



**BOSS**

of the SOC

# SPLUNKING THE ENDPOINT V:

## *Enough Already! (SEC2007)*

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October, 2019

V1.0

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# whoami – @james\_brodsky



- Director, Global Security Strategists (Louisville, CO)
- Lead a team of Splunk security strategists across the US, UK, Australia
- Have been involved with security here since my start
- .conf Splunking the Endpoint! for FIVE years
- BOTS 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0. BOTN 1.0, 2.0.
- CSC 20 Whitepaper, FFIEC Whitepaper (co-author), other compliance, Tripwire apps, blogs, Sysmon contributions, etc, etc....





It's a hands-on session.  
Eventually. But first slides.  
Lots of pink slides.



**Nope. Still can't get Splunk to run on an Apple IIe. You need to be using a functional, modern computing device.**

**And it needs to be on the Internet.**

**And it needs a relatively modern browser.**

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# It is fun to assign folks to servers randomly...



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.conf18



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# BOTS 19 CR-S II



## VIOLENT MEMMES 19

BOTS  
CR-S II

IV

STEREO  NOISE RED.: RBA

VERSION IV		
BIAS	60	RS*
Ct	70 µs	+1.0

Position:  
CrO<sub>2</sub> (High)

SRC: THE BOTS TEAM

TIME/  
COUNTER

1 21OCT19

TIME/  
COUNTER 2

- ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES
- DATA STAGED
- DOMAIN FRONTING
- INDICATOR REMOVAL TASK - SCHEDULED
- USER DISCOVERY
- POWERSHELL



Our BOTS adversary this year “Violent Memmes” is loosely based on APT 28/29 and Turla.



**My thought process.**



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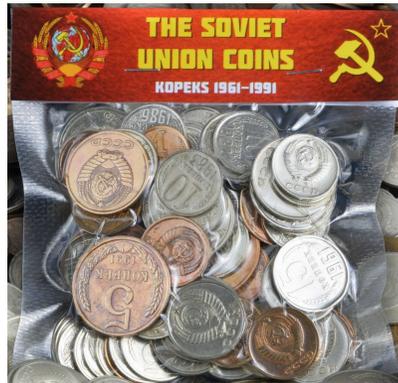
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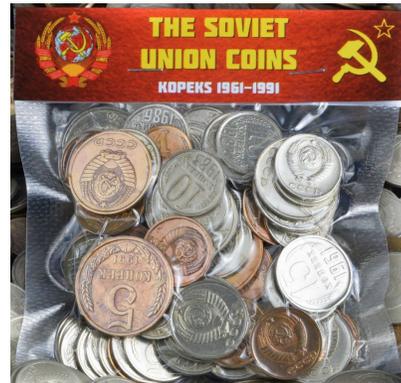
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Your order will ship to:



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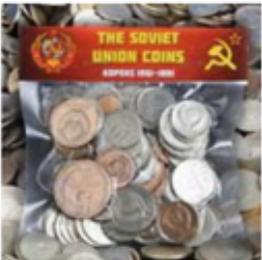


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**300 kopeks should be worth \$99!**

...and I paid \$32.40.

ebay

Hi James, your order is being shipped.

*Are you kidding me?*

Buy soviet kopeks on eBay

Exchange for US dollars

Make 200% profit...

1 Ruble=100 kopeks

\$32.40/300 = 11 cents per kopek  
coin from eBay, September 2019

Historical value of former Soviet  
Ruble in 1992 = \$1.87 USD (or 18  
cents/kopek)

Cumulative Rate of Inflation from  
1992-2019=82.9%, or 33 cents!

300 kopeks should be worth \$54



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I SHALL AMASS A FORTUNE

# I could retire early!



From: jbrodsky@splunk.com (James Brodsky) ↕

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Bcc: [REDACTED]

Subject: HIGH PRIORITY: BRODSKY RESIGNATION!



Dear [REDACTED]

For the past six and a half years I have enjoyed my time helping to bring value to security customers at Splunk. However, when perusing eBay over the weekend, I found a significant loophole involving the former Soviet kopek, and suddenly realized that I could very easily triple my money by purchasing massive quantities of the old coins and converting them into US Dollars.

Therefore, my last day with the company will be 10/18/2019. I'll see what I can do in order to prepare someone to take over the Endpoint talk at .conf, and also someone else to write terrible questions involving arcane search commands in BOTS that everyone gets angry about.

Thanks for your support, and you can reach me in the future at [kopek\\_kurrency@aol.com](mailto:kopek_kurrency@aol.com).

-jb

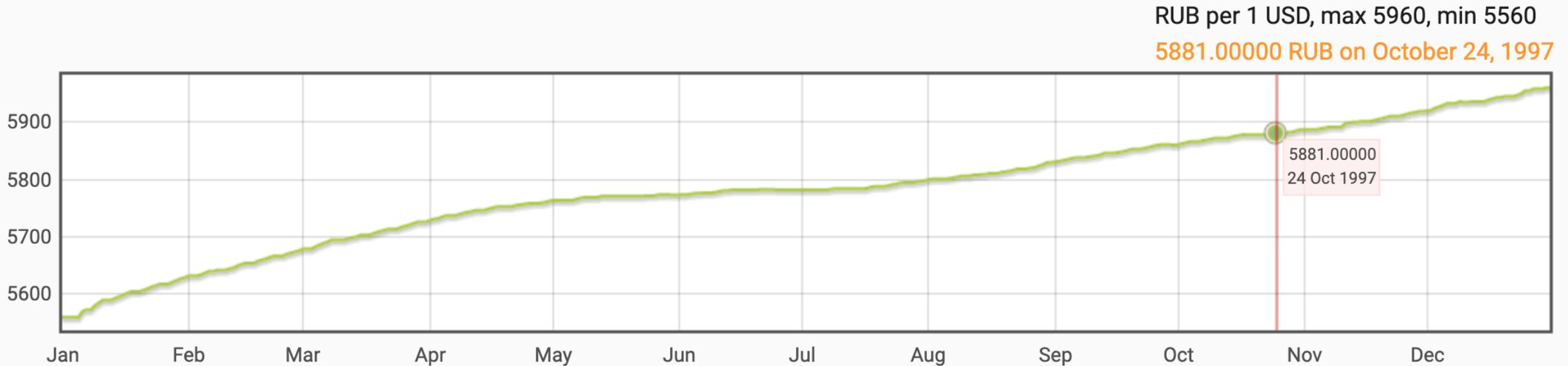
# I sent a resignation letter!



**kopek one**

**I bought a jet!**

...then I looked to  
see what happened  
to the ruble after  
1992.



**600 kopeks equals 1 cent.**  
**300 kopeks that I bought = 1/2 a cent.**  
**+ inflation 1997-2019: about 3/4 a cent.**

....but then....



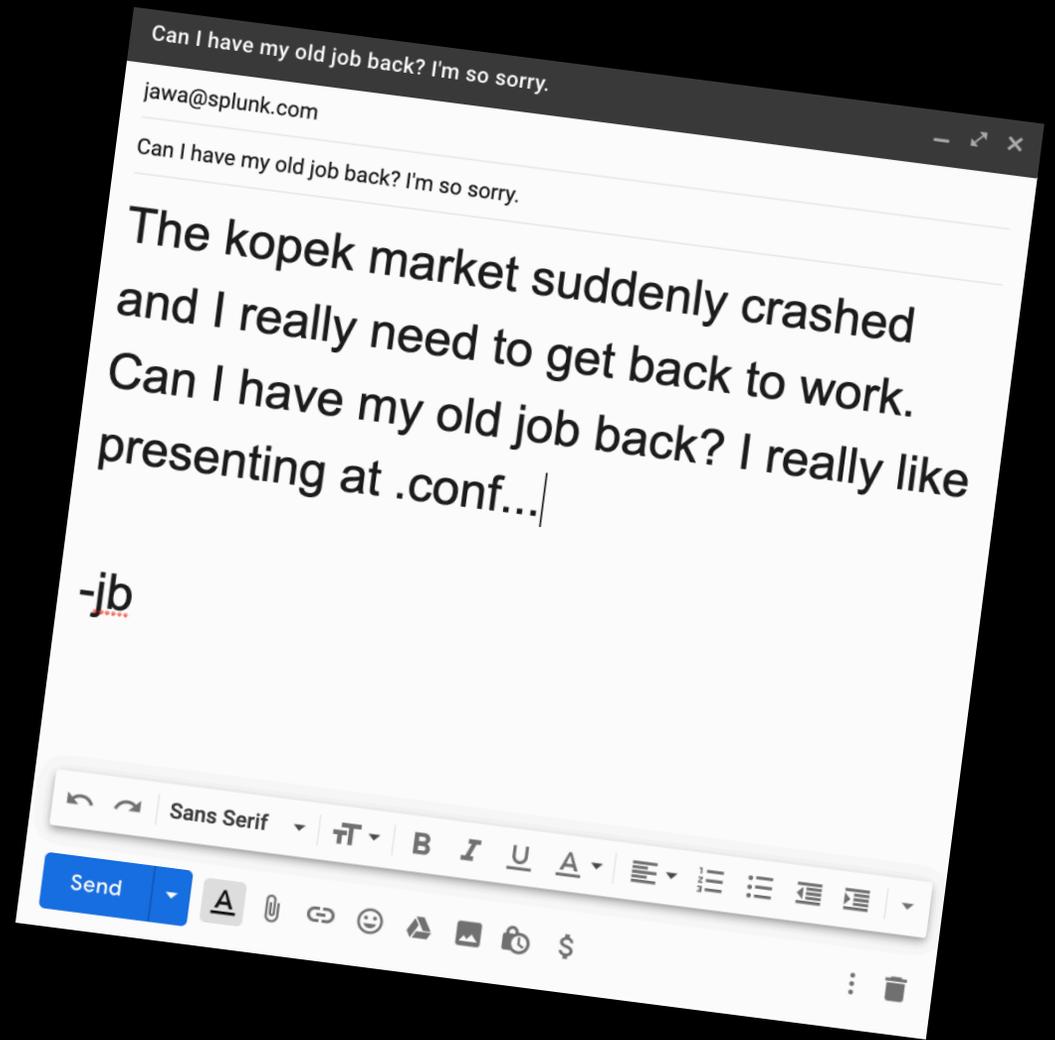
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I returned the jet.



I groveled for my old job.

# And here I am, presenting the FIFTH endpoint talk in as many years!

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Splunking the Endpoint

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Splunking the Endpoint: "Hands on!"  
Ransomware Edition

James Brodsky  
Guy with beard | Splunk

Dimitri McKay  
Guy with larger beard | Splunk

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splunk> **.conf2017**

**Splunking The Endpoint III:**

Hands-On with Boss of the SOC data!  
*(plus some other stuff)*

James Brodsky | Sr. SE Manager / BOTS Scenario Owner

28 September 2017 | Washington, DC

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**Splunking The Endpoint IV**

A New Hope

SEC1378

brodsky@splunk.com | sr. security specialist manager | manager of security kittens

October 2018 | Version 1.0

# therefore...

# We will NOT cover...

- What a Universal Forwarder is
- RAM Scraping POS Malware
  - Ransomware
  - Mac endpoints
- Why sysmon and osquery are awesome
  - Stranger Things
  - Endpoint forensics
  - Why everything is pink
- The difference between “pike” and “pipe”
  - John Denver
  - Machine Learning/AI
- Gluten free fortune cookies
  - Powershell Empire
  - Subverting Sysmon
    - Avocado Toast
      - Voltaire

**All of these  
topics and more,  
in the .conf  
archives...**

**search  
“brodsky.”**

## But we will cover...

- What the latest endpoint surveys tell us & what Splunk has seen recently
- Alternatives to the UF, and Best Practices for commercial solutions
  - What NOT to do when you collect with the UF
    - New Stuff in Sysmon, Windows TA, etc...
  - Endpoint Diet! Clever Event Reduction techniques
  - An new way to guide which WinEvents to collect

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...and lots of hands-on fun with BOTS data in-between!

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# ENDPOINTS!

**LAPTOPS**

**NEXT-GEN++++++**

**TOO MUCH %\$\* &# DATA**

**DID MY REGISTRY CHANGE?**

**BREACHES BREACHES BREACHES**

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## What's an endpoint? (courtesy McAfee)

# In 2016, we said...the endpoint was important!

Closest to humans

Underprotected



Versatile

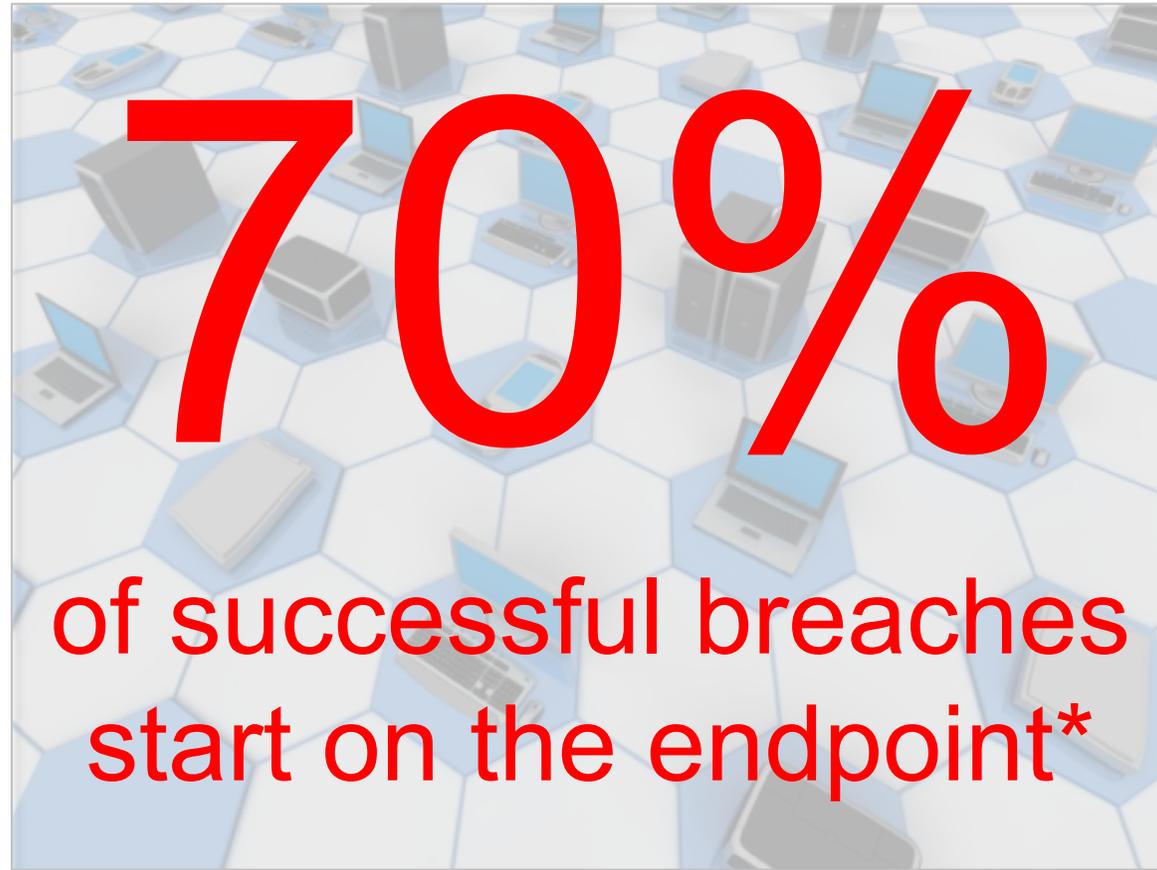
Data-rich

# In 2016, we said...the endpoint was important!

The weak link

Closest to humans

Underprotected

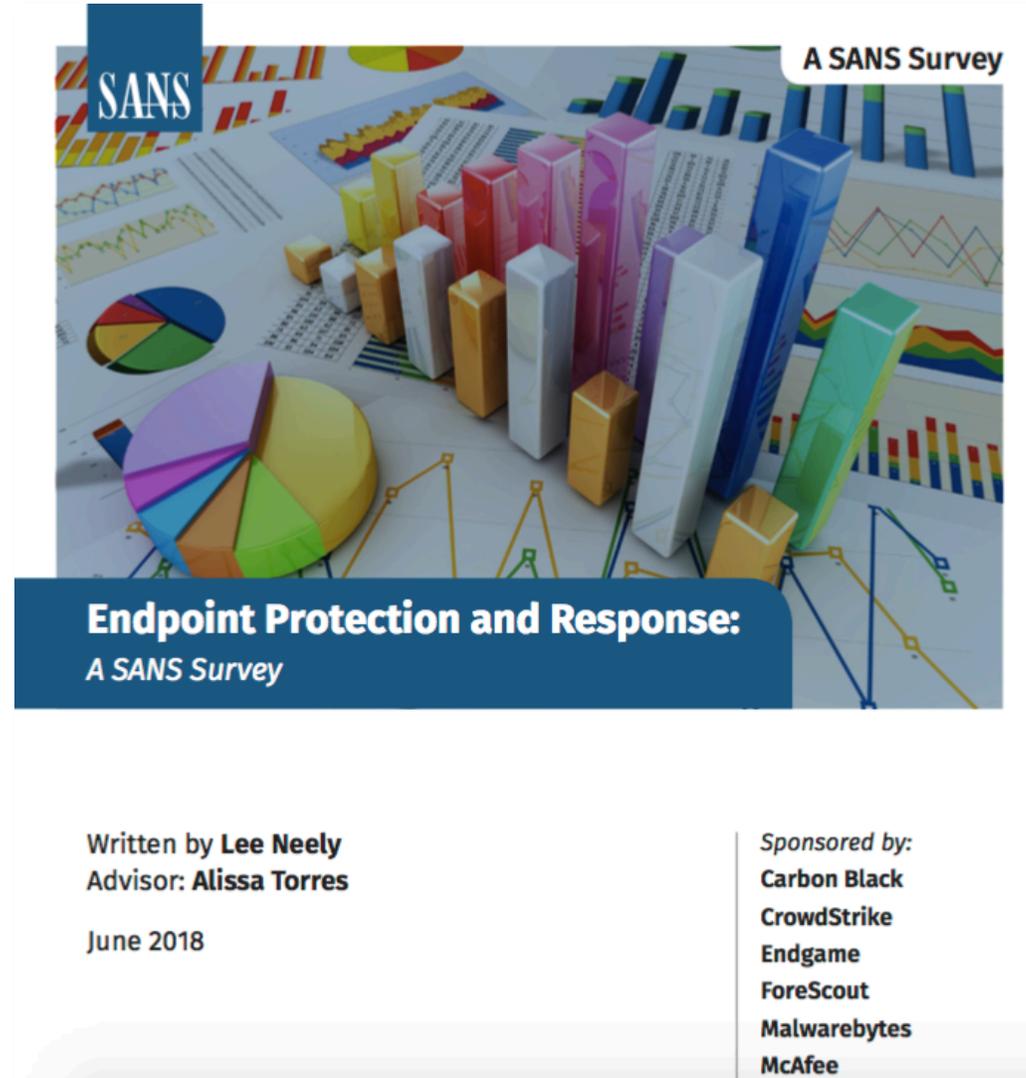


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*\*IDC study 2016*

# And in 2018, that went up to....

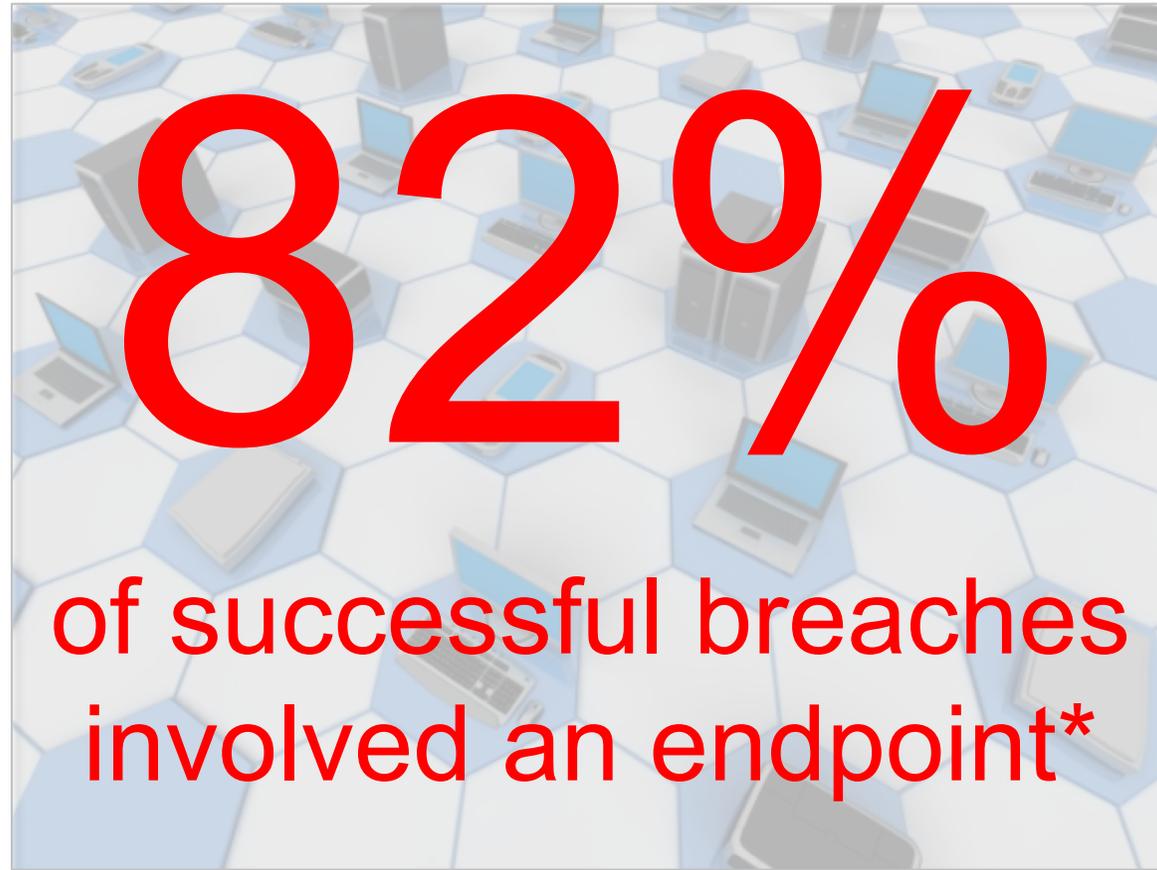


# 2018: The Endpoint Is STILL Important!

And STILL the weak link

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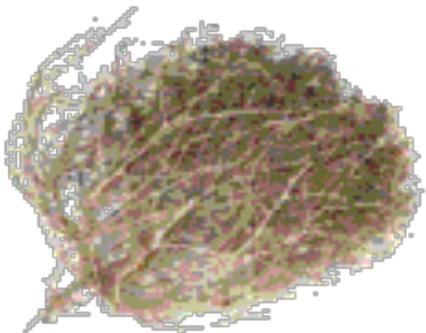
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*\*SANS 2018 Endpoint Security Survey*

# OK, 2019?



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OK, 2019?



