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Enriching your data
with Lookups and more.
Or... Splunking a Supercomputer

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Enriching your data with Lookups and more

SUMMARY:

Lookups, subsearches, macros, and field-actions are awesome!

Here's how you do it...

CHARACTERS:

Kaa

the cable



and

Bart

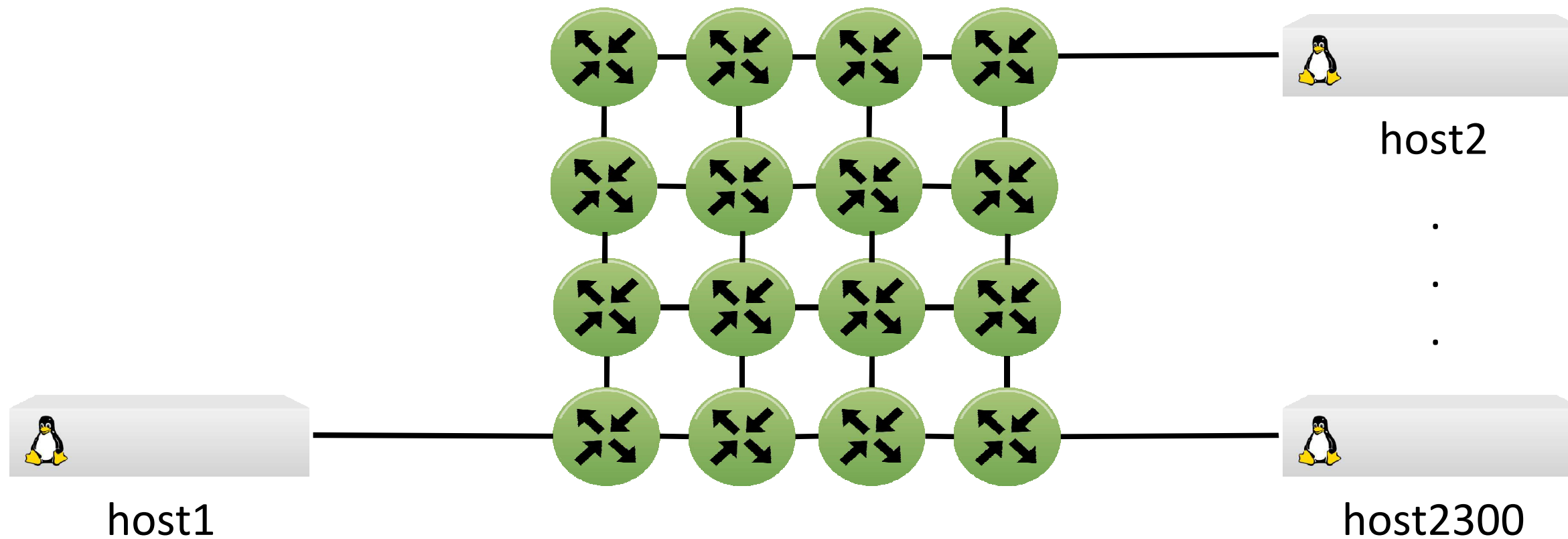
the user





Lookups: host1 network problem

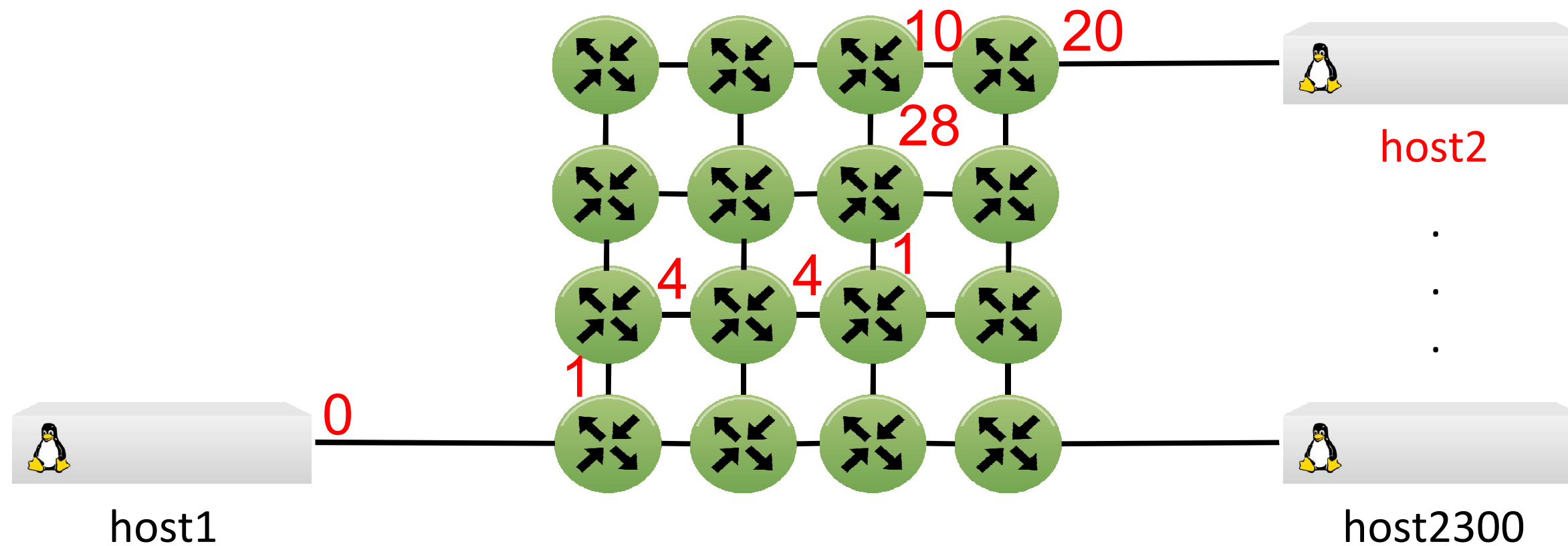
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Configuring a lookup

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✓ Step #1: Create lookup file
splunk/etc/system/lookups/ib.csv

```
route, destination
"0,1,4,4,1,28,10,20",host2
"0,1,7,7,1,28,7,36",c2-nem1-b
"0,1,7,7,1,28,7,1,25",oss-scratch24
...
```

✓ Step #2 : Edit transforms.conf

```
[ib]
filename = ib.csv
```

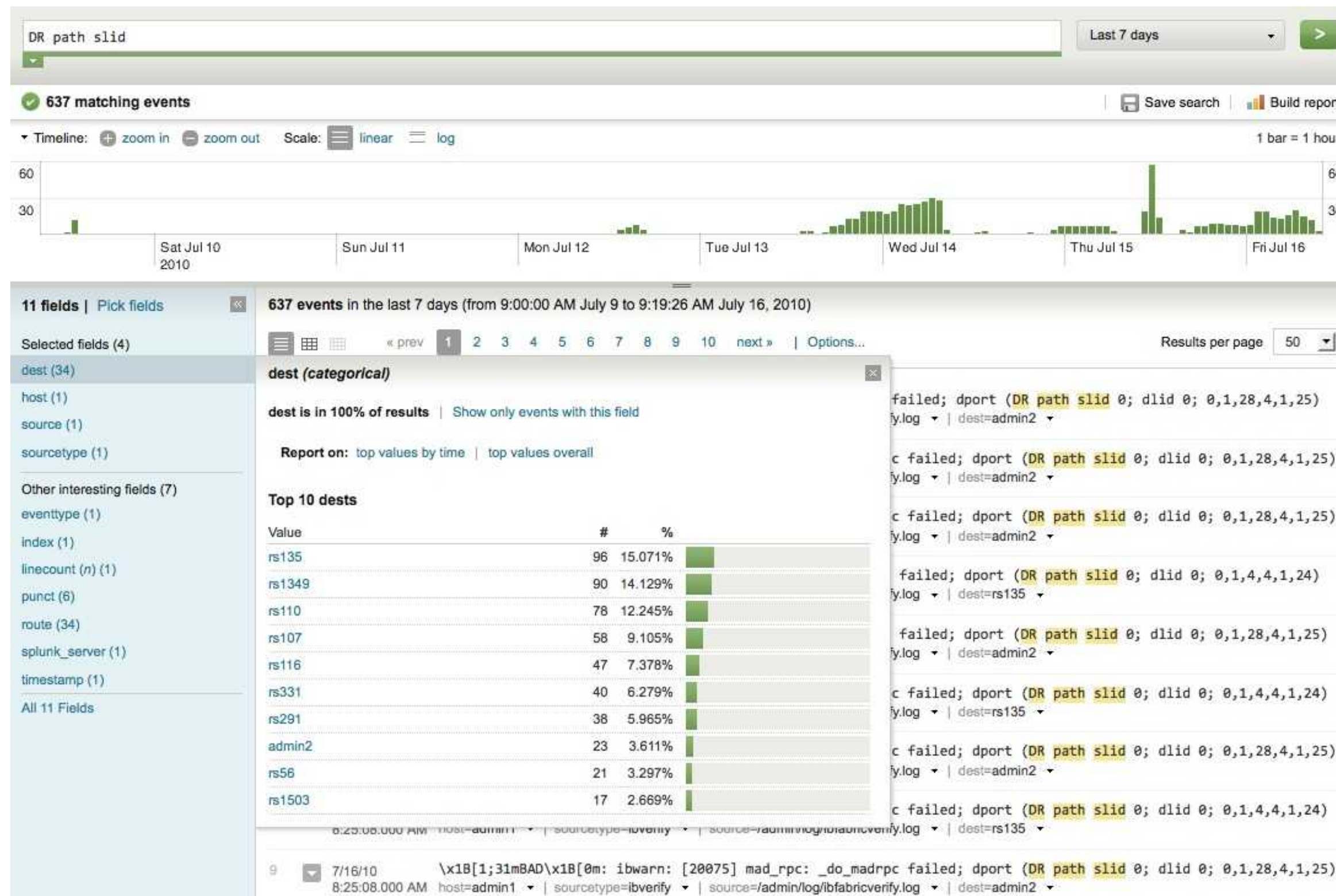
✓ Step #3 : Edit props.conf

```
[ib]
EXTRACT-route = dlid \d; (?<route>[0-9,]+)
lookup_table = ib route OUTPUT dest
                (dest is short for destination)
```

