



# 40 Ways to Use Splunk in Financial Services

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# Agenda

40 Solutions – Is that all?

Featured Use Cases:

- **Trading**
- **Branch Banking and ATMs**

Fantastic Assets and Where to Find Them



# Splunk for Financial Services

Splunk is best known in Security and IT Operations

Customers are using us for a multitude of use-cases

Examples from the real-world:

- Banking and Insurance
- Trading and Risk
- IT Operations
- Security and Financial Crime
- Supervision and Compliance

**LOW-LATENCY TRADING OPERATIONS**

**The business challenge:**  
Participants in low-latency trading are operating at the highest extremes of technical performance. Their requirements span hardware, software, networks, and people to their limits. Anything below the fastest performance with the highest reliability will result in missed opportunities, lost trades and potential trading losses. A few nanoseconds can be the difference between a good day and a disaster.

Participants need to develop, monitor and optimize algorithms for low-latency strategies. Often, a firm will have hundreds of different models that can be deployed in an instant, depending on the type of instrument being traded, the venue where it is traded and the market conditions on the day. It is essential to have the best possible algorithm in production at any given point in time.

Participants also must understand and manage the different "circuitry" – private networks between their data centers and the different trading venues. Many trading venues allow for a co-location strategy (placing a server at the venue), and those need to be managed and optimized to deliver the lowest possible latency (compared to other co-located servers) and 100 percent availability.

They also need to monitor the performance of each venue: how they perform technically but also how well they fill orders – for example, what proportion of attempted trades are executed, high "fill rates" are essential in order to maintain a client's business. It is common for a client to take its business elsewhere if performance is not up to the expected level.

Participants need to monitor and optimize information from algorithms, PC-based systems, networks, FPGA-based execution systems and APIs, all of which need to perform well together in order to deliver the desired performance.

**Splunk's approach:**  
Many participants in low-latency trading use Splunk within their trading operations. Most use it to monitor their trading infrastructure, measure the performance of the various networks, venues and algorithms, and report anomalies.

Developers are using Splunk's DevOps capabilities extensively, inserting middleware into the trading algorithms so that they can measure the effectiveness of an algorithm and correlate the performance against the market conditions, venue and instrument.

Splunk is able to take a time-series view of events and correlate across thousands of concurrent events, highlighting previously unseen insights to traders and algorithm developers. These insights are used to refine the algorithms and drive new strategies.

Algorithm developers frequently have to test new strategies against historical data, and due to the frequency of trades, the associated data can be large. It is common to analyze data sets of 50TB or more, which requires a scalable platform. Fortunately, the horizontal scalability of Splunk facilitates this kind of analysis. In fact, Splunk's largest customers ingest more than 5 petabytes of data per day.

The value of being able to stop an attack before it becomes an incident is hard to quantify in monetary terms, but it is of clear value to any organization.

In a security environment, it is necessary to have multiple tools and services – there is no single product that does everything. Splunk acts as the nerve center for security operations and is able to bring in data from any system and monitor all of your systems and operations in real time. Splunk Platform handles the orchestration and automation of security events, making sure that critical issues are responded to promptly.

There are clear benefits associated with being efficient in security operations, being able to react quickly and being able to minimize time spent chasing false positives. Splunk allows firms to manage those operations while maintaining excellent service levels.

**Security posture dashboard** aggregates and prioritizes notable events from across your ecosystem of security tools to help analysts respond with all of the context they need, at arbitrary response times appropriate.

