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Splunk® Ingest Actions and Rulesets

Advanced Pipeline Configurations
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Who Are We?

- Over 15 years of combined Splunk experience
- Experienced with many diverse customer environments
- Subject to customer requirements and policies



Who Are You?

- Migrating environments
- Consolidating environments
- Forwarding into a centralized "corporate" instance
- Correcting "bad data" with limited access at the source



Why You Are Here?

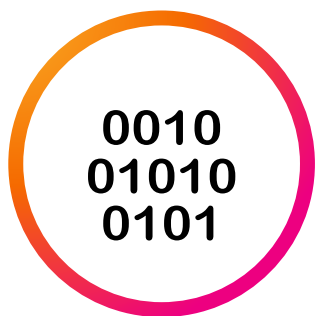
- Overview of Ingest Actions
- Destinations
- Rulesets
- Four Real-World Scenarios



What Your Executives Want

Value from your data

Data



Getting Data In

Reporting



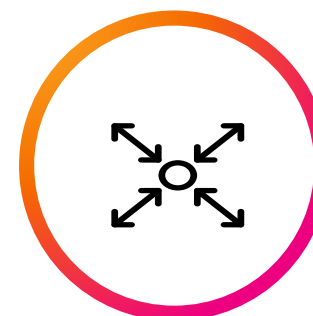
Searching

Analysis



Dashboarding

Action



Reports/Alerts

Value



Use Case
Completion

Ingest Actions Overview

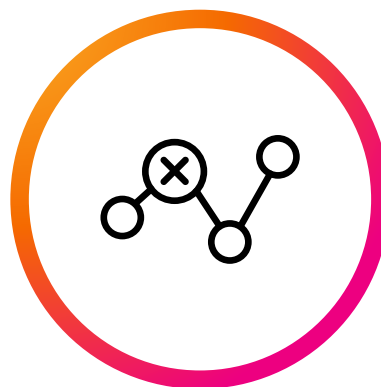
Innovation in data preprocessing at Splunk

