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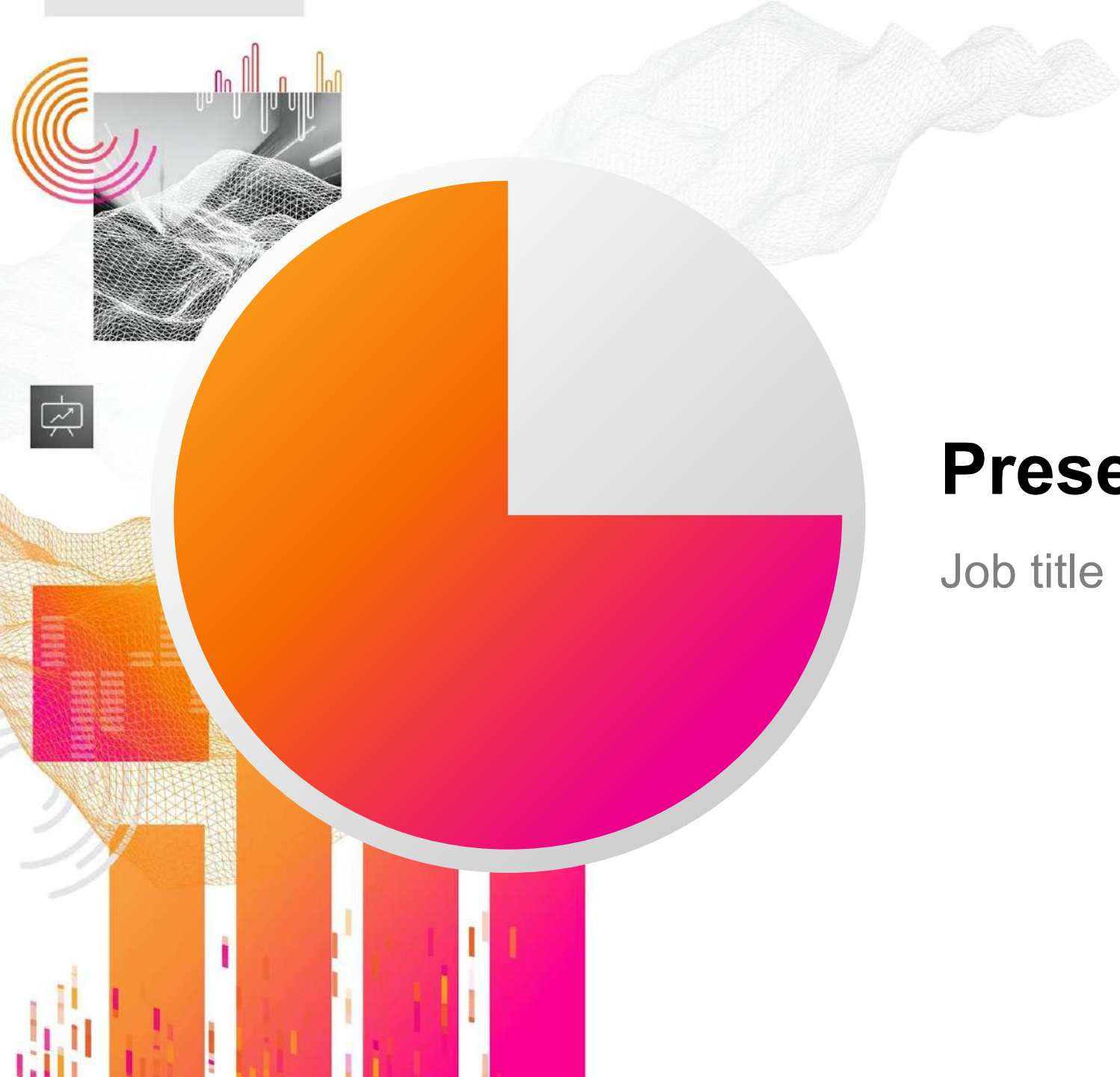


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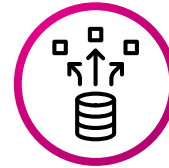
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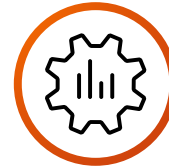
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Agenda



Data Sources

What and Where?



Getting Data In (GDI)

How?



Tuning the Data

Configuration Options



Lab Exercises

Getting Hands-On



What Happens Next?

What and Why?



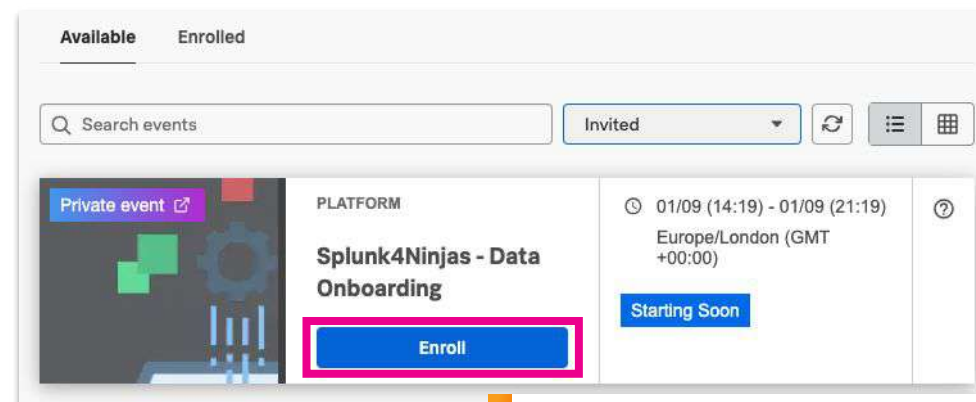
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<https://splk.it/SignUp>
2. Enroll in the Splunk Show workshop event:
<https://show.splunk.com/event/<eventID>>
3. Download the hands-on lab guide:
<https://splk.it/S4N-DO-Lab-Guide>

Contains step-by-step instructions for all of today's exercises!
4. Download a copy of today's slide deck:
<https://splk.it/S4N-DataOnboarding>

Goal



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How Data Moves Through Splunk

INDEXING

- Parsed events written to index on disk
- Writes both compressed raw data & the corresponding index files

PARSING

- Event processing occurs here
- Examine, analyse & transform data
- Identify, parse & set timestamps
- Apply regex transform rules

INPUT

- Raw data stream from source
- Contents ignored, no events



Monitor input



TCP input



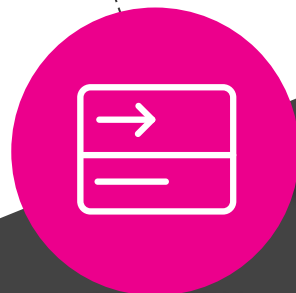
UDP input



FIFO input



Scripted input



SEARCH

- Manages how the user accesses, views and searches the indexed data
- Stores knowledge objects: reports, event types, dashboards, alerts and field extractions

DATA RETENTION

- Buckets: **HOT**, **WARM**, **COLD**, **FROZEN** and **THAWED**
- Cloud: Smart Store, Active Archive

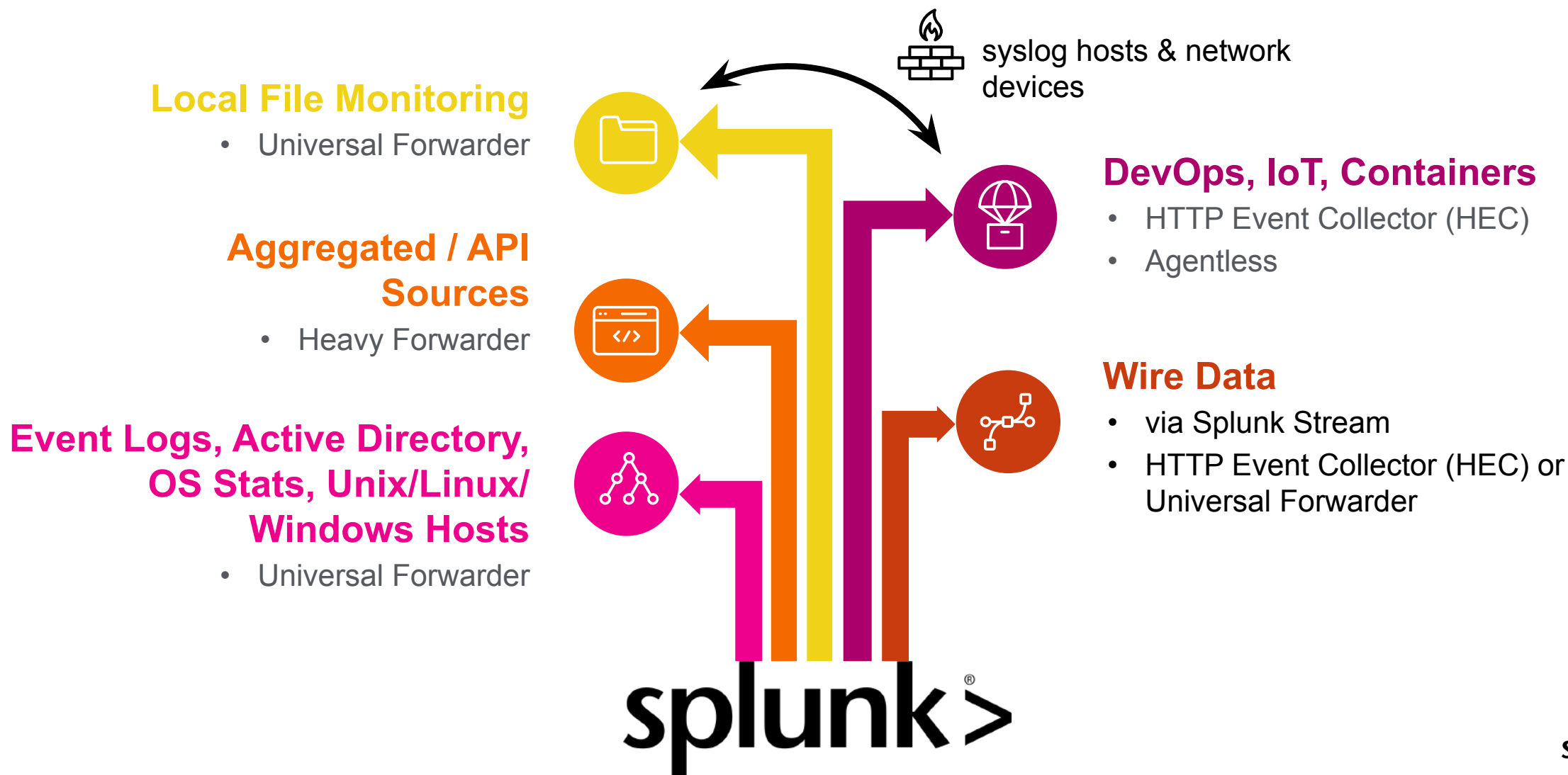


Data Sources

and the importance of data quality

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What Can Splunk Ingest?



Data Quality

Data collection is the foundation of any Splunk platform. Decisions without quality is simply guessing.



