



# Cox Automotive Empowered to Scale with Splunk Cloud & AWS and Explores New Innovation with Amazon Kinesis Firehose

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# Agenda

- What is Splunk
- Current Splunk ingestion landscape for AWS
- Current challenges
- New solution
- Cox Automotive use case
- Q&A

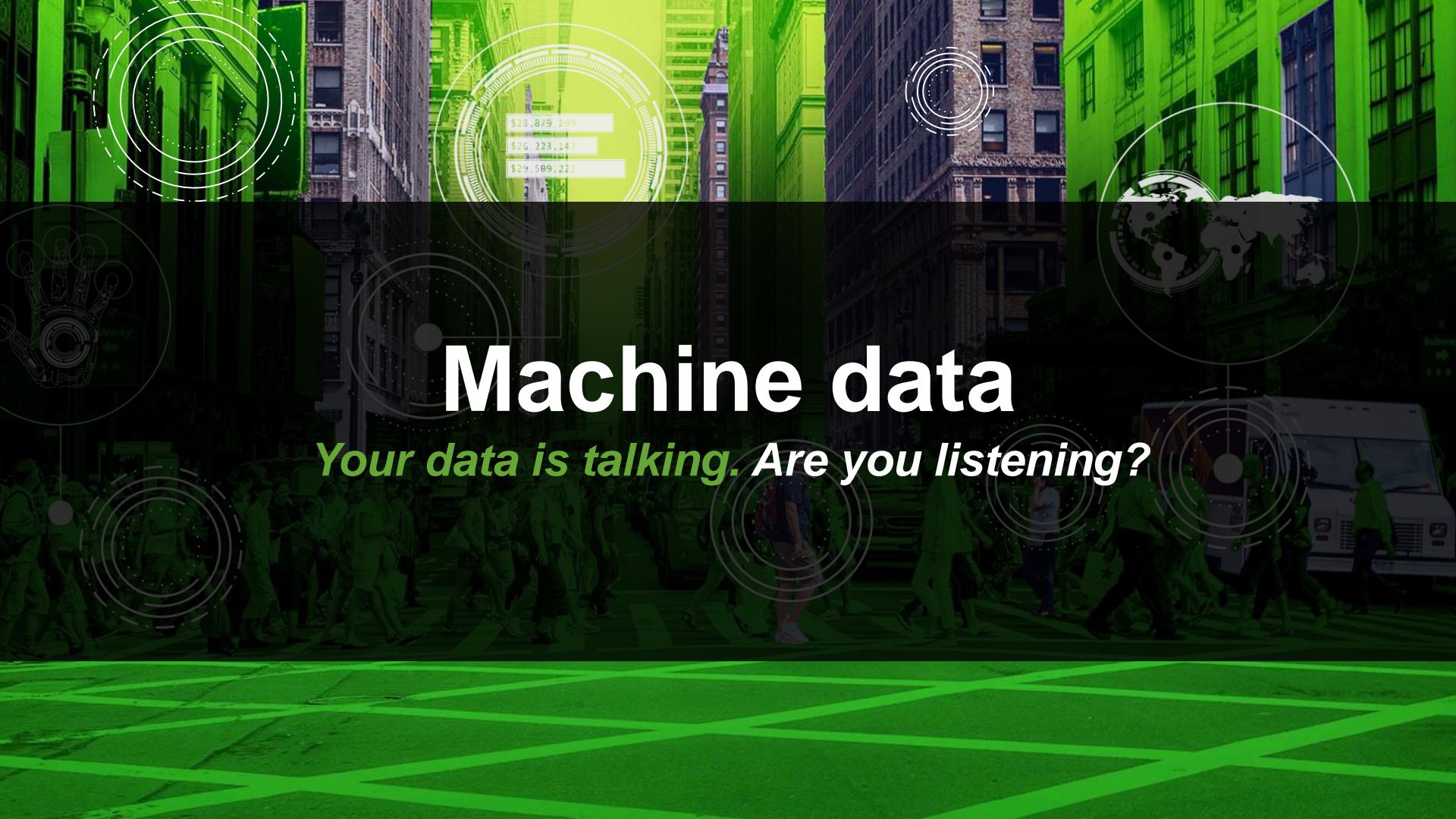
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# Turn data into answers with Splunk



# Machine data

*Your data is talking. Are you listening?*

# What is machine data?



## Application data

Mobile app and website data

*44% of the world's population will own smartphones in 2017\**

## IT infrastructure data

Network servers, cloud services

*Average cost of downtime for a data center is \$7,900 per minute\**

## Security data

Firewall data, endpoint data

*Cybercrime will cost the world in excess of \$6 trillion annually by 2021\**

## Customer-generated data

Social media data, support call logs

*There are 2.8 billion social media users worldwide\**

## Internet of Things data

Temperature control, speed instruments

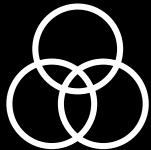
*8.4 Billion connected "things" will be in use in 2017\**

# Use machine data. Meet customer expectations.

To meet higher customer expectations, companies must leverage their machine data.



# Why is this so hard?



Machine data is  
messy and  
unpredictable



# Requires massive scale



You don't always  
know which  
questions to ask



Any question, any data, in *real time*



Single Platform,  
Many Lenses



Performance  
at Scale



Open Ecosystem



Hybrid



Machine  
Learning

# Making machine data accessible, usable and valuable to everyone.

**splunk** listen to your data

# Proven at 13,000+ customers in 110+ countries

## More than 85 of the Fortune 100



# Splunk portfolio of AWS solutions

End-to-end AWS visibility



App for AWS

Available on Splunk Enterprise, Splunk Cloud and Splunk Insights for Cloud Monitoring

