Logging

About Needles in the Modern Haystack



Who are we?

zentral.pro



- Founded in Q1 2019
- Based in Germany
- Small, skilled team
- Professional Services
 Research and Development
- Business & Enterprises customers
- B2B Partners

Who am I



Henry Stamerjohann

zentral.pro

- Based in Hamburg, Germany
- Zentral Pro Services (co-founder)
- Started the Zentral open source
 Event Hub Project with Éric Falconnier
 (co-founder)
- Zentral was first shown in public at MacSysAdmin 2015



Logs & Events

Computing / Technology "A lot more events, from many more sources..."



Logs & Events

Computing / Technology

- Cloud Computing Platforms and SaaS
- Linux (incl. ChromeOS)
- Microsoft:
 - Azure, Intune, Windows 10 (new norm, great integrations)
- Apple:
 - macOS, iOS, iPadOS, tvOS
 - Client Management & MDM Provider

(well known challenge w/ integrations)



Logs & Events

Computing / Technology "Where, when and what?"



Logs & Events

Computing / Technology

"Where, when and what?"

- Created by apps, systems, network and user activity
- Event flow, time stamps, and Frequency
- Common use:
 - Check-based fault detection
 - Log-based monitoring
 - Metrics-based monitoring
 - Collect telemetry data





On the endpoints

Sources

OS

- Installer
- MDMclient
- LaunchServices

Software

- Business apps
- Other apps
- Security Agents
 - Osquery
 - Santa
 - Xnumon



On the endpoints

- Sources
 - SecurityAgents:Osquery

Osquery

- Cloud Native Foundation Project
- Powerful Change Detection
- SQL like view of the system

Based on

- OS
- Multi Platform (Mac, Linux, Windows)



On the endpoints

- Sources
 - SecurityAgents:Google Santa

Santa

- Binary Whitelisting / Blacklisting
- TLS Server (Backend)
- Dynamic Config
- Local Log file

Based on

- Kernel extension
- (soon) Security Extention



On the endpoints

- Sources
 - SecurityAgents:Xnumon

Xnumon

- Log Information on
 - pid
 - path
 - ancestory
 - arguments
 - code-signing information
- Trace activity (good/bad)

Based on

- Open BSM
- Kernel extension

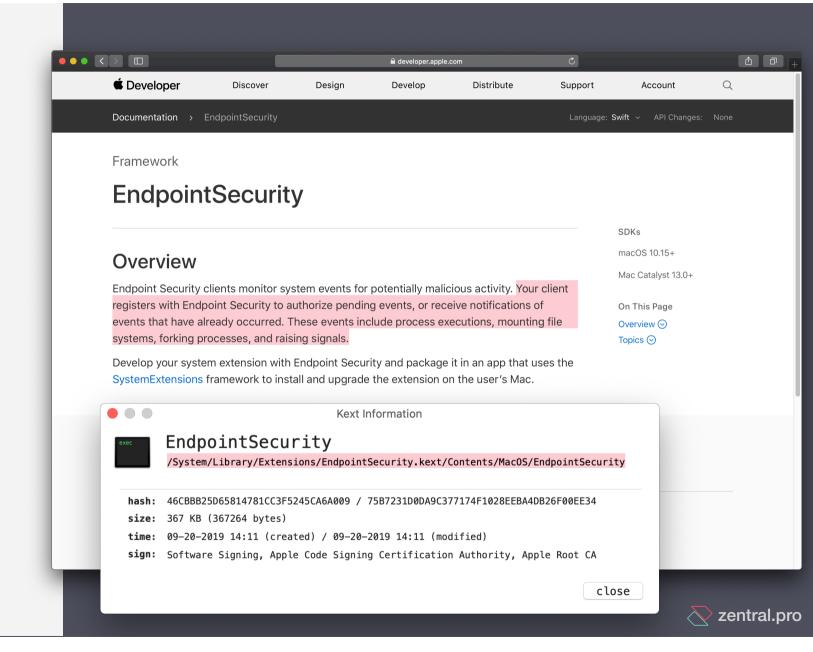


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 - SecurityAgents:SystemExtensions

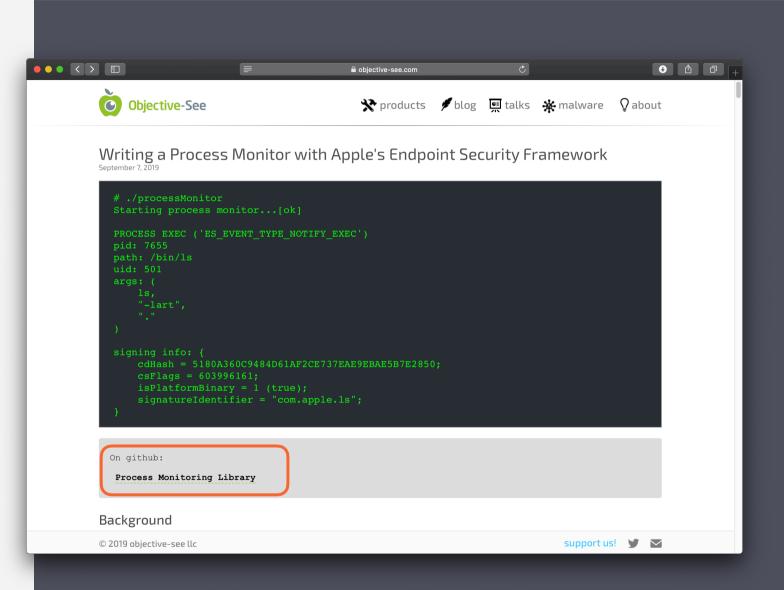




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On the endpoints

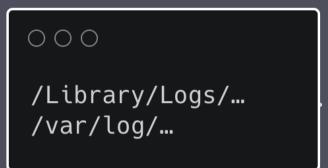
Outputs

- Written to File
- Written to local Database
- Written to a Backend
- Transferred by an Agent



On the endpoints

- Outputs
 - File based

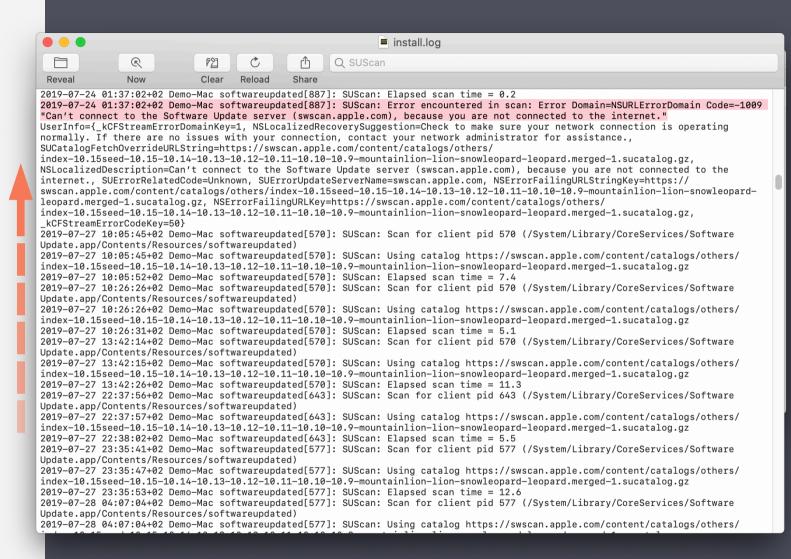


File based - the "classic" use case

- mostly with not so well integrated apps
- Text data in files (rotated)
- Sometimes JSON (1 object per line)



- Outputs
 - File based





On the endpoints

- Outputs
 - OS log facility

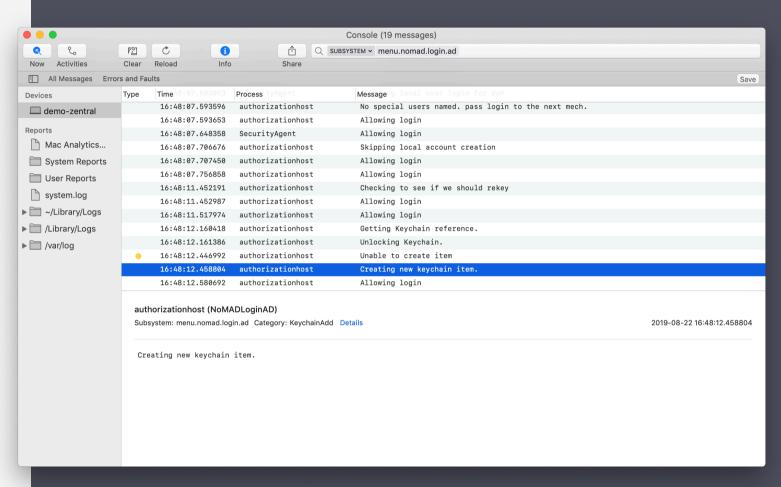
OS log facilities - for OS and well behaved / integrated apps

- Apple Unified Logging
 - More structure
 - JSON output possible
 - Configurable persistence
- Syslog (old in macOS)



