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## Webinar

# KEA Kompetence SIEM and Log Analysis

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Slides are available as PDF, kramse@Github  
webinar-siem-log-analysis.tex in the repo security-courses

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# Overview Diploma in IT-security



Afgangsprojektet (15 ECTS)	
Der udvikles løbende nye valgfag til Diplom i it-sikkerhed. Disse vil løbende blive beskrevet i en allonge (bilag 2) til studieordningen.	
Sikkerhed i it-governance (it-sikkerhedsledelse) (5 ECTS)	Systemsikkerhed (10 ECTS)
Videregående sikkerhed i it-governance (Videregående sikkerhedsledelse) (5 ECTS)	
Softwaresikkerhed (10 ECTS)	
Netværks- og kommunikationssikkerhed (10 ECTS)	

# Course: SIEM and Log Analysis (5 ECTS)



- Slide shows - presentation - this file
- Exercises - PDF which is updated along the way
- Books listed in the lecture plan and here
- Additional resources from the internet

Teaching dates: mostly tuesdays and thursdays 17:00 - 20:30



# Course Description

From: STUDIEORDNING Diplomuddannelse i it-sikkerhed August 2018  
VF4 SIEM og log analyse (5 ECTS)

## Indhold

Den studerende lærer om Security information and event management (SIEM), herunder hvordan man kan indsamle, administrere, og søge i sikkerhedshændelsesdata i et større IT system (komplekse systemer, IOT deployments, corporate IT).

## Læringsmål

Viden – Den studerende har viden om og forståelse for:

- Typiske SIEM arkitekturen
- Standard logformater og logtyper for standard systemer og komponenter
- Typiske SIEM produkter
- Juridiske krav til logning og bevarelse af data ifb. forensic analyse



## Færdigheder – Den studerende kan:

- Lave en baseline-analyse af en infrastruktur
- Bruge log-data til at identificere infrastrukturkomponenter
- Bruge et værktøj til at analysere system log-data og netværkstrafik til at finde sikkerhedshændelser
- Udvikle "dashboards" og alarmer der viser tegn på hændelser

## Kompetencer – Den studerende kan:

- Designe og implementere en SIEM løsning på tværs af diverse produkter
- Træffe beslutninger om hvilke data der skal indsamles i en givne situation
- Identificerer fejl i logopsamlingen
- Deltage i drøftelser på et praktisk og strategisk niveau i forhold til implementering af logmanagement/SIEM

Final word is the Studieordning which can be downloaded from

<https://kompetence.kea.dk/uddannelser/it-digitalt/diplom-i-it-sikkerhed>

Studieordning\_for\_Diplomuddannelsen\_i\_IT-sikkerhed\_Aug\_2018.pdf

## Some keywords relating to this course



Analysis Visualization Dashboards Data-driven Security  
SIEM architectures frameworks acquire process Zeek  
log formats data types databases JSON XML Security Operations Center  
(Incident Response) Intelligence R and Python fundamentals  
Practical application Building Infosec Ansible Playbooks  
Collect, mine, organize, and analyze relevant data sources  
Sort data create reporting and monitoring Netflow ports  
IP-address Netflow nfdump Elasticsearch real-world knowledge

- Lots of new terms, technologies and tools

## Prerequisites



This course includes exercises and getting the most of the course requires the participants to carry out these practical exercises

We will use Linux for some exercises but previous Linux and Unix knowledge is not needed

It is recommended to use virtual machines for the exercises

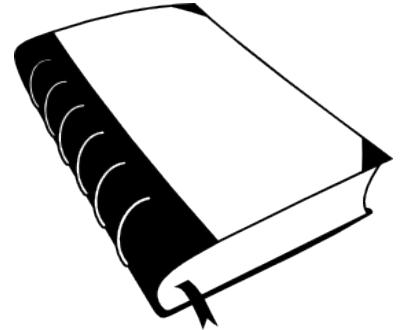
Security and most internet related security work has the following requirements:

- Network experience
- Server experience
- TCP/IP principles - often in more detail than a common user
- Programming is an advantage, for automating things
- Some Linux and Unix knowledge is in my opinion a **necessary skill** for infosec work
  - too many new tools to ignore, and lots found at sites like Github and Open Source written for Linux

