

# Elasticsearch, Logstash & Kibana

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# Elasticsearch in 10 seconds

- Schema-free, REST & JSON based document store
- Distributed and horizontally scalable
- Open Source: Apache License 2.0
- Zero configuration
- Written in Java, extensible

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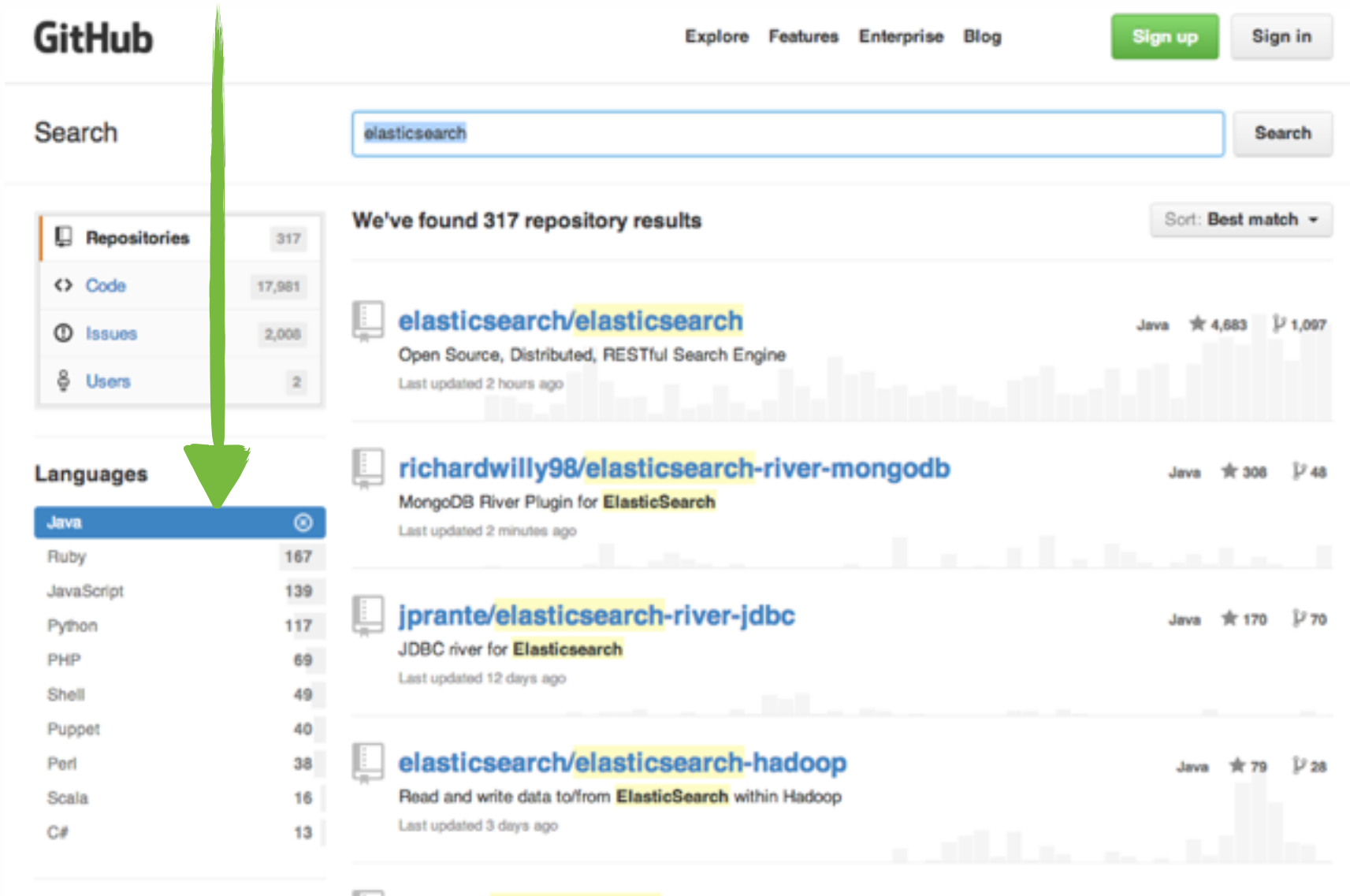
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# Suggestions



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Everyone's Issues

Labels

- Lucene 4.5 Upgrade
- breaking
- bug
- enhancement
- feature
- non-issue

elasticsearch/elasticsearch#1726 debian package violates naming convention

elasticsearch/elasticsearch#3571 debian package init-script: start-stop-daemon ne

elasticsearch/elasticsearch#1681 Debian pkg

elasticsearch/elasticsearch#3286 There is no official debian/ubuntu repository

elasticsearch/elasticsearch#3500 Elasticsearch should include debian's standard j

elasticsearch/elasticsearch#1526 Moving debian package to maven

Search elasticsearch/elasticsearch for 'debian'

Search GitHub for 'debian'

1 2 3 ... 19

forms #3702

roducible #3701

**NoShardAvailableActionException in ES 0.90.3 on startup** #3700  
Opened by richardwilly98 a day ago

**Feature Request: Don't reindex the document when updating non-indexed fields** #3696  
Opened by ddoorian 2 days ago 4 comments

# Installation & first steps

# 2 minutes to live

```
$ wget https://download.elasticsearch.org/...  
$ tar -xf elasticsearch-1.0.0.tar.gz  
$ ./elasticsearch-1.0.0/bin/elasticsearch  
...  
[2014-01-19 14:53:11,508][INFO ][node] [Scanner] started  
...
```

Also puppet modules and RPM/DEB

# Is it alive?

```
» curl localhost:9200
{
  "status" : 200,
  "name" : "Scanner",
  "version" : {
    "number" : "1.0.0",
    "build_hash" : "e018cda7e7a32643d59e0ac3cdb412ccc239af04",
    "build_timestamp" : "2014-01-17T15:11:47Z",
    "build_snapshot" : true,
    "lucene_version" : "4.6.1"
  },
  "tagline" : "You Know, for Search"
}
```

# Create...

```
» curl -XPUT localhost:9200/books/book/1 -d '{
  "title" : "Elasticsearch – The definitive guide",
  "authors" : "Clinton Gormley",
  "started" : "2013-02-04",
  "pages" : 230
}'
```

# Update...

```
» curl -XPUT localhost:9200/books/book/1 -d '{
  "title" : "Elasticsearch - The definitive guide",
  "authors" : [ "Clinton Gormley", "Zachary Tong" ],
  "started" : "2013-02-04",
  "pages" : 230
}'
```

# Delete...

```
» curl -X DELETE localhost:9200/books/book/1
```

# Realtime GET...

```
» curl -X GET localhost:9200/books/book/1
```

```
» curl -X GET localhost:9200/books/book/1/_source
```

# Search

```
» curl -XGET localhost:9200/books/_search?q=elasticsearch
```

```
{
  "took" : 2, "timed_out" : false,
  "_shards" : { "total" : 5, "successful" : 5, "failed" : 0 },
  "hits" : {
    "total" : 1, "max_score" : 0.076713204,
    "hits" : [ {
      "_index" : "books", "_type" : "book", "_id" : "1",
      "_score" : 0.076713204, "_source" : {
        "title" : "Elasticsearch - The definitive guide",
        "authors" : [ "Clinton Gormley", "Zachary Tong" ],
        "started" : "2013-02-04", "pages" : 230
      }
    } ]
  }
}
```



# Search - Query DSL

```
» curl -XGET 'localhost:9200/books/book/_search' -d '{
  "query": {
    "filtered": {
      "query": {
        "match": {
          "text": {
            "query": "To Be Or Not To Be",
            "cutoff_frequency": 0.01
          }
        }
      }
    },
    "filter": {
      "range": {
        "price": {
          "gte": 20.0
          "lte": 50.0
        }
      }
    }
  }
}'
```

# Distributed and scalable

# Basic terms

- Index

Logical collection of data; might be time based  
Analogous to a database

- Replication

Read scalability  
Removing SPOF

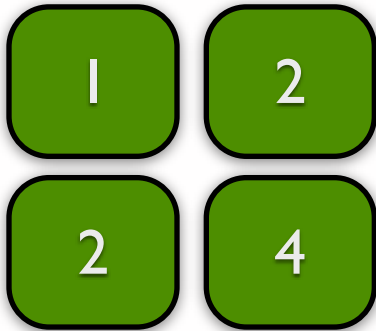
- Sharding

Split logical data over several machines  
Write scalability  
Control data flows

