

How sipgate Uses Debian And Other Open Source Software

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Telefonie für zu Hause, unterwegs und das Büro.



Der kostenlose
Telefonanschluss

sipgate basic



Mobilfunk
mit Superkräften

simquadrat



Die Telefonanlage
in der Cloud

sipgate team



Mobilfunk
für Unternehmen

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SIP-Trunk für
Ihre Telefonanlage

sipgate trunking



Die Echtzeit-API für
Anrufverarbeitung

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VoIP telephone services for your home and office



Your Residential
Phone Service

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Your Phone Service
in the Cloud

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SIP Trunking
for your PBX

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sipgate Real-time
Telephony API

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Technical Facts

- ~700 servers
 - ~250 are bare metal (mostly telephony-related, databases, virtualisation, infrastructure)
- all servers are Debian based
 - except those few nasty office-related services
- client systems: Apple with macOS or Lenovo Thinkpads with Ubuntu
- Windows (test) environments provided via AWS Workspaces

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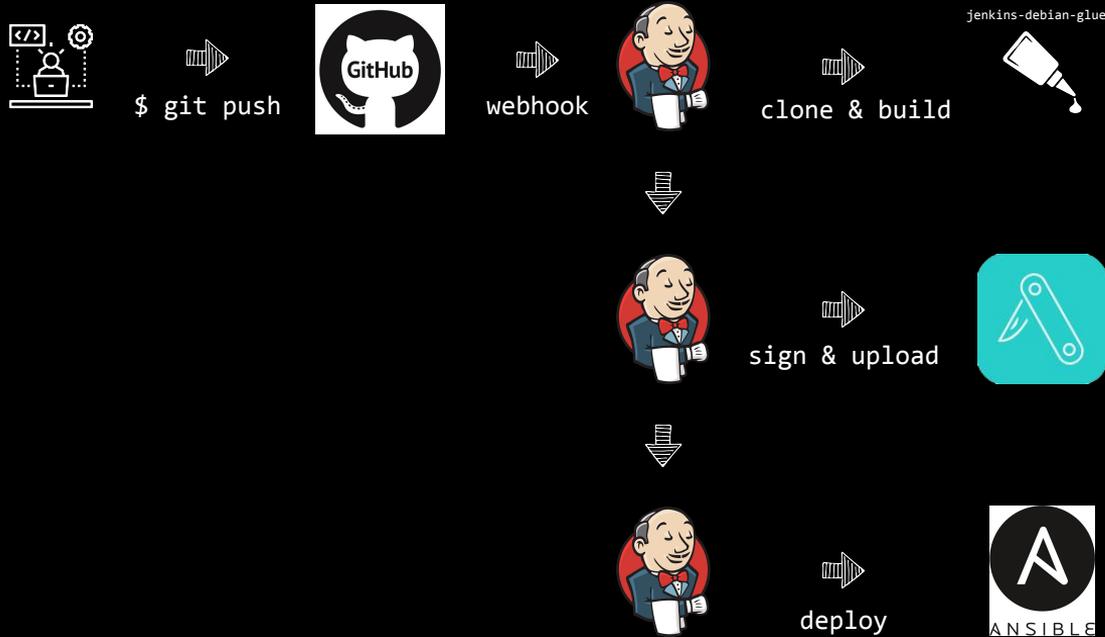
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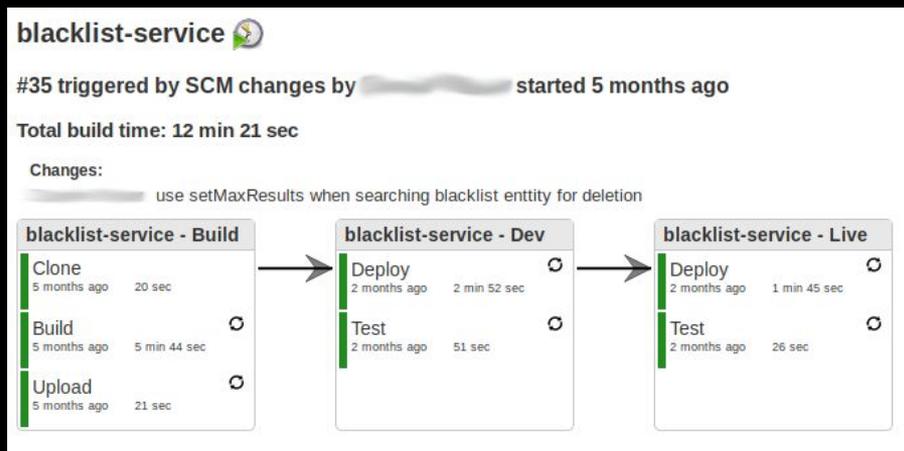
Next up

