

# Securing Hadoop with OSSEC

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# Outline

- Hadoop Security
- OSSEC in a Nutshell
- OSSEC for Hadoop
- Security Event Analysis
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# Hadoop Security

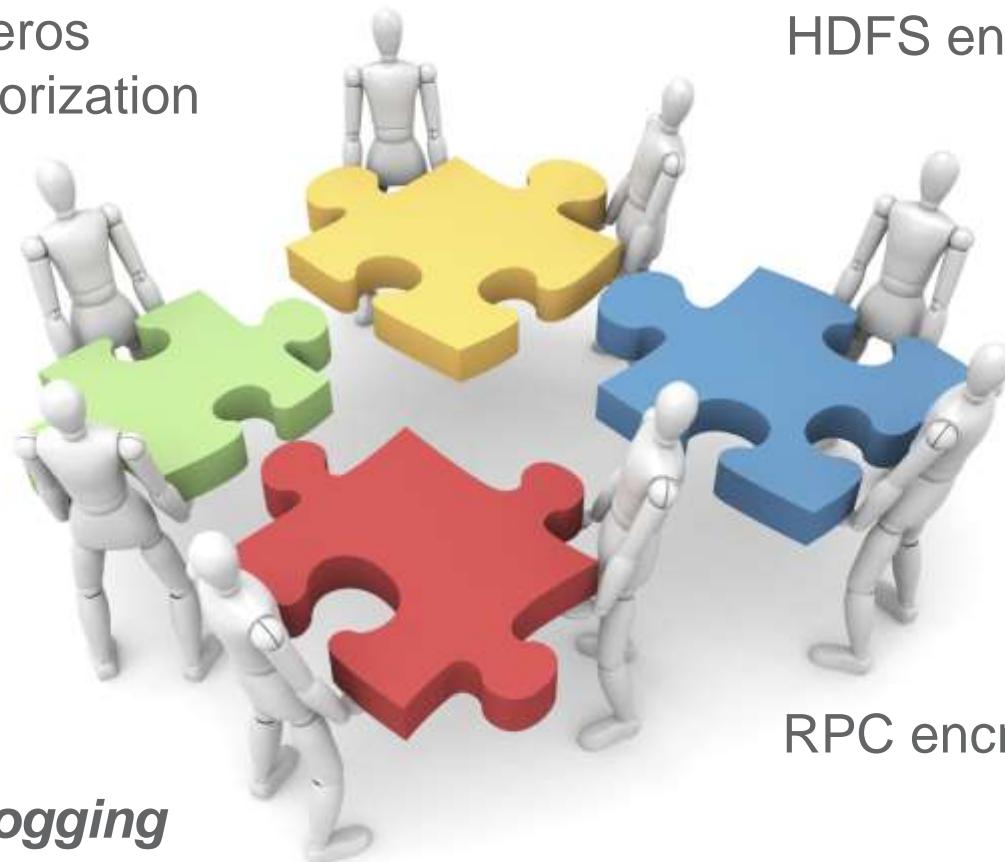
