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What Should You Expect?

- ► Lots of SPL
- Ideas > Syntax
- Full docs available



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Where to Start?



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	Data Source Category 🖨	Total ≑	Active \$	Available 🗘
1	Process Launch	49	5	44
2	AWS Cloudtrail	32	4	28
3	Windows Security Logs	30	0	0
4	Basic Traffic Logs	27	1	26
5	Object Change	23	0	23
6	Malware Detected	18	0	0
7	Process Launch with CLI	17	4	13
8	Web server access logs	13	0	13
9	Proxy Requests	12	0	0
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Find New Local Admins



index=* source="*WinEventLog:Security" EventCode=4720 OR (EventCode=4732 Administrators)

transaction Security_ID maxspan=180m connected=false

search EventCode=4720 (EventCode=4732 Administrators)

table _time EventCode Account_Name Target_Account_Name Message

Detect a user created (4720) and added to local group (4732) New Account:

Security ID: Account Name: Account Domain: AGRADY-L\svc_print svc_print AGRADY-L

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Typo-based Phishing Detection



index=ironport_logs

```
stats values(*) as * by MID
```

```
search sender!=company.com
```

```
| eval list=".com", ourdomain="company.com"
```

```
|`ut_parse(sender,list)` |`ut_levenshtein(ourdomain, ut_domain)`
```

where (ut_levenshtein>0 AND ut_levenshtein<3)</pre>

URL Toolbox (splunkbase) easily finds this

No results found. Try expanding the time range.

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Rarity Detections are Easy

```
index=clouddata
| stats min(_time) as earliest
    max(_time) as latest
    by errorCodes, user
| where earliest > relative_time(now(), "-1d@d")
```



Rarity Detections are Easy





Did you know we can cache that lookup?



```
tag=authentication
 stats earliest(_time) as earliest
   latest(_time) as latest
   by user, dest
 inputlookup append=t login_tracker.csv 
 stats min(earliest) as earliest
   max(latest) as latest
   by user, dest
 where latest > relative_time(now(), "-90d")
 outputlookup sample_cache_group.csv _____
 where earliest >= relative_time(now(), "-1d@d")
```





Find New Processes for a Host



sourcetype=*sysmon* process_name!=""

stats

```
min(_time) as earliest
```

```
max(_time) as latest
```

```
by process_name host
```

```
where earliest>relative_time(now(), "-1d@d")
```

```
Detect processes launched
for the first time in the past
day
```

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	SenseIR.exe	FMALTEKESKO-L			
	SystemSettings.exe	FMALTEKESKO-L			
	more.com	FMALTEKESKO-L			
	notepad++.exe	FMALTEKESKO-L			
	whoami.exe	FMALTEKESKO-L			



Interlude

Visibility Analysis and Action



Make sure you fully think through the problem

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Give Analysts Descriptive Fields

```
...
| eval risk_score_reason = case(
    one_day_risk>threshold_1day,
        "One Day Risk > " . threshold_1day,
        thirty_day_risk>threshold_30day,
            strftime(now(), "%m-%d-%Y") . " 30 Day Risk > " . threshold_30day,
            1=1,
```

```
"Key Words Flagged")
```

Tell Analysts Why They	risk_score 🖨 🖌	risk_score_reason 🖨
Should Care	300	One Day Risk > 500



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New!

Combine Lots of Context in One Field

Use Aaron Kohler's Field Stuffing Technique

```
...
| lookup dest_information dest OUTPUT dest_information_*
| eval info = null
| foreach dest_information_*
    [eval info = if(isnotnull('<<FIELD>>'), mvappend(info, '<<FIELD>>'), info) ]
| fields - dest_information_*
```

Provide Information Density in Standardized Fields Courtesy of Aaron Kohler

dest 🗘	 info 🗢
10.1.1.1	Recorded Future Threat Intel Hit Past Notables! Current Open Notables!



