

## SPLUNK DAY 2

### UF to INDEXER

#### Prerequisites:

- UF
  - Install Splunk UF package ( untar & start splunk process)
  - check connectivity to indexer on port 9997
- Indexer
  - install Splunk Enterprise (untar & start splunk process)
  - Enable 9997 receiving port on this instance  
to enable receiving port on indexer over 9997

#### method1

##### UI/web based

1. Login to Splunk web
2. Go to Setttings --> Data(forwarding & receiving)  
enable receiving by clicking on add item --> add 9997 and save it

#### method2

##### CLI based

/opt/splunk/bin/splunk enable listen 9997

#### method3 ( if you follow this method you have restart splunkd)

##### config based

inputs.conf

[splunktcp://9997]

connection\_host = ip

check if splunkd is listening on 9997

netstat -an|grep :9997

- check firewall if indexer is listening on 9997

#### Steps:

1. Login to UF CLI
2. check if splunkd process is running
  - a. /opt/splunkforwarder/bin/splunk status

1. Craete a file outputs.conf in /opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system/local/
2. <https://help.splunk.com/en/splunk-enterprise/administer/admin-manual/9.4/configuration-file-reference/9.4.4-configuration-file-reference/outputs.conf#outputs.conf.example-0>

- a. vi /opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system/local/outputs.conf

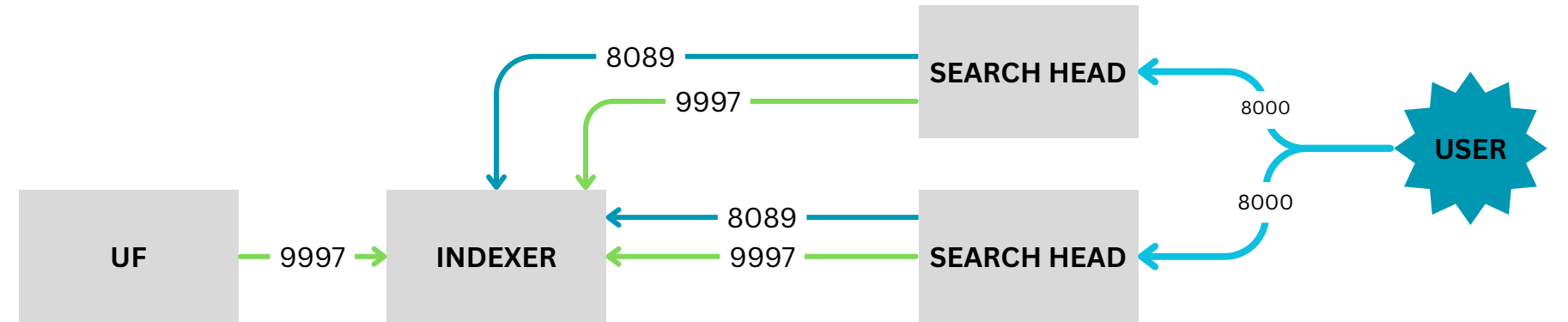
[tcpout]

defaultGroup = splunksession

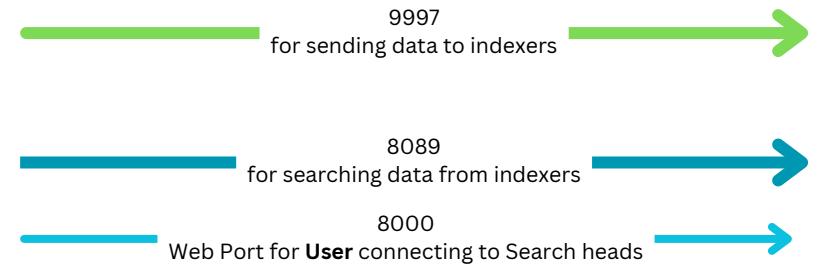
[tcpout:splunksession]

