

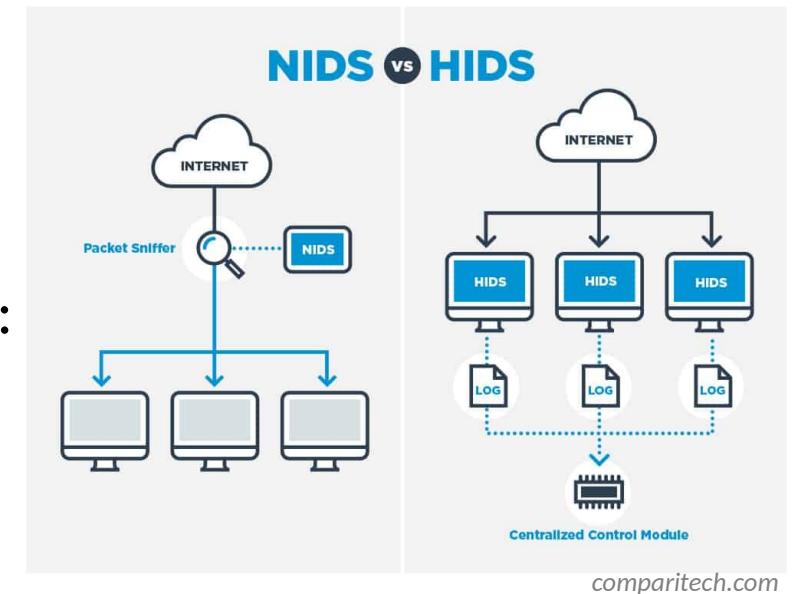
Network Traffic Analysis with **Malcolm**

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Intrusion Detection Systems

- HIDS: Host Intrusion Detection Systems
 - Agents run on individual hosts or devices on a network
 - Not what we're talking about today
- NIDS: Network Intrusion Detection Systems
 - Monitor and analyze network traffic for anomalies: suspicious activity, policy violations, etc.
 - Generally passive/out-of-band; otherwise it's an Intrusion Prevention System
 - Detection methods
 - Signature-based detection
 - Statistical anomaly-based detection
 - Stateful protocol analysis detection



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IDS: Types of Attacks

- Scanning Attack
 - Determine network topology
 - IDS highlights connections from one host to many other hosts in the network, or connection attempts to sequential IP addresses and/or ports
- Denial of Service Attack
 - Interrupt service by flooding requests or flaws in protocol implementations
 - IDS identifies large volume of traffic from or to a particular host or invalid connection states (e.g., TCP SYN/ACK with no ACK)
- Penetration Attack
 - Gain access to system resources by exploiting a software or configuration flaw
 - Trickier, but IDS may detect vulnerable software versions or simply alert on unusual operations (e.g., a “write” operation in an already-configured environment with mostly “read” operations)





- Extensible, open-source passive network analysis framework
- More than just an Intrusion Detection System:
 - Packet capture (like TCPDUMP)
 - Traffic inspection (like Wireshark)
 - Intrusion detection (like SNORT)
 - Log recording (like NetFlow and syslog)
 - Scripting framework (like python™)



Strengths

- Analyzes both link-layer and application-layer behavior
- Content extraction
- Behavioral analysis
- Session correlation
- Can add support for uncommon protocols through scripts/plugins

Weaknesses

- Session metadata only (not full payload)
- Setup and configuration can be complicated
- Produces flat textual log files which can be unwieldy for in-depth analysis

Zeek Log Files

- Network Protocols
- Files
- Detection
- Network Observations

The diagram illustrates the structure of four Zeek log files:

- conn.log | IP, TCP, UDP, ICMP connection-details**:

FIELD	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
id	int	Timestamp of the first packet.
src	string	Unique ID of the connection.
src_ip	addr	Originating endpoint's IP address (IPv4).
src_port	port	Originating endpoint's TCP/UDP port (or ICMP code).
dst_ip	addr	Receiving endpoint's IP address (IPv4).
dst_port	port	Receiving endpoint's TCP/UDP port (or ICMP code).
proto	proto	Transport layer protocol of connection.
service	string	Defined application protocol, if any.
duration	interval	Connection duration.
http_type	object	Http payload type from sequence numbers (HTTP).
log_type	object	Http payload type from sequence numbers (HTTP).
www_state	string	Connection state (see <code>state</code> , <code>www_state</code>).
first_orig	bool	Is Origin in functional net?
last_orig	bool	Is Last in functional net?
maxwell_index	object	Number of bytes missing due to content gaps.
memory	string	Free memory (see <code>mem_usage</code> , <code>mem_usage_percent</code>).
avg_pkts	object	Average of CNG packets.
avg_pkts_before	object	Number of CNG packets (see <code>P1</code> and <code>avg_pkts_after</code>).
max_pkts	object	Number of flow controls.
max_pkts_before	object	Number of flow controls (see <code>P1</code> and <code>avg_pkts_after</code>).
formed_packets	int	Number of connection-IO of evasions being removed.
ping_id_addr	string	Last upper address of the responder.
resp_ip_addr	string	Last lower address of the responder.
mac	obj	The user MAC for this connection.
inet_ifname	obj	The inner VLAN for this connection.
- http.log | HTTP request/reply details**:

FIELD	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
id	int	Timestamp of the HTTP request.
src_ip	string	Underlying connection id. See <code>conn.log</code> .
trans_depth	object	Protocol depth into the connection.
method	string	HTTP Request method (GET, POST, HEAD, etc.).
host	string	Name of the host header.
uri	string	URI used in the request.
referer	string	Value of the "Referer" header.
user_agent	string	Name of the User-Agent header.
response_body_hex	string	Uncompressed content use of hex data.
response_body_hex_size	string	Uncompressed content size of hex data.
status_code	string	Status code returned by the server.
status_msg	string	Status message returned by the server.
info_code	string	Last seen fail info message code by server.
info_gmsg	string	Last seen fail info message gmsg by server.
tags	set	Indicators of various attributes discovered.
username	string	Username if user auth is performed.
password	string	Password if user auth is performed.
present	obj	Headers indication of a present request.
req_headers	vector	The unique On-Demand.
req_thunks	vector	The unique On-Demand.
req_name_types	vector	The types from -Req.
req_pkts	vector	The unique On-Demand.
req_thunks	vector	The names from -Req.
req_name_types	vector	The types from -Req.
client_header	vector	The names of HTTP headers sent by client.
server_header	vector	The names of HTTP headers sent by client.
cookies_hex	vector	Raw cookie names extracted from cookies.
url_hex	vector	Variable names extracted from the URL.
["proto","protocol","http","header","name","hex","as_hex"]	vector	"proto" protocols, "http", "header", "name", "hex", "as_hex".
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- files.log | File analysis results**:

FIELD	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
id	int	Timestamp when the analysis began.
file	string	Unique identifier for average file.
is_hex	int	Method that scanned the data.
is_hexd	int	Method that decoded the data.
conn_id	int	Connection ID/observer which the transferred.
source	string	An identification of the source of the data.
target	string	Target or the reason to source (e.g., HTTP request response).
analysis	int	Method of analysis when performing the analysis.
minm_hex	string	The hex value containing first signatures.
maxm_hex	string	Hexadecimal representation of the analyzed file.
duration	interval	The duration that the file was analyzed.
local_orig	bool	Did the data originate locally?
is_orig	bool	Was the file written by the Originator?
source_iphex	object	Number of bytes recorded in the analysis engine.
total_bytes	object	Total number of bytes that should comprise the file.
missing_iphex	object	Number of bytes in the stream missed.
corrupt_iphex	object	Out of sequence bytes in the stream due to corruption.
streamed	bool	Was the analysis limited at least once.
parent_file	string	Container file ID this was extracted from.
modified	string	MD5/SHA1 hash of the file.
examined	string	Last element of examined files, if finished.
entropy	double	Information density of the file contents.
- pe.log | Portable Executable (PE)**:

FIELD	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
id	int	Current timestamp.
file	string	The final file path used to file the PE.
machine	string	The target machine that the file was compiled for.
compile_id	string	The process that the file was created in.
os	string	The measured operating system.
dependencies	string	The dependencies that are required for the file.
is_hex	bool	Is the file an executable or just an object?
is_hexd	bool	Is the file a valid hex dump?
is_hexd_hex	bool	Does the file contain hex dump layout?
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is_hexd_hexd_hex_hex_hex_hex	bool	Does the file contain hex dump layout?
section_start	string	The address of the sections, in order.

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Network Protocols

- conn - Network session tracking
 - Identified by session 4-tuple (originating IP:port, responding IP:port)
 - One session (line in a log file) for every IP connection
 - Unique identifier (UID) ties lines from other logs to a session
- http , modbus , ftp , dns, etc.
 - Protocol-specific log files created as traffic is seen
 - Contain application-layer metadata about network activities

Files

- files - File analysis results
 - Each transferred file identified with FUID
 - Associated with connection UID(s) over which file was transferred
 - File name, mime type, file size, etc. provided when available
- pe - Analysis of Portable Executable (PE) files
 - Target platform, architecture, OS, etc. for executables transferred across the network
- x509 - Analysis of X.509 public key certificates

Detection

- notice - Zeek concept of “alarms,” notices draw extra attention to an event
 - Conn::Content_Gap, DNS::External_Name, FTP::Bruteforcing, Heartbleed::SSL_Heartbeat_Attack, HTTP::SQL_Injection_Attacker, Scan::Address_Scan, Scan::Port_Scan, Software::Vulnerable_Version, SSH::Password_Guessing, SSL::Certificate_Expired, Weird::Activity, ...
 - <https://docs.zeek.org/en/stable/zeek-noticeindex.html>

Detection (cont.)

