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Why Not Use Splunk for Everything?

How I learned to kinda love PowerBI®

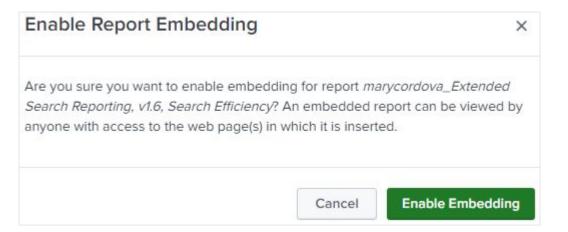
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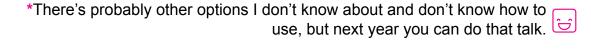
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- There was a learning curve
- They might need to share the content with someone else who didn't have access or skills
- They just wanted a slide deck
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What Options* Did I Look Into?



- Export & email dashboard
- Export & email reports
- Embed reports iframes

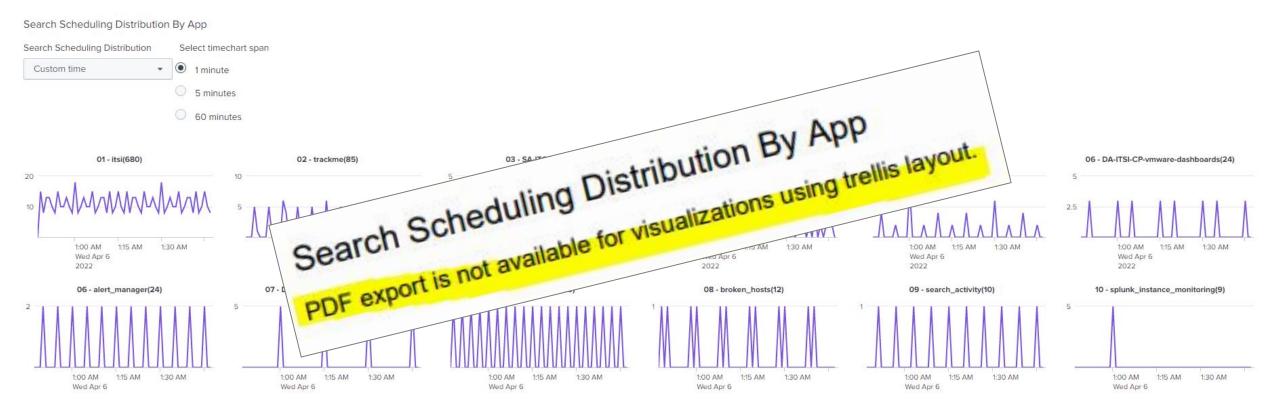






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Dashboard Export

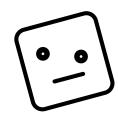
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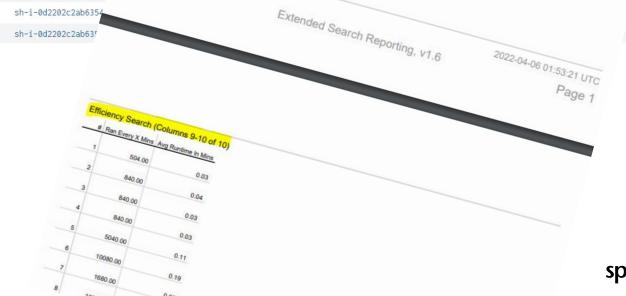
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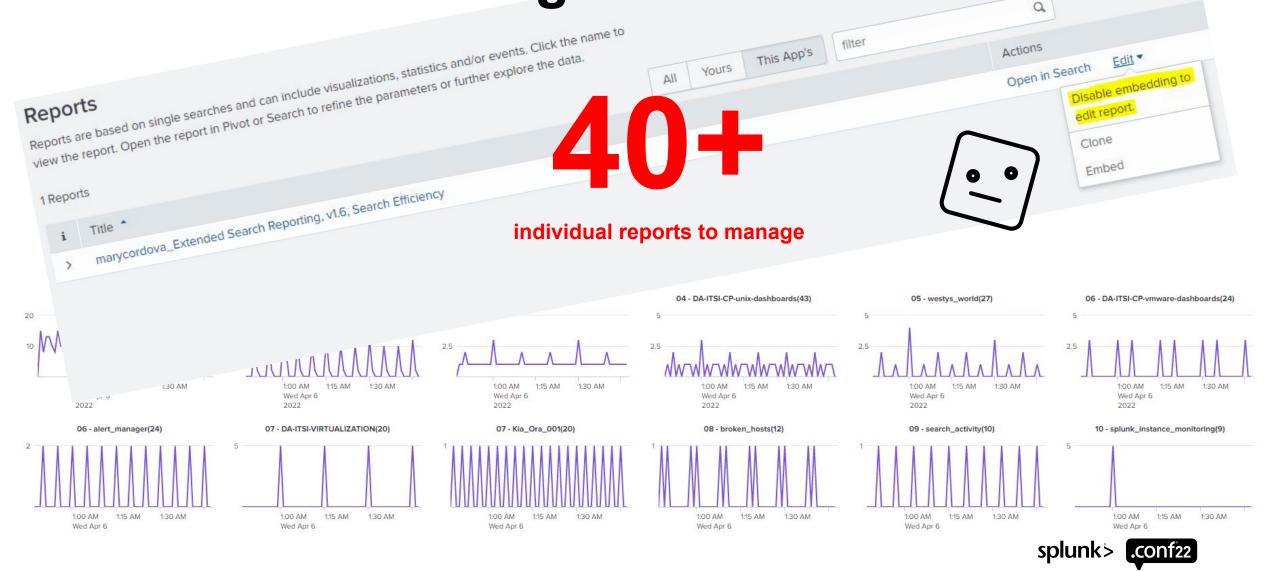
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Reply

So What is it I Want?

- Data visibility
- Fast & easy to access
- Self-serve & on-demand
- Interactive
- Up-to-date & fully automated
- Nice looking
- Dynamically generated exports*
- And I don't want to have to work every time someone asks me for something



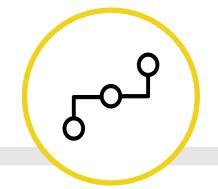
*Or stop doing that and just host the content somewhere



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Data Preparation

Use **Splunk** for data collection, normalization, and tabular formatting

This gives you a single place to fully manage your dataset

Data Pipeline

Use PowerBI® Cloud for automated data pipelines that are always up-to-date

Data Visualization

Use **PowerBI**® Desktop to easily create polished, interactive, visualizations

Data Distribution

Use **SharePoint** for self-serve user access that is interactive and enables dynamic export generation