Poor Data Quality

Increases difficulty with searching data sources and often search performance



Performance

Improved indexing times and reduced indexing latency



Source Types Matter

Auto assigned source types may add inefficiencies and potential gaps to matching manipulation rules

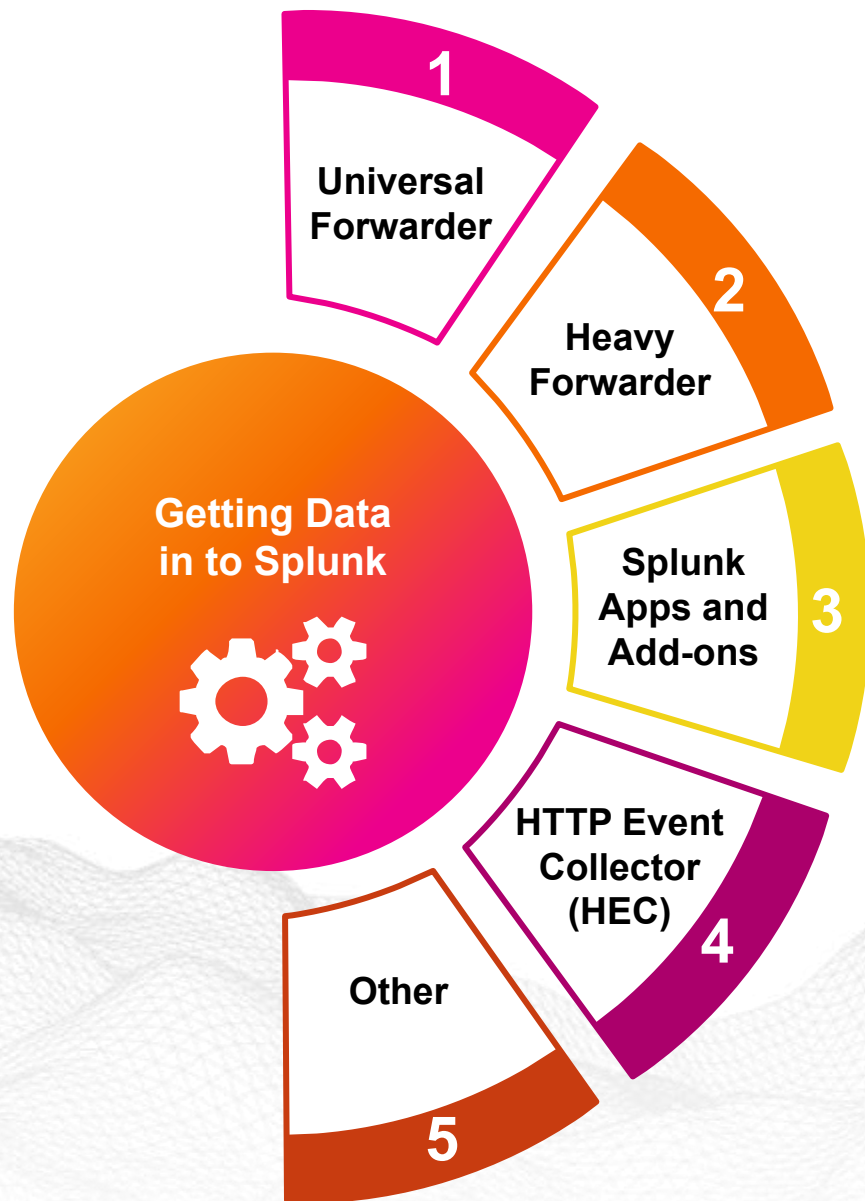


Timestamps

Improperly timestamped events can lead to early deletion

Getting Data In (GDI)

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Get Started with GDI

Universal Forwarder

- Dedicated executable, smallest footprint
- Replaces Light Forwarder (deprecated)
- Best method for most situations

Heavy Forwarder

- Splunk Enterprise instance minus some features
- Able to index locally while forwarding
- Slower than Universal Forwarder

Splunk Apps and Add-ons (Splunkbase)

- Apps and add-ons with preconfigured inputs, views and knowledge objects
- Examples: DB Connect, Splunk Stream, Add-on for Microsoft Windows

HTTP Event Collector (HEC)

- For Splunk Cloud Platform
- Get data directly from a source with the HTTP or HTTPS protocols

Other

- Direct upload via Splunk Web, CLI, API, scripts, FIFO queues, collectd, Data Manager for Splunk Cloud

Universal vs Heavy Forwarder

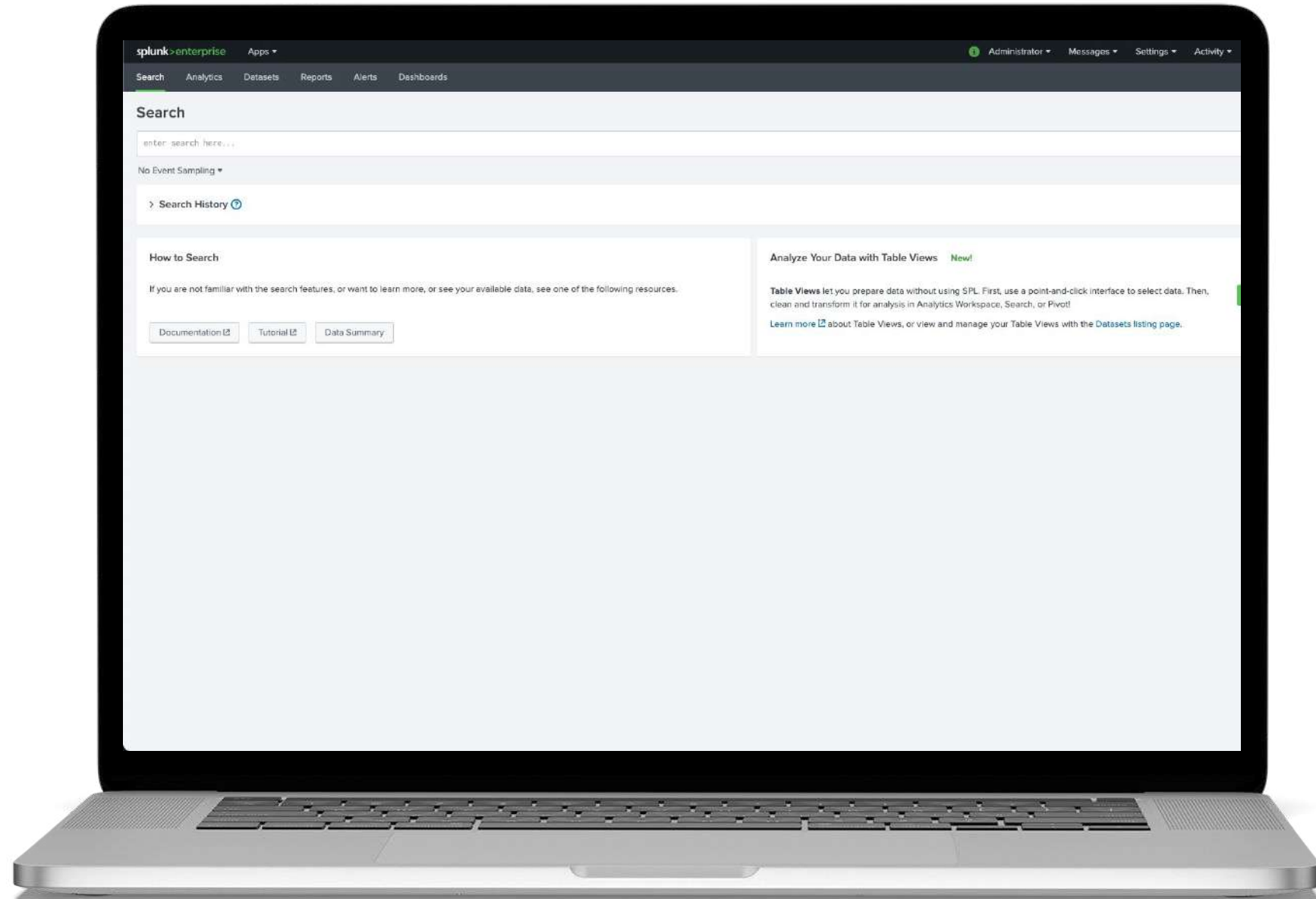
Features and capabilities	Universal forwarder	Heavy forwarder
Type of Splunk Enterprise instance	Dedicated executable	Full Splunk Enterprise, with some features disabled
Footprint (memory, CPU load)	Smallest	Medium-to-large (depending on enabled features)
Bundles Python?	No	Yes
Handles data inputs?	All types (but scripted inputs might require Python installation)	All types
Forwards to Splunk Enterprise?	Yes	Yes
Forwards to 3rd party systems?	Yes	Yes
Serves as intermediate forwarder?	Yes	Yes
Indexer acknowledgment (guaranteed delivery)?	Optional	Optional (version 4.2 and later)
Load balancing?	Yes	Yes

A full list of features and capabilities can be found at:

<https://docs.splunk.com/Documentation/Splunk/latest/Forwarding/Typesofforwarders>

Getting Files into Splunk

- Direct Upload
- File Monitor
- Custom scripts
- syslog and plenty more!



Search

enter search here...

No Event Sampling

> Search History

How to Search

If you are not familiar with the search features, or want to learn more, or see your available data, see one of the following resources.

- Documentation
- Tutorial
- Data Summary

Analyze Your Data with Table Views

Table Views let you prepare data without using the Search console. You can clean and transform it for analysis in Analytics. [Learn more](#) about Table Views, or view an example.

Add Data

Monitoring Console

KNOWLEDGE

Searches, reports, and alerts

Data models

Event types

Tags

Fields

Lookups

User interface

Alert actions

Advanced search

All configurations

SYSTEM

Server settings

Server controls

Health report manager

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Instrumentation

Licensing

Workload management

DATA

Data inputs

Forwarding and receiving

Indexes

Report acceleration summaries

Virtual indexes

Source types

DISTRIBUTED ENVIRONMENT

Indexer clustering

Forwarder management

Data Fabric

Federated search

Distributed search

USERS AND AUTHENTICATION

Roles

Users

Tokens

Password Management

Authentication Methods

What data do you want to send to the Splunk platform?

Follow guides for onboarding popular data sources



Cloud computing

Get your cloud computing data in to the Splunk platform.

10 data sources



Networking

Get your networking data in to the Splunk platform.

2 data sources



Operating System

Get your operating system data in to the Splunk platform.

1 data source




Security

Get your security data in to the Splunk platform.

3 data sources

4 data sources in total

Or get data in with the following methods



Upload

files from my computer

Local log files
Local structured files (e.g. CSV)
[Tutorial for adding data](#)


files and ports
Files - I
Modular

Select Source

Choose a file to upload to the Splunk platform, either by browsing your computer or by dropping a file into the target box below. [Learn More](#)

Selected File: **No file selected**

Select File



Drop your data file here

The maximum file upload size is 500 Mb

Add Data



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Files & Directories

Upload a file, index a local file, or monitor an entire directory.

HTTP Event Collector

Configure tokens that clients can use to send data over HTTP or HTTPS.

TCP / UDP

Configure the Splunk platform to listen on a network port.

Scripts

Get data from any API, service, or database with a script.

DBX Live Query Server

Run database statement in a live way

Systemd Journald Input for Splunk

This is the input that gets data from Journald (systemd's logging component) into Splunk.