**(j/k...the survey hasn't been completed yet....)**

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- ▶ 69% cited corporate laptops as the target.
- ▶ 42% cited employee-owned laptops.
- ▶ Only 47% of antivirus capabilities detected threats.
- ▶ 26% were detected by endpoint detection and response (EDR) capabilities.
- ▶ For those exploited endpoints, the top threat vectors were found to be web “drive-bys” (63%), social engineering and phishing attacks (53%), and ransomware (50%).
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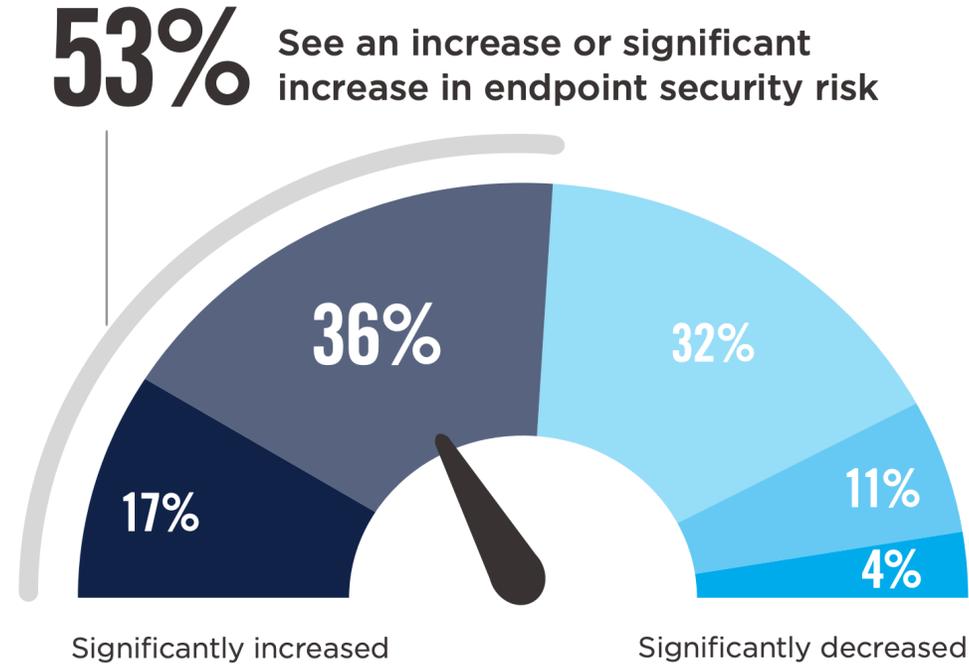
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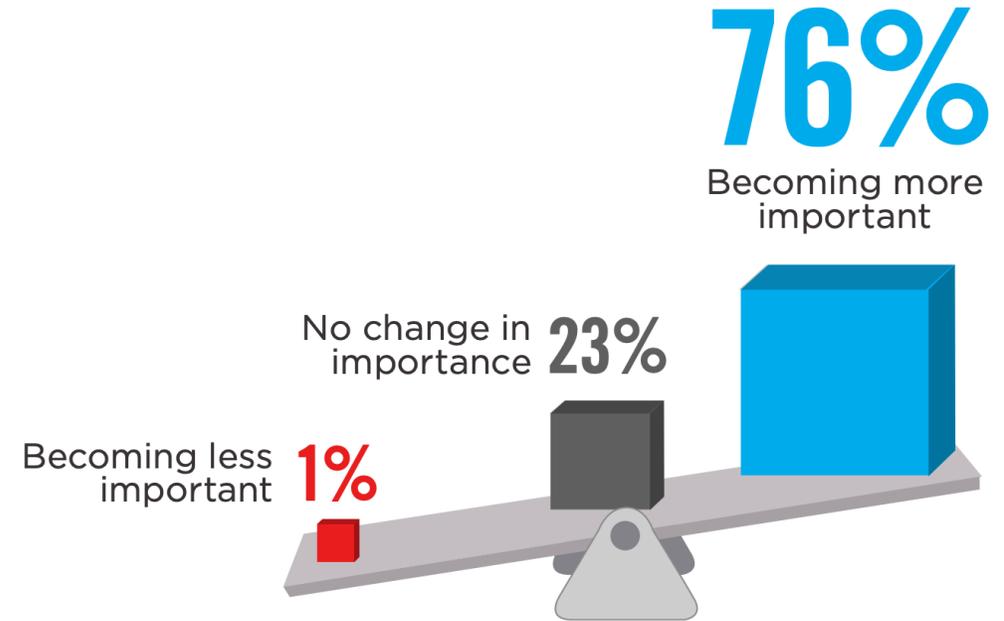
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# AlienVault-Sponsored 2019 Survey

▶ How has endpoint security risk to your organization changed in the last 12 months?



▶ How is the importance of endpoint security changing as part of your organization's overall IT security strategy?



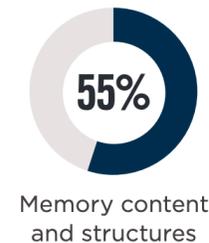
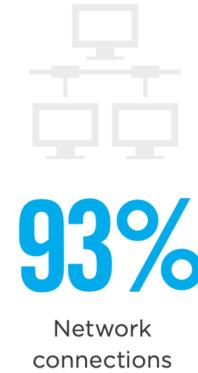
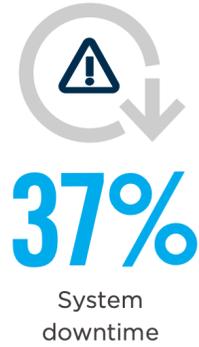
## Splunk Security Specialists:

# ~5x increase in endpoint assistance requests in 2019

# AlienVault-Sponsored 2019 Survey

▶ What was the most significant impact of endpoint attack(s) against your organization?

▶ What level of visibility are you looking for from an endpoint security solution?



**Splunk Security Specialists: This matches up with the requests that we service!**

Action	Asset	Count
Hacking - Use of stolen creds	Server - Mail	340
Social - Phishing	Server - Mail	270
Social - Phishing	User Dev - Desktop	251
Malware - Backdoor	User Dev - Desktop	229
Malware - C2	User Dev - Desktop	210
Hacking - Use of backdoor or C2	User Dev - Desktop	208
Malware - Spyware/Keylogger	User Dev - Desktop	103
Malware - Adminware	User Dev - Desktop	91
Misuse - Privilege abuse	Server - Database	90
Malware - Capture app data	Server - Web application	83

**Table 1**  
Top action and asset variety combinations within breaches, (n= 2,013)

## 2019 Verizon DBIR

what about...



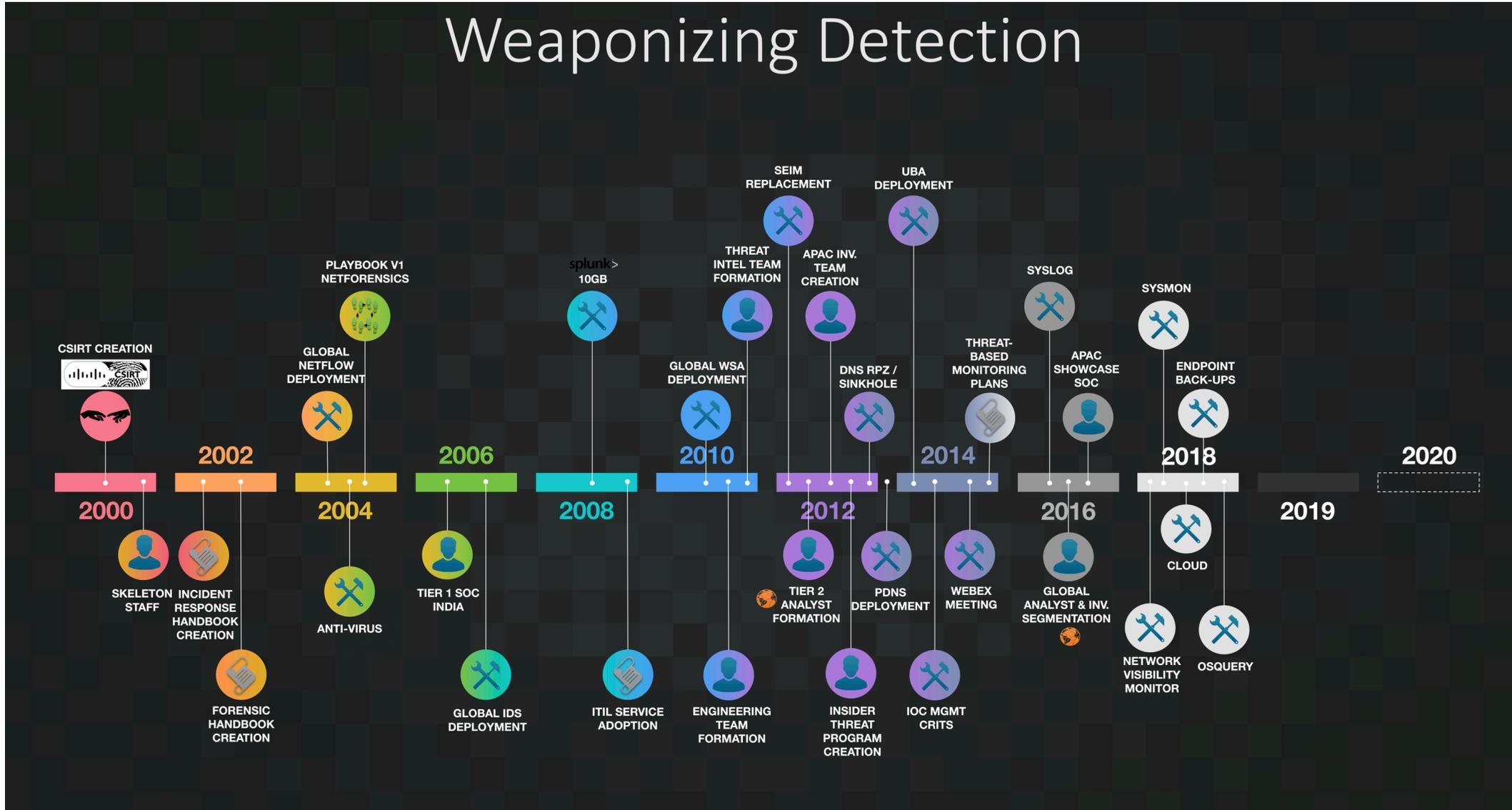


- Windows Event Logs: 46% (#1 source by volume)
  - UNIX TA: 16%
  - Windows Perfmon: 6%
  - Windows Registry: 6%
  - McAfee EPO: 6%
  - Symantec Endpoint: 4%
  - Non-Microsoft DNS: 4%
  - Carbon Black: 2%
  - Crowdstrike: 2%
  - Microsoft Sysmon: 1%

(Q1 2019 internal data)

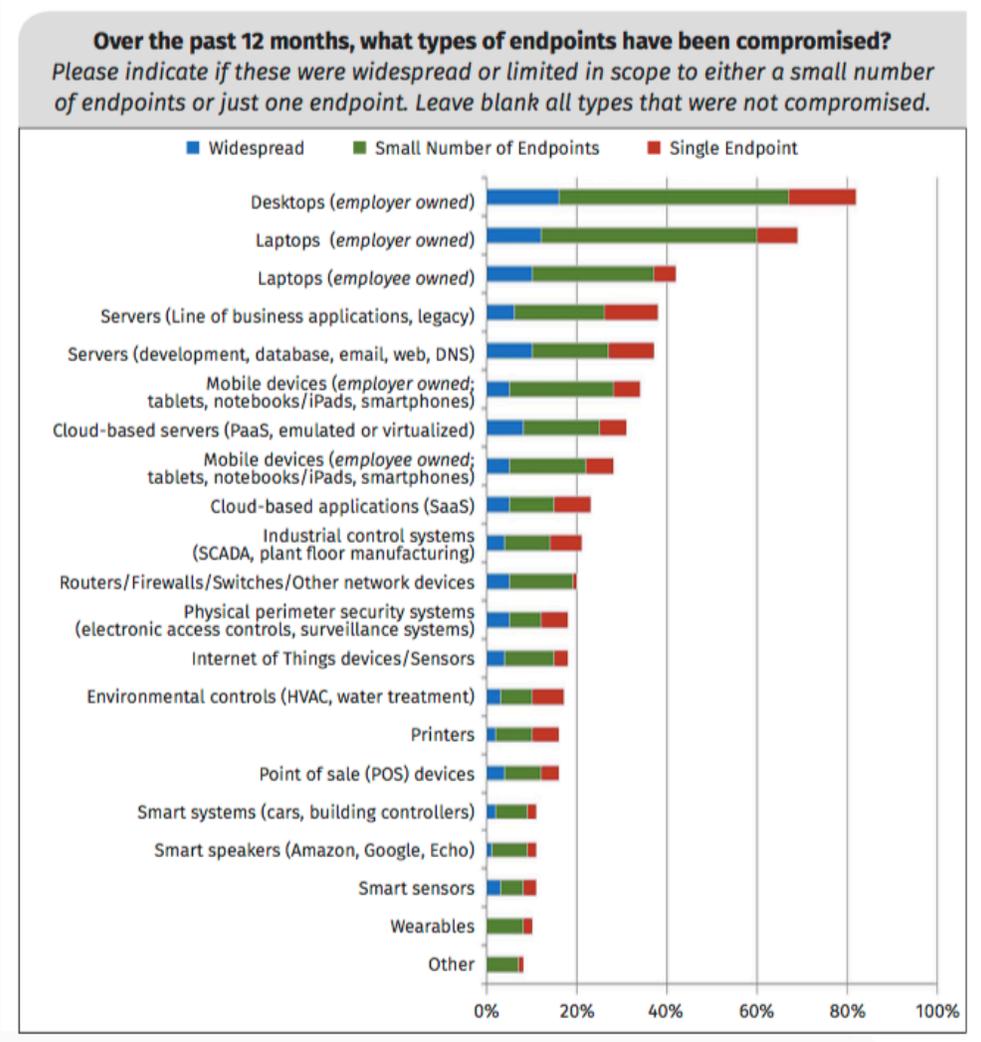
# Cisco CSIRT...

## Weaponizing Detection

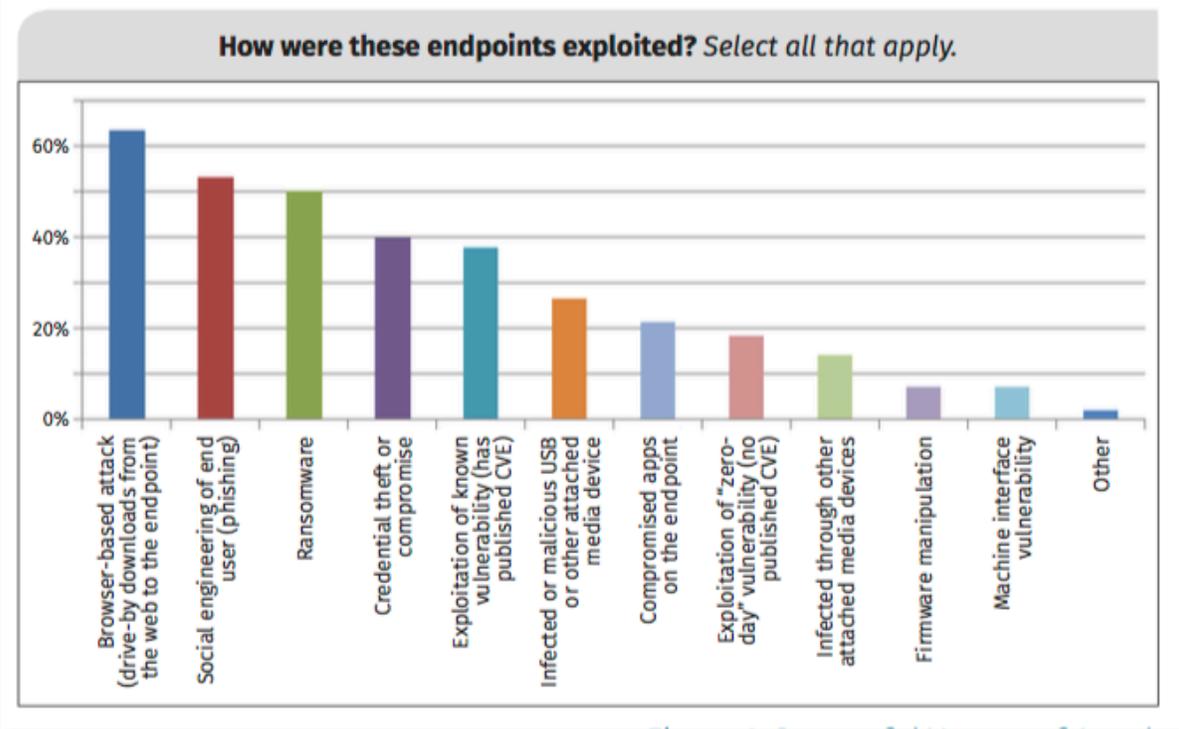


(Valites/Bollinger, 2019)

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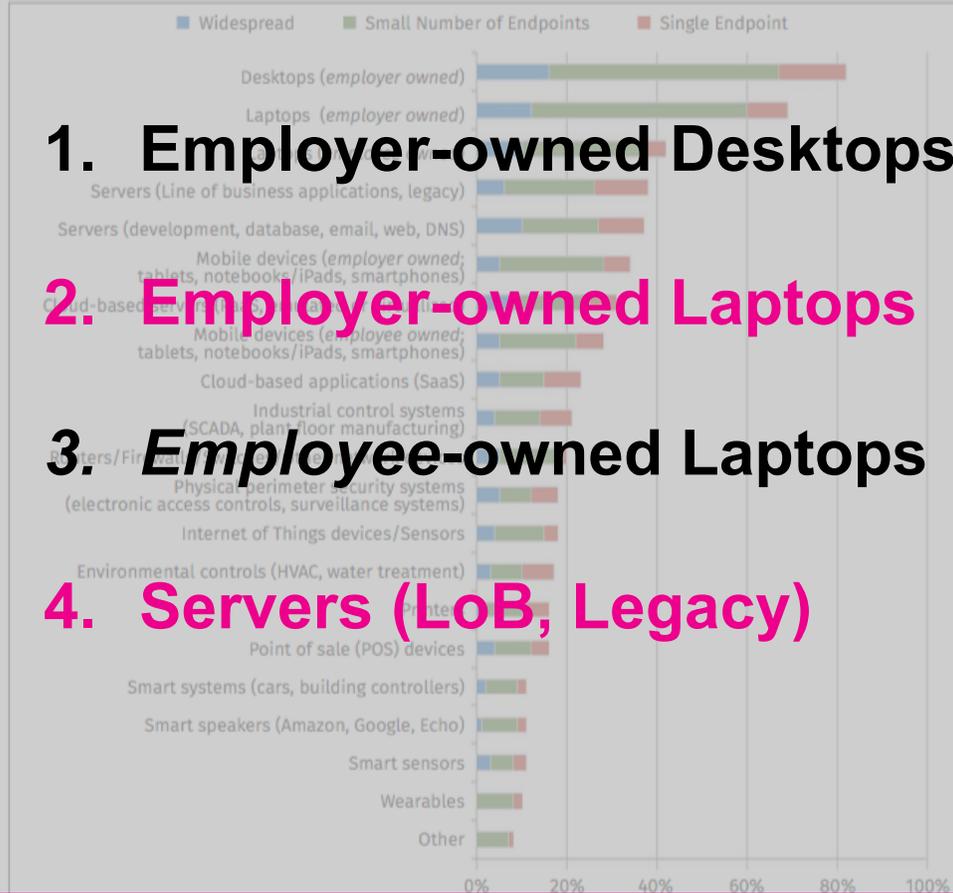
Neely, 2018



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# SANS 2018: Which endpoints and how?

Over the past 12 months, what types of endpoints have been compromised? Please indicate if these were widespread or limited in scope to either a small number of endpoints or just one endpoint. Leave blank all types that were not compromised.



**1. Employer-owned Desktops**

**2. Employer-owned Laptops**

**3. Employee-owned Laptops**

**4. Servers (LoB, Legacy)**

**1. Web Click/Drive By**

How were these endpoints exploited? Select all that apply.



**2. Social/Phishing**

**3. Ransomware**

**4. Cred Theft**

**5. Known Vuln**

**6. Malicious USB**

Neely, 2018

**Let's get hands-on!**

Neely, 2018

https://[redacted]



## LOGIN INSTRUCTIONS:

Obtain kopek.

Obtain scratch card.

Use kopek to remove the special grey latex ink circle.

Insert **number** into URL.

**Keep kopek for good luck!**

USER: [redacted]



Edit

Export

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## Introduction

### Splunking the Endpoint V: 2019 Hands-On!

This app showcases tracking the Violent Femmes APT group as they move through the kill chain to eventually exfiltrate data from Frothly, the small homebrewing supply company at the center of (and willing victim within) Splunk's [Boss of the SOC \(BOTS\)](#) v2, v3 and v4 blue-team Capture-The-Flag-esque security competitions. Also included is some material surrounding Frothly's penetration test, and around their acquisition of the Thirsty Berner brewery. A summary of the data available for exploration can be viewed below.

Rather than publish all of the instructions and related resources for this session in an app, we have chosen to provide written collateral to help guide you through the data.

### How to Use This App

Simply access the companion Google document in the top level of the folder below and use the "Search" link above or [here](#) to run the searches and follow along with the session.

### Companion Material Downloads

- [Supporting Materials on Google Drive](#)

Select additional content to view using the checkboxes below:

Data Summary

Supporting Apps

### Next Step

Next: [Search!](#)





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Name ↑

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**Splunking the Endpoint V Hands-on: Search-by-Search Guidance and Resources**  
v3.0 24 October 2019  
[tsodds@splunk.com](mailto:tsodds@splunk.com)

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BOTS-SYSMON-CONFI...

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This one.

(We will copy and paste from it!)





# Thirsty Berner Brewery





VIOLENT  
MEMORIES

1

## SOCIO-POLITICAL AXIS

- Seeking to obtain high end Western Beers for production in their breweries



## ADVERSARY

- Nation-state sponsored adversary
- Uses German naming conventions



## CAPABILITIES

- PowerShell
- Spearphishing
- Domain Fronting
- Ticket Passing

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## INFRASTRUCTURE

- German Based DigitalOcean servers
- Enom Registered DNS

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## TECHNICAL AXIS

- Metasploit
- Credential Dumping (Mimikatz)
- User svc\_print for Account Persistence
- Remote Desktop Protocol
- Schtasks.exe for beacon and persistence
- PSEXEC for lateral movement
- Yandex browser



## VICTIMS

Western innovative Brewers and Home Brewing companies

# VIØLENT MEMMES



splunk>

Hands On! **Sysmon and Windows Event Logs....**

**What was the initial access mechanism into Thirsty Berner for Violent Memmes?**

**Sourcetypes: Microsoft Sysmon and Powershell logging**

**MITRE ATT&CK: Initial Access**

*T1192 Spearphishing Link*

*T1086 Powershell*

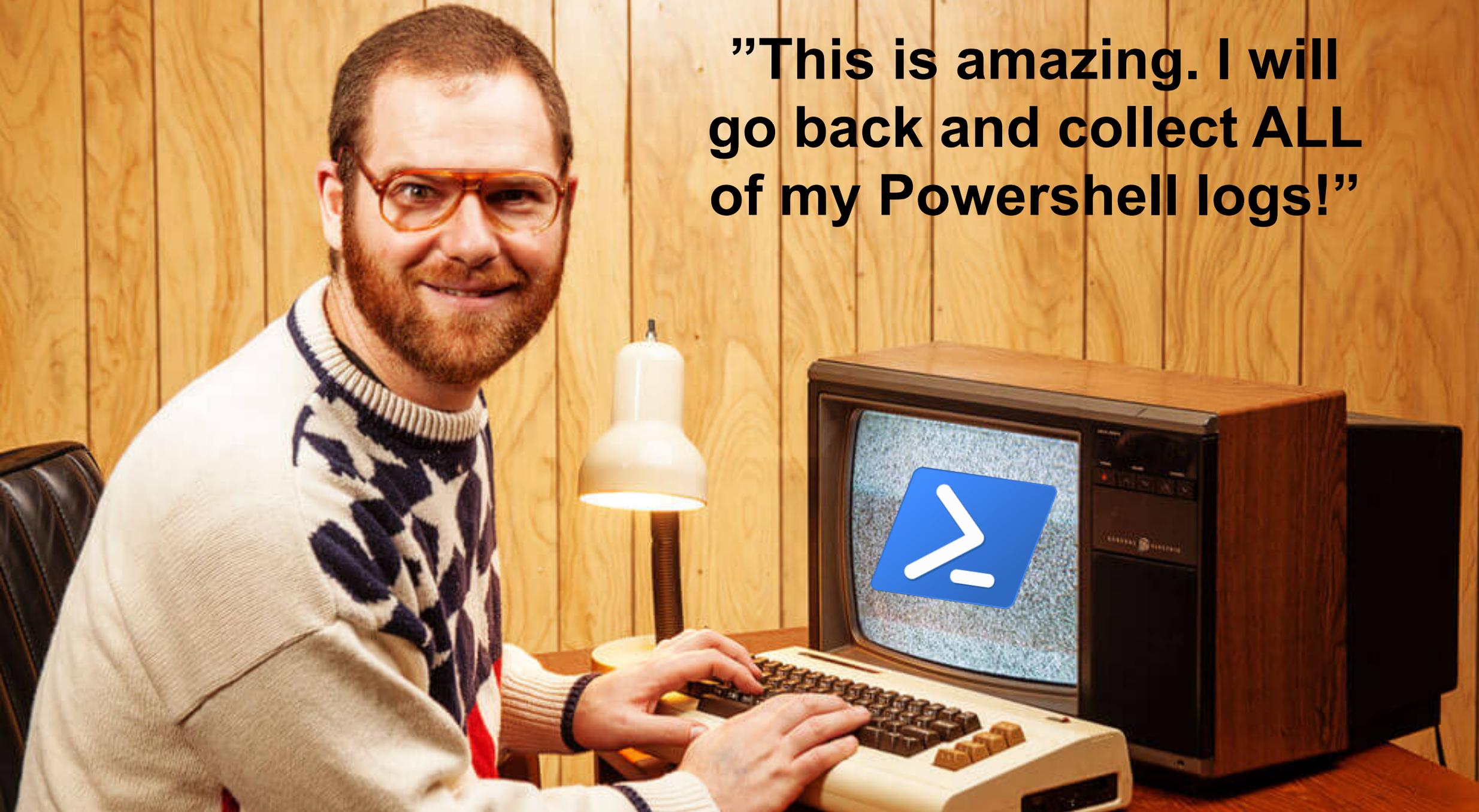
# SYSMON LOGGING AND POWERSHELL SCRIPT BLOCK LOGGING

Several actions occurred when a malicious file that originated with the phishing email was executed. One action resulted in the downloading of a script from a web site. What is the name of the script?

