

Splunk and the Weather

Powered by the Dark Sky API

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“Climate Is What We Expect, Weather Is What We **Get.**”

- Mark Twain

- At Function1, we blog quarterly and are encouraged to find new and exciting ways to utilize Splunk

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Powered by Dark Sky

Dark Sky API

Quick Overview

- ▶ The Dark Sky API allows you to look up the weather anywhere on the globe, returning (where available):
 - Current weather conditions
 - Minute-by-Minute forecasts out to one hour
 - Hour-by-hour and day-by-day forecasts out to seven days
 - Hour-by-hour and day-by-day observations going back decades
- ▶ They provide two types of API requests:
 - A Forecast Request returns the current weather forecast for the next week in JSON format.
 - A Time Machine Request returns the observed or forecast weather conditions for a date in the past or future in the same JSON format.

Dark Sky API

Why it's Perfect for Splunk

- ▶ Data can be historical or from the future!
 - Anytime in the past or future
 - Just pass in an epoch time variable
- ▶ Data can be searched and charted in intervals
 - Currently
 - Daily
 - Hourly
 - Minutely
- ▶ Data is returned in neat and clean JSON
 - `props.conf`

Visualize Weather Trends

Max Temperature vs Min Temperature, per day, over 1 year

Lower Manhattan

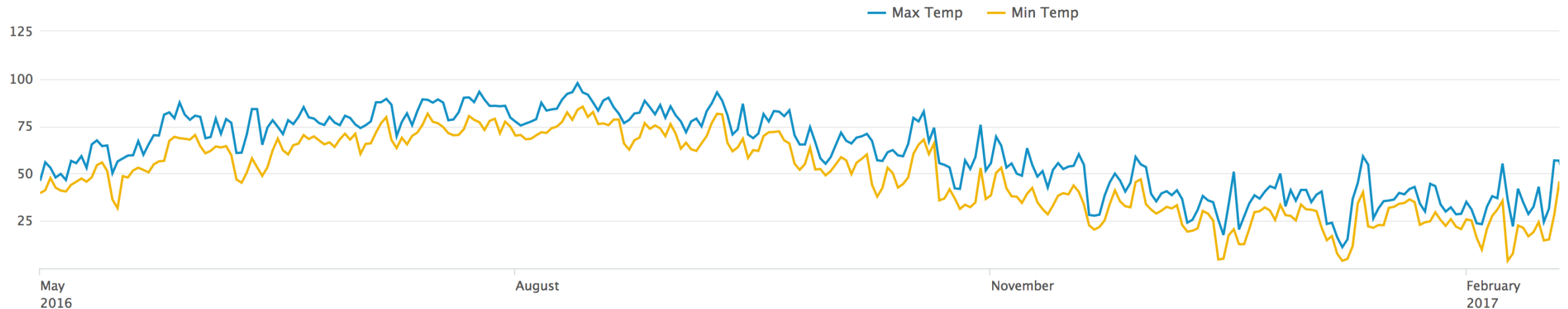
Max and Min Temps

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index="weather_json" | timechart span=1d avg("daily.data{}.apparentTemperatureMax") as "Max Temp" avg("daily.data{}.apparentTemperatureMin") as "Min Temp"
