Using elasticsearch, logstash and kibana to create realtime dashboards

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Agenda

- The need, complexity and pain of logging
- Logstash basics
- Usage examples
- Scalability
- Tools
- Demo

about

- Me
  - Interested in metrics, ops and the web
  - Likes the JVM
  - Working with elasticsearch since 2011
- Elasticsearch, founded in 2012
  - Products: Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana, Marvel
  - Professional services: Support & development subscriptions
  - Trainings

Why collect & centralise data?

- Access log files without system access
- Shell scripting: Too limited or slow
- Using unique ids for errors aggregate it across your stack
- Reporting (everyone can create his/her own report)
  Don't be your boss' grep/charting library

Why collect & centralise data?

- Detect & correlate patterns
  Traffic, load, DDoS
- Scale out/down on-demand
- Bonus points: Unify your data to make it easily searchable

Unify data

- apache

```
[23/Jan/2014:17:11:55 +0000]
```

- unix timestamp

```
1390994740
```

- log4j

```
[2014-01-29 12:28:25,470]
```

- postfix.log

```
Feb 3 20:37:35
```

- ISO 8601

```
2009-01-01T12:00:00+01:00
2014-01-01
```

Enter logstash

- Managing events and logs
- Collect data
- Parse data
- Enrich data
- Store data (search and visualizing)

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} Filter

} Output

Logstash architecture

Input Filter Output

Inputs

collectd drupal_dblog elasticsearch eventlog exec **file** ganglia gelf gemfire generator graphite heroku imap irc jmx **log4j** **lumberjack** pipe puppet_facter **rabbitmq** redis relp s3 snmptrap sqlite sqs **stdin** stomp **syslog** tcp twitter udp unix varnishlog websocket wmi xmpp zenoss **zeromq**

Outputs

boundary circonus cloudwatch csv datadog
elasticsearch exec **email** file ganglia gelf
gemfire google_bigquery google_cloud_storage
graphite graphtastic **hipchat** http irc jira
juggernaut librato loggly lumberjack
metriccatcher mongodb **nagios** null opentsdb
pagerduty pipe **rabbitmq** redis riak riemann s3
sns solr_http sqs statsd stdout stomp syslog
tcp udp websocket xmpp zabbix **zeromq**

Installation

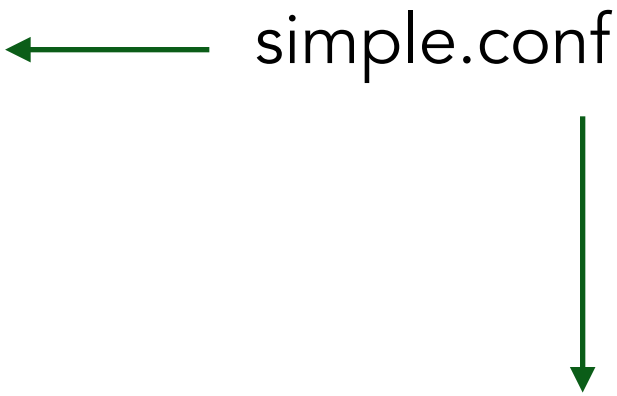
- ruby application, but Java required (JRuby)
- Download tarball, deb, RPM (also repositories)
  no gem/dependency hell!
- Puppet module

Simple setup

- Download, create config and run

```
input {
    stdin {}
}

output {
    stdout { codec => rubydebug }
}
```




```
echo foo | logstash-1.4.0.rc1/bin/logstash -f simple.conf
{
       "message" => "foo"
      "@version" => "1"
    "@timestamp" => "2014-01-20T13:30:59.648Z"
          "host" => "kryptic.fritz.box"
}
```

Analyze the output

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```

- message: Original content
- version: internal
- timestamp: Current timestamp
- host: Logstash hostname

But what about filtering?

```
input {
    stdin {}
}

filter {
  grok {
    match => [ "message"  "%{WORD:firstname} %{WORD:lastname} %{NUMBER:age}"
]
  }
}

output {
    stdout { codec => rubydebug }
}
```

But what about filtering?

```
echo "Alexander Reelsen 30" | logstash-1.4.0.rc1/bin/
logstash -f sample-2.conf
{
       "message" => "Alexander Reelsen 30"
      "@version" => "1"
    "@timestamp" => "2014-01-21T16:56:02.502Z"
          "host" => "kryptic"
     "firstname" => "Alexander"
      "lastname" => "Reelsen"
           "age" => "30"
}
```

Grok

- Maintaining regexes for mere mortals
  http://logstash.net/docs/1.3.3/filters/grok
- Default patterns
  ciscofw, haproxy, apache, syslog, cron, nagios, postfix, redis...

  https://github.com/logstash/logstash/tree/v1.3.3/patterns
- Grok Debugger
  https://grokdebug.herokuapp.com/

Syslog example with grok

```
input { stdin {} }

filter {
  grok {
    match => { "message" => "%
{SYSLOGTIMESTAMP:syslog_timestamp} %
{SYSLOGHOST:syslog_hostname} %{DATA:syslog_program}(?:\[%
{POSINT:syslog_pid}\])?: %{GREEDYDATA:syslog_message}" }
  }
  date {
    match => [ "syslog_timestamp",
               "MMM d HH:mm:ss", "MMM dd HH:mm:ss" ]
  }
}

output { stdout { codec => rubydebug } }
```

Syslog example with grok

```
cat sample-syslog.txt| logstash-1.4.0.rc1/bin/logstash -f
sample-syslog.conf
{
             "message" => "Jun 10 04:04:01
lvps109-104-93-171 postfix/smtpd[11105]: connect from
mail-we0-f196.google.com[74.125.82.196]"
            "@version" => "1"
          "@timestamp" => "2014-06-10T04:04:01.000+02:00"
                "host" => "kryptic.local"
    "syslog_timestamp" => "Jun 10 04:04:01"
     "syslog_hostname" => "lvps109-104-93-171"
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}
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Filters

advisor alter **anonymize** checksum cidr cipher clone collate **csv** **date** **dns** **drop** elapsed elasticsearch environment extractnumbers fingerprint gelfify **geoip** grep **grok** grokdiscovery i18n json json_encode kv metaevent **metrics** **multiline** **mutate** noop prune punct railsparallelrequest range ruby sleep split sumnumbers syslog_pri throttle translate unique **urldecode** **useragent** uuid wms wmts xml zeromq

Codecs

cloudtrail compress_spooler dots edn
edn_lines fluent graphite **json** **json_lines**
json_spooler line **msgpack** multiline
netflow noop oldlogstashjson plain
rubydebug spool

JSON codec

```
input {
    stdin {
        codec => json
    }
}

output {
    stdout { codec => rubydebug }
}
```

```
(echo -e '{"foo":"bar", "spam" : "eggs"\n} ' ) | logstash-1.4.0.rc1/
bin/logstash -f sample-json-codec.conf
{
           "foo" => "bar"
          "spam" => "eggs"
      "@version" => "1"
    "@timestamp" => "2014-01-23T13:12:17.325Z"
          "host" => "kryptic.local"
}
```

JSON lines codec

```
input { stdin { codec => json_lines } }
output { stdout { debug => true } }
```

```
(echo -e '{"foo":"bar", "spam" : "eggs" }' ; echo '{ "c":"d", "e": "f"
}') | logstash-1.4.0.rc1/bin/logstash -f sample-json-multi-codec.conf
{
           "foo" => "bar"
          "spam" => "eggs"
      "@version" => "1"
    "@timestamp" => "2014-01-23T13:17:47.582Z"
          "host" => "kryptic.local"
}
{
             "c" => "d"
             "e" => "f"
      "@version" => "1"
    "@timestamp" => "2014-01-23T13:17:47.584Z"
          "host" => "kryptic.local"
}
```

CLF log files

```
193.99.144.85 - - [23/Jan/2014:17:11:55 +0000] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 140
"-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64) AppleWebKit/535.19 (KHTML, like
Gecko) Chrome/18.0.1025.5 Safari/535.19"

193.99.144.85 - - [23/Jan/2014:17:11:55 +0000] "GET /myimage.jpg HTTP/
1.1" 200 140 "-" "Googlebot"
```