# Hadoop Security

Kerberos  
User Authorization

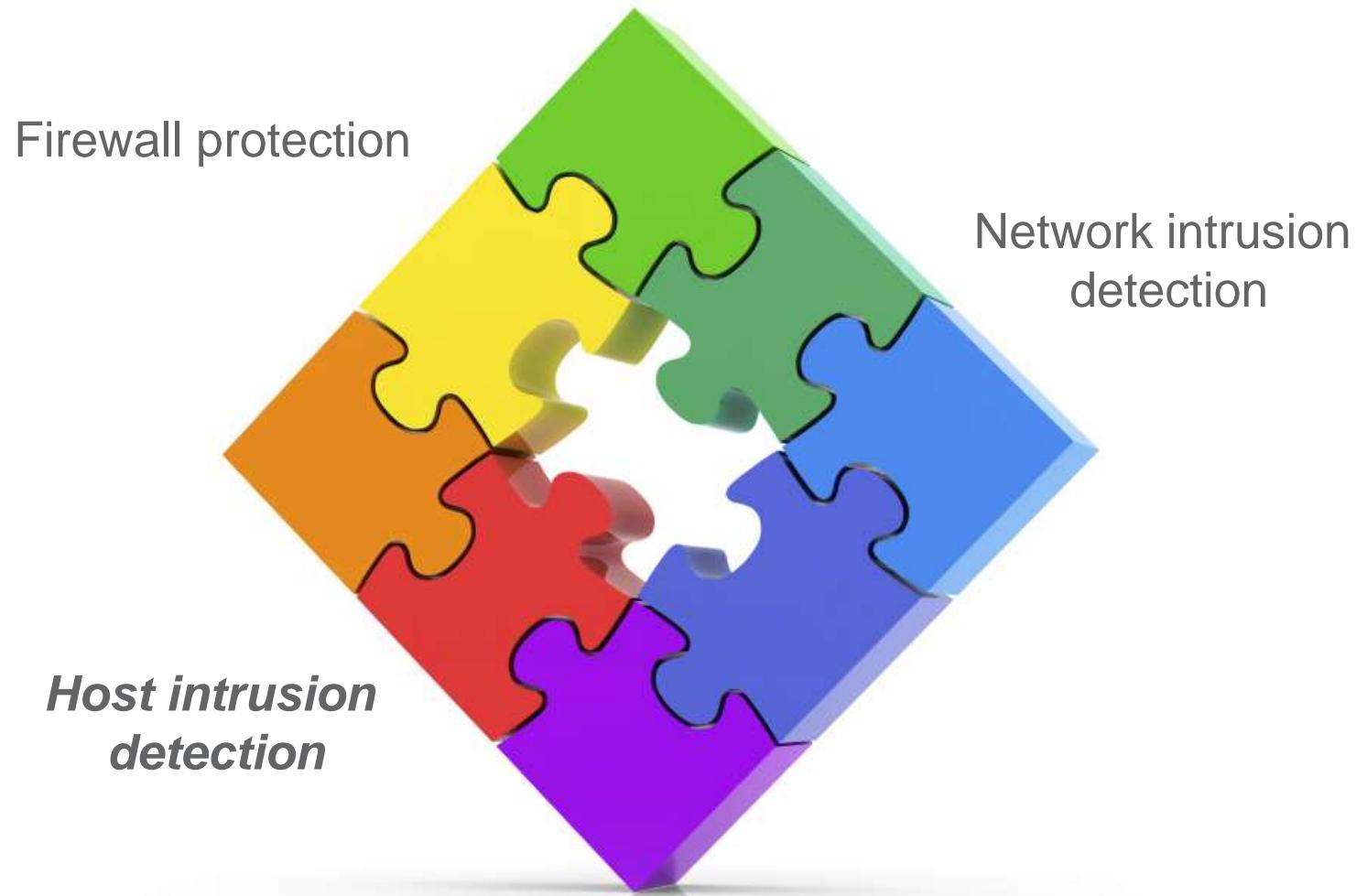
HDFS encryption

RPC encryption

*Extensive Logging*



# Missing Pieces



# Why Use Host Intrusion Detection?



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*To get visibility into your  
system's security events*

