

Splunk Best Practices Quiz

1. What should a search query include? * (1 Point)

- ☐ filtering fields
- ☐ index
- ☐ sourcetype
- ☒ All of the above

2. what does the " | stats " represent in SPL (Splunk Processing Language)? * (1 Point)

- ☐ Function
- ☒ Transforming command
- ☐ A Field

3. What is a use case for using kv store? (Choose all that apply) * (1 Point)

- ☐ creating a file to enrich existing data set with dynamically updated records
- ☒ Dataset that needs to get updated frequently
- ☐ Dumping all error logs over time

4. which of the below searches can limit the number of events? (choose all that apply) * (1 Point)

- ☒ index=sample | head 10
- ☐ None of the above
- ☒ index=sample | top 10
- ☐ index=sample | last 10

5. What mode returns the best results for searches and reports, also it is the default mode? * (1 Point)

- ☐ Fast Mode
- ☒ Smart Mode

6. Which search is more efficient? * (1 Point)

- ☒ index=rocket_plant where sourcetype=access_* | lookup vin OUTPUT model_type | stats count() by vin
- ☐ index=rocket_plant where sourcetype=access_* | stats count() by vin | lookup vin OUTPUT model_type

7. How can you write a better search, avoiding the append
index=splunkquiz | eval score=100 | append [
search index=answers | eval score=90]

* (1 Point)

- ☐ None of the above
- ☒ Use OR between the 2 indexes, (index=splunkquiz) OR (index=answers) , then add the 2 evals
- ☐ Use OR between the 2 indexes, (index=splunkquiz) OR (index=answers) | eval score=case(index=="splunkquiz","100",index=="answers","90")

8. which search should be avoided from the below according to Splunk best practices? (choose all that apply) * (1 Point)

- ☐ index=sample field1="*google_org"
- ☒ index=sample field1="*google_org*"
- ☐ index=sample field1="google_org*"

9. What is a good use case to avoid using lookups? (Choose all that apply) * (1 Point)

- ☒ Static data set that is rarely updated
- ☐ Dynamic file updated daily

10. which search is faster to run from the below? * (1 Point)

- ☐ index=sample | table vin, type, model
- ☒ index=sample | fields vin, type, model

11. What are the three different modes for searching in Splunk * (1 Point)

- ☒ Fast, Smart, Verbose modes
- ☐ Fast, Smart, informational modes
- ☐ Fast , Summarized, Verbose modes

12. Which is a best practice when searching? * (1 Point)

- ☐ index=*
- ☒ index=index_name sourcetype=my_sourceype status=500
- ☐ Set time range to All Time

13. What are some use cases for using lookup commands? (Choose all that apply) * (1 Point)

- ☐ Retrieve an information to identify an ID in your app logs
- ☒ Correlating a VIN model code with model type through model code lookup
- ☒ Summarizing your application logs

14. How can you optimize the given search?

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sourcetype=my_source | lookup my_lookup_file check_field_inlookup OUTPUT  
Looked_up_field  
| eval E=L/T  
| search A=25 Looked_up_field >100 E>50 (Choose all that apply)  
* (1 Point)
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- ☒ Specifying the index
- ☒ Move the filtering for "E" field before the Eval command
- ☒ Move the "Looked_up_field" earlier in the search after the lookup command
- ☐ None of the above

15. Job Inspector tool can be used to triage search time and help in optimizing a search, what is 1 of it's key components? * (1 Point)

- ☒ scanCount/second
- ☐ Tags
- ☒ Splunk Search head

16. Which of the searches not following a best practice, choose all that apply? * (1 Point)

- ☐ Narrow Search time window
- ☒ Using the word "Not" in the search
- ☐ Specify index, source and sourcetype
- ☐ filtering after the transforming commands (Stats, table, etc..)

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