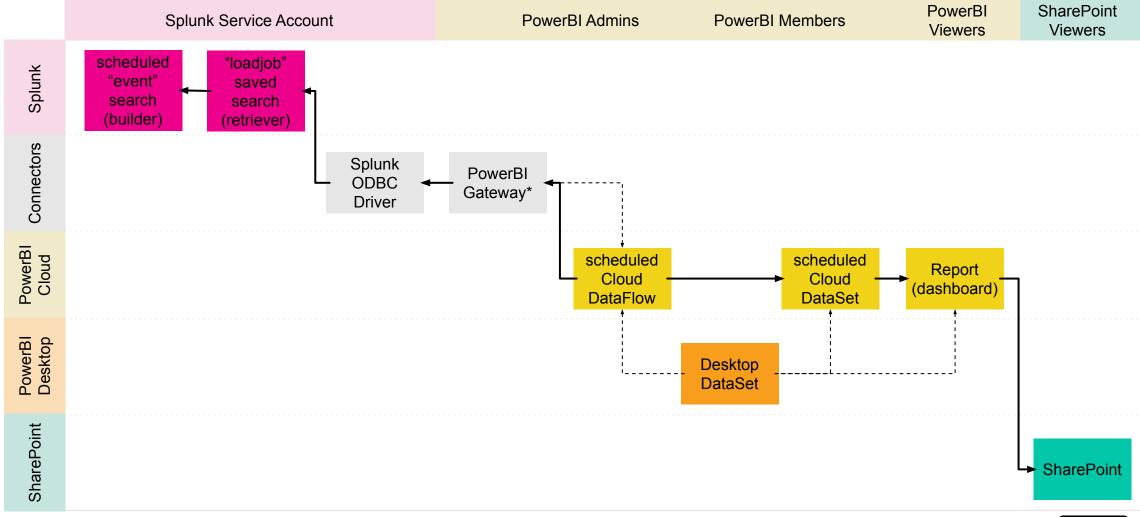




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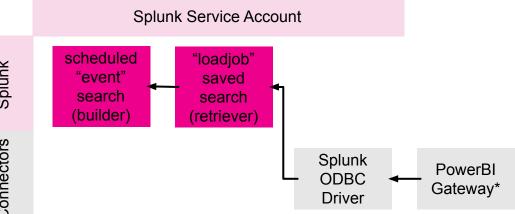
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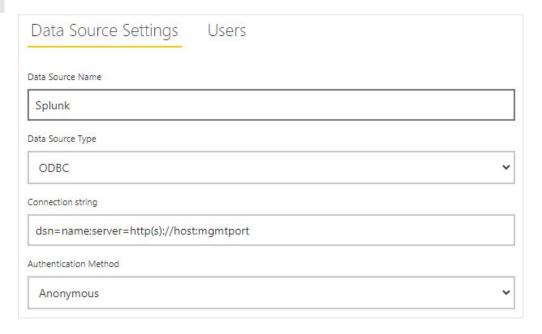
Architecture



Middleware

Connectors Splunk





- Windows
 - Network connection to Splunk http(s)://host:mgmtport
 - Splunk ODBC driver
 - Splunk service/local account
 - Network connection to PowerBI[®] Cloud
 - PowerBI Gateway driver
 - Probably managed by your Microsoft Admin team, otherwise easy to setup for yourself
 - Use a MS service account and not your individual credentials to register gateway driver with PowerBI Cloud
- PowerBI[®] Cloud Gateway
 - Add Splunk ODBC driver as a new DataSource

dsn=name; server=http(s)://host:8089



Splunk Builder

Splunk Service Account

Splunk

scheduled "event" search (builder)

rex field=body "(?<message>^[^\n]*)

eval account=lower(mvindex('Account table _time event_id action host lo

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Search "Builder"

Event search

Perform all you data manipulation here

Scheduled

Normalized

Tabular

Single value ONLY

PowerBI Windows Logon Builder

Learn More [2]

Run on Cron Schedule *

You will have to iterate building your dataset,

you might not know until you're already in PBI that you need to go back

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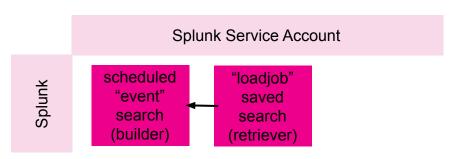
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PowerBI Windows Logon Builder

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Splunk Retriever



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- Search "Retriever"
 - |loadjob
 - Only results
 - From the most recent, non-running
 - Corresponding scheduled Builder
- If you need a lookup table use only a Retriever with llookup instead
- Connect only the Retrievers to a PowerBI[®] Cloud DataFlow

