Create a calculated field that converts bytes to MB.

- 10. Search for all events in the last 30 days for the cisco_wsa_squid sourcetype (web appliance data).
- 11. Note the sc bytes field. This field displays the amount of bytes used for that event.
- 12. Go to Settings > Fields > Calculated fields.
- 13. Create a calculated field named **bandwidth** that converts the value of sc_bytes to MB with the following values:

Destination app: search
Apply to: sourcetype
Named: cisco_wsa_squid

Name: bandwidth

Eval expression: sc_bytes/(1024*1024)

14. Return to the Search & Reporting app. Perform a search on the cisco_wsa_squid sourcetype that shows the total bandwidth by usage.

sourcetype=cisco_w* | stats sum(bandwidth) as "Bandwidth (MB)" by usage

Results Example:

usage 0	Bandwidth (MB) 🗘
Borderline	9.133331
Business	14.596395
Personal	78.236745
Unknown	20.043213
Violation	1.063354

Supplemental Exercise:

Scenario: The IT Ops team wants to correlate data from multiple source types using the src and http_method fields. However, these fields are called clientip and method in the access_combined source type.

Task: Create field aliases for access_combined so src and http_method can be used in searches.



Module 5 Lab Exercise: Creating Field Extractions

Description

This lab exercise walks you through the process of creating regex and delimiters field extractions. **Note: this field extraction is required for Lab Exercise 7.

Steps

Scenario: Access to the Linux server needs to be monitored. However, the IP address and port number are not automatically extracted.

Task 1: Use the FX to extract the IP address and port fields using the Regular Expression method.

- Search for all events in the last 24 hours for the linux_secure sourcetype that contain the keyword port.
 - sourcetype=linux secure port
- 2. View the event details to see all the extracted fields. Notice that the IP address and port fields are not extracted
- 3. Use the Field Extractor to extract the IP address and port fields. Click the > arrow under the i icon in the first event.
- 4. Click Event Actions > Extract Fields.
- 5. Select the Regular Expression method and click Next.
- 6. Highlight the IP address value in the sample event.
- 7. In the Field name box, type src_ip.
- 8. Click Add Extraction.
- Click on the src_ip tab and verify the correct information is extracted. Notice that :: is extracted as a src_ip value. To exclude this from the src_ip field extraction, type the following in the filter field: src_ip!=:: and click Apply.
- 10. Highlight the port value.
- 11. In the **Field name** box, type **port**.
- 12. Click Add Extraction and click Next.
- 13. Validate the proper fields are extracted and click Next.
- 14. Review the Extractions Name and click Finish.
- Search for events in the linux_secure sourcetype in the last 24 hours. List the top ports by IP address.

sourcetype=linux secure | top port by src ip

Results Example:

src_ip \$	port 0	count 0	percent 0
10.1.10.172	4717	3	0.273224
10.1.10.172	3567	3	0.273224
10.1.10.172	2558	3	0.273224
10.1.10.172	2080	3	0.273224
10.1.10.172	1713	3	0.273224
10.1.10.172	1676	3	0.273224
10.2.10.163	4673	3	0.303644
10.2.10.163	4541	3	0.303644
10.2.10.163	1063	3	0.303644
10.2.10.163	4884	2	0.202429
10.2.10.163	4824	2	0.202429

Scenario: The win_audit source type has been added to the Splunk environment and IT Ops needs to monitor events in the last 24 hours. However, the log file is in csv format, doesn't contain headers, and none of the fields are extracted.

Task 2: Use FX to extract the fields using the delimiters method.

- 16. Search for all events in the last 24 hours for the win audit sourcetype.
- 17. View the event details to see which fields are extracted.
- 18. Click Event Actions > Extract Fields.
- 19. Select the **Delimiters** method and click **Next**.
- 20. For the Delimiter type, select Comma
- 21. Rename all the fields as follows (in this order):

field1 Time
field2 EventCode
field3 EventType
field4 Type

field5 ComputerName field6 LogName field7 RecordNumber

- 22. After all the fields are renamed, click Next.
- 23. For Extractions Name, enter sysmon and click Finish>.



Module 6 Lab Exercise: Creating Tags and Event Types

Description

This lab exercise walks you through the steps to create tags and event types.

