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# Monitor Your Java Applications with the Elastic Stack



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**Honest Status Page**

@honest\_update

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We replaced our monolith with micro services so that every outage could be more like a murder mystery.

RETWEETS

2,882

LIKES

2,256



4:10 PM - 7 Oct 2015



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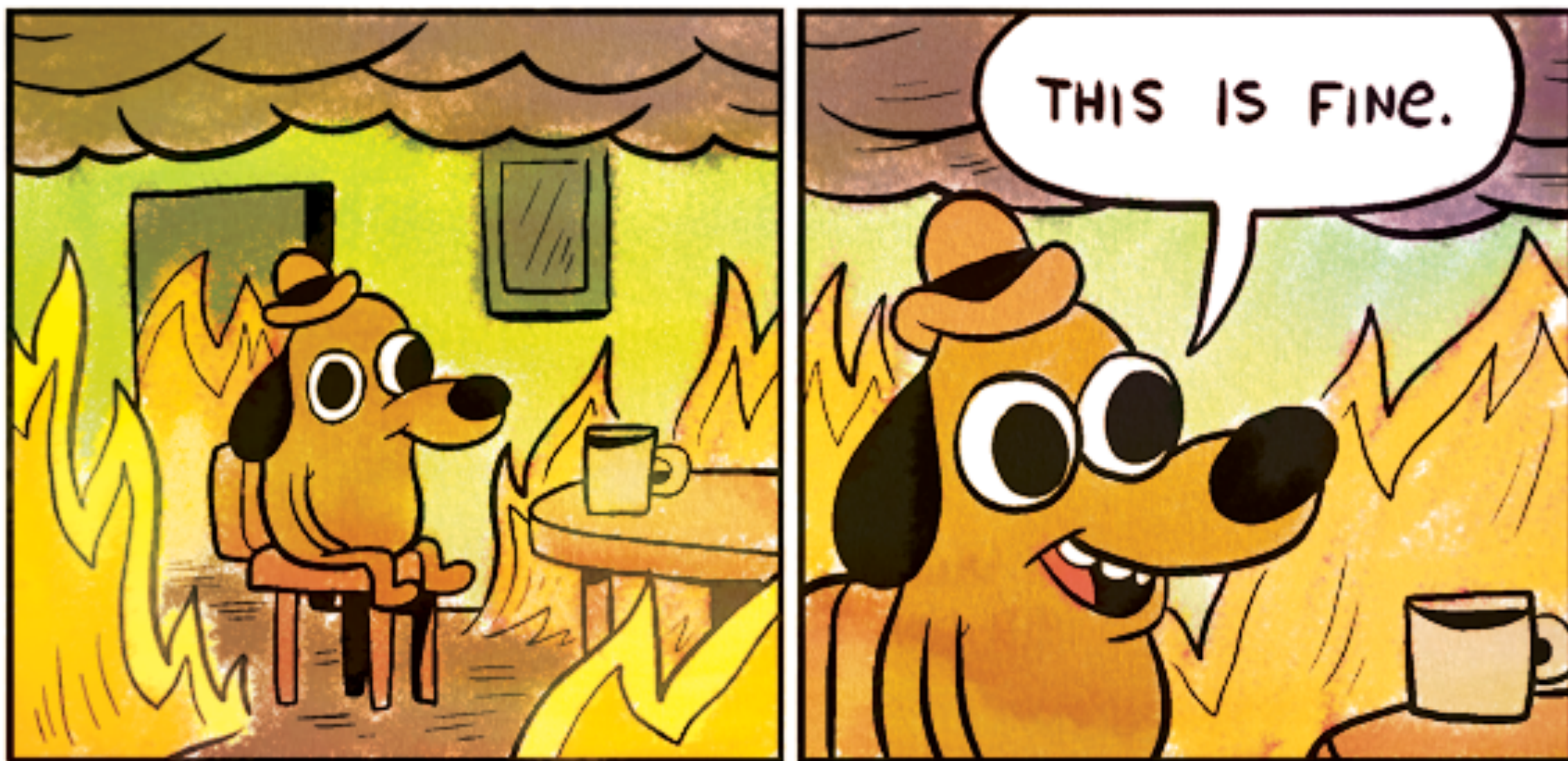


2.9K



2.3K











ALL THE THINGS!





# How?



vs







# elastic

Developer 🥑



# DISCLAIMER

I build **highly** monitored Hello World  
apps



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<https://training.elastic.co>





elasticsearch.









