

# 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
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[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 development
[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 development
[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 production
[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 development
[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 tomorrow
[2018-05-31 18:40:05.399] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=40, loop=1 - Iteration '1' and session '40'
[2018-05-31 18:40:05.417] DEBUG net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=40, loop=1 - Collect in development
[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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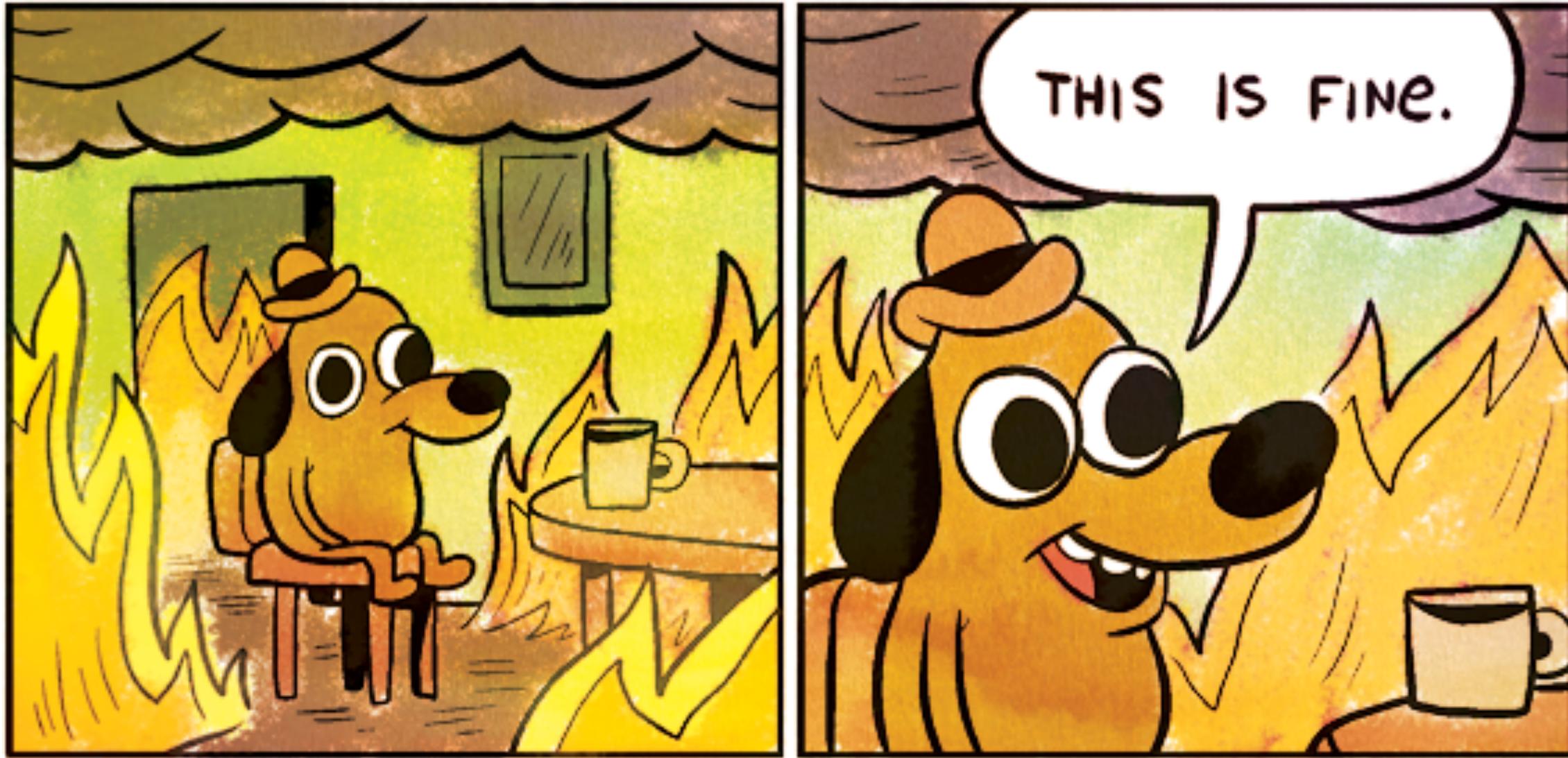
philipp@~/Documents/GitHub/java-logging(git\*master)➤ less +F logs/java-logging.log

