

Centralized Java Logging Patterns

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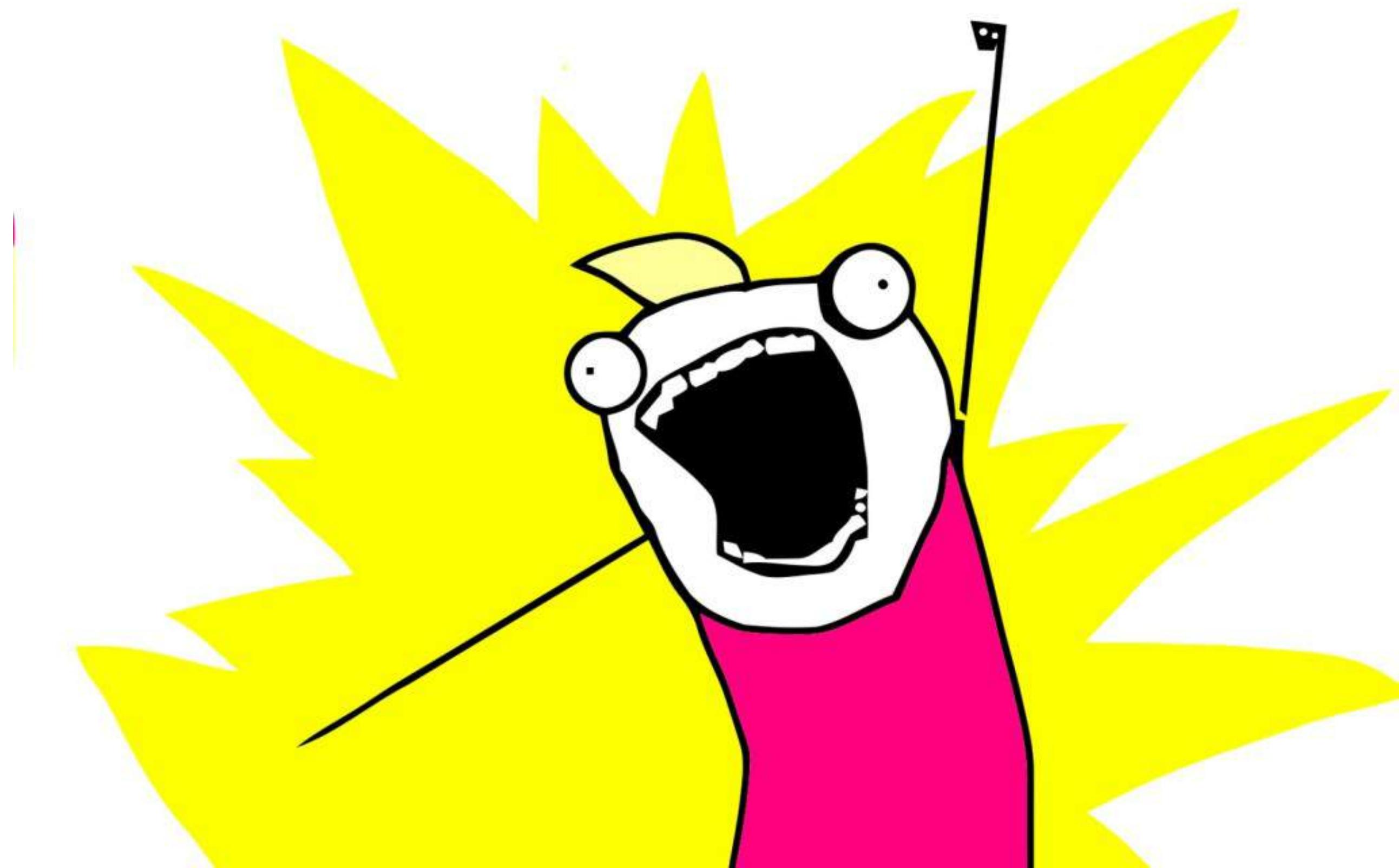
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ALL THE THINGS!





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A dark, grainy image of a shipwreck at night. A flashlight beam illuminates the hull of the ship, highlighting its metallic texture and the debris scattered around it.