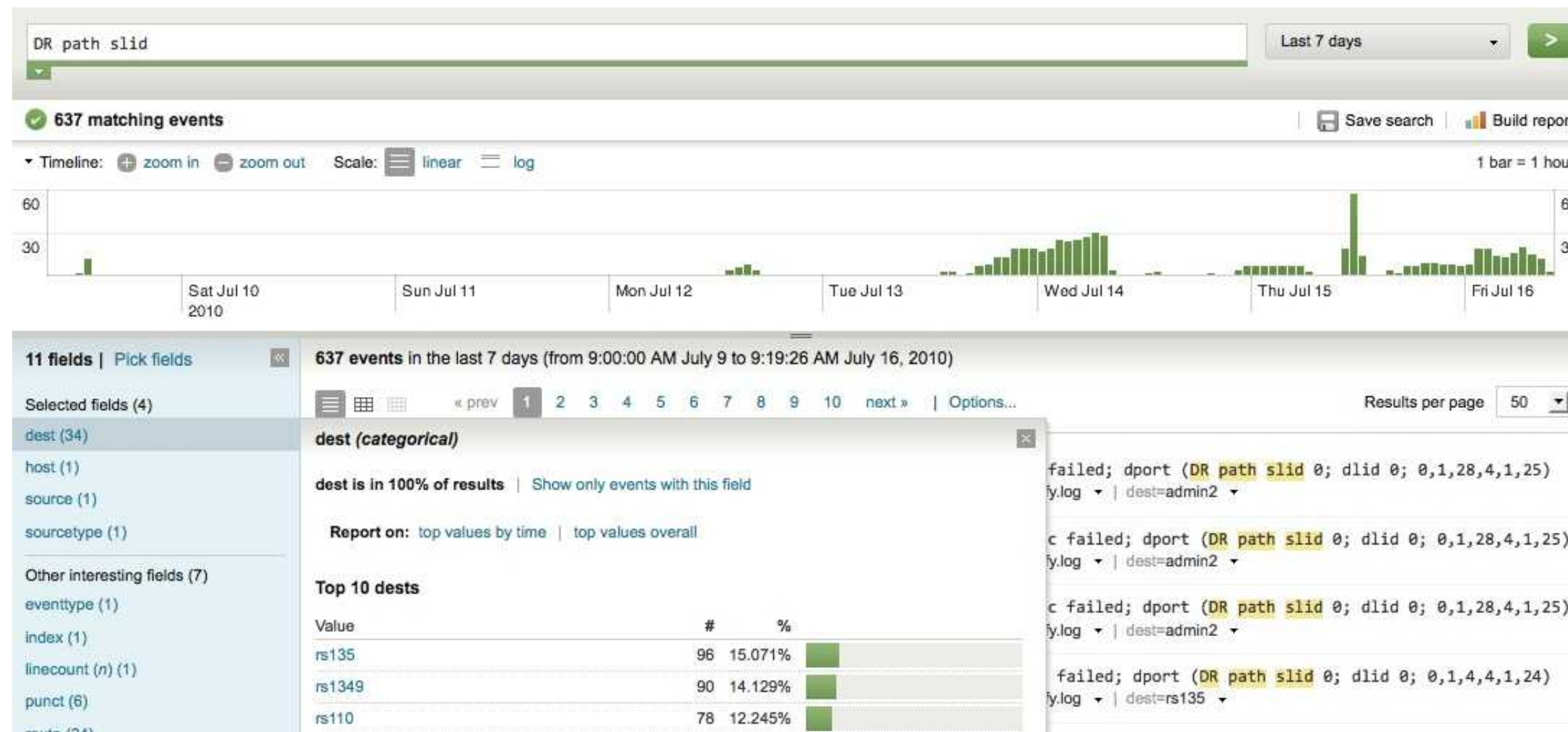
✓ Step #4: Reload (or restart)

```
| extract reload=TRUE

splunk restart
```

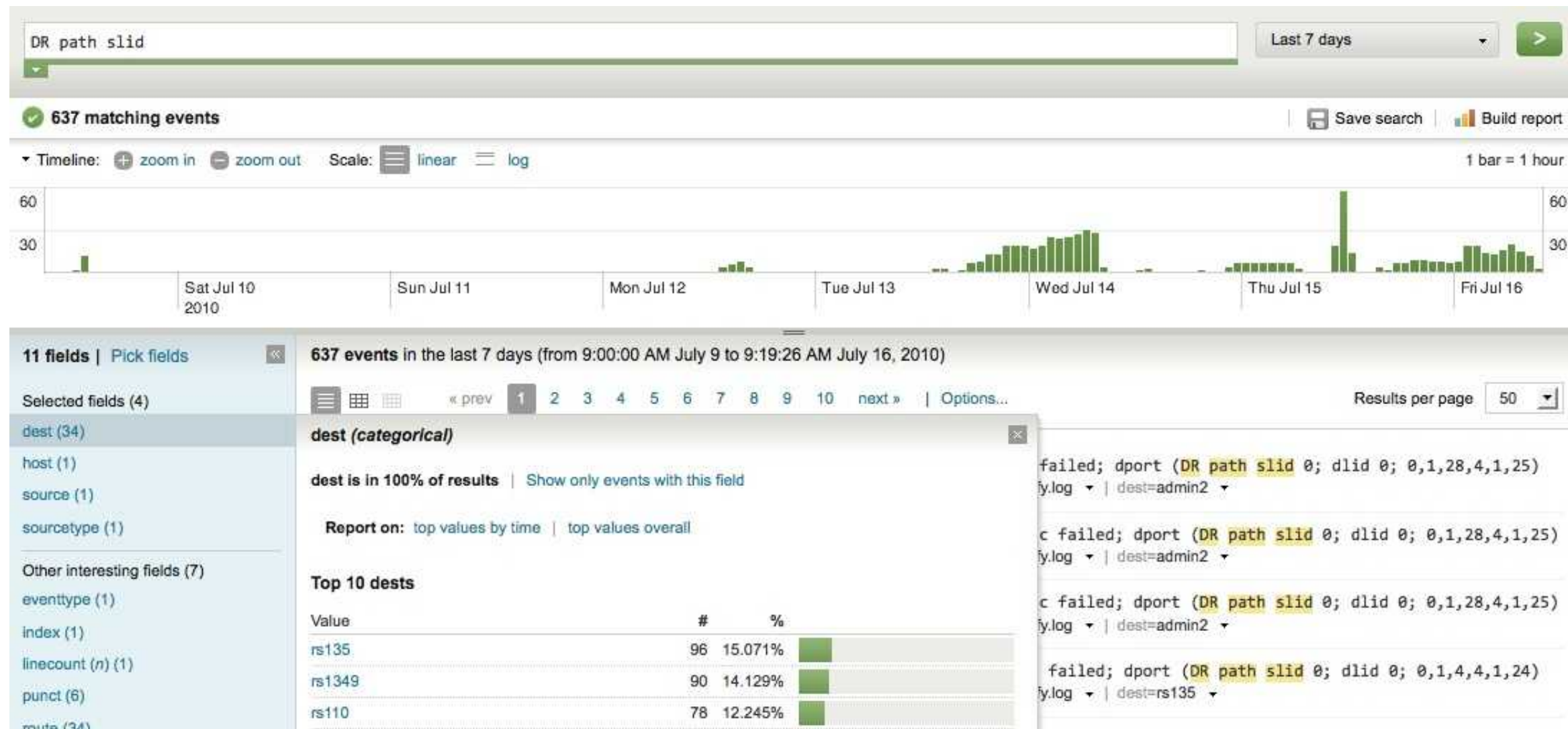


Easy as Pie! And just as tasty!



