TURNING EVERY ENTRY INTO GOLD

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THE TOPICS

- Why do we care about logs?
- Our toolkit
- Collection patterns
- Storage
- Security (briefly)

WHAT IS A LOG ENTRY?

Details Type system Thursday, July 5, 2012 - 22:09 Date User admin http://localhost:8080/?q=admin/modules/list/confirm Location http://localhost:8080/?q=admin/modules Referrer dblog module enabled. Message Severity info 10.0.2.2 Hostname Operations

A LOG ENTRY IS AN EVENT

DRUPAL ISN'T THE ONLY THING THAT LOGS...

- Apache2 (or php-fpm)
- Nginx
- Varnish
- MySQL
- MongoDB
- Redis

LOGS ARE PRODUCED BY MOST (ALL) SOFTWARE

```
alternatives.log lastlog
apache2
                  mail.err
                  mail.log
apt
auth.log
                  mysql
boot
                  mysql.err
boot.log
                  mysql.log
btmp
                  news
dist-upgrade
                  syslog
                  udev
dmesg
dmesg.0
                  ufw.log
dmesg.1.gz
                  unattended-upgrades
                  vboxadd-install.log
dpkg.log
faillog
                  vboxadd-install-x11.log
fsck
                  VBoxGuestAdditions.log
installer
                  wtmp
kern.log
```

LOG MESSAGES ARE A LENS INTO WHAT IS HAPPENING ACROSS ALL SYSTEMS

1. LOGS ARE UBIQUITOUS

2. LOGS ARE ACCESSIBLE

3. THEY ARE EASY TO READ

3.5 (HOPEFULLY)