AWS Integrations

AWS Lambda, AWS IoT, Amazon Kinesis, Amazon EMR, Amazon EC2 Container Service

Self-deployed AMIs or SaaS on AWS Marketplace



AMI on AWS Marketplace



SaaS Contract Billed through Marketplace



Insights for AWS Cloud Monitoring

AMI on AWS Marketplace

AWS-based SaaS



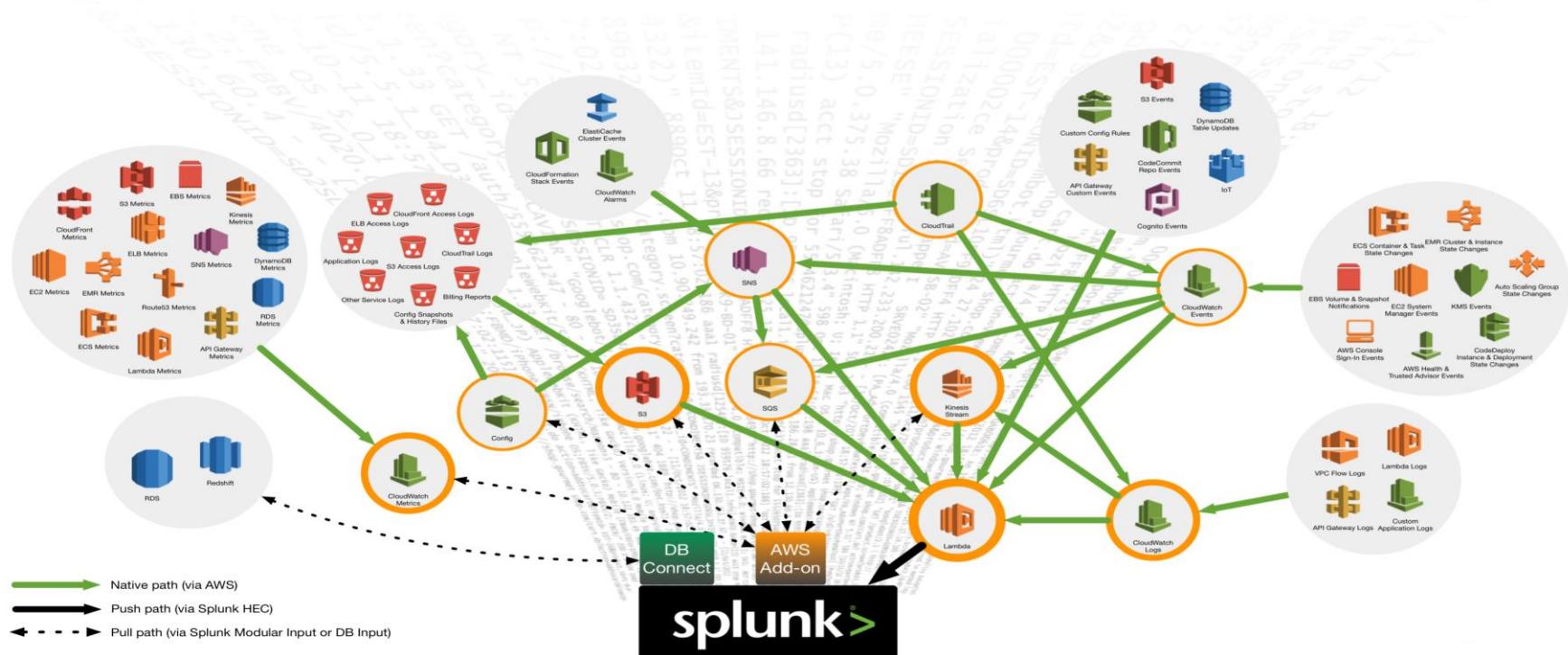
Benefits of Splunk Enterprise as SaaS



Splunk Cloud available worldwide



# Current Splunk end-to-end landscape for AWS

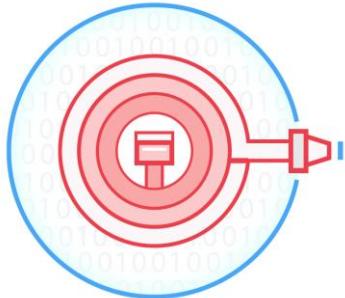


# Poll-based ingestion challenges

- Reliability, scalability, and fault tolerance
- Management overhead of data-collection nodes
- Delayed event delivery due to poll-based ingestion
- API throttling with poll-based data ingestion

# Need for new solution

# Amazon Kinesis



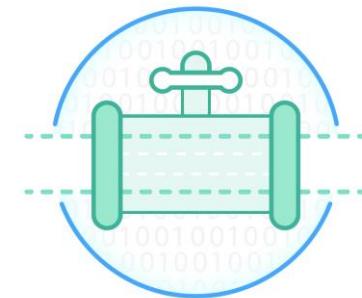
## Amazon Kinesis Firehose

Easily load streaming data into AWS



## Amazon Kinesis Analytics

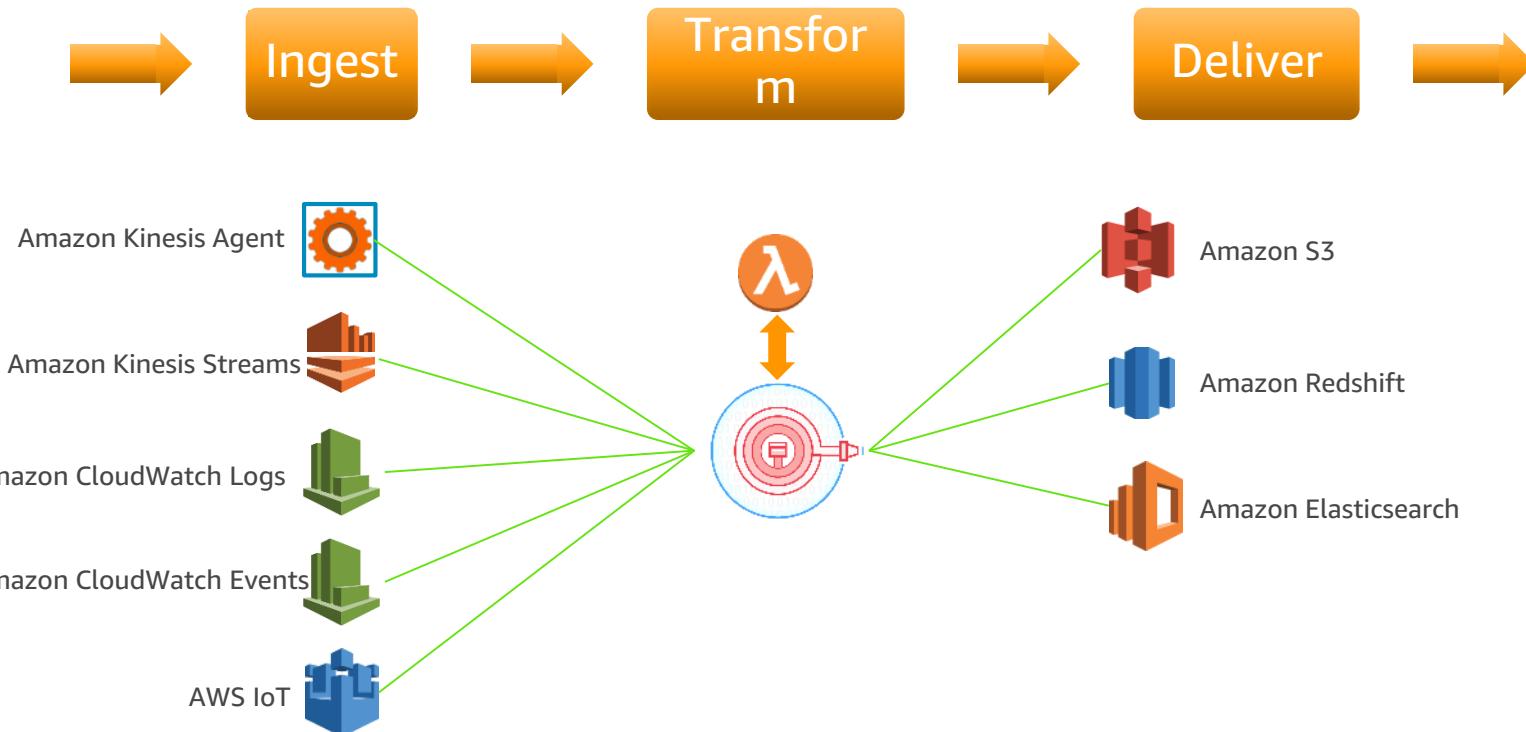
Easily process and analyze streaming data with standard SQL