# Security Events To Look For

Root logins to nodes

Kerberos ticket granting

Failed HDFS operations

HBase REST requests

HBase logins



*There are more to be added ...*

# OSSEC in a Nutshell

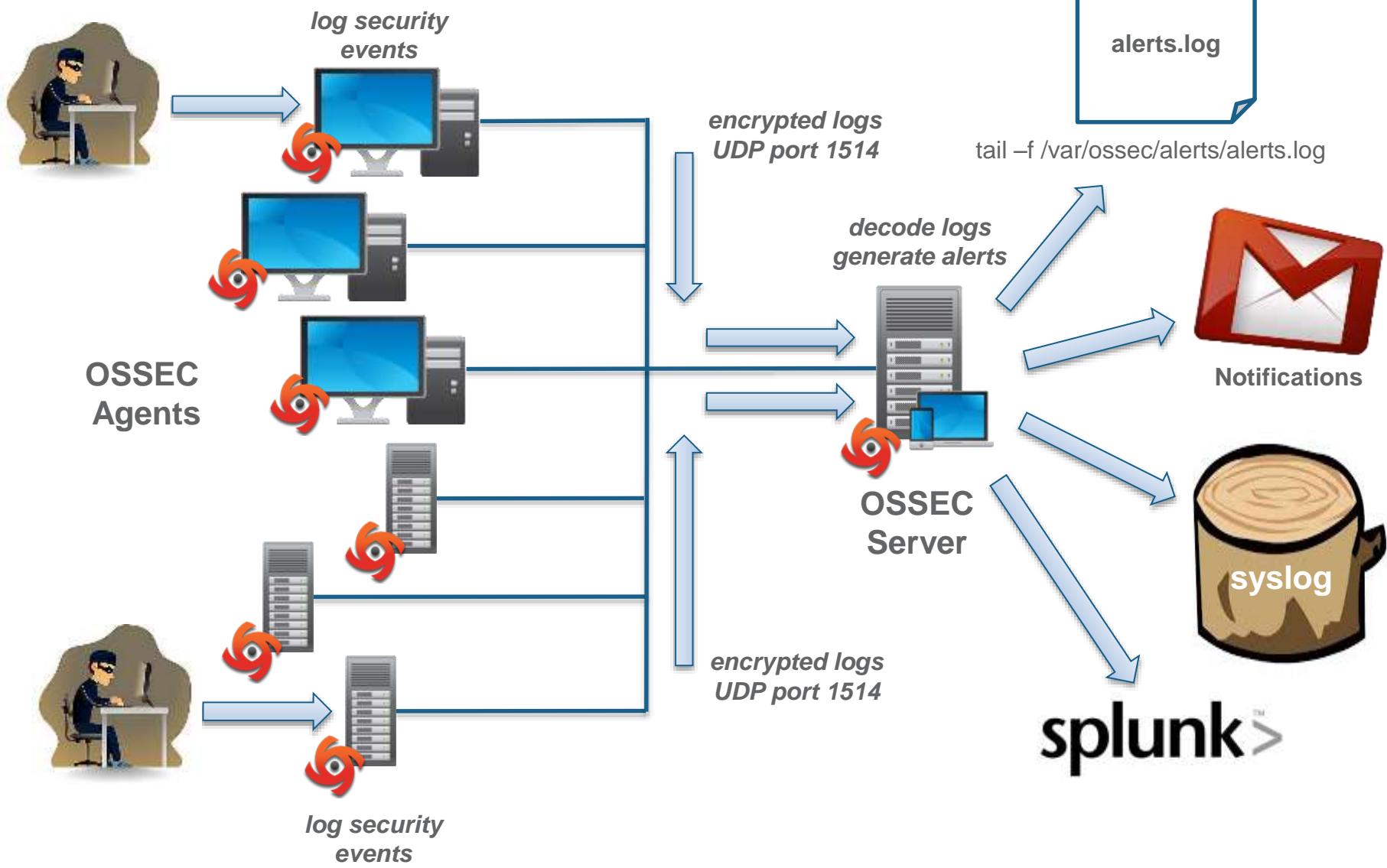
# What is OSSEC ?

- Open Source SECurity
- Open Source Host-based Intrusion Detection System
- Monitors important system files and logs for signs of intrusion – file changes, log entries, etc.
- Provides protection for Windows, Linux, Mac OS, Solaris and many other \*nix systems
- <http://www.ossec.net>
- Founded by Daniel Cid
- Managed by JB Cheng and Vic Hargrave
- Sponsored by Trend Micro

# OSSEC Capabilities

- Log monitoring and analysis
- File integrity checking (Unix and Windows)
- Registry integrity checking (Windows)
- Host-based anomaly detection (for Unix – rootkit detection)
- Active Response

# OSSEC In Action



# OSSEC Downloads

- Source packages and virtual appliance
  - [http://www.ossec.net/?page\\_id=19](http://www.ossec.net/?page_id=19)
- RPM packages
  - <http://www.atomicorp.com/channels/atomic/>
- DEB packages
  - (Unofficial) <https://launchpad.net/~nicolas-zin/+archive/ossec-ubuntu>
  - Official packages coming soon...