Or you could do it the old way:

```
$ tail -1000 /admin/log/infiniband_errors | grok_ibtrackerrors | grep 'DR path slid' | perl -ne '{/dlid \d; ([0-9,]+)/; $count{$1}++; END {map {print "$_ $count{$_}\n"} sort {$b<=>$a} keys %count;}'
```



Or you could do it the old way... **NOT!!!**

So we know WHERE the problem is, let's see the preceding five minutes of logs on that host...



Using a Subsearch

ibwarn: [17841] mad_rpc: _do_madrpc failed; dport (DR path slid 0; dlid 0; 0,1,4,4,1,28,10,20)

✓ Step #1: Construct new query from search results ("inner search")

```
DR path slid | eval start=_time-300 |  
eval end=_time+1 | eval query = "_time>" .  
start . "_time<" . end . "host=" dest | fields +  
query | format
```

Aha - Linux OOM'd!
I wonder who's process that is...?



✓ Step #2: Execute it ("outer search")

```
[search DR path slid | eval start=_time-300 |  
eval end=_time+1 | eval query = "_time>" .  
start . "_time<" . end . " " . dest | fields +  
query | format]
```

query ↕ search ↕
((_time>1279291208 _time<1279291509 host=rs135))

		prev	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	next	Options...
1	7/15/10 10:46:07.000 AM	rs135	Out of memory: Killed process 24400 (adag)	host=rs135	sourcetype=syslog	source=/var/log/messages								
2	7/15/10 10:46:07.000 AM	rs135	0 pages swap cached	host=rs135	sourcetype=syslog	source=/var/log/messages								
3	7/15/10 10:46:07.000 AM	rs135	74572 pages shared	host=rs135	sourcetype=syslog	source=/var/log/messages								



Jobs on a Supercomputer



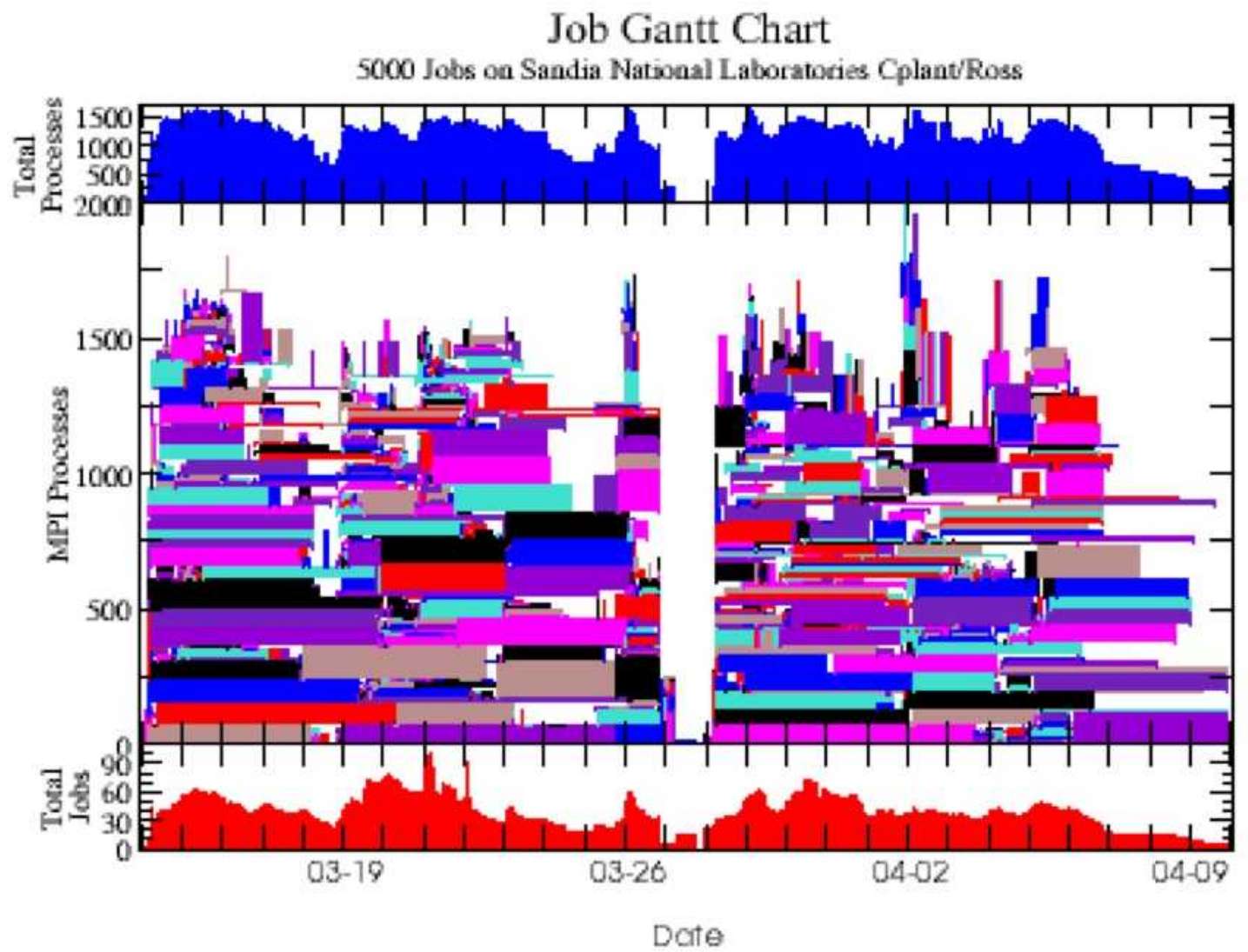
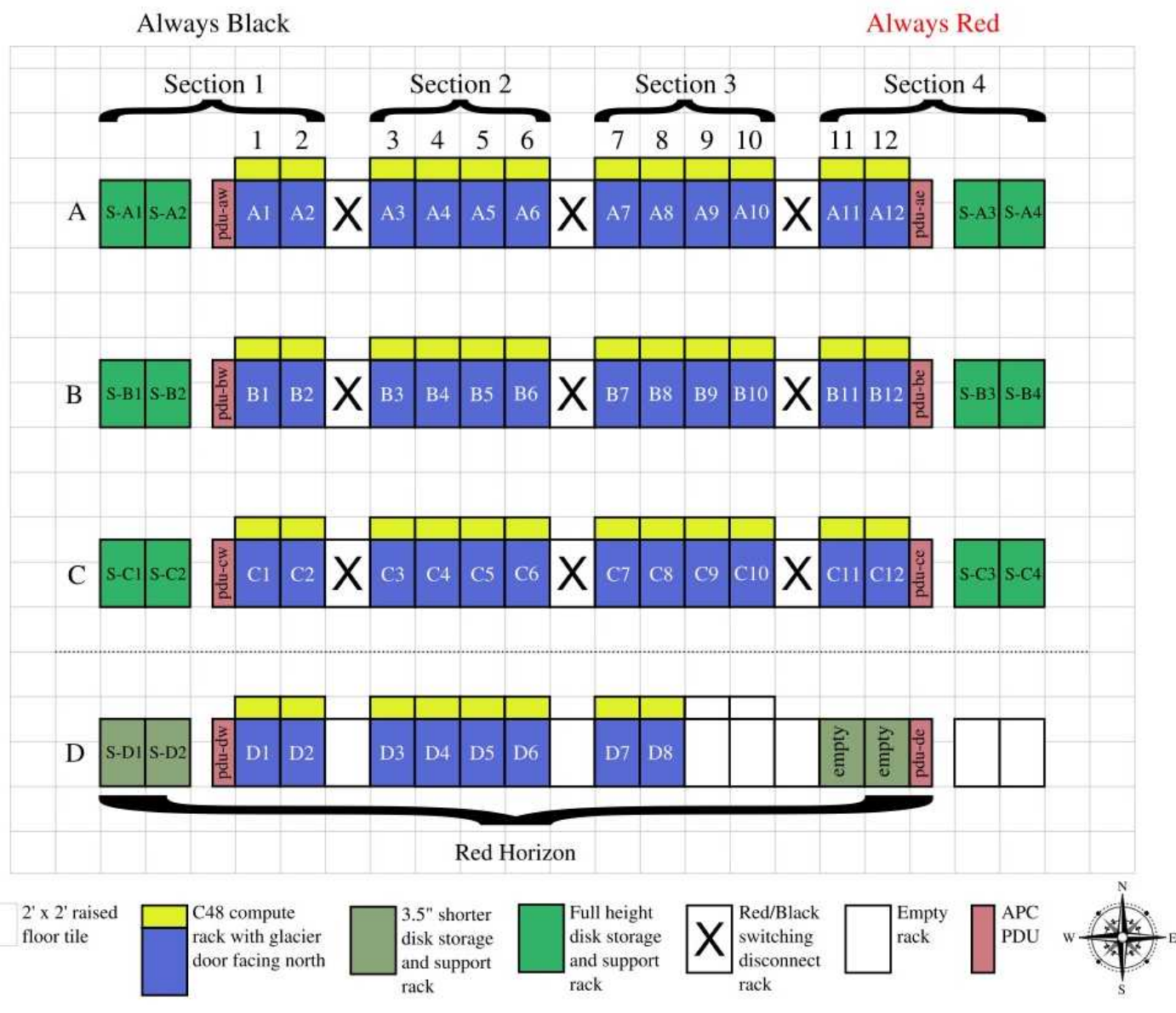
36 racks