**"The success of a Security Operations Center starts and ends with knowing what is inside of your network. As hackers become increasingly sophisticated, that level of visibility is often challenging, especially when you are consuming more than 20 different security data sources like we are. Since implementing Splunk Enterprise Security as the brain in our security nerve center, we have found Splunk to be the right solution to quickly and effectively create and implement security analytics across a wide array of data sources and security use cases."**

**Tim Callahan**, Senior Vice President, Chief Global Security Officer at Affrac.

**Read more about Splunk at Affrac.**

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# Trading

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Splunk the end-to-end trading environment

# Trading Operations

Every aspect of trading needs to run at 100%, all the time

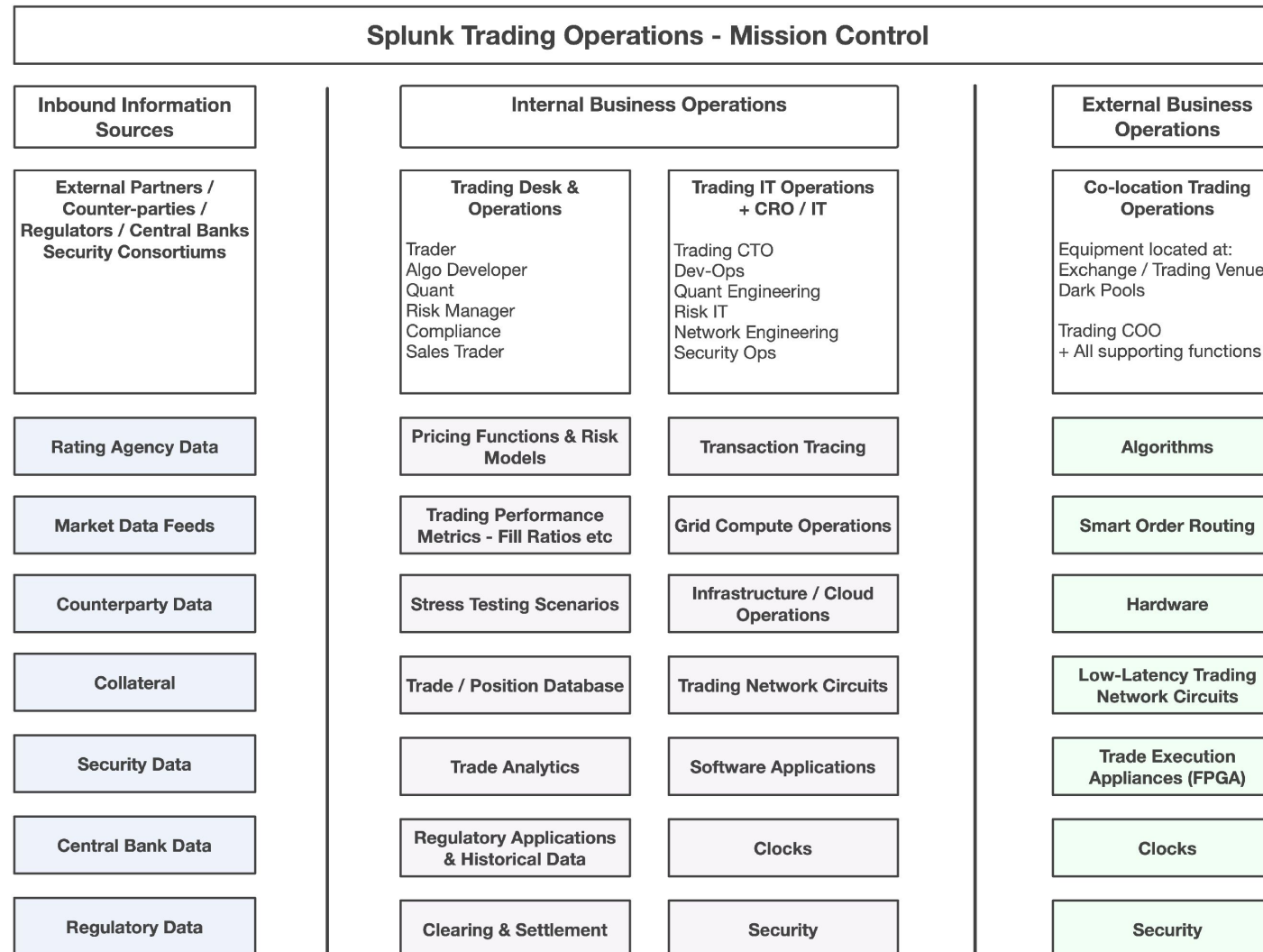
Trading Operations are highly complex and demanding

