

AI Logging, Monitoring and Incident Readiness

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Overview

Modern AI-powered applications introduce new security challenges due to their heavy reliance on APIs, automation, and large volumes of user-generated compiler and inference requests. Traditional infrastructure monitoring alone is insufficient; **application-level logging and security visibility are critical**.

This project demonstrates how to design and implement **logging, monitoring, and incident readiness for an AI-powered API** using Splunk as a SIEM. A FastAPI-based AI application was deployed on an Ubuntu server, configured to generate security-relevant logs, and integrated with Splunk using the Splunk Universal Forwarder.

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A FastAPI-based AI application was deployed on Ubuntu, configured to generate structured security-relevant logs, which were forwarded to Splunk Enterprise using the Splunk Universal Forwarder.

Objectives

1. Generate structured application security logs from an AI API
2. Forward logs securely to Splunk
3. Perform field extraction for security analysis
4. Build dashboards for monitoring AI application behavior
5. Simulate detection logic for abnormal or suspicious activity
6. Demonstrate incident readiness workflows

Environment Setup

- OS: Ubuntu 20.04
- AI Framework: FastAPI (Uvicorn ASGI server)
- Logging: Python logging module
- SIEM: Splunk Enterprise (Free)
- Log Forwarding: Splunk Universal Forwarder

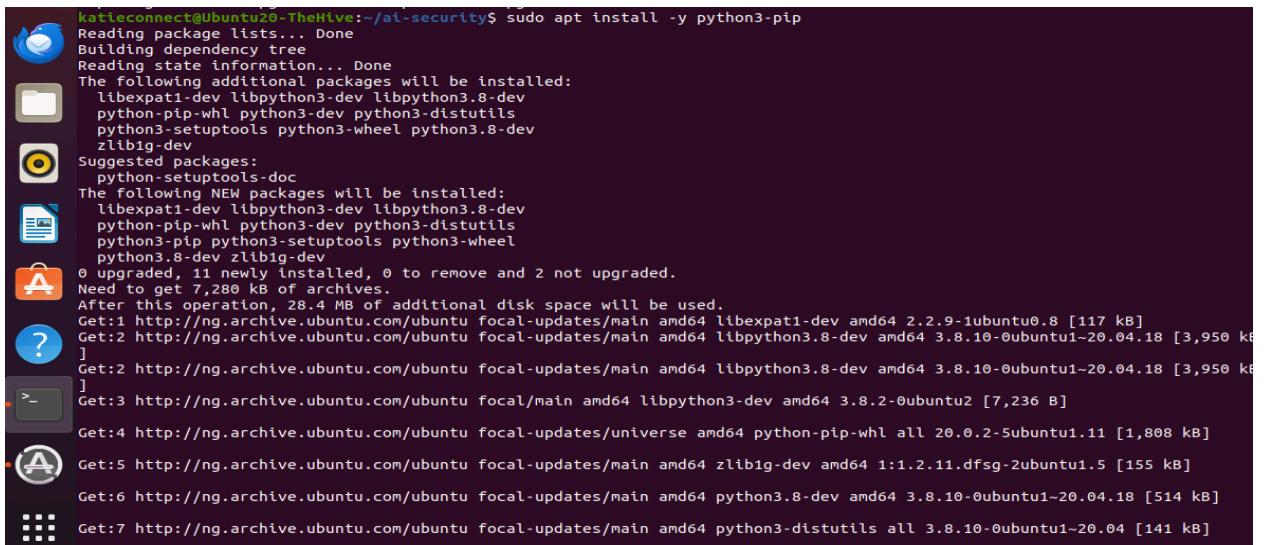
AI Application Deployment and Validation

The FastAPI application was deployed on Ubuntu and exposed on port 8000. Uvicorn was used as the ASGI server to handle incoming API requests.