96 hosts per rack

10's of applications

100's of users

1000's of jobs, each involving
1-1000's hosts for 1s-10's days

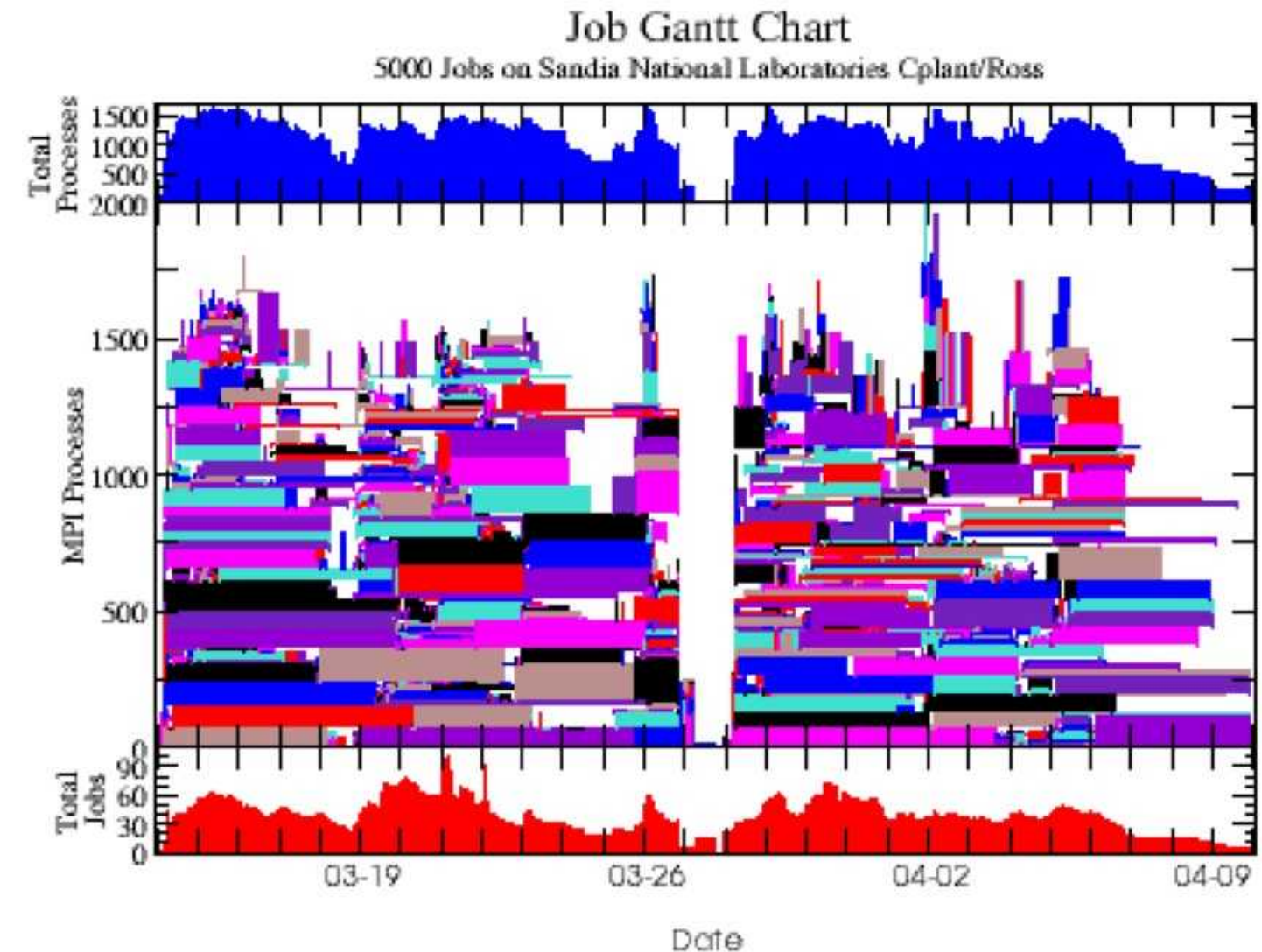


Jobs on a Supercomputer

Job = a certain set of hosts,
for a certain amount of time,
running a certain application,
for a certain user.

What job ran on which hosts, when?
Where are the corresponding logs?
Which user was running which application?
Is the user a victim or a cause?
What patterns emerge?

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Time-dependent Lookups



```
1 7/15/10 Jul 15 10:46:07 rs135 Out of memory: Killed process 24400 (adagio_dp_opt_r).  
10:46:07.000 AM host=rs135 | sourcetype=syslog | source=/var/log/messages
```

✓ Step #1: Include a time field in

```
time,job,user,host  
2010-07-15 10:11:59,102138,bart,rs135  
2010-07-16 15:53:13,201259,fred,rs265  
2010-07-16 15:55:25,201252,wilma,rs135  
...
```

✓ Step #3 : Edit props.conf

```
[syslog]  
lookup_table = job host OUTPUT job user
```

✓ Step #2 : Edit transforms.conf

```
[job]  
filename = job.csv  
time_field = time  
time_format = %F %T
```

✓ Step #4: Reload (or restart)

```
| extract reload=TRUE  
splunk restart
```

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10:46:07.000 AM host=rs135 | sourcetype=syslog | source=/var/log/messages | job=102138 | user=bart
```



Chaining lookups



✓ Chain multiple lookups together

DR path slid | lookup route host OUTPUT dest | lookup job host OUTPUT user

A cartoon drawing of Bart Simpson. He is yellow-skinned with a large, spiky yellow hairdo. He has large, wide eyes and a very wide, toothy grin showing his red tongue. He is wearing an orange short-sleeved shirt, blue shorts, and blue sneakers with white socks. His hands are raised in front of him, palms facing forward, in a playful or excited gesture. The background is plain white.



1279305128



job=700977

user=jrstear

```
start=1279303302
```

end=1279305128

nodes=rs56,rs56,...rs57... ..rs54...rs106...



```
makemv delim="," nodes | mvexpand nodes |
```

```
nodes={rs56,rs57,rs58,rs59,rs60,rs51,...rs111}
```

Writing a Macro



```
12:32:14 1279305134:3507555 job 700977 JOBCANCEL 16 128 jrstea jrstea 1800 Removed [nw:1] 1279303299 1279303302 1279303302
1279305128 - - ->= 0M >= 0M - 1279303299 128 0 -:- - FY103933 - - 0 0.00 slurm 1 0M 0M 0M 1279303299
2140000000
rs56,rs56,rs56,rs56,rs56,rs56,rs56,rs56,rs57,rs57,rs57,rs57,rs57,rs57,rs57,rs57,rs58,rs58,rs58,rs58,rs58,rs58,rs58,rs58,rs59,rs59,rs59,rs59,rs59,rs59,rs59,rs59,r
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6,rs106,rs106,rs106,rs106,rs107,rs107,rs107,rs107,rs107,rs107,rs107,rs107,rs109,rs109,rs109,rs109,rs109,rs109,rs109,rs109,rs110,rs110,rs110,rs110,rs110,rs
110,rs110,rs111,rs111,rs111,rs111,rs111,rs111,rs111,rs111 slurm - - [DEFAULT] - - 0.00 - - 0,NAccessPolicy=SINGLEJOB - -
```

✓ Step#1: Write your search

```
[search sourcetype=moab job=700977 | makemv delim="," nodes | mvexpand nodes | dedup nodes | eval
query = " _time>=" . start . " _time<=" . end . " " . nodes | fields + query | format maxresults=1000]
```

Which involves a subsearch in this case:

query ⇄ search ⇄

```
( ( _time>=1279303302 _time<= 1279305128 rs56 ) OR ( _time>=1279303302 _time<= 1279305128 rs57 ) OR ( _time>=1279303302 _time<= 1279305128 rs58 ) OR ( _tim
((time>start time<end node1) OR (time>start time<end node2)...) for all nodes={rs56,...rs111}
```

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[illegible]

✓ Step#2: Make it a macro

```
(macros.conf)
[job(1)]
args = jobid
definition = [search sourcetype=moab job=$jobid$ | makemv delim="," nodes | mvexpand nodes | dedup
  nodes | eval query = "_time>=" . start . "_time<=" . end . " " . nodes | fields + query | format
  maxresults=1000]
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```

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splunk> Manager » Fields » Workflow actions » job

Label

Enter the label that appears for this action. Optionally, incorporate a field's value by enclosing the field name in dollar signs, e.g. "Search for ticket number : \$ticketnum\$".

