

Software Assessment:
Gravell | Splunk | Swimlane | SecurityOnion

Group 29: Grid-SIEM

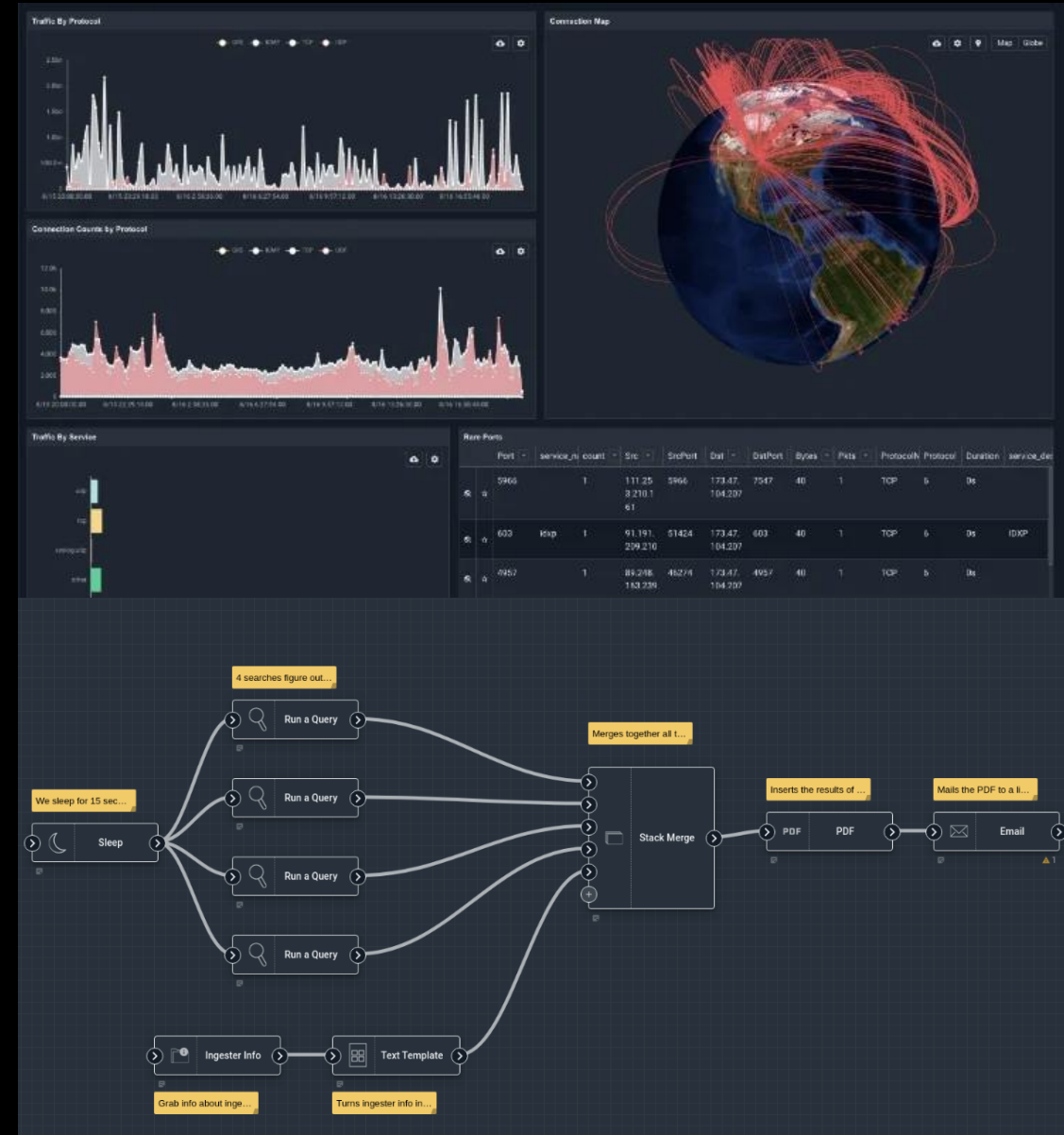
Gravwell

- What it offers

- Automation
 - Flow diagram
 - Query syntax based on linux cmd line
- Kits
 - Linux syslog, threatblockr, netflow, ipfix
- Easy to implement and configure
 - Designed around being able to set it up in minutes
- Compiles incident timelines
- Various dashboards
 - Automation, DNS, IP Netflow, Processes

