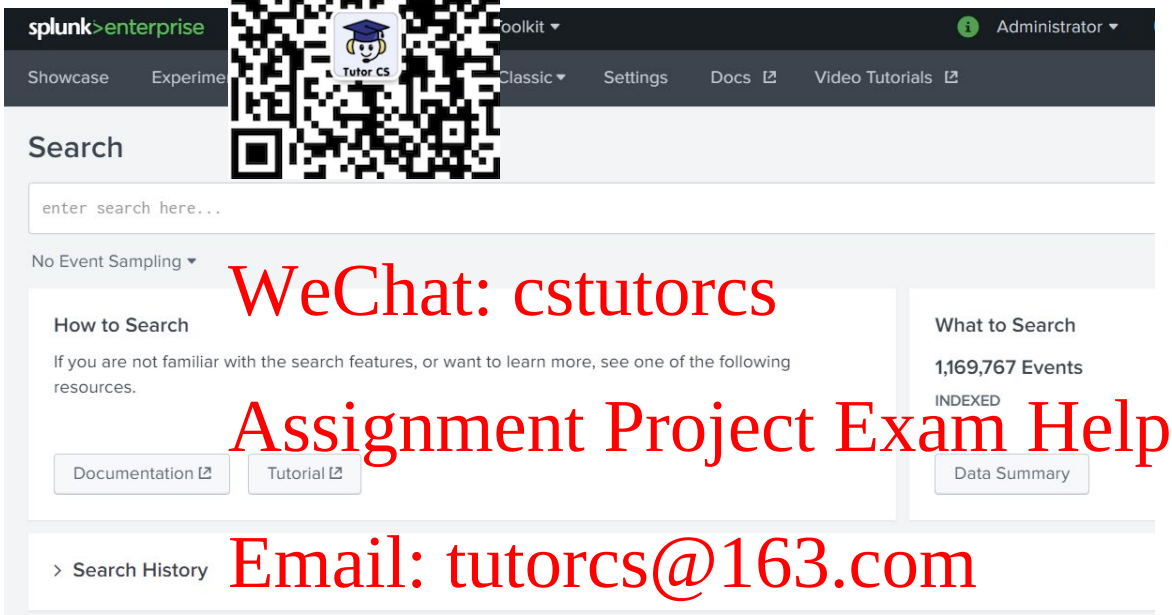
Step 0: Where to put my data (CSV) files?


```
$SPLUNK_HOME\etc\apps\Splunk_ML_Toolkit\lookups
```