- weird - Unexpected network-level activity
 - > 150 weirdness indicators across many protocols
 - <https://docs.zeek.org/en/stable/scripts/base/frameworks/notice/weird.zeek.html#id1>
- signatures - Signature matches, including hits from enabled carved file scanners like ClamAV, YARA and capa

Network Observations

- Periodic dump of entities seen over the last day
 - known_certs - SSL certificates
 - known_devices - MAC addresses
 - known_hosts - Hosts with TCP handshakes
 - known_modbus - Modbus masters and slaves
 - known_services - Services (TCP “servers”)
 - software - Software being used on the network (e.g., Apache, OpenSSH, etc.)
 - Could be used for identifying vulnerable versions of software or firmware



Arkime

Strengths

- Large scale index packet capture and search tool
- Packet analysis engine with support for many common IT protocols
- Web interface for browsing, searching, analysis and PCAP carving for exporting
- PCAP payloads (not just session header/metadata) are viewable and searchable

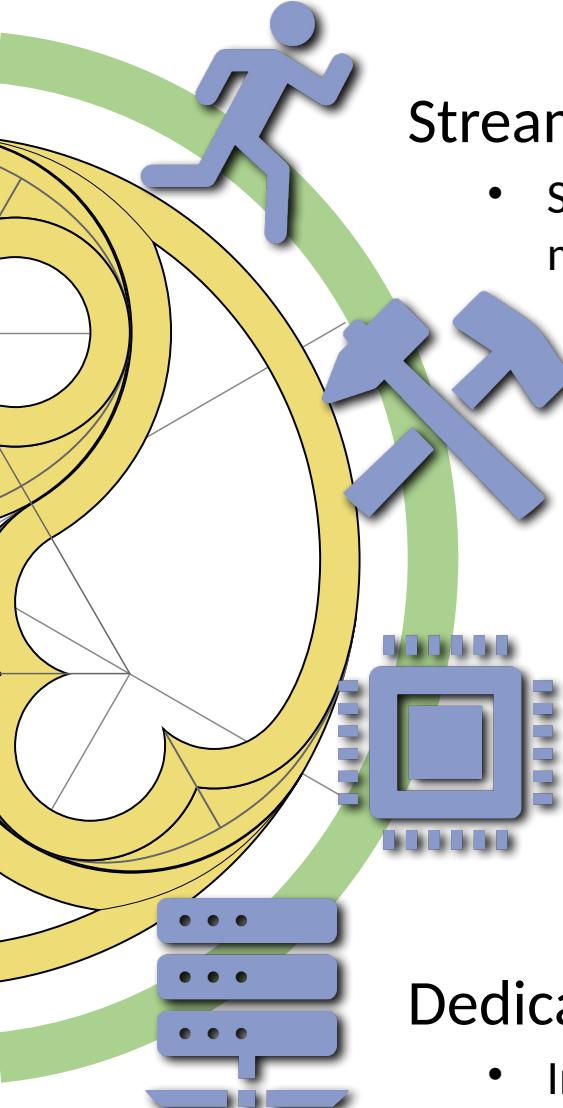
Weaknesses

- No OT protocol support
- Adding new protocol parsers requires C programming



A powerful open-source network traffic analysis tool suite.

<https://github.com/idaholab/Malcolm>



Streamlined deployment

- Suitable for field use (hunt or incident response) or SOC deployment. Runs in Docker on Linux, macOS and Windows platforms. Provides easy-to-use web-based user interfaces.

Industry-standard tools

- Uses Arkime and Zeek for network traffic capture, Logstash for parsing and enrichment, OpenSearch for indexing and Dashboards and Arkime Viewer for visualization. Also leverages OpenSearch Anomaly Detection, YARA, capa, ClamAV, CyberChef and other proven tools for analysis of traffic and artifacts.

Expanding control systems visibility

- Analyzes more protocols used in operational technology (OT) networks than other open-source or paid solutions. Ongoing development is focused on increasing the quantity and quality of industrial control systems (ICS) traffic.

Dedicated sensor appliance

- Includes Hedgehog Linux, a hardened Linux distribution for capturing network traffic and forwarding its metadata to Malcolm.

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Components

<https://github.com/idaholab/Malcolm/#Components>



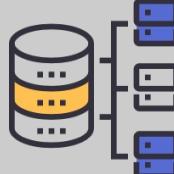
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File Scanning



Forwarding &
Enrichment



Storage



Anomaly
Detection



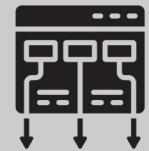
Alerting



Visualization



Payload
Analysis



Framework



zeek



yara



Arkime



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Alerting
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OpenSearch
Dashboards



CyberChef



docker



netsniff-ng



CAPA



logstash



TCPDUMP



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Arkime
session PCAP
export to
WIRESHARK



NGINX



Internet layer
Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)
Building Automation and Control (BACnet)
Bristol Standard Asynchronous Protocol (BSAP)
Distributed Computing Environment / Remote Procedure Calls (DCE/RPC)
Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)
Distributed Network Protocol 3 (DNP3)
Domain Name System (DNS)
EtherCAT
EtherNet/IP / Common Industrial Protocol (CIP)
FTP (File Transfer Protocol)
Google Quick UDP Internet Connections (gQUIC)
Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)
IPsec
Internet Relay Chat (IRC)
Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)
Kerberos
Modbus
MQ Telemetry Transport (MQTT)
MySQL
NT Lan Manager (NTLM)
Network Time Protocol (NTP)
Oracle

Supported Protocols

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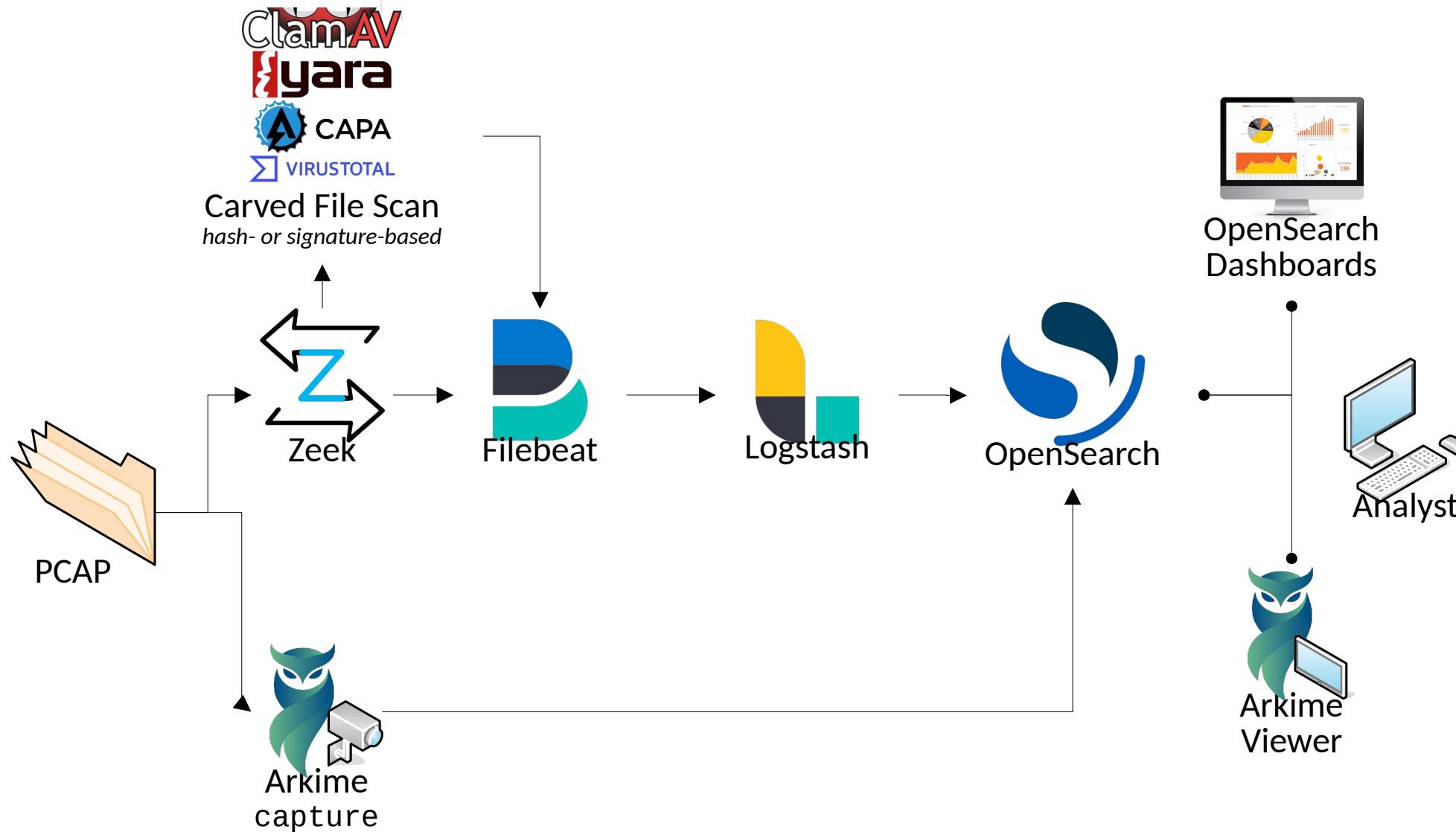
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Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)
OpenVPN
PostgreSQL
Process Field Net (PROFINET)
Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS)
Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)
Remote Framebuffer (RFB)
S7comm / Connection Oriented Transport Protocol (COTP)
Secure Shell (SSH)
Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) / Transport Layer Security (TLS)
Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)
Server Message Block (SMB) / Common Internet File System (CIFS)
Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)
Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)
SOCKS
STUN (Session Traversal Utilities for NAT)
Syslog
Tabular Data Stream (TDS)
Telnet / remote shell (rsh) / remote login (rlogin)
TFTP (Trivial File Transfer Protocol)
WireGuard
various tunnel protocols (e.g., GTP, GRE, Teredo, AYIYA, IP-in-IP, etc.)