Steps

Scenario: The SVP of Marketing wants to easily identify products by a rating system that is not currently tracked in the data. The ratings of General, Teen, and Mature need to be applied to the games within the different categories.

Task 1: Create tags to identify a product rating.

 Run a search for the Last 24 hours for all events with the access_combined sourcetype and categoryId field with valid values.

sourcetype=access combined categoryld!=null

- 2. In the Fields sidebar, click the categoryId field and note all the categories that are returned from the search. You should see eight categories.
- 3. Run a search for categoryId=sports
- 4. For the first event in the results, view the event details.
- Find the row for the categoryld field. Click the down arrow under the Actions column and select Edit Tags.
- 6. Tag categoryld sports with the value General and click Save.
- 7. Run a search over the Last 24 hours for categoryId=strategy
- 8. For the first event in the results, view the event details.
- Find the row for the categoryld field. Click the down arrow under the Actions column and select Edit Tags.
- 10. Tag categoryld strategy with the value Teen and save it.
- 11. Run a search over the Last 24 hours for categoryId=shooter
- 12. For the first event in the results, view the event details.
- 13. Find the row for the **categoryld** field. Click the **down arrow** under the **Actions** column and select **Edit Tags**.
- 14. Tag categoryld shooter with the value Mature.
- 15. Perform a search and verify the tags are created.



Results Example:



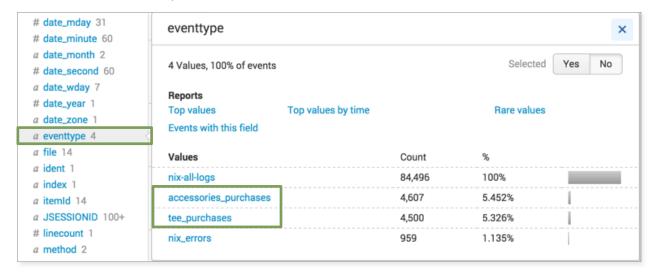
Task 2: Use tags in a search.

- 16. Search for sourcetype=access_combined.
- 17. Modify the search to limit results to only game categories tagged as Teen.
 Hint: tag=Teen. Also note that tags are case sensitive. A search for tag=teen produces no results.

Scenario: The Sales team wants to track monthly online sales. However, they want to easily identify purchases that are categorized by item.

- Task 3: Use the Search interface to create event types for accessories and tee purchase events.
 - 18. Search the access_combined source type for all purchase events in the last 24 hours where categoryId=accessories.
 - 19. Select **Save As > Event Type**.
 - 20. Name your event type: accessories_purchases
 - 21. Optionally, select a color to flag the event type and a priority, then click Save.
 - 22. Search the access_combined sourcetype for all purchase events in the last 24 hours where categoryId=tee.
 - 23. Save the second event type as tee_purchases
 - 24. Select a color to flag the event type and a priority, then click Save.
 - 25. Perform a search for purchase events with categoryId values.
 - 26. Verify your event types were created, by clicking on the eventtype field in the sidebar.

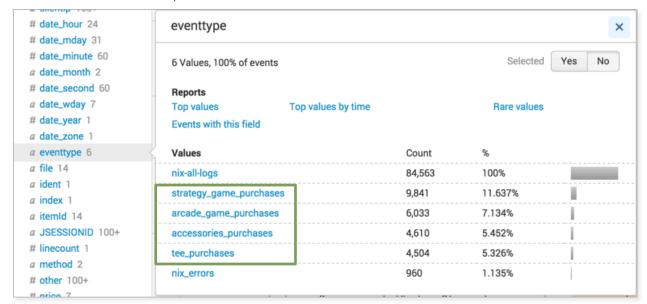




Task 4: Use the Event Type Settings page to create event types for strategy and arcade games purchase events.

- 27. Search the access_combined sourcetype for all purchase events in the last 24 hours for STRATEGY games.
- 28. After the search returns results, copy your search string.
- 29. Go to **Settings > Event types** and create a new event type.
- 30. Name the event type **strategy_game_purchases** and paste your search string in the **Search string** field. Click **Save**.
- 31. Repeat the above steps for purchased ARCADE game events and name the event type: arcade_game_purchases
- 32. Return to the **Search & Reporting** app and run a search to verify that your event types are being returned.