On the endpoints

- Outputs
 - UnifiedLogging



In-memory or persist into .tracev3 files



On the endpoints

- Outputs
 - UnifiedLogging

```
SpaceX:~ joe$ sudo log stream --predicate 'subsystem == "menu.nomad.login.ad"'
Password:
Filtering the log data using "subsystem == "menu.nomad.login.ad""
                                                                             PID
Timestamp
                                Thread
                                           Type
                                                        Activity
2019-08-22 16:47:59.721330+0200 0x1d648
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Creating new keychain item.

In-memory or persist into **.tracev3** files



On the endpoints

- Outputs
 - Unified Logging

```
# Jamf Connect debug

log stream --predicate 'subsystem == "com.jamf.connect.login"' --debug --info

--predicate Filter element (subsystem type)

--debug Details depth
```

Formatting (json)

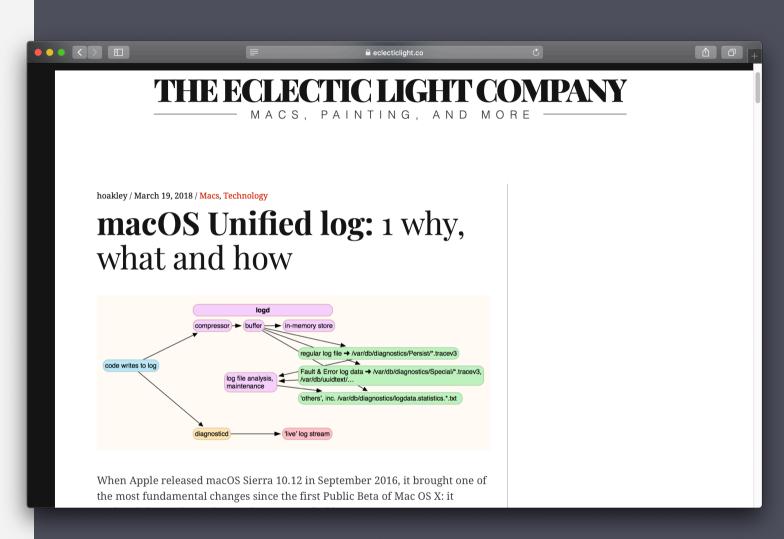
--style



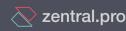
On the endpoints

- Outputs
 - UnifiedLogging

https://eclecticlight.co/ 2018/03/19/macos-unified-log-1why-what-and-how/



Howard Oakley @ Electriclight Company



- Outputs
 - Custom

- JSON payload posted on a HTTPS endpoint (Osquery, Santa,...)
- Publish to Kafka (Osquery)
- Other custom variants...



Server / Cloud

Sources

Identity Provider

- Sign-ins / Sign-in errors (AzureAD, Okta, ...)
 Inventory
 - Computer check-in (Jamf Pro, WorkspaceOne, ...)
 - Group changes (SimpleMDM, Jamf Pro, ...)

MDM (SaaS, open source MDM)

- Configuration profile pushed
- Device Enrollments

Security providers

Malware detected/removed

(Microsoft Defender ATP, Malwarebytes)



Server / Cloud

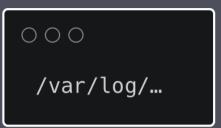
Outputs