- Debian Packaging (or: How we deploy our applications)
- Unattended Upgrades (or: How we keep our systems up-to-date)
- cfssl (or: How to run your own CA)
- ganeti (or: How we play the virtualisation game)
- ELK Stack (or: How we help our colleagues access logs)

How we deploy our applications



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How we deploy our applications

Use Jenkins Job Builder:
<https://opendev.org/jjb/jenkins-job-builder/>

```
08:36:26 INFO:root:Number of jobs updated: 1661
```

```
08:36
```

```
08:36
```



How we deploy our applications

- first reprepro, later switched to aptly
 - rollback after failed deployments required multiple versions of each package
- numbers of unique packages per Debian version:
 - wheezy: 206 (1026)
 - jessie: 322 (1599)
 - stretch: 187 (728)
- sipgate's own applications, but also third-party software because
 - it is not available in Debian and no repository maintained by the author exists
 - the version available in Debian (-backports) is too old
 - we require extra patches/build flags

How we deploy our applications

- minimum Ansible version 2.7
- Ansible/Deployment Repository: ~13k commits from ~70 contributors
- 285 playbooks
- 275 roles
- 25 custom modules
- used for service deployment, server setup, local dev setups, maintenance
- Server backups? No Sir! (well, it depends)

Unattended Upgrades - why

- stay up to date
- security threats
- performance improvements
- smaller changes are better than bigger changes
- eliminate toil
 - doing repetitive task manually → mistakes

Unattended Upgrades - how

- cronjob
 - day/ night
 - day of week
- only 1 host of a host group per day
- wrapper around unattended-upgrades

Unattended Upgrades - how

- Pre-upgrade tasks
 - check for locks
 - set lock
 - set downtime in the monitoring
 - service specific maintenance tasks
 - deregister from the load balancer
 - do not accept new phone calls and wait them to finish

Unattended Upgrades - how

stretch Server unattended-upgrades02.dev.sipgate.net (unattended-upgrades evaluierung) rebootet nach unattended-upgrades und zwar um 2019-04-09 12:57:44.

Dabei wurden folgende Pakete aktualisiert:

libpam-systemd libsystemd0 libudev-dev libudev1 systemd systemd-sysv udev wget

stretch Server wlan-auth02.live.sipgate.net (WLAN Auth Service) rebootet nach unattended-upgrades und zwar um 2019-04-09 13:00:37.

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Unattended Upgrades - how

- Post-reboot tasks
 - service specific maintenance tasks
 - register at the load balancer
 - start accepting new phone calls
 - remove lock

Unattended Upgrades

- 4670 reboots via unattended upgrades between October 2018 - May 2019
 - ~ 583 reboots/month
 - ~ 19 reboots/day
- global kill switch
- legacy software
- not every package creates `/run/reboot-required`
- updated libraries do not restart services

without any impact on our platform!