PowerBI Windows Logon Retriever

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PowerBI[®] Cloud DataFlow

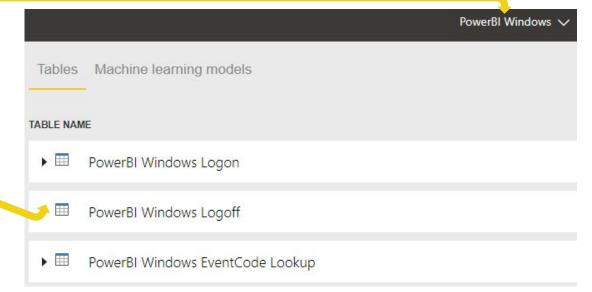
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PowerBI® Cloud DataFlow

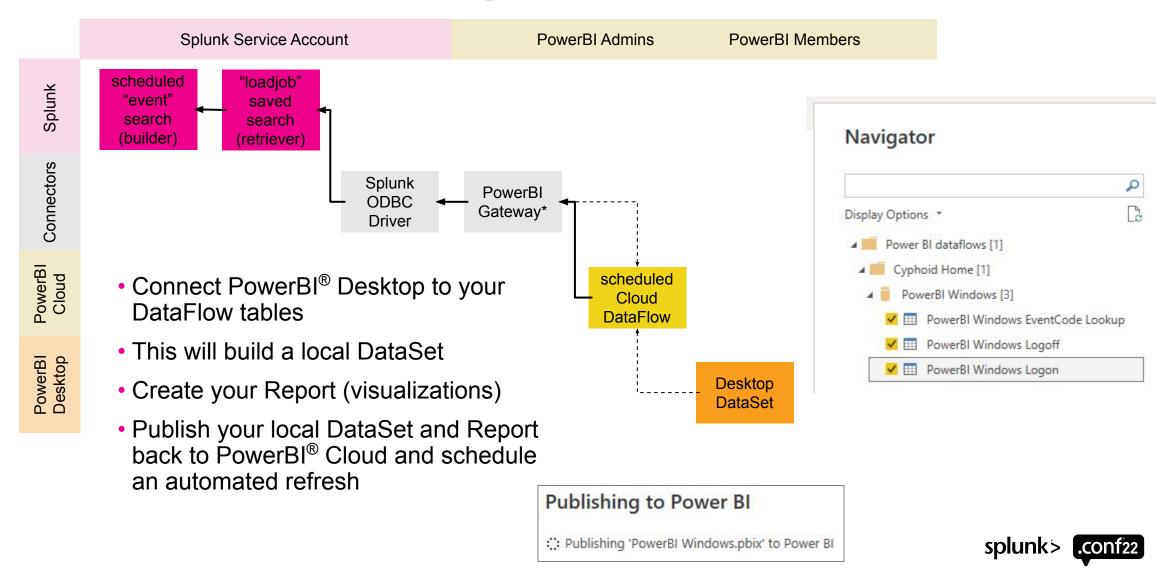
- Do not do any data manipulation here
 - You will be tempted
 - Go back to Splunk instead
- DataFlow
 - Bundle your Splunk reports logically

- Automated refresh
 - Schedule to start after you are sure your Splunk refreshes are complete