**logstash**





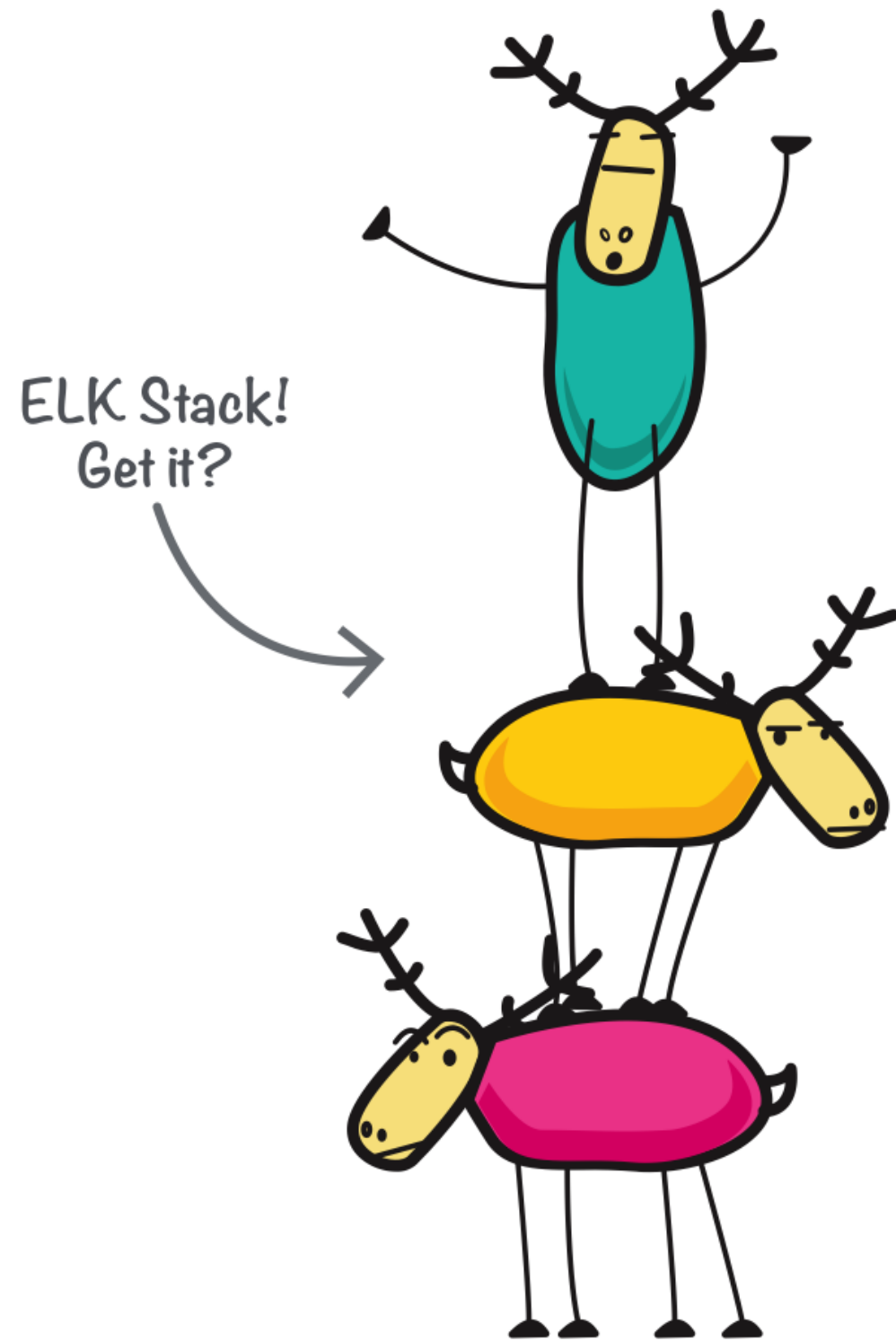
slack



fitbit







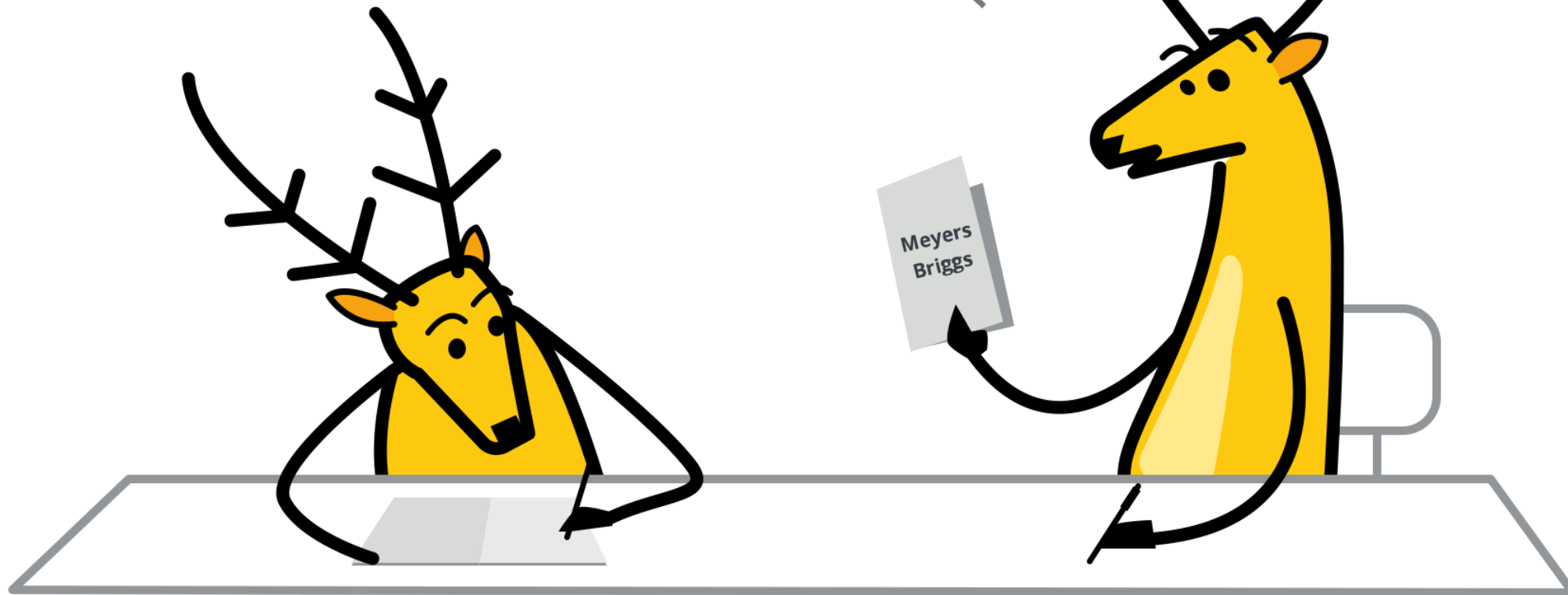
**E** Elasticsearch

**L** Logstash

**K** Kibana



*Apparently, I'm an  
ELKB personality.*









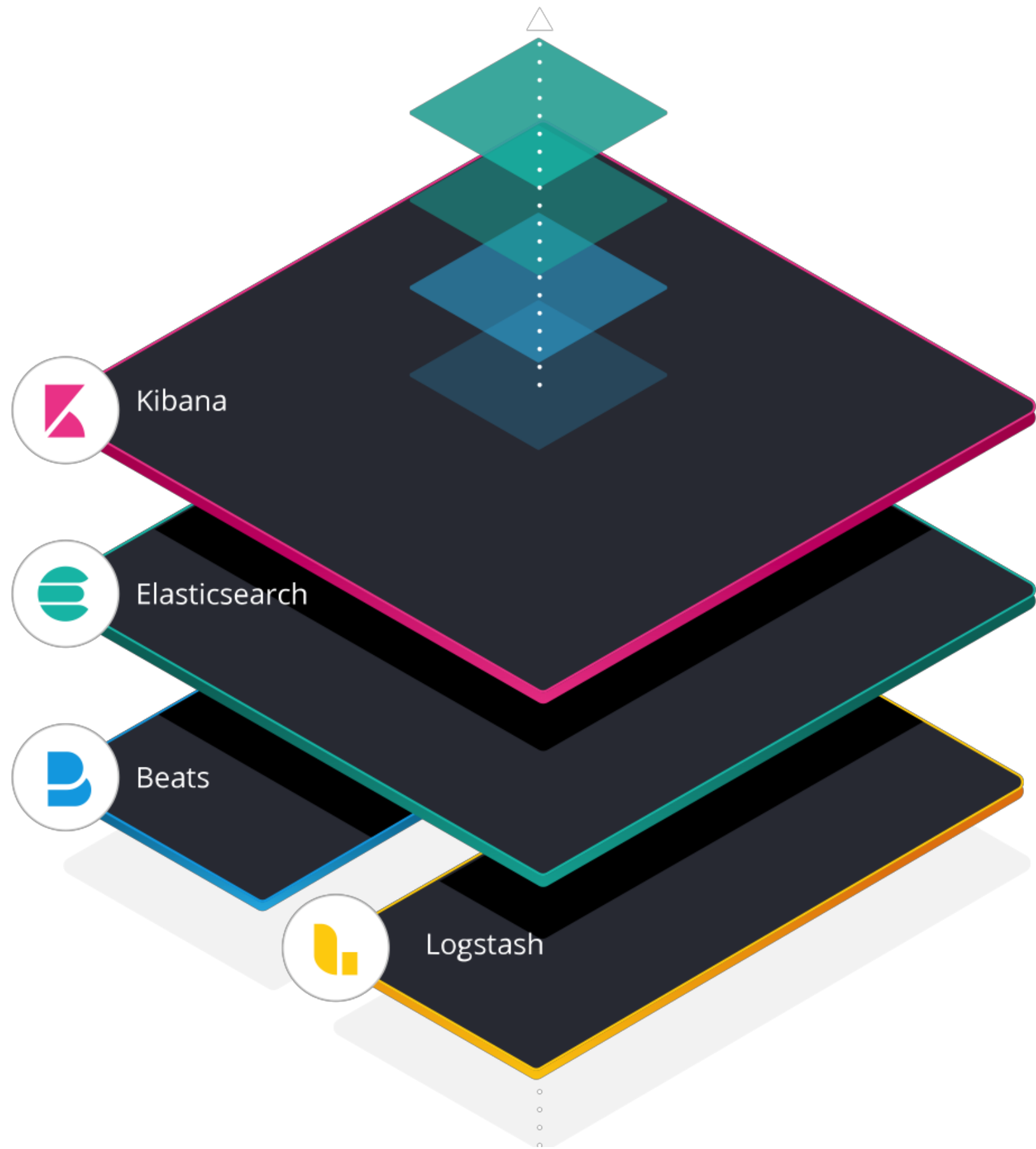


# elastic stack











# LICENSING

Open Source Apache-2.0

Basic free

Commercial 



# CODE

[https://github.com/xeraa/  
microservice-monitoring](https://github.com/xeraa/microservice-monitoring)



# SIMPLE

No discovery, load-balancing,...