server = <indexerIP>:9997

1. Create a file inputs.conf in /opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system/local/  
and a file to monitor the data [/opt/splunkforwarder/testfile.log](#).  
vi /opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system/local/inputs.conf  
[monitor:///opt/splunkforwarder/testfile.log]  
index = main  
sourcetype=test\_access  
#\_TCP\_ROUTING = splunksession → if you want to send data to specific group.



```
[root@ip-172-31-36-122 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-36-122 local]# /opt/splunk/bin/splunk status
splunkd is running (PID: 3798).
splunk helpers are running (PIDs: 3800 4122 4127 4177 4288 4907).
[root@ip-172-31-36-122 local]# /opt/splunk/bin/splunk enable listen 9997
WARNING: Server Certificate Hostname Validation is disabled. Please see server.conf/[sslConfig]/cliVerifyServe
rName for details.
Splunk username: admin
Password:
Listening for Splunk data on TCP port 9997.
[root@ip-172-31-36-122 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-36-122 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-36-122 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-36-122 local]# netstat -an|grep :9997
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:9997          0.0.0.0:*             LISTEN      3798/splunkd
[root@ip-172-31-36-122 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-36-122 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-36-122 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-36-122 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-36-122 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-36-122 local]#
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```
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]# nc -zv 3.108.191.143 9997
Ncat: Version 7.93 ( https://nmap.org/ncat )
Ncat: Connected to 3.108.191.143:9997.
Ncat: 0 bytes sent, 0 bytes received in 0.07 seconds.
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
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```
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]# vi /opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system/local/outputs.conf
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]# vi /opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system/local/inputs.conf
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]# cat /opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system/local/inputs.conf
[monitor:///opt/splunkforwarder/testfile.log]
index = main
sourcetype=test_access
host = ramesh
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]# cat /opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system/local/outputs.conf
[tcpout]
defaultGroup = splunksession
[tcpout:splunksession]
server = 3.108.191.143:9997
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]# /opt/splunkforwarder/bin/splunk restart^C
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 local]#
```

```
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 splunkforwarder]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 splunkforwarder]# pwd
/opt/splunkforwarder
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 splunkforwarder]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 splunkforwarder]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 splunkforwarder]# vi testfile.log
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 splunkforwarder]# cat testfile.log
This is a test data for sending text from UF to indexer
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 splunkforwarder]#
[root@ip-172-31-34-118 splunkforwarder]#
```

#### DEBUG Comands

[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]# /opt/splunk/bin/splunk btool inputs list --debug

[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]# ^C

[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]# ^C

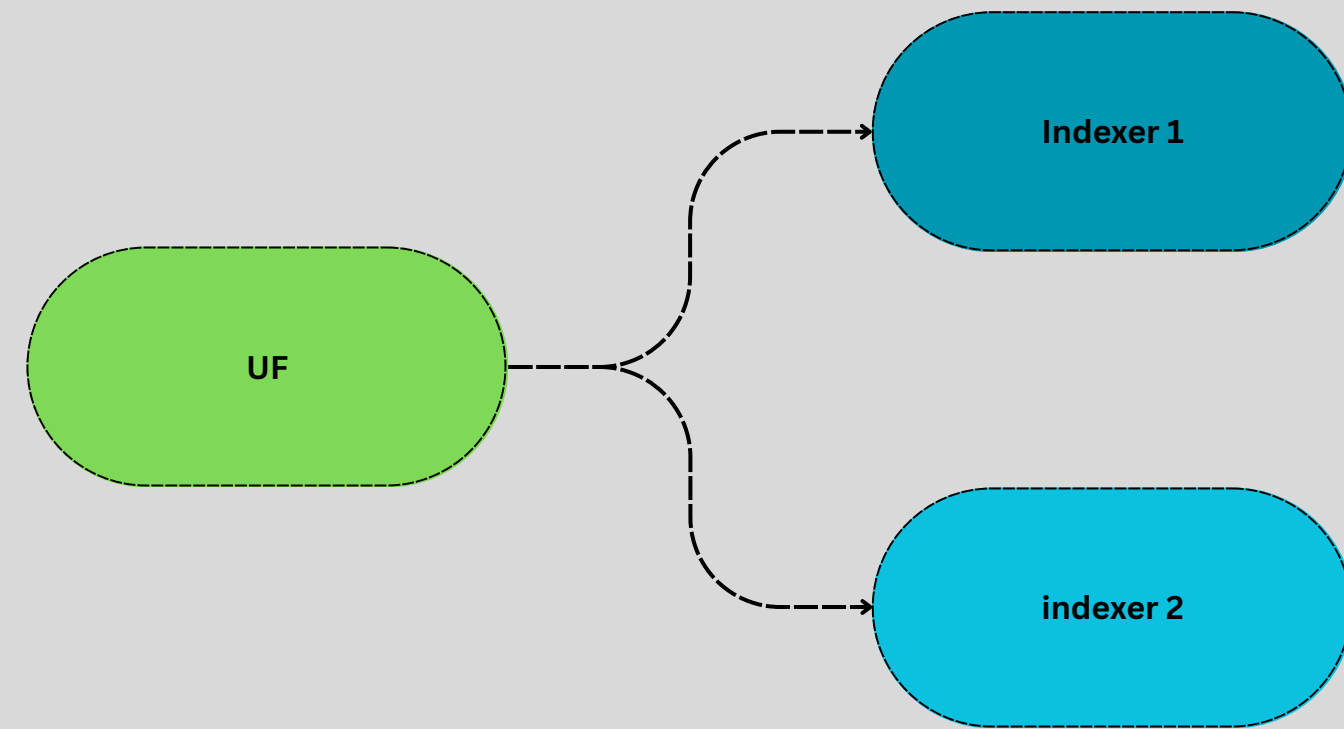
[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]# /opt/splunk/bin/splunk btool inputs list **splunktcp** --debug