(29 correct!)

**(Hands On  
Redacted)**

**”This is amazing. I will go back and collect ALL of my Powershell logs!”**





# A Cautionary Tale



How to get data in...



**And avoid  
trouble  
doing so!**

**A guy walks into a Splunk meeting...**





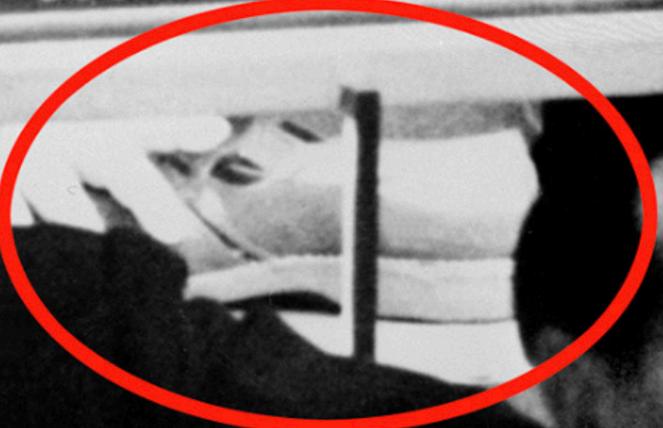
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# This innocent looking inputs.conf....

SPL Services / Seckit\_IDM / SecKit\_TA\_idm\_windows

## inputs.conf

Source ▾ master ▾ 4bb45a7 ▾ Full commit

seckit\_ta\_idm\_windows / src / SecKit\_TA\_idm\_windows\_inputs / default / inputs.conf

```
1 [script://$SPLUNK_HOME\etc\apps\SecKit_TA_idm_windows\bin\runpowershell.cmd] get-AllInterfaceConfig.ps1]
2 interval=3600
3 disabled=false
4 index=oswinscripts
5
```

# get-AllInterfaceConfig.ps1

Source master 4bb45a7 Full commit

```

1 #
2 # Determine the health and statistics of this Microsoft DNS Server
3 #
4 $Output = New-Object System.Collections.ArrayList
5 $Date = Get-Date -format 'yyyy-MM-ddTHH:mm:sszzz'
6 write-host -NoNewLine ""$Date
7
8 # Name of Server
9 $ServerName = $env:ComputerName
10 write-host -NoNewLine ""Server="$ServerName"
11
12 Get-NetConnectionProfile -NetworkCategory DomainAuthenticated | ForEach-Object {
13     $dict = [ORDERED]@{}
14     $dict.Add('Domain', $_.Name)
15     $dict.Add('InterfaceAlias', $_.InterfaceAlias)
16     $dict.Add('InterfaceIndex', $_.InterfaceIndex)
17     $dict.Add('NetworkCategory', $_.NetworkCategory)
18     $dict.Add('IPv4Connectivity', $_.IPv4Connectivity)
19     $dict.Add('IPv6Connectivity', $_.IPv6Connectivity)
20
21     $adapter = Get-NetAdapter -InterfaceIndex $_.InterfaceIndex
22     $dict.Add('InterfaceDescription', $adapter.InterfaceDescription)
23     $dict.Add('Status', $adapter.Status)
24     $dict.Add('MacAddress', ($adapter.MacAddress -replace "-", ":").ToLower())
25     $dict.Add('LinkSpeed', $adapter.LinkSpeed)
26
27
28     Get-NetIPConfiguration -InterfaceIndex $_.InterfaceIndex | ForEach-Object {
29         Get-NetIPAddress -InterfaceIndex $_.InterfaceIndex -AddressFamily IPv4 | ForEach-Object {
30             $dict.Add('IPv4Address', $_.IPAddress)
31             $dict.Add('IPv4PrefixLength', $_.PrefixLength)
32             $dict.Add('IPv4PrefixOrigin', $_.PrefixOrigin)
33             $dict.Add('IPv4SuffixOrigin', $_.SuffixOrigin)
34             $dict.Add('IPv4AddressState', $_.AddressState)
35             $dict.Add('IPv4PreferredLifetime', $_.PreferredLifetime)
36             $dict.Add('IPv4SkipAsSource', $_.SkipAsSource)
37             $dict.Add('IPv4PolicyStore', $_.PolicyStore)
38         }
39     }
40     Get-DnsClientServerAddress -InterfaceIndex $_.InterfaceIndex -AddressFamily IPv4 | ForEach-Object {
41         $dict.Add('IPv4DNS', $_.ServerAddresses)
42     }
43     Get-NetIPAddress -InterfaceIndex $_.InterfaceIndex -AddressFamily IPv6 | ForEach-Object {
44         $dict.Add('IPv6Address', $_.IPAddress)
45         $dict.Add('IPv6PrefixLength', $_.PrefixLength)
46         $dict.Add('IPv6PrefixOrigin', $_.PrefixOrigin)
47         $dict.Add('IPv6SuffixOrigin', $_.SuffixOrigin)
48         $dict.Add('IPv6AddressState', $_.AddressState)
49         $dict.Add('IPv6ValidLifetime', $_.ValidLifetime)
50         $dict.Add('IPv6PreferredLifetime', $_.PreferredLifetime)

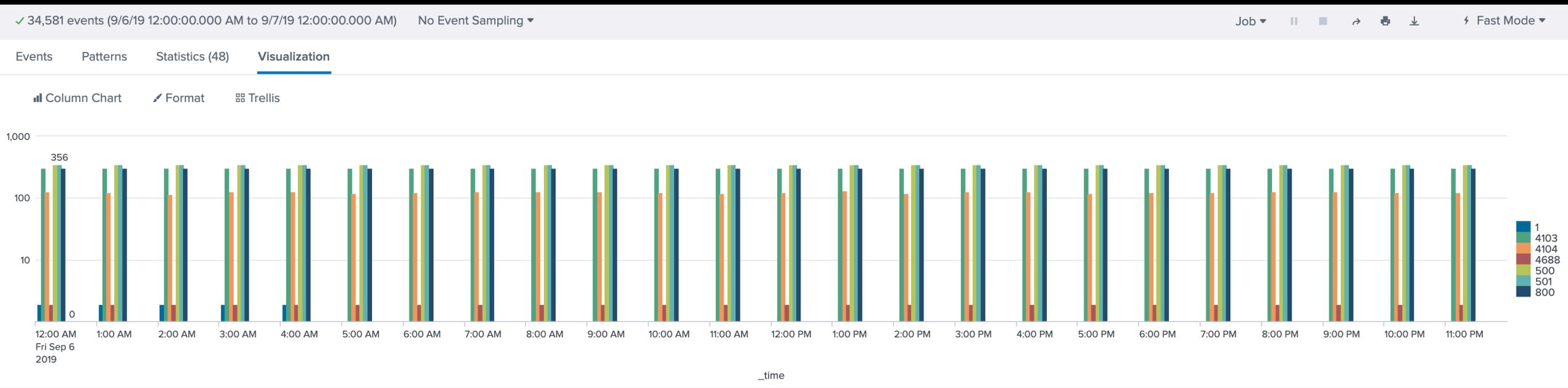
```

Many for-each statements for iteration = many, many, many log entries in Powershell logs due to use of Microsoft APIs

How many logs?

+ more below...

# Teh badness.

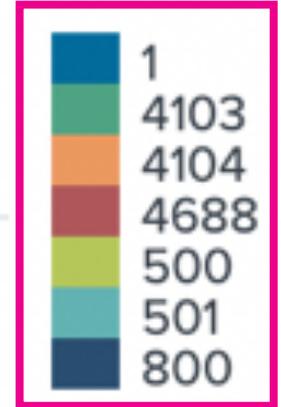
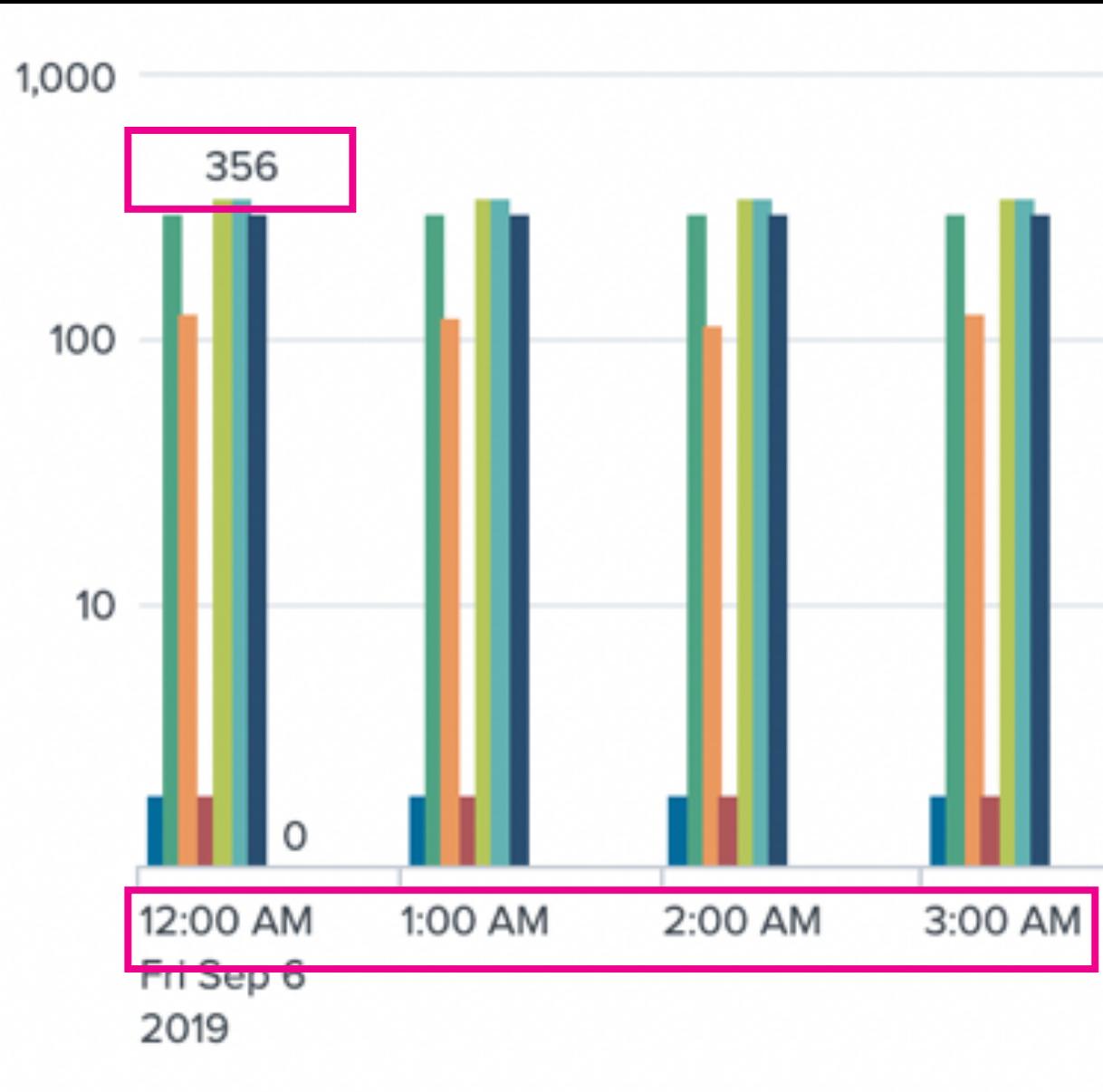
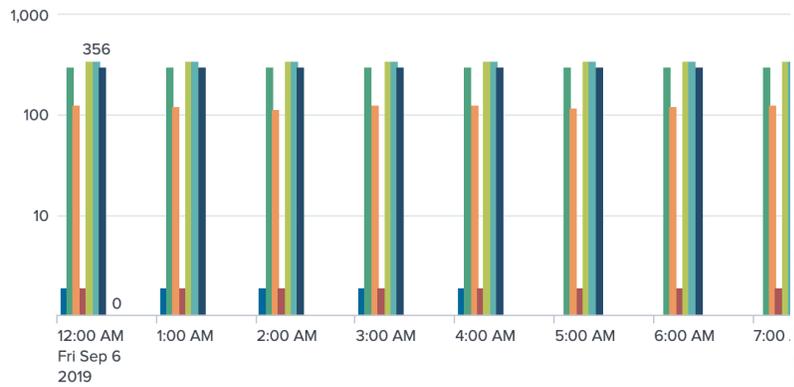


# ~2000 per run.

✓ 34,581 events (9/6/19 12:00:00.000 AM to 9/7/19 12:00:00.000 AM) No Event Sa

Events Patterns Statistics (48) Visualization

Column Chart Format Trellis



8:00 PM 9:00 PM 10:00 PM 11:00 PM

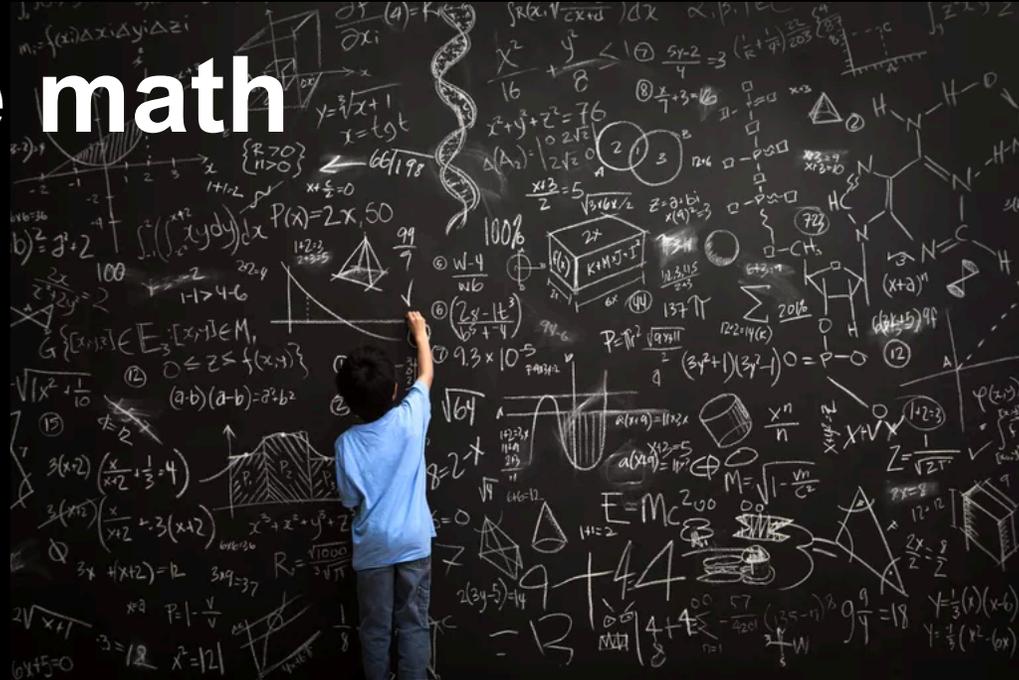
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	0.01	10.35	29.54	0.05	8.04	8.14	9.39

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	0.01	10.35	29.54	0.05	8.04	8.14	9.39

**~56 MB Per day per host  
from ONE POWERSHELL  
SCRIPT.**

# let's do the math



$56/24 = 2.3\text{MB}$  per hour

$2.3\text{MB} * 10$  hours daily =  $23\text{MB}$  per endpoint

$23 * 16,000 = 368\text{GB}$  a day

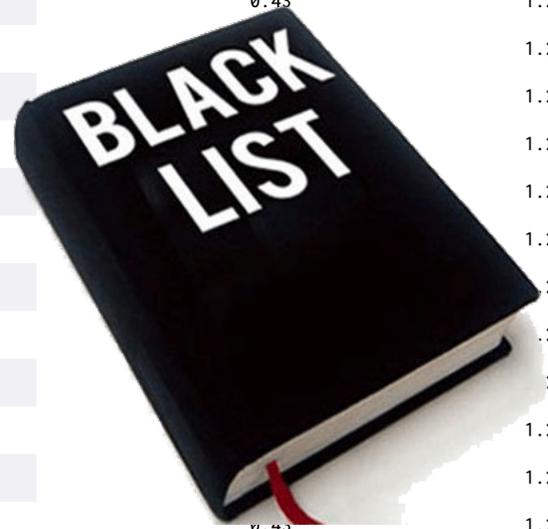
...except  $\sim 1/3^{\text{rd}}$  were servers, so...

$23 * 11,000 = 253\text{GB}$  and  $56 * 5,000 = 280\text{GB}$

## 533GB a day.

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	0.01	10.35	29.54	0.05	8.04	8.14	9.39

OMG.



time.

# What are they? Should we collect?

Event Log: Windows PowerShell							
Event ID	v2	v3	v4	v5	Correlate	Auditing	Notes
400	X	X	X	X	403	Always logged, regardless of logging settings	This event can be used to identify (and terminate) outdated versions of PowerShell running.
403	X	X	X	X	400	Always logged, regardless of logging settings	
500	X	X	X	X	501	Requires <code>\$LogCommandLifeCycleEvent = \$true</code> in profile.ps1	This event is largely useless since it can be bypassed with the <code>-nop</code> command line switch
501	X	X	X	X	500	Requires <code>\$LogCommandLifeCycleEvent = \$true</code> in profile.ps1	This event is largely useless since it can be bypassed with the <code>-nop</code> command line switch
600	X	X	X	X	500	Always logged, regardless of logging settings	
800		X	X	X	500	ModuleLogging	This event is inconsistently logged with PowerShell V3

Event Log: Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational							
Event ID	v2	v3	v4	v5	Correlate	Auditing	Notes
4100				X			Logged when PowerShell encounters an error
4103			X	X		ModuleLogging	May be logged along with 500 & 501
4104				X		ScriptBlockLogging	
40961		X	X	X		Always logged, regardless of logging settings	
40962		X	X	X		Always logged, regardless of logging settings	

What's interesting to note is that newer versions of PowerShell will often log to both event logs simultaneously.

**4104** = Almost always yes

**4103** = Sometimes...

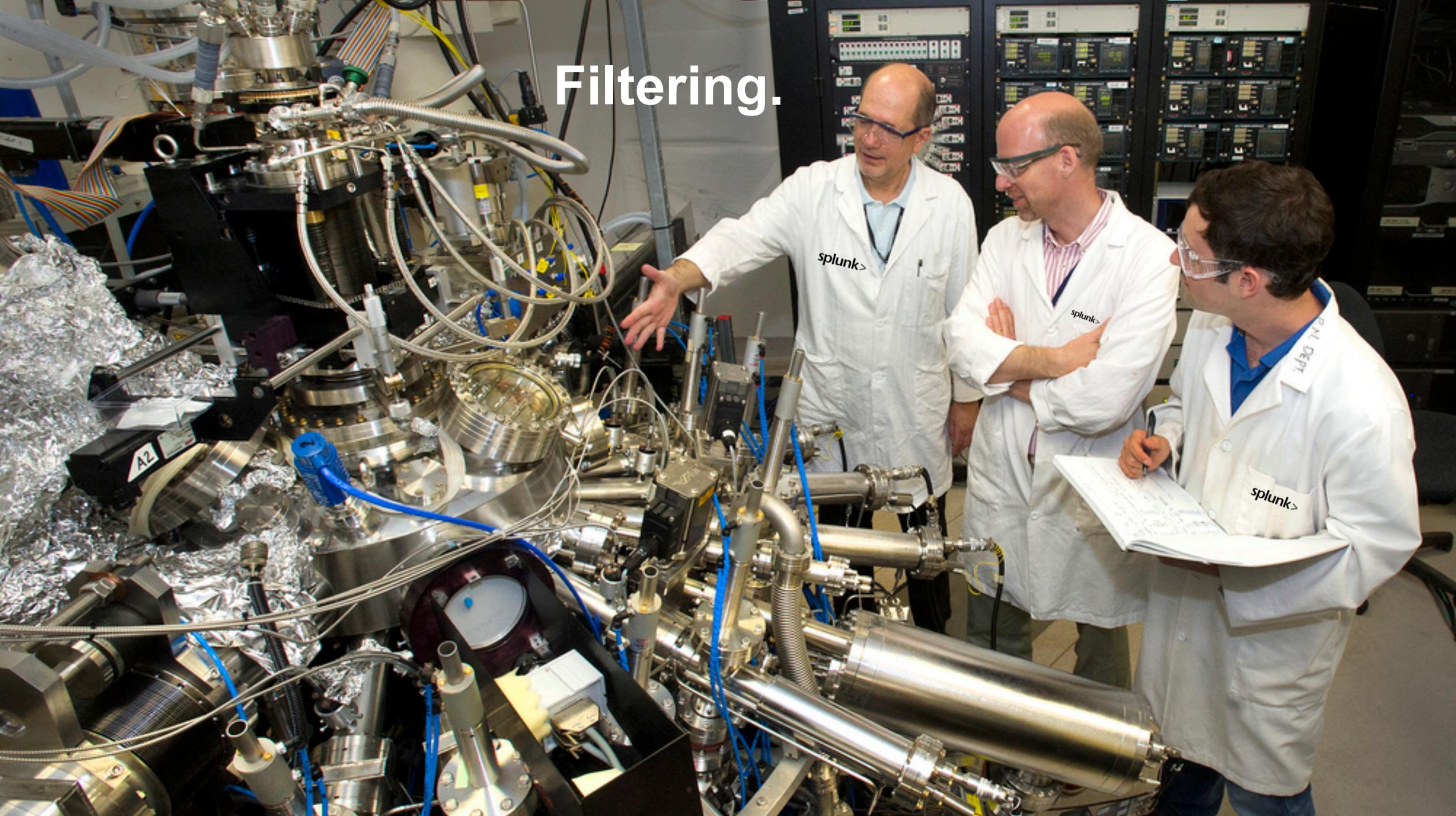
**800** = same as 4103!

**50x** = "largely useless" – basically logs starts and stops

**4100** = Sure, minor volume

<https://www.eventsentry.com/blog/2018/01/powershell-p0wrh11-securing-powershell.html>

Filtering.



