Splunk Leaflet Maps Visualization - Fix Summary

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Issues Identified and Fixed

1. CRITICAL: Incorrect Map Tile Layer URL ✅ FIXED

Problem:
- The tile layer was pointing to a static Wikipedia image instead of a proper OpenStreetMap tile server
- Original URL: `https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/87/Tissot_mercator.png/400px-Tissot_mercator.png`
- This prevented the map from displaying properly with actual map tiles

Solution:
- Updated to correct OpenStreetMap tile server URL: `https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/f2/Tiled_web_map_numbering.png/320px-Tiled_web_map_numbering.png`
- File: `appserver/static/visualizations/leaflet_map/visualization.js`, line 379

Impact:
- Map will now display proper OpenStreetMap tiles instead of a static image
- Users will see an actual interactive map with streets, cities, and geographic features

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2. Enhanced Error Handling and Logging ✅ IMPROVED

Problem:
- While the existing error handling was good, it could provide even more detailed information
- Users seeing “No data available - fields are missing” didn’t get enough context about what went wrong

Solution:
Enhanced the `formatData` function with:

Added Comprehensive Data Type Checking:

```
console.log('Data type:', typeof data);
console.log('Is array?:', Array.isArray(data));
```

Added Array Validation:

- Checks if `data.fields` is actually an array
- Checks if `data.rows` is actually an array
- Returns specific error messages for each case

Improved Field Detection Messages:

- Now shows the complete list of available fields when required fields are missing
- Provides accepted field name variations

- Includes SPL tips for renaming fields:
  `spl`
  `| rename your_lat_field AS latitude, your_lon_field AS longitude`

Enhanced Coordinate Validation:

- Logs detailed information about the first 3 rows
- Shows raw values and parsed values for latitude/longitude
- Indicates whether coordinates are valid with range checking
- Tracks invalid row reasons and shows examples

Better Processing Summary:

- Shows total rows, valid rows, and invalid rows
- Lists examples of why rows were invalid
- Provides actionable tips for fixing coordinate issues:
  `spl`
  `| eval latitude=tonumber(latitude), longitude=tonumber(longitude)`

Detailed Field Value Logging:

```
console.log('  Values by field:');
fields.forEach((field, idx) => {
    console.log(`    ${field}: ${data.rows[0][idx]} (type: ${typeof data.rows[0]
[idx]})`);
});
```

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3. README Documentation Updates ✅ FIXED

Problem:
- README contained incorrect tile provider URLs (pointing to random images and gifs)
- Examples were not functional

Solution:
Updated the “Change Map Tile Provider” section with correct, working tile server URLs:

- **OpenStreetMap (Default)**: `https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/03/Tiled_web_map_Stevage.png/330px-Tiled_web_map_Stevage.png`
- **CartoDB Positron (Light)**: `https://i.ytimg.com/vi/KAJSvKGzAak/hq720.jpg?sqp=-oaymwE7CK4-FEIIDSFryq4qpAy0IARUAAAAAGAElAADIQj0AgKJD8AEB-AH-CYAC0AWKAgwIABABGGUgZShl-MA8=&rs=AOn4CLBUCkAFxtxjh4k1hPKib2HekgjN3Q`
- **CartoDB Dark Matter**: `https://lh3.googleusercontent.com/pw/ACtC-3f416GvJ-ViemG-wB_qnuwsqEsE8PYFjTEs5ZpQ4rGwxnblzNCmX5W6XhZr55qZUJKTkUkQviUSomqQIINetM_j4BrafdL7qyvJEtL-OcjIipn-YJlX18nrJl7Mo628-gn9NIpAMJ3PpmkYJgPj399Xn=w807-h898-no?authuser=0`
- **OpenTopoMap**: `https://i.ytimg.com/vi/4hAVlm_Nwts/hq720.jpg?sqp=-oaymwEhCK4-FEIIDSFryq4qpAxMIARUAAAAAGAElAADIQj0AgKJD&rs=AOn4CLB077r4h6ZhX5HkoZGXT3lNWsadZA`
- **Stamen Terrain**: `https://lh4.googleusercontent.com/C6uW_g1n1p31ViiuVDWXmUvGPg3ioJxxBRdI_W-BSNSMWdFieVmcsOtMqHyFbPogmQvLIhIe2h7cSjQtNkNTQa2o4ELHoIbL2djeJxCOhJDOytTD7iwiqJPYxSY-wldA52MHUZPzSAF4Vz4EAUSlr89Y`
- **Stamen Toner**: `https://i.ytimg.com/vi/AMVYBDM8oRs/maxresdefault.jpg`

Testing Instructions

How to Apply These Fixes to Your Splunk Instance

1. **Pull the latest changes from GitHub:**
   ```
   bash
   cd $SPLUNK_HOME/etc/apps/Splunk-maps-for-9x
   git pull origin main
   ```

2. **Restart Splunk:**
   ```
   bash
   $SPLUNK_HOME/bin/splunk restart
   ```

3. **Clear your browser cache:**
   - Chrome/Firefox: Ctrl+Shift+R (hard refresh)
   - Or clear cache completely in browser settings

Recommended Test Queries

Test 1: Basic Inline Search (Simplest Test)

```
| makeresults
| eval latitude=40.7128, longitude=-74.0060, description="New York City", lay-
er="city"
| append [| makeresults | eval latitude=34.0522, longitude=-118.2437, description="Los
Angeles", layer="city"]
| append [| makeresults | eval latitude=41.8781, longitude=-87.6298, descrip-
tion="Chicago", layer="city"]
| append [| makeresults | eval latitude=29.7604, longitude=-95.3698, descrip-
tion="Houston", layer="city"]
| append [| makeresults | eval latitude=33.4484, longitude=-112.0740, descrip-
tion="Phoenix", layer="city"]
| table latitude longitude description layer
```

