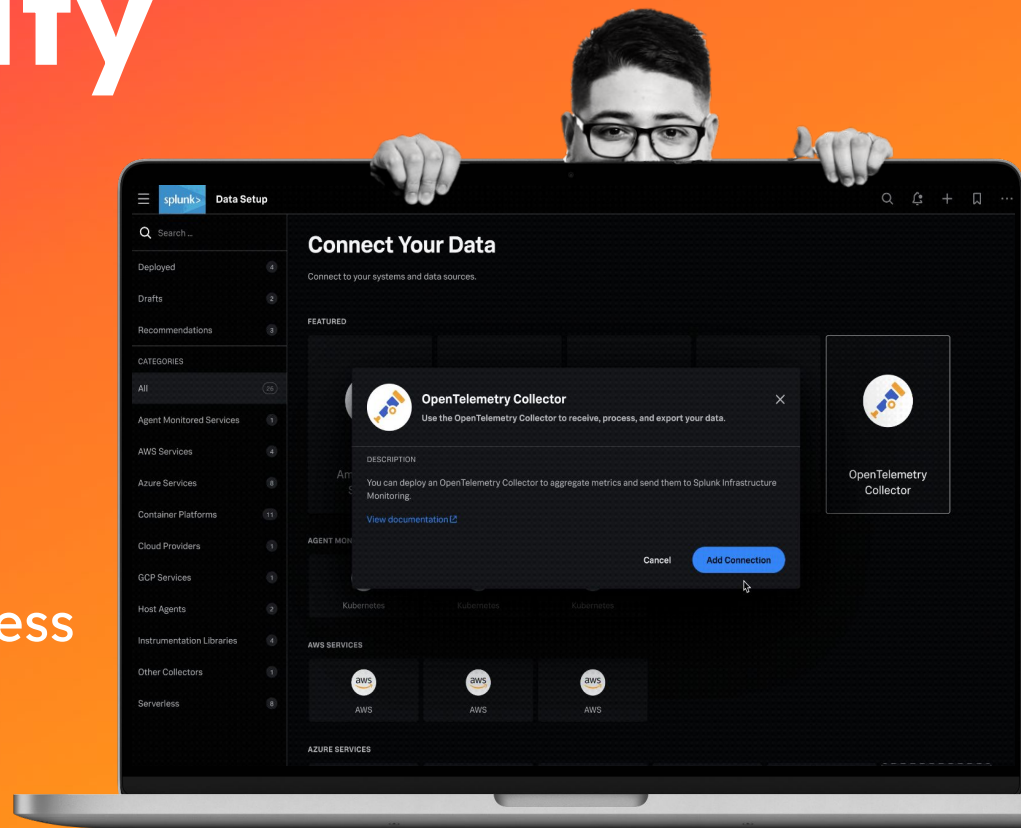# Onboarding Toolkit for Splunk Observability Users

A 3 phase guide to Splunk Success

Onboarding Phase 1: Getting Started

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Sign up for free training	• Begin your Splunk training with our **FREE EDU Starter Track** for Observability • View the **full course catalog**.
Join the Splunk Community	• Sign-up **here**! • Join the **#observability** slack channel for real time troubleshooting • Head to **Splunk Answers** for crowd-sourced guidance • Sign up for "**Product News and Announcements**" to stay current on key product updates
Set up your Observability product(s)	• Learn to deploy the **OpenTelemetry Collector** to get data into your environment. • Get your **naming conventions** right! • Learn about **built-in dashboards** • View the **default detectors**
Go deeper with self-guided workshops	• The "**Splunk4Rookies"- Observability**" workshop lets you use our products to solve a real-life case study • Continue with the **Splunk IM** and **Splunk APM** workshops for more experiential learning opportunities • ***Pro-Tip***: In this **15 minute workshop,** learn to deploy the Otel Collector by installing a helm chart
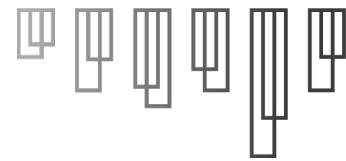
Onboarding Phase 2: Adding Use Cases

Create a Use Case Registry

- Create a **Use Case Registry** to select initial use cases, relevant stakeholders, and timelines.
- You can create your own registry or use this [template](#).
- We also recommend regular meetings to discuss the Registry to ensure you are charting your progress and tracking success.

Implement your first use cases

- Complete these introductory use cases:
  - [Monitoring kubernetes pods](#) with **Splunk Infrastructure Monitoring**
  - [Troubleshooting microservices and cloud-related issues](#) with **Splunk Application Performance Monitoring**

Dig into our use case repository

- Visit the Observability [Use Case Explorer](#) on Splunk Lantern for prescriptive guidance on key Splunk use cases.
- Check out the Lantern [Product Tips](#) page to learn even more about what you can do with Splunk.

Get real time guidance

- Join [Community Office Hours](#) - live, hands-on help in a small group format
- Attend "[Tech Talks](#)" - highly technical, practitioner-focused webinars
- [Splunk Event Calendar](#)

Onboarding Phase 3: Maximizing Value

Leverage multiple o11y products

- Demo: [Using Splunk RUM and APM together](#)
- Demo: [Making a JavaScript Application Observable with Splunk Infrastructure Monitoring, APM, and RUM from Instrumentation](#)

Set up high value features

- IM: Set up [Network Explorer](#) to ingest and analyze network telemetry
- APM: Optimize application, service, and memory usage with [AlwaysOn Profiling](#)
- APM: Analyze service performance with [Tag Spotlight](#)

Prescriptive adoption motions

- Follow these **prescriptive adoption motions** as you continue to mature on your path to digital resilience with Splunk:
  - [Application Monitoring](#)
  - [Infrastructure Monitoring](#)
  - [Digital Experience Monitoring](#)

More advanced training

- If you're looking to take the next step in your Splunk training, follow our [Observability Intermediate Learning Track](#)
- For those looking to become O11y experts, the **advanced learning tracks** will get you there!
  - [IM + Logs](#) | [APM + DEM](#)