```
input { stdin {} }

filter {
  grok {
    match => [ message  "%{COMBINEDAPACHELOG}" ]
  }
}

output { stdout { codec => rubydebug } }
```

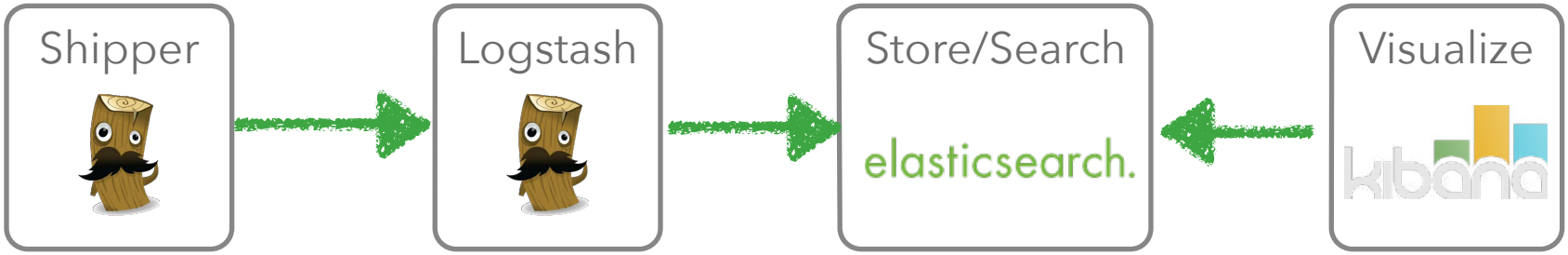
CLF log files

```
{
        "message" => "193.99.144.85 - - [23/Jan/2014:17:11:55 +0000]
\"GET / HTTP/1.1\" 200 140 \"-\" \"Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64)
AppleWebKit/535.19 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/18.0.1025.5 Safari/
535.19\""
       "@version" => "1"
     "@timestamp" => "2014-01-24T07:56:02.460Z"
           "host" => "kryptic.local"
       "clientip" => "193.99.144.85"
          "ident" => "-"
           "auth" => "-"
      "timestamp" => "23/Jan/2014:17:11:55 +0000"
           "verb" => "GET"
        "request" => "/"
    "httpversion" => "1.1"
       "response" => "200"
          "bytes" => "140"
       "referrer" => "\"-\""
          "agent" => "\"Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64)
AppleWebKit/535.19 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/18.0.1025.5 Safari/
535.19\""
}
```

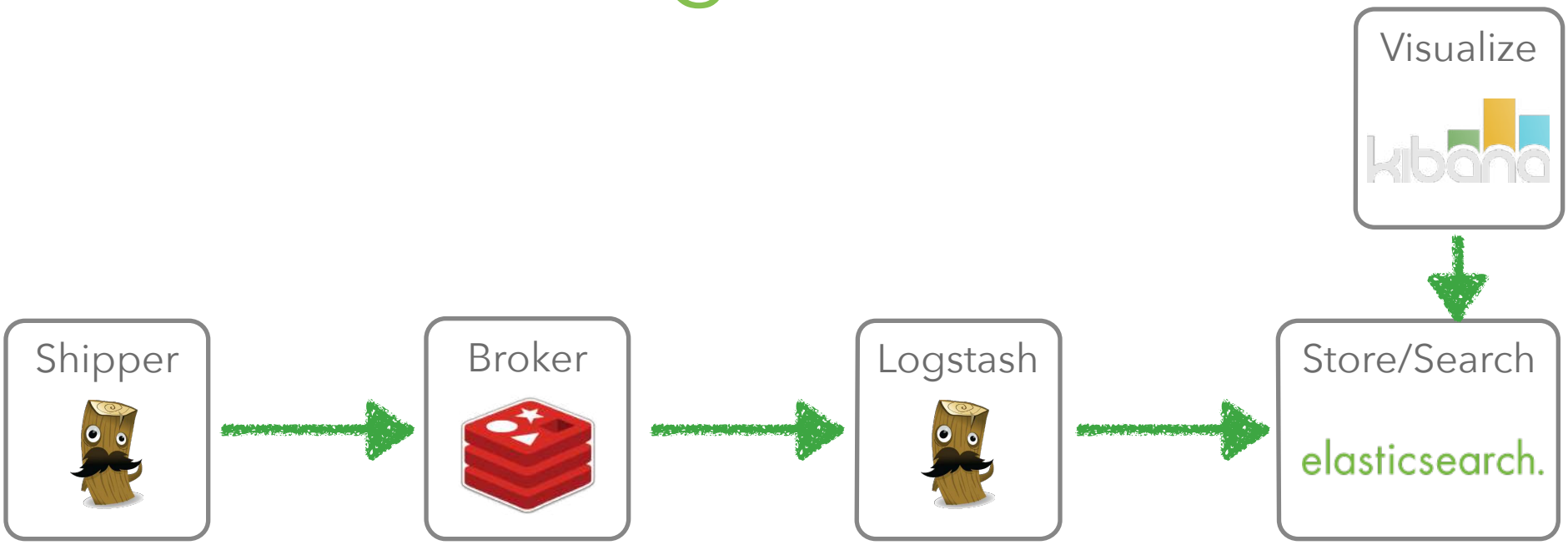
Write to elasticsearch