## Amazon Kinesis Streams

Build custom applications that process and analyze streaming data

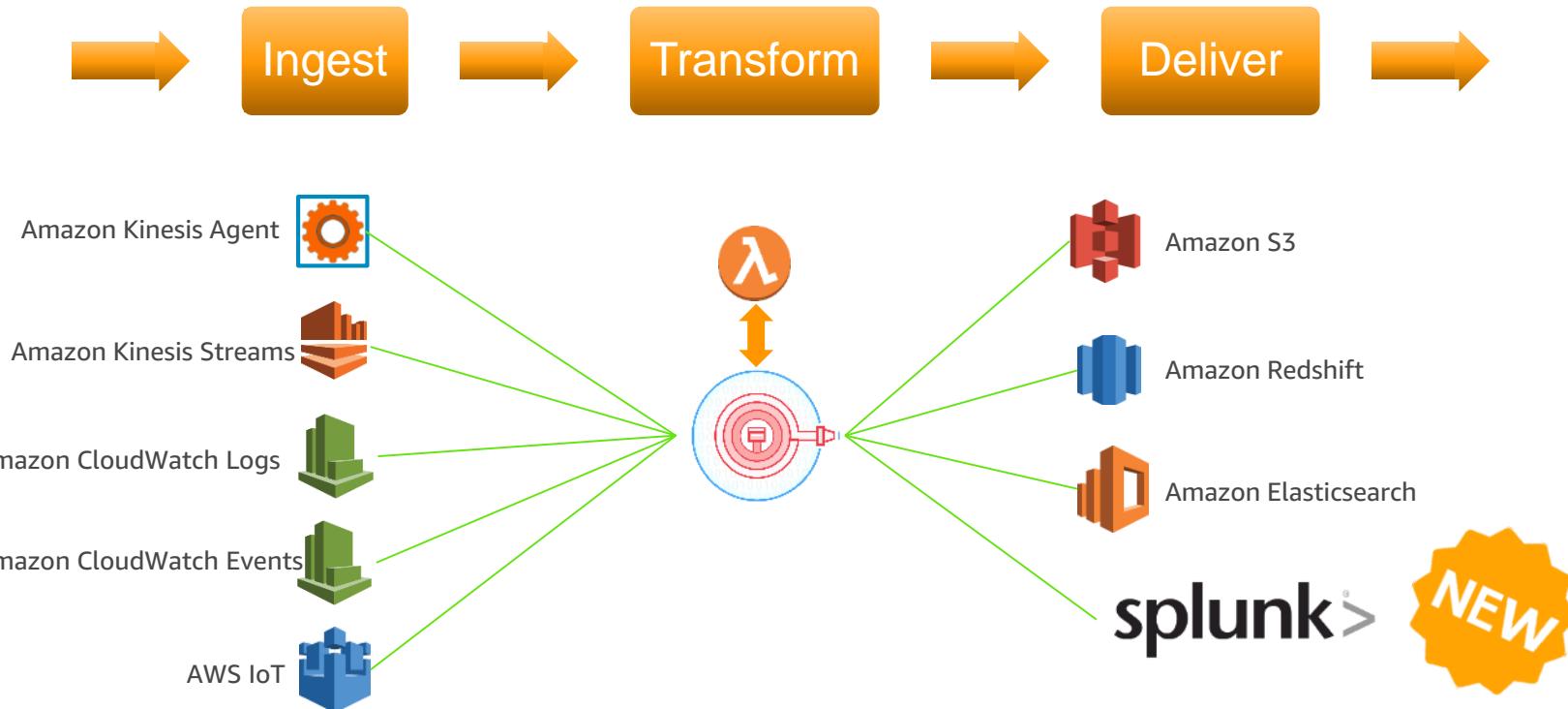
# Current state of Amazon Kinesis Firehose



# Our answers to challenges

- Reliability, scalability, and fault-tolerance challenges
  - ✓ Extremely reliable with underlying infrastructure operating in three different AZs
  - ✓ Extremely durable with three copies of same data in three different AZs
  - ✓ Temporarily holds and buffers data to absorb back pressure
  - ✓ Data backup to Amazon S3 upon failure
- Management overhead of data-collection nodes in existing solution
  - ✓ Serverless with no resource provision or management overhead
- Delayed event delivery due to poll-based ingestion
  - ✓ Push delivery with configurable buffer size and interval
- API throttling with poll-based data ingestion
  - ✓ Horizontally scalable with no limit

# Amazon Kinesis Firehose with Splunk delivery



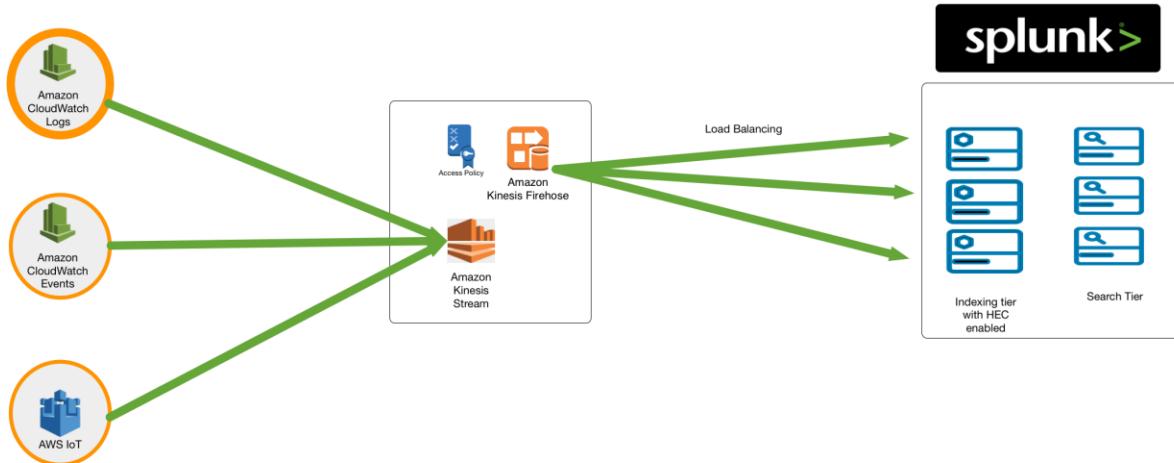
# Amazon Kinesis Firehose advantages

Why would I use Amazon Kinesis Firehose as opposed to other ingestion mechanisms for Splunk?