```
head@jamf-server: ~ — ssh ◆ Python — zsh
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-rw-rw-r-- 1 root
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[head@jamf-server:~$ ls -la /var/log/tomcat8/
total 2812
drwxr-x--- 2 tomcat8 adm
                                 4096 Sep 21 06:25 .
                                 4096 Sep 21 06:25 ...
drwxrwxr-x 14 root
                      svsloa
-rw-r--- 1 tomcat8 tomcat8
                                 2467 Sep 12 14:30 catalina.2019-09-12.log.gz
                                 3625 Sep 19 22:15 catalina.2019-09-19.log.gz
-rw-r---- 1 tomcat8 tomcat8
                               271705 Sep 20 16:08 catalina.out
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-rw-r---- 1 tomcat8 tomcat8
                                   45 Sep 12 14:29 JAMFChangeManagement.log.gz
-rw-r---- 1 tomcat8 tomcat8 2509610 Sep 21 09:05 JAMFSoftwareServer.log
-rw-r---- 1 tomcat8 tomcat8
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                                12206 Sep 19 23:05 localhost access log.2019-09-19.txt.gz
                                29645 Sep 20 21:07 localhost_access_log.2019-09-20.txt.gz
-rw-r--- 1 tomcat8 tomcat8
-rw-r--- 1 tomcat8 tomcat8
                                  280 Sep 21 07:00 localhost_access_log.2019-09-21.txt
head@jamf-server:~$
```



Server / Cloud

Outputs



- File based for most of the logs
 - Text data in files (rotated)
 - Log archives
- Service logs (systemd / journalctl)