Results Example:



Note: Based on add-ons or apps you have installed, additional event types may be displayed. In this example, nix-all-logs is added by the *NIX app.

Supplemental Exercise:

Task: Tag these event types as purchases. Perform a search for the **purchases** tag. What types of events do you receive?



Module 7 Lab Exercise: Creating and Using Workflow Actions

Description

These steps create GET and Search workflow actions. You will use the src_ip field from the field extraction lab exercise.

**Note: You must have successfully completed Lab Exercise 5 to complete this lab exercise.

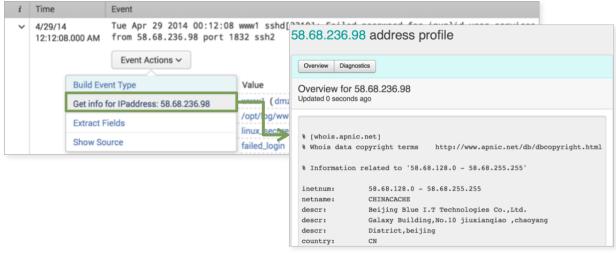
Steps

Scenario: Hackers are continually trying to log into the Linux server. IT Ops analysts need to track ongoing attempts by external sources trying to log in with invalid credentials.

- Task 1: Create a GET workflow action that opens a new browser window with information about the source IP address.
 - Navigate to Settings > Fields > Workflow actions.
 - 2. Click New to create a workflow action.
 - 3. For the **Destination App**, select **search**.
 - 4. For Name, type: get_whois_info
 - 5. For Label, type: Get info for IPaddress: \$src_ip\$
 - 6. For Apply only to the following fields, type: src_ip
 - 7. For Action type, make sure link is selected.
 - 8. For URI, type: http://who.is/whois-ip/ip-address/\$src_ip\$
 - 9. From the Open link in dropdown menu, verify New window is selected.
 - 10. From the Link Method dropdown menu, verify get is selected.
 - 11. Save your workflow action.
 - 12. Verify your workflow action works as expected. Return to the **Search & Reporting** app and search for sourcetype=linux_secure src_ip=* over the last 24 hours.

HINT: Click the search menu option to refresh your browser.

- 15. Expand the first event and click **Event Actions**.
 - 13. Click Get info for IPaddress: {src_ip}.
 - **Note: If who is is not behaving as expected, try http://whois.domaintools.com/\$src_ip\$.
 - 14. A secondary browser window should open to the URI and display the IP address information.

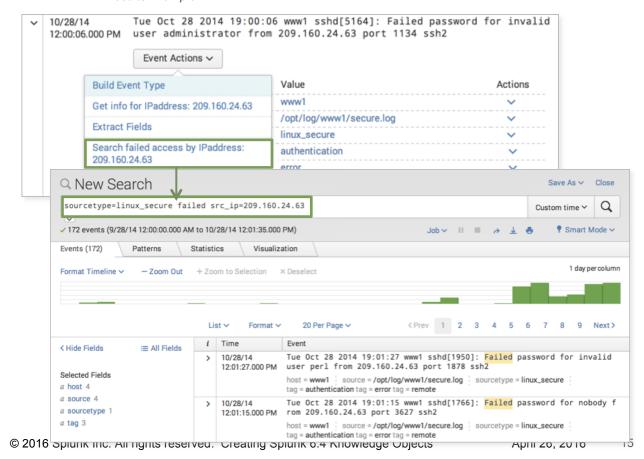




- Task 2: Create a Search workflow action that performs a search for all failed password events associated with a specific IP address.
 - 15. Navigate to **Settings > Fields > Workflow actions**.
 - 16. Click New.
 - 17. For the **Destination App**, select **search**.
 - 18. For Name, type: search access by ipaddress
 - 19. For Label, type: Search failed access by IPaddress: \$src_ip\$
 - 20. For Apply only to the following fields, type: src_ip
 - 21. From the Action Type drop down menu, select search.
 - 22. In the Search string field, type: sourcetype=linux_secure failed src_ip=\$src_ip\$
 - 23. From the Run in app dropdown, select search.
 - 24. From the Run search in dropdown menu, verify New window is selected.
 - 25. Select the Use the same time range as the search that created the field listing check box.
 - 26. Save your workflow action.
 - 27. Verify your workflow action works as expected. Return to the **Search & Reporting** app and search for sourcetype=linux_secure src_ip=* over the **last 24 hours**.