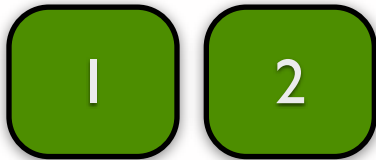
# Shards and replicas

## node 1

### orders



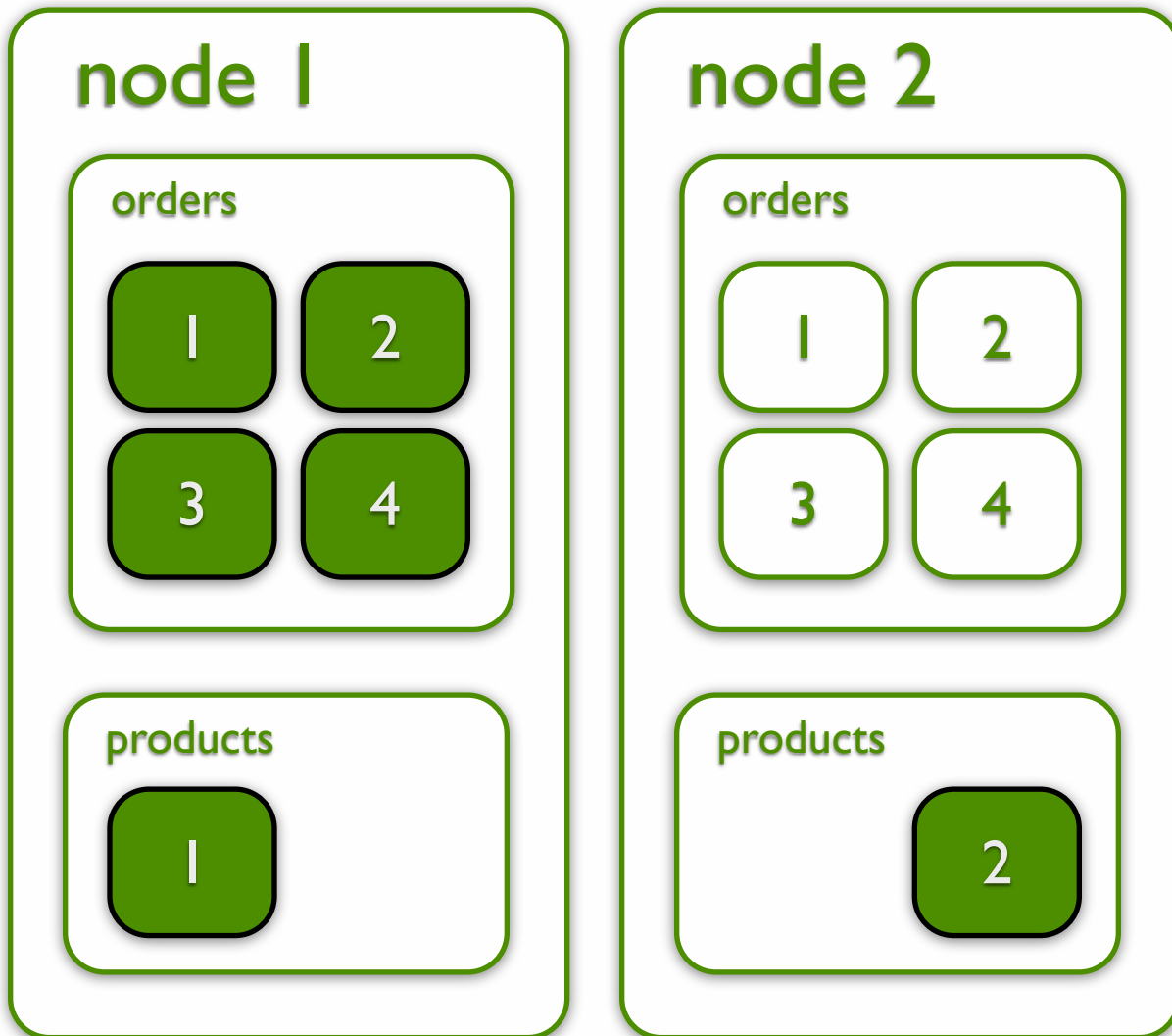
### products



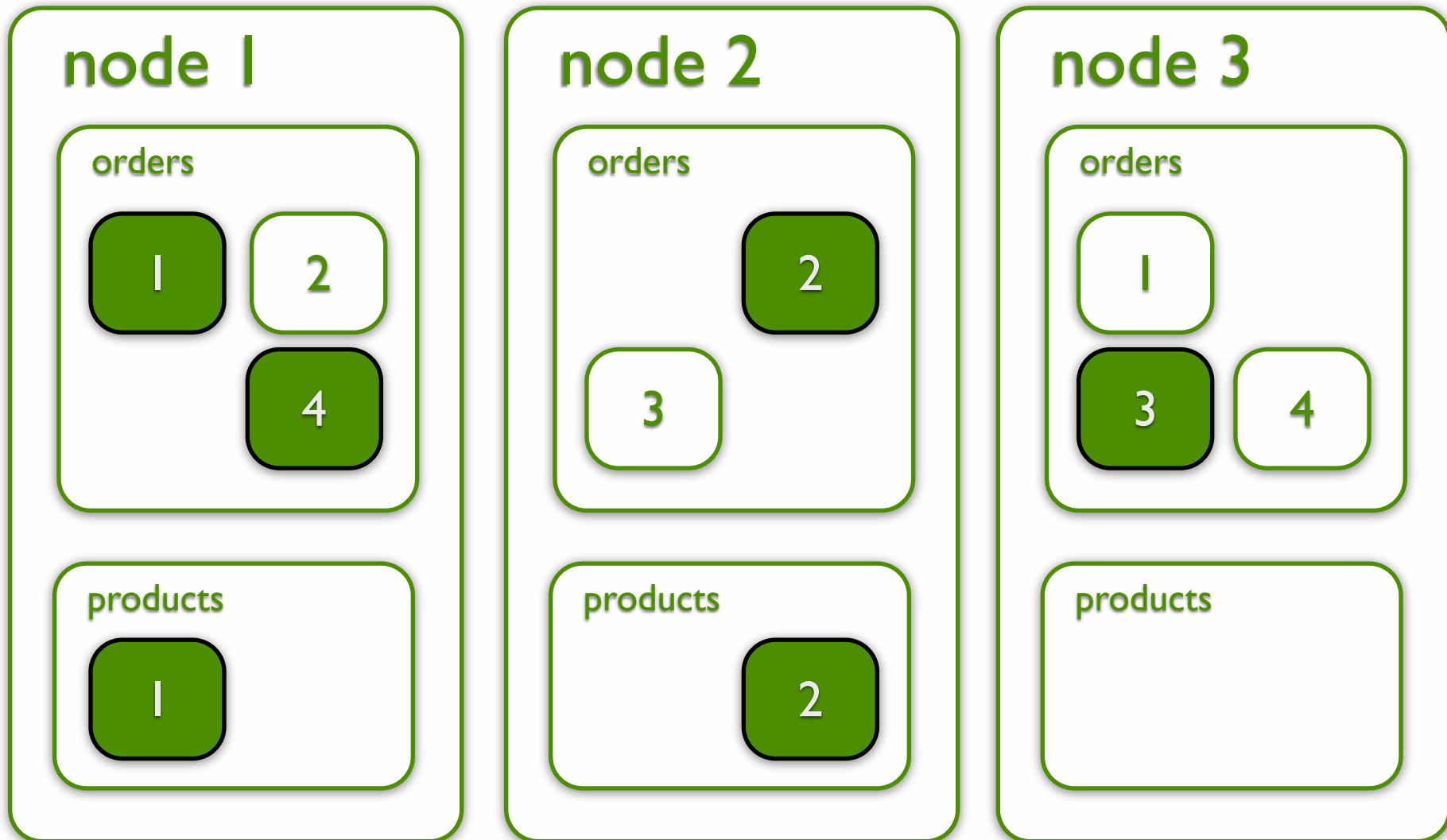
```
curl -X PUT localhost:9200/orders -d '{  
  "settings.index.number_of_shards" : 4  
  "settings.index.number_of_replicas" : 1  
}'
```

```
curl -X PUT localhost:9200/products -d '{  
  "settings.index.number_of_shards" : 2  
  "settings.index.number_of_replicas" : 0  
}'
```

# Shards and replicas



# Automatic leveling



# Cluster management

- Single master at any point in time
- Multicast based discovery (optionally unicast)
- Configuration is required here
  - Tell each node the name of the cluster to join
  - Set minimum master nodes
- Tip: reserve 3 nodes for master role and do not put data on them

# Sizing a cluster or node

- Data and operation dependent

How big are your documents? How many fields in them?

What is your query rate?

Do you do facets/aggregations, sorting, custom scoring?

What is your write rate?

Do you delete documents? Update them?

Is the data time-based?

