



# Introduction to Beats and extending Beats

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小明：老师，今天我们要聊耳机么？

老师：出去！

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# Who am I?

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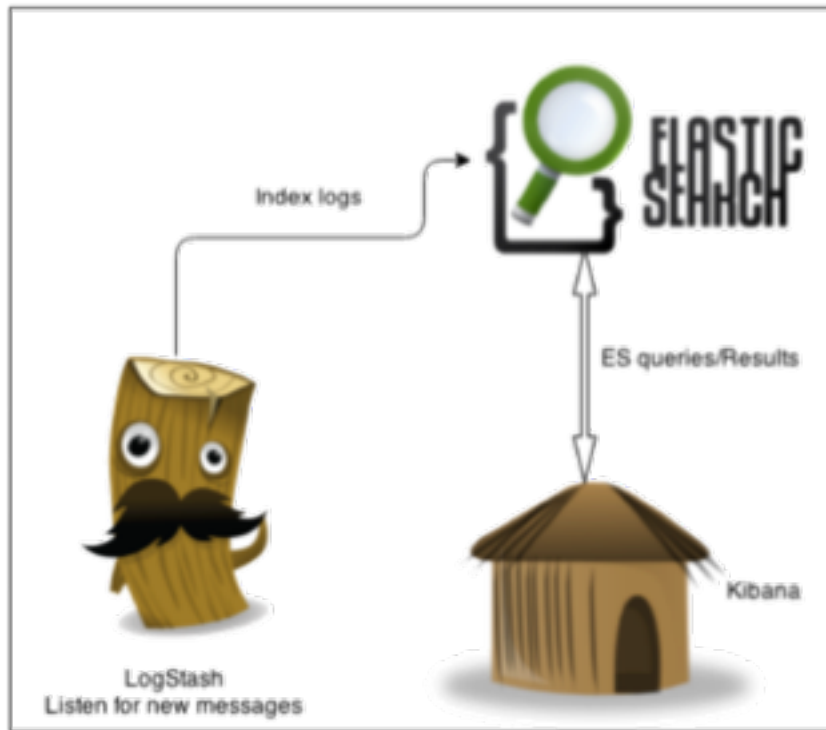
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# What's Elastic?

- A distributed startup company, since 2012
  - HQ: Mountain View, CA AND Amsterdam, Netherlands
  - With employees in 27 countries (and counting), spread across 18 time zones, speaking over 30 languages
- We are working on Open Source projects!
  - (Luckily some of them are popular, eg:elasticsearch)
- Offering Support Subscription, X-pack, Cloud and Trainings
- Find us on: <https://github.com/elastic> and <https://www.elastic.co>