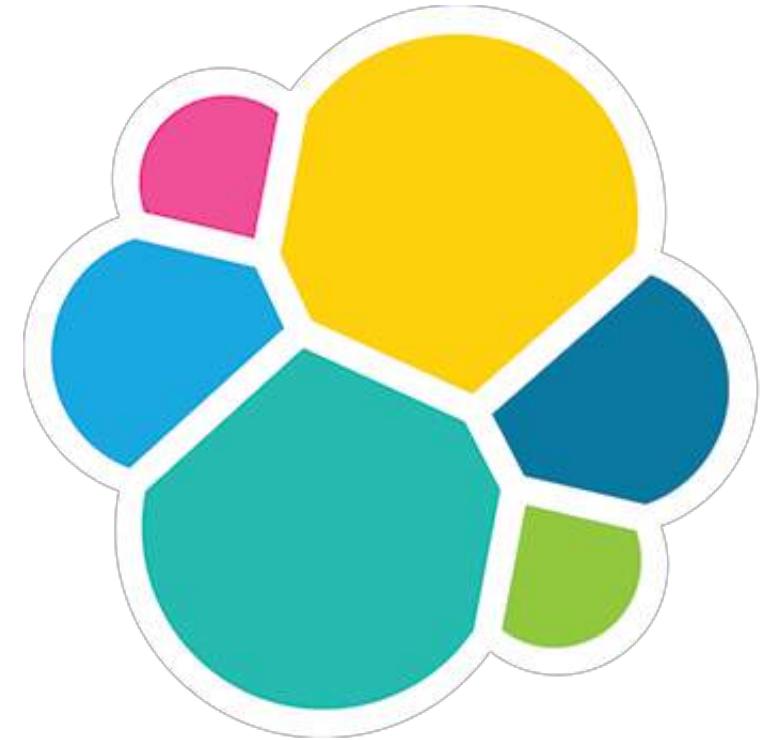
me looking
for the bug

**7.2 GB
of logfile**



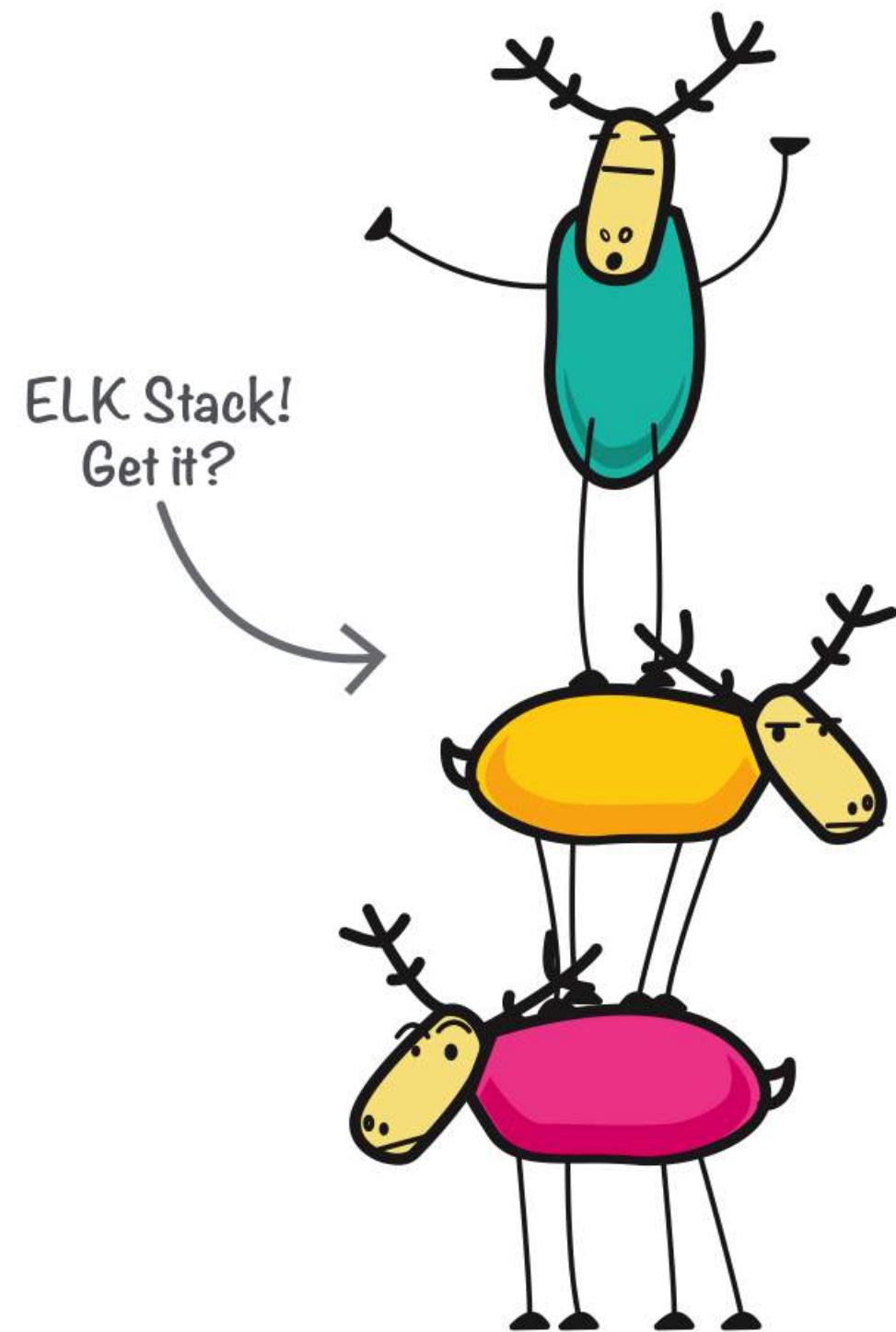
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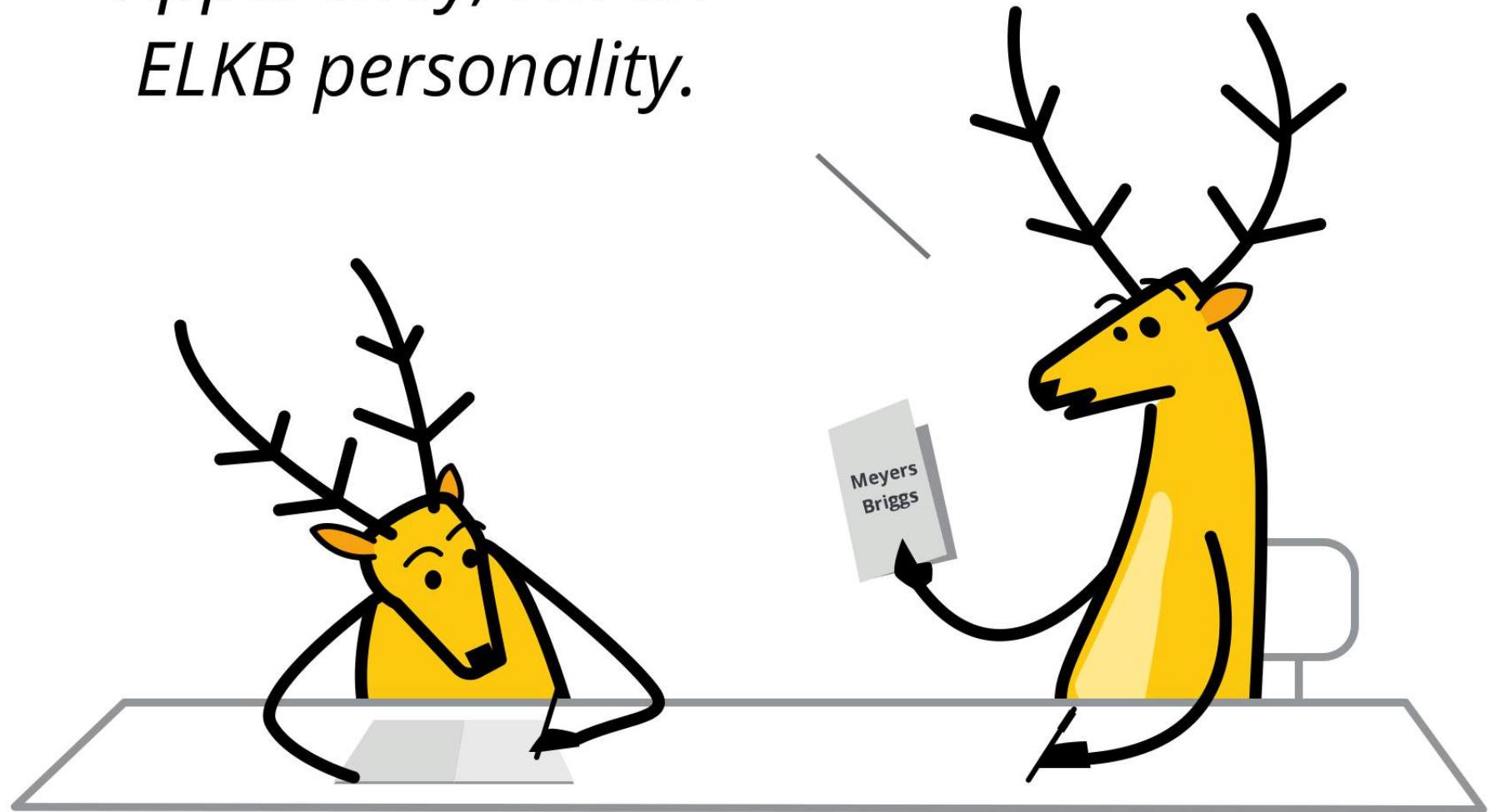