[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]# ^C

[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]# /opt/splunk/bin/splunk show config inputs

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[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]# ^C
[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]# /opt/splunk/bin/splunk btool inputs list splunktcp://9997
[splunktcp://9997]
_rcvbuf = 1572864
connection_host = ip
disabled = 0
host = $decideOnStartup
index = default
[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]# /opt/splunk/bin/splunk btool inputs list splunktcp://9997 --debug
/opt/splunk/etc/apps/search/local/inputs.conf [splunktcp://9997]
/opt/splunk/etc/system/default/inputs.conf _rcvbuf = 1572864
/opt/splunk/etc/apps/search/local/inputs.conf connection_host = ip
/opt/splunk/etc/apps/search/local/inputs.conf disabled = 0
/opt/splunk/etc/system/default/inputs.conf host = $decideOnStartup
/opt/splunk/etc/system/default/inputs.conf index = default
[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-46-249 local]#
```

```
[root@ip-172-31-37-21 local]#  
[root@ip-172-31-37-21 local]#  
[root@ip-172-31-37-21 local]# cat outputs.conf  
[tcpout]  
defaultGroup = mahesh  
  
[tcpout:mahesh]  
server = 13.201.57.159:9997  
  
[tcpout:ramesh]  
server = 13.201.86.156:9997  
  
[root@ip-172-31-37-21 local]#  
[root@ip-172-31-37-21 local]# cat inputs.conf  
[default]  
host = uf  
  