Filter



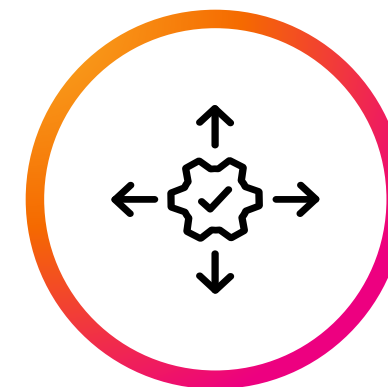
Discard unwanted events

Mask



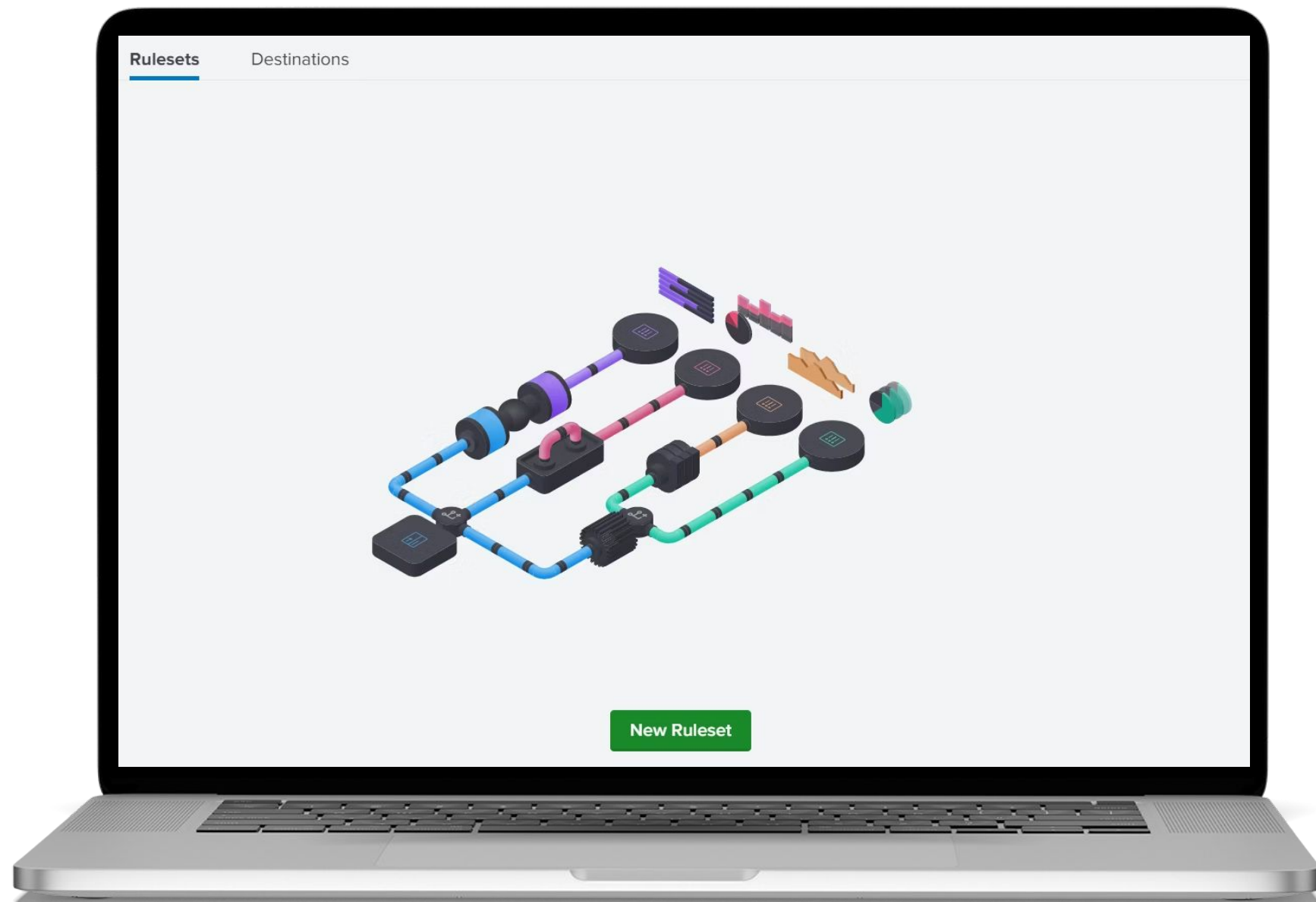
Change the content of events

Route



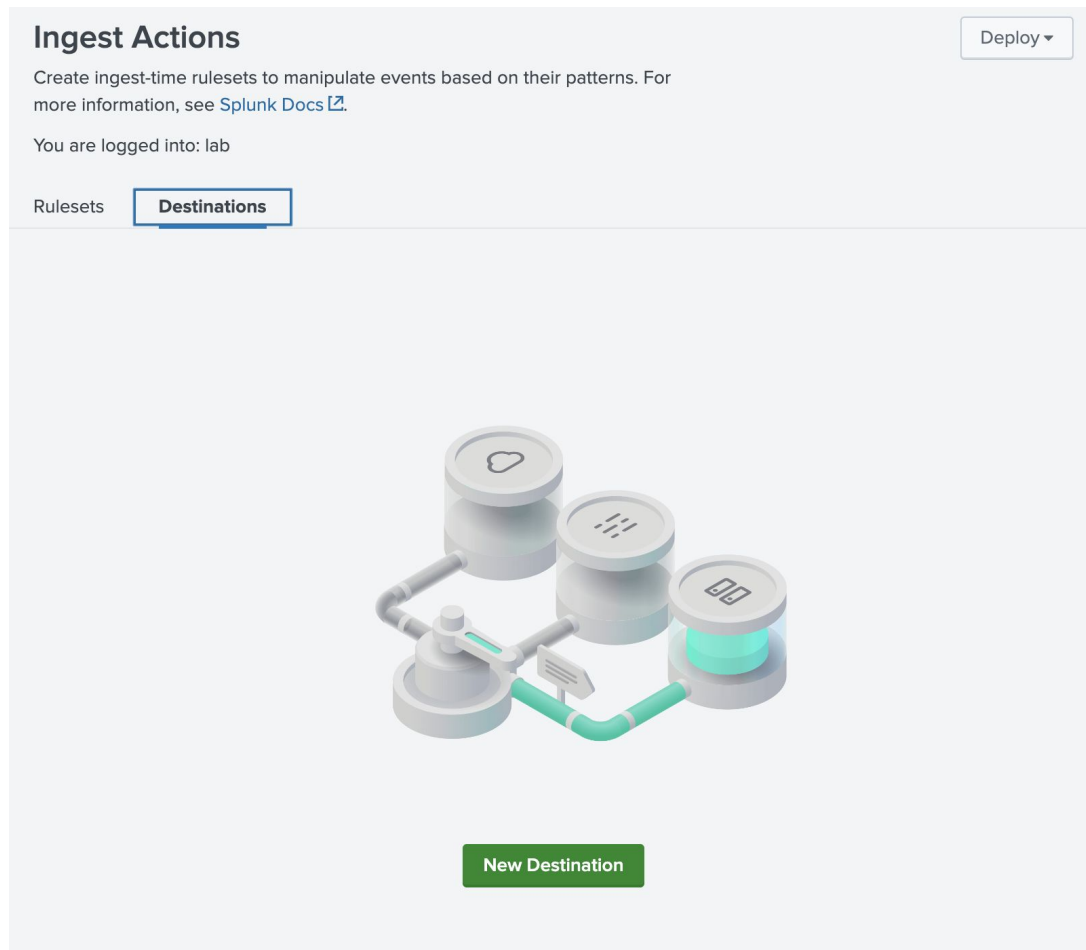
Determine the destination of events

Here we go!



Ingest Actions: Destinations

Route



- Write to s3 bucket(s)
- And more...

Destination Configs

outputs.conf - s3

```
[rfs:my_s3_location]
```

```
path = s3://<bucket>/<folder>
```

```
remote.s3.endpoint = <url>
```

```
remote.s3.access_key = <key>
```

```
remote.s3.secret_key = <secret>
```

outputs.conf - file

```
[rfs:my_file_location]
```

```
path = file:///opt/data/ingest-actions/
```

```
compression = none
```

100% Unsupported!

What Does It Look Like?

```
lab:/data/01/2023 # tree | head
```

```
├── 04
│   └── 28
│       ├── events_1682697160_1682697119_1682697163_000000_273EFB7C-9C64-4F57-90B8-73ABBECEB02FC.json
│       ├── events_1682697184_1682697163_1682697193_000002_273EFB7C-9C64-4F57-90B8-73ABBECEB02FC.json
│       ├── events_1682697214_1682697191_1682697224_000005_273EFB7C-9C64-4F57-90B8-73ABBECEB02FC.json
│       ├── events_1682697244_1682697224_1682697255_000006_273EFB7C-9C64-4F57-90B8-73ABBECEB02FC.json
│       ├── events_1682697283_1682697255_1682697285_000008_273EFB7C-9C64-4F57-90B8-73ABBECEB02FC.json
│       ├── events_1682697313_1682697285_1682697316_000010_273EFB7C-9C64-4F57-90B8-73ABBECEB02FC.json
│       └── events_1682697346_1682697316_1682697349_000013_273EFB7C-9C64-4F57-90B8-73ABBECEB02FC.json
```

