Getting Started in Datadog

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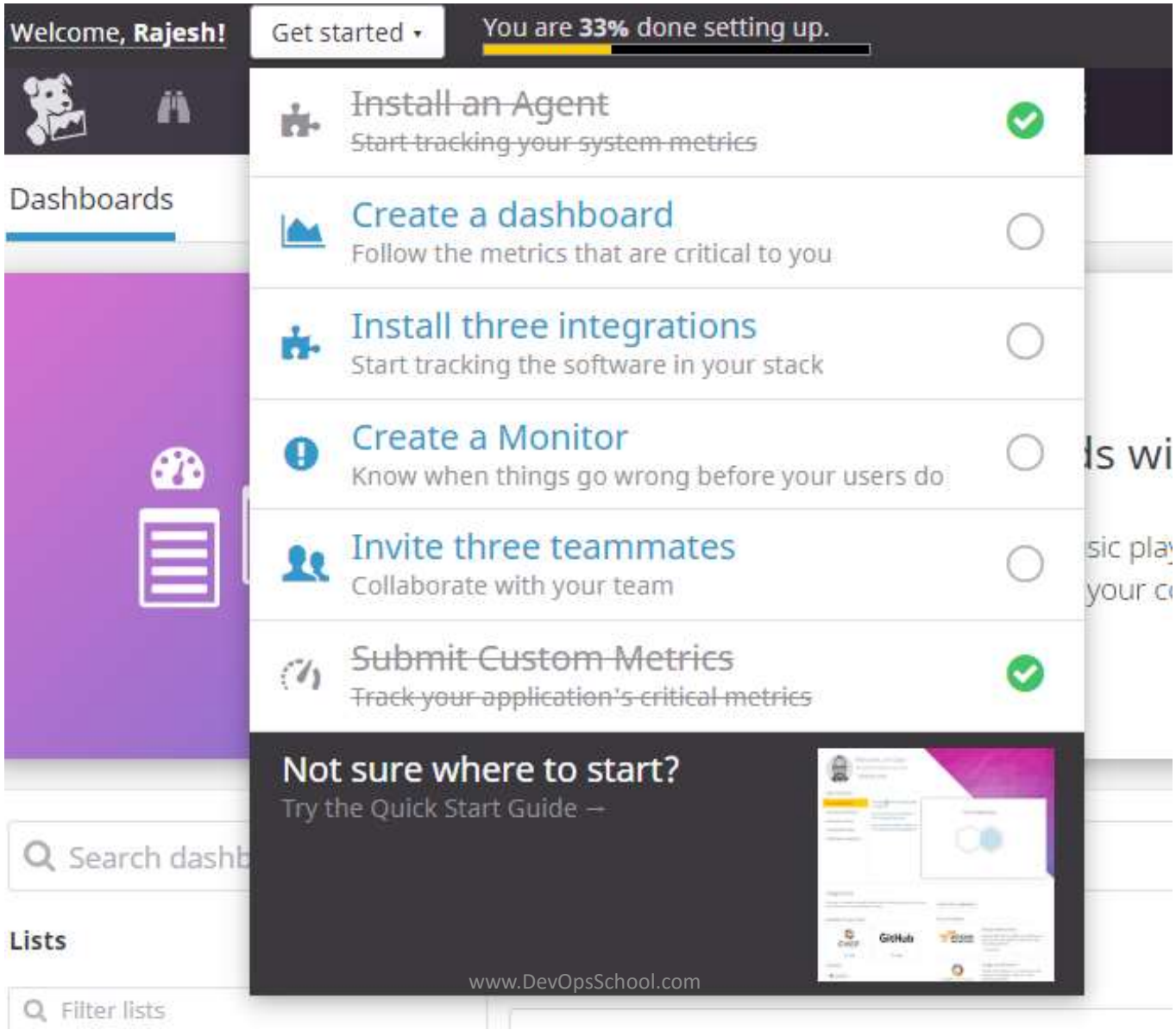
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Datadog: Integrations

An integration, at the highest level, is when you assemble a unified system from units that are usually considered separately.

At Datadog, you can use integrations to bring together all of the metrics and logs from your infrastructure and gain insight into the unified system as a whole — you can see pieces individually and also how individual pieces are impacting the whole.

Datadog: Integrations

- Datadog has over 400+ integrations officially listed.
- Custom integrations are available via the Datadog API.
- The Agent is open source.
- Once integrations have been configured, all data is treated the same throughout Datadog, whether it is living in a datacenter or in an online service.

More than 400 built-in integrations

See across all your systems, apps, and services

https://www.datadoghq.com/product/integrations/#all

Datadog: Integrations

Datadog provides Four types of integrations:

1. **Agent-based integrations** are installed with the Datadog Agent and use a Python class method called check to define the metrics to collect.
2. **Authentication (crawler) based integrations** are set up in the Datadog App where you provide credentials for obtaining metrics with the API. These include popular integrations like Slack,AWS,Azure, and PagerDuty.
3. **Library integrations** use the Datadog API to allow you to monitor applications based on the language they are written in, like Node.js or Python.
4. You can also build a **custom check** to define and send metrics to Datadog from your unique in-house system.

Datadog : Setting up an integration

Datadog core integrations:- The Datadog Agent package includes integrations officially supported by Datadog, in integrations core. To use the integrations in integrations core, download the Datadog agent.
Refer - https://github.com/DataDog/integrations-core

Datadog Community-based integrations:- Community-based integrations are in integrations extras, and to use those, you need to download the developer toolkit.
Refer - integrations extras 0 https://github.com/DataDog/integrations-extras
Refer - developer toolkit - https://docs.datadoghq.com/developers/integrations/new_check_howto/#developer-toolkit

https://docs.datadoghq.com/agent/guide/integration-management/

Datadog : Integration Management

The Agent comes with a set of bundled official Datadog integrations to allow users to start monitoring their applications quickly. These integrations are available as single Python packages, and you can upgrade them separately.

For Agent v6.8+, the `datadog-agent integration` command allows users to manage the official Datadog integrations that are available for the Agent. It has the following subcommands:

- install
- remove
- show
- freeze

Print the usage and documentation of these commands with `datadog-agent integration --help`. For Linux, execute the command as the `dd-agent` user. For Windows, execute the command as an `administrator`.

