Roll Your Own SIEM

ELK, Python, and Pattern Recognition
For Fun and Profit

TASK June 2015

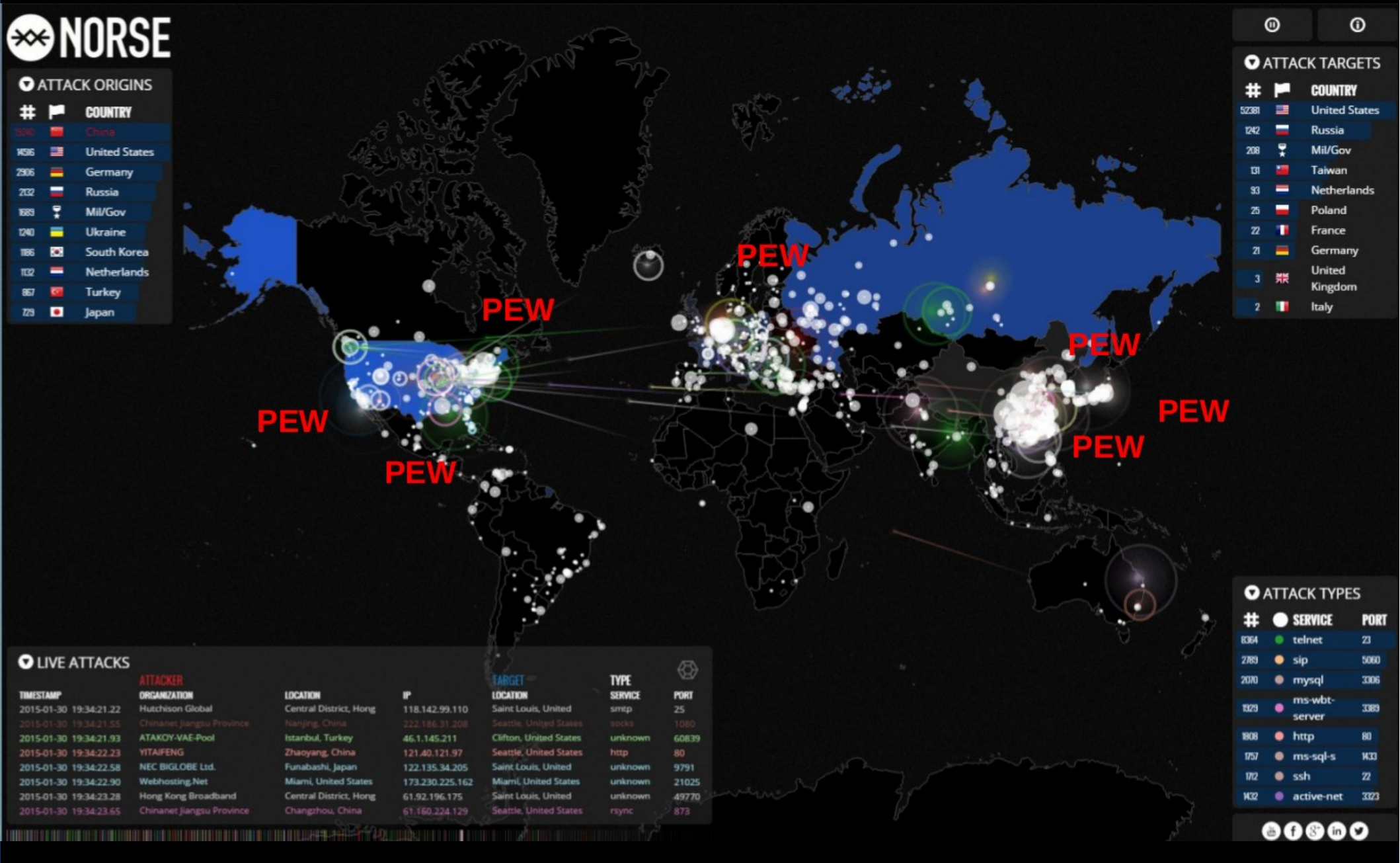
whoami

- my first PC was a VIC 20 (nobody could ever need more than 5k amiright?)

- current status: racking servers and scripting things at an awesome local ISP

- this talk is based around a project I did for my Ryerson compsec course, this field is new to me, so jump in – having a discussion around ML would be great since I'm primarily here to learn from you

So, This Is Happening



Blue Team – Traditional IDS

Signature based IDS has served for some time, but suffers from many problems – including collision attacks

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> And while most have already moved away from MD5, there is still a notable group that heavily uses this obsolete algorithm: **security vendors.** It seems that MD5 became the de-facto standard of fingerprinting malware samples and the industry doesn't seem to be willing to move away from this practice. Our friend Zoltán Balázs collected a surprisingly long list of security vendors using MD5, including the biggest names of the field.
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> The list includes for example Kaspersky, the discoverer of Flame who just recently reminded us that MD5 is dead, but just a few weeks earlier released a report including MD5 fingerprints only – ironically even the malware they analysed uses SHA-1 internally…

"Poisonous MD5 – Wolves Among the Sheep"
blog.silentsignal.eu

Insight?

Latest events

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Level: 2 - **Unknown problem somewhere in the system.** **2015 Feb 02 11:47:46**
Rule Id: 1002
Location: (syslog01) [illegible]->/mnt/logs/smtp-auth05/mail.log.2015.02.02

Level: 5 - **Recipient domain is not found (450: Requested mail action not taken).** **2015 Feb 02 11:47:42**
Rule Id: 3303
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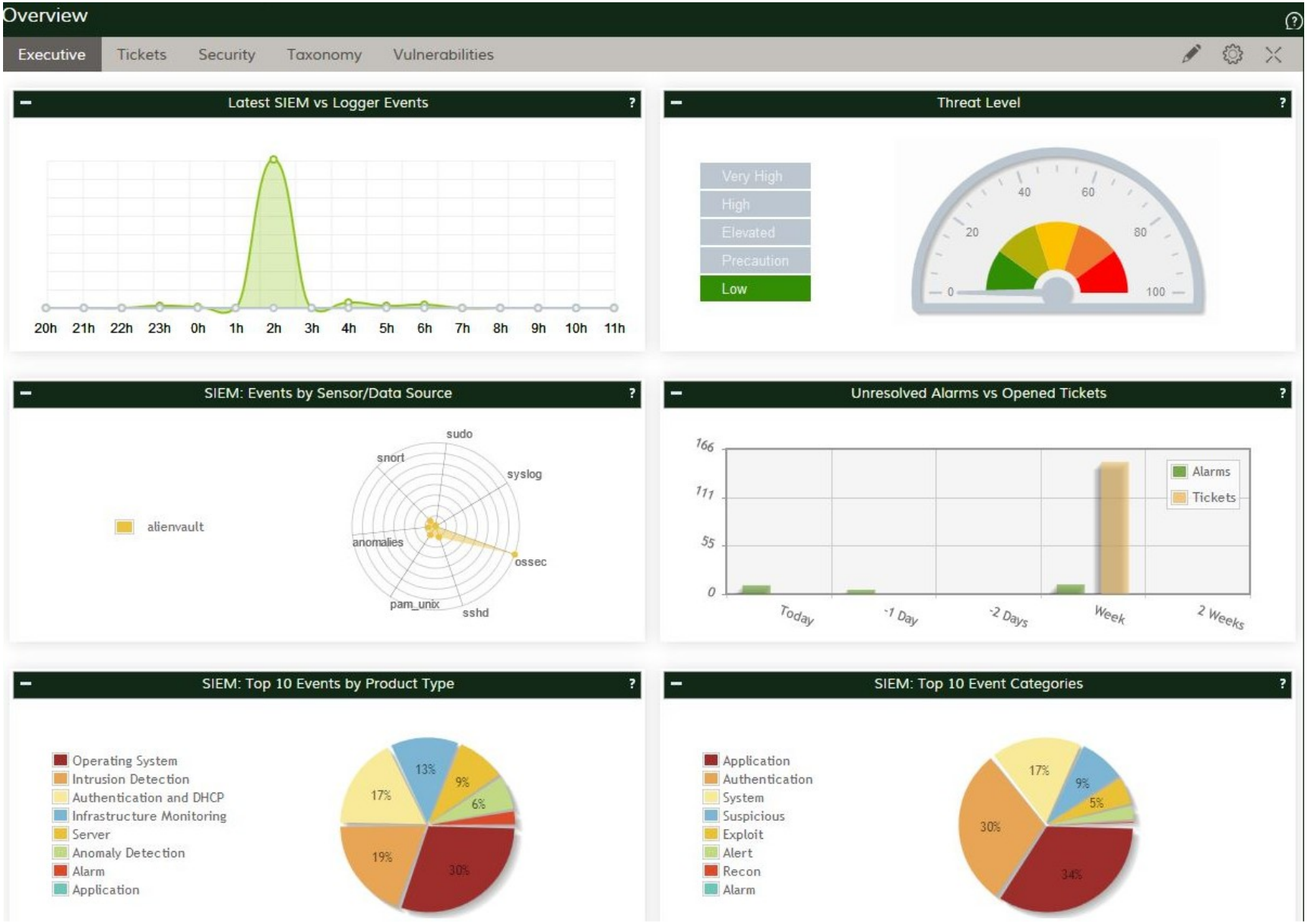
Overview
Executive
Tickets
Security
Taxonomy
Vulnerabilities
Latest SIEM vs Logger Events
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Threat Level
Very High
High
Elevated
Precaution
Low
0 20 40 60 80 100
SIEM: Events by Sensor/Data Source
alienvault
sudo
snort
syslog
anomalies
ossec
pam_unix
sshd
Unresolved Alarms vs Opened Tickets
166
111
55
0
Alarms
Tickets
Today
-1 Day
-2 Days
Week
2 Weeks
SIEM: Top 10 Events by Product Type
Operating System
Intrusion Detection
Authentication and DHCP
Infrastructure Monitoring
Server
Anomaly Detection
Alarm
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Let's Make Our Own