[monitor:///opt/mahesh.txt]  
index = mah_splunk  
sourcetype = alltextfiles  
TCP ROUTING = ramesh  
[root@ip-172-31-37-21 local]#  
[root@ip-172-31-37-21 local]#
```



### UF configurations

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#### Steps:

1. Install UF
2. Start UF accept license
3. configure outputs.conf  
outputs.conf  
[tcpout]  
defaultGroup =

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[tcpout:indexerGroup1]
server = indexer1IP:9997
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[tcpout:indexerGroup2]
server = indexer2IP:9997
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1. inputs.conf  
vi ...../local/inputs.conf  
[monitor:///opt/montiorfiles1/\*]  
host=uf  
index=main  
sourcetype=montiorfiles1  
\_TCP\_ROUTING = indexerGroup1  
  
[monitor:///opt/montiorfiles2/\*]  
host=uf  
index=main  
sourcetype=montiorfiles2  
\_TCP\_ROUTING = indexerGroup2

- After configuring above config file, Restart splunkd

<https://help.splunk.com/en/splunk-enterprise/administer/admin-manual/9.4/configuration-file-reference/9.4.4-configuration-file-reference/inputs.conf>

### Indexer Configurations

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#### Steps:

1. Install SPLunk enterprise
2. start and accept license
3. enable 9997 port using any one of 3 methods  
/opt/splunk/bin/splunk enable listen 9997
- 4.

Today's Topics

Bootstarting splunk  
inputs.conf (crcSalt,initCrcLength, ignoreOlderthan)  
props.conf  
transforms.conf  
Renaming hostname using transforms.conf

Bootstarting splunk  
/opt/splunkforwarder/bin/splunk **enable boot-start** -user root  
cat /etc/systemd/system/SplunkForwarder.service  
systemctl status SplunkForwarder  
systemctl start SplunkForwarder  
systemctl status SplunkForwarder  
systemctl restart SplunkForwarder

```
inputs.conf

[monitor://<PATH>]
host = google.com
sourcetype = google_access
crcSalt = <SOURCE>
initCrcLength = 256 bytes
#Cannot be less than 256 or more than 1048576
ignoreOlderthan = 1d
```

```
[root@ip-172-31-32-132 local]# cat inputs.conf
[monitor:///opt/monitor/file1.txt]
host=uf
index=main
sourcetype=secure_access
_TCP_ROUTING = indexer

[monitor:///opt/monitor/file2.txt]
host=uf
index=main
sourcetype=secure_access_linebreak
_TCP_ROUTING = indexer
```

```
#####
[root@ip-172-31-32-132 local]# cat outputs.conf
[tcpout:indexer]
server = 15.206.159.98:9997
[root@ip-172-31-32-132 local]#
```

```
[root@ip-172-31-32-132 monitor]#
[root@ip-172-31-32-132 monitor]# pwd
/opt/monitor
[root@ip-172-31-32-132 monitor]# ls
file1.txt  file2.txt  transform.txt
[root@ip-172-31-32-132 monitor]#
[root@ip-172-31-32-132 monitor]# cat /opt/splunkforwarder/etc/system/local/inputs.conf
[monitor:///opt/monitor/file1.txt]
host=uf
index=main
sourcetype=secure_access
_TCP_ROUTING = indexer

[monitor:///opt/monitor/file2.txt]
host=uf
index=main
sourcetype=secure_access_linebreak
_TCP_ROUTING = indexer

[monitor:///opt/monitor/transform.txt]
host=uf
index=main
sourcetype=transform_rule
_TCP_ROUTING = indexer
[root@ip-172-31-32-132 monitor]#
[root@ip-172-31-32-132 monitor]#
[root@ip-172-31-32-132 monitor]#
```

Props.conf

transforms.conf

```
[secure_access ]
SHOULD_LINEMERGE=false
LINE_BREAKER=([\\r\\n]+)
BREAK_ONLY_BEFORE_DATE=null
NO_BINARY_CHECK=true
CHARSET=UTF-8
MAX_TIMESTAMP_LOOKAHEAD=50
TIME_FORMAT=%a %b %d %Y %H:%M:%S
TIME_PREFIX=^
TZ=Asia/Kolkata
description=this is for tutorial
```

```
[secure_access_linebreak]
BREAK_ONLY_BEFORE_DATE =
DATETIME_CONFIG =
LINE_BREAKER = ([\\r\\n]+)
MAX_TIMESTAMP_LOOKAHEAD = 50
NO_BINARY_CHECK = true
SHOULD_LINEMERGE = false
TIME_FORMAT = %a %b %d %Y %H:%M:%S
TZ = Asia/Kolkata
category = Custom
description = this is for tutorial
pulldown_type = true
```