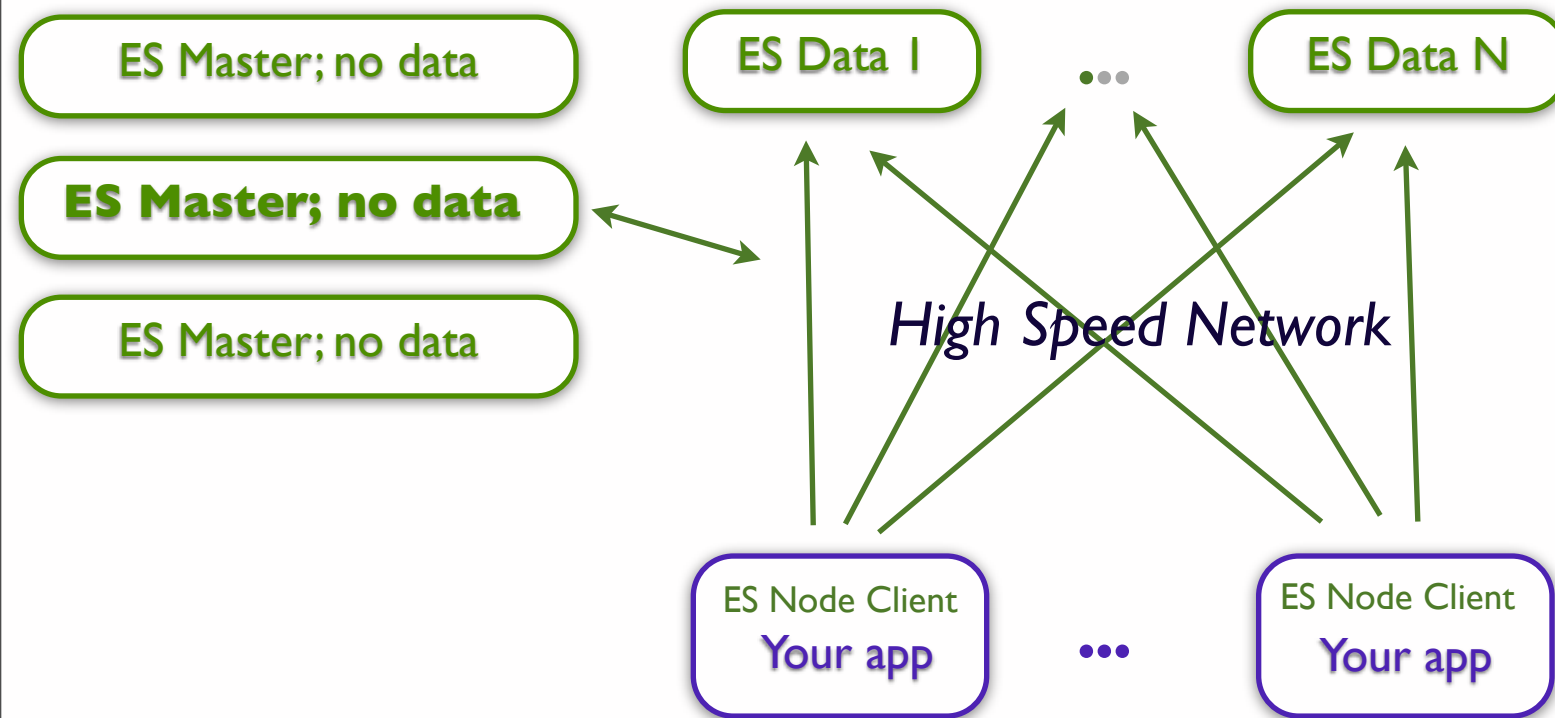
- Test on one node, no replicas

Look at shard size, JVM heap usage and GC frequency, number of shards/node, docs per shard, CPU util, disk util, index pattern

- Tip: 30 GB heap



# Deployment architecture



- Above shows local disk; SAN OK
- Tip: clusters spanning high latency WANs are not recommended. Cross-zone in EC2 is OK.

# Elasticsearch use-cases

# What is data?

- Whatever provides value for your business
- Domain data
  - Internal: Orders, products
  - External: Social media streams, email
- Application data
  - Log files
  - Metrics

# Use case: Product search engine

# Product search engine

- Just index all your products and be happy?  
Search is not that easy
- Synonyms, Suggestions, Faceting, Custom scoring, Analytics, Decomponding, Query optimization, beyond search
- User your domain knowledge

# Scoring

- Is full-text search relevancy really your preferred scoring algorithm?

- Possible influential factors

Age of the product, been ordered in last 24h

In Stock?

No shipping costs

Special offer

Rating (product or seller)

<http://www.elasticsearch.org/guide/en/elasticsearch/reference/current/query-dsl-function-score-query.html>

# Faceting & user exploration

- Products grouped by
  - Category
  - Material
  - Brand
- Allowing to filter
  - All of the facets
  - Price range
  - Color
  - Seller
  - Ratings (hard!)

# Notification with percolation

- Customer: If a product matches name  $X$  and costs below price  $Y$ , is color  $Z$ , then I want to get a mail  
More likely: Notify customer, when it is back in stock

- Enter percolation!

Not: Index a document and fire a query

But: Index a query and check a document for a match

<https://speakerdeck.com/javanna/whats-new-in-percolator>



# Use-case: Analytics

# Analytics

- Aggregation of information
- Facets are one dimensional  
Categories/brands/material of all results of this query
- Questions are multidimensional  
Average revenue per category id per day
- Elasticsearch 1.0 has aggregations  
Nested faceting

# Create knowledge from data

- Orders

How many orders were created every day in the last month?

How many orders were created per state in the last month?

- Money

What is the average revenue per shopping cart?

What is the average shopping cart size per order per hour?

- Product portfolio

Take the location of people into account for special offers?

Analyse page views: Premium or low budget ecommerce site?

# Ecosystem

- Plugins  
Many third party plugins available
- Clients for many languages  
Ruby, python, php, perl, javascript, (.NET coming)  
Scala, clojure, go
- Kibana
- Logstash
- Hadoop integration

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# Tools for sys admins

# REST-based management

- Elasticsearch is full of monitoring APIs  
Everything is returned as JSON
- Humans are not the world's best JSON parsers
- What if elasticsearch had an easy to use interface from the commandline?

# Which node is the master?

```
$ curl "localhost:9200/_cluster/state?pretty&filter_metadata=true&filter_routing_table=true"
{
  "cluster_name" : "elasticsearch",
  "master_node" : "GNf0hEXlTfaBvQXKBF300A",
  "blocks" : { },
  "nodes" : {
    "ObdRqLHGQ6CMI5rOEstA5A" : {
      "name" : "Triton",
      "transport_address" : "inet[/10.0.1.11:9300]",
      "attributes" : { }
    },
    "4C7pKbfhTvu0slcSy_G4_w" : {
      "name" : "Kid Colt",
      "transport_address" : "inet[/10.0.1.12:9300]",
      "attributes" : { }
    },
    "GNf0hEXlTfaBvQXKBF300A" : {
      "name" : "Lang, Steven",
      "transport_address" : "inet[/10.0.1.13:9300]",
      "attributes" : { }
    }
  }
}
```



# Which one is the master? (v1.0)

```
$ curl localhost:9200/_cat/master  
GNf0hEXlTfaBvQXKBF300A 10.0.1.13 Lang, Steven
```