SA-Eventgen

This modular input generates data for Splunk.

Splunk Secure Gateway

Initializes the Splunk Secure Gateway application to talk to mobile clients over websockets

DB Connect Task Server

Task server running scheduled jobs (Inputs, outputs)

Splunk Secure Gateway Mobile Alerts TTL

Cleans up storage of old mobile alerts

Splunk Secure Gateway Deleting Expired Tokens

Delete expired or invalid tokens created by Secure Gateway from Splunk

Splunk Secure Gateway Role Based Notification Manager

Used for sending mobile alerts to users by role

Splunk Secure Gateway Enable

Determine if Splunk Secure Gateway core modular inputs should be enabled

Splunk Secure Gateway Metrics Collector

Collects metrics for Splunk Secure Gateway

Configure this instance to monitor files and directories for data. To monitor all objects in a directory, select the directory. The Splunk platform monitors and assigns a single source type to all objects within the directory. This might cause problems if there are different object types or data sources in the directory. To assign multiple source types to objects in the same directory, configure individual data inputs for those objects. [Learn More](#)

File or Directory ?

Browse

On Windows: c:\apache\apache.error.log or \\hostname\apache\apache.error.log. On Unix: /var/log or /mnt/www01/var/log.

Continuously Monitor

Index Once

Whitelist ?

Blacklist ?

FAQ

What kinds of files can the Splunk platform index?

Many kinds. The Splunk platform recognizes many different file formats, and you can configure it to recognize many more.

I can't access the file that I want to index. Why?

Make sure that the file is available on your system by checking mount points or mapped drives. Also, make sure the user account that the Splunk platform runs as has proper permissions to access the file.

How do I get remote data onto my Splunk platform instance?

If the data is on a machine on the same network, you can map or mount a drive to access the data. The most popular option is to forward the data by installing a universal forwarder on the machine that contains the data.

Can I monitor changes to files in addition to their content?

Yes. Best Practices suggest using native OS file auditing tools, like Audit Policy for Windows and auditd for UNIX, and then indexing the output of those tools into the Splunk platform.

What is a source type?

A source type is a field that defines how the Splunk platform handles a piece of incoming data. The source type defines specifications for line break behavior, timestamp location, and character set.

Add Data



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Review >

Input Settings

Optionally set additional input parameters for this data input as follows:

Source type

The source type is one of the default fields that the Splunk platform assigns to all incoming data. It tells the Splunk platform what kind of data you've got, so that the Splunk platform can format the data intelligently during indexing. And it's a way to categorize your data, so that you can search it easily.

Automatic

Select

New

App context

Application contexts are folders within a Splunk platform instance that contain configurations for a specific use case or domain of data. App contexts improve manageability of input and source type definitions. The Splunk platform loads all app contexts based on precedence rules. [Learn More](#)

App Context

Search & Reporting (search) ▾

Host

When the Splunk platform indexes data, each event receives a "host" value. The host value should be the name of the machine from which the event originates. The type of input you choose determines the available configuration options. [Learn More](#)

- ☒ Constant value
- ☐ Regular expression on path
- ☐ Segment in path

Host field value

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Index

The Splunk platform stores incoming data as events in the selected index. Consider using a "sandbox" index as a destination if you have problems determining a source type for your data. A sandbox index lets you troubleshoot your configuration without impacting production indexes. You can always change this setting later. [Learn More](#)

Index

Default ▾

[Create a new index](#)

FAQ

- > How do indexes work?
- > How do I know when to create or use multiple indexes?

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Configure this instance to listen on any TCP or UDP port to capture data sent over the network (such as syslog). [Learn More](#)

TCPUDP

Port ?

Example: 514

Source name override ?

optional

host:port

Only accept connection from ?

optional

example: 10.1.2.3, lbadhost.splunk.com, *.splunk.com

FAQ

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install a third-party syslog service on your Windows hosts, you can collect the data on the Splunk platform with syslog monitoring.

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Configure this instance to execute a script or command and to capture its output as event data. Scripted inputs are useful when the data that you want to index is not available in a file to monitor. [Learn More](#)

Script Path

Command

Interval Input

Interval

Source name override

FAQ

What kind of scripts can I run?

It depends on the operating system that this machine runs. If it runs a *nix OS, you can create and run shell scripts or binaries that send text output to the stdout or stderr output channels. If it runs Windows, you can deploy batch files or PowerShell scripts. You can

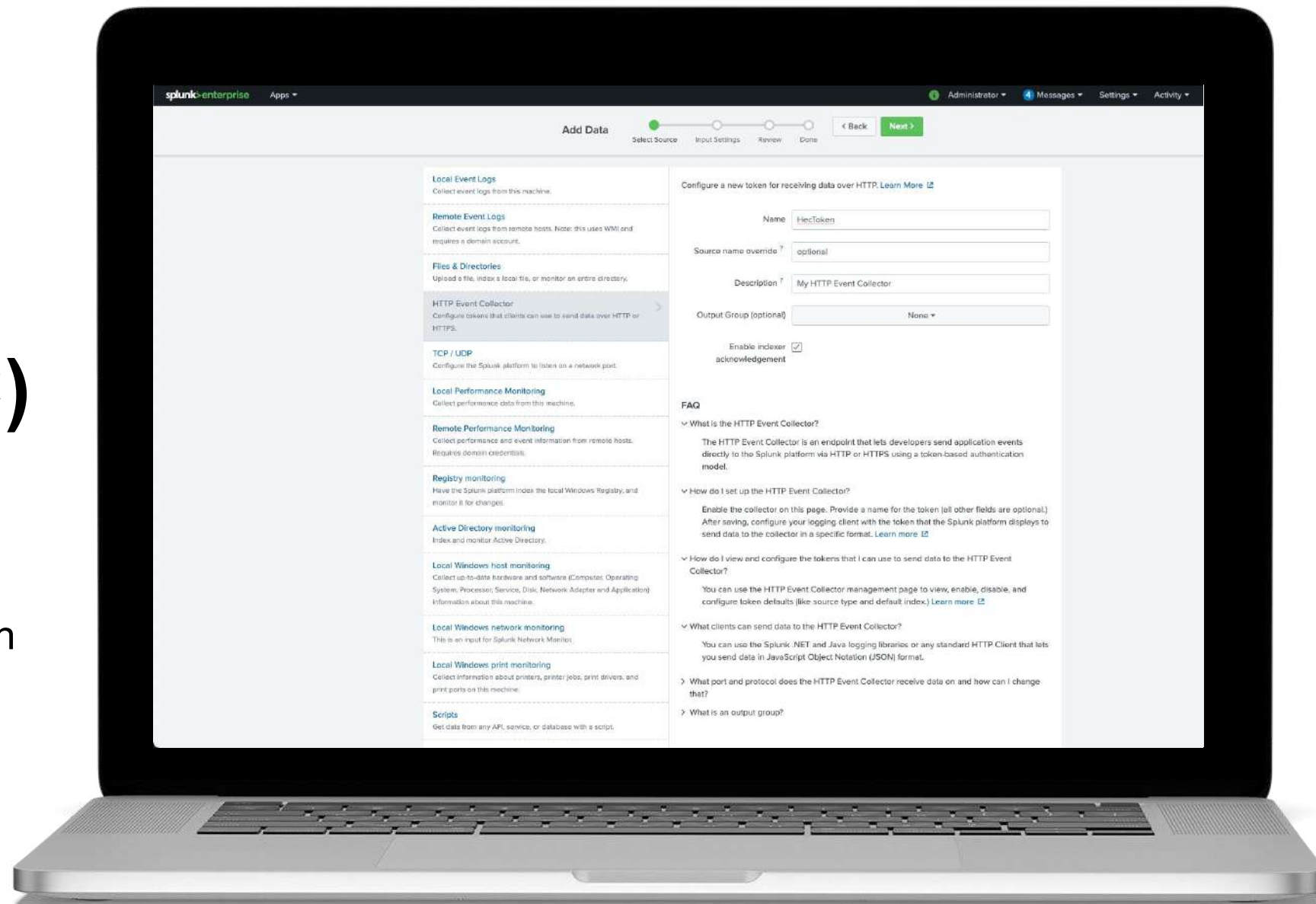
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Get Data with HTTP Event Collector (HEC)

- Send data and app events
- Supports http and https
- Token-based authentication
- No need for Forwarder



Add Data

Select Source Input Settings Review Done

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Token has been created successfully.

Configure your inputs by going to Settings > [Data Inputs](#)

Token Value aa6122c3-7c6d-4eda-982a-82d8d24

Start Searching

Search your data now or see [examples and tutorials](#). 🔗

Extract Fields

Create search-time field extractions. [Learn more about fields](#). 🔗

Add More Data

Add more data inputs now or see [examples and tutorials](#). 🔗

Download Apps

Apps help you do more with your data. [Learn more](#). 🔗

Build Dashboards

Visualize your searches. [Learn more](#). 🔗

```
curl https://hec.example.com:8088/services/collector/event -H "Authorization: Splunk B5A79AAD-D822-46CC-80D1-819F80D7BFB0" -d '{"event": "hello world"}'
```



Source Types

Formatting your data

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'Magic 8' Best Practice Settings

For tuning data ingestion

EVENT_BREAKER:
regular expression for event breaks*

EVENT_BREAKER_ENABLE:
TRUE*

TRUNCATE:
999999 (always a high number)

TIME_FORMAT:
strptime format of the timestamp

SHOULD_LINEMERGE:
FALSE (always)

LINE_BREAKER:
regular expression for event breaks

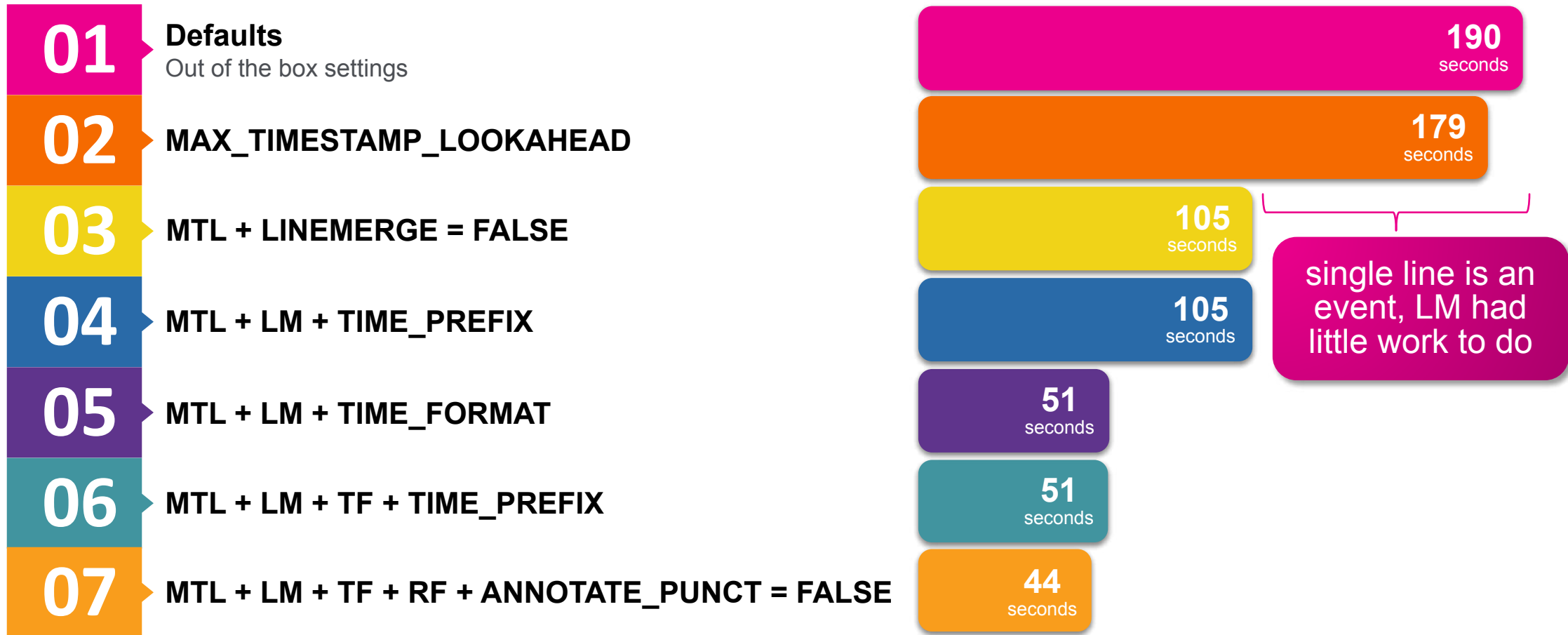
TIME_PREFIX:
regex of the text that leads up to the timestamp