THE AGGREGATE OF OUR LOG MESSAGES TELL THE STORY OF WHAT'S HAPPENING

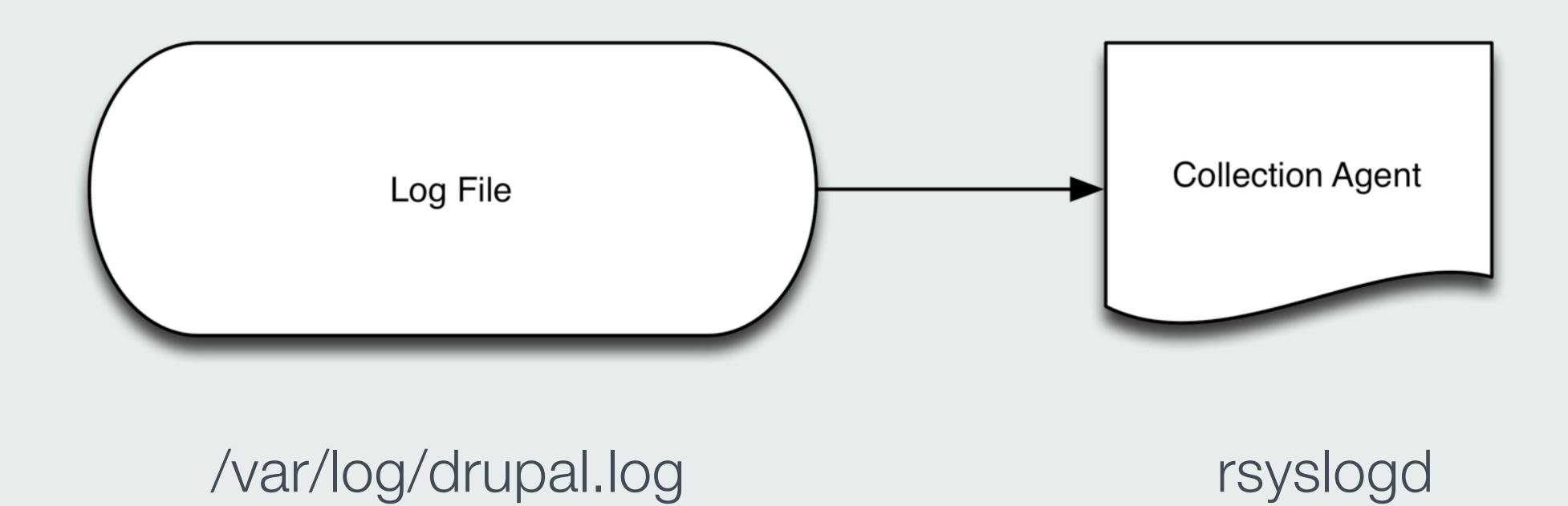
THE TOOLS

- syslog.module
- rsyslogd
- Logstash
- Kibana
- ElasticSearch

DBLOG VS. SYSLOG

/ETC/RSYSLOG.CONF

local0.* /var/log/drupal.log



/etc/rsyslog.d/60-apache2.conf

```
$ModLoad imklog
$ModLoad imuxsock