# Have you heard of ELK?

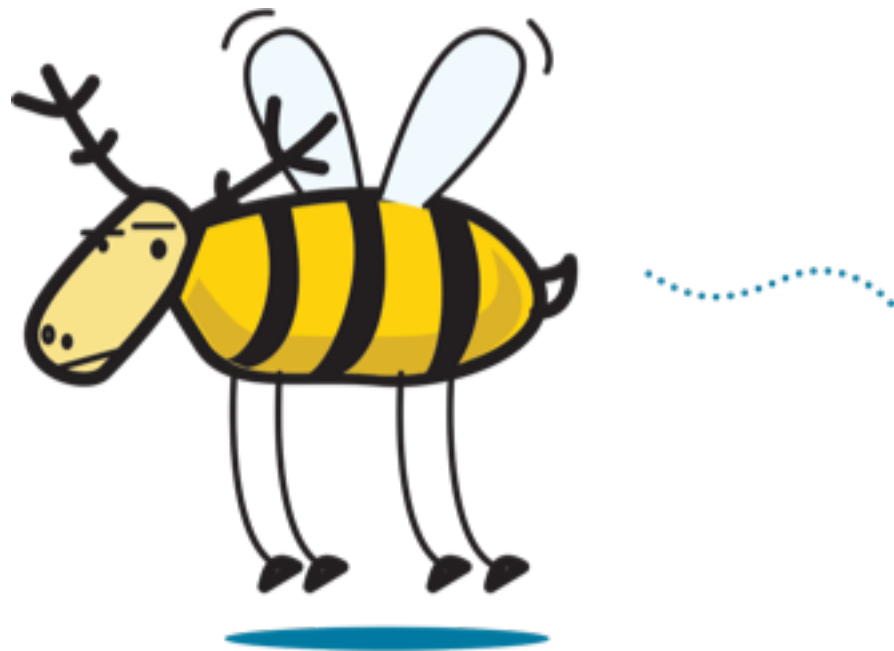




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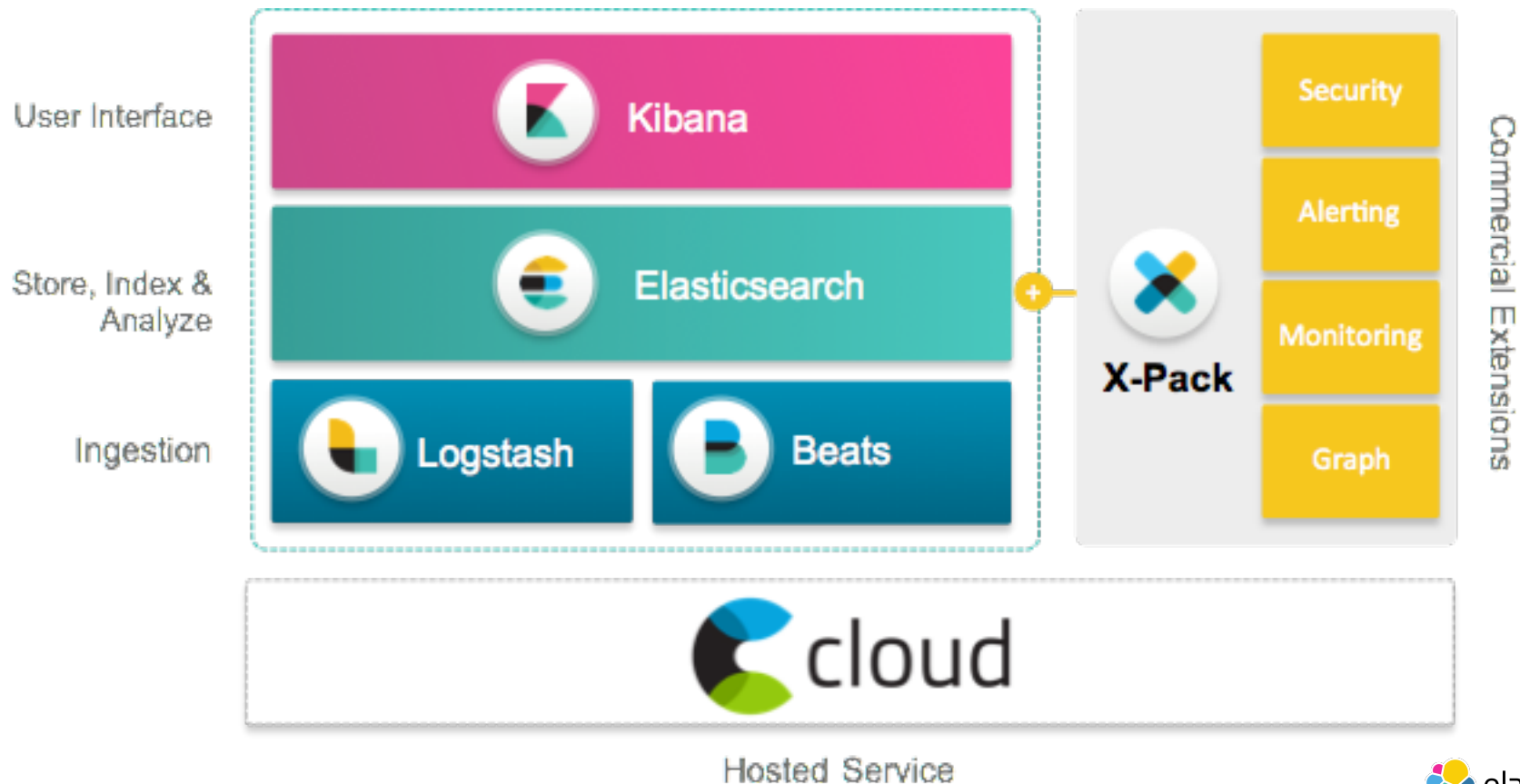
Well, just the name!

# ELK?



## ELKB? BELK? LKBE? BKEL?

# No “ELK” but “Elastic Stack”





**Also, from V5.0, we release together**



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# Lightweight shipper

- Small application
- Install as agent on your servers
- Written in Golang
- No runtime dependencies
- Single purpose



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/8barbikes/17256970434/>



<http://github.com/elastic/beats>

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# Examples of operational data



Diagram illustrating three types of operational data and the associated Elastic Beats:

- wire data** (Teal circle) associated with **Packetbeat** (light gray rectangle).
- system stats** (Yellow circle) associated with **Metricbeat** (light gray rectangle).
- logs** (Pink circle) associated with **Filebeat** and **Winlogbeat** (light gray rectangle).

wire data

Packetbeat

system stats

Metricbeat

logs

Filebeat  
Winlogbeat

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## COMMUNITY BEATS

Sending all sorts of  
data to Logstash  
and Elasticsearch

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- |   |             |    |                 |
|---|-------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Apachebeat  | 8  | Nagioscheckbeat |
| 2 | Dockerbeat  | 9  | Nginxbeat       |
| 3 | Elasticbeat | 10 | Phpfpmbeat      |
| 4 | Execbeat    | 11 | Pingbeat        |
| 5 | Factbeat    | 12 | Redisbeat       |
| 6 | Hsbeat      | 13 | Unifiedbeat     |
| 7 | Httpbeat    | 14 | Uwsgibeat       |