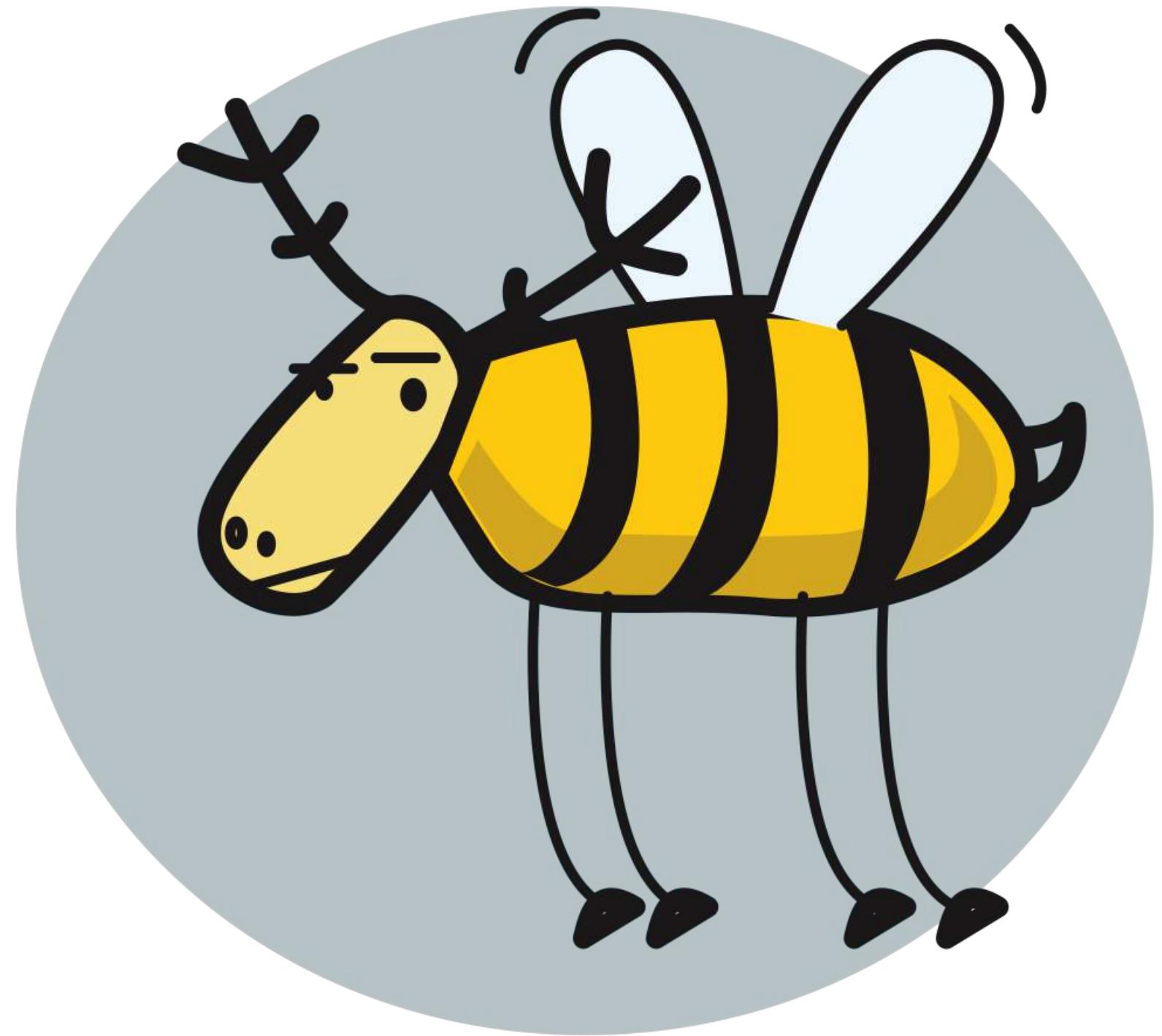
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ELKB personality.*



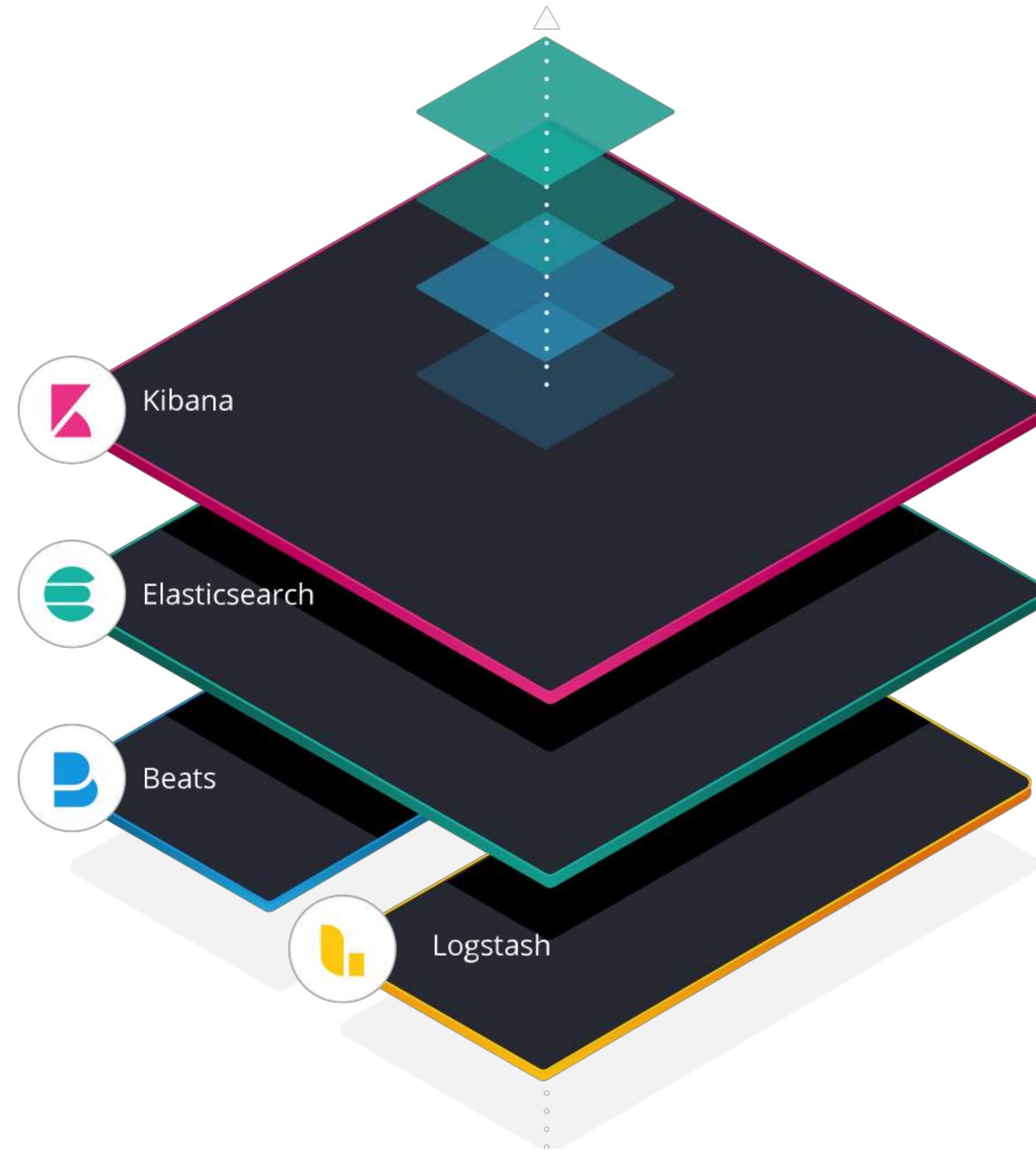


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Disclaimer

I build **highly** monitored Hello World
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Example: Java

SLF4J, Logback, MDC

with <https://github.com/elastic/java-ecs-logging>
or <https://github.com/logstash/logstash-logback-encoder>

Alternative <https://github.com/vy/log4j2-logstash-layout>

And Everywhere Else

.NET: NLog

JavaScript: Winston

Python: structlog

PHP: Monolog

Anti-Pattern: print

```
System.out.println("Oops");
```



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Anti-Pattern: Coupling

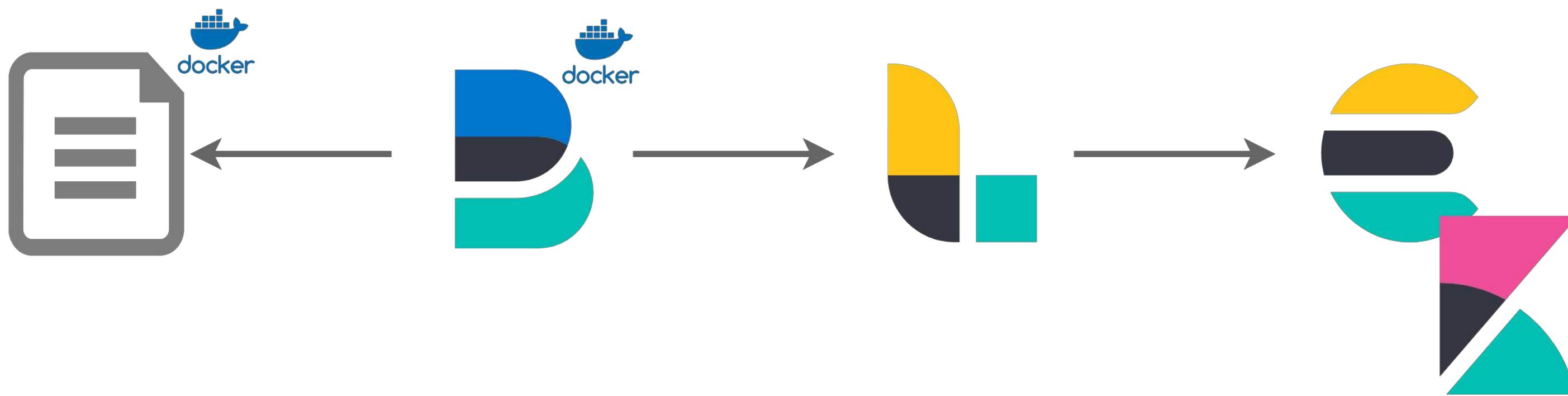


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Parse





Bind Mount Logs

```
java_app:  
  volumes:  
    - './logs-docker/:/logs/'  
  ...
```

```
filebeat_for_logstash:  
  volumes:  
    - './logs-docker/:/mnt/logs/:ro'  
  ...
```

