Optional: NiFi Enrichment

Record Paths

NiFi operates on JSON files using "Record Path" syntax, and is analogous to a filepath, with the root directory / being the root of the JSON object, and sub-keys being folder names. For example in the object:

```
{
   "source": {
      "ip": "192.168.1.1",
      "ip.keyword": "192 168 1 1",
      "geo": {
            "country_name": "Unknown"
      }
   }
}
```

the path to the country_name is: /source/geo/country_name, and the path to ip.keyword is /source/ip.keyword.

NiFi Enrichment

Add a GeoEnrichIPRecord processor to enrich the destination IP of events from Packetbeat.

Set the following settings on the GeoEnrichIPRecord processor:

- MaxMind Database File: /opt/nifi/nifi-current/state/GeoLite2-City.mmdb
- City Record Path: /destination/geo/city_name
- Latitude Record Path: /destination/geo/location/lat
- Longitude Record Path: /destination/geo/location/lon
- Country Record Path: /destination/geo/country_name
- Country ISO Code Record Path: /destination/geo/country_iso_code
- Country Postal Code Record Path: /destination/geo/postal_code

NiFi Enrichment (2)

Mini Exercise: find the correct IP Address Record Path for the destination IP by inspecting queued FlowFiles as shown above. Also set the Record Reader and Record Writer to appropriate values.

See next slide for the answer.

NiFi Enrichment (3)

Exercise answer: IP Address Record Path should be set to

/destination/ip

in the properties of the GeoEnrichIPRecord processor. Set Record Reader to JsonTreeReader and Record Writer to JsonRecordSetWriter.

NiFi Enrichment (4)

Hover over the GeoEnrichIPRecord processor to show the arrow icon, then drag it and connect it to the PutElasticsearchRecord processor you configured for Packetbeat to create a connection for the found relationship.

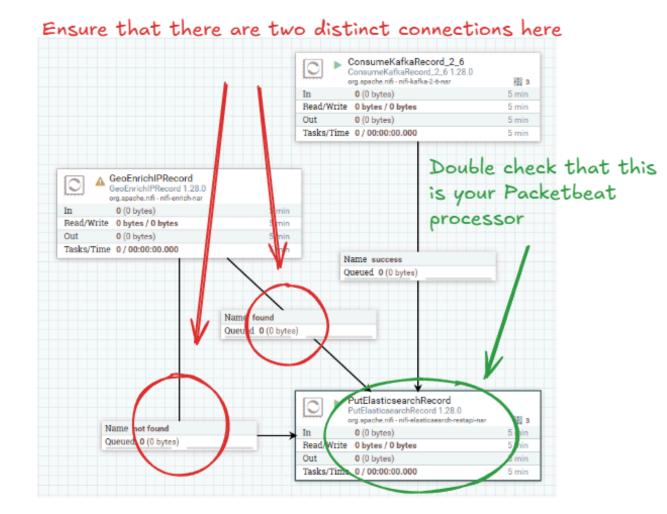
Now, hover over the GeoEnrichIPRecord processor and drag its arrow to the PutElasticsearchRecord processor *again*. This time, create the connection for the not found relationship.

Finally, open the settings of the GeoEnrichIPRecord processor and terminate the original relationship.

NiFi Enrichment (5)

If done correctly, your connection should look like the diagram on the right.

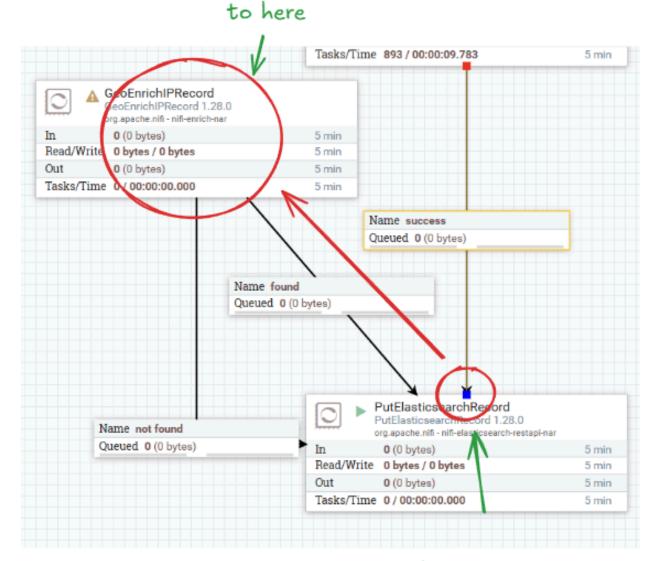
Now, stop both the ConsumeKafkaRecord_2_6 and PutElasticsearchRecord processors for Packetbeat.



NiFi Enrichment (6)

Click on the success relationship between ConsumeKafkaRecord_2_6 and PutElasticsearchRecord. A blue dot should appear in the arrowhead of the relationship.

Drag the blue dot and connect it to the GeoEnrichIPRecord processor.

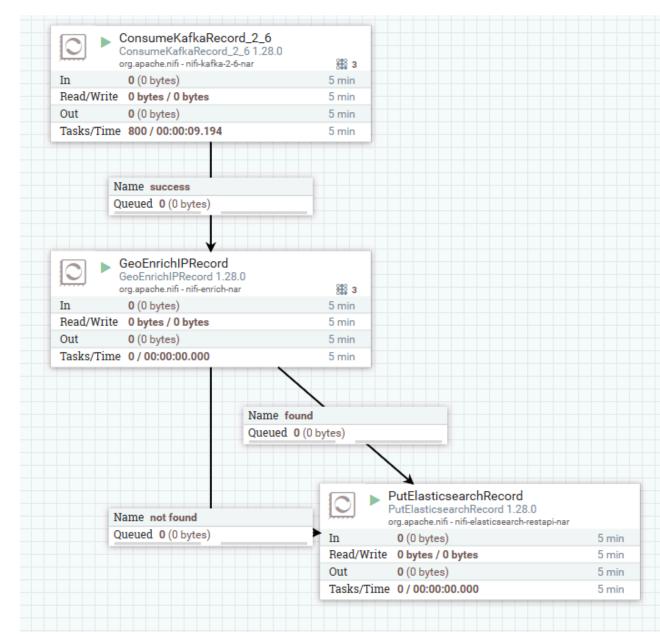


Drag the blue dot from here...

NiFi Enrichment (7)

Finally, start all the processors. The final diagram should look like the image on the right.

Notice that almost all events are being sent to the not found relationship. This is normal as most of the traffic in your Kubernetes cluster consists mainly of connections between containers with private IP addresses.



NiFi Enrichment (8)

Notice how separating the different Beats outputs into different topics in Kafka allowed for specialized processing for only Packetbeat. If all the events were sent to a single topic, it would be much more difficult to integrate enrichment for only one type of data

Next Steps

Congratulations!

You have successfully completed the following:

- Completed a deployment of a GeoIP enrichment processor
- Learned how to modify an existing transformation to insert a new processor
- Applied Record Paths to specify fields in JSON FlowFiles

What's Next?

You can go back to the main session here.