

# Enriching Your Data Using The Latest Features Of DB Connect

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# Use Cases For Structured Data In Splunk



Index machine data from databases, such as logs or sales records



Enrich machine data with high-level data, such as customer records



Update structured databases with Splunk info, such as risk scores



Interactively browse structured and unstructured data from Splunk reports

# What's Happened Since Last Year?

Performance Improvements  
User Experience Improvements  
Database Improvements  
Output Improvements

# WHAT'S NEW, DBX TWO?

## Performance!

- Input system redesigned
- Lookup system redesigned
- Java caching redesigned
- Front end tuned
- Scale and performance test automation
  - Documented scaling expectations
  - JVM fixes
  - FetchSize tuned

## User Experience!

- SQL Editor improvements
  - Automatic vs Editor modes
- Advanced mode inputs
- Time selection improvements
- Save As Search
- dbxquery options
  - Max rows hardcoded removed in favor of **maxrows** option (default 100,000)
  - **output** JSON or CSV

## Databases!

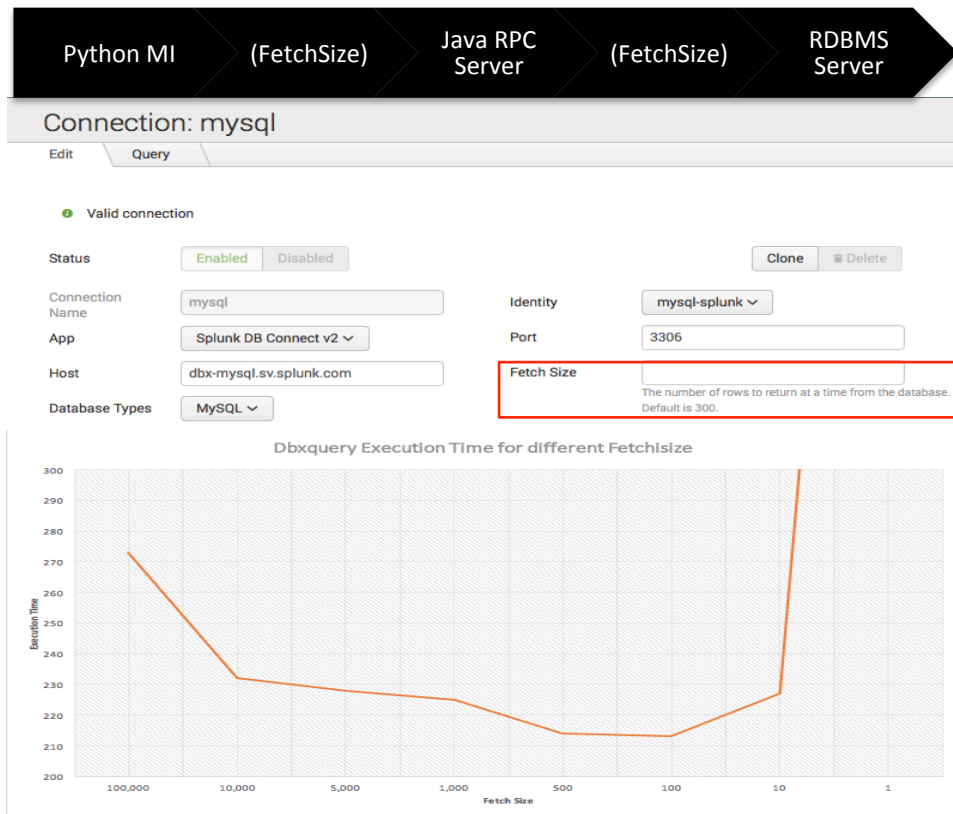
- Integrated Authentication to Microsoft SQL Server from Linux using Kerberos
- SparkSQL support
- Easier Oracle SSL
  - 2 way or 1 way
- AWS RDS RedShift
- AWS RDS Aurora
- MemSQL 5
- Also documented "SQL tips for Splunkers"

## Administration!

- Ability to reload RPC server and refresh JDBC drivers without restarting Splunk
- Logging improvements
- UPSERT support
  - If row exists, UPDATE; else INSERT
- Custom commands: dbxlookup, dbxoutput
- Modular alert support

# Control Over FetchSize

- Say you're asking for "TOP 1000" rows in your query
- The JDBC client and server negotiate their own transference... Which affects the whole streaming pipeline
- Control this with the FetchSize parameter
- Default was 10, is now database-specific
  - Oracle == 300
  - MySQL-ish == -1 (streams instead of chunks)
- Too big is bad (OOM Errors!!)
- Too small is bad (Super Slow!!)
- DBA will want to discuss



# Microsoft SQL Servers

- 2 platforms, 2 drivers, 3 auth methods = 18 potential scenarios

DBX: OS, driver	SQL Server Account (dbuser)	Domain Account – Mixed Mode (AD\user) <i>Must use "Domain" field in Identity</i>	Integrated Auth – Kerberos (AD\user) <i>Must use "Domain" field in Identity</i>
Windows, MS	✓ "MS SQL Server using MS Generic Driver"	✓ "MS SQL Server using MS Generic Driver with Windows Authentication"	✓ "MS SQL Server using MS Generic Driver with Windows Authentication" <i>Must run Splunk service as the domain user</i>
Windows, jTDS	✓ "MS SQL Server using jTDS Driver"	✓ "MS SQL Server using jTDS Driver with Windows Authentication"	✗
Linux, MS	✓ "MS SQL Server using MS Generic Driver"	✗	✓ "MS SQL Server using MS Generic Driver with Kerberos Authentication"
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# What The Heck Is Query Wrapping?