Collect Log Lines

```
filebeat.inputs:
```

```
- type: log
```

```
paths:
```

```
  - /mnt/logs/*.log
```

Metadata

processors:

- add_host_metadata: ~



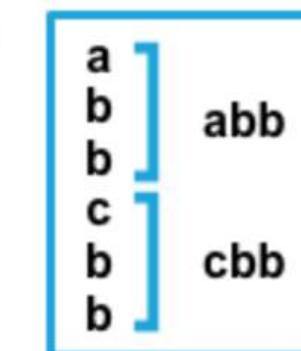
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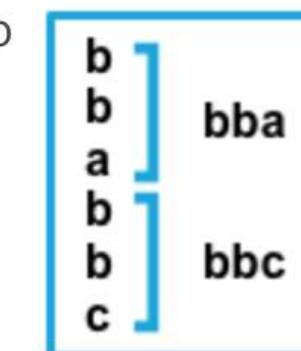
Setting for negate	Setting for match	Result
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Example
pattern: ^b

false after Consecutive lines that match the pattern are appended to the previous line that doesn't match.



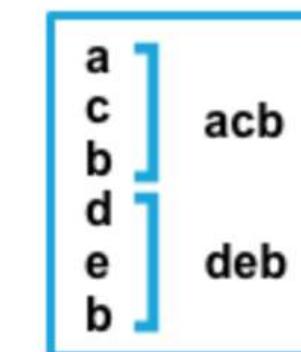
false before Consecutive lines that match the pattern are prepended to the next line that doesn't match.



true after Consecutive lines that don't match the pattern are appended to the previous line that does match.



true before Consecutive lines that don't match the pattern are prepended to the next line that does match.



Test Multiline Pattern

https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/beats/filebeat/current/_test_your_regexp_pattern_for_multiline.html

The Go Playground Run Format Imports Share

```
1 package main
2
3 import (
4     "fmt"
5     "regexp"
6     "strings"
7 )
8
9 var pattern = `^[\`"
10 var negate = true
11
12 var content = `[2019-05-21 09:35:52.004] ERROR net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - user_expe
13 java.lang.RuntimeException: Bad runtime...
14     at net.xeraa.logging.LogMe.main(LogMe.java:30)
15 [2019-05-21 09:35:52.006] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=59, loop=16 - It
16 [2019-05-21 09:35:52.007] DEBUG net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=59, loop=16 - Co
17
18
19 func main() {
20     regex, err := regexp.Compile(pattern)
21     if err != nil {
22         fmt.Println("Failed to compile pattern: ", err)
23
24     matches line
25     false  [2019-05-21 09:35:52.004] ERROR net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - user_experience=😊,
26     true   java.lang.RuntimeException: Bad runtime...
27     true   at net.xeraa.logging.LogMe.main(LogMe.java:30)
28     false  [2019-05-21 09:35:52.006] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=59, loop=16
29     false  [2019-05-21 09:35:52.007] DEBUG net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=59, loop=16
30     true
```

Grok

<https://github.com/logstash-plugins/logstash-patterns-core/blob/master/patterns/grok-patterns>

96 lines (85 sloc) | 5.21 KB

```
1 USERNAME [a-zA-Z0-9._-]+
2 USER %{USERNAME}
3 EMAILLOCALPART [a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_.+--:+]
4 EMAILADDRESS %{EMAILLOCALPART}@%{HOSTNAME}
5 INT (?:[+-]?(?:[0-9]+))
6 BASE10NUM (?<! [0-9.+-])(?>[+-]?(?:(?:[0-9]+(?:\.[0-9]+)?))|(?:\.[0-9]+)))
7 NUMBER (?:%{BASE10NUM})
8 BASE16NUM (?<! [0-9A-Fa-f])(?:[+-]?(?:0x)?(?:[0-9A-Fa-f]+))
9 BASE16FLOAT \b(?<! [0-9A-Fa-f.]) (?:[+-]?(?:0x)?(?:(?:[0-9A-Fa-f]+(?:\.[0-9A-Fa-f]*))|(?:
10
11 POSINT \b(?:[1-9][0-9]*)\b
12 NONNEGINT \b(?:[0-9]+)\b
13 WORD \b\w+\b
14 NOTSPACE \S+
15 SPACE \s*
16 DATA .*?
17 GREEDYDATA .*
18 QUOTEDSTRING (?>(?<!\\)(?>"(?>\\.|[^\\""]+)+"|""|(?>'(?>\\.|[^\\'']+)+')|'|(?>`(?>\\.|[^\`']+)+`)
19 UUID [A-Fa-f0-9]{8}-(?:[A-Fa-f0-9]{4}-){3}[A-Fa-f0-9]{12}
20 # URN, allowing use of RFC 2141 section 2.3 reserved characters
21 URN urn:[0-9A-Za-z][0-9A-Za-z-]{0,31}:(:%{0-9a-fA-F}{2}|[0-9A-Za-z()+,.:=@;$_!*'/?#-])
22
23 # Networking
24 MAC (?:%{CISCOMAC}|%{WINDOWSMAC}|%{COMMONMAC})
25 CISCOMAC (?:(?:[A-Fa-f0-9]{4}\.){2}[A-Fa-f0-9]{4})
26 WINDOWS MAC (?:(?:[A-Fa-f0-9]{2}-){5}[A-Fa-f0-9]{2})
```

Dev Tools

Grok Debugger

Sample Data

```
1 [2018-11-16 01:16:59.983] ERROR net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - user_experience=😊 , ses
```

Grok Pattern

```
1 \[%{TIMESTAMP_ISO8601:timestamp}\] %{LOGLEVEL:loglevel}
```

> Custom Patterns

[Simulate](#)

Structured Data

```
1 {  
2   "loglevel": "ERROR",  
3   "timestamp": "2018-11-16 01:16:59.983"  
4 }
```

```
[2018-09-28 10:30:38.516] ERROR net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] -  
    user_experience=🤬, session=46, loop=15 -  
        Wake me up at night  
java.lang.RuntimeException: Bad runtime...  
    at net.xeraa.logging.LogMe.main(LogMe.java:30)
```

```
^\[%{TIMESTAMP_ISO8601:@timestamp}\ ]%{SPACE}%{LOGLEVEL:log.level}  
%{SPACE}%{USERNAME:log.package}%{SPACE}\[%{WORD:log.method}\ ]  
%{SPACE}-%{SPACE}%{GREEDYDATA:log.labels}%{SPACE}-%{SPACE}  
%{GREEDYDATA:message}(?:\n+(<stacktrace>(?:.|\r|\n)+))?
```

Elastic Common Schema

<https://github.com/elastic/ecs>

Event fields

The event fields are used for context information about the data itself.