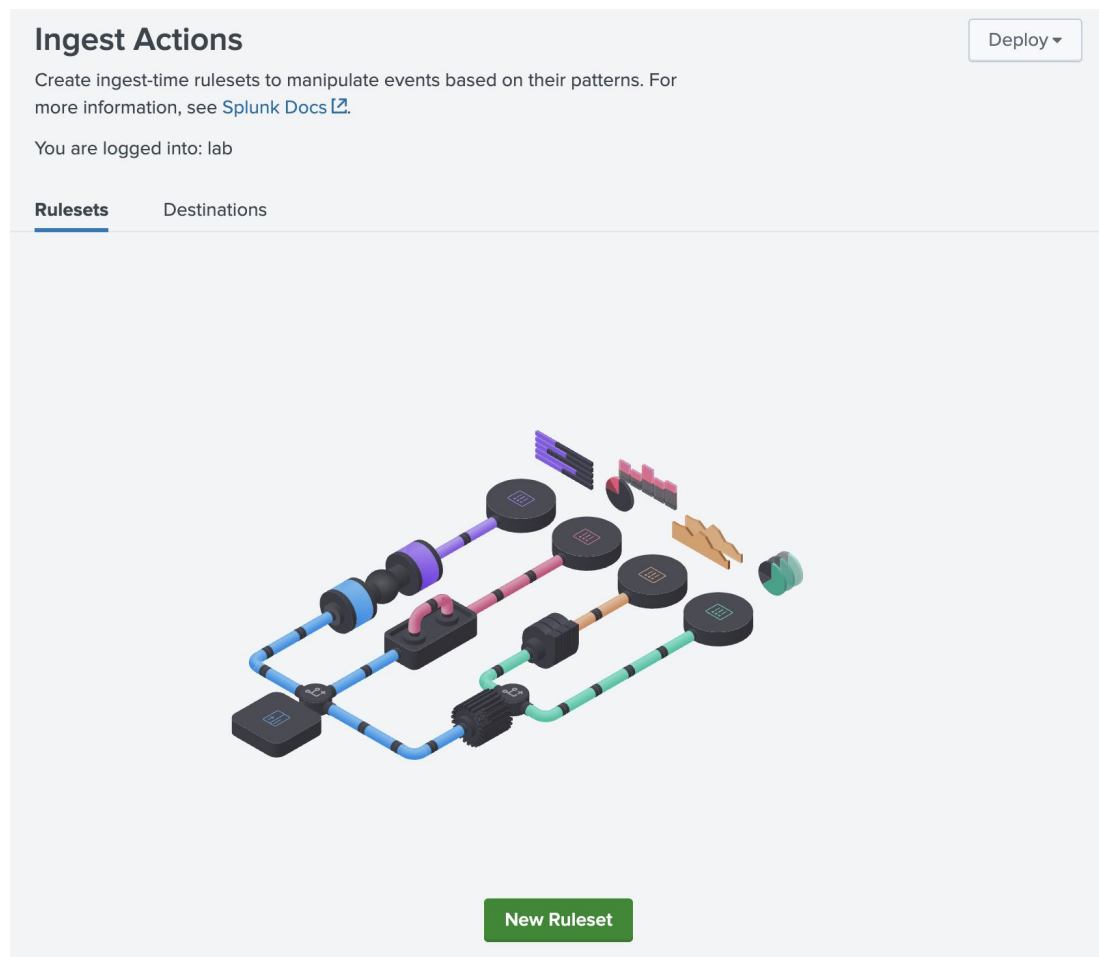
Ready to use .json files ready for your imagination!

What Does the Data Look Like?

```
{
  "time": 1682697938.024,
  "event": "04-28-2023 12:05:38.024 -0400 INFO Metrics - group=pipeline, name=typing, processor=sendout,
cpu_seconds=0.000, executes=452, cumulative_hits=15276",
  "host": "lab",
  "source": "/opt/splunk/var/log/splunk/metrics.log",
  "sourcetype": "splunkd"
},
{
  "time": 1682697938.024,
  "event": "04-28-2023 12:05:38.024 -0400 INFO Metrics - group=pipeline, name=typing, processor=tee, cpu
_seconds=0.000, executes=263, cumulative_hits=10632",
  "host": "lab",
  "source": "/opt/splunk/var/log/splunk/metrics.log",
  "sourcetype": "splunkd"
},
```


Ingest Actions: Rulesets

Filter/Mask



- Mask with Regular Expressions
- Filter using Regular Expressions
- Filter using Eval Expressions
- Set a Field (Index)
- And **more...**

Where Are IA Configurations Written?

When using the Web UI

Cluster Manager

`$SPLUNK_HOME/etc/manager-apps/
splunk_ingest_actions`

Standalone (incl. HF)

`$SPLUNK_HOME/etc/
apps/
splunk_ingest_actions`

Deployment Server

`$SPLUNK_HOME/etc/
deployment-apps/
splunk_ingest_actions`

Ruleset Configs

props.conf

- **RULESET-**
Works the same as TRANSFORMS-* class, but will run transforms on parsed data
- **RULESET_DESC-**
Description of ruleset

transforms.conf

- **INGEST_EVAL =**
Very similar to “| eval”
- **STOP_PROCESSING_IF =**
Comparable to a “break” if the RULESET was a “loop”

Destination + Ruleset Configs

Writing splunkd logs to “rfs:my_file_location”

props.conf

[splunkd]

```
RULESET-route_to_file_example =  
_rule:route_to_file_example:route:eval:r5ba3  
e1g
```

```
RULESET_DESC-route_to_file_example =
```