How to run your own CA

- what do we need certificates for?
 - internal or development websites / services
 - backup (bacula)
 - TLS syslog (syslog-ng)
 - databases (mysql)
 - ...you name it.
- so... you do know Let's Encrypt is a thing, right?
 - yes, but we cannot use any of the available validation challenges
- but LE is open source, why not use that?
 - open source, but not ready for "home use"
 - essentially a wrapper around cfssl which adds registration/validation. Do we need that?
 - <https://github.com/cloudflare/cfssl>



How to run your own CA

- basic assumptions
 - our root CA lives offline and runs for a very long time (e.g. 100 years)
 - we use intermediate online CAs for signing, which are valid for one year
 - certificates are only valid for three months (or: until the intermediate CA expires)
 - the CA only issues certificates for a known set of domain names
 - certificates must be renewed automatically (along with service restart/reload)
 - the root CA will be auto-deployed to all relevant systems/keystores (linux servers, workstations, java keystores, macOS clients etc.)
 - all services need to ship the current intermediate CA along with the certificate

How to run your own CA



Clients



traefik (generic internal service loadbalancer)
consul node



nginx (handling TLS & static file delivery)
cfssl API backend
consul node



PostgreSQL DB

How to run your own CA

- how does my \$service receive a certificate + auto-renewal?

```
- name: Deploy $service certificate config
```

```
  include: service_certificate.yml
```

```
  vars:
```

```
    service_name: $service
```

```
    service_certificate_fqdn: "{{ inventory_hostname }}"
```

```
    service_certificate_restart_cmd: "service $service restart"
```

How to run your own CA

- lessons learned: there is no 'standard way' to provide certs/keys:
 - \$service-\$hostname-bundle-cert-key.pem
 - \$service-\$hostname-bundle-key-cert.pem
 - \$service-\$hostname-cert-bundle-key.pem
 - \$service-\$hostname-cert-key-bundle.pem
 - \$service-\$hostname-cert-key-dhparam.pem
 - \$service-\$hostname-key-bundle-cert.pem
 - \$service-\$hostname-key-cert-bundle.pem
 - \$service-\$hostname-key.pem
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 - \$service-\$hostname-cert.pem



How to run your own CA

- how does the renewal work?
 - a cronjob runs each day between 11 and 12am and checks all configured certificates
 - a certificate will be replaced 10 days ahead of expiry
 - after retrieving the new certificate, the restart/reload command will be triggered
- security aspects
 - certificates are only issued for whitelisted domains (built-in cfssl feature)
 - short-lived certificates are better than long-lived ones
 - “authentication” is only available on a network level - KISS and “good enough”
 - credentials or client certificates make things more complicated and would have to be stored on all servers and could leak

How to run your own CA

```
cfssl=> select count(*) from certificates;
count
-----
15057
(1 row)
```

How we play the virtualisation game

- Ganeti
 - cluster management tool for VMs
 - Xen, **KVM** or LXC
 - shared nothing cluster with job management
 - management: CLI or ganeti control center (webfrontend written in PHP)
 - <https://github.com/sipgate/ganeti-control-center>

How we play the virtualisation game

- three ganeti clusters with
 - 31 nodes
 - 427 instances
 - 608 physical CPU cores
 - 3.4 TB of memory
- DRBD replication to ensure instance availability
- node groups to bundle different hardware generations
- separate network for disk replication/live migration
- instance distribution: hba1/hail & exclusion tags

How we play the virtualisation game

- current state of ganeti: Google has mostly stopped active development

“Ganeti 2.16.1 was released today (yes, on April 1). This is a bugfix and compatibility release, aiming mostly at making Ganeti usable out of the box on current Linux environments. This is also the first release done outside Google, who were kind enough to grant commit access to external contributors. “