The API was validated using:

- FastAPI interactive documentation
- Direct `curl` requests to generate traffic and logs

```
katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~$ python3 --version
Python 3.8.10
katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~$ df -h
Filesystem      Size  Used Avail Use% Mounted on
udev            1.9G    0  1.9G   0% /dev
tmpfs           391M  1.4M 390M  1% /run
/dev/sda5        39G   20G  17G  54% /
tmpfs           2.0G    0  2.0G   0% /dev/shm
tmpfs           5.0M  4.0K  5.0M  1% /run/lock
tmpfs           2.0G    0  2.0G   0% /sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/loop0       128K   128K    0 100% /snap/bare/5
/dev/loop2        64M    64M    0 100% /snap/core20/2682
/dev/loop3        92M    92M    0 100% /snap/gtk-common-themes/1535
/dev/loop4        46M    46M    0 100% /snap/snap-store/638
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/dev/loop6       350M   350M    0 100% /snap/gnome-3-38-2004/143
/dev/loop8        51M    51M    0 100% /snap/snapd/25577
/dev/sda1       511M   4.0K  511M   1% /boot/efi
/dev/loop9        49M    49M    0 100% /snap/snapd/25935
/dev/loop7        64M    64M    0 100% /snap/core20/2686
tmpfs           391M   32K  391M   1% /run/user/1000
/dev/sr0          52M    52M    0 100% /media/katieconnect/VBox_GAs_7.0.14
katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~$ mkdir -p ~/ai-security/{api.logs,screenshots}
katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~$ cd ~/ai-security
```



```
katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~/ai-security$ sudo apt install -y python3-pip
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  libexpat1-dev libpython3-dev libpython3.8-dev
  python-pip-whl python3-dev python3-distutils
  python3-setuptools python3-wheel python3.8-dev
  zlib1g-dev
Suggested packages:
  python-setuptools-doc
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  libexpat1-dev libpython3-dev libpython3.8-dev
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  python3.8-dev zlib1g-dev
0 upgraded, 11 newly installed, 0 to remove and 2 not upgraded.
Need to get 7,280 kB of archives.
After this operation, 28.4 MB of additional disk space will be used.
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```



```
katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~/ai-security$ pip3 install fastapi uvicorn
Collecting fastapi
  Downloading fastapi-0.124.4-py3-none-any.whl (113 kB)
    |████████| 30 kB 83 kB/ 10 kB 482 kB 40 kB 101 kB 20 kB 61 kB/ 51 kB 126 kB 81 kB 200 kB 61 kB 150 kB 92 kB 224 kB 71 kB 175 kB 102 kB 231 k 112 kB 231 k 113 kB 231 kB/s
Collecting uvicorn
  Downloading uvicorn-0.33.0-py3-none-any.whl (62 kB)
    |████████| 30 kB 658 kB 10 kB 222 kB 40 kB 874 kB 20 kB 440 kB 51 kB 1.1 MB 61 kB 1.3 MB 62 kB 237 kB/s
Collecting pydantic!=1.8,!=1.8.1,!=2.0.0,!=2.0.1,!=2.1.0,<3.0.0,>=1.7.4
  Downloading pydantic-2.10.6-py3-none-any.whl (431 kB)
    |████████| 10 kB 14.9 M 30 kB 21.7 M 61 kB 2.5 MB 40 kB 2.0 MB 20 kB 20.0 M 51 kB 2.3 MB 81 kB 2.5 MB 92 kB 2.8 MB 71 kB 2.3 MB 102 kB 1.7 M 112 kB 1.7 M 122 kB 1.7 M 133 kB 1.7 M 143 kB 1.7 M 174 kB 1.7 M 153 kB 1.7 M 184 kB 1.7 M 215 kB 1.7 M 204 kB 1.7 M 235 kB 1.7 M 225 kB 1.7 M 256 kB 1.7 M 266 kB 1.7 M 296 kB 1.7 M 276 kB 1.7 M 307 kB 1.7 M 286 kB 1.7 M 317 kB 1.7 M
```

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive: ~/ai-security/api". The window contains a code editor displaying a Python file named "app.py". The code defines a FastAPI application with a single endpoint "/chat". The endpoint logs the user's IP address and input length, then returns a simulated AI response. The code uses the "uvicorn" command to run the application on port 8000.

```
GNU nano 4.8
from fastapi import FastAPI, Request
import logging
from datetime import datetime

app = FastAPI()

# Logging configuration
logging.basicConfig(
    filename="/home/ubuntu/ai-security/logs/ai_app.log",
    level=logging.INFO,
    format"%(asctime)s | %(levelname)s | %(message)s"
)

@app.post("/chat")
async def chat(request: Request):
    data = await request.json()
    user_input = data.get("prompt", "")
    client_ip = request.client.host

    # Log user interaction
    logging.info(
        f"client_ip={client_ip} input_length={len(user_input)} prompt_preview={user_input[:50]}"
    )

    # Simulated AI response
    response = {
        "reply": "This is a simulated AI response.",
        "timestamp": str(datetime.utcnow())
    }

    return response
```

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive: ~/ai-security/api\$". The window displays the output of the "uvicorn" command, which starts a server process and waits for application startup. The application then starts and runs on "http://0.0.0.0:8000".