transforms.conf

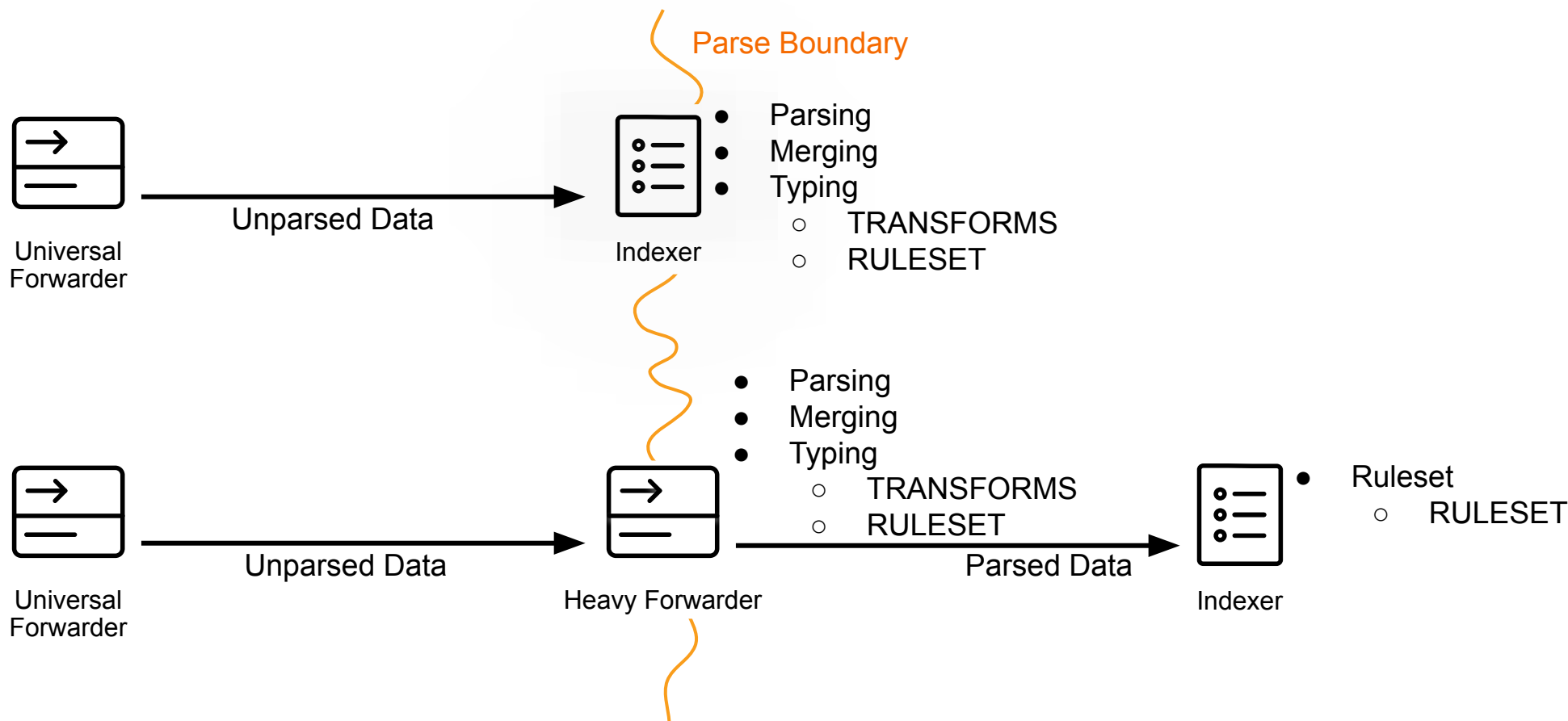
[_rule:route_to_file_example:route:eval:r5ba3e1g]

```
INGEST_EVAL = 'pd:_destinationKey'=if((true()),  
"_splunk_,rfs:my_file_location",  
'pd:_destinationKey')
```

```
STOP_PROCESSING_IF = NOT  
isnull('pd:_destinationKey') AND  
'pd:_destinationKey' != "" AND  
(isnull('pd:_doRouteClone') OR  
'pd:_doRouteClone' == "")
```

Where Do Rulesets Execute?

Ingest Action Rulesets are executed after existing transforms, e.g. TAs



Order of Operations

123abc

1. Location in “Parse Boundary”
2. Props stanza precedence
 - a. [<sourcetype>], [host::<host>], [source::<source>]
3. All **TRANSFORMS**, alphabetically
 - a. Within a single class set, list order
4. All **RULESETS**, alphabetically
 - a. Within a single class set, list order

Numbers are sorted before letters.

Numbers are sorted based on the first digit.

Uppercase letters are sorted before lowercase letters.

[<sourcetype>]

TRANSFORMS-colors = yellow, blue, red

TRANSFORMS-pets = cat, dog, fish

RULESET-colors = yellow, blue, red

RULESET-pets = cat, dog, fish

STOP_PROCESSING_IF

while true, do, break

props.conf

[<stanza>]

RULESET-ruleset1 = rule1, rule2, ...

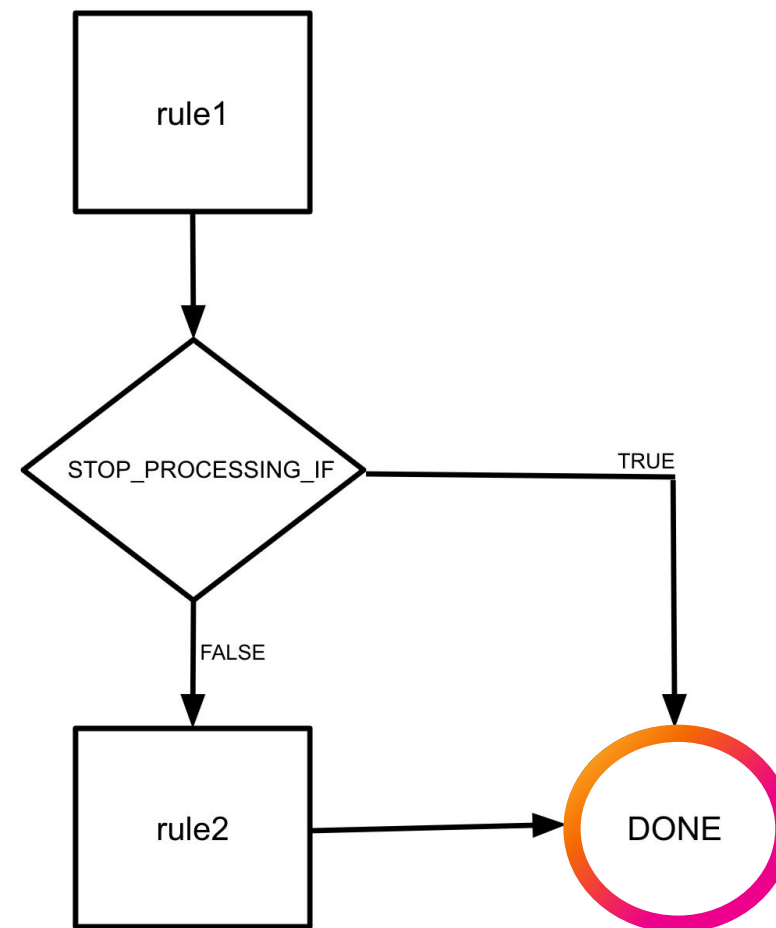
transforms.conf

[rule1]

STOP_PROCESSING_IF = <expression1>

[rule2]

STOP_PROCESSING_IF = <expression2>



Warranty Void

Consult with Professional Services



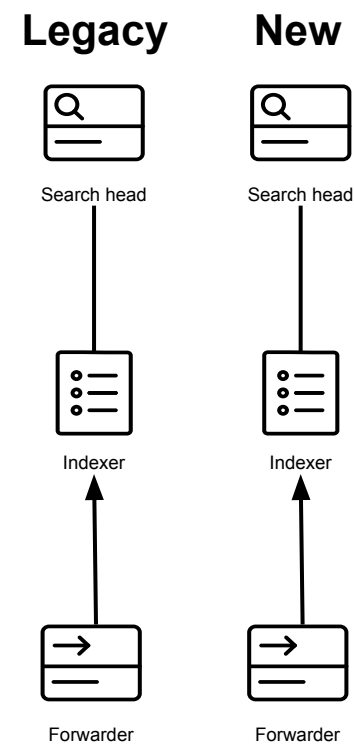


Customer Story 1

The Scenario

One Splunk Environment to Another

- Customer is migrating a **legacy** environment **into** the **new** “corporate” environment
- Legacy environment is the **wild-wild-west** with no data quality standards
- New “corporate” environment has **very strict** data quality standards
- Can NOT break existing dashboards/monitoring until data and content is migrated
- What do we do?