* *Industrial control systems protocols indicated with bold*

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Data Pipeline

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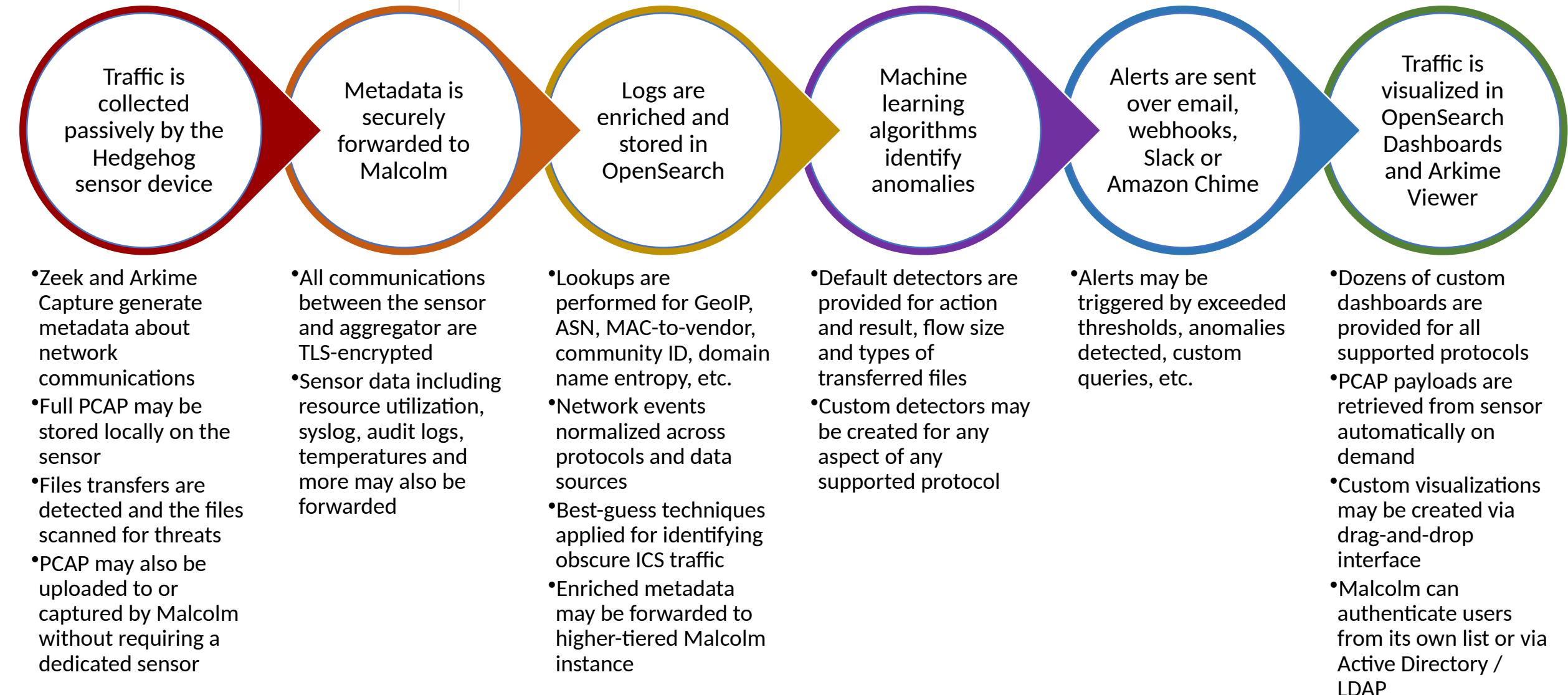


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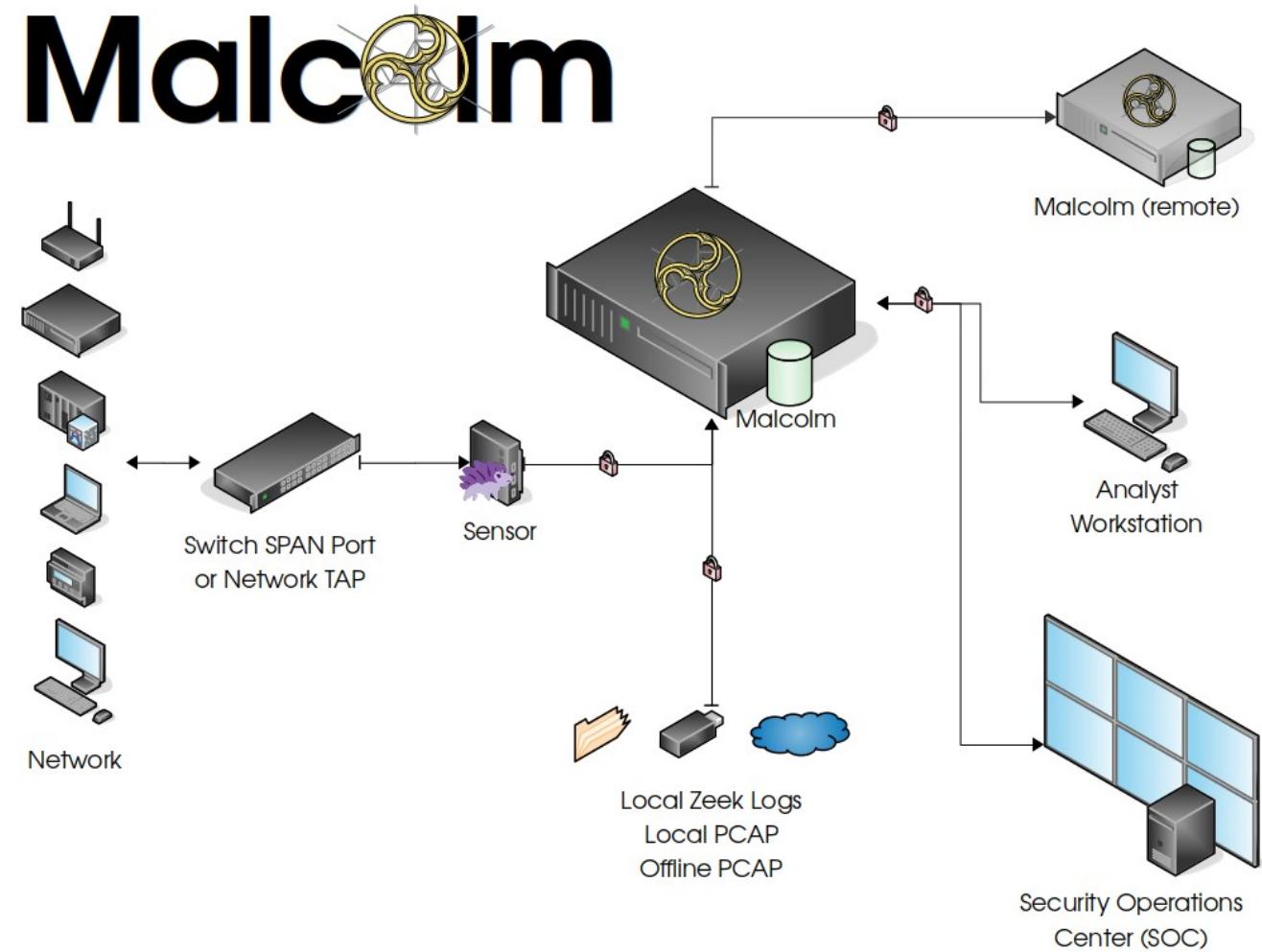
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Configuring and Running Malcolm

- Runs natively in Docker or in a Virtual Machine
- 16+GB RAM, 4+ cores, “enough” disk for PCAP and logs suggested
- Documentation and source code on GitHub:
github.com/idaholab/Malcolm
- Walkthroughs on [YouTube](#): search “Malcolm Network Traffic Analysis”