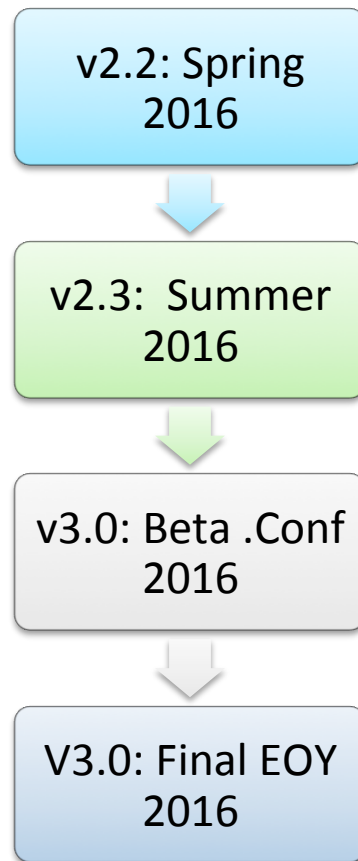
- Inline views are a handy way to handle ambiguous column names, variables, and column renames
  - Turned on by default in 2.1.0 to resolve problems with rising column use
  - Introduced performance problems, syntax errors in some SQL
- 2.2.0 adds connection-level control
  - Add `disable_query_wrapping=1` to the `db_connections.conf` entry
- 2.3.0 adds input and command level control (`wrap=[bool]`)
  - Use Advanced editor to build the input without any DBX meddling
  - Add `wrap=false` to `dbxquery` command



# ROADMAP

## Iteration across the year's major goals:

- DB Connect for Data Exploration
  - DBXQuery improvements (2.2)
  - Exploring Schema-based data (2.3, 3.0)
- DB Connect for the Cloud
  - Support for Cloud databases (2.2, 2.3, 3.0)
  - Support for the Splunk Cloud Service (2.2, 2.3, 3.0)
- DB Connect for Modern Data
  - Support for NoSQL databases\* (2.3, 3.0)
- Maintenance [Spark, Hive, Cassandra]
  - End of Life DBX 1 (3.0)



<https://confluence.splunk.com/display/PROD/PRD+DB+Connect+FY17>

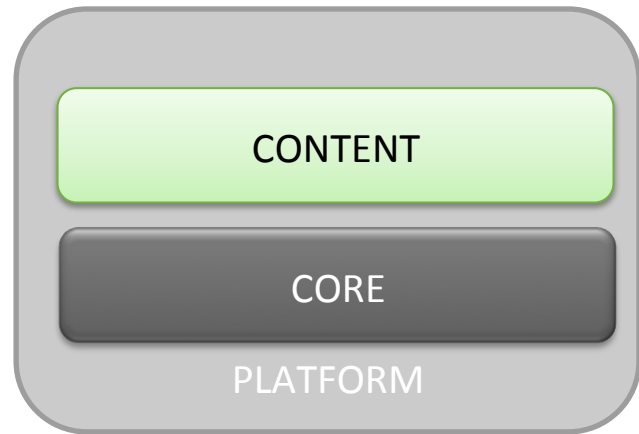
# DB Connect In Splunk Context

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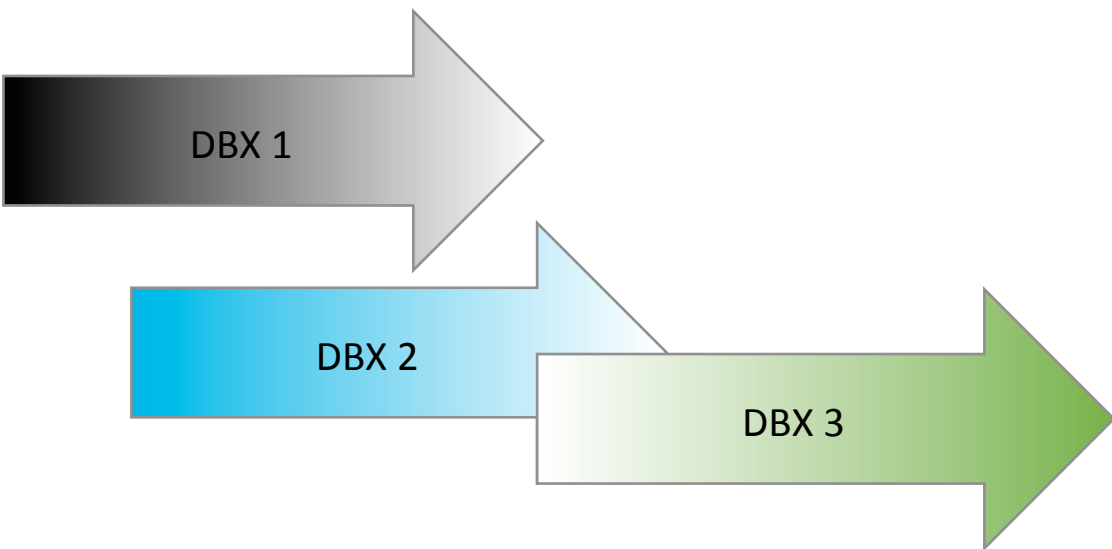
- Data wranglers have enough to focus on without Splunk getting in the way
  - More data transformation: make it easy to use SQL and SPL together
  - More data collection: make it easy to ingest data
- Platform goes beyond “Apps & Splunk” or “Content and Core”
- More Entry and Exit points for partners and customers
  - Open interfaces and tools between each functional layer of Splunk
  - Components in platform, not features in monolith
  - Mo’ DevOps - Better packaging, dependency management, SOA

# Platform Functionalities

- Platform isn't about Core and Content, it's about shipped capabilities
- Functionalities are critical to Platform, regardless of how they ship
  - Capability expansion via custom commands & modular inputs
    - Human-speed, high-iteration analysis
  - Scalable, fault tolerant Service Oriented Architecture
    - Data Solutions Group to enable new data, new product
    - Add-on Builder to enable more partner use
  - Semantic abstraction between data and use case (CIM)
    - Wrangling & ETL of semi-structured data (UI improvements)