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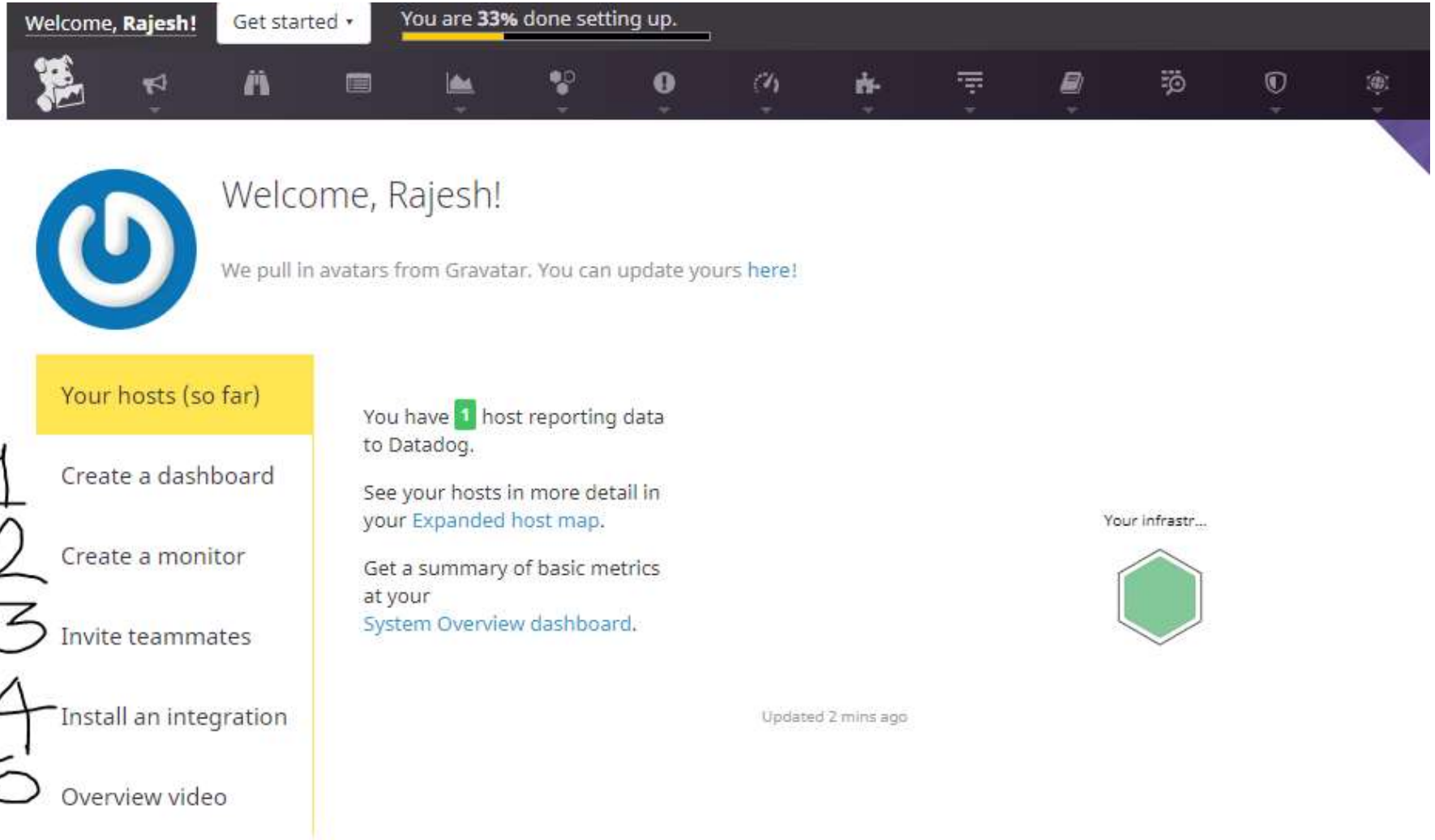
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We pull in avatars from Gravatar. You can update yours here!
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Create a monitor
Invite teammates
Install an integration
Overview video
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See your hosts in more detail in your Expanded host map.
Get a summary of basic metrics at your System Overview dashboard.
Your infrastr...
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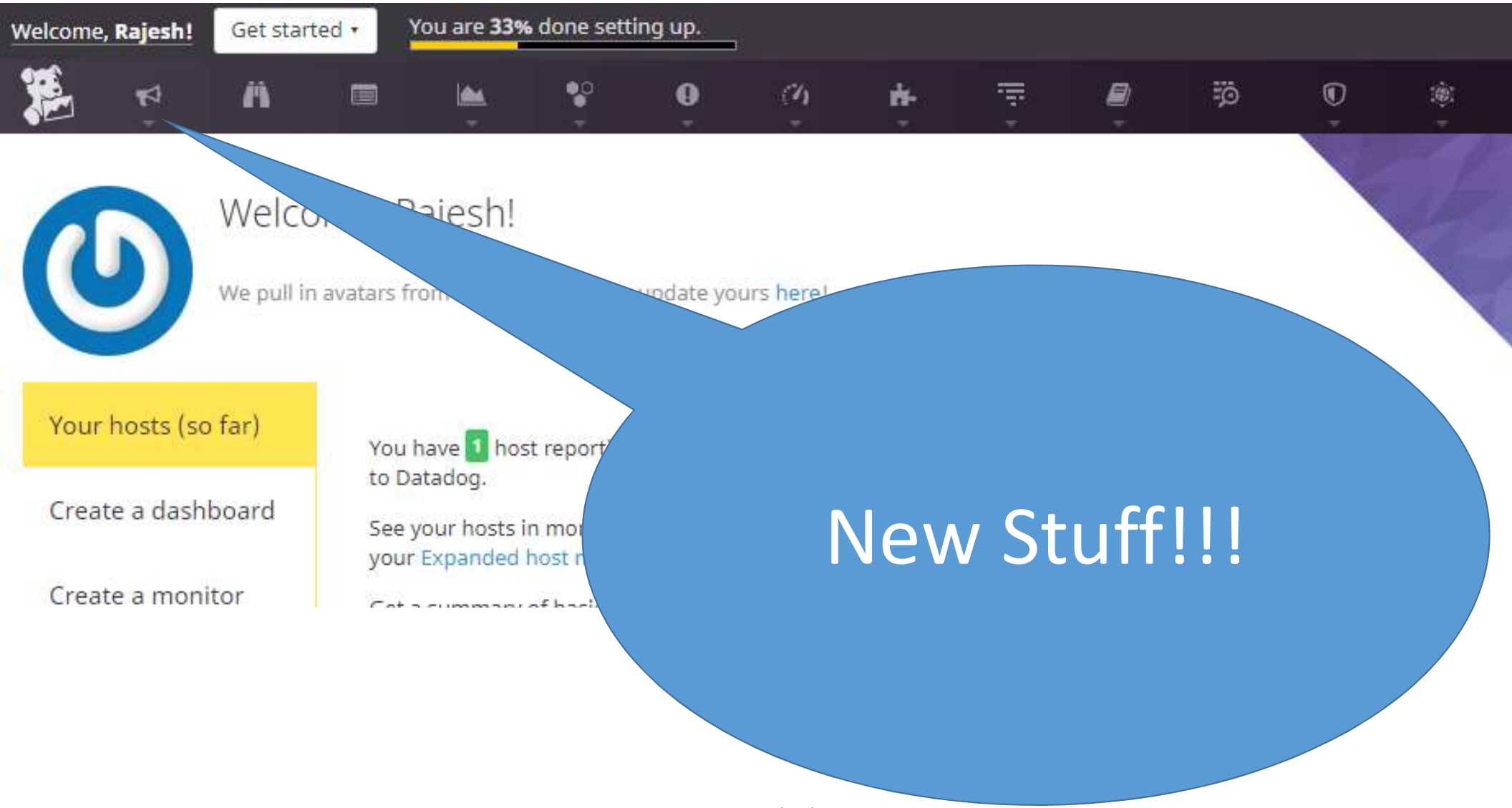
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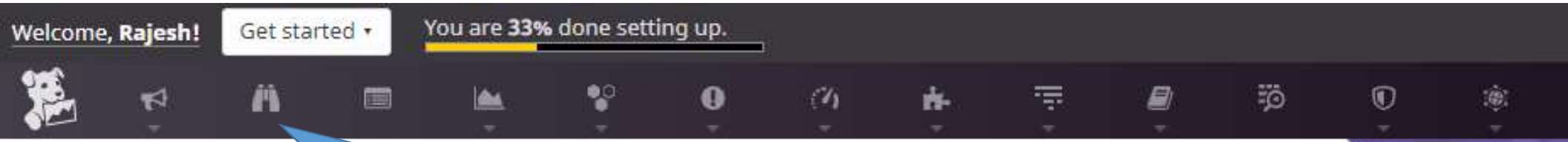
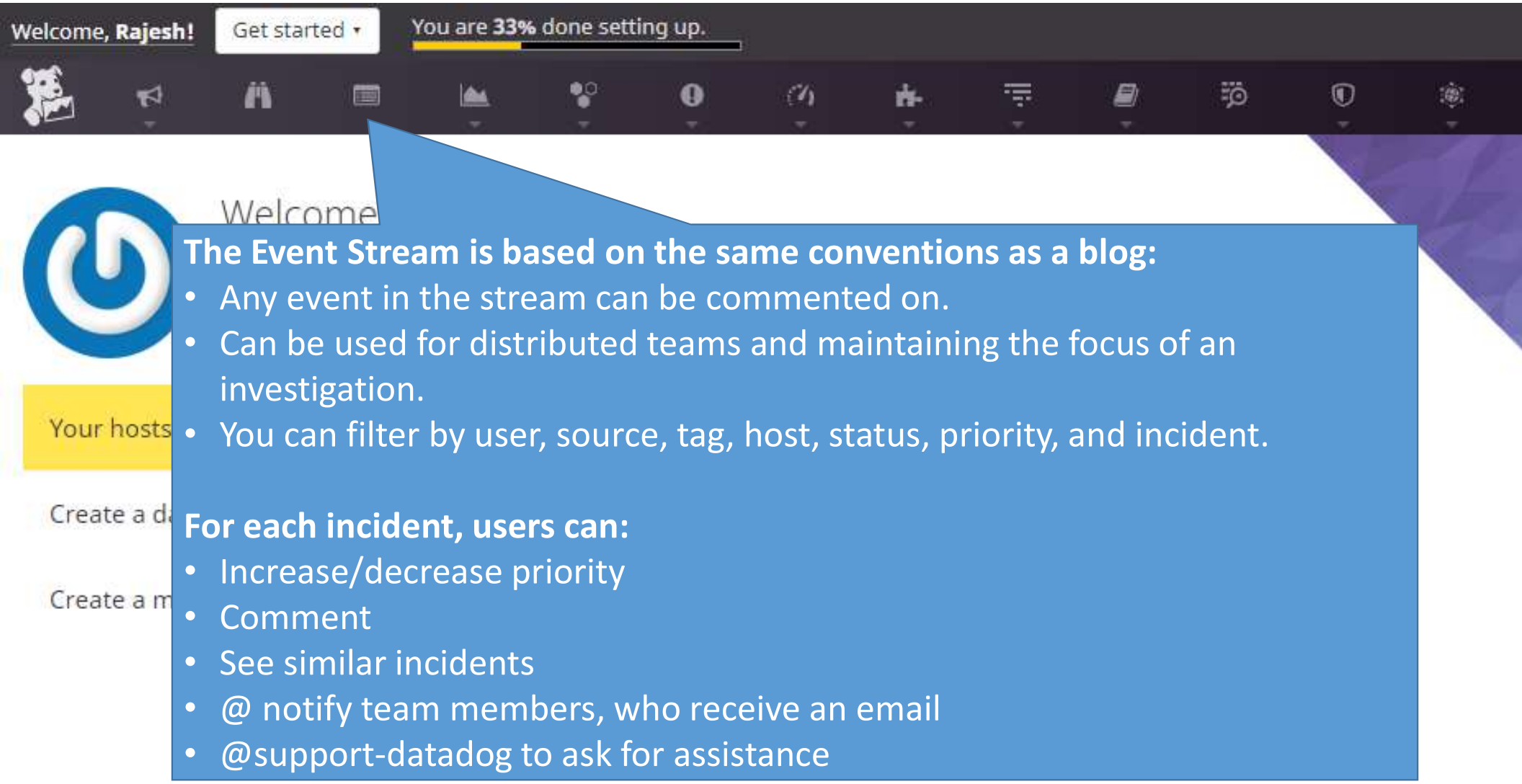
New Stuff!!!



Watchdog is an algorithmic feature for APM performances and infrastructure metrics that automatically detects potential application and infrastructure issues. Watchdog observes trends and patterns in:

APM metrics:
- Hits (request rate)
- Error rate
- Latency

Infrastructure metrics from integrations:
- System, for the Host-level memory usage (memory leaks), TCP retransmit rate, etc.
- Redis
- PostgreSQL
- NGINX
- Amazon Web Services, for the S3, ELB/ALB/NLB, CloudFront, and DynamoDB Amazon services.