# Why Amazon Kinesis Firehose

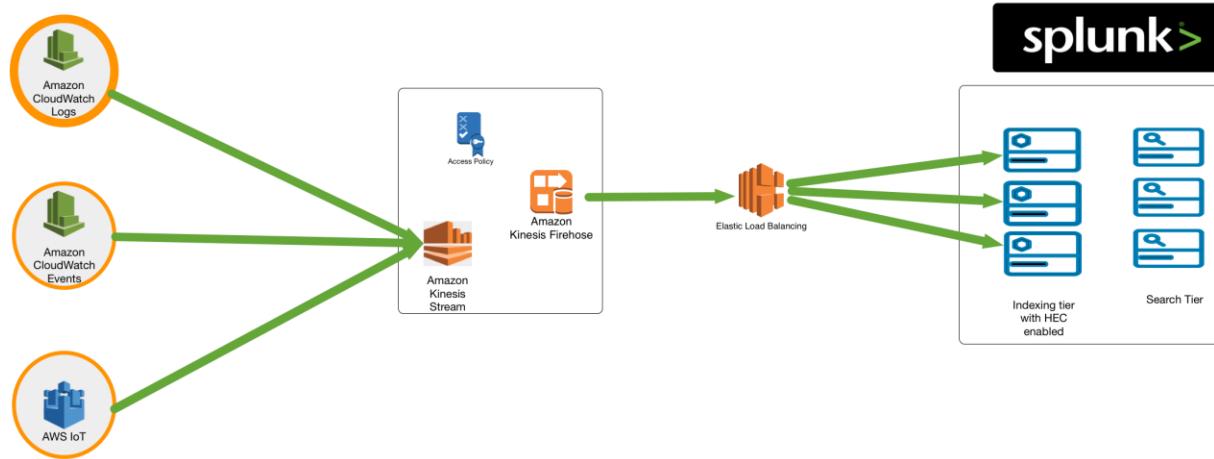
- Fully managed service with serverless architecture
- Bypass the need for setting up and managing heavyweight forwarder
- Greater reliability and scalability
- Well integrated with various data sources
- Easy to use with no programming requirement
- Ability to transform raw data prior to sending it to Splunk
- Very low cost—\$0.029 per GB of data ingested via Amazon Kinesis Firehose

# Serverless and scalable



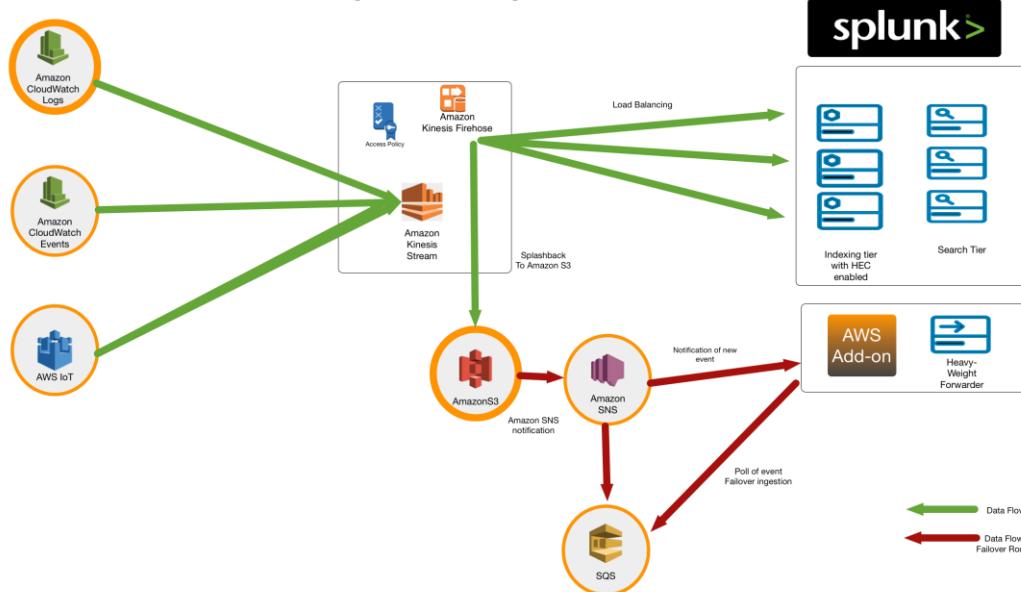
- Supports native balancing to indexing tier
- Supports Splunk Cloud and Splunk Enterprise
- Leverages HTTP Event Collector's indexer acknowledgment
  - Makes sure events are written to disk on Splunk's side
  - Unacknowledged events are sent again

# Serverless and scalable



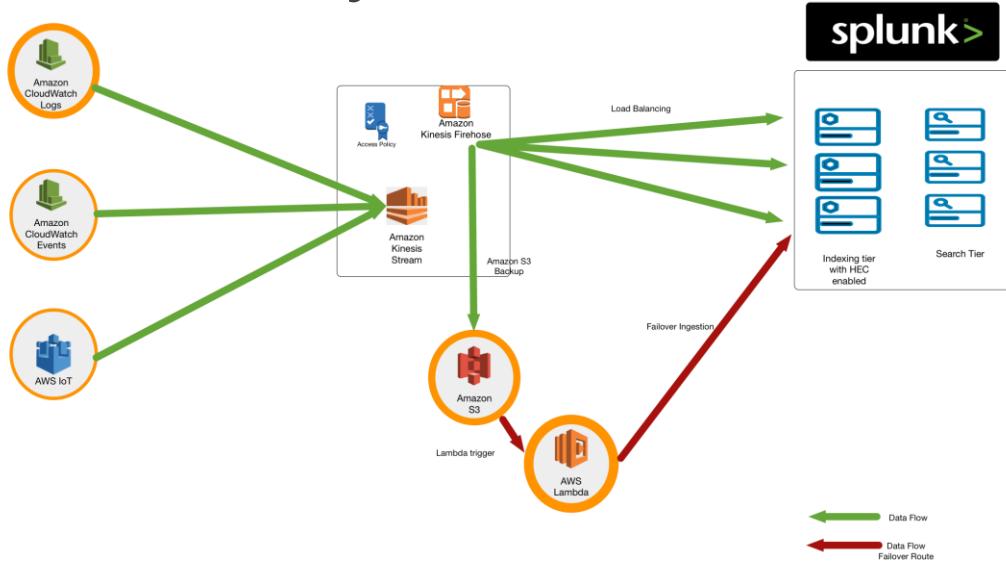
- Supports ELB and third-party load balancers