But designing SIEM is not trivial, there are two problems to solve here

- Getting relevant intrusion information
  - Analysts overwhelmed by IDS alerting, false positives
- Presenting it in a useful way
  - Stock visualizations are full of **“chart junk”**, seldom match the way people process information or the context of your network
  - Always start with a question: What problem are you solving?

Dashboards: First Principles

Information Design – Tufte, Few – The practice of presenting information in a way that fosters efficient and effective understanding of it – Wikipedia

"...working memory is limited to three or four simultaneous chunks of information at a time"

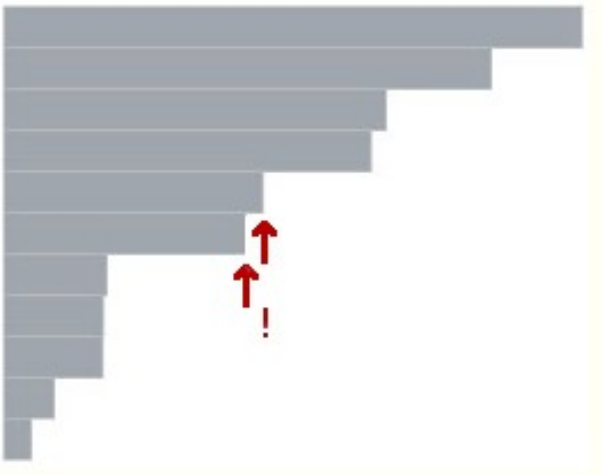
– Stephen Few
(Why Do We Visualize Quantitative Data?, http://www.perceptualedge.com/blog/?p=1897)

Design: Pie Charts Are Evil

Things people are bad at (not exhaustive)

- Estimating 2D areas

<- compare ->



- Holding lists in working memory

Less is More: The Crow Epistemology

Quick, how many dots?

How about here?

ELK Stack – Open Source and Flexible

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elastic{search} GO

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- Intuitive interface for a variety of users
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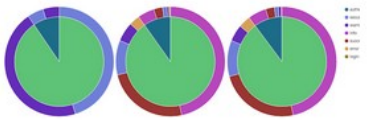
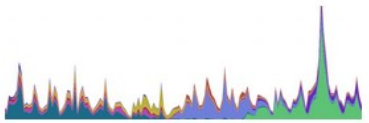


Seamless Integration with Elasticsearch

Architected to work with Elasticsearch, Kibana gives shape to any kind of data — structured and unstructured — indexed into Elasticsearch. It also benefits from Elasticsearch's powerful search and analytics capabilities.



Give Shape to Your Data

To better understand large volumes of data, easily create bar charts, line and scatter plots, histograms, pie charts, and maps.

KIBANA

Visualization front end (JS)

ELASTICSEARCH

LOGSTASH

Parses, stores logs, runs on JVM

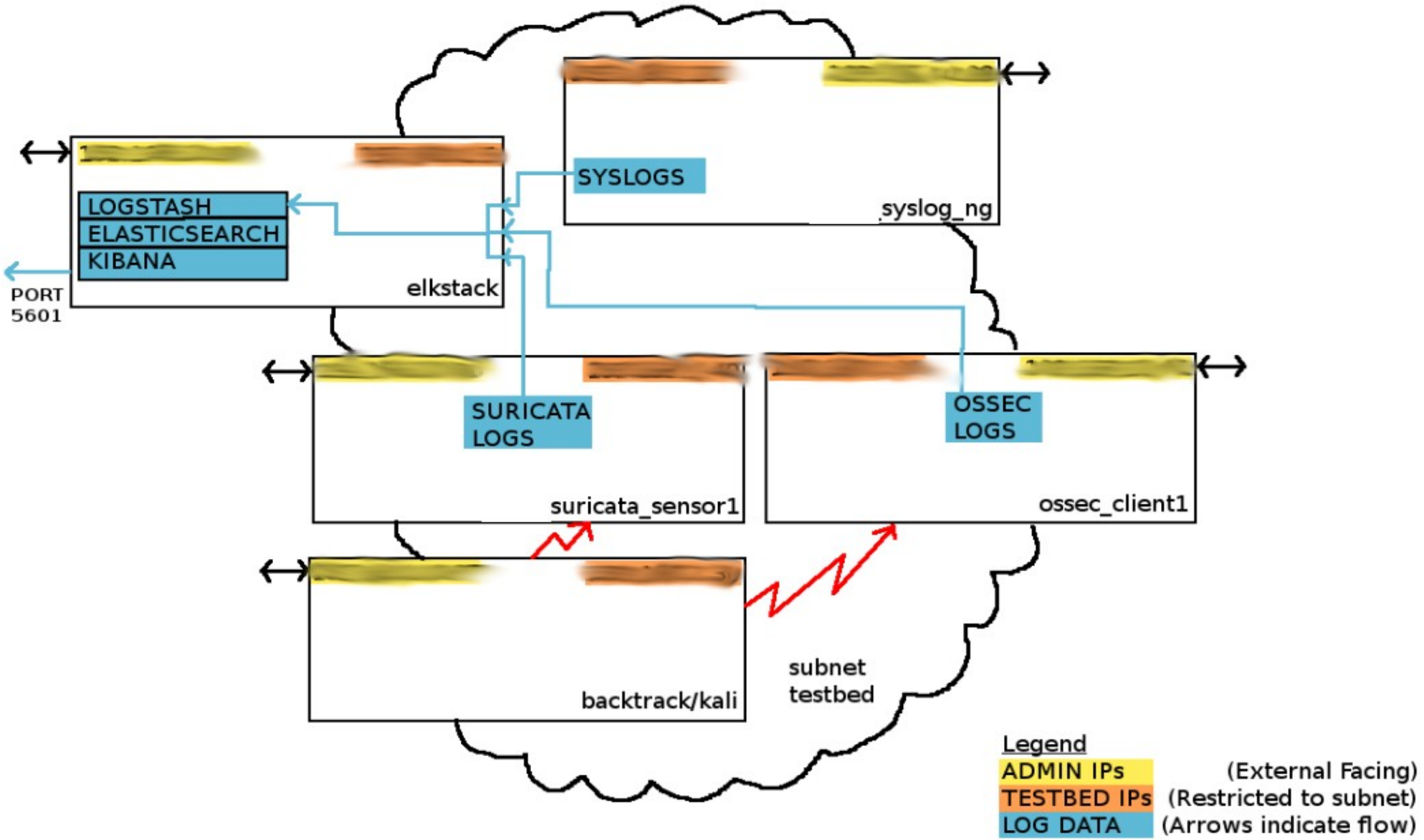
REDIS

Key-value cache for scalability

SHIPPER(S)