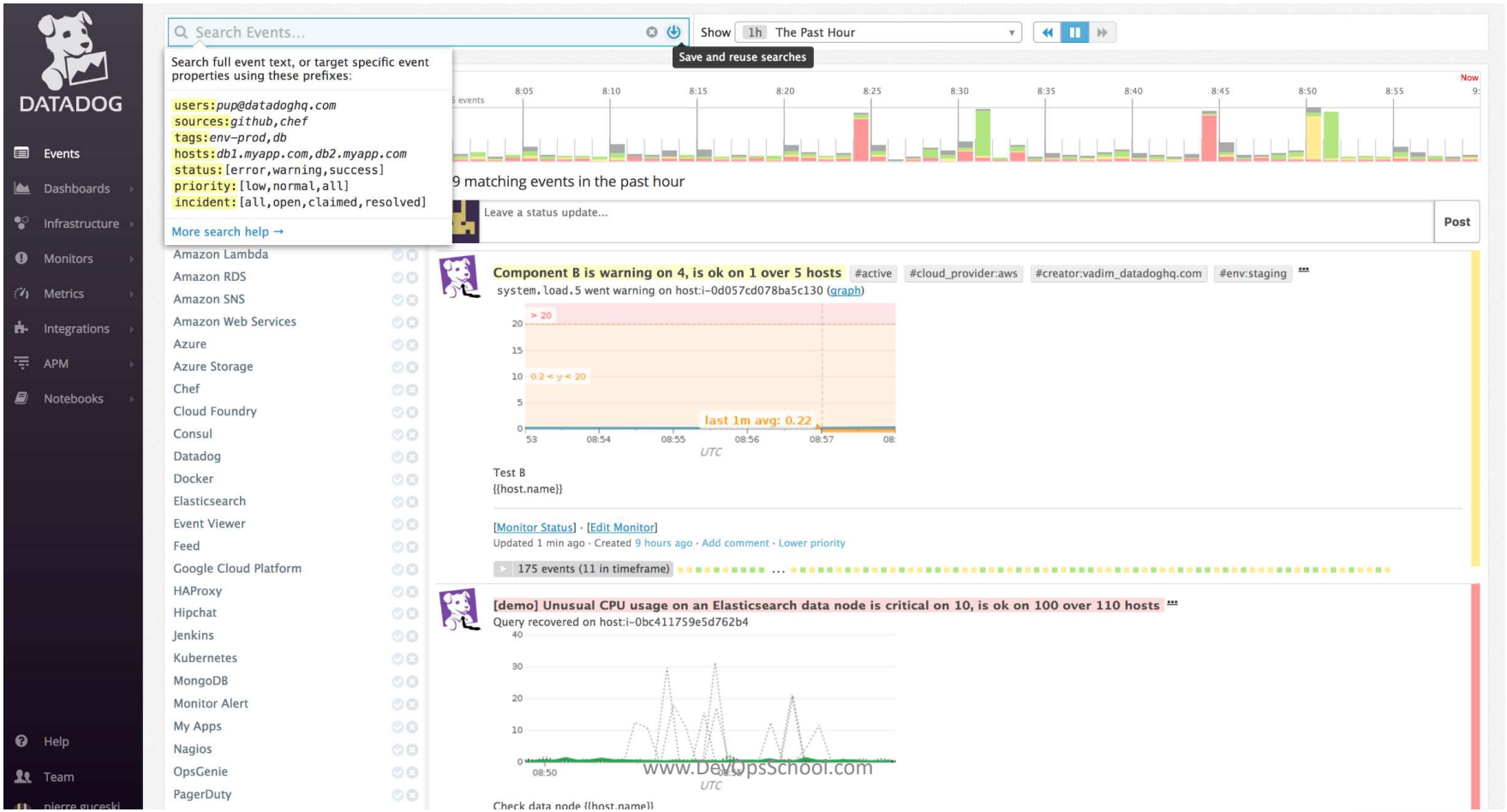
The Event Stream is based on the same conventions as a blog:

- Any event in the stream can be commented on.
- Can be used for distributed teams and maintaining the focus of an investigation.
- You can filter by user, source, tag, host, status, priority, and incident.

For each incident, users can:

- Increase/decrease priority
- Comment
- See similar incidents
- @ notify team members, who receive an email
- @support-datadog to ask for assistance

Datadog: Events



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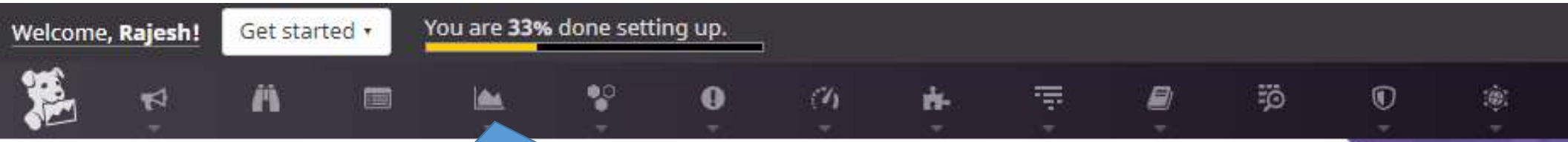
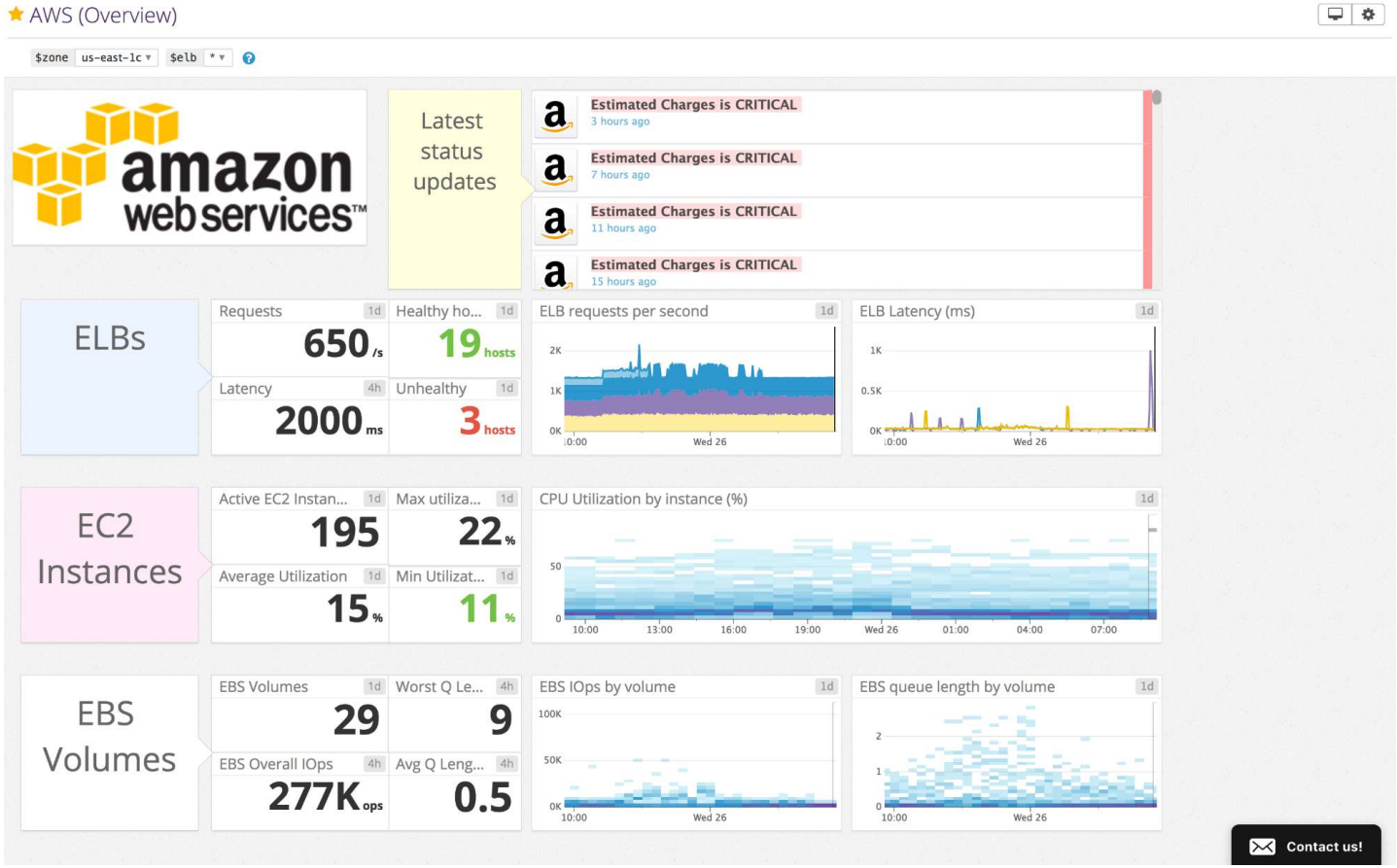


Dashboards contain graphs with real-time performance metrics.

- Synchronous mousing across all graphs in a screenboard.
- Vertical bars are events. They put a metric into context.
- Click and drag on a graph to zoom in on a particular timeframe.
- As you hover over the graph, the event stream moves with you.
- Display by zone, host, or total usage.
- Datadog exposes a JSON editor for the graph, allowing for arithmetic and functions to be applied to metrics.
- Share a graph snapshot that appears in the stream.
- Graphs can be embedded in an iframe. This enables you to give a 3rd party access to a live graph without also giving access to your data or any other information.

Datadog: Dashboards



Datadog: Dashboards

Organize dashboards with **lists**

Like playlists in your favorite music player, dashboard lists let you group dashboards by topic, team, or just the stuff you use most! Find and favorite your colleagues' lists. Easily bulk edit or drag and drop.

