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Logging Challenges

Multiple Sources of Information

- TCP / UDP
- File system, common log files
- Systemd / Journald
- Sensors!



Logging Challenges

.. and each one with different data formats

Apache Logs

[14/Mar/2019:23:43:52 +0000] GET /Frasera HTTP/1.0 500 2216

MySQL

2019-04-30T21:32:39.095880Z 0 [Note] InnoDB: Mutexes use GCC atomic builtins

JSON Maps

{"log": "Hey GEC!", "stream": "stdout", "time": "2019-05-07T10:03:11.33507113Z"}

Many others...!



Structured Messages

Unstructured to Structured



Hey LinuxDev Brazil!



```
{
    "log": "Hey LinuxDev Brazil!",
    "stream": "stdout",
    "time": "2019-08-03T17:03:11.33507113Z"
}
```

Structured Messages



Metadata

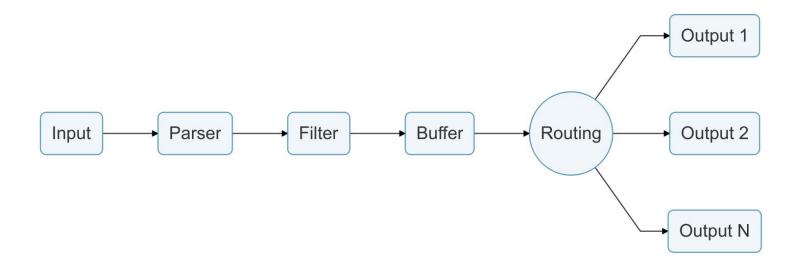
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Structured Messages



Metadata

```
"log": "Hey LinuxDev Brazil!",
"stream": "stdout",
"time": "2019-08-03T17:03:11.33507113Z",
"kubernetes": {
    "host": "minikube",
    "pod name": "linuxdevbr",
    "pod id": "c76927af-f563-11e4-b32d-54ee1227188d",
    "container name": "linuxdevbr",
    "namespace name": "default",
    "namespace id": "23437884-8e08-4d95-850b-e94378c9b2fd"
```







About



Fluent Bit

- Fluentd sub-project
- Started in 2015
- Origins: Lightweight log processor for <u>Embedded Linux</u>
- Quickly evolved as a solution for the <u>Cloud</u> space
- Apache License v2.0

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Design & Internals

- Written in **C** language
- **Low** memory and CPU footprint (memory around **500KB**)
- Pluggable Architecture (~50 plugins available)
- Built-in security: TLS on Network I/O

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Application Record



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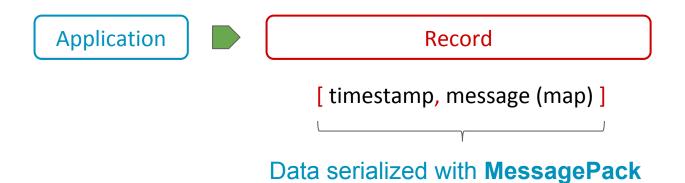


[timestamp, message (map)]



Logging: basics

- Application generates a message: record
- Record is appended with metadata: timestamp
- Record is serialized and ready for processing