- live migration - Java applications sometimes end up in a broken state



GanetiCon 2019
18th & 19th of June
Umeå/Sweden

<https://ganeticon.org/>

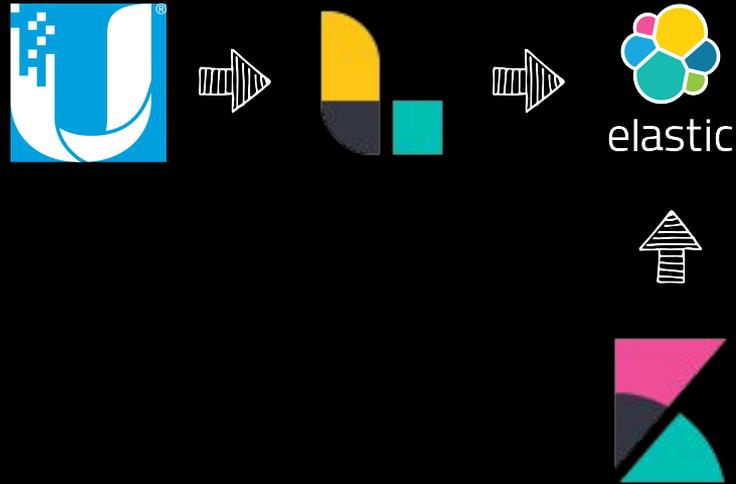


ELK-Stack

- Elasticsearch, Logstash and Kibana
- actually, there is also redis and beaver (BLERK?)



ELK-Stack



ELK-Stack: lessons learned

- if you need an elasticsearch cluster, go for many smaller nodes
- if you allocate more than 32GB memory to elasticsearch, things will actually get worse, unless you have > 48 GB of memory
 - <https://linux.m2osw.com/compressed-ordinary-object-pointers-java-64bit-jvm>
- do not retain the original message after parsing it with logstash (grok et al) unless you really need it
- consider spawning simple automated “ELK-in-a-box” setups (e.g. with Ansible) VMs instead of larger clusters to store your data
 - easier upgrade of the stack (more servers/work but less risk to break a bunch of dashboards at the same time)



ELK: Everyday Dashboard Examples



ELK-Stack: Postfix/Mail Logging

- simply forward your mail.log using beaver, filebeat etc.
- look for existing postfix grok parser configuration files
- makes it easier for e.g. customer service to debug customer mail problems

ELK-Stack: Postfix/Mail Logging

- simply forward your mail.log using beaver, filebeat etc.

Mail - Logmessages ✎ ✕

Time ▾	host	to	result	reason	remote	relayhost	relayip	dsn
▶ June 4th 2019, 15:04:20.293	██████████.net	bott@sipgate.de	sent	(250 2.0.0 OK 1559653460 l5si1940286wmj.29 - gsmtpt)	sipgate.de	ASPMXL.GOOGLE.COM	173.194.76.26	2.0.0
▶ June 4th 2019, 15:03:28.058	██████████.net	bott@sipgate.de	sent	(250 2.0.0 OK 1559653407 r6si12981947wrm.23 - gsmtpt)	sipgate.de	ASPMXL.GOOGLE.COM	74.125.133.27	2.0.0
▶ June 4th 2019, 15:00:59.050	██████████.net	bott@sipgate.de	sent	(250 2.0.0 OK 1559653259 y11si13134091wrg.455 - gsmtpt)	sipgate.de	ASPMXL.GOOGLE.COM	74.125.133.27	2.0.0
▶ June 4th 2019, 11:44:43.069	██████████.net	bott@sipgate.de	sent	(250 2.0.0 OK 1559641483 j32si6593998wre.216 - gsmtpt)	sipgate.de	ASPMXL.GOOGLE.COM	64.233.166.26	2.0.0
▶ June 4th 2019, 11:43:44.424	██████████.net	bott@sipgate.de	sent	(250 2.0.0 OK 1559641424 r13si11035502wrw.371 - gsmtpt)	sipgate.de	ASPMXL.GOOGLE.COM	64.233.166.26	2.0.0