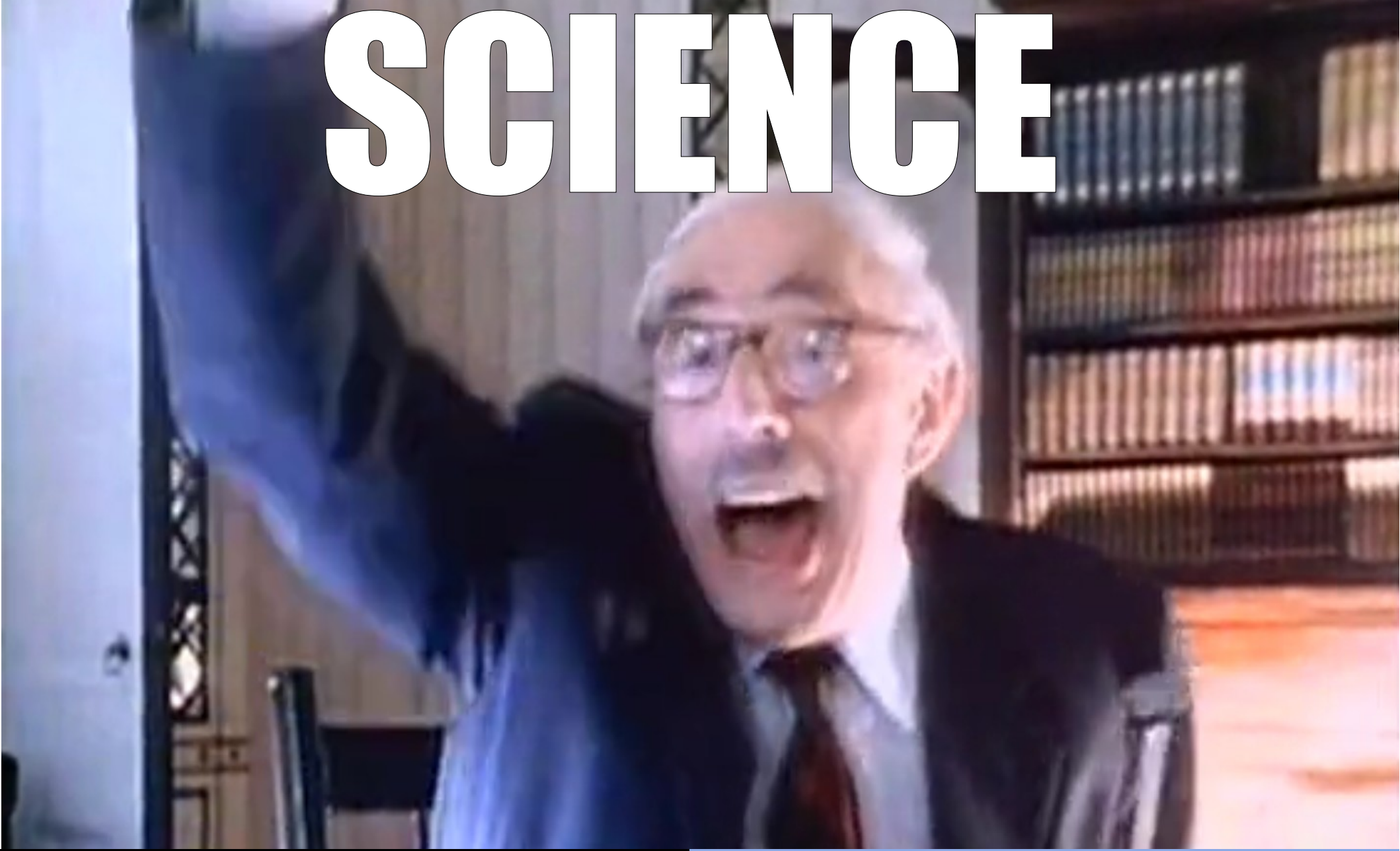

COLLECT
ALL THE THINGS!

Sample Testbed




NOW WHAT?

PATTERN RECOGNITION



python™

SciPy.org

One Approach - Fast Fourier Transform

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20 import numpy
21 from scipy import fftpack
22 import matplotlib.pyplot as plot
23
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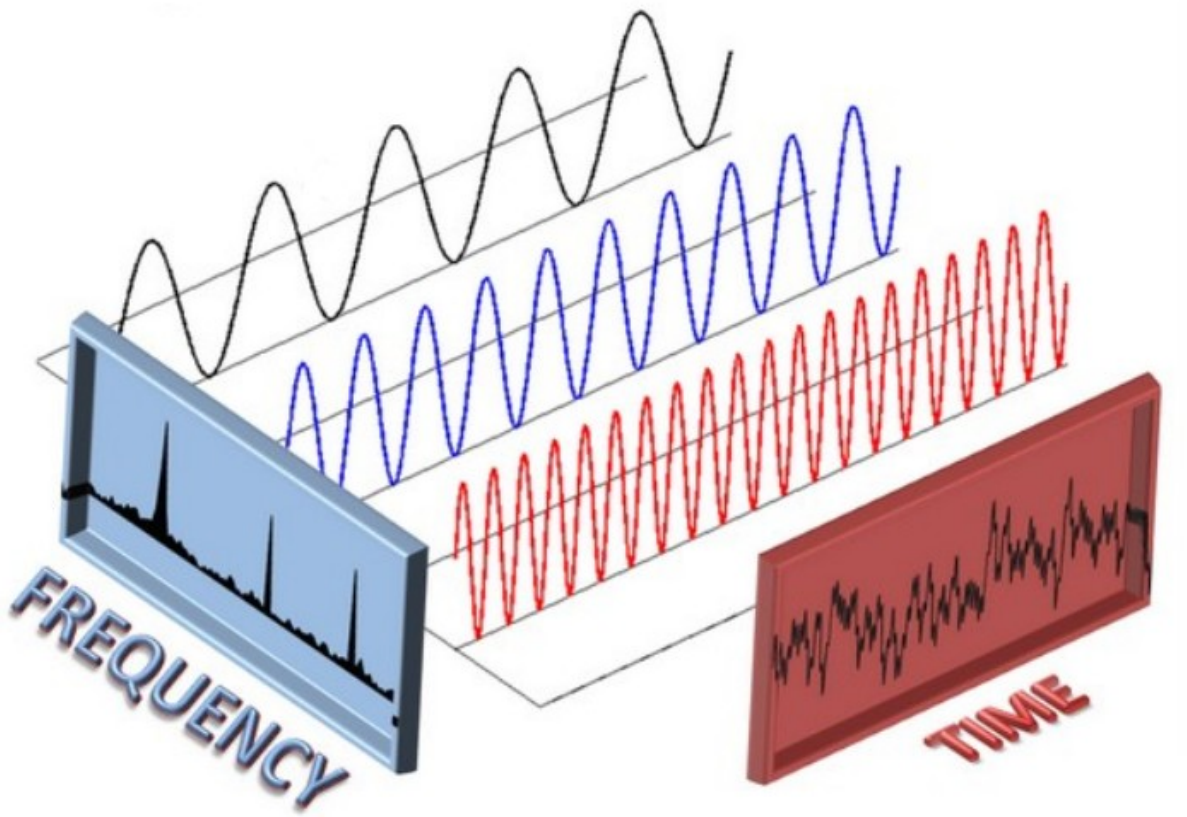
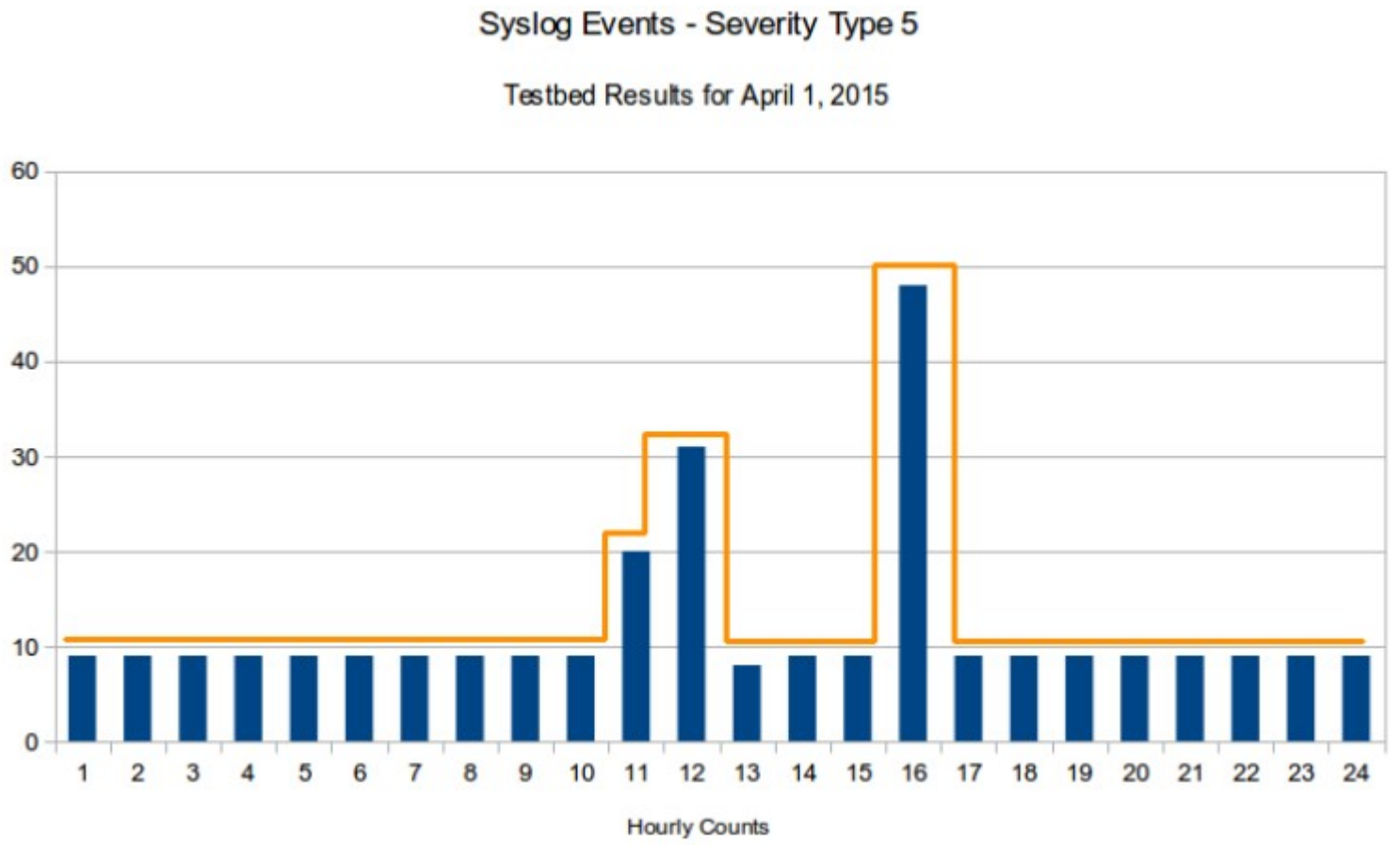