Apply only to the following fields (optional)

Specify a comma-separated list of fields that must be present in an event for the workflow action to apply to it. When fields are specified, the workflow action only appears in the field menus for those fields; otherwise it appears in all field menus.

Apply only to the following event types (optional)

Specify a comma-separated list of event types that an event must be associated with for the workflow action to apply to it.

Show action in

Both

Action type

search

Search configuration

Search string

Enter the search for this action. Optionally, specify fields as \$fieldname\$, e.g. sourcetype=rails controller=\$controller\$ error=*.

Run in app

Choose an app for the search to run in. Defaults to the current app.

Open in view (optional)

Enter the name of a view for the search to open in. Defaults to the current view.

Run search in

New window

Time range

Earliest time (optional)

Latest time (optional)

☒ Use the same time range as the search that created the field listing

Cancel

Save

Done

Adding a Field Action

11	7/18/10 8:26:48.000 AM	Jul 18 08:26:48 rs957 Out of memory: Killed process 1933 (alegra_3D_opt_r). host=rs957 sourcetype=syslog source=/var/log/messages user=bart job=677690
12	7/18/10 8:24:28.000 AM	Jul 18 08:24:28 rs386 Out of memory: Killed process 20032 (alegra_3D_opt_r). host=rs386 sourcetype=syslog source=/var/log/messages user=bart job=677690
13	7/18/10 8:24:28.000 AM	Jul 18 08:24:28 rs953 Out of memory: Killed process 13593 (alegra_3D_opt_r). host=rs953 sourcetype=syslog source=/var/log/messages
14	7/18/10 8:24:21.000 AM	Jul 18 08:24:21 rs955 Out of memory: Killed process 7076 (alegra_3D_opt_r). host=rs955 sourcetype=syslog source=/var/log/messages user=fred job=678062
15	7/18/10 8:24:20.000 AM	Jul 18 08:24:20 rs955 Out of memory: Killed process 7075 (alegra_3D_opt_r). host=rs955 sourcetype=syslog source=/var/log/messages user=fred job=678062
16	7/18/10 8:24:20.000 AM	Jul 18 08:24:20 rs954 Out of memory: Killed process 13212 (alegra_3D_opt_r). host=rs954 sourcetype=syslog source=/var/log/messages user=fred job=678062
17	7/18/10 8:24:19.000 AM	Jul 18 08:24:19 rs1531 Out of memory: Killed process 5799 (alegra_3D_opt_r). host=rs1531 sourcetype=syslog source=/var/log/messages user=fred job=678062
18	7/18/10 8:23:35.000 AM	Jul 18 08:23:35 rs818 - MCE: CPU 3 BANK 8 TSC 8ffd6793b6f14 host=rs818 sourcetype=syslog source=/var/log/messages user=wilma job=535537
19	7/18/10 8:23:35.000 AM	Jul 18 08:23:35 rs818 - MCE: CPU 2 BANK 8 TSC 8ffd6793b6e80 host=rs818 sourcetype=syslog source=/var/log/messages user=wilma job=535537
20	7/18/10 8:23:35.000 AM	Jul 18 08:23:35 rs818 - MCE: CPU 1 BANK 8 TSC 8ffd6793b6d14 host=rs818 sourcetype=syslog source=/var/log/messages user=wilma job=535537

Tag job=678062

Report on field

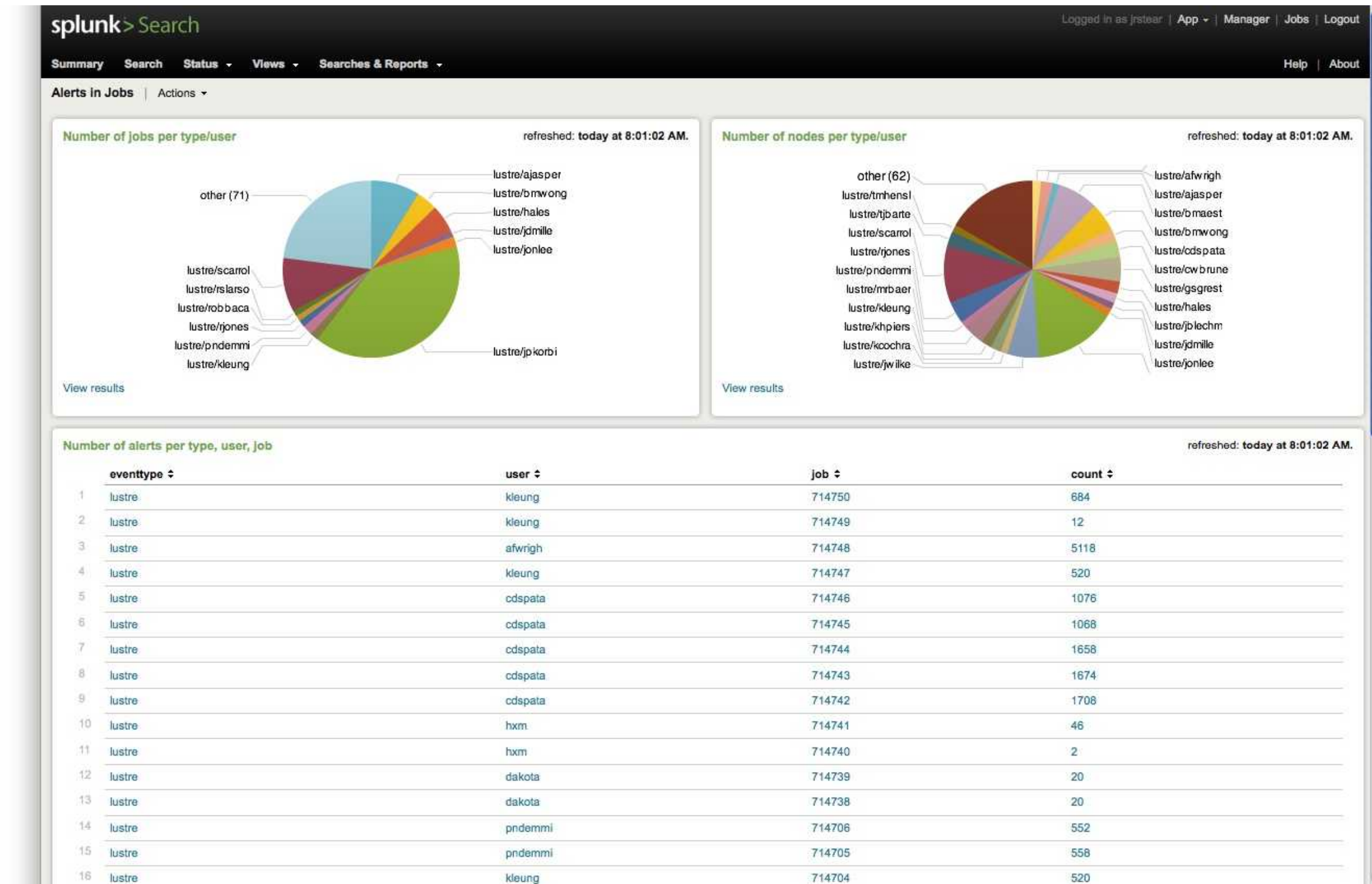
``job(678062)``

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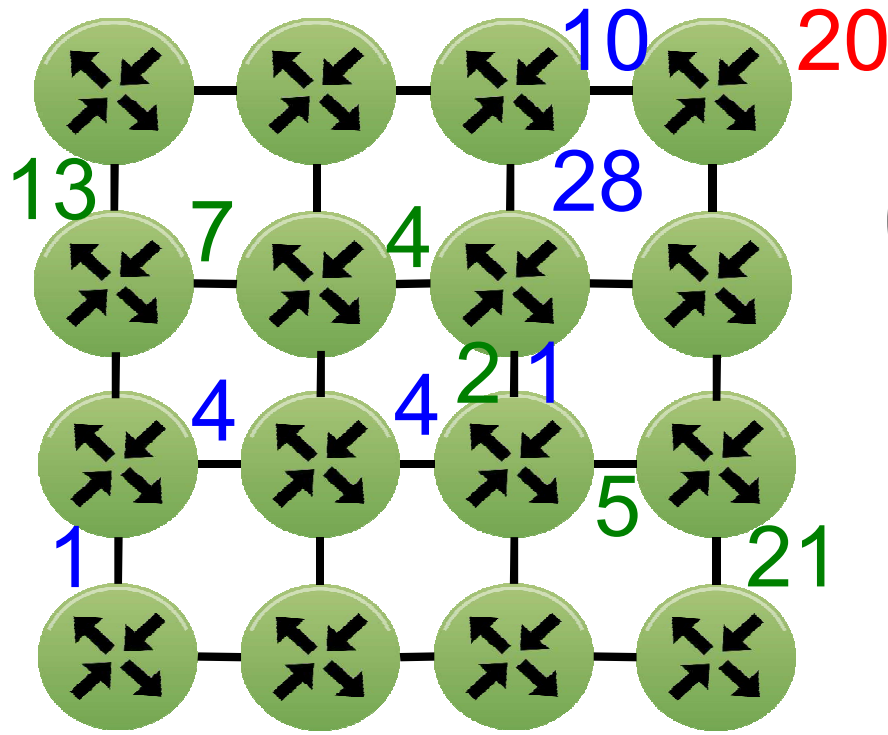
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Putting it all together: Job Dashboard