## Captures insights from network packets

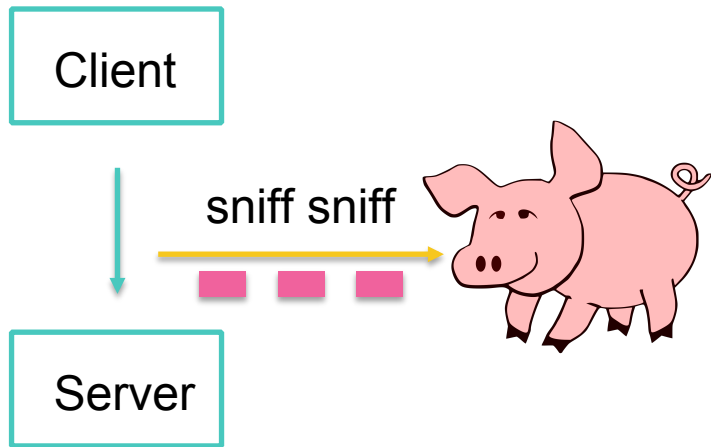
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8:34.518786 IP 52.22.148.39.443 > 192.168.0.8.51759: Flags [.], ack 38, win 136, options [nop,nop,seq=38] (0 bytes)
8:34.812485 IP 52.91.152.165.443 > 192.168.0.8.61645: Flags [P.], seq 266:415, ack 203, win 122, length 149

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# Sniffing the network traffic



- Copy traffic at OS or hardware level
- Is completely passive
- ZERO latency overhead
- Not in the request/response path, cannot break your application

# Sniffing use cases

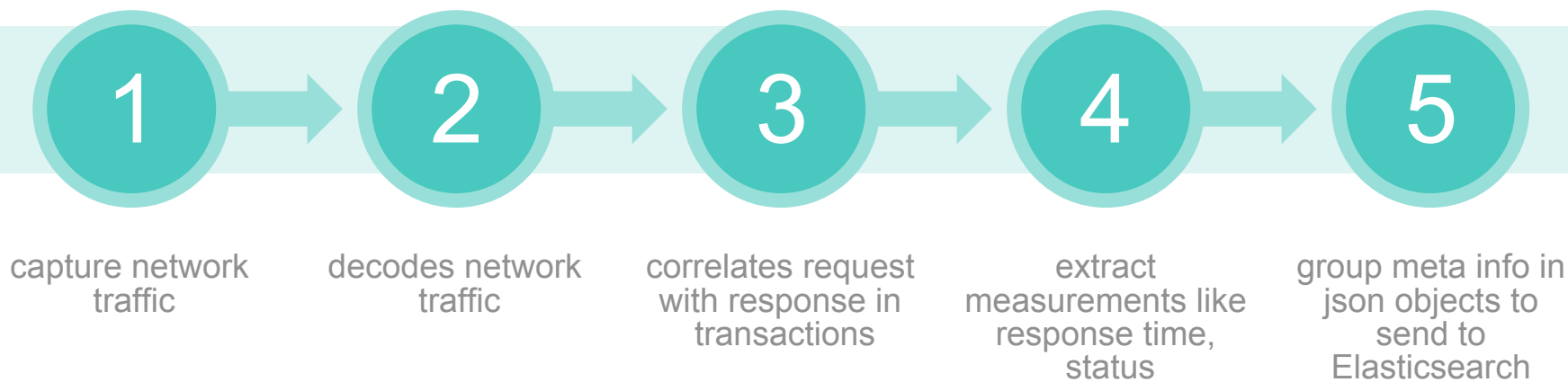
- Security
  - Intrusion Detection Systems
- Troubleshooting network issues
- Troubleshooting applications
- Performance analysis