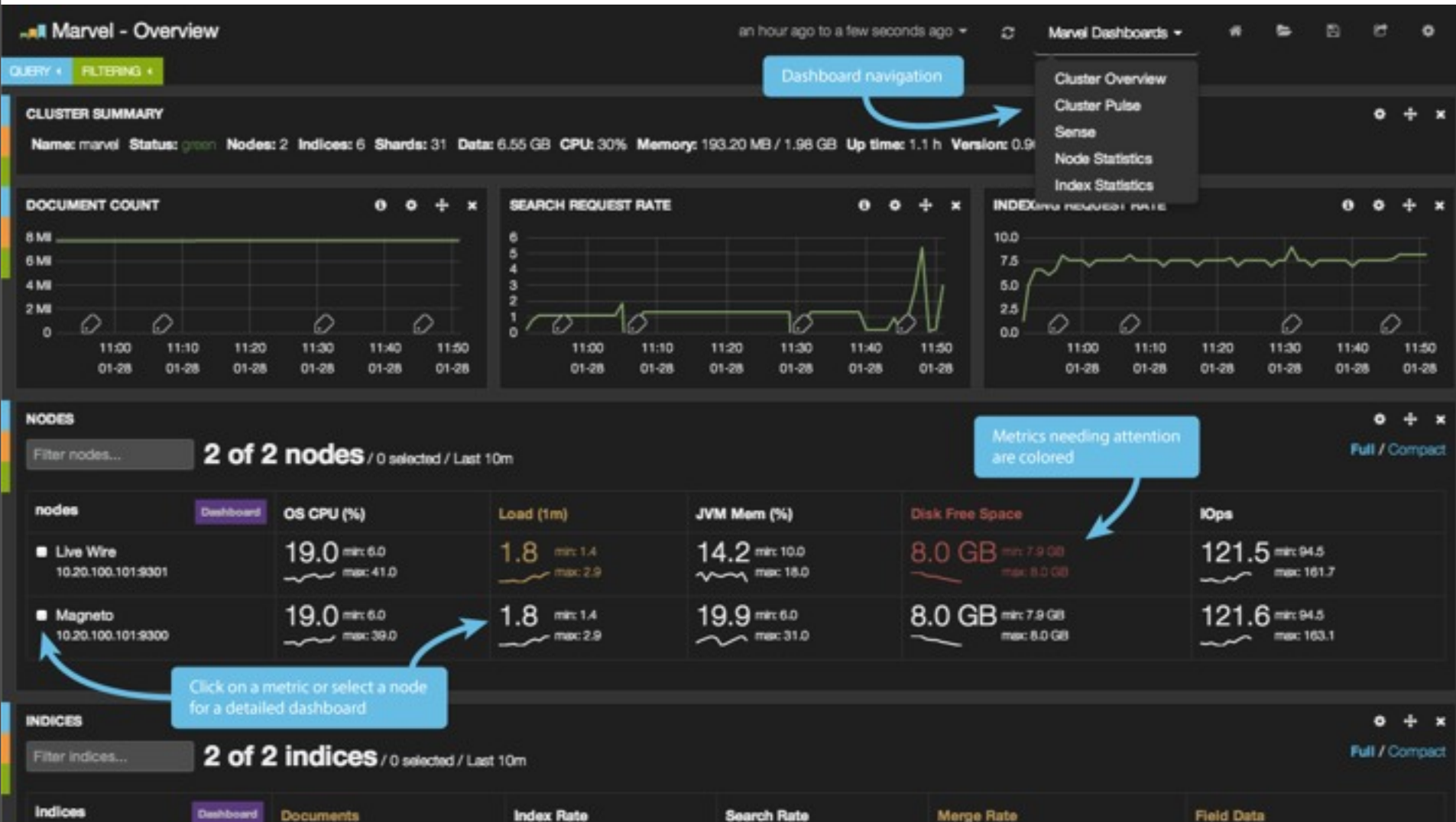
# `_cat/*` api

- `/_cat/allocation`
- `/_cat/count`
- `/_cat/health`
- `/_cat/master`
- `/_cat/aliases`
- `/_cat/nodes`
- `/_cat/recovery`
- `/_cat/shards`
- `/_cat/indices`
- `/_cat/thread_pool`

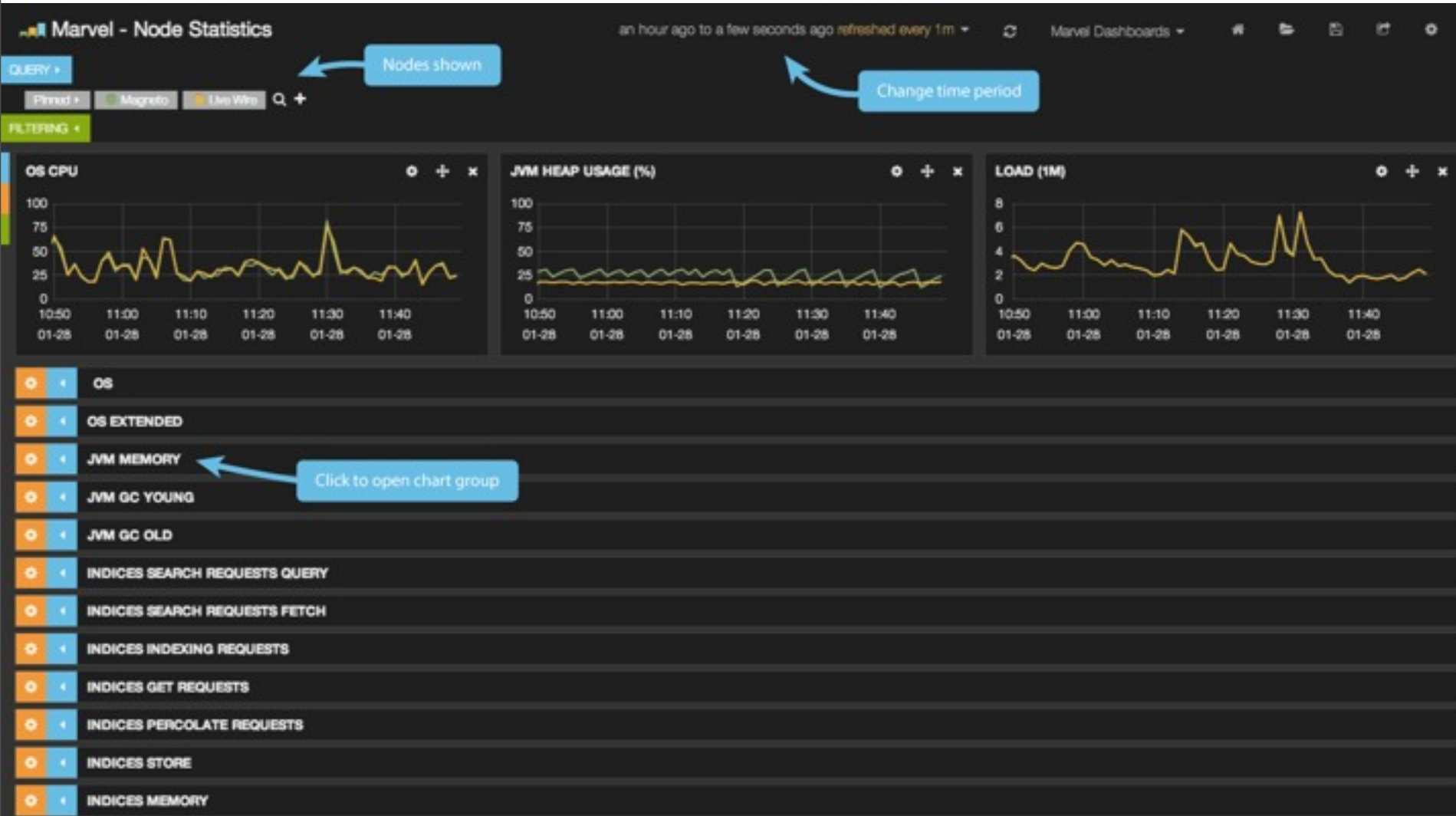
# Monitor your cluster with Marvel

- Point in time views are a start
- Marvel shows historical trends
- Visualize cluster behavior, act before problems
  
- Free for development, \$500/year for up to 5 nodes

# Overview



# Node statistics



# Index statistics



# Cluster Pulse

The screenshot shows the Elasticsearch Cluster Pulse interface for a cluster named 'Marvel'. The top navigation bar includes the cluster name, a refresh rate of 'an hour ago to a few seconds ago refreshed every 1m', and a 'Marvel Dashboards' menu. Below the navigation, there are tabs for 'QUERY' and 'FILTERING'. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- CLUSTER SUMMARY:** Displays cluster metadata: Name: marvel, Status: green, Nodes: 2, Indices: 6, Shards: 31, Data: 6.54 GB, CPU: 18%, Memory: 373.04 MB / 1.98 GB, Up time: 1.1 h, Version: 0.90.10.
- TIME LINE:** A bar chart showing event counts over time. A callout box labeled 'Cluster events timeline' points to the chart. The legend indicates: Node events (8), Index events (40), and Routing events (101) with a count per 30s (147 hits).
- CLUSTER EVENTS:** A table listing individual events. A callout box labeled 'Quickly filter by event type' points to the 'EVENT TYPES' sidebar.