$InputFileName /var/log/drupal.log
$InputFileTag drupal
$InputFileStateFile state-drupal
$InputRunFileMonitor
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\$ModLoad imfile

\$ModLoad imfile ← File handler module

\$ModLoad imklog \tag{base} Log handler module

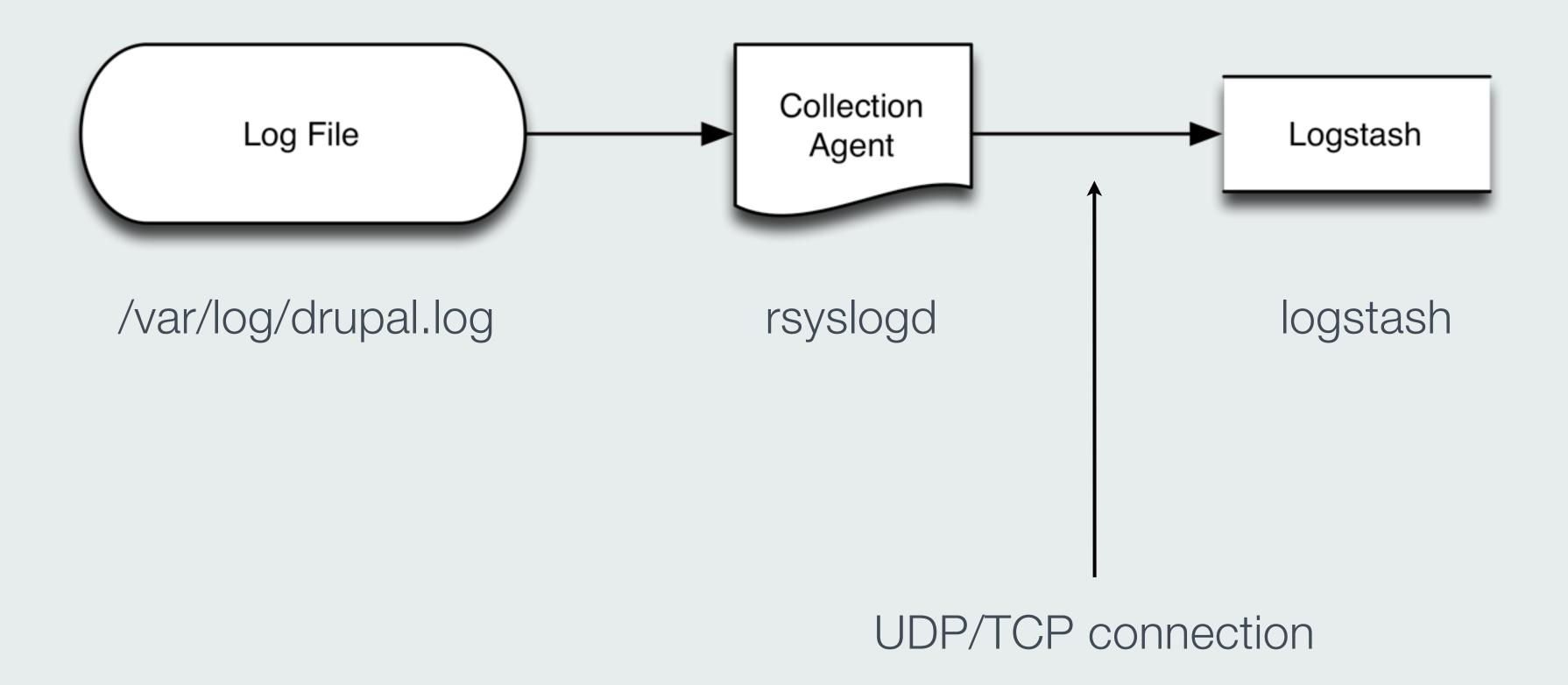
