

Centralized Logging-Patterns

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```
java-logging — fish /Users/philipp/Documents/GitHub/java-logging — -fish — 105x26
[philipp@~/Documents/GitHub/java-logging(git*master)>> gradle run 14:47:14]

> Task :run
[2018-05-31 14:47:22.185] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=29, loop=1 - Iteration '1' and session '29'
[2018-05-31 14:47:22.196] DEBUG net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=29, loop=1 - Collect in development
[2018-05-31 14:47:22.200] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=49, loop=2 - Iteration '2' and session '49'
[2018-05-31 14:47:22.201] DEBUG net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=49, loop=2 - Collect in development
[2018-05-31 14:47:22.202] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=85, loop=3 - Iteration '3' and session '85'
[2018-05-31 14:47:22.203] INFO net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=85, loop=3 - Collect in production
[2018-05-31 14:47:22.204] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=55, loop=4 - Iteration '4' and session '55'
[2018-05-31 14:47:22.204] DEBUG net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=55, loop=4 - Collect in development
[2018-05-31 14:47:22.205] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=83, loop=5 - Iteration '5' and session '83'
[2018-05-31 14:47:22.205] WARN net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=83, loop=5 - Investigate tomorrow
[2018-05-31 14:47:22.206] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=36, loop=6 - Iteration '6' and session '36'
[2018-05-31 14:47:22.206] INFO net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=36, loop=6 - Collect in producti
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java-logging — fish /Users/philipp/Documents/GitHub/java-logging — -fish — 105x26
[philipp@~/Documents/GitHub/java-logging(git*master)✓] cat logs/java-logging.log 14:47:23
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.951] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=46, loop=1 - Iteration '1' and session '46'
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.961] DEBUG net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=46, loop=1 - Collect in development
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.963] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=13, loop=2 - Iteration '2' and session '13'
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[2018-05-31 14:42:58.964] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=70, loop=3 - Iteration '3' and session '70'
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.964] INFO net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=70, loop=3 - Collect in production
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.965] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=68, loop=4 - Iteration '4' and session '68'
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.966] DEBUG net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=68, loop=4 - Collect in development
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.966] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=84, loop=5 - Iteration '5' and session '84'
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.966] WARN net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=84, loop=5 - Investigate tomorrow
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.967] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=82, loop=6 - Iteration '6' and session '82'
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.969] INFO net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=82, loop=6 - Collect in production
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.969] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=7, loop=7 - Iteration '7' and se
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java-logging — tail /Users/philipp/Documents/GitHub/java-logging — tail -f logs/java-loggi...
[philipp@~/Documents/GitHub/java-logging(git*master) ➜ tail -f logs/java-logging.log 18:39:45]
[2018-05-31 17:20:22.874] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=61, loop=16 - Iteration '16' and
session '61'
[2018-05-31 17:20:22.874] DEBUG net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=61, loop=16 - Collect in develop
ment
[2018-05-31 17:20:22.881] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=2, loop=17 - Iteration '17' and
session '2'
[2018-05-31 17:20:22.882] DEBUG net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=2, loop=17 - Collect in developm
ent
[2018-05-31 17:20:22.883] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=35, loop=18 - Iteration '18' and
session '35'
[2018-05-31 17:20:22.884] INFO  net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=35, loop=18 - Collect in product
ion
[2018-05-31 17:20:22.886] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=86, loop=19 - Iteration '19' and
session '86'
[2018-05-31 17:20:22.889] DEBUG net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=86, loop=19 - Collect in develop
ment
[2018-05-31 17:20:22.890] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=92, loop=20 - Iteration '20' and
session '92'
[2018-05-31 17:20:22.891] WARN  net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=92, loop=20 - Investigate tomorr
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[2018-05-31 18:40:05.399] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=40, loop=1 - Iteration '1' and s
ession '40'
[2018-05-31 18:40:05.417] DEBUG net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=40, loop=1 - Collect in developm
ent
[2018-05-31 18:40:05.420] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=51, loop=2 - Iteration '2' and s
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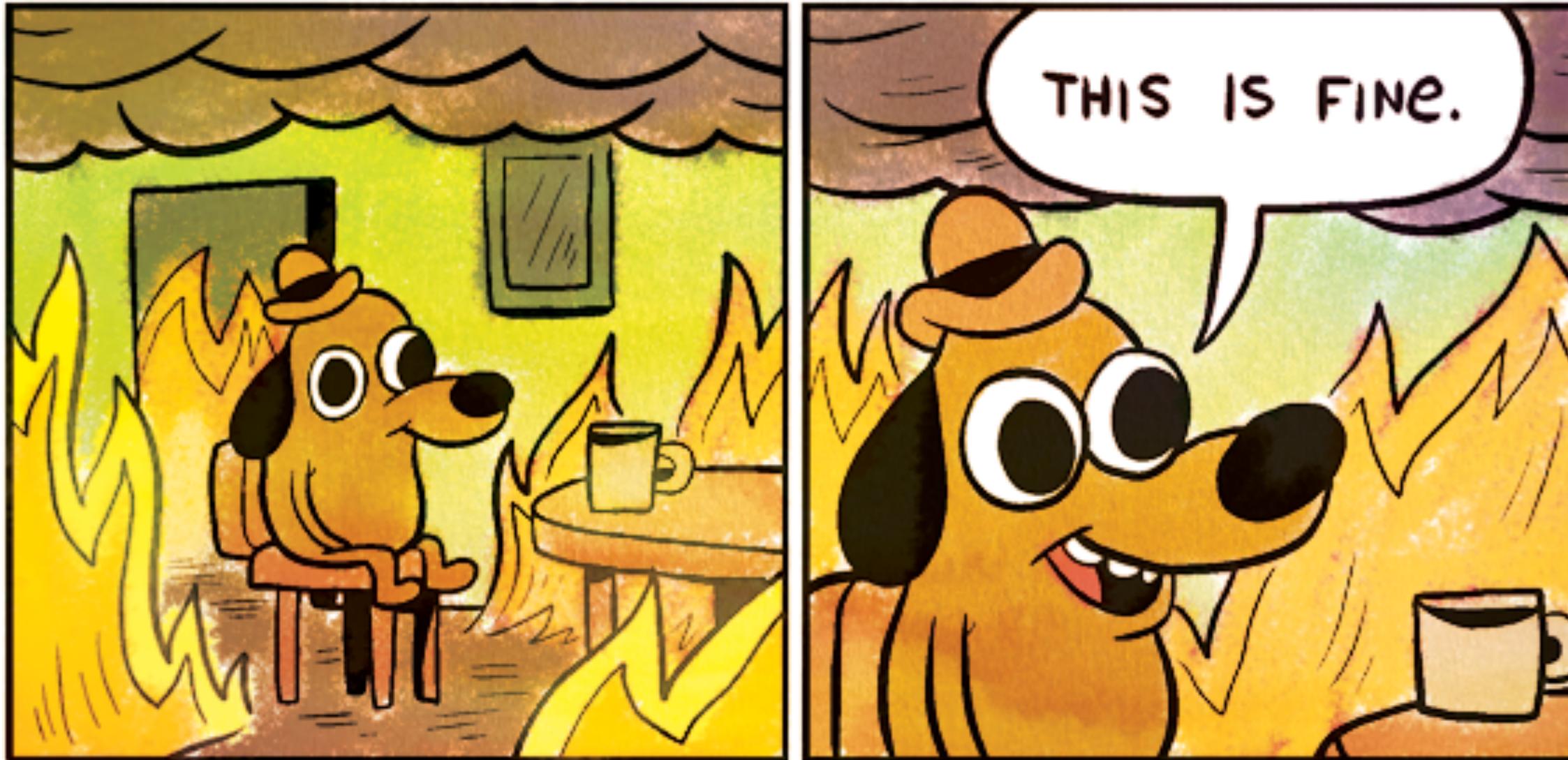
philipp@~/Documents/GitHub/java-logging(git*master)➤ less +F logs/java-logging.log

