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# Configure an index pattern

In order to use Kibana you must configure at least one index pattern. Index patterns are used to identify the Elasticsearch index to run search and analytics against. They are also used to configure fields.

## Index name or pattern

Patterns allow you to define dynamic index names using \* as a wildcard. Example: logstash-\*

☒ **Index contains time-based events****Time-field name** ⓘ [refresh fields](#)☐ **Do not expand index pattern when searching** (Not recommended)

By default, searches against any time-based index pattern that contains a wildcard will automatically be expanded to query only the indices that contain data within the currently selected time range.

Searching against the index pattern *logstash-\** will actually query elasticsearch for the specific matching indices (e.g. *logstash-2015.12.21*) that fall within the current time range.

☐ **Use event times to create index names** [DEPRECATED]