WIRESHARK



TCPDUMP

# Packetbeat: Real-time application monitoring



*It does all of these in real-time directly on the target servers.*

# Packetbeat: Available decoders



HTTP



Thrift-RPC



DNS



MySQL



Memcache



AMQP



PostgreSQL



MongoDB



Add your own



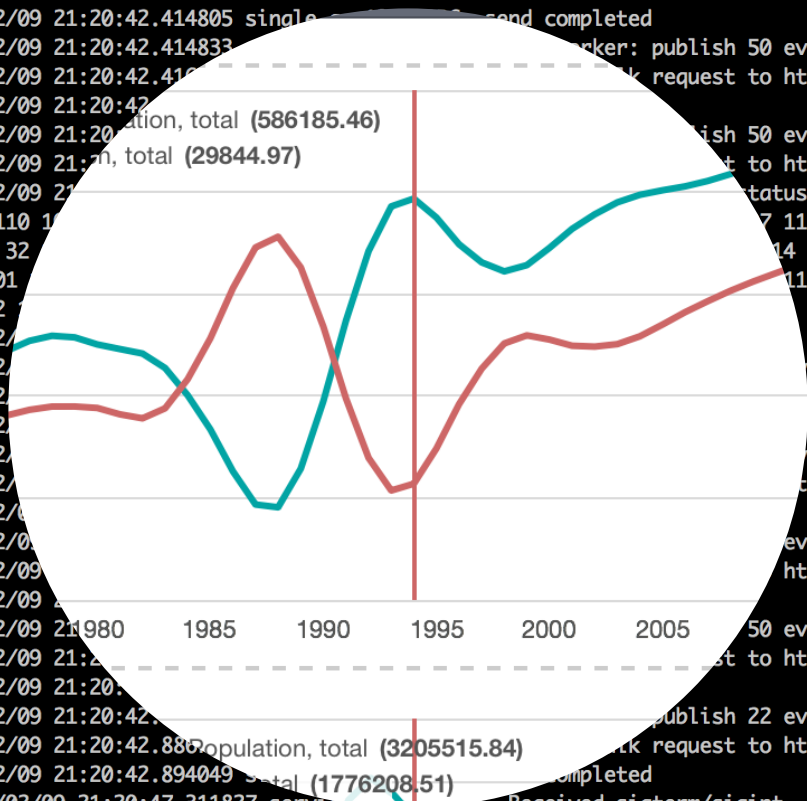
Redis



ICMP

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# Metricbeat: Collecting metrics from other systems



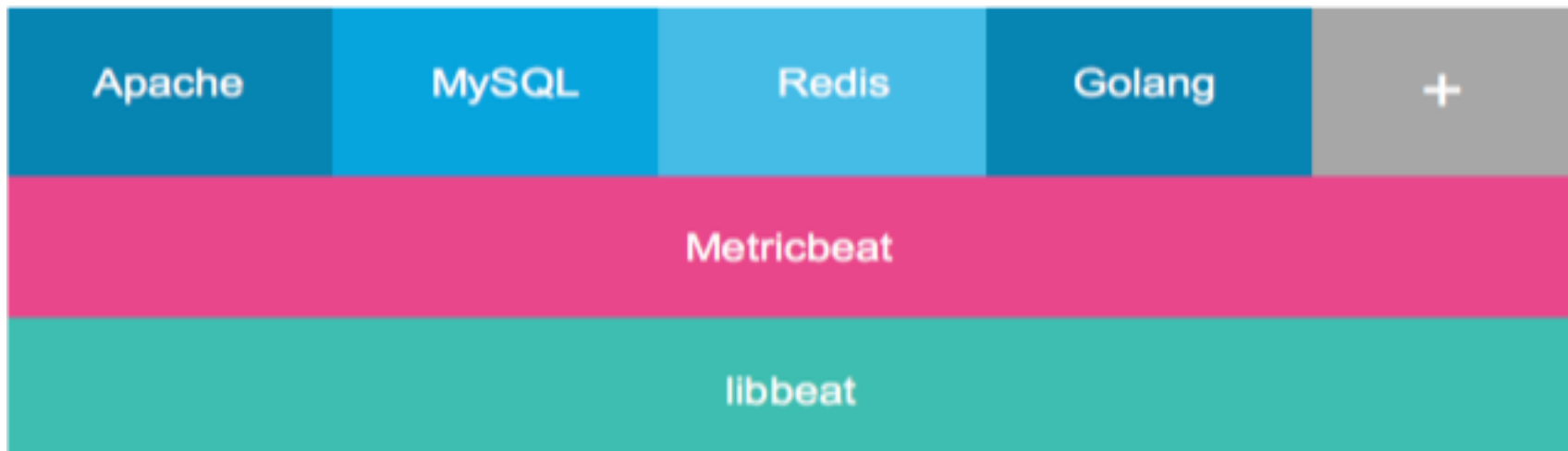
Periodically polls  
monitoring APIs  
of various  
services

Groups  
performance  
data into  
documents

Ships them to  
Logstash /  
Elasticsearch

# Beats: Metricbeat

Listens to the internal “beat” of systems via APIs.



# Metricbeat module vs standalone Beat

## Metricbeat module

- Contributed via PR to the [elastic/beats](#) Github repository
- Officially supported
- Supports common systems
- Docker based integration tests

## Standalone Beat

- In a separate Github repository
- Supported by the community
- Supports specialized systems
- Optional Docker based integration tests