**EVENT TYPES**

Term	Count	Action
routing_event	101	Q 🔍
index_event	40	Q 🔍
node_event	6	Q 🔍

**CLUSTER EVENTS**

@timestamp	_type	event	message
2014-01-28T11:52:54.279+01:00	index_event	index_status	[marvel-2014.01.28] status is GREEN
2014-01-28T11:52:54.279+01:00	routing_event	shard_started	[marvel-2014.01.28][0][R] started on [Inferno][10.20.100.101.9301]
2014-01-28T11:52:46.016+01:00	index_event	index_status	[marvel-kibana] status is GREEN
2014-01-28T11:52:46.016+01:00	routing_event	shard_started	[marvel-kibana][0][R] started on [Inferno][10.20.100.101.9301]
2014-01-28T11:52:45.294+01:00	index_event	index_status	[stack] status is GREEN
2014-01-28T11:52:45.294+01:00	routing_event	shard_started	[stack][2][P] started on [Inferno][10.20.100.101.9301]
2014-01-28T11:52:45.294+01:00	routing_event	shard_initializing	[marvel-kibana][0][R] initializing on [Inferno][10.20.100.101.9301]
2014-01-28T11:52:44.392+01:00	index_event	index_status	[marvel-2013.11.23] status is GREEN
2014-01-28T11:52:44.392+01:00	routing_event	shard_initializing	[marvel-2014.01.28][0][R] initializing on [Inferno][10.20.100.101.9301]
2014-01-28T11:52:44.392+01:00	routing_event	shard_started	[marvel-2013.11.23][1][R] started on [Inferno][10.20.100.101.9301]

# Sense

Server localhost:9200 Marvel Dashboards

```
1 # search for a super hero
2 GET marvel/superhero/_search
3 {
4   "query": {
5     "match": {
6       "name": "spiderman"
7     }
8   }
9   "name": string
10  "powers": string
11  "enemies": string
12  "rating": long
13
14 # index a doc
15 PUT marvel/superhero/spiderman
16 {
17   "name": "Spiderman",
18   "powers": ["webbing", "climbing", "night vision"],
19   "enemies": ["the green goblin", "venom"]
20 }
21
22 # create an index
23 PUT marvel
24 {
25   "settings": {
26     "number_of_shards": 2,
27     "number_of_replicas": 1
28   },
29   "mappings": {
30     "superhero": {
31       "properties": {
32         "name": { "type": "string" },
33         "powers": {
34           "type": "string",
35           "index": "not_analyzed"
36         }
37       }
38     }
39   }
40 }
41
42 PUT marvel/superhero/venom
43 {
44   "name": "Venom",
45   "rating": 5
46 }
47
```

Submit request to Elasticsearch

Suggestions as you type

```
1 {
2   "took": 6,
3   "timed_out": false,
4   "_shards": {
5     "total": 2,
6     "successful": 2,
7     "failed": 0
8   },
9   "hits": {
10    "total": 1,
11    "max_score": 1,
12    "hits": [
13      {
14        "_index": "marvel",
15        "_type": "superhero",
16        "_id": "spiderman",
17        "_score": 1,
18        "_source": {
19          "name": "Spiderman",
20          "powers": [
21            "webbing",
22            "climbing",
23            "night vision"
24          ],
25          "enemies": [
26            "the green goblin",
27            "venom"
28          ]
29        }
30      }
31    ]
32  }
33 }
```

API response





# Log analysis with Logstash and Kibana

# Logstash in 10 seconds

- Managing events and logs
- Collect, parse, enrich, store data
- Modular: many, many inputs and outputs
- Apache License 2.0
- Ruby app (JRuby)
- Part of Elasticsearch family

# What is a log?

- Time-based data
- This data is everywhere!
  - Server logs
  - Twitter stream
  - Financial transactions
  - Metric / monitoring data
  - ...
- Log all things

# Why collect & centralize logs?

- 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)
- Bonus points: Unify your data to make it easily searchable

# Logstash architecture

## Input

*collect and split*

## Filter

*alter and enrich*

## Output

*store and visualize*

?



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# Inputs

- Monitoring: collectd, graphite, ganglia, snmptrap, zenoss
- Datastores: elasticsearch, redis, sqlite, s3
- Queues: rabbitmq, zeromq
- Logging: eventlog, lumberjack, gelf, log4j, relp, syslog, varnish log
- Platforms: drupal\_dblog, gemfire, heroku, sqs, s3, twitter
- Local: exec, generator, file, stdin, pipe, unix
- Protocol: imap, irc, stomp, tcp, udp, websocket, wmi, xmpp

# Filters

- alter, anonymize, checksum, csv, drop, multiline
- dns, date, extractnumbers, geoip, i18n, kv, noop, ruby, range
- json, urldecode, useragent
- metrics, sleep
- ... many, many more ...

# Outputs

- Store: elasticsearch, gemfire, mongodb, redis, riak, rabbitmq
- Monitoring: ganglia, graphite, graphstastic, nagios, opentsdb, statsd, zabbix
- Notification: email, hipchat, irc, pagerduty, sns
- Protocol: gelf, http, lumberjack, metriccatcher, stomp, tcp, udp, websocket, xmpp
- External Monitoring: boundary, circonus, cloudwatch, datadog, librato
- External service: google big query, google cloud storage, jira, loggly, riemann, s3, sqs, syslog, zeromq
- Local: csv, exec, file, pipe, stdout, null



# Installation

- Ruby application, but Java required (JRuby)
- Download single tgz, deb, RPM (also repositories)  
No gem/dependency nightmares!
- Puppet module

# Simple example

- Download, create config and run

```
input {
  stdin {}
}

output {
  stdout { debug => true }
}
```

← simple.conf



```
echo foo | java -jar logstash-1.3.3-flatjar.jar agent -f simple.conf
{
  "message" => "foo",
  "@version" => "1",
  "@timestamp" => "2014-01-20T13:30:59.648Z",
  "host" => "kryptic.fritz.box"
}
```

# Simple filter with grok

```
input {
  stdin {}
}

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

output {
  stdout { debug => true }
}
```

# Simple filter with grok

```
echo "Alexander Reelsen 30" | java -jar
logstash-1.3.3-flatjar.jar agent -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"
}
```

# 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 { debug => true } }
```

# Syslog example with grok

```
Jun 10 04:04:01 lvps109-104-93-171 postfix/smtpd[11105]:
connect from mail-we0-f196.google.com[74.125.82.196]
{
    "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",
    "syslog_program" => "postfix/smtpd",
    "syslog_pid" => "11105",
    "syslog_message" => "connect from mail-we0-
f196.google.com[74.125.82.196]"
}
```

# 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

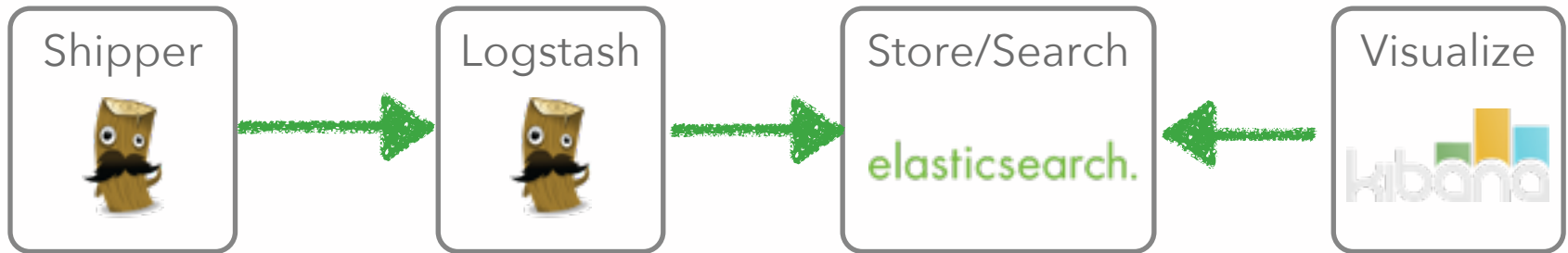
```
input { stdin {} }