18:42:08



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[java-logging — fish /Users/philipp/Documents/GitHub/java-logging — -fish — 105x12]  
[cat logs/java-logging.log]  
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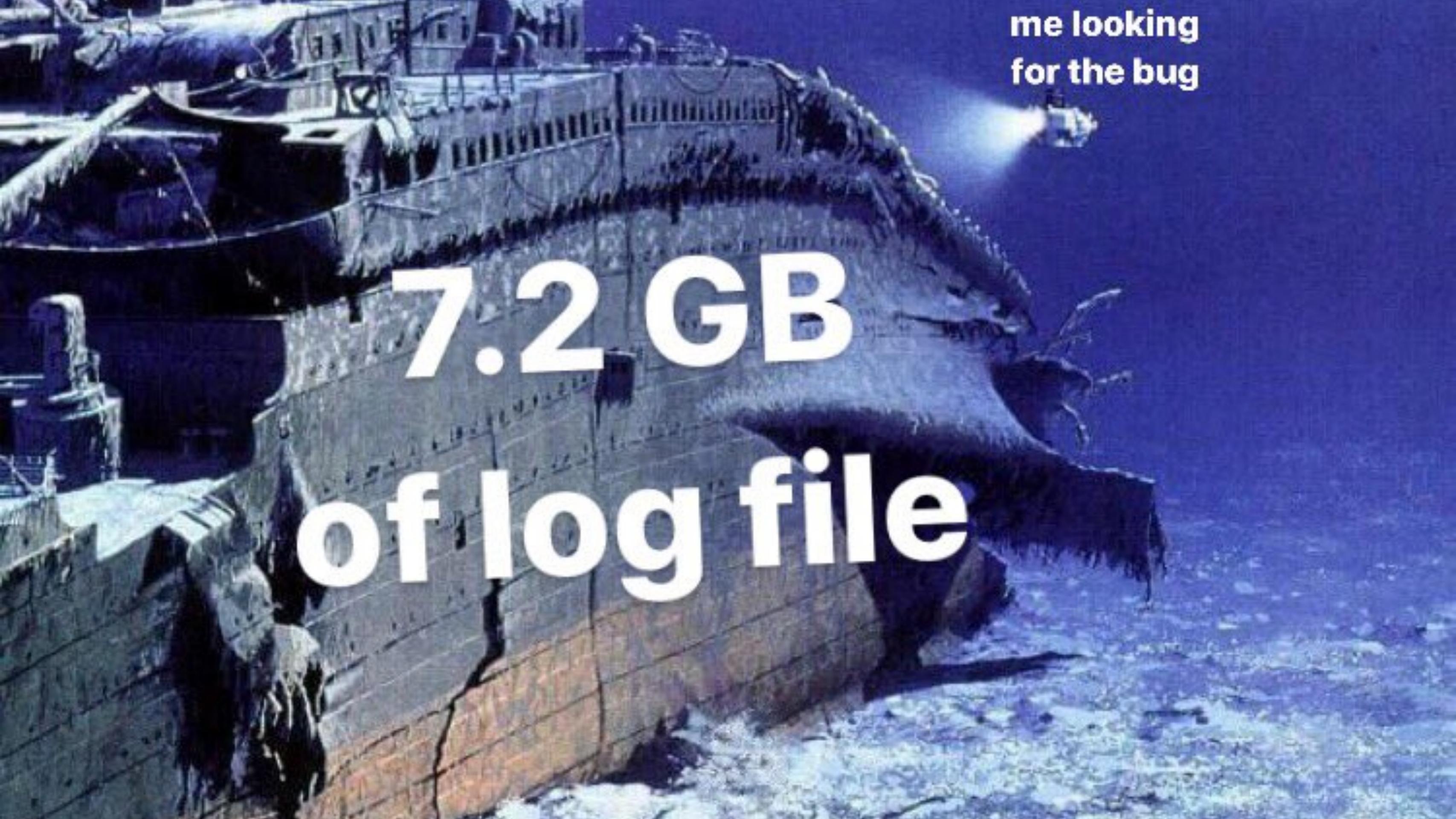
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java-logging — fish /Users/philipp/Documents/GitHub/java-logging — -fish — 105x1  
[cat logs/java-logging.log]  
[2018-05-31 14:42:58.951] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=46, loop=1 - Iteration '1' and s  
  
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[2018-05-31 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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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. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and somber.

me looking  
for the bug

**7.2 GB  
of logfile**



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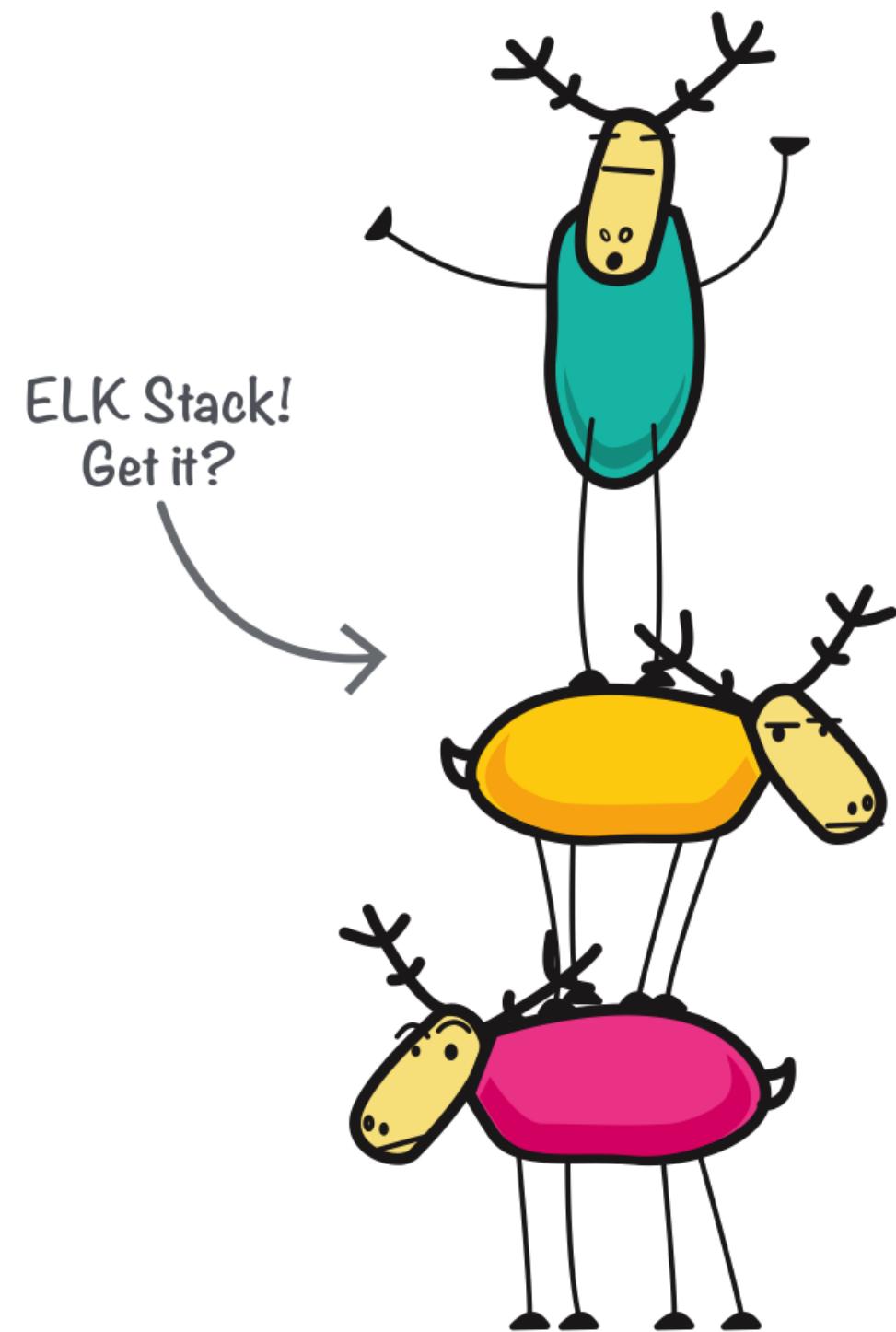
ALL THE THINGS!