Future Work (Shared Components)



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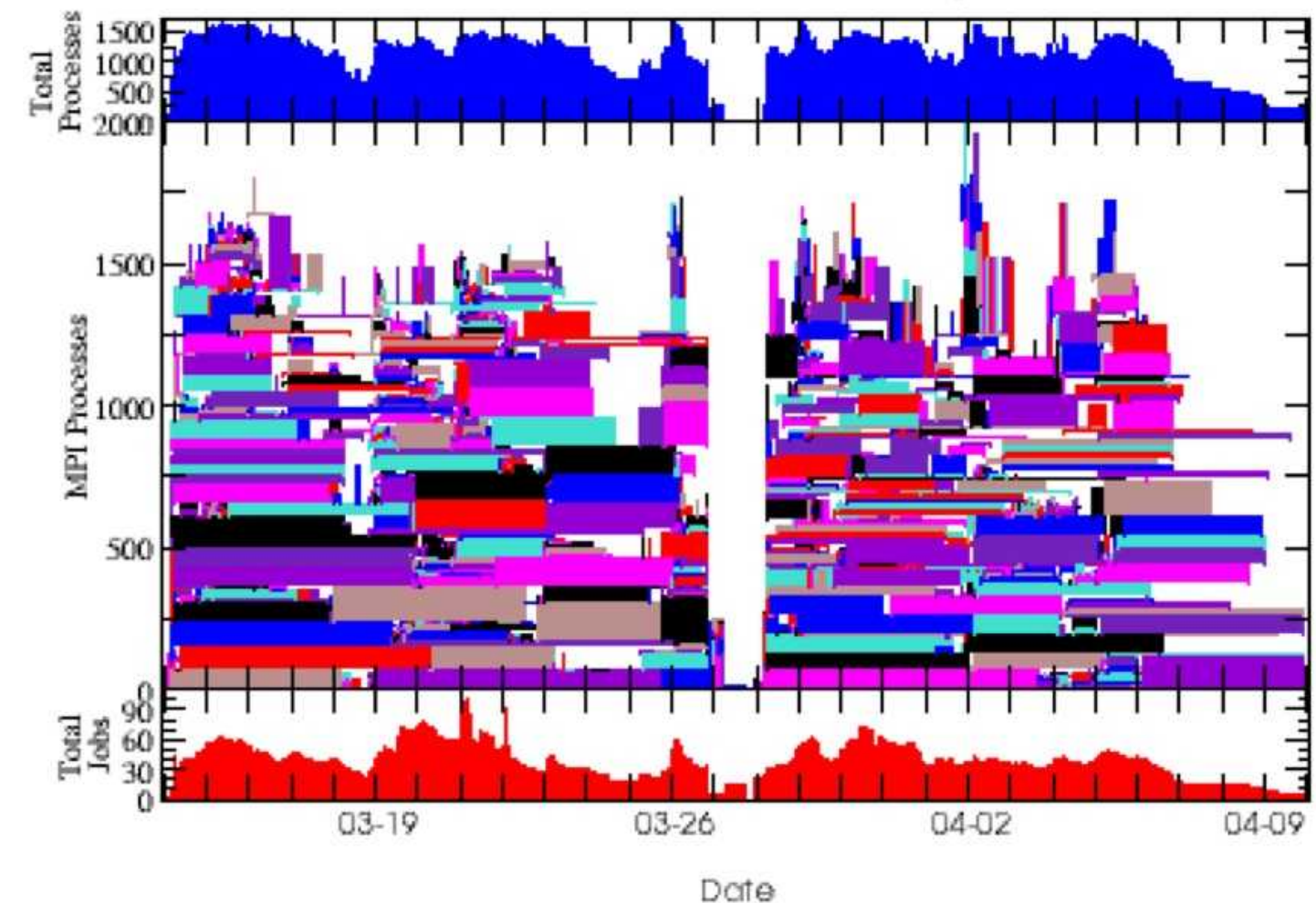
We assumed that the problem is at the **destination**.
What if it is instead **somewhere** along the path?

Infer the root cause among shared components,
given multiple indirect symptoms.



Job Gantt Chart

5000 Jobs on Sandia National Laboratories Cplant/Ross





THE END

Extra Slides Follow

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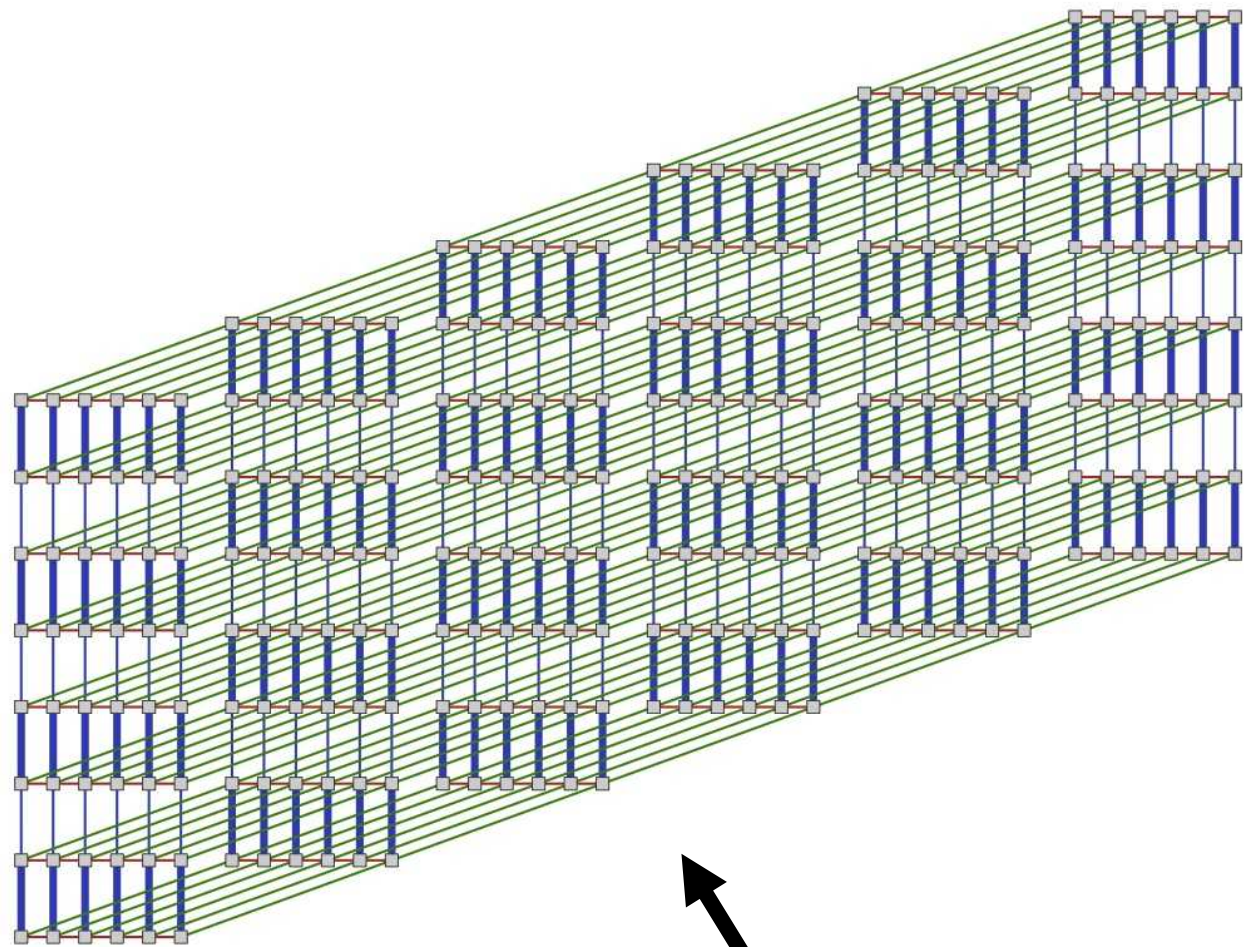
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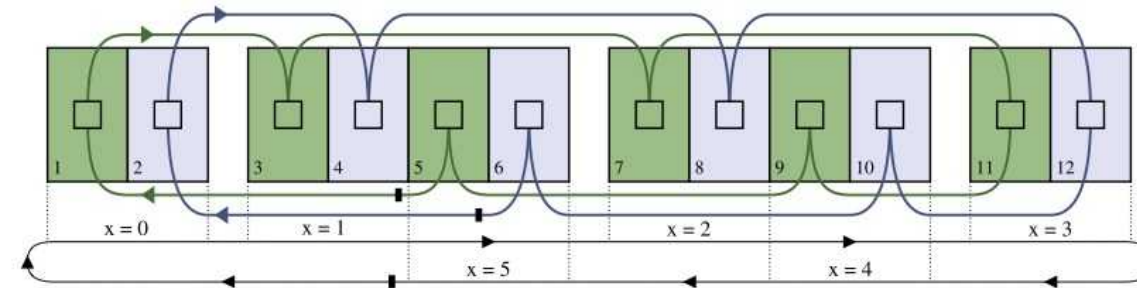
Sandia National Labs is Splunking logs from a 2300-node supercomputer (about 5000 logging components). They make extensive use of lookups (up to several chained lookups) to associate log messages of interest with user jobs and specific nodes (mostly via tables and charts). They also use macros and subsearches to isolate time windows around faults. Several features in Splunk reduce manual effort from hours to seconds. Jon Stearley did it, and you can too! Join this customer use case to learn easy ways to power up your Splunk instance and save loads of time.