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

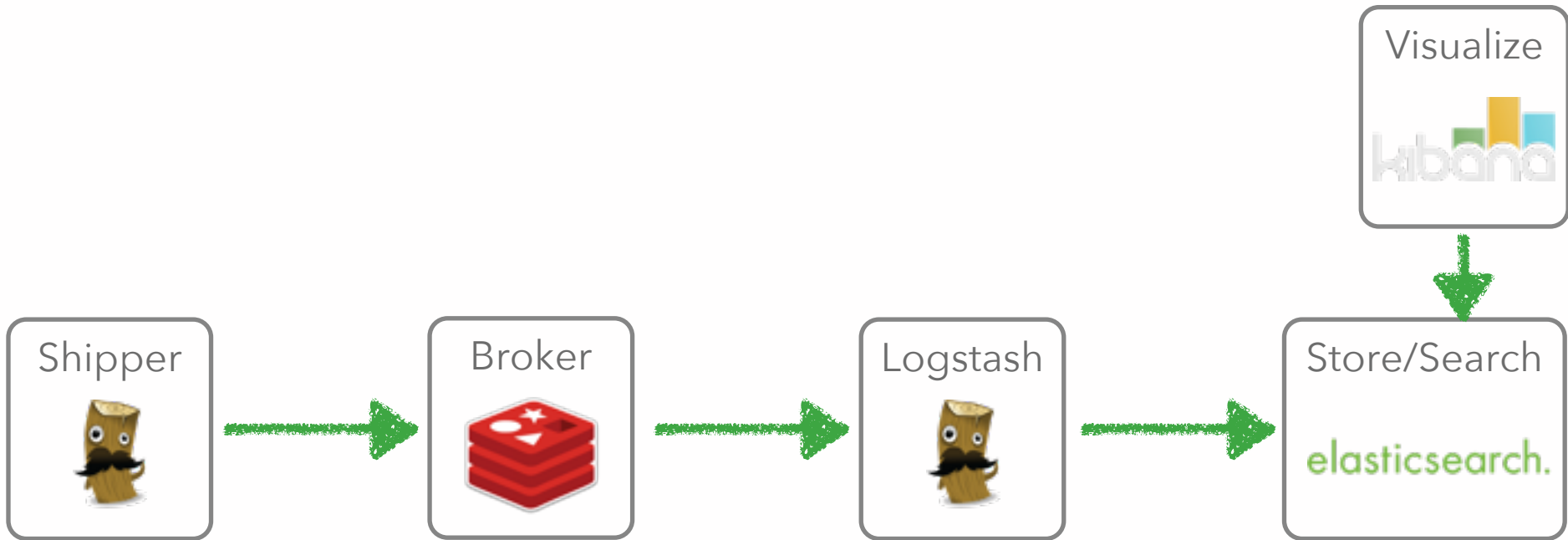
output {
  elasticsearch_http {}
}
```



# Deploying ELK for scale



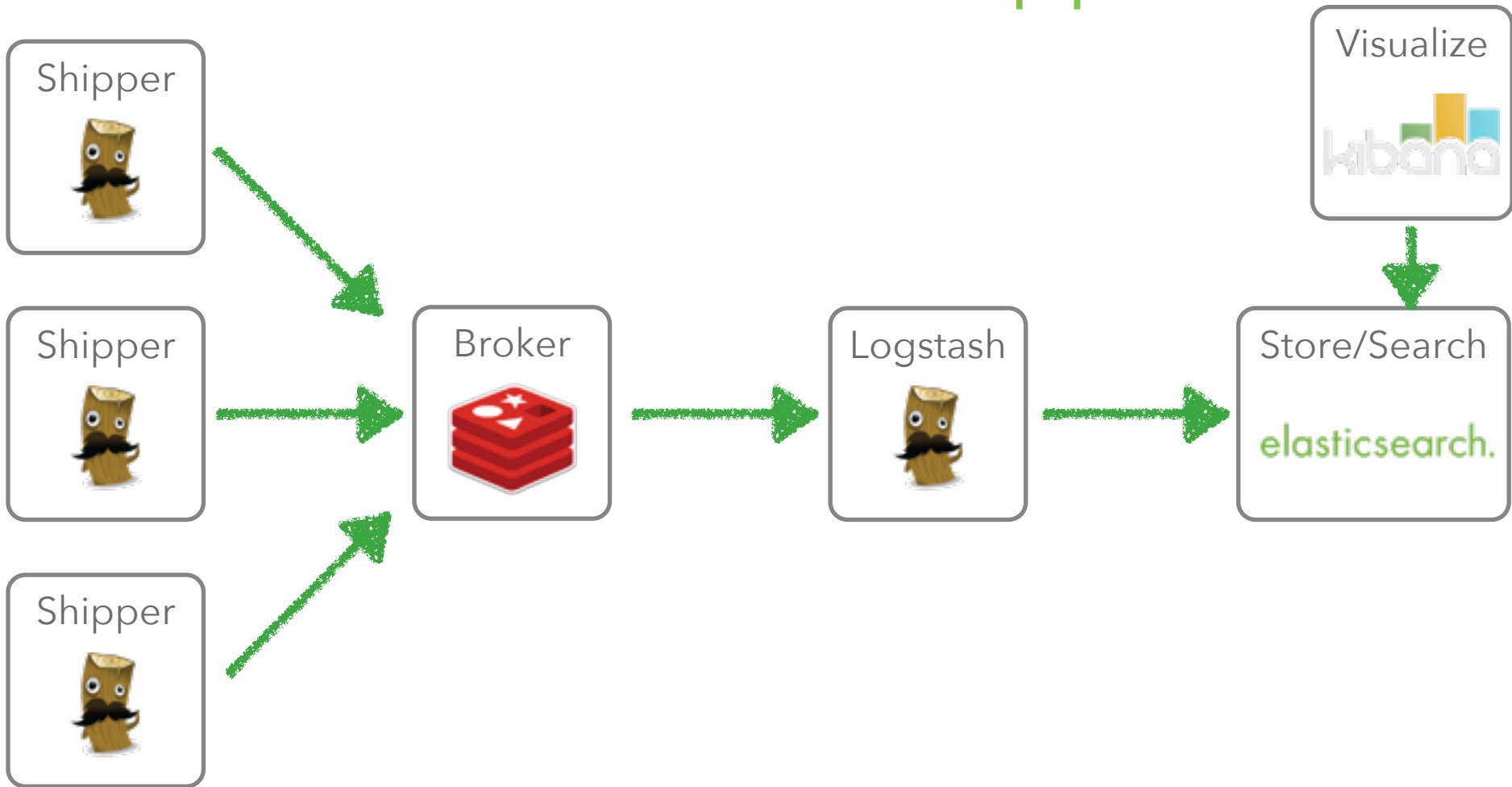
# Add a broker



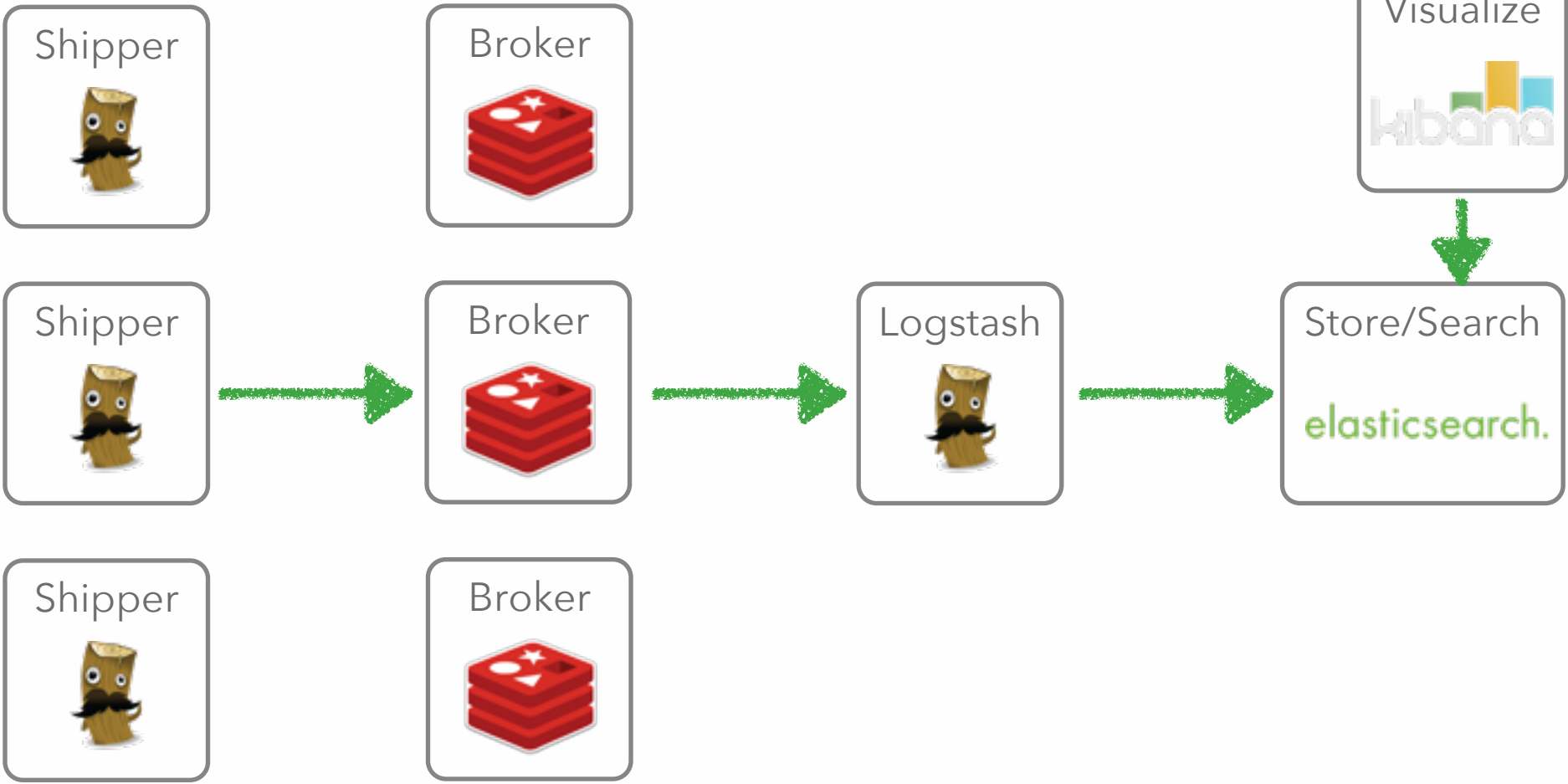
Brokers help with scale and stability by buffering the input and protecting against output downtime.

Tip: set limits on broker queue to push back on source as well.

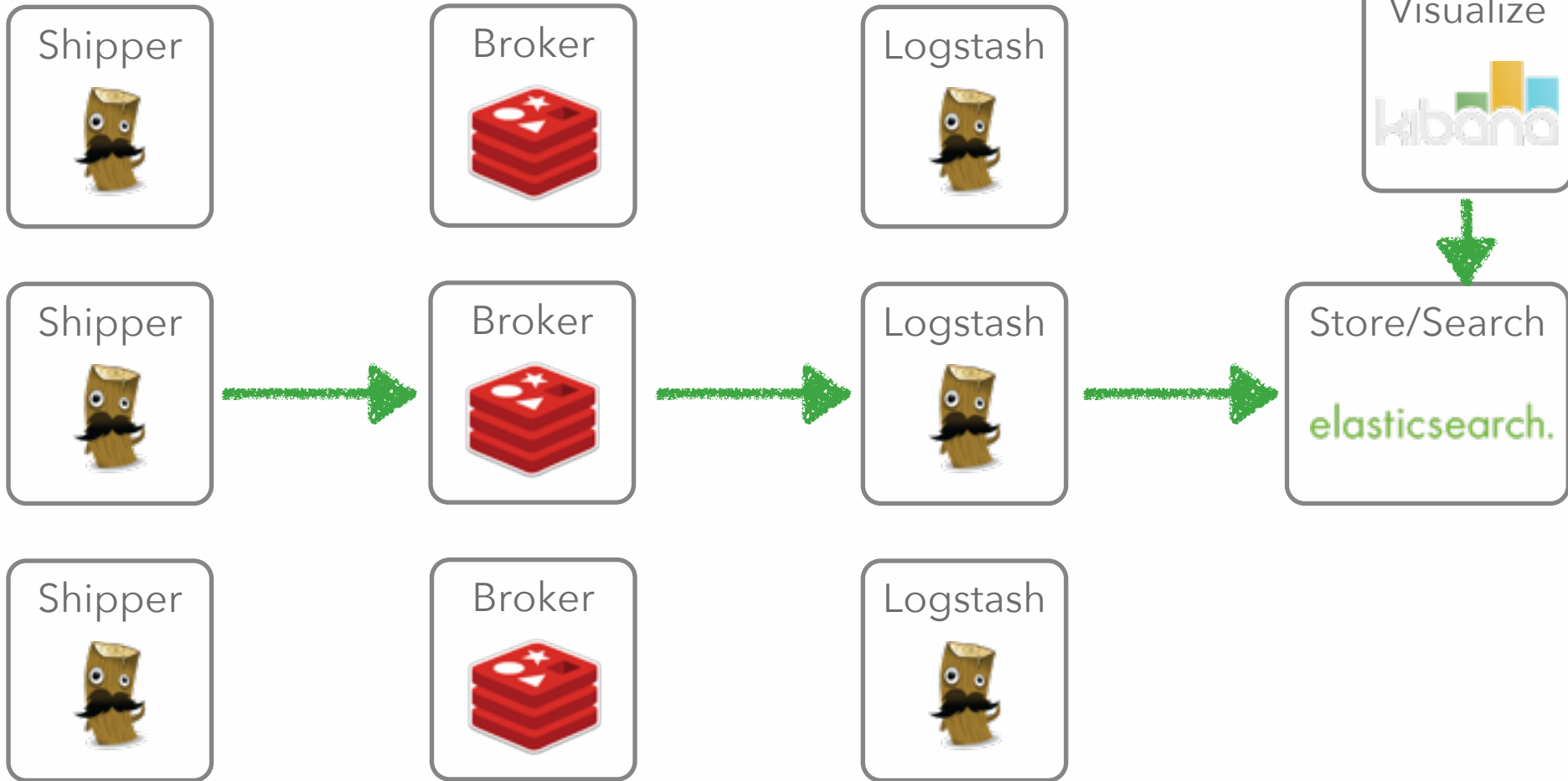
# Scale out the shipper



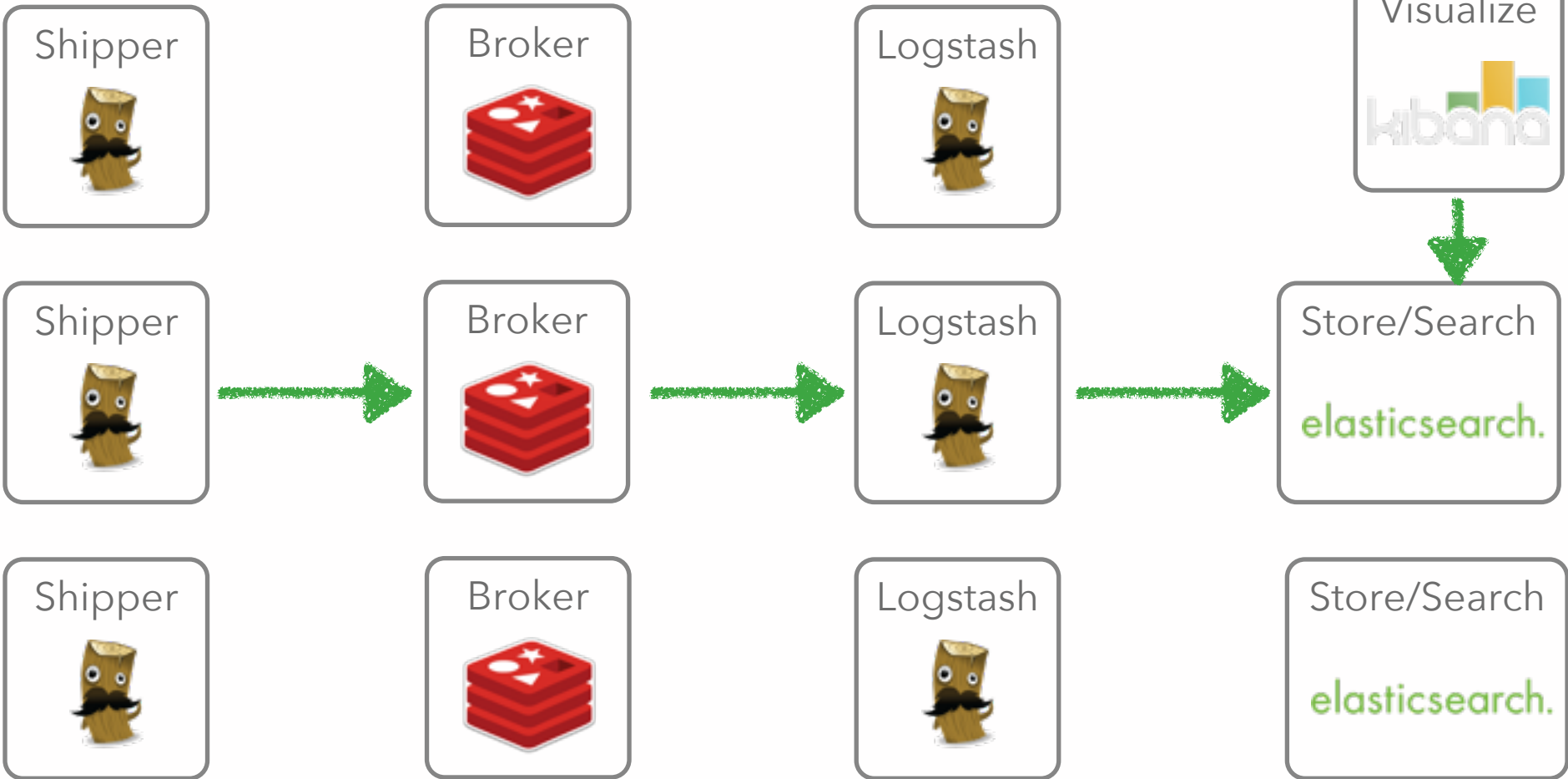
# Scale out the broker



# Scale out Logstash



# Scale out Elasticsearch



# Logstash scaling

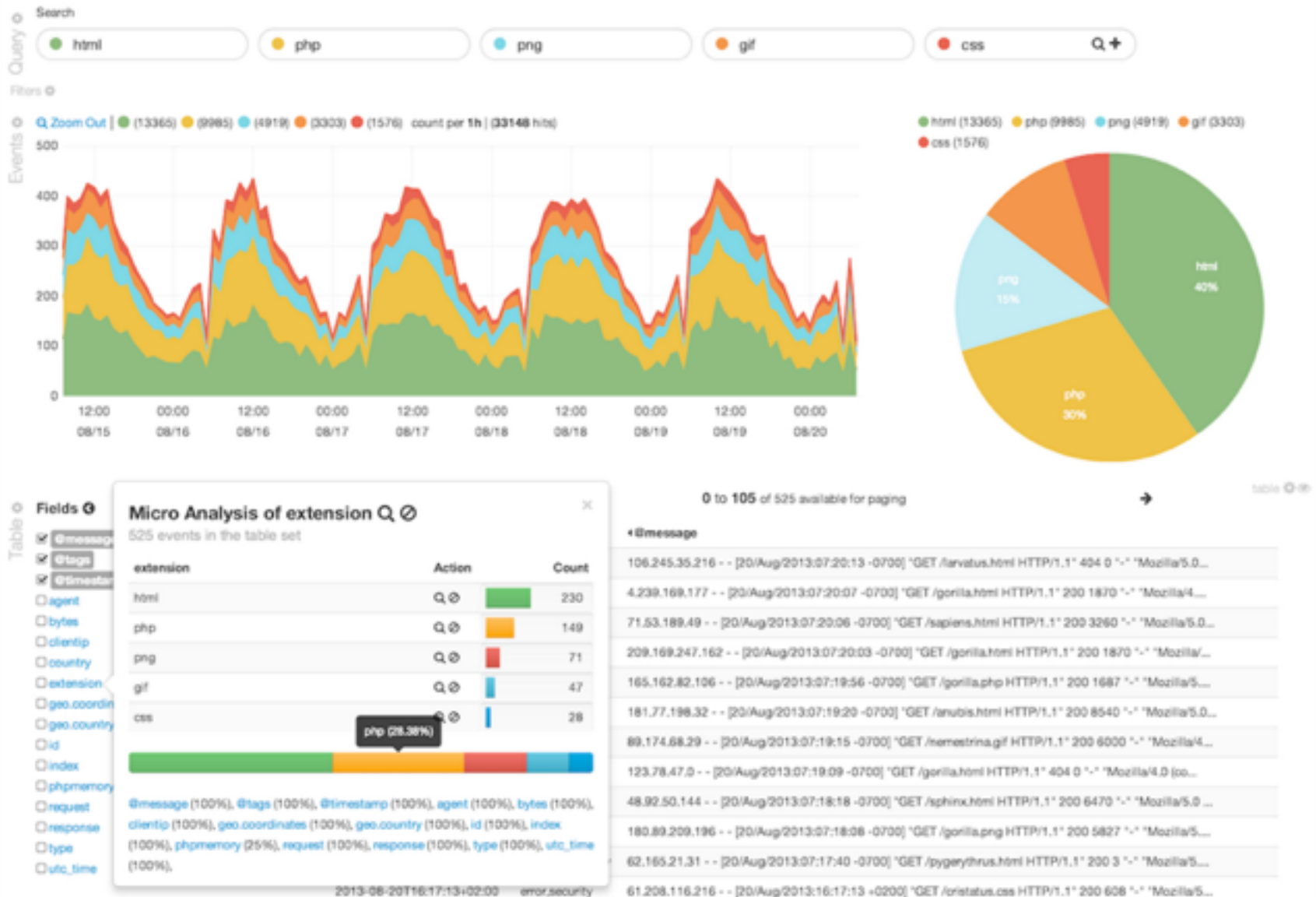