Step 1: Load the file into MLTK

Go to App: **Splunk** **kit** -> **Search**

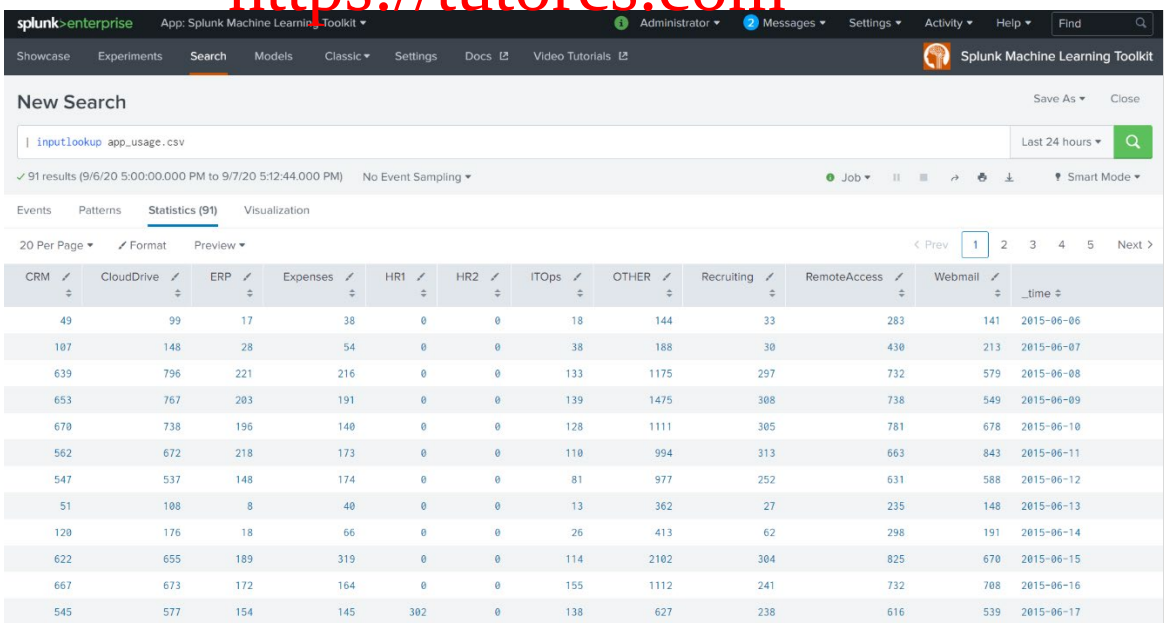


Then type-in the following command to load the file <app_usage.csv> (included in MLTK):

```
| inputlookup app_usage.csv    // load the file <app_usage.csv> into MLTK
```

Note: The bar (|) is necessary to add before the command!

Then you can inspect all contents in the <app_usage.csv>.



Step 2: Apply preprocessing steps

In this example, we apply `StandardScaler` to the 4 features (aka. columns, fields, etc.) in <app_usage.csv>: "CloudDrive", "Recruiting", "RemoteAccess", "Webmail". Also, we would like to make the final scaled features to fall under $N(0, 1)$ [Normal distribution with $\mu = 0$, $\sigma^2 = 1$].