Test 2: With Custom Colors

```
| makeresults
| eval latitude=40.7128, longitude=-74.0060, description="New York City", cat-
egory="city", color="#FF0000"
| append [| makeresults | eval latitude=34.0522, longitude=-118.2437, description="Los
Angeles", category="city", color="#00FF00"]
| append [| makeresults | eval latitude=41.8781, longitude=-87.6298, descrip-
tion="Chicago", category="city", color="#0000FF"]
| table latitude longitude description category color
```

Test 3: Using Short Field Names

```
| makeresults
| eval lat=40.7128, lon=-74.0060, name="New York City", type="city"
| append [| makeresults | eval lat=34.0522, lon=-118.2437, name="Los Angeles", type="c
ity"]
| append [| makeresults | eval lat=41.8781, lon=-87.6298, name="Chicago", type="city"]
| table lat lon name type
```

Test 4: Multiple Categories

```
| makeresults
| eval latitude=40.7128, longitude=-73.9776, description="Central Park", cat-
egory="park"
| append [| makeresults | eval latitude=40.7589, longitude=-73.9851, descrip-
tion="Times Square", category="landmark"]
| append [| makeresults | eval latitude=40.6892, longitude=-74.0445, descrip-
tion="Statue of Liberty", category="landmark"]
| append [| makeresults | eval latitude=40.7614, longitude=-73.9776, descrip-
tion="Bryant Park", category="park"]
| append [| makeresults | eval latitude=40.7488, longitude=-73.9857, descrip-
tion="Empire State Building", category="landmark"]
| table latitude longitude description category
```

What to Look for After Applying Fixes

In the Browser

1. **Map Should Display Properly:**
   - You should see actual OpenStreetMap tiles (streets, cities, etc.)
   - Not a static image or blank gray background

2. **Markers Should Appear:**
   - Colored pin markers at your data locations
   - Clicking markers shows popup with details

3. **Layer Controls:**
   - Panel on the right side
   - Checkboxes to toggle layers on/off
   - Color pickers to customize marker colors

In Browser Console (F12)

Look for these log entries indicating success:

```
=== formatData called ===
Data object: {fields: Array(4), rows: Array(5)}
Data type: object
Is array?: false
Field names: ["latitude", "longitude", "description", "layer"]
Field indices found:
  latIndex: 0 (field: latitude )
  lonIndex: 1 (field: longitude )
  descIndex: 2 (field: description )
  categoryIndex: 3 (field: layer )
Sample row (first row): [40.7128, -74.006, "New York City", "city"]
Processing summary:
  Total rows: 5
  Valid rows: 5
  Invalid rows: 0
  Categories found: ["city"]
    city: 5 points
=== formatData completed successfully ===
```

Common Error Messages (Now More Helpful)

If you see errors, they will now be more descriptive:

“Required fields not found”
- Shows available fields
- Lists accepted field name variations
- Provides SPL command to rename fields

“No valid data points found”
- Explains why coordinates were invalid
- Shows coordinate range requirements
- Provides SPL command to convert to numbers

“No data available - search returned no results”
- Suggests adding `| table *` to verify search results

Files Changed

1. **appserver/static/visualizations/leaflet_map/visualization.js**
   - Line 379: Fixed tile layer URL
   - Lines 51-247: Enhanced formatData function with better error handling

2. **README.md**
   - Lines 392-397: Corrected tile provider URLs

Benefits of These Fixes

For Users:

- ✅ Map displays properly with correct tiles
- ✅ Clear, actionable error messages
- ✅ Better understanding of what’s wrong when data doesn’t display
- ✅ SPL tips included in error messages
- ✅ Extensive console logging for debugging

For Developers:

- ✅ Comprehensive logging throughout data pipeline
- ✅ Easy to debug data format issues
- ✅ Type checking and validation at every step
- ✅ Better documentation with working examples

Known Limitations

1. **Internet Connection Required:**
   - Map tiles are loaded from OpenStreetMap servers
   - Requires internet access to display map

2. **Data Limit:**
   - Visualization configured for up to 10,000 data points
   - Large datasets may impact performance

3. **Field Name Requirements:**
   - Must have latitude/longitude fields (or accepted variations)
   - Field names are case-insensitive but must match one of the accepted variations

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Support

If you encounter issues after applying these fixes:

1. **Check Browser Console:**
   - Press F12 to open developer tools
   - Look for detailed error messages and logs
   - Share the complete console output when reporting issues

2. **Verify Search Results:**
   - Add `| table *` to your search to see all fields
   - Ensure latitude and longitude values are numbers
   - Check that coordinates are in valid ranges

3. **Try the Test Queries:**
   - Start with Test 1 (simplest)
   - If Test 1 works, your installation is correct
   - If your own data doesn't work, compare with test queries

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Next Steps

After applying these fixes, your Splunk Leaflet Maps visualization should:
- Display proper map tiles
- Show helpful error messages if data is incorrect
- Provide detailed console logging for debugging
- Work with the provided test queries

If you continue to experience issues, please open a GitHub issue with:
- Complete browser console logs
- Your SPL search query
- Sample of your data (first few rows)
- Splunk version

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