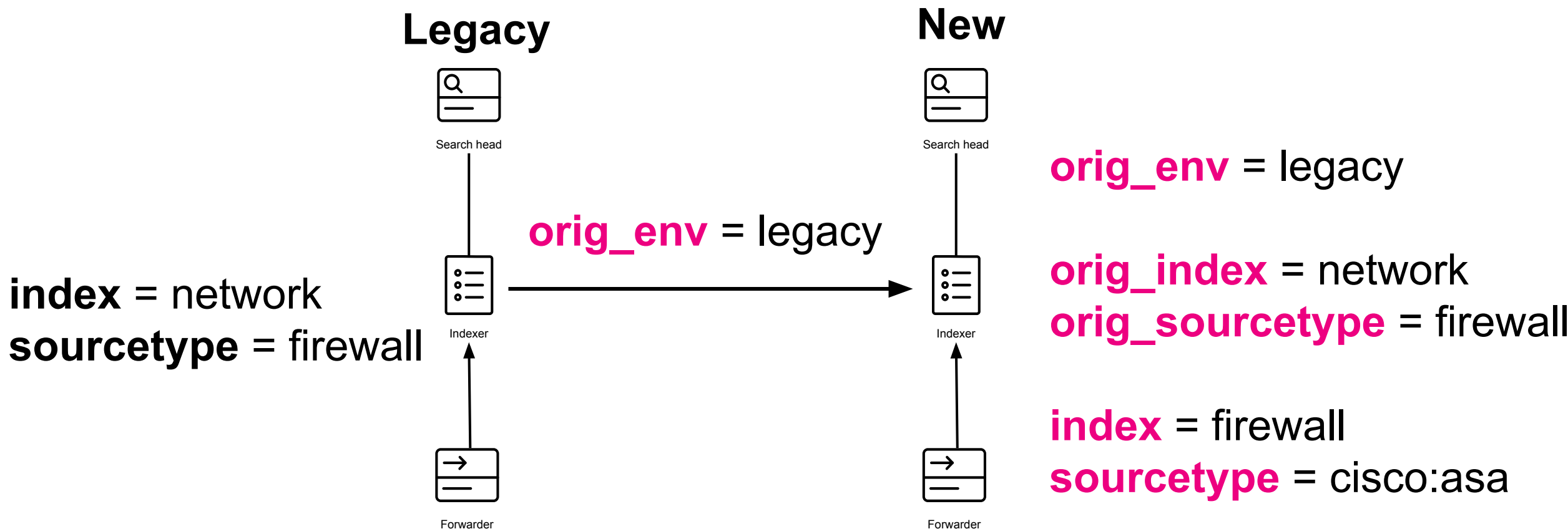


Before Ingest Actions

- Change sourcetypes/indexes in the legacy environment and break existing content?
- Forklift bad data and content into the new environment?
- Do it all after hours/weekend?



Using Ingest Actions



The Configs

Legacy Environment

props.conf

```
[host::*]
```

```
RULESET-z = _rule:set_orig_env
```

transforms.conf

```
[_rule:set_orig_env]
```

```
INGEST_EVAL = orig_env="legacy"
```

outputs.conf

```
[tcpout]
```

```
indexAndForward = true
```

```
defaultGroup = new
```

New Environment

props.conf

```
[firewall]
```

```
RULESET-1 = _rule:set_orig_index_st
```

```
RULESET-2 = _rule:set_fixed_firewall_st
```

transforms.conf

```
[_rule:set_orig_index_st]
```

```
INGEST_EVAL = orig_index=index, orig_sourcetype=sourcetype
```

```
[_rule:set_fixed_firewall_st]
```

```
INGEST_EVAL = index="firewall", sourcetype="cisco:asa"
```

What You Get

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Customer Story 2

The Scenario

Many Splunks to One

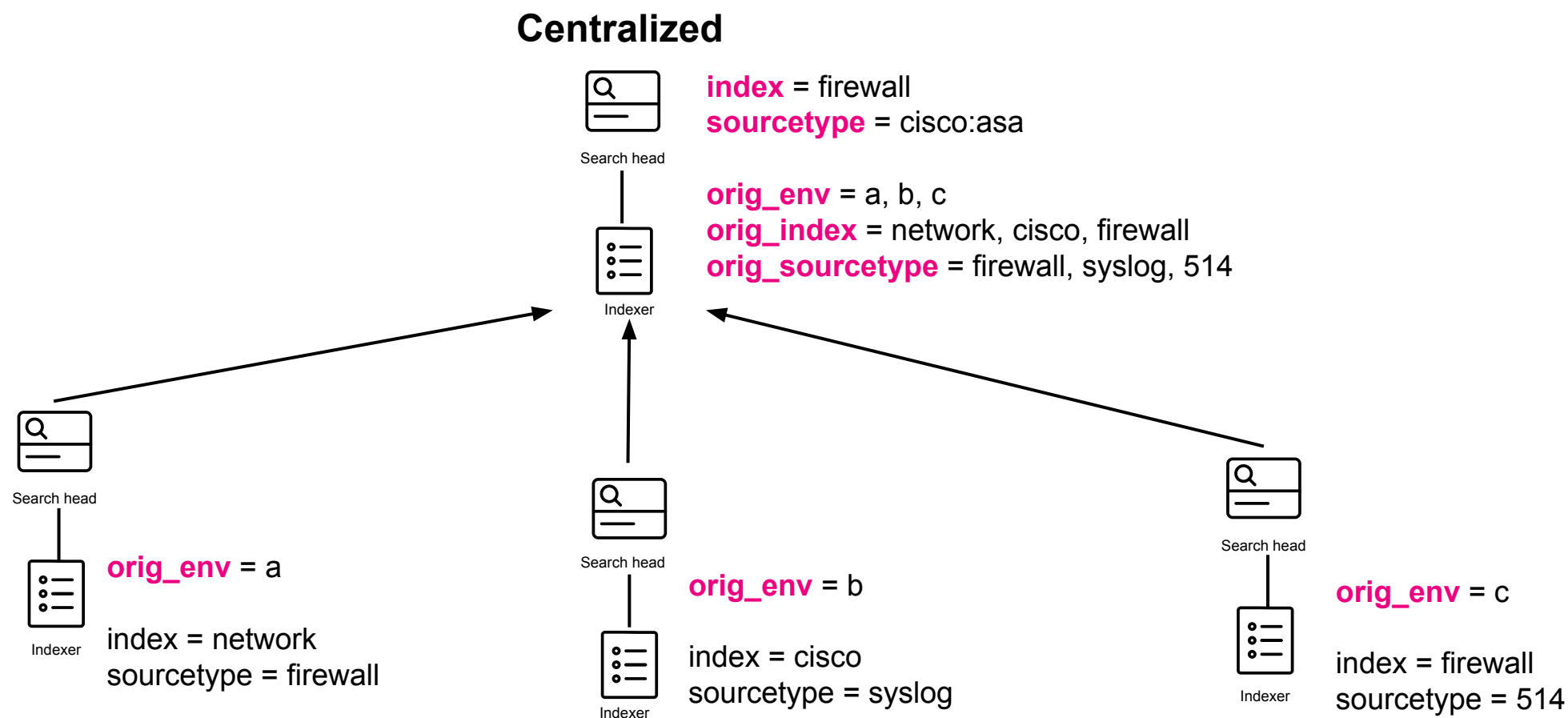
- You have **multiple** Splunk silos
- “**Centralized**” site needs to be able to “search” these silos
- Silos have no governance from retention, data quality, change control
- The wild wild west