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Developer 

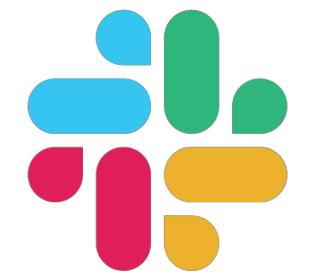


**E** Elasticsearch

**L** Logstash

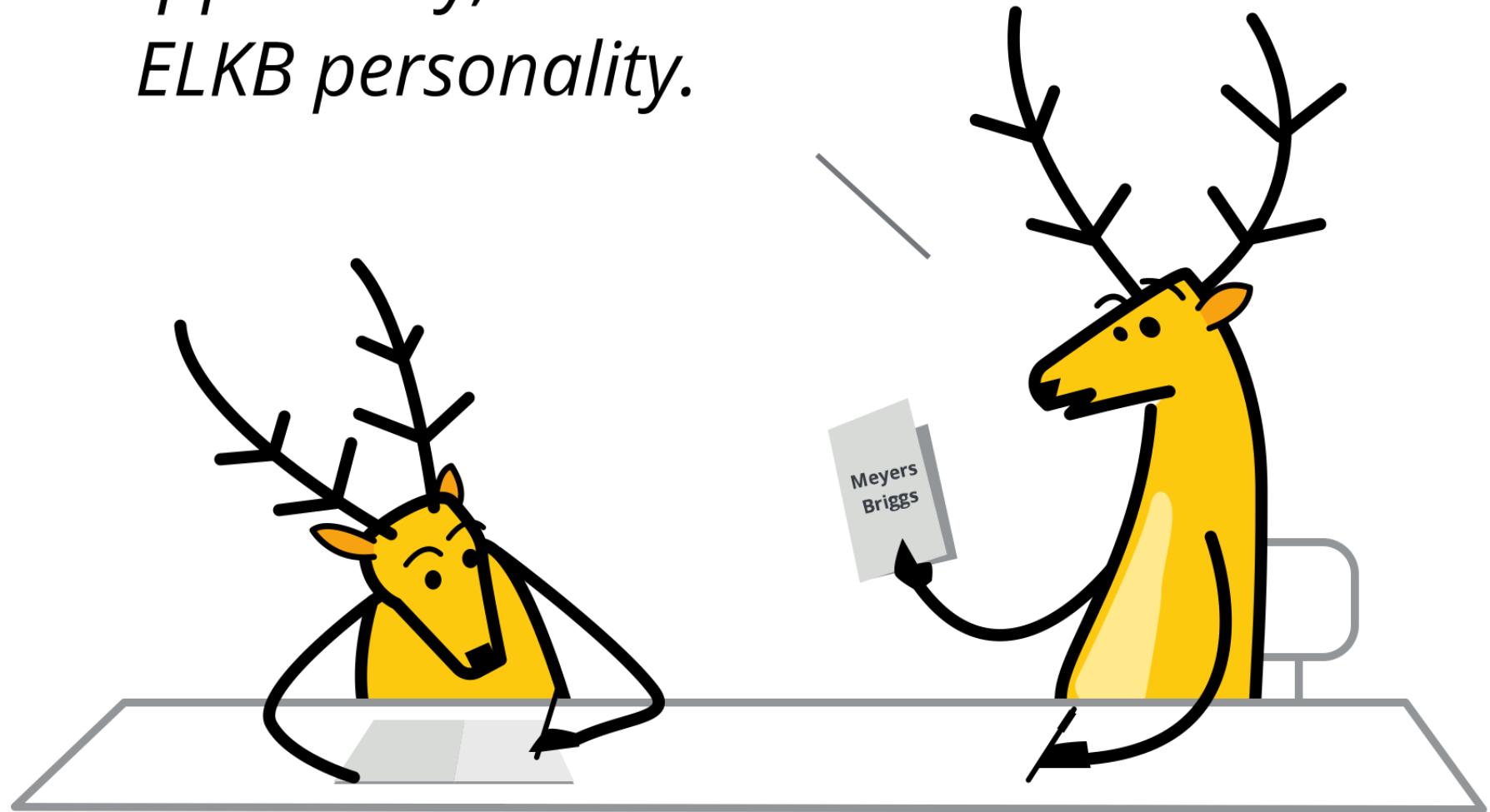
**K** Kibana

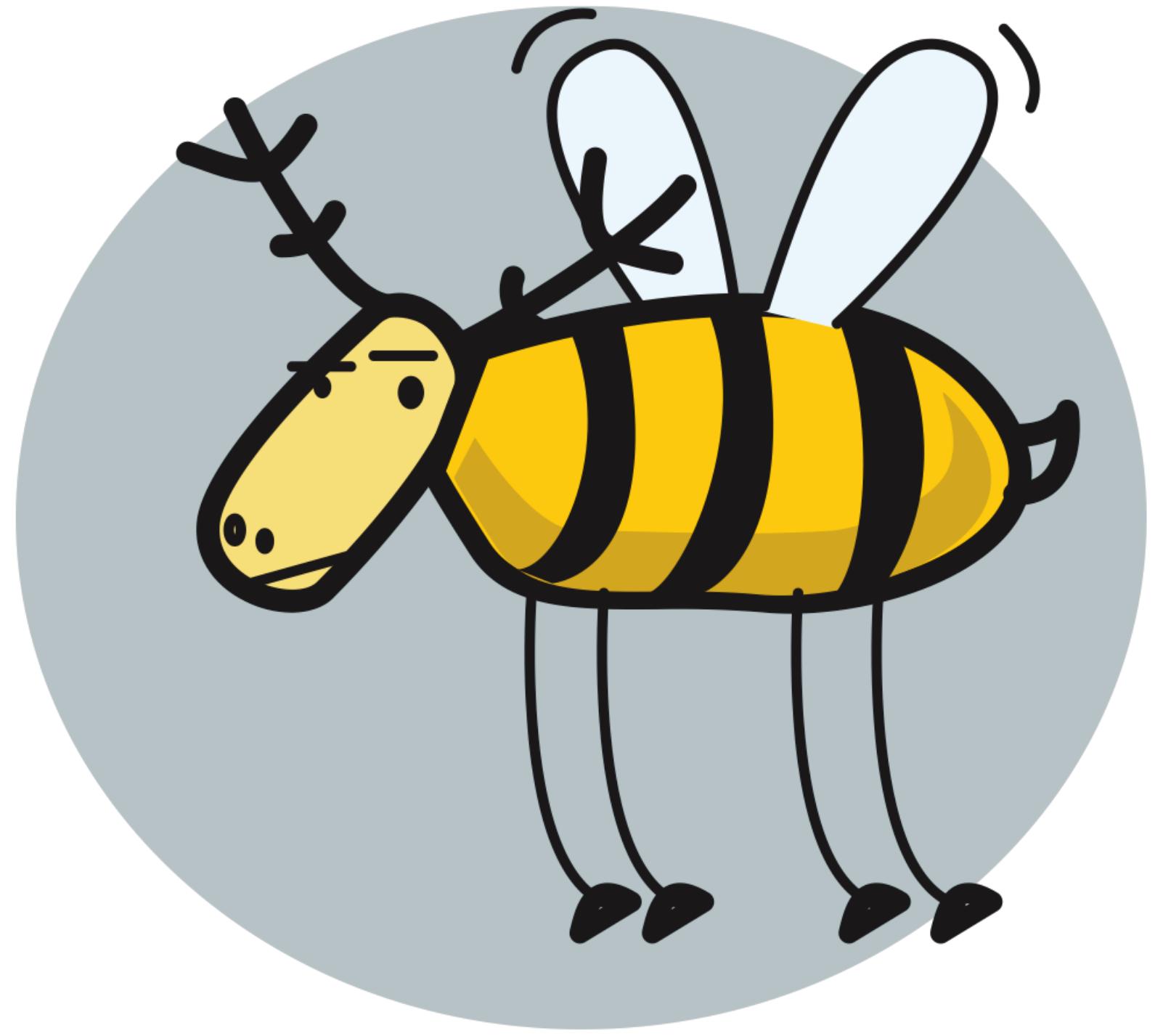
**lyft**

 **slack**

 **fitbit**

*Apparently, I'm an  
ELKB personality.*



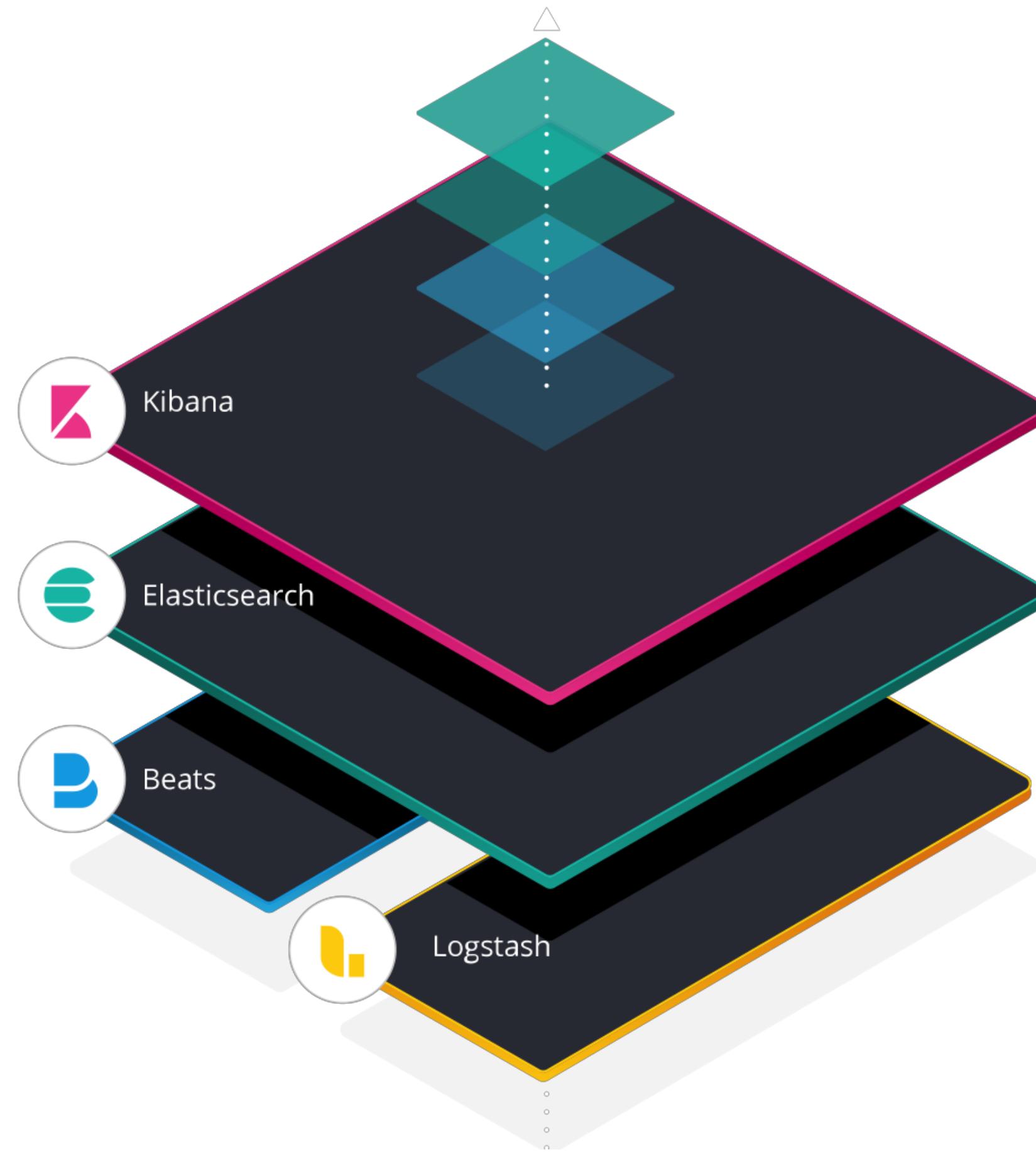


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## Disclaimer

I build **highly** monitored Hello World  
apps

# Example: Java

## SLF4J, Logback, MDC with logstash-logback-encoder

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