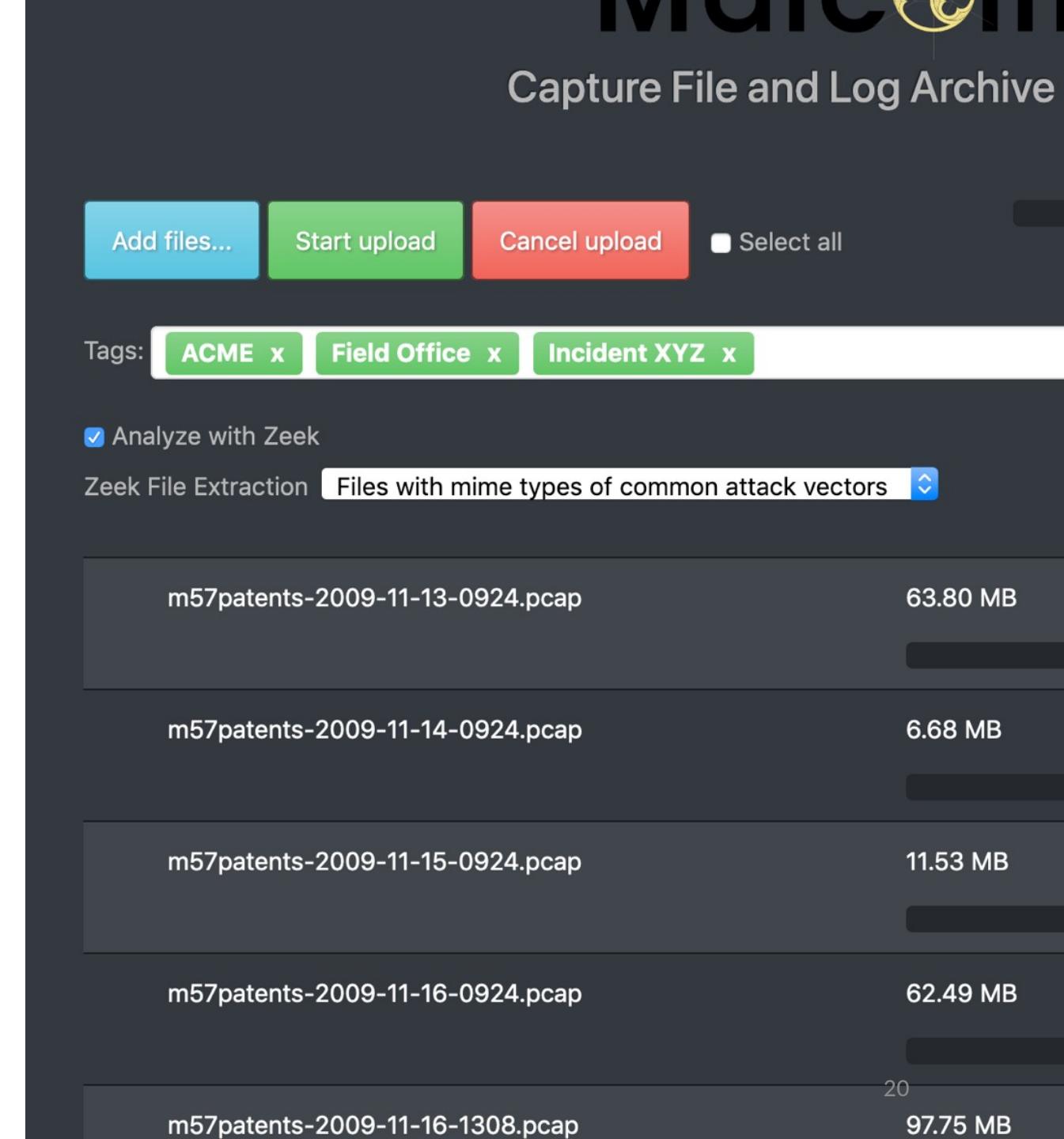
Identifying Network Hosts and Subnets

- Assign custom names to network hosts and subnets prior to PCAP import
- Allows identification of cross-segment traffic and name-based search and filter
- Define in text file(s) or via web interface
- <https://localhost/name-map-ui>

	Address	Name	Tag	Search mappings	
t	06:46:0b:a6:16:bf	serial-host.intranet.lan	testbed		
ent	10.0.0.0/8	corporate			
t	127.0.0.1	localhost			
t	127.0.1.1	localhost			
ent	172.16.0.0/12	virtualized	testbed		
t	192.168.10.10	office-laptop.intranet.lan			
ent	192.168.40.0/24	corporate			
ent	192.168.50.0/24	corporate			
ent	192.168.100.0/24	control			
ent	192.168.200.0/24	dmz			
t	::1	localhost			

Importing Traffic Captures for Analysis

- Specify tags for search and filter
- Enable Zeek analysis and file extraction
 - Or configure as global default
- Upload PCAP files or archived Zeek logs
 - pcapng not supported yet
- <https://localhost/upload>



Data Tagging and Enrichment



- Logstash enriches Zeek log data
 - MAC addresses to hardware vendor
 - GeoIP and ASN lookups
 - Internal/external traffic based on IP ranges
 - Reverse DNS lookups
 - DNS query and hostname entropy analysis
 - Connection fingerprinting (JA3 for TLS, HASSH for SSH, Community ID for flows)
- tags field
 - Populated for both Arkime sessions and Zeek logs with tags provided on upload and words extracted from PCAP filenames
 - `internal_source`,
`internal_destination`,
`external_source`,
`external_destination`,
`cross_segment`

OpenSearch Dashboards

- Front end for Zeek logs
- Prebuilt visualizations for all protocols Malcolm parses
- WYSIWYG editors to create custom visualizations and dashboards
- Drill down from high-level trends to specific items of interest
- <https://localhost/dashboards>

The screenshot shows the OpenSearch Dashboards interface with the 'Malcolm' dashboard selected. The top navigation bar includes 'Dashboard' and 'Security Overview'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Zeek Logs**: A sidebar with links to various log categories: General, Overview, Security Overview, ICS/IoT Security Overview, Severity, Connections, Actions and Results, Files, Executables, Software, Notices, Weird, Signatures, Intel Feeds, and Arkime.
- Common Protocols**: A list of network protocols: DCE/RPC, DHCP, DNS, FTP / TFTP, HTTP, IRC, Kerberos, LDAP, MQTT, MySQL, NTLM, NTP, OSPF, QUIC, RADIUS, RDP, RFB, SIP, SMB, SMTP, SNMP, SSH, SSL, X.509 Certificates, STUN, Syslog, TDS / TDS RPC / TDS SQL, Telnet / rlogin / rsh, and Tunnels.
- ICS/IoT Protocols**: A section listing Outdated/Insecure Application Protocols: Application Protocol (Protocol Version, Count). The data is as follows:

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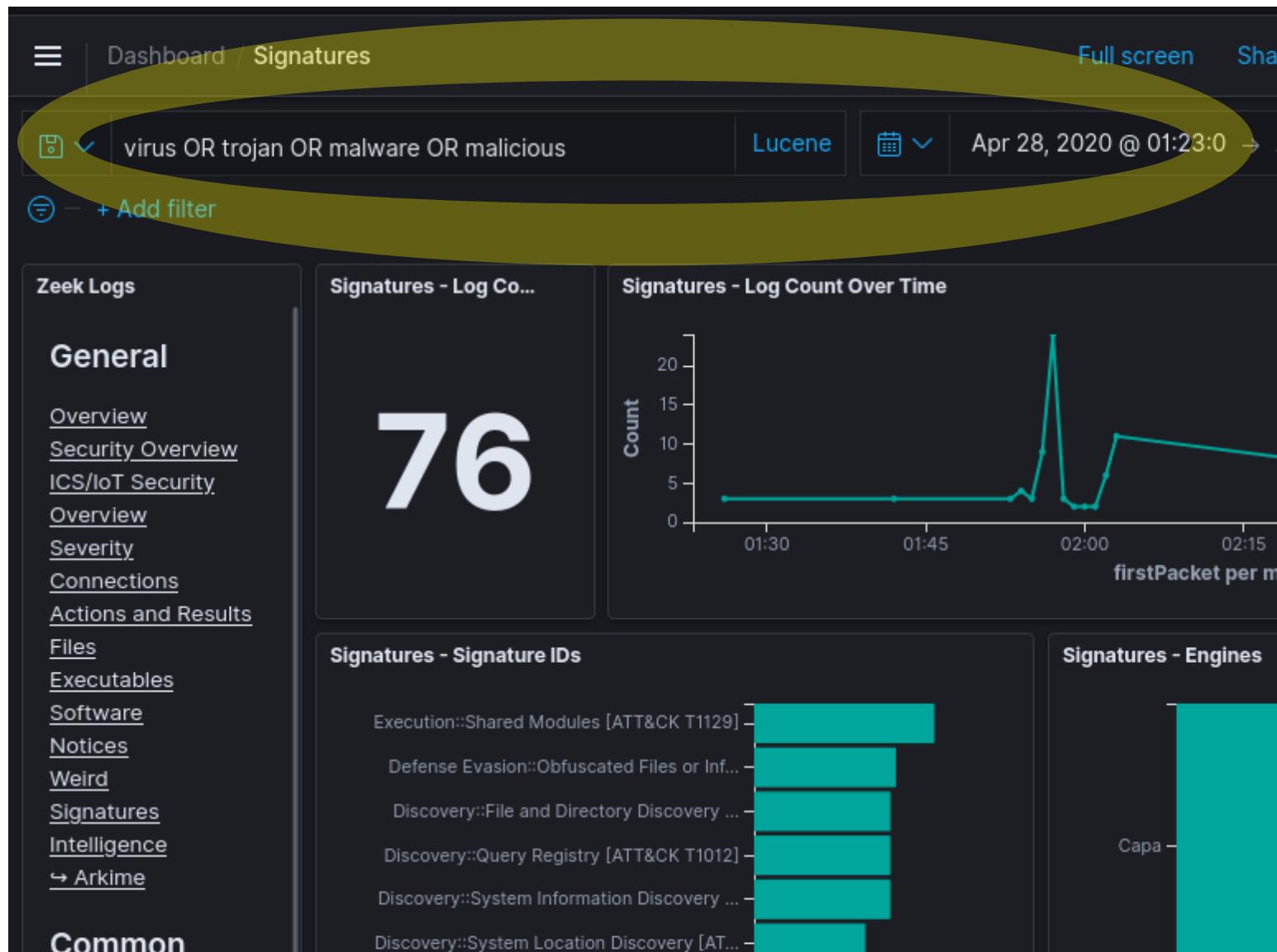
- Notices by Category**: A table showing the count of notices categorized by type. The data is as follows:

Notice Category	Count
SSL::Invalid_Server_Cert	50
ATTACK::Execution	27
ATTACK::Lateral_Movement	6
EternalSafety::EternalSynergy	5
ATTACK::Lateral_Movement_Multiple_Attempts	4
Signatures::Sensitive_Signature	4
ATTACK::Lateral_Movement_Extracted_File	2
EternalSafety::EternalChampion	2
EternalSafety::ViolationNtRename	2
EternalSafety::ViolationTx2Cmd	2
ATTACK::Discovery	1
EternalSafety::DoublePulsar	1
FTP::Bruteforcing	1
Ripple20::Treck_TCP_observed	1

- Connections by Destination Country**: A map visualization showing the distribution of connections by destination country.

Dashboards Filters and Search

- Time filter: define search time frame
- Query bar: write queries in Lucene syntax or DQL (Dashboards Query Language)
- Filter bar: define filters using a UI
 - Pin filters as you move across dashboards
- Save queries and filters for reuse



Overview Dashboards

- High-level view of trends, sessions and events
- Populated from logs across all protocols
- Good jumping-off place for investigation

The screenshot shows the Malcolm security dashboard. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the title "Malcolm" and a globe icon. Below it, a secondary navigation bar shows "Dashboard / Security Overview". On the left, a sidebar titled "Zeek Logs" lists various sections: General, Overview, Security Overview, ICS/IoT Security Overview, Severity, Connections, Actions and Results, Files, Executables, Software, Notices, Weird, Signatures, Intel Feeds, and Arkime. To the right, a large panel displays "Common Protocols" with icons for DCE/RPC, DHCP, DNS, FTP / TFTP, and others. A vertical sidebar on the far right is titled "Notices by Category" and lists several categories: SSL::Invalid_Server_Cert, ATTACK::Execution, ATTACK::Lateral_Movement, EternalSafety::EternalBlue, ATTACK::Lateral_Movement, Signatures::Sensitive, ATTACK::Lateral_Movement, EternalSafety::EternalBlue, EternalSafety::Violations, EternalSafety::Violations, ATTACK::Discovery, EternalSafety::Doubtful, and FTP::Bruteforcing.

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☰ Dashboard / Security Overview

Zeek Logs

General

[Overview](#)

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Common Protocols

DCE/RPC ● DHCP ● DNS ● FTP / TFTP ●

Notices by Category

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Notices

- Zeek notices are things that are odd or potentially bad
- In addition to Zeek's defaults, Malcolm raises notices for recent critical vulnerabilities and attack techniques

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Dashboard / Notices

Zeek Logs

General

- [Overview](#)
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Common Protocols

DCE/RPC ● DHCP ● DNS ● FTP / TFTP ●
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● RADIUS ● RDP ● RFB ● SIP ● SMB ●
SMTP ● SNMP ● SSH ● SSL / X.509
Certificates ● STUN ● Syslog ● TDS / TDS
RPC / TDS SQL ● Telnet / rlogin / rsh ●
Tunnels

ICS/IoT Protocols

BACnet ● BSAP ● DNP3 ● EtherCAT ●
EtherNet/IP ● Modbus ● PROFINET ●
S7comm ● Best Guess

Notices - Log Count

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Notices - Log Count Over Time

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Security & ICS/IoT Security Overviews

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Dashboard / Security Overview

Zeek Logs

General

- Overview
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Common Protocols

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Connections by Destination Country (region map)

Signatures - Signature IDs

Defense Evasion:Obfuscated Files or Inf... 50

Execution:Shared Modules [ATT&CK T1129] 27

Discovery:Query Registry [ATT&CK T1012] 6

Discovery:File and Directory Discovery ... 5

Collection:Clipboard Data [ATT&CK T115... 4

Discovery:System Information Discovery ... 4

Execution:Command and Scripting Interpr... 4

Execution:Command and Scripting Interpr... 2

Signatures:Sensitive_Signature 2

ATTACK:Lateral_Movement_Extracted_File 2

EternalSafety:EternalChampion 2

EternalSafety:ViolationNTRename 2

EternalSafety:ViolationTx2Cmd 2

ATTACK:Discovery 1

EternalSafety:DoublePulsar 1

FTP:Bruteforcing 1

Ripple20:Treck_TCP_observed 1

Clear-text Transmission of Passwords

Application Protocol	Username
ftp	anonymous
ftp	ind@psg420.com
http	Login
http	salesxfer
http	Unknown
ldap	xxxxxxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xxxx.net
ldap	cn=Administrator,cn=Users,dc=cloudshark-a,dc=example,dc=com
ldap	CN=xxxxxx,OU=Users,OU=Accounts,DC=xx,DC=xxx,DC=xxxxx,DC=r
ldap	CN=Tom,CN=Users,DC=cloudshark-a,DC=example,DC=com

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Dashboard / ICS/IoT Security Overview

Zeek Logs

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- TDS / TDS RPC / TDS SQL • Telnet / rlogin / rsh • Tunnels

ICS/IoT Log Counts

100,802 ethercat - Count

23,104 cip - Count

16,570 bacnet - Count

12,657 cptp - Count

10,924 s7comm - Count

6,514 modbus - Count

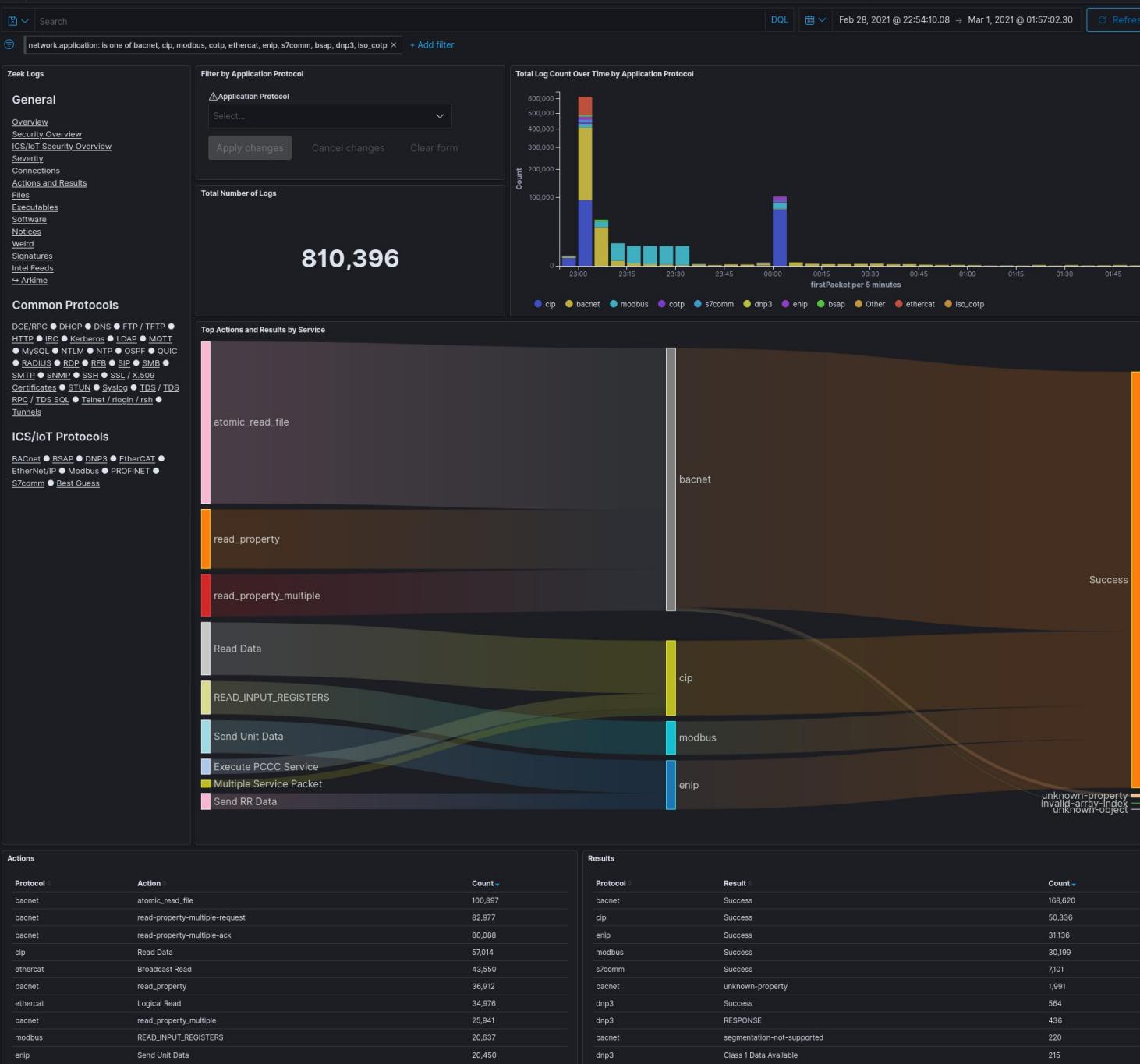
3,829 enip - Count

462 bsp - Count

ICS/IoT Traffic Over Time

ICS/IoT External Traffic

Protocol	Source IP	Source Country	Destination IP	Destination Country	Count
cptp	134.249.62.202	Ukraine	134.249.61.182	Ukraine	679
s7comm	134.249.62.202	Ukraine	134.249.61.182	Ukraine	411
modbus	118.189.96.132	Singapore	118.189.96.132	Singapore	32
modbus	192.168.66.235	-	166.161.16.230	United States	15
s7comm	134.249.62.206	Ukraine	134.249.61.163	Ukraine	5
s7comm	134.249.62.209	Ukraine	134.249.61.182	Ukraine	5