# DBX Generational Movements

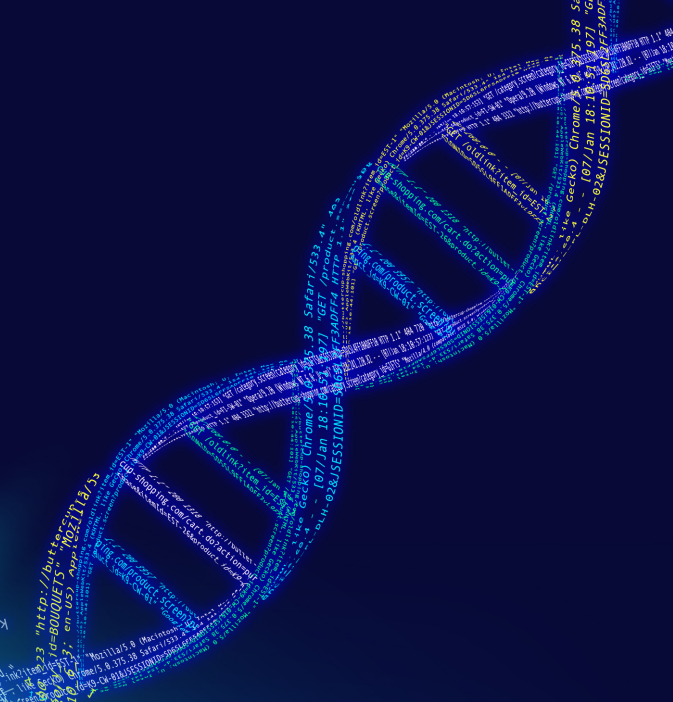


- DBX 2.3.0 eliminates most reasons to stay on DBX1
- DBX 1.x EOL announced with DBX 2.2 & implemented with DBX 2.3

- Expect DBX 3 to extend DBX 2's place instead of being a new Splunkbase entry
- We'll stop supporting DBX 2 more gradually instead of doing a hard cliff like DBX 1

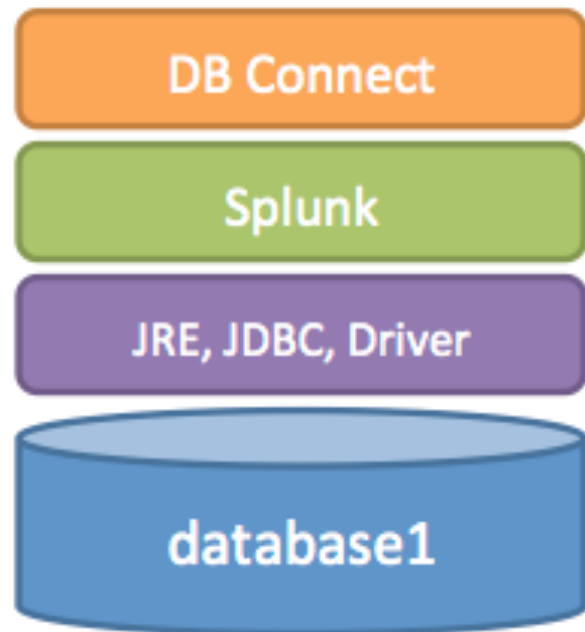
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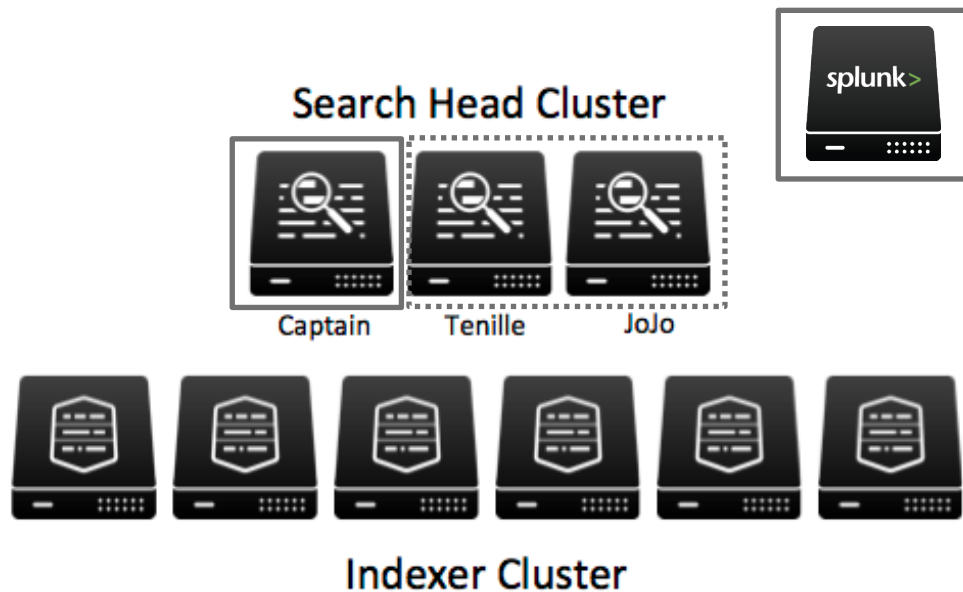
# Architecture Overview

- RPC Server is the modular input interface between Splunk and Java. It runs all the time
- JDBC is the mechanism used
- Java is required
- ODBC is not currently planned
- Cross-platform use is supported