# Three places to get example blacklists...

1. Version 6.0 of the Windows TA (Splunkbase)

2. Automine's (David Shpritz)'s Github and related presentation:

<https://www.aplura.com/assets/pdf/SplunkWindowsEventLogs.pdf>

<https://gist.github.com/automine/a3915d5238e2967c8d44b0ebcfb66147>

3. What we used for BOTS

<https://github.com/splunk/windows-ta/blob/master/ta/windows/ta.conf>

# Here's where we ended up for SecKit IDM...

## [WinEventLog://Microsoft-Windows-Powershell/Operational]

index = main

disabled = false

renderXml = 0

blacklist = EventCode="4104" Message="(?:Path:).+(?:\\splunk-powershell-common.ps1)"

blacklist1 = EventCode="4104" Message="(?:Path:).+(?:\\splunk-powershell.ps1)"

blacklist2 = EventCode="4104" Message="(?:Path:).+(?:\\generate\_windows\_update\_logs.ps1)"

blacklist3 = EventCode="4103" Message="(?:Host Application = ).(?:.\*\\splunk-powershell.ps1\s.\*)"

blacklist4 = EventCode="(4104|4103)" Message="(?:Path:).+(?:\\**get-AllInterfaceConfig.ps1**)"

blacklist5 = EventCode="4103" Message="(?:Host Application = ).(?:.\*\\**get-AllInterfaceConfig.ps1**)"

## [WinEventLog://Windows PowerShell]

index = main

disabled = false

renderXml = 0

blacklist = EventCode="(800|500|501)" Message="(?:HostApplication=).(?:.\*\\**get-AllInterfaceConfig.ps1**)"

### EventCode ✕

3 Values, 100% of events Selected  Yes  No

**Reports**

[Average over time](#)   [Maximum value over time](#)   [Minimum value over time](#)  
[Top values](#)   [Top values by time](#)   [Rare values](#)  
[Events with this field](#)

**Avg:** 2733.7389704716293   **Min:** 800   **Max:** 4104   **Std Dev:** 1627.403367599553

Values	Count	%	
<a href="#">4103</a>	13,072	41.46%	<div style="width: 41.46%;"></div>
<a href="#">800</a>	13,072	41.46%	<div style="width: 41.46%;"></div>
<a href="#">4104</a>	5,385	17.08%	<div style="width: 17.08%;"></div>



### EventCode ✕

2 Values, 100% of events Selected  Yes  No

**Reports**

[Average over time](#)   [Maximum value over time](#)   [Minimum value over time](#)  
[Top values](#)   [Top values by time](#)   [Rare values](#)  
[Events with this field](#)

**Avg:** 4103.997974888619   **Min:** 4103   **Max:** 4104   **Std Dev:** 0.04496476106941514

Values	Count	%	
<a href="#">4104</a>	2,464	99.797%	<div style="width: 99.797%;"></div>
<a href="#">4103</a>	5	0.202%	<div style="width: 0.202%;"></div>

# But ... FAIL. It is still 1.2MB per run!

_time	bytes	MB
2019-10-17 04:00	1359250	1.2962818145751953
2019-10-17 05:00	1291778	1.2319355010986328
2019-10-17 06:00	1291778	1.2319355010986328
2019-10-17 07:00	1289974	1.230215072631836
2019-10-17 08:00	1290876	1.2310752868652344
2019-10-17 09:00	1292229	1.232365608215332
2019-10-17 10:00	1292229	1.232365608215332
2019-10-17 11:00	1289523	1.2297849655151367
2019-10-17 12:00	1290876	1.2310752868652344
2019-10-17 13:00	1291778	1.2319355010986328
2019-10-17 14:00	1291327	1.2315053939819336
2019-10-17 15:00	1291778	1.2319355010986328
2019-10-17 16:00	1292229	1.232365608215332
2019-10-17 17:00	1291327	1.2315053939819336
2019-10-17 18:00	1291327	1.2315053939819336
2019-10-17 19:00	1294033	1.234086036682129
2019-10-17 20:00	1290425	1.2306451797485352
2019-10-17 21:00	1292229	1.232365608215332

Because you can't filter the 4104...

```
> 10/17/19      10/17/2019 04:31:20 PM
11:31:20.000 PM LogName=Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational
                  SourceName=Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell
                  EventCode=4104
                  EventType=3
                  Type=Warning
                  ComputerName=ABUNGSTEIN-L.froth.ly
                  User=NOT_TRANSLATED
                  Sid=S-1-5-18
                  SidType=0
                  TaskCategory=Execute a Remote Command
                  OpCode=On create calls
                  RecordNumber=281689
                  Keywords=None
                  Message=Creating Scriptblock text (5 of 5):

lsc

                if ($PSBoundParameters.ContainsKey('Name')) {

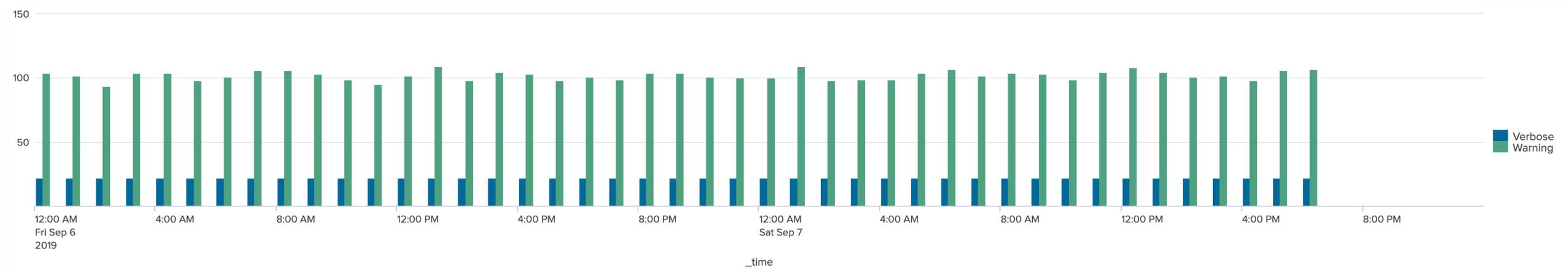
                    [object]$_cmdletization_value = $_{Name}

                    $_cmdletization_methodParameter = [Microsoft.PowerShell.Cmdletization.MethodParameter]@{Name = 'Name'; Par
                    $_cmdletization_value; IsValuePresent = $true}

                } else {
```

