# 2. Introduction to Logstash

1. Access Log from a Web Server like Apache Access Log file.
2. **Pipeline Configuration**: Orchestration of Plugins **(**Built-in, Custom, and Community**)**.
   1. **Input (receiving), filter (processing), Output (shipping)**
   2. **Plugins:**
      1. **Codecs**: To change the representation of events.
         1. Used Input and output phases.
3. **Stashes**: Destinations where processed events are sent.
4. **Codec**: To encode and decode data.