18:42:08



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[java-logging — fish /Users/philipp/Documents/GitHub/java-logging — -fish — 105x12]  
[cat logs/java-logging.log]  
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.951] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=46, loop=1 - Iteration '1' and session '46'  
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[cat logs/java-logging.log]  
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.951] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=46, loop=1 - Iteration '1' and s  
  
[cat logs/java-logging.log]  
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.951] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=46, loop=1 - Iteration '1' and s  
  
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[2018-05-31 14:42:58.951] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=46, loop=1 - Iteration '1' and s  
  
[cat logs/java-logging.log]
```



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ALL THE THINGS!



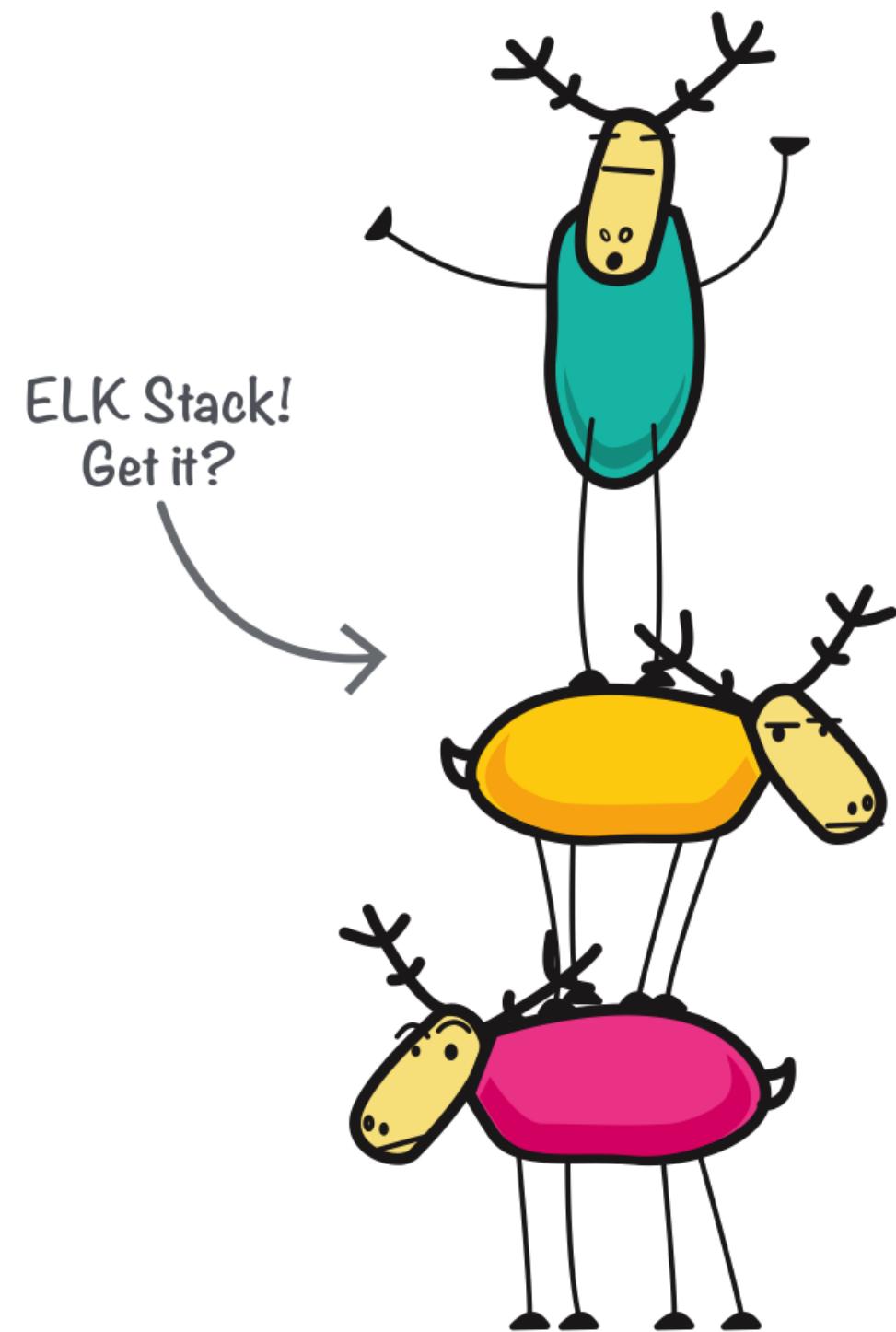


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Questions: <https://sli.do/xeraa>

Answers: <https://twitter.com/xeraa>

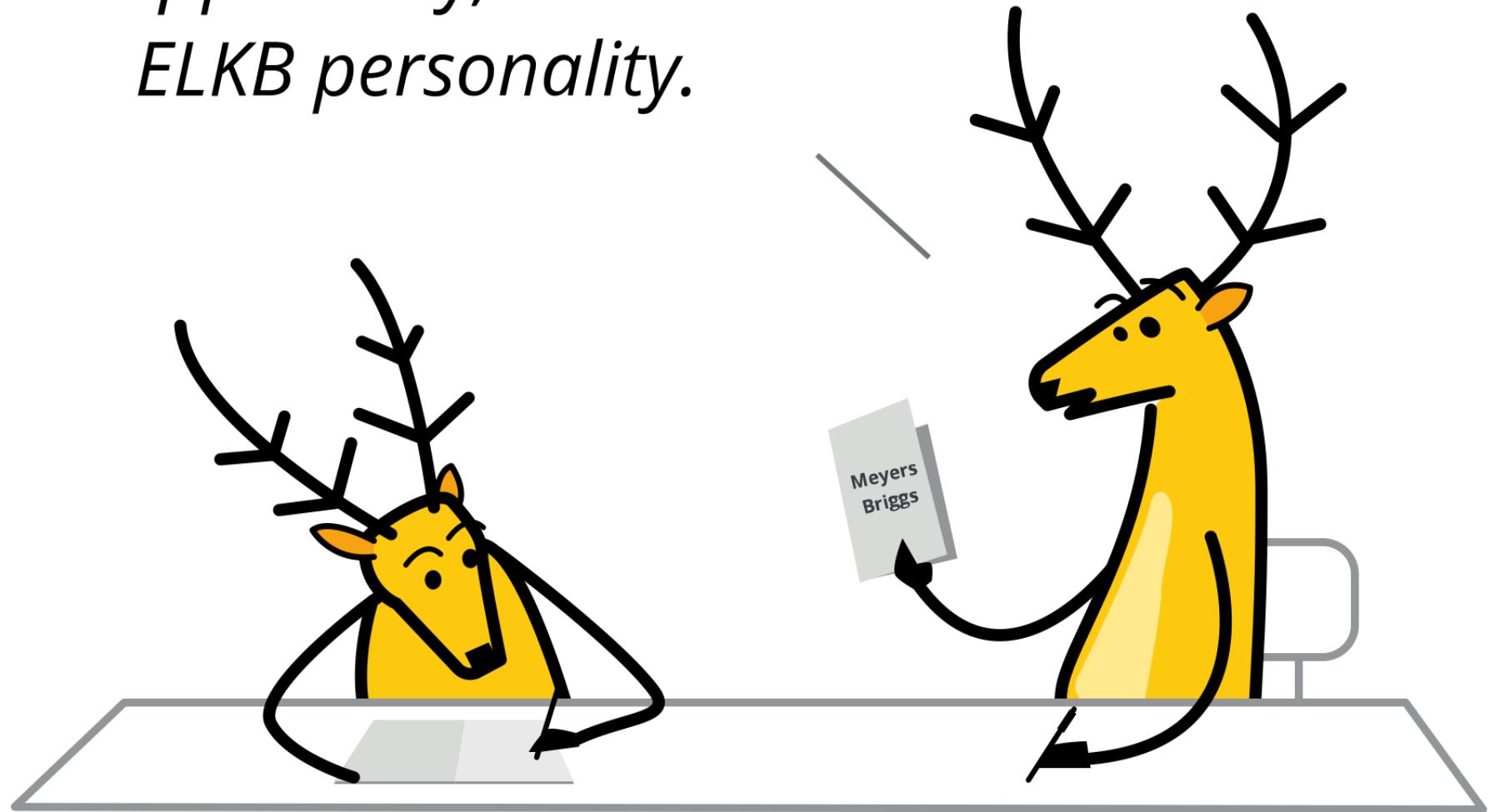


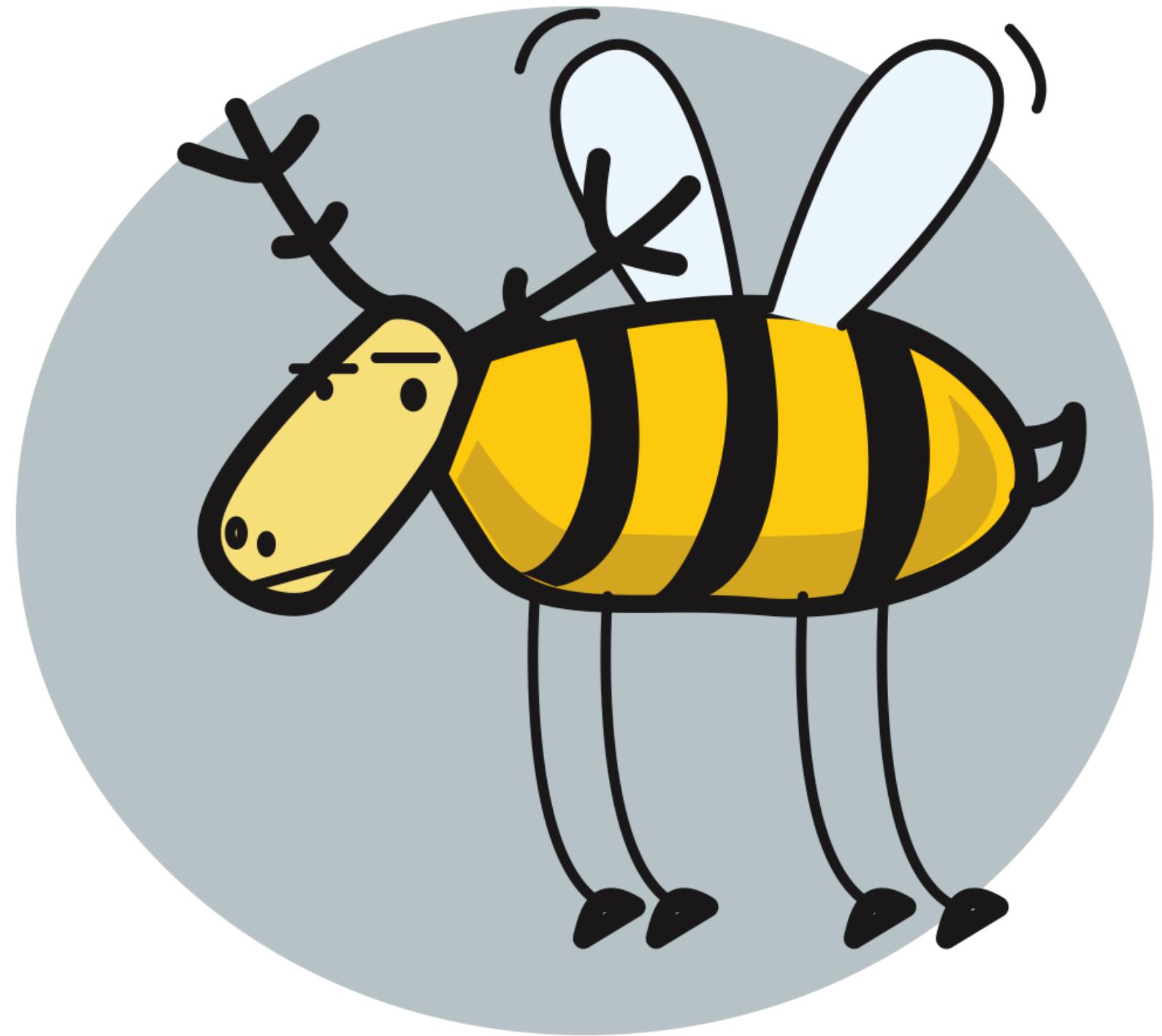
E Elasticsearch

L Logstash

K Kibana

*Apparently, I'm an
ELKB personality.*



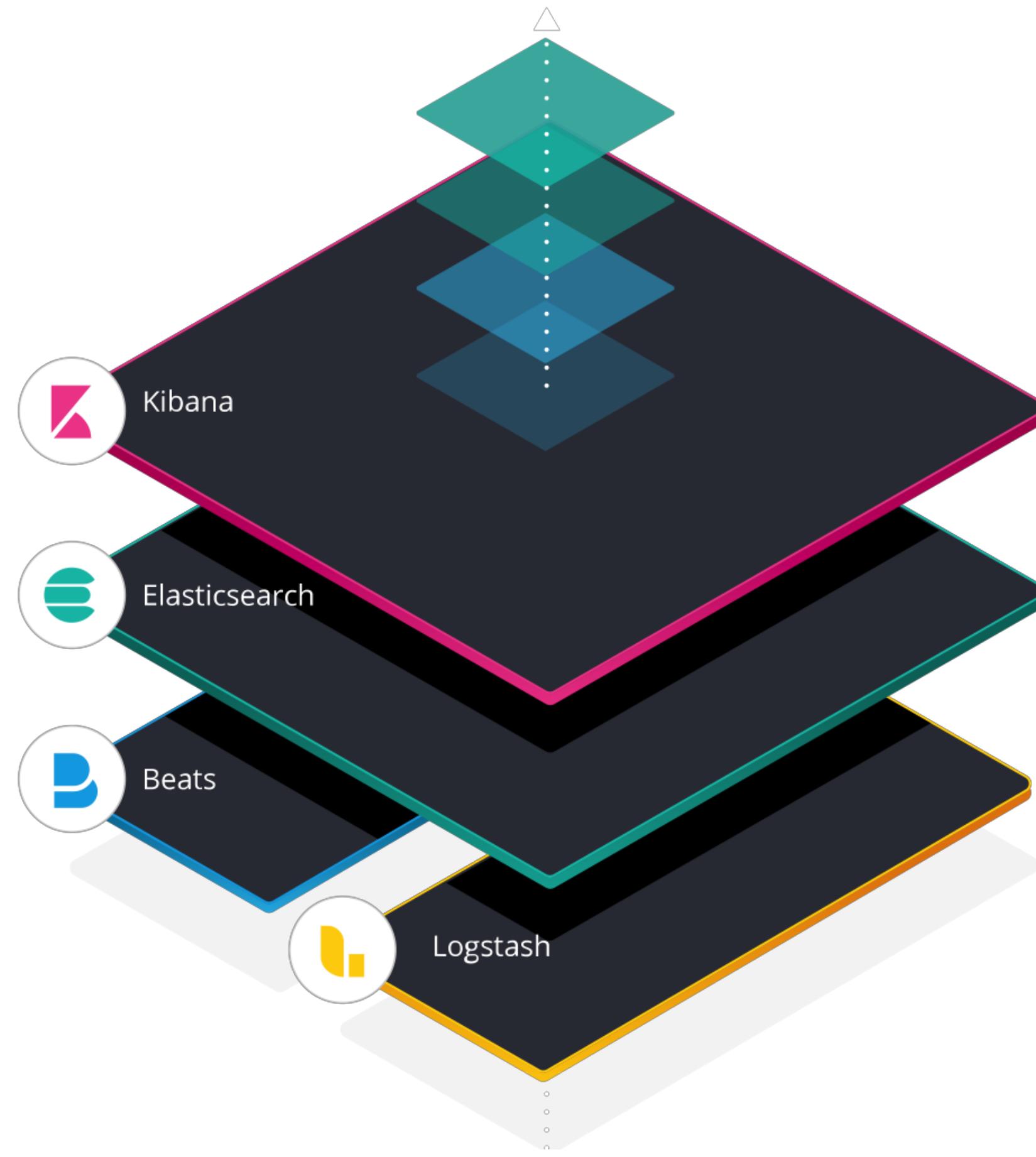


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Disclaimer