```
input { stdin {} }

filter {
  grok {
    match => [ message  "%{COMBINEDAPACHELOG}" ]
  }
}

output {
  elasticsearch {
    protocol => 'http'
  }
}
```

Use case: Log files



Use case: Log files with broker



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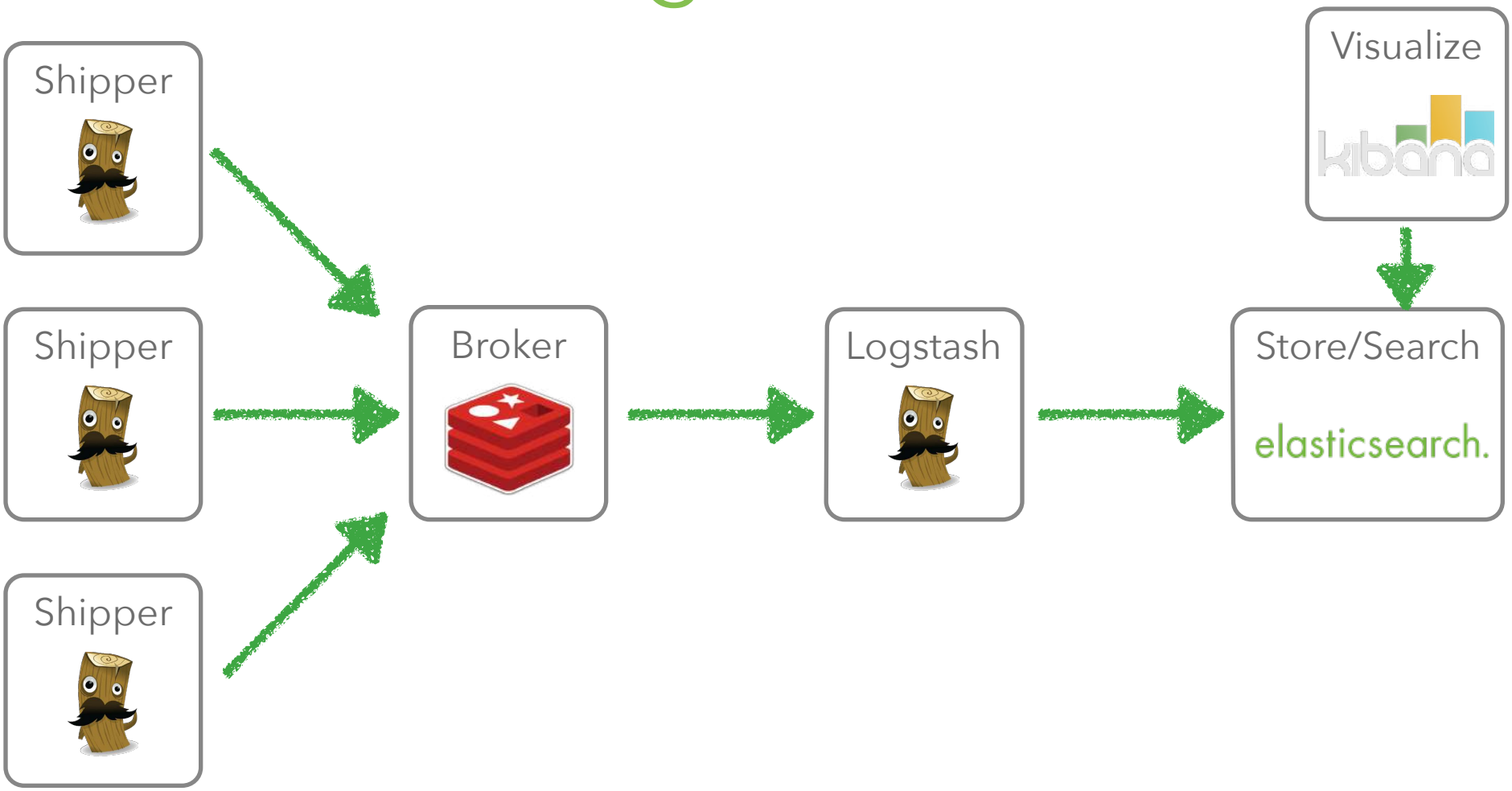
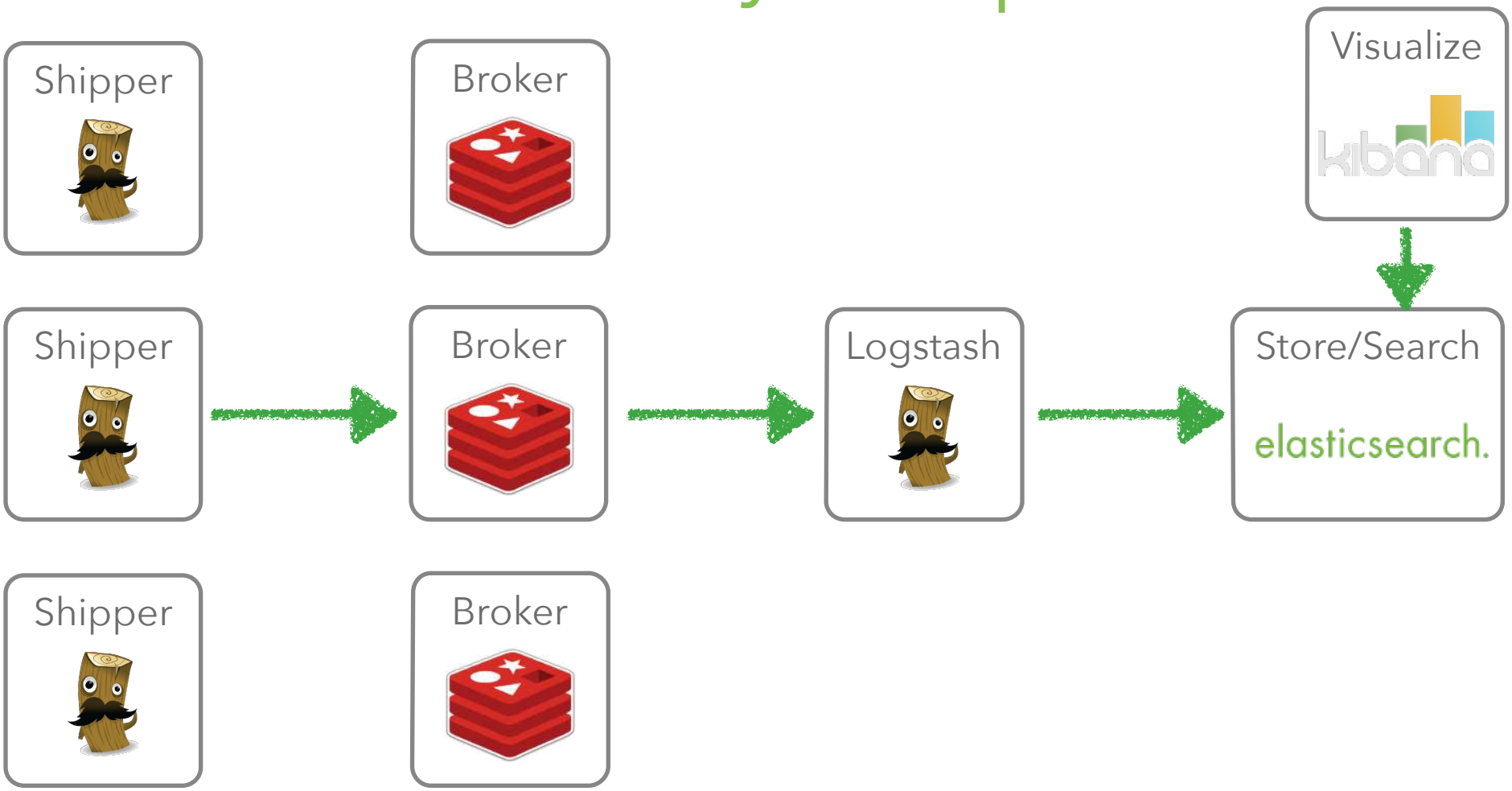


Scale out any component



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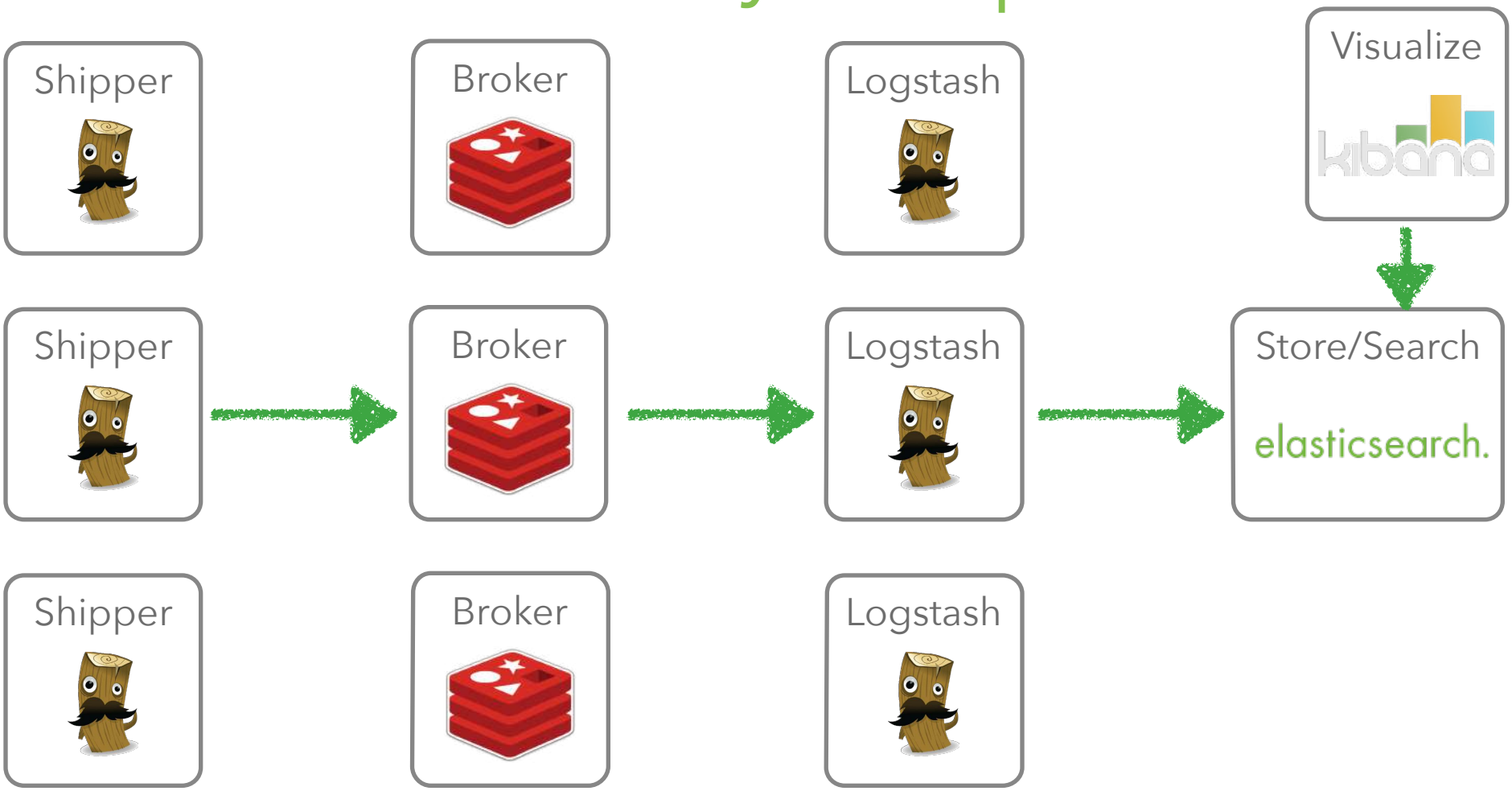