Actions and Results

- Malcolm normalizes “action” (e.g., write, read, create file, logon, logoff, etc.) and “result” (e.g., success, failure, access denied, not found) across protocols

Protocol Dashboards

- Highlight application-specific fields of interest
- Grouped by common IT protocols and ICS/IoT protocols
- ICS protocols
 - BACnet
 - BSAP
 - DNP3
 - EtherCAT
 - EtherNet/IP
 - Modbus
 - OPC UA Binary
 - PROFINET
 - S7comm

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Common Protocols

[DCE/RPC](#) ● [DHCP](#) ● [DNS](#) ● [FTP / TFTP](#) ●
[HTTP](#) ● [IRC](#) ● [Kerberos](#) ● [LDAP](#) ● [MQTT](#)
● [MySQL](#) ● [NTLM](#) ● [NTP](#) ● [OSPF](#) ● [QUIC](#)
● [RADIUS](#) ● [RDP](#) ● [RFB](#) ● [SIP](#) ● [SMB](#) ●
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ICS/IoT Protocols

[BACnet](#) ● [BSAP](#) ● [DNP3](#) ● [EtherCAT](#) ●
[EtherNet/IP](#) ● [Modbus](#) ● [PROFINET](#) ●
[S7comm](#) ● [Best Guess](#)

Discover

- Field-level details of logs matching filter criteria
- Create and view saved searches and column configurations
- View other events just before and after an event

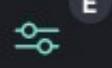


New Visualization

Filter



Area



Controls



Coordinate
Map



Data Table



Gantt Chart



Gauge



Goal



Heat Map



Horizontal Bar



Line



Markdown



Metric



Pie



Region Map



Sankey
Diagram



TSVB



Tag Cloud



Timeline



Vega



Vertical Bar

Custom Visualizations

- Create new visualizations from scratch or based on existing charts or dashboards

Search Syntax Comparison

	Arkime	Dashboards (Lucene)	Dashboards (DQL)
Field exists	zeek.logType == EXISTS!	_exists_:zeek.logType	zeek.logType:*
Field does not exist	zeek.logType != EXISTS!	NOT _exists_:zeek.logType	NOT zeek.logType:*
Field matches a value	port.dst == 22	dstPort:22	dstPort:22
Field does not match a value	port.dst != 22	NOT dstPort:22	NOT dstPort:22
Field matches at least one of a list of values	tags == [external_source, external_destination]	tags:(external_source OR external_destination)	tags:(external_source or external_destination)
Field range (inclusive)	http.statuscode >= 200 && http.statuscode <= 300	http.statuscode:[200 TO 300]	http.statuscode >= 200 and http.statuscode <= 300

Search Syntax Comparison (cont.)

	Arkime	Dashboards (Lucene)	Dashboards (DQL)
Field range (exclusive)	<code>http.statuscode > 200 && http.statuscode < 300</code>	<code>http.statuscode:{200 TO 300}</code>	<code>http.statuscode > 200 and http.statuscode < 300</code>
Field range (mixed exclusivity)	<code>http.statuscode >= 200 && http.statuscode < 300</code>	<code>http.statuscode:[200 TO 300}</code>	<code>http.statuscode >= 200 and http.statuscode < 300</code>
Match all search terms (AND)	<code>(tags == [external_source, external_destination]) && (http.statuscode == 401)</code>	<code>tags:(external_source OR external_destination) AND http.statuscode:401</code>	<code>tags:(external_source or external_destination) and http.statuscode:401</code>
Match any search terms (OR)	<code>(zeek_ftp.password == EXISTS!) (zeek_http.password == EXISTS!) (zeek.user == "anonymous")</code>	<code>_exists_:zeek_ftp.password OR _exists_:zeek_http.password OR zeek.user:"anonymous"</code>	<code>zeek_ftp.password:* or zeek_http.password:* or zeek.user:"anonymous"</code>

Search Syntax Comparison (cont.)

	Arkime	Dashboards (Lucene)	Dashboards (DQL)
Global string search (anywhere in the document)	all Arkime search expressions are field-based	microsoft	microsoft
Wildcards	host.dns == "*micro?oft*" (? for single character, * for any characters)	dns.host:*micro?oft* (? for single character, * for any characters)	dns.host:*micro*ft* (* for any characters)
Regex	host.http == /.*www\.f.*k\.com.*/	zeek_http.host:/.*www\.f.*k\.com.*/	Dashboards Query Language does not currently support regex
IPv4 values	ip == 0.0.0.0/0	srcIp:"0.0.0.0/0" OR dstIp:"0.0.0.0/0"	srcIp:"0.0.0.0/0" OR dstIp:"0.0.0.0/0"
IPv6 values	(ip.src == EXISTS! ip.dst == EXISTS!) && (ip != 0.0.0.0/0)	(_exists_:srcIp AND NOT srcIp:"0.0.0.0/0") OR (_exists_:dstIp AND NOT dstIp:"0.0.0.0/0")	(srcIp:* and not srcIp:"0.0.0.0/0") or (dstIp:* and not dstIp:"0.0.0.0/0")

Search Syntax Comparison (cont.)

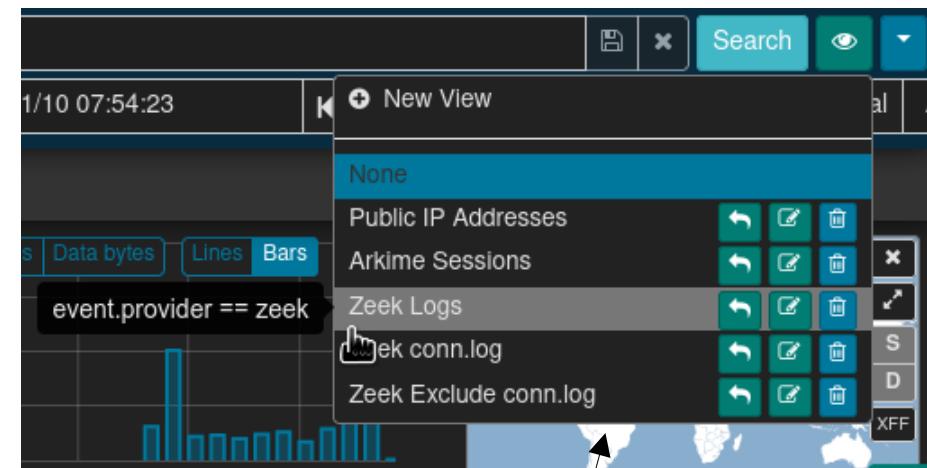
	Arkime	Dashboards (Lucene)	Dashboards (DQL)
GeolP information available	country == EXISTS!	_exists_:zeek.destination_geo OR _exists_:zeek.source_geo	zeek.destination_geo:* or zeek.source_geo:*
Zeek log type	zeek.logType == notice	zeek.logType:notice	zeek.logType:notice
IP CIDR Subnets	ip.src == 172.16.0.0/12	srcIp:"172.16.0.0/12"	srcIp:"172.16.0.0/12"
Search time frame	Use Arkime time bounding controls under the search bar	Use Dashboards time range controls in the upper right-hand corner	Use Dashboards time range controls in the upper right-hand corner
GeolP information available	country == EXISTS!	_exists_:zeek.destination_geo OR _exists_:zeek.source_geo	zeek.destination_geo:* or zeek.source_geo:*



- Front end for **both** enriched Zeek logs and Arkime sessions
 - Malcolm's custom Arkime Zeek data source adds full support for Zeek logs to Arkime, including ICS protocols
- Filter by Zeek logs or Arkime sessions; or, view both together
- “Wireshark at scale”: full PCAP availability for
 - viewing packet payload
 - exporting filtered and joined PCAP sessions
 - running deep-packet searches
- <https://localhost>

Arkime Filters and Search

- Time filter: define search time frame
- Map filter: restrict results to geolocation
- Query bar: write queries in Arkime syntax
- Views: overlay previously-specified filters on current search