Field	Description	Level	Type	Example
event.id	Unique ID to describe the event.	core	keyword	8a4f500d
event.category	Event category. This can be a user defined category.	core	keyword	metrics
event.type	A type given to this kind of event which can be used for grouping. This is normally defined by the user.	core	keyword	nginx-stats-metrics
event.action	The action captured by the event. The type of action will vary from system to system but is likely to include actions by security services, such as blocking or quarantining; as well as more generic actions such as login	core	keyword	reject



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Machine Learning Data Visualizer

```
28 [2018-11-16 01:16:59.976] DEBUG net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=94, loop=14 - Collect ...
29 [2018-11-16 01:16:59.977] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=43, loop=15 - Iteration...
30 [2018-11-16 01:16:59.983] ERROR net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - user_experience=16, session=43...
31 java.lang.RuntimeException: Bad runtime...
```

Summary

Number of lines analyzed	293
Format	semi_structured_text
Grok pattern	\[%{TIMESTAMP_ISO8601:timestamp}\] %{LOGLEVEL:loglevel} .*? .*?\[.*?\] .*? .*?\bsessi
Time field	timestamp
Time format	YYYY-MM-dd HH:mm:ss.SSS

[Override settings](#)

File stats

t loglevel	# loop
279 documents (100%)	279 documents (100%)
5 distinct values	20 distinct values
top values	min 1 median 10 max 20

top values

TRACE	50.18%
DEBUG	27.6%



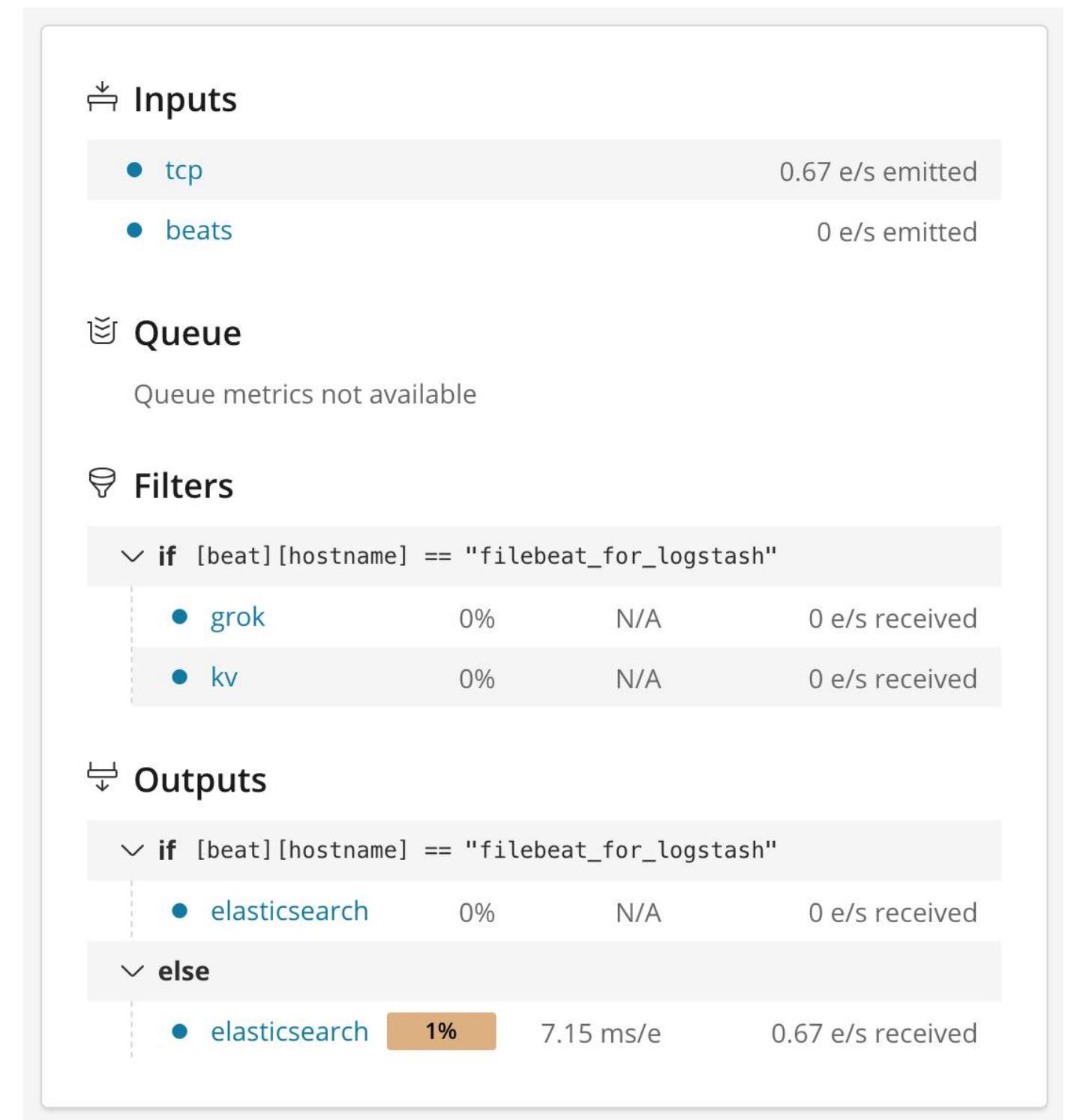
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Logstash Key Value Filter for MDC

```
kv {  
    source => "labels"  
    field_split => ","  
    trim_key => ""  
}
```

Monitoring: Logstash Pipeline

Plus other components



Pro: No change

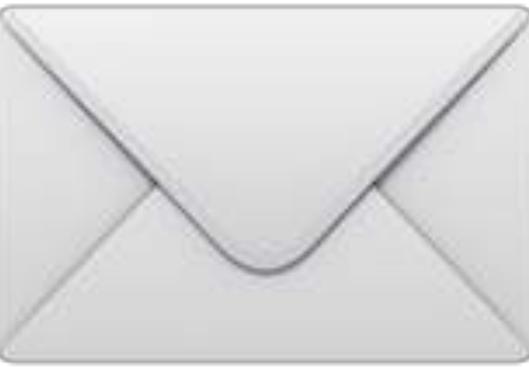
Con: Regular expression, multiline,
format changes



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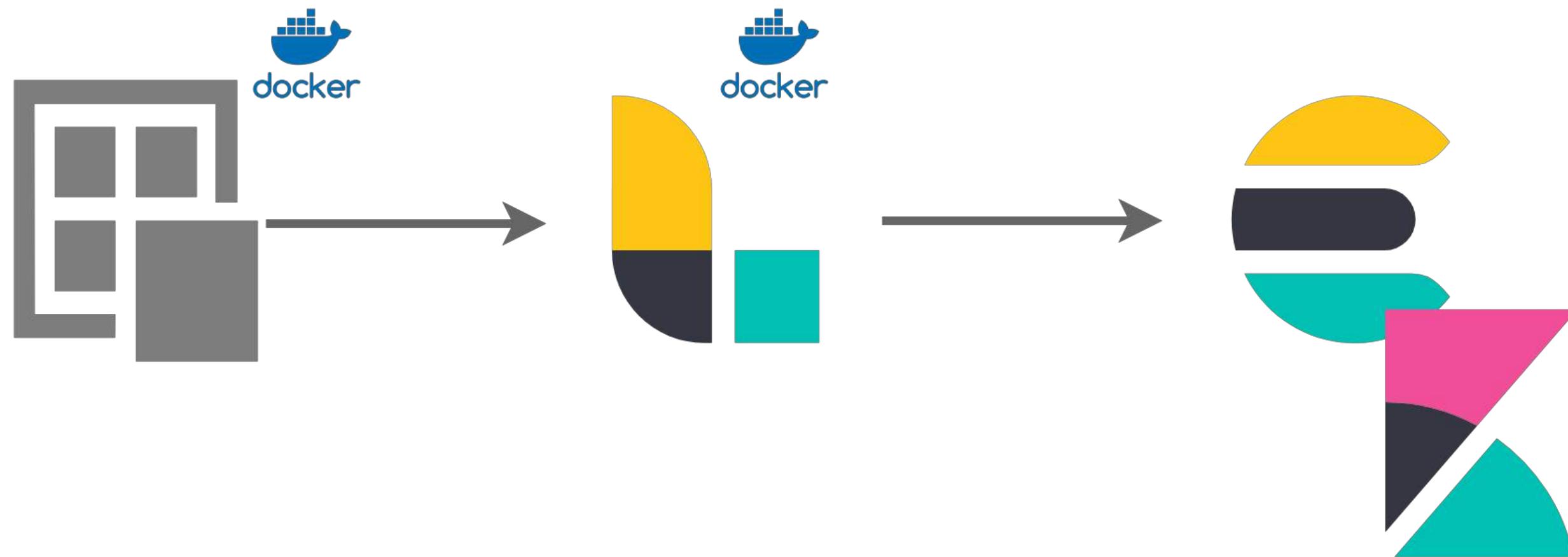
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Send