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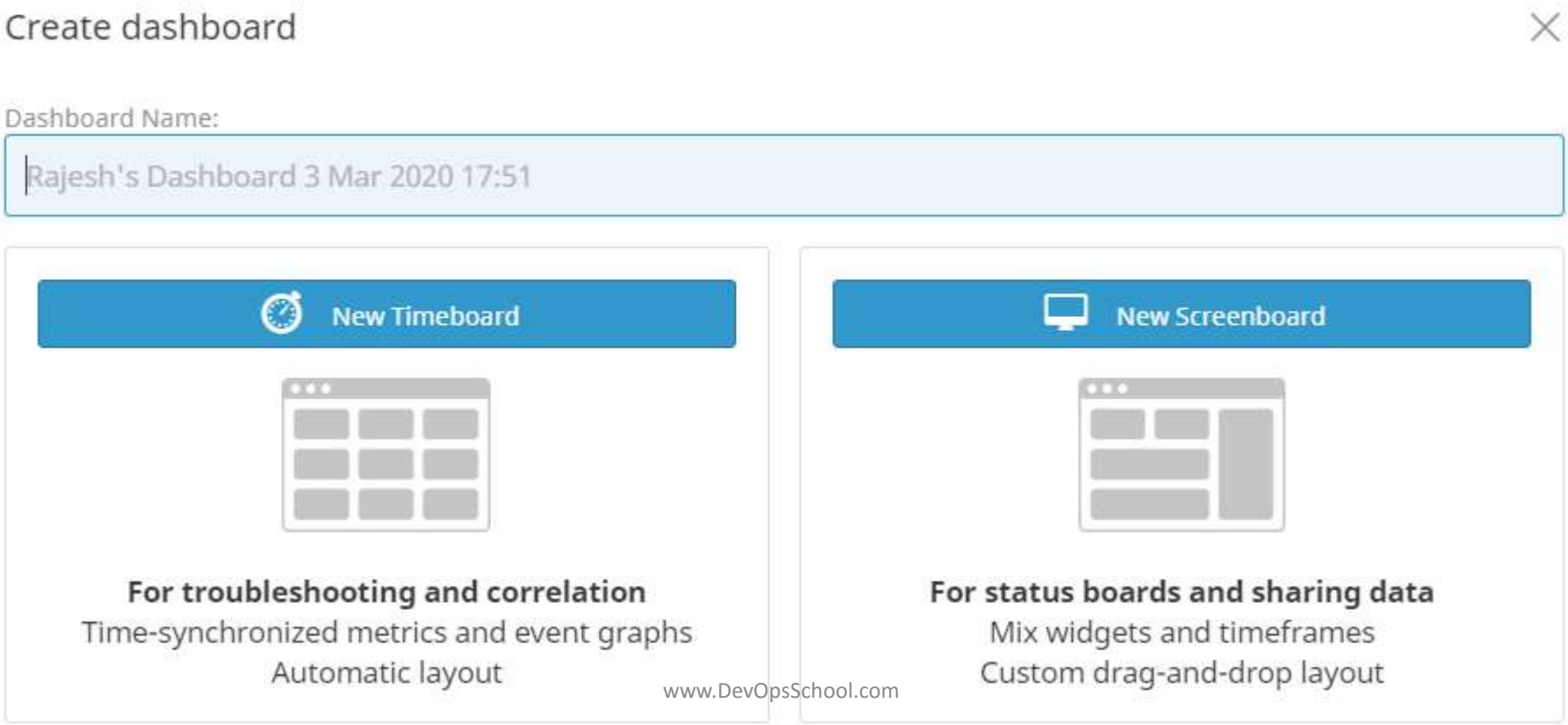

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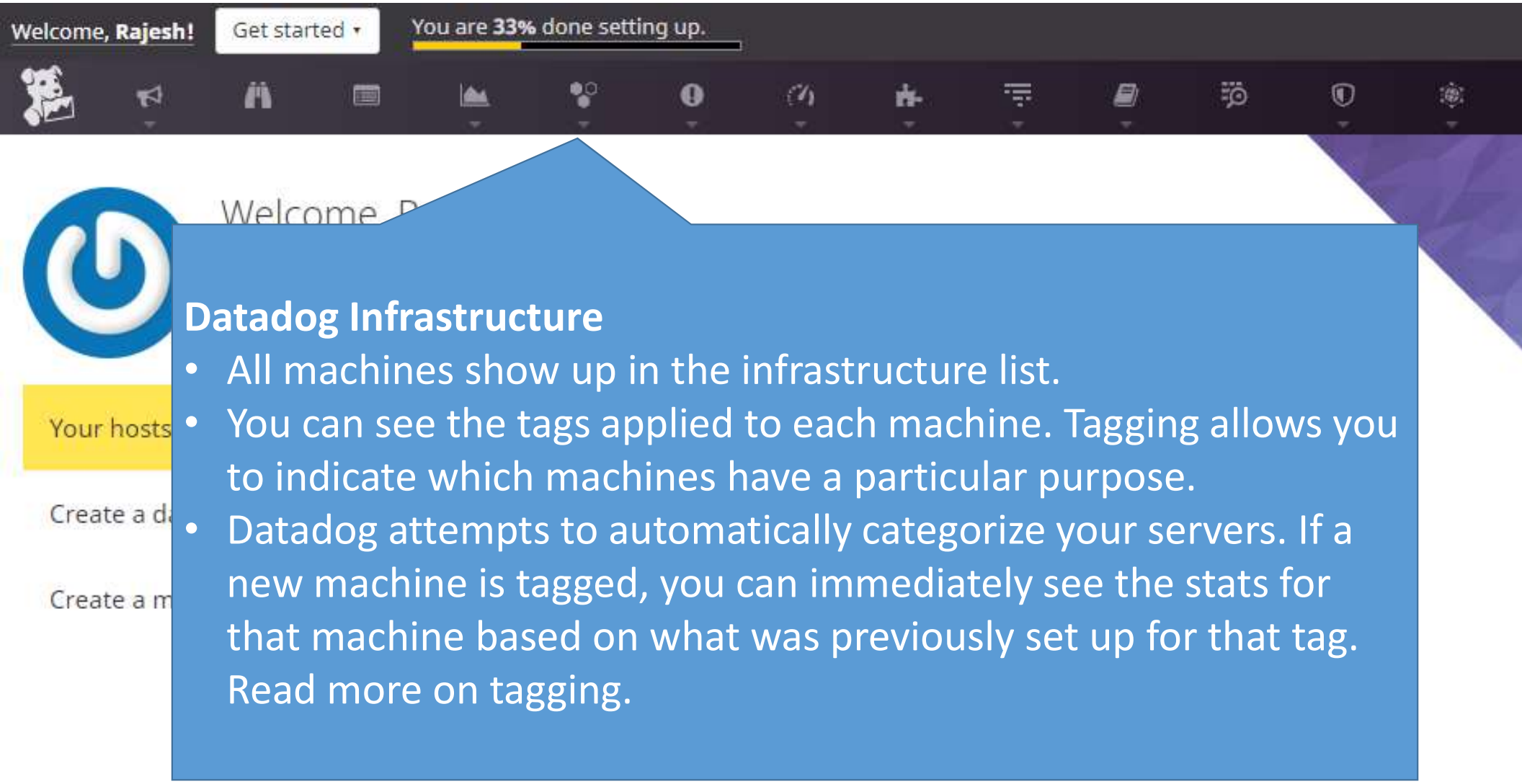

Datadog Infrastructure

- All machines show up in the infrastructure list.
- You can see the tags applied to each machine. Tagging allows you to indicate which machines have a particular purpose.
- Datadog attempts to automatically categorize your servers. If a new machine is tagged, you can immediately see the stats for that machine based on what was previously set up for that tag. Read more on tagging.