```
katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~/ai-security/api$ uvicorn app:app --host 0.0.0.0 --port 8000
INFO:     Started server process [2290]
INFO:     Waiting for application startup.
INFO:     Application startup complete.
INFO:     Uvicorn running on http://0.0.0.0:8000 (Press CTRL+C to quit)
```

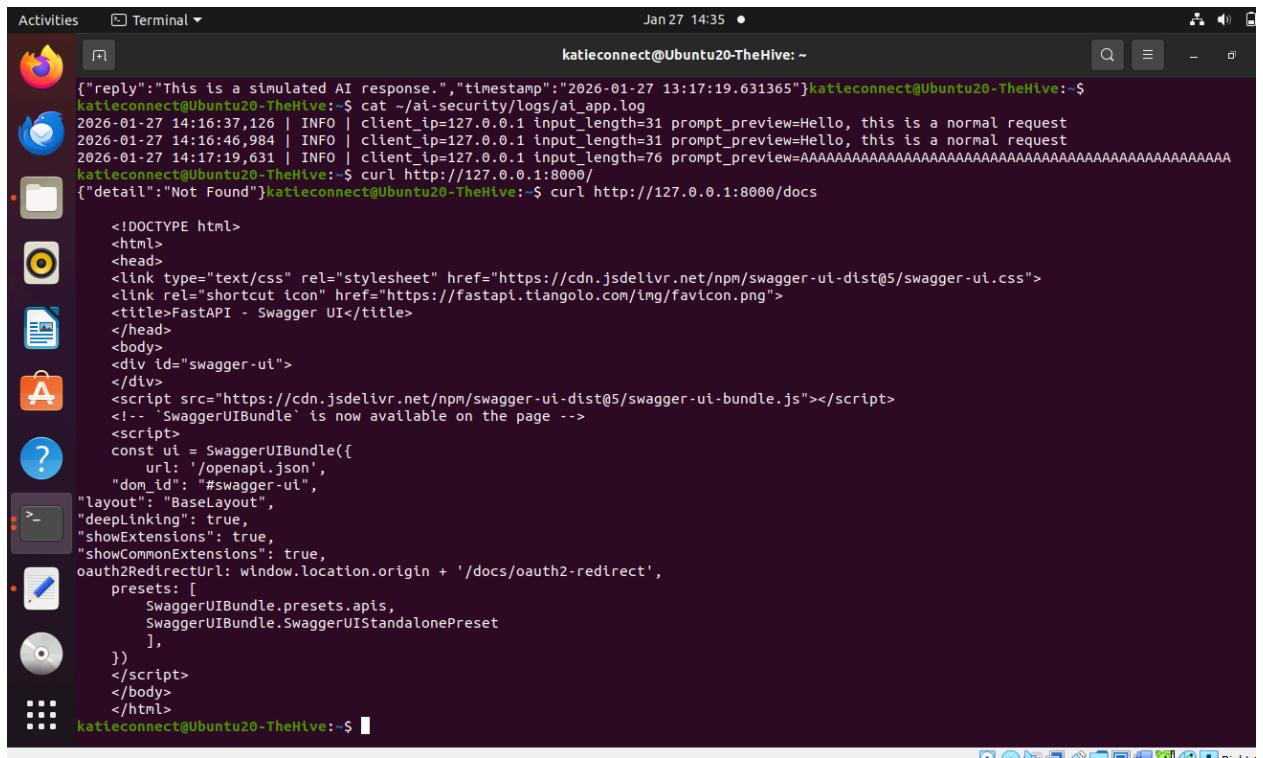
AI Application Running on Ubuntu

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katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~/ai-security/api$ uvicorn app:app --host 0.0.0.0 --port 8000
INFO:     Started server process [2298]
INFO:     Waiting for application startup.
INFO:     Application startup complete.
INFO:     Uvicorn running on http://0.0.0.0:8000 (Press CTRL+C to quit)
INFO: 127.0.0.1:45132 - "POST /chat HTTP/1.1" 200 OK
INFO:
INFO:
katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~$ curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8000/chat \
> -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
> -d '{"prompt":"Hello, this is a normal request"}'
{"reply":"This is a simulated AI response.", "timestamp": "2026-01-27 13:16:37.132092"}katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~$ curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8000/chat \
> -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
> -d '{"prompt":"AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA"}'
{"reply":"This is a simulated AI response.", "timestamp": "2026-01-27 13:17:19.631365"}katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~$ 
```

