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# Splunk Enterprise Security 8

The Essential Upgrade for Threat  
Detection, Investigation, and Response

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# Topics

- Notable Changes (between ES 7 and ES 8\*)
  - Terminology
- ES 8 Key Benefits and Features
- Enterprise Security Editions
- Important Considerations
  - Deprecated features & limitations
  - Known issues
  - Architectural nuances
  - REST API Support

*\*Up to v8.2*

# Notable Changes

# Terminology

# Updated ES Taxonomy & Terminology

Changes from <=7.3 to 8

\* = Conceptual difference

<=ES 7.3	ES 8
Correlation search, correlation rule, risk rule	Event-based detection
Risk incident rule*	Finding-based detection
Notable (notable event, risk rotatable)	Finding
Comment*	Note
MC incident, ES investigation*	Investigation
Risk event	Intermediate finding
Splunk events	Events
Alerts	Third-party Alerts

For more information on the changed terms, see [Glossary](#) and [Splunk Enterprise Security terminology](#).

# Updated ES Taxonomy & Terminology

Changes from <=7.3 to 8

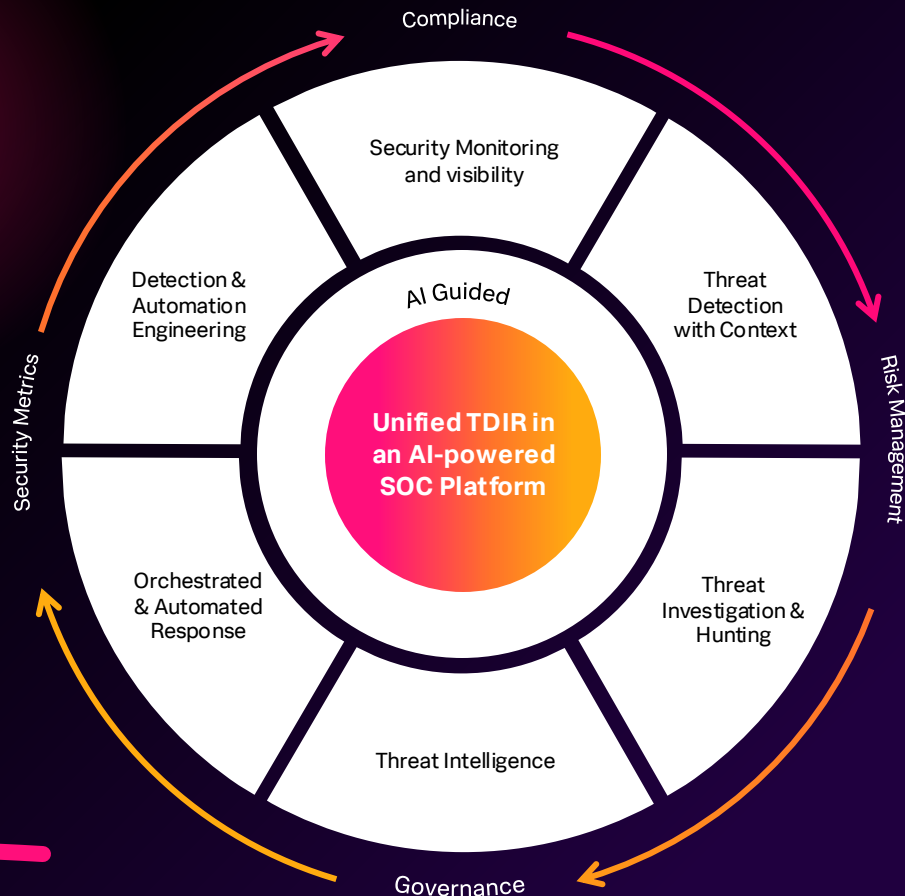
<=ES 7.3	ES 8
Incident Review	(Mission Control) Analyst Queue
MC incident details page	Investigation details page
Risk object	Entity (any identity, asset, user or device)
Response plan, Response template	Response plan
Indicator, Threat artifact	Indicator
Threat-matching searches	Threat-match detections
Threat match, threat activity	Threat findings
Artifact, evidence	Artifact

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# The SOC Reimagined

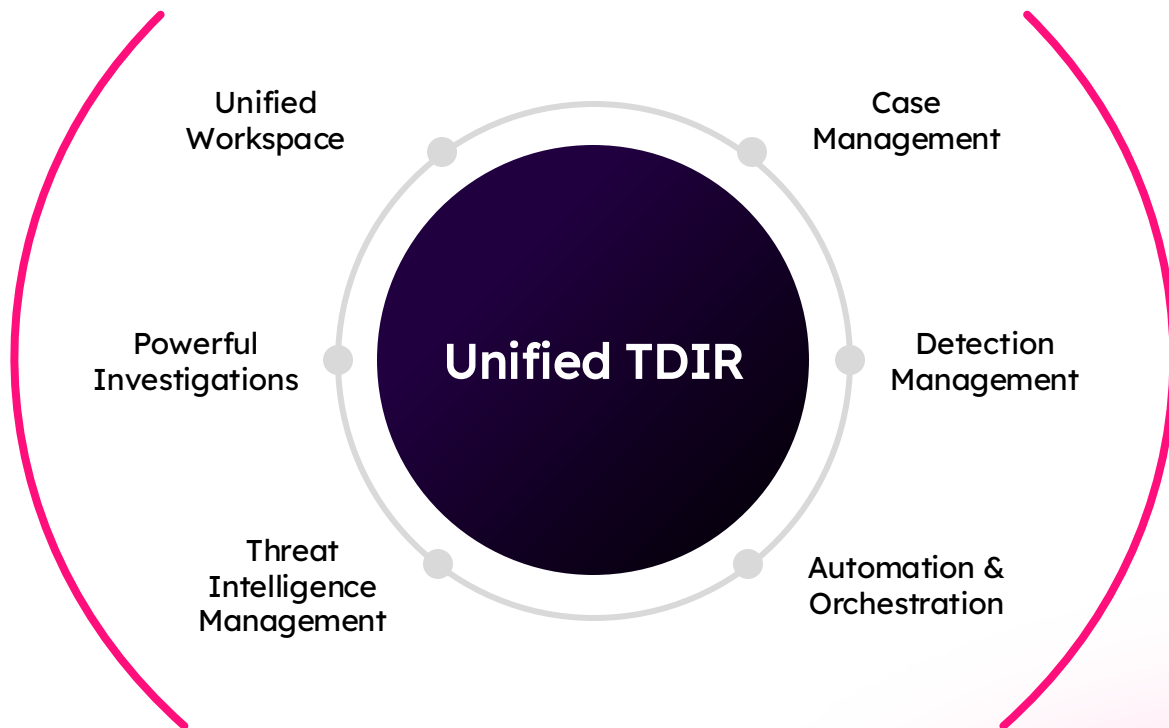
A human + AI partnership to harness massive volumes of data and:

- Focus on the threats that matter most.
- Accelerate detection and response.
- Enable digital resilience for the business.



# Unified Analyst Experience to Accelerate TDIR

Coordination and collaboration across the TDIR lifecycle



# Splunk Enterprise Security

## The AI Powered SecOps Platform

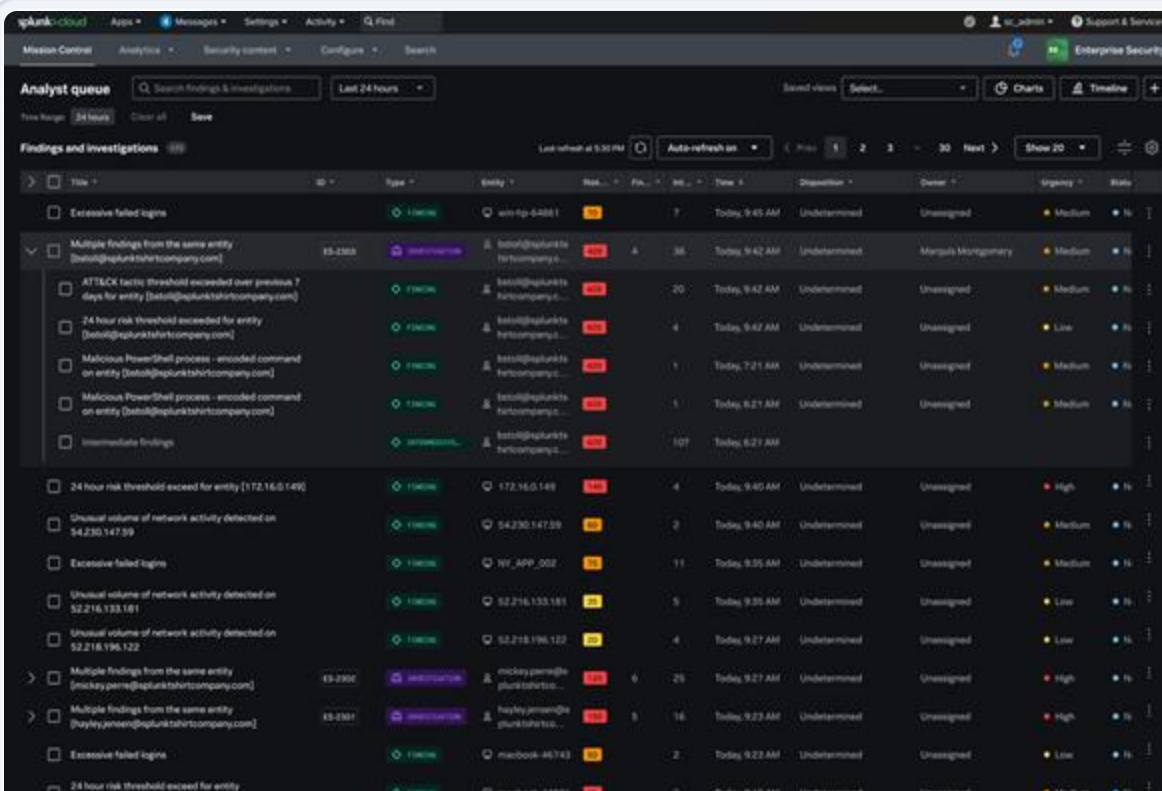
- **Unlock full-fidelity visibility** and control of your security data wherever it lives.
- **Deliver the best analyst experience** and tooling with unified TDIR.
- **Accelerate the SOC** with built-in AI and Agentics across every layer.