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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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# Anti-Pattern: Coupling

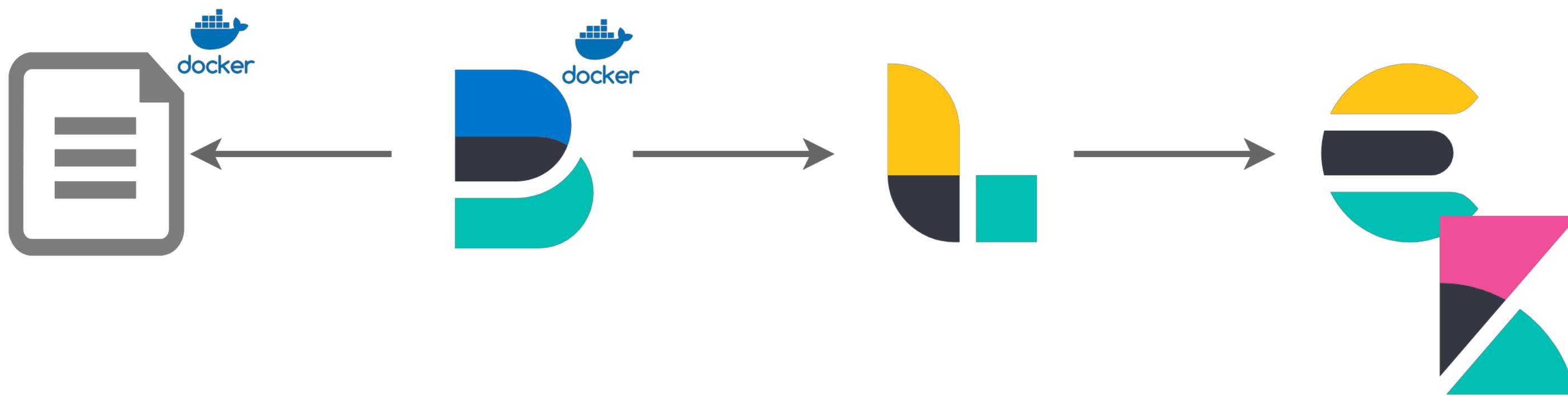


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# Parse





# Collect Log Lines

```
filebeat.inputs:
```

```
- type: log
```

```
paths:
```

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

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

negate    for match

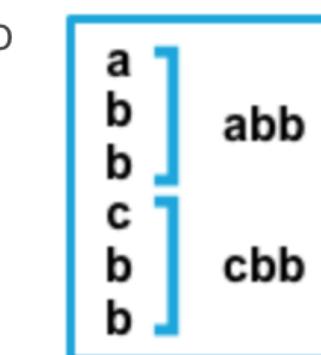
**Example**

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

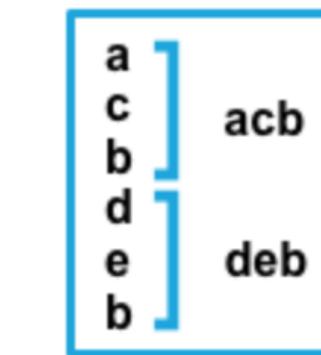
Consecutive lines that don't match the pattern are appended to the previous line that does match.