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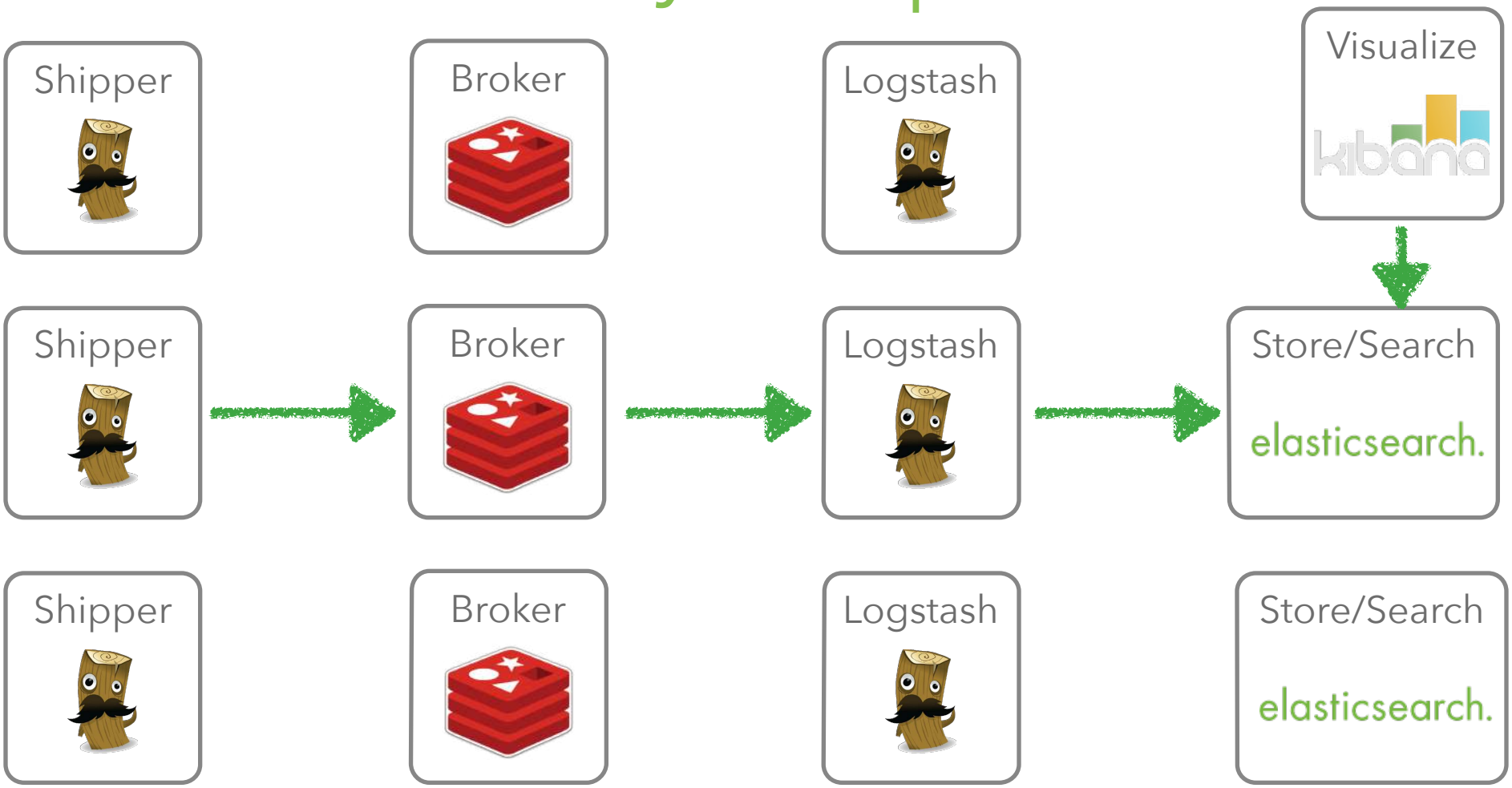
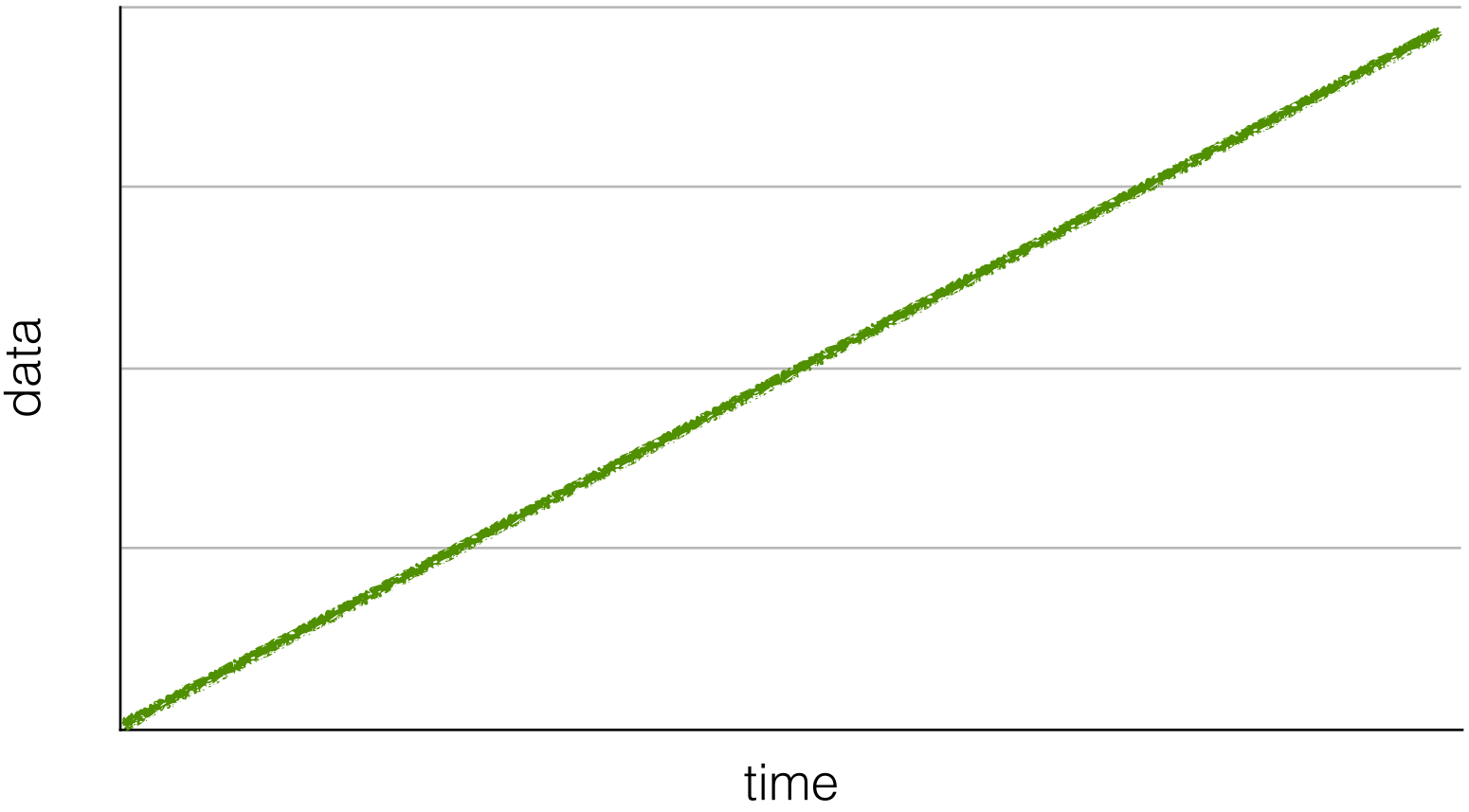


Logstash scaling

- Events get passed via ruby SizedQueue
- input/worker/output threads, can be configured
- each input is one thread, unless explicitly configurable
- one worker thread by default, use `-w` to change
- output is a single thread (some outputs have their own queueing thread)

http://logstash.net/docs/1.3.3/life-of-an-event