```

✓ 732 events (5/1/16 12:00:00.000 AM to 5/2/17 12:00:00.000 AM) [No Event Sampling](#) ▾

Events Patterns Statistics (366) Visualization

Line Chart Format Trellis

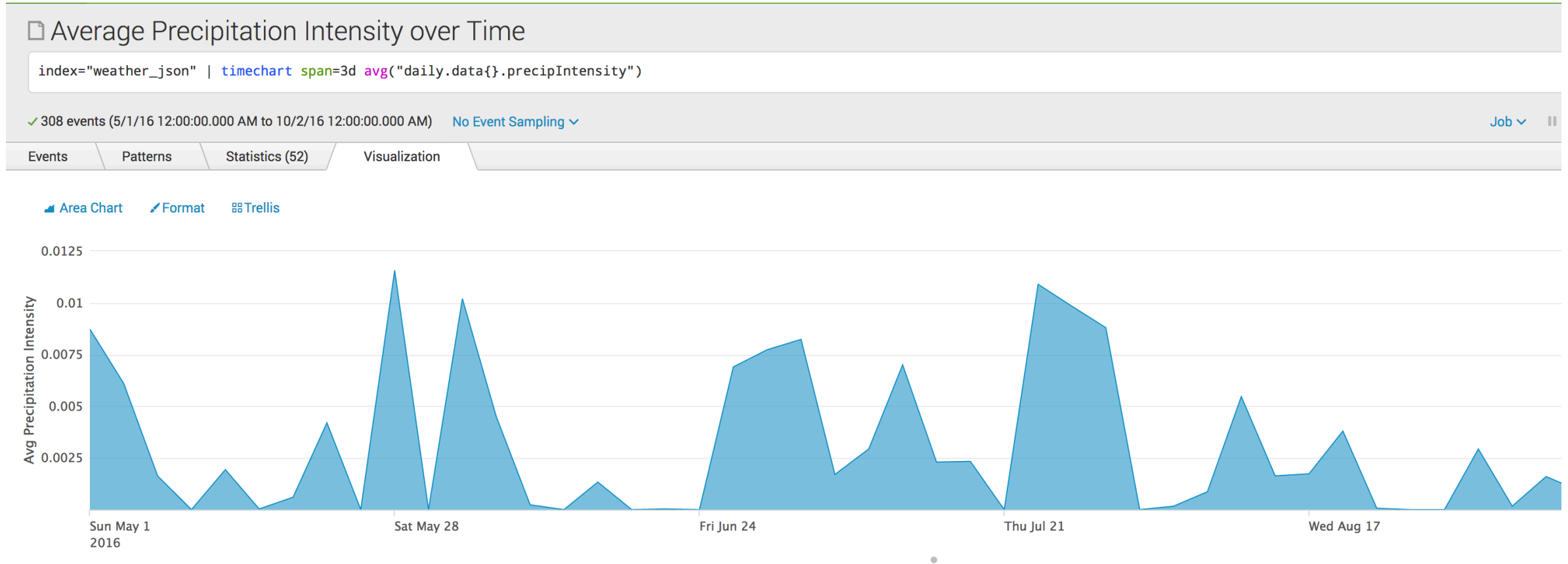


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Visualize Weather Trends

Precipitation Intensity, Summer 2016

Lower Manhattan



Average Wind Speed, per day, October 2016

Lower Manhattan

How Can We Predict if it will Rain?

- ▶ The Dark Sky API offers fields that Splunk can utilize to forecast Rain
 - Dewpoint
 - Humidity
 - Pressure
 - Cloud Cover
- ▶ We also set up a simple "eval" to create a field that we run the prediction on
 - `eval rain=if(LIKE(summary,"%Rain%"),"rain","norain")`

Predict the Weather!

Use the Splunk Machine Learning Toolkit

Predict Categorical Fields

Predict the value of a categorical field using the values of other fields in that event.

Create New Model

Load Existing Settings

Enter a search

```
index=conf  
| eval rain=if(LIKE(summary,"%Rain%"),"rain","norain")
```

✓ 10,267 events (3/1/16 12:00:00.000 AM to 9/10/17 6:40:48.000 PM)

Preprocessing Steps

No steps added.

+ Add a step

Algorithm

GaussianNB

Field to predict

rain

Fields to use for predicting

× dewPoint

× humidity

× pressure

× cloudCover

Split for training / test: 60 / 40

Save the model as

default_model_name

Fit Model



Open in Search

Show SPL

Predict the Weather!

Use the Splunk Machine Learning Toolkit

Precision [↗](#)**0.94**Recall [↗](#)**0.93**Accuracy [↗](#)**0.93**F1 [↗](#)**0.93**

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