true

before

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



# 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 }
```

```
[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)+))?
```



# Logstash Key Value Filter for MDC

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

# 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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Pro: No change

Con: Regular expression, multiline,  
format changes

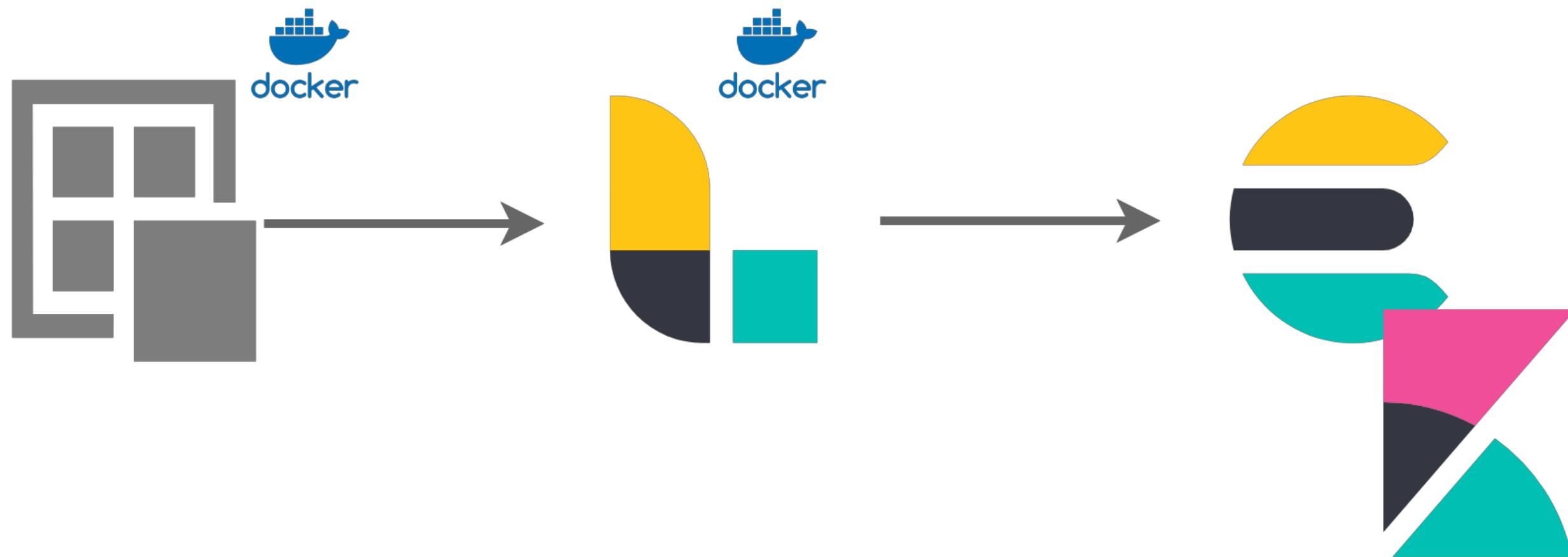


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# Send