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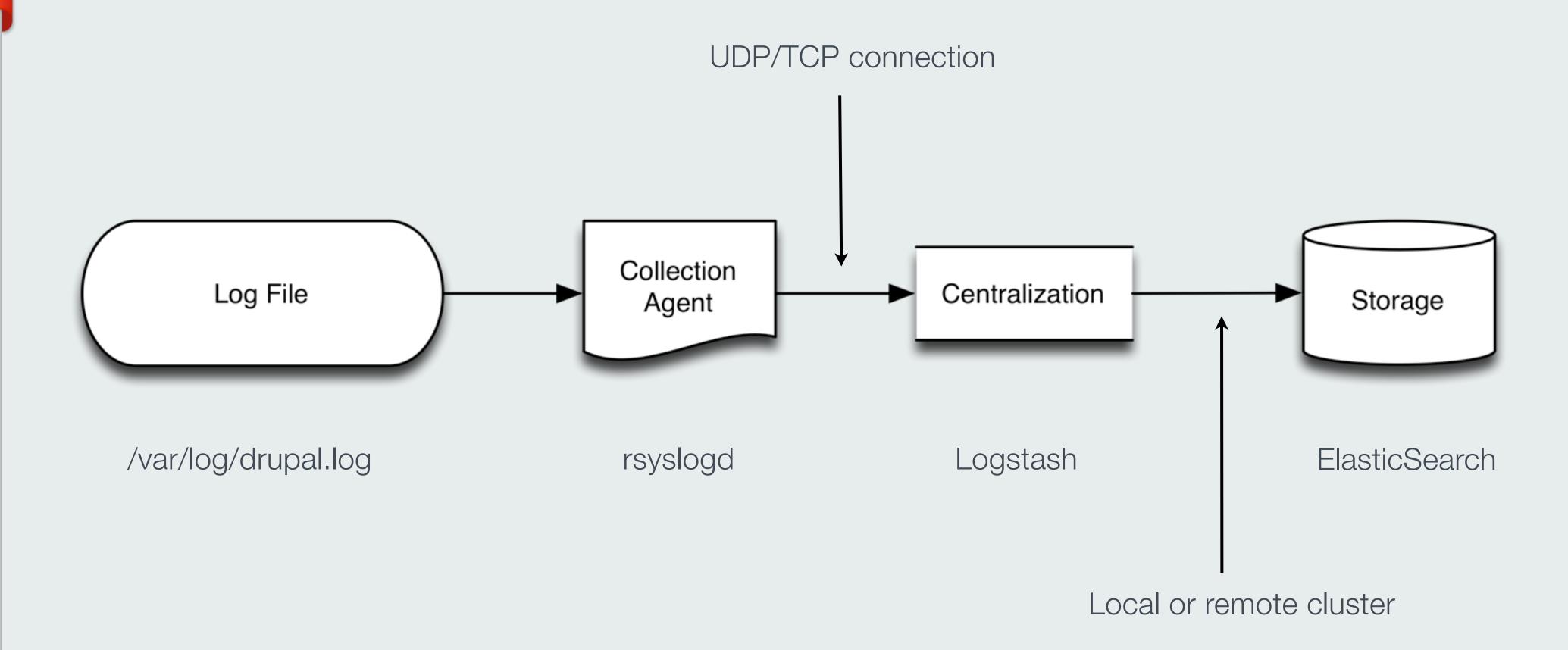
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. @<%= @rsyslog host %>:<%= @rsyslog port %>

WORD OF WARNING

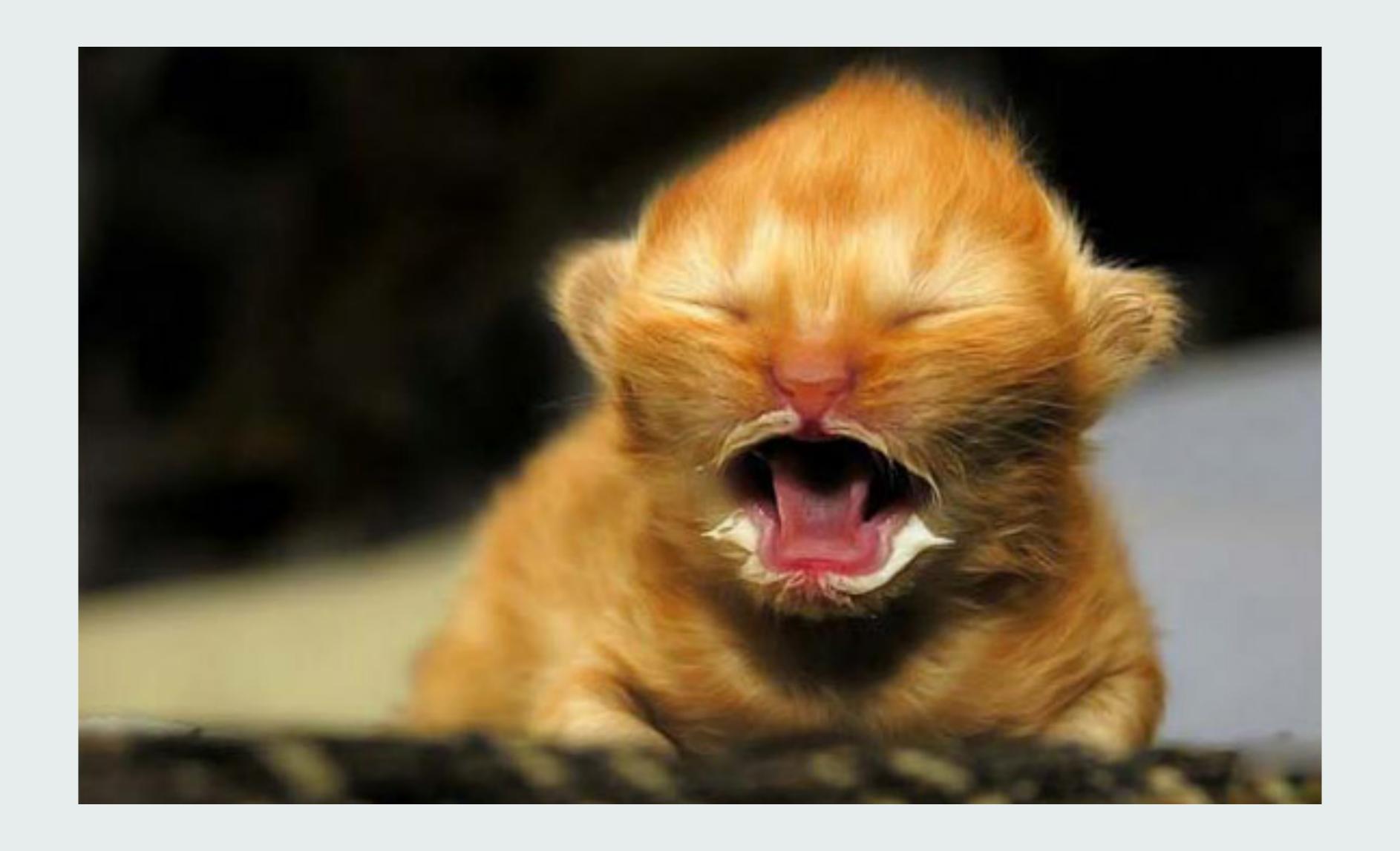
- Setup logrotate (please!)
- Rsyslogd has no sense of where it started
- All entries get resent when you restart rsyslogd