```
[secure_access_linebreak]
BREAK_ONLY_BEFORE_DATE =
DATETIME_CONFIG =
LINE_BREAKER = ([\\r\\n]+)?(?:\\w{3}\\s\\w{3}\\s\\d{2})
NO_BINARY_CHECK = true
SHOULD_LINEMERGE = false
category = Custom
pulldown_type = true
TRANSFORMS-rule1=renamehost
```

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TRANSFORMS-<class> = <transform_stanza_name>,
<transform_stanza_name2>
```

```
[renamehost]
DEST_KEY = MetaData:Host
REGEX = .*
FORMAT = host::UniversalForwarder
##Renaming host name during parsing stage
```

```
[root@ip-172-31-38-148 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-38-148 local]# cat props.conf
[secure_access]
BREAK_ONLY_BEFORE_DATE =
DATETIME_CONFIG =
LINE_BREAKER = ([\\r\\n]+)
MAX_TIMESTAMP_LOOKAHEAD = 50
NO_BINARY_CHECK = true
SHOULD_LINEMERGE = false
TIME_FORMAT = %a %b %d %Y %H:%M:%S
TZ = Asia/Kolkata
category = Custom
description = this is for tutorial
pulldown_type = true

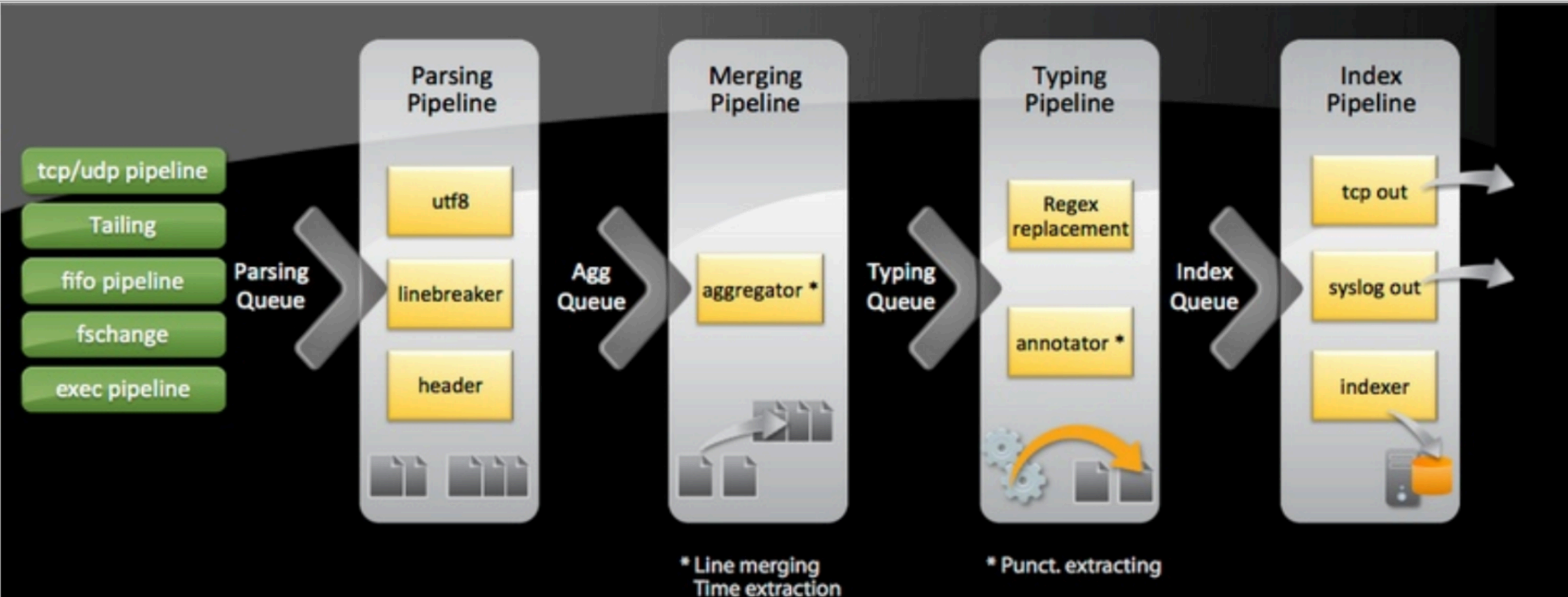
[secure_access_linebreak]
BREAK_ONLY_BEFORE_DATE =
DATETIME_CONFIG =
LINE_BREAKER = ([\\r\\n]+)?(?:\\w{3}\\s\\w{3}\\s\\d{2})
NO_BINARY_CHECK = true
SHOULD_LINEMERGE = false
category = Custom
pulldown_type = true
TRANSFORMS-rule1=renamehost

[transform rule]
TRANSFORMS-rule1=renamehost

[root@ip-172-31-38-148 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-38-148 local]# cat transforms.conf
[renamehost]
DEST_KEY = MetaData:Host
REGEX = .*
FORMAT = host::MAHEHAKULA
[root@ip-172-31-38-148 local]#
[root@ip-172-31-38-148 local]# pwd
/opt/splunk/etc/apps/search/local
[root@ip-172-31-38-148 local]#
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source="/opt/monitor/file2.txt"			
ore 8/5/25 6:09:41.000 AM] No Event Sampling			
Patterns Statistics Visualization			
nat Zoom Out Zoom to Selection Deselect			
Format Show: 20 Per Page View: List			
All Fields	i	Time	Event
5	>	8/1/25 1:05:41.000 AM	Thu Aug 01 2025 01:05:41 mailsv1 sshd[4351]: Failed password for invalid user guest from 86.212.199.60 port 3771 ssh2 host = MAHEHAKULA source = /opt/monitor/file2.txt sourcetype = secure_access_linebreak
	>	8/1/25 1:05:41.000 AM	Thu Aug 01 2025 01:05:41 mailsv1 sshd[4351]: Failed password for invalid user guest from 86.212.199.60 port 3771 ssh2 host = MAHEHAKULA source = /opt/monitor/file2.txt sourcetype = secure_access_linebreak
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1	>	7/27/25 1:05:41.000 AM	Thu Jul 27 2025 01:05:41 mailsv1 sshd[4351]: Failed password for invalid user guest from 86.212.199.60 port 3771 ssh2 host = uf source = /opt/monitor/file2.txt sourcetype = secure_access_linebreak
	>	7/27/25 1:05:41.000 AM	Thu Jul 27 2025 01:05:41 mailsv1 sshd[4351]: Failed password for invalid user guest from 86.212.199.60 port 3771 ssh2 host = uf source = /opt/monitor/file2.txt sourcetype = secure_access_linebreak
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	>	7/27/25 1:05:41.000 AM	Thu Jul 27 2025 01:05:41 mailsv1 sshd[4351]: Failed password for invalid user guest from 86.212.199.60 port 3771 ssh2 host = uf source = /opt/monitor/file2.txt sourcetype = secure_access_linebreak
Fields			







Today's topic (Aug 7th)

where does GUID is saved – instance.cfg, server.conf

masking data

HEC - acknowledgement

rsyslog data

props.conf

[<SOURCETYPE>]

[source::<SOURCE>]

[host::<HOST>]