The screenshot displays the Splunk Enterprise Security interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'All' and a search bar. Below this, a 'Detections' tab is active, showing a grid of detection categories: Reconnaissance (1 of 12 Techniques (1%)), Resource Development (2 of 7 Techniques (2%)), Initial Access (2 of 9 Techniques (22%)), Execution (1 of 12 Techniques (1%)), Persistence (3 of 13 Techniques (2%)), Privilege Escalation (0 of 13 Techniques (0%)), and Defense Evasion (0 of 9 Techniques (0%)). Each category has a list of specific techniques, such as 'Gather Victim Host Information', 'Drive-by Compromise', 'Phishing', 'Command and Scripting Interpreter', 'Account Manipulation', 'Browser Extensions', 'Event Triggered Execution', 'Change Default File Association', and 'PowerShell Profiles'. On the right, a 'Disposition' section shows 'Undetermined'. Below this, a 'Notes' section lists several findings with details like 'Machine infected', 'Blocked outbound network access', and 'Next steps'. At the bottom, a 'Files' section prompts the user to 'Drop your files here or browse all file types supported'.

# Unlock Full Fidelity Visibility

Make sense of all data and enable fast action

- Ingest, federate, and normalize **data from any source**, cloud, or OT for unified visibility.
- Optimize data routing, filtering, and storage to **control costs and maintain full access** for compliance and analysis.
- Enrich every alert with **integrated Cisco Talos and Splunk threat intelligence** for faster, more precise triage.
- Stay ahead with **world-class detections**—rule-based, AI-driven, and custom—continuously updated and mapped to MITRE ATT&CK.
- Deploy, test, and monitor detections faster with **Detection Studio\***, enabling seamless coverage and quick gap closure.
- **Proactively address risk with RBA**, correlating weak signals, reducing false positives, and accelerating triage.



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# Deliver the Best Analyst Experience

Unify threat detection, investigation and response (TDIR) workflows

New

- **Get integrated, end-to-end TDIR workflows** with native SIEM, SOAR, UEBA, and threat intelligence for faster value and a unified analyst experience.

New

- **Empower every analyst with embedded SOAR\*** and case management to standardize playbooks, cut errors, and automate triage and response.

New

- **Detect and mitigate insider threats with UEBA\***, which baselines activity and elevates risky behaviors for rapid, confident action.

splunk>cloud Apps Messages Settings Activity Find

Mission Control Analytics Security content Configure Investigate Tools Search

Queue ES-00024 7 day risk threshold exceeded for user=kennyb

Overview Response Events Search Automation Intelligence

Automation Prompts Run playbook Run action

Owner dgamers@splunk.c... Status New

Search automation

Machine Prep by dgamers@splunk.com Aug 27, 3:12 AM 2 actions ran

- add\_finding\_or\_investigation\_note\_1
- query\_device\_1

Insider Account Based Prep by dgamers@splunk.com Aug 27, 3:06 AM 2 actions ran

- add\_finding\_or\_investigation\_note\_2
- get\_attributes\_1

Machine Prep by dgamers@splunk.com Aug 27, 3:06 AM 2 actions ran

- add\_finding\_or\_investigation\_note\_1
- query\_device\_1

Insider Account Based Prep

Status Success Started Aug 27, 3:06 AM

Owner Dgamers@splunk.com Completed Completed Aug 27, 3:06 AM

Completed actions 2 show Failed actions 0

View logs

Action: add finding or investigation note Run Id: 185

```
{[-]
  next_page: null,
  items: [{[-]
    source_type: "Incident",
    update_time: 1756263991.675413,
    ai_generated: false,
    last_edited_by: null,
    response_plan_info: null
  }]
}
```

ES

Microsoft

Add

EXECUTE ACTIONS

- Action
- Playbook
- Code
- Utility

PROCESS FILTERS

- Filter
- Decision
- Format

HUMAN INPUT

- Prompt

SPLUNK API

- Enterprise Security

Start

ACTION get attributes

ENTERPRISE SECURITY API add finding or investigation note

End

\*In controlled availability

# Accelerate the SOC

Use built-in AI and Agentics across every layer

## Triage and Investigation

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- Use **AI Assistants\*** to generate SPL queries, summarize findings, and provide investigation and remediation guidance from natural language.

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- Let **Triage Agents\*\*** evaluate, prioritize, and explain alerts, reducing workload and highlighting critical issues.

## Automation and Response

Alpha

- Accelerate automation with **AI Playbook Authoring\*\*** that turns plain language into tested SOAR playbooks—no deep VPE expertise needed.

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- Rely on **Autonomous Response Agents\*\*** to execute response actions in security tools based on set instructions.

The screenshot displays the Splunk SOAR interface. On the left, the 'Automation' tab is active, showing a list of actions: 'user initiated block hash action', 'user initiated quarantine device action', 'user initiated disable user action', 'Risk Auto Containment', 'user initiated file reputation action', and 'Encoded Powershell Analysis'. On the right, a detailed view of the 'user initiated block hash action' is shown, including its status, success, and started time. Below this, a table lists the action's details, including the hash value and the configuration used. On the far right, a chat window shows a message from 'TA TDIR Admin' dated Jan 17, 1:36 PM, summarizing the findings of the investigation. The message is highlighted with a red box. Below the chat window, a summary of findings is displayed, including the investigation name, the risk object identified, and the event details.

**Automation**

Search automation

user initiated block hash action  
by splunker Jan 10, 5:51 AM

user initiated quarantine device action  
by splunker Jan 10, 5:51 AM

user initiated disable user action  
by splunker Jan 10, 5:50 AM

Risk Auto Containment  
by splunker Jan 10, 5:50 AM  
1 action ran  
get\_response\_plans\_1

user initiated file reputation action  
by splunker Jan 10, 5:47 AM  
1 action failed for app VirusTotal v3

user initiated file reputation action  
by splunker Jan 10, 5:46 AM

Encoded Powershell Analysis  
by splunker Jan 10, 5:40 AM

**Malicious PowerShell Process - Encoded Command**

Automation

user initiated block hash action

Status: Owner  
Success: TDIR Admin  
Started: Complete

Connector: Carbon Black Response

hash = "586EF56F4DB963DD546163AC31C865D7"

Block hash action succeeded. It might take some time

RUN ID	CONFIGURATION	NAME	CON
558	carbon black	block hash	Carb

Carbon Black.

Action: Block Hash Run Id: 558

Hash

586EF56F4DB963DD546163AC31C865D7

**TA TDIR Admin Jan 17, 1:36 PM**  
Summarize the findings

**AI Jan 17, 1:37 PM**  
**Understanding the Findings:**

The investigation named "Malicious PowerShell Process - Encoded Command On FYODOR-L.splunkshirtcompany.com" was triggered on Jan 09, 2025 09:36 PM UTC. The risk object identified is fyodor@splunkshirtcompany.com, connected to a user conducting potentially harmful activities. The event originated from FYODOR-L.splunkshirtcompany.com, identified through an encoded command executed via PowerShell. The PowerShell process ran hdoor.exe from the temp directory, utilizing IP addresses (192.168.9.1-192.168.9.50). The severity of this event is not specified, but the email fyodor@splunkshirtcompany.com was seen issuing high-level integrity commands with a session ID of '3'.

**TDIR Admin Jan 10, 5:53 AM**  
Encoded PowerShell Detection Response/Render Verdict/Task ...  
Take Remediation Action or Close Incident - Task Note - 1  
I have blocked the Malicious file hash across and quarantined and disabled the current

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# Enterprise Security Editions







*\*Up to v8.2*

# One SecOps Platform, Available in Two Editions

## Use Case

## Essentials Edition

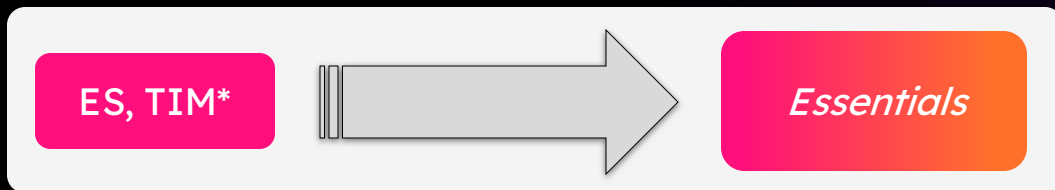
## Premier Edition

 Security Monitoring	Get a unified view across all environments for clearer threat visibility and faster, data-driven response	
 Threat Detection	Tackle unknown and known threats with a range of detections (correlations, rule-based, AI/ML, and custom)	<b>Elevate Threat Detection with AI</b> to easily understand and fine tune detection rules*
 Threat Investigation	Leverage the unified Mission Control interface to rapidly analyze, identify and investigate threats for an effective response	Accelerate investigation through <b>automated playbooks</b> and amplify human expertise with the <b>Triage Agent*</b> to automatically enriches alerts with more context.
 Threat Hunting	Use findings and searches to identify malicious activity and mitigate attacks before they escalate	Enhance threat hunting by leveraging <b>UEBA's ML-driven behavioral insights</b> and accelerate evidence gathering and response with <b>1-click automated runbooks</b>
 Automation	Use one time Adaptive Response actions for basic orchestration or integrate with a SOAR product for full spectrum automation	Accelerate response time, minimize human error, and ensure consistent enforcement of security policies.  <b>Available OOTB for every person in the SOC</b>
 Insider Threat Detection	Requires manual implementation or integration with a separate product	Mitigate insider threat in real time using :  <b>OOTB, proven, and scalable ML models, fully integrated in investigation workflows</b>

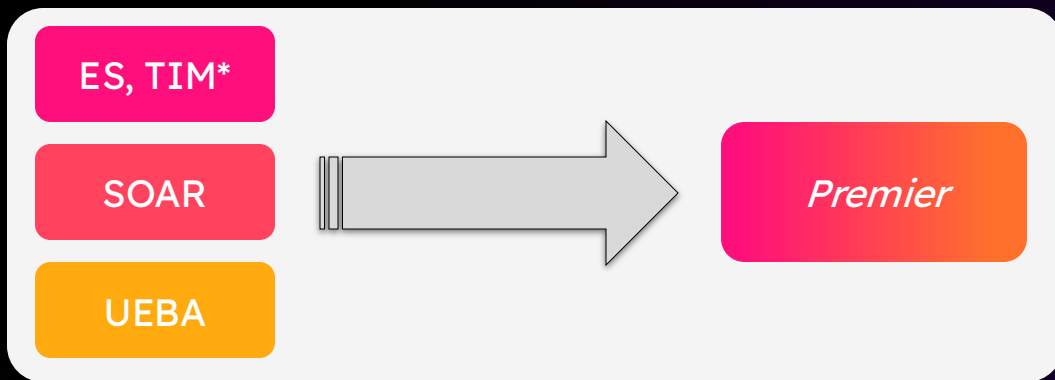
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# Individual Products → Platform with Editions