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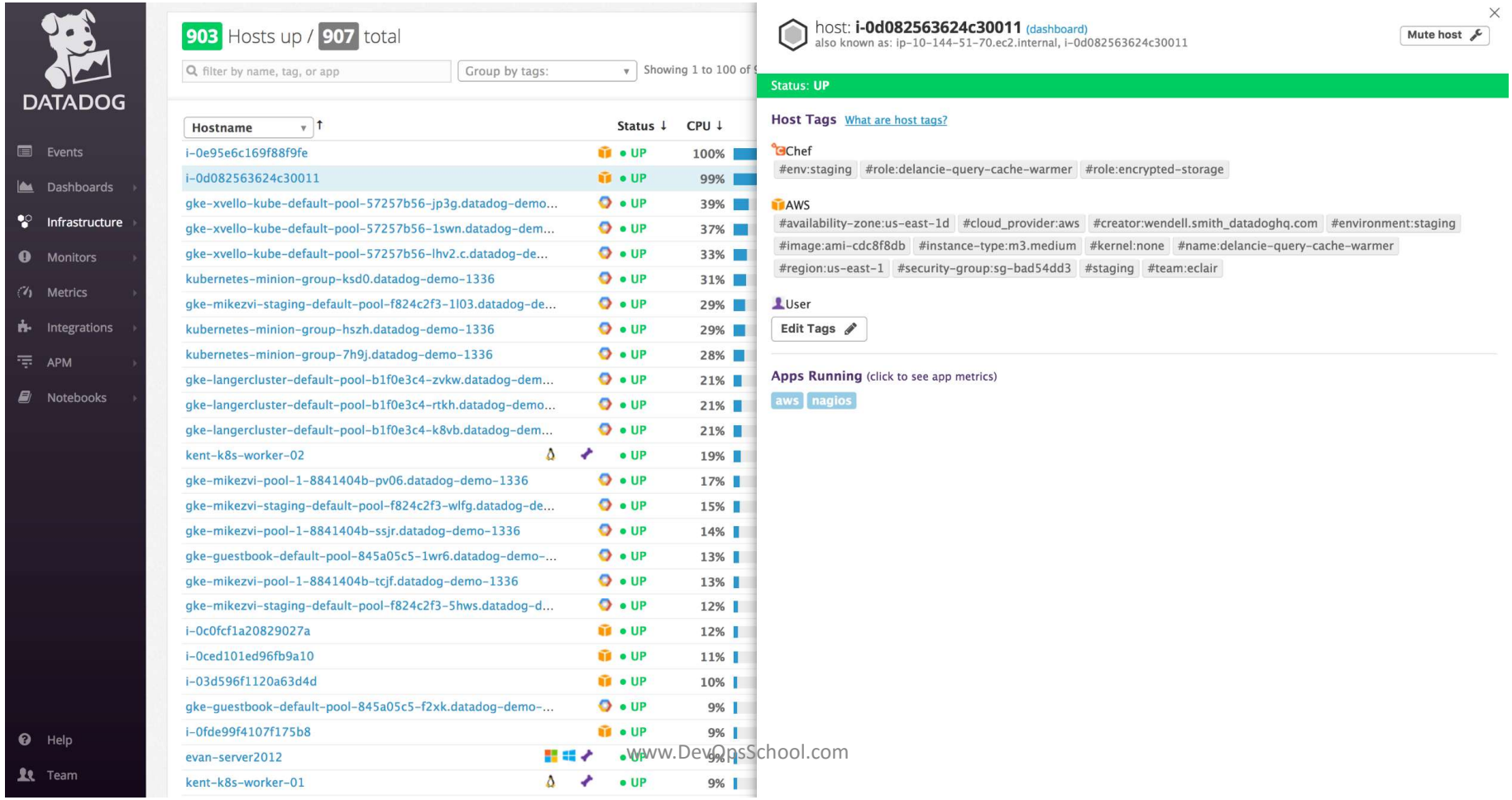

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Datadog: Host Map

The Host Map can be found under the Infrastructure menu. It offers the ability to:

- Quickly visualize your environment
- Identify outliers
- Detect usage patterns
- Optimize resources

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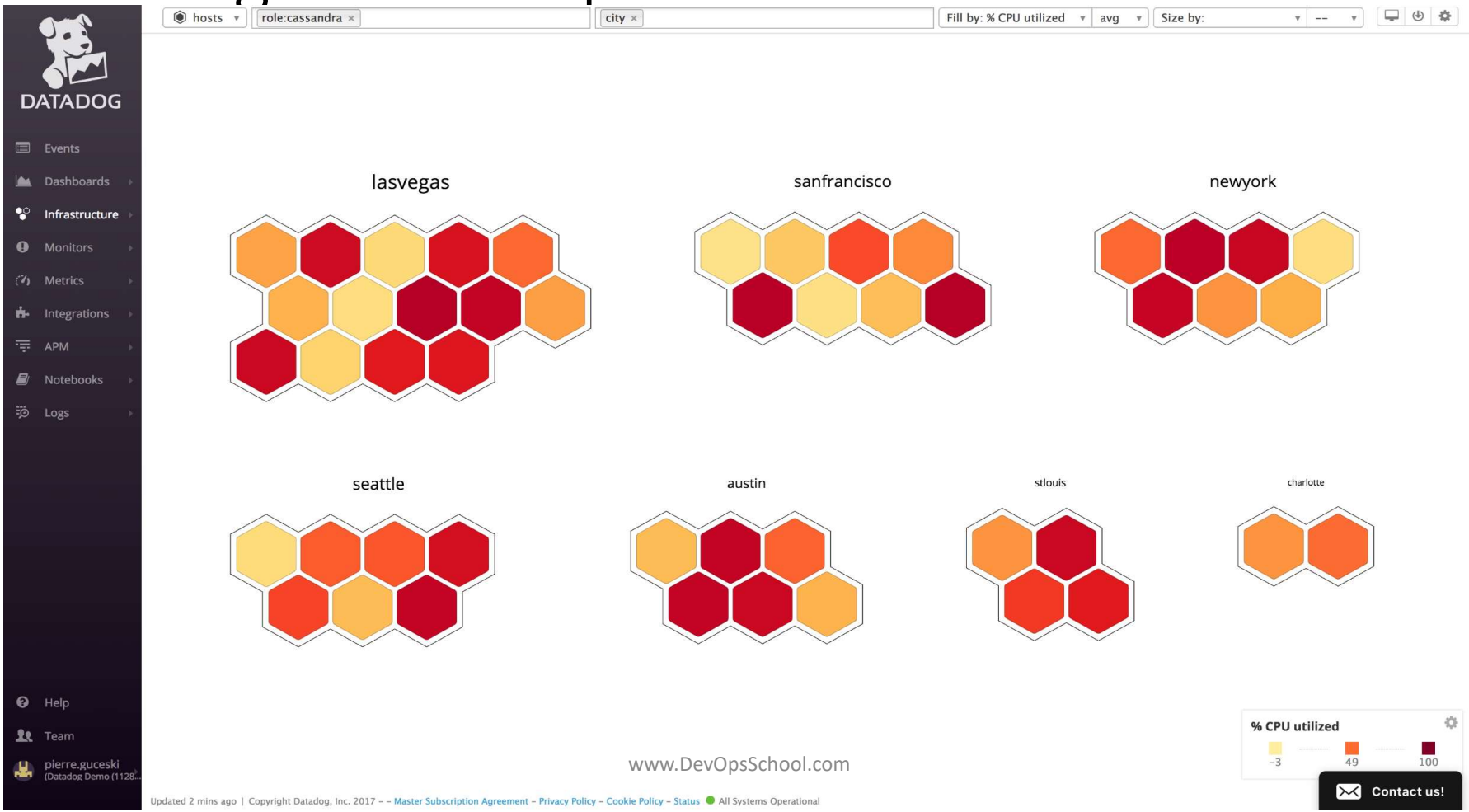

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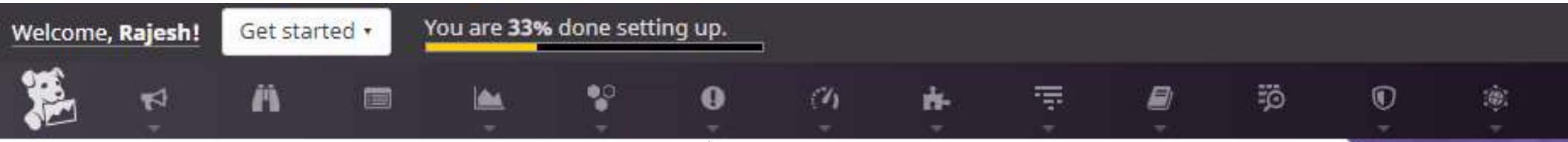

Datadog Monitors provide alerts and notifications based on metric thresholds, integration availability, network endpoints, and more.

- Use any metric reporting to Datadog
- Set up multi-alerts (by device, host, etc.)
- Use @ in alert messages to direct notifications to the right people
- Schedule downtimes to suppress notifications for system shutdowns, off-line maintenance, etc.

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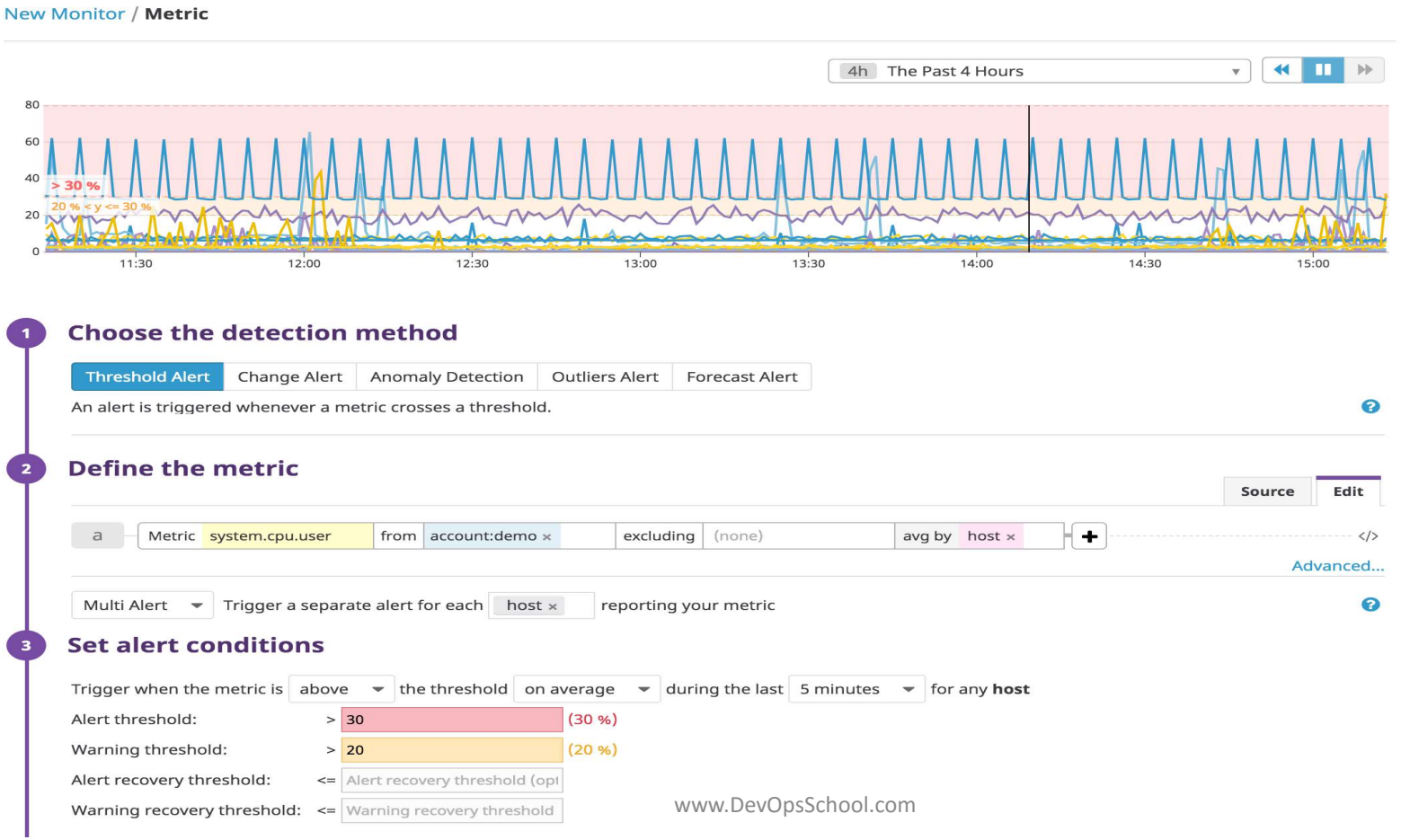