MAX_TIMESTAMP_LOOKAHEAD:
how many characters for the timestamp



Measurable Impact

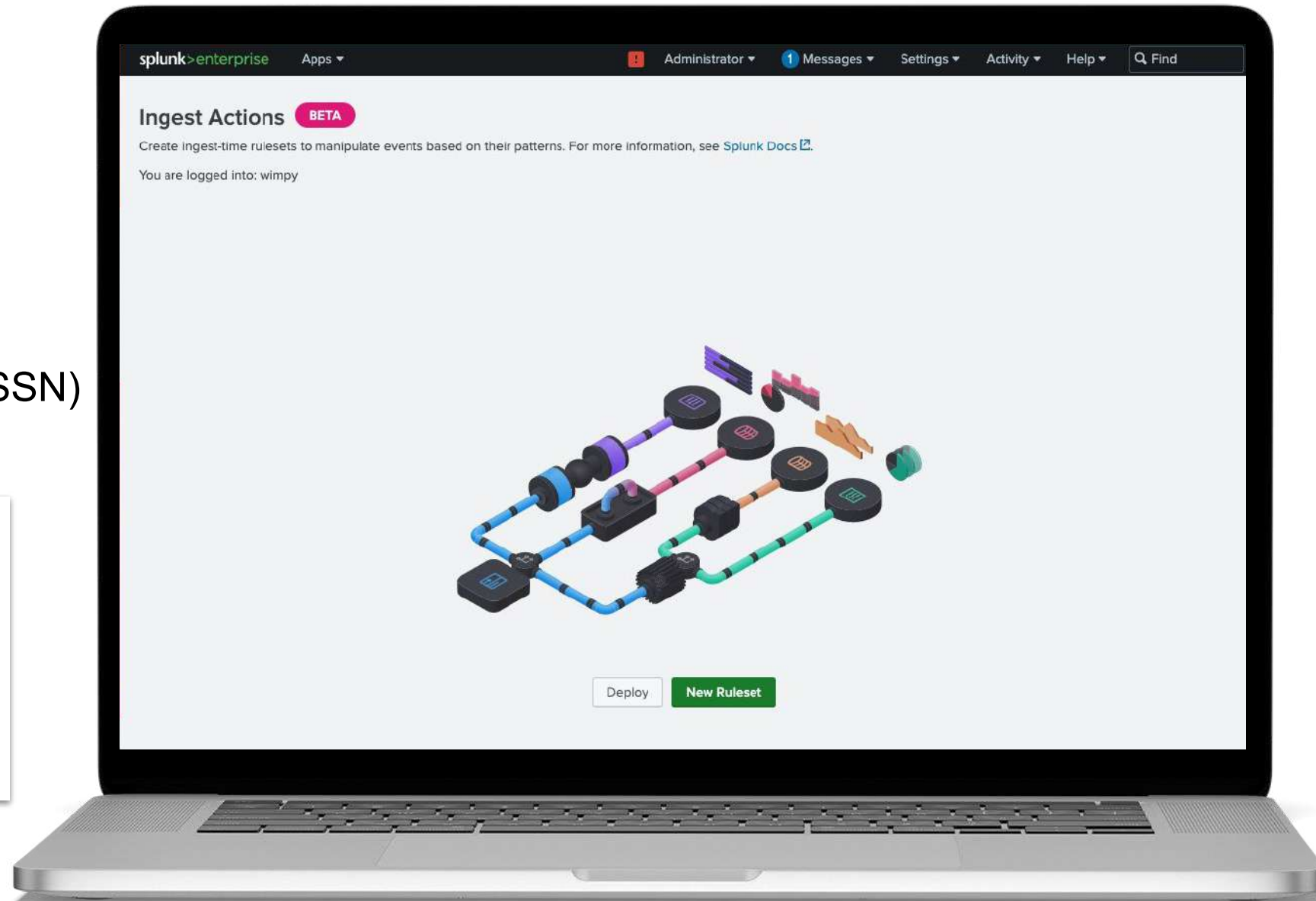
Wall-Clock Seconds Ingesting 10M Events



Ingest Actions

- Route Data to S3 Bucket
- Filter Data
- Mask Sensitive Data (CC,SSN)

Goal: not get between data ingest and enrichment applied through Apps and Add-ons, but to offer additional routing and filtering options before the events are indexed.



Search

enter search here...

No Event Sampling

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Searches, reports, and alerts

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Roles

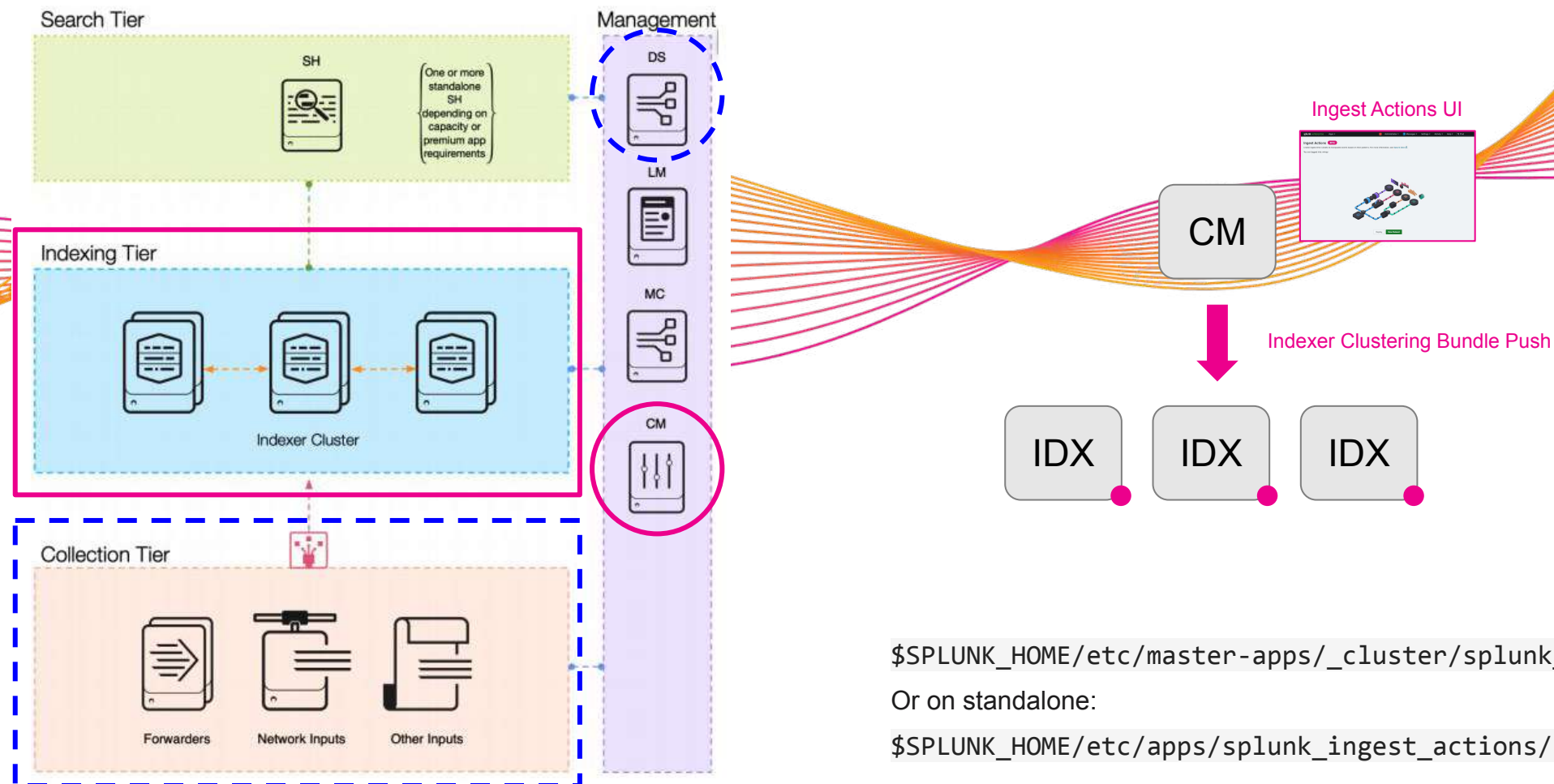
Users

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Password Management

Authentication Methods

Where are rules being processed?



Interaction with TRANSFORMS

The RULESET setting is similar in behavior to the TRANSFORMS setting in props.conf

Considerations when using RULESET:

- TRANSFORMS is applied first if a source type matches both a RULESET and a TRANSFORMS stanza configuration on the cluster peers.
- A source type should *only* have one RULESET configuration. Additional rulesets is unsupported.
- Only use the Ingest Actions page, or the REST API `/services/data/ingest/rulesets` endpoint to create a RULESET configuration.
- A RULESET is applied to data streams from a UF and to cooked data from the HF. This represents a change in behavior from using the TRANSFORMS setting.

Order of operations for Ingest Actions on a HF:

1. Existing HWF TRANSFORMS
2. Ingest Actions HWF RULESET TRANSFORMS
3. *INDEXER TRANSFORMS*
(skipped if already touched by HF TRANSFORMS)
4. Ingest Actions INDEXER RULESET TRANSFORMS
(accepts cooked data)

Deployment Gotchas

- Saved rulesets will be deployed on the next bundle push, important if you save now but decide not to deploy right away
- Deleted ruleset is only applied to the peers with a bundle push
- Rulesets are hot-reloadable (will not trigger Rolling-Restart), but if there are *other* configuration settings staged that require a RR, a RR will initiate
- Check the Configuration Bundle page for issues (Settings > Distributed Environment > Indexer Clustering > Edit > Configuration Bundle Actions)
- IA requires the *list_ingest_ruleset* and *edit_ingest_ruleset* admin capabilities to run

Data Models

Standardize your data

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What are Data Models?

