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The Volume in and Out the |

might explain the why

- ~20 terabytes data input
- ~300 million events searched by ITSI
- ~2500 episodes and incidents



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Some Requirements

for Monitoring and Event Management with Splunk[®] ITSI



Wanted Position

One event management solution for all the different sources automatically linked to an alert action with escalation mechanism and almost no false positives supporting agreed processes.

2	itdotcnf-nt0022 - Disk: Free Space Other (I) he04/04/2022 09:40:13 AMOwner: incidentSeverity: CriticalStatus: NewDescription: G
	cfseelm-ax2050 - Process:MissingStatus (I) healt04/04/2022 09:40:13 AMOwner: incidentSeverity: LowStatus: NewDescription: GSM
1	/ITOWD3037_ITOWD3037/ITOWD3037/bam_server1 - Ta 04/04/2022 09:4 Owner: slack Severity: Medium Status: Pending Description:
1	retcn584-nt0001 - Service v3 (I) health is high for e04/04/2022 09:40:13 AOwner: incidentSeverity: HighStatus: In progressDescriptio
	itseelm-ax2183.ikea.com - Errpt HW errors wer 04/04/2022 09:40:13 AM - 0 Owner: incident Severity: Low Status: Pending Description: G
	INDBORA004 - Metric Alert: Data Guard Status 04/04/2022 09:40:13 AM Owner: recovery Severity: Low Status: Pending Description:
	retab443-nt0001 - Memory:SwapUsedPercent (I 04/04/2022 09:40:13 AM Owner: peter.zumbrink@ingka.ikea.com Severity: Medium Status: In
	retba443-nt0001 - Disk: Free Space Other (I) he04/04/2022 09:40:13 AMOwner: incidentSeverity: HighStatus: In progressDescriptio
	M89996 - EWS is missing keepalive on 04/04/2022 09:40:13 AM - 04/04/2 Owner: incident Severity: High Status: New Description: GS
	ITDEFV05-SD03C - Replication failu 04/04/2022 09:40:13 AM - 04/04/202 Owner: recovery Severity: Low Status: Pending Description:
	itbecal-Ix3786 - SplunkUF:ConnectionStatus(I) healt 04/04/2022 09:40:13 A Owner: incident Severity: Low Status: New Description: GSM



At a Glance

the cool stuff we are going to talk about



Field Engineering

in a different way

field name	purpose
correlation_key	Drives grouping into episodes. This is the main "split events by" field.
event_key	Makes the events unique and is used for deduplication.
flood_key	Second stage correlation_key to prevent Episode flooding. Another "split events by" field.
action	Defines which Notable Event Aggregation Policy (NEAP) should pick up the Notable Event.
trigger	Triggers internal or external Alert Actions in the NEAP (e.g. recovery, slack, incident).



Harvesting Public Indexes

events from summary search

```
`itsi_not_summarized("test_pub","test")`
```

eval

```
itsi_entity=source_hostname,
```

itsi_correlation_key=source_hostname."~".inc_support_group,

itsi_event_key=source_event_id,

itsi_message=source_message_text,

itsi_summary=source_event_name,

itsi_impact="High",

itsi_urgency="Medium",

itsi_assignment=inc_support_group,

itsi_business_service=source_service,

itsi_eventtype=source_eventtype,

itsi_tag=mvappend("NowIT", "ITSI")

`comment("# Use itsi_collect(3) macro to dump search result to _pub index")`

`itsi_collect("test_pub", "test", f)`

index=*_pub
(itsi_tag{}=ITSI AND itsi_tag{}=NowIT)

TIP!

To connect events from summary searches to ITSI services just populate a field with the service_id and i.e. read service tags via rest call:

rest /servicesNS/nobody/SA-ITOA/
itoa_interface/service

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What about detectors

or the integration with Splunk[®] Infrastructure Monitoring (Sfx)



Event

Deduplication

splunk> .conf22

No duplicates please

it is all about the news

```
eval oid="C:"._time.correlation_key
append [|search index=itsi tracked alerts oid="C:*" earliest=-10m@m
          stats delim=";"
           latest( time) as time
           latest(severity) as ta severity
           latest(event key) as ta event key
           values(oid) as oid list
           by correlation key
eval unique key=event key."~".severity
stats latest(_time) as _time latest(*) as * by unique_key
where isnotnull(oid)
makemv delim=";" oid list
eval oid found=if(in(oid,oid list),"true","false")
where oid found="false" AND severity!=ta severity
```



State change

High	04/05/2022 11:03:59 AM	Disk: Free Space Other (I) health is high for entity ret nt0001::D: [2]	Disk: Free Space Other (I) health has changed to high (5) at 11:01 AM UTC on 04/05/2022 Disk:Free Space Other on host return nt0001 is in state high, current usage is 1.662109375	Service Analyzer for Disk: Free Space Other (I)	Deepdive
Normal	04/05/2022 11:18:56 AM	Disk: Free Space Other (I) health is normal for entity ret erno nt0001::D: 🗗	Disk: Free Space Other (I) health has changed to normal (2) at 11:16 AM UTC on 04/05/2022 Disk:Free Space Other on host retige-nt0001 is in state normal, current usage is 2.935546875	Service Analyzer for Disk: Free Space Other (I)	Deepdive
Info	04/05/2022 11:19:23 AM	Ticket Event - Resolved 🗹			