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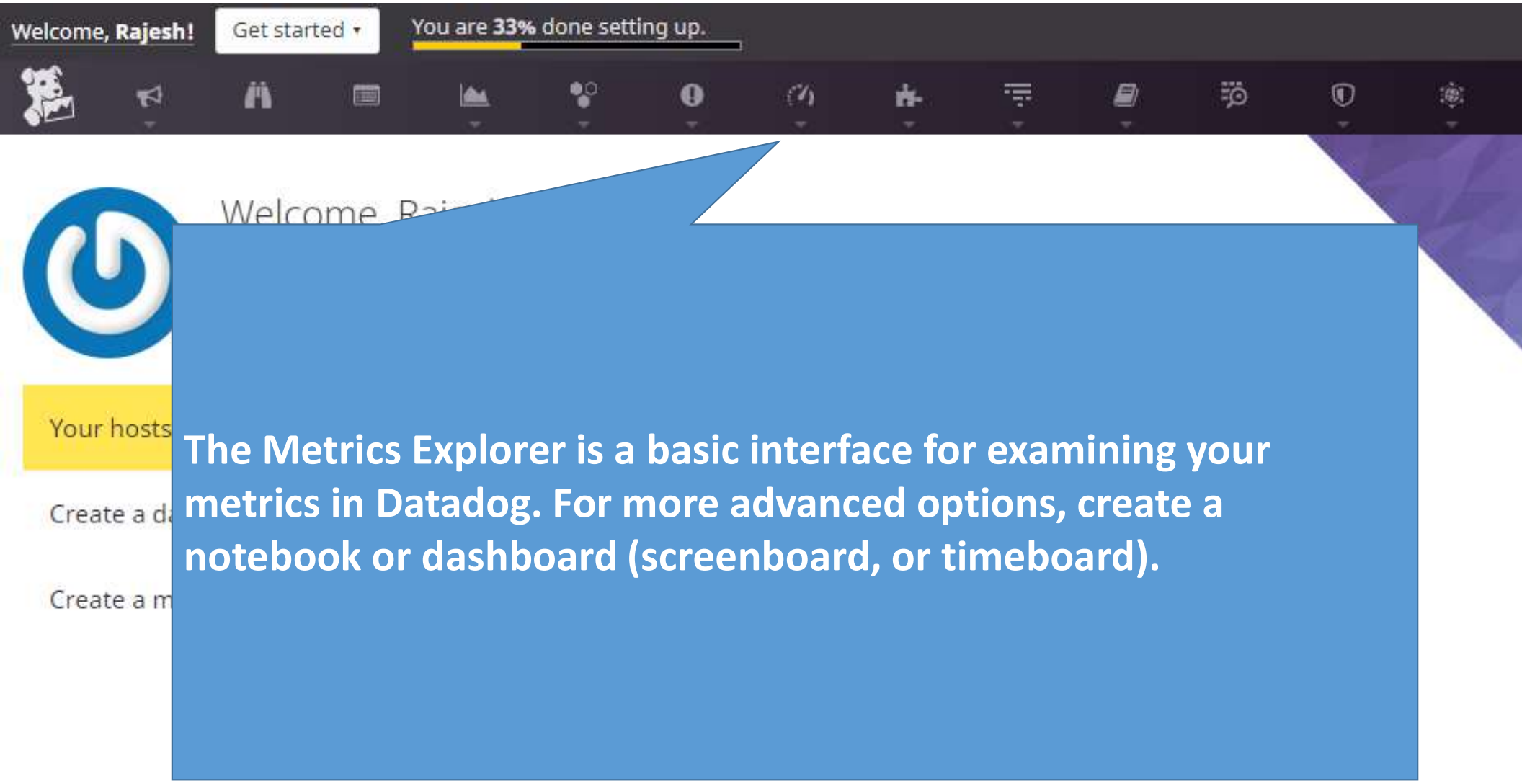
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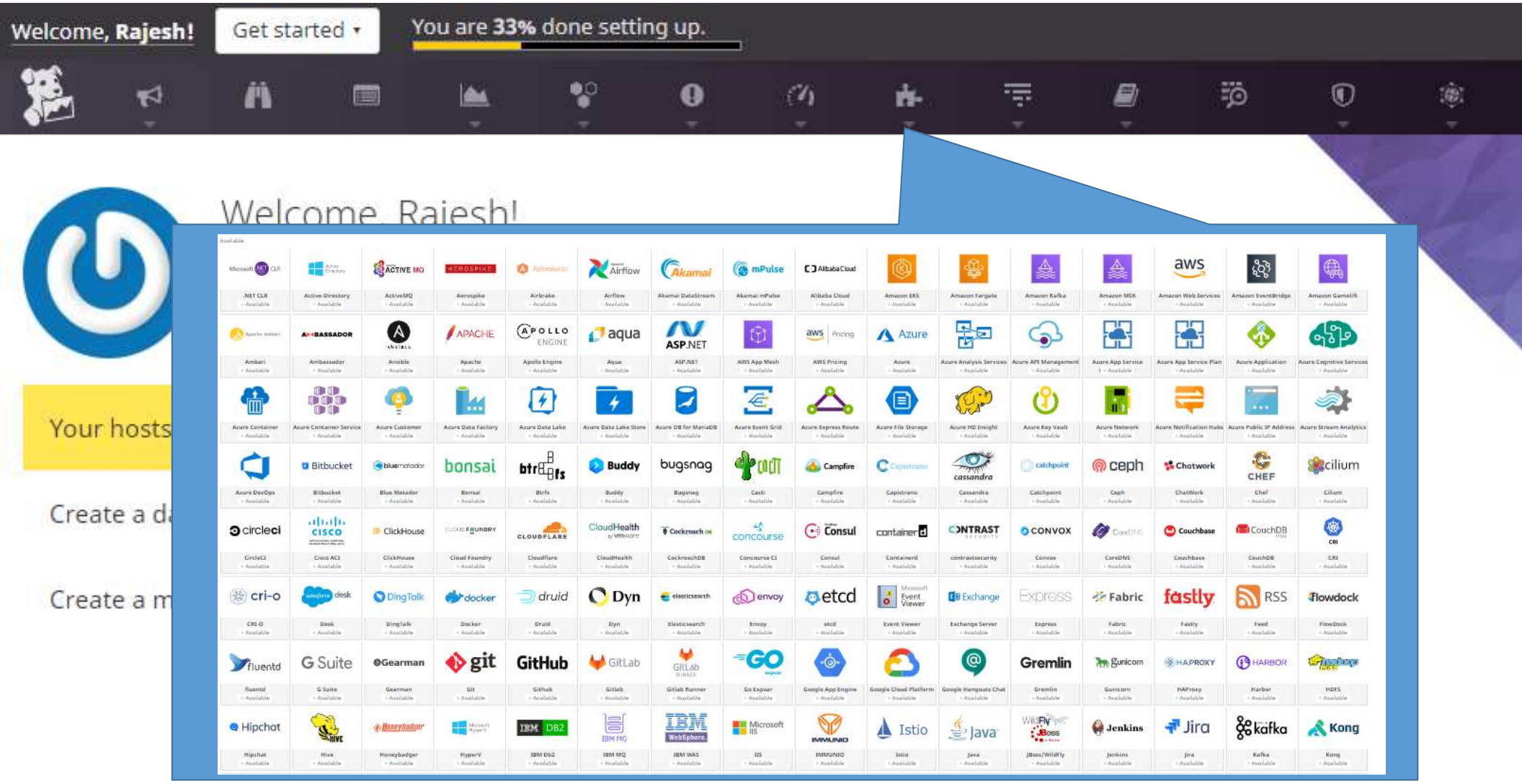