Time Series Spikes





Time Series Detections are Also Easy

```
index=cloudtrail
| bucket _time span=1d
 stats count by _time user
 stats latest(count) as latest
       avg(count) as avg
       stdev(count) as stdev
   by user
 where latest > avg + 4 * stdev
```

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Time Series Detections are Also Easy



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Time Series Detections are Also Easy

index=cloudtrail

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bucket _time span=1d
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stats count by _time user
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stdev(count) as stdev
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```
by user
```

```
where latest > avg + 4 * stdev
```



There's a Problem with Calculating Avg

First Five Days

- Mean: 2.2
- Median: 2

Entire Data Set

- Mean: 26.5
- Median: 2.5



of Systems Accessed by David Per Day

■ Day 1 ■ Day 2 ■ Day 3 ■ Day 4 ■ Day 5 ■ Day 6

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Stats + Eval is key for Time Series Accuracy



Stats + Eval allows you to embed any eval into a stats command. (No tstats ⊗)



Stats + Eval is key for Time Series Accuracy



```
index=cloudtrail
```

```
| bucket _time span=1d
```

```
stats count by _time user
```

```
stats max(eval(if(_time>=relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), count, null))) as latest
    avg(eval(if(_time<relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), count, null))) as avg
    stdev(eval(if(_time<relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), count, null))) as stdev
    by user</pre>
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```
| where latest > avg + 4 * stdev
```



Stats + Eval is key for Time Series Accuracy

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            by user
| where latest > avg + 4 * stdev
```



Use IQR If You Want

New!

```
<datasource>
```

```
| bucket _time span=1d
```

```
| stats count by <monitored>
```

```
eventstats perc25(count) as perc25
```

```
perc75(count) as perc75
```

```
by <monitored>
```

```
| where count > perc75 + (perc75 - perc25) * 1.5
```







MLTK Magic w/ Probability Density Function





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New!



MLTK with All the Bells & Whistles

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Splunk-BOSS OF THE SOC

Apply Similar Techniques w/o Time

Find Processes Much Longer than Normal for that Host

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- 2334 "C:\WINDOWS\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe" -nop -w hidden -noni -c "&([scriptblock]::create((New-Object System)))
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Example Data

Sample Events

4.14.104.185 Doug completes a triathlon 198.179.87.243 David completes some coding Let's compare two technologies:

- 1. Databases
- 2. Splunk



Ingesting Data Into a Database



Sample Events

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Database Storage

Person	Activity
Doug	triathlon
David	coding



Ingesting Data Into Splunk

Sample Events

4.14.104.185 Doug completes a triathlon198.179.87.243 David completes some coding



Posting 1: 4.14.104.185, a, completes, doug, triathlon

Posting 2: 198.179.87.243, coding, completes, david, some



Ingesting Data Into Splunk

Sample Events

4.14.104.185 Doug completes a triathlon198.179.87.243 David completes some coding

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198.179.87.243 coding david some



Ingesting Data Into Splunk

Destings

#1: 4.14.104.185 Doug completes a triathlon#2: 198.179.87.243 David completes some coding

Time-Series Index				
Term	Posting #			
4.14.104.185	1			
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coding	2			
completes	1, 2			
david	2			
doug	1			
some	2			
triathlon	1			



We Extract Fields When You Click Search

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		1		2	rack -
		1		1	row *
				2	source *
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Field Extractions = Schema Splunk does schema-on-read aka schema-on-the-fly, aka late binding schema



How Search Works



User	Status	Activity	IP
Doug	Success	triathlon	4.14.104.185
David	Success	coding	198.179.87.243

Time-Serie	es Index	#1
Term	Posting #	
4.14.104.185	1	
198.179.87.243	2	
а	2	
coding	2	
completes	1, 2	
david	2	
doug	1	
some	2	
triathlon	1	



Search For "doug"



(via Schema-On-Read)				
User Status Activity IP				
Doug	Success	triathlon	4.14.104.185	
David	Success	coding	198.179.87.24	3

> Time-Serie	#1	
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4.14.104.185	1	
198.179.87.243	2	
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coding	2	
completes	1, 2	
david	2	
doug	1	
some	2	
triathlon	1	



Knowing What You Will Want to Ask

Four Easy Fields:

4.14.104.185 Doug completes a triathlon 198.179.87.243 David completes some coding

Every field extracted costs money, but could be crucial for an incident.

Splunk lets you extract fewer upfront, and pay less money.

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Many potential fields:

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How Search Works With Many Servers





Events with user=Doug





How Many Successful Completions by User?