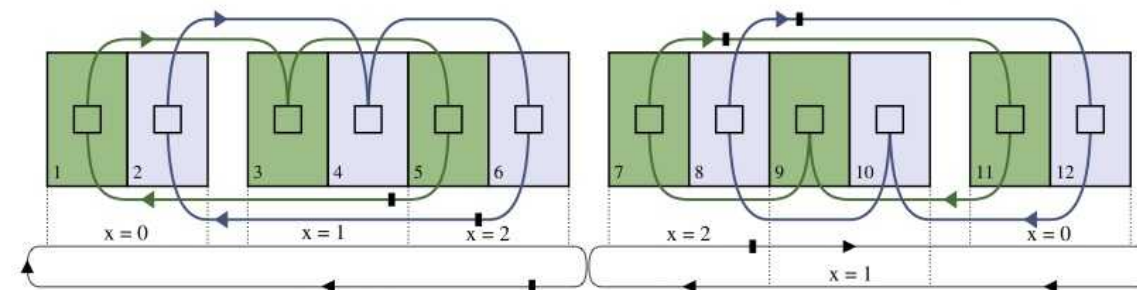
Supercomputer Network



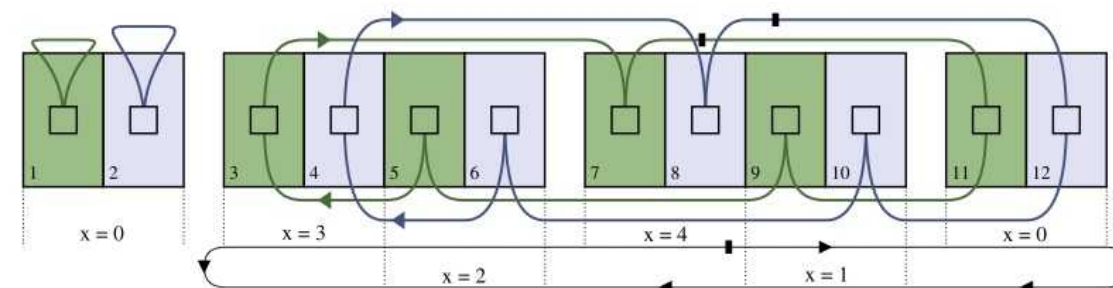
6X6X8 network of switches,
wired together like this



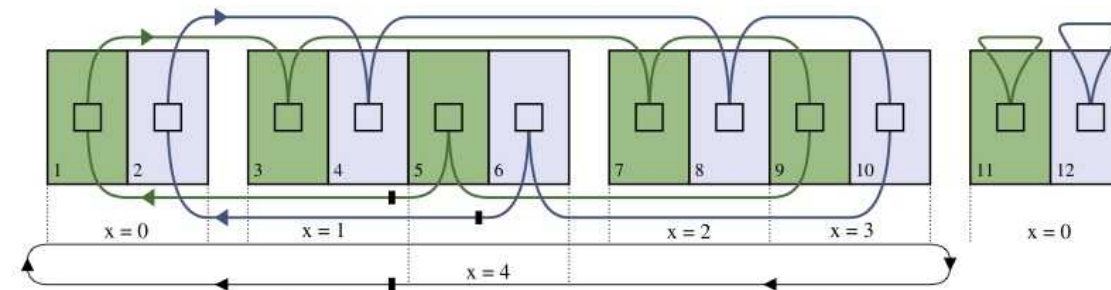
(a) Swing A: X Dimension Pattern A - Full Black Connectivity



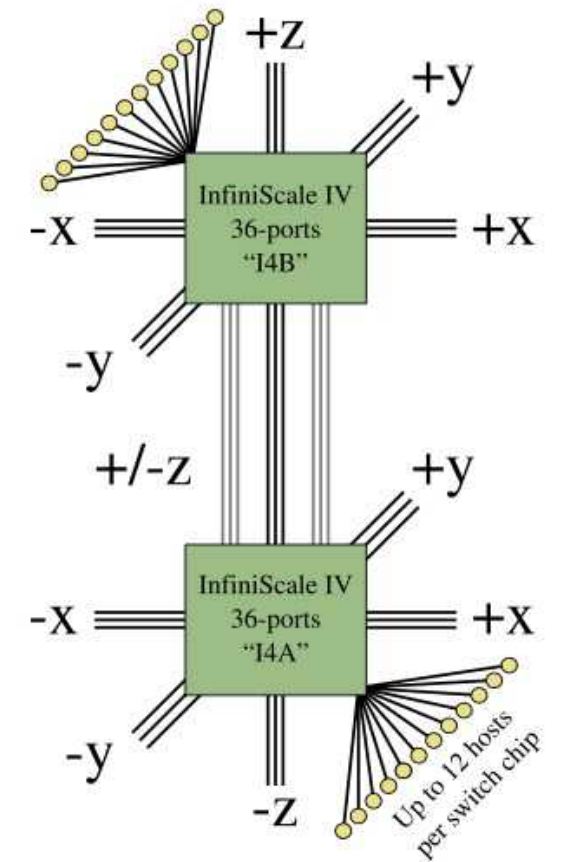
(b) Swing B: X Dimension Pattern B - 50/50 Split