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logback.xml

```
<appender name="logstash" class="net.logstash.logback.appenders.LogstashAccessTcpSocketAppender">
  <destination>logstash:4560</destination>
  <encoder class="net.logstash.logback.encoder.LogstashEncoder"/>
</appender>
```



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Syslog

```
$WorkDirectory /var/lib/rsyslog  
$FileOwner root  
$FileGroup adm  
$FileCreateMode 0640  
$DirCreateMode 0755  
$Umask 0022
```

```
include(file="/etc/rsyslog.d/*.conf" mode="optional")
```

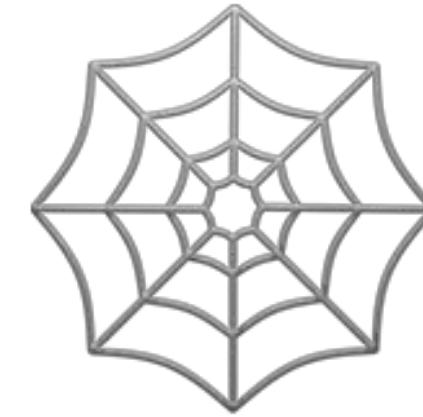
```
module(load="immark")  
module(load="imuxsock")  
module(load="imklog")
```

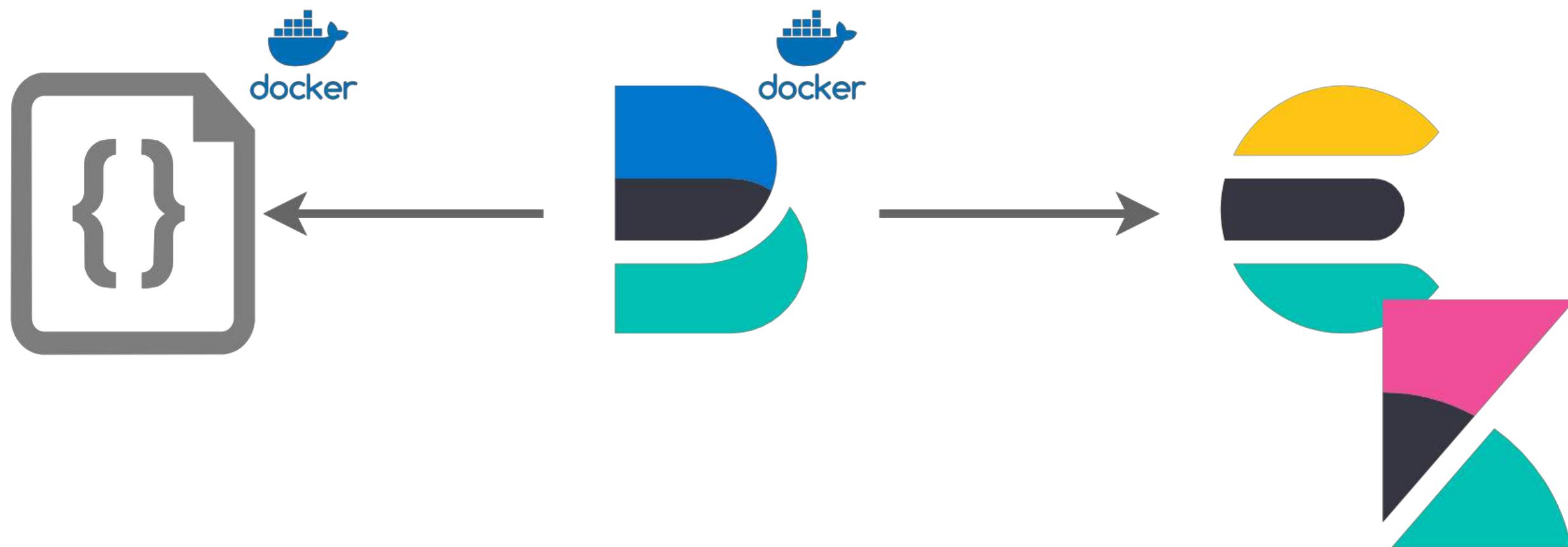
```
*.*      @@filebeat_syslog:9000
```

Pro: No files

Con: Outages & coupling

Structure





Collect JSON

```
filebeat.input:  
- type: log  
  paths:  
    - /mnt/logs/*.json  
  json:  
    message_key: message  
    keys_under_root: true
```

Stack(trace) Hash



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Pro: Right format

Con: JSON serialization overhead

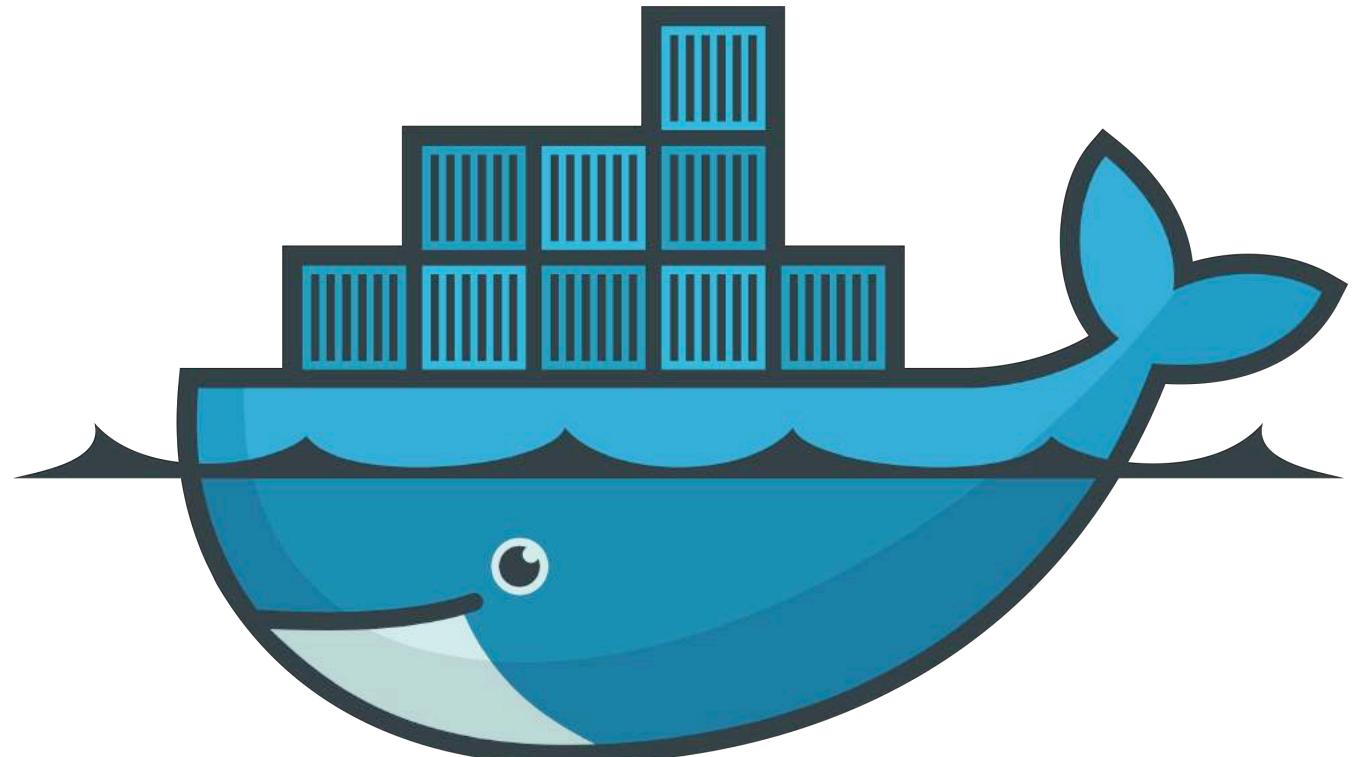


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Containerize





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Where to Log?