A data model is a search-time mapping of data into a hierarchical structure

- Alerts
- Application State
- Authentication
- Certificates
- Databases
- Data Loss Prevention
- Email
- Interprocess Messaging
- Intrusion Detection
- Inventory
- Java Virtual Machines
- Malware
- Network Resolution (DNS)
- Network Sessions
- Network Traffic
- Performance
- Ticket Management
- Updates
- Vulnerabilities
- Web

JVM

JVM



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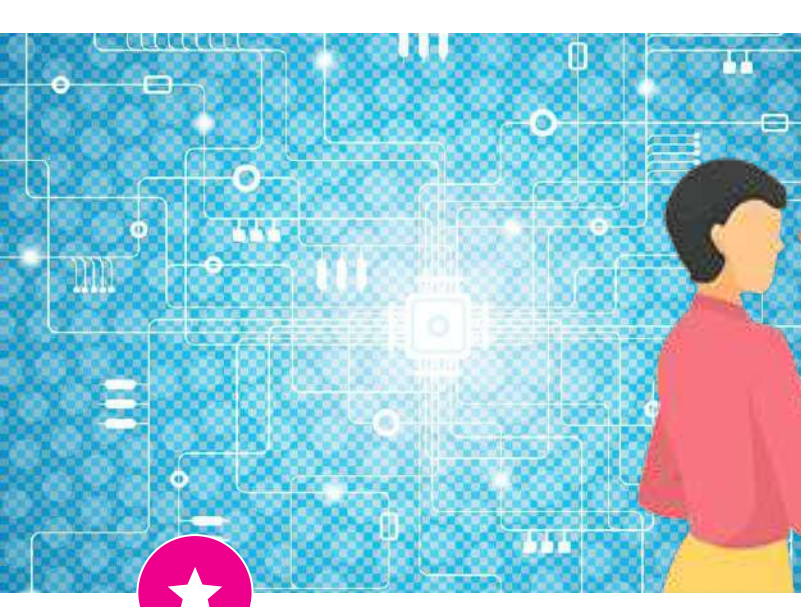
A collection of objects



That have constraints and attributes

Where child objects inherit those constraints and attributes

Why Use Data Models?



The image shows a person in a pink shirt looking at a data model table in a Splunk interface. The table is titled 'New Pivot' and contains the following data:

Dataset	Field	Type	Description
Authentication	action	string	The action performed on the resource
Authentication	app	string	The application involved in the event (such as <code>ssh</code> , <code>splunk</code> , <code>win:local</code>)
Authentication	dest	string	The target involved in the authentication. You can alias this from more specific fields, such as <code>dest_host</code> , <code>dest_ip</code> , <code>ordest_nt_host</code> .
Authentication	bunit	string	The business unit of the authentication target

* Fields for authentication event datasets



Fields

Common fields allow for unique insights across many sets of data



Pivot

Allow general users to build reports with an Excel-like interface



Common Language

CIM allows for normalized fields that can be tailored for many use cases

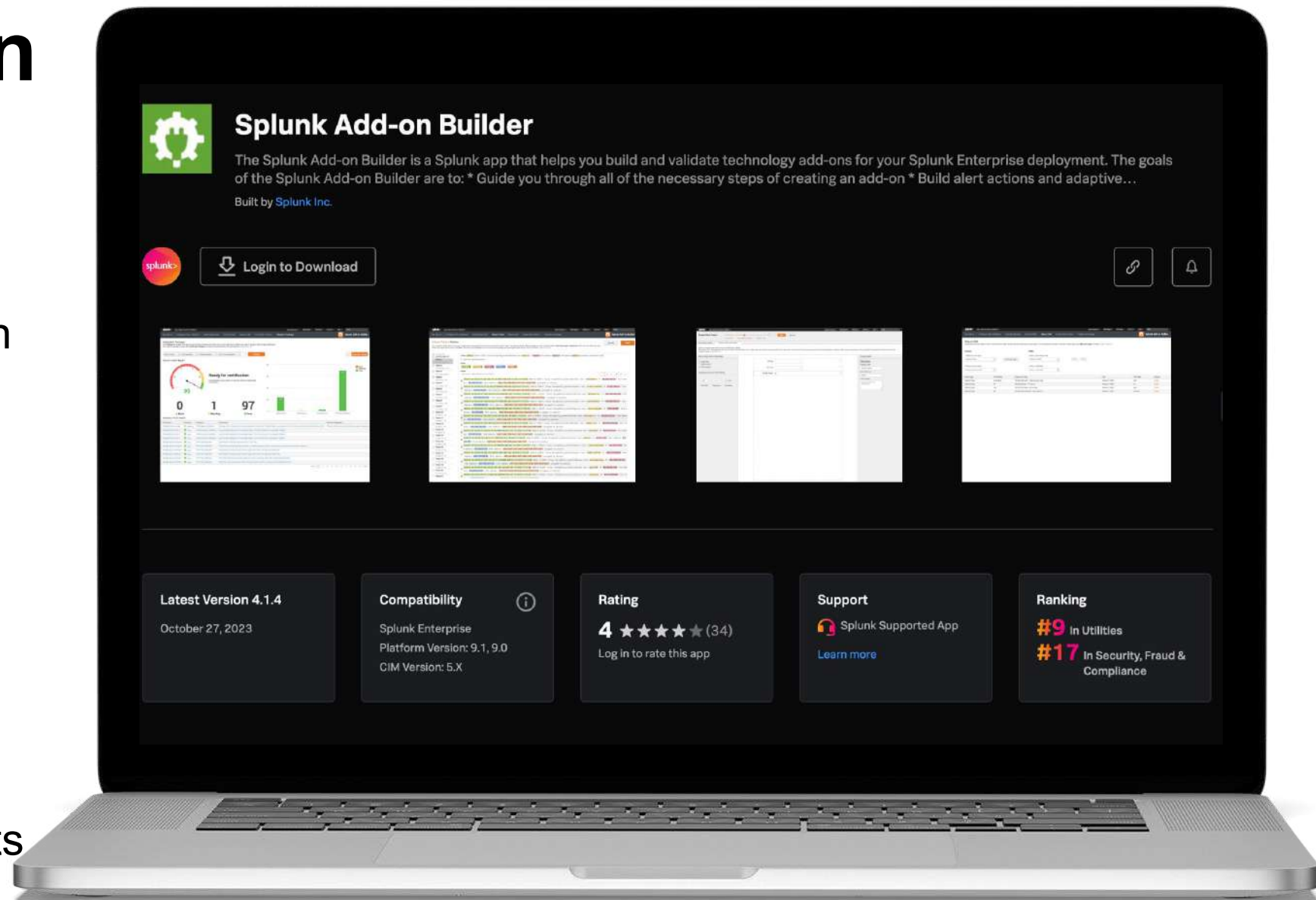


Splunk Add-on Builder

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Splunk Add-on Builder

- Onboard additional data
- Build and validate add-on
- Custom configurations
 - field extractions
 - transforms
- Knowledge mapping
 - event types
 - tags
- Custom views and reports





Lab Access

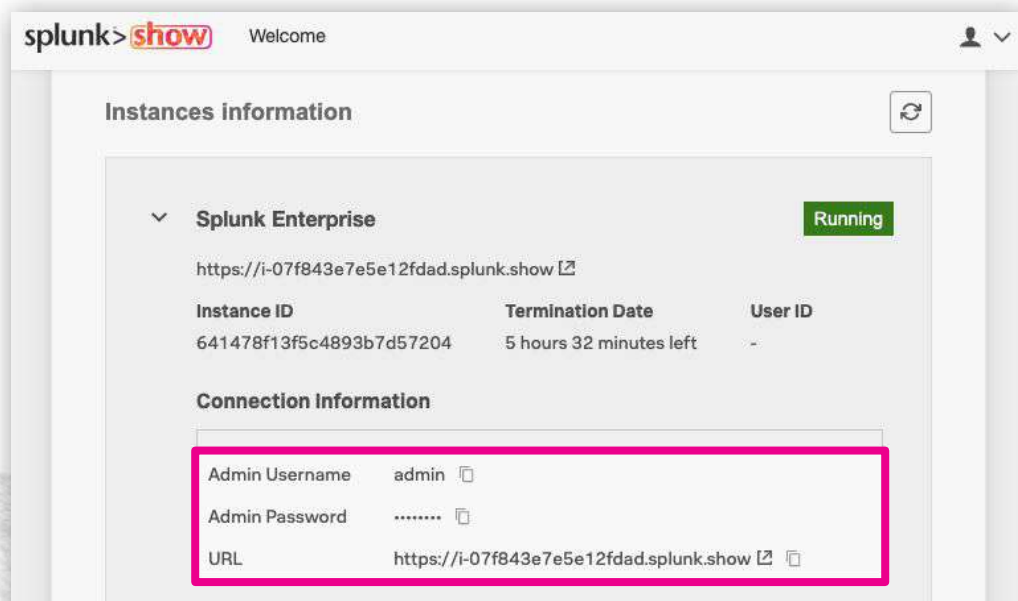
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Login to Splunk

Locate your instance URL and credentials
in the Splunk Show event

<https://show.splunk.com>

Log in to your Splunk instance



Scroll down the event page and
expand the **Splunk Enterprise**
section to view your login
details



Login using the credentials
from Splunk Show

Login to Splunk

Locate your instance URL and credentials in the list provided

<link to Gsheet with list of instances>

Log in to your Splunk instance

adminUsername	adminPassword
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admin	changeme
admin	changeme
admin	changeme
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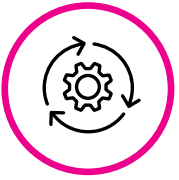
Locate your instance URL in the list provided - make sure you use the one with your name next to it!

Login using the credentials from Splunk Show

Lab Exercises

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Lab 1: File Monitor

Collect some local files within different folder structure by using inputs.conf

Activity:

1. Monitor the syslog directory on the local machine
 - Each device has a dedicated folder
2. Adjust input settings
 - host to match the folder name
3. Confirm Input

Goal:

Add Data

Select Source Input Settings Review Done

< Back Submit >

Review

Input Type Directory Monitor
 Source Path /opt/data/syslog
 Includelist N/A
 Excludelist N/A
 Source Type ftg_traffic
 App Context DataOnboarding4Ninjas
 Host Source path segment number: 4
 Index firewall

1 | `tstats count where index=firewall by source host`

✓ 26,354 events (before 14/01/2022 20:20:05.000) No Event Sampling

Job ||| ↻ ⌵ ⌴ ⌵ Smart Mode

Events Patterns **Statistics (3)** Visualization

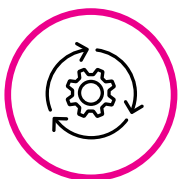
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source ↕	host ↕	count ↕
/opt/data/syslog/device1/firewall.log	device1	8880
/opt/data/syslog/device2/firewall.log	device2	8852
/opt/data/syslog/device3/firewall.log	device3	8622



Break for Lab 1

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Lab 1: Option 1 - File Monitor: GUIDED

Collect some local files within different folder structure by using inputs.conf

GUI:

Navigate to Settings > Add Data > Files and Directories

Select your firewall logs under /opt/data/syslog/

KEY: Choose continuous monitor for this lab!