# 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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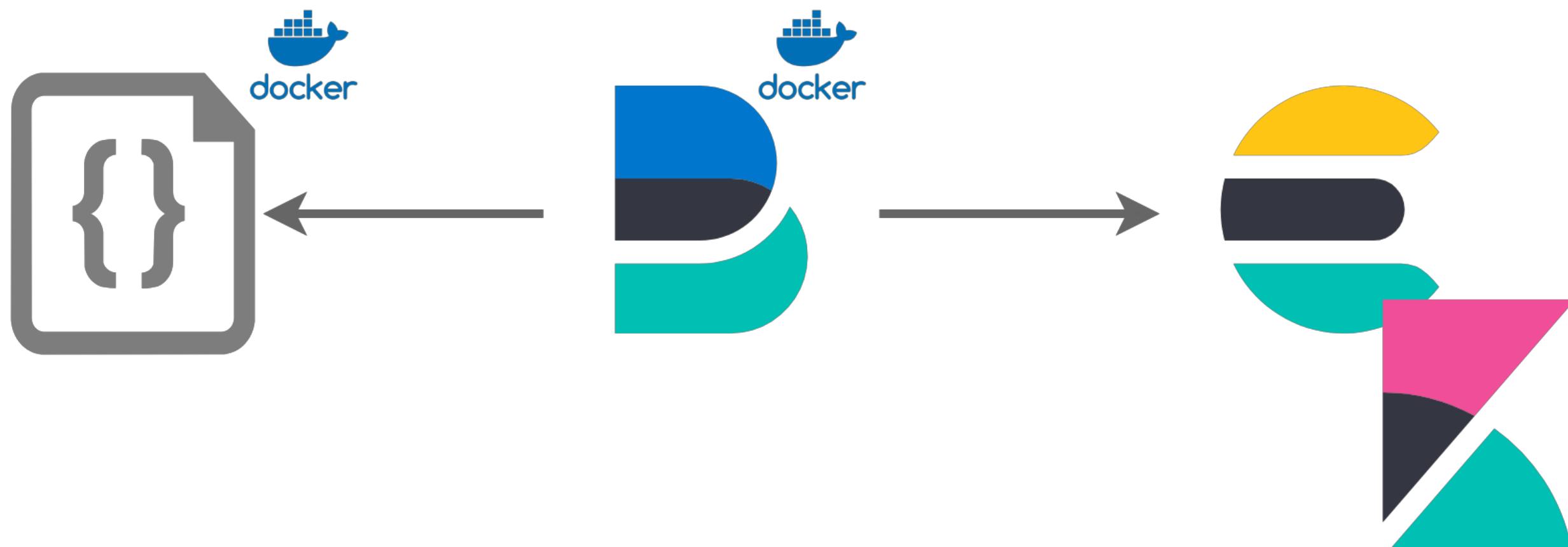
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Pro: No files

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

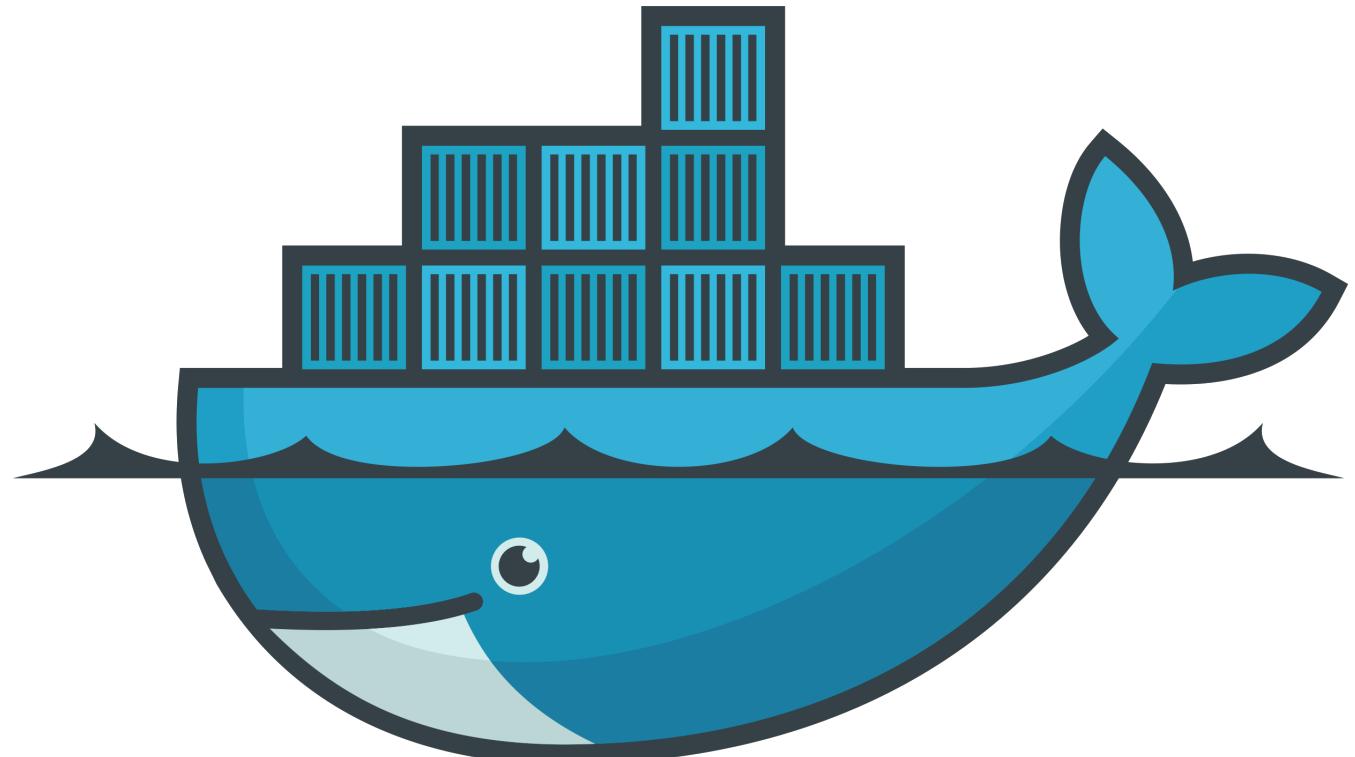


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# Containerize





# docker

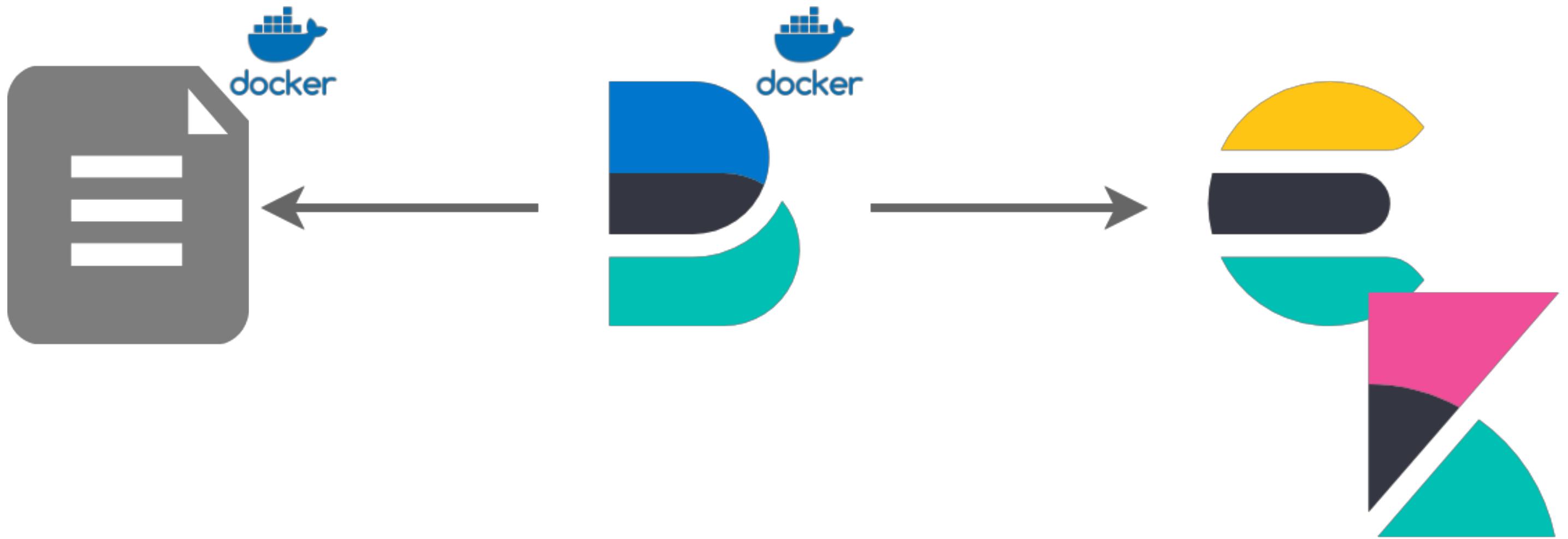
# Where to put Filebeat?

## Sidecar



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



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# Docker Logs

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

# Metadata

No Docker metadata with the other methods