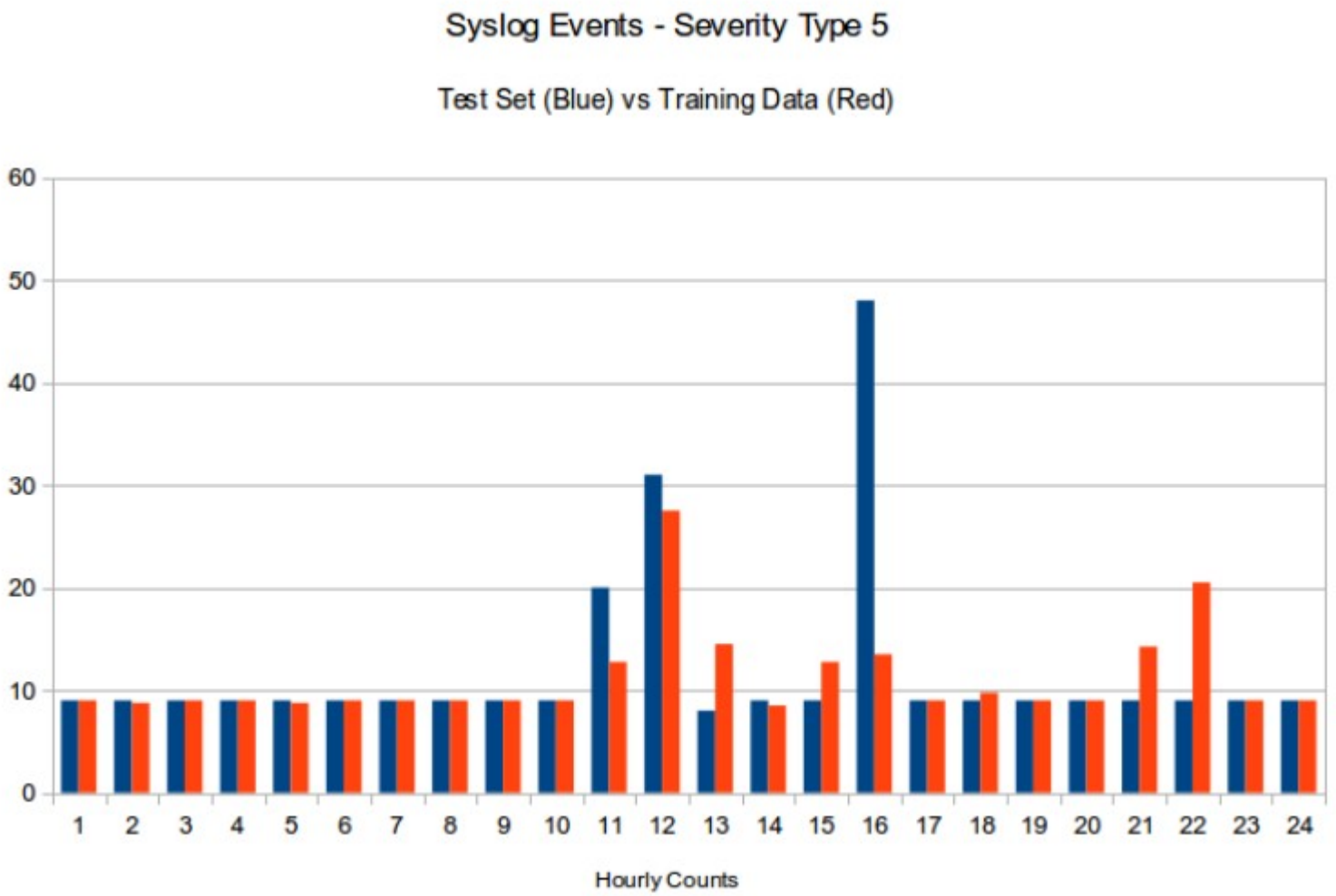
Time Series Data as a Waveform



Anomaly Detection

- Any time series (logs) may be viewed as a waveform
- Complex waveforms may be decomposed into simpler components, fingerprinted
- It's not hard to use off the shelf machine learning libraries to experiment with creating fingerprints of your own network traffic
- Machine learning in its simplest form is the comparison of test data to a set of training data
- In this case, I used a smoothed 30-day history of traffic by day and alert type to create a training dataset
- Any significant differences get flagged, tagged and reinserted into logstash

Test Set Data vs Training Set Data



Smooth Data

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ALERT on test data:
[ 9  9  9  9  9  9  9  9  9  9 20 31  8  9  9 48  9  9  9  9  9
9  9  9]
vs training data
[ 9. 8.75 9. 9. 8.75 9. 9. 9. 9. 9. 12.75 27.5 14.5 8.5 12.75
13.5 9. 9.75 9. 9. 14.25 20.5 9. 9. ]
For logtype syslog, subtype 5 for date 2015-04-01, the value 20
at hour 10 may be an outlier!
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Observation variance: 0.252585149809

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For logtype syslog, subtype 5 for date 2015-04-01, the value 48
at hour 15 may be an outlier!
Test/Train difference: 0.538976326886
Observation variance: 0.44736895924