Thousands of systems and moving parts – internal and external

Timing is everything

**If something blinks for 1 millisecond, there are consequences**

# Multiple Aspects of Trading Need Splunk



# Demo





# Branch Banking and ATMs

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Cost efficient operations, lower fraud, tighter security

# Branch and ATM Operations:

Managing cost, security, and financial crime

Branches have changed for good

Branches are now either an automated experience, or a sales channel for high-value products and services

ATM and IDM hardware needs to perform flawlessly

**If only it was easy to run the ATM network...**

# The Evolution of Bank Branches





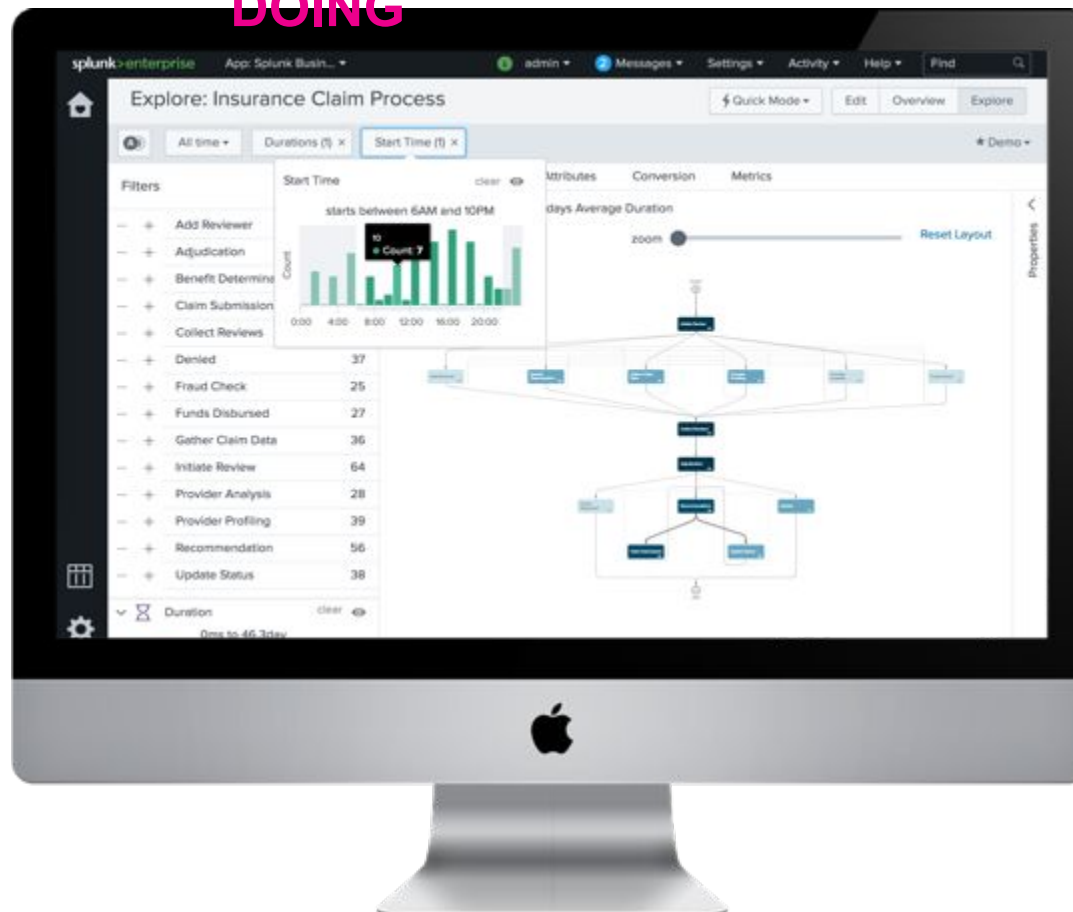
# ATM – Same Data, Multiple Times the Value