HINT: Click the search menu option to refresh your browser.

- 28. Expand an event with an IP Address field and click Event Actions.
- 29. Select Search failed access by IPaddress: {src_ip}
- 30. A secondary search window should open with the search results for the IP address.





Module 8 Lab Exercise: Creating Alerts

Description

You learn to create an alert.

Steps

Scenario: For security reasons, you need to monitor failed login attempts into the web servers. You are only interested in failed logins from known user accounts. You need to track these attempts because they can be more dangerous than unknown users. To gain access, attackers need a user name and a password. You want to be notified when there is more than one failed login attempt within one minute.

Task 1: Create a search to identify specific types of failed logins.

- Search for the Linux secure logs on all web servers in the Last 60 minutes. sourcetype=linux_secure
- 2. Add the keywords failed password NOT invalid. Re-run the search.

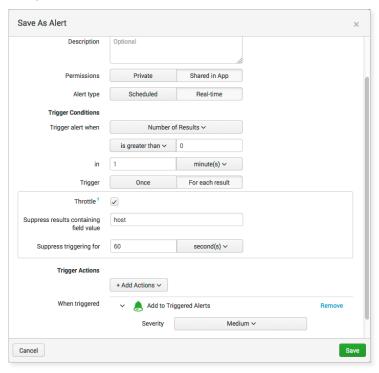
Task 2: Create and view an alert.

- 3. From the Save As menu, select Alert.
- 4. Name the alert: <student name> Login Attempts
- 5. For Permissions, select Shared in App.
- 6. For Alert type, select Real-time.
- 7. For Trigger alert when, select Number of Results.
- 8. Set the number of results to: is greater than 0.

Note: This setting is set to 0 for testing. Once the alert is verified, you can change this value.

- 9. The in field should be set to 1 minute.
- 10. For Trigger, select For each result.
- 11. Check the Throttle checkbox.
- 12. For Suppress results containing field value, type: host
- 13. Make sure Suppress triggering for is set to 60 second(s).
- 14. Click Add Actions and select Add to Triggered Alerts.
- 15. Set the Severity to High.

Example:



- 16. Click Save.
- 17. Click the Permissions link to examine details about the permissions you set.
- 18. Click Cancel. You should see an overview screen describing your new alert.
- 19. From the Splunk bar, click **Activity** > **Triggered Alerts**.
- Select your student ID from the Owner menu and view the triggered alerts.
 Note: It may take a few minutes for your alert to appear.
- 21. Click the View results link on a triggered alert to see the event(s) that caused the alert.

Task 3: Disable the alert.

- 22. In the App navigation bar, click Alerts.
- 24. For the row containing your alert, click Edit, then Disable.
- 25. When the Disable dialog appears, click **Disable**.



Module 9 Lab Exercise: Creating and Using Macros

Description

This lab exercise walks you through the steps for creating a basic macro and a macro with arguments. You will use the VendorCountry field that was added from the lookup lab exercise.

**Note: You must have successfully completed Lab Exercise 3 to complete this lab exercise.

Steps

Scenario: The VP of Sales wants to run ad-hoc searches to determine how much product is being sold in a given month in various countries. He also wants to easily convert the sales to US Dollars based on the current exchange rates.

Task 1: Create a basic macro that lists the monthly total sales in the US.

- Navigate to Settings > Advanced search > Search macros.
- 2. Click New.
- 3. Verify the **Destination app** is set to **search**.
- 4. Name the macro: US sales
- 5. In the **Definition** field, type the following search string:

```
sourcetype=vendor_sales VendorCountry="United States" | stats sum(price) as
USD by product name | eval USD = "$" + tostring(USD, "commas")
```

6. Save the macro.

Task 2: Use a basic macro.

- 7. Return to the Search & Reporting app.
- 8. In the search bar, type `US_sales` and search over the Last 30 days. Examine the results.