OUTLIER RESULTS found for 2015-04-01 by type, subtype in the
following hours:
{'syslog': {'5': [10, 15]}}

Results of reindexing outlying records
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A total of 68 records were updated and saved as file
'records2015-04-01'
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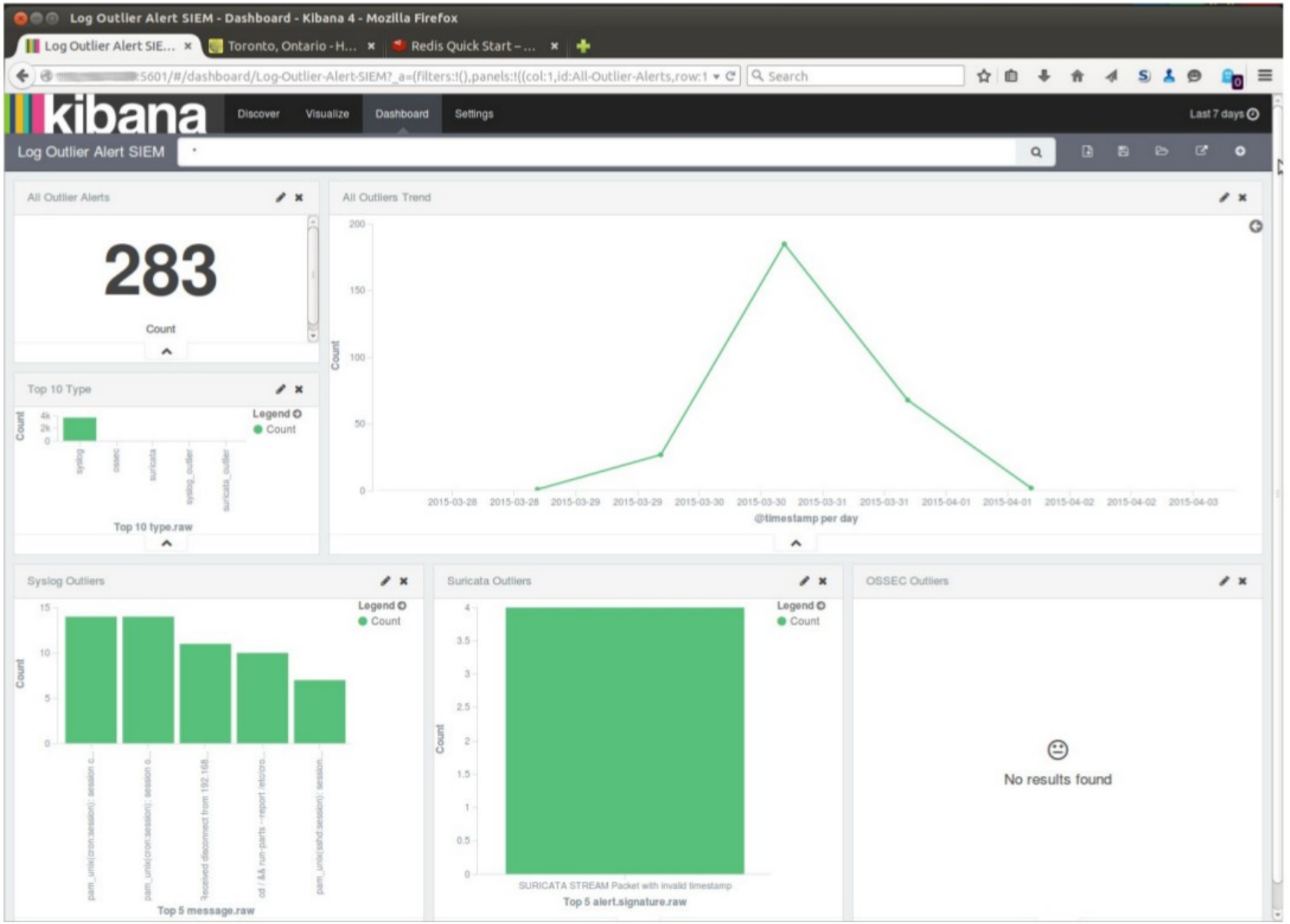
Display


Log Outlier Alert SIEM - Dashboard - Kibana 4 - Mozilla Firefox
Log Outlier Alert SIE...
Toronto, Ontario - H...
Redis Quick Start – ...
Search
kibana
Discover
Visualize
Dashboard
Settings
Last 7 days
Log Outlier Alert SIEM
All Outlier Alerts
283
Count
All Outliers Trend
Count
@timestamp per day
Top 10 Type
Legend
Count
syslog
ossec
suricata
syslog_outlier
suricata_outlier
Top 10 type.raw
Syslog Outliers
Top 5 message.raw
Suricata Outliers
SURICATA STREAM Packet with invalid timestamp
Top 5 alert.signature.raw
OSSEC Outliers
No results found

Demo(?)

Let us propitiate the demo gods

May they be merciful

esquery.py

```
                                                $ ./esquery.py
usage: one of the arguments -a/--action -q/--query is required
usage: esquery.py [-h]
                  (-a [{stringquery,termquery,termsagg,count}] | -q QUERY)
                  (-l | -t TERMS) [-d [HOST]] [-i [INDEX]] [-s [SIZE]]
                  [-r RANGE RANGE RANGE] [-f FIELDS [FIELDS ...]] [-c]

esquery 0.1

optional arguments:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  -a [{stringquery,termquery,termsagg,count}], --action [{stringquery,termquery,termsagg,count}]
                        actions wrap common query types (default:stringquery)
                        - mutually exclusive of --query
  -q QUERY, --query QUERY
                        raw elasticsearch json query
  -l, --list            display available indices - mutually exclusive of
                        --terms
  -t TERMS, --terms TERMS
                        some text to query - format for stringquery is STRING,
                        format for termquery is TERM:STRING, format for
                        termsagg is TERM
  -d [HOST], --host [HOST]
                        the elasticsearch host IP (default: localhost)
  -i [INDEX], --index [INDEX]
                        specifies a specific index to query (default:all)
  -s [SIZE], --size [SIZE]
                        number of hits to return (default: 10)
  -r RANGE RANGE RANGE, --range RANGE RANGE RANGE
                        range filter, specify field then beginning and end
                        points as numeric arguments or in YYYY-MM-DD format
                        for dates eg; --range severity 5 9 or -r timestamp
                        2015-03-05 2015-03-11
  -f FIELDS [FIELDS ...], --fields FIELDS [FIELDS ...]
                        specify source fields to include in search
                        (default:all fields)
  -c, --count           return a count of hits only
                                                $
```

Lets Look at the Logs We've Collected

```
[redacted]$ ./esquery.py -l -a
Namespace(action=None, count=False, fields=None, host='127.0.0.1', index='logstash*', list=True, query=None, range=None, size=None, terms=None)
health status index               pri rep docs.count docs.deleted store.size pri.store.size
yellow open   logstash-2015.06.14   5   1        251          120    246.4kb        246.4kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.05.27   5   1       1880            0    839.9kb        839.9kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.04.06   5   1        245            0    317.8kb        317.8kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.05.04   5   1       1846            0    875.1kb        875.1kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.04.05   5   1        248            0    252.7kb        252.7kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.04.20   5   1      14600            0      1.5mb          1.5mb
yellow open   logstash-2015.03.09   5   1        248            0      379kb          379kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.05.08   5   1        182            0    227.7kb        227.7kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.04.14   5   1      14610            0      1.6mb          1.6mb
yellow open   logstash-2015.03.23   5   1        280           31    410.9kb        410.9kb
yellow open   .kibana               1   1         38            1     65.3kb         65.3kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.06.22   5   1        281            0    233.3kb        233.3kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.04.22   5   1       8445            0        1mb            1mb
yellow open   logstash-2015.03.16   5   1        261            0    304.5kb        304.5kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.03.18   5   1        245            0    324.9kb        324.9kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.04.11   5   1        245            0    186.6kb        186.6kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.06.18   5   1        243            0    189.7kb        189.7kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.04.21   5   1      14601            0      1.6mb          1.6mb
yellow open   logstash-2015.02.16   5   1    7298966            0        3gb            3gb
yellow open   logstash-2015.04.18   5   1      14598            0      1.5mb          1.5mb
yellow open   logstash-2015.03.14   5   1        268            0    273.5kb        273.5kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.03.05   5   1      24963            0      4.4mb          4.4mb
yellow open   logstash-2015.04.07   5   1        256            0    239.6kb        239.6kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.03.19   5   1        247            0    306.7kb        306.7kb
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yellow open   logstash-2015.03.11   5   1        280            0    311.3kb        311.3kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.06.15   5   1        259            0    154.1kb        154.1kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.06.21   5   1        274            0    251.5kb        251.5kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.03.27   5   1        538          193    511.2kb        511.2kb
yellow open   logstash-2015.04.19   5   1      14604            0      1.6mb          1.6mb
```

Query a Single Syslog?