Server / Cloud

Outputs

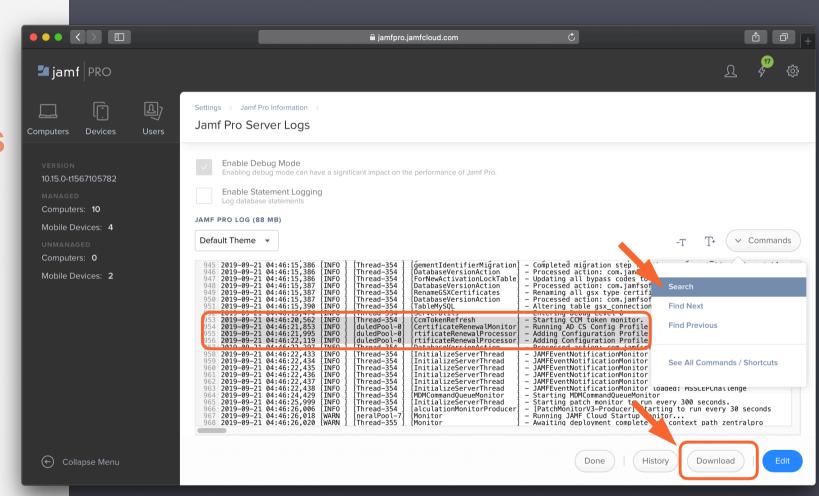
- API (Jamf Pro, Microsoft Graph SecurityAPI)
- Webhooks (Jamf Pro, Okta, ...)
- Files on a server
 (i.e.Jamf Pro in custom deployment)
- Blobs on a storage service
- GUI + manual download
- Events in a Message Broker

(Azure Event Hubs)



Server / Cloud

- Outputs
 - Jamf Pro



Search in browser or download



Server / Cloud

- Outputs
 - Jamf Pro

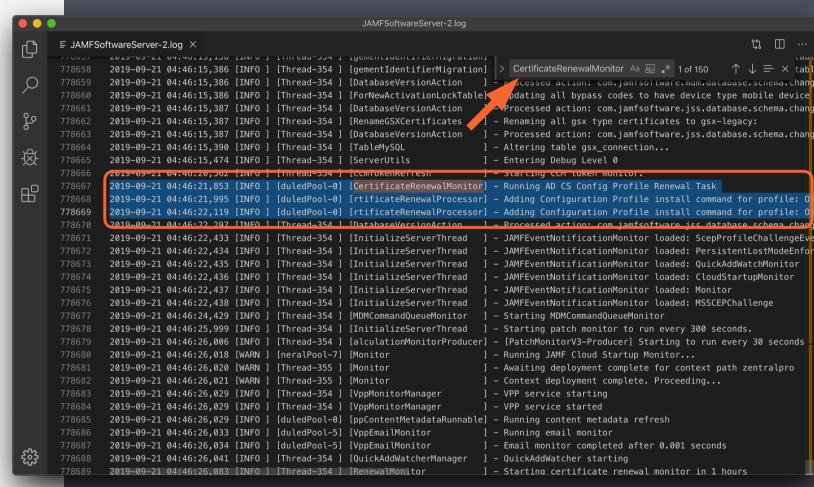
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                                                                       ] - License monitor completed after 76.43 seconds
2019-09-20 08:45:32,404 [INFO ] [duledPool-4] [CertificateRenewalMonitor] - Running AD CS Config Profile Renewal Task
2019-09-20 08:45:32,448 [INFO ] [duledPool-4] [rtificateRenewalProcessor] - Adding Configuration Profile install command for profile: OS
XConfigurationProfile [ID=33, Name=11 days certificate] for device: ComputerShell [ID=36, Name=Joe's MacBook Pro] which has a certificat
e with expiration: 2019-09-29T08:54:06.000Z
2019-09-20 08:45:32,483 [INFO ] [duledPool-4] [rtificateRenewalProcessor] - Adding Configuration Profile install command for profile: OS
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 with expiration: 2019-09-20T08:54:06.000Z
2019-09-21 04:46:15,474 [INFO ] [Thread-354 ] [ServerUtils
                                                                       ] - Entering Debug Level 0
2019-09-21 04:46:20,562 [INFO ] [Thread-354 ] [CcmTokenRefresh