# Installing OSSEC

1. Install server and agents
  - Default location `/var/ossec`
2. Register agent IPs and get agent keys\* from server
  - `/var/ossec/bin/manage_agents`
3. Connect each agent to server
  - Install key on agent – `/var/ossec/bin/manage_agents`
  - Restart agent – `/var/ossec/bin/ossec-control restart`
4. Restart server
  - `/var/ossec/bin/ossec-control restart`
5. Check agents are connected
  - `/var/ossec/bin/agent_control -l`

\*Used for agent authentication  
and log transfer encryption

# Configuring OSSEC

1. Configure `/var/ossec/etc/ossec.conf` on the OSSEC agents
  - Add files to check for changes
  - Add logs to monitor and parse
2. Add decoders to `/var/ossec/etc/local_decoders.xml` to parse logs and decode fields
3. Add rules to `/var/ossec/rules/local_rules.xml` to generate alerts according to decoded fields
4. Test decoders and rules, repeating steps 1 – 4
  - `/var/ossec/bin/ossec-logtest`
5. Restart agents and server

# OSSEC for Hadoop

# Configure File Integrity Checking

- We want to know if and when Hadoop and HBase configuration and JAR files are changed
- Out of the box OSSEC checks all directories and files in /etc, /usr/bin and /usr/sbin so you are all set to go if your Hadoop and HBase config files are there
- Otherwise add the config locations to ossec.conf on each node:

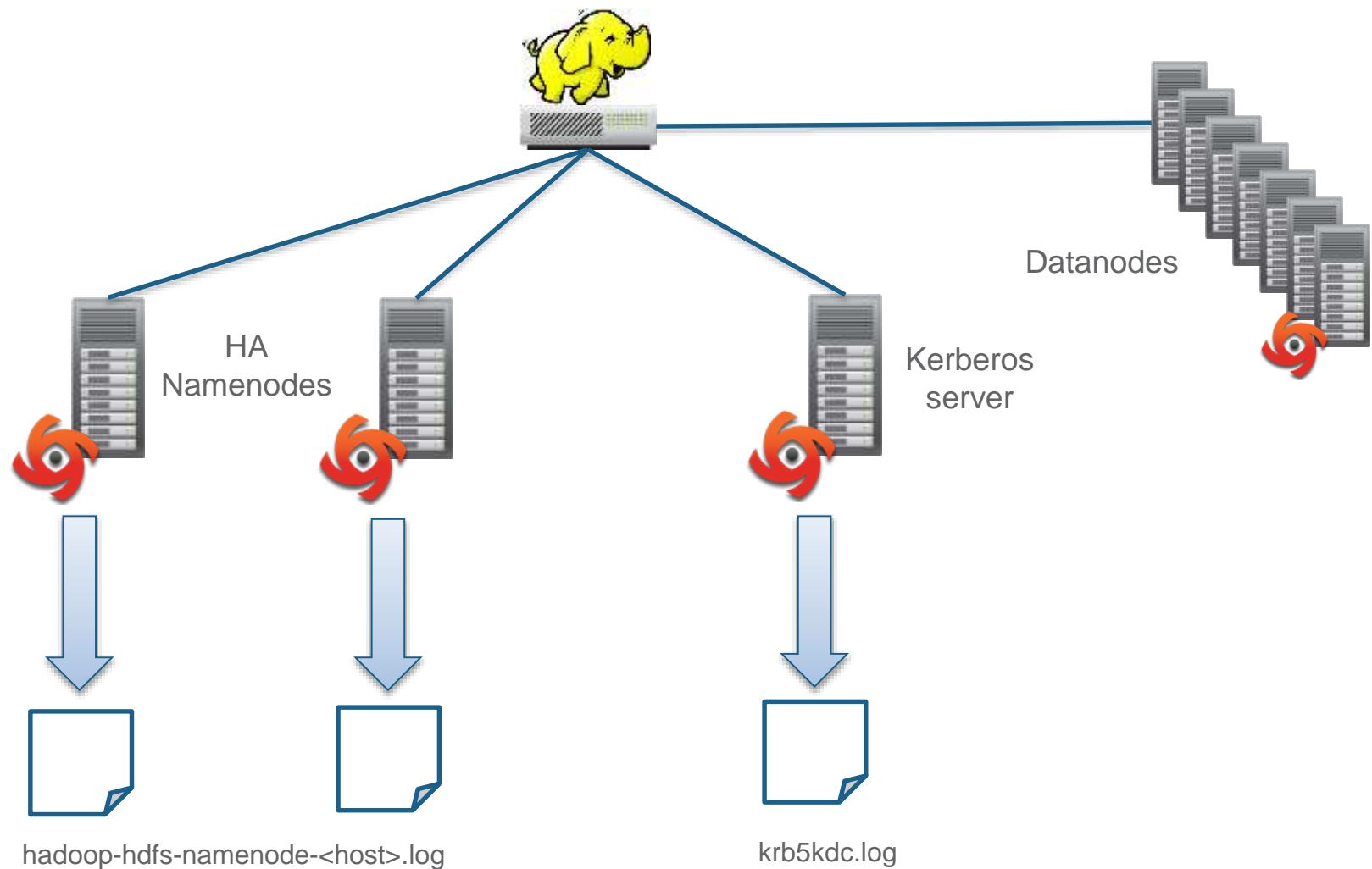
```
<syscheck>
...
<directories check_all="yes">/etc,/usr/bin,/usr/sbin</directories>
<directories check_all="yes">/hadoop/conf</directories>
...
</syscheck>
```