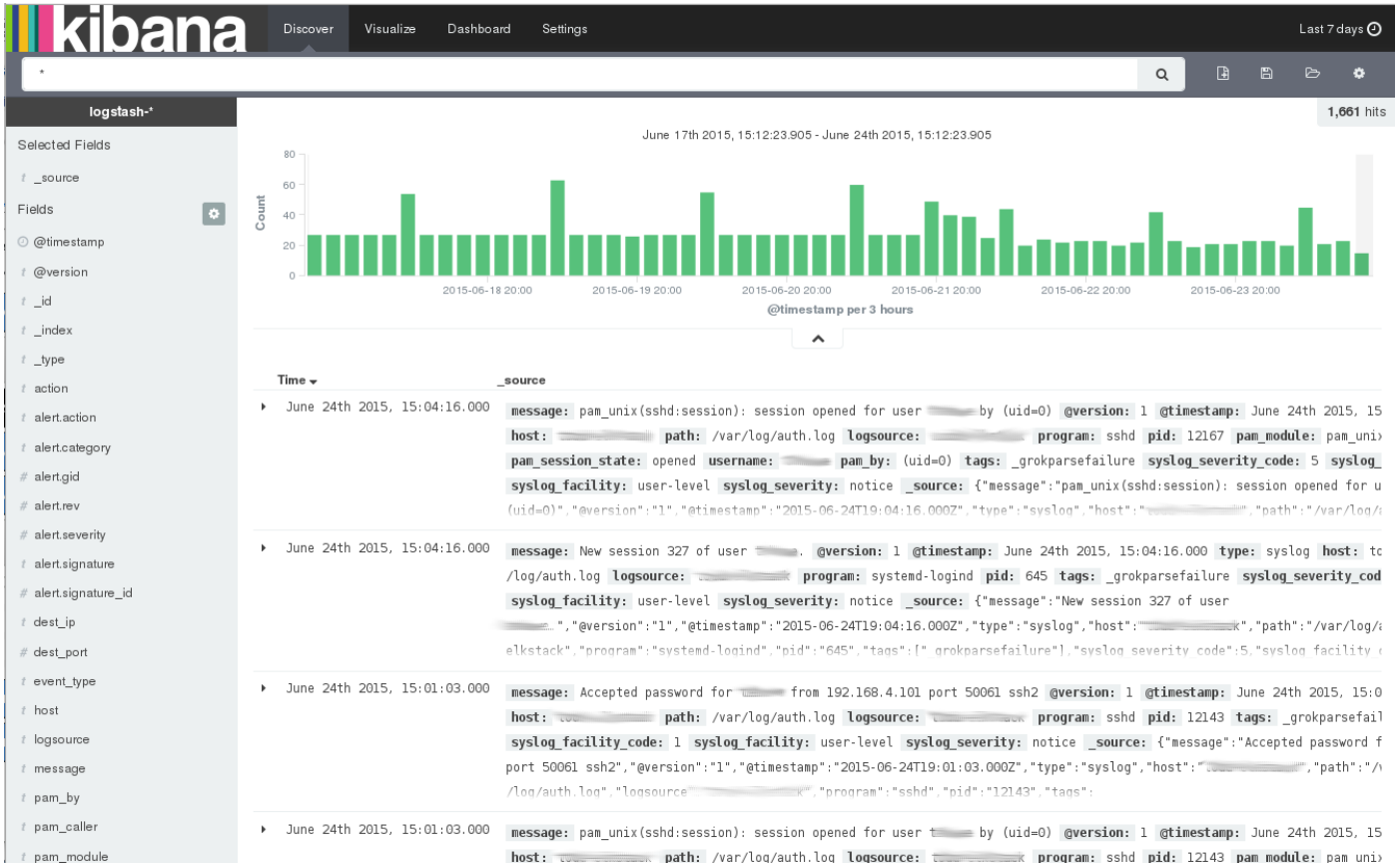
```
[redacted]$ ./esquery.py --host [redacted] --action termquery --terms type:syslog --size 1
Namespace(action='termquery', count=False, fields=None, host='[redacted]', index='logstash*', list=False, query=None, range=None, size='1', terms=['type:syslog'])
http://[redacted]/logstash*/_search -d {"size": "1", "query": {"term": {"type": "syslog"}}}
{
    "_shards": {
        "failed": 0,
        "successful": 370,
        "total": 370
    },
    "hits": {
        "hits": [
            {
                "_id": "AUvrJ7PCAztdK2OUh9n6",
                "_index": "logstash-2015.03.05",
                "_score": 3.7593648,
                "_source": {
                    "@timestamp": "2015-03-05T18:17:01.000Z",
                    "@version": "1",
                    "host": "[redacted]",
                    "logsource": "[redacted]",
                    "message": "pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user root by (uid=0)",
                    "pam_by": "(uid=0)",
                    "pam_caller": "cron:session",
                    "pam_module": "pam_unix",
                    "pam_session_state": "opened",
                    "path": "/var/log/auth.log",
                    "pid": "4015",
                    "program": "CRON",
                    "syslog_facility": "user-level",
                    "syslog_facility_code": 1,
                    "syslog_severity": "notice",
                    "syslog_severity_code": 5,
                    "tags": [
                        "_grokparsefailure"
                    ],
                    "type": "syslog",
                    "username": "root"
```