(c) Swing C: X Dimension Pattern C - 1/6 to 5/6 Split



(d) Swing D: X Dimension Pattern D - 5/6 to 1/6 Split

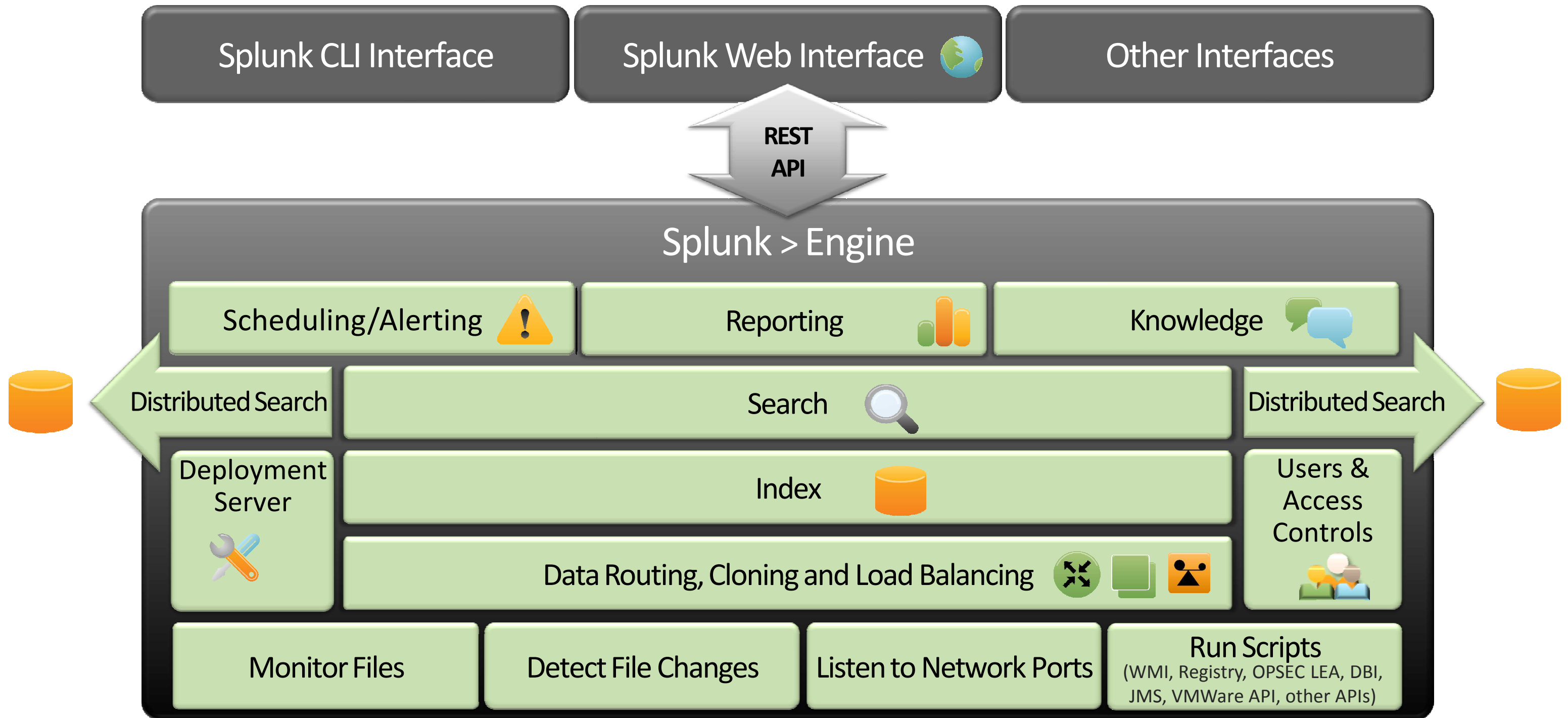


Each switch wired to
24 hosts like this

Machine-generated IT Data Contains A Categorical Record of Activity and Behavior



Splunk Architecture



Graphics for Description

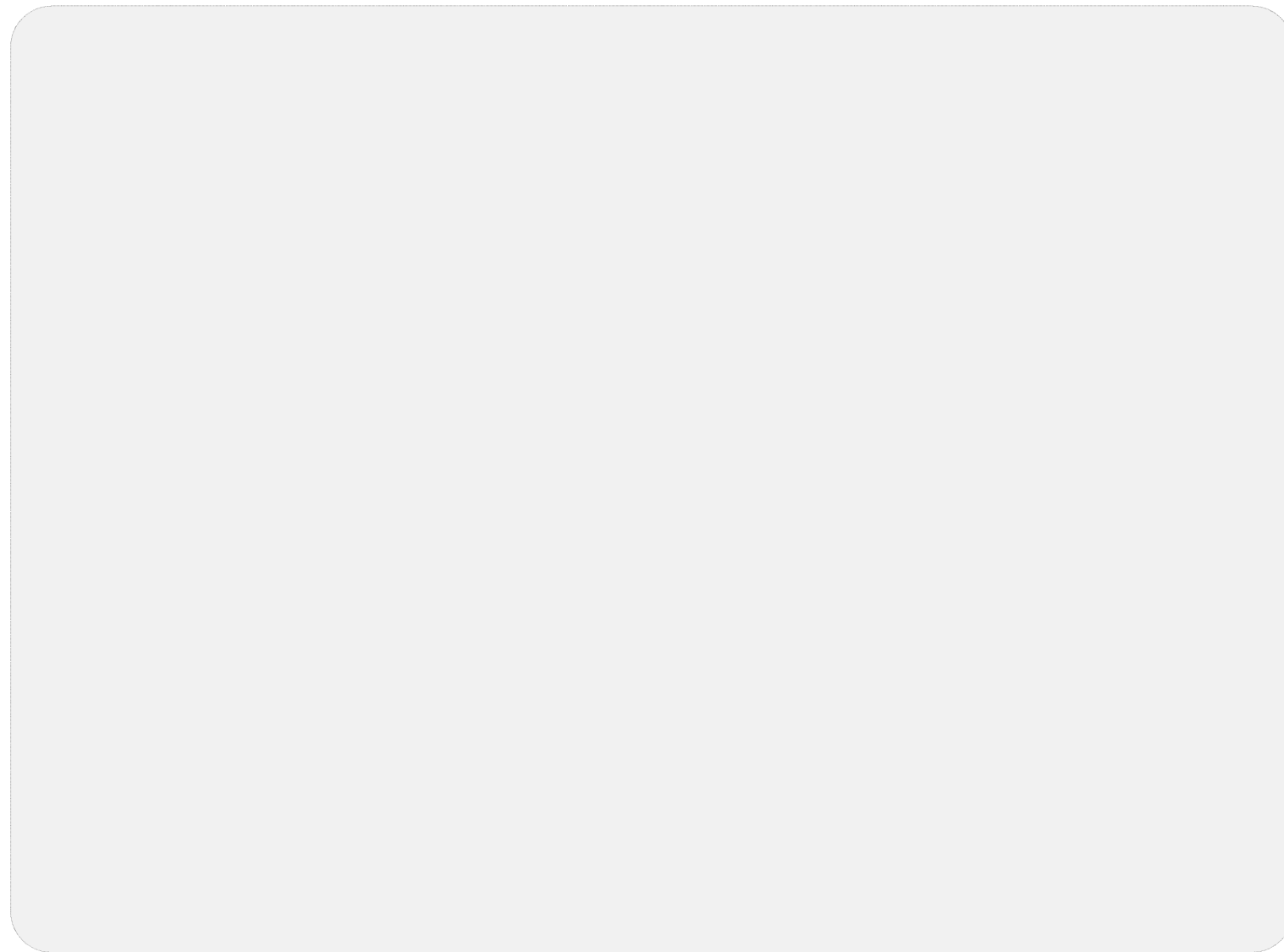


Table Slide for Comparisons

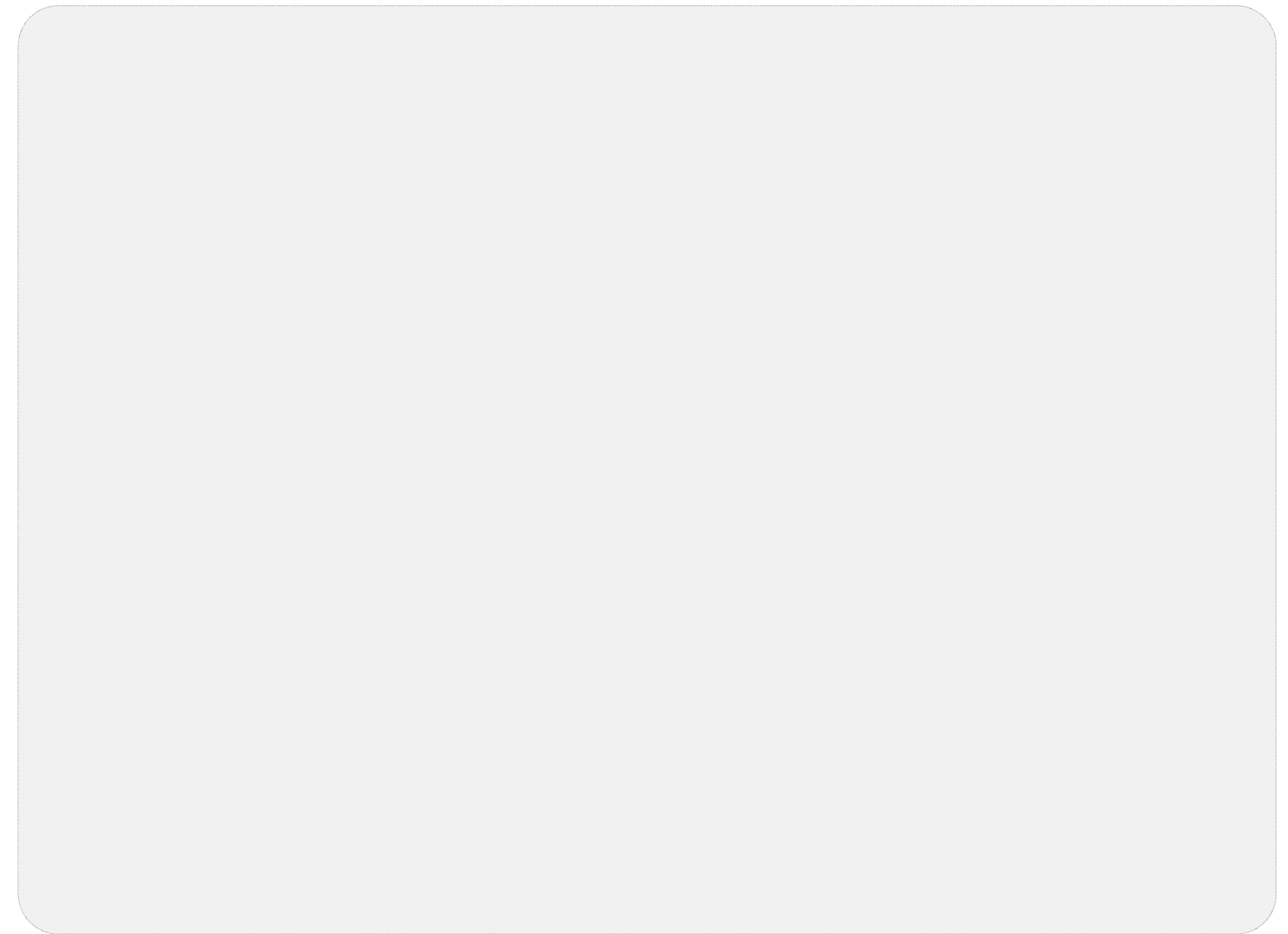
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Subject #2	Facts supporting	Facts supporting
Subject #3	Facts supporting	Facts supporting
Subject #4	Facts supporting	Facts supporting

Background Screen (place images on top)



✓ Bullet #1



✓ Bullet #2

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