Results Example:

product_name 0	USD 0	
Benign Space Debris	\$2,848.86	
Curling 2014	\$3,518.24	
Dream Crusher	\$21,514.62	
Final Sequel	\$8,596.56	
Fire Resistance Suit of Provolone	\$1,695.75	
Holy Blade of Gouda	\$1,743.09	
Manganiello Bros.	\$11,717.07	
Manganiello Bros. Tee	\$3,066.93	
Mediocre Kingdoms	\$5,322.87	

Task 3: Create a macro with currency, currency symbol, and rate as arguments.

- 9. Navigate to Settings > Advanced search > Search macros.
- 10. Click New.
- 11. Verify the **Destination app** is set to **search**.
- 12. Name the macro: monthly_sales(3)
- 13. Enter the following search string:

```
| stats sum(price) as USD by product_name | eval $currency$ = "$symbol$" + tostring(USD*$rate$, "commas") | eval USD = "$" + tostring(USD, "commas")
```



- In the Arguments field, type the arguments, separated by commas.
 Hint: currency,symbol,rate (order of variables must match the order of the values you enter in the search string)
- 15. Save the macro.

Task 4: Use your macro with arguments in a search.

- 16. Return to the **Search & Reporting** app.
- 17. Perform a search for sourcetype=vendor_sales where the VendorCountry is Germany, France, or Italy. Use the macro and pass the arguments euro, €, and .79 for results in the Last 30 days. Copy/paste the € symbol from this document.
 Hint: `monthly sales(currency, symbol, rate)`

sourcetype=vendor_sales VendorCountry=Germany OR VendorCountry=France OR VendorCountry=Italy `monthly_sales(euro,€,.79)`

18. Run the search again for sales in the UK with the following arguments GBP, $\, \pounds$, and .64. Copy/paste the $\, \varepsilon$ symbol from this document.

sourcetype=vendor_sales VendorCountry="United Kingdom" `monthly_sales(GBP,£,.64)` Results Example:

product_name ‡	USD ≎	GBP ≎
Benign Space Debris	\$174.93	£112
Curling 2014	\$219.89	£141
Dream Crusher	\$119.97	£77
Final Sequel	\$49.98	£32
Fire Resistance Suit of Provolone	\$35.91	£23
Holy Blade of Gouda	\$41.93	£27
Manganiello Bros.	\$319.92	£205
Manganiello Bros. Tee	\$109.89	£70
Mediocre Kingdoms	\$99.96	£64
Orvil the Wolverine	\$399.90	£256
SIM Cubicle	\$359.82	£230
World of Cheese	\$199.92	£128
World of Cheese Tee	\$129.87	£83

Supplemental Exercise:

Task: Edit your macro and use the macro validation fields. Use the **isnum** expression to validate the rate field and provide an appropriate error message. Then test your macro by entering a string value for the rate.



Module 10 Lab Exercise: Creating a Data Model

Description

This exercise walks you through the process of creating a data model. After the data model is created, create a pivot to verify your data model provides the expected results.

Steps

Scenario: The VP of Sales wants to run reports based on daily activity from the online store.

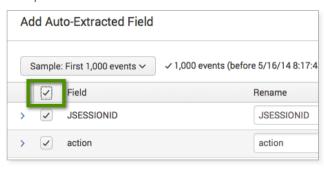
Task 1: Add the Web Requests root event. The root event will be the base search for all child events.

- Navigate to Settings > Data models.
- 2. Click New Data Model.
- 3. In the Title field, type: Buttercup Games Site Activity
- 4. For App, make sure Search & Reporting is selected.
- 5. Create the data model.
- 6. Click Add Object and select Root Event
- 7. In the Object Name field, type: Web Requests
- 8. In the Constraints field, type: sourcetype=access combined
- Click Preview to see a sampling of the events.
- 10. After the data has been verified, save the root event.

Task 2: Add auto-extracted fields attributes.

- 11. Make sure the root Web Requests object is selected.
- Click Add Attribute and select Auto-Extracted. A dialog box opens and displays all auto-extracted fields.
- 13. For this exercise, check the checkbox to the left of the **Field** column header. Checking this box selects all auto-extracted fields.