Input Settings

New Source Type: ftg_ttraffic

App Context: DataOnboarding4Ninjas

Host Value: Set 'Segment in Path' to 4

Index: firewall

Check result

```
| tstats count where index=firewall by host source
```

KEY: Host value now has the device name

Goal:

Configure this instance to monitor files and directories for data. To monitor all objects in a directory, select the directory. The Splunk platform monitors and assigns a single source type to all objects within the directory. This might cause problems if there are different object types or data sources in the directory. To assign multiple source types to objects in the same directory, configure individual data inputs for those objects. [Learn More](#)

File or Directory: [Browse](#)

On Windows: c:\apache\apache\errorlog or %HOMEDRIVE%\apache\apache\errorlog. On Unix: /var/log or /mnt/www01/var/log.

☒ Continuously Monitor ☐ Index Once

Input Settings

Optionally set additional input parameters for this data input as follows:

Source type

The source type is one of the default fields that the Splunk platform assigns to all incoming data. It tells the Splunk platform what kind of data you've got, so that the Splunk platform can format the data intelligently during indexing. And it's a way to categorize your data, so that you can search it easily.

Automatic ☒ Select ☐ New

Source Type:

Source Type Category:

Source Type Description:

App context

Application contexts are folders within a Splunk platform instance that contain configurations for a specific use case or domain of data. App contexts improve manageability of input and source type definitions. The Splunk platform loads all app contexts based on precedence rules. [Learn More](#)

App Context:

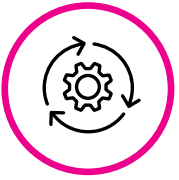
Host

When the Splunk platform indexes data, each event receives a "host" value. The host value should be the name of the machine from which the event originates. The type of input you choose determines the available configuration options. [Learn More](#)

☐ Constant value
☐ Regular expression on path
☒ Segment in path

Segment number:

Index: [Create a new index.](#)



Lab 1: Option 2 - File Monitor: GUIDED

Collect some local files within different folder structure by using inputs.conf

CLI:

Navigate to `/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/inputs.conf`

```
[monitor:///opt/data/syslog/*/firewall.log]
sourcetype = fgt_traffic
index = firewall
host_segment = 4
```

Reload Monitor

```
/opt/splunk/bin/splunk reload monitor
```

```
/opt/splunk/bin/splunk btool inputs list
--debug | grep firewall
```

Check result

```
| tstats count where index=firewall by host source
```

KEY: Host value now has the device name

Goal:

```
splunk@show-demo-i-05d1683d07b1bcccc:~$ sudo su
root@show-demo-i-05d1683d07b1bcccc:/home/splunk# cd /opt/splunk/etc/apps/DataOnboarding4Ninjas/
root@show-demo-i-05d1683d07b1bcccc:/opt/splunk/etc/apps/DataOnboarding4Ninjas# mkdir local
root@show-demo-i-05d1683d07b1bcccc:/opt/splunk/etc/apps/DataOnboarding4Ninjas# cd local
root@show-demo-i-05d1683d07b1bcccc:/opt/splunk/etc/apps/DataOnboarding4Ninjas/local# vi inputs.conf
```

```
[monitor:///opt/data/syslog/*/firewall.log]
sourcetype = fgt_traffic
index = firewall
host_segment = 4
```

New Search Save As Create Table View Close

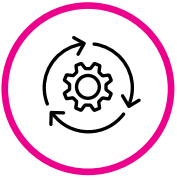
`| tstats count where index=firewall by host source` All time Q

✓ 26,354 events (before 10/30/23 7:25:28.000 PM) No Event Sampling Job || → ⬇ ⬆ Smart Mode

Events Patterns Statistics (3) Visualization

20 Per Page Format Preview

host	source	count
device1	/opt/data/syslog/device1/firewall.log	8880
device2	/opt/data/syslog/device2/firewall.log	8852
device3	/opt/data/syslog/device3/firewall.log	8622



Lab 2: Data Parsing

Collect and parse badge data through a sourcetype and create an add-on

Activity:

1. Collect badge data being stored on a local structure
2. Parse out the badge data via a new sourcetype
3. Select our input settings
4. Create a *badge* add-on
5. Import the new sourcetype into the add-on

Goal:

Add Data

Progress: Select Source, Set Source Type, Input Settings, Review, Done

Review

Input Type File Monitor
 Source Path /opt/data/badge.log
 Continuously Monitor No, index once
 Source Type badge1
 App Context DataOnboarding4Ninjas
 Host show-demo-l-01f71d9ecd9e5a646
 Index badge

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Administrator Messages Settings Activity Help Find

badge test | Configure Data Collection Manage Source Types Extract Fields Map to Data Models Create Alert Actions Validate & Package **Splunk Add-on Builder**

Manage Source Types

If your add-on uses data from a source other than a modular input, you can create a new source type or import one from Splunk.

- To create a new source type, click **Add** and then **New Source Type**.
- To use an existing source type from Splunk platform, click **Add** and then **Import from Splunk**.

If you want to edit the existing source type, configure the timestamp or event line breaking, click **Edit** of the source types listed below. [Learn more](#)

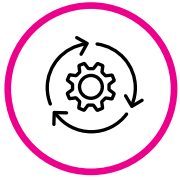
Source Type Name	Input Name	Events	Parsed Format	Actions
badge	-	52	(Unparsed Data)	Edit Delete

Add



Break for Lab 2

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Lab 2: Option 1- Data Parsing: Guided Steps

Collect and parse badge data through a new sourcetype

GUI:

Navigate to Settings > Add Data > Files and Directories

Select your badge logs under /opt/data/

KEY: Choose *index once* for this lab!

Goal:

Configure this instance to monitor files and directories for data. To monitor all objects in a directory, select the directory. The Splunk platform monitors and assigns a single source type to all objects within the directory. This might cause problems if there are different object types or data sources in the directory. To assign multiple source types to objects in the same directory, configure individual data inputs for those objects. [Learn More](#)

File or Directory ?

On Windows: c:\apache\apache.error.log or \\hostname\apache\apache.error.log. On Unix: /var/log or /mnt/www01/var/log.



Collect and parse badge data through a new sourcetype

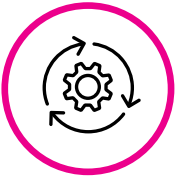
Goal:

TRUNCATE = 1000

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Lab 2: Data Parsing: Guided Steps

Adjust input settings and check results



GUI:

Input Settings

App Context: DataOnboarding4Ninjas

Index: badge

Check Results

Start searching after submitting input

Goal:

App context
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App Context: DataOnboarding4Ninjas (DataOnboarding4Ninjas) ▼

Host
When the Splunk platform indexes data, each event receives a "host" value. The host value should be the name of the machine from which the event originates. The type of input you choose determines the available configuration options. [Learn More](#)

Host field value: show-demo-l-0f71d9ecd9e5a646

Index
The Splunk platform stores incoming data as events in the selected index. Consider using a "sandbox" index as a destination if you have problems determining a source type for your data. A sandbox index lets you troubleshoot your

Index: badge ▼ [Create a new index](#)

source="/opt/data/badge.log" host="show-demo-l-067bc6892005879f1" index="badge" sourcetype="badge" All time 🔍

✓ 52 events (before 10/31/23 3:38:34.000 PM) No Event Sampling ▾ Job ▾ || ▢ ↗ ⬇ ⬇ Smart Mode ▾

Events (52) Patterns Statistics Visualization

Format Timeline ▾ — Zoom Out + Zoom to Selection × Deselect 1 day per column

List ▾ ✓ Format 20 Per Page ▾ < Prev 1 2 3 Next >

	i	Time	Event
>	2/18/18 9:04:00.000 AM	Nov 19 16:06:52 127.0.0.1 2/18/18 9:04, guest65, networkcloset, badge type not allowed	host = show-demo-l-067bc6892005879f1 source = /opt/data/badge.log sourcetype = badge
>	2/18/18 9:04:00.000 AM	Nov 19 16:06:52 127.0.0.1 2/18/18 9:04, bob, networkcloset, badge hours ineffective	host = show-demo-l-067bc6892005879f1 source = /opt/data/badge.log sourcetype = badge
>	2/16/18	Nov 19 16:06:52 127.0.0.1 2/16/18 9:04, bob, networkcloset, badge accepted	host = show-demo-l-067bc6892005879f1 source = /opt/data/badge.log sourcetype = badge

SELECTED FIELDS
a host 1
a source 1
a sourcetype 1

INTERESTING FIELDS

Lab 2: Data Parsing: Guided Steps

Create an add-on and import the badge source type

GUI:

Add-on Builder

Navigate to Apps > Splunk Add-on Builder

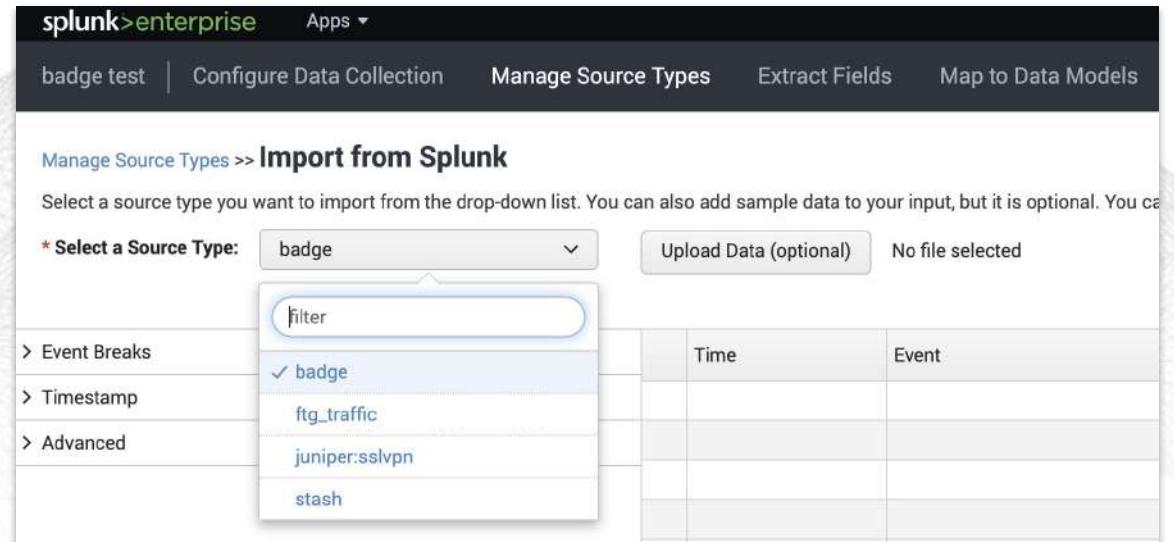
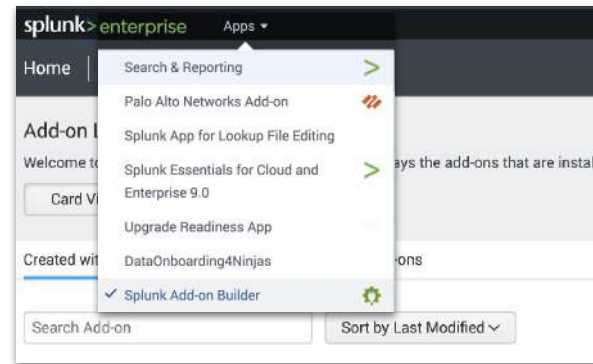
Name a new add-on *badge*