A single, integrated platform with capabilities and features supporting TDIR



*Not the same as Splunk Security Essentials (SSE)!*



*\*Cloud only at this time*

# Threat Detection

# At the core of a TDIR platform are detections

## Detections

Pre-built | Rule-based | Dynamic | Custom

Automatic threat intelligence enrichment

Integration with cybersecurity frameworks

(NIST, MITRE ATT&CK)

Detection authoring and management

(Detection as code)

# A Mix of Detection Capabilities

## Pre-built detections

- 1,700+ Curated Detections by Splunk Threat Research
- 225+ Analytic Stories
- 75+ Automation Playbooks

## Rule-based detections

- Event-based Detections
- Findings-based Detections
- Adaptive Response Actions
- Automation Rules and SOAR Playbooks

## Dynamic detections

- [ML-based Detections](#)
- [User \(and Entity\) Behavior Analytics](#)
- Risk-Based Alerting

## Custom detections

- Fully customizable built-in detections
- Full flexibility to create custom detections
- Machine Learning Toolkit

## Automatic threat intelligence enrichment

(Threat Intelligence Management, Talos Threat Intelligence, 3rd Party)

## Integration with cybersecurity frameworks

(Threat Topology Visualization, MITRE ATT&CK, NIST CSF 2.0, Cyber Kill Chain®)

## Detection authoring and management

(Automatic Detection Versioning, Open Source Tools)

# Detection Authoring and Management


- **Detection Management:** Detection engineers harness the redesigned detection editors to easily track and monitor changes
- **Noise Reduction:** Detection engineers now capture entity and risk context with all detections, and finding-based detections enable aggregation of findings



# Enhanced Detections

Enhanced detection capabilities empower analysts to comprehend and employ a **risk-based alerting strategy**, offering the flexibility to create high-confidence aggregated alerts for thorough investigations.

Select the detection type that you want to create


☐

Event-based detection

Create findings or intermediate findings using SPL searches to detect patterns, anomalies, and threats across your data.

Searches: Events and logs

Produces: Findings or intermediate findings

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Beta Finding-based detection

Create high confidence finding groups based on entity, threat object, risk threshold, tactics, and techniques to isolate security threats.

Searches: Existing findings and/or intermediate findings

Produces: Finding groups

[Learn more Detection documentation](#)

Cancel

Submit

# Event-Based Detections

Analysts can choose if the detection outputs a **finding** or an **intermediate finding**

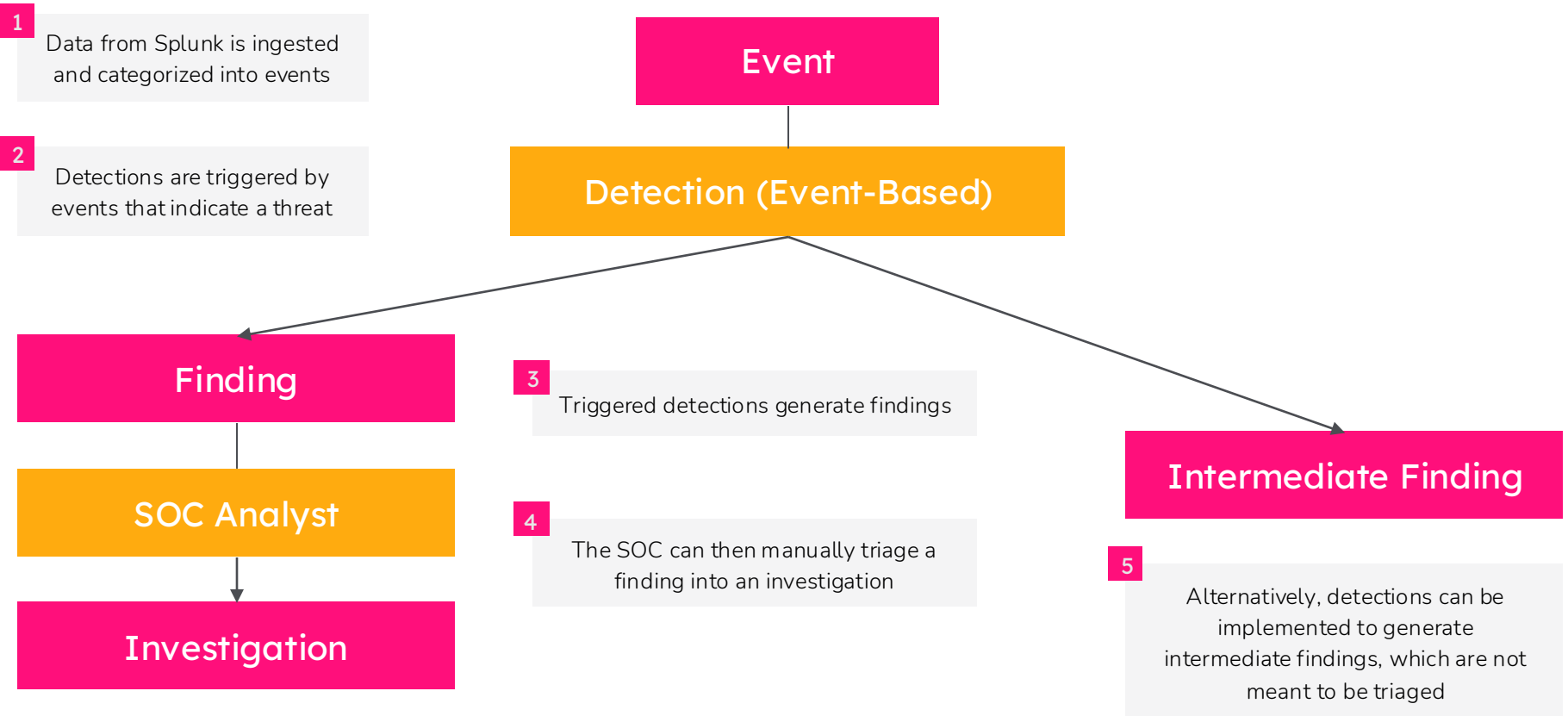
## Findings

- Combine the features of notable events and risk events into a single object
- Represent one or more anomalous incidents or alerts
- Metadata about the detection including tactics, techniques, confidence, impact, risk score, and threat objects are included
- View and triage in the Analyst Queue
- Manually created or automatically generated by detections
- Can be a group of alerts or a standalone alert

## Intermediate Findings

- Records or observations that indicate anomalies but might not be standalone security incidents
- Not available in the queue to triage
- Can appear identical to findings in style, format, and metadata based on the data stored in the index
- Might be used as input by advanced finding-based detections to discover potential security incidents with high fidelity and confidence

# ES 8 Workflow: Event-Based Detections

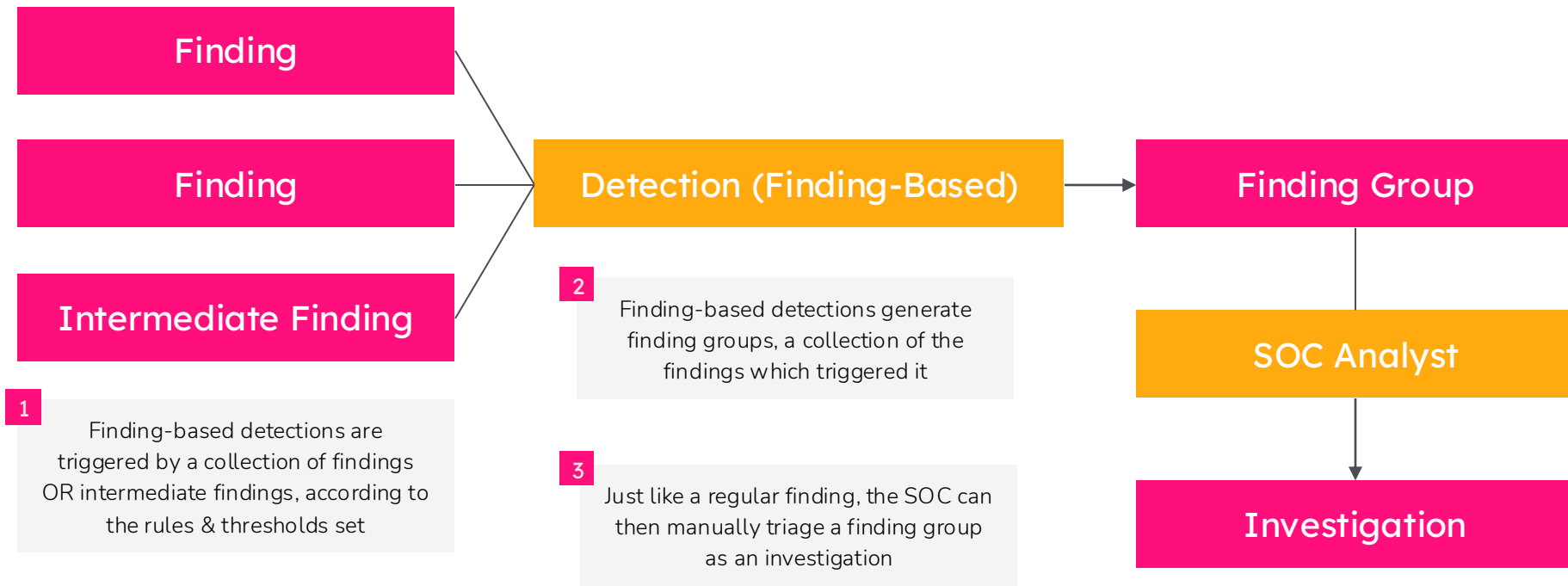


# Finding-Based Detections (Beta)

**NOTE:** Finding-based detections in Splunk Enterprise Security are currently released as a preview feature.

- Similar to **risk incident rules**
- Based on findings, as opposed to events
- Can incorporate **findings, intermediate findings, or both**
- Output the findings and intermediate findings that triggered them, as a **finding group**
- Finding groups show up in the analyst queue and can be triaged into investigations