                                                                 7 - Starting CCM token monitor.
2019-09-21 04:46:21.853 [INFO ] [duledPool-0] [CertificateRenewalMonitor] - Running AD CS Config Profile Renewal Task
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2019-09-21 04:46:22,119 [INFO ] [duledPool-0] [rtificateRenewalProcessor] - Adding Configuration Profile install command for profile: OS
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→ Desktop cat JAMFSoftwareServer-2.log | grep -A 2 -B 2 CertificateRenewalMonitor
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Search and grep (keywords, errors, ...)



Server / Cloud

- Outputs
 - Jamf Pro

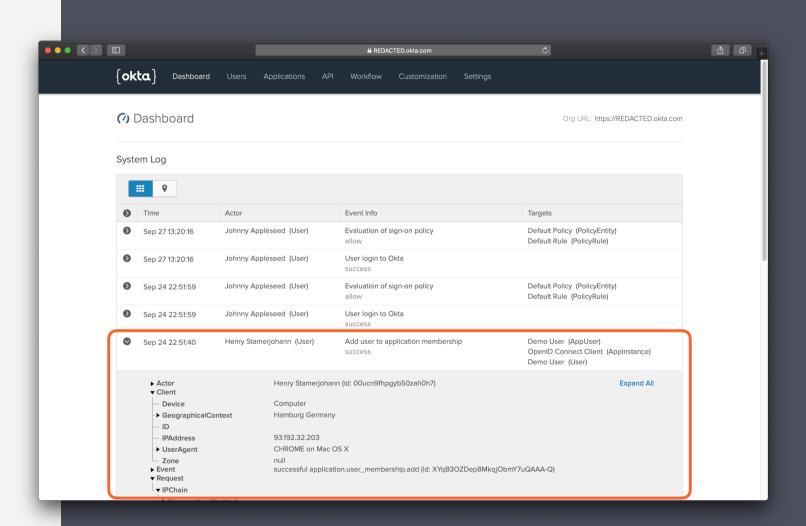


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Server / Cloud

- Outputs
 - ▶ IDP Okta

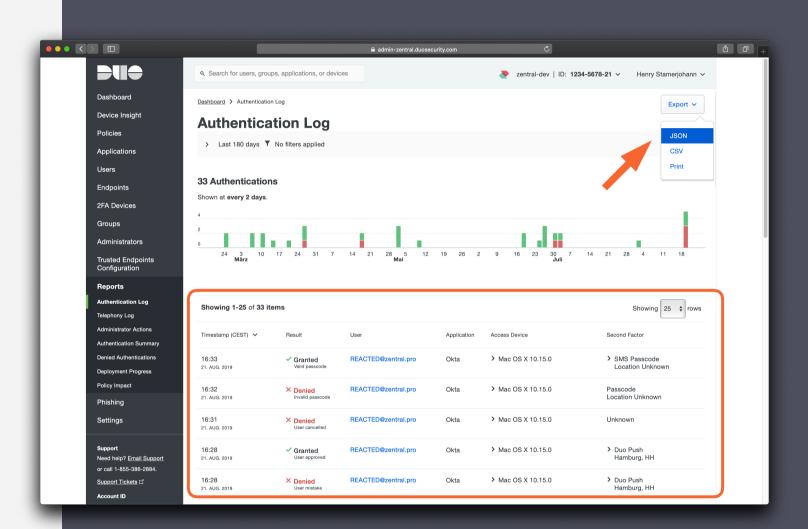


Event audit trail (sign-ins, edits or changes)



Server / Cloud

- Outputs
 - ▶ IDP Duo

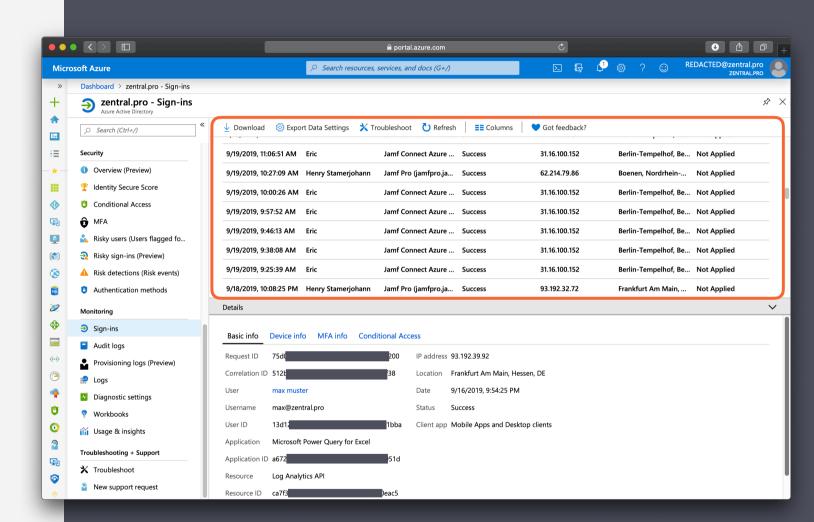


Authentications (export json, csv)



Server / Cloud

- Outputs
 - ▶ IDP Azure AD

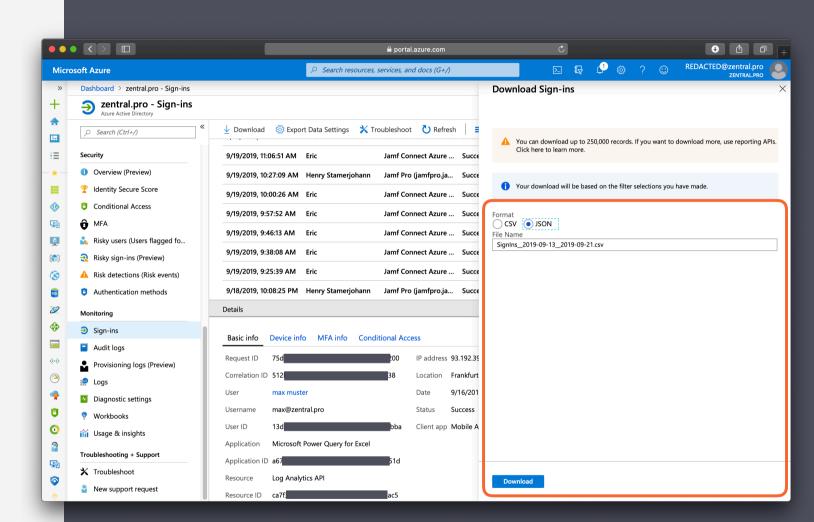


Sign-in Logs (export json, csv)



Server / Cloud

- Outputs
 - IDP Azure AD



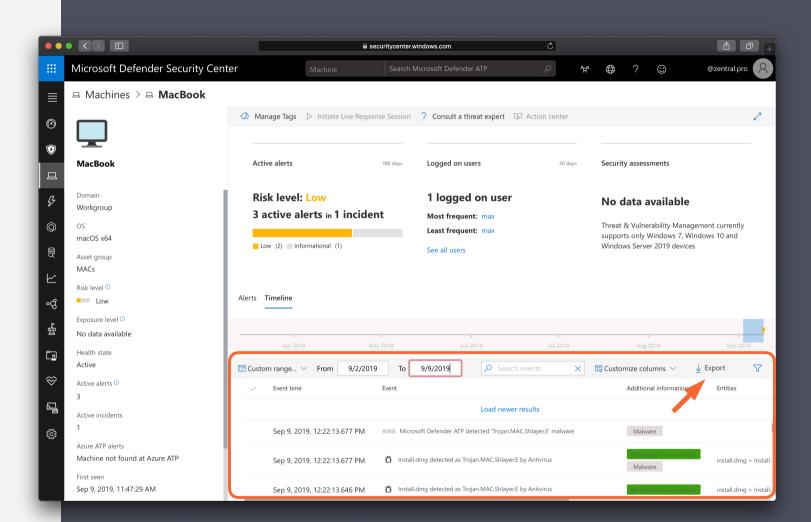
Sign-in Logs (export json, csv)



Event sources and types

Server / Cloud

- Outputs
 - ATP Defender



AV Activity / Remediation (export csv)



Event sources and types

Server / Cloud

- Outputs
 - Post processing

- Build reports from CSV