# Primary literature



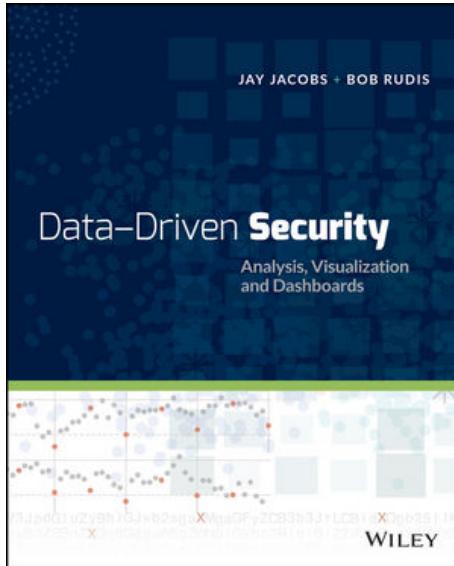
Primary literature:



Free graphics by Lumen Design Studio

- *Data-Driven Security: Analysis, Visualization and Dashboards* Jay Jacobs, Bob Rudis ISBN: 978-1-118-79372-5 February 2014 <https://datadrivensecurity.info/> - short DDS
- *Crafting the InfoSec Playbook: Security Monitoring and Incident Response Master Plan* by Jeff Bollinger, Brandon Enright, and Matthew Valites ISBN: 9781491949405 - short CIP
- *Intelligence-Driven Incident Response*  
Scott Roberts ISBN: 9781491934944 - short IDI
- *Security Operations Center: Building, Operating, and Maintaining your SOC*  
ISBN: 9780134052014 Joseph Muniz - short SOC

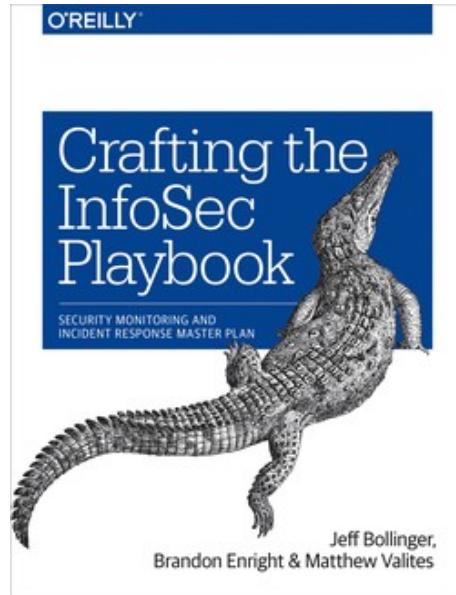
# Data-Driven Security: Analysis, Visualization and Dashboards



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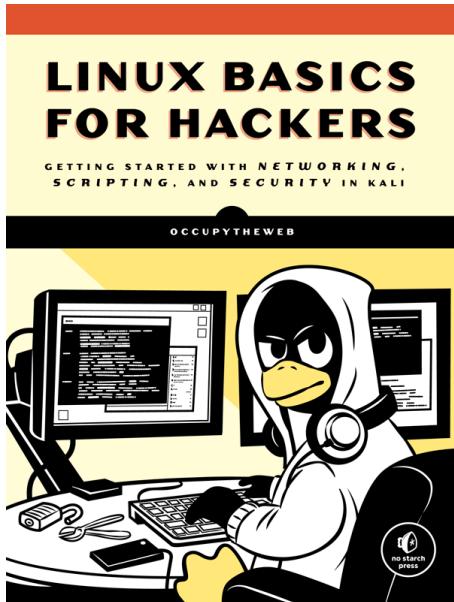
Our main book for this course. We will read a lot from this one.