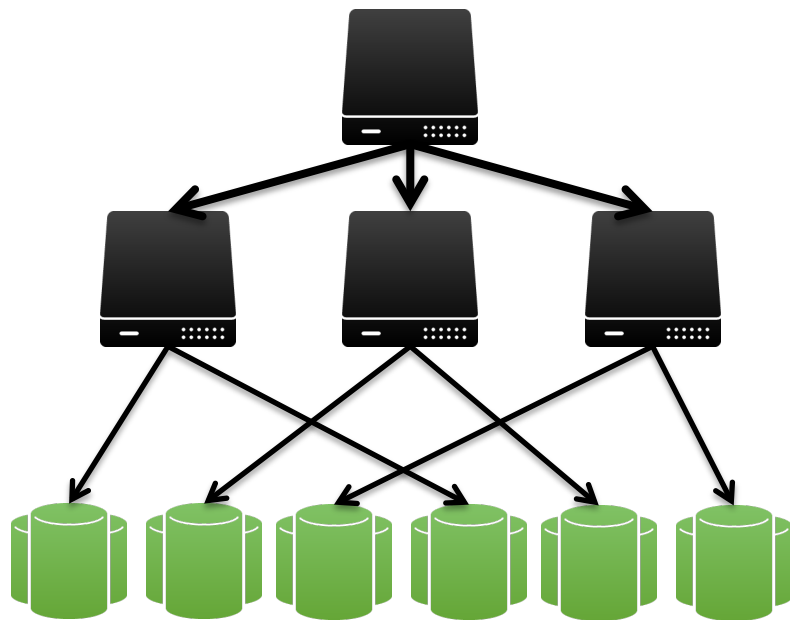
# Clustering Architecture

- Installs to Search Heads or Stand-Alones
- In a SH Cluster, only the captain will run DB Connect – the others are idle
- Note that captain re-election make take some minutes, during which time DB Connect is not running.



# Resource Pool Overview

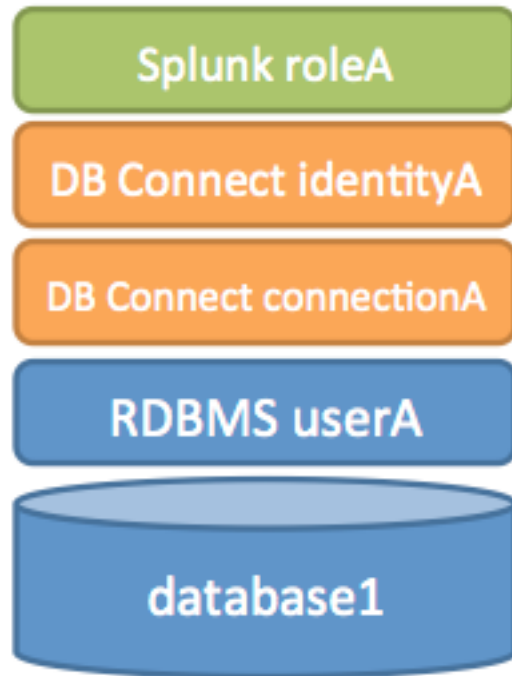
- Install DB Connect on a master and N resource pool nodes
- Jobs from the master will dispatch in round robin to resource pool members
- Resource pool nodes must actively receive jobs, so no dead zones
- Master does not monitor job progress





# Connection Overview

- Map Splunk users to database users
- Use roles and identities to manage role based access controls
- Map identities to connections
- Look out for the read-only JDBC option, it doesn't do what you might think



# Configuration File Format Changes

## 1.x.x

`$(SPLUNK_HOME)/etc/apps/dbx/README/*.spec`

- database.conf
- database\_types.conf
- dblookup.conf
- inputs.conf
- java.conf

## 2.x.x

`$(SPLUNK_HOME)/etc/apps/splunk_app_db_connect/README/*.spec`

- db\_connections.conf
- db\_connection\_types.conf
- healthlog.conf
- identities.conf
- inputs.conf

# Database Connections (1 of 2)

## 1.x.x

database\_types.conf

- Lists the supported database types, driver parameters, test queries

database.conf

- All configuration necessary for connecting to a specific database

## 2.x.x

db\_connection\_types.conf

- Lists the supported database types, driver parameters, test queries

db\_connections.conf

- All configuration necessary for connecting to a specific database, *unless overridden by parameters from identities.conf*

identities.conf

- Username and password used to connect to the database (stored in standard Splunk credential store, but in a DBX-specific method)

# Database Connections (2 of 2)

## 1.x.x

inputs.conf

- Configures database indexing scripted input behavior (tail, dump, batch, change)

dblookup.conf

- Configures database-backed lookups

java.conf

- Sets Java location and options globally

## 2.0.0

inputs.conf

- Configures database indexing, lookup, and output behavior
- Modular inputs are used for all three types of operations
- Java options can be set per input now

healthlog.conf

- Manage the behavior of DB Connect's self-monitoring dashboard

# No More Output Format Templates

- In DBX 1, you could set a output format template to select behavior:
  - [http://docs.splunk.com/Documentation/DBX/1.1.6/DeployDBX/Configuredatabasemonitoring#Configure\\_database\\_output](http://docs.splunk.com/Documentation/DBX/1.1.6/DeployDBX/Configuredatabasemonitoring#Configure_database_output)
- In DBX 2, you just use search commands to format.
  - Want key-value? Use `eval`.
  - Want to change quoting pattern? Use `rex`.

WITH DBX 2.2+, USE CSV OUTPUT

# SCREENSHOT TOUR Of New Features

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The screenshot shows the Splunk DB Connect v2 Settings page. The browser address bar is `buzz.sv.splunk.com:8000/en-US/app/splunk_app_db_conn`. The page title is "Settings" and the sub-tab is "Usage Collection". The "JRE Status" section is active, showing the following configuration:

- JRE Installation Path (JAVA\_HOME): `/home/bamboo/jdk1.8.0_91/jre`
- JVM Options: `-XX:+UseConcMarkSweepGC`
- RPC Server Port: `9998`
- RPC Server SSL:  Enabled  Disabled

A callout box with a black border contains the following text:

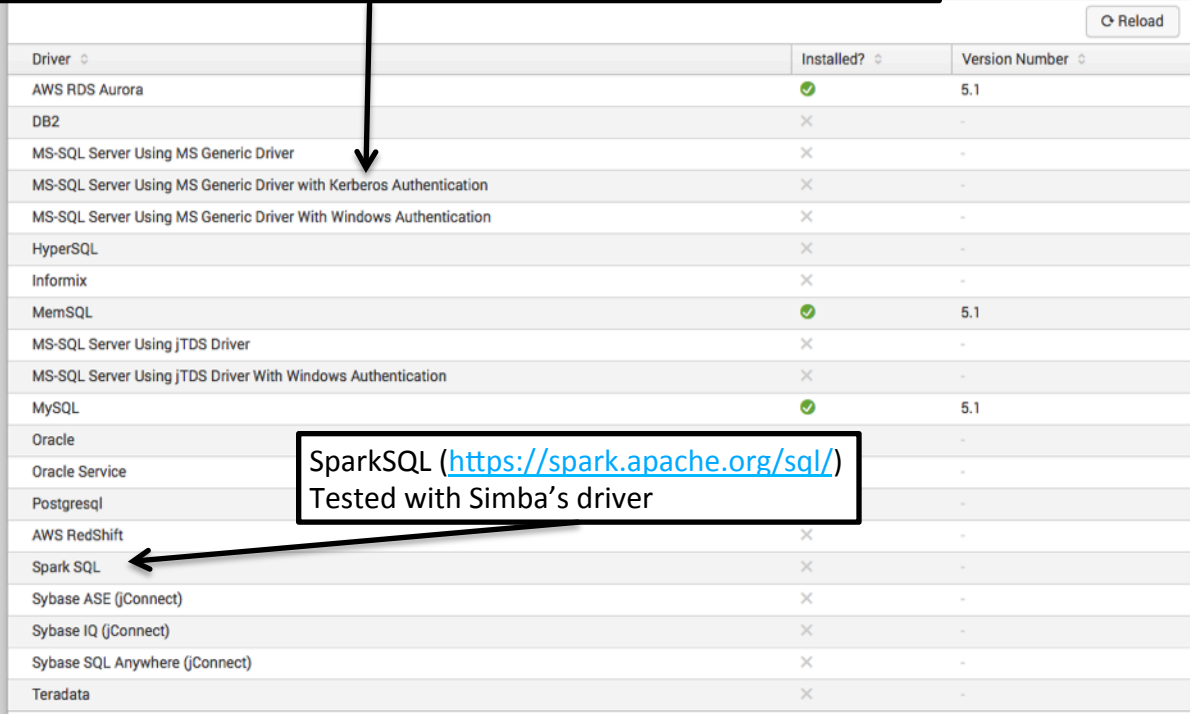
JVM heap memory throttle removed  
It will now default to ¼ of physical memory  
Add `-Xmx` option to control  
<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/technotes/tools/windows/java.html>

An arrow points from the callout box to the JVM Options input field.

At the bottom right, there is a green button labeled "Save and restart RPC server".

# New Connection Types

MS-SQL with Integrated Authentication (like an Active Directory Account) from Linux.  
This assumes you've installed and set up krb5-user!



Driver	Installed?	Version Number
AWS RDS Aurora	✓	5.1
DB2	✗	-
MS-SQL Server Using MS Generic Driver	✗	-
MS-SQL Server Using MS Generic Driver with Kerberos Authentication	✗	-
MS-SQL Server Using MS Generic Driver With Windows Authentication	✗	-
HyperSQL	✗	-
Informix	✗	-
MemSQL	✓	5.1
MS-SQL Server Using JTDS Driver	✗	-
MS-SQL Server Using JTDS Driver With Windows Authentication	✗	-
MySQL	✓	5.1
Oracle	✗	-
Oracle Service	✗	-
Postgresql	✗	-
AWS RedShift	✗	-
Spark SQL	✗	-
Sybase ASE (jConnect)	✗	-
Sybase IQ (jConnect)	✗	-
Sybase SQL Anywhere (jConnect)	✗	-
Teradata	✗	-

SparkSQL (<https://spark.apache.org/sql/>)  
Tested with Simba's driver



# Reload Drivers Without Splunk Restart

```
jcoates — bamboo@buzz:~ — ssh -l bamboo buzz.sv.splunk.com — 90x8  
[1]+ Done tar xvf sqljdbc_4.0.2206.100_enu.tar  
[bamboo@buzz ~]$  
[bamboo@buzz ~]$  
[bamboo@buzz ~]$ cp sqljdbc_4.0/enu/sqljdbc4.jar splunk/etc/apps/splunk_app_db_connect/bin/lib/  
/lib/  
[bamboo@buzz ~]$ ls splunk/etc/apps/splunk_app_db_connect/bin/lib/  
mysql-connector-java-5.1.34-bin.jar rpcserver-all.jar sqljdbc4.jar  
[bamboo@buzz ~]$
```

The screenshot shows the Splunk DB Connect v2 Settings page. The 'Drivers' tab is selected. A table lists various database drivers with their installation status and version numbers. A 'Reload' button is visible in the top right corner of the table area.

Driver	Installed?	Version Number
AWS RDS Aurora	✓	5.1
DB2	✗	-
MS-SQL Server Using MS Generic Driver	✓	4.0
MS-SQL Server Using MS Generic Driver with Kerberos Authentication	✓	4.0
MS-SQL Server Using MS Generic Driver With Windows Authentication	✓	4.0
HyperSQL	✗	-
Informix	✗	-
MemSQL	✓	5.1
MS-SQL Server Using JTDS Driver	✗	-
MS-SQL Server Using JTDS Driver With Windows Authentication	✗	-
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This is a close-up view of the 'Drivers' tab in the Splunk DB Connect Settings. The 'Reload' button is circled in red. The table below shows the driver list.

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Teradata	✗	-

# Health Dashboard

The screenshot shows the Splunk interface with a navigation bar at the top containing various app tabs like 'Rudix + Pack...', 'Understandi...', 'A Visual Intr...', 'The Twelve-...', 'Data Collecti...', 'Hunk Forwar...', 'Presto', and 'Health | Splu...'. Below this is a user profile bar with the Splunk logo, 'App: Splunk ...', a user name 'power's pass...', and navigation links for 'Messages', 'Settings', 'Activity', and 'Help'. A search bar with the text 'Find' is also present. The main content area has a dark header with 'Explorer', 'Operations', 'Health', 'Settings', and 'Search' tabs, and 'Splunk DB Connect v2' on the right. A prominent error message is displayed in a light gray box: '⚠ Permission denied. You need to have the access to \_internal index to view this page.'