Data growth & capacity planning



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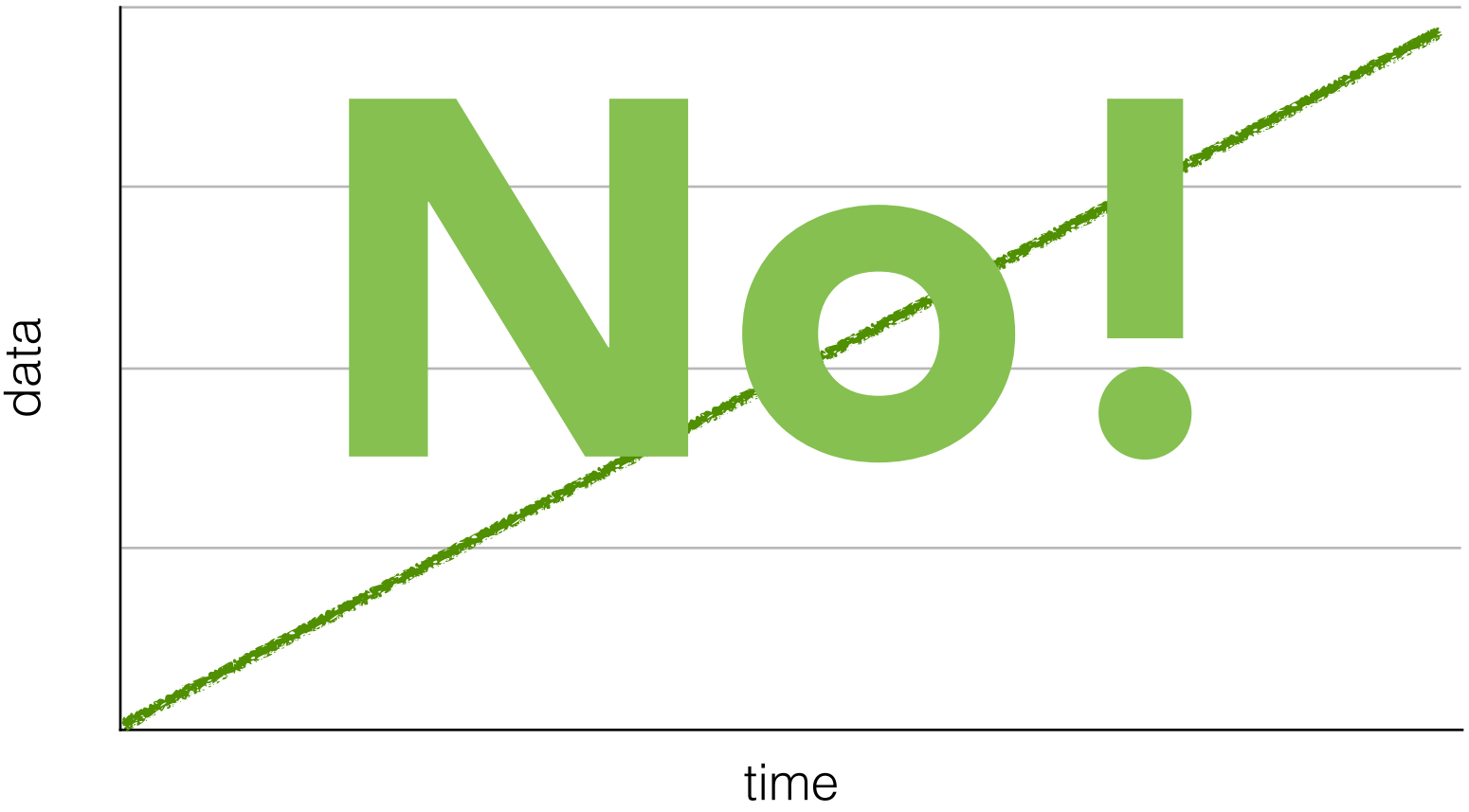

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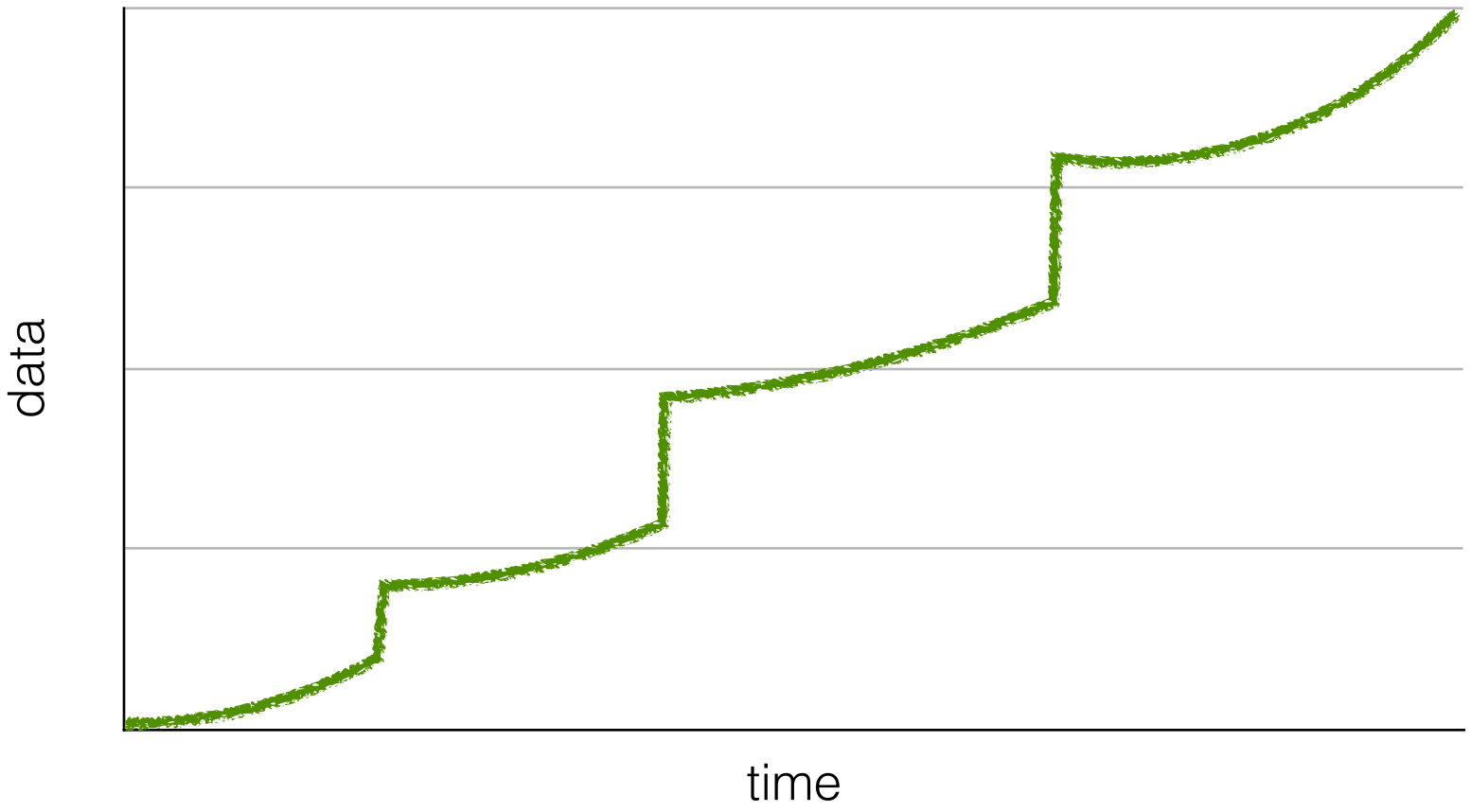

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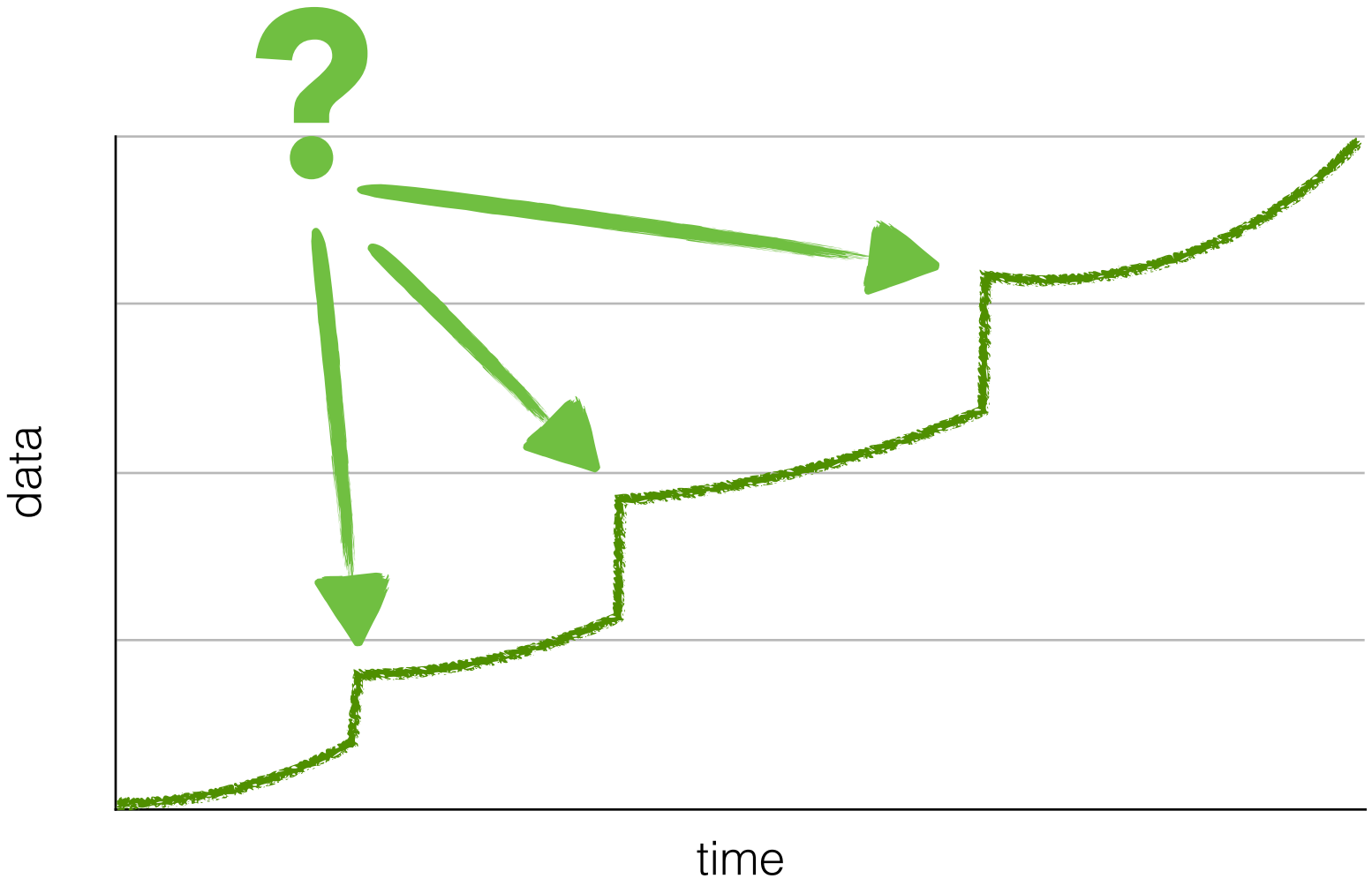
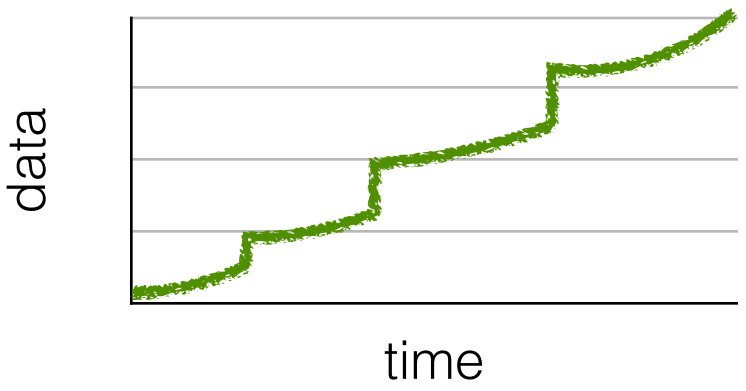


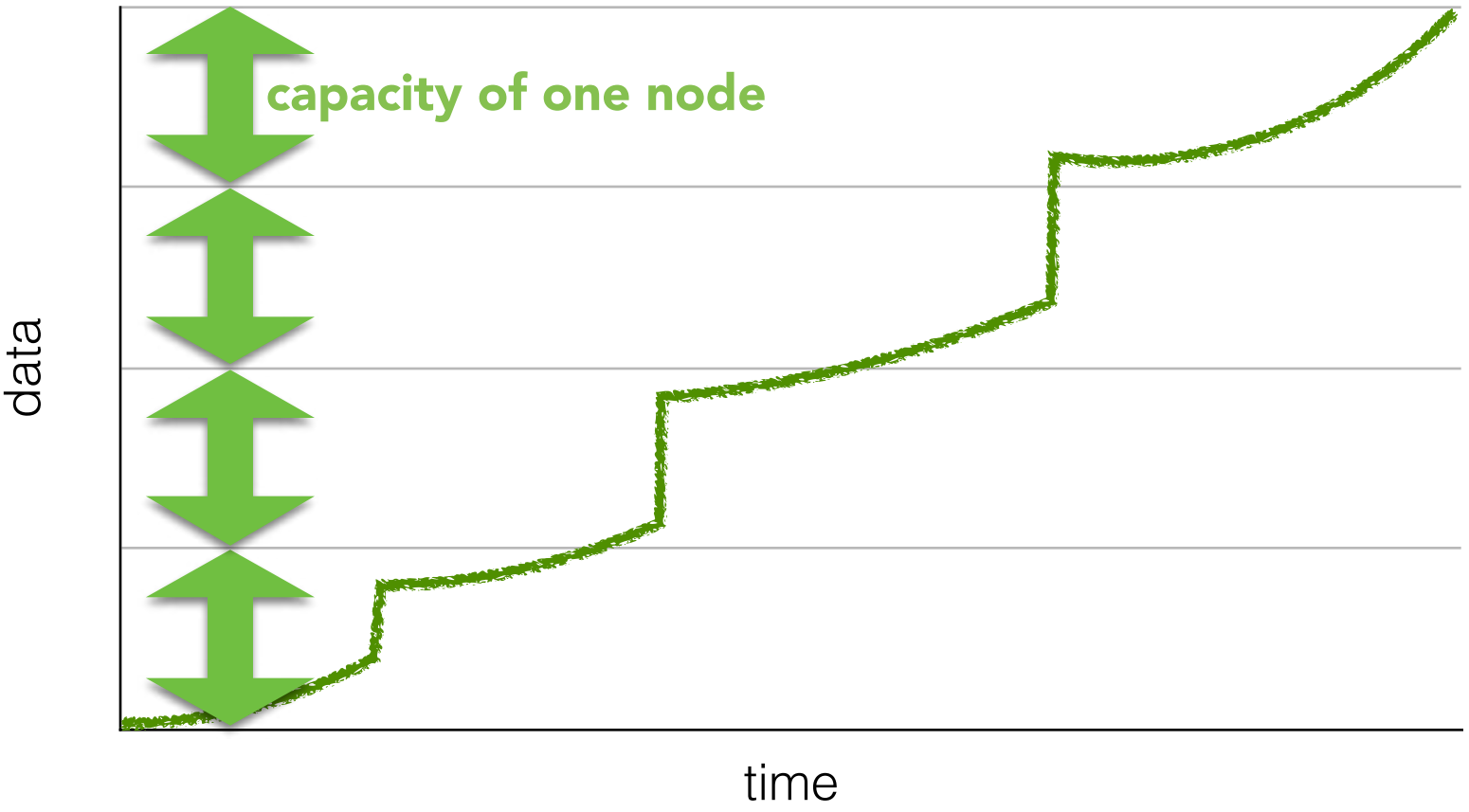
Data growth & capacity planning