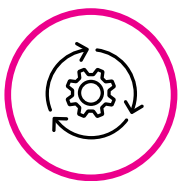
Import Source Source type

Navigate to *Manage Source Types*

import *badge* source type from splunk

Goal:





Lab 3: Field Extraction and CIM Compliance

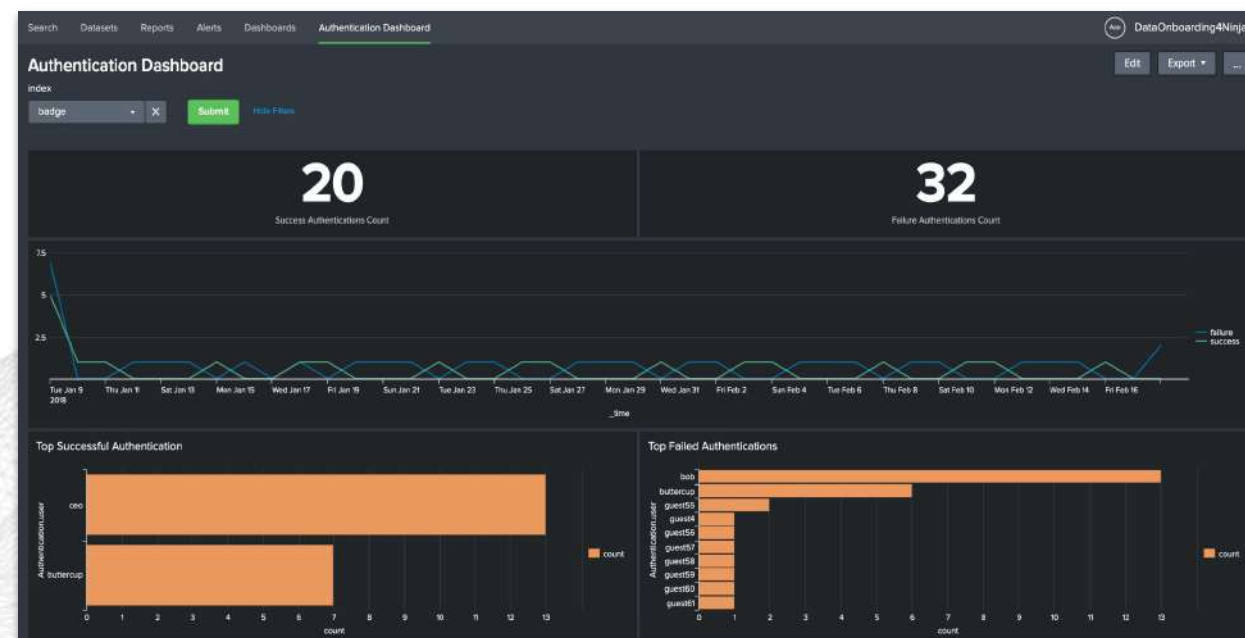
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Extract the new fields and make your data CIM compliant

Activities:

1. Extract new fields: employee, door, result
2. Apply badge data to the CIM “Authentication” data model
3. Display the badge data on the “Authentication Dashboard” in the “DataOnboarding4Ninjas” app

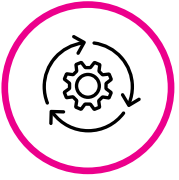
Goal:





Break for Lab 3

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Lab 3: Field Extraction and CIM: Guided Steps

Verify the Authentication Dashboard does not populate

Authentication Dashboard:

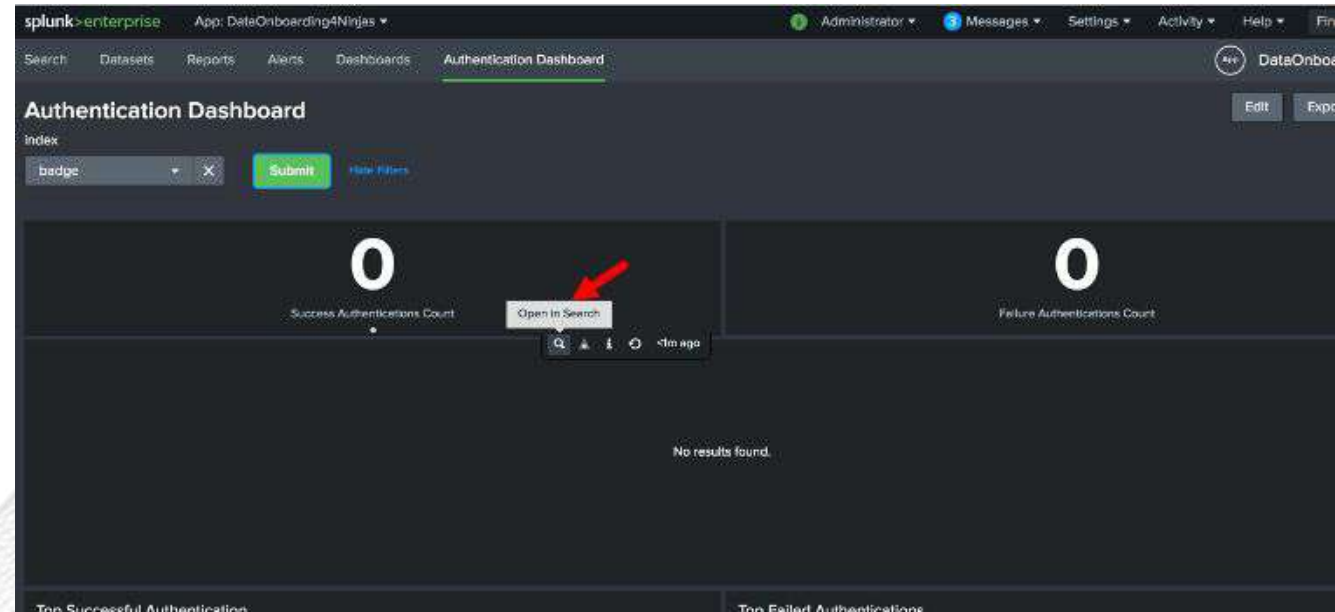
Check the Authentication Dashboard

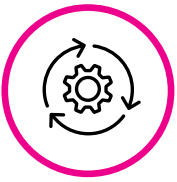
It will not populate

WHY?

We need CIM compliant data!

Goal:





Lab 3: Field Extraction and CIM: Guided Steps

Extract new fields

Add-on Builder GUI:

Extract Fields

Go to Extract Fields in the badge add-on

Structure your data

Choose Assisted Extraction

Table Format

Comma Separation

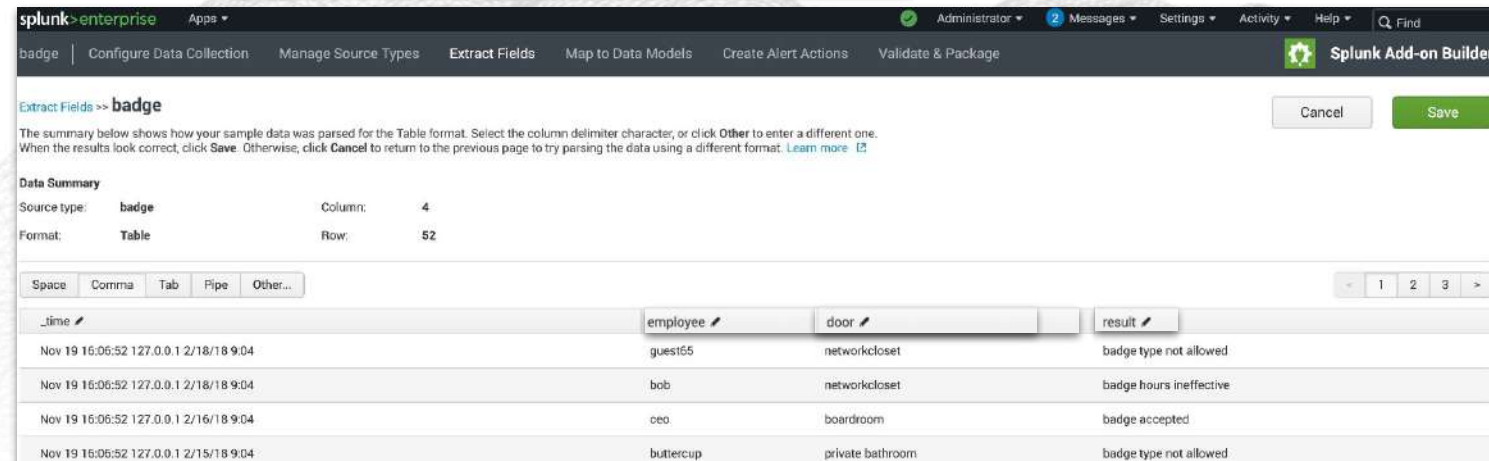
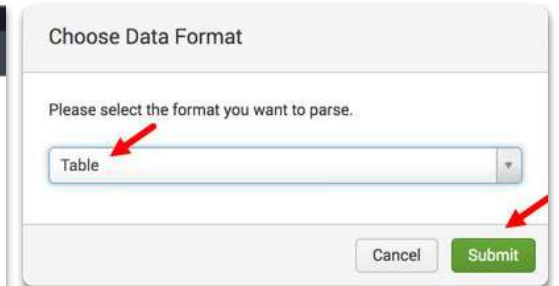
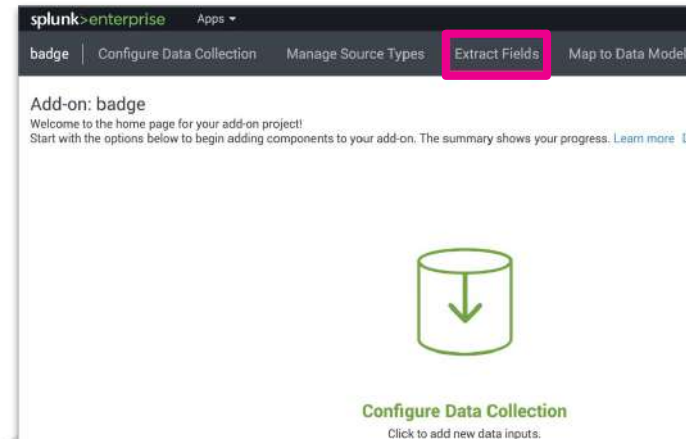
Name your fields

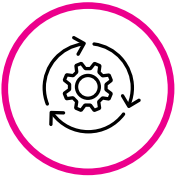
field_1 = employee

field_2 = door

field_3 = result

Goal:





Lab 3: Field Extraction and CIM: Guided Steps

Map to the Authentication Data Model

Add-on Builder GUI:

Map to Data Models

Go to Map to Data Models in the badge add-on

Define the Event Type

Event type name: badge_data

Source type: badge

Search: (sourcetype=badge)

Select your Data Model

Splunk_SA_CIM

Authentication

Create a Field Alias and Eval

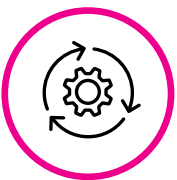
Field Alias mapping door to dest

Eval mapping result to success/failure

Goal:

The screenshot shows the Splunk Add-on Builder interface. The top navigation bar includes links for badge, Configure Data Collection, Manage Source Types, Extract Fields, Map to Data Models, Create Alert Actions, and Validate & Package. The main section is titled "Data Model Mapping" and provides instructions on how to map fields from the add-on to Data Models. Below this, there is a "Data Model Mapping List" table with columns for Source Type, Object Type, Event Type Field or Expression, Data Model Field, and Actions. The table shows two mappings for the "badge" source type: one for the "door" field mapped to the "dest" field (FIELDALIAS), and another for the "if(result='badge accepted','success','failure')" expression mapped to the "action" field (EVAL). The right sidebar shows the "Data Model Fields" section with a search bar and a list of fields under the "Splunk_SA_CIM" data model, including "Authentication(12)" and various fields like "action", "dest", "dest_nt_domain", "duration", "response_time", "signature", "signature_id", and "src_nt_domain".