# Filebeat

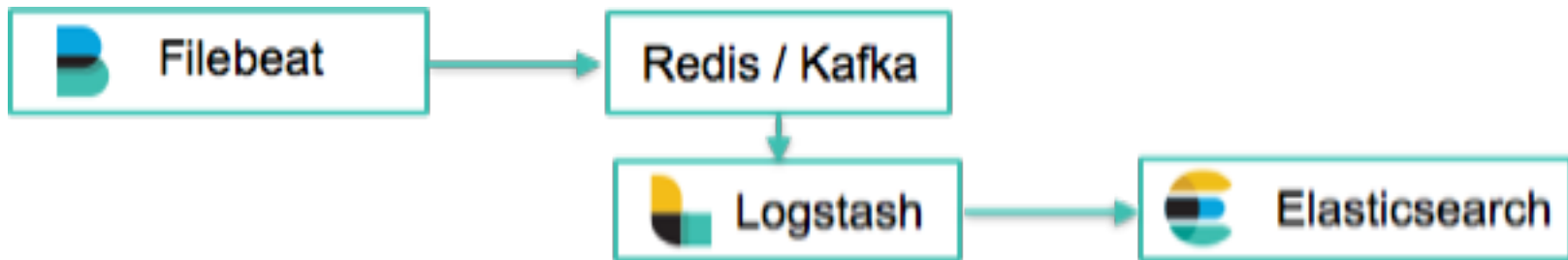
Forwards log lines to  
Elasticsearch

```
2016/02/09 21:20:42.414572 client.go:257: WARN Can not index event (status=400):
2 105 110 103 95 101 120 99 101 112 116 105 111 110 34 44 34 114 101 97 115 111 1
16 104 32 102 97 105 108 117 114 101 115 32 123 91 109 97 112 112 101 114 32 91 1
2 32 100 105 102 102 101 114 101 110 116 32 116 121 112 101 44 32 99 117 114 114
114 103 101 100 95 116 121 112 101 32 91 100 111 117 98 108 101 93 93 125 34 125]
2016/02/09 21:20:42.414805 single.go:135: DBG send completed
2016/02/09 21:20:42.414833 output.go:87: DBG output worker: publish 50 events
2016/02/09 21:20:42.416692 bulkapi.go:131: DBG Sending bulk request to http://lo
2016/02/09 21:20:42.427488 single.go:135: DBG send completed
2016/02/09 21:20:42.427526 output.go:87: DBG output worker: publish 50 events
2016/02/09 21:20:42.429343 bulkapi.go:131: DBG Sending bulk request to http://lo
2016/02/09 21:20:42.472419 client.go:257: WARN Can not index event (status=400):
2 105 110 103 95 101 120 99 101 112 116 105 111 110 34 44 34 114 101 97 115 111 1
16 104 32 102 97 105 108 117 114 101 115 32 123 91 109 97 112 112 101 114 32 91 1
114 101 110 116 32 116 121 112 101 44 32 99 117 114 114 101 110 116 95 116 121 1
121 112 101 32 91 100 111 117 98 108 101 93 93 125 34 125]
2016/02/09 21:20:42.472656 single.go:135: DBG send completed
2016/02/09 21:20:42.472679 output.go:87: DBG output worker: publish 50 events
2016/02/09 21:20:42.474100 bulkapi.go:131: DBG Sending bulk request to http://lo
2016/02/09 21:20:42.482476 single.go:135: DBG send completed
2016/02/09 21:20:42.482513 output.go:87: DBG output worker: publish 50 events
2016/02/09 21:20:42.484328 bulkapi.go:131: DBG Sending bulk request to http://lo
2016/02/09 21:20:42.499058 single.go:135: DBG send completed
2016/02/09 21:20:42.499152 output.go:87: DBG output worker: publish 50 events
2016/02/09 21:20:42.503488 bulkapi.go:131: DBG Sending bulk request to http://lo
2016/02/09 21:20:42.520429 single.go:135: DBG send completed
2016/02/09 21:20:42.520605 output.go:87: DBG output worker: publish 50 events
2016/02/09 21:20:42.522417 bulkapi.go:131: DBG Sending bulk request to http://lo
2016/02/09 21:20:42.537352 single.go:135: DBG send completed
2016/02/09 21:20:42.885891 output.go:87: DBG output worker: publish 22 events
2016/02/09 21:20:42.886780 bulkapi.go:131: DBG Sending bulk request to http://lo
2016/02/09 21:20:42.894049 single.go:135: DBG send completed
^C2016/02/09 21:20:47.311827 service.go:30: DBG Received sigterm/sigint, stoppin
2016/02/09 21:20:47.311844 beat.go:300: INFO Start exiting beat
2016/02/09 21:20:47.311852 beat.go:275: INFO Stopping Beat
2016/02/09 21:20:47.311862 beat.go:283: INFO Cleaning up topbeat before shutting
2016/02/09 21:20:47.311868 beat.go:139: INFO Exit beat completed
```

# Beats: Filebeat

A more lightweight log shipper

- **Multiline**
- **Support Generic filtering**  
Flexibly reduce the amount of data sent of the wire and stored
- **Support Kafka/Redis**
- **Decode JSON from log lines**
- **Integration with IngestNode**  
Set “pipelineparameter” in the Elasticsearch output config