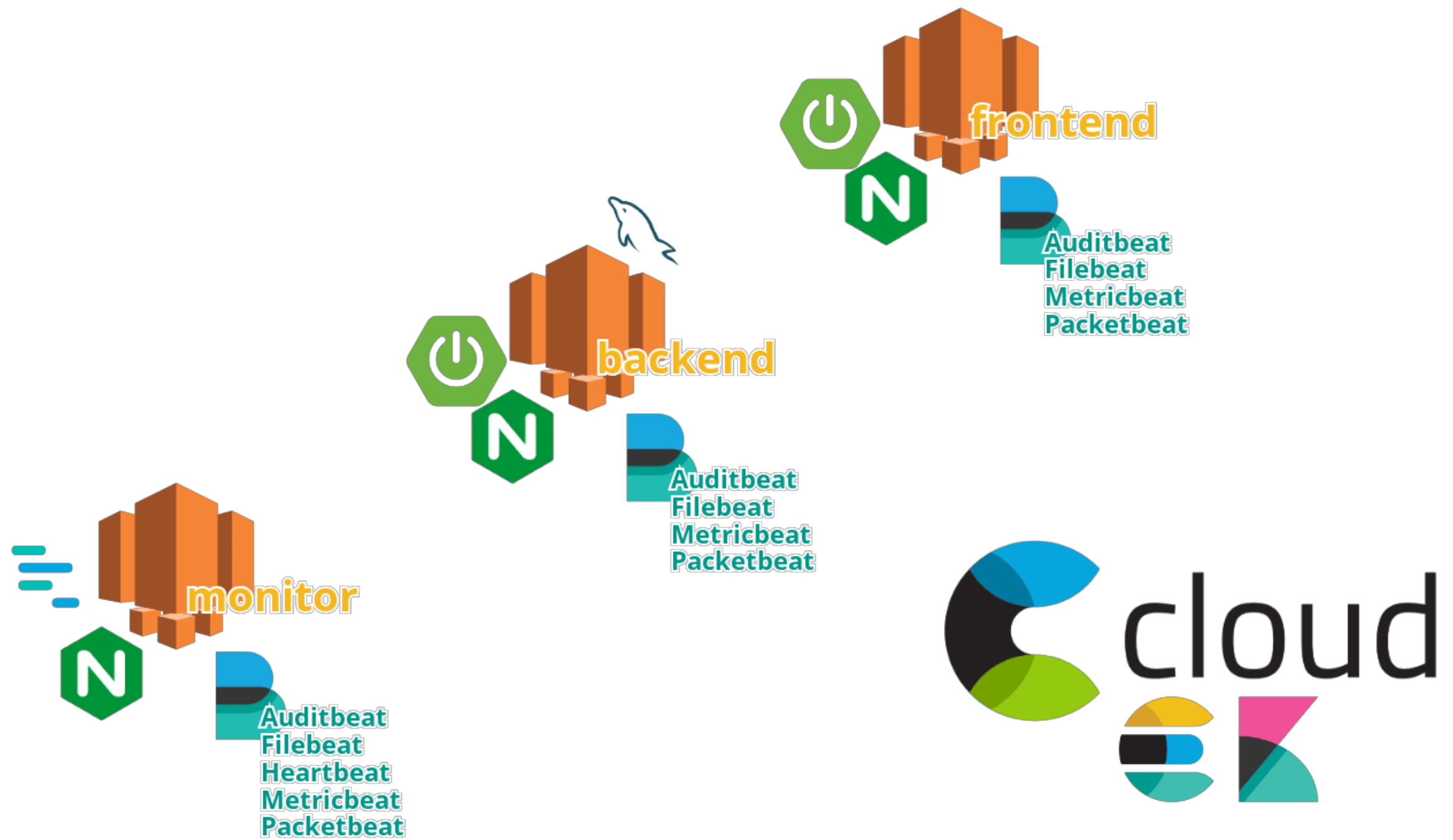
**IF ALL YOUR APIS HAVE SHORT NAMES,**

**THEN YOU HAVE MICROSERVICES**















# KIBANA MONITORING

## Overview of the Elastic Stack components



# METRICBEAT SYSTEM

[Metricbeat System] Overview and  
[Metricbeat System] Host overview  
dashboards

See the memory spike every 5min



# TIME SERIES VISUAL BUILDER

Sum of

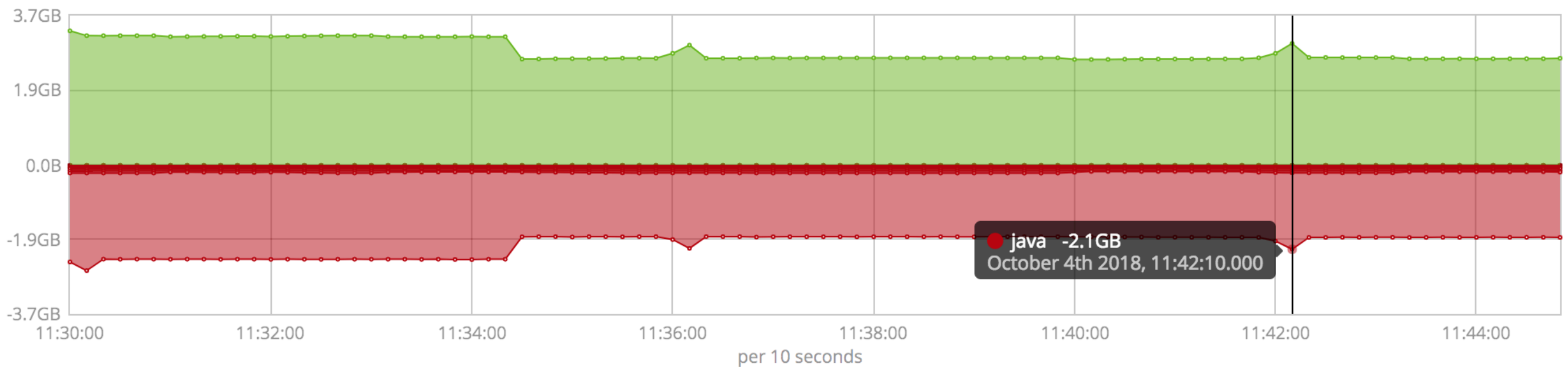
`system.memory.actual.used.bytes`

Sum of `system.process.memory.`

`rss.bytes` grouped by the term

`system.process.name` and moved to the negative y-axis with a **Math** step





System memory	3.0GB
java	-2.1GB
node	-206.1MB
mysqld	-152.0MB
php-fpm7.0	-95.0MB
packetbeat	-71.1MB
metricbeat	-35.4MB
heartbeat	-27.4MB
auditbeat	-21.9MB

Auto Apply ☒ Apply Changes The changes will be automatically applied.

Data Panel Options Annotations

System memory

↕

📄

+

🗑️

Metrics Options

Aggregation

Sum

Field

system.memory.actual.used.bytes

+

Group By

Everything

Process memory

↕

📄

+

🗑️

Metrics Options

Aggregation

Field



# PACKETBEAT

Call `/`, `/good`, `/bad`, and `/foobar`

`[Packetbeat]` Overview, `[Packetbeat]`  
Flows, `[Packetbeat]` HTTP, and  
`[Packetbeat]` DNS Tunneling  
dashboards



# PACKETBEAT

Raw events in **Discover**

Process enrichment for nginx, Java,  
and the APM server



# FILEBEAT MODULES

[Filebeat Nginx] Access and error logs,  
[Filebeat System] Syslog dashboard,  
and [Osquery Result] Compliance pack  
dashboards



# CUSTOM LOG FILES



# ELASTIC COMMON SCHEMA

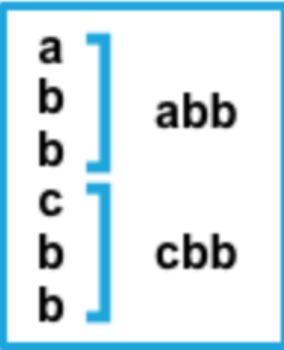



<https://github.com/elastic/ecs>

## 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



Setting for negate	Setting for match	Result	Example pattern: ^b
false	after	Consecutive lines that match the pattern are appended to the previous line that doesn't match.	 <p>The diagram shows a list of input lines: 'a', 'b', 'b', 'c', 'b', 'b'. Brackets group the first three lines into 'abb' and the last three lines into 'cbb'. The 'a' line is not part of any group.</p>
false	before	Consecutive lines that match the pattern are prepended to the next line that doesn't match.	 <p>The diagram shows a list of input lines: 'b', 'b', 'a', 'b', 'b', 'c'. Brackets group the first two lines into 'bba' and the last two lines into 'bbc'. The 'a' line is not part of any group.</p>
true	after	Consecutive lines that don't match the pattern are appended to the previous line that does match.	 <p>The diagram shows a list of input lines: 'b', 'a', 'c', 'b', 'd', 'e'. Brackets group the first three lines into 'bac' and the last three lines into 'bde'. The 'b' line is not part of any group.</p>
true	before	Consecutive lines that don't match the pattern are prepended to the next line that does match.	 <p>The diagram shows a list of input lines: 'a', 'c', 'b', 'd', 'e', 'b'. Brackets group the first two lines into 'acb' and the last two lines into 'deb'. The 'b' line is not part of any group.</p>