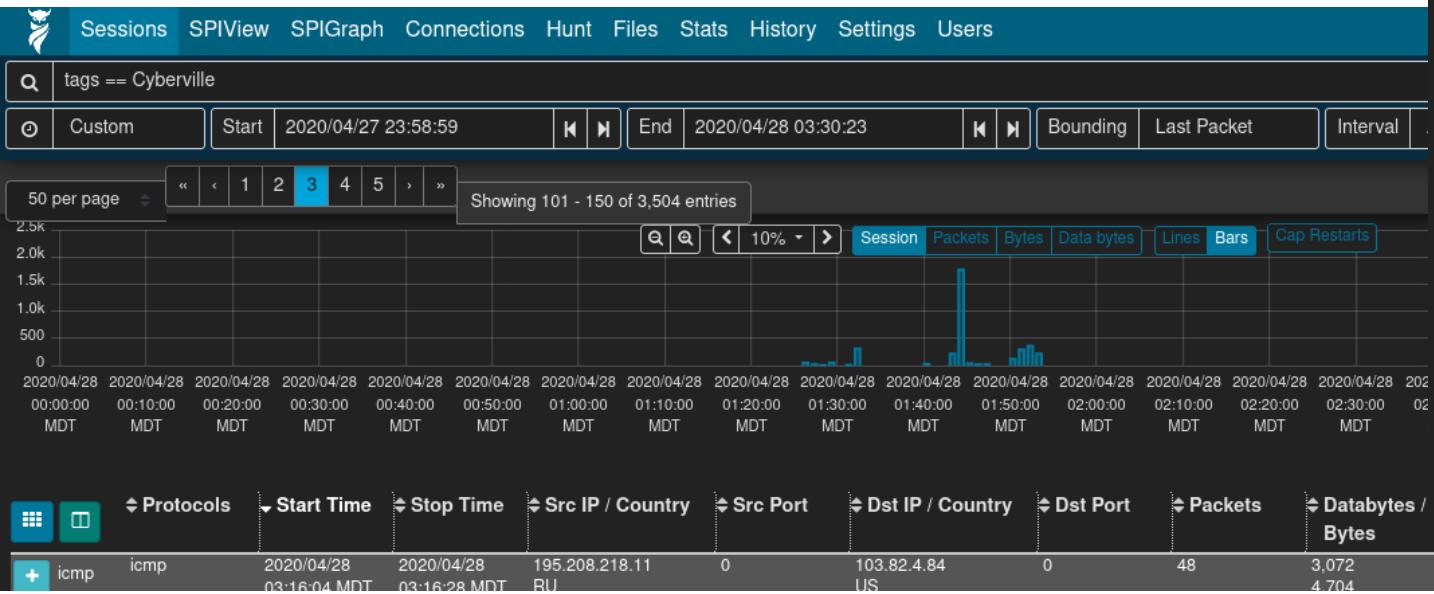
The Arkime interface is shown with the following components:

- Top Bar:** Sessions, SPIView, SPIGraph, Connections, Hunt, Files, Stats, History, Settings, Users.
- Search Bar:** Contains the query "tags == Cyberville".
- Time Filter:** Set to "Custom" from "Start" (2020/04/27 23:58:59) to "End" (2020/04/28 03:30:23).
- Timeline:** Shows a histogram of packet counts over time, with a single sharp peak around 2020/04/28 01:40:00 MDT.
- Map:** A world map showing the location of the "Cyberville" tag.
- Session List:** A table showing two sessions:

Protocol	Start Time	Stop Time	Src IP / Country	Src Port	Dst IP / Country	Dst Port	Packets	Databytes / Bytes	Tags
icmp	2020/04/28 03:16:04 MDT	2020/04/28 03:16:28 MDT	195.208.218.11 RU	0	103.82.4.84 US	0	48	3,072 4,704	Cyberville
icmp	2020/04/28 03:16:04 MDT	2020/04/28 03:16:28 MDT	195.208.218.11 RU	8	103.82.4.84 US	0	48	2,688 4,032	Cyberville external_source external_destination

Sessions

- Field-level details of sessions/logs matching filters
- Similar to Dashboards' Discover



The screenshot shows the Sessions interface with the following details:

- Navigation Bar:** Sessions, SPIView, SPIGraph, Connections, Hunt, Files, Stats, History, Settings, Users.
- Search Bar:** protocols == http && tags == external_destination
- Filter Bar:** Custom, Start: 2020/11/11 06:23:48, End: 2021/05/30 06:00:53.
- Table Headers:** Log Type, Malcolm Data Source, Malcolm Node, Originating Host, Originating GeoIP Country, Originating GeoIP City, Responding Host, Responding GeoIP Country, Responding GeoIP City, Originating Port, Responding Port, Related IP, Protocol, Service, Service Version, Action, Result, Severity, Risk Score, Severity Tags, File Magic.
- Table Data:** Showing 1 - 50 of 12,150 entries.
- Log Entries:**
 - Log Type: http
 - Malcolm Data Source: zeek
 - Malcolm Node: filebeat
 - Originating Host: 217.226.31.170
 - Originating GeoIP Country: Germany
 - Originating GeoIP City: Bremen
 - Responding Host: 124.106.97.191
 - Responding GeoIP Country: Philippines
 - Responding GeoIP City: Santa Elena
 - Originating Port: 4230
 - Responding Port: 80
 - Related IP: 217.226.31.170 124.106.97.191
 - Protocol: tcp
 - Service: http
 - Service Version: 1.1
 - Action: GET
 - Result: Bad Gateway
 - Severity: 20
 - Risk Score: 20
 - Severity Tags: External traffic
 - File Magic: text/html

Zeek http.log

The screenshot shows the Zeek http.log interface with the following details:

- Navigation Bar:** Sessions, SPIView, SPIGraph, Connections, Hunt, Files, Stats, History, Settings, Users.
- Filter Bar:** Pipeline Depth: 1, Request Method: GET, URI: /_vti_bin/.../winnt/system32/cmd.exe?/c+dir+x:\c+dir+x:\c+dir+x:\, Version: 1.1.

Packet Payloads

- Displayed for Arkime sessions with full PCAP (i.e., not Zeek logs)
- File carving on the fly
- Download session PCAP
- Examine payload with CyberChef

Source

```
GET /PostExploitation/PCAnyPass.exe HTTP/1.1
Accept: text/html, application/xhtml+xml, /*
Referer: http://10.10.10.11/PostExploitation/
Accept-Language: en-US
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 9.0; Windows NT 6.1; Trident/5.0)
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Host: 10.10.10.11
Connection: Keep-Alive
```

Destination

```
HTTP/1.0 200 OK
Server: SimpleHTTP/0.6 Python/2.7.17
Date: Fri, 17 Apr 2020 19:21:32 GMT
Content-type: application/x-msdos-program
Content-Length: 49152
Last-Modified: Fri, 16 Apr 2010 19:09:50 GMT
```

[PCAnyPass.exe](#)

Export PCAP

- Creates a new PCAP file from filtered sessions
- Include open, visible or all matching sessions
- Apply “Arkime Sessions” view to sessions first
- Narrow as much as possible prior to exporting (huge PCAP files are a pain)

The screenshot shows the Arkime interface with the following details:

- Top Navigation:** Sessions, SPIView, SPIGraph, Connections, Hunt, Files, Stats, History, Settings, Users.
- Search Bar:** country != US && protocols == http
- Filter Bar:** Custom, Start: 2021/02/28 23:59:11, End: 2021/03/01 00:28:26, Bounding, Last Packet, Interval: Auto, Duration: 00:29:15.
- Session View Buttons:** Open Items, Visible Items, Matching Items, Include: same time period, linked segments (slow), Filename: US_HTTP.pcap.
- Export Button:** Export PCAP.
- Timeline Chart:** Shows packet counts over time from 2021/03/01 00:00:00 to 2021/03/01 00:28:00. A zoom control shows 10%.
- World Map:** Displays traffic distribution across continents.
- Bottom Filter Bar:** Protocols: tcp, http; Start Time: 2021/03/01; Stop Time: 2021/03/01; Src IP / Country: 10.0.52.164; Src Port: 2550; Dst IP / Country: 61.8.0.17; Dst Port: 80; Packets: 7,195; Databytes / Bytes: 5,160,414; Tags: HTTP, out-of-order-dst; Info: URI: mirror.pacific.net.au/openoffice/stable/2.0.0/OOo_2.0.0_Win32Intel_install.exe.