# Greater reliability: Hybrid push/pull



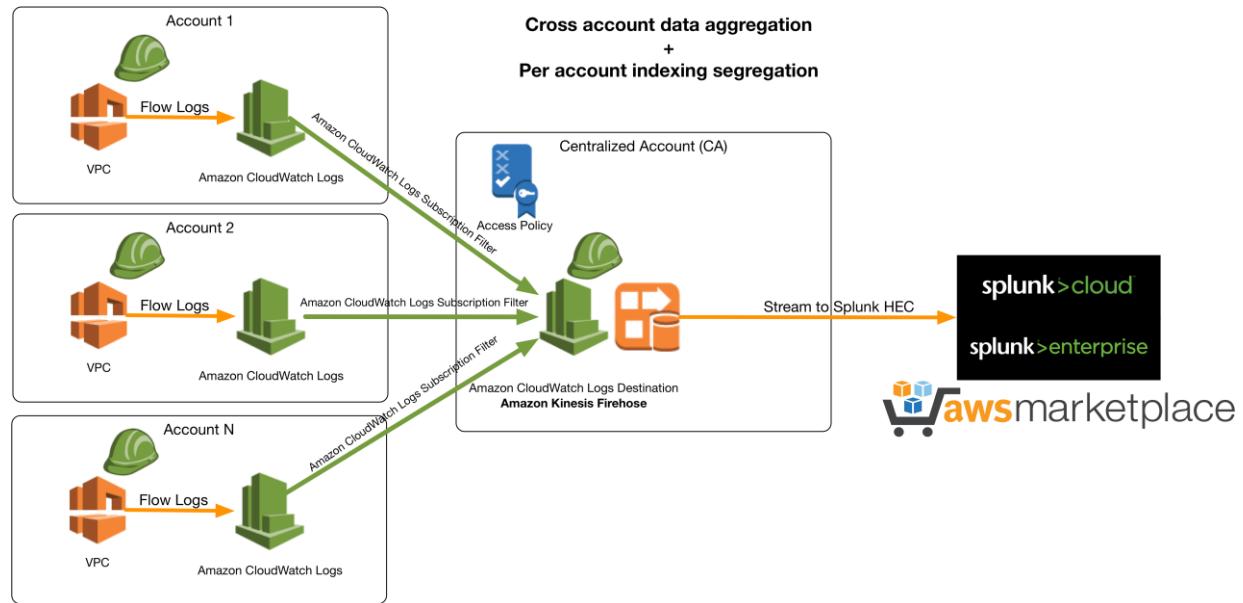
- Supports delivery acknowledgment. Unacknowledged events can be persisted to Amazon S3 and ingested again via alternative delivery mechanism.
- Undelivered and unacknowledged events can be ingested from Amazon S3 bucket using poll-based mechanism (Splunk add-on for AWS)
- Hybrid push/pull: backup route less prone to same bottleneck

# Greater reliability: Serverless architecture



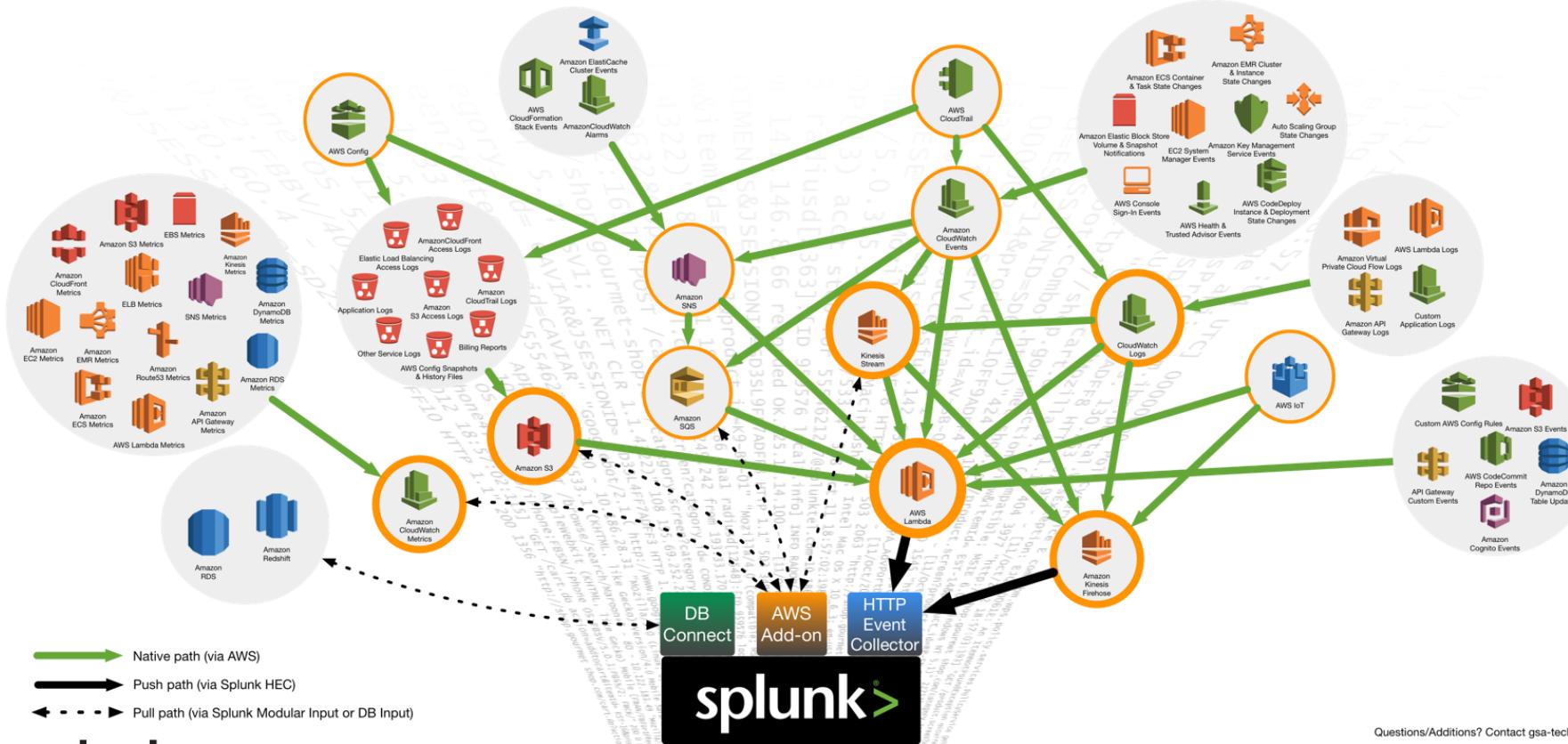
- Undelivered and unacknowledged events can be ingested from Amazon S3 using AWS Lambda for full push-based architecture
- Lambda can be configured to push data to a failover HEC endpoint
- Pure push, serverless-based architecture; no forwarder required