- Severity Normal not to create new Episode
- New Notable Event (NE) only if severity or event key differs from previous one
- Severity Normal to resolve Episode
- Severity higher than Episodes severity to escalate Episode







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is of interest, the rest is just noise

The < <split_by_hash>> field</split_by_hash>
split event by field name : split event by field value :

splunk>

Blackou

Simple blackout

noise cancelling on the fly

curl --silent --insecure --show-error \

--header 'Authorization: Splunk 1234567-abcd-1234-cmyk-my_pub_secret' \

--data '{"event":{"resource": "myhost", "duration": 300}}' \

https://splunk.foo.net:443/services/collector

makeresults

eval

resource="myhost", duration=300,

comment="Sample blackout for .conf22"

collect index="my_pub" source="http:event"

sourcetype="blackout:external" testmode=f

```
| eval resource=entity
| join type=left resource [
search index="my_pub"
sourcetype="blackout:external"
earliest=-24h
| eval starttime=_time
| stats latest(*) as *
| where starttime+duration>now()
| eval blackout="true"
| fields resource blackout
]
| where NOT blackout="true"
```

splunk> .conf22

Enrichment

Flood detection & prevention

- Detect ITSI Service KPIs or other events about to create too many unique Episodes
- Group events with same receiver into a dedicated Episode
- Allow users to set own flood key and flood threshold
- Automatically go back to normal event flow after a given time, e.g. create flood Episodes with a short lifetime





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Flood detection & prevention

because you don't want to be hated

```
eval threshold=coalesce(user_threshold,50)
eventstats count(flood_key)
   as fc by flood_key
eventstats count(correlation_key)
   as cc by correlation_key
eval value=if(fc>0,fc/cc,0)
eval action=if(value>threshold,"flood",action)
```

TIP!

Find a suitable key for the flood detection calculation, i.e. ITSI service name plus kpi name or the receiver name such as support group

```
eval flood="false"
eval hash="flood_key:".flood_key.":"
lookup itsi_notable_group_system_lookup_active split_by_hash as hash output _key as flood_id
eval flood = if(isnotnull(flood_id),"true" ,"false")
eval flood = if( isnull(group_id),flood ,"N/A" )
eval flood_key=if( isnull(group_id),flood_key,null() )
eval action = if(flood="true","flood",action)
eval group_id = coalesce(group_id,flood_id,null())
```



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Side note

maybe this is worth to be mentioned

Ту	KV Store
Collection Nar	itsi_notable_group_system
	Specify the collection name to use (as defined in collections.conf) for this lookup. Defaults to the lookup name.
Supported field	*key,user, event_count, object_type, start_time, last_time, is_active, title, description, mod_time, policy_i
	A comma-delimited list of the fields supported by the collection.
	Configure time-based lookup
	Advanced options
Filter lookup	is_active=1
	Filter results from the lookup table before returning data. Create this filter like you would a typical search query using Boolean expressions and/or comparison operators.







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Other enrichment & filtering

from our action endpoints

Example:

Have the incident process steering your notable event flow. This is used to apply a KPI grace period when an incident was resolved recently.



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The aggregator

or what is named the Notable Event Aggregation Policy (NEAP)

Split events by field?	Trigger recovery
Split events into multiple episodes by	If the number of events in this episode is exactly equal to 1
correlation_key X	and if the following event occurs
Include the events if?	trigger matches • recovery
action matches • incident ×	severity greater than Normal X
Trigger incident	
If the following event occurs •	Then Change status to New for the episode
trigger matches • incident	and Change owner to unassigned for the episode x
severity matches • Info ×	and Create ServiceNow incident Configure for the episode
+ Add Rule (AND)	+ and

Special use case correlation

for the things behind the scenes

	episodeupdate group=itsi_group_id policy=policy_id where 1=2		splunk> .conf22
	 eval break="1", ep_title="EpisodeCloseResolved".) wh	ere alive_time >= alive_threshold
	lookup itsi_notable_group_user_lookup _key as itsi_group_id . where ((600 + mod_time) < now()) where (status == `STAT_RESOLVED`)	in in in tru	cident_delay= m ,960, cident_delay="l",1860, cident_delay="xl",3660, ue(),360
 eval title="Tick eval instructior eval incident_r	inputlookup itsi_notable_group_system_lookup_active rename _key as itsi_group_id	eva in in	al alive_threshold=case(cident_delay="xs",360, cident_delay="s",660, cident_delay="s",060
rex "^(\d{4}-` table itsi_gro search ta_snov	،d{2}-\d{2} \d{2}:\d{2}:\d{2},\d{1,3}) (? <severity>\w+)" oup_id ta_snow_error_msg] w_error_msg IN ("*502*", "*socket.timeout*", "*Return*429*", "*Re</severity>	`itsi_ eva	_event_management_group_index` al alive_time=now()-start_time
 join type=inner [search inde	[.] itsi_group_id ex=_internal host=sh*em* sourcetype=ta_snow_ticket		

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Average noise reduction compiled over 24 hours





Thank You