# Crafting the InfoSec Playbook



*Crafting the InfoSec Playbook: Security Monitoring and Incident Response Master Plan*  
by Jeff Bollinger, Brandon Enright, and Matthew Valites ISBN: 9781491949405 - short CIP

# Linux Basics for Hackers (LBfH)



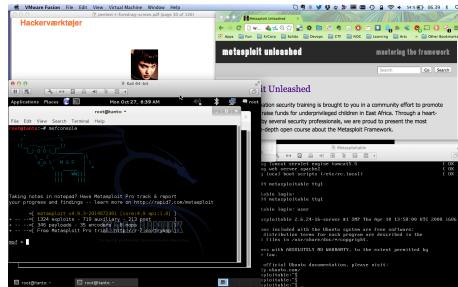
*Linux Basics for Hackers Getting Started with Networking, Scripting, and Security in Kali* by OccupyTheWeb December 2018, 248 pp. ISBN-13: 9781593278557

<https://nostarch.com/linuxbasicsforhackers> Not curriculum but explains how to use Linux

# Exercises: Hackerlab Setup



Exercise theme: Virtual Machines allows us play with tech



- Hardware: modern laptop CPU with virtualisation
- Virtualisation software: VMware, Virtual box, HyperV pick your poison
- Linux server system: Debian amd64 64-bit <https://www.debian.org/>
- Setup instructions can be found at <https://github.com/kramse/kramse-labs>

It is enough if these VMs are pr team



**Security information and event management (SIEM)** is a subsection within the field of computer security, where software products and services combine security information management (SIM) and security event management (SEM). They provide real-time analysis of security alerts generated by applications and network hardware.

Vendors sell SIEM as software, as appliances, or as managed services; these products are also used to log security data and generate reports for compliance purposes.[1]

The term and the initialism SIEM was coined by Mark Nicolett and Amrit Williams of Gartner in 2005.[2]

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Security\\_information\\_and\\_event\\_management](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Security_information_and_event_management)

- Note: there are alerting examples towards the bottom of the page, with sources
- Closely related to log management, incident response



An information security operations center (ISOC or SOC) is a facility where enterprise information systems (web sites, applications, databases, data centers and servers, networks, desktops and other endpoints) are monitored, assessed, and defended.

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A security operations center (SOC) can also be called a security defense center (SDC), security analytics center (SAC), network security operations center (NSOC),<sup>[3]</sup> security intelligence center, cyber security center, threat defense center, security intelligence and operations center (SIOC). In the Canadian Federal Government the term, infrastructure protection center (IPC), is used to describe a SOC.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information\\_security\\_operations\\_center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_security_operations_center)

- We have a whole book about SOCs, but I skipped the introductory chapters!
- If you need to build a SOC, that is great source of information

# Crafting the InfoSec Playbook



This book will help you to answer common questions:

- How do I find bad actors on my network?
- How do I find persistent attackers?
- How can I deal with the pervasive malware threat?
- How do I detect system compromises?
- How do I find an owner or responsible parties for systems under my protection?
- How can I practically use and develop threat intelligence?
- How can I possibly manage all my log data from all my systems?
- How will I benefit from increased logging—and not drown in all the noise?
- How can I use metadata for detection?

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# Anatomy of an Auditing System

Sample logs from login with Secure Shell (SSH) and performing sudo su -

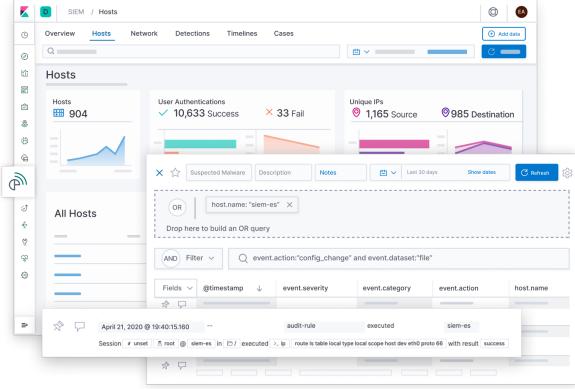
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Jun  5 11:53:15 pumba sshd[64505]: Accepted publickey for hlk from 79.142.233.18 port 43902
ssh2: ED25519 SHA256:180JMcywyBcraJiCWJ06uZ2yzHfu0VuiArqVv1VyfEI
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Jun  5 11:53:19 pumba sudo:      hlk : TTY=ttyp2 ; PWD=/home/hlk ; USER=root ; COMMAND=/usr/bin/su -
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Example systems: Unix syslog, IBM main frame RACF and Windows Event Logs service  
*swatchdog* is an old skool, but simple tool that works

Logs should be protected and considered confidential information

# Why Elasticsearch



Screenshot from <https://www.elastic.co/siem>

Recommend building a proof-of-concept infrastructure using the Elastic stack and gather experience with logging. This can be done without a license fee and the organization can then see what works and doesn't. Then using the experiences as input an informed decision can be made, to continue with this as a home grown logging and auditing solution, or buy a premade one.