**DEMO?**

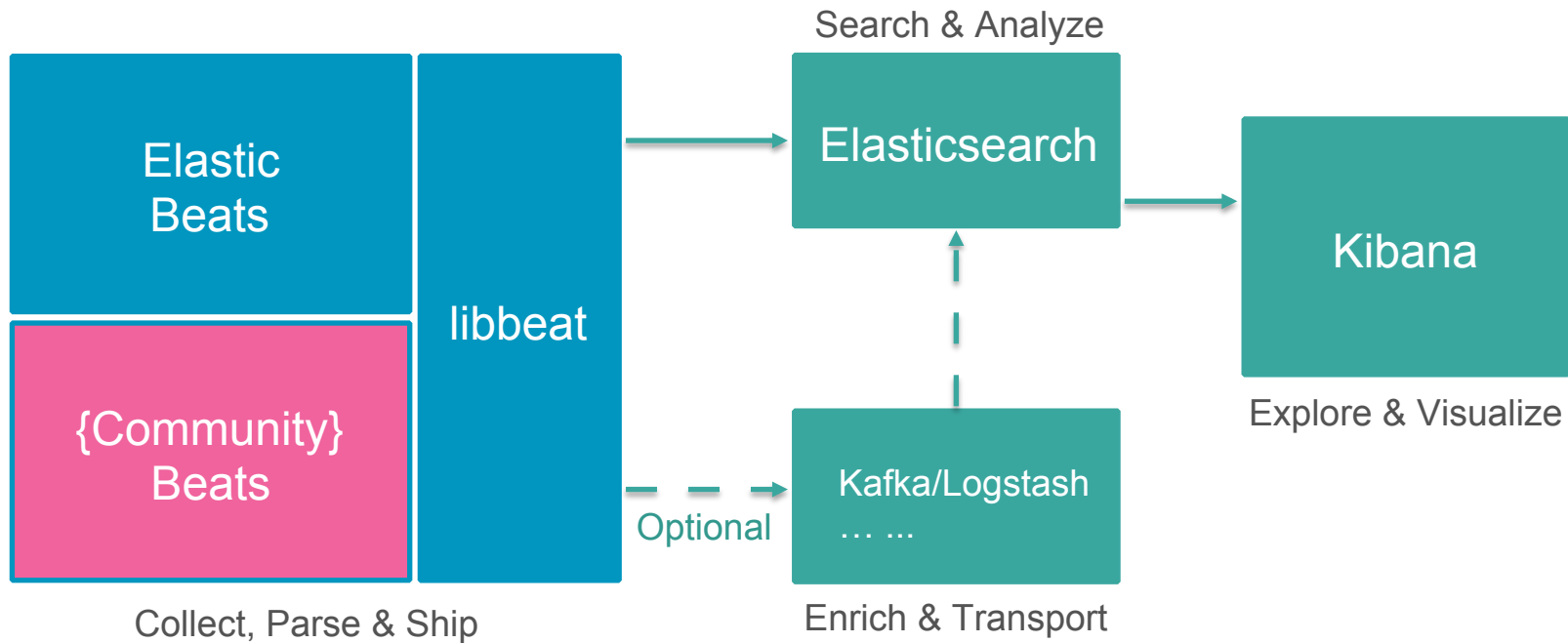
# Extending Beats

General Beat

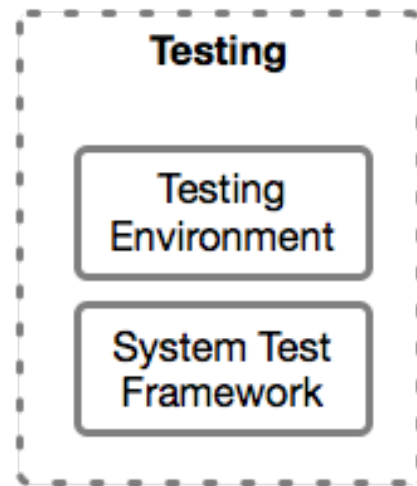
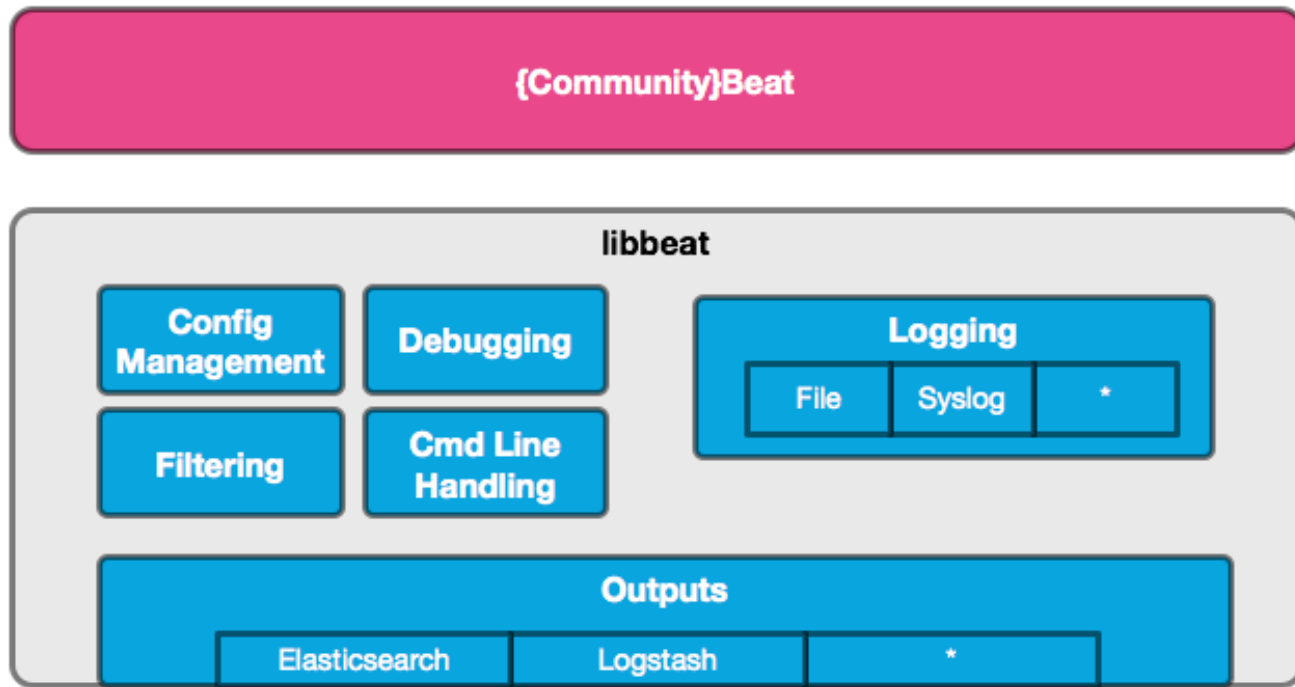
Packetbeat protocol