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Activities Terminal Jan 27 14:18 •
katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~$ curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8000/chat \
> -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
> -d '{"prompt":"Hello, this is a normal request"}'
{"reply":"This is a simulated AI response.", "timestamp": "2026-01-27 13:16:37.132092"}katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~$ curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8000/chat -H "Content-Type: application/json" -d '{"prompt":"Hello, this is a normal request"}'
{"reply":"This is a simulated AI response.", "timestamp": "2026-01-27 13:16:46.984997"}katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~$ curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8000/chat \
> -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
> -d '{"prompt":"AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA"}'
{"reply":"This is a simulated AI response.", "timestamp": "2026-01-27 13:17:19.631365"}katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~$ cat -/ai-security/logs/ai_app.log
2026-01-27 14:16:37,126 | INFO | client_ip=127.0.0.1 input_length=31 prompt_preview=Hello, this is a normal request
2026-01-27 14:16:46,984 | INFO | client_ip=127.0.0.1 input_length=31 prompt_preview=Hello, this is a normal request
2026-01-27 14:17:19,631 | INFO | client_ip=127.0.0.1 input_length=76 prompt_preview=AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA 
```



```

Activities Terminal Jan 27 14:35
katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~ cat ~/ai-security/logs/ai_app.log
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2026-01-27 14:17:19,631 | INFO | client_ip=127.0.0.1 input_length=76 prompt_preview=AAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~$ curl http://127.0.0.1:8000/docs
{"detail": "Not Found"} katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:~$ curl http://127.0.0.1:8000/
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<link type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" href="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/swagger-ui-dist@5/swagger-ui.css">
<link rel="shortcut icon" href="https://fastapi.tiangolo.com/img/favicon.png">
<title>FastAPI - Swagger UI</title>
</head>
<body>
<div id="swagger-ui">
</div>
<script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/swagger-ui-dist@5/swagger-ui-bundle.js"></script>
<!-- `SwaggerUIBundle` is now available on the page -->
<script>
const ui = SwaggerUIBundle({
  url: '/openapi.json',
  dom_id: "#swagger-ui",
  layout: "BaseLayout",
  deepLinking: true,
  showExtensions: true,
  showCommonExtensions: true,
  oauth2RedirectUrl: window.location.origin + '/docs/oauth2-redirect',
  presets: [
    SwaggerUIBundle.presets.apis,
    SwaggerUIBundle.SwaggerUIStandalonePreset
  ],
})
</script>
</body>
</html>

```

FastAPI interactive documentation confirming API availability

Log Ingestion into Splunk

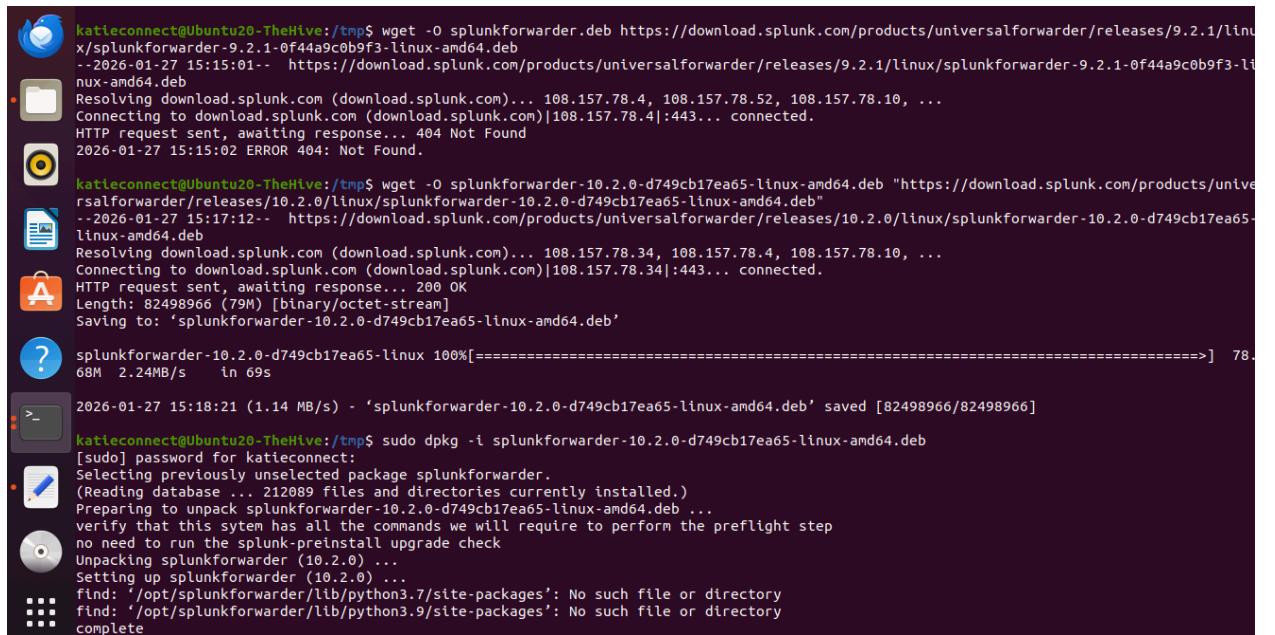
Forwarder Configuration

The Splunk Universal Forwarder was configured to monitor the AI application log file:

`monitor:///home/katieconnect/ai-security/logs/ai_app.log`

`index=ai_security`

`sourcetype=ai_api_logs`