```
{  
  "docker": {  
    "container": {  
      "image": "java-logging_java_app",  
      "labels": {  
        "com": {  
          "docker": {  
            "compose": {  
              "container-number": "1",  
              "project": "java-logging",  
              "service": "java_app",  
              "version": "1.23.2",  
              "oneoff": "False",  
              "config-hash": "2b38df3c73c6 1a68a37443c2006f3f3e4fc16c3c 2a1d7793f2a38841e274b607"  
            }  
          }  
        }  
      },  
      "app": "fizzbuzz"  
    },  
    "id": "9d6d5a7640a457a1e08c422cb0a08 f96ff3631fb5356f749b2ac7d8f3719687f",  
    "name": "java_app"  
  }  
}
```

# 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_file: /usr/share/filebeat/data/registry`



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# Ingest Pipeline

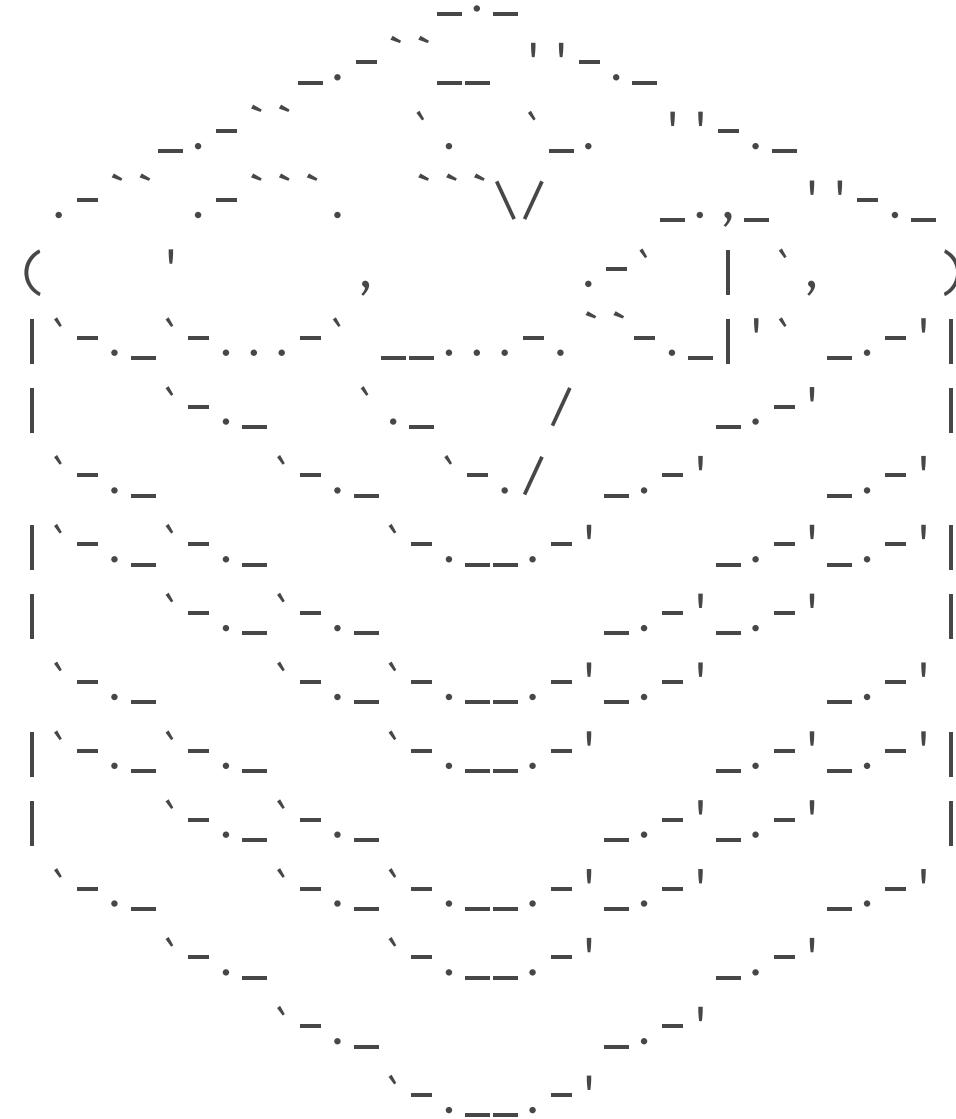
```
output.elasticsearch:  
  hosts: ["http://elasticsearch:9200"]  
  index: "docker"  
  