MetricBeat metricset

# How beats works?



# Architecture Overview - libbeat



# Beat generator

Quickly get started with the development of a new Beat

```
$ pip install cookiecutter
```

```
...
```

```
project_name [Examplebeat]: Mybeat  
github_name [your-github-name]: tsg  
beat [examplebeat]: mybeat  
beat_path [github.com/your-github-name]: github.com/tsg  
full_name [Firstname Lastname]: Tudor Golubenco
```

<http://github.com/elastic/beats/generate>

# Extending Metricbeat

- Create your own metricbeat
  - Step 0
    - `pip install cookiecutter`
  - Step 1
    - `git clone https://github.com/elastic/beats $GOPATH/src/github.com/elastic/beats`
  - Step 2
    - `cookiecutter $GOPATH/src/github.com/elastic/beats/generate/metricbeat/metricset`
  - Step 3
    - `make setup`
- OR extending Metricbeat: `cd beats/metricbeat && make create-metricset`



# How Metricbeat/General beats extending works?

- Metricbeat
  - Module(Nginx/System/...)
  - Fetch
  - Parse
    - » Store
- General beats
  - Community Beat (Nginxbeat/Dockerbeat/ ....)
  - Fetch
  - Parse
    - » Store

**PULL the data**

# Packetbeat?

Listen to the data



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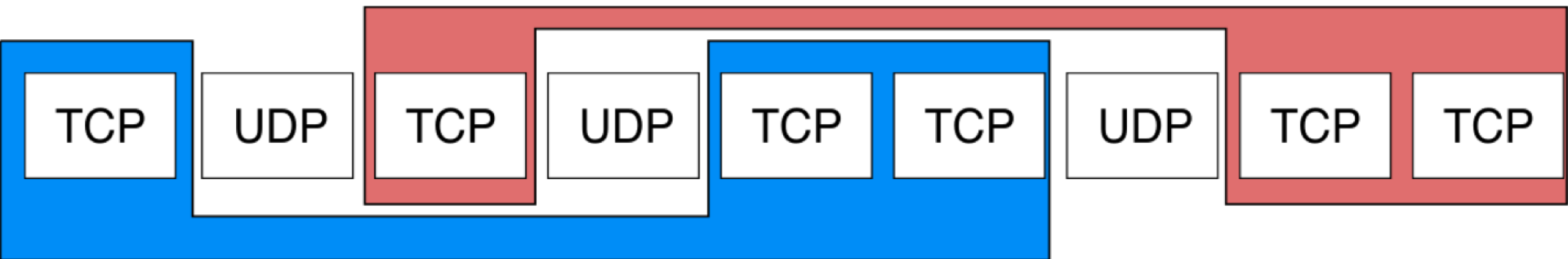
说好不聊耳机，还来？