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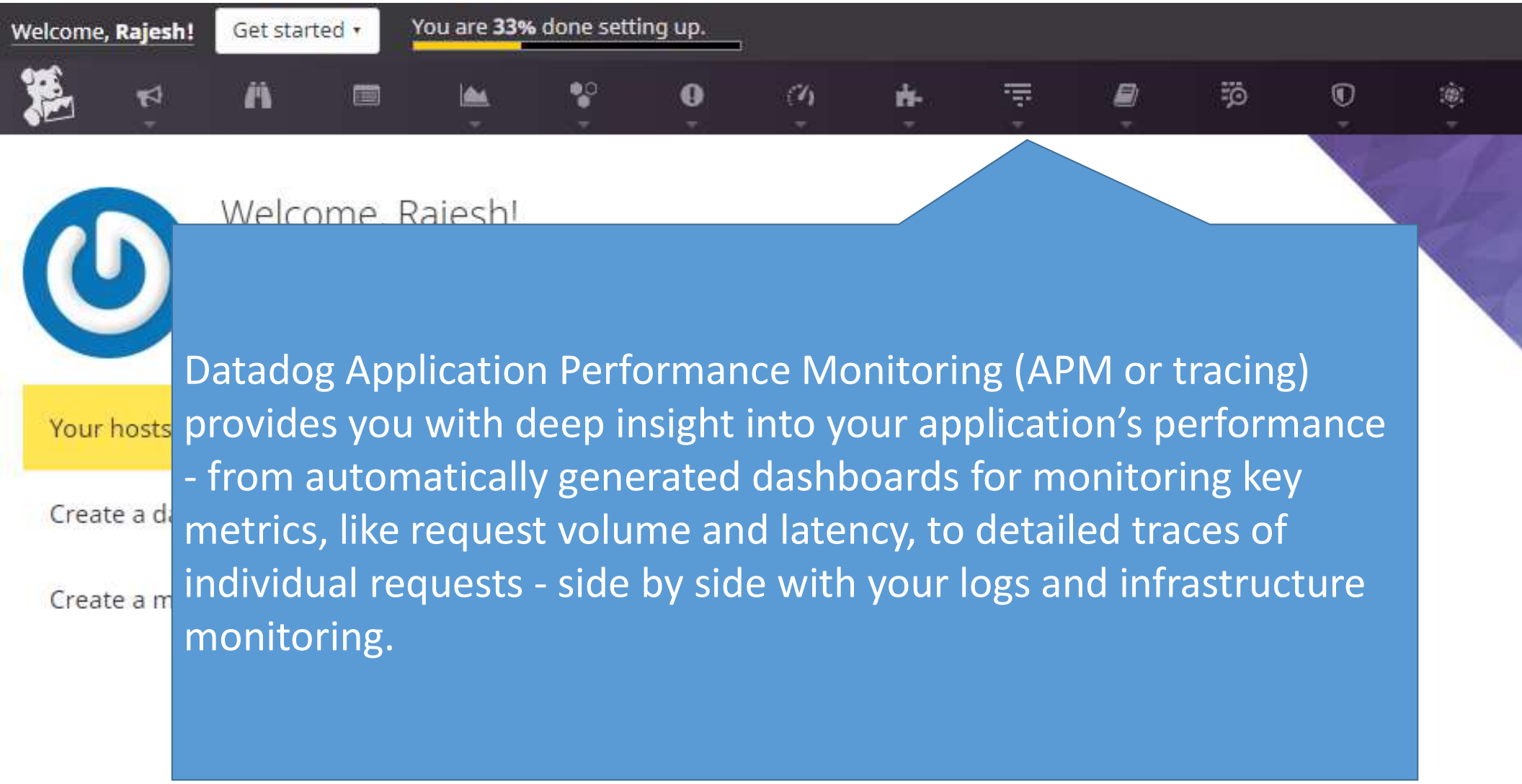
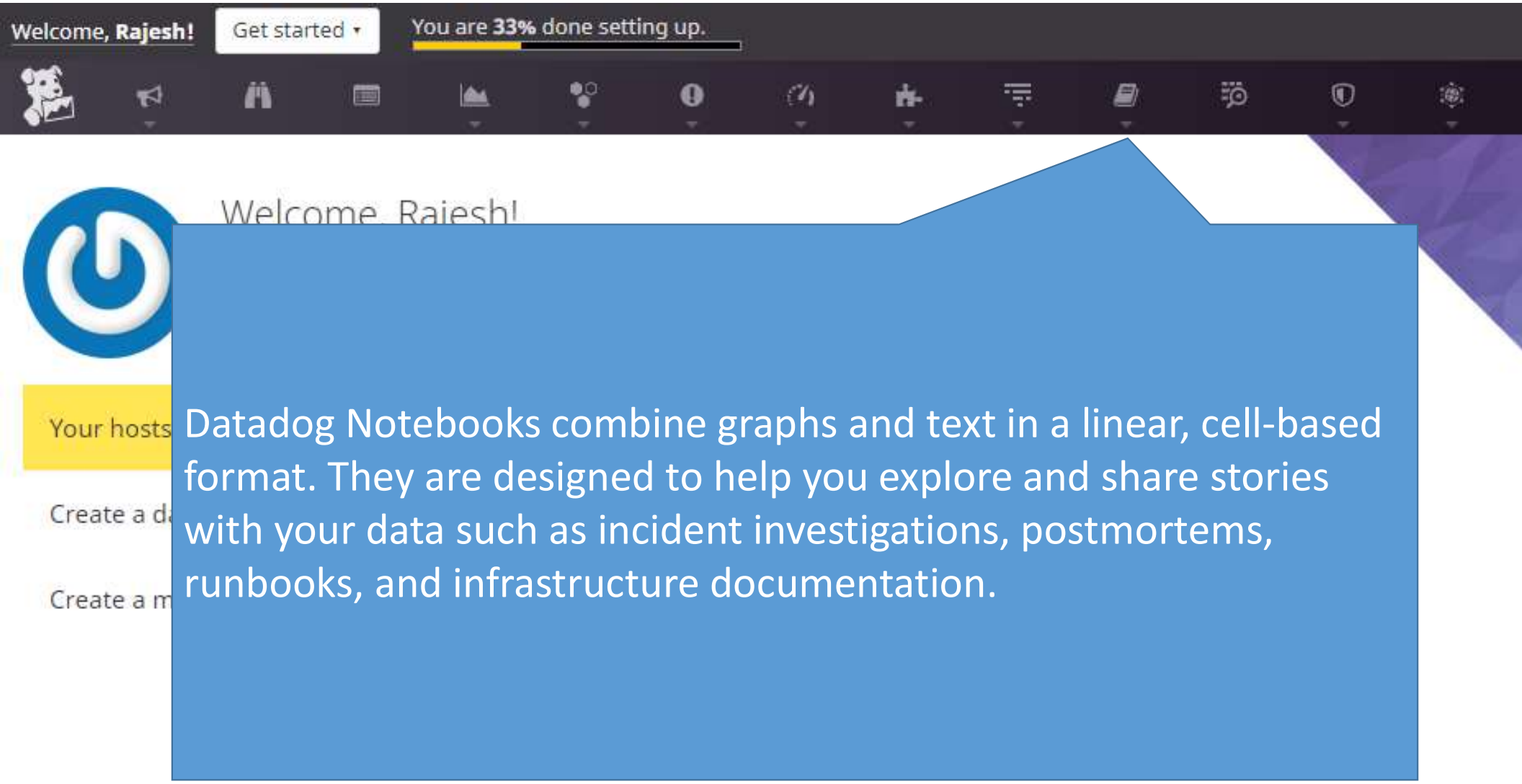
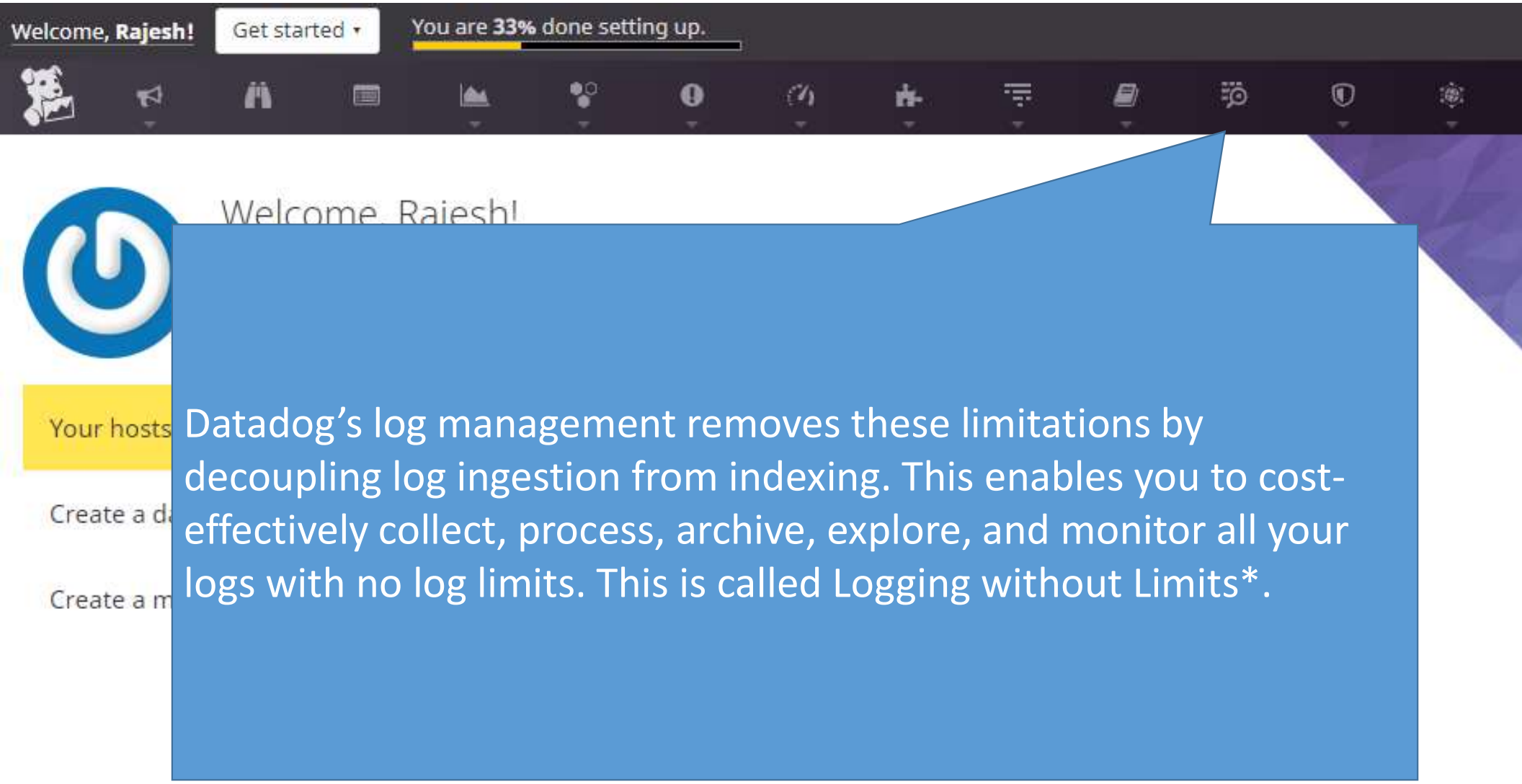