# 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

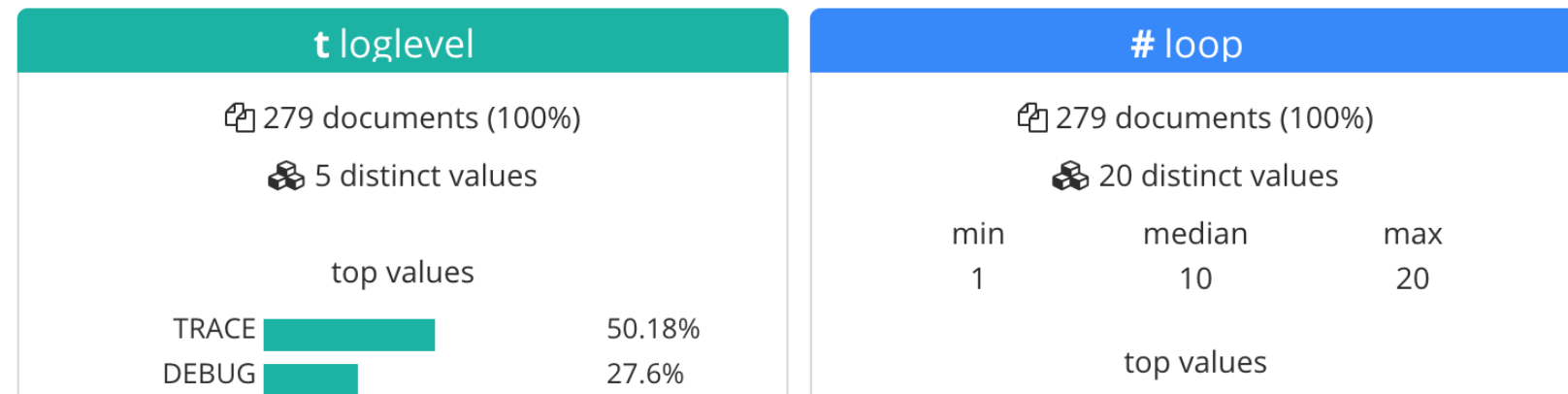
```
28 [2018-11-16 01:16:59.976] DEBUG net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=94, loop=14 - Collect
29 [2018-11-16 01:16:59.977] TRACE net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - session=43, loop=15 - Iteration
30 [2018-11-16 01:16:59.983] ERROR net.xeraa.logging.LogMe [main] - user_experience=😞, session=43
31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





# LOG UI



# INFRA UI



# FILEBEAT

Raw events in **Discover**

**/good:** MDC logging under **json.name**  
and the context view for one log  
message

**meta.\*** and **host.\*** information



# FILEBEAT

**/bad** and **/null**: Stacktraces by filtering  
down on **application:java** and  
**json.severity:ERROR**

Visualize **json.stack\_hash**



Search... (e.g. status:200 AND extension:PHP)

Uses lucene query syntax



Add a filter +

filebeat-\*

Data

Metrics &amp; Axes

Panel Settings



## Metrics

Y-Axis

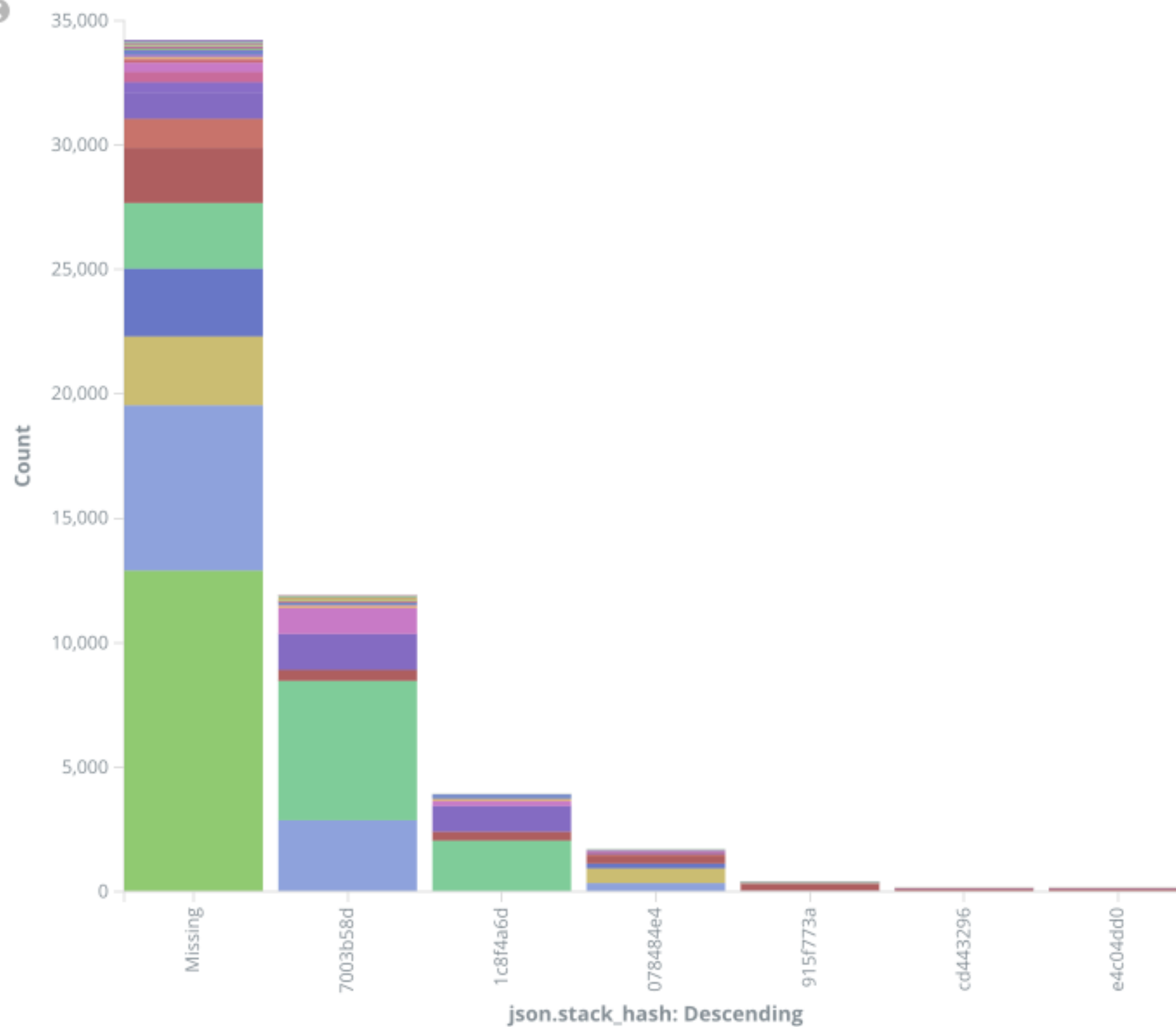
Count

Add metrics

## Buckets

X-Axis json.stack\_hash:  
DescendingSplit Series json.name:  
Descending

Add sub-buckets



- Oh Gosh this is cooo...
- i want pizza
- Grafana is better
- Lukasz
- macnificos.com
- Philipp
- GBR
- blackberryRocks
- there!
- devops-rules
- AllYourBaseAreBelon...
- mrX
- anacleta
- Mike
- Miguel
- 3-0 y al carrer
- Bob
- Amaris