I build **highly** monitored Hello World
apps

Example: Java

SLF4J, Logback, MDC



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And Everywhere Else

.NET: NLog

JavaScript: Winston

Python: structlog

PHP: Monolog

Anti-Pattern: print

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



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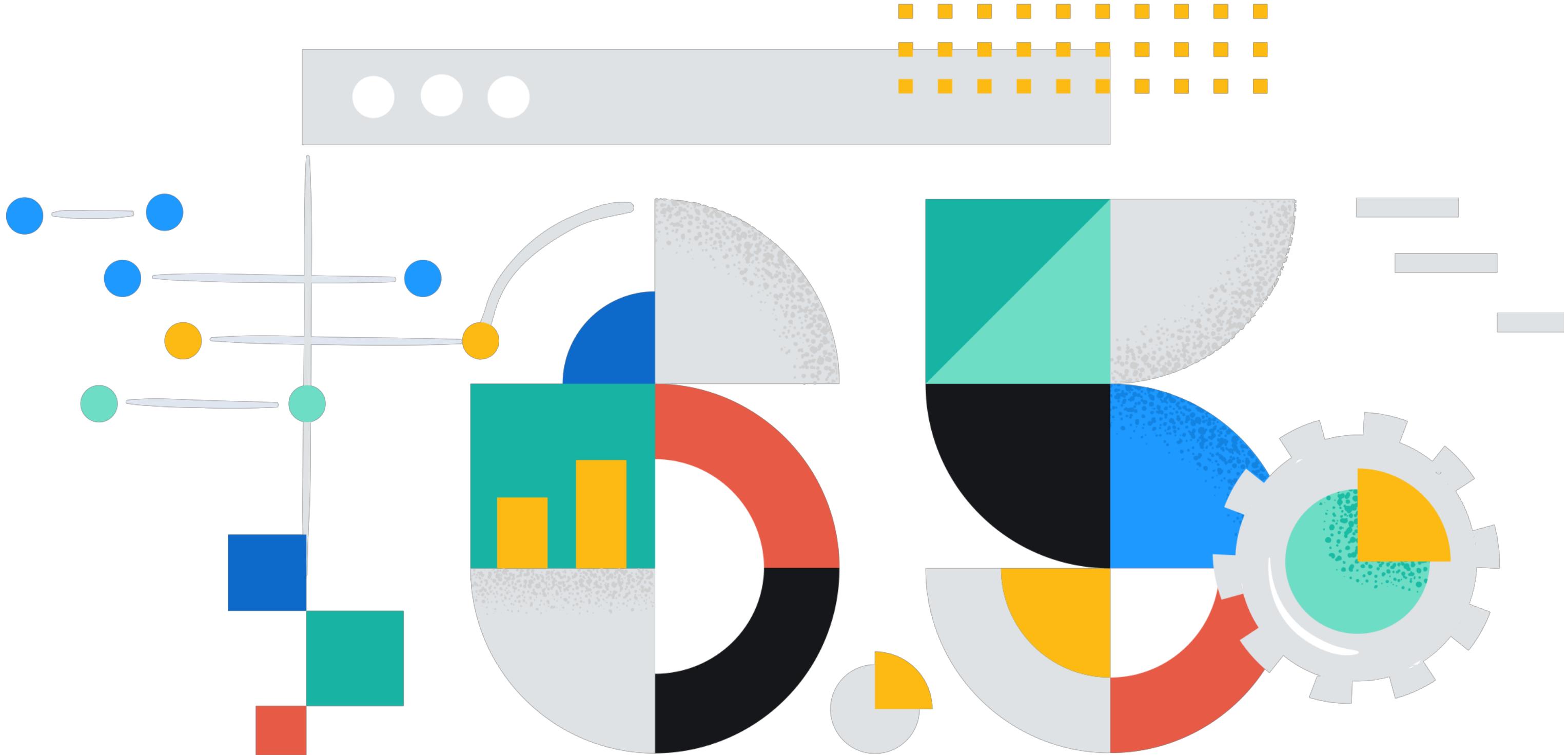
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Anti-Pattern: Coupling



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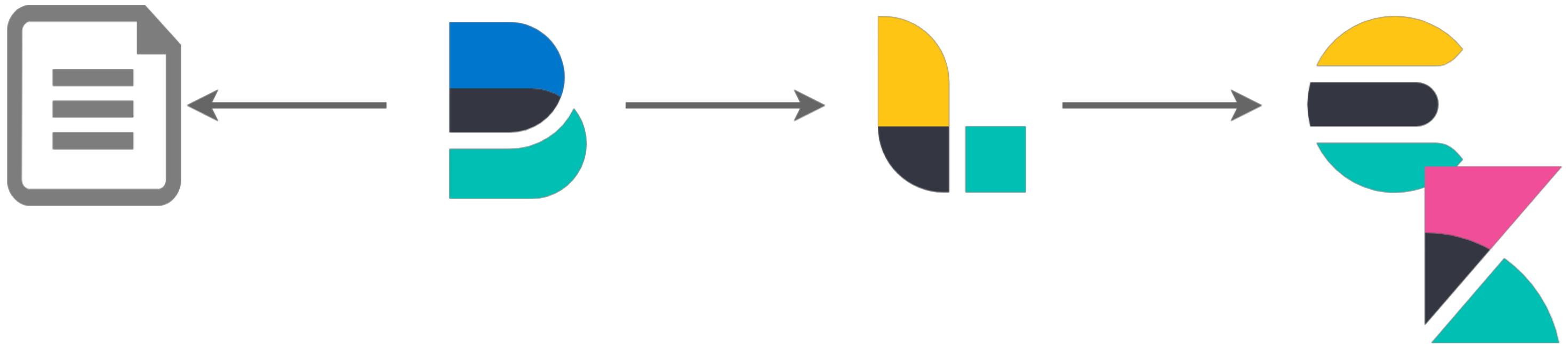


A dark, blurry image of a person wearing a flight suit and goggles, looking forward.

HOLD ON TO YOUR BUTTS

Parse





Collect Log Lines