What if We Had More Interesting Logs?



Sample Events

09/05/2018 -- 4.14.104.185 Doug completes a triathlon in 1.25 hours 09/03/2018 -- 198.179.87.243 David completes some coding in 5 hours 09/02/2018 -- 198.133.81.178 David completes some coding in 7 hours 08/25/2018 -- 39.195.31.8 David completes some coding in 9 hours 08/09/2018 -- 4.14.104.185 Doug completes a triathlon in 1.15 hours Multiple Events for each person

Duration Fields

Timestamps



What Was The Average Completion Time per User?

Each Indexer returns "minimum necessary statistics" average() = sum() / count()





Here's a Secret About Basic Splunk...

For well understood and modeled problems...



Databases Are Faster





Summary Indexing



Summary Indexing

Structured Data Models

Postings

#1: 4.14.104.185 Doug completes a triathlon

#2: 198.179.87.243 David completes some coding

Potential Field Extractions

(via Schema-On-Read)

User	Status	Activity	IP
Doug	Success	triathlon	4.14.104.185
David	Success	coding	198.179.87.243

> Time-Series Index				
Term	Posting #			
4.14.104.185	1			
198.179.87.243	2			
а	2			
coding	2			
completes	1, 2			
david	2			
doug	1			
some	2			
triathlon	1			



Structured Data Models



User	Status	Activity	IP
Doug	Success	triathlon	4.14.104.185
David	Success	coding	198.179.87.243

> Time-Series	Index
Term	Posting #
ip::4.14.104.185	1
ip::198.179.87.243	2
activity::coding	2
activity::triathlon	1
status::success	1, 2
user::david	2
user::doug	1



Structured Data Models

10-100-1000x Faster

TermPosting #ip::4.14.104.1851ip::198.179.87.2432activity::coding2activity::triathlon1status::success1, 2	Time-Series Index									
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Example With Data Models





Example Without Data Models





Aww, but tstats is hard and only returns statistics



Schema-Accelerated Event Search



Pull Raw Events at Data Model Speeds using | from or | datamodel!







Use Summary Indexing for Speed

makeresults | eval status="Hello World" | collect index=summary

i	ndex=summary hello	world						All time 🔻 🔍		
✓ 1 event (before 9/26/18 10:05:01.000 PM) No Event Sampling ▼ Job ▼ □ → ♣ ↓ Smart Mode ▼										
Events (1) Patterns Statistics Visualization										
i	Time	Event								
>	9/20/18 11:32:39.000 AM	09/20/2018 11:32:39 -0400, info_search_time=1537457559.435, status="Hello host = dveuve-MBP-9259D source = /opt/splunk/var/spool/splunk/59d7907ea449	<mark>lorld</mark> !" a9c2_eve	nts.stas	sh_new	V SO	urcetype =	stash		

Generate New Events!




Power of Summary Indexing for Speed





New!

Summary Indexing in JSON? You Fancy

```
| makeresults
| eval _raw="{\"status\": \"Hello World\"}"
| collect index=summary
```

Combine with JSON Index-time Extractions!

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i	Time	Event
>	10/17/19 8:58:25.000 PM	<pre>{ [-] status: Hello World } Show as raw text</pre>
		splunk> .conf19

tstats + Summary Indexing

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For Ultimate Speed





splunk> .confi9

I'M TIRED OF THEORY I WANT SPLE

YES!



Consolidation of all these queries done by





Shout Out!

You're about to see a lot of SPL on the next slides. This was put together by David Wells Sr Manager | PWC Canada



Risk

Baselining with Confidence Checks (I)

This verifies that the user is 3x their standard deviation AND there are at least 7 previous days worth of risk scores



Baselining with Confidence Checks (II)

Identify When A User's # of Risk Kill Chain (or category) is Above 2 and the Number of Unique Risk Signatures is Above 1





Risk



Risk Baselining with Confidence Checks (III)