- Added a new forwarder/shipper
- Added new type of logs
- Increased traffic/usage

- Capacity planning?



Capacity management



Scale data to your needs!

per month

- Small dataset
- Fits on one machine, cannot be divided

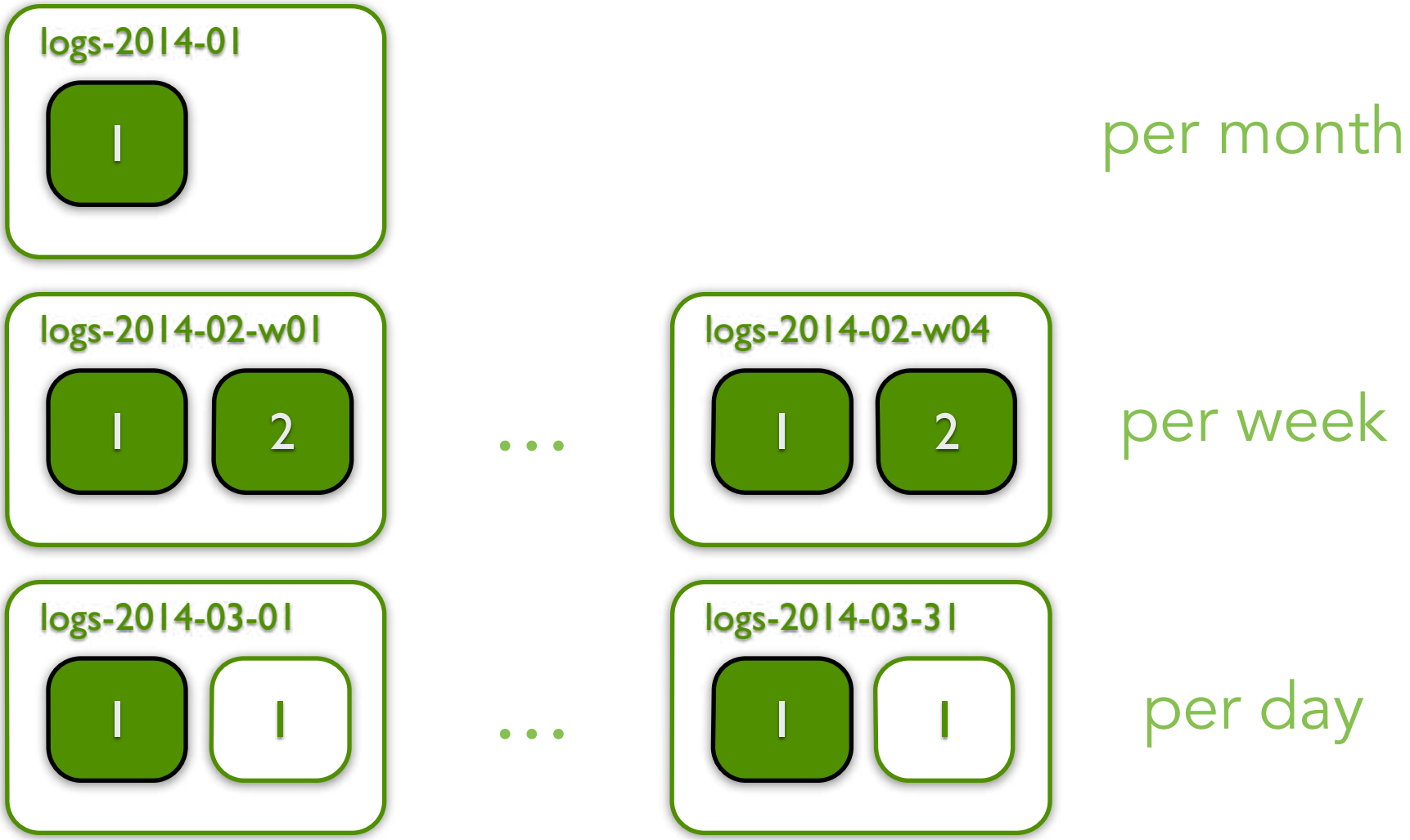
Scale data to your needs!

- More data gets indexed
- Can be scaled on up to eight machines

Scale data to your needs!

- Safety: Data available twice in cluster
- Can be scaled on up to 62 machines