Example:



14. Rename the following fields for pivot users:

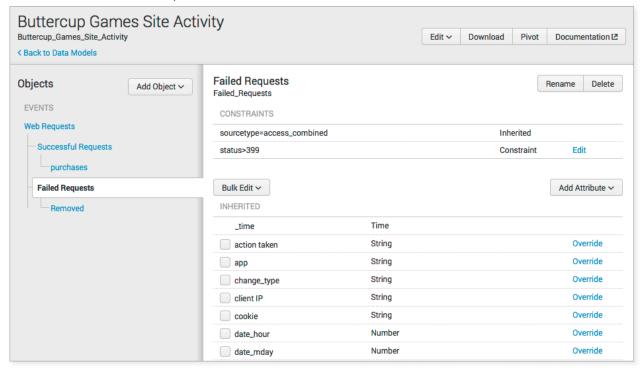
action > action taken
bytes > size
categoryld > product category
clientip > client IP
productId > product ID
product_name > product name
req_time > request time

15. Click Save.

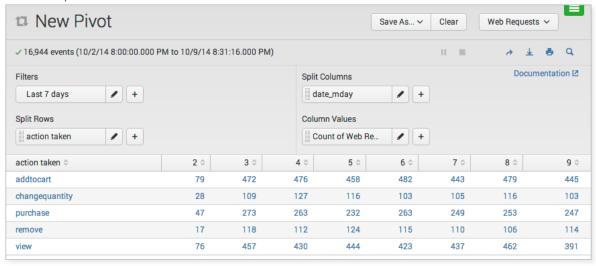


Task 3: Add a child event for actions that were successful.

- 16. Click Add Object and select Child.
- 17. In the Object Name field, type: Successful Requests
- 18. In the Additional Constraints field, type: status<400
- 19. Click Preview to see a test sample of your results.
- 20. Save the child object.
- 21. Select the Successful Requests object. Add a child object called purchases with an Additional Constraints value of action=purchase productId=*. Remember to click Save.
- 22. Select the Web Requests event and add child object named: Failed Requests
- 23. In the Additional Constraints field, type: status>399
- 24. Click Preview to receive a test sample of your results.
- 25. Save the child object.
- 26. Under the Failed Requests child object, add a child object named removed with an Additional Constraints value of action=remove productId=*. Remember to click Save.

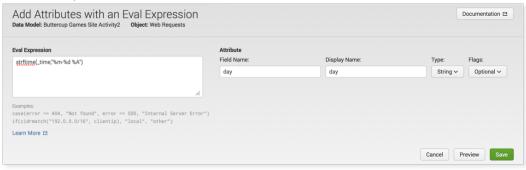


- Task 4: Test your data model by creating a pivot.
 - 27. Click Pivot.
 - 28. Select the Web Requests object.
 - 29. In the **New Pivot** window, change the following:
 - Filter on the Last 7 days
 - Split Rows by action taken and click Add To Table
 - Split Columns by date_mday and click Add To Table



- Task 5: Add an attribute that uses an eval expression. The eval expression will list events chronologically by date and day.
 - 30. Click the Web Requests button to go back to the Buttercup Games Site Activity data model.
 - 31. Select Edit Object.
 - 32. Make sure Web Requests is selected.
 - 33. From the Add Attribute menu, select Eval Expression.
 - 34. In the **Eval Expression** field, type: strftime(time, "%m-%d %A")
 - 35. For Field Name, type: day
 - 36. For Display Name, type: day
 - 37. Click Preview to verify your eval expression returns results.
 - 38. Save the eval expression.





- Task 6: Verify the eval expression works as expected by using Pivot to create a dashboard.
 - 39. Click Pivot.
 - 40. Select the Web Requests object.
 - 41. Change the time filter to the Last 7 days.
 - 42. Split Rows by action taken.
 - 43. Click Add To Table.
 - 44. Split Columns by day.
 - 45. Click Add To Table.
 - 46. Click Save As and select Dashboard Panel.
 - 47. For Dashboard Title, type: Weekly Website Activity
 - 48. For Panel Title, type: Cart activity by day
 - 49. Click Save.
 - 50. Click **View Dashboard**. You should see the web requests categorized and counted by day. *Results Example:*



- Task 7: Add attributes from a lookup. The lookup table will provide descriptions for status codes.
 - 51. Navigate to **Settings > Data models**.
 - 52. Select the Buttercup Games Site Activity data model.
 - 53. Make sure the Web Requests root object is selected.
 - 54. Click Add Attribute and select Lookup.
 - 55. From the Lookup Table dropdown list, select http_status_lookup.
 - 56. From the Field in Lookup dropdown, select code.
 - 57. From the Attribute dropdown, select status. This maps the status field in your indexed data to the code column in the lookup table.
 - 58. For the lookup Output section in the Field in Lookup field, check the description checkbox.