Calculate a User's 30 Day Risk Score As a Baseline and Identify When Today's is 3x Higher Than the Average

```
index=risk earliest=-30d
| stats values(source) as search_names sum(risk_score) as thirty_day_risk sum(eval(if(_time > relative_time(now
    (), "-1d"),risk_score,0))) as
    one_day_risk by risk_object
    | eval threshold_1day = 500, threshold_30day = 1200
    | eventstats avg(thirty_day_risk) as avg_thirty_day_risk stdev(thirty_day_risk) as stdev_thirty_day_risk
| where one_day_risk>threshold_1day OR thirty_day_risk>threshold_30day OR thirty_day_risk> (avg_thirty_day_risk
+ 3 * stdev_thirty_day_risk)
```





OOTB

Baselining with Confidence Checks (IV)

Calculate if a User is Above the One Day Risk Threshold, the 30 Day Risk Threshold or More Than 3x Its Own Standard Deviation

Risk

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```
index=risk earliest=-30d
stats values(source) as search_names sum(risk_score) as thirty_day_risk sum(eval(if(_time >
    relative_time(now(), "-1d"), risk_score,0))) as one_day_risk by risk_object
eval threshold_1day = 500, threshold_30day = 1200
eventstats avg(thirty_day_risk) as avg_thirty_day_risk stdev(thirty_day_risk) as stdev_thirty_day_risk
| where one_day_risk>threshold_1day OR thirty_day_risk>threshold_30day OR thirty_day_risk
   >(avg_thirty_day_risk + 3 * stdev_thirty_day_risk)
eval risk_score_reason = case(one_day_risk>threshold_1day, "One Day Risk Score above " . threshold_1day,
   thirty_day_risk>threshold_30day . " on " . strftime(now(), "%m-%d-%Y"), "Thirty Day Risk Score above " .
   threshold_30day, 1=1, "Thirty Day Risk Score more than three standard deviations above normal (>" . round
   ((avg_thirty_day_risk + 3 * stdev_thirty_day_risk),2) . ")")
| fields - avg* stdev*
                                                                                                          \mathbf{\vee}
```



Standard Deviation Anomaly (Good)

Identify When Something Is X Times Past Their Standard Deviation

```
<datasource> | bucket _time span=1d | stats count by <monitored> _time
| stats max(eval(if(_time >= relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"),count, null))) as latest
            avg(eval(if(_time < relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"),count, null))) as avg
            stdev(eval(if(_time < relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"),count, null))) as stdev
            by <monitored>
| where latest > avg + 6*stdev
```







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Standard Deviation Anomaly (Better)

Adding Relative Filters to Statistical Assessments

```
tag=authentication
 bucket _time span=1d
  stats dc(dest) as count by user, _time
  stats count as num_data_samples
        max(eval(if(_time >= relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), count,null))) as latest
        avg(eval(if(_time<relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), count,null))) as avg</pre>
        stdev(eval(if(_time<relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), count,null))) as stdev</pre>
    by user
 where latest > avg + stdev * 3 AND num_data_samples > 7 AND latest > avg * 2
```





Standard Deviation Anomaly (CC #s)

Look for users who view more credit cards than they typically do

```
index=crm_logs viewed card
```

```
| bin span=1d _time
```

- | stats dc(card_id) as count by user _time
- stats count as num_data_samples

max(eval(if(_time >= relative_time(now(), "1d"), count, null))) as latest
avg(eval(if(_time < relative_time(now(), "-1d"),count,null))) as average
stdev(eval(if(_time < relative_time(now(), "-1d"),count,null))) as stdev</pre>

by user

where latest> 2*stdev+average AND num_data_samples>7 AND latest > avg * 2



Spikes

IQR Anomaly (Raw Data)

```
<datasource>
 bucket _time span=1d
 stats count by <monitored>
eventstats perc25(count) as perc25
             perc75(count) as perc75
        by <monitored>
 where count > perc75 + (perc75 - perc25) * 1.5
```





splunk>

Spikes

IQR Anomaly (tstats Data)

| tstats count from datamodel=<datamodel> where earliest=-30d@d by <monitored> _time span=1d eventstats perc25(count) as perc25 perc75(count) as perc75 by <monitored> where count > perc75 + (perc75 - perc25) * 1.5



Ratios Detect Rare Events by Ratio (Raw Data)

```
<datasource> earliest=-30d@d
stats count latest(_time) as latest
   by <monitored> [ optionally: <entity>]
| eventstats sum(count) as total
   [ optionally: by <entity>]
 where count / total < 1/20000 AND
        latest > relative_time(now(), "-1d@d")
```



Ratios Detect Rare Events by Ratio (tstats Data)