# Cross-account delivery



- Consolidate Amazon VPC flow data from multiple accounts into one Amazon Kinesis Firehose delivery stream
- Ability to route events to different indexes based on AWS Lambda conditions

# New Splunk end-to-end landscape for AWS



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# Amazon Kinesis Firehose use case

When would I use Amazon Kinesis Firehose as opposed to other ingestion mechanisms for Splunk?

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Enterprise Logging Services Manager

Leading international Splunk  
rollout across Cox Automotive





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Cox Enterprises, Inc.

24,000+  
employees  
(October 2014)

40,000+  
customers  
(Wholesale & retail dealers, OEMs)

Source: Cox Automotive FPA, 2014

\$45B+  
vehicle values sold  
annually through Manheim

Source: Manheim Financial Reporting, 2013

121 AUCTION LOCATIONS  
worldwide  
(October 2014)

32M+ UNIQUE VISITORS MONTHLY

Autotrader &  
Kelley Blue Book

Source: Autotrader & Kelley Blue Book site data, unduplicated 2014 monthly average

67% OF ALL CAR BUYERS  
use Autotrader or  
Kelley Blue Book

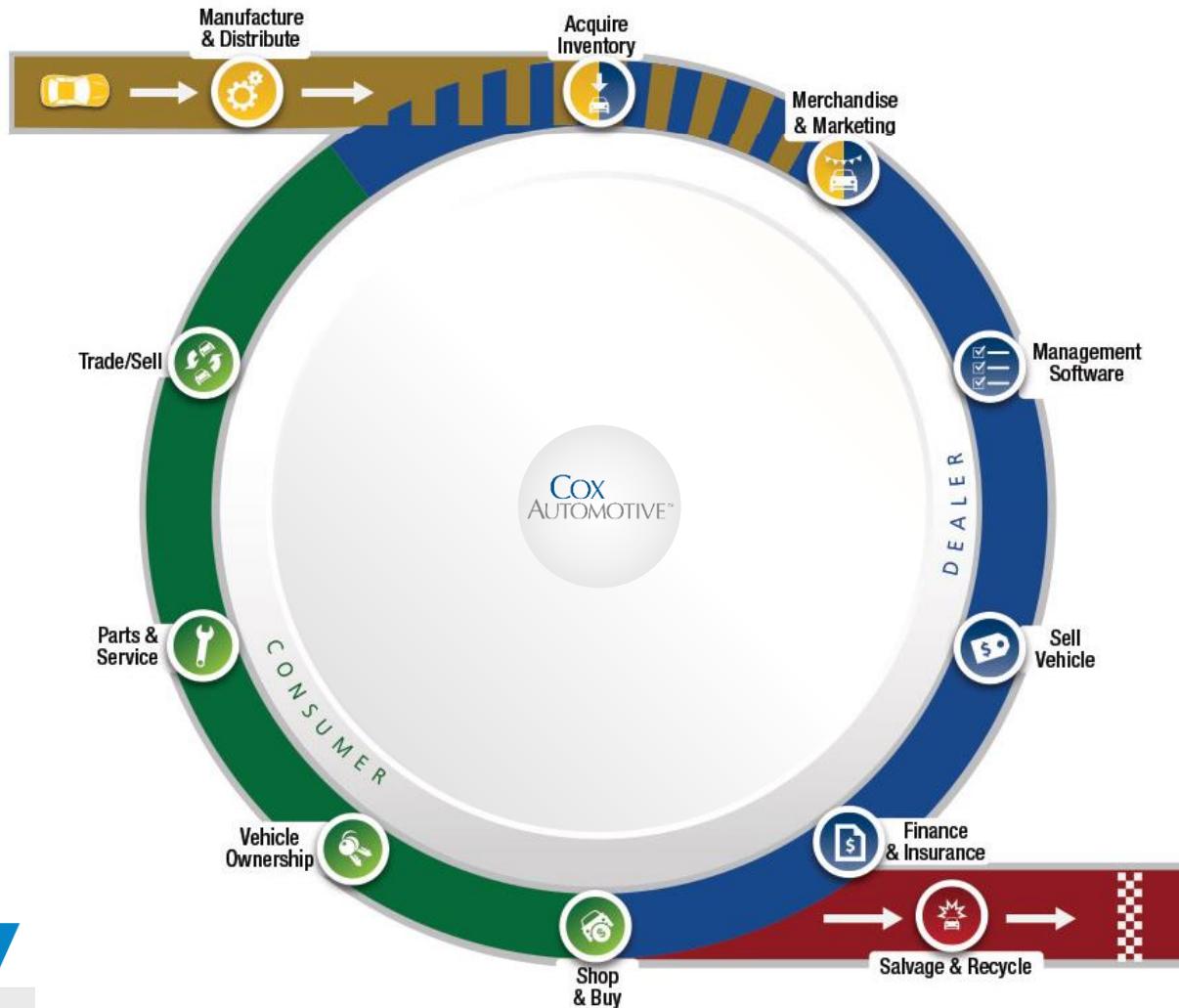
Source: IHS Automotive  
Automotive Buyer Behavior Study, 2014



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ONLINE BUYERS

**12**

INTERNET  
BID  
RECEIVED

**21-1: 2012 VOLVO XC60 FWD 6C**

Odometer: 79,461

VIN: YV4952DL6C2299833

Options: 6G, AT, CD, CI, PS, AC, EW, M

Seller: CHUCK'S AUTOSHACK, INC (ONLINE)