**But 4104 events  
“automatically”  
warn for suspicious  
modules? Maybe  
only collect those?**

# Nope.



```
// Calling Add-Type
case 3012981990: return "Add-Type";
case 3359423881: return "DllImport";

// Doing dynamic assembly building / method indirection
case 2713126922: return "DefineDynamicAssembly";
case 2407049616: return "DefineDynamicModule";
case 3276870517: return "DefineType";
case 419507039: return "DefineConstructor";
case 1370182198: return "CreateType";
case 1973546644: return "DefineLiteral";
case 3276413244: return "DefineEnum";
case 2785322015: return "DefineField";
case 837002512: return "ILGenerator";
case 3117011: return "Emit";
case 8831345: return "UmarshalableCodeAttribute";
case 2920989166: return "DefinePInvokeMethod";
case 1996222179: return "GetTypes";
case 3935635674: return "GetAssemblies";
case 955534258: return "Methods";
case 3368914227: return "Properties";

// Suspicious methods / properties on "Type"
case 398423780: return "GetConstructor";
case 37612027: return "GetField";
case 19982972: return "GetInterface";
case 1982269700: return "GetEvent";
case 1320818671: return "GetEvents";
case 1982805860: return "GetField";
case 1337439631: return "GetFields";
case 2784018083: return "GetInterface";
case 2864332761: return "GetInterfaceMap";
case 405214768: return "GetInterfaces";

case 1534378352: return "GetMember";
case 321088771: return "GetMembers";
case 1534592951: return "GetMethod";
case 327741340: return "GetMethods";
case 1116240007: return "GetNestedType";
case 243701964: return "GetNestedTypes";
case 1077700873: return "GetProperties";
case 1020114731: return "GetProperty";
case 257791250: return "InvokeMember";
case 3217683173: return "MakeArrayType";
case 821968872: return "MakeByRefType";
case 3538448099: return "MakeGenericType";
case 3207725129: return "MakePointerType";
case 1617553224: return "DeclaringMethod";
case 3152745313: return "DeclaringType";
case 4144122198: return "ReflectedType";
case 3455789533: return "TypeHandle";
case 62433608: return "TypeInitializer";
case 637454598: return "UnderlyingSystemType";

// Doing things with System.Runtime.InteropServices
case 1855303451: return "InteropServices";
case 839491486: return "Marshal";
case 1928879414: return "AllocHGlobal";
case 3180922282: return "PtrToStructure";
case 1718292736: return "StructureToPtr";
case 3390778911: return "FreeHGlobal";
case 311715213: return "IntPtr";

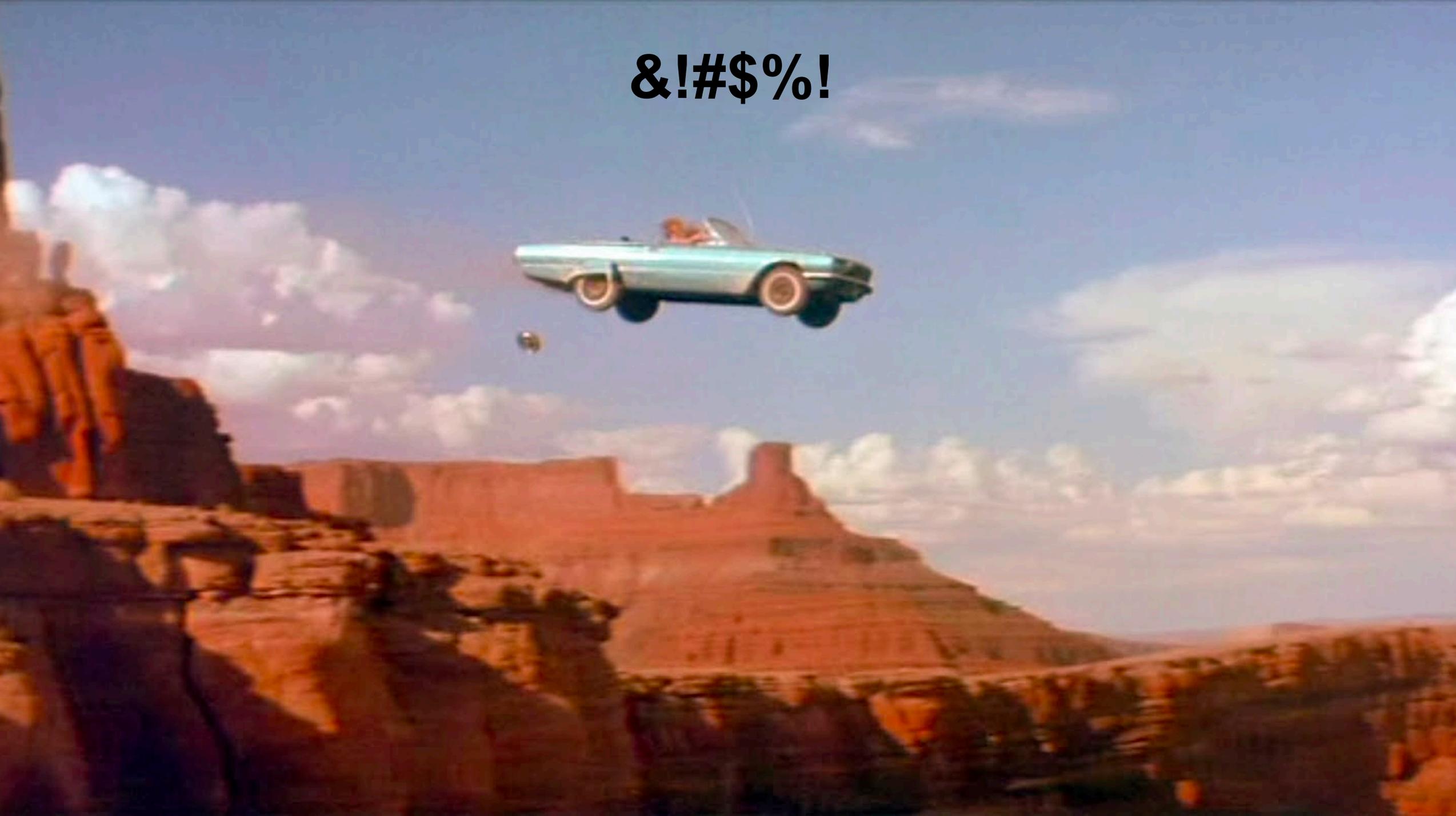
// General Obfuscation
case 1606191041: return "MemoryStream";
case 2147536747: return "DeflateStream";
case 1820815050: return "FromBase64String";
case 3656724093: return "EncodedCommand";
case 2920836328: return "Bypass";
case 3473847323: return "ToBase64String";
case 4192166699: return "ExpandString";
case 2462813217: return "GetPowerShell";

// Suspicious Win32 API calls
case 2123968741: return "OpenProcess";
case 3630248714: return "VirtualAlloc";
case 3303847927: return "VirtualFree";
case 512407217: return "WriteProcessMemory";
case 2357873553: return "CreateUserThread";
case 756544032: return "CloseHandle";
case 3400025495: return "GetDelegateForFunctionPointer";
case 314128220: return "kernel32";
case 2469462534: return "CreateThread";
case 3217199031: return "memcpy";
case 2283745557: return "LoadLibrary";
case 3317813738: return "GetModuleHandle";
case 2491894472: return "GetProcAddress";
case 1757922660: return "VirtualProtect";
case 2693938383: return "FreeLibrary";
case 2873914970: return "ReadProcessMemory";
case 271707920: return "CreateProcess";
case 216270884: return "AdjustTokenPrivileges";
case 2889008903: return "WriteByte";
case 3667925519: return "WriteInt32";
case 2742077861: return "OpenThreadToken";
case 2826980154: return "PtrToString";
case 3735047487: return "ZeroFreeGlobalAllocUnicode";
case 788615220: return "OpenProcessToken";
case 1264589033: return "GetTokenInformation";
case 2165372045: return "SetThreadToken";
case 197357349: return "ImpersonateLoggedOnUser";
case 12319999: return "ProcessSessionId";
case 2446460563: return "GetLogonSessionData";
case 2534763616: return "CreateProcessWithToken";
case 3512478977: return "DuplicateTokenEx";
case 3126049082: return "OpenWindowStation";
case 3990594194: return "OpenDesktop";
case 3195806696: return "MiniDumpWriteDump";
case 3990234693: return "AddSecurityPackage";
case 611728017: return "EnumerateSecurityPackages";
case 4283779521: return "GetProcessHandle";
case 845600244: return "DangerousGetHandle";
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Almost 200 modules are "Warning" worthy.

<https://github.com/PowerShell/PowerShell/blob/master/src/System.Management.Automation/engine/runtime/CompiledScriptBlock.cs>

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## LESSONS LEARNED!

- The SecKit IDM Interface Config powershell script is fundamentally incompatible with recommended powershell logging. The 4104 from it are unfilterable at the UF/HF level. Reduce interval?
- Many other useful powershell logs may be difficult to filter: YMMV.
- Make sure you aren't collecting duplicate info (4103 and 800!)
- Make sure you know what you're collecting, at what interval, and why! Maybe an alternative to powershell for gathering?

A man with a beard, wearing a dark jacket with the Splunk logo, is sitting at a desk in a laboratory. He is looking towards the camera. In the background, there is a complex piece of laboratory equipment with glass flasks and tubes. The man is wearing a dark jacket with the Splunk logo on the left chest. The background shows a laboratory setting with various pieces of equipment and a whiteboard with some numbers written on it.

**Can we filter better?**

**YES. But first...**



**“Thanks for  
the advice.  
But what  
event codes  
SHOULD we  
collect?”**



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That's a good question!

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# We typically answer with...



## What if we had an app for that?





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**Hands On! Windows  
Event Code Guidance!**



## Windows Event Code Security

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 Windows Event Code Security Analysis

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# Windows Event Code Security Analysis

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Export ...

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## Select "Michael Gough and NSA."

Authority

Michael Gough x NSA x

[Filter Filters](#)



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EVENT CODES IN LOOKUP

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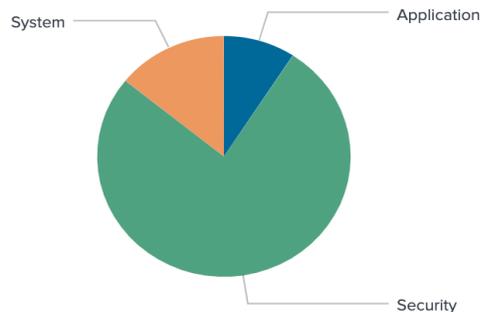
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### Security/System/Application Breakdown (2 selected)



### Count of Codes by Authority (2 selected)

Category	Total EventCodes	URL
NSA	194	<a href="https://github.com/nsacyber/Event-Forwarding-Guidance/tree/master/Events">https://github.com/nsacyber/Event-Forwarding-Guidance/tree/master/Events</a>
Microsoft AD	91	<a href="https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/identity/ad-ds/plan/appendix-1--events-to-monitor">https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/identity/ad-ds/plan/appendix-1--events-to-monitor</a>
Andrea Fortuna	88	<a href="https://www.andreafortuna.org/2019/06/12/windows-security-event-logs-my-own-cheatsheet/">https://www.andreafortuna.org/2019/06/12/windows-security-event-logs-my-own-cheatsheet/</a>
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Mike Lombardi	15	<a href="https://www.sans.org/cyber-security-summit/archives/file/summit-archive-1511904841.pdf">https://www.sans.org/cyber-security-summit/archives/file/summit-archive-1511904841.pdf</a>
SANS Forensics Guidance	15	<a href="https://isc.sans.edu/forums/diary/Windows+Events+log+for+IRForensics+Part+1/21493/">https://isc.sans.edu/forums/diary/Windows+Events+log+for+IRForensics+Part+1/21493/</a>

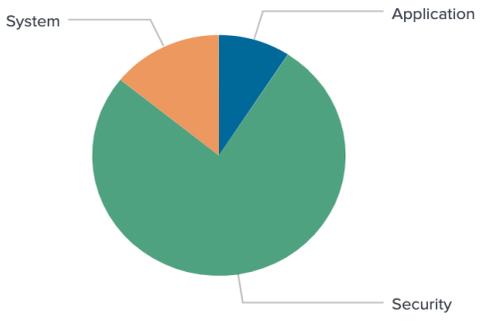
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### Michael Gough ATT&CK Mapping (2 selected)

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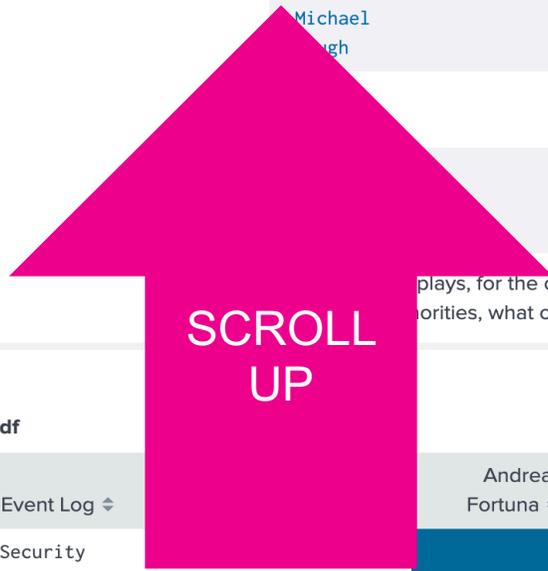
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7045	New Windows Service	System	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	4
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Click on 4688.

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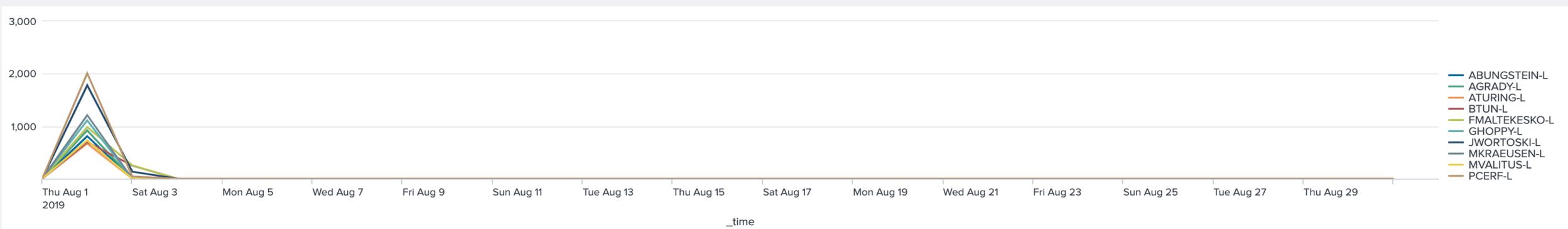
Sources: Aug 2019 [ALL x]

Indexes: [ALL x]

Event Code: 4688

Sourcetype:  wineventlog  xmlwineventlog

[Submit](#) [Hide Filters](#)



<b>10</b> HOSTS WITH THIS EVENT CODE	<b>YES</b> TAGGED SOMEWHERE IN CIM?	<b>22</b> MB SEEN FROM THIS EVENT IN TIME SELECTED	<b>2</b> AVG MB SEEN PER HOST IN TIME SELECTED	<b>YES</b> MITRE ATT&CK FRAMEWORK?	<b>NO</b> POSSIBLE DUPLICATE?
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Authority								
Andrea Fortuna								
Michael Gough								
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Recommends?

NO

YES

YES

YES

YES

NO

# Individual Event

Recommended Events Table

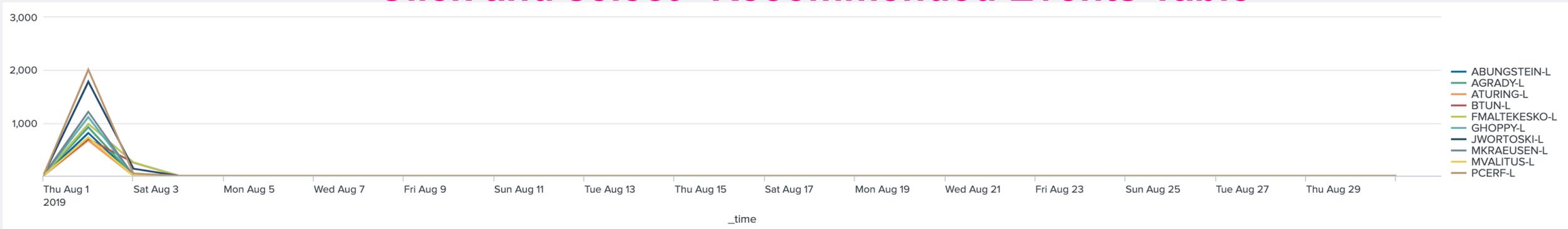
Other Events Table



## Click and select "Recommended Events Table"

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### Recommended Events Table

Export ...

Which events exist in my data that are recommended by various authorities to collect?

At Least This Many Authorities: Aug 2019 3

At Least This Many Hosts: 1

Sources: ALL x

Indexes: main x

Submit Hide Filters

1. Select "ALL" and "main"



2. Click!

! Search is waiting for input...

## Recommended Events Table

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At Least This Many Authorities

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Sources

Indexes

Aug 2019

3

1

ALL x

main x

Submit

Hide Filters

EventCode	ATT&CK	Category	Event Log	EventDescription	Level	NumHosts	Source	Subcategory	duplicate_possible	observed_volume	NumRecommenders
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4648	0	Logon/Logoff	Security	A logon was attempted using explicit credentials.	Information	14	WinEventLog:Security	Logon	0	In Development	5
4672	0	Privilege Use	Security	Special privileges assigned to new logon.	Information	12	WinEventLog:Security	Sensitive Privilege Use / Non Sensitive Privilege Use	0	In Development	4
4688	1	Detailed Logging	Security	A new process has been created.	Information	10	WinEventLog:Security	Process Creation	0	In Development	5
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4719	0	Policy Change	Security	System audit policy was changed.	Information	6	WinEventLog:Security	Audit Policy Change	0	In Development	6
4778	0	Logon/Logoff	Security	A session was reconnected to a Window Station.	Information	6	WinEventLog:Security	Other Logon/Logoff Events	0	In Development	5
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7045	1	System	System	New Windows Service	Information	5	WinEventLog:System	Service	0	In Development	4
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4722	0	Account Management	Security	A user account was enabled.	Information	4	WinEventLog:Security	User Account Management	0	In Development	5

Which events are we collecting that we "should" be, and from how many hosts?

# Other Events Table

Export ...

Which events exist in my data that are NOT recommended by any authorities?

At Least This Many Hosts:  Sources:  Indexes:   [Hide Filters](#)

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40961	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	19	WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Powershell/Operational WinEventLog:System	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	0
40962	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	19	WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Powershell/Operational	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	0
5337	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	19	WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Powershell/Operational	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	0
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15	0	Sysmon	Sysmon	File Create Stream Hash	Information	12	WinEventLog:Application WinEventLog:System	Sysmon	1	In Development	0
16384	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	11	WinEventLog:Application	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	0
916	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	11	WinEventLog:Application	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	0
10016	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	10	WinEventLog:System	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	0
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8198	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	10	WinEventLog:Application	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	Not in Lookup	0

Which events are we collecting that we MAYBE should NOT (for security use cases), and from how many hosts?

## Other Events Treemap

Export

...

Which events are not recommended for security, but we are collecting them anyway?

At Least This Many Hosts

Sources

Indexes

Aug 2019

1

ALL x

main x

Submit

Hide Filters



Same question, answered graphically...

Export ...

# Recommended Events Table

Which events exist in my data that are recommended by various authorities to

Individual Event Code Analysis

**Individual Host Analysis**

At Least This Many Authorities:  At Least This Many Hosts:  Sources:  Indexes:



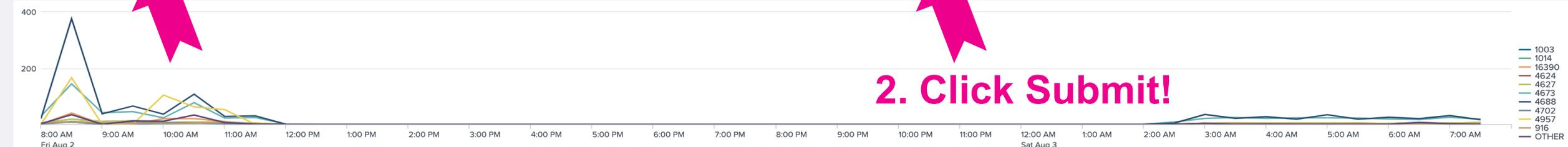
Select "Individual Host Analysis"

EventCode	ATT&CK	Category	Event Log	EventDescription	Level	NumHosts	Source	Subcategory	duplicate_possible	observed_volume	NumRecommenders
4624	1	Logon/Logoff	Security	An account was successfully logged on.	Information	23	WinEventLog:Security	Logon	0	In Development	7
4634	0	Logon/Logoff	Security	An account was logged off.	Information	17	WinEventLog:Security	Logoff	0	In Development	5
4648	0	Logon/Logoff	Security	A logon was attempted using explicit credentials.	Information	14	WinEventLog:Security	Logon	0	In Development	5
4672	0	Privilege Use	Security	Special privileges assigned to new logon.	Information	12	WinEventLog:Security	Sensitive Privilege Use / Non Sensitive Privilege Use	0	In Development	4
4688	1	Detailed Tracking	Security	A new process has been created.	Information	10	WinEventLog:Security	Process Creation	0	In Development	5
4647	0	Logon/Logoff	Security	User initiated logoff	Information	7	WinEventLog:Security	Logoff	0	In Development	4
4625	0	Logon/Logoff	Security	An account failed to log on.	Information	6	WinEventLog:Application WinEventLog:Security	Logon	1	In Development	7
4719	0	Policy Change	Security	System audit policy was changed.	Information	6	WinEventLog:Security	Audit Policy Change	0	In Development	6
4778	0	Logon/Logoff	Security	A session was reconnected to a Window Station.	Information	6	WinEventLog:Security	Other Logon/Logoff Events	0	In Development	5
4779	0	Logon/Logoff	Security	A session was disconnected from a Window Station.	Information	6	WinEventLog:Security	Other Logon/Logoff Events	0	In Development	5
7045	1	System	System	New Windows Service	Information	5	WinEventLog:System	Service	0	In Development	4
4720	0	Account Management	Security	A user account was created.	Information	4	WinEventLog:Security	User Account Management	0	In Development	5
4722	0	Account Management	Security	A user account was enabled.	Information	4	WinEventLog:Security	User Account Management	0	In Development	5

## Individual Host Analysis

Sources:  ALL X  
 Indexes:  ALL X  
 Host:   
 Sourcetype:  wineventlog  xmlwineventlog

**Submit** Hide Filters



**1. Select "All Time" – NOT REAL TIME ALL TIME**

**2. Click Submit!**

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4957	384	WinEventLog	Windows Firewall did not apply the following rule:	0.20	YES
4627	114	WinEventLog	Group membership information.	0.15	YES
4702	44	WinEventLog	A scheduled task was updated.	0.13	YES
1003	26	WinEventLog		0.11	NO
16390	90	WinEventLog		0.03	NO
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**37**

DIFFERENT EVENT CODES SEEN IN TIME SELECTED

**3**

MB SEEN FROM THIS HOST IN TIME SELECTED

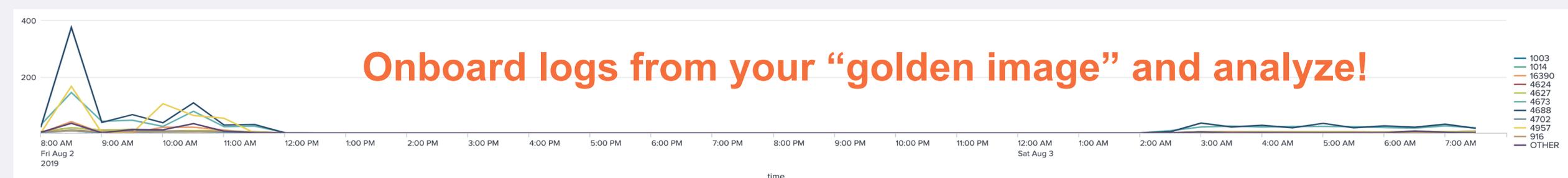
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WinEventLog	2556	WinEventLog:Application WinEventLog:Security WinEventLog:System	main
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# Individual Host Analysis

Edit Export ...

Sources: All time | ALL X  
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 Host: BTUN-L  
 Sourcetype:  wineventlog  xmlwineventlog

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# Where do I get it?

**1. From the link provided in the Endpoint App:**

<https://splk.it/conf19-splunk-endpoint>

**2. Github:**

[https://github.com/stressboi/splunk\\_wineventcode\\_secanalysis](https://github.com/stressboi/splunk_wineventcode_secanalysis)

**COMING! jp-CERT analysis as a 7<sup>th</sup> source!**



**Jake Williams**  
@MalwareJake

Enabling process auditing and sending all the endpoint event logs to Splunk



5.7K views

0:01 / 0:12



**Even with the best intentions...**

**Splunk eats too much.**



# What's normal?



MEDIUM



BIGGIE



GREAT BIGGIE



SMALL



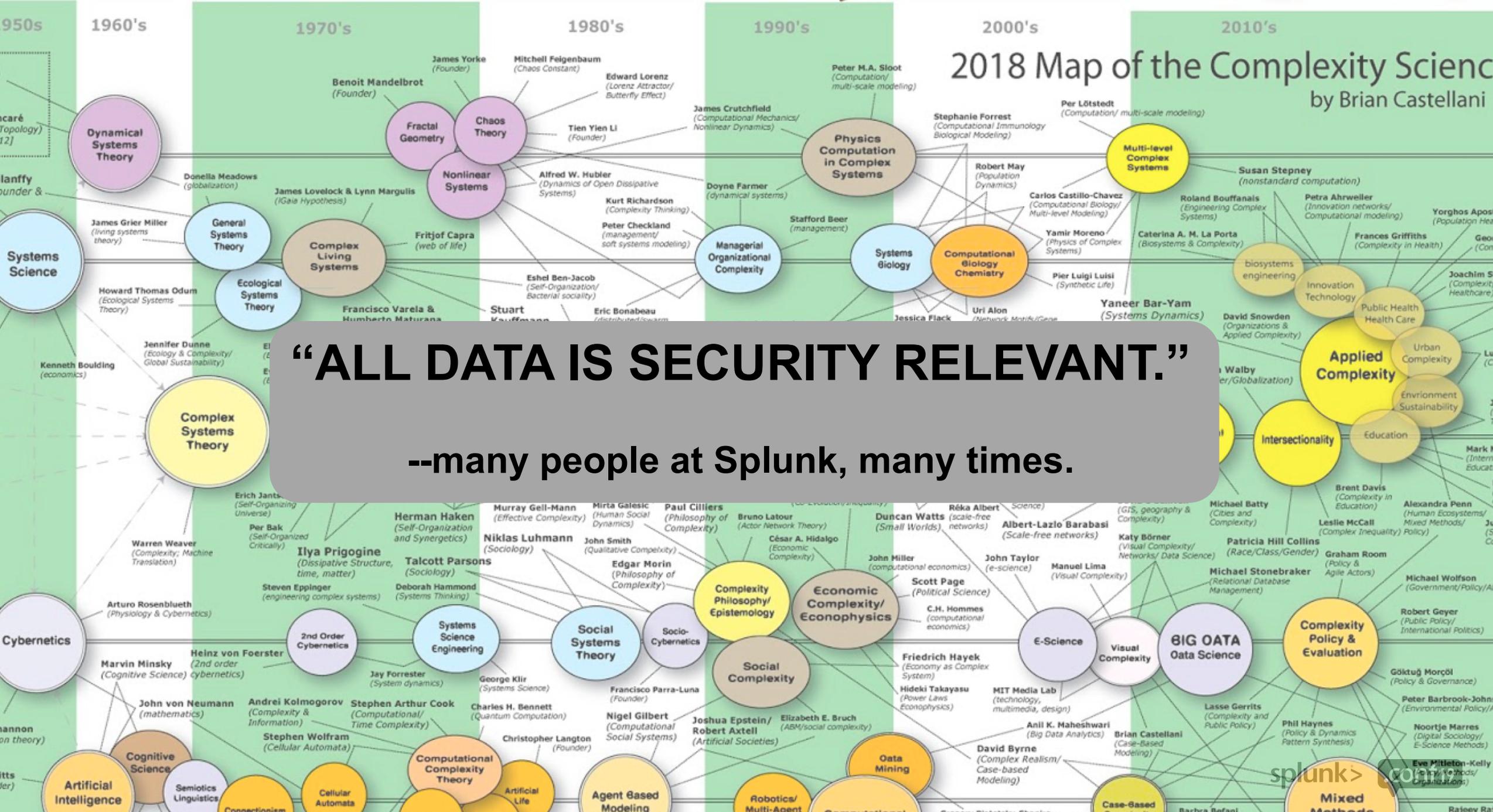
MEDIUM



LARGE

# 2018 Map of the Complexity Science

by Brian Castellani



**“ALL DATA IS SECURITY RELEVANT.”**  
 --many people at Splunk, many times.

# What kind of endpoints and how?

Over the past 12 months, what types of endpoints have been compromised? Please indicate if these were widespread or limited in scope to either a small number of endpoints or just one endpoint. Leave blank all types that were not compromised.

Widespread Small Number of Endpoints Single Endpoint

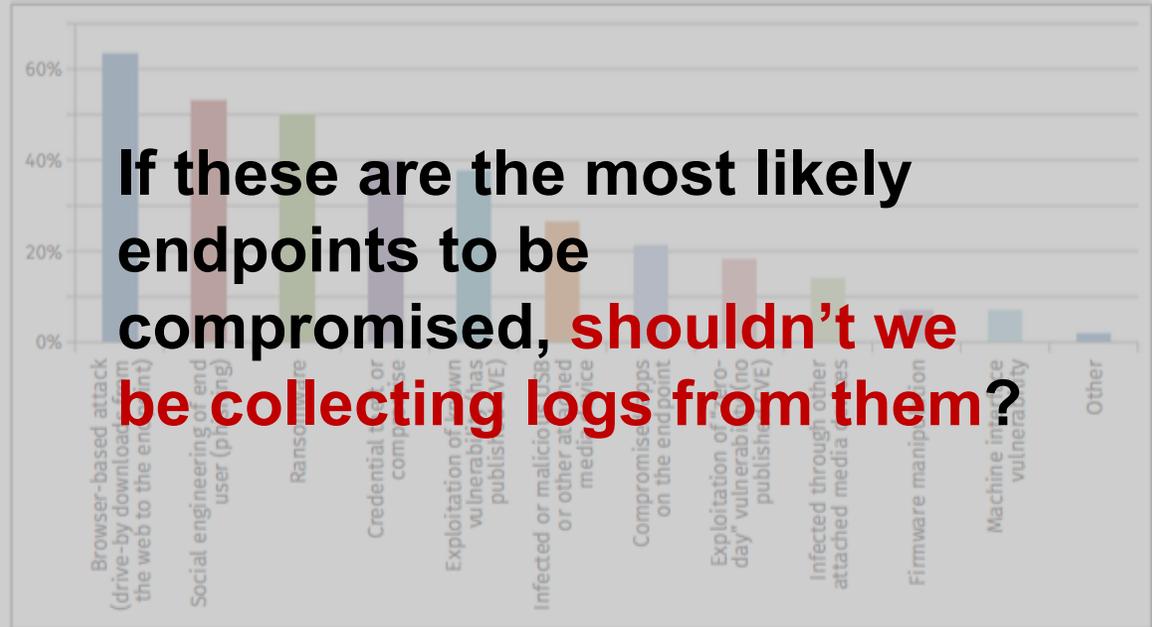
1. Employer-owned Desktops

2. Employer-owned Laptops

3. Employee-owned Laptops

4. Servers (LoB, Legacy)

How were these endpoints exploited? Select all that apply.



If these are the most likely endpoints to be compromised, shouldn't we be collecting logs from them?

Neely, 2018

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# What to collect from user endpoints?

## Using the Universal Forwarder on Windows

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**And what happens if you collect absolutely everything with no filtering?**

# Storage and compute doesn't grow on trees.



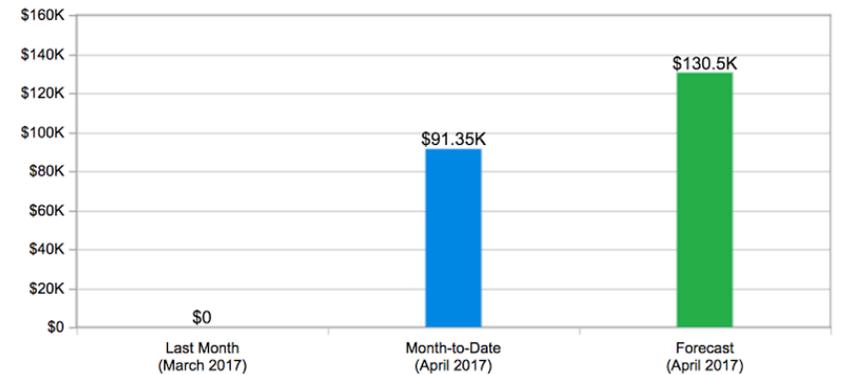
## Spend Summary

Cost Explorer

Welcome to the AWS Account Billing console. Your last month, month-to-date, and month-end forecasted costs appear below.

Current month-to-date balance for April 2017

# \$91,348.00



▶ Important Information about these Costs

Include Subscription Charges

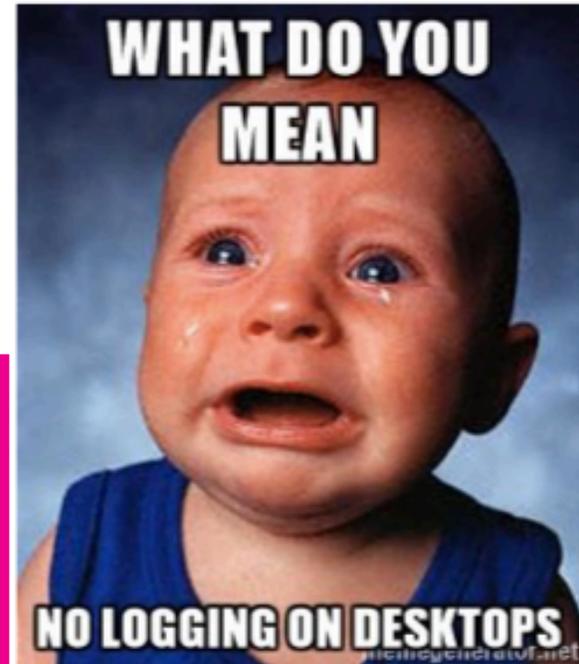
Today, client-side attacks are more common

- Means the attack occurs at the desktop
- Which means you need desktop logs...

Yet, cost of desktop logs is considered too high

- If strategy is collect everything, that is true
- If strategy is to stay nimble and tactical, it is more expensive not to log...

Advanced agent **filtering** is helpful or file server tricks



# What did we collect this year for BOTS?

- Latest UF (7.3.x) on every endpoint
- Latest Windows TA with all standard scripted inputs enabled except none of the “Mon” inputs (regmon, netmon, printmon, etc)
- Windows Security, System, Application Events using Michael Gough’s audit config and some blacklisting on Security events
- Microsoft Sysmon v10 with Olaf Hartong’s latest config + some more Splunk filtering tweaks
- Windows Powershell/Operational log (4103 and 4104 events)
- CB Response with watchlists and five standard threat feeds, as well as netconn and process events
- Splunk Stream collecting DNS, HTTP, TCP, UDP, DHCP and a few other protocols

**To gauge ingest levels we look at Windows Events, Sysmon, Scripted TA output, and Powershell.**

# What ingest did we see?

_time	ABUNGSTEIN-L	AGRADY-L	BSTOLL-L	BTUN-L	FMALTEKESKO-L	GHOPPY-L	JWORTOSKI-L	MVALITUS-L	PCERF-L
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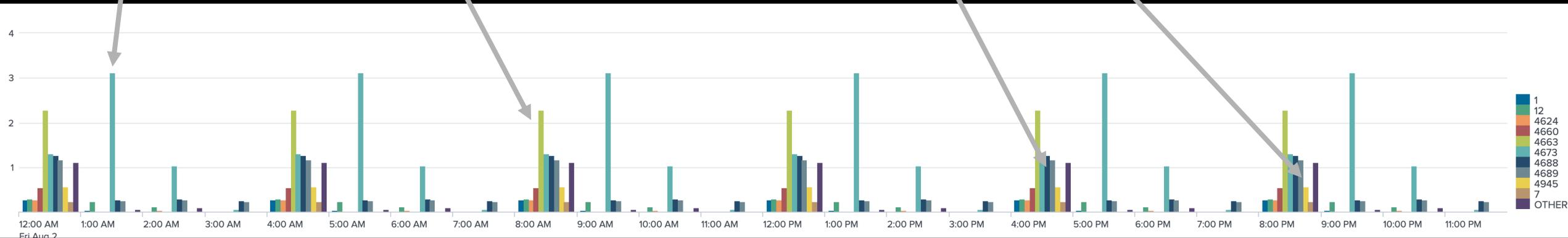
Upwards of 50MB per endpoint? Uhoh.

4688=Critical, but can also use Sysmon 1

4673=Not recommended to collect

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4663=Granular object auditing



**In general, we had lots of extra stuff.**

# If we remove those four codes...

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Best case, ~6MB a day, worst, ~12MB!

# BOTS Lessons Learned

- 1. If you can at all use Sysmon, do so. Much more granular and flexible filtering for process events, file creates. 4688 is better than nothing.**
- 2. Be ruthless about what event codes you collect. Collect the ones that meet your use case and are “recommended.”**
- 3. `renderXML=true` may save you some space, we used Classic because of some issues we found with blacklisting**

# red canary Carbon Black.

- Large, Fortune 500 company based in the US
- 70,000 Windows endpoints running **Carbon Black Response**
- **cb-event-forwarder** to get raw sensor data in Splunk
- COLLECT: Process info, network connection info, alerts, watchlists
- NOT COLLECT: File modifications, registry modifications, and module loads: diminishing returns from both splunk license and storage perspective...

(and if you need to, you can always hunt this stuff in the native tool.)

## 600GB a day (about 8.5MB per endpoint, per day!)

Security, Compliance and Fraud

All Skill Levels

## ⊕ SEC1952 - Finding Evil Is Never An Accident: How to Hunt in BOTS

**SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, October 22 | 04:15 PM - 05:00 PM | L4-4501 MARCELLO (VENETIAN)

### SPEAKERS

[Michael Haag](#), Director of Advanced Threat Detection, Red Canary

To secure the modern endpoint, you need sufficient data, the right visibility and analysis, and the technology necessary to stop an intrusion. We will leverage BOTSv4 data in this session to help you test and validate Splunk use cases related to...

**Industries:** Not industry specific

**Products:** Splunk Enterprise, Splunk Cloud

# What our BOTS machines collected from CB

## Event Collection

*Disabling event collection will impact visibility, but may improve sensor and server performance.*

### Process Events

- Process Information  
*Collect metadata including starts, stops, pid.*
- Process user context  
*Collect username associated with events.*
- File modifications  
*Record modifications of binary files, eg. dll/exe.*
  - Non-binary file writes  
*Record filemod events for non-binary files.*
- Binary module loads  
*Collect load events for .dll, .sys, .exe, .so, .dylib.*
- Network connections  
*Collect in/outgoing network events.*

### Windows Events

- Cross process events  
*Collect events across process boundaries.*
- Registry modifications  
*Collect write and delete events in the registry.*
- EMET events  
*Collect EMET mitigation and protection events.*

### Binary / Module / Storefile Events

- Binaries  
*Collect binary modules.*
- Binary info  
*Collect metadata that describes binaries.*

# What our BOTS machines looked like from CB

_time	ABUNGSTEIN-L	AGRADY-L	BSTOLL-L	BTUN-L	FMALTEKESKO-L	GHOPPY-L	JWORTOSKI-L	MVALITUS-L	PCERF-L
2019-08-02 00:00	0.542	0.948	2.885	2.894	1.317	1.758	4.967	0.739	0.866
2019-08-02 01:00	0.587	0.659	0.616	0.824	0.243	1.352	4.502	0.460	0.849
2019-08-02 02:00	0.366	0.611	0.663	0.492		1.290	3.766	0.494	0.836
2019-08-02 03:00	0.470	0.501	0.642	0.415		0.512	2.971	0.502	0.919
2019-08-02 04:00	0.542	0.948	2.885	2.894	1.317	1.758	4.967	0.739	0.866
2019-08-02 05:00	0.587	0.659	0.616	0.824	0.243	1.352	4.502	0.460	0.849
2019-08-02 06:00	0.366	0.611	0.663	0.492		1.290	3.766	0.494	0.836
2019-08-02 07:00	0.470	0.501	0.642	0.415		0.512	2.971	0.502	0.919
2019-08-02 08:00	0.542	0.948	2.885	2.894	1.317	1.758	4.967	0.739	0.866
2019-08-02 09:00	0.587	0.659	0.616	0.824	0.243	1.352	4.502	0.460	0.849
2019-08-02 10:00	0.366	0.611	0.663	0.492		1.290	3.766	0.494	0.836
2019-08-02 11:00	0.470	0.501	0.642	0.415		0.512	2.971	0.502	0.919
2019-08-02 12:00	0.542	0.948	2.885	2.894	1.317	1.758	4.967	0.739	0.866
2019-08-02 13:00	0.587	0.659	0.616	0.824	0.243	1.352	4.502	0.460	0.849
2019-08-02 14:00	0.366	0.611	0.663	0.492		1.290	3.766	0.494	0.836
2019-08-02 15:00	0.470	0.501	0.642	0.415		0.512	2.971	0.502	0.919
2019-08-02 16:00	0.542	0.948	2.885	2.894	1.317	1.758	4.967	0.739	0.866
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2019-08-02 18:00	0.366	0.611	0.663	0.492		1.290	3.766	0.494	0.836
2019-08-02 19:00	0.470	0.501	0.642	0.415		0.512	2.971	0.502	0.919
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2019-08-02 22:00	0.366	0.611	0.663	0.492		1.290	3.766	0.494	0.836
2019-08-02 23:00	0.470	0.501	0.642	0.415		0.512	2.971	0.502	0.919

# What our BOTS machines looked like from CB

These look like 7-8 MB a day... What the heck is that?

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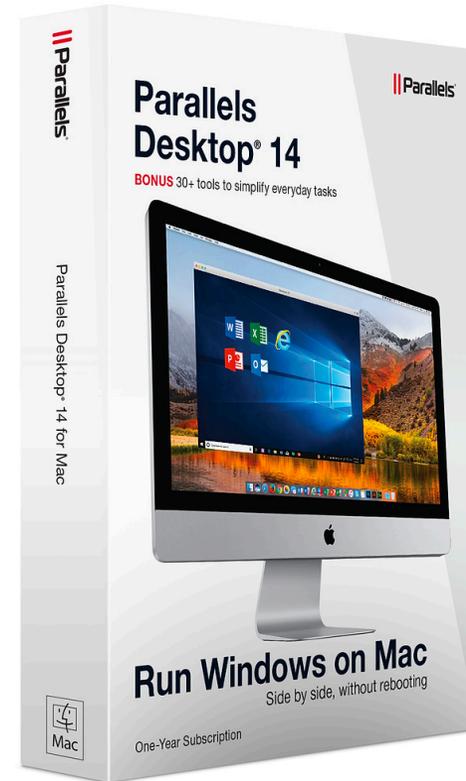
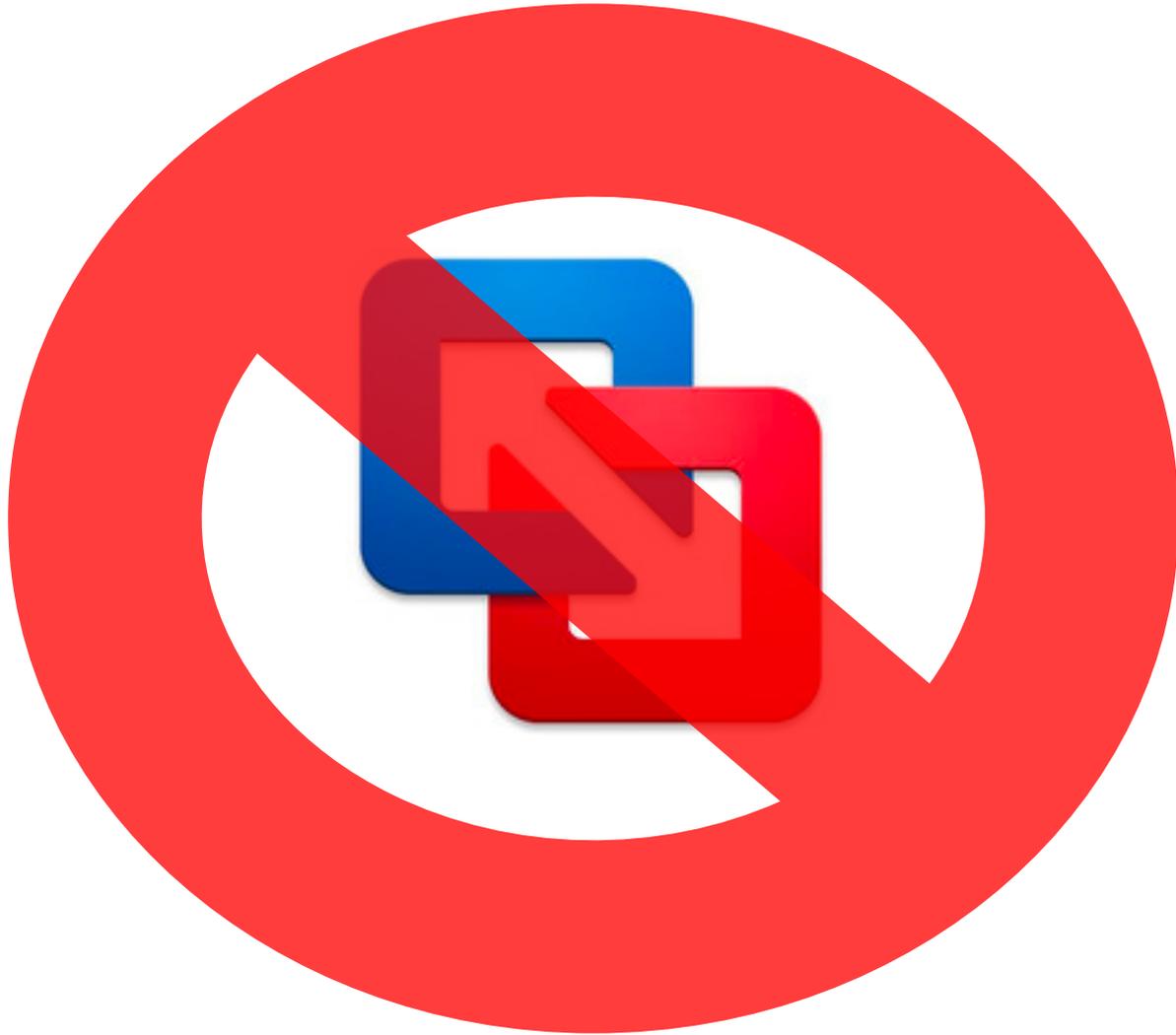
# JWORTOSKI had a broken IPv6 config?

8/2/19  
11:59:49.000 PM