```
tstats count latest(_time) as latest
    from datamodel=<...>
    where earliest=-30d@d
    by <monitored>
eventstats sum(count) as total
where count / total < 1/20000 AND
      latest > relative_time(now(), "-1d@d")
```



Ratios

Detect Rare Events by Ratio (Example I)

Looking for unusual errors in AWS Logs

tstats count latest(_time) as latest from datamodel=Example_AWS_Security where earliest=-30d@d by cloudtrail.errorCode eventstats sum(count) as total where count / total < 1/20000 AND latest > relative_time(now(), "-1d@d")





Ratios Detect Rare Events by Ratio (Example II)

Looking for unusual MFA anomalies across the env in CloudTrail logs

```
tstats count latest(_time) as latest
    from datamodel=Example_AWS_Security
    where earliest=-30d@d
    by cloudtrail.mfaAuthenticated, cloudtrail.userIdentity.arn
eventstats sum(count) as total
where count / total < 1/20000 AND
      latest > relative_time(now(), "-1d@d")
```



Ratios Detect Rare Events by Ratio (Example III)

Looking for unusual APIs per user in CloudTrail logs

```
sourcetype=aws:cloudtrail earliest=-30d@d
  stats count
    by eventName, userIdentity.arn
| eventstats sum(count) as total
    by userIdentity.arn
 where count / total < 1/20000 AND
        latest > relative_time(now(), "-1d@d")
```





First Time

Detect New (Rare) Events (Raw Data)

```
<datasource>
| stats earliest(_time) as earliest
    latest(_time) as latest
    by <field(s)>
| where _time > relative_time(now(), "-1d@d")
```



First Time Detect New (Rare) Events (tstats Data)

```
| tstats summariesonly=t allow_old_summaries=t
    min(_time) as earliest
    max(_time) as latest
    from datamodel=<..>
    by <..>
| where earliest > relative_time(now(), "-1d@d")
```



First Time

Detect New (Rare) Events (Example)

Detect When Users Take High Risk Actions From A New Country

tstats summariesonly=t allow_old_summaries=t
 min(_time) as earliest max(_time) as latest
 from datamodel=Example_AWS_Security
 where cloudtrail.HighRiskAPICalls>0
 by cloudtrail.sourceIPAddress_Country
where earliest > relative_time(now(), "-1d@d")



First Time Detect New (Rare) Events (Examples++)

First Logon to New Server sourcetype=win*security

| stats earliest(_time) as earliest latest(_time) as latest by user, dest | eval isOutlier=if(earliest >= relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), 1, 0)

Authentication against a New Domain Controller sourcetype=win*security

stats earliest(_time) as earliest latest(_time) as latest by user, dc eval isOutlier=if(earliest >= relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), 1, 0)

First Access to a New Source Code Repository sourcetype=source code access

stats earliest(_time) as earliest latest(_time) as latest by user, repo eval isOutlier=if(earliest >= relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), 1, 0)

First External Email Claiming to be Internal from Server sourcetype=cisco:esa src_user=*@mycompany.com src!=10.0.0.0/8 | stats earliest(_time) as earliest latest(_time) as latest by user, src | eval isOutlier=if(earliest >= relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), 1, 0)

Familiar Filename on a New Path Sourcetype=win*security EventCode=4688 `IncludeMicrosoftFiles` | stats earliest(_time) as earliest latest(_time) as latest by filename, path | eval isOutlier=if(earliest >= relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), 1, 0)

New Database Table Accessed sourcetype=database

stats earliest(_time) as earliest latest(_time) as latest by user, table eval isOutlier=if(earliest >= relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), 1, 0)

New Interactive Logon by Service Account

sourcetype=win*security user=srv_* Logon_Type=2 OR .. 11 .. 12
| stats earliest(_time) as earliest latest(_time) as latest by user, dest
| eval isOutlier=if(earliest >= relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), 1, 0)

New Parent Process for cmd.exe sourcetype=win*security EventCode=4688 filename=4688

stats earliest(_time) as earliest latest(_time) as latest by parent_process eval isOutlier=if(earliest >= relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), 1, 0)



First Time

Peer Group Analysis

Detect actions that are new not just for a user, but for an entire peer group