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NEXT BID  
**\$14,900**

TAI AUTOMALL  
**\$14,800**

HIGH BID

LANE  
**1**



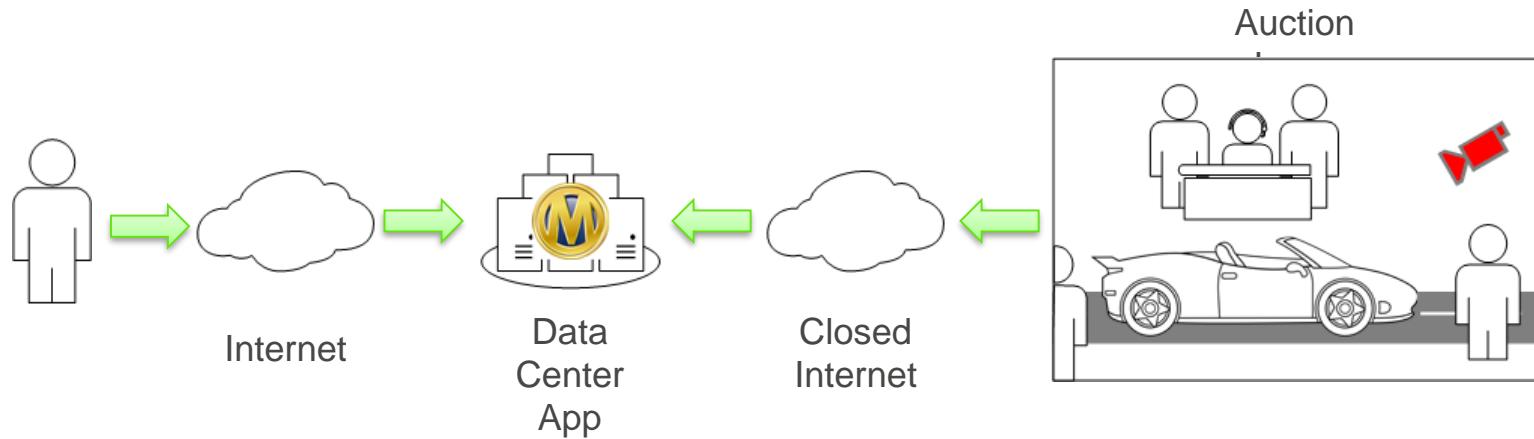


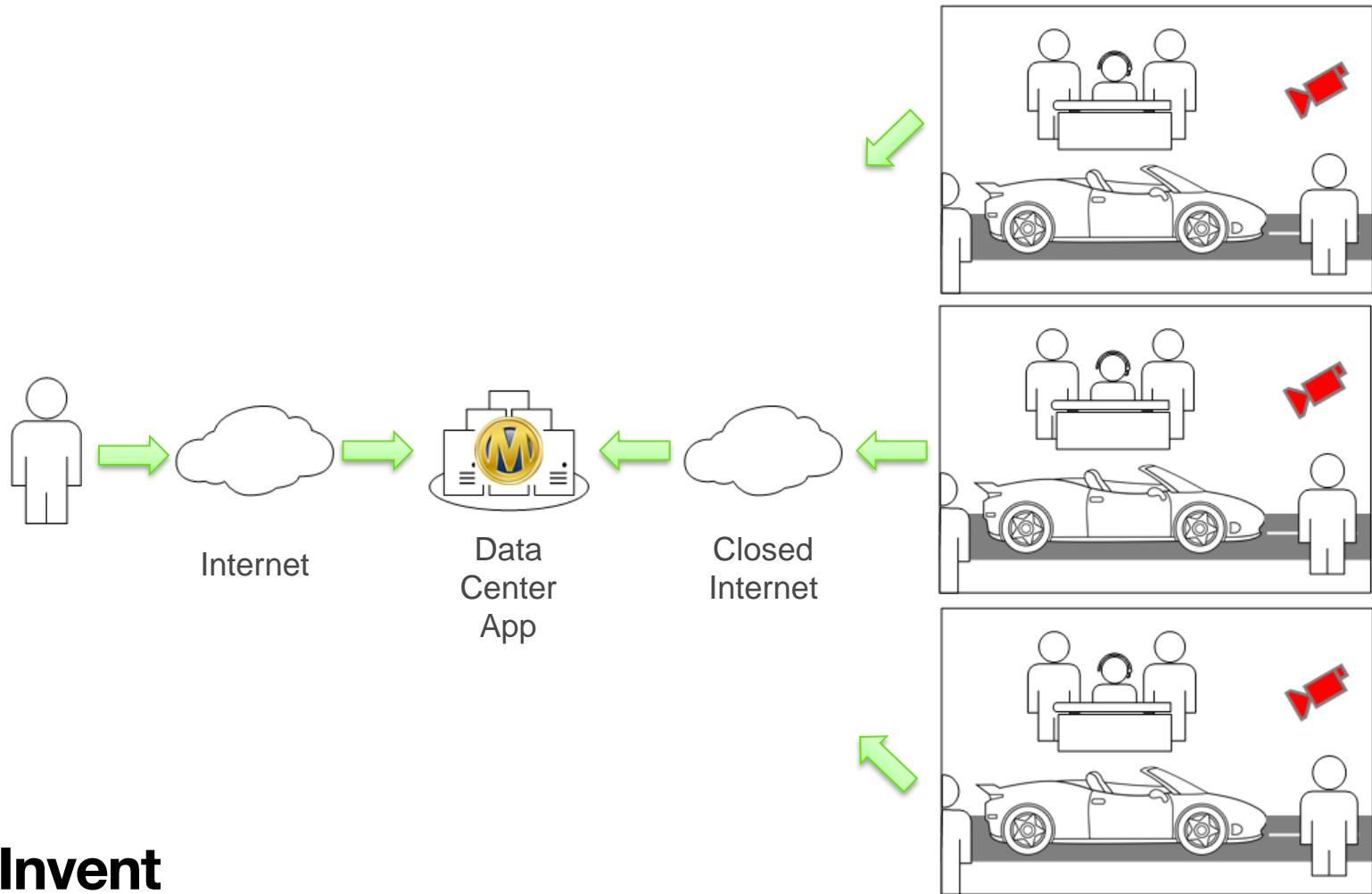


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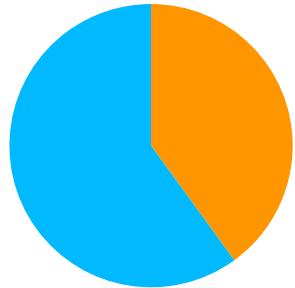
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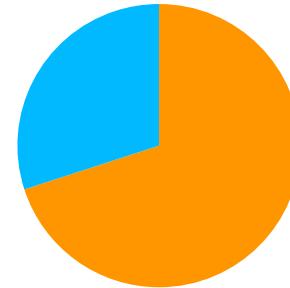