```

katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:/tmp$ wget -O splunkforwarder.deb https://download.splunk.com/products/universalforwarder/releases/9.2.1/linux/splunkforwarder-9.2.1-0f44a9c0b9f3-linux-amd64.deb
--2026-01-27 15:15:01-- https://download.splunk.com/products/universalforwarder/releases/9.2.1/linux/splunkforwarder-9.2.1-0f44a9c0b9f3-linux-amd64.deb
Resolving download.splunk.com (download.splunk.com)... 108.157.78.4, 108.157.78.52, 108.157.78.10, ...
Connecting to download.splunk.com (download.splunk.com)|108.157.78.4|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 404 Not Found
2026-01-27 15:15:02 ERROR 404: Not Found.

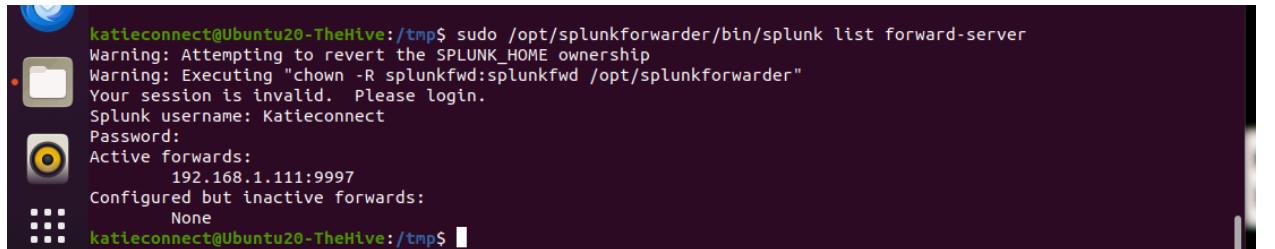
katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:/tmp$ wget -O splunkforwarder-10.2.0-d749cb17ea65-linux-amd64.deb "https://download.splunk.com/products/universalforwarder/releases/10.2.0/linux/splunkforwarder-10.2.0-d749cb17ea65-linux-amd64.deb"
--2026-01-27 15:17:12-- https://download.splunk.com/products/universalforwarder/releases/10.2.0/linux/splunkforwarder-10.2.0-d749cb17ea65-linux-amd64.deb
Resolving download.splunk.com (download.splunk.com)... 108.157.78.34, 108.157.78.4, 108.157.78.10, ...
Connecting to download.splunk.com (download.splunk.com)|108.157.78.34|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 82498966 (79M) [binary/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'splunkforwarder-10.2.0-d749cb17ea65-linux-amd64.deb'