```
<datasource>
     stats earliest(_time) as earliest latest(_time) as latest by user, dest
     inputlookup append=t sample_cache_group.csv
     stats min(earliest) as earliest max(latest) as latest by user, dest
     outputlookup sample_cache_group.csv
     lookup peer_group.csv user OUTPUT peergroup
     makemv peergroup delim=","
     multireport
   [| stats values(*) as * by user dest ]
    [| stats values(eval(if(earliest>=relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), dest , null))) as peertoday
      values(eval(if(earliest<relative_time(now(), "-1d@d"), dest , null))) as peerpast by peergroup dest ]
     eval user=coalsce(user, peergroup)
     fields - peergroup
     stats values(*) as * by user dest
     where isnotnull(earliest) AND earliest>=relative_time(now(), "-1d@d") AND isnull(peerpast), 1, 0)
```



Rarity Combined Anomaly Detection Methods I

Identify Higher-risk IP Addresses Based On The Uniqueness of the IPS signature

```
tag=ids tag=attack
 bucket _time span=1d
 stats count by severity signature dest _time
 stats sum(count) as count
        avg(count) as avg
        stdev(count) as stdev
        sum(eval(if(_time > relative_time(now(), "-1d"), count, 0))) as recent_count
        min(_time) as earliest
    by severity signature dest
 eventstats avg(avg) as avg_num_per_dest
             avg(earliest) as avg_earliest
             sum(count) as sig_wide_count
             sum(recent_count) as sig_wide_recent_count
        by signature
 where NOT (avg_earliest < relative_time(now(), "-1y") AND</pre>
             sig_wide_recent_count / sig_wide_recent_count < 0.05 AND</pre>
             priority <=3)</pre>
```

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Rarity Combined Anomaly Detection Methods II

Alert When Users Who Usually Log Into Few Systems Suddenly Log Into Many

```
| tstats summariesonly=true count from datamodel=Authentication where earliest=-30d@d groupby
   Authentication.dest Authentication.user _time span=1d
| rename Authentication.dest as dest Authentication.user as user
eval isRecent=if(_time>relative_time(now(),"-1d"), "yes", "no")
stats avg(eval(if(isRecent="no",count,null))) as avg
       first(count) as recent
   by user, dest
| eventstats count(eval(if(avg>0, "yes", null))) as NumServersHistorically
             count(eval(if(recent>0, "yes", null))) as NumServersRecently
   by user
| eval Cause=if(isnull(avg) AND NumServersHistorically!=0, "This is the first logon to this server", "")
| eval Cause=if(NumServersRecently>3 AND NumServersHistorically * 3 < NumServersRecently,
   mvappend(Cause, "Substantial increase in the number of servers logged on to"), Cause)
| where Cause!=""
```



Combined

Multiple Data Sources (CIM)

tag=authentication
| chart count over src by action
| where success>0 AND failure>10







Multiple Data Sources (Multiple CIM)



No Transaction, Yes Eventstats + Stats

Ironport logs are a canonical transaction example, but searches are faster without

```
sourcetype=ironport OR sourcetype=cisco:esa
 eventstats values(TLS) as TLS
             values(src_ip) as src_ip
             values(...) as ...
    by ICID
 stats values(icid) AS icid
        values(src*) AS src*
    by mid
 eval recipient_count=mvcount(recipient)
```

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Combined



Combined

Persist into Summary Index!

Provide a single consolidated record with all relevant values



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Combined

Multiple Data Sources (tstats)

tstats prestats=t summariesonly=t count(Malware_Attacks.src) from datamodel=Malware where Malware Attacks.action=allowed by Malware_Attacks.src tstats prestats=t append=t summariesonly=t count(web.src) from datamodel=Web where web.http_user_agent="shockwave flash" groupby web.src rename web.src as src Malware Attacks.src as src stats count(Malware_Attacks.src) as malwarehits count(web.src) as webhits by src where malwarehits > 0 AND webhits > 0

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Misc

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Superman Analysis

Find users moving faster than a jet engine flies