Before Ingest Actions

- Cry & run away
- Brew a gallon of espresso
- Blame the Intern



Using Ingest Actions



"Silo" Configs

Silo "A"

props.conf

```
[host::*]
```

```
RULESET-z = _rule:set_orig_env
```

transforms.conf

```
[_rule:set_orig_env]
```

```
INGEST_EVAL = orig_env="a"
```

outputs.conf

```
[tcpout]
```

```
indexAndForward = true
```

```
defaultGroup = consolidated
```

Silo "B"

props.conf

```
[host::*]
```

```
RULESET-z = _rule:set_orig_env
```

transforms.conf

```
[_rule:set_orig_env]
```

```
INGEST_EVAL = orig_env="b"
```

outputs.conf

```
[tcpout]
```

```
indexAndForward = true
```

```
defaultGroup = consolidated
```

Silo "C"

props.conf

```
[host::*]
```

```
RULESET-z = _rule:set_orig_env
```

transforms.conf

```
[_rule:set_orig_env]
```

```
INGEST_EVAL = orig_env="c"
```

outputs.conf

```
[tcpout]
```

```
indexAndForward = true
```

```
defaultGroup = consolidated
```

"Centralized" Configs - orig_*

props.conf

[firewall]

RULESET-1 = _rule:set_orig_index,
_rule:set_orig_sourcetype

[syslog]

RULESET-1 = _rule:set_orig_index,
_rule:set_orig_sourcetype

[514]

RULESET-1 = _rule:set_orig_index,
_rule:set_orig_sourcetype

transforms.conf

[_rule:set_orig_index]

INGEST_EVAL = orig_index=if(isnull(orig_env),
null()), index)

[_rule:set_orig_sourcetype]

INGEST_EVAL =
orig_sourcetype=if(isnull(orig_env), null()),
sourcetype)

"Centralized" Configs - Fixing Silo A

props.conf

```
[firewall]
```

```
RULESET-2 = _rule:fix_silo_a_index,  
_rule:fix_silo_a_sourcetype
```

transforms.conf

```
[_rule:fix_silo_a_index]
```

```
INGEST_EVAL = index=if(orig_env="a" AND  
orig_index="network"), "firewall", index)
```

```
[_rule:fix_silo_a_sourcetype]
```

```
INGEST_EVAL = sourcetype=if(orig_env="a"  
AND orig_index="network"), "cisco:asa",  
sourcetype)
```

"Centralized" Configs - Fixing Silo B

props.conf

```
[syslog]
```

```
RULESET-2 = _rule:fix_silo_b_index,  
_rule:fix_silo_b_sourcetype
```

transforms.conf

```
[_rule:fix_silo_b_index]
```

```
INGEST_EVAL = index=if(orig_env="b" AND  
orig_index="cisco"), "firewall", index)
```

```
[_rule:fix_silo_b_sourcetype]
```

```
INGEST_EVAL = sourcetype=if(orig_env="b"  
AND orig_index="cisco"), "cisco:asa", sourcetype)
```


"Centralized" Configs - Fixing Silo C

props.conf

[514]

```
RULESET-2 = _rule:fix_silo_c_index,  
_rule:fix_silo_c_sourcetype
```

transforms.conf

```
[_rule:fix_silo_c_index]
```

```
INGEST_EVAL = index=if(orig_env="c" AND  
orig_index="firewall", "firewall", index)
```

```
[_rule:fix_silo_c_sourcetype]
```


```
INGEST_EVAL = sourcetype=if(orig_env="c"  
AND orig_index="firewall", "cisco:asa",  
sourcetype)
```






What You Get

New Search


Save As ▼ Create Table View Close



```
index="firewall" orig_env=a OR orig_env=b OR orig_env=c | fieldsummary | fields field values | search field=orig_* OR field=index OR field=sourcetype
```

All time ▼ 

✓ **55,740 events** (before 6/2/23 9:21:00.000 AM) No Event Sampling ▼ Job ▼      Smart Mode ▼

Events Patterns **Statistics (5)** Visualization

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field ▼ 	values ▼ 
index	[{"value":"firewall","count":55740}]
orig_env	[{"value":"a","count":18580},{"value":"b","count":18580},{"value":"c","count":18580}]
orig_index	[{"value":"cisco","count":18580},{"value":"firewall","count":18580},{"value":"network","count":18580}]
orig_sourcetype	[{"value":"514","count":18580},{"value":"firewall","count":18580},{"value":"syslog","count":18580}]
sourcetype	[{"value":"cisco:asa","count":55740}]