```
filebeat.inputs:  
- type: log  
  paths:  
    - /mnt/logs/*.log  
#exclude_lines: ['^TRACE']
```

Setting for **Setting** **Result**

negate for match

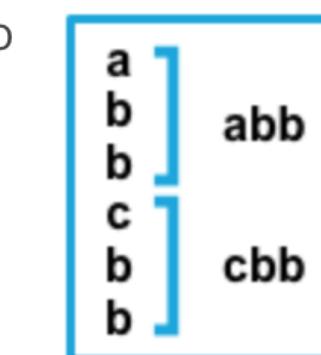
Example

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

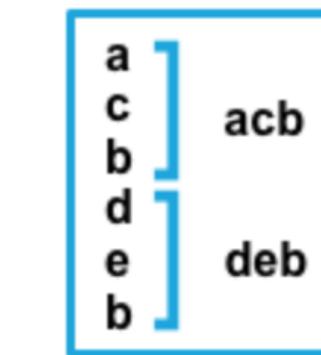
Consecutive lines that don't match the pattern are appended to the previous line that does match.



true

before

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



```
[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:level}  
%{SPACE}%{USERNAME:logger}%{SPACE}\[%{WORD:thread}\ ]  
%{SPACE}-%{SPACE}%{GREEDYDATA:mdc}%{SPACE}-%{SPACE}  
%{GREEDYDATA:themessage}(?:\n+(<stacktrace>(?:.|\r|\n)+))?
```



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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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Grok

[https://github.com/logstash-plugins/logstash-patterns-core/blob/
master/patterns/grok-patterns](https://github.com/logstash-plugins/logstash-patterns-core/blob/master/patterns/grok-patterns)



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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 }
```