# ES 8 Workflow: Finding-Based Detections

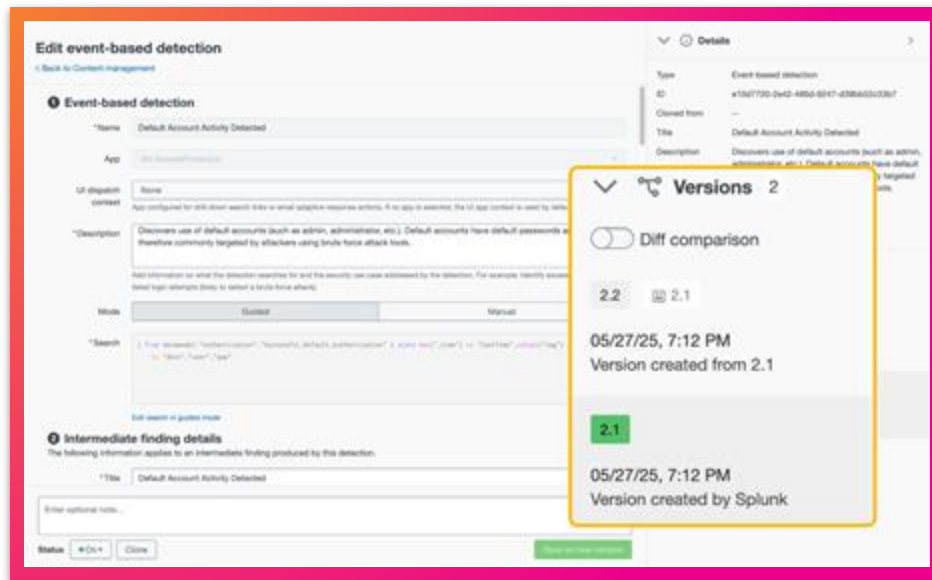


# Tuning of Detections

# Detection Versioning

Analysts can now use versioning to keep track of their history editing the detection

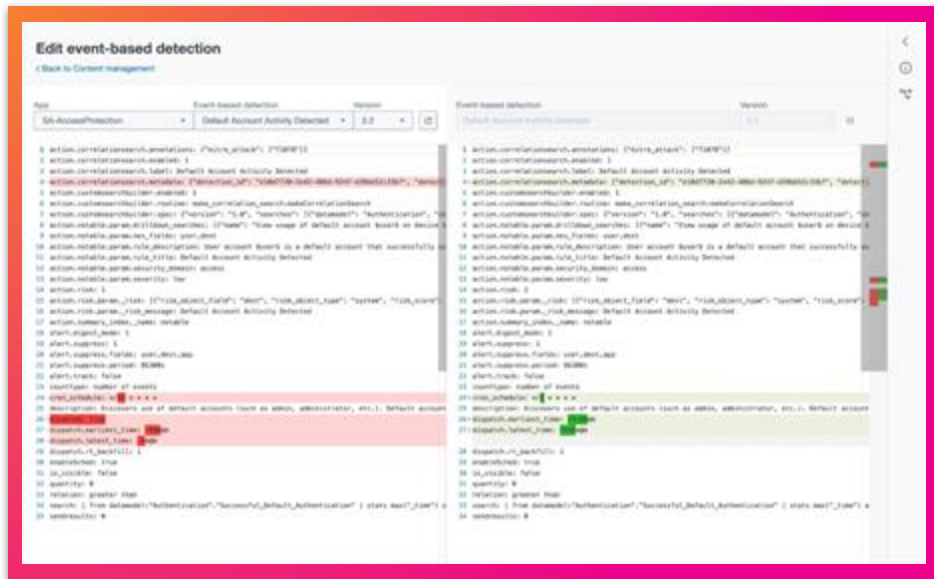
- **Versioning and content pipelines** so that content engineers can more easily build and maintain a content development lifecycle
- **Rollback to any version** so that an older version is be used while changes are saved to newer versions
- **Relationships** clearly connect original source to customized detections
- **Change history** captured for audit purposes (who, what, when..)
- **Content archiving** as a means to retire security detections without losing historical context
- **Notes enforcement** available for new versions are created



# Detection Diffing

## Line-by-line tracking for changes in detections

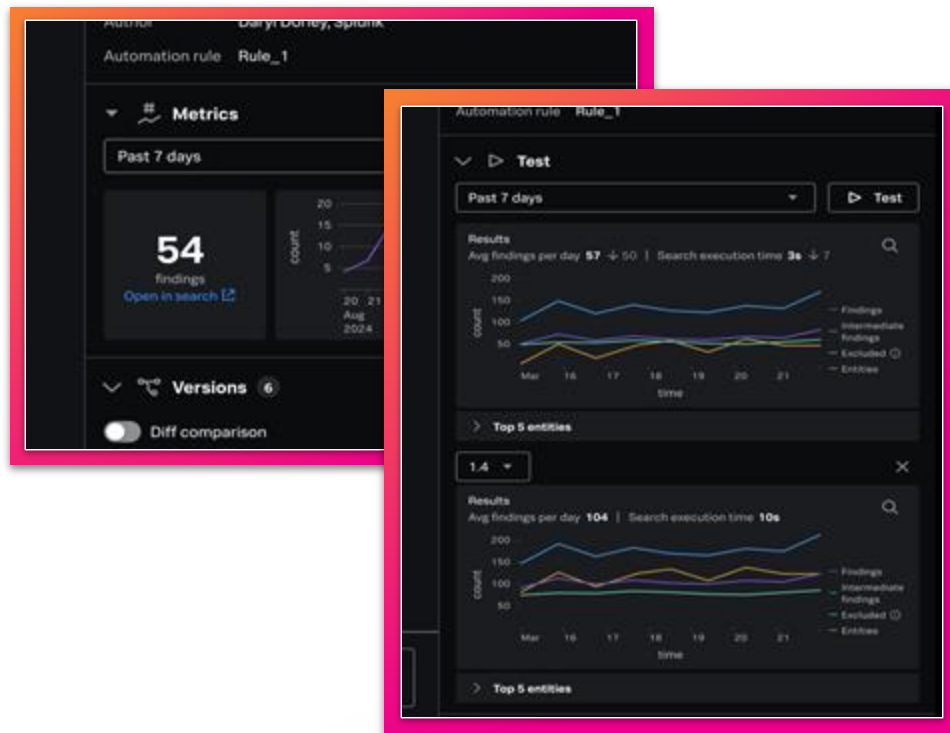
- Detection editors now allows **side-by-side** comparison of detections
- Differences between detections **highlighted** clearly
- Users can **compare to other detections** as well as prior versions of the same detection



# Detection In-Editor Testing (Beta)

Native ability to validate SPL searches directly in the Detection Editor

- **Quickly see** how many Findings or Intermediate Findings a rule would generate over a defined time window
- Identify overly broad or narrow detections before they're deployed, **reducing false positives and missed threats**
- Streamline detection tuning for new analysts by giving **immediate feedback** during detection creation



# Investigation

# Case Management

Structured and efficient way to manage security incidents from detection to resolution



## Workflow Management

Centralized and streamlined workflows for incident response, from initial triage to remediation.



## Increased Efficiency

Native integration with Splunk SOAR to automate repetitive tasks and workflows to help SOC analysts become more efficient and productive.



## Better Collaboration

Enhanced communication and collaboration among SOC analysts, incident responders, and other relevant teams.



## Reduced Risk

Threat prioritization based on risk level, type of threat, the assets and identities affected, and the potential for damage.



## Enhanced Compliance

Clear audit trail of security incidents and their handling, making it easier to demonstrate compliance to regulatory bodies.

# Case Management

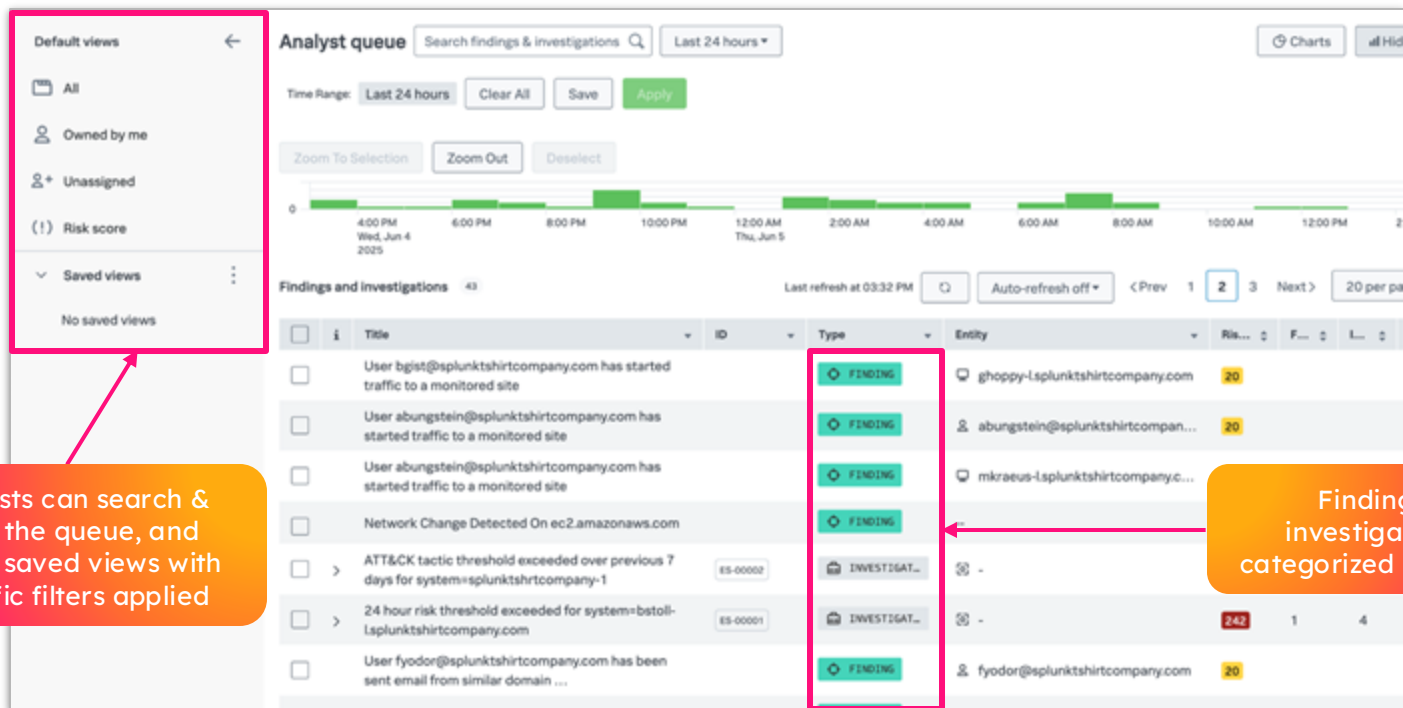
## Case Management Workflow

- **Triage:** Analysts leverage the redesigned analyst queue to search, sort, filter, and inspect findings
- **Investigate:** Suspicious findings can be flagged, grouped, and reviewed via the new investigations feature
- **Respond:** Native SOAR integration and MC response plans offer numerous pathways to respond to threats both manually and via automation



# Analyst Queue

Centralized location for SOC analysts to view findings and investigations



Analysts can search & filter the queue, and create saved views with specific filters applied

Findings and investigations are categorized in the queue

# Findings

Contain what was observed, which entity was impacted, and relevant detection metadata

The screenshot displays the Splunk Findings interface. On the left, a list of findings is shown, with one finding selected. On the right, the details of the selected finding are displayed. Three callouts provide additional information:

- After clicking into findings from the queue, analysts have the option to triage them into investigations**: This callout points to the "Start Investigation" button in the top right corner of the finding details panel.
- Analysts can edit and automatically save changes to fields, such as owner & status**: This callout points to the "Owner" and "Status" dropdown menus in the finding details panel.
- Important metadata is displayed in each finding**: This callout points to the "Metadata" section in the finding details panel, which lists various attributes such as Time, Last updated, Reference ID, Detection, All entities, Detection name, Entity, Entity type, Intermediate findings, Original Splunk source, Risk score, Security domain, Severity, Title, and Threat intelligence.