- RepublicOfCatalonia
- madrid1juve3
- wee
- M.Rajoy
- Roma
- LlibertatPresosPolitics
- Vero
- CR7
- MUT
- 3 0 y al carrer
- Xerex
- Roberto
- Marc
- Oh Gosh this is cooo...



# HEARTBEAT

## Heartbeat HTTP monitoring dashboard

Stop and start the frontend  
application while auto refreshing



# METRICBEAT NGINX

## [Metricbeat Nginx] Overview dashboard



# METRICBEAT HTTP

**/health** and **/metrics** endpoints

Collected information in **Discover**



# METRICBEAT JMX

Same data

Visualize the heap usage: **jolokia.  
metrics.memory.heap\_usage.used**  
divided by the max of **jolokia.  
metrics.memory.heap\_usage.max**



# ANNOTATIONS

Add changes from the **events** index





Heap usage

Metrics

Options

Aggregation

Average

Field

jolokia.metrics.memory.heap\_usage.used

Aggregation

Max

Field

jolokia.metrics.memory.heap\_usage.max

Aggregation

Math

Variables

used

Average of jolokia.metrics.memory.heap\_usage.used

max

Max of jolokia.metrics.memory.heap\_usage.max

Expression

params.used/params.max

This field uses basic math expressions (see [TinyMath](#)) - Variables are keys on the params object, i.e. params.<name> To access all the data use params.\_all.<name>.values for an array of the values and params.\_all.<name>.timestamps for an array of the timestamps. params.\_timestamp is available for the current bucket's timestamp, params.\_index is available for the current bucket's index, and params.\_intervals available for the interval in milliseconds.

