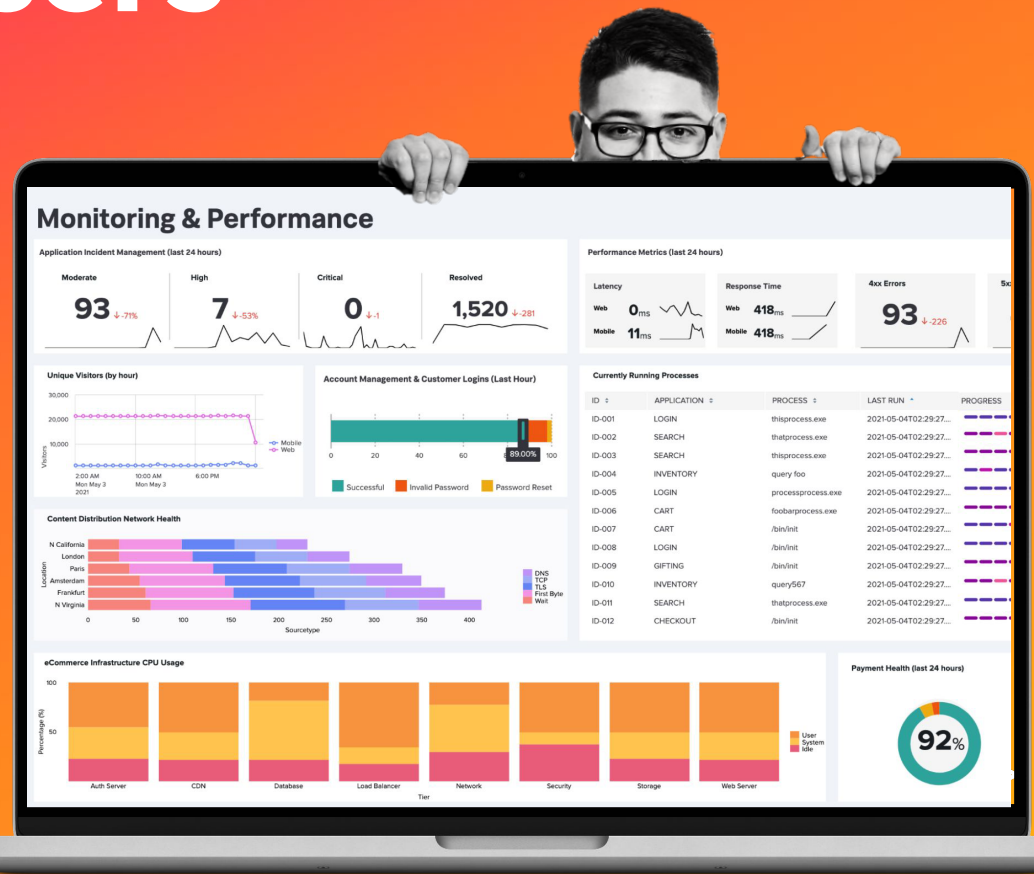# Onboarding Toolkit for Splunk Platform Users

Your 3-Part Guide to Splunk Success!

Onboarding Part 1: Setting the Foundation

Sign up for free training

- Begin your Splunk training with our [Free Training Starter Path](#) for Platform.
- Follow [Splunk Search Tutorial](#) to learn with a a tutorial data set.
- Sign up for a [Splunk4Rookies](#) workshop.

Join the Splunk Community

- Sign-up [here](#)!
- Join the [#getting-data-in](#) and [#splunk-cloud](#) Slack channels for real-time help from the Community (request access [here](#)).
- Head to [Splunk Answers](#) for crowd-sourced guidance.

Onboard and manage data

- Step-by-step guide for Onboarding and Managing Data in [Splunk Cloud](#) or [Splunk Enterprise](#).
- Follow documentation:
  - [Onboarding Data](#) manual
  - [Universal Forwarder](#) manual ([download](#))
- Free course [Getting Data into Splunk](#)

Configure & manage users

- Learn about [Setting roles and responsibilities](#) in Splunk.
- Read about the different roles you can assign in [Splunk Cloud](#) or [Splunk Enterprise](#).
- Create and manage users in [Splunk Cloud](#) or [Splunk Enterprise](#).
- Lantern guide to learn more about [Managing data based on role](#).

Onboarding Part 2: Getting Value from Splunk

Extract insights with search, reports, dashboards, and alerts

Getting started guide to extract insights for Splunk Cloud and Splunk Enterprise.
- Search: Getting started with Search manual
  - Download this Search quick reference guide
  - Follow the Search tutorial
  - List of SPL commands quick reference
- Reports: See how to create and edit reports in Cloud and Enterprise
- Dashboards: Getting started with Dashboards and Dashboard Studio manuals
  - Follow the Dashboard Studio tutorial
  - Download the Dashboards quick reference guide
- Alerts: Alerting workflow manual and learn how to prevent alert fatigue

Implement your first use case

Explore the Platform Use Case Explorer for prescriptive guidance on key Splunk use cases. Then check out:
- Security use cases
  - Download free Splunk Security Essentials app for more
- ITOps & Engineering use cases
  - Download free IT Essentials Learn app for more
- Lantern Product Tips page to learn even more about what you can do with Splunk

Manage your deployment

- Step-by-step guide for managing your deployment in Splunk Cloud and Splunk Enterprise.

Onboarding Part 3: How do I keep learning?

Sign up for key communications

- Subscribe to "Product News" blog to stay current on key product updates.
- Attend "Tech Talks" - highly technical, practitioner-focused webinars
  - Sign-up here to receive notifications of new "Tech Talks"
  - Enjoy our library of On-Demand Security "Tech Talks"

Get real time guidance

- Workshops (virtual, in-person, or on-demand!)
- Community Office Hours - live, hands-on help in a small group format

Prescriptive adoption motions

- Follow these prescriptive adoption motions as you continue to mature on your path to digital resilience with Splunk:
  - For Security:
    - Data sources and normalization
    - Security monitoring with correlation and content
    - Compliance
  - For Observability:
    - Troubleshoot mission-critical apps and infrastructure
    - Optimize cloud monitoring

More advanced training

- If you're looking to take the next step in your Splunk training, check out our more advanced Training and Certification
- Watch past .conf session to get more inspiration from our Security and Observability experts and guest speakers