

Splunk App for Stream

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Agenda

- What is Splunk App for Stream?
- Why use Steam?
- Where to use Stream?
- Deploying Stream
- Questions

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Some history

- Splunk acquires Cloudmeter, December 2013
- Renamed Splunk App for Stream
- Released with Splunk 6.0 (August, 2014)
- Now at version 6.4.3 (January, 2016)



Purpose of Stream

- Rapid deployment
- Rapid configuration
- Capture wire data
- Interpret wire data
- Summarize/filter/aggregate
- Index
- Kind of like Bro, but more Splunky, and GUI

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So what can we capture?

- Well, we aren't really capturing and indexing packets
- Forwarders capture packets, analyze the protocols
- What protocols (a lot):
 - TCP/UDP
 - Application protocols (HTTP, databases, email, file sharing, chat)
 - About 30 different protocols currently
 - <u>http://docs.splunk.com/Documentation/StreamApp/latest/DeployStreamApp</u> /Whattypeofdatadoesthisappcollect

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No logs

- No ownership
- No visibility
- No forwarders (as endpoints)
- No logging options

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Poor logs

- Logging is high overhead
- Logs make no sense
- Key events are not logged





Cloud

- Many cloud services don't offer logs on things
- No chokepoints



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VS. Bro IDS

- Lower CPU usage
- Lower RAM usage
- More OS support (Linux, Windows, OSX)

But

- High traffic requires network packet brokers (Gigamon, Ixia, etc.)
- Can't write your work interpreters
- No Snort rules





Other features

- Filtering
- Aggregation
- Ephemeral Streams (short term)
- SSL decrypt
- Centralized management
- Integration with ES
 - Start a stream after Notable event
 - Protocol analysis dashboards

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Data Estimation

- "What if I turn this on?"
- Tells you how much data you would be indexing

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Granular control of the data

• Not just which systems, but also what data, which fields

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Global Filters

- Filter out noise from the enterprise
- Things like vulnerability scanners

IP Address Filters
Use whitelist/blacklist filter rules to capture/ignore network data based on IP address. 🕑
Whitelist IP Addresses
Define a whitelist to capture data from IP addresses on that list only.
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Blacklist IP Addresses
Define a blacklist to ignore those IP addresses, and allow data capture from all other IP addresses.
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Distributed Forwarder Management

- Set up groups for capture
- Uses regex for groups on the "Forwarder ID"
- Forwarder ID is configurable via XML config file
- Yes, it's another Splunk deployment/control mechanism

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Where to use Splunk Stream

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Dedicated Stream Forwarders

- Send data off of a switch Span or Tap
- Tools like Gigamon, Ixia, Etc.
 - You need these for really big pipes to spread the love
- Purpose built
 - Higher CPU and RAM
 - Better network cards
- Also a good option is you want to perform SSL decrypt
- Note that if you do this you will want to change some of your kernel settings (buffer sizes)
- Make sure to monitor your forwarders for thruput warnings!

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Deploy to the Endpoints

- Deploy directly to the systems you want to monitor
- Good for application debugging
- Nice option for Splunk ES
- Can be done from Deployment Server
- Granular control over groups
- Could mean a lot of "hand on"





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Deploying Splunk Stream

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Two parts

- The Splunk App for Stream
 - Dashboards for analytics on protocols
 - Administrative panels for configuration
 - Stream Estimate (really cool, more later)
 - Goes on Search Head/Controller
- Splunk Stream Add-on
 - Binaries
 - Index-time operations (linebreaking, timestamping)
 - Goes on Indexers and Forwarders (UF or HF)

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Install the Splunk App for Stream

- Can co-locate with ES
- Can co-locate with DMC
- In smaller (less than 100 forwarders) don't use with the DS
 - Possible exhausted connections (DS and Stream poll separately)
- Installs just like any other Splunk app



Harvest the Add On

- Installs to a few places
- \$SPLUNK_HOME/etc/apps/Splunk_TA_stream
- \$SPLUNK_HOME/etc/apps/splunk_app_stream/install/Splunk_TA_str eam
- \$SPLUNK_HOME/etc/deployment-apps/Splunk_TA_stream
 - Will create the local inputs.conf with the app server location



* Skip this is your SH is your DS

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Make sure your forwarders can talk back

- Your forwarders will need to be able to talk to the SH with splunk_app_stream installed
- The port is the same as the GUI for your SH



Configure your forwarders

- Don't have to be root on Linux
 - Use the included setuid.sh script
- Must be local admin or local system on Windows
- On UFs you should monitor your thruput limits



Inputs.conf

- Remember that the inputs.conf is layerable
- Just like other Splunk configs
- Doesn't have to be in the Splunk_TA_stream
- On the DS you can deploy two apps, one with the input to point back to the splunk_app_stream
- Then also deploy the Splunk_TA_stream



Configure your streams

- The defaults may send more fields than you need
- Can tell forwarders which parts of the data you want
- You can have different configs for different groups!

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\checkmark	bytes_in	The number of bytes sent from client to server	Original	flow.cs-bytes		~
\checkmark	bytes_out	The number of bytes sent from server to client	Original	flow.sc-bytes		~
\checkmark	cookie	The Cookie HTTP request header	Original	http.cookie		~



Configure your forwarder groups

- Uses good ol' regex
- Lets you say ahead of time if Ephemeral Streams should be allowed

			Matched	Forwarders
Name:	DBServer		v Regex Bule:	appdbhost[\d]
Description:	Database servers in the App group		Preview of Ma	atched Forwarde
Include Ephemeral Streams?	Yes No	5	Cancel	
Cancel		Next >		

Matched	Forwarders (New Rule)	
Regex Rule:	appdbhost[\d]+	
Preview of Ma	tched Forwarders: No matches found.	
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Gotcha with Groups

- Just regex on the Stream forwarder ID (not IP, hostname)
- This is configured in an XML file
- Messy
- The "defaultgroup" forwarder group for all unmatched hosts will gather ALL THE THINGS

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i	Name	Description	Rule	Include Ephemeral Streams?	Contains Streams	Actions			
>	AppServers	These are my app servers that get fun stuff	^.*Pro.*\$	Yes	3	~			
>	DBServer	Database servers in the App group	appdbhost[\d]+	No	0	• •			
>	defaultgroup	Used when there is no matching group found for a given stream forwarder ID		Yes	41	~			



Wait for data to flow in

- That's pretty much it!
- Docs make it look a lot harder

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