## Technologies used in this course

The following tools and environments are examples that may be introduced in this course:

- Programming languages and frameworks Java, Python, regular expressions
- Development environments – choose your own IDE / Editor – I use **Atom**
- Networking and network protocols: TCP/IP, HTTP, DNS, Netflow
- Formats XML, JSON, CSV, raw text, web scraping
- Web technologies and services: REST, API, HTML5, CSS, JavaScript
- Tools like cURL, Zeek, Git and Github
- Message queueing systems: MQ and Redis could be added
- Aggregated example platforms: Elastic stack, logstash, elasticsearch, kibana, grafana, Filebeat
- Cloud and virtualisation Docker, Kubernetes, Azure, AWS, microservices – can be added

This list is not complete or a promise

# Indicators of Compromise and Signatures



An IOC is any piece of information that can be used to objectively describe a network intrusion, expressed in a platform-independent manner. This could include a simple indicator such as the IP address of a command and control (C2) server or a complex set of behaviors that indicate that a mail server is being used as a malicious SMTP relay.

When an IOC is taken and used in a platform-specific language or format, such as a Snort Rule or a Zeek-formatted file, it becomes part of a signature. A signature can contain one or more IOCs.

Source: Applied Network Security Monitoring Collection, Detection, and Analysis, 2014 Chris Sanders