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=�述, 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%) 5 distinct values top values TRACE 50.18% DEBUG 27.6% | 279 documents (100%) 20 distinct values min 1 median 10 max 20 top values |



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Visualize

For example session



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Log UI

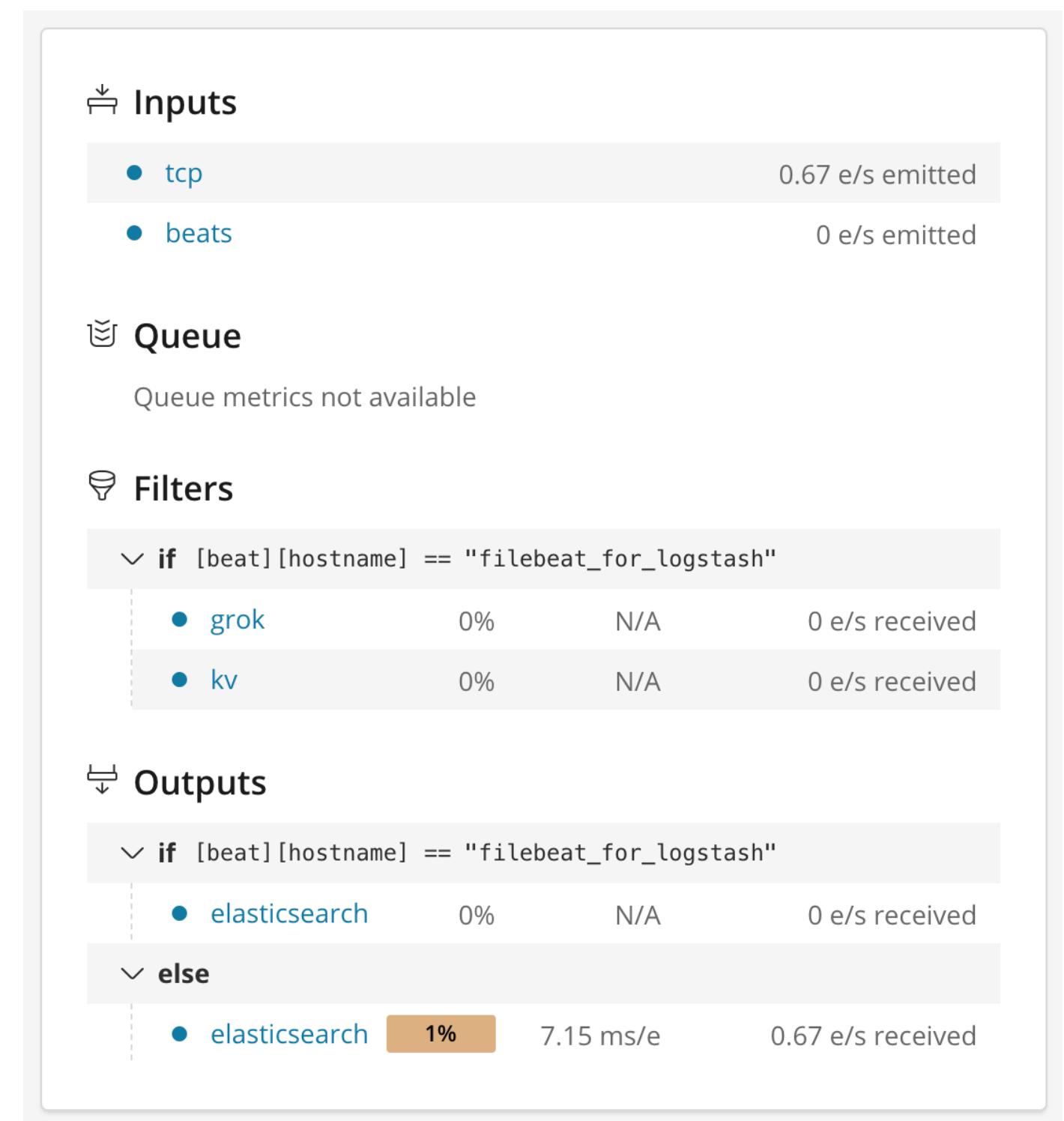


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Monitoring: Logstash Pipeline

Plus other components



Pro: No change

Con: RegEx, timestamp, multiline



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Send





Pro: No files

Con: Outages & coupling

Structure





Collect JSON

```
filebeat.input:
```

```
- type: log
```

```
paths:
```

```
  - /mnt/logs/*.json
```

```
fields_under_root: true
```

```
json:
```

```
  message_key: message
```

```
  keys_under_root: true
```

```
processors:
```

```
- add_host_metadata: ~
```