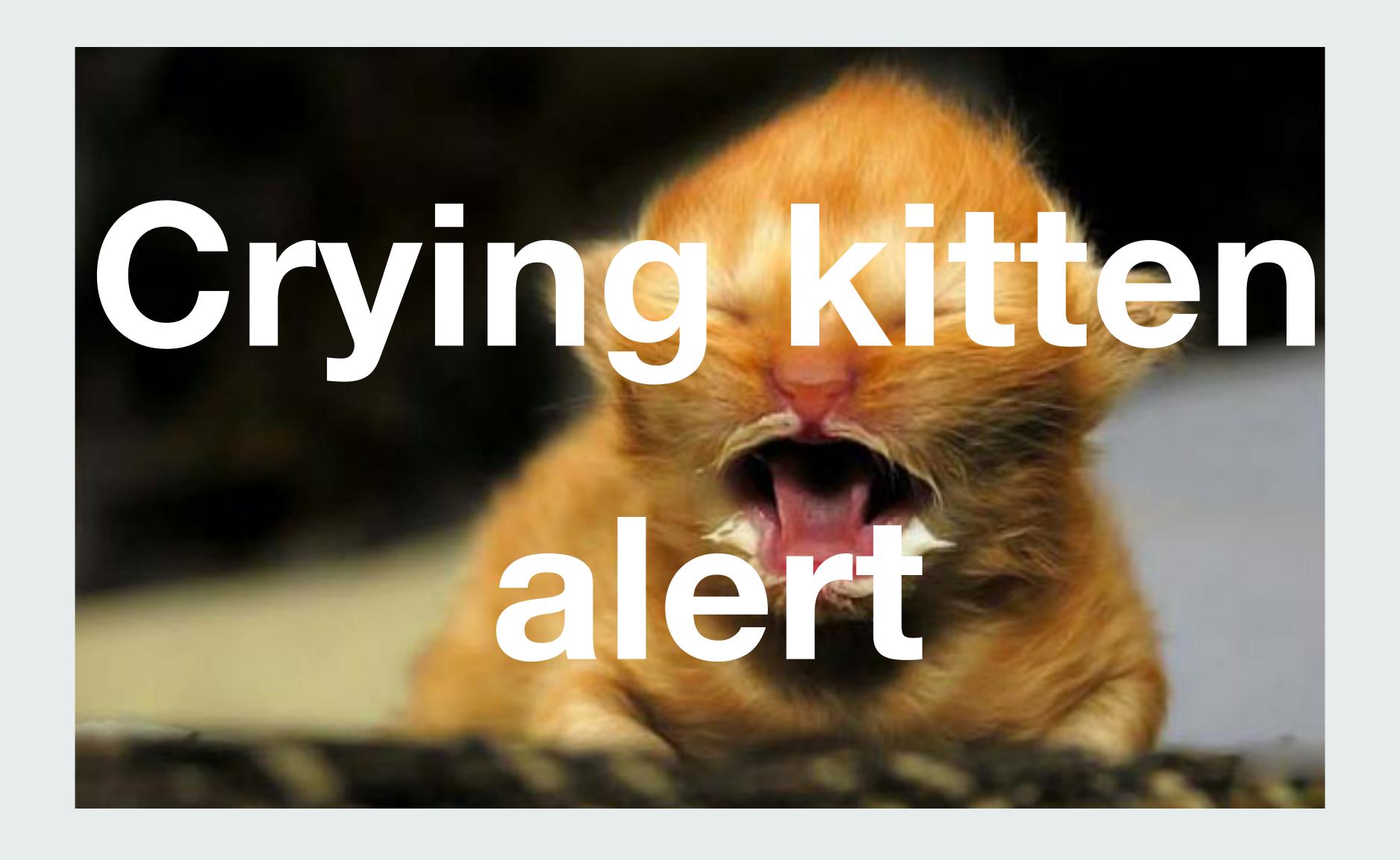


SECURITY

- Rsyslog sends logs in plain text
- Rsyslogd versions 4+ have (working) TLS support
- bit.ly/SgEXaa

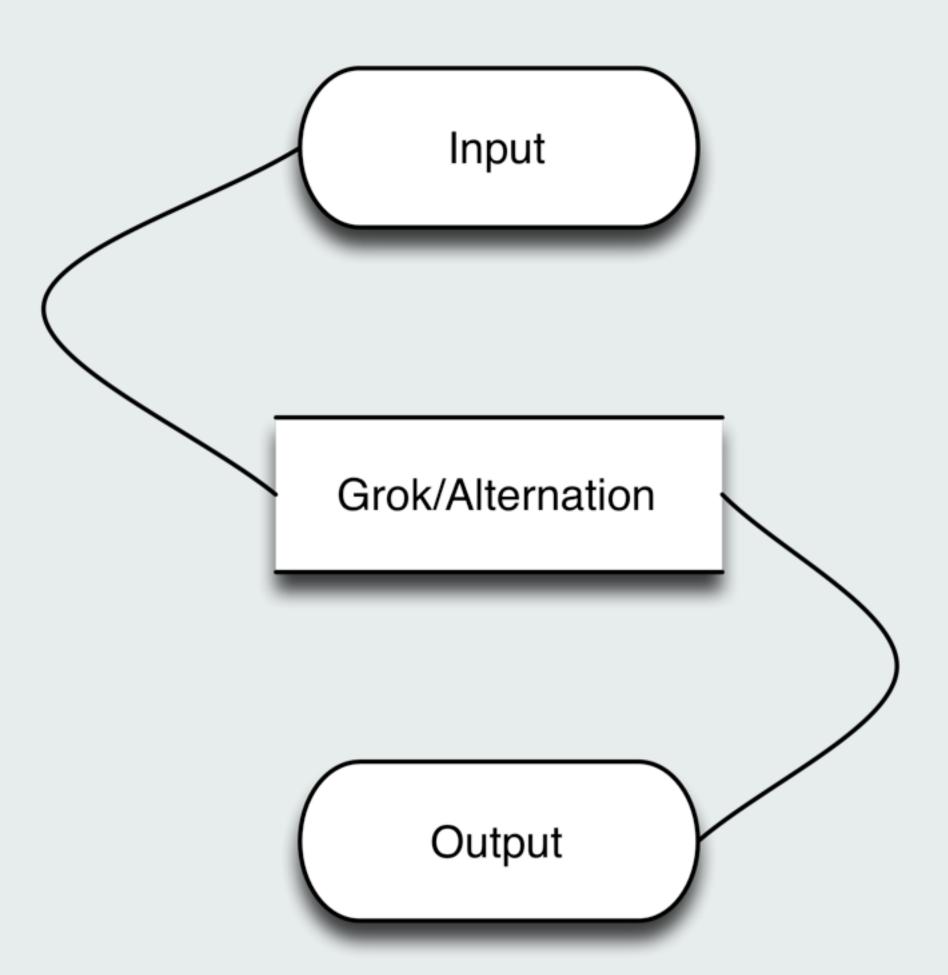
DO I REALLY NEED TLS?





DON'T MAKE KITTENS CRY!

LOGSTASH



INPUT

- exec
- file
- gelf
- stdin
- syslog
- tcp
- zmq