**Findings and Investigations**

Time Range: Last 24 hours

Zoom To Selection

Findings and Investigations

24 hour risk threshold exceeded for user=bstoll@splunkshirtcompany.com

Risk Threshold Exceeded for an object over a 24 hour period

Owner: unassigned Status: New Urgency: Low

Sensitivity: Select... Disposition: Undetermined

Time: Jun 5th, 2025 8:42 AM

Last updated: Jun 5th, 2025 8:42 AM

Reference ID: 1a2979c7-757b-40ca-9f8d-7a7555e42072

Detection: Risk - 24 Hour Risk Threshold Exceeded - Rule

All entities: bstoll@splunkshirtcompany.com

Detection name: Risk - 24 Hour Risk Threshold Exceeded - Rule

Entity: bstoll@splunkshirtcompany.com

Entity type: user

Intermediate findings: 3

Original Splunk source: Threat - Threat List Activity - Rule

Threat - Traffic to similar domain identified - Demo - Rule

Threat - ZScaler login from multiple endpoints - Rule

Risk score: 130

Security domain: threat

Severity: medium

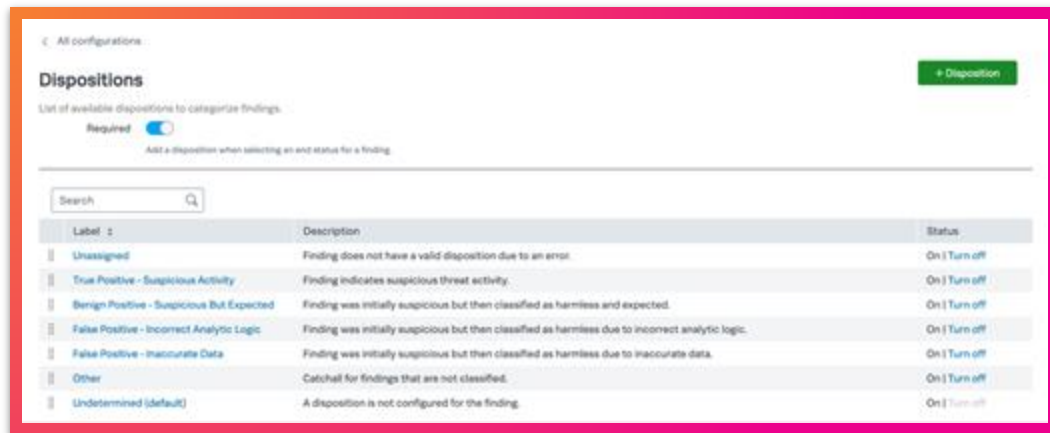
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Threat intelligence

# The Power of Dispositions

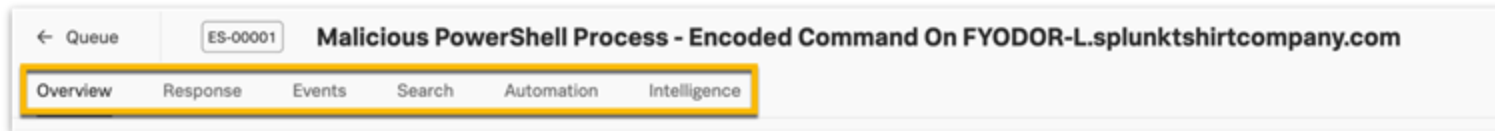
<https://help.splunk.com/en/splunk-enterprise-security-8/administer/8.2/investigations/configure-dispositions-for-findings-in-splunk-enterprise-security>

- Classification is necessary for effective tuning
- Improve detection context and accuracy
- Classify findings and investigations based on the threat level associated with them
- Define custom categories based on the actual work performed by incident responders
- Option to mandate entering a disposition before closing a finding



# Investigation Tabs

Triage individual findings, multiple findings, or finding groups



**Overview:** View the data associated with an investigation (e.g., original event, drill-down search, detection, custom fields, additional fields, history)

**Response:** Use the phases and tasks of a response plan to guide the investigation

**Events:** Add events to investigations, providing a link between raw data and the ongoing investigation

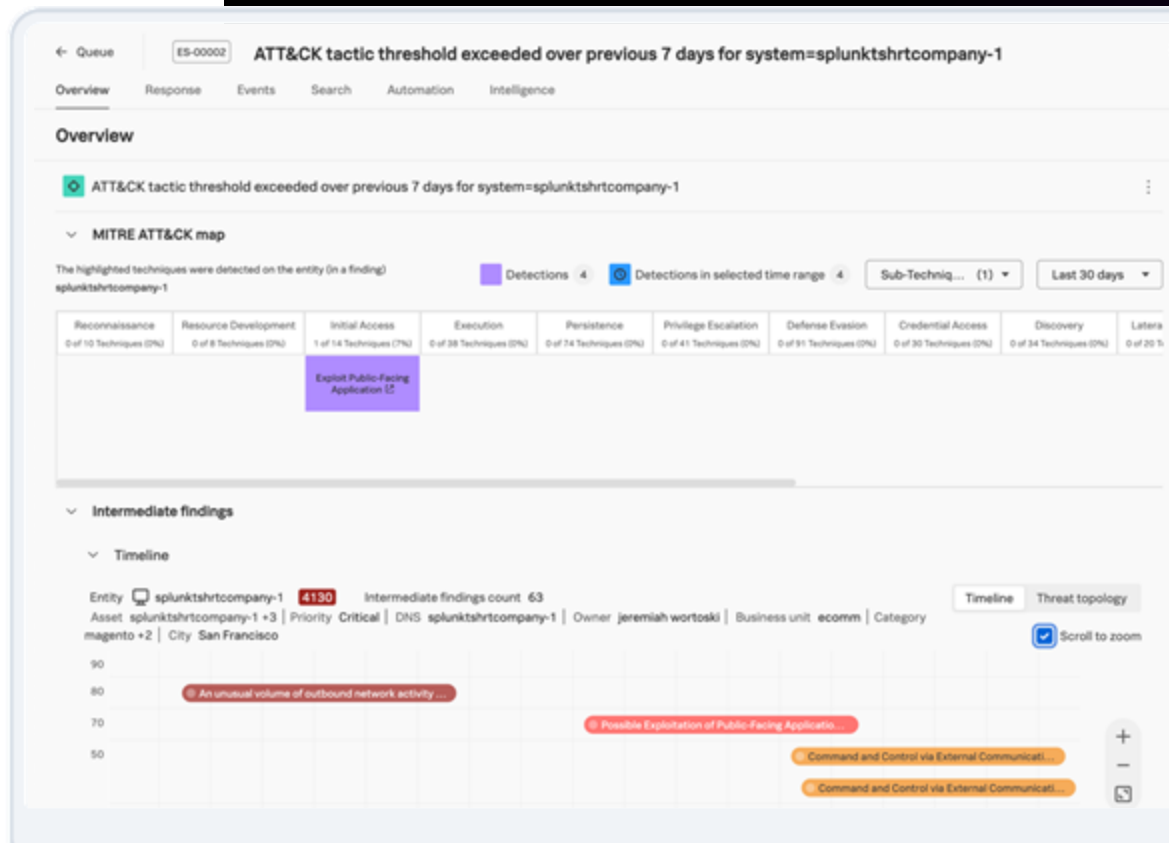
**Search:** Conduct searches within the investigation context, exploring relevant data and identifying additional findings

**Automation:** Automate investigation response with actions and playbooks

**Intelligence:** Integration with threat intelligence feeds, enriching detection rules and observables

# Investigation Overview

- Events
- Included findings
- MITRE ATT&CK map
- Intermediate findings
  - Timeline
  - Threat topology
  - Details
- Drill-down searches & dashboards
- Adaptive responses
- Custom & Additional fields
- MITRE ATT&CK TTPs
- Threat intelligence



# Notes

Record investigation details or add attachments

- General, Finding and Response notes
- Format text, add code block, table, files/images, and links
- All file types supported
- The maximum file size is 4 MB
- Make files available to Splunk SOAR
  - SOAR displays next to the name of files available in Splunk SOAR
- Delete files from ES, SOAR, or both



The screenshot shows the 'Notes' interface in Splunk SOAR. At the top, there's a dropdown menu with 'Notes' selected. Below it is a 'Back to all notes' link. A text input field contains the text 'Confirmed malware execution resulting from user oversight'. Below the input field is a rich text editor toolbar with icons for bold (B), italic (I), strikethrough (ABC), bulleted list, numbered list, quote, code block, table, image, and link. The main text area contains the text 'PDF was, in fact, an executable file.' At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons.

Notes can serve multiple purposes, including post-incident reviews, ensuring compliance, facilitating training, and preserving the chain of custody.

# Response Plans

Standardize tasks and phases when investigating findings

Response plans / Investigate Suspected Malware

Investigate Suspected Malware

Response information

Basic information

Phase

...

...

>

Identify and Validate the ...

2 tasks

...

...

>

Contain and Isolate the Threat

2 tasks

...

...

>

Investigate the Scope of ...

2 tasks

...

...

>

Remediate and Recover

3 tasks

...

...

>

Post-Incident Review

2 tasks

Basic information

Title

Investigate Suspected Malware

Description

This response plan provides a structured approach for analyzing, containing, and mitigating incidents involving suspected malware infections. It covers key phases, including initial assessment, containment, scope investigation, and remediation, ensuring consistent and repeatable responses to malware-related incidents.