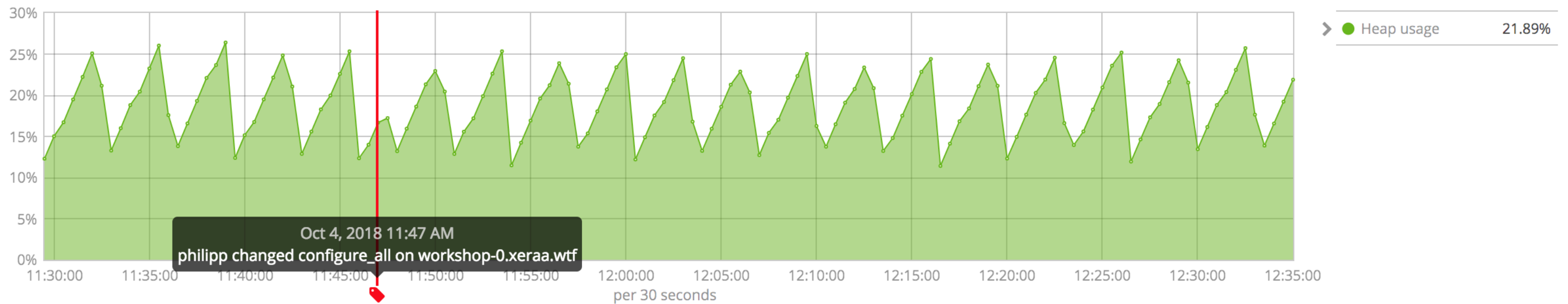
Group By

Everything



⚠ This visualization is marked as experimental. Have feedback? Please create an issue in [GitHub](#).

Time Series Metric Top N Gauge Markdown Table



Auto Apply ☒  The changes will be automatically applied.

Data Panel Options Annotations

### Data Sources

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Index Pattern (required)	Time Field (required)		<input type="button" value="+"/>	<input type="button" value="🗑"/>
events	@timestamp		<input type="button" value="x"/>	<input type="button" value="v"/>
Query String				
<input type="text"/>				
Ignore Global Filters		Ignore Panel Filters		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
Icon (required)	Fields (required - comma separated paths)	Row Template (required - eg.{{field}})		
Tag	application,user,host	{{user}} changed {{application}} on {{host}}		



# APM

# Distributed Tracing



# MORE FEATURES





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# INDEX LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT

Currently

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



# 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

☐  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](#)

☐  Force merge data



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## Cold phase

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