```
[root@ip-172-31-42-5 ~]# cd /opt/splunkforwarder/etc/
[root@ip-172-31-42-5 etc]# ls
apps          deployment-apps  licenses          log-btool-debug.cfg
auth          disabled-apps    log-btool.cfg     log-cmdline-debug.cfg
copyright.txt  init.d           log-btool.cfg     log-cmdline-debug.cfg
datetime.xml  instance.cfg     log-cmdline-debug.cfg
[root@ip-172-31-42-5 etc]# cat instance.cfg
[general]
guid = CFBEEB03-A182-490C-9D10-8770D7DB615B
[root@ip-172-31-42-5 etc]#
[root@ip-172-31-42-5 etc]#
[root@ip-172-31-42-5 etc]# pwd
/opt/splunkforwarder/etc
[root@ip-172-31-42-5 etc]#
[root@ip-172-31-42-5 etc]#
[root@ip-172-31-42-5 etc]#
[root@ip-172-31-42-5 etc]#
```

How to mask the sensitive info  
on indexer/hf

props.conf

[access\_log]

SEDCMD-maskCreditcard = s/(\d{12,16})/XXXXXXXXXX/g

props.conf

[access\_transforms]

TRANSFORMS-maskdata = maskcarddata

transforms.conf

[maskcarddata]

REGEX = (\d{12,16})

FORMAT = \$1::XXXXXXXXXX

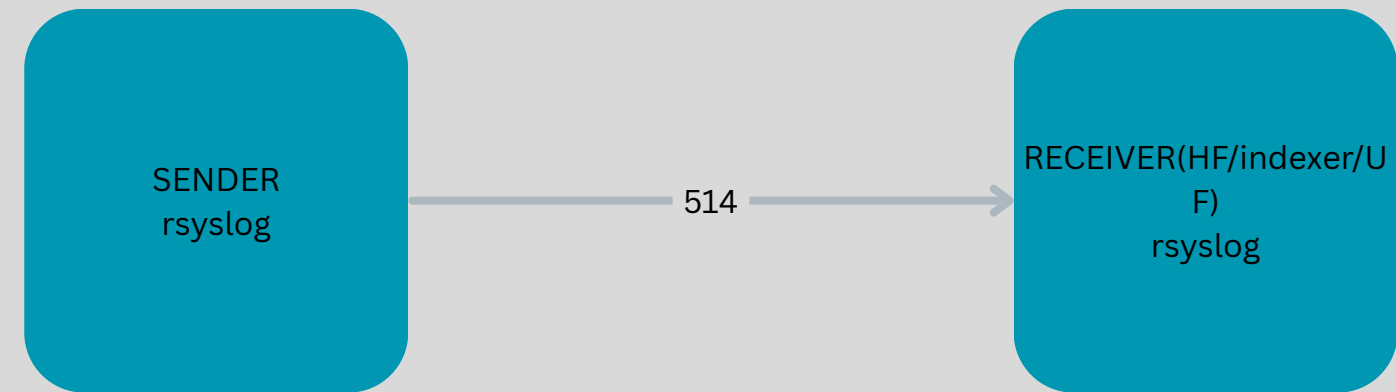
DEST\_KEY = \_raw

HEC ACK:

<https://help.splunk.com/en/splunk-enterprise/get-started/get-data-in/9.3/get-data-with-http-event-collector/use-curl-to-manage-http-event-collector-tokens-events-and-services>