Pro: Right format

Con: JSON serialization overhead

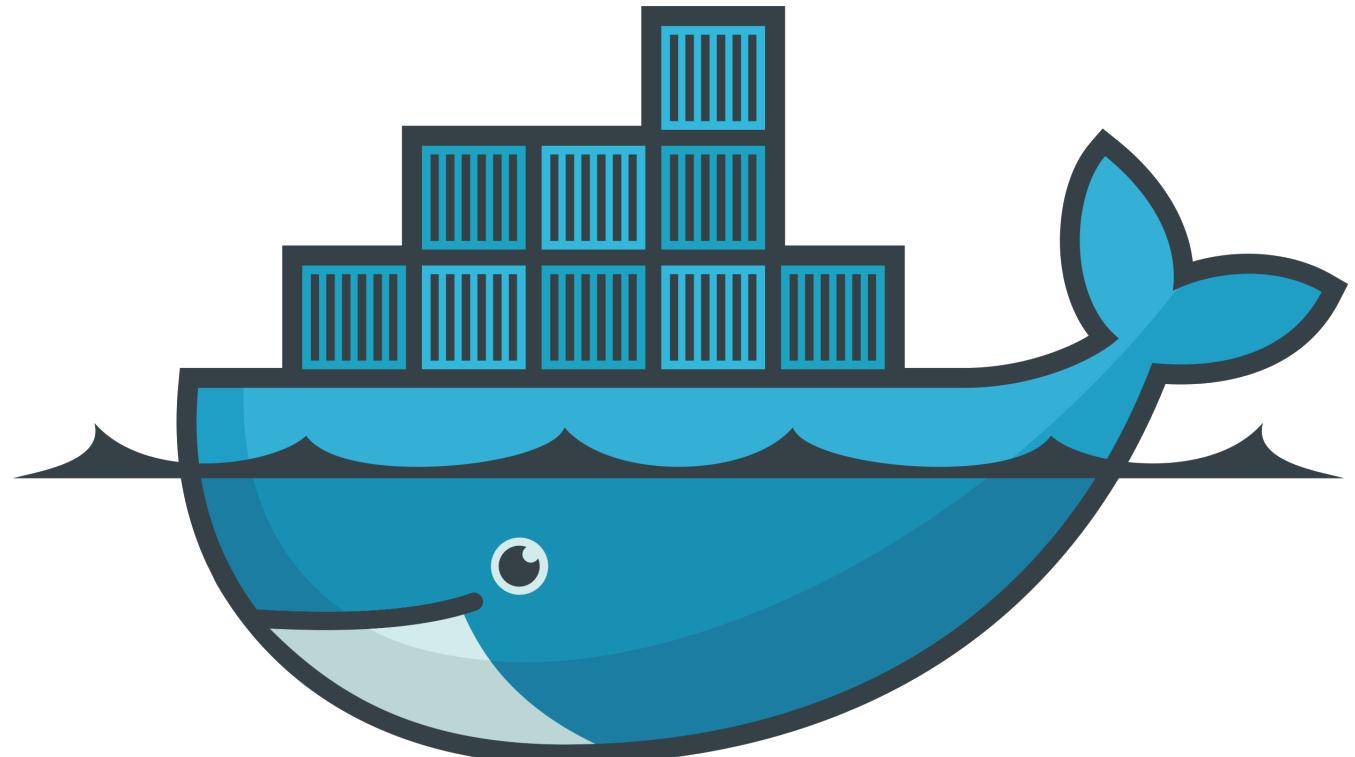


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Containerize





docker

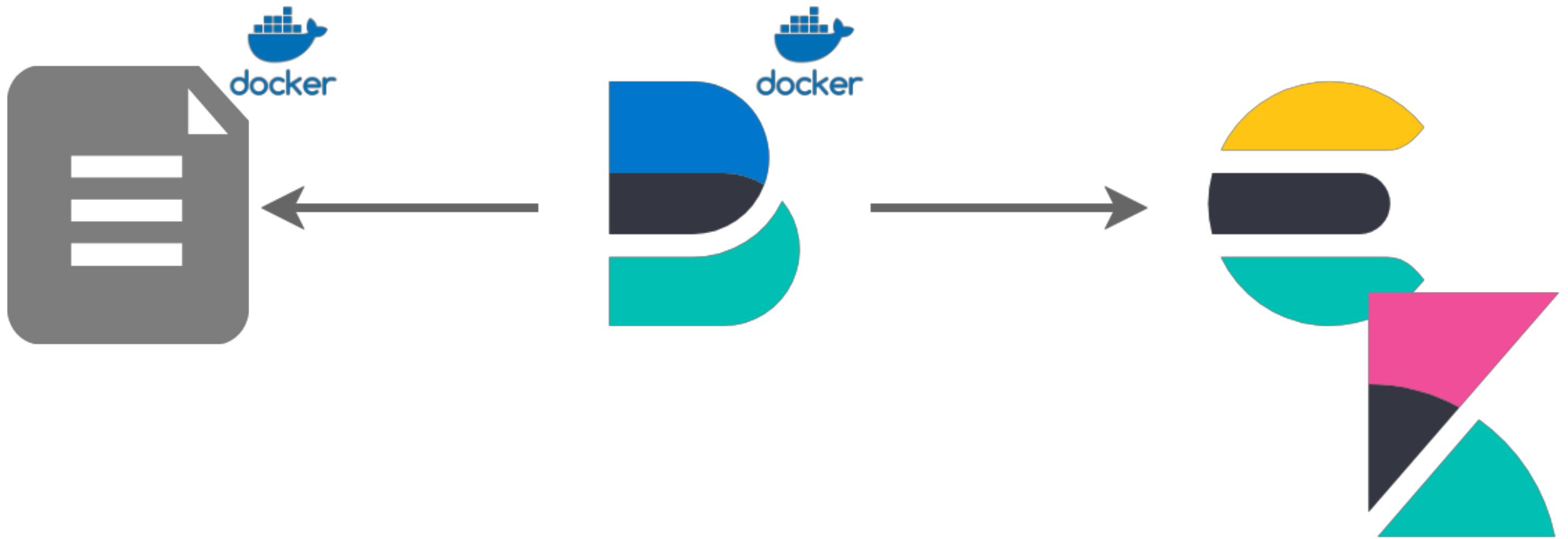
Where to put Filebeat?