Start Kibana

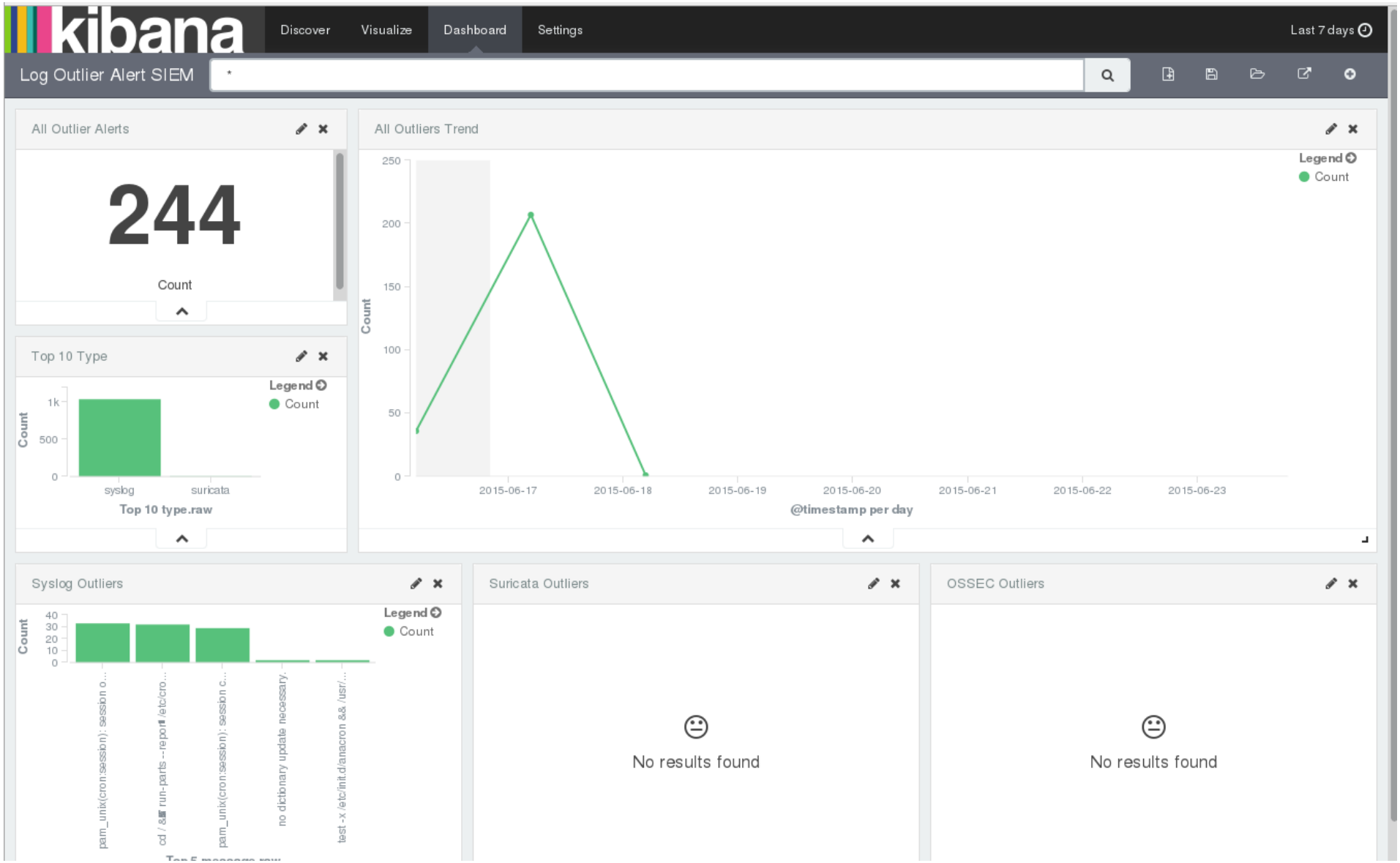
```
[redacted]:~$ cd Downloads/
[redacted]:~/Downloads$ ls
elasticsearch-1.4.4.deb             postfix-grok-patterns-master
kibana-4.0.0-linux-x64              postfix-grok-patterns-master.zip
kibana-4.0.0-linux-x64.tar.gz       test-postfix-logs
logstash_1.4.2-1-2c0f5a1_all.deb
[redacted]:~/Downloads$ cd kibana-4.0.0-linux-x64/
[redacted]:~/Downloads/kibana-4.0.0-linux-x64$ ls
bin  config  LICENSE.txt  node  plugins  README.txt  src
[redacted]:~/Downloads/kibana-4.0.0-linux-x64$ cd bin
[redacted]:~/Downloads/kibana-4.0.0-linux-x64/bin$ ./kibana
{"@timestamp":"2015-06-24T19:08:57.614Z","level":"info","message":"Listen
ing on 0.0.0.0:5601","node_env":"production"}
```

Launch the Kibana GUI

- Connect on port 5601
- Kibana spews a bunch of JSON to the console for debugging, and the browser displays the Discover view



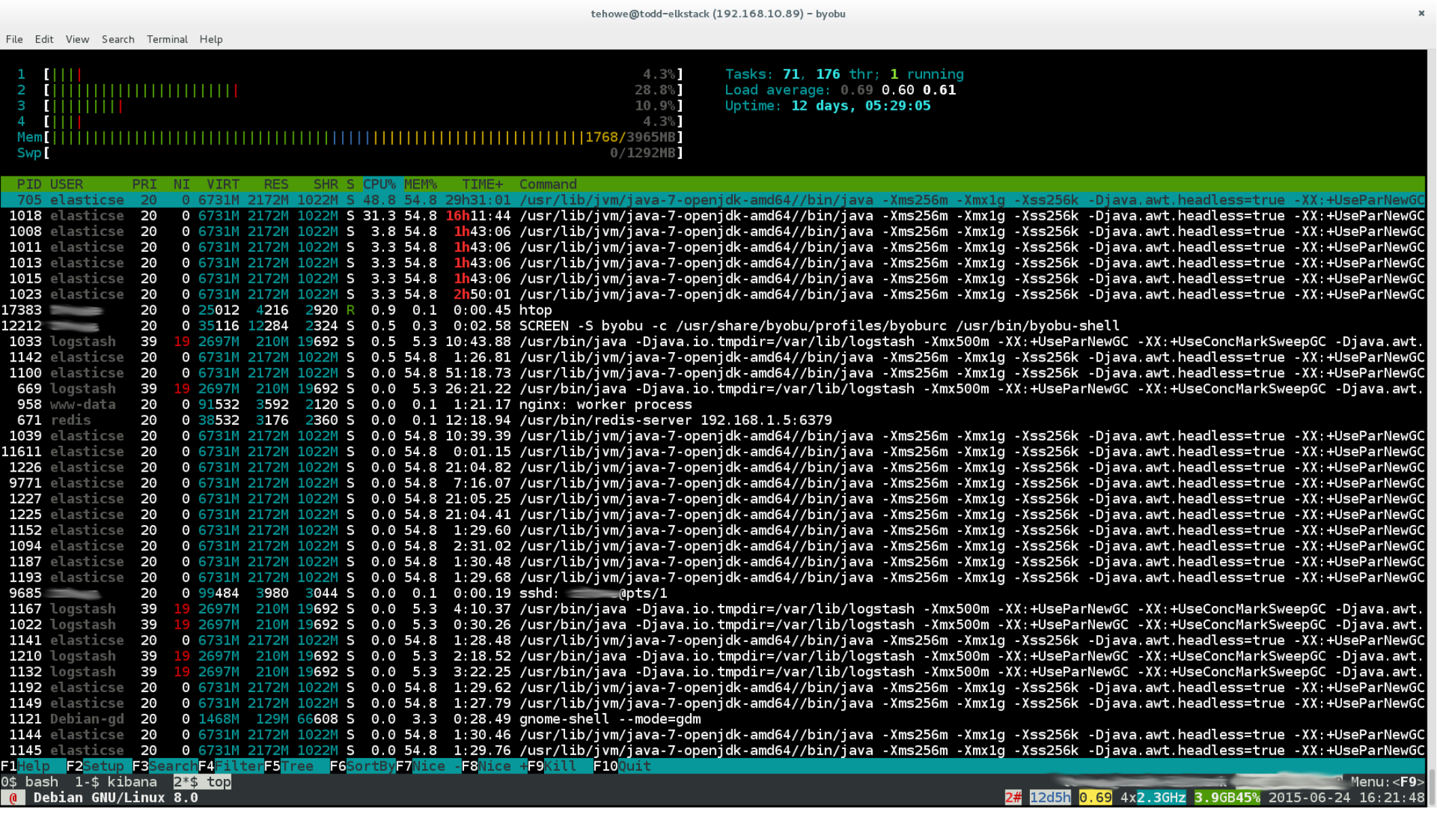
Dashboard View – Pre Analysis Jobs



Normalize, Vectorize, Analyze and Store

- set TEST_DAY in esconstants.py to the number of days ago the day you want to analyze was
- script currently only operates on an entire day
- then run ./escontrol.py
- uncaught exceptions (oops) mean sharding failed temporarily on Elasticsearch, try again or add a new node to the cluster