Scale data to your needs!



Kibana

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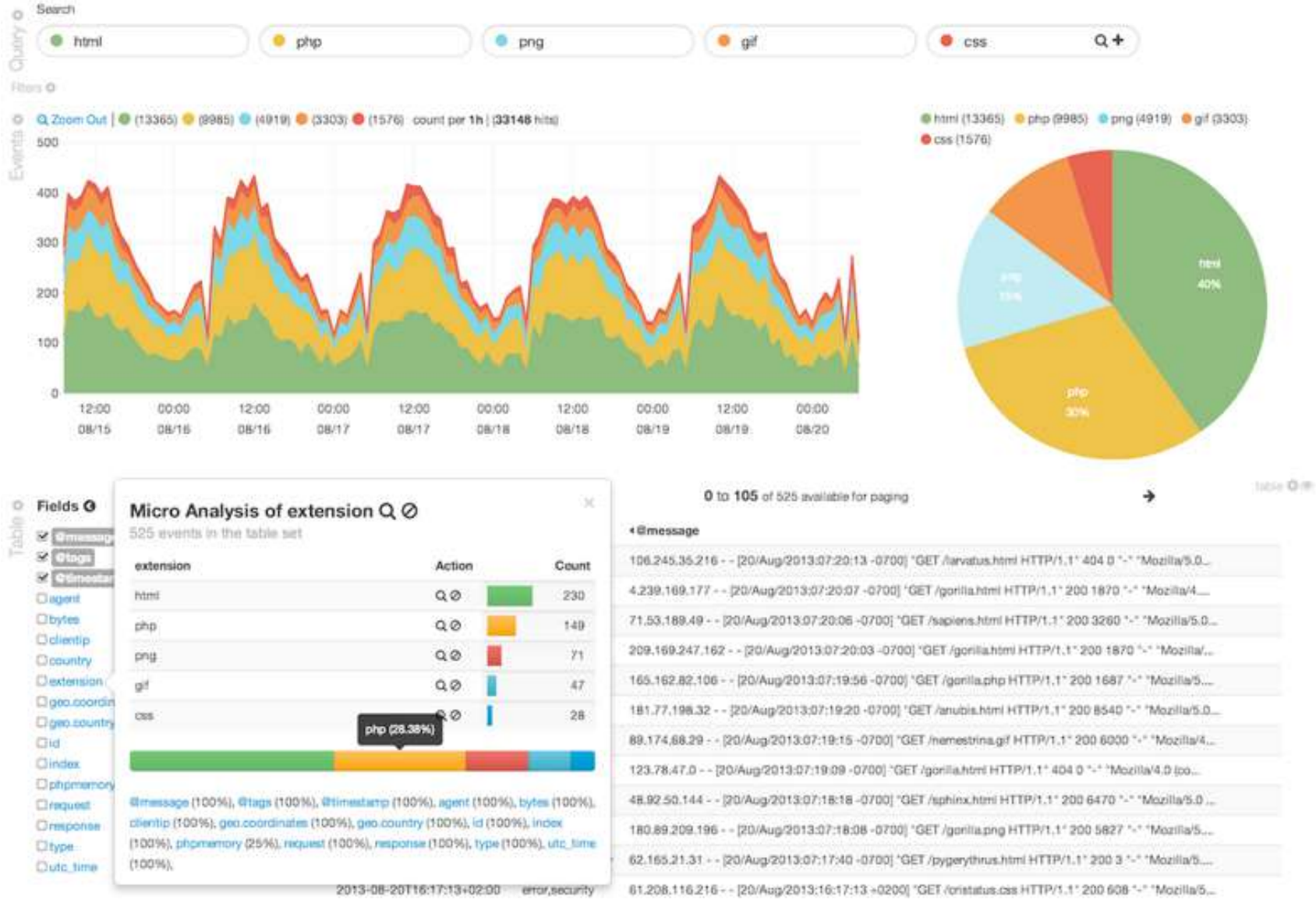

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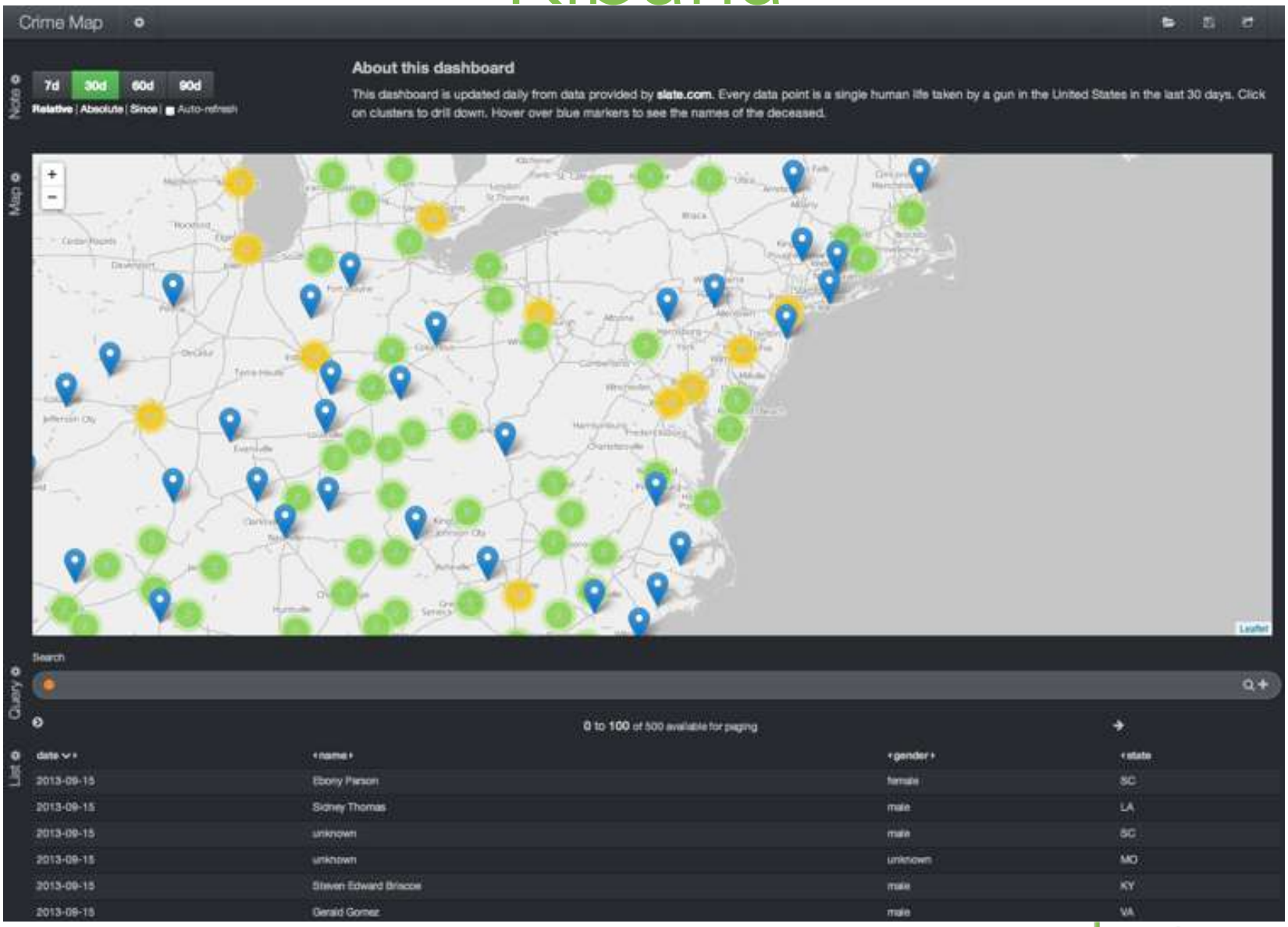

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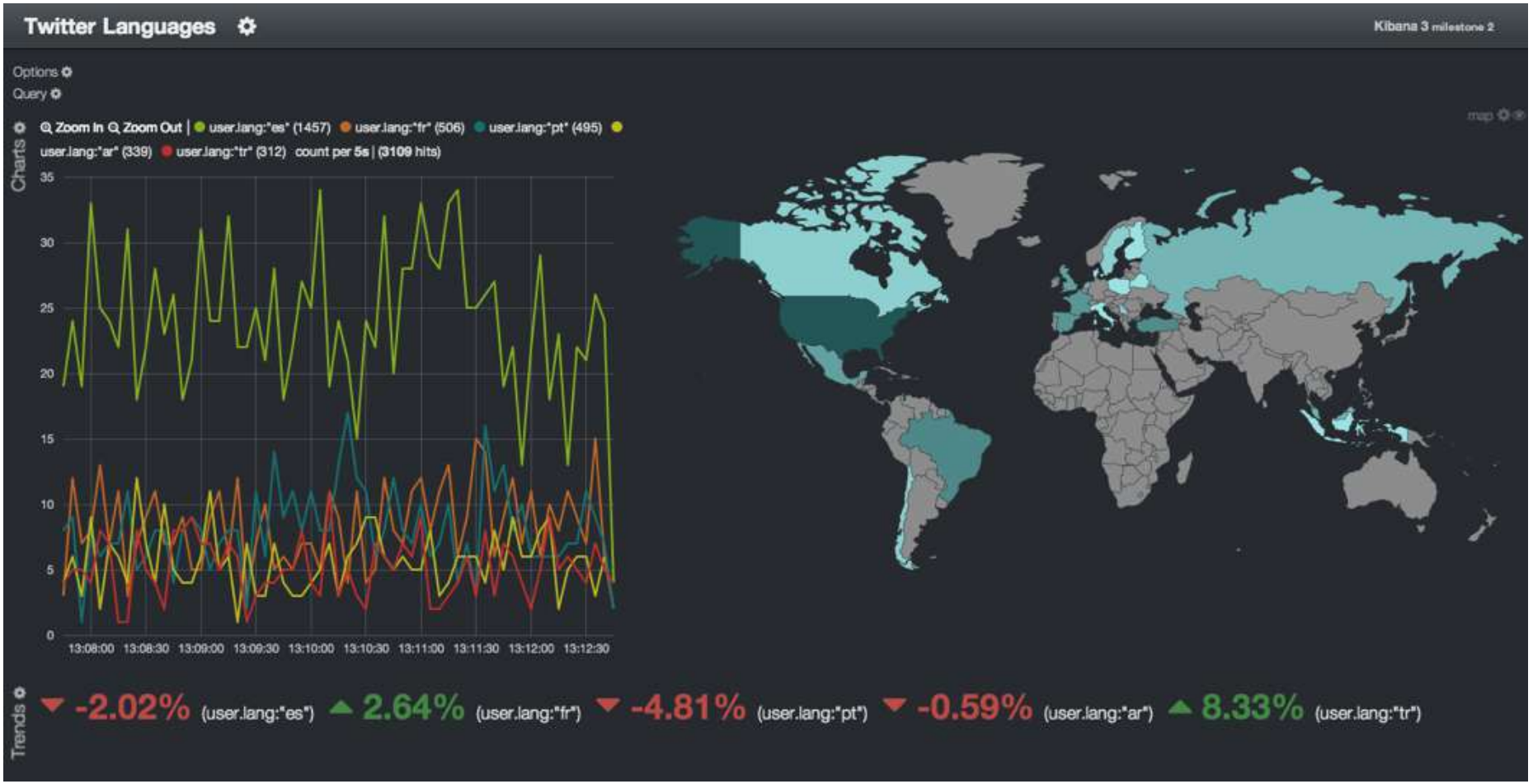

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Tools

Useful helpers

- Curator
  http://www.elasticsearch.org/blog/curator-tending-your-time-series-indices/
- Puppet module
  https://github.com/elasticsearch/puppet-logstash
- logstash forwarder
  https://github.com/elasticsearch/logstash-forwarder
- Logstash cookbook
  http://cookbook.logstash.net/

Demo - Meetup RSVP stream

Soon... 1.4

- tons of documentation updates
- puppet module love
- tests to ensure backwards compatibility
- new packaging (less startup time)

Thanks for listening

Q & A

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