STDOUT

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Don't Use Highlighting

```
<appender name="console" class="ch.qos.logback.core.ConsoleAppender">
  <encoder>
    <pattern>[%d{yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss.SSS}] %highlight(%-5level) %logger{36} [%thread] - %mdc - %msg %n</pattern>
    <charset>utf8</charset>
  </encoder>
</appender>
```

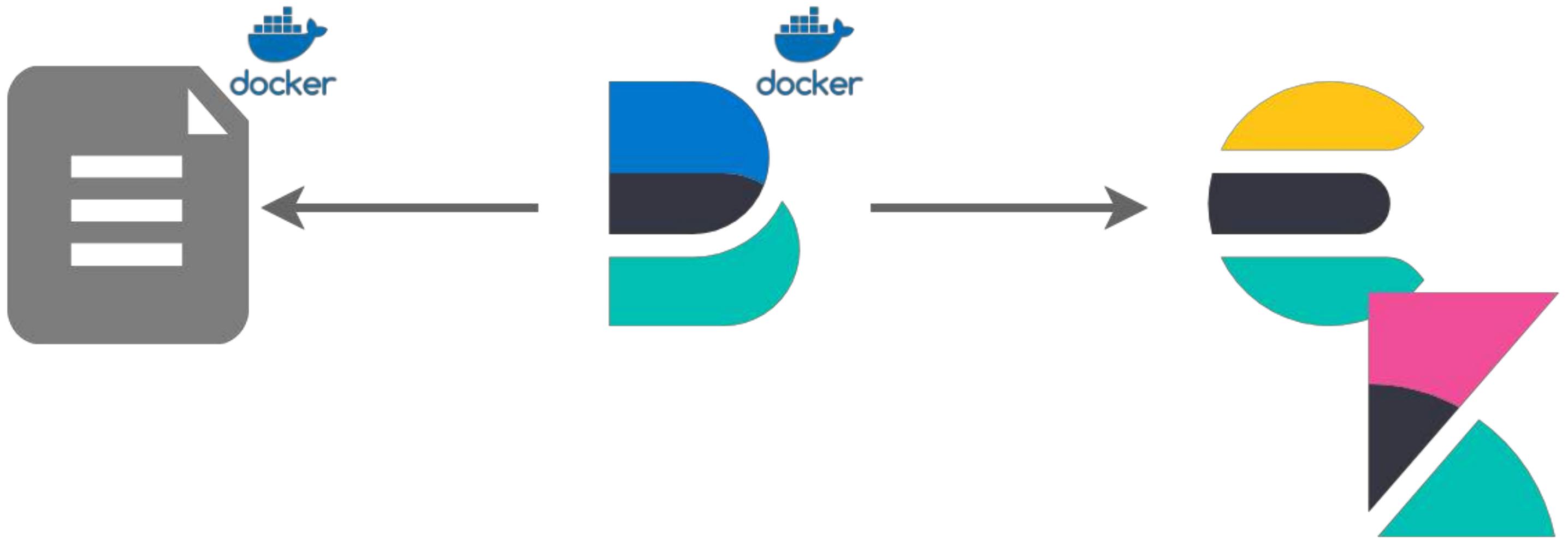
Where to Put Filebeat?

Sidecar



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[https://github.com/elastic/beats/tree/
master/deploy/docker](https://github.com/elastic/beats/tree/master/deploy/docker)

Docker Logs

```
filebeat.autodiscover:  
  providers:  
    - type: docker  
      hints.enabled: true  
  
processors:  
  - add_docker_metadata: ~
```

Metadata

No Docker metadata with the other methods



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```
"docker": {  
    "container": {  
        "labels": {  
            "app": "fizzbuzz",  
            "co_elastic_logs/multiline_match": "after",  
            "com_docker_compose_config-hash": "41520c6cf2b6a1f3dae4f16d0a6fd76760cdfc38fbfe43a3a3be2e09bdd1b8b5",  
            "environment": "production",  
            "co_elastic_logs/multiline_pattern": "^\\[",  
            "co_elastic_logs/multiline_negate": "true",  
            "com_docker_compose_oneoff": "False",  
            "com_docker_compose_project": "java-logging",  
            "com_docker_compose_service": "java_app",  
            "com_docker_compose_container-number": "1",  
            "com_docker_compose_version": "1.23.2"  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Missing the Last Line

Waiting for the newline



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Hints

labels:

- "app=fizzbuzz"
- "co.elastic.logs/multiline.pattern^\\\[
- "co.elastic.logs/multiline.negate=true"
- "co.elastic.logs/multiline.match=after"

Registry File

`filebeat.registry.path: /usr/share/filebeat/data/registry`



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Multi-Index

```
output.elasticsearch:  
  hosts: ["http://localhost:9200"]  
  indices:  
    - index: "docker-java-%{+yyyy.MM}-00"  
      when.contains:  
        container.name: "java_app"
```

Ingest Pipeline

```
output.elasticsearch:  
  hosts: ["http://elasticsearch:9200"]  
  index: "docker"  
pipelines:  
  - pipeline: "parse_java"  
    when.contains:  
      container.name: "java_app"
```



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Logs

[Stream](#) [Settings](#) container.image.name : "java-logging:1.0.0"[Customize](#)[Highlights](#)

10/03/2019 2:26:53 PM

[Stream live](#)

Timestamp	log.level	@timestamp	Message
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.114	TRACE	2019-10-03	2019-10-03T12:26:53.114Z Collect in production
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.119	INFO	2019-10-03T12:26:53.119Z	Iteration '13' and session '0'
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.124	TRACE	2019-10-03T12:26:53.124Z	Collect in development
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.132	DEBUG	2019-10-03T12:26:53.132Z	Iteration '14' and session '76'
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.138	TRACE	2019-10-03T12:26:53.138Z	Collect in development
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.151	DEBUG	2019-10-03T12:26:53.151Z	Iteration '15' and session '73'
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.156	TRACE	2019-10-03T12:26:53.156Z	Wake me up at night
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.180	ERROR	2019-10-03T12:26:53.180Z	Iteration '16' and session '9'
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.187	TRACE	2019-10-03T12:26:53.187Z	Collect in development
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.198	DEBUG	2019-10-03T12:26:53.198Z	Iteration '17' and session '5'
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.204	TRACE	2019-10-03T12:26:53.204Z	Collect in development
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.215	DEBUG	2019-10-03T12:26:53.215Z	Iteration '18' and session '25'
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.219	TRACE	2019-10-03T12:26:53.219Z	Collect in production
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.226	INFO	2019-10-03T12:26:53.226Z	Iteration '19' and session '32'
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.234	TRACE	2019-10-03T12:26:53.234Z	Collect in development
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.240	DEBUG	2019-10-03T12:26:53.240Z	Iteration '20' and session '41'
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.325	TRACE	2019-10-03T12:26:53.325Z	Investigate tomorrow
Oct 3, 2019 @ 14:26:53.340	WARN	2019-10-03T12:26:53.340Z	