Logging Handling

Log

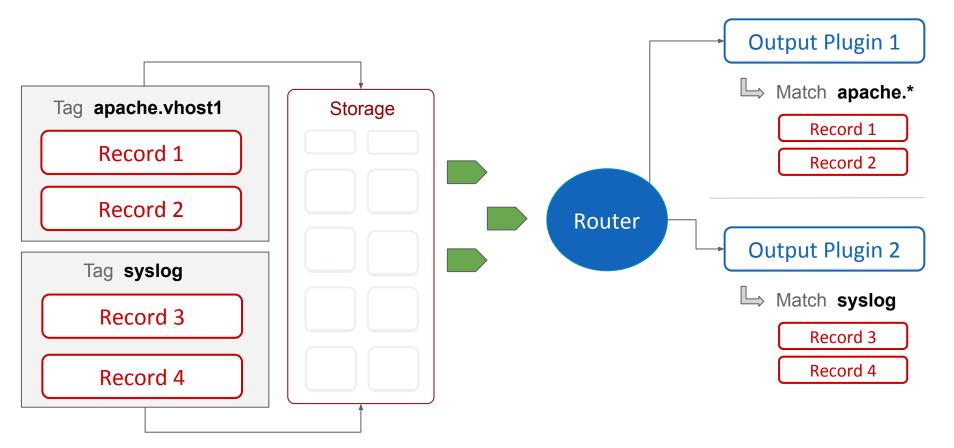
Workflow

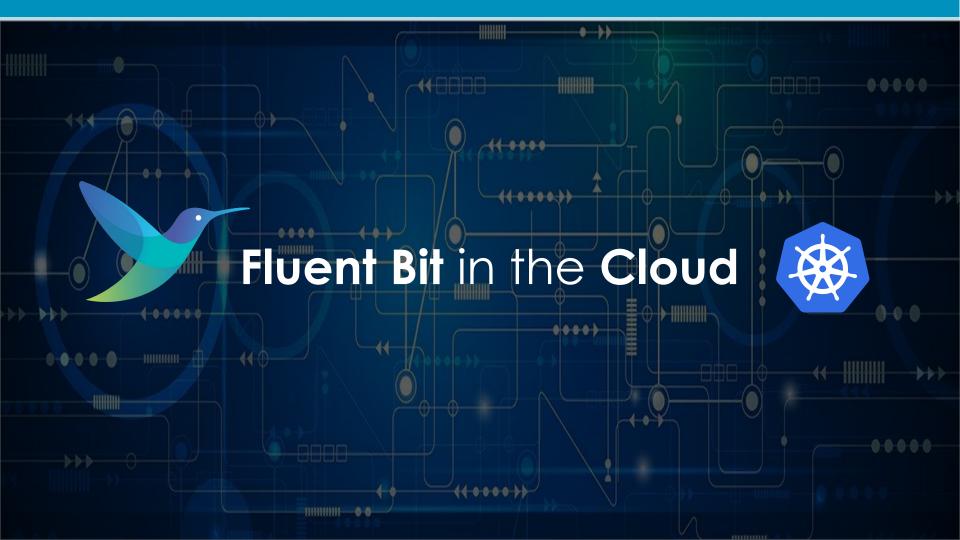
Application



Data serialized with **MessagePack**

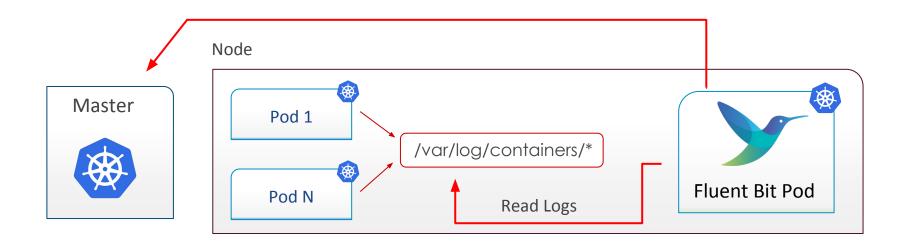
Logging & Routing





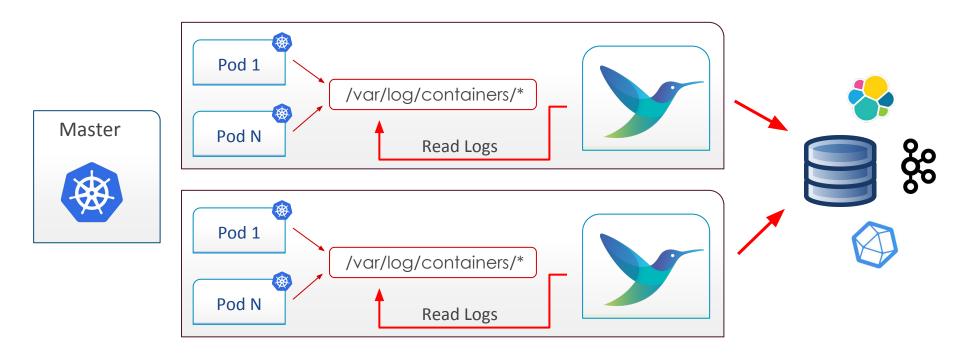
Logging Processing in Kubernetes

Read Logs from the Filesystem or Journald



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Fluent Bit Adoption

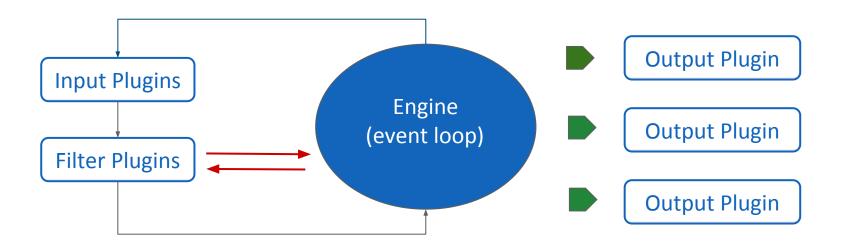
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General info

- > 200.000 deployments EVERY SINGLE DAY
- Wide Adoption
 - AWS
 - Google Cloud Platform
 - DataDog (coming soon!)