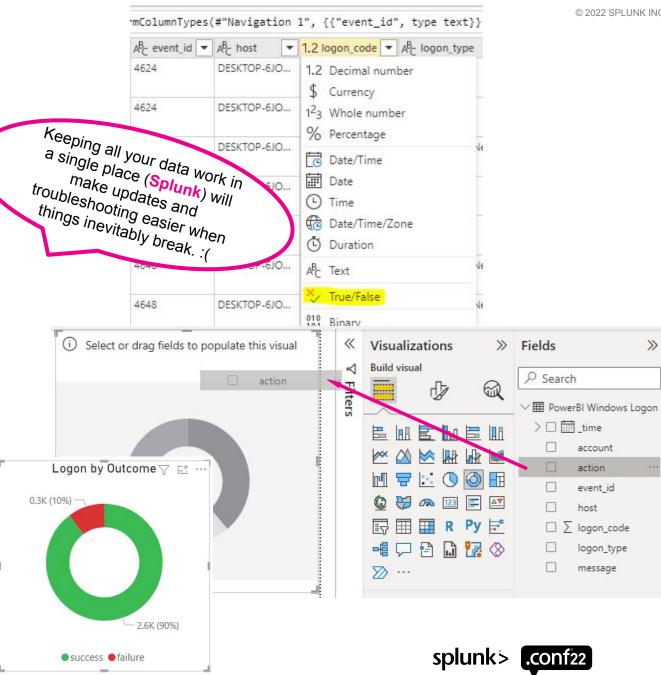


PowerBI® Desktop

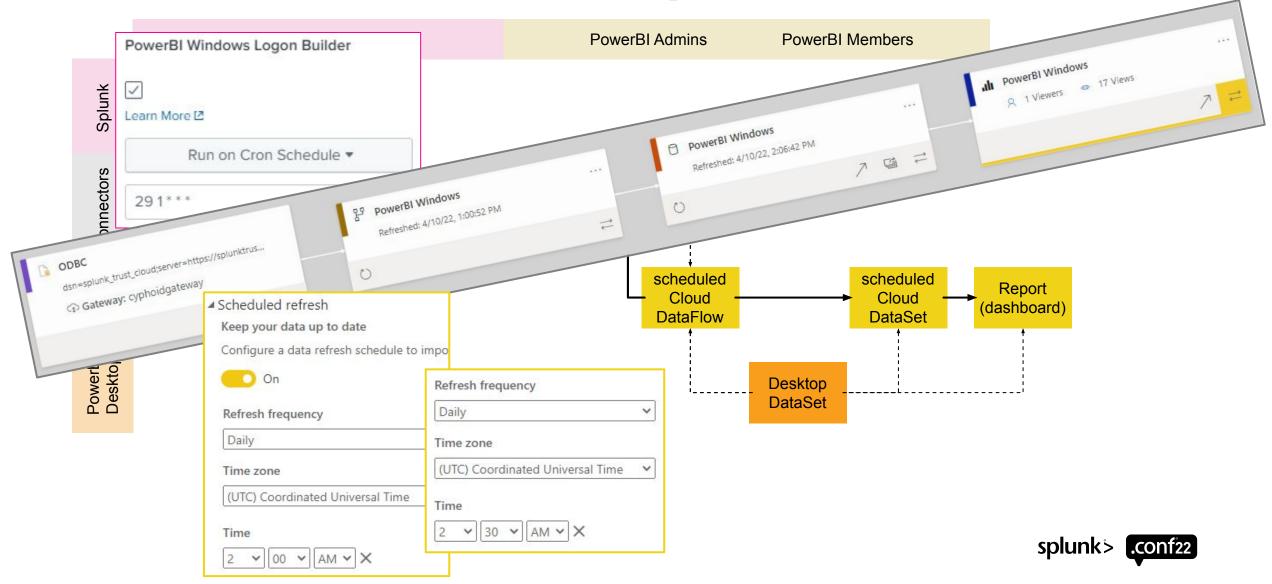


PowerBI[®] Desktop

- Do not do any data manipulation here
 - You will be tempted
 - Go back to Splunk instead
- DataSets
 - If you must, you can make small data changes that are specific to PowerBI, such as data types
 - numeric to text, etc
- Reports
 - Quickly and easily drag and drop visualizations onto your cleaned and prepared Splunk data
- Publishing
 - Send it all back to the cloud for automated refresh. and sharing
 - Schedule the refresh to occur after the DataFlow refresh has completed