# Investigation Type Associations

Standardize tasks and phases when investigating findings

- 1 Create **Investigation type** to associate investigations with custom fields and response plans

Investigation types / malware

**malware**

Investigation type description

Enter a description

**Investigation type associations**

▼ **Response plans**  
Select response plans to be applied to this investigation type. [Create new response plan.](#)

⋮ Investigate Suspected Malware X

Assign response plan

▼ **Custom fields**  
The following custom fields are associated with this investigation type. Create new custom fields in [Create new custom fields.](#)

- 2 Associate Investigation type with detection

**Analyst queue**  
Details on findings that get displayed on the analyst queue. [Analyst queue documentation](#)

\*Title Host With Multiple Infections (\$dest\$)

Name of the finding. Supports variable substitution.

\*Description The device \$dest\$ was detected with multiple (\$infection\_count\$) infections.

Enter information to describe the finding. Supports variable substitution.

\*Investigation type malware

Enter information on the service level agreements (SLAs) and response plans that are assigned to an investigation.

\*Security domain Endpoint

Organizes access to entities by a common security policy, security model, or security architecture.

\*Severity High

Severity value along with the priority value helps to calculate the urgency level of the finding. [Severity documentation](#)

# Associated Investigation Type with Response Plan

**Info**

Owner: lly thomson Status: New

Urgency: High Sensitivity: Unassigned

Disposition: Undetermined

ID: ES-00033

Type: INVESTIGATION

Time: May 22nd, 2025 5:44 AM

Last updated: May 22nd, 2025 5:44 AM

Reference ID: d6677f1d-317e-433c-8b69-82377ac7e03

**Investigation type: malware**

Description: The device continental was detected with multiple infections.

**Notes**

Enter title

Enter note

Save



**Host With Multiple Infections (continental)**

Queue: ES-00033

Overview **Response** Events Search Automation Intelligence

**Response** + Response

**Investigate Suspected Malware** 0% completed

PHASE Identify and Validate the Malware Alert (0/2)

Review Malware Finding Details unassigned Start

Validate the Malware Detection unassigned Start

+ Task

PHASE Contain and Isolate the Threat (0/2)

PHASE Investigate the Scope of Infection (0/2)

PHASE Remediate and Recover (0/3)

PHASE Post-Incident Review (0/2)

**Review Malware Finding Details**

Assigned to: unassigned

Description

- Review the details of the finding triggered.
- Collect information such as:
  - Name of the detected malware (if known).
  - File paths, hashes, or processes involved.
  - Affected system(s) or user(s).
  - Tactics and techniques (if known).
  - Timestamp of the detection.
- Document initial observations in the case notes.

Notes

Note title

Review Malware Finding Details - Task Note - 1

Enter note

Save

Files

# Associate Related Event(s) via Search to the Investigation

The image shows a Splunk interface with two overlapping windows. The background window is titled "Host With Multiple Infections (continental)" and has tabs for Overview, Response, Events, Search, Automation, and Intelligence. The "Search" tab is active, showing a "New Search" bar with the query: `| from datamodel: "Malware", "Malware_Attacks" | search dest="continental"`. Below the search bar, it indicates "4 events (9/17/25 5:40:00:00 PM to 9/18/25 5:50:00:00 PM)". A red arrow points from this search bar to a foreground window. The foreground window is also titled "Host With Multiple Infections (continental)" and has the "Events" tab active. It shows a list of events with a table header: "Time" and "Event". The first event is from 9/18/2025 1:22:40:000 PM. The event details are shown in a JSON-like format:

```
{
  dest: "continental",
  file_name: "pdfkey.exe",
  file_path: "mswacknc\\\\\\\\user1\\\\\\\\download9\\\\\\\\pdfkey.exe",
  category: "Insight Network Threat",
  file_hash: "00302f6f6b-42ca-9a82-4e0e7a887841",
  signature: "Trojan.Gen",
  dest_int_domain: "SomeComp",
  src: "anon",
  url: "https://www.example.com/branch/beds.aspx",
  user: "tsarjeet",
  vendor_product: "Symantec Endpoint Protection",
  action: "deferred",
  dest_requires_ev: "false",
  data: "09-18-2025",
  severity: "unknown",
  is_Allowed_Malware: "0",
  is_not_Allowed_Malware: "1",
  is_Blocked_Malware: "0",
  is_not_Blocked_Malware: "1",
  is_Deferred_Malware: "1",
  is_not_Deferred_Malware: "0"
}
```

At the bottom of the foreground window, there is a button labeled "Open events in search".

# Threat Intelligence Management

*\*\*Splunk Cloud (commercial) on AWS only, where available*

# Threat Intelligence Summary

View details

THREATS1367336

## Manual Finding Event - Rule

Owner:  Status:  Urgency:

Sensitivity:  Disposition:

ID:

Time: Apr 23rd, 2025 1:37 PM

Last updated: Apr 23rd, 2025 1:37 PM

Reference ID: 0c269e65-60e5-4c90-b097-5746a65e39d

Investigation type: default

Detection name: Manual Finding Event - Rule

Findings: 1

Security domain: threat

Severity: unknown

Title: Manual Finding Event - Rule

URL: http://hackerinfo.com/1

Threat intelligence

THREAT_ACTOR	LAZARUS
	APT38
	ZINC
MALWARE	BACKDOOR
	ROOTKIT
	TRICKBOT
MITRE_TACTIC	T1098_005
	T1060_001_EXEC
	T1098_001
CVE	CVE-2022-30190
	CVE-2022-24521
	CVE-2024-27888

Included findings

Title	Time
Manual Finding Event - Rule	Apr 23rd, 01:24 PM

Contains information regarding threat **actors**, **malware**, **MITRE ATT&CK** Tactics, and **CVEs** related to this Finding / Investigation.

# Intelligence Tab

The screenshot displays the Splunk Intelligence Tab interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes 'Overview', 'Response', 'Events', 'Search', 'Automation', and 'Intelligence' (which is highlighted with a yellow box). Below the navigation bar, the 'Intelligence' section is titled 'Introducing threat intelligence' and includes a brief description of threat intelligence management and a 'Learn more' link.

The main content area is divided into two panels. The left panel, titled 'Observables 44', contains a search bar and a table of observables. The table has columns for 'TYPE', 'NAME', 'SCORE', and 'LAST INTEL REPORT'. The first row is highlighted with a yellow box, showing an observable with ID '586EF56F4D8963D...' and a 'HIGH' priority score.

The right panel, titled 'Observable overview', provides details for the selected observable. It includes fields for 'Observable Type' (MD5), 'Last intel report' (Apr 14th, 2023 8:22 PM), 'Enclaves' (N/A), 'Priority Score' (HIGH), and 'Tags' (commodity, threattype/commodity, threattype/credentialharvesting, threattype/informationstealer, credentialharvesting, malware/mofkys, informationstealer, maliciousconfidence/high). The 'Attributes' section shows 'MALWARE' and 'MOFKSYS'.

Below the overview, the 'Intel report summaries' section shows a table of intelligence reports. The table has columns for 'SOURCE', 'PASS THRU SCORE', and 'NORMALIZED SCORE'. The first two rows are highlighted with yellow boxes, showing reports from 'crowdstrike\_intelligence' and 'alien\_vault' with high pass thru scores.

TYPE	NAME	SCORE	LAST INTEL REPORT
MD5	586EF56F4D8963D...	Ti HIGH	04/14/2023, 8:22 PM
#	586EF56F4D8963D...	Ti HIGH	04/14/2023, 8:22 PM
MD5	586EF56F4D8963D...	Ti HIGH	04/14/2023, 8:22 PM
#	586EF56F4D8963D...	Ti HIGH	04/14/2023, 8:22 PM
IP	107.77.211.7	Ti HIGH	04/14/2023, 4:09 PM
IP	185.192.69.97	Ti HIGH	04/14/2023, 4:09 PM

SOURCE	PASS THRU SCORE	NORMALIZED SCORE
> crowdstrike_intelligence	high	3
> alien_vault	high	3

# TAXII 2 Client in Threat Intel Framework (TIF)

The screenshot shows the Splunk Threat Intelligence Framework (TIF) interface. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Intelligence, Threat intelligence framework, Threat intelligence sources, Threat matching, and Proxy and parser settings. The main content area is titled 'Threat intelligence sources' and includes a search bar and a table of configured sources. A dropdown menu is open for the 'New' button, showing options: Line Oriented, IOC/STIX/STIX2, TAXII, TAXII 2 (highlighted), Local, and Upload.

Name ↑	Description	Interval ↓	Type ↓	URL ↓
alexa_top_one_million_sites	Alexa Top 1 Million Sites, copyright 2014, Alexa Internet (www.alexa.com)	86400	alexa	https://s3.amazonaws.com/alexa-static/top-1m.csv.zip
Appendix_D_FQDNS	Appendix_D_FQDNS	43200	threatlist	file://\$SPLUNK_HOME/etc/apps/Splunk_Canon_WdioData/default/data/threat_intel/Appendix_D_FQDNS
Appendix_F_SSLLCertificates	Appendix_F_SSLLCertificates	43200	threatlist	file://\$SPLUNK_HOME/etc/apps/Splunk_Canon_WdioData/default/data/threat_intel/Appendix_F_SSLLCertificates
Appendix_G_IOCs_No_OpenIOC	Appendix_G_IOCs_No_OpenIOC	43200	threatlist	file://\$SPLUNK_HOME/etc/apps/Splunk_Canon_WdioData/default/data/threat_intel/Appendix_G_IOCs_No_OpenIOC
cisco_top_one_million_sites	Cisco Umbrella Top 1 Million Sites, copyright 2018, Cisco Umbrella	86400	cisco	https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/umbrella-static/top-1m.csv.zip
emerging_threats_compromised_ip_blocklist	Emerging Threats compromised IPs blocklist	43200	threatlist	https://rules.emergingthreats.net/blockrules/compromised-ips.txt
emerging_threats_ip_blocklist	Emerging Threats fwip rules	43200	threatlist	https://rules.emergingthreats.net/fwrules/emerging-Block-IPs.txt
freeye-pivy-report-with-indicators	freeye-pivy-report-with-indicators	43200	threatlist	file://\$SPLUNK_HOME/etc/apps/Splunk_Canon_WdioData/default/data/threat_intel/freeye-pivy-report-with-indicators.xml
hailataxi_malware	Hail a TAXII.com malware domain host list	86400	taxii	http://hailataxi.com/taxii-data
blocklist_logmein	Addresses that are used by the LogMeIn product to enable unauthorized remote access	43200	threatlist	https://list.blocklist.com/?list=logmein

# Response

# Self-Service Pairing

- Rapid pairing experience
- Does not clutter your existing SOAR case management
- Gives you immediate access to the new native SOAR integration in ES

All configurations / Pairing / Establish connection

## Establish connection


[Pairing Splunk SOAR documentation](#)

1 Pairing and testing

2 Role mapping

### Pairing and testing

**Pair with Splunk SOAR**  
Enter your base URL and the credentials for your Splunk SOAR local admin account. These credentials are used only during the pairing process.