No additional entries found

[Load again](#)

Ingest Pipeline

```
{  
  "description" : "Parse Java log lines",  
  "processors": [  
    {  
      "grok": {  
        "field": "message",  
        "patterns": [ "^\\"[{\%{TIMESTAMP_ISO8601:timestamp}\\"}]{\%{SPACE}}%{LOGLEVEL:log.level}  
          {\%{SPACE}}%{USERNAME:log.package}{\%{SPACE}}\"[{\%{WORD:log.method}\\"}]{\%{SPACE}}-  
          {\%{SPACE}}%{GREEDYDATA:labels}{\%{SPACE}}-%{SPACE}}%{GREEDYDATA:message_parsed}  
          (?:\\"n+(?<stacktrace>(?:.|\\r|\\n)+))?" ],  
        "ignore_failure": true  
      }  
    }  
  ]  
}
```



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Unknown Fields

```
? log.labels  
t log.level  
? log.method  
# log.offset  
? log.package  
t message  
? message_parsed  
t stream  
⌚ suricata.eve.timestamp  
? timestamp
```

⚠ session=69, loop=20
WARN

⚠ main
19,744

⚠ net.xeraa.logging.LogMe
[2019-05-21 05:02:07.458] WARN net.xeraa.logging.LogMe
[main] - session=69, loop=20 - Investigate tomorrow

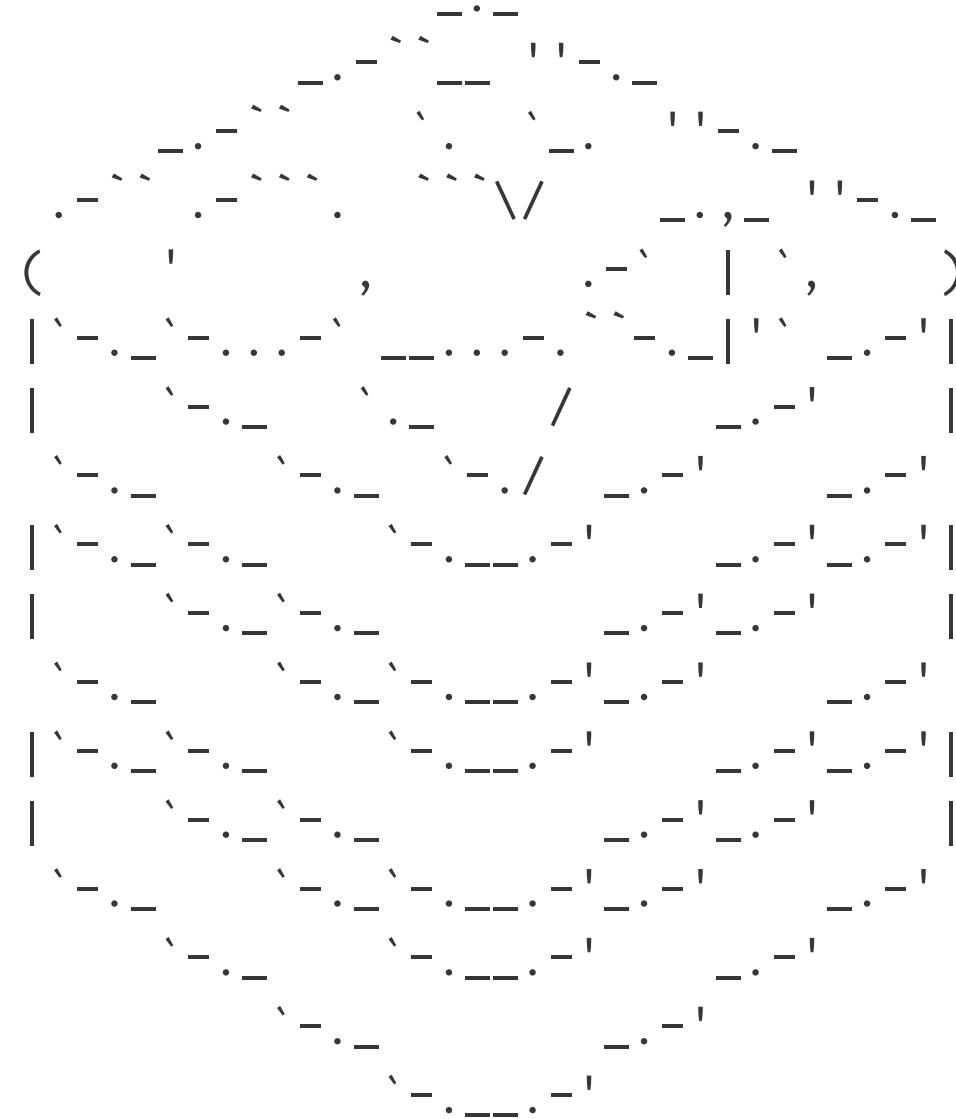
⚠ Investigate tomorrow
stdout

May 21, 2019 @ 07:02:07.459

⚠ 2019-05-21 05:02:07.458



ASCII Art



Redis 4.0.9 (0000000/0) 64 bit

Running in stand alone mode

Port: 6379

PID: 55757

<http://redis.io>



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Configuration Templates

```
filebeat.autodiscover:  
  providers:  
    - type: docker  
      templates:  
        - condition:  
          equals:  
            docker.container.image: redis  
      config:  
        - type: docker  
          containers.ids:  
            - "${data.docker.container.id}"  
      exclude_lines: ["^\\s+[-('.|_]" ]
```

Who Logs the Logger

Avoid loops

Process without -e

filebeat.yml: logging.to_files: true

Pro: Hot 💩

Con: Complexity

Orchestrate





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Where to put Filebeat?

DaemonSet



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[https://github.com/elastic/beats/tree/
master/deploy/kubernetes](https://github.com/elastic/beats/tree/master/deploy/kubernetes)



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ConfigMap

```
filebeat.autodiscover:  
  providers:  
    - type: kubernetes  
      host: ${NODE_NAME}  
      hints.enabled: true  
      hints.default_config:  
        type: container  
        paths:  
          - /var/log/containers/*${data.kubernetes.container.id}.log
```

Metadata

Either in cluster or outside

processors:

- add_kubernetes_metadata:
 in_cluster: true
- add_kubernetes_metadata:
 in_cluster: false
 host: <hostname>
 kube_config: \${HOME}/.kube/config

```
{  
  "host": "172.17.0.21",  
  "port": 9090,  
  "kubernetes": {  
    "container": {  
      "id": "382184ecdb385cf5d1f1a65f78911054c8511ae009635300ac28b4fc357ce51",  
      "image": "my-java:1.0.0",  
      "name": "my-java"  
    },  
    "labels": {  
      "app": "java",  
    },  
    "namespace": "default",  
    "node": {  
      "name": "minikube"  
    },  
    "pod": {  
      "name": "java-2657348378-k1pnh"  
    }  
  },  
}
```

More Metadata

Add: Cloud, local timezone, process

Drop: Events, fields

Rename: Fields

Dissect, DNS reverse lookup

Configuration Templates

```
filebeat.autodiscover:  
  providers:  
    - type: kubernetes  
      templates:  
        - condition:  
          equals:  
            kubernetes.namespace: redis  
  config:  
    - type: docker  
      containers.ids:  
        - "${data.kubernetes.container.id}"  
  exclude_lines: ["^\\s+[-('.|_]" ]
```

Customize Indices

```
output.elasticsearch:  
  index: "%{[kubernetes.namespace]:filebeat}-%{[beat.version]}-%{+yyyy.MM.dd}"
```



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Pro: Hot 💩💩💩

Con: Complexity++



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Conclusion



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Examples

<https://github.com/xeraa/java-logging>



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Parse 

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Structure 

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