Datadog Application Performance Monitoring (APM or tracing) provides you with deep insight into your application's performance - from automatically generated dashboards for monitoring key metrics, like request volume and latency, to detailed traces of individual requests - side by side with your logs and infrastructure monitoring.



Datadog Notebooks combine graphs and text in a linear, cell-based format. They are designed to help you explore and share stories with your data such as incident investigations, postmortems, runbooks, and infrastructure documentation.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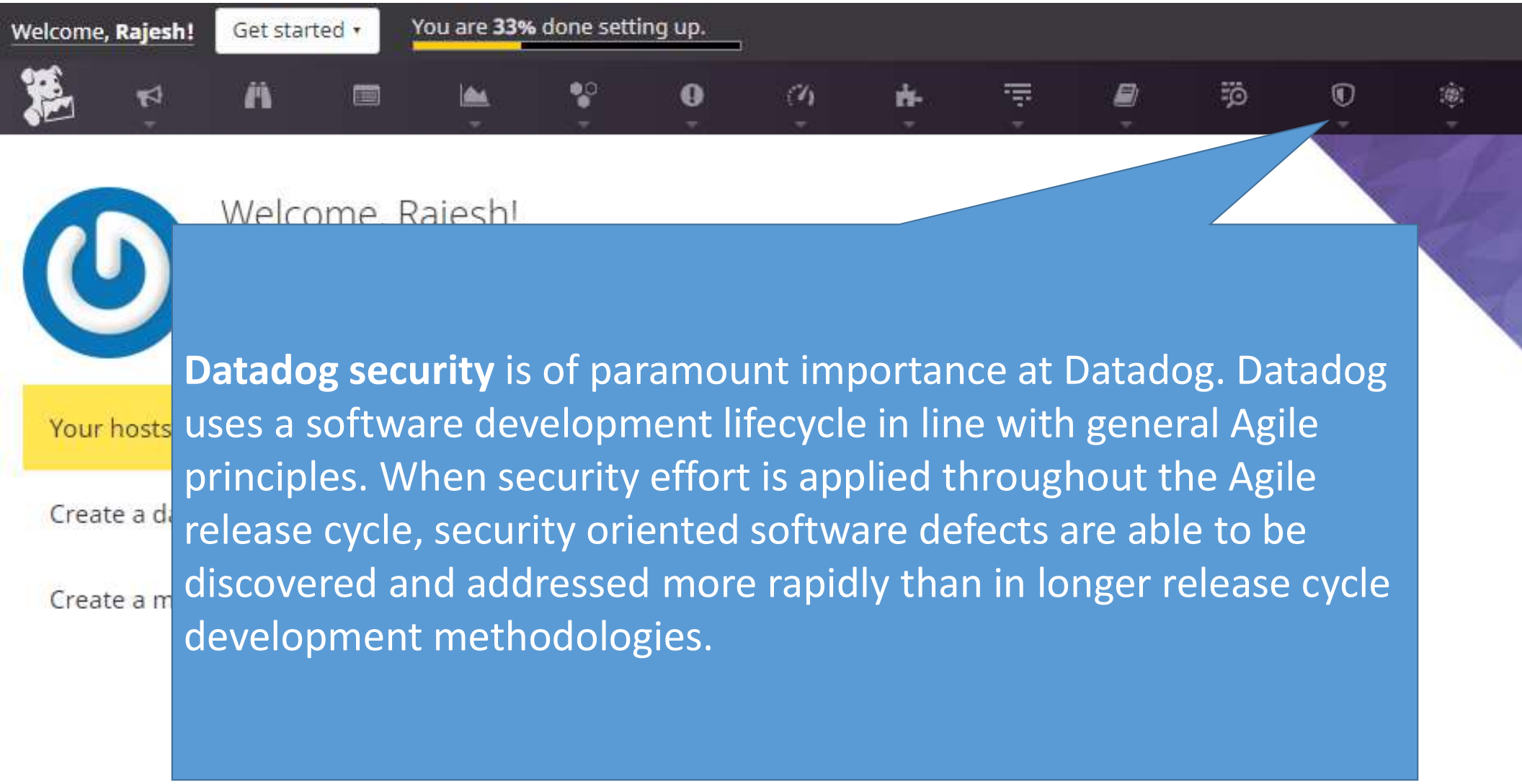
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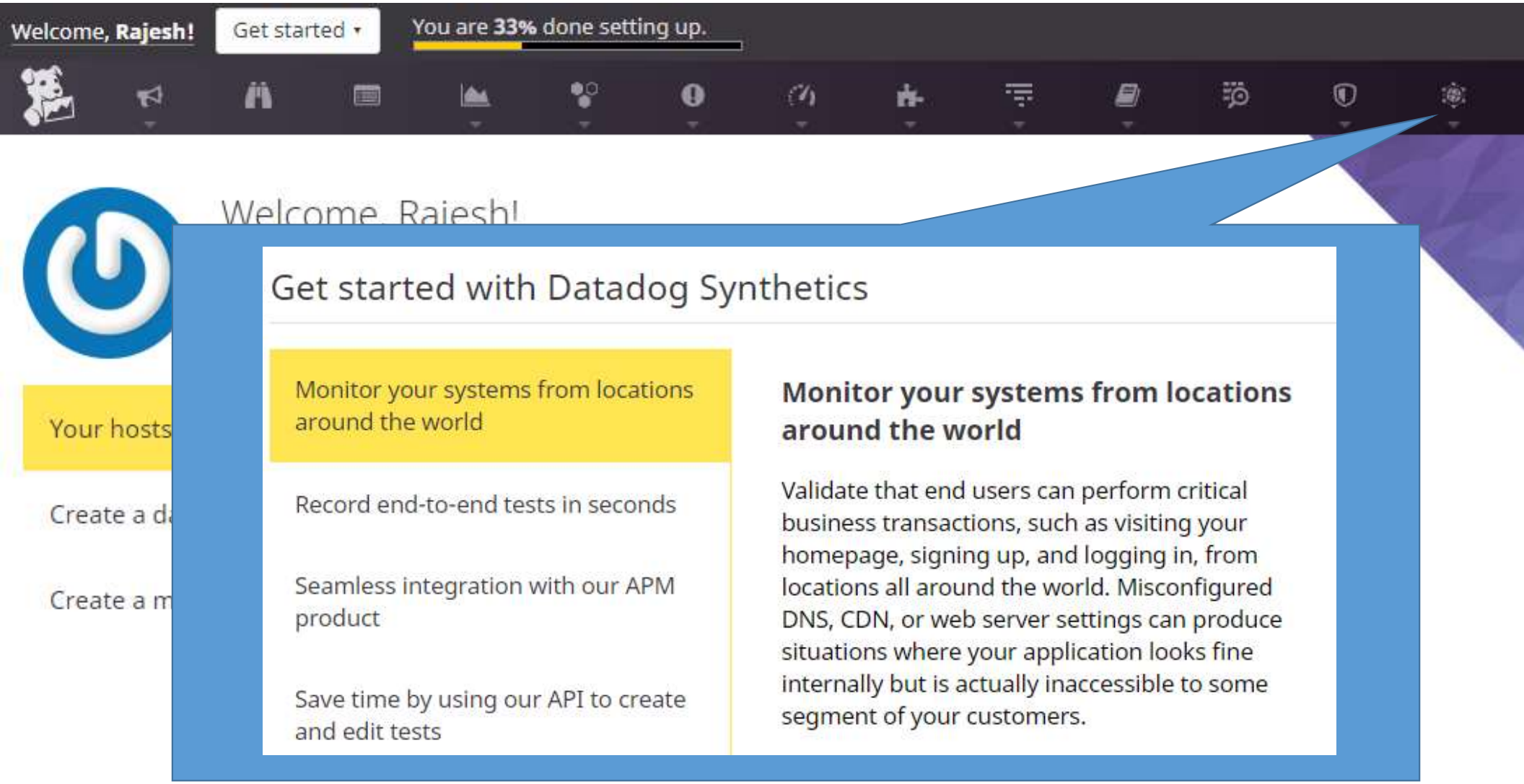
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Get started with Datadog Synthetics
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Record end-to-end tests in seconds
Seamless integration with our APM product
Save time by using our API to create and edit tests
Monitor your systems from locations around the world
Validate that end users can perform critical business transactions, such as visiting your homepage, signing up, and logging in, from locations all around the world. Misconfigured DNS, CDN, or web server settings can produce situations where your application looks fine internally but is actually inaccessible to some segment of your customers.

Step 1- Install Datadog Agents

Step 2- Create a Dashboard

Step 3- Install Three Integrations

Step 4- Create a Monitor

Step 5- Invite Three Teammates

Step 6- Submit Custom Metrics