\* Base URL 

\* Username  \* Password

**Confirm Splunk Enterprise Security instance**  
Use the displayed URL for your Splunk Enterprise Security instance or enter the correct URL. Select Reset to show the originally displayed URL.  
If you don't know your URL, contact Splunk Technical Support.

\* Splunk Enterprise Security URL 

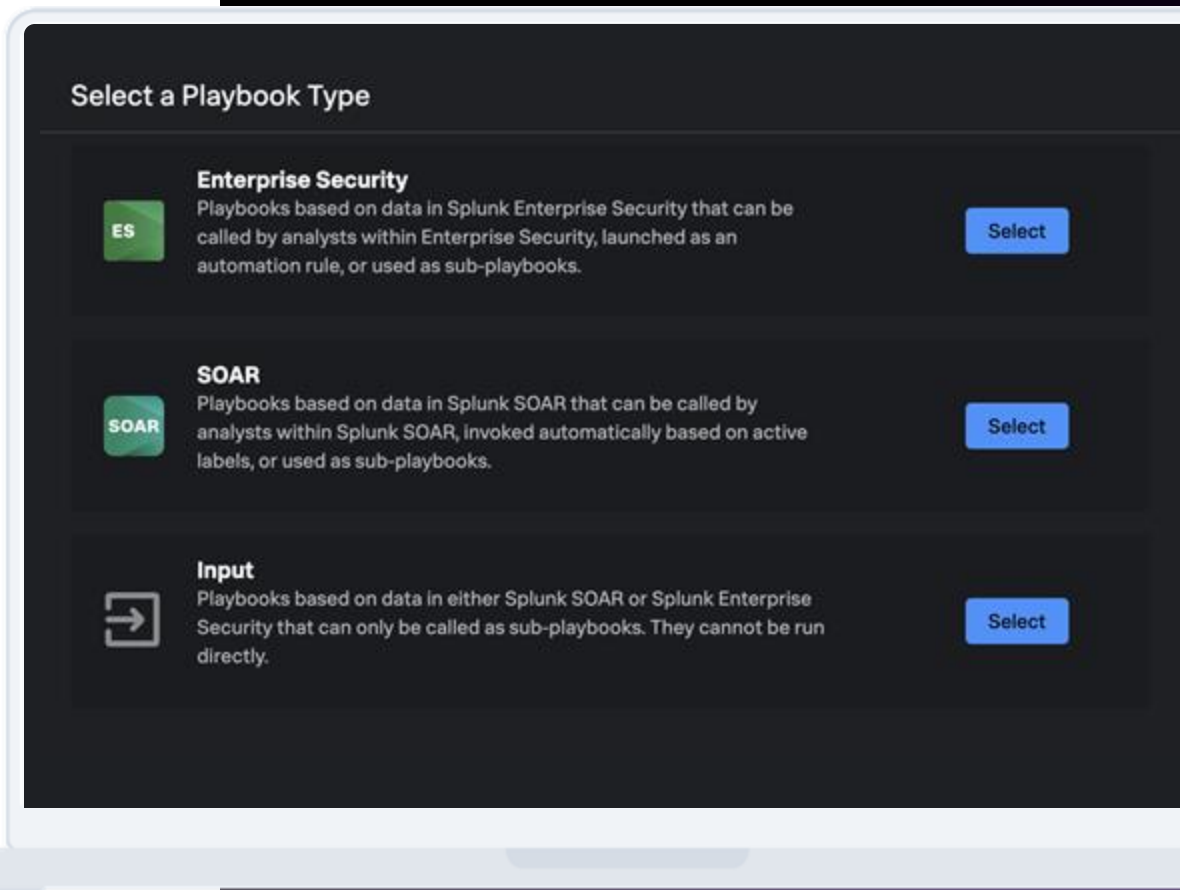
   

**Test connectivity**  
Select Next to test connectivity. If connection succeeds, you will continue to the Role mapping page. Otherwise, address the connection error messages that appear.

Testing	Status
Connection, SOAR side	● Not tested
Credentials	● Not tested
Licensing	● Not tested
Connection, ES side	● Not tested
Validation	● Not tested
Server	● Not tested

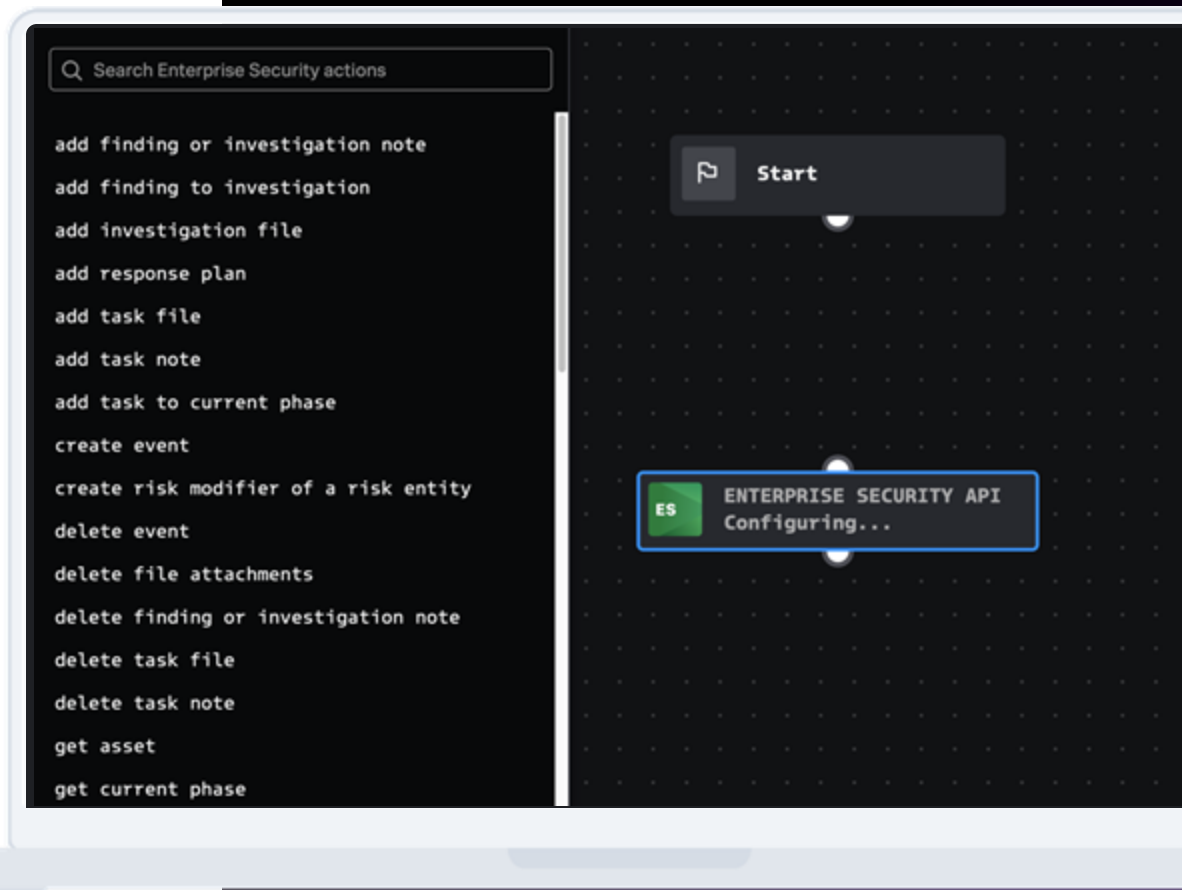
# Enterprise Security Playbook Type

- New type of playbook for Mission Control investigations
- New data paths
- Debug directly against Mission Control data



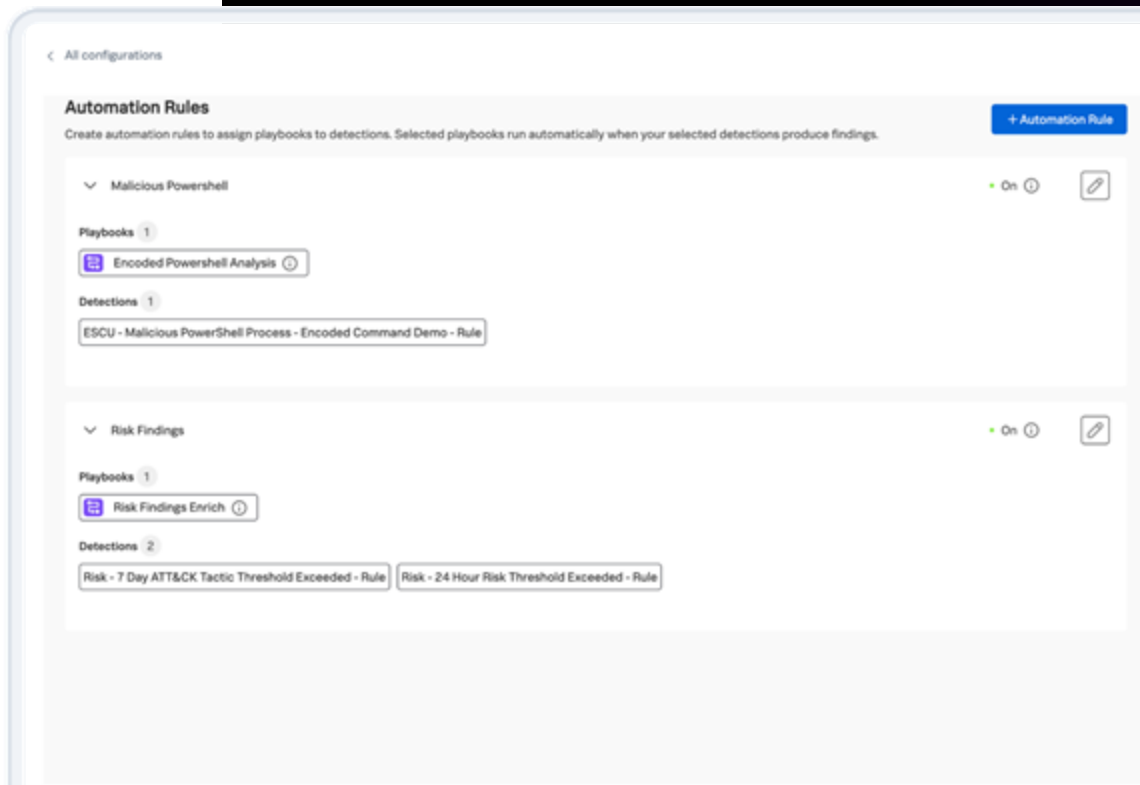
# ES Connector for SOAR

- Special APIs for bi-directional interaction with Splunk SOAR
- Automate anything an analyst can do in the UI
- Augment existing playbooks with ES 8 functionality



# Automation Rules Framework

- Easily trigger Playbooks based on ES Detections
- Better visibility and control over what playbooks are being triggered automatically
- Supports both generic enrichment and hyper-specific automation use cases



# Automation History

- Run actions and/or playbooks and respond to prompts within Enterprise Security
- Review history and detailed results of automation regardless of how it was run
- Open playbooks in one click to paired SOAR instance

The screenshot displays the 'Automation' section of the Splunk Enterprise Security interface. At the top, a notification bar indicates '24 hour risk threshold exceeded for system=bstoll-lsplunkshirtcompany.com'. Below this, the 'Automation' tab is selected, showing a list of automation actions on the left and detailed results on the right.