# Configure Real-Time Integrity Checking

```
<syscheck>
...
<directories realtime="yes" check_all="yes">/etc,/usr/bin,/usr/sbin
</directories>
<directories realtime="yes" check_all="yes">/hadoop/conf
</directories>

<alert_new_files>yes</alert_new_files>
...
</syscheck>
```

# Select Hadoop Logs to Monitor



# Add Namenode Log to ossec.conf

```
<ossec_config>
...
<localfile>
  <log_format>syslog</log_format>
  <location>/var/log/hadoop-hdfs/hadoop-hdfs-namenode-HOST.log
  </location>
</localfile>
...
</ossec_config>
```

# Add Namenode Decoder to local\_decoder.xml

```
<decoder name="hadoop">
  <prematch>org.apache.hadoop</prematch>
</decoder>

<decoder name="hdfs-auth-fail">
  <parent>hadoop</parent>
  <prematch>org.apache.hadoop.security.UserGroupInformation: </prematch>
  <regex>\S+ (\S+) as:(\S+) \S+ \S+ (\S+ \w+): \.+</regex>
  <order>extra_data,user,status</order>
</decoder>
```

# Add Namenode Rule to local\_rules.xml

```
<group name="hadoop">
...
<rule id="700000" level="0">
  <decoded_as>hadoop</decoded_as>
  <description>Hadoop alert rules</description>
</rule>

<rule id="700002" level="10">
  <if_sid>700000</if_sid>
  <match>PrivilegedActionException</match>
  <description>HDFS user permission denied</description>
</rule>
...
</group>
```