- Analyze/process JSON
- Upload and repurpose event data
- Share with other Teams
- Store for Compliance (Backups)
- Use to get support from a Vendor





Problems / Issues

Reality

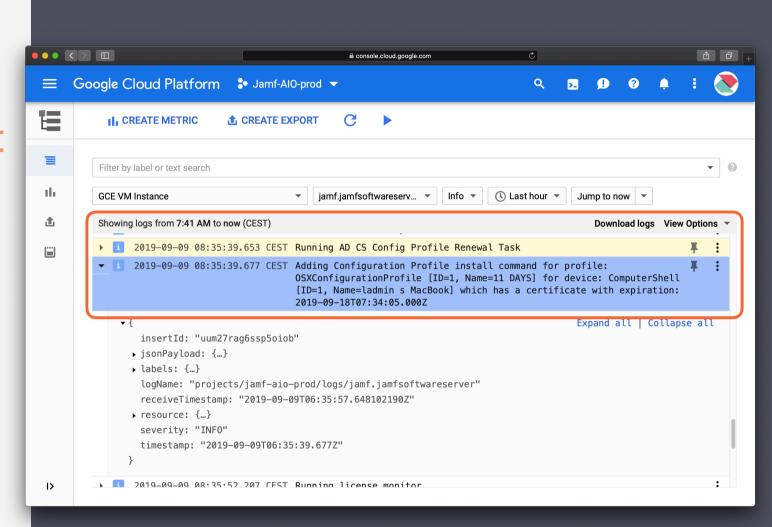
- Many different sources
- Many different formats
- No single place where to look at events / search for events
- Too many events



- Elastic Stack (formerly ELK Stack)
- Splunk
- Sumo Logic
- Stackdriver
- Zentral
- et.al

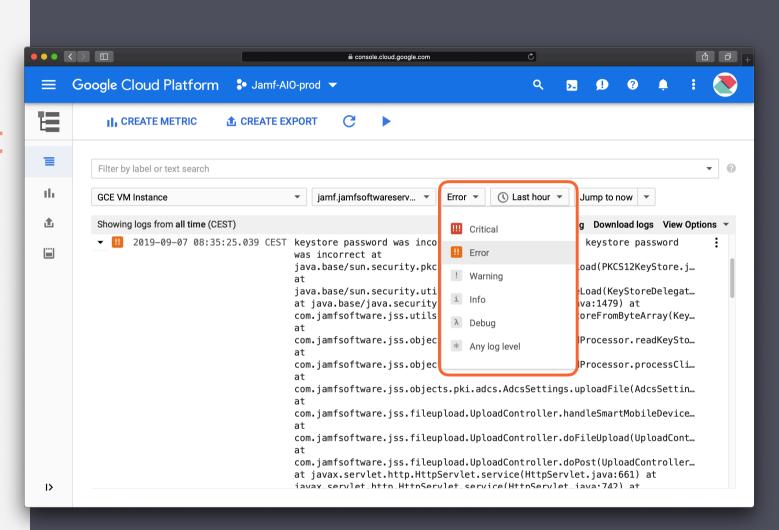


- Log Facilities
 - StackdriverLogging



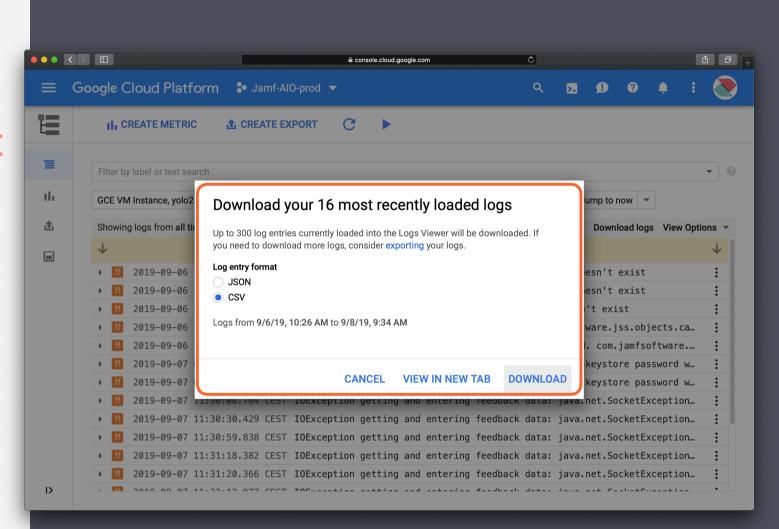


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- Log Facilities
 - Stackdriver Logging





How to connect the sources

Endpoints

- Collect file based logs (by agents)
- Run agents directly
- RPC / HTTPS Osquery events to Kolide or similar services
- Unified logging to Elastic Stack on Mac endpoints (i.e. Filebeat)



How to connect the sources

- Endpoints
 - AgentsFileBeat

FileBeat (by Elastic)

- Read local file based logs
 - Build-in Modules
- Pre-filter, Normalize events
- Ship to Elastic Stack (Kibana, Logstash)

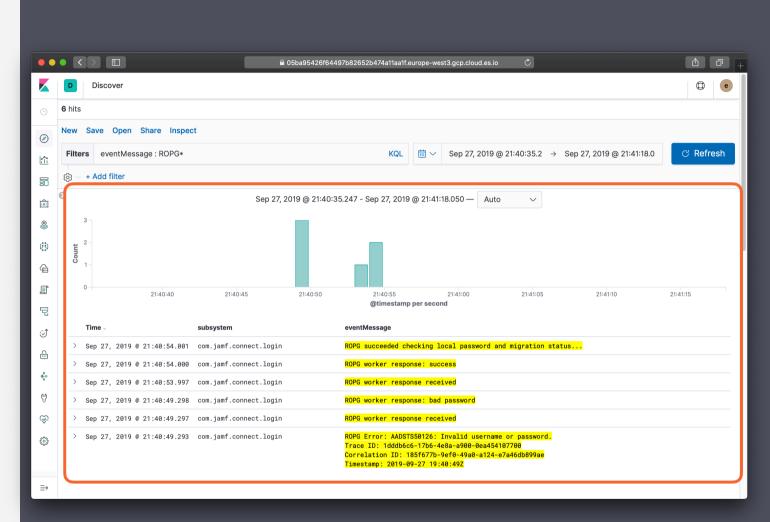
Based on

- Open source code Beats family
- Elastic core component
- filebeat.yml config file



How to connect the sources

- Endpoints
 - AgentsEndpoint logsto ElasticStack



Subsystem shipped to Elastic Stack



How to connect the sources

Server / Cloud

- Internal routing
 (Azure AD monitoring to Azure Sentinel)
- Interconnect Services with Message