# Reading Summary, Intrusion Kill Chains

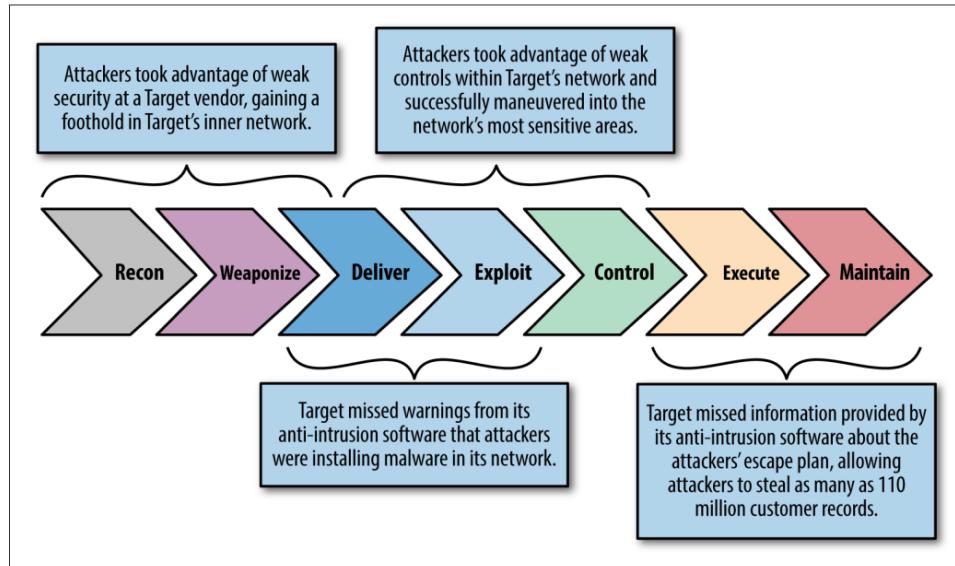


Figure 7-1. The kill chain

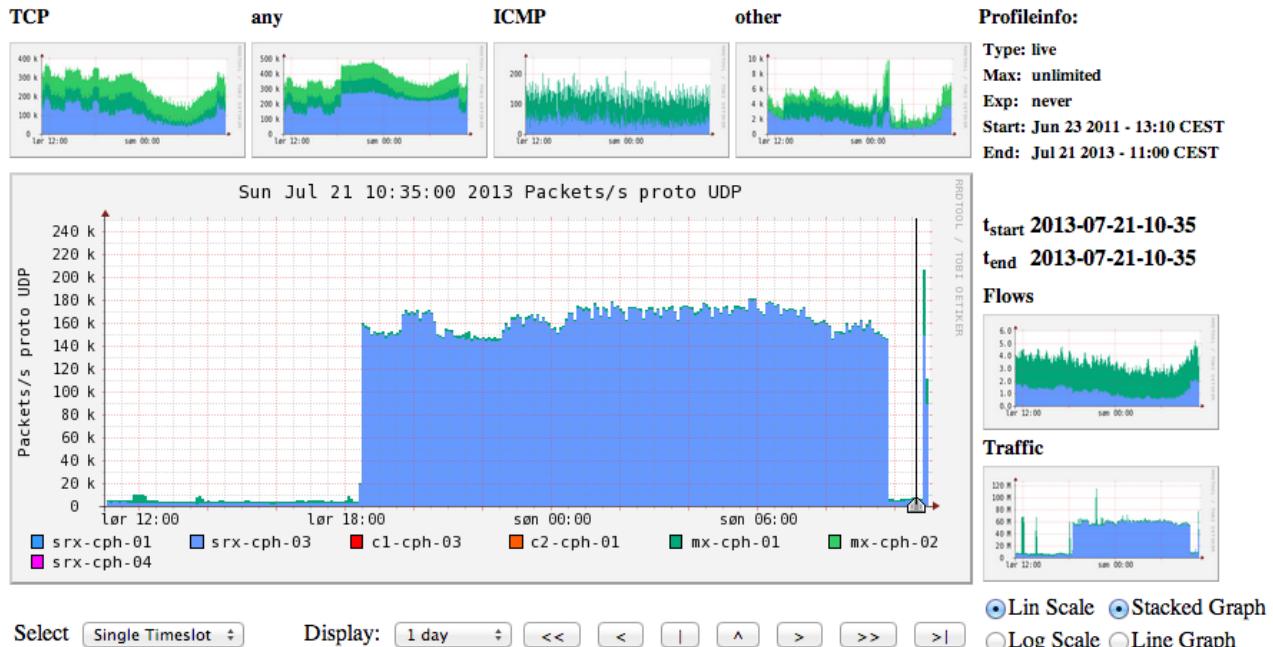
- See also *Intelligence-Driven Computer Network Defense Informed by Analysis of Adversary Campaigns and Intrusion Kill Chains*, Eric M. Hutchins , Michael J. Cloppert, Rohan M. Amin, Ph.D. Lockheed Martin Corporation

<https://www.lockheedmartin.com/content/dam/lockheed-martin/rms/documents/cyber/LM-White-Paper-Intel-Driven-Defense.pdf>

# Netflow NFSen



## Profile: live



An extra 100k packets per second from this netflow source (source is a router)

# The Zeek Network Security Monitor



## The Zeek Network Security Monitor

**Why Choose Zeek?** Zeek is a powerful network analysis framework that is much different from the typical IDS you may know.

### Adaptable

Zeek's domain-specific scripting language enables site-specific monitoring policies.

### Efficient

Zeek targets high-performance networks and is used operationally at a variety of large sites.

### Flexible

Zeek is not restricted to any particular detection approach and does not rely on traditional signatures.

### Forensics

Zeek comprehensively logs what it sees and provides a high-level archive of a network's activity.

### In-depth Analysis

Zeek comes with analyzers for many protocols, enabling high-level semantic analysis at the application layer.

### Highly Stateful

Zeek keeps extensive application-layer state about the network it monitors.

### Open Interfaces

Zeek interfaces with other applications for real-time exchange of information.

### Open Source

Zeek comes with a BSD license, allowing for free use with virtually no restrictions.

The Zeek Network Security Monitor is not a single tool, more of a powerful network analysis framework. Note: the project was renamed from Bro to Zeek in Oct 2018

Source <https://www.zeek.org/>

# Suricata IDS/IPS/NSM

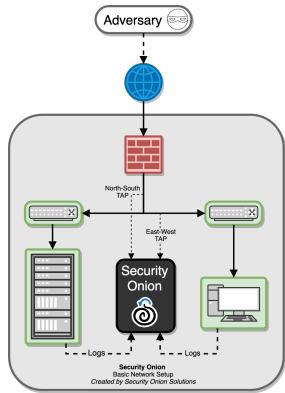


Suricata is a high performance Network IDS, IPS and Network Security Monitoring engine. Open Source and owned by a community run non-profit foundation, the Open Information Security Foundation (OISF). Suricata is developed by the OISF and its supporting vendors.