```
index=* sourcetype=aws:cloudtrail user=*
| sort 0 user, _time | streamstats window=1 current=f values(_time) as last_time values(src) as last_src by
   user
| where last_src != src AND _time - last_time < 8*60*60
| iplocation last_src | rename lat as last_lat lon as last_lon | eval location = City . "|" . Country . "|" .
   Region
| iplocation src
| eval rlat1 = pi()*last_lat/180, rlat2=pi()*lat/180, rlat = pi()*(lat-last_lat)/180, rlon= pi()*(lon-last_lon)
   )/180 | eval a = sin(rlat/2) * sin(rlat/2) + cos(rlat1) * cos(rlat2) * sin(rlon/2) * sin(rlon/2) | eval c =
   2 * atan2(sqrt(a), sqrt(1-a)) | eval distance = 6371 * c, time_difference_hours = round((_time - last_time))
   / 3600,2), speed=round(distance/ ( time_difference_hours),2) | fields - rlat* a c
eval day=strftime(_time, "%m/%d/%Y")
stats values(accountId) values(awsRegion) values(eventName) values(distance) values(eval(mvappend
   (last_Country, Country))) as Country values(eval(mvappend(last_City, City))) as City values(eval(mvappend
   (last_Region, Region))) as Region values(lat) values(lon) values(userAgent) max(speed) as max_speed_kph
   min(time_difference_hours) as min_time_difference_hours by day user distance
```



Randomness Detection w/ URL Toolbox

```
index=* sourcetype=aws:cloudtrail user=*
| sort 0 user, _time | streamstats window=1 current=f values(_time) as last_time values(src) as last_src by
   user
| where last_src != src AND _time - last_time < 8*60*60
| iplocation last_src | rename lat as last_lat lon as last_lon | eval location = City . "|" . Country . "|" .
   Region
| iplocation src
| eval rlat1 = pi()*last_lat/180, rlat2=pi()*lat/180, rlat = pi()*(lat-last_lat)/180, rlon= pi()*(lon-last_lon)
   )/180 | eval a = sin(rlat/2) * sin(rlat/2) + cos(rlat1) * cos(rlat2) * sin(rlon/2) * sin(rlon/2) | eval c =
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   (last_Region, Region))) as Region values(lat) values(lon) values(userAgent) max(speed) as max_speed_kph
   min(time_difference_hours) as min_time_difference_hours by day user distance
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```

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Add in Organizational Information



user 🖌	action 🗢	1	department 🗢		num_reports 🗢	title 🗢
dveuve	Non-work Web Browsing		Global Security Strat Team	tegist	0	Principal Security Strategist



Calculate Risk based on HR Data

Estimate level of exposure numerically

```
. . .
inputlookup LDAPSearch user
 eval risk = 1
 eval risk = if(NumWhoReportIn>100, risk+10, risk)
 eval risk = if(like(Groups, "%,OU=IT Security,%"), risk + 10, risk)
 eval risk = case(like(title, "VP %"), risk+10,
                   like(title, "Chief %"), risk+100,
                   1=1, risk)
fields risk sAMAccountName
```

outputlookup RiskPerUser

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Alert Overload!







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We Call it Risk-Based Alerting

SEC 1556 – Building Behavioral Detections: Cross-Correlating Suspicious Activity with the MITRE ATT&CK Framework Tuesday, October 22, 01:45 PM - 02:30 PM

SEC 1803 – Modernize and Mature Your SOC with Risk-Based Alerting Tuesday, October 22, 03:00 PM - 03:45 PM

SEC 1538 - Getting started with Risk-Based Alerting and MITRE Wednesday, October 23, 12:30 PM - 01:15 PM

SEC 1908 – Tales from a Threat Team: Lessons and Strategies for Succeeding with a Risk-Based Approach

Wednesday, October 23, 03:00 PM - 03:45 PM

Birds of a Feather – Meet the RBA Community

SUGARCANE Raw Bar Grill – Tuesday 6:30-8:30

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AmFam Success Metrics Seen

American Family Insurance – Comparing Alert Driven to Risk Driven



Events Generated

Detections

10%!



"60% of the Risk-based Alerting incidents are true positives.

Security staff at company that rolled out RBA 5 months ago



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Let's Summarize









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