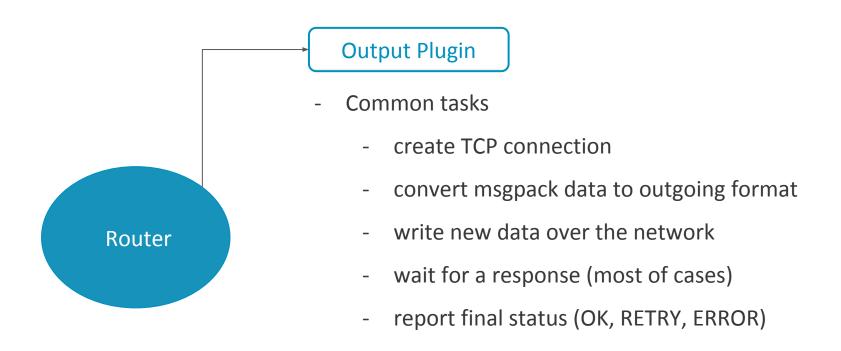
Internals



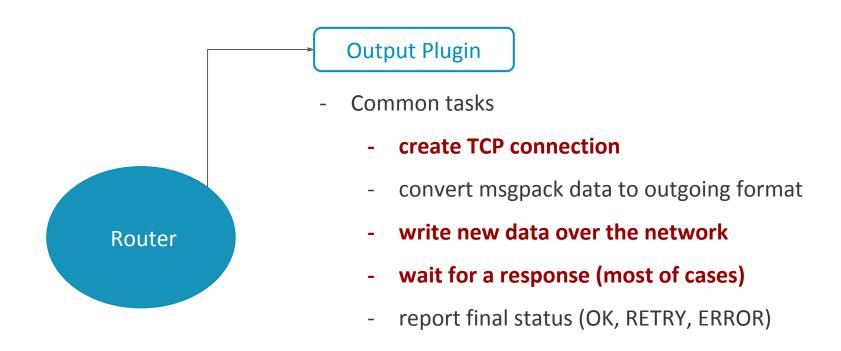
Internals / Output Plugins

- Most of output plugins relies on Network I/O
- Simple design to avoid callbacks hell
- Reduce blocking time when possible: suspend and resume

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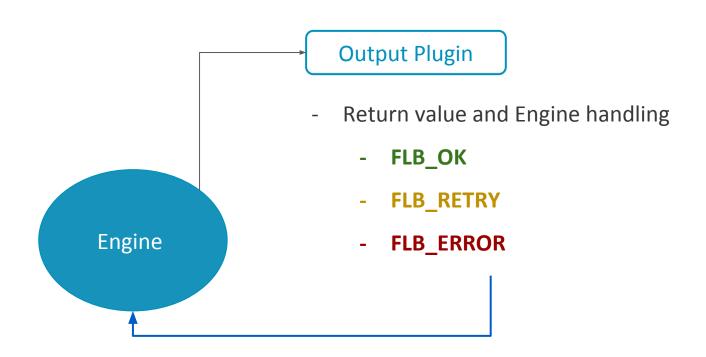
Example

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static void cb_es_flush(...)
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         char *pack;
 4
         size_t b_sent;
 5
 6
         /* Get upstream connection */
         u_conn = flb_upstream_conn_get(ctx->u);
 9
         if (!u_conn) {
             FLB_OUTPUT_RETURN(FLB_RETRY);
         /* Convert format */
14
         pack = elasticsearch_format(data, bytes, ...);
         /* Compose HTTP Client request */
         c = flb_http_client(u_conn, FLB_HTTP_POST, ctx->uri,
                              pack, bytes_out, NULL, 0, NULL, 0);
         /* Issue HTTP request */
20
         ret = flb_http_do(c, &b_sent);
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         /* Cleanup */
         flb_free(pack);
24
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         FLB_OUTPUT_RETURN(FLB_OK);
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Output Plugins: return values & retry logic



Fluent Bit & Plugin Helpers

- Upstream (TCP/TLS connection handling)
- HTTP Client
- OAuth2
- Timers
- Crypto (mbedTLS)
- Lua (LuaJIT)
- ...

Fluent Bit: Plugins

Input Plugins

- tail
- kmsg
- serial
- systemd
- syslog (tcp/udp)
- cpu, mem, disk
- -

Filter Plugins

- grep
- throttle
- parser
- kubernetes
- lua
- nest
- ..

Output Plugins

- treasure data
- http
- elasticsearch
- splunk
- azure
- kafka
- ...