<http://suricata-ids.org/> <http://openinfosecfoundation.org>

I often use Suricata and Zeek together

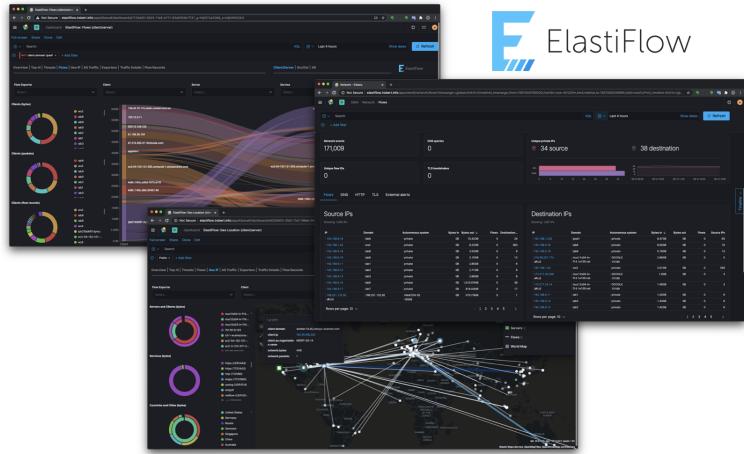
# Architecture for packet capture



Source: picture from <https://docs.securityonion.net/en/2.3/introduction.html>

- Note the terminology North-South – from the internet into the systems
- East-West – horizontal traffic inside the data center
- See also from Security Onion <https://docs.securityonion.net/en/2.3/architecture.html#architecture>

# ElastiFlow

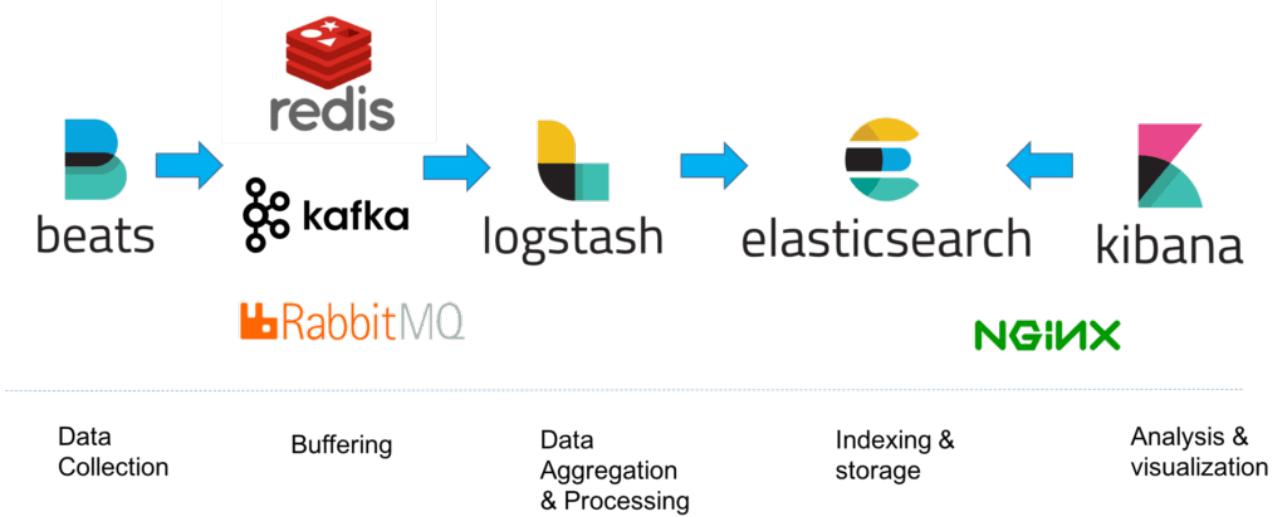


ElastiFlow™ provides network flow data collection and visualization using the Elastic Stack (Elasticsearch, Logstash and Kibana). It supports Netflow v5/v9, sFlow and IPFIX flow types (1.x versions support only Netflow v5/v9).

Source: Picture and text from <https://github.com/robcowart/elastiflow>

PS I havent tried it in real life, yet

# Architecture



- Real production environments often add some buffering in between
- Allows the ingestion to become more smooth, no lost messages