Activate cold phase

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## 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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Name

Heap

Select an Index

metricbeat-\*

Broad searches can be done by adding \* to your query

Select a time field

@timestamp

Run this water

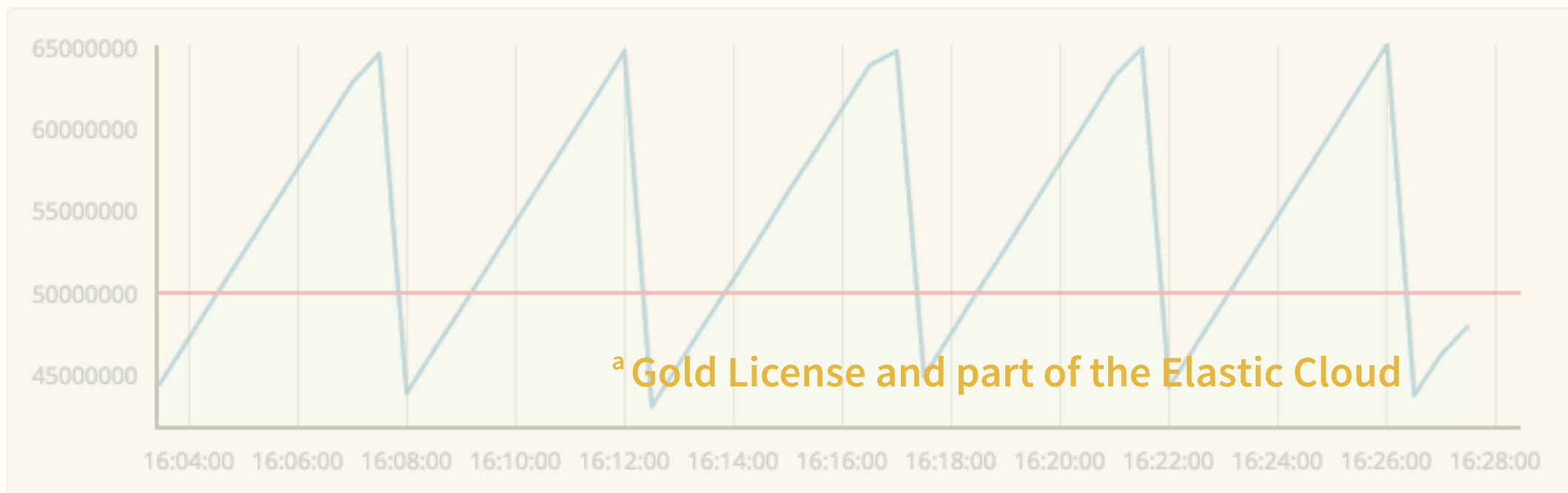
1

Matching the following condition

WHEN max() OF jolokia.metrics.memory.heap\_usage.used GROUPED OVER top 5 'beatname' IS ABOVE 50000000 FOR THE LAST 5 minutes

Alerting<sup>a</sup>

beat.name (1 of 3): frontend.xeraa.wtf



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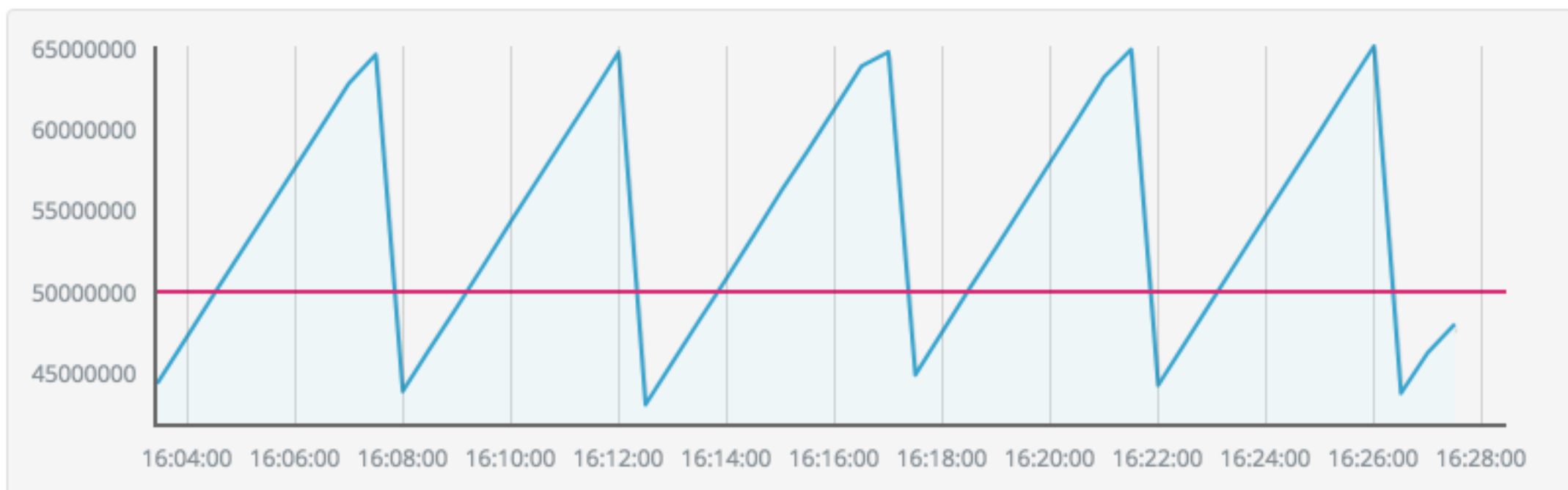
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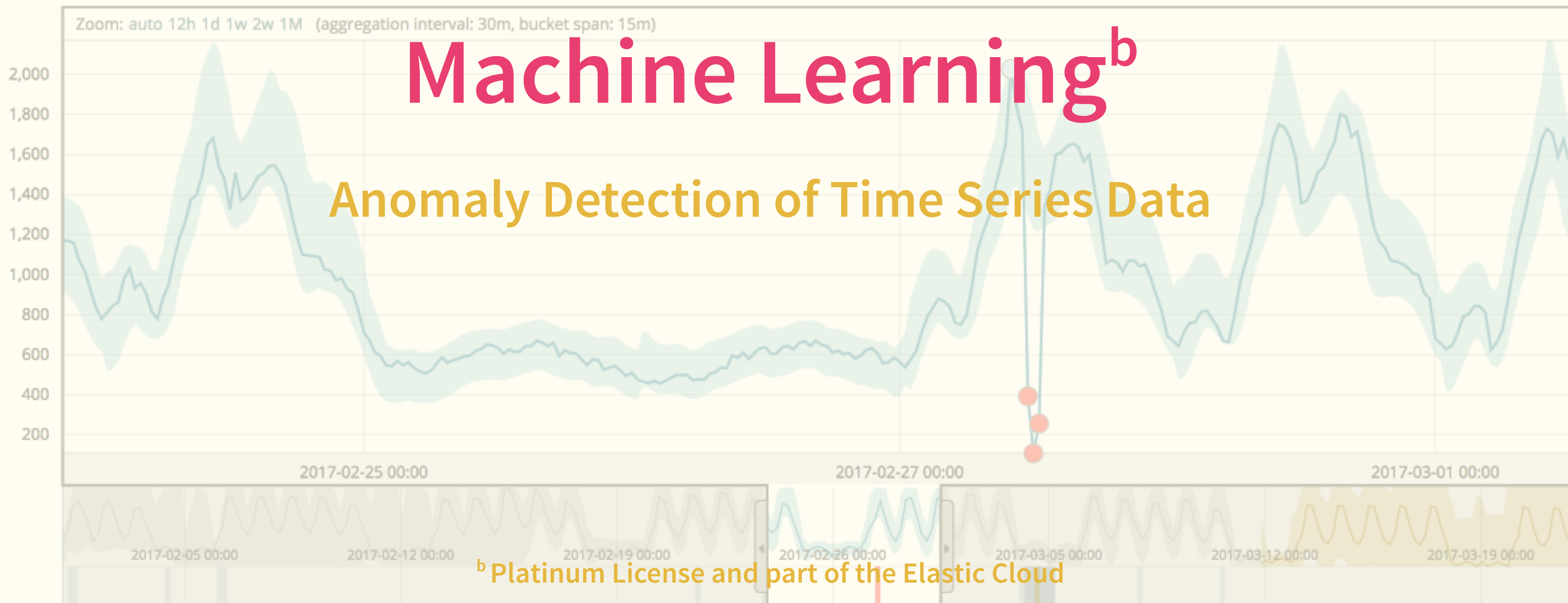


Job nginx-single

Detector: distinct\_count (nginx.access.remote\_ip)

Forecast

Single time series analysis of cardinality nginx.access.remote\_ip

☒ show model bounds

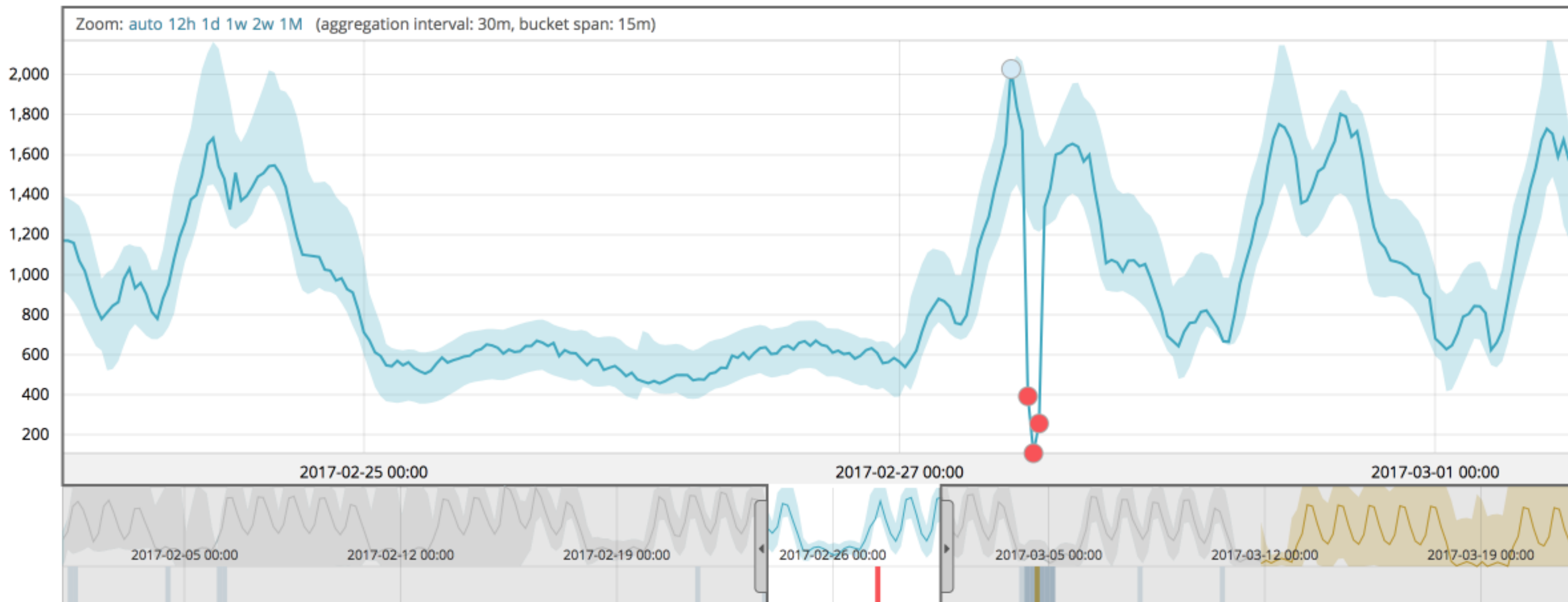


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Q&A + YOUR APPS



# CONCLUSION







# System metrics & network

## Filebeat modules & Auditbeat

### Application logs



Uptime  
Application metrics  
Request tracing



# CODE

[https://github.com/xeraa/  
microservice-monitoring](https://github.com/xeraa/microservice-monitoring)



# THANK YOU

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PS: Sticker