 Brokers (Azure Event Hubs connect to Sumo Logic)
- Webhooks to push event data (Jamf, SimpleMDM)
- API pulling data
 (Custom Apps for Reporting, Dashboards)



How to connect the sources

DedicatedEvent HubZentral(Open Source)



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- Productive and Research Platform
- Collect Events in parallel
 - Inventory (Jamf, Intune, Munki, et.all...)
 - Identity Providers (Okta, AzureAD)
 - Endpoint Agents (Santa, Osquery, Filebeat)
- Normalize and attribute Event Data
- Historic Data stored in Elastic Search
- Connect with other Event Hubs

(Azure Event Hub, SIEM Systems)



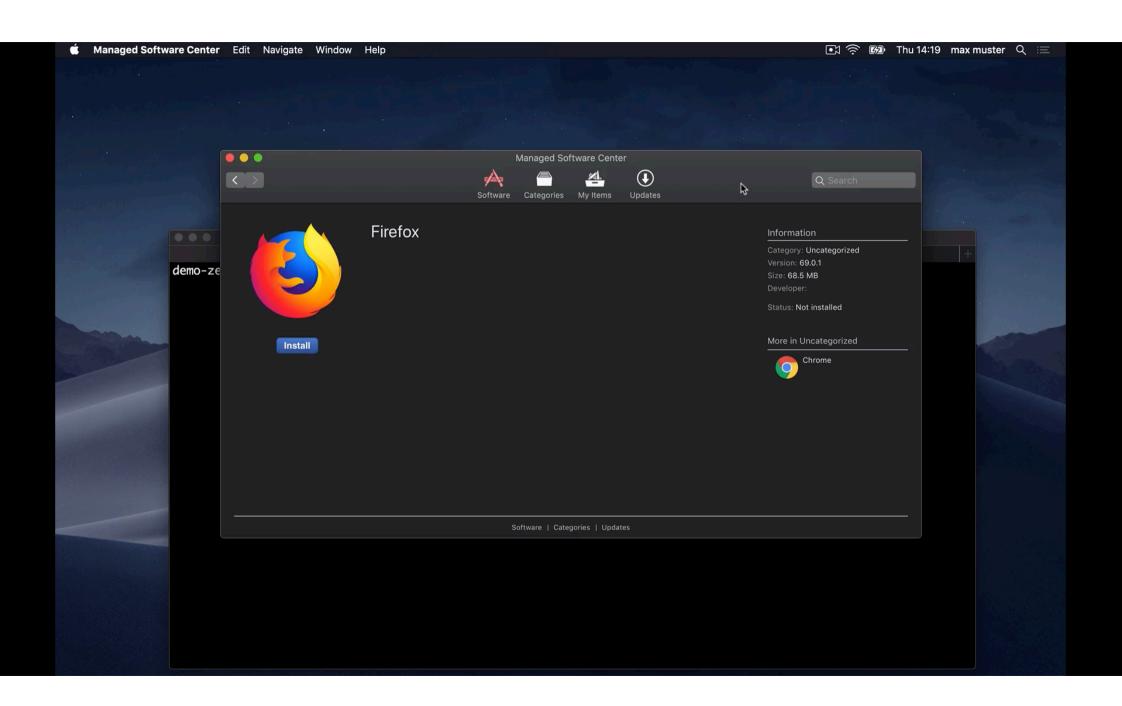
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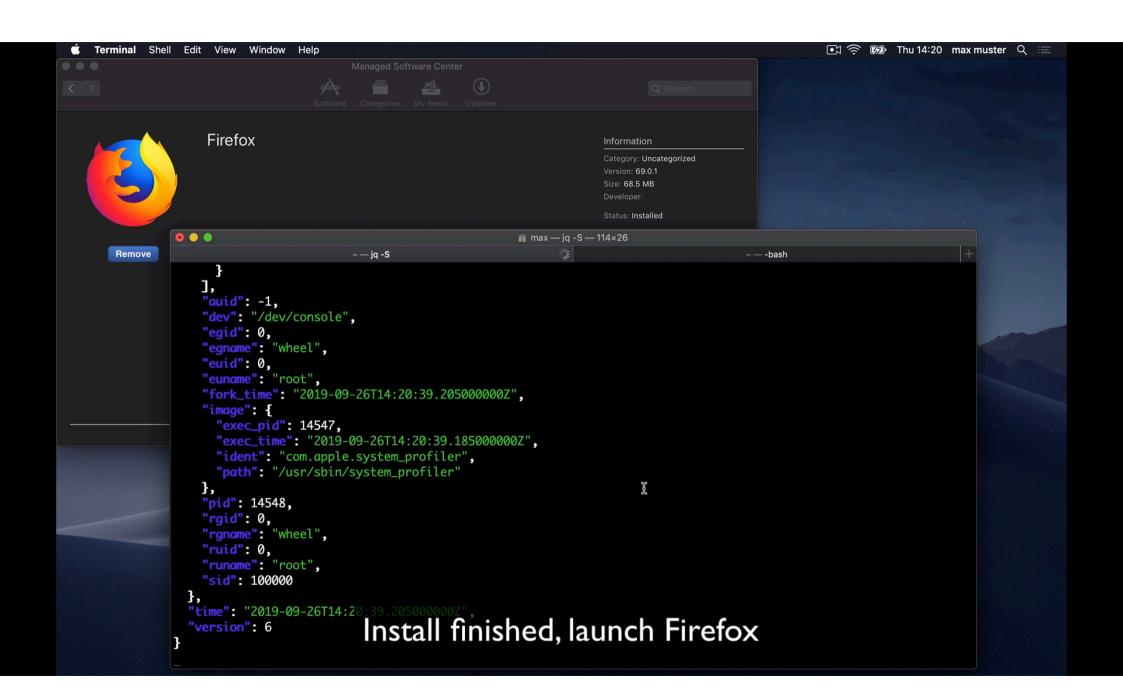
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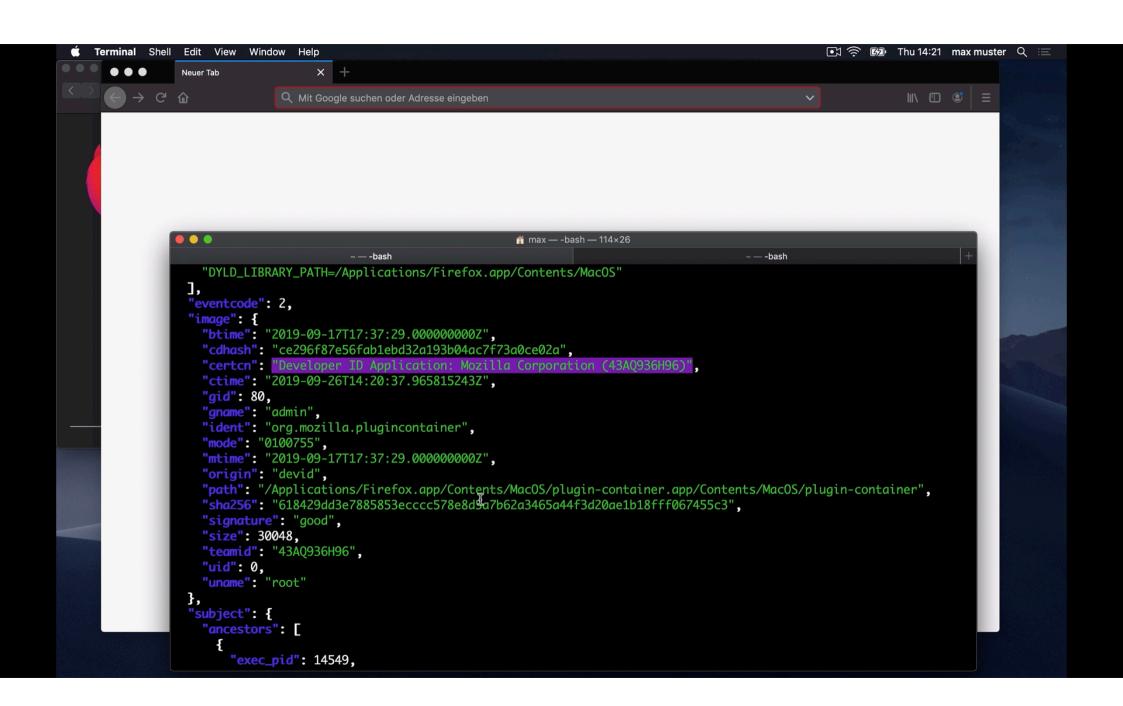
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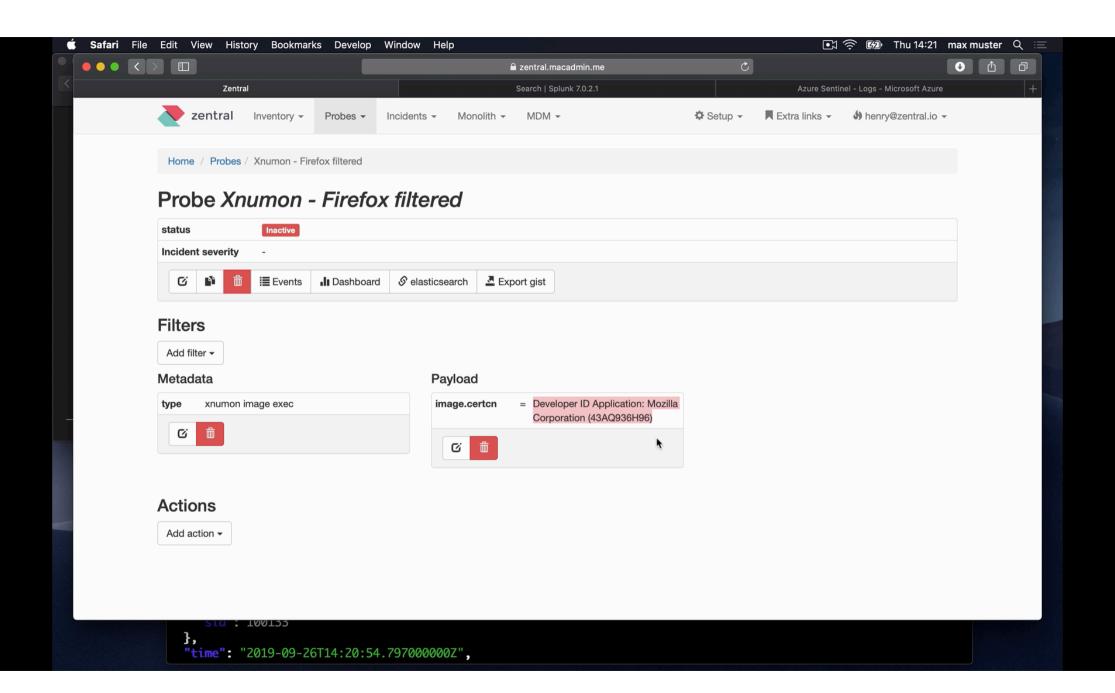
- Binary Auditing with Xnumon
- Inspect a Software install and launch
- Look into the local log file (JSON)
 - See process logs, with SHA-256 and code sigining informtation
- Ship the logs to Elastic Stack (w/ FileBeat)
- Run a quick filtering in Zentral
- See filtered Events in Kibana Ul

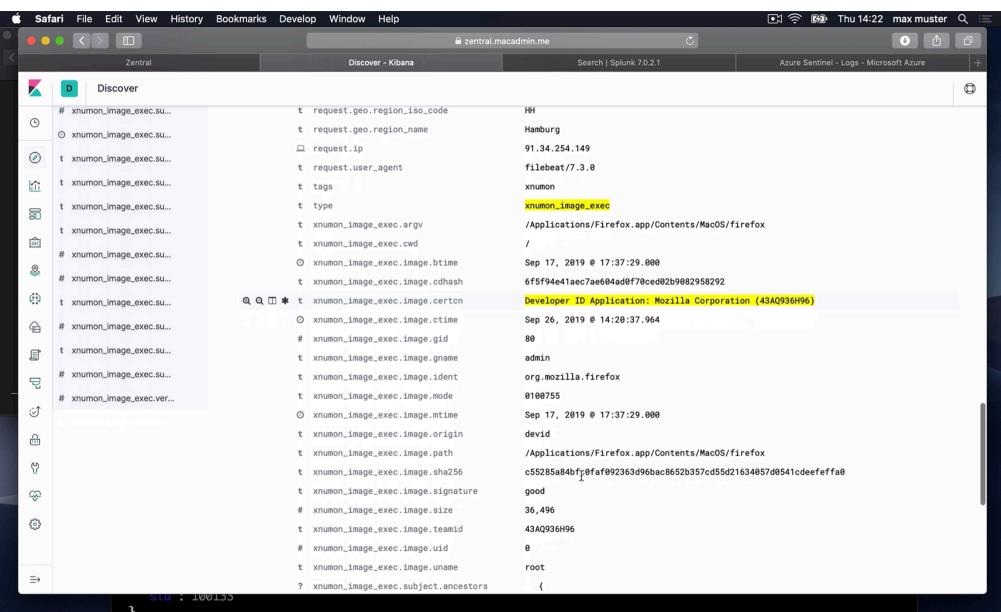


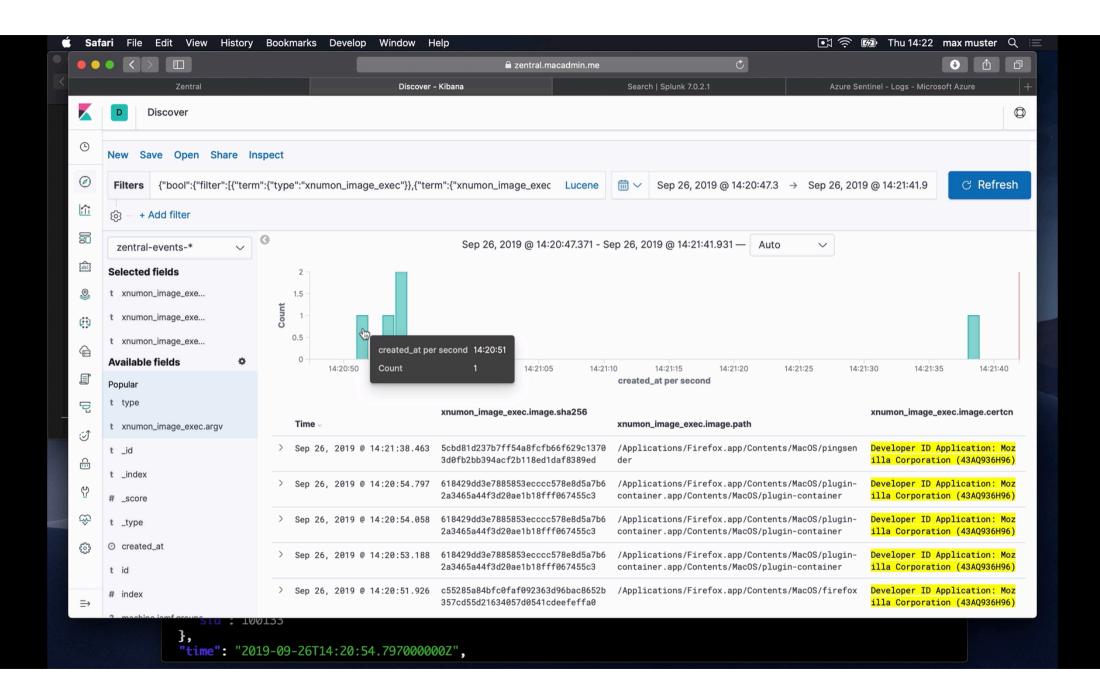












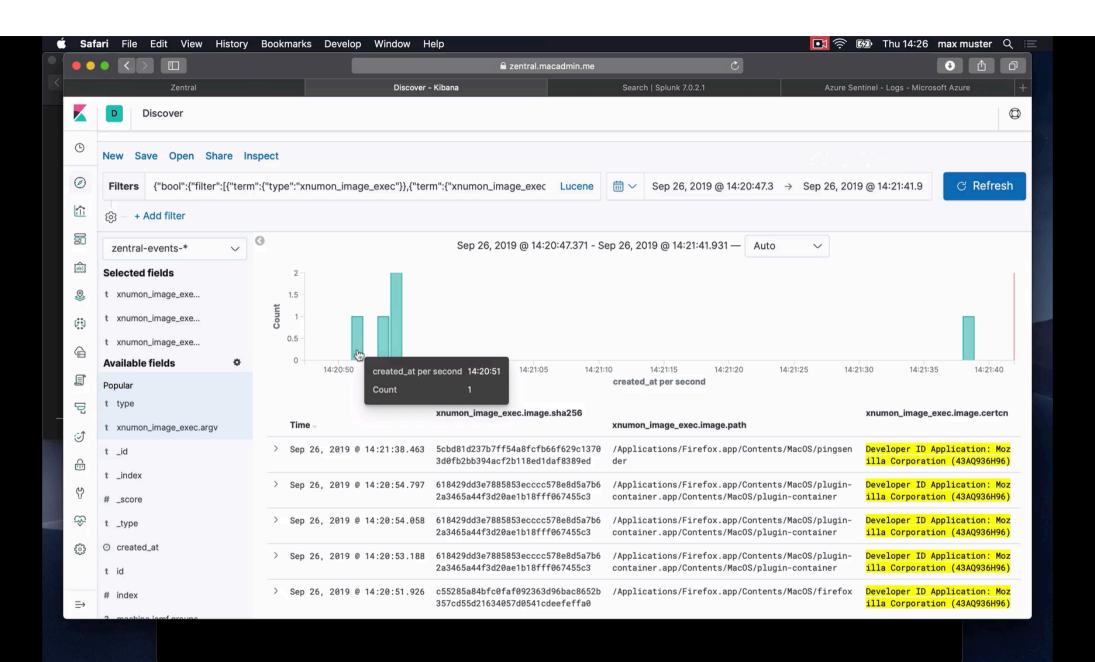
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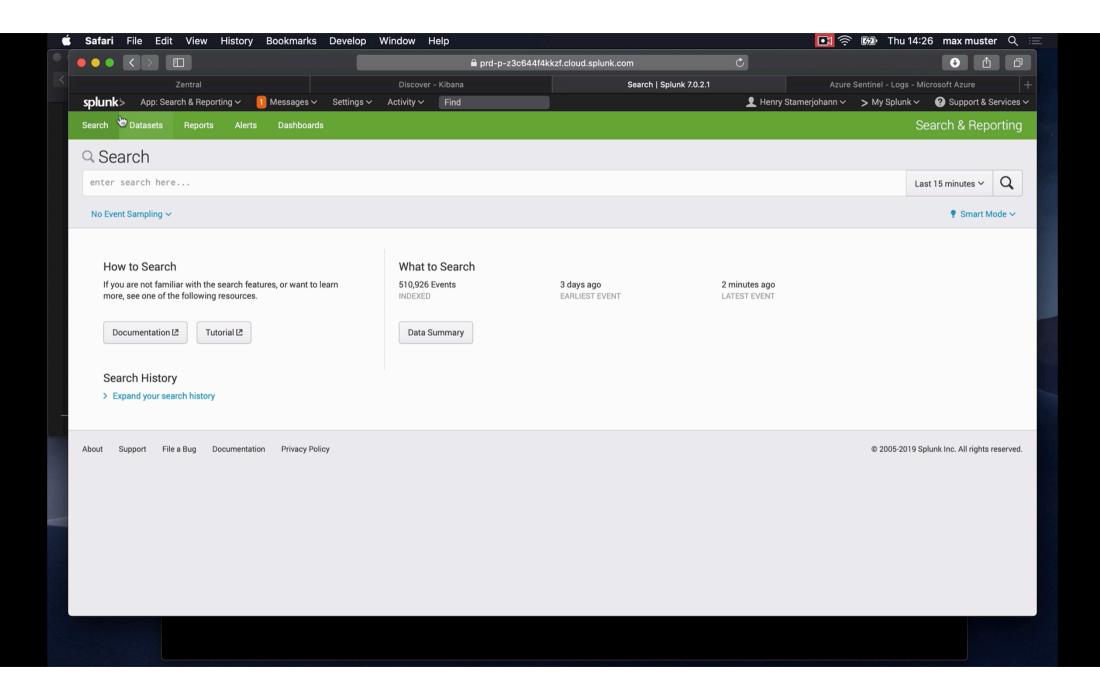