splunkforwarder-10.2.0-d749cb17ea65-linux 100%[=====] 78.68M 2.24MB/s   in 69s

2026-01-27 15:18:21 (1.14 MB/s) - 'splunkforwarder-10.2.0-d749cb17ea65-linux-amd64.deb' saved [82498966/82498966]

katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:/tmp$ sudo dpkg -i splunkforwarder-10.2.0-d749cb17ea65-linux-amd64.deb
[sudo] password for katieconnect:
Selecting previously unselected package splunkforwarder.
(Reading database ... 212089 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack splunkforwarder-10.2.0-d749cb17ea65-linux-amd64.deb ...
verify that this system has all the commands we will require to perform the preflight step
no need to run the splunk-preinstall upgrade check
Unpacking splunkforwarder (10.2.0) ...
Setting up splunkforwarder (10.2.0) ...
Setting up splunkforwarder (10.2.0) ...
find: '/opt/splunkforwarder/lib/python3.7/site-packages': No such file or directory
find: '/opt/splunkforwarder/lib/python3.9/site-packages': No such file or directory
complete

```



```

katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:/tmp$ sudo /opt/splunkforwarder/bin/splunk list forward-server
Warning: Attempting to revert the SPLUNK_HOME ownership
Warning: Executing "chown -R splunkfwd:splunkfwd /opt/splunkforwarder"
Your session is invalid. Please login.
Splunk username: Katieconnect
Password:
Active forwards:
    192.168.1.111:9997
Configured but inactive forwards:
    None
katieconnect@Ubuntu20-TheHive:/tmp$ 

```



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New Search

1 index=ai_security

3 events (26/01/2026 17:00:00.000 to 27/01/2026 17:00:35.000) No Event Sampling ▾

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Events (3) Patterns Statistics Visualization

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Field Extraction

To enable meaningful analysis, custom field extractions were created. These fields allow filtering, aggregation, and correlation of AI security events across time and sources.

The image consists of two screenshots of the Splunk Enterprise interface. The top screenshot shows a search results page with a search bar containing the query "index=ai_security | table _time level message". It displays 3 events from January 27, 2026, at various times. The bottom screenshot shows the "Add new" configuration page for a field extraction named "ai_api_path". The configuration includes fields for Destination app (search), Name (ai_api_path), Apply to (sourcetype), Type (Inline), and Extraction/Transform (path=(\|a-zA-Z0-9\|\-*)). There is also a note about providing a regular expression for inline extractions or a transform name for transform-based extractions. At the bottom are "Cancel" and "Save" buttons.

The screenshot shows the Splunk Enterprise search interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Search, Analytics, Datasets, Reports, Alerts, and Dashboards. The main area is titled "New Search" and contains the following search command:

```
1 index=ai_security  
2 | table _time path message
```

Below the search bar, it says "3 events (26/01/2026 17:00:00.000 to 27/01/2026 17:35:03.000)" and "No Event Sampling". The "Statistics (3)" tab is selected. The results table shows three events with columns for _time, path, and message. The _time column lists the event times: 2026-01-27 16:59:05, 2026-01-27 16:58:48, and 2026-01-27 17:00:06.

At the bottom, there's a modal window titled "Add new" for "Field extractions > Add new". The form fields are:

- Destination app: search
- Name *: ai_client_ip
- Apply to: sourcetype
- Type *: Inline
- Extraction/Transform *: client_ip=(\d+\.\d+\.\d+\.\d+)

A note below the transform field says: "If the field extraction is inline, provide the regular expression. If the field extraction uses a transform, specify the transform name."

At the bottom right of the modal are "Cancel" and "Save" buttons.

New Search

```
1 index=ai_security
2 | table _time client_ip message
```

✓ 3 events (26/01/2026 17:00:00.000 to 27/01/2026 17:39:52.000) No Event Sampling ▾

Events Patterns Statistics (3) Visualization

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_time	client_ip	message
2026-01-27 16:59:05		
2026-01-27 16:58:48		
2026-01-27 17:00:06		

Volume-Based Detection

Events were returned, confirming repeated access to specific endpoints during testing.

Key Insight:

This highlights how different detection strategies behave depending on data volume and activity patterns.

AI API Abuse Detection – High Endpoint Activity