Delivering a secure and reliable network brings together a diversity of real-time data sources





## TURN DATA INTO DOING



Centralized Granular Data

Real Time Analytics

Reduce ATM maintenance costs

Optimize ATM availability

Continuous Threat Remediation

Reactive to Proactive Maintenance

Better Cash Management

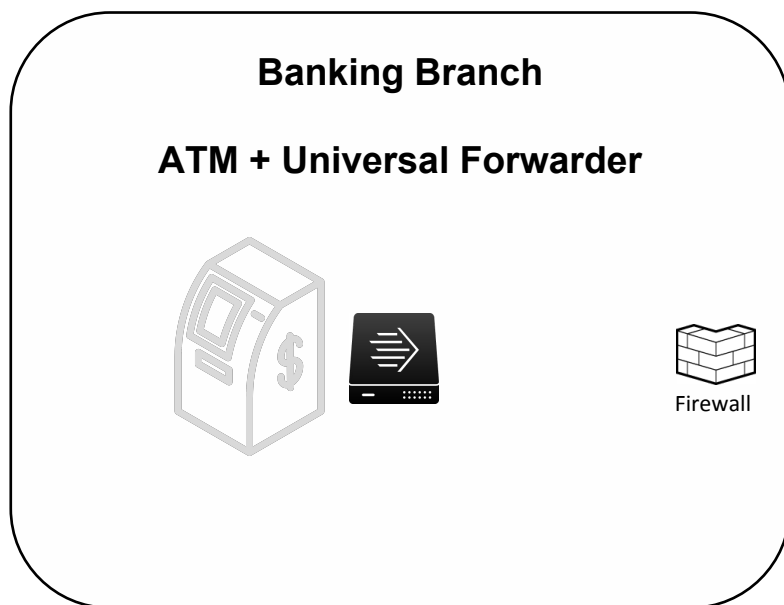
Fraud Reduction

Improved Customer Experience



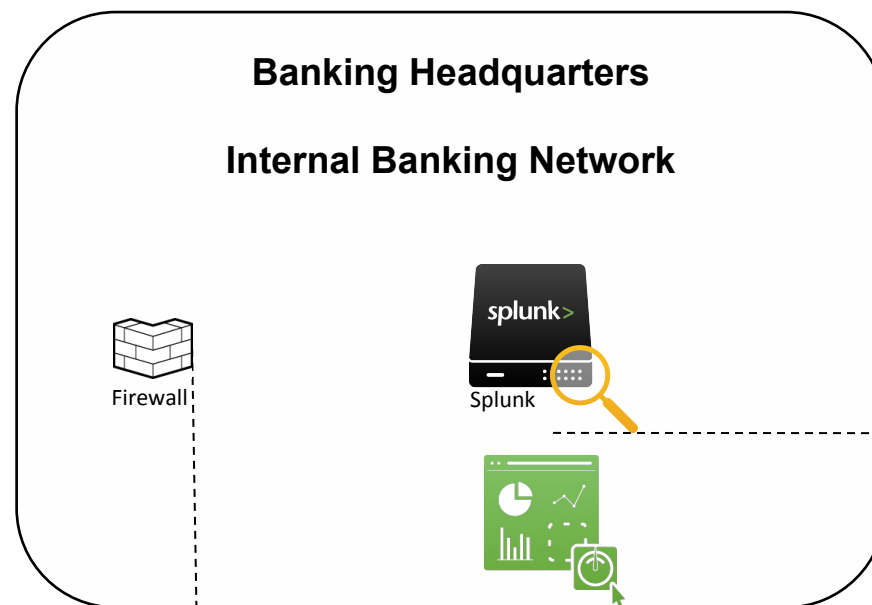
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Stream Data | Guaranteed Delivery | Load Balancing | Bandwidth Throttling | Buffering