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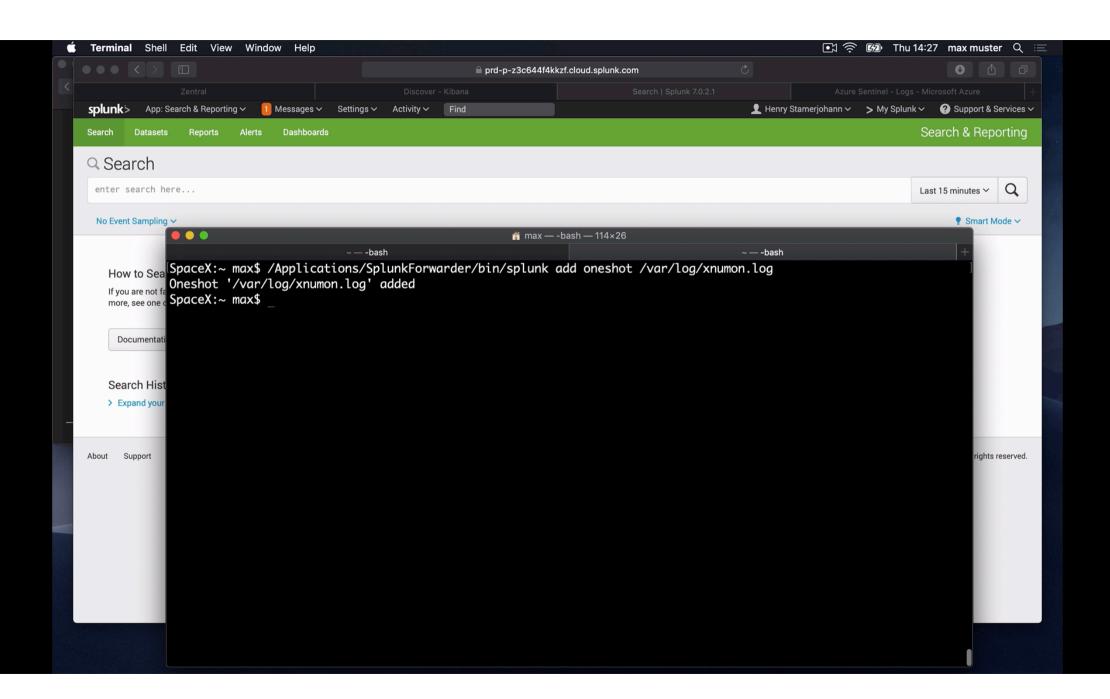
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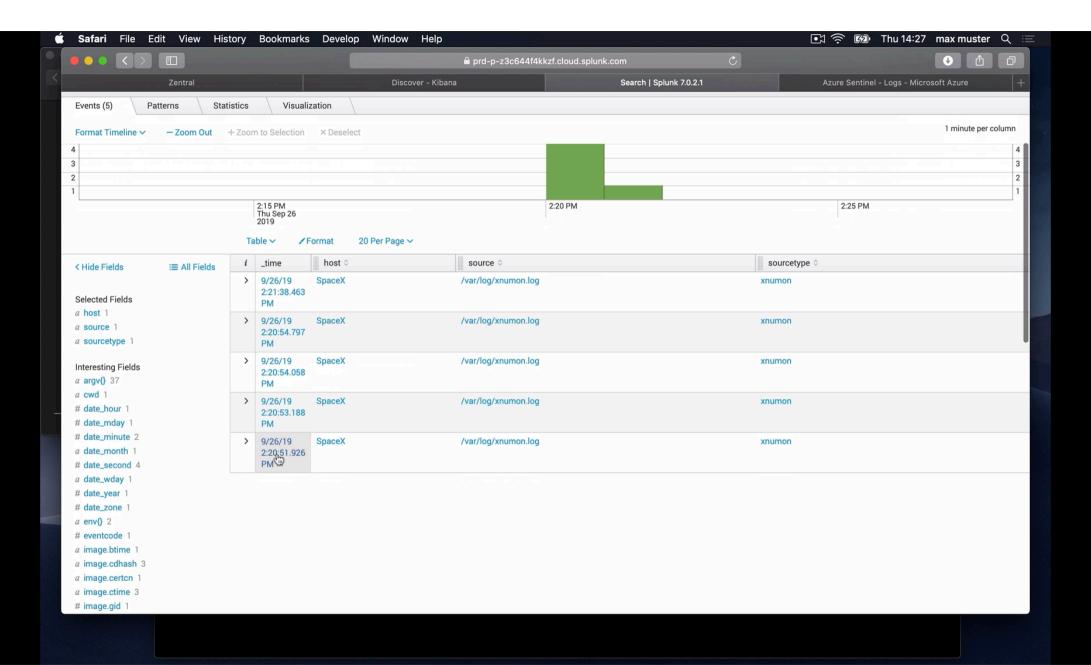
- Ship same log to a commercial SaaS
- Look into events in the SaaS
- Next level interconnecting
 Event Hubs and normalized event stream
- See Events filtered in a SIEM
 (Security Incident Event Management)

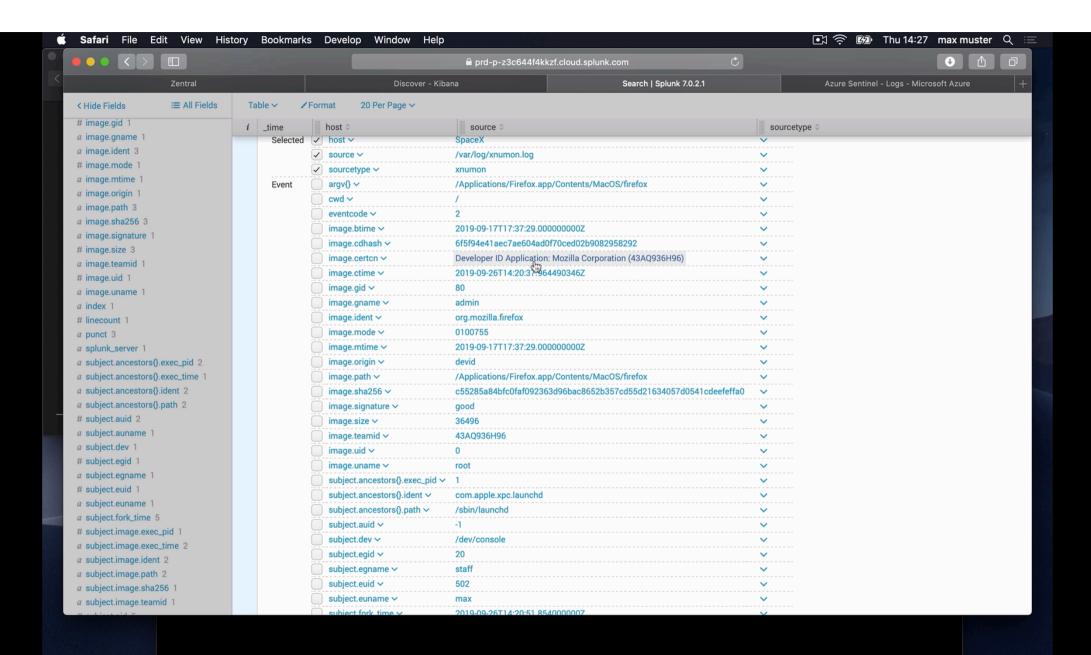


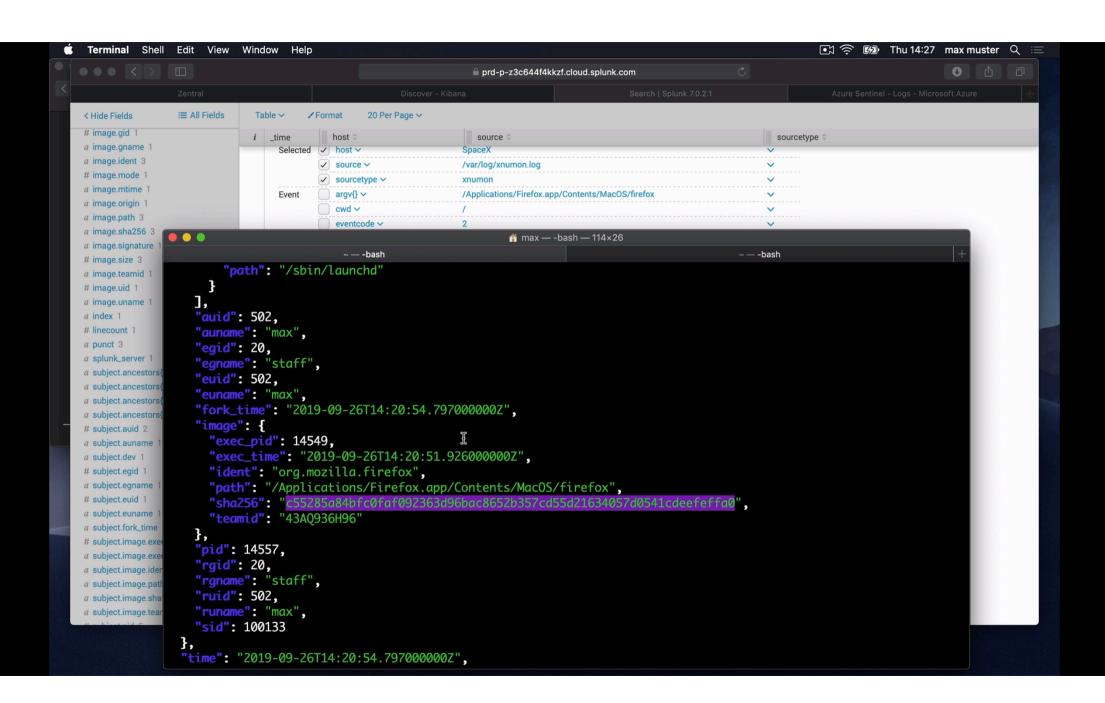


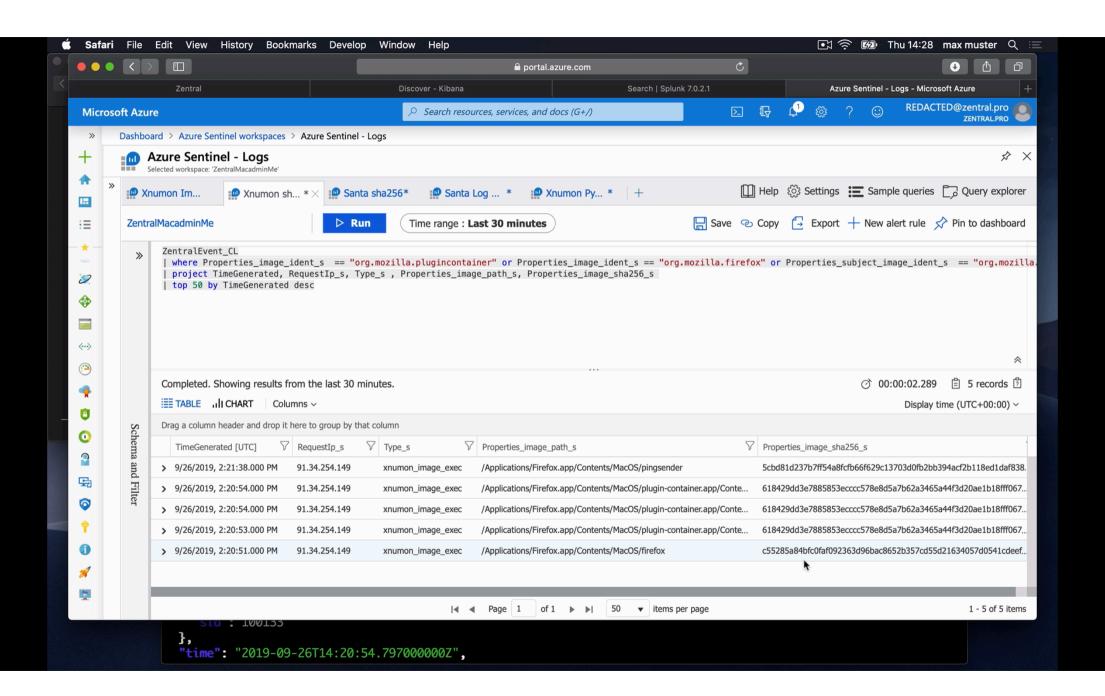


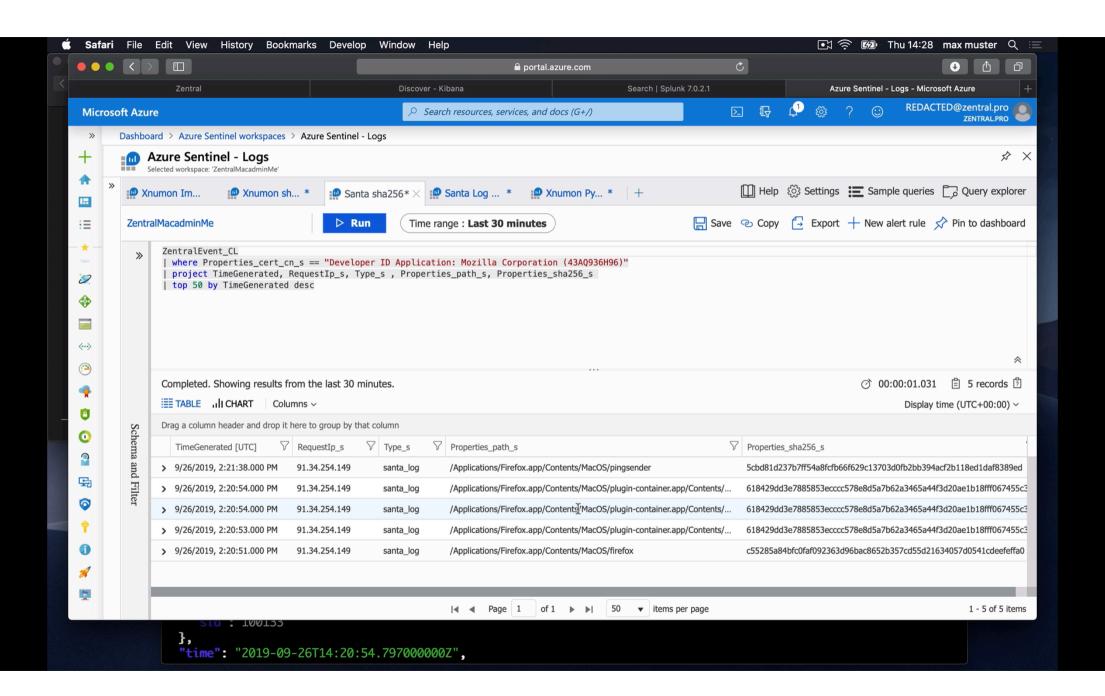


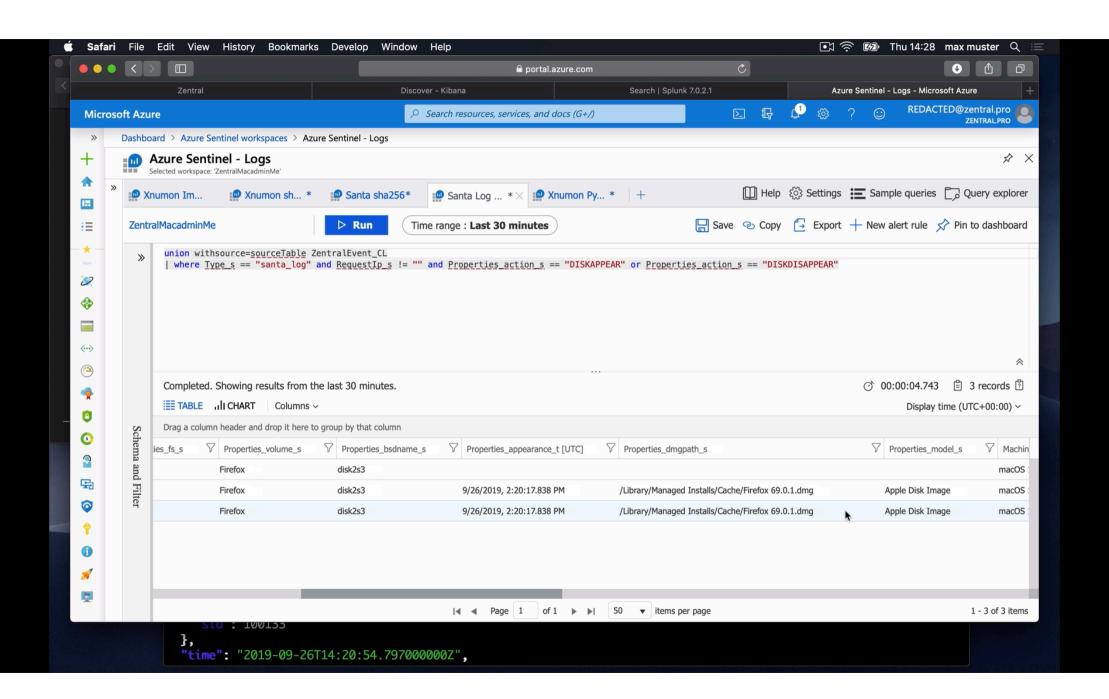


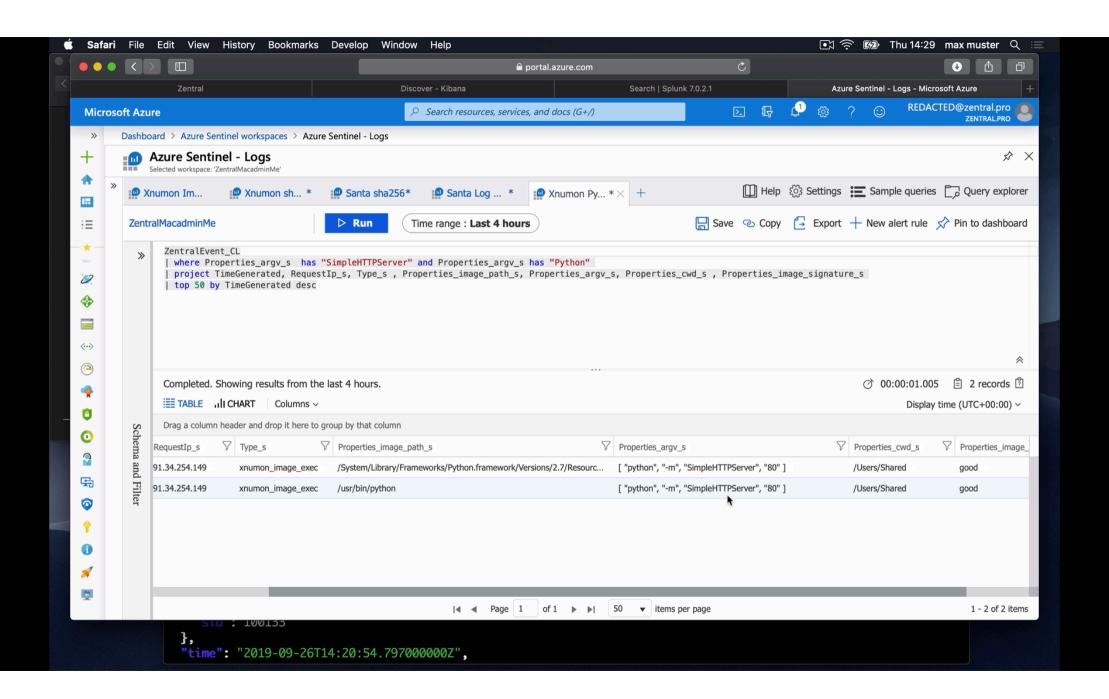












How to connect the sources

- Server / Cloud
 - Log analytics

Commercial Log Analytics

- SumoLogic
- Splunk
- DataDog
- Elastic Cloud et.al

Benefits

- Managed Platform
- High volume capability
- Cost based on volume



How to connect the sources

- Server / Cloud
 - EDR / SIEM
 Solutions

Commercial SIEM

- ArcSite
- Azure Sentinel
- Chronicle Security
- PaloAlto Cortex XDR
- Q-Radar (IBM) et.al

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What can be improved

Benefits / Next Level

- Better organize event aggregation
- Consolidate data in Event Hubs
- SIEM alerting, Machine Learning (too many sign-in errors, ...)
- Bring together the admins and the security engineers



Conclusion

What can be improved

Benefits / Next Level "Bring together the admins and the security engineers"







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