## **How to extend Packetbeat?**

# Decode, TCP is hard!

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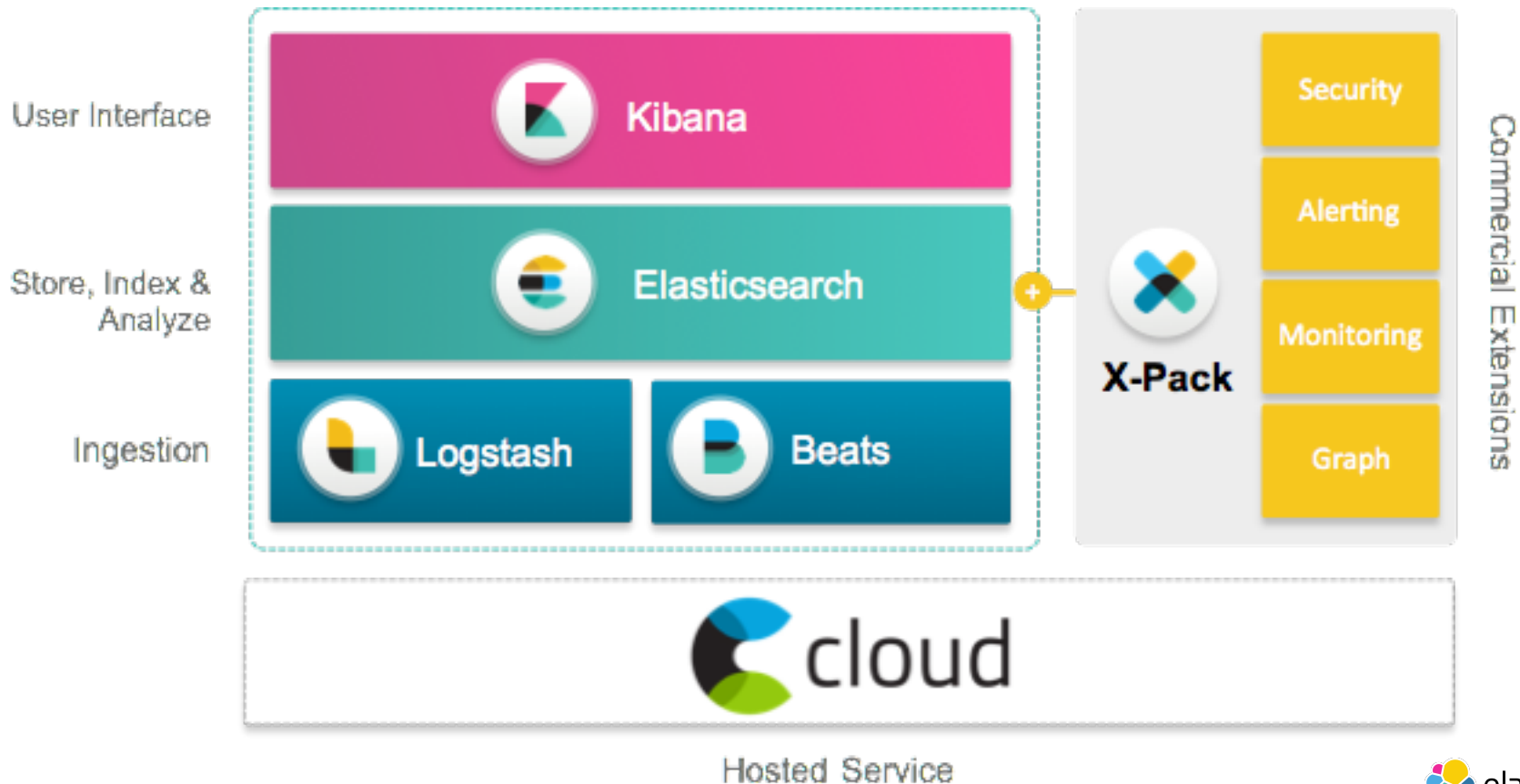


**Let's DIY a Cassandra protocol**

# Common issue

- **packetbeat.interfaces.device:** any
  - CRIT Exiting: Initializing sniffer failed: Error creating decoder: Unsupported link type: UnknownLinkType(12)

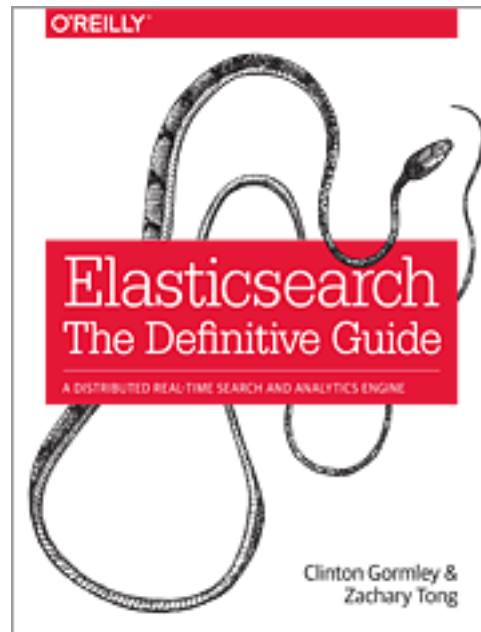
# The “Elastic Stack”



# Community

- 源码 & Issue: <http://github.com/elastic/>
- 中文社区: <http://elasticsearch.cn>
- 官方 QQ 群: 190605846

ES权威指南翻译中, 欢迎志愿者加入!  
[https://github.com/elasticsearch-cn/  
elasticsearch-definitive-guide](https://github.com/elasticsearch-cn/elasticsearch-definitive-guide)





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**Thanks**