Busy Busy JVM



Results!

```
$ ./escontrol.py
http://[redacted]9200/logstash*/_search -d {"query": {"filtered": {"query": {"query_string": {"query": "*"}}, "filter": {"range": {"@timestamp": {"lte": "2015-06-19", "gte": "2015-06-19"}}}}}, "size": 1000000}
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Got day: 2015-06-18
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Got day: 2015-06-17
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Got day: 2015-06-16
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Got day: 2015-06-15
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Got day: 2015-06-14
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Got day: 2015-06-13
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Got day: 2015-06-12
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Dropped day: 2015-06-11
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Dropped day: 2015-06-10
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Dropped day: 2015-05-19

WARNING Subtype 2210044 doesn't exist in training data for 2210044
*** Sending this as an alert to SIEM

OUTLIER RESULTS found for 2015-06-19 by type, subtype in the following hours:
{'suricata': {'2210044': [6, 21]}}

Results of reindexing outlying records
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A total of 1 records were updated and saved as file 'records2015-06-19'
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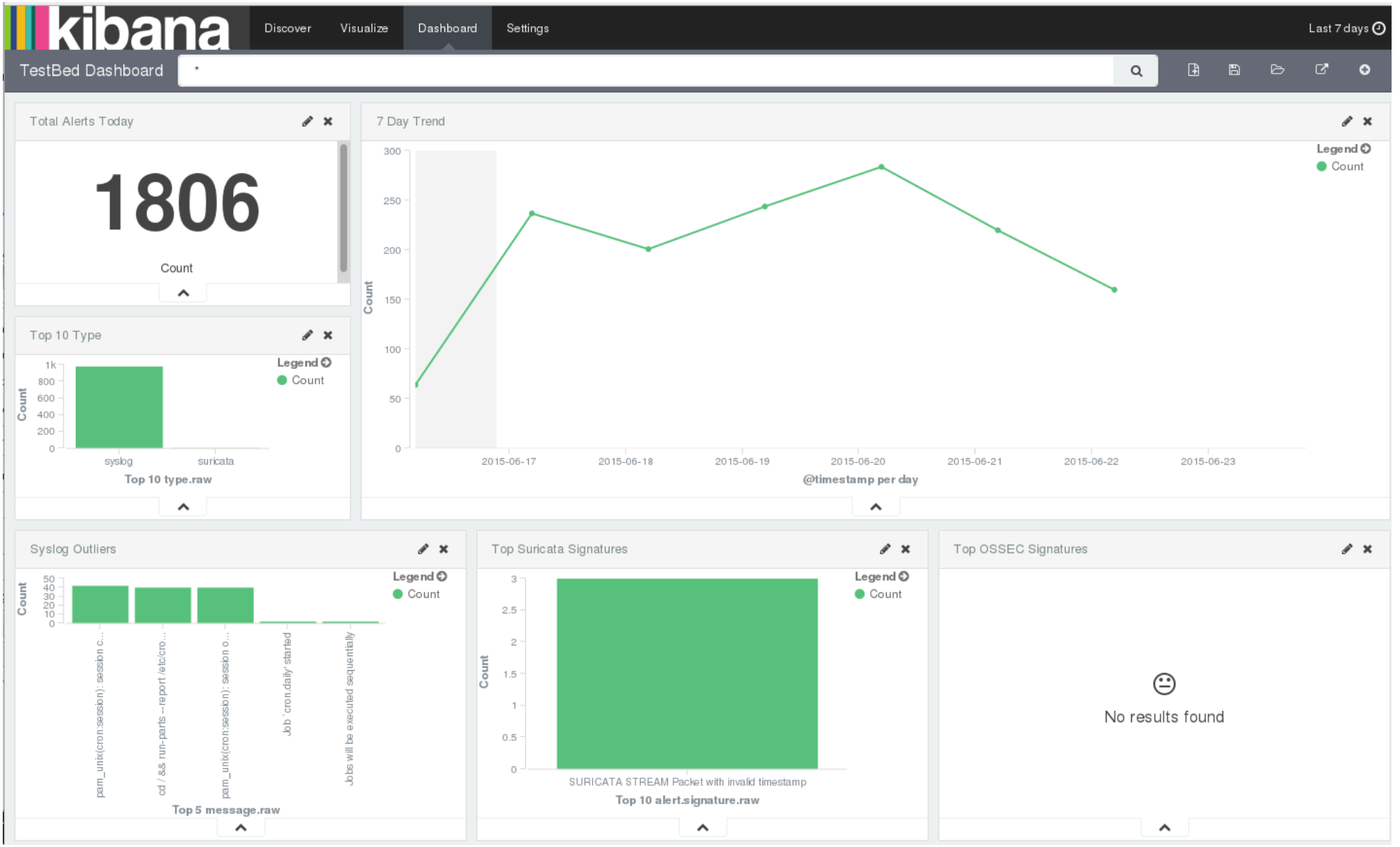
Dashboard View – Post Analysis Jobs



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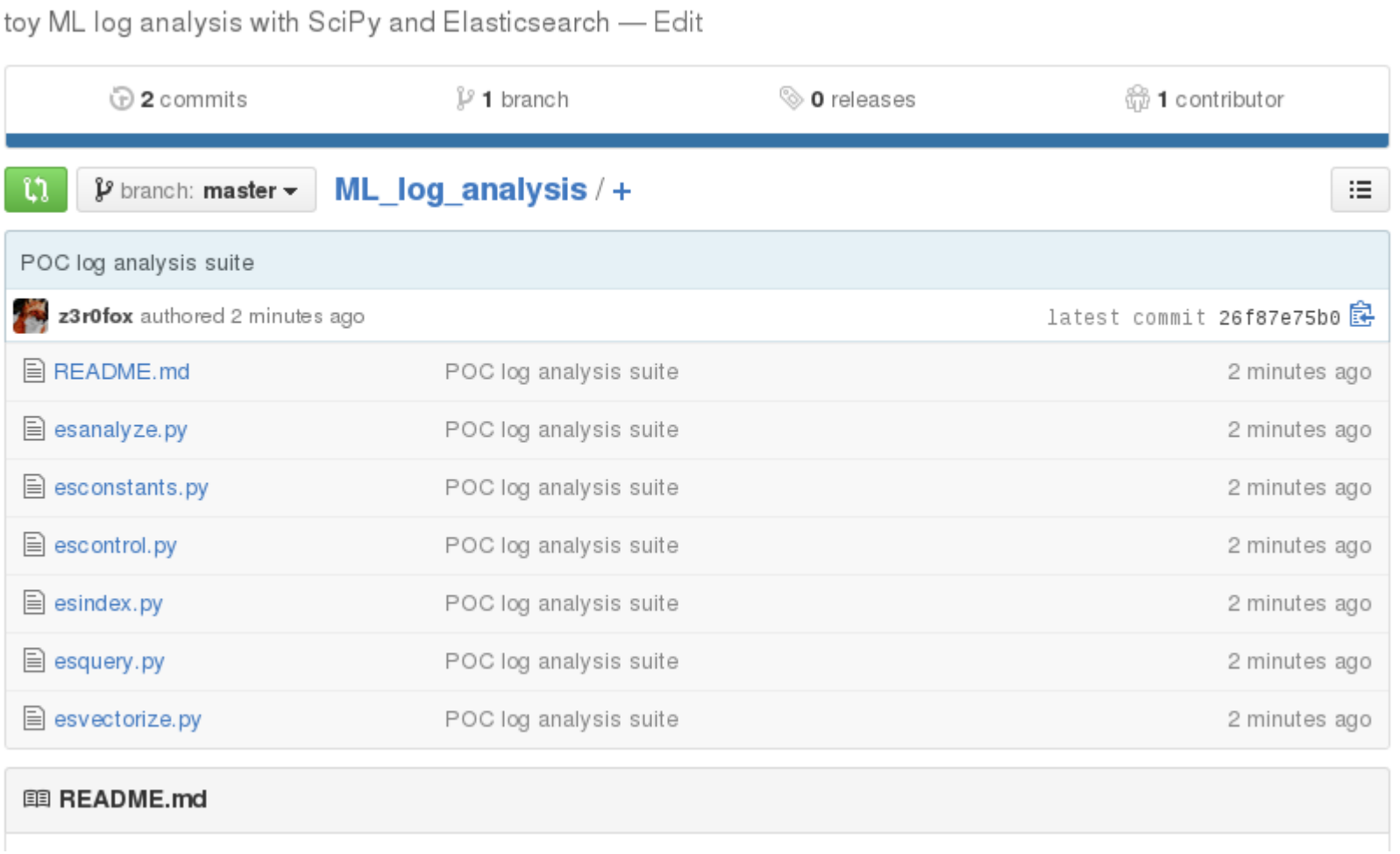

Interesting Reads

- Wikipedia: Information Design
  https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_design
- Stephen Few, Why Do We Visualize Quantitative Data?
  http://www.perceptualedge.com/blog/?p=1897
- Managing Logstash with the Redis Client
  http://www.nightbluefruit.com/blog/2014/03/managing-logstash-with-the-redis-client/
- An interactive introduction to FFT
  http://betterexplained.com/articles/an-interactive-guide-to-the-fourier-transform/
- Data Driven Security (Jay Jacobs & Bob Rudis)
  BONUS: Pan-fried gnocchi
  http://datadrivensecurity.info/

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