pipelines:  
  - pipeline: "parse_java"  
    when.contains:  
      docker.container.name: "java_app"
```

# 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_rest\}}  
        (?:\"\\n+(?<stacktrace>(?:.|\\r|\\n)+))?" ],  
      "ignore_failure": true  
    }  
  } ]  
}
```

**Note:** \\", message vs message\_rest, @timestamp vs timestamp, ignore\_failure

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

# Customize Indices

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

Pro: Hot 💩💩💩

Con: Complexity++



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# Moar



# Index Patterns

Time based (default: daily)

Versioned



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# Sizing

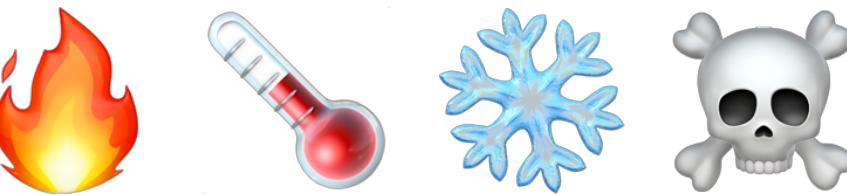
Daily volume x retention x replication



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# Index Lifecycle Management



# Frozen Indices

<https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/elasticsearch/reference/6.6/frozen-indices.html>



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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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