Filter by name

## Connection: mysql

Edit

Query

Automatic Mode

Save As

Execute

Catalog

Schema

Table

Max Rows

sakila

NULL

actor2

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✓ 100 rows

10 per Page

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6

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10

next ▶

SQL Editor modes renamed

	actor_id	first_name	last_name	last_update	someDate
1	200	THORA	TEMPLE	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02
2	199	JULIA	FAWCETT	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02
3	198	MARY	KEITEL	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02
4	197	REESE	WEST	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02
5	196	BELA	WALKEN	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02
6	195	JAYNE	SILVERSTONE	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02
7	194	MERYL	ALLEN	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02
8	193	BURT	TEMPLE	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02
9	192	JOHN	SUVARI	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02
10	191	GREGORY	GOODING	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02

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Filter by name

Identities

Connections

mysql

### Connection: mysql

Edit Query

Editor Mode Format SQL Save As Execute

```
1 SELECT address,
2     district,
3     city,
4     postal_code,
5     country
6 FROM sakila.address
7 INNER JOIN sakila.city
8     ON sakila.address.city_id = sakila.city.city_id
9 INNER JOIN sakila.country
10    ON sakila.city.country_id = sakila.country.country_id
```

✓ 603 rows

10 per Page < prev 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 next >

	address	district	city	postal_code	country
1	1168 Najafabad Parkway	Kabol	Kabul	40301	Afghanistan
2	1924 Shimonoseki Drive	Batna	Batna	52625	Algeria
3	1031 Daugavpils Parkway	Bchar	Bchar	59025	Algeria
4	757 Rustenburg Avenue	Skikda	Skikda	89668	Algeria
5	1892 Nabereznyje Telny Lane	Tutuila	Tafuna	28396	American Samoa
6	486 Ondo Parkway	Benguela	Benguela	35202	Angola
7	368 Hunuco Boulevard	Namibe	Namibe	17165	Angola
8	1368 Maracabo Boulevard		South Hill	32716	Anguilla
9	1623 Kingstown Drive	Buenos Aires	Almirante Brown	91299	Argentina
10	1229 Varanasi (Benares) Manor	Buenos Aires	Avellaneda	40195	Argentina

That's not reversible

Type ahead  
Syntax highlight  
Query wrapping is on

buzz.sv.splunk.com:8000/en-US/app/splunk\_app\_db\_connect

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Search RPC Service: Up Splunk DB Connect v2

### Connection: mysql

Edit Query

Editor Mode Format SQL Save As Execute

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3     city,
4     postal_code,
5     country
6 FROM sakila.address
7 INNER JOIN sakila.city
8     ON sakila.address.city_id = sakila.city.city_id
9 INNER JOIN sakila.country
10    ON sakila.city.country_id = sakila.country.country_id
```

603 rows

- DB Input
- DB Lookup
- Open in Search

Let's go make a dashboard panel

[DBX] duplicate col... Login | Splunk Connection:... Search | Spl... .conf2016 DB Lab Cred... Developer's... +

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### New Search

Save As Close