Automated Refresh Pipeline



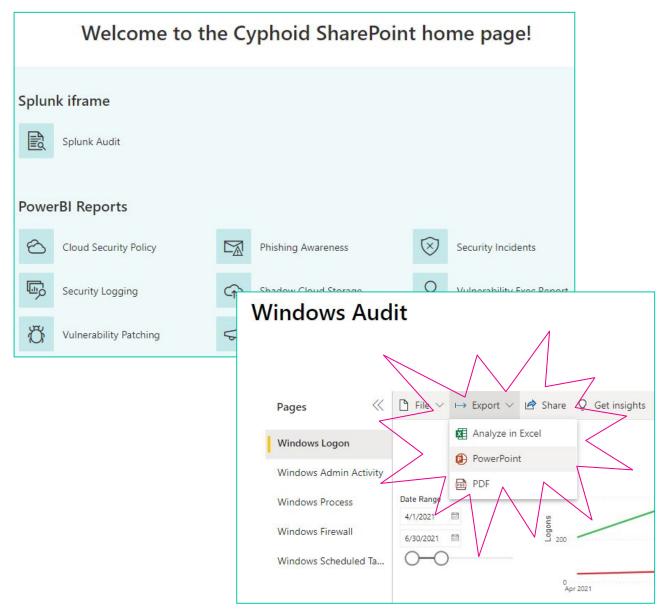
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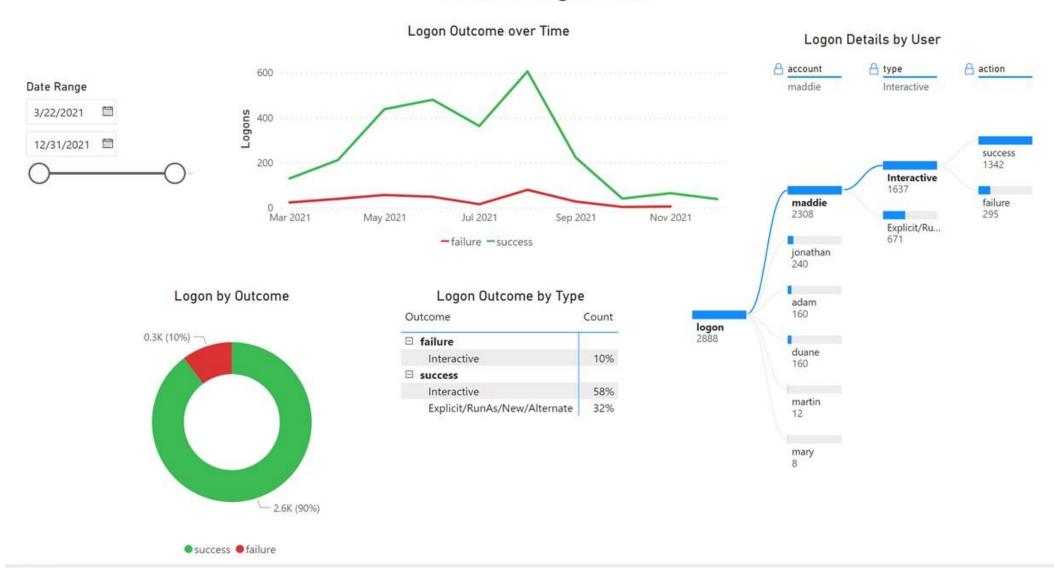
SharePoint

- Users probably already use it daily
- SharePoint enables:
 - One place for a diverse group stakeholders to access reports/dashboards
 - An easy login experience (hopefully YMMV)
 - Intuitive and navigable sites (if you build it that way)
 - Access to the dynamic/interactive sorting and filtering of PowerBI
 - Access to the customized exports of PowerBI
 - Ability to stop exporting and start sharing
 - Just screenshare, or grant access to the reports instead





Windows Logon Audit



Access Control

- Splunk service account constrained to a specific App
 - Connectors & DataFlows can only access saved Reports/Alerts in that App
- Only PowerBI[®] Gateway and PowerBI[®] ODBC Driver DataSource Admins can create or modify a DataFlow
- Only PowerBI[®] Workspace Members can use a DataFlow to create or modify a DataSet & Report

- Provision users with View access to your PowerBI[®] Workspace and SharePoint site
 - Everyone will need PowerBI Pro license
 - Included in E5 or \$10 per user per month



Thank You