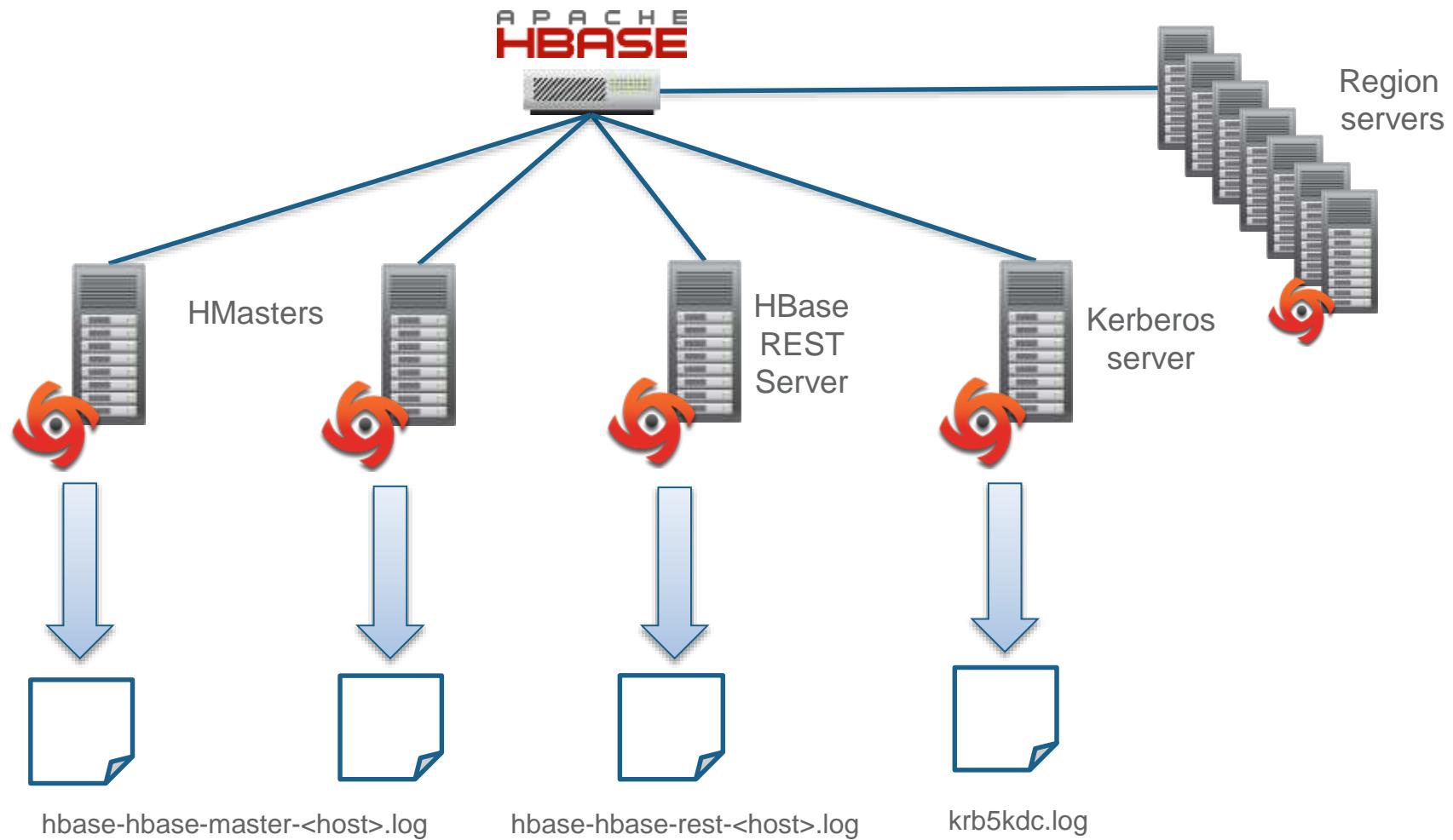
# Alert Looks Like This

```
$ tail -f /var/log/alerts/alerts.log
```

```
** Alert 1379976873.84037: mail - hadoop
2013 Sep 23 15:54:33 (HOST) XX->/var/log/hadoop-hdfs/hadoop-hdfs-namenode-HOST.log
Rule: 700002 (level 10) -> 'HDFS user permission denied'
User: vic@XX.ORG
2013-09-23 15:54:31,825 ERROR org.apache.hadoop.security.UserGroupInformation:
PrivilegedActionException as:vic@XX.ORG (auth:KERBEROS)
cause:org.apache.hadoop.security.AccessControlException: Permission denied: user=vic, access=WRITE,
inode="/user/user":user:supergroup:drwxr-xr-x
```

XX – anonymous IP or domain name

# Select HBase Logs to Monitor



# Add HMaster Log to ossec.conf

```
<ossec_config>
...
<localfile>
  <log_format>syslog</log_format>
  <location>/var/log/hbase/hbase-hbase-master-HOST.log</location>
</localfile>
...
</ossec_config>
```

# Add HMaster Decoder to local\_decoder.xml

```
<!-- NOTE: Uses the same parent rule "hadoop" as specified before -->

<decoder name="hbase-auth-success">
  <parent>hadoop</parent>
  <prematch>org.apache.hadoop.hbase.ipc.SecureServer: </prematch>
  <regex>\.+: (\.+) org\.\+-\(\S+\) \.+</regex>
  <order>status,user</order>
</decoder>
```

# Add HMaster Rule to local\_rules.xml

```
<group name="hadoop">
...
<rule id="700001" level="3">
  <if_sid>700000</if_sid>
  <match>Successfully authorized</match>
  <description>HBase user authorized</description>
</rule>
...
</group>
```

# Alert Looks Like This

```
$ tail -f /var/log/alerts/alerts.log
```

```
** Alert 1379976182.79643: - hadoop
```

```
2013 Sep 23 15:43:02 (HOST) XX->/var/log/hbase/hbase-hbase-master-HOST.log
```

```
Rule: 700001 (level 3) -> 'HBase user authorized'
```

```
User: vic@XX.ORG
```

```
2013-09-23 15:43:02,059 DEBUG org.apache.hadoop.hbase.ipc.SecureServer: Successfully authorized  
org.apache.hadoop.hbase.ipc.HMasterInterface-vic@XX.ORG (auth:SIMPLE)
```