- 59. In the Display Name field, type: status description
- 60. Click the Preview button. You should see a description column in the results.
- 61. Click Save.

Task 8: Verify the lookup works properly by creating a Pivot report.

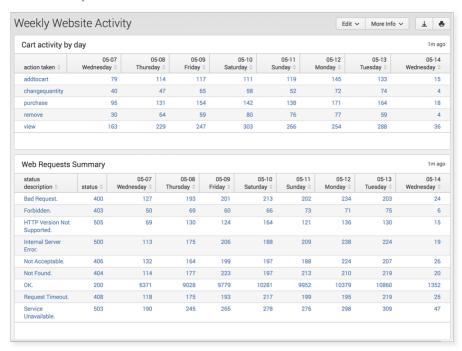
- 62. Click Pivot.
- 63. Select the Web Requests object.
- 64. Change the Filter to Last 7 days.
- 65. From Split Rows, add the status description attribute and click Add To Table.
- 66. Click the + button to split by another row and add the status attribute. Click Add To Table.

Note: This is a double row split, not a column split.

Results Example:

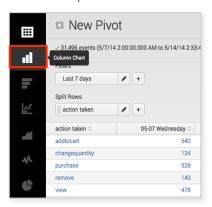


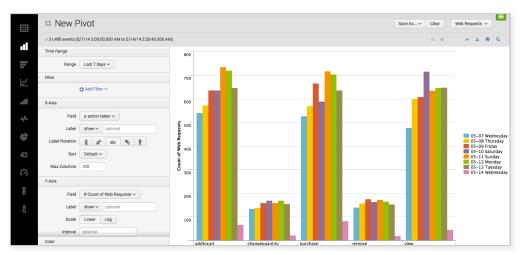
- 67. Split Columns by day and click Add To Table.
- 68. Click Save As and select Dashboard Panel.
- 69. Select Existing Dashboard and select Weekly Website Activity.
- 70. For the Panel Title, type: Web Requests Summary
- 71. Click Save.
- 72. Click View Dashboard.



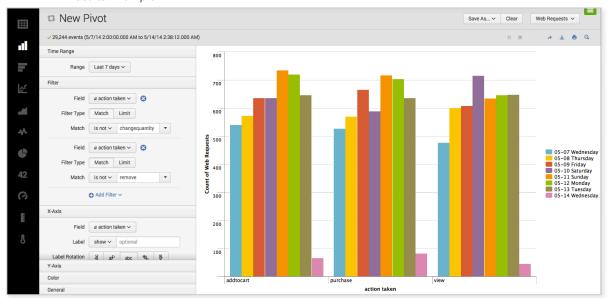
Supplemental Exercise:

- Task 1: From the pivot editor, add an attribute as a filter that displays all shopping cart activity except changequantity and remove.
 - Hover your mouse in the lower right corner of the Cart Activity by day dashboard panel. Click the Open in Pivot icon
 - 2. Refine your search results by selecting the **Column chart** icon from the table formats on the left. *Results Examples:*





- 3. Click Add Filter and choose action taken.
- 4. For **Filter Type**, select **Match**.
- 5. For **Match**, change the operator to **is not**, then select **changequantity**.
- 6. Add another filter and choose action taken.
- 7. For the **Filter Type** select **Match**.
- 8. For **Match**, change the operator to **is not** and then select **remove**.



- Click Save As and select Dashboard Panel.
- 10. Save to the Weekly Website Activity dashboard.
- 11. For Panel Title, type: Add Purchase View
- 12. Save and view your dashboard.
- 13. Rearrange the panels to your liking and admire your work!