Customer Story 3

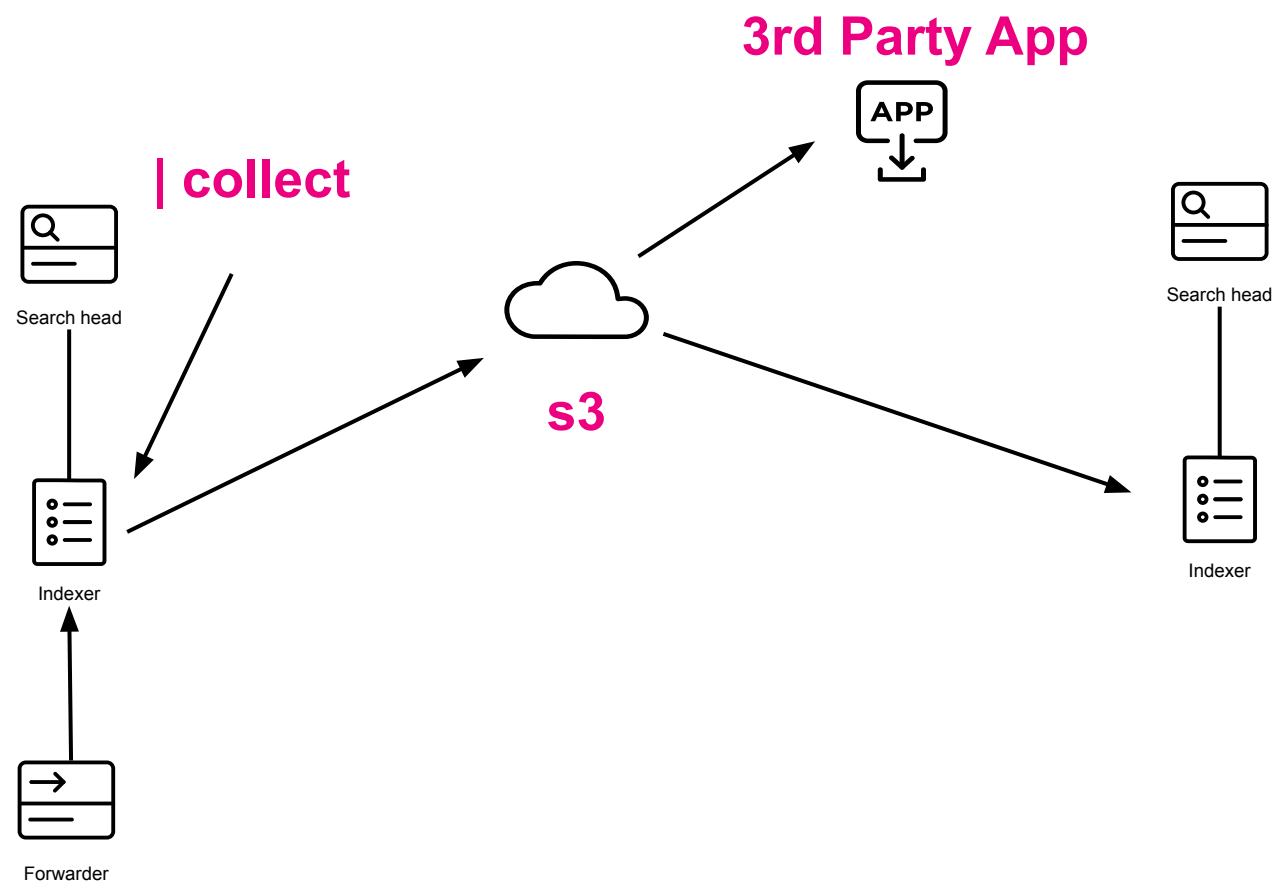


The Scenario

Airgap/Aggregation

- Environments can not communicate with each other
- Customer would like “summary” data sent to s3 bucket
- Use IA to push “| **collect**” summaries to s3 bucket
- Reindexed summaries using AWS S3 Modular Input
- Data is also available for third party applications

Architecture



The Configs

Using the WebUI

- Use Summary Index or the "**| collect**" command to summarize
- `index=network | stats count by src dest | collect index=summary sourcetype=something`
- Use IA WebUI to create a "**Route to Destination**" rule for the output sourcetype

Create New Ruleset

route_something_to_s3

Enter Ruleset Description

> Event Stream
something
26KB

Data Preview for Route

Route to Destin...
100% | 0KB

Routing sends data to one or multiple destinations

Condition ?

None
Regex
Eval

Immediately send to ?

Default Destination x
aws localhost x

Learn more

Clone events and apply more rules
Learn more

Apply

+ Add Rule

i	Time
>	5/25/2023 5:46:30.672 PM
>	5/25/2023 5:46:30.672 PM
>	5/25/2023 5:46:30.672 PM
>	5/25/2023 5:46:30.672 PM
>	5/25/2023 5:46:30.672 PM
>	5/25/2023 5:46:30.672 PM
>	5/25/2023 5:46:30.672 PM

Summarizing

New Search Save As ▾ Create Table View Close

```
index="firewall" orig_env=a OR orig_env=b OR orig_env=c | bucket _time span=5m | stats count min(_time) as mintime max(_time) as maxtime
by src_ip dest_ip dest_port action | eval mintime=strftime(mintime,"%m/%d/%y %H:%M:%S"), maxtime=strftime(maxtime,"%m/%d/%y %H:%M:%S")
| collect index=summary sourcetype=firewall_summary
```

✓ **55,740 events** (before 6/2/23 9:35:29.000 AM) No Event Sampling ▾ Job ▾ ⏸ ■ ➔ 🖨 ⬇ ! Smart Mode ▾

Events Patterns **Statistics (4,804)** Visualization

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src_ip ▾	dest_ip ▾	dest_port ▾	action ▾	count ▾	mintime ▾	maxtime ▾
100.101.228.241	192.168.116.67	443	teardown	3	06/02/23 08:55:00	06/02/23 08:55:00
100.101.228.241	192.168.116.67	53	teardown	3	06/02/23 08:55:00	06/02/23 08:55:00
100.101.228.241	192.168.12.43	443	teardown	3	06/02/23 08:55:00	06/02/23 08:55:00
100.101.228.241	192.168.150.21	80	teardown	3	06/02/23 08:55:00	06/02/23 08:55:00
100.101.228.241	192.168.151.203	44120	teardown	3	06/02/23 08:55:00	06/02/23 08:55:00
100.101.228.241	192.168.151.203	53	teardown	3	06/02/23 08:55:00	06/02/23 08:55:00