```
1 index=ai_security
2 | stats count by endpoint
3 | where count > 20
```

✓ 3 events (27/01/2026 14:00:00.000 to 28/01/2026 14:11:26.000) No Event Sampling ▾

Save Save As ▾ View Create Table View Time range: Last 24 hours ▾

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SELECTED FIELDS
a host 1
a source 1
a sourcetype 1

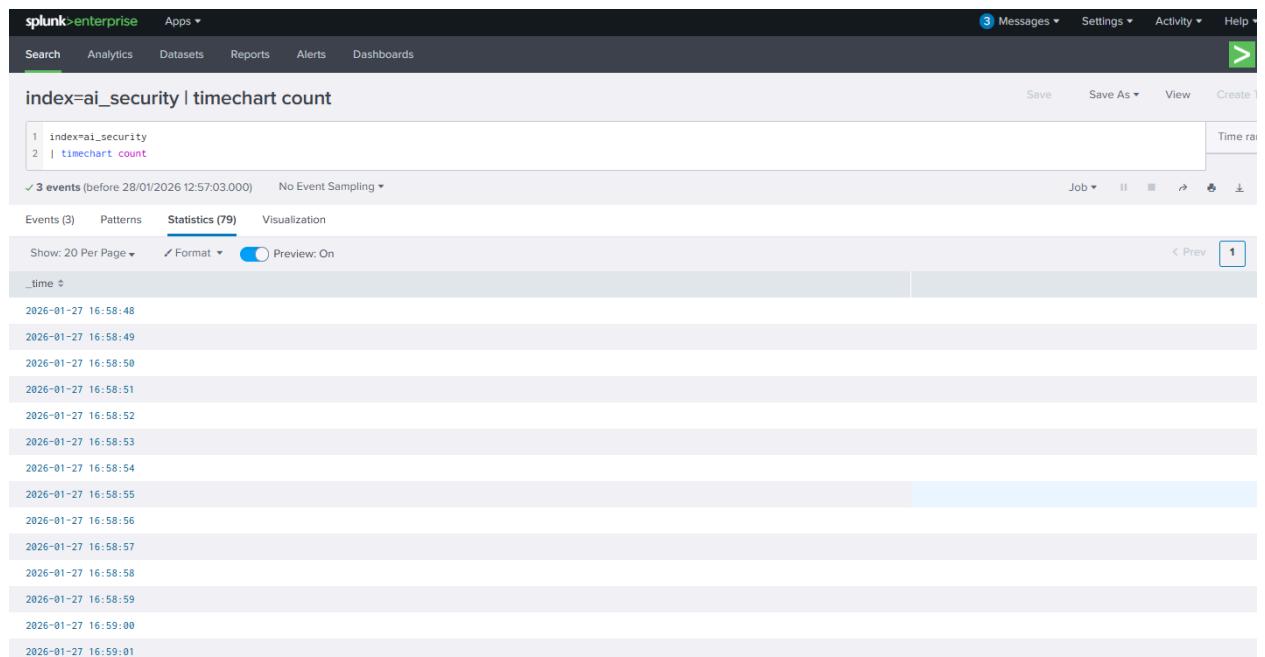
INTERESTING FIELDS
date_hour 2
date_mday 1
date_minute 3
date_month 1
date_second 3
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Dashboards

An AI API Security Monitoring Dashboard was created to provide continuous visibility.

Dashboard Panels

- Total events over time
- Most accessed API endpoints
- Client IP activity





index=ai_security | timechart count

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```
1 index=ai_security
2 | stats count by client_ip
3 | sort -count
```

✓ 3 events (before 28/01/2026 13:02:15.000) No Event Sampling ▾

Events (3) Patterns Statistics (0) Visualization Job ▾

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1 index=ai_security
2 | stats count by endpoint
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Alerting Limitations

Splunk Enterprise Free does not support scheduled alerts. As a result:

- Detection logic was saved as **Reports**
- Dashboards were used for continuous monitoring
- Alert behavior was documented conceptually

Conclusion

This project demonstrates how AI application logs can be transformed into actionable security telemetry using Splunk. It reflects real SOC activities including:

- Log ingestion troubleshooting
- Field extraction design
- Detection logic development
- Dashboard-driven monitoring
- Incident readiness planning



The project highlights the growing importance of **AI security observability** and provides a foundation for more advanced detection, alerting, and response workflows.