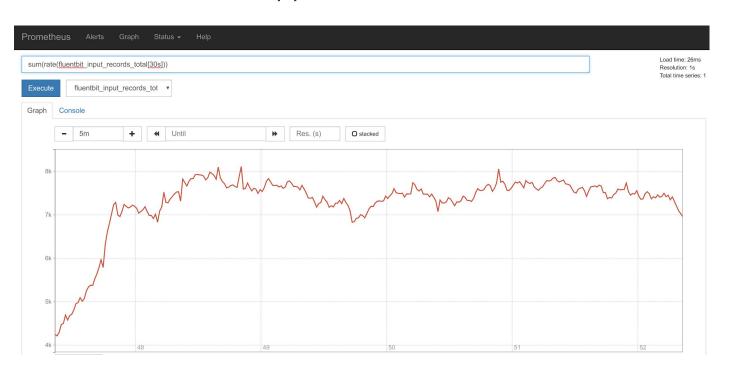
Fluent Bit & Filtering

Optional filtering with Lua!

```
function cb_replace(tag, timestamp, record)
    new_record = {}
    new_record["new"] = 12345
    new_record["old"] = record
    return 1, timestamp, new_record
end
```

Fluent Bit & Monitoring

Metrics and Prometheus Support



Thanks!

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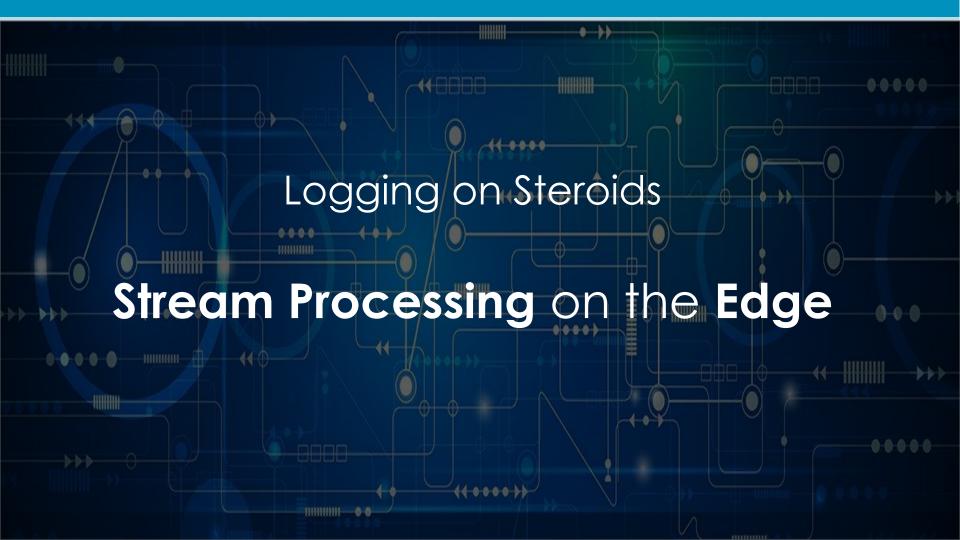
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What is Stream Processing?

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data processing while **it** still in motion

but on the **Edge**

Stream Processing on the Edge

Give me a stronger reason!

PERFORMANCE



Logging pains

Performance penalties are in many places

Access to File System Data

Data Parsing

Database Indexing



Logging & Performance

Performance penalties are in many places



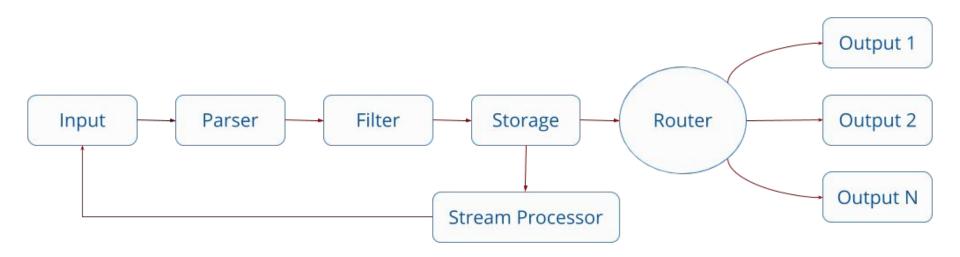
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Logging is challenging, data processing even more!



Stream Processor

Stream Processing





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Vision

- Input plugins generate a stream of data
- Right after storage phase, we do optional Stream Processing
- Perform **SQL** queries
- Create new streams using results from previous queries



SQL: SELECT statement



All keys selection

```
SELECT * FROM STREAM:apache;
```

Keys selection

```
SELECT host, status, size FROM STREAM:apache;
```



SQL: Aggregation functions



- Supported **aggregation** functions
 - o COUNT()
 - SUM()
 - MAX()
 - MIN()
 - o AVG()





WINDOWING

```
SELECT
    device_id,
    AVG(temp)
FROM
    STREAM:devices WINDOW TUMBLING (5 second)
GROUP BY
    device_id
```





SQL: Streams creations

Create a stream using results of a query

CREATE STREAM events AS SELECT a, b, c FROM STREAM:apache;

Tag stream for Fluent Bit data pipeline

CREATE STREAM events WITH (tag='myevents') AS SELECT a, b, c FROM STREAM:apache;



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