```
| dbxquery query="SELECT address,
  district,
  city,
  postal_code,
  country
FROM sakila.address
INNER JOIN sakila.city
  ON sakila.address.city_id = sakila.city.city_id
INNER JOIN sakila.country
  ON sakila.city.country_id = sakila.country.country_id" connection="mysql"
| stats count AS locations by country
```

All time

109 results (before 7/26/16 4:21:10.000 PM) No Event Sampling

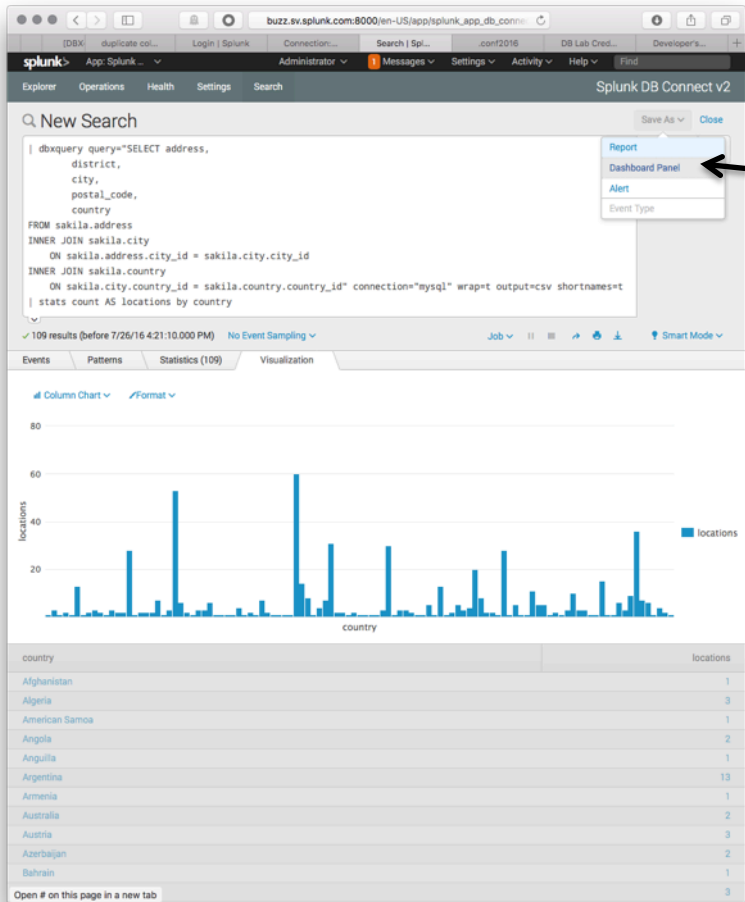
Job Visualization

Column Chart Format

Opens in new tab

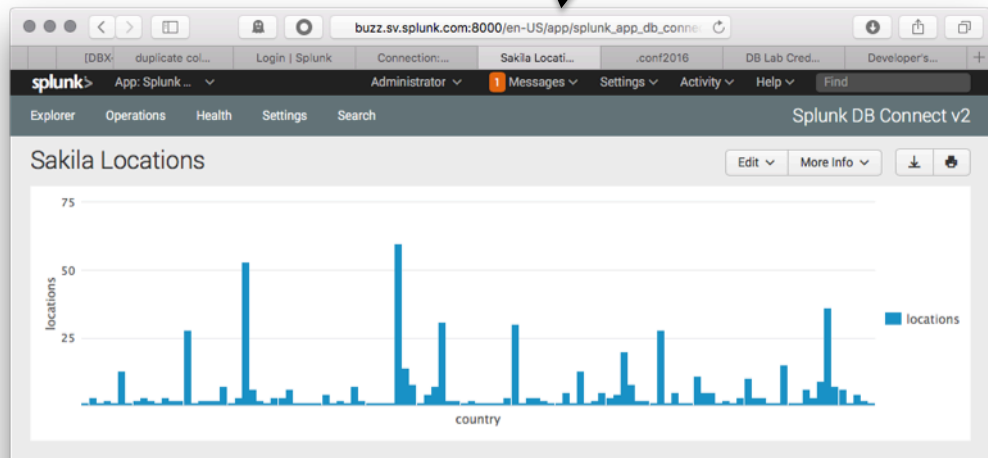
Options for dbxquery note "wrap=[t|f]"

Pipe to SPL and keep on truckin'



- Report
- Dashboard Panel
- Alert
- Event Type

Save as panel, boo yah



# Hey, You Can Use Variables In There Too

The image is a collage of four Splunk interface screenshots illustrating variable usage:

- Top Left:** Shows the 'Edit' menu for a dashboard panel titled 'locations'. The menu includes options like 'Edit Source', 'Convert to HTML', and 'Edit Title or Description'.
- Top Middle:** Shows the 'Edit: Sakila Locations' configuration page. The 'Search String' field contains a query: `| dbquery connection=mysql query='select city.city_id from sakila.city' output=csv wrap=f shortnames=true`. The 'Field For Label' is set to 'city' and 'Field For Value' is 'city\_id'. A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of city names like 'A Corua (La Corua)', 'Abha', 'Abu Dhabi', etc.
- Top Right:** Shows the 'Edit Search' dialog. The 'Search String' field contains a more complex query: `| dbquery query='SELECT address, district, city, postal_code, country FROM sakila.address INNER JOIN sakila.city ON sakila.address.city_id = sakila.city.city_id INNER JOIN sakila.country ON sakila.city.country_id = sakila.country.country_id WHERE sakila.address.city_id=5161$' connection='mysql' wrap=t output=csv shortnames=t | stats count AS locations by country`. The 'Time Range' is set to 'All time'.
- Bottom:** Shows the final dashboard view. The 'locations' panel displays a bar chart with a single bar for 'United Arab Emirates' with a value of 1.5. The 'Edit: Sakila Locations' configuration page is overlaid on top, showing the search string and the dropdown menu.



# DB Input Types

The screenshot shows the Splunk DB Connect v2 interface. The main heading is "New DB Input". Below it, there are sections for "Name Input" (1 of 4) and "Choose and Preview Table" (2 of 4). Under "Choose and Preview Table", there are three tabs: "Batch Input", "Rising Column", and "Advanced". The "Batch Input" tab is selected. Below the tabs, there is an "Editor Mode" dropdown, "Format SQL" and "Execute" buttons, and a SQL query editor. The query is:

```
1 SELECT address,  
2     district,  
3     city,  
4     postal_code,  
5     country,last_  
6 FROM sakila.add last_update [column] country:TIMESTA...  
7 INNER JOIN sakila.city  
8     ON sakila.address.city_id = sakila.city.city_id  
9 INNER JOIN sakila.country  
10    ON sakila.city.country_id = sakila.country.country_id
```

Below the editor, there is a pagination control showing "10 per Page" and "prev 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 next". At the bottom, there is a table with the following data:

	address	district	city	postal_code	country
1	1168 Najafabad Parkway	Kabul	Kabul	40301	Afghanistan

**Batch:** allows automatic or editor, wrap=t

**Rising:** allows automatic or editor, wrap=t,  
Adds order by and helps you do rising col.

**Advanced:** only allows editor, wrap=f, you  
have to do your own rising col.

# DB Input Times

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Filter by name

New DB Input

- > Name Input 1 of 4
- > Choose and Preview Table 2 of 4
- Set Parameters 3 of 4
  - Input Type: Batch Input
  - Max Rows to Retrieve: 10000
  - Fetch Size: [ ]
  - Timestamp: Current Index Time | Choose Column
  - Specify Timestamp Column: +
  - Output Timestamp Format: yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss
  - Execution Frequency: 9999
- > Metadata 4 of 4

Continue

Reset Save

Rising column moved

Per input control

When you pick a column...

We show you the column type

If you pick a `TIMESTAMP` or `DATETIME`,  
We automatically set `_time` to that.  
If that goes wrong, try a `props.conf` override

The screenshot shows the Splunk web interface with a 'Configure Timestamp Column' dialog box open. The dialog prompts the user to 'Select the timestamp column below:' and displays a table of 10 rows. The first row is highlighted, showing a timestamp of '2006-02-15 04:45:30.0' and the column type 'TIMESTAMP'. Other columns include 'address (VARCHAR)', 'district (VARCHAR)', 'city (VARCHAR)', and 'postal\_code (VARCHAR)'. The dialog also includes a '10 per Page' dropdown, navigation buttons, and 'Cancel' and 'Set' buttons at the bottom.

	last_update (TIMESTAMP) ⌵	address (VARCHAR) ⌵	district (VARCHAR) ⌵	city (VARCHAR) ⌵	postal_code (VARCHAR) ⌵
1	2006-02-15 04:45:30.0	1168 Najafabad Parkway	Kabul	Kabul	
2	2006-02-15 04:45:30.0	1924 Shimonoseki Drive	Batna	Batna	
3	2006-02-15 04:45:30.0	1031 Daugavpils Parkway	Bchar	Bchar	
4	2006-02-15 04:45:30.0	757 Rustenburg Avenue	Skikda	Skikda	
5	2006-02-15 04:45:30.0	1892 Naberezhnye Telnny Lane	Tutuila	Tafuna	
6	2006-02-15 04:45:30.0	486 Ondo Parkway	Benguela	Benguela	
7	2006-02-15 04:45:30.0	368 Hunuco Boulevard	Namibe	Namibe	
8	2006-02-15 04:45:30.0	1368 Maracabo Boulevard		South Hill	
9	2006-02-15 04:45:30.0	1623 Kingstown Drive	Buenos Aires	Almirante Brown	
10	2006-02-15 04:45:30.0	1229 Varanasi (Benares) Manor	Buenos Aires	Avellaneda	

Configure Timestamp Column

Select the timestamp column below:

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« prev 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 next »

	actor_id (SMALLINT)	last_Update (TIMESTAMP)	someDate (VARCHAR)	first_name (VARCHAR)	last_name (VARCHAR)
1	200	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02	THORA	TEMPLE
2	199	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02	JULIA	FAWCETT
3	198	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02	MARY	KEITEL
4	197	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02	REESE	WEST
5	196	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02	BELA	WALKEN
6	195	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02	JAYNE	SILVERSTONE
7	194	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02	MERYL	ALLEN
8	193	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02	BURT	TEMPLE
9	192	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02	JOHN	SUVARI
10	191	2014-09-02 10:21:32.0	2014-09-02	GREGORY	GOODING

Datetime format

YYYY-mm-dd

yyyy-mm-dd

yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss

Input timestamp column must be set

Cancel Set

If you pick something else,  
we show you this formatting tool  
so you can override

# UPSERT

- Requires specific database support
- We went with a less elegant solution to maximize number of supported databases
  - MS SQL, DB2/Linux, Oracle, MySQL, Aurora, Redshift, Sybase IQ

The screenshot shows the 'New DB Output' configuration page in Splunk DB Connect v2. The left sidebar shows a tree view with 'DB Outputs' selected. The main area is titled 'New DB Output' and has a progress indicator '1 of 5'. Below the progress indicator, there are sections for 'Name Output', 'Search for the Splunk Fields to Output', and 'Map the Splunk Fields to Table Columns'. The 'Map the Splunk Fields to Table Columns' section is expanded and shows a table with columns 'Fields', 'Columns', and 'Type'. The table contains three rows: 'Skip this Column' (mapped to 'vc-datetime', type 'VARCHAR'), '.\_time' (mapped to 'dt-datetime', type 'DATETIME'), and '.\_raw' (mapped to 'raw', type 'VARCHAR'). Below the table, there is a 'UPSERT' checkbox which is checked, and a 'Unique Key' dropdown menu set to 'vc-datetime'. A green 'Continue' button is at the bottom right. A black box with the text 'Enabled if the database can support it' has an arrow pointing to the 'UPSERT' checkbox.

Filter by name

DB Inputs  
baldrick  
locations  
+ DB Outputs  
+ DB Lookups

New DB Output

> Name Output 1 of 5

> Search for the Splunk Fields to Output 2 of 5

Map the Splunk Fields to Table Columns 3 of 5

This table has more columns (3) than Splunk fields (2)

Catalog: coates Schema: NULL Table: logs

Fields	Columns	Type
Skip this Column	vc-datetime	VARCHAR
._time	dt-datetime	DATETIME
._raw	raw	VARCHAR

UPSERT  Unique Key: vc-datetime

update the given events if already existed, otherwise insert. The unique key to identify a row.

Continue

> Preview your output 4 of 5

> Finalize Your Output 5 of 5

Cancel Save

# Output Modular Alert

- Lets you use an existing DB Connect Output as a modular alert
- This is useful for updating in-house systems from Splunk
- *There's also a custom command, | dbxoutput*

The screenshot shows the 'Save As Alert' dialog in Splunk. The dialog is titled 'Save As Alert' and contains several sections:

- Settings:** Title: dbxoutput, Description: alerting the thing, Permissions: Private, Shared in App, Alert type: Scheduled, Real-time, Run every week (dropdown), On: Monday at 6:00.
- Trigger Conditions:** Trigger alert when: Number of Results, is greater than 0, Trigger: Once, For each result.
- Trigger Actions:** + Add Actions (dropdown).
- When triggered:** DBX DBX output alert action, Output Name: coates-logs.

Buttons: Cancel, Save.

# Lookups And Nulls

Query 1 x lookup - Table x SQL File 1 x

```
1 • select * from coates.lookup
```

100% 28:1

Result Set Filter: Search Edit:

idlookup	lookupcol1	lookupcol2
0	foo	bar
2	NULL	baz
3	QUUX	NULL
NULL	NULL	NULL

## New DB Lookup

> Name Lookup

> Choose and Preview Table

Automatic Mode

Catalog: coates Schema: NULL Table: lookup Max Rows: 100

✓ 3 rows

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	idlookup	lookupcol1	lookupcol2
1	0	foo	bar
2	2		baz
3	3	quux	

Q New Search

```
| makeresults | eval inputfield="foo" | dbxlookup lookup=coates-lookup
```

✓ 1 result (before 7/29/16 11:16:45.000 AM) No Event Sampling

Events Patterns Statistics (1) Visualization

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_time	inputfield	lookupcol2
2016-07-29 11:16:45	foo	bar

Q New Search

```
| makeresults | eval inputfield="" | dbxlookup lookup=coates-lookup
```

✓ 1 result (before 7/29/16 11:17:45.000 AM) No Event Sampling

Events Patterns Statistics (1) Visualization

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_time	inputfield	lookupcol2
2016-07-29 11:17:46		

Q New Search

```
| makeresults | eval inputfield="quux" | dbxlookup lookup=coates-lookup
```

✓ 1 result (before 7/29/16 11:18:05.000 AM) No Event Sampling

Events Patterns Statistics (1) Visualization

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_time	inputfield	lookupcol2
2016-07-29 11:18:06	quux	

- You can't return idlookup 2.