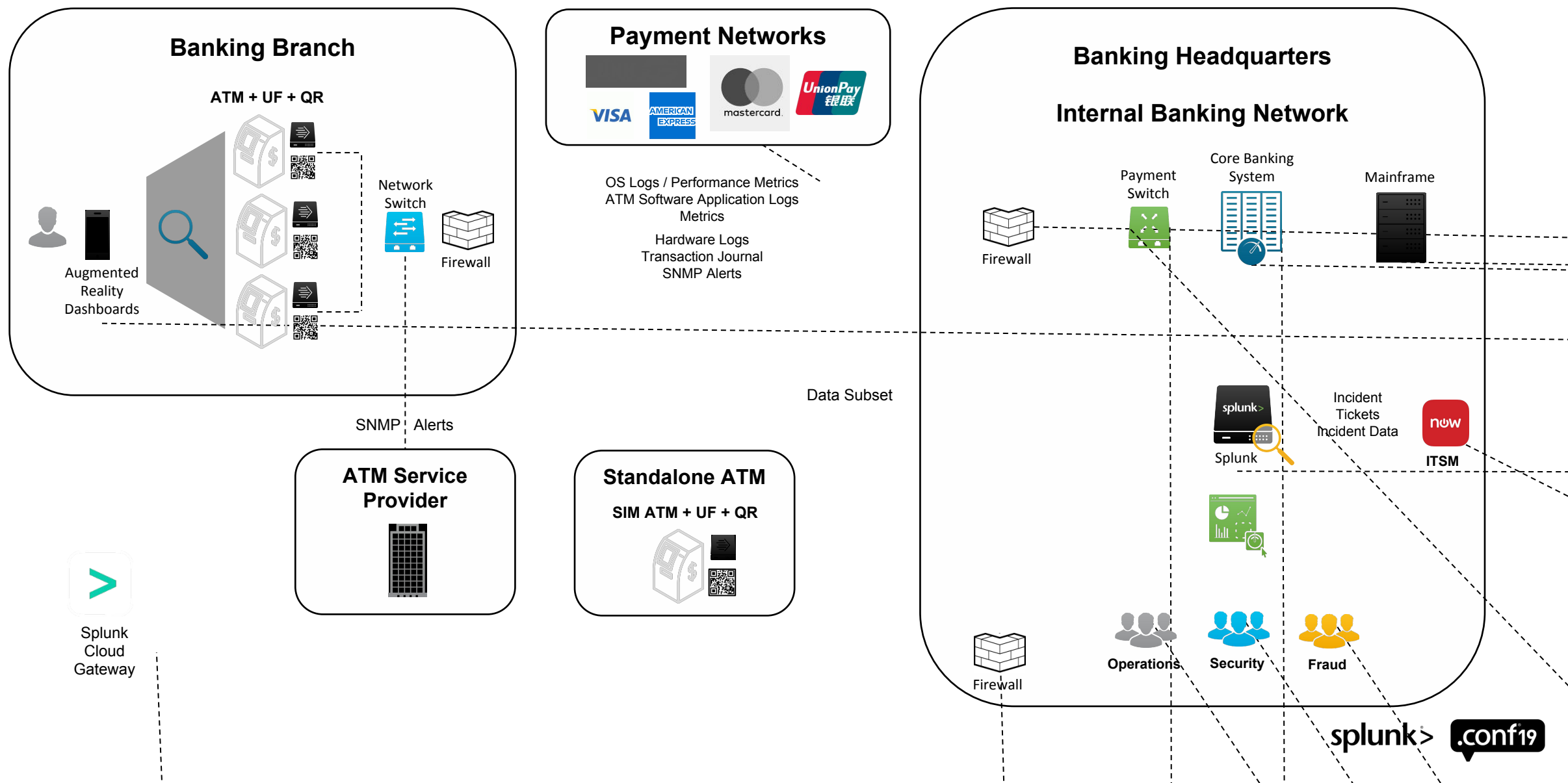


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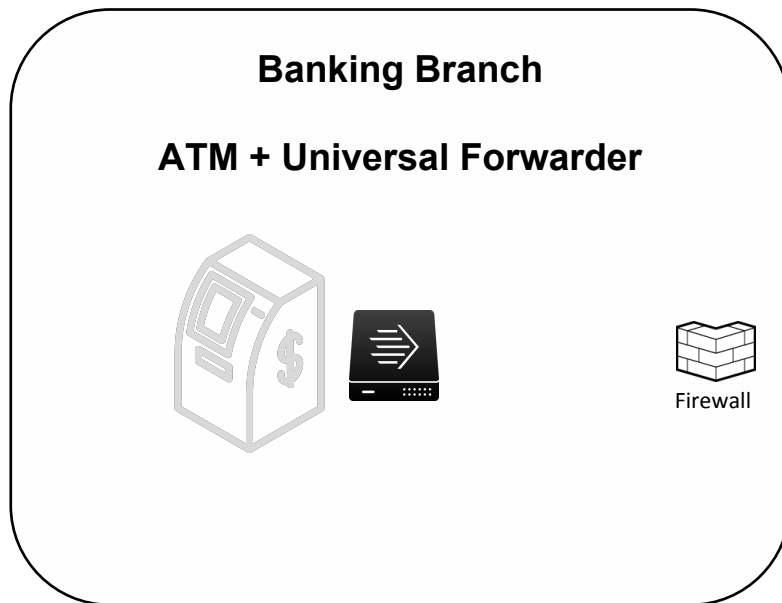