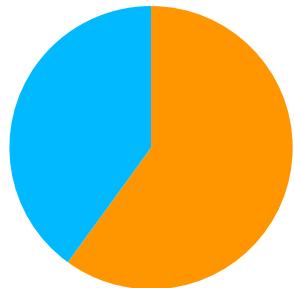
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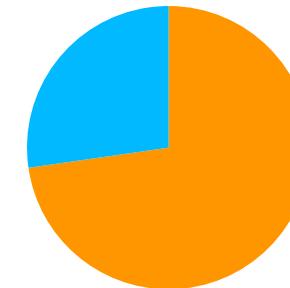
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# splunk<sup>®</sup>>cloud<sup>™</sup>

Ingest all component  
data



Correlation



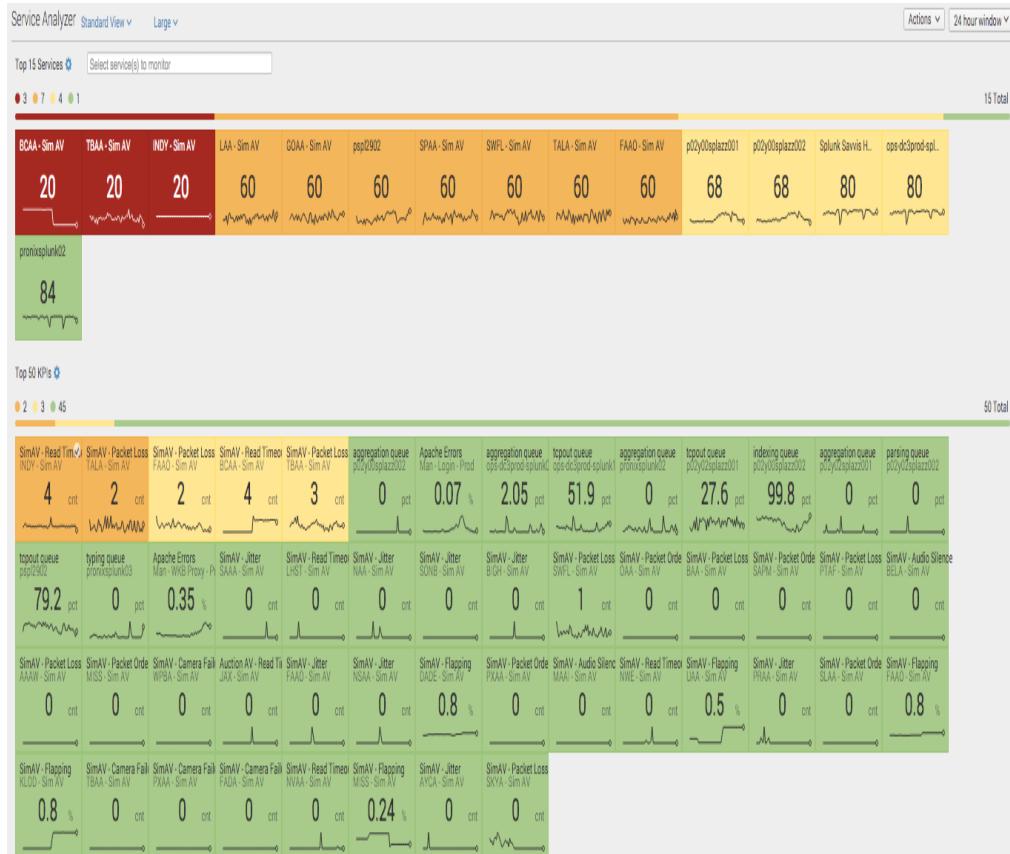
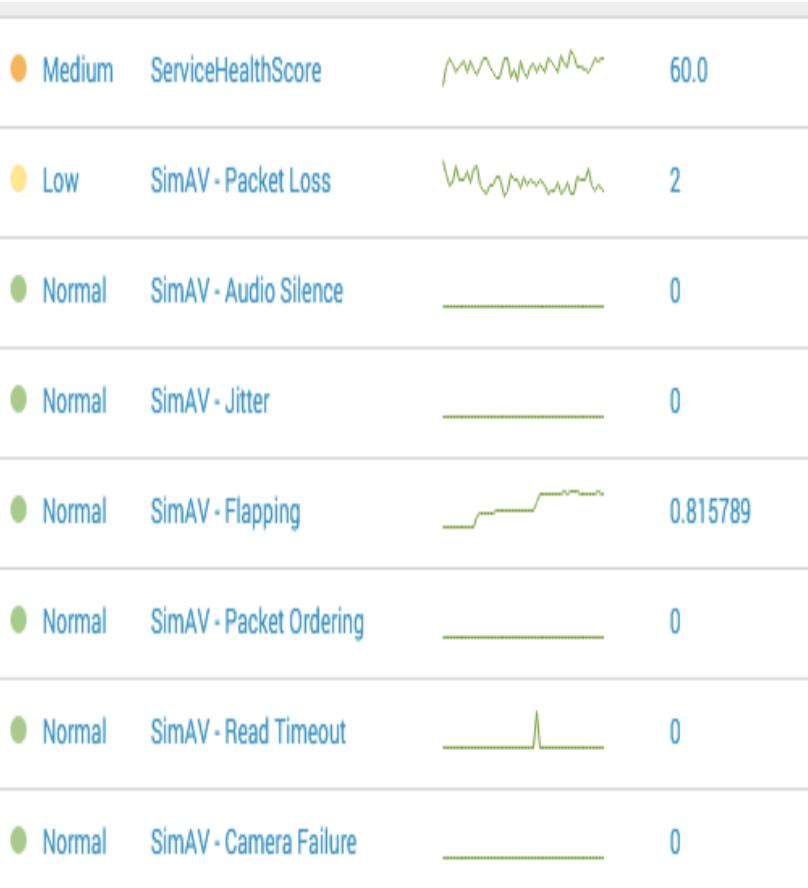
Alert routing



Homegrown anomaly  
detection



# Wrapping intelligence around noise



# Expansion of self-service @ Cox Automotive

Build recipe of success by way of the key ingredients  
Devs or application teams can build it however they want



# Center of Excellence

Build partnerships

Develop standards

Standardize infrastructure

Empower, educate, and delegate

Evangelize

Build for scale

Grow the business



# Q&A



Thank you!