```
{ [-]  
  cb_server: cserver  
  computer_name: JWORTOSKI-L  
  direction: outbound  
  domain:  
  event_type: netconn  
  link_process: https://34.220.185.163/#analyze/00000003-0000-086c-01d5-4727be08fe6c/0  
  link_sensor: https://34.220.185.163/#/host/3  
  local_ip: fe80::d903:176e:3226:9023  
  local_port: 56999  
  md5: 0861726716C9610CE5F6BCF3F4858DA1  
  pid: 2156  
  process_guid: 00000003-0000-086c-01d5-4727be08fe6c  
  process_path: c:\windows\system32\svchost.exe  
  protocol: 17  
  proxy: false  
  remote_ip: fe80::21c:42ff:fe00:18  
  remote_port: 53  
  sensor_id: 3  
  sha256: 29F04D5F4B8D798038CB9647178A8B9C68E16DC50DA850937F6E993FC7967B75  
  timestamp: 1564790389  
  type: ingress.event.netconn  
}
```

Show as raw text

# JWORTOSKI was different.



# Other Endpoints...

computer_name ↕	MULTICAST ↕	LINKLOCAL ↕
ABUNGSTEIN-L	234	420
AGRADY-L	264	270
BSTOLL-L	528	516
BTUN-L	432	18
FMALTEKESKO-L	84	0
GHOPPY-L	294	0
JWORTOSKI-L	2310	58278
MVALITUS-L	174	258
PCERF-L	204	0

- Evidently CB's "netconn" collects IPv6 by default
- Could filter this in a number of places – cb forwarder config or UF on forwarder box with indexed extractions, or indexers
- Review your data and look for anomalies like this to filter out!

**BOTS 5: ONLY IPv6! You heard it here first.**

New Search Save As ▾ New Table Close

# Fortune 500 Customer w/CrowdStrike Falcon

59,092,926 events (10/17/19 12:00:00.000 AM to 10/18/19 12:00:00.000 AM) No Event Sampling ▾ Job ▾ || ■ ↗ ⌵ ⌵ ⚡ Fast Mode ▾

Events Patterns **Statistics (1)** Visualization

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_time ▾	BlazeM ▾ /	Perfmon:Process ▾ /	WinEventLog ▾ /	akamai:cm:json ▾ /	channel-services ▾ /	cisco:asa ▾ /	cs_replicator ▾ /	netstat ▾ /	opsec ▾ /	ucd_server ▾ /	OTHER ▾ /
2019-10-17	146.950	192.046	633.507	362.761	350.767	367.543	868.057	127.839	142.524	462.597	1027.639

**633GB from ~4,500 Production Windows Servers**  
 (~140MB a day per Server)

**868GB from ~18,000 Endpoints (mostly Windows)**  
 (~48MB a day per Endpoint)

**NO FILTERING.**

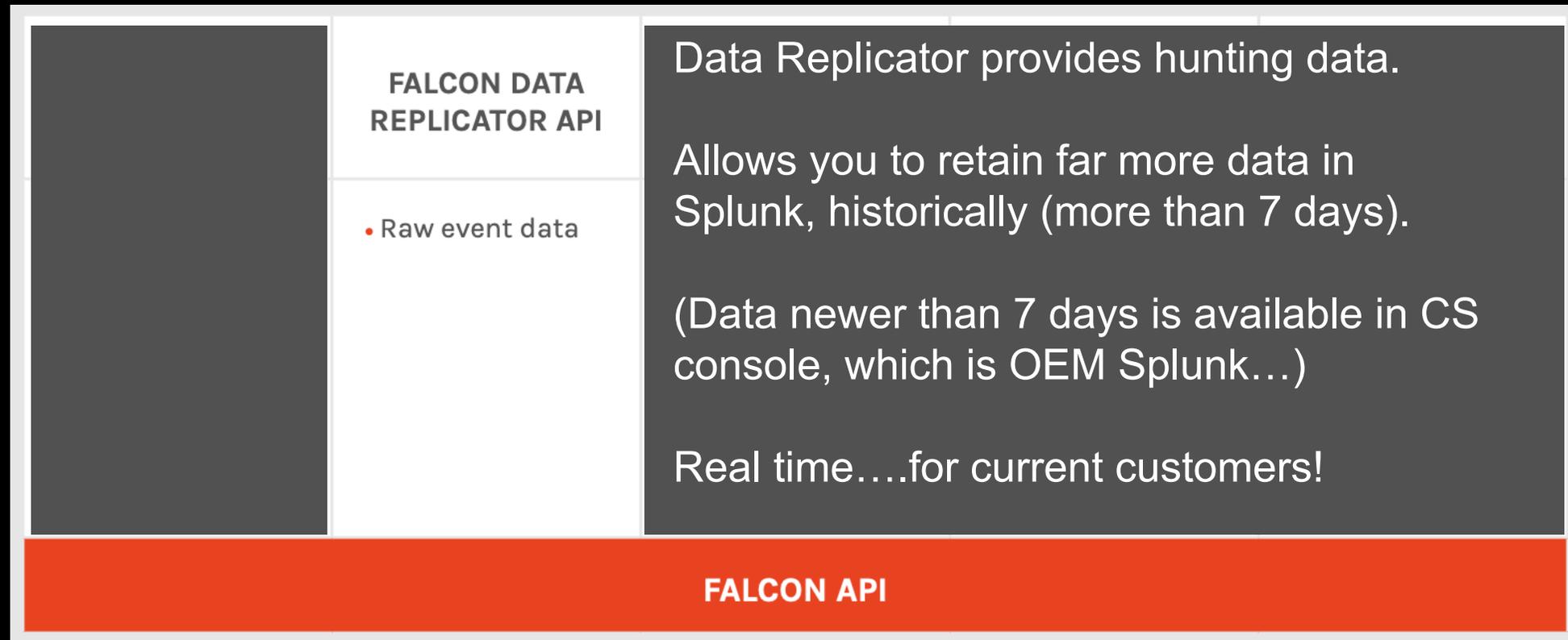


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  - Falcon SIEM Connector (detections and audit events)
  - Falcon Streaming API (detections and audit events)
  - Falcon Replicator (granular sensor data) usually via SQS

FALCON STREAMING API	FALCON DATA REPLICATOR API	FALCON QUERY API	FALCON INTEL API	FALCON THREAT GRAPH API
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detections</li> <li>• Audit events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raw event data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Search for IOCs, devices and detections</li> <li>• Manage detections and custom IOC watch list</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actors</li> <li>• Indicators</li> <li>• News</li> <li>• Tailored intel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detections</li> <li>• IOC search</li> <li>• Process metadata</li> </ul>
<b>FALCON API</b>				



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sourcetype=cs\_replicator index="crowdstrike\_raw" | top limit=20 event\_simpleName

Last 30 minutes ▾ 

✓ 5,997,907 events (10/18/19 9:22:00.000 PM to 10/18/19 9:52:23.000 PM) No Event Sampling ▾

Job ▾       Smart Mode ▾

Events Patterns **Statistics (20)** Visualization

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# Data from CrowdStrike's Falcon Replicator...

## Process (over 80%), DNS, File, etc.

event_simpleName ↕	count ↕ 	percent ↕ 
ProcessRollup2	4347072	72.485135
EndOfProcess	696210	11.608935
ProcessRollup2Stats	217471	3.626214
ChannelVersionRequired	146640	2.445145
SetWinEventHookEtw	78958	1.316583
DnsRequest	67367	1.123309
SensorHeartbeat	66752	1.113054
ImageHash	48792	0.813581
NetworkConnectIP4	38867	0.648087
NewScriptWritten	30864	0.514641
DirectoryCreate	26272	0.438072
PeFileWritten	21576	0.359768
TerminateProcess	18268	0.304609
UserLogon	17957	0.299424
UserLogonFailed2	17754	0.296039
ExecutableDeleted	17209	0.286951
NewExecutableWritten	16759	0.279447
UserLogoff	16593	0.276680
ConfigStateUpdate	9702	0.161776
CurrentSystemTags	7975	0.132979

# New Search

sourcetype=cs\_replicator index="crowdstrike\_raw" | top limit=20

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## Powershell Encoded

- ✓ Powershell Encoded ("system" user excluded)
- Scheduled Task Registered
- Suspicious Registry Changes
- Executables Running from Recycle Bin
- Reconnaissance Tools
- Hunting Suspicious Processes
- Hunting Phishing Attacks & Malicious Attachments
- Files Written to Removable Media
- Rare DNS
- Remote Access Tool Usage

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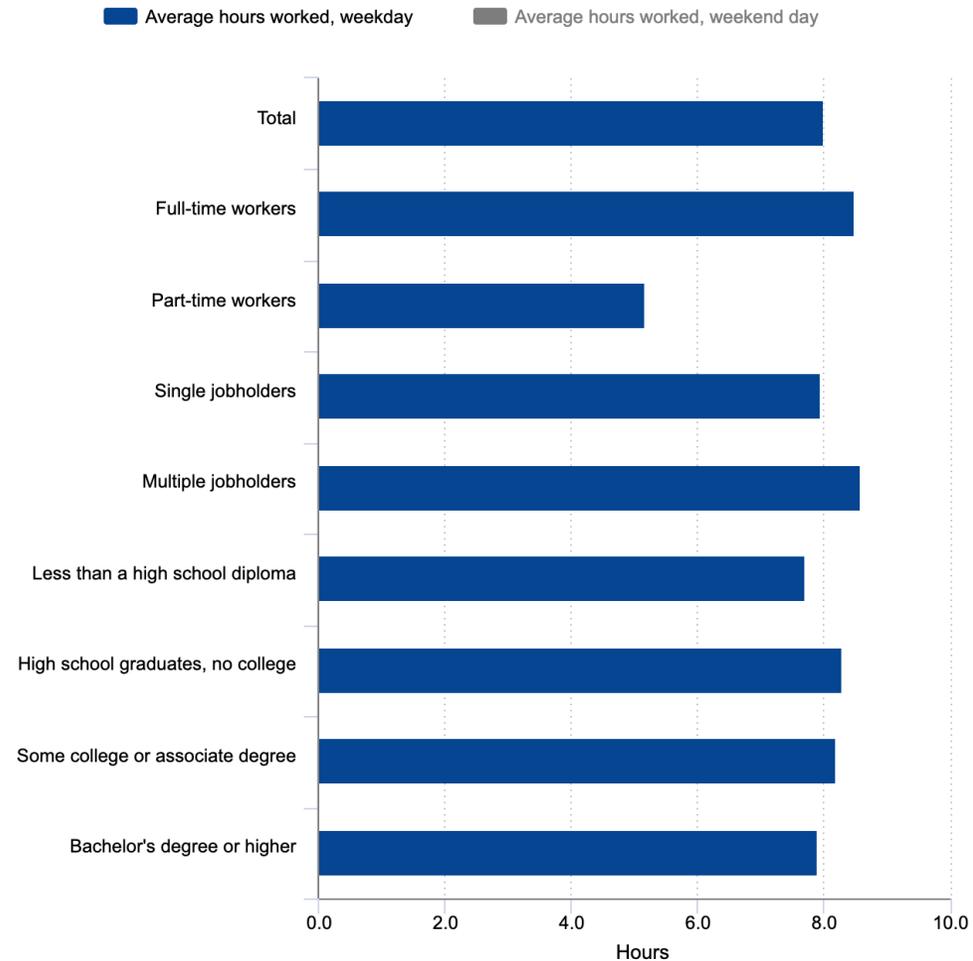
Last 30 minutes

Job   ||   →   ☰   ↓   Smart Mode

	percent
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Executables Running from Recycle Bin	2.445145
Reconnaissance Tools	1.316583
Hunting Suspicious Processes	1.123309
Hunting Phishing Attacks & Malicious Attachments	1.113054
Files Written to Removable Media	0.813581
Rare DNS	0.648087
Remote Access Tool Usage	0.514641
	0.438072
	0.359768
	0.304609
	0.299424
	0.296039
	0.286951
	0.279447
	0.276680
	0.161776
	0.132979

Data  
Rep  
Proc  
Auth

Average hours employed people spent working on days worked by day of week, 2018 annual averages



Data for educational attainment refer to persons 25 years and over.  
Hover over chart to view data.  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



**What would endpoint collection nirvana look like?**

***Well, how many hours a day do your employees work?***

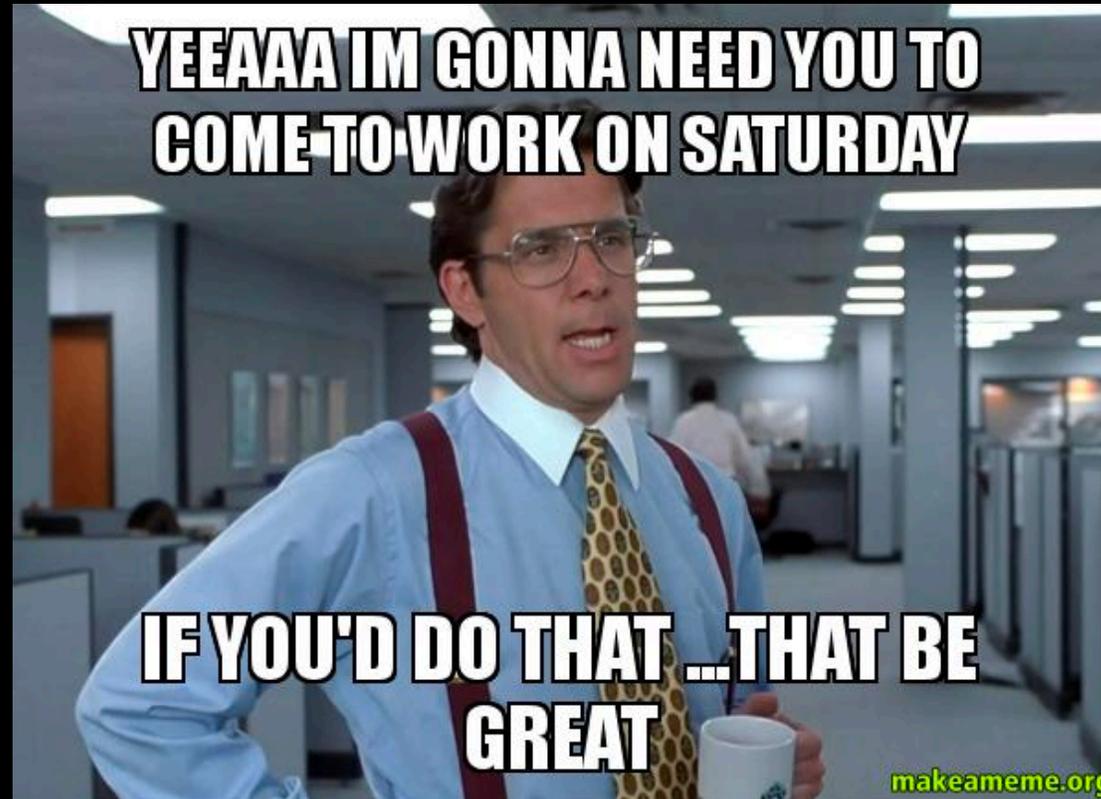
# Except for ... millennials?



**~1MB per hour a “nirvana” goal.**



**But realistically, max 2MB per work-hour.**

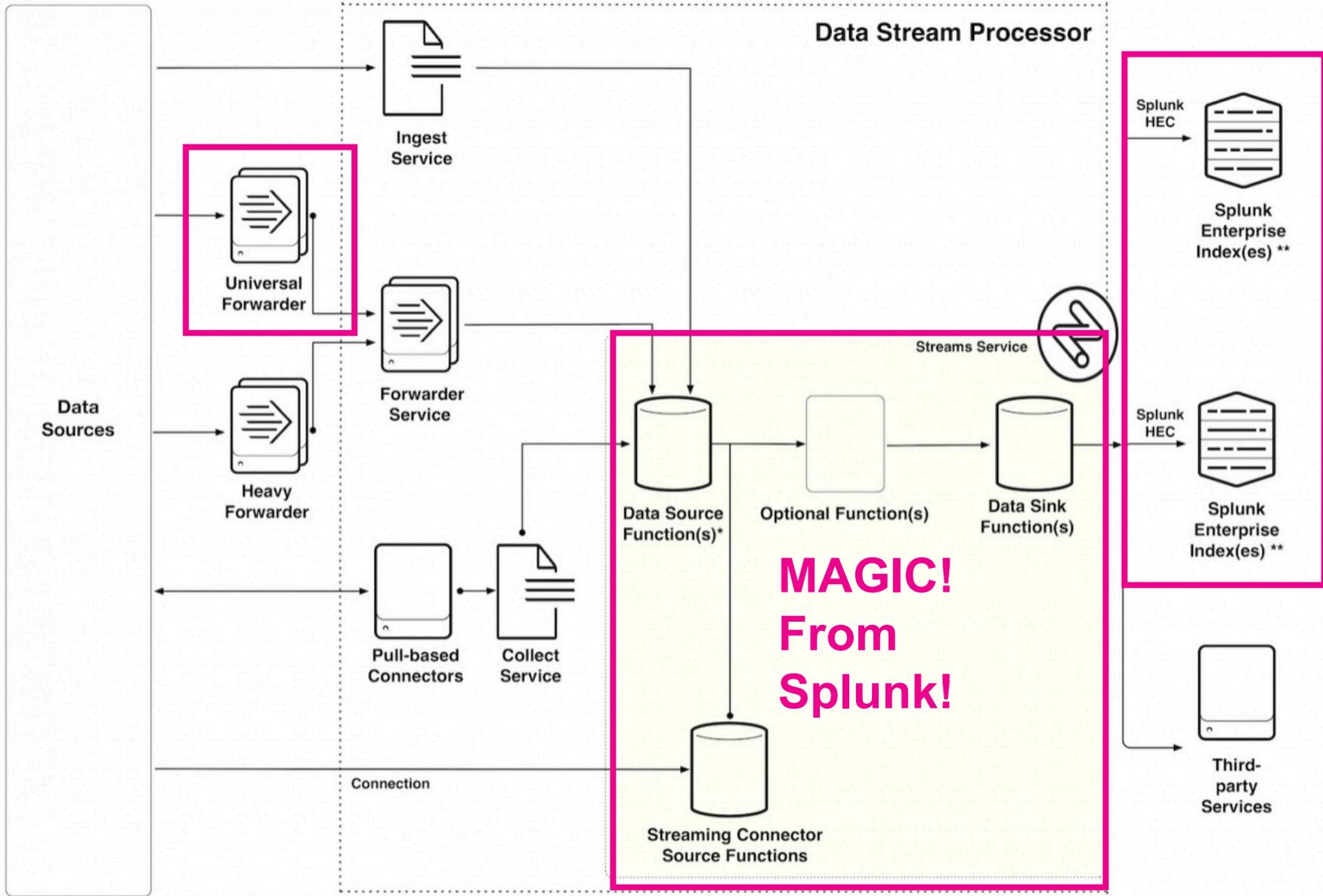


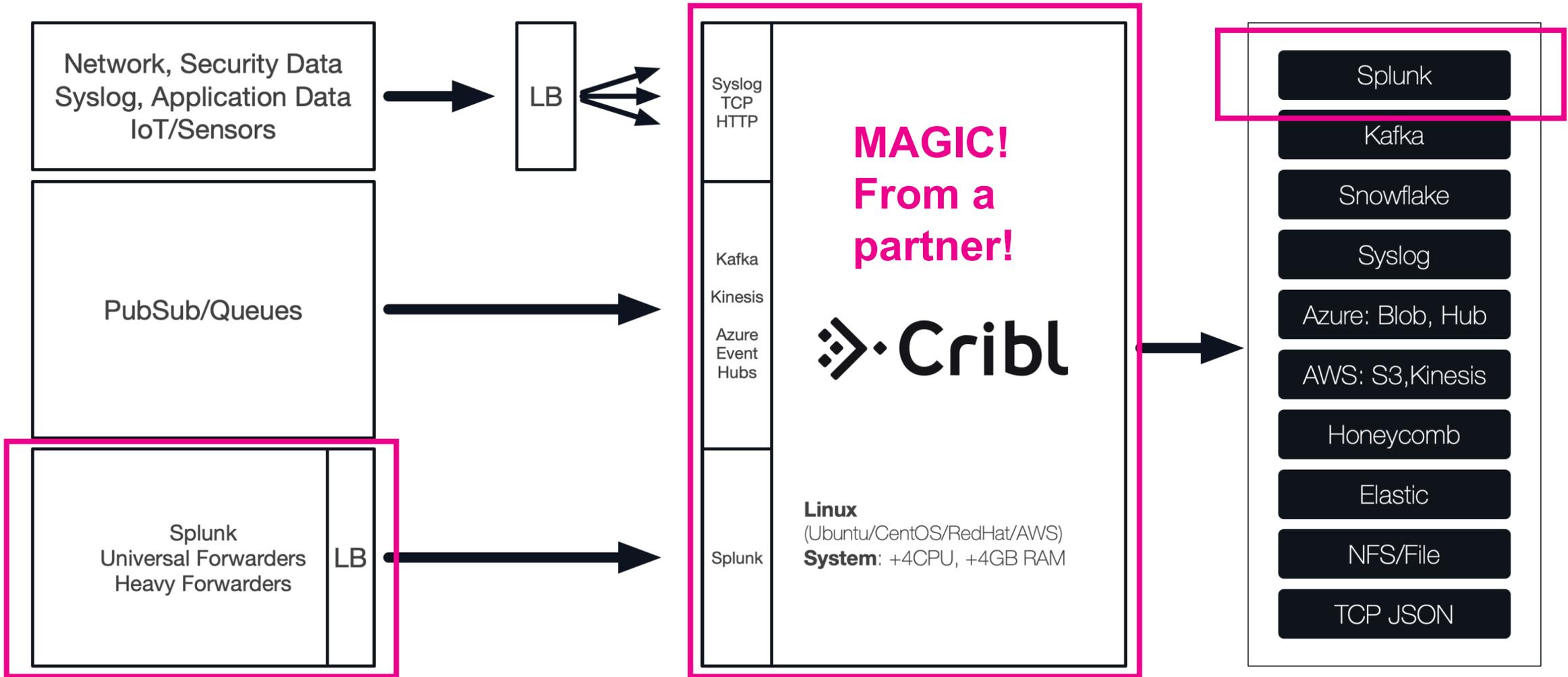
**“Sure, but know that it’s gonna increase our Splunk ingest/storage/compute cost.”**

# What can we do besides audit config and filter?

 Cribl splunk<sup>®</sup> > dsp

**Pre-Index, or “Stream” Processing!**





# What magic?

The screenshot displays the Splunk configuration interface. On the left, the 'Routes' tab is active, showing a table of routes with filters. On the right, the 'Stats' page shows performance metrics for the host 'nlmg19m...'. Two pink boxes highlight specific filter expressions and their corresponding byte throughput metrics.

#	Route	Filter	Pipeline/Output	Events	Show All
1	Cleanup Sy...	<code>sourcetype=='XmlWinEventLog:Micro...</code>	sysmon cleanup	62.77...	On X
2	Cleanup Wi...	<code>sourcetype=='WinEventLog:Securit...</code>	wineventlogs	19.10...	On X
3	Cleanup Po...	<code>source=='WinEventLog:Microsoft-W...</code>	Windows With P...	4.690%	On X
4	default	true	main splunk_lb:prd_sp...	13.43...	On X

Stats Summary:

- HOST: nlmgl9m...
- CPU LOAD: 2.49, 2.53, ...
- RAM: 16.98GB/31.2...
- Live:  Last 1hr Stats
- Events IN: 15.29m
- Events OUT: 12.92m
- Events THRUPUT: 3.95keps
- Bytes IN: 8.51GB
- Bytes OUT: 4.17GB
- Bytes THRUPUT: 2.19MBps

Inputs: splunk:local-splunk

(x10)

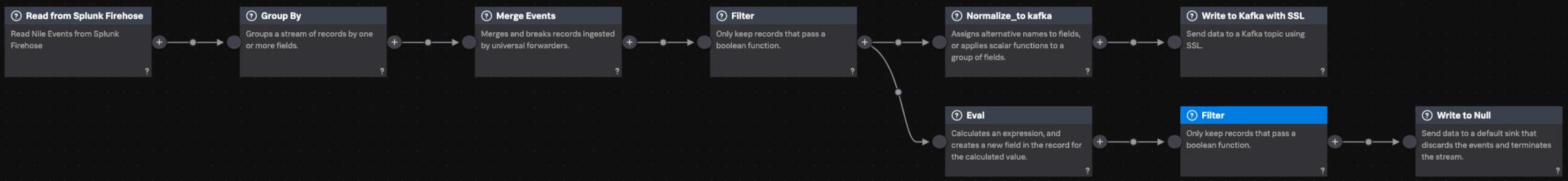
“Reduce by Half.”

**“But I can just continue to play with audit configs at the source, and white/blacklists...”**

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**Key Takeaway:** Stream Processing **centralizes** and **eases** the config and puts **YOU** in complete control of your events, and where they end up.

**Let forwarders forward and indexers index and search.**