SPIView

- Explore “top n ” and field cardinality for all fields of both Arkime sessions and Zeek logs
- Apply filters or pivot to Sessions or SPIGraph view for field values of interest
- Limit search to ≤ 1 week before using (it runs many queries)



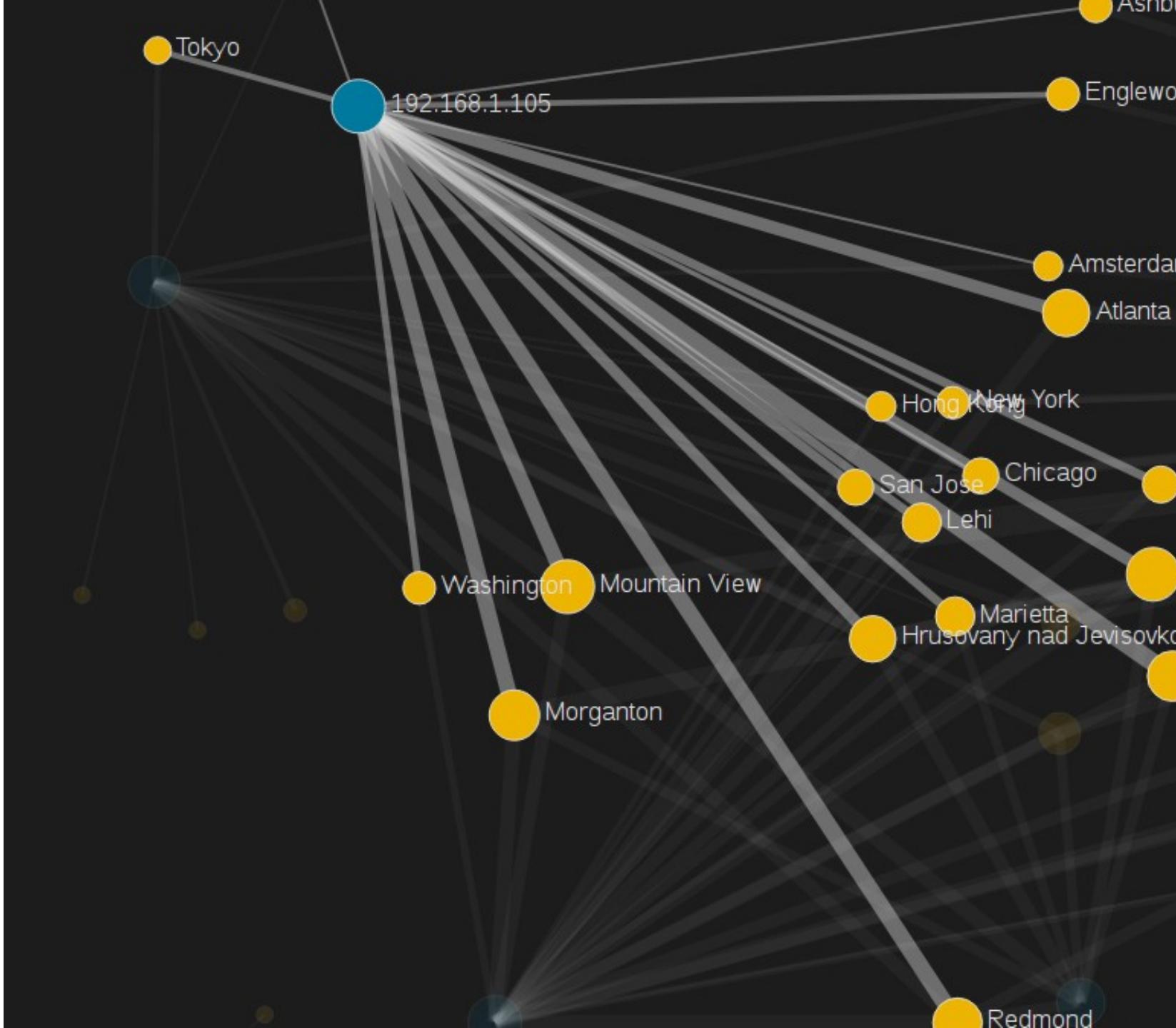
SPIGraph

- View “top n ” field values chronologically and geographically
- Identify trends and patterns in network traffic



Connections

- Visualize logical relationship between hosts
- Use any combination of fields for source and destination nodes
- Compare current vs. previous (baseline) traffic



Packet Search (“Hunt”)

- Deep-packet search (“PCAP grep”) of session payloads
- Search for ASCII, hex codes or regular expression matches
- Apply “Arkime Sessions” view to sessions first

Sessions SPIView SPIGraph Connections Hunt Files Stats History Settings Users v3.1.1 ? ! 🔍

protocols == http Arkime Sessions

All (careful) Start 1969/12/31 17:00:00 End 2021/12/06 12:10:02 Bounding Last Packet

Creating a new packet search job will search the packets of 2,906 sessions. Create a packet search job

Hunt Job History

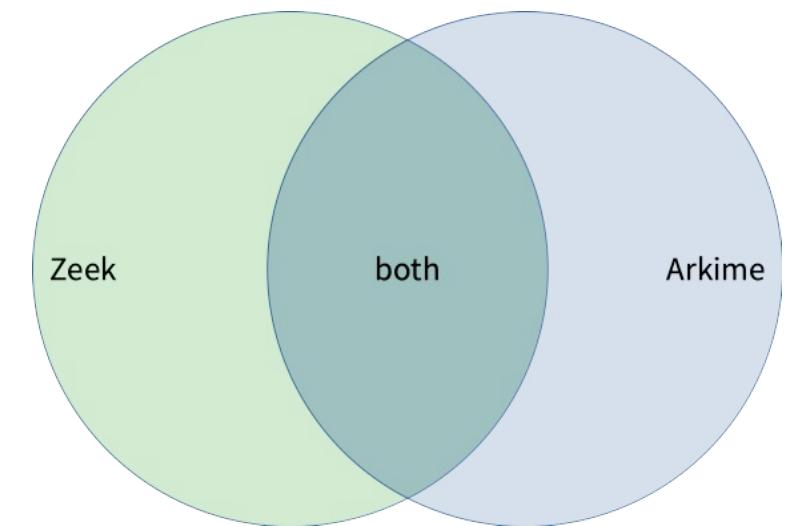
Search your packet search job history 50 per page 1 Showing 1 - 1 of 1 entries

Status	Matches	Name	User	Search text	Notify	Created	ID
✓ 100%	141	HTTP with password		password (ascii)		2021/12/06 12:12:27 MST	s5YpkX0BTA40FhD4X7dA

This hunt is finished
Found 141 sessions matching password (ascii) of 2,908 sessions searched
Created: 2021/12/06 12:12:27 MST
Last Updated: 2021/12/06 12:12:32 MST
Examining 500 raw source and destination packets per session
The sessions query expression was: protocols == http
The sessions query view was: Arkime Sessions
The sessions query time range was from 1969/12/31 17:00:00 MST to 2021/12/06 12:10:02 MST

Data Source Correlation

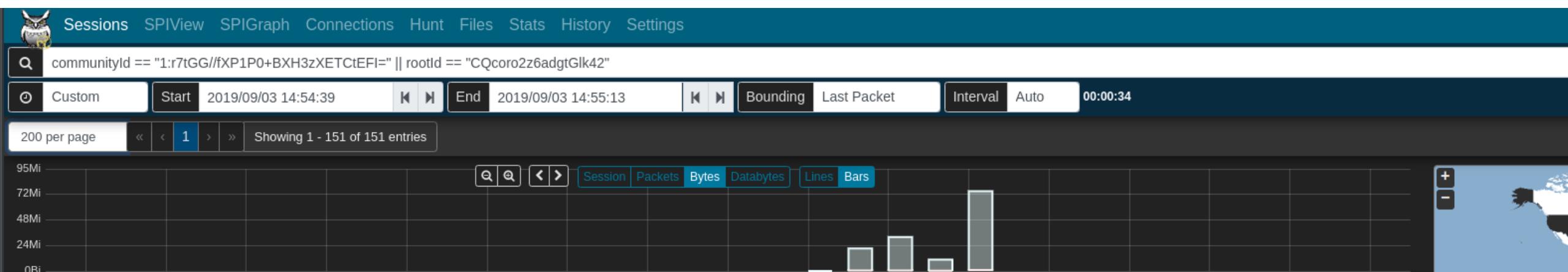
- Search syntax is different between Arkime and Dashboards (and in some cases, so are field names)
 - See search syntax comparison table, Malcolm and Arkime docs
- Despite considerable overlap, there are differences in protocol parser support between Zeek and Arkime
 - Learning the strengths of each will help you more effectively find the good stuff



Correlate Zeek Logs and Packet Payloads

- Correlate Zeek logs and Arkime sessions using common fields
- communityId fingerprints flows in both and can bridge the two
- rootId / zeek.uid filters Zeek logs for the same session
- Filter community ID OR'ed with Zeek UID to see all Arkime sessions and Zeek logs for the same traffic

```
communityId == "1:r7tGG//fXP1P0+BXH3zXETCtEFI=" || rootId == "CQcoro2z6adgtGlk42"
```



File Analysis



- Zeek can “carve” file transfers from common protocols
- Malcolm can examine carved files and flag hits
 - ClamAV - open source antivirus engine
 - YARA - pattern matching swiss army knife
 - Capa - portable executable capabilities analyzer
 - VirusTotal - online database of file hashes
 - requires API token and internet connection
- Triggering files can be saved to
`zeek-logs/extract_files` under Malcolm
directory for further analysis
 - Be careful! Carved files may contain live malware!



Signatures

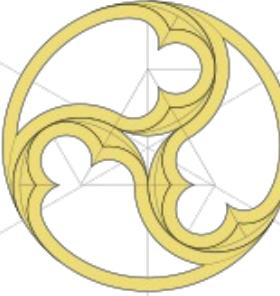
- Signatures dashboard in Dashboards shows scanned file hits
- Use `zeek.fuid` field in *Signatures - Logs* table to pivot to connection UID (`zeek.uid`) and other logs with pertinent session details



Search Tips

- Always check your search time frame
- “Zoom in” (apply filters) for a particular field value, pivot to another field then “zoom out” (remove filters)
- Most UI controls can work with any data field (1000+)
- Filter on `zeek.logType` (e.g., `conn` to see `conn.log`)
- Filter on `protocol` or both Arkime and Zeek regardless of data source (e.g., `protocol:http` in Dashboards and `protocols == http` in Arkime)
- Use tags

Malcolm



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