```
curl --location 'https://43.205.111.108:8443/services/collector/raw?channel=00872DC6-AC83-4EDE-8AFE-8413C3825C21&sourcetype=mydata' \
--header 'Authorization: Splunk f26f5849-00c1-41b8-923b-65e46b1622f5' \
--header 'Content-Type: application/json' \
--data '{"hello World"}
```

```
curl --location 'https://43.205.111.108:8443/services/collector/ack?channel=00872DC6-AC83-4EDE-8AFE-8413C3825C4C' \
--header 'Authorization: Splunk f26f5849-00c1-41b8-923b-65e46b1622f5' \
--header 'Content-Type: application/json' \
--data '{"acks": [1,3,4]}'
```



Installation:(install rsyslog on both servers sender & receiver)  
yum install rsyslog -y

#### Sender side:

vi /etc/rsyslog.conf

.\* @@<SYSLOG\_LISTENER\_IP>:514

#### Listener Side:

uncomment 31,32 OR 36,37 lines

vi /etc/rsyslog.conf

29 # Provides UDP syslog reception

30 # for parameters see <http://www.rsyslog.com/doc/imudp.html>

31 #module(load="imudp") # needs to be done just once

32 #input(type="imudp" port="514")

33

34 # Provides TCP syslog reception

35 # for parameters see <http://www.rsyslog.com/doc/imtcp.html>

36 module(load="imtcp") # needs to be done just once

37 input(type="imtcp" port="514")

Add below lines

vi /etc/rsyslog.d/splunk.conf

\$template SplunkFile, "/opt/testfile.log"

.\* ?SplunkFile

if \$msg contains 'error' then /opt/error.log

commands:

service rsyslog start

service rsyslog stop

service rsyslog restart