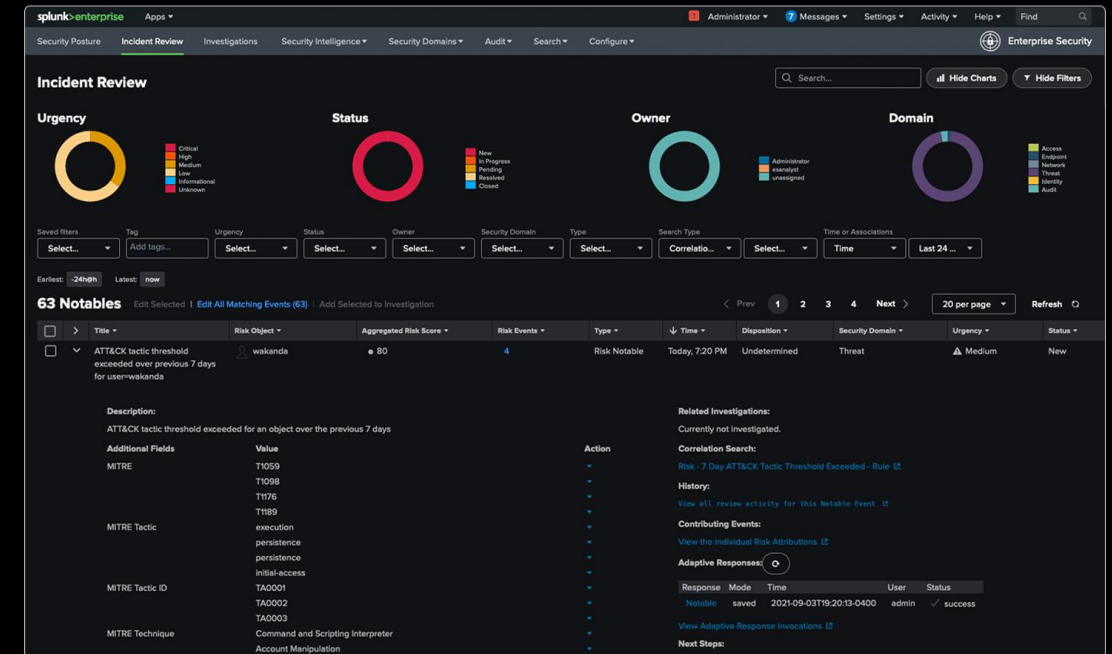
- Licenses

- Free community edition
 - 13.9GB/day data ingestion
 - Configurable data retention age-out
 - Scriptable searches
 - No single sign on
 - No cloud storage
 - Two user "seats"
- Other licenses very expensive



Splunk

- What is it? And who uses it?
 - Data analytics platform. SecurityOnion-like. Security teams for threat detection, incident response.
- How can it help us accomplish our project goals?
 - Offers real-time threat detection, can process log data from various nodes within PowerCyber architecture.
 - Offers advanced analytics capabilities to identify patterns and anomalies that may indicate a security threat.
- What does the free-tier offer?
 - Splunk Enterprise Free allows users to index and search up to 500 MB of data per day. There may be restrictions on features and data retention in the free version.
- Common problems working with this software?
 - Complex platform with many capabilities. Not intuitive. Could be expensive if we decide to move past free-tier.
- How easy is it to use?
 - Many resources for training. Especially useful to understand complex searches, data parsing and connecting to data sources.



Splunk vs Gravwell

- Splunk: Has been around for longer. Lots of resources and a supportive community of users. Could be more expensive and more difficult to work with since it has many features. Splunk's capabilities and solutions do not focus entirely on security.
- Gravwell: Attempts to address issues with Splunk. It is a newer platform known for its ease of use and flexibility. Security focused.