Sidecar



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Default JSON Log

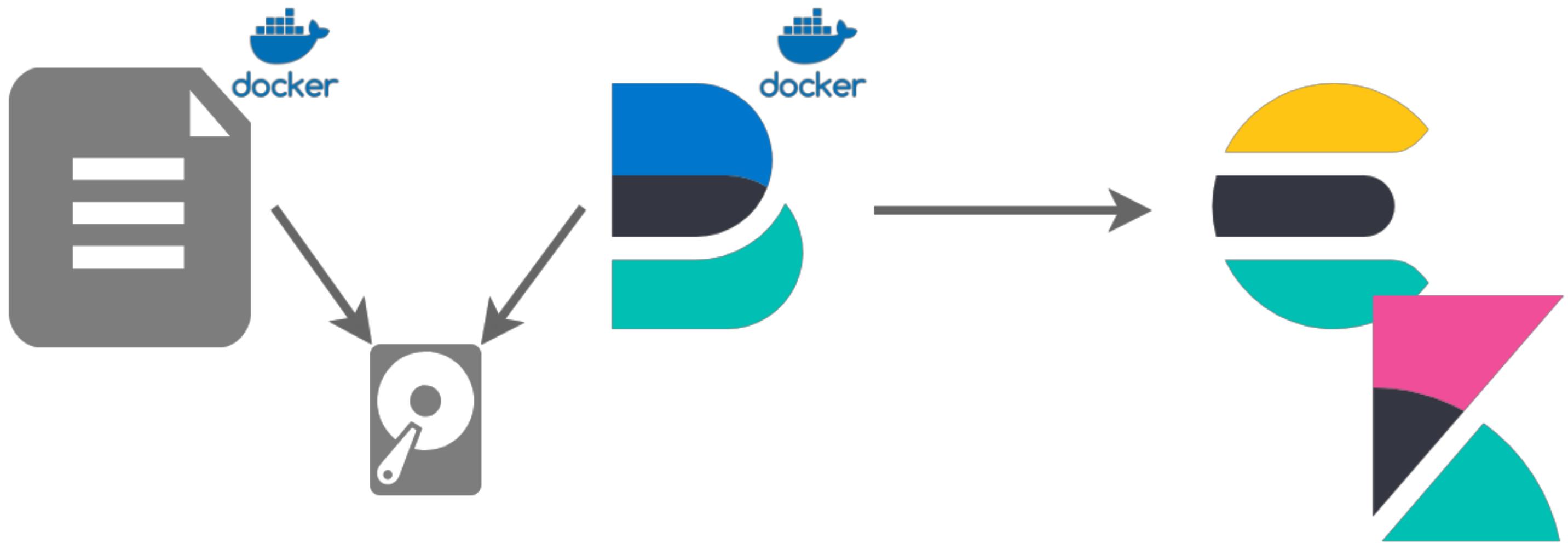
```
filebeat.input:  
- type: log  
  paths:  
    - "/var/lib/docker/containers/*/*.log"  
  json.message_key: log  
  json.keys_under_root: true
```

```
processors:  
- decode_json_fields:  
  fields: ["message"]  
  target: ""  
  overwrite_keys: true  
- add_docker_metadata: ~  
- add_host_metadata: ~
```

Metadata

```
{  
  "host": "10.4.15.9",  
  "port": 6379,  
  "docker": {  
    "container": {  
      "id": "382184ecdb385cf5d1f1a65f78911054c8511ae009635300ac28b4fc357ce51",  
      "name": "my-java",  
      "image": "my-java:1.0.0",  
      "labels": {  
        "app": "java"  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```





Mount Log Path

```
my-java:  
  container_name: my-java  
  hostname: my-java  
  build: ${PWD}/config/my-java  
  networks: ['stack']  
  command: java -jar my-java.jar  
  volumes:  
    - ./logs/my-java/:/opt/my-java/logs/  
  
filebeat:  
  container_name: filebeat  
  hostname: filebeat  
  image: "docker.elastic.co/beats/filebeat:${ELASTIC_VERSION}"  
  volumes:  
    - ./logs/my-java/:/var/log/my-java/  
    - ./docker-compose/filebeat.yml:/usr/share/filebeat/filebeat.yml:ro  
  command: filebeat -e  
  networks: ['stack']
```

Registry File

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



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Redis 4.0.9 (00000000/0) 64 bit

Running in stand alone mode

Port: 637

PID: 5575

<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+[-('.|_]" ] # Drop asciiart lines
```

Infrastructure UI



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Pro: Hot 💩

Con: Complexity

Orchestrate





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Where to put Filebeat?

DaemonSet



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Metadata

Either in cluster or not

processors:

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

Metadata

```
{  
  "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-k1phn"  
    }  
},  
}
```



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+[-('.|_]" ] # Drop asciiart lines
```

Customize Indices

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



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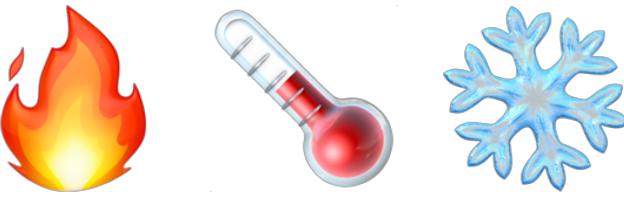
Pro: Hot 💩💩💩

Con: Complexity++

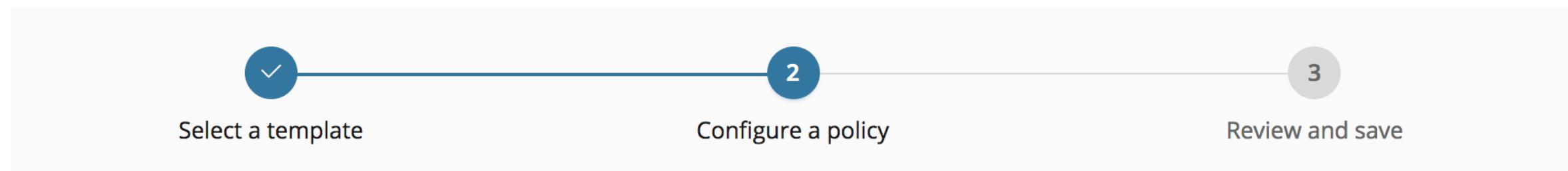
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Architecture



Index lifecycle management



Select or create a policy

An index lifecycle policy is a blueprint for transitioning your data over time. You can create a new policy or edit an existing policy and save it with a new name.

Existing policies

my_policy5

Create new policy

Edit policy my_policy5

Configure the phases of your data and when to transition between them.

Hot phase

This phase is required. Your index is being queried and actively written to. You can optimize this phase for write throughput.

Enable rollover

If true, rollover the index when it gets too big or too old. The alias switches to the new index. [Learn more](#)

Maximum index size

3

gigabytes

Maximum age

days

Warm phase ✓

Your index becomes read-only when it enters the warm phase. You can optimize this phase for search.

[Remove warm phase](#)

Rollover configuration

X Move to warm phase on rollover

Move to warm phase after

0

days

Where would you like to allocate these indices?

warm node:true (1)

[View node details](#)

Number of replicas

[Set to same as hot phase](#)

Shrink

Shrink the index into a new index with fewer primary shards. [Learn more](#)

Shrink index

Number of primary shards

[Set to same as hot phase](#)

Force merge

Reduce the number of segments in your shard by merging smaller files and clearing deleted ones. [Learn more](#)

X Force merge data

Cold phase

Your index is queried less frequently and no longer needs to be on the most performant hardware.

[Activate cold phase](#)

Delete phase

Use this phase to define how long to retain your data.

[Deactive cold phase](#)

Configuration

Delete indices after

0 days 

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Frozen Indices

<https://github.com/elastic/elasticsearch/issues/34352>



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Conclusion



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Examples

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



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Parse 

Send 

Structure 

Containerize 

Orchestrate 

Questions?

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