**Automation History List:**

- user initiated detonate url action (by splunk Jun 04, 10:41 PM) - Success
- user initiated url reputation action (by splunk Jun 04, 10:40 PM) - Success
- CrowdStrike\_OAuth\_API\_Device\_Attribute\_Lookup (by es\_automation Jun 04, 8:42 AM) - Success
  - 1 action ran
    - query\_hostname - Success
- Azure\_AD\_Graph\_User\_Attribute\_Lookup (by es\_automation Jun 04, 8:42 AM) - Success
- Risk Findings Enrich (by es\_automation Jun 04, 8:42 AM) - Success
  - 2 actions ran
    - add\_finding\_or\_investigation\_note\_1 - Success
    - run\_query\_1 - Success

**Detailed View of 'user initiated url reputation action':**

Status: Success  
Owner: TDIR Admin  
Started: Jun 04, 10:40 PM  
Completed: Jun 04, 10:40 PM  
Connector: Cisco Talos Intelligence  
url = "http://internetbadguys.com"  
Message: http://internetbadguys.com has a Untrusted threat level

RUN ID	CONFIGURATION	NAME	CONNECTOR	STATUS
329	cisco_talos_intelligence	url reputation	Cisco Talos Intelligence	success

**Cisco Talos URL Reputation Results:**

Observable	status	threat level	threat categories	Acceptable Use Policy Categories
http://internetbadguys.com	success	Untrusted	Malware	Computer Security

# User Entity Behavior Analytics

# A Note on UBA (formerly Caspida) versus UEBA Feature in ES Premier

## UEBA ≠ UBA

UEBA is not a standalone product. It is a new feature/capability that will be launched as part of the ES Premier only.



There will be no capability to migrate configuration or data from the existing UBA product to the new UEBA feature in Premier.



UEBA capabilities will be delivered to ES Premier Cloud & CMP.

# UEBA Detection Types

- ML models
  - Example: Rare VPN Login Location
- Anomaly rules
  - Example: Unauthorized Activity Time
- Streaming rules
  - Example: DNS Lookup using Nslookup App

## Content management

Manage knowledge objects and other content specific to Splunk Enterprise Security, such as detections, lookups, investigations, key indicators, and reports.

140 Knowledge objects

Edit selection

Type: Behavior... (1)

App: All (1)

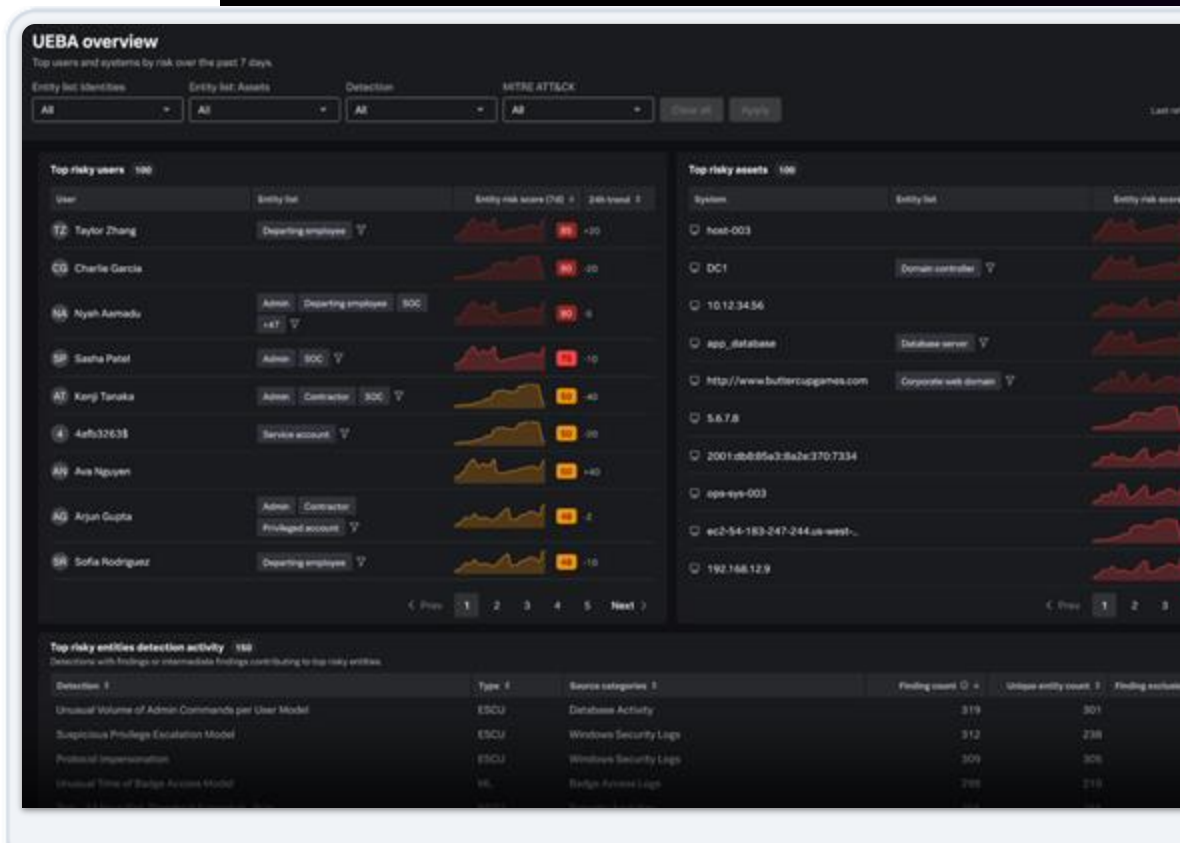
Status: All

Search

<input type="checkbox"/>	>	Name ↑	Version	Update date	Next scheduled time
<input type="checkbox"/>		UEBA - Abnormal Privileges Activity Model <a href="#">🔗</a>			
<input type="checkbox"/>		UEBA - Abnormal RDP Login Active Directory <a href="#">🔗</a>			
<input type="checkbox"/>		UEBA - Account Creation Deletion In Short Span <a href="#">🔗</a>			
<input type="checkbox"/>		UEBA - Anomalous usage of Archive Tools <a href="#">🔗</a>			
<input type="checkbox"/>		UEBA - Attempt To Delete Services <a href="#">🔗</a>			
<input type="checkbox"/>		UEBA - Attempt To Disable Services <a href="#">🔗</a>			
<input type="checkbox"/>		UEBA - Attempted Credential Dump From Registry via Reg.exe <a href="#">🔗</a>			
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<input type="checkbox"/>		UEBA - Brute Force Login By User and Failure Reason In			

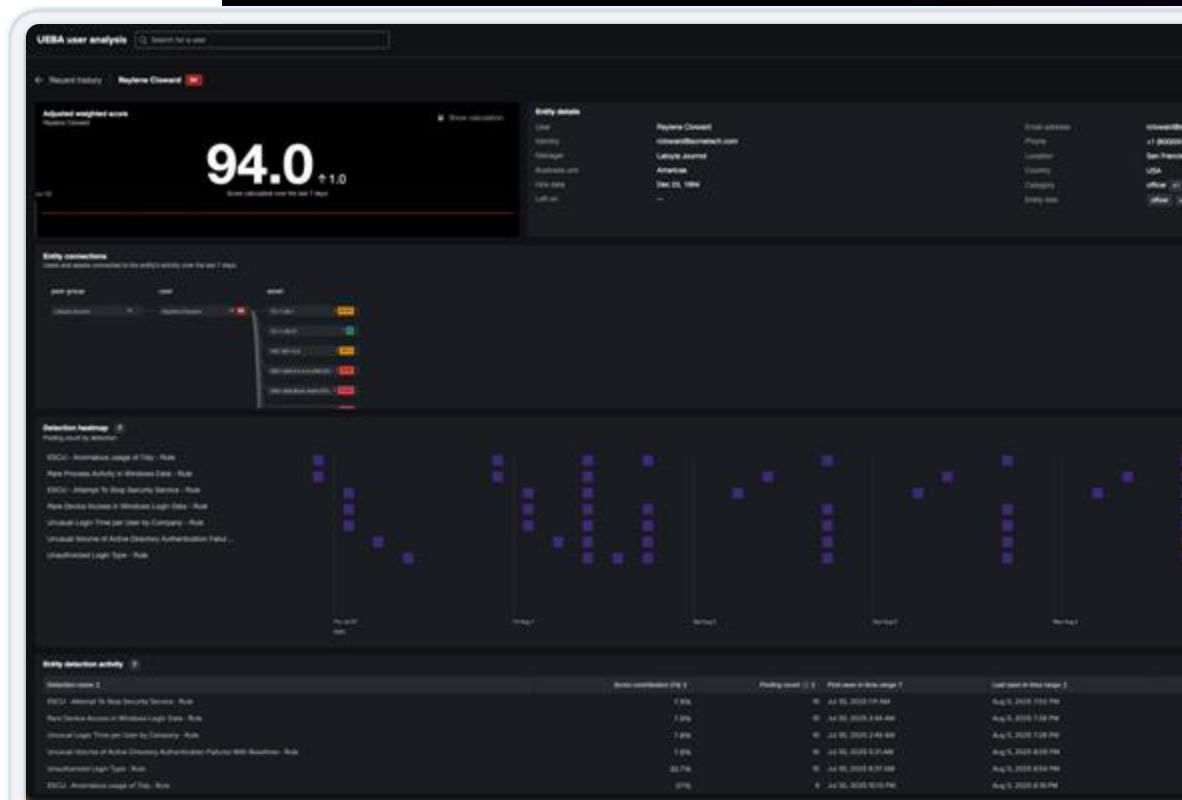
# UEBA Overview

- Holistic view of the riskiest users and assets
- Drill down into specific users or assets
- Helps with prioritization based on the ERS