- Events get passed via Ruby SizedQueue
- input/worker/output threads, can be configured
- Each input is one thread, unless explicitly configured
- One worker thread by default, use -w to change
- Output is a single thread (some outputs have their own queueing thread)

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

# Visualize with Kibana



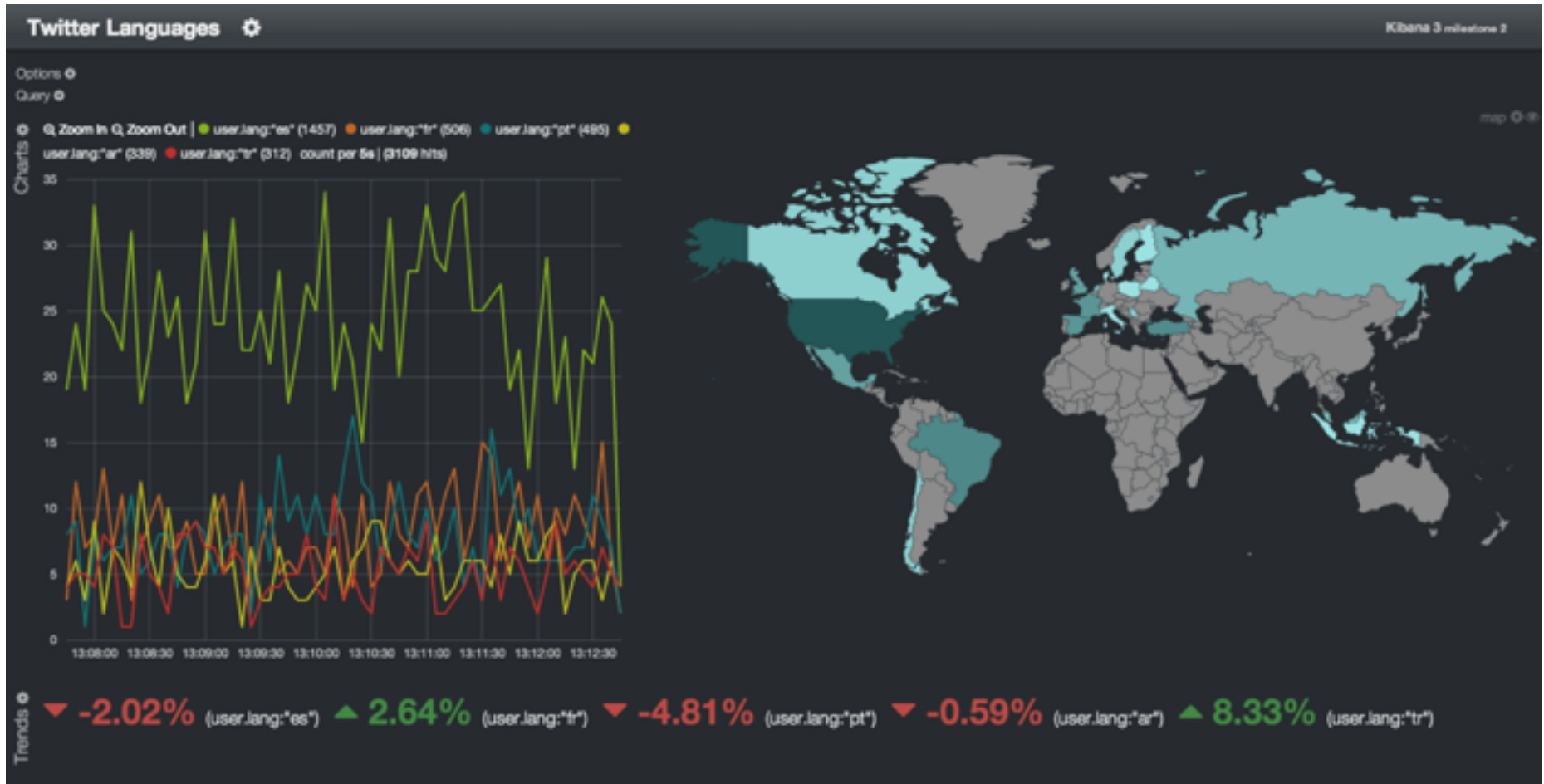
# Kibana



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# Useful helpers

- Curator: index management

<http://www.elasticsearch.org/blog/curator-tending-your-time-series-indices/>

- Puppet module

<https://github.com/elasticsearch/puppet-logstash>

- logstash forwarder: low overhead collector

<https://github.com/elasticsearch/logstash-forwarder>

- Logstash cookbook

<http://cookbook.logstash.net/>

# More info

- Github: <https://github.com/elasticsearch>  
Code, issues there  
Except Logstash issues at <https://logstash.jira.com>
- Mailing lists  
Google groups, [logstash-users](#) and [elasticsearch](#)
- IRC channels  
[#logstash](#) and [#elasticsearch](#) on freenode
- We're hiring!  
[jobs@elasticsearch.com](mailto:jobs@elasticsearch.com)