The Summarized Data

Now residing on s3

```
{  
  "time": 1685709369,  
  "event": "06/02/2023 09:36:09 -0300, info_search_time=1685709369.495,  
count=3, action=teardown, src_ip=\"100.98.91.102\", dest_ip=\"192.168.36.143\",  
maxtime=\"06/02/23 08:55:00\", mintime=\"06/02/23 08:55:00\", dest_port=443\",  
  "host": "lab",  
  "source": "...events.stash_new",  
  "sourcetype": "firewall_summary"  
}
```

Reusing the Summarized Data

With Splunk!

i	Time	Event
>	6/2/23 9:36:09.000 AM	06/02/2023 09:36:09 -0300, info_search_time=1685709369.495, count=3, action=teardown, src_ip="100.98.91.102", dest_ip="192.168.50.59", maxtime="06/02/23 08:55:00", mintime="06/02/23 08:55:00", dest_port=9200 host = summarized source = events_1685709369_1685709369_1685709403_000000_62C59AB2-C78B-4... sourcetype = _json
>	6/2/23 9:36:09.000 AM	06/02/2023 09:36:09 -0300, info_search_time=1685709369.495, count=3, action=teardown, src_ip="100.98.91.102", dest_ip="192.168.36.143", maxtime="06/02/23 08:55:00", mintime="06/02/23 08:55:00", dest_port=443 host = summarized source = events_1685709369_1685709369_1685709403_000000_62C59AB2-C78B-4... sourcetype = _json
>	6/2/23 9:36:09.000 AM	06/02/2023 09:36:09 -0300, info_search_time=1685709369.495, count=3, action=teardown, src_ip="100.98.91.102", dest_ip="192.168.35.22", maxtime="06/02/23 08:55:00", mintime="06/02/23 08:55:00", dest_port=443 host = summarized source = events_1685709369_1685709369_1685709403_000000_62C59AB2-C78B-4... sourcetype = _json
>	6/2/23 9:36:09.000 AM	06/02/2023 09:36:09 -0300, info_search_time=1685709369.495, count=3, action=teardown, src_ip="100.98.91.102", dest_ip="192.168.35.205", maxtime="06/02/23 08:55:00", mintime="06/02/23 08:55:00", dest_port=22 host = summarized source = events_1685709369_1685709369_1685709403_000000_62C59AB2-C78B-4... sourcetype = _json
>	6/2/23 9:36:09.000 AM	06/02/2023 09:36:09 -0300, info_search_time=1685709369.495, count=3, action=teardown, src_ip="100.98.91.102", dest_ip="192.168.26.86", maxtime="06/02/23 08:55:00", mintime="06/02/23 08:55:00", dest_port=443 host = summarized source = events_1685709369_1685709369_1685709403_000000_62C59AB2-C78B-4... sourcetype = _json

Reusing the Summarized Data

With anything!

```
17
18 def main():
19
20     for i in glob("/opt/splunk/ingest-actions/**/*.json"):
21         with open(i, "r") as fin:
22             data = fin.read()
23             for row in json.loads(data):
24                 print(row)
25
26 if __name__ == "__main__":
27     main()
28
```

```
{'time': 1685709369, 'event': '06/02/2023 09:36:09 -0300, info_search_time=1685709369.495, count=3,
  action=teardown, src_ip="100.101.228.241", dest_ip="192.168.116.67", maxtime="06/02/23 08:55:00",
  mintime="06/02/23 08:55:00", dest_port=443', 'host': 'lab', 'source': '/opt/splunk/var/spool/splunk/
  10fe3cb05ee081a0_eda28350538dce88_events.stash_new', 'sourcetype': 'firewall_summary'}
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```

Customer Story 4



The Scenario

`_time > now`

- Events are being forwarded from one environment to another using a Heavy Forwarder or Indexer
- You notice `_time` is incorrect, some events are from the future
- Original environment refuses to change anything

The Configs

props.conf

```
[<sourcetype>]
```

```
RULESET-1 = fix_future_time
```

transforms.conf

```
[_rule:fix_future_time]
```

```
INGEST_EVAL = _time=if(_time >  
time(),time(),_time)
```

Could even use strftime for more accuracy!


What You Get

Without going 88 miles per hour

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✓ 18,580 events (before 6/2/23 10:12:13.000 PM) No Event Sampling ▾ Job ▾ || ■ ↗ 🖨️ ⬇️ ⚠️ Smart Mode ▾

Events Patterns **Statistics (18,580)** Visualization

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_time ⬆️	_raw ⬆️ 
2023-06-02 08:56:06	June 02 2024 08:56:06 localhost %ASA-4-106023: Allow TCP src outbound:100.122.60.52/2523 dst inbound:192.168.35.205/443 by access-group "inbound" [0x0, 0x0]
2023-06-02 08:56:06	June 02 2024 08:56:06 localhost %ASA-6-302016: Teardown TCP connection 98581 for outbound:100.122.60.52/2523 to inbound:192.168.35.205/443 duration 00:01:19 bytes -165371 TCP Reset
2023-06-02 08:56:06	June 02 2024 08:56:06 localhost %ASA-4-106023: Deny TCP src outbound:100.101.54.236/40488 dst acl_out:192.168.35.46/138 by access-group "vpn" [0x0, 0x0]
2023-06-02 08:56:06	June 02 2024 08:56:06 localhost %ASA-4-106023: Deny TCP src restrict:100.102.194.79/16525 dst inbound:192.168.35.22/22 by access-group "vpn" [0x0, 0x0]
2023-06-02 08:56:06	June 02 2024 08:56:06 localhost %ASA-4-106023: Allow TCP src acl_out:100.78.217.244/65495 dst acl_out:192.168.183.35/9200 by access-group "inbound" [0x0, 0x0]

What's Next?

Can Ingest Actions make your data more usable?

- You understand that **Ingest Actions** consist of **Destinations** and **Rulesets**
- You have seen **Ingest Actions** used with the **WebUI** and **config** files
- You understand **Ingest Actions** use **INGEST_EVALs**
- Do you have an upcoming migration that **Ingest Actions** can make easier?



Thank You