ELK-Stack: DHCP Dashboard

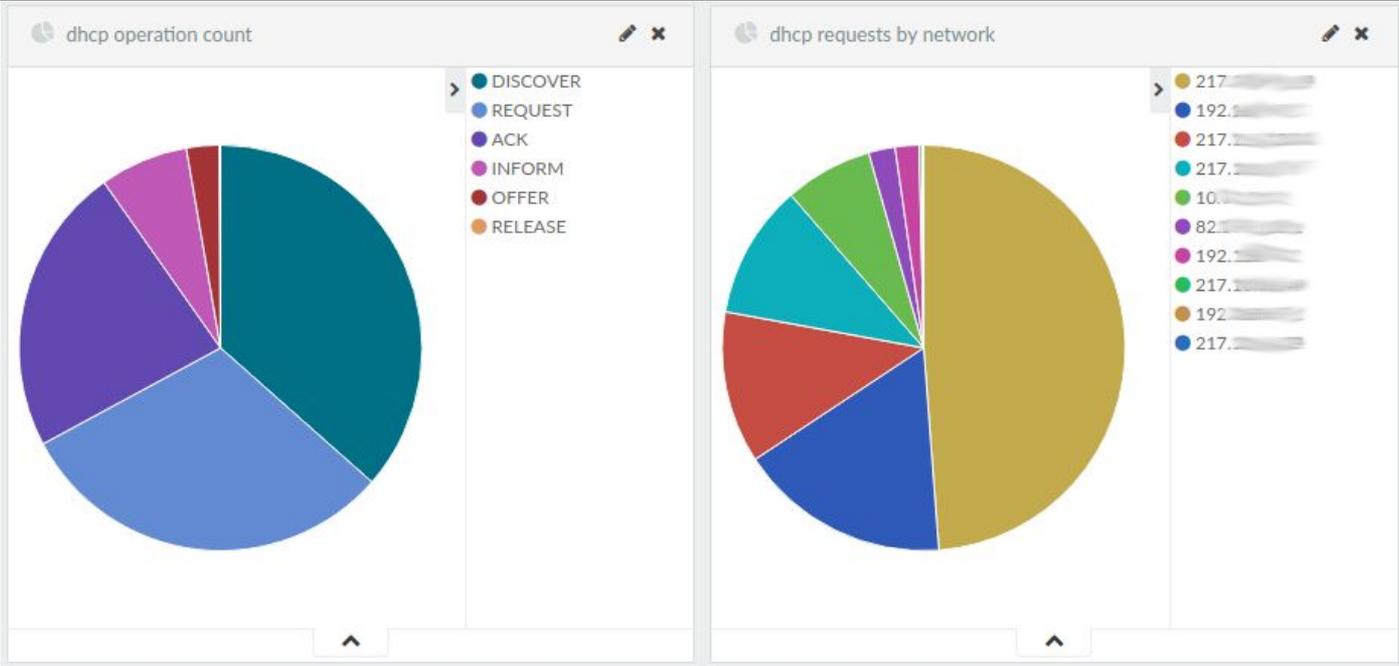
- isc-dhcpd logs to syslog only
- use (e.g.) syslog-ng to redirect dhcpd logging to a separate file:

```
destination df_dhcpd { file("/var/log/dhcpd/dhcpd.log" group(adm) perm(0640) ); };
filter f_dhcpd {
    program("dhcpd");
};
log {
    source(s_all);
    filter(f_dhcpd);
    destination(df_dhcpd);
};
```