Source Type	Object Type	Event Type Field or Expression	Data Model Field	Actions
badge	FIELDALIAS	door	dest	Edit Delete
badge	EVAL	if(result="badge accepted","success","failure")	action	Edit Delete



Lab 3: Field Extraction and CIM: Guided Steps

Accelerate and view your dashboard

GUI:

Accelerate your Data Models

Navigate to Settings > Data Models

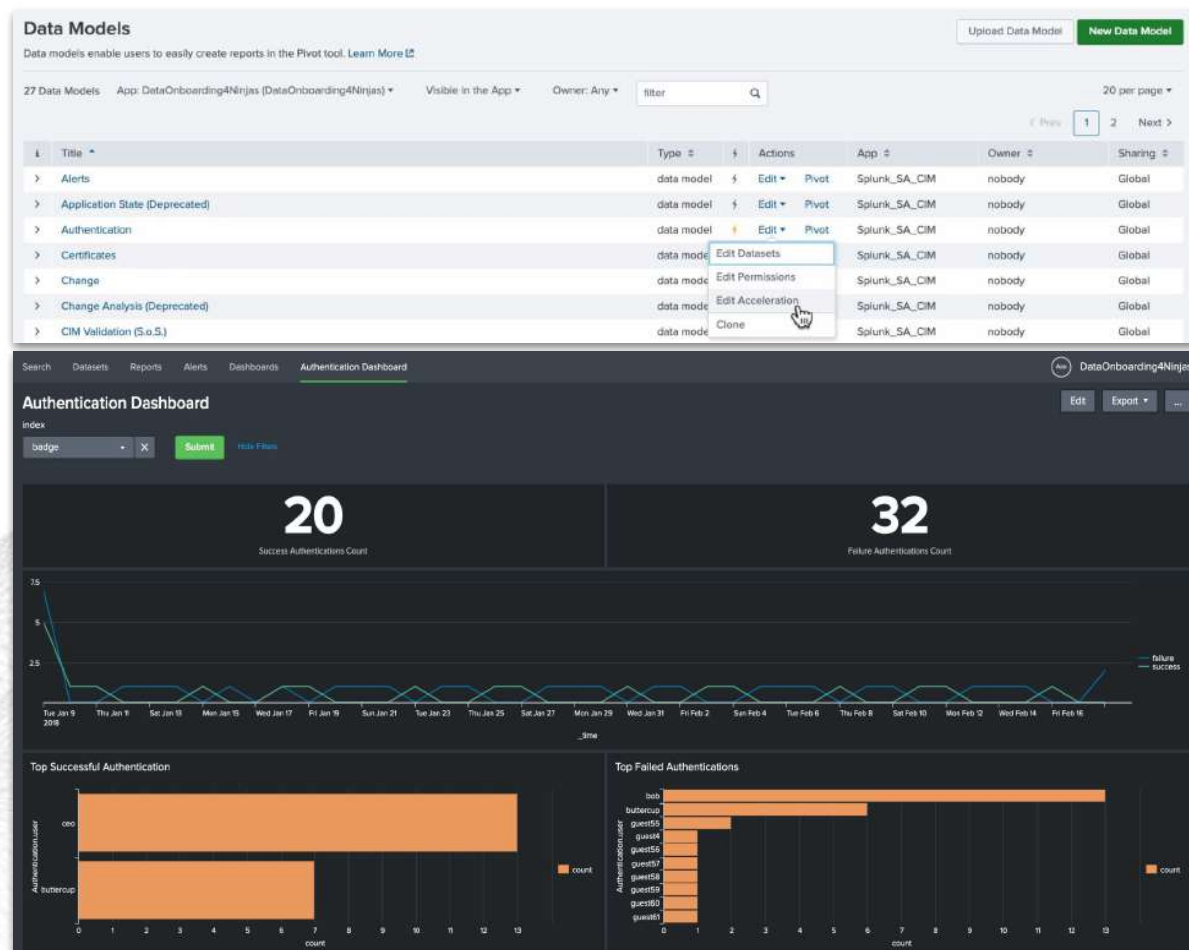
Edit the Authentication Data Model

Restart the Acceleration

View your dashboard

Back in the DataOnboarding4Ninjas App

Goal:





What Happens Next?

Additional Resources

Want more details?

Content

Splunk .conf session recordings: conf.splunk.com

- > SEC1423A - To Data Model or Not to Data Model...
- > FN1402 - Best Practises for Forwarder Hierarchies

Splunk Education and Training: education.splunk.com

- > Free online courses
- > Virtual instructor-led classes

This **slide deck**: splk.it/S4N-DataOnboarding

Help

Splunk Documentation: docs.splunk.com

- > Getting Data In, Forwarding Data

Data Onboarding Cheat Sheet

- > aplura.com/cheatsheets

Splunk Lantern: lantern.splunk.com

Community: community.splunk.com

Developer: dev.splunk.com

Splunk Events

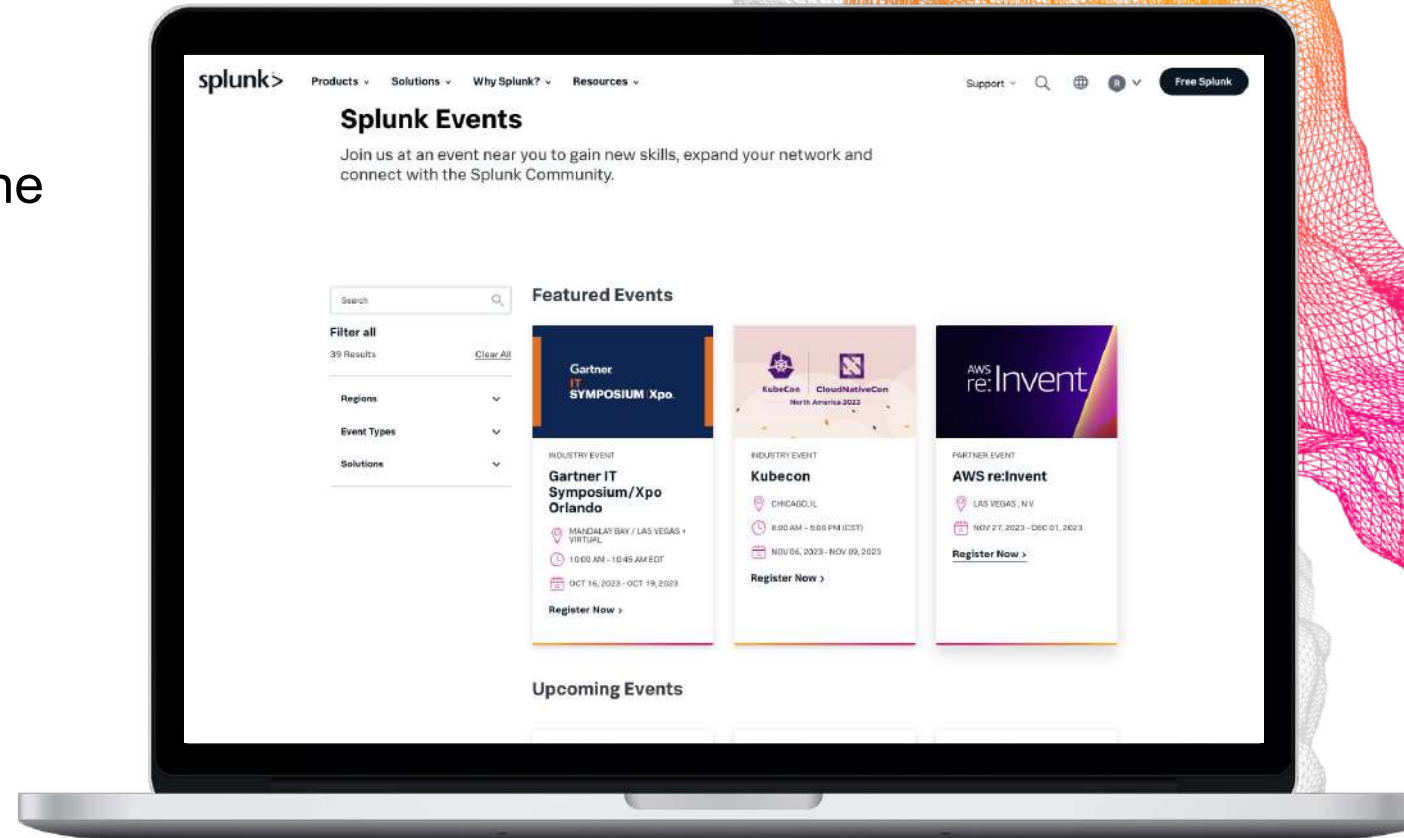
<https://events.splunk.com>

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- Hundreds of on-demand sessions from product updates to learning new Splunk skills!

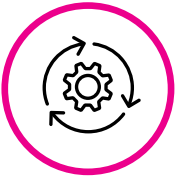


Thank You



Appendix





How to reset the input - If Things Go Wrong

Reset the input - Clean the fishbucket*:

1. `/opt/splunk/bin/splunk stop`
2. `/opt/splunk/bin/splunk cmd btprobe -d /opt/splunk/var/lib/splunk/fishbucket/splunk_private_db --file /opt/data/syslog/device1/firewall.log -reset`
3. `/opt/splunk/bin/splunk start`

You could 'clean' the index:

1. Make sure you have **can_delete** permission
2. `index="firewall" | delete` (this will mark your data non-searchable from this particular index)
3. Or use the **clean** command in the CLI: `/opt/splunk/bin/splunk clean eventdata -index firewall`

* **Fishbucket** - A subdirectory where Splunk software tracks how far into a file indexing has progressed, to enable the software to detect when data has been added to the file and resume indexing. The fishbucket subdirectory contains seek pointers and CRCs for indexed files.