Command: (attach , separated by bars "|")

```
| fit StandardS "Recruiting", "RemoteAccess", "Webmail"
with_mean=true \ / apply preprocessing steps
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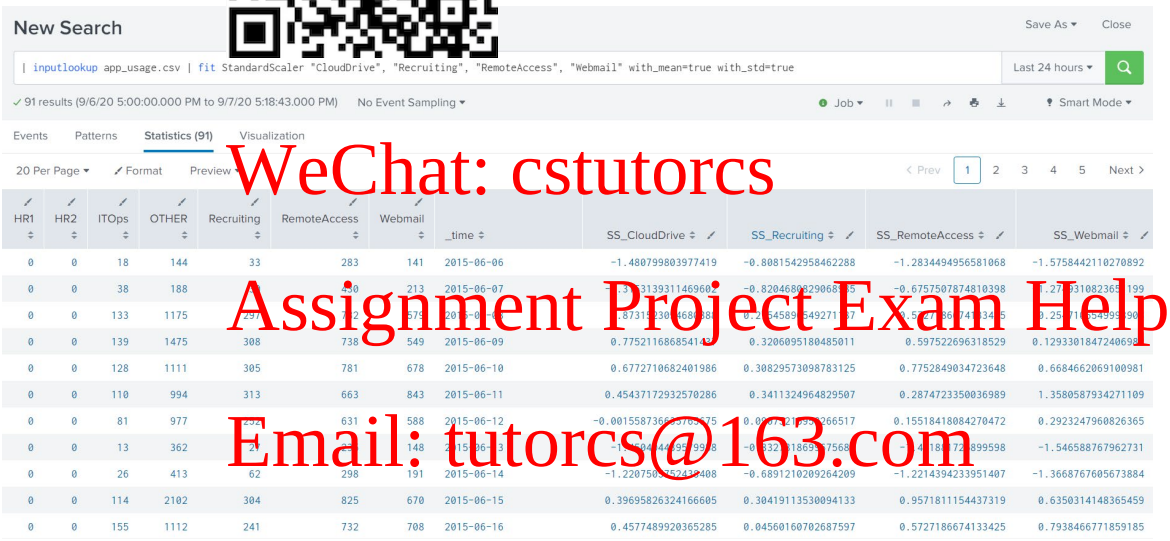


After preprocessing, the processed fields will have "SS_" as the prefix.

Here `with_mean=true with_std=true` makes the final scaled features to fall under $N(0, 1)$ [Normal distribution with $\mu = 0$, $\sigma^2 = 1$].

https://docs.splunk.com/Documentation/MLApp/5.2.0/User/Preprocessing

The top 5 commonly applied preprocessing methods/functions are:

1. FieldSelector
   https://docs.splunk.com/Documentation/MLApp/latest/User/Algorithms#FieldSelector
2. KernelPCA
   https://docs.splunk.com/Documentation/MLApp/latest/User/Algorithms#KernelPCA
3. PCA
   https://docs.splunk.com/Documentation/MLApp/latest/User/Algorithms#PCA
4. StandardScaler
   https://docs.splunk.com/Documentation/MLApp/latest/User/Algorithms#StandardScaler
5. TFIDF
   https://docs.splunk.com/Documentation/MLApp/latest/User/Algorithms#TFIDF

Step 3: Apply clustering algorithm

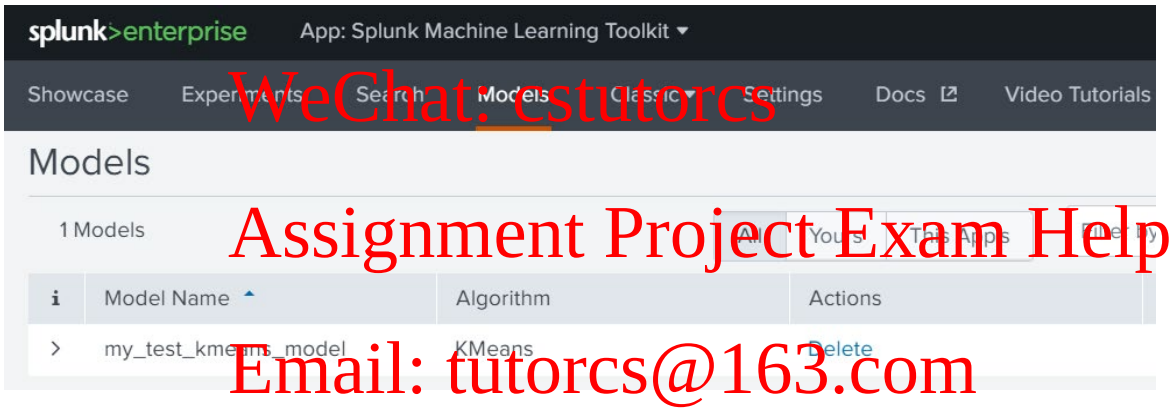
In this example, we apply KMeans to cluster those 4 features: "CloudDrive", "Recruiting", "RemoteAccess", "Webmail". In this case, we choose k=3 as the parameter.

Command: (attach commands, separated by bars "|")

```
| fit KMeans k=3 "SS_CloudDrive" "SS_Recruiting" "SS_RemoteAccess"
"SS_Webmail" into "my_test_kmeans_model"      // train the KMeans model
```

Then, after the trai , you will see the model "my_test_kmeans_model" in:

App: **Splunk Machi Models**



Step 4: Evaluate and visualize the result

When the KMeans model training is finished, we can apply the model to yield the cluster information and visualize them. Overall, the full SPL command will be:

```
| inputlookup app_usage.csv
| fit StandardScaler "CloudDrive", "Recruiting", "RemoteAccess", "Webmail"
with_mean=true with_std=true
| apply "my_test_kmeans_model"
| eval cluster= "Cluster: " + cluster
| table cluster, "SS_CloudDrive", "SS_Recruiting", "SS_RemoteAccess",
"SS_Webmail"        // display the selected variables
```

Optionally, in preprocessing (Step 2), you can use

```
| fit StandardScaler "CloudDrive", "Recruiting", "RemoteAccess", "Webmail"
with_mean=true with_std=true into "app_usage_SS"
```

Then, replace the second command by:

```
| apply "app_usage_SS"
```

The result will be:

Here, we have 16 plots with field-field information showing all 3 clusters.

Note: In DBSCAN, Cluster -1 contains all the outliers (aka. anomalies).