# High Level ATM Solution Architecture



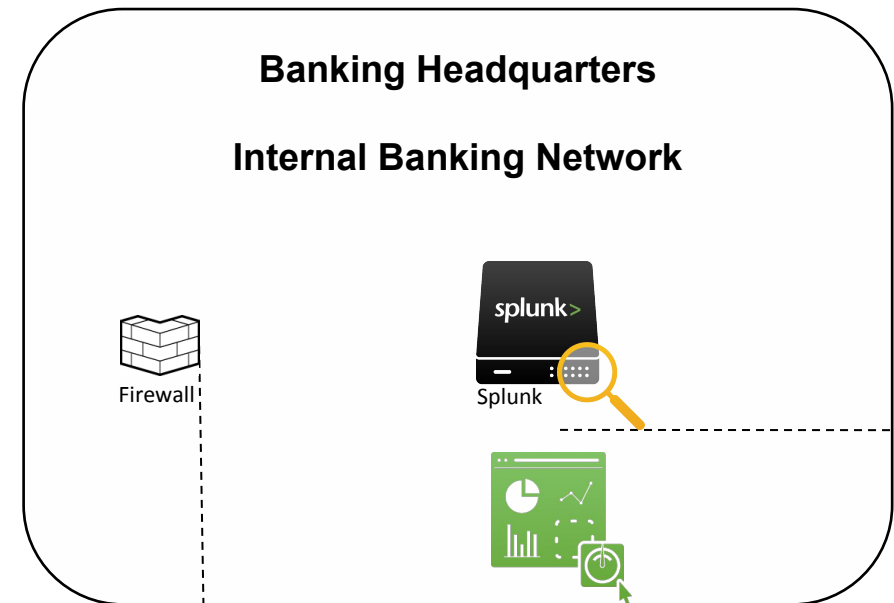
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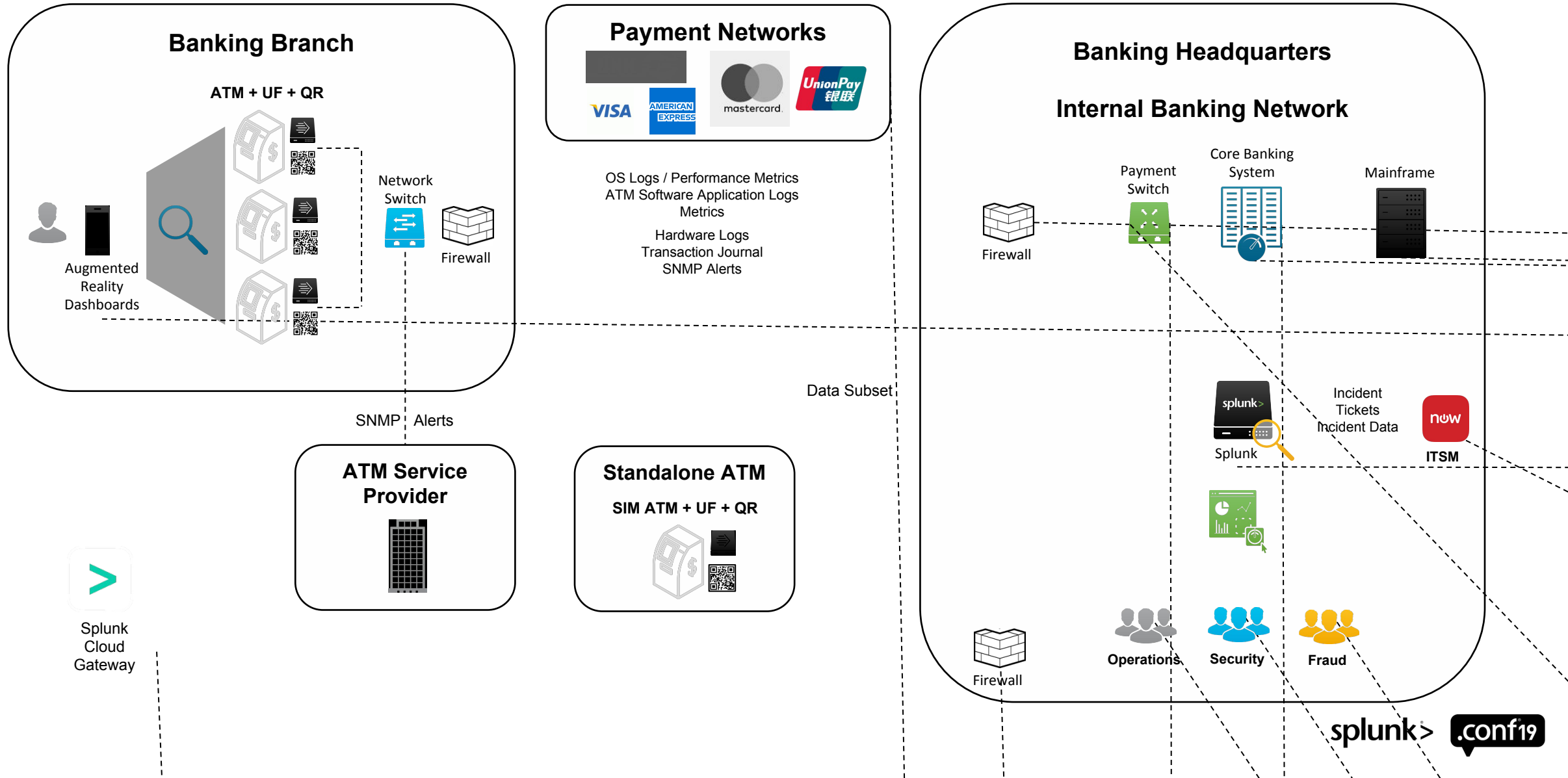


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# High Level ATM Solution Architecture



# Demo





# Fantastic Assets and Where to Find Them

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# Assets for Financial Services

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