Swimlane

- Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response (SOAR) platform
 - Meant to streamline security operations
- Orchestrate workflows
 - Visual playbooks – users can create playbooks for different security processes
- Case management feature
 - Helps manage and track security incidents
- Dashboard for visualization of threat management
- Commercial product that has licensing costs

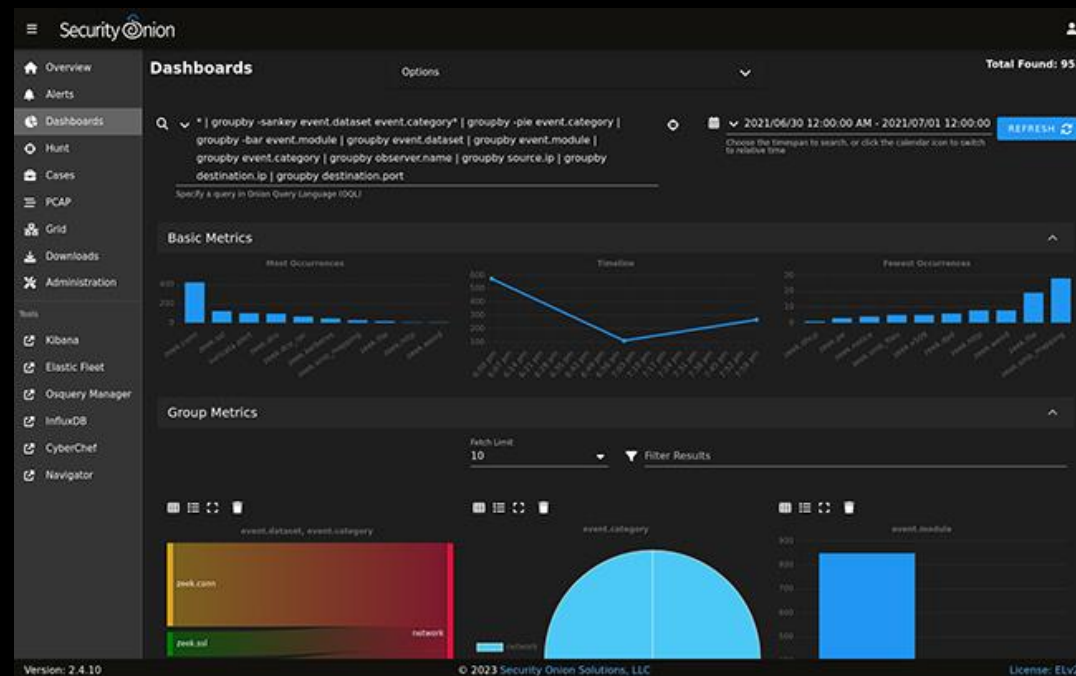


Swimlane vs SecurityOnion

- SecurityOnion
 - SIEM – real time analysis of security incidents
 - Alerting and analysis of possible incidents
 - Open source
 - monitoring, log management, intrusion detection
- Swimlane
 - SOAR – automate responses to collected threat-related data
 - Automated response to provided incidents
 - Commercial license required
 - Playbook automation, manage and track security incidents, automation of common security tasks

Security Onion

- Security Onion is an open source SIEM tool that primarily manages logs, monitoring, and intrusion detection.
- Security Onion has dashboards for system diagnostics that can be configured to display relevant information depending on the need.
- There are many tools that Security Onion can interface with and are included in the Security Onion Console
 - Kibana, Elastic Fleet, CyberChef, Playbook, and ATT&CK Manager.



Security Onion vs other options

- Security Onion does not have pricing plans or upgraded versions.
 - This could be good because the features that will be added are by the user's constraints and all of the features are available to all users
- Security Onion's machine learning capabilities are behind Splunk, Graylog, and SwiMLane.
 - For our project it could be useful because we will be doing the primary coding of a machine learning tool.
 - It could also take too much time to create a machine learning tool and it could be more efficient for us to focus training an already implemented machine learning tool.
- Security Onion fits the size of our project while giving it some of the tools that enterprise level SIEMs have.