XX – anonymous IP or domain  
name

# Security Event Analysis

# Security Event Capture

- *tail -f /var/ossec/logs/alerts/alerts.log*
  - OK for a look-see but not practical for most systems
- Send alerts to ancillary system via syslog
- Splunk for OSSEC
  - Free and open source application built on top of Splunk
  - Provides agent management, alert search and security trend dashboards
  - Receives OSSEC alerts via syslog or reads the alerts.log file directly when Splunk and OSSEC server are deployed on the same system

# Configure Syslog Output

```
<ossec_config>
...
<!-- Send syslog output to remote (syslog) server -->
<syslog_output>
  <server>10.0.0.1</server>
  <port>9000</port>
  <format>default</format>
</syslog_output>

<!-- Send syslog output to local syslog server -->
<syslog_output>
  <server>127.0.0.1</server>
  <port>514</port>
  <format>default</format>
</syslog_output>

...
</ossec_config>
```

# Enable Syslog Output

```
# /var/ossec/bin/ossec-control enable client-syslog  
# /var/ossec/bin/ossec-control start
```

## Search

Smart Mode ▾

hbase OR ERROR

Last 60 minutes ▾



✓ 3 matching events

 Hide  Zoom out  Zoom to selection  Deselect

Linear scale ▾ 1 bar = 1 minute

2 Sep 26, 2013 10:09 AM

Sep 26, 2013 11:10 AM 2

1 0 events at 10:11 AM Thursday, September 26, 2013

1

Thu Sep 26  
2013

1 hour 1 minute

 Hide

3 events from 10:09:00 AM to 11:09:03 AM on Thursday, September 26, 2013



10 per page ▾

## 3 selected fields

Edit

 host(1) source(1) sourcetype(1)

## 23 interesting fields

 access(1) action(3) eventtype(2) index(1) inode(1)

# linecount(2)

 message(3) ossec\_group(2) ossec\_group\_list(2) ossec\_server(1) punct(3)

1	9/26/13 10:43:25.000 AM	** Alert 1380217405.50789: mail - hadoop 2013 Sep 26 10:43:25 (r5-9-37) [REDACTED] ->/var/log/hadoop-hdfs/hadoop-hdfs-namenode-r5-9-37.log Rule: 700002 (level 10) -> 'HDFS user permission denied' User: vic@[REDACTED].ORG 2013-09-26 10:43:25,080 ERROR org.apache.hadoop.security.UserGroupInformation: PrivilegedActionException as:vic@[REDACTED].ORG (auth:KERBEROS) cause:org.apache.hadoop.security.AccessControlException: Permission denied: user=vic, access=WRITE, inode="/user/user":user:supergroup:drwxr-xr-x host=r5-8-07   sourcetype=ossec_alerts   source=/var/ossec/logs/alerts/alerts.log			
2	9/26/13 10:42:15.000 AM	** Alert 1380217335.48932: - hadoop 2013 Sep 26 10:42:15 (r5-9-37) [REDACTED] ->/var/log/hbase/hbase-hbase-master-r5-9-37.log Rule: 700001 (level 3) -> 'HBase user authorized' User: vic@[REDACTED].ORG 2013-09-26 10:42:13,353 DEBUG org.apache.hadoop.hbase.ipc.SecureServer: Successfully authorized org.apache.hadoop.hbase.ipc.HMasterInterface-vic@[REDACTED].ORG (auth:SIMPLE) host=r5-8-07   sourcetype=ossec_alerts   source=/var/ossec/logs/alerts/alerts.log			
3	9/26/13 10:42:14.000 AM	** Alert 1380217334.48447: - kerberos 2013 Sep 26 10:42:14 (r5-6-02) [REDACTED] ->/var/log/krb5kdc.log Rule: 700012 (level 3) -> 'Kerberos ticket granting service request' Src IP: [REDACTED] User: vic@[REDACTED].ORG			