```
input {
 syslog {
  port => 5544
  type => "remote-syslog"
 stdin {}
```

FILTERS

- date
- dns
- gelf
- grep
- grok
- json
- split

```
grok {
type => "apache"
 pattern => "%{COMBINEDAPACHELOG}"
date {
type => "apache"
 timestamp => "dd/MM/yyyy:HH:mm:ss Z"
```

OUTPUT

- elasticsearch
- file
- GELF
- graphite
- mongodb
- nagios
- tcp
- zmq

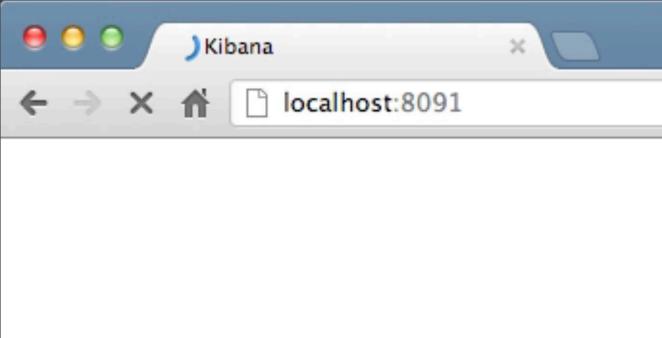
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output {
 elasticsearch {
  host => "localhost"
  port => 9309
 stdout {}
```