ELK-Stack: DHCP Dashboard

- isc-dhcpd
- use

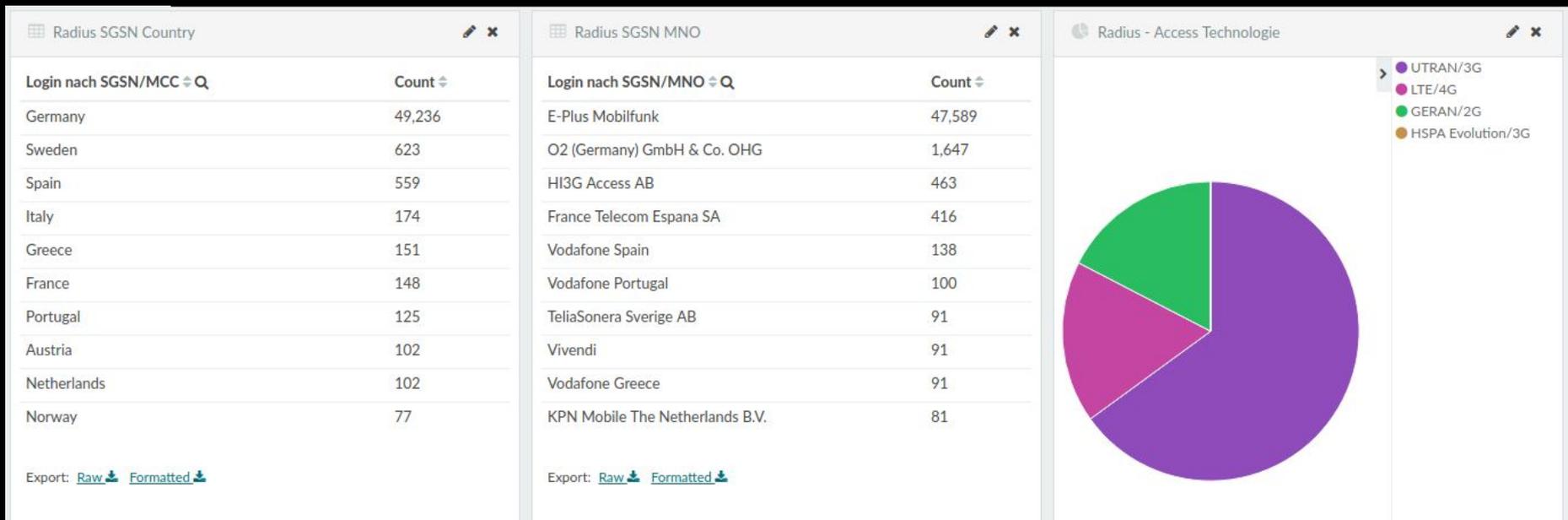
```
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filter f_d  
program  
};  
log {  
so  
fi  
de  
};
```



ELK-Stack: Radius Dashboard

- freeradius does not log very line-by-line-parser-friendly
- it offers the `line1og` module which is able to log any request field to a separate logfile
- add the information you need and use logstash's CSV filter

ELK-Stack: Radius Dashboard



ELK-Stack: Firewall Logging

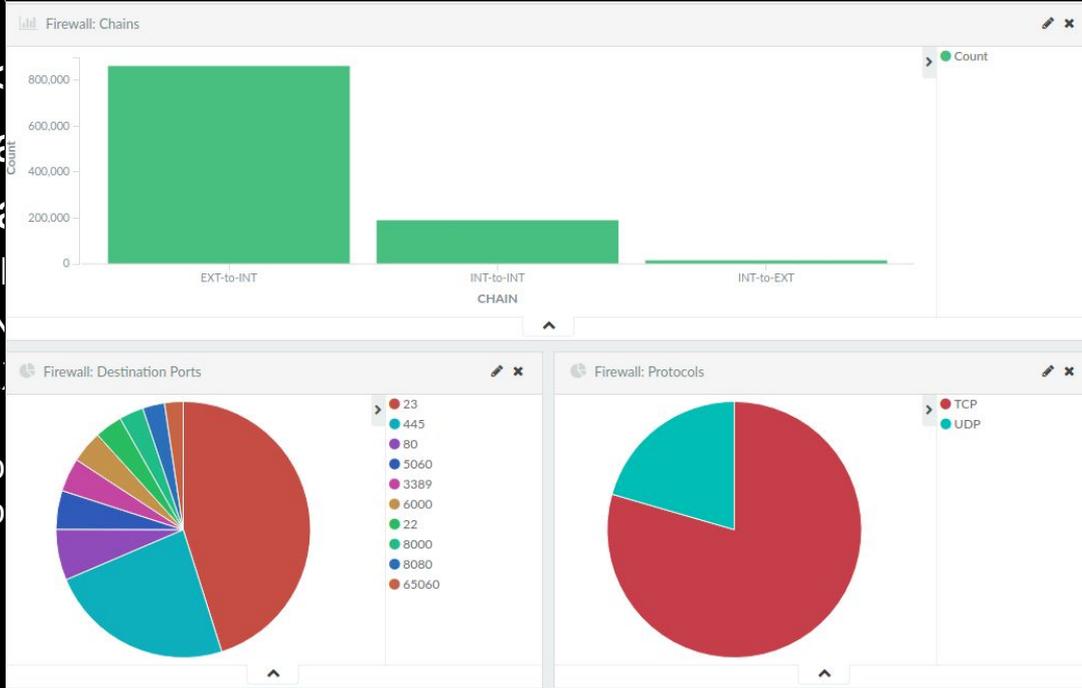
- use ulog (\leq jessie) or nflog (\geq stretch) for performance reasons
- use fine-grained blocking rules at the end of your chains and add log prefixes to create traffic categories for later use in Kibana, e.g.:
 - EXT-to-INT
 - INT-to-INT
 - INT-to-EXT

```
iptables -A FORWARD --nflog-group 1 --nflog-prefix "INT-to-INT" -j NFLOG
```

```
iptables -A FORWARD --ulog-nlgroup 1 --ulog-prefix "INT-to-INT" --ulog-qthreshold 1 -j ULOG
```