```

Predicate
1 in(Get("EventCode"), "512", "513", "516", "517", "520",
"528", "529", "530", "531", "532", "533", "534",
"535", "536", "537", "538", "539", "540", "551",
"552", "560", "562", "564", "576", "578", "602",
"608", "609", "610", "611", "612", "620", "621",
"622", "624", "625", "626", "627", "628", "629",
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"795", "796", "800", "1102", "1104", "1108", "4608",
"4609", "4612", "4616", "4621", "4624", "4625",
"4634", "4647", "4648", "4656", "4657", "4658",
"4660", "4670", "4672", "4674", "4697", "4698",
"4699", "4700", "4701", "4702", "4704", "4705")

```

# At-scale Windows event filtering and routing in DSP!

```
{  
  "filter": "true",  
  "id": "serde",  
  "description": "Filter out unwanted kv pairs",  
  "conf": {  
    "mode": "reserialize",  
    "type": "json",  
    "srcField": "_raw",  
    "remove": [  
      "cid",  
      "name",  
      "TokenType",  
      "IntegrityLevel",  
      "ImageSubsystem",  
      "Entitlements",  
      "EffectiveTransmissionClass",  
      "ConfigStateHash"  
    ],  
    "fieldFilterExpr": ""  
  }  
},
```

# Cribl filtering of unwanted Crowdstrike k/v pairs!

7TB became **3TB**.  
(They also dropped certain  
classes of events...)

Pipelines > infoblox:dns

Attached to Route: default

Events IN 18.20m OUT 1.36m ERR 0

#	Function	Filter
1	Regex*	/ query:\s(?<__dns_request_queried_domain>\S+)
2	Drop	__dns_request_queried_domain.endsWith(██████████.com) On
3	Drop	__dns_request_queried_domain.endsWith('cylance.com') On
4	Drop	__dns_request_queried_domain.endsWith(██████████.com) On
5	Drop	__dns_request_queried_domain.endsWith('windowsupdat...') On
6	Drop	__dns_request_queried_domain.endsWith('in-addr.arpa') On
7	Drop	__dns_request_queried_domain.endsWith('windows.com') On
8	Drop	__dns_request_queried_domain.endsWith('vsi.com') On

# Filtering of Common DNS Destinations!

HOST: chmg19m... CPU LOAD: 0.38, 0.83, ... RAM: 460.30MB/15.5... Live Last 1hr Stats

Events IN	Events OUT	Events THRUPUT
17.86m	1.35m	23.68eps
Bytes IN	Bytes OUT	Bytes THRUPUT
1.89GB	136.68MB	3.29KBps

Inputs Sources Hosts Sourcetypes Indexes Outputs

splunk:local-splunk 1.89GB

## (Variation: Alexa Top 1000)

<https://blog.cribl.io/2019/01/28/using-cribl-to-analyze-dns-logs-in-real-time-part-2/>

Routes Pipelines

+ Add Route ⚙️

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2	Cleanup Wi...	<code>sourcetype=='WinEventLog:Securit...</code>	wineventlogs	21.26...	On X
3	Cleanup Po...	<code>source=='WinEventLog:Microsoft-W...</code>	Windows With P...	2.160%	On X

Route Name\*

Cleanup Powershell

Disabled  No

Filter

`source=='WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational'`

Pipeline\*

Windows With Powershell

Output

default

Description

Enter a description

Final  Yes

4	default	true	main splunk_lb:prd_sp...	13.95...	On X
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*Remember our pesky 4104 filtering issue?*

**MD5 Hashing of Powershell Script Block Logging Content!**

#	Function	Filter	Filter	Show All
1	Regex Extract	true	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	X

Filter ?

true

Description ?

Enter a description

Final ?  No

Regex\* ?

`/(?<__psfunction>function[\S\s]*)ScriptBlock`

Additional Regex

Add Regex

Source Field ?

\_raw

Capture everything in the Message prior to "ScriptBlock" ...

Pipelines > Windows With Powershell

+ Add Function ⚙️

Attached to Route: Cleanup Powershell

Events IN 362.03k OUT 362.03k ERR 0

#	Function	Filter	Filter	Show All
1	Regex Extract	true		On X
2	Eval	true		On X
3	Suppress	true		On X
4	Eval	suppress==1		On X

Filter: true

Description: Pick out what I want to drop in the PowerShell event

Final: No

Evaluate Fields

Name	Value Expression
preLength	_raw.length
psFunctionHash	C.Mask.md5(__psfunction, 10)
functionLength	__psfunction.length

Add Field

Keep Fields: Enter field names

Remove Fields: Enter field names

3 Suppress true

Filter: true

Description: Enter a description

Final: No

Key Expression\*: \_\_psfunction

Number to Allow\*: 1

Suppression Period (sec)\*: 300

Drop Suppressed Events: No

> ADVANCED SETTINGS

...and if it's the same hash, suppress it unless 10m (configurable) has elapsed.

# DSP too?

Splunk® Data Stream Processor

# Data Stream Processor Function Reference

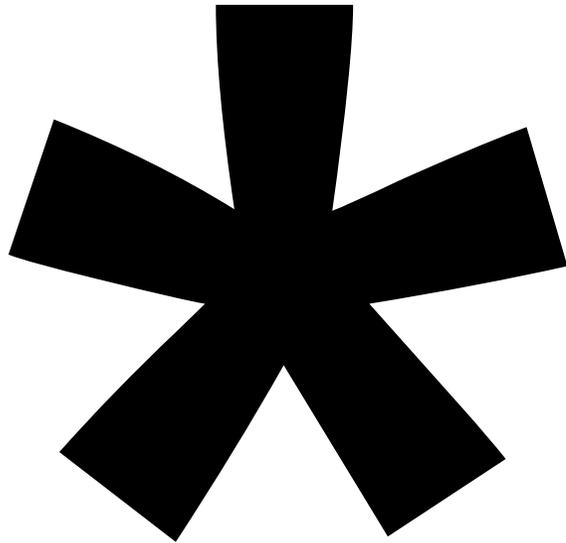
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Cryptographic scalar functions	Function Name	Description
	<code>md5</code>	Computes and returns the MD5 hash of a byte value X.
	<code>sha1</code>	Computes and returns the secure hash of a byte value X based on the FIPS compliant SHA-1 hash function.
	<code>sha256</code>	Computes and returns the secure hash of a byte value X based on the FIPS compliant SHA-256 hash function.
	<code>sha512</code>	Computes and returns the secure hash of a byte value X based on the FIPS compliant SHA-512 hash function.

# DSP has a very rich library of functions...including hashing.

# Does it scale?

**DSP: 5 nodes  
27TB a day.**



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FORWARDER



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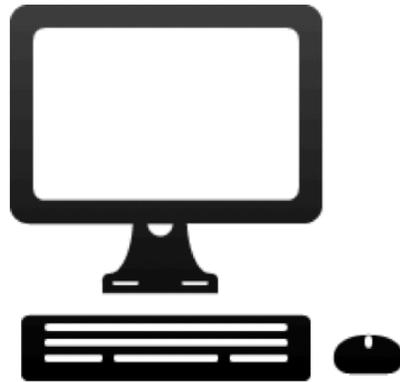
# Slides from .confs of yore...

## The UF: It's More Than You Think

Process/Apps/FIM

Registry

Scripts



Logs

Perfmon

Wire Data

Sysmon

*\*Including PowerShell!*

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**People HATE agents.**



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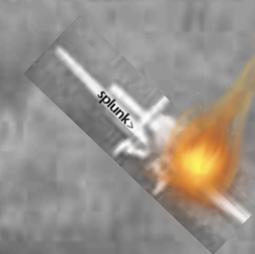
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- It’s an agent
  - You have to install and maintain it
  - It doesn’t run on all OS’s you may have
  - It only sends to Splunk\*
  - Improperly configured it can impact performance
  - It can be used for good...or evil...

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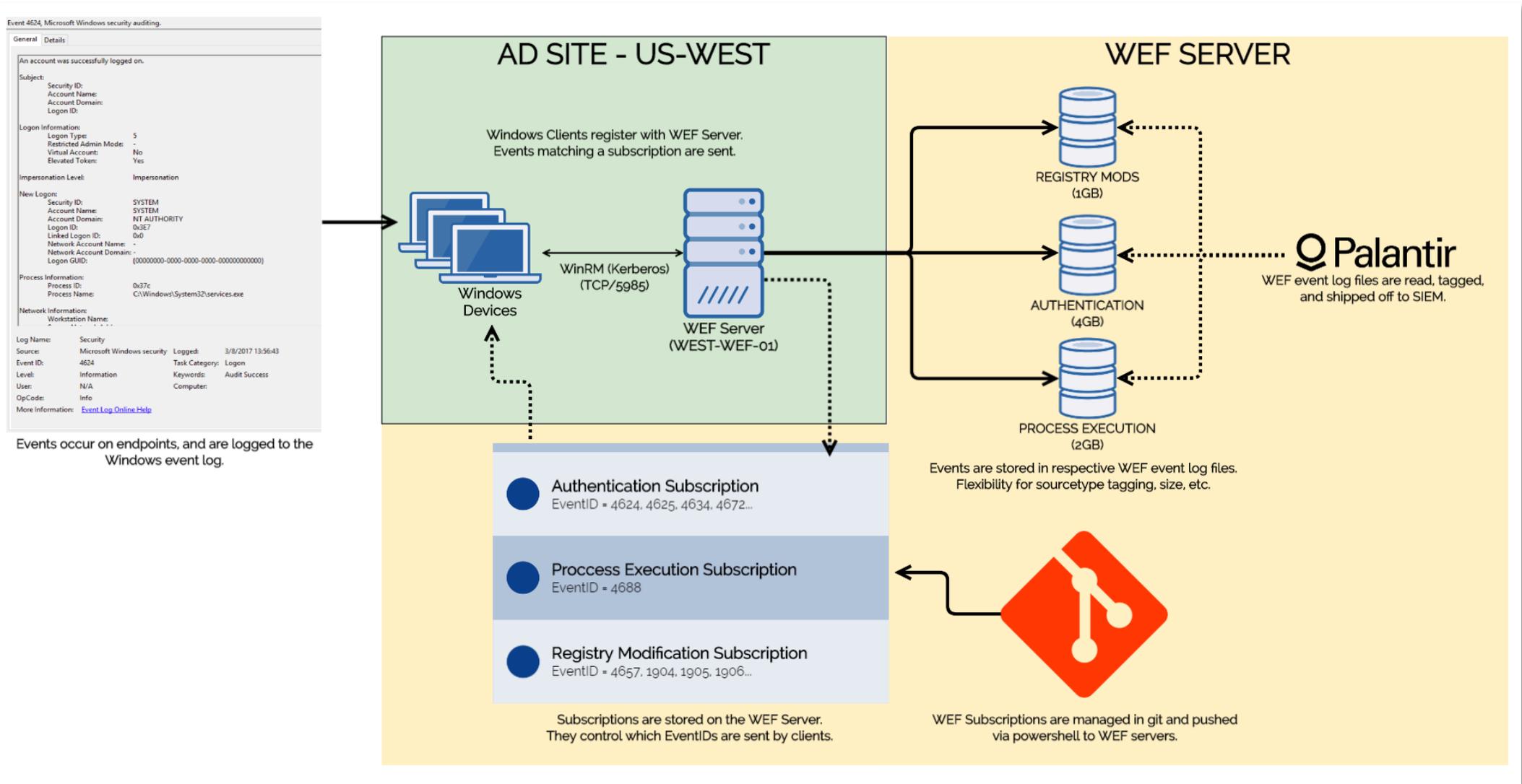
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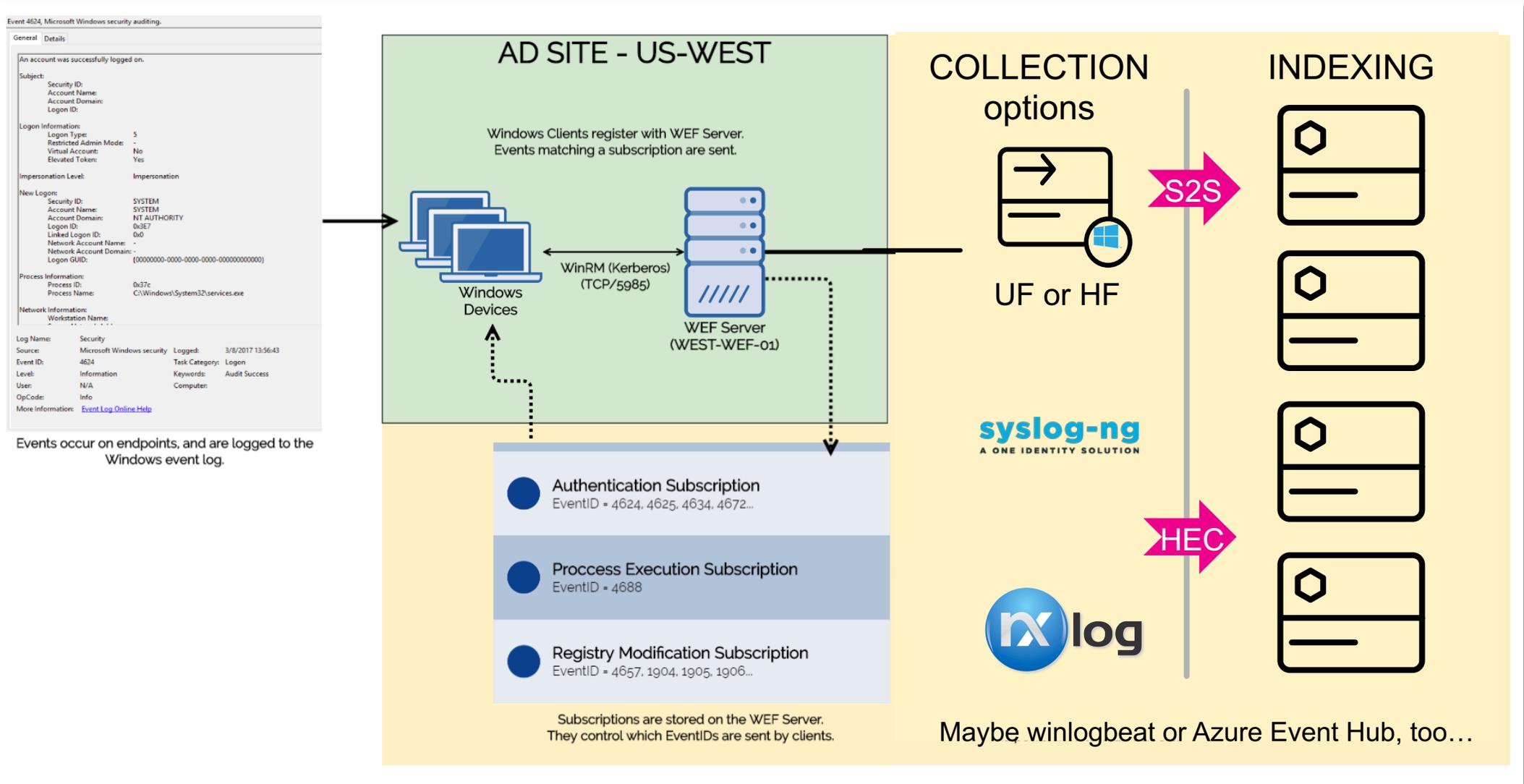
FORWARDER



# You could use Windows Event Forwarding!



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# WEF Pros and Cons

- No agent!
  - No additional license cost
  - Supported by Microsoft
  - Can support most modern versions of Windows
  - Might be the “only” option due to agentless
  - Easy to configure on the endpoint via GPO
  - No need to filter UF “junk” from 4688/Powershell/Sysmon
  - Now supported by the Windows TA so...”officially supported” by Splunk (XML needed)
- You shift processing to a much smaller number of nodes! Latency abounds.
  - You have to create and maintain a complex collection infrastructure.
  - Higher network utilization due to XML:SOAP wrappers
  - DCOM and RPC=++ attack surface
  - Difficult to collect off campus
  - No failover, no load balancing, might lose events.
  - Data sources limited to “events that can log to .evtx format” so no IIS, DHCP, Windows Update, scripted collection...
  - If you don't use UF/HF then custom props/transforms
  - Must use XML render
  - Troubleshooting notoriously hard!

## Hardening Windows Remote Management (WinRM)

Tactic: Lateral dispersion between systems via windows Remote Management (winRM) and PowerShell remoting

Manual operators may leverage Windows Remote Management (WinRM) to propagate ransomware throughout an environment. WinRM is enabled by default on all Windows Server operating systems (since Windows Server 2012 and above), but disabled on all client operating systems (Windows 7 and Windows 10) and older server platforms (Windows Server 2008 R2).

PowerShell Remoting (PS Remoting) is a native Windows remote command execution feature that's built on top of the WinRM protocol.

If WinRM has ever been enabled on a client (non-server) operating system, then the following configurations will exist on an endpoint, and will not be remediated solely through the PowerShell command noted in Figure 20.

- WinRM listener configured
- Windows Firewall exception configured

These items will need to be disabled manually through the commands in Figure 23 and Figure 24.

**Figure 20.**

PowerShell Command to disable WinRM / PowerShell Remoting on an endpoint.

### PowerShell:

```
Disable-PSRemoting -Force
```

**Note: Disabling PowerShell Remoting does not prevent local users from creating PowerShell sessions on the local computer - or for sessions destined for remote computers.**

After running the command, the message recorded in Figure 21 will be displayed.

**Figure 21.** Warning message after disabling PSRemoting.