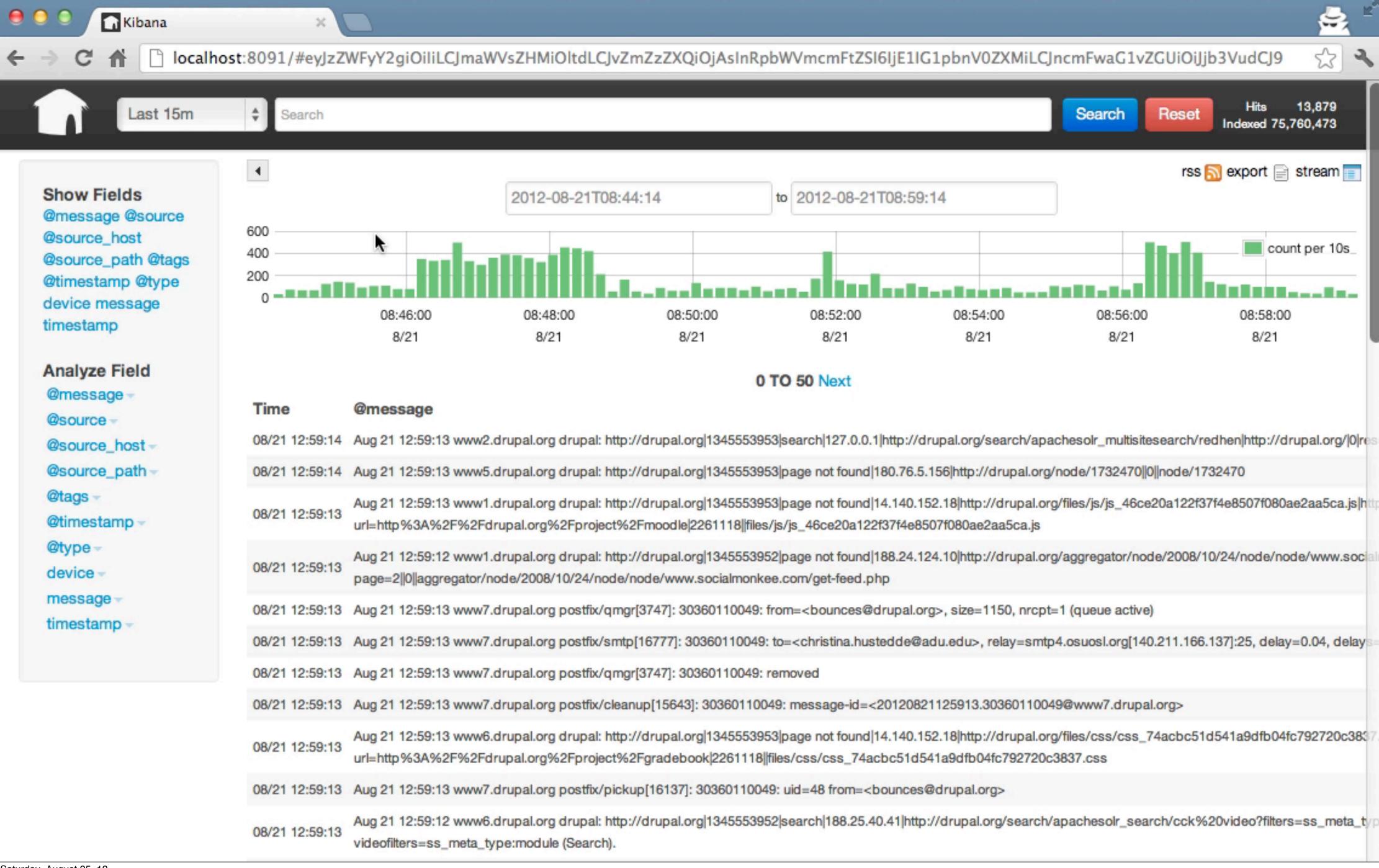
● ○ ○
[root@(none) ~]#

[root@(none) elasticsearch]#

KIBANA

- Bootstrap-based web interface
- Connects directly to the ES cluster
- Formats logs for graphing and other purposes
- 689 lines of PHP





DEMO TIME!

OTHER TOOLS

- Graylog2
- Flume
- Splunk (proprietary)

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