ELK-Stack: Firewall Logging

- use ulog (<
- use fine-grained logging to create traffic chains
 - EXT-to-INT
 - INT-to-INT
 - INT-to-EXT



```
iptables -A FORWARD  
iptables -A FORWARD
```

ons
dd log prefixes

1 -j ULOG

ELK-Stack: Unifi Wireless Logging

- configure your Unifi gear to send syslog to your logstash instance
- parse hostapd messages with a grok filter
- debug wireless client roaming/authentication methods used etc.

ELK-Stack: Unifi Wireless Logging

Unifi HostAPd Events

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Time	unifi_ap_mac	unifi_wireless_station	unifi_hostapd_event_type	unifi_hostapd_event_msg
▶ June 5th 2019, 15:03:24.000	██████████8020	██████████7:C2:C0	IEEE 802.11	disassociated
▶ June 5th 2019, 15:03:23.000	██████████16B2	██████████9:FC:3C	IEEE 802.11	disassociated
▶ June 5th 2019, 15:03:23.000	██████████416C	██████████7A:41:6C	DRIVER	Sead AUTH addr=██████████fc:3c status_code=0
▶ June 5th 2019, 15:03:23.000	██████████16C	██████████9:FC:3C	IEEE 802.11	associated
▶ June 5th 2019, 15:03:21.000	██████████63D	██████████F:83:29	IEEE 802.11	associated
▶ June 5th 2019, 15:03:21.000	██████████3EF	██████████EF:83:29	IEEE 802.11	disassociated
▶ June 5th 2019, 15:03:21.000	██████████4549	██████████F:59:5B	IEEE 802.1X	authenticated - EAP type: 21 (TTLS)
▶ June 5th 2019, 15:03:21.000	██████████549	██████████45:49	DRIVER	Sead AUTH addr=██████████f:59:5b status_code=0
▶ June 5th 2019, 15:03:21.000	██████████64549	██████████F:59:5B	IEEE 802.11	associated
▶ June 5th 2019, 15:03:21.000	██████████4549	██████████F:59:5B	WPA	pairwise key handshake completed (RSN)

Thanks for listening.

Questions?



Image Links/Sources

- official logos of
 - Ansible - <https://www.ansible.com/>
 - Aptly - <https://www.aptly.info/>
 - Elasticsearch/Logstash - <https://www.elastic.co/de/brand>
 - Github - <https://github.com>
 - Jenkins - <https://jenkins.io/>
 - Redis - <https://redis.io/>
- <https://media.giphy.com/media/1oJLpejP9jEvWQlZj4/giphy.gif>
- <https://giphy.com/gifs/IA3qoZE4TKQhi>
- other Icons: the Noun Project - <https://thenounproject.com/>