```
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Disable-PSRemoting -Force
WARNING: Disabling the session configurations does not undo all the changes made by
Enable-PSSessionConfiguration cmdlet. You might have to manually undo the changes by
1. Stop and disable the WinRM service.
2. Delete the listener that accepts requests on any IP address.
3. Disable the firewall exceptions for WS-Management communications.
4. Restore the value of the LocalAccountTokenFilterPolicy to 0, which restricts remote access to members of the
Administrators group on the computer.
```

```
winrm set winrm/config/client '@{TrustedHosts="JumpBox1,JumpBox2"}'
```

**WEF relies on WinRM.**

**WinRM should be hardened (prevent lateral move).**

[WinEventLog://ForwardedEvents]

blacklist1 = EventCode="566" **Message="Object Type:\s+(?!groupPolicyContainer)"**

blacklist2 = 4656,4658,4660-4663,4665-4667,4673,4690,4793,4907,4932,4933,4985

blacklist3 = 5061,5058,5145,5152,5154,5156-5158

blacklist4 = 26401,36886

blacklist5 = EventCode="4688" **Message="(?:New Process**

**Name:).+(?:SplunkUniversalForwarder\\bin\\splunk.exe)|.+(?:SplunkUniversalForwarder\\bin\\splunkd.exe)|.+(?:SplunkUniversalForwarder\\bin\\btool.exe)|.+(?:Splunk\\bin\\splunk.exe)|.+(?:Splunk\\bin\\splunkd.exe)|.+(?:Splunk\\bin\\btool.exe)|.+(?:Agent\\MonitoringHost.exe)"**

blacklist6 = 2002,4614,4664,4675,4700-

4702,4717,4779,4905,4931,4933,4944,4945,4957,5012,5024,5056,5058,5059,5061,5379,5440,5442,5444,5447,5448,5450,5478,5632,5633,5889,5890,6278,6419,6421,6422,7001,7036,7043

blacklist7 = EventCode="4674"

**Message=".\*[S\s]\*Account\sName:\s:.+specadmin.+Process\sName:.\+\\Windows\\SysWOW64\\wbem\\WmiPrvSE.exe|.\\Windows\\System32\\wbem\\WmiPrvSE.exe"**

current\_only = 0

disabled = 0

evt\_dc\_name =

evt\_dns\_name =

evt\_resolve\_ad\_obj = 0

host = WinEventLogForwardHost

**renderXML=false**

interval = 60

sourcetype = WinEventLog:ForwardedEvents

start\_from = oldest

suppress\_sourcename=true

suppress\_keywords=true

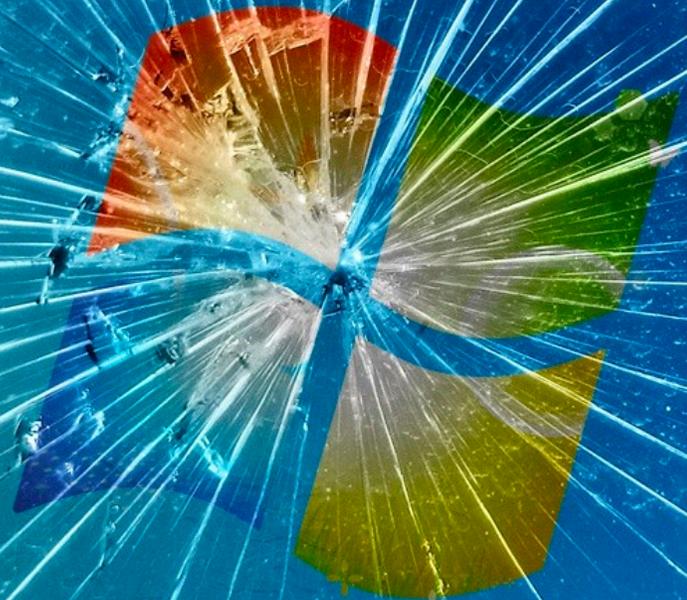
suppress\_type=true

suppress\_task=true

suppress\_opcode=true

**suppress\_text=true**

**Prevents event latency, but actually isn't ideal, and isn't CIM compliant...**



**We don't have a lot of examples of successful WEF/WEC deployment at scale. ☹️**

what about...



# You could use cloud storage\*!



 Ofer\_Shezaf replied to Andrew Huddleston 06-16-2019 02:13 PM

[@Andrew Huddleston](#)

WEF support is currently in preview and still has some limitations. Contact me directly if you would like to join, and we can discuss whether the current support would work for you.

As an alternative, you can continue to use CEF and winlogbeat and connect it to Sentinel using Logstash and the [Logstash Log Analytics output plugin](#).

~ Ofer

 Best Response confirmed by Andrew Huddleston (Frequent Contributor)

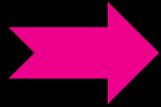
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# You could use cloud functionality\*!



osquery



aws

## Kinesis Streams or Firehose\*



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osquery

- Introduction
  - Welcome to osquery
  - osqueryi (shell)
  - osqueryd (daemon)
  - SQL Introduction
- Installation
  - Install on MacOS
  - Install on Linux
  - Install on Windows
  - Install on FreeBSD
- Command Line Flags
- Deployment
  - Configuration
  - Logging
  - Aggregating Logs
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  - Kinesis Streams
  - Kinesis Firehose
  - Sample Config File

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As of version 1.7.4, osquery can log results directly to Amazon AWS [Kinesis Streams](#) and [Kinesis Firehose](#). For users of these services, `osqueryd` can eliminate the need for a separate log forwarding daemon running in your deployments.

### Configuration

The Kinesis Streams and Kinesis Firehose logger plugins are named `aws_kinesis` and `aws_firehose` respectively. They can be enabled as with other logger plugins using the config flag `logger_plugin`.

Some configuration is shared between the two plugins:

```

--aws_access_key_id VALUE           AWS access key ID override
--aws_profile_name VALUE           AWS config profile to use for auth and region config
--aws_region VALUE                 AWS region override
--aws_secret_access_key VALUE      AWS secret access key override
--aws_sts_arn_role VALUE           AWS STS assume role ARN
--aws_sts_region VALUE            AWS STS assume role region
--aws_sts_session_name VALUE      AWS STS session name
--aws_sts_timeout VALUE           AWS STS temporary credential timeout period in seconds
--aws_enable_proxy VALUE          Enable proxying of HTTP/HTTPS requests in AWS client config
--aws_proxy_scheme VALUE          Proxy HTTP scheme for use in AWS client config (http or https)
--aws_proxy_host VALUE            Proxy host for use in AWS client config
--aws_proxy_port VALUE            Proxy port for use in AWS client config
--aws_proxy_username VALUE        Proxy username for use in AWS client config
--aws_proxy_password VALUE        Proxy password for use in AWS client config

```

When working with AWS, osquery will look for credentials and region configuration in the following order:

- Splunk Add On for Amazon Kinesis Firehose
- Splunk Input for Kinesis Streams
- SQS-based S3 input

# You could pay for and use Microsoft Defender ATP!



- Alerts
  - Detections
  - Raw "Hunting" Events
  - (not Win Events)
- Azure Storage Or Event Hubs
- DSP or ATP Modular Input (Alerts and Detections)
- ATP capability built into Windows 10, later server versions. Installable on 7,8,2016, 2012
  - Needs E5 license for desktops and Azure Security Center licenses for servers
  - MacOS (but signature based)
  - No CIM mapping



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Hands On! **Encoded  
Powershell Logs!**

**How did Violent Memmes avoid C2 detection during execution?**

**Sourcetypes: Microsoft Sysmon and/or WinEventLog:Security**

**MITRE ATT&CK: Execution**

***T1086: Powershell***

***T1043: Commonly Used Port***

***T1132: Data Encoding***

***T1172: Domain Fronting***

# WINDOWS AND SYSMON EVENTS

The adversary used domain fronting to obfuscate the origin of their command and control (C2) traffic. Clues exist that provide insights into the HTTP host header used to mask the true origin of the traffic. What is the host header that is used by the adversary?

(7 correct!)

**(Hands On  
Redacted)**



# What's New?

# What's new with Sysmon?

- DNS Logging with EventCode 22
- Our TA for Sysmon is Endpoint CIM compliant
- The Github version supports Sysmon 10.x
- Researchers publishing new rulesets for granular detections:
  - UAC Bypass
  - Chinese/Vietnamese/Iranian keyboard layout connecting to server

# Updated Olaf/TaySwift Sysmon to Eliminate this:

ParentCommandLine	
12 Values, 100% of events	
<b>Reports</b>	
<a href="#">Top values</a>	<a href="#">Top values by time</a>
<a href="#">Events with this field</a>	
Top 10 Values	Count
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c wmic os get LocalDateTime /value 2&gt;nul	2,270
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c ""C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\etc\apps\Splunk_TA_windows\bin\win_installed_apps.bat""	1,595
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c ""C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\etc\apps\Splunk_TA_windows\bin\win_listening_ports.bat""	203
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c ""C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\etc\apps\Splunk_TA_windows\bin\win_timesync_configuration.bat""	203
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c ""C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\etc\apps\Splunk_TA_windows\bin\win_timesync_status.bat""	203
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe /c wmic os get LocalDateTime /value 2&gt;nul	66
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe /c ""C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\etc\apps\Splunk_TA_windows\bin\win_listening_ports.bat""	22
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe /c ""C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\etc\apps\Splunk_TA_windows\bin\win_timesync_configuration.bat""	22
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cmd /c ""C:\Program Files\SplunkUniversalForwarder\etc\apps\Splunk_TA_windows\bin\win_listening_ports.bat""	22

<https://>

# New “SEDCMD” Cleanups in Win TA 6.0!

```
[source::XmlWinEventLog:Security]
```

```
...
##### Explanation for SEDCMD Extractions #####
## windows_security_event_formatter: This will replace all values like "Account Name:-" to "Account Name:"
## windows_security_event_formatter_null_sid_id: This will replace all values like "Security ID:NULL SID" to "Security ID:" and all values like "Logon ID:0x0" to "Logon ID:"
## cleansrcip: This will replace all values like "Source Network Address: ::1" or "Source Network Address:127.0.0.1" to "Source Network Address:"
## cleansrcport: This will replace all values like "Source Port:0" to "Source Port:"
## remove_ffff: This will replace all values like "Client Address: ::ffff:10.x.x.x" to "Client Address:10.x.x.x" which Addresses most of the Ipv6 log event issues
## clean_info_text_from_winsecurity_events_certificate_information: This will delete all the information text at the end of event starting from "Certificate information is..." before indexing
## clean_info_text_from_winsecurity_events_token_elevation_type: This will delete all the information text at the end of event starting from "Token Elevation Type indicates..." before indexing
## clean_info_text_from_winsecurity_events_this_event: This will delete all the information text at the end of event starting from "This event is generated..." before indexing
## cleanxmlsrcport: This will replace all values like <Data Name='IpPort'>0</Data> to <Data Name='IpPort'><VData> in XmlWinEventLog:Security
## cleanxmlsrcip: This will replace all values like <Data Name='IpAddress'>::1</Data> or <Data Name='IpAddress'>127.0.0.1</Data> to <Data Name='IpAddress'><VData> in XmlWinEventLog:Security
```

```
##### SEDCMD Extractions #####
#SEDCMD-windows_security_event_formatter = s/(?m)(^\s+[^\:]+\:)\s+~?$/1/g
#SEDCMD-windows_security_event_formatter_null_sid_id = s/(?m)(:)(\s+NULL SID)$/1/g s/(?m)(ID:)(\s+0x0)$/1/g
#SEDCMD-cleansrcip = s/(Source Network Address: (\:1|127\0\0\1))/Source Network Address:/
#SEDCMD-cleansrcport = s/(Source Port:\s*0)/Source Port:/
#SEDCMD-remove_ffff = s/::ffff://g
#SEDCMD-clean_info_text_from_winsecurity_events_certificate_information = s/Certificate information is only[\S\s\r\n]+$/g
#SEDCMD-clean_info_text_from_winsecurity_events_token_elevation_type = s/Token Elevation Type indicates[\S\s\r\n]+$/g
#SEDCMD-clean_info_text_from_winsecurity_events_this_event = s/This event is generated[\S\s\r\n]+$/g
```

```
## For XmlWinEventLog:Security
#SEDCMD-cleanxmlsrcport = s/<Data Name='IpPort'>0</Data>/<Data Name='IpPort'><VData>/
#SEDCMD-cleanxmlsrcip = s/<Data Name='IpAddress'>(\:1|127\0\0\1)</Data>/<Data Name='IpAddress'><VData>/
```

**Non-destructive truncate of Message block**

# cmdReporter macOS Agent!

cmdReporter is an endpoint detection and response tool for macOS.

Using native built-in resources, it collects the data IT security teams need to hunt threats on macOS computers in real time.

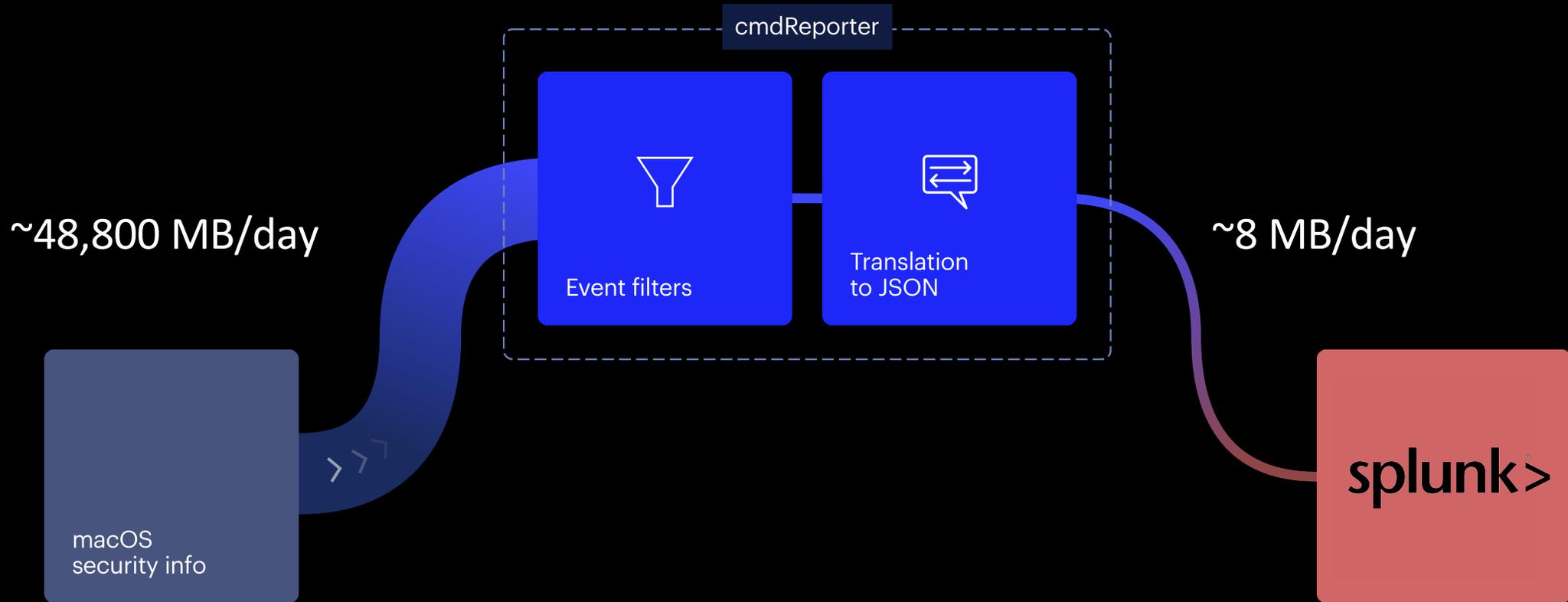
8MB daily on average, 14MB if highly granular network connections enabled  
(If a process changes prefs, elevates privs, or makes network connections info is sent)

25,000 mac endpoints so far...



**Thanks Dan Griggs!**

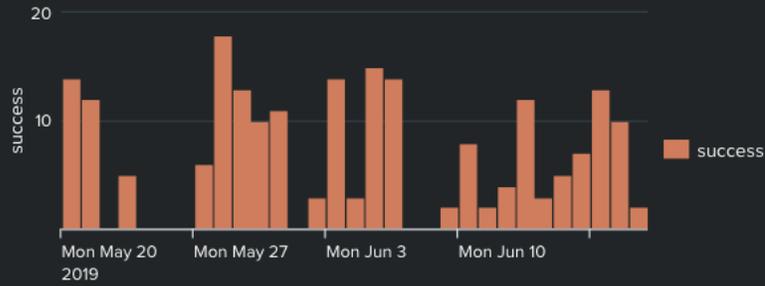
# What cmdReporter does



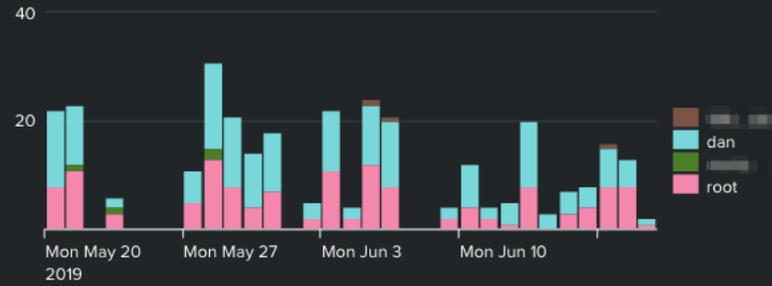
# macOS 10.15b1 security data in Splunk cross-platform dashboard

## Authentications and Changes

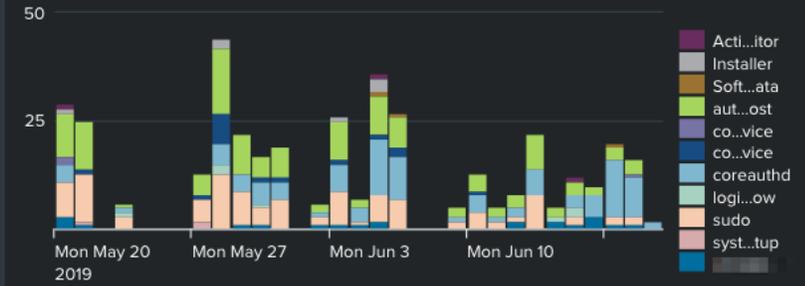
Authentications by Action



Authentications by User



Authentications by App

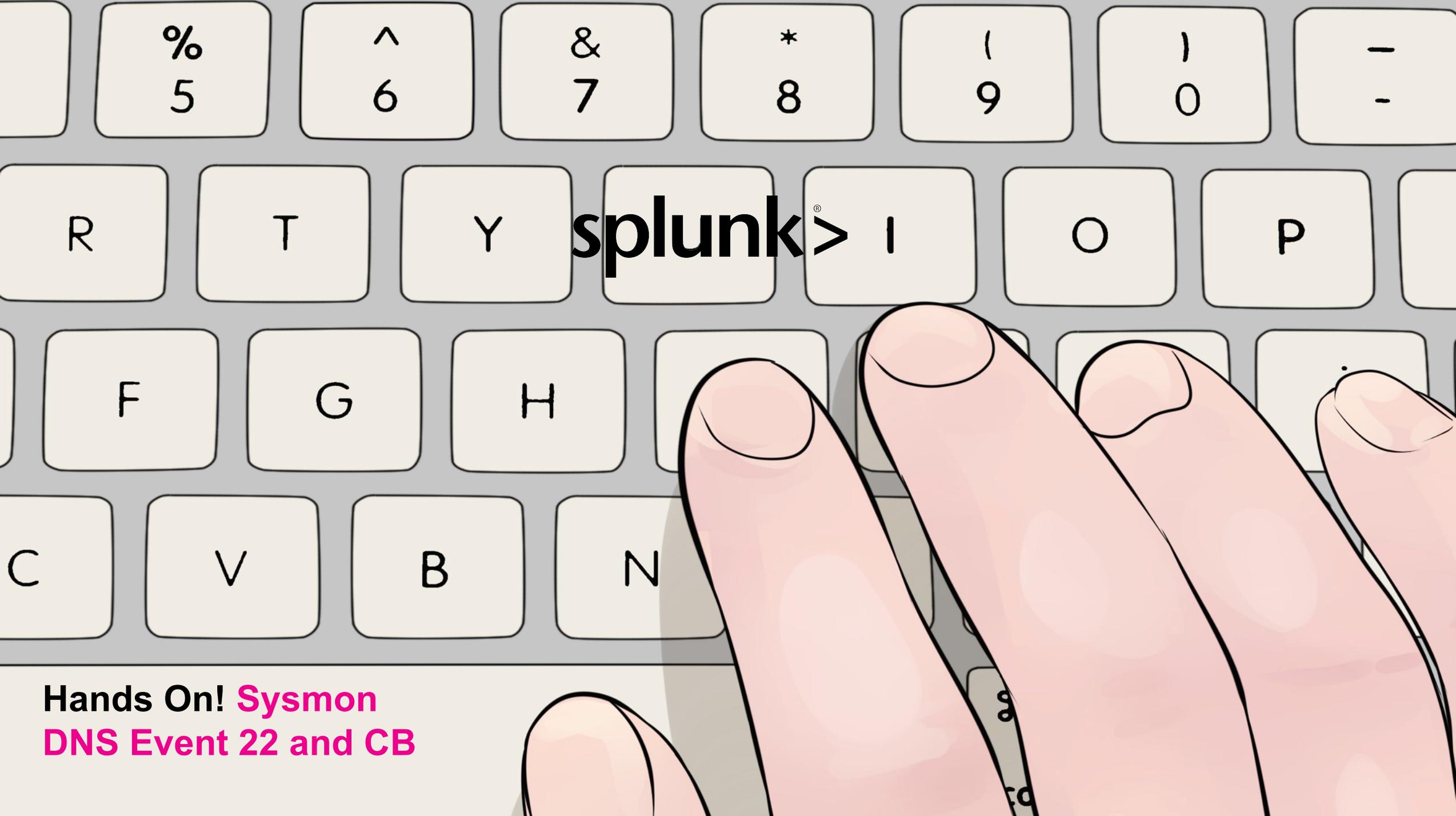


## Asset Authentications

_time	src	dest	action	app	count	user	src_user
2019-06-11 23:44:32	Dan_macbook_pro		success	sudo	370	root	dan
2019-05-20 21:28:16			success	Activity Monitor Installer com.apple.preference.security.remoteservice com.apple.preferences.sharing.remoteservice com.apple.preferences.users.remoteservice coreauthd	252	dan	dan
2019-06-18 22:33:46	Dan_macbook_pro	Dan_macbook_pro	success	sudo	186	root	dan
2019-05-23 23:00:34			success	sudo	160	root	dan
2019-06-12 14:54:12	Dan_macbook_pro		success	Apple Configurator 2 Autoupdate Finder GitHub Desktop Installer com.apple.preferences.configurationprofiles.remoteservice coreauthd lldb-rpc-server storedownload	153	dan	dan

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Hands On! **Sysmon**  
**DNS Event 22 and CB**

**What evidence can we find surrounding previous infiltration from Violent Memmes?**

**Sourcetypes: Microsoft Sysmon (or any other source that provides DNS query info), Carbon Black Response**

**MITRE ATT&CK: Establish and Maintain Infrastructure, Execution**

*T1333 Dynamic DNS (pre ATT&CK)*

*T1085 Rundll32*

# SYSMON DNS LOGGING AND CARBON BLACK PROCESS EXECUTION

There is evidence in the logs that the Violent Memmes have been on the Frothly network before. If you follow that evidence, what is the Base64 string of the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) the adversary communicates with?

(ZERO correct! 80 wrong attempts.)

**(Hands On  
Redacted)**

## Take-aways!

- Endpoints remain one of the most important security data sources.
- There are many rich and varied endpoint sources both free and commercial you can ingest, and they are critical for advanced detection.
- Not everything is critical to collect and we now have tools to help you decide what is best for you!





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