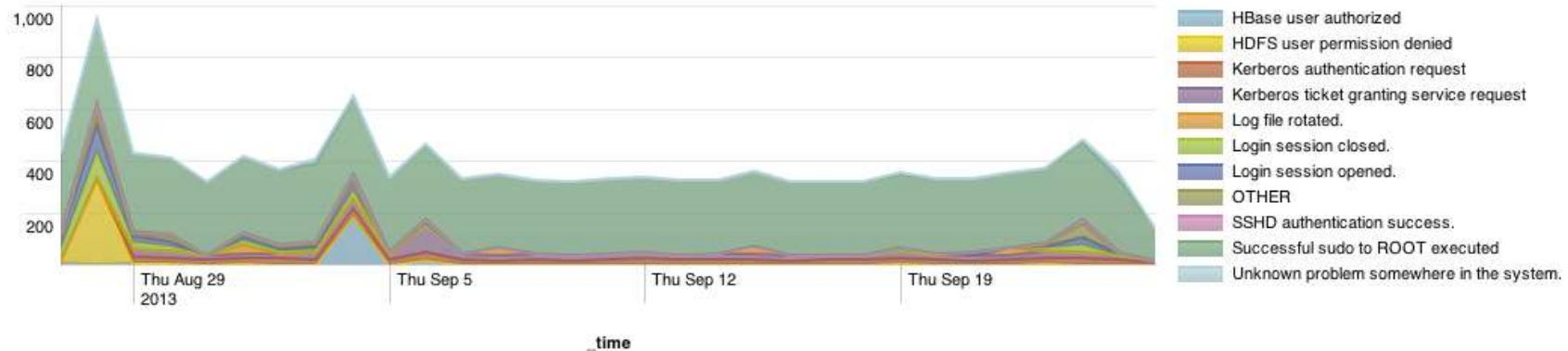
OSSEC Dashboard | Actions ▾

OSSEC Server

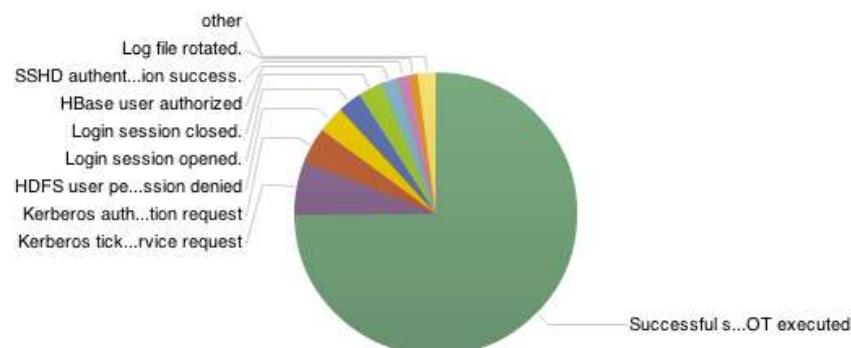
All OSSEC Servers ▾

Last 30 days ▾

## OSSEC - Top Signatures Over Time



## OSSEC - Top Signatures



signature	count
Successful sudo to ROOT executed	8888
Kerberos ticket granting service request	736
Kerberos authentication request	486
HDFS user permission denied	366
Login session opened.	329
Login session closed.	323
HBase user authorized	219
SSHD authentication success.	166
Log file rotated.	122
Unknown problem somewhere in the system.	75

# Summing Up

# Benefits of OSSEC

- Provides visibility into your Hadoop and HBase cluster security events
- Tracks system activity – use and abuse
- Free and open source
- Easy to deploy and customize
- Large community of users and developers that share their rules, code and other findings

## There's More to Be Done...

- Improve coverage of security events for Hadoop and HBase
- Additional coverage for other Hadoop facilities – MapReduce, Pig, etc.
- Add rules for new vulnerabilities as they are announced

# OSSEC Resources

- OSSEC
  - OSSEC downloads – [http://www.ossec.net/?page\\_id=19](http://www.ossec.net/?page_id=19)
  - OSSEC documentation – <http://www.ossec.net/doc/>
  - OSSEC user group – [http://www.ossec.net/?page\\_id=21#ossec-list](http://www.ossec.net/?page_id=21#ossec-list)
- OSSEC Book
  - [Instant OSSEC Host-based Intrusion Detection System](#) by Brad Lhotsky
- Splunk for OSSEC
  - Application site – <http://www.splunkbase.com/app/300/>
  - Splunk + OSSEC Integration – <http://www.ossec.net/?p=402>
- OSSEC Log Management with Elasticsearch
  - <http://vichargrave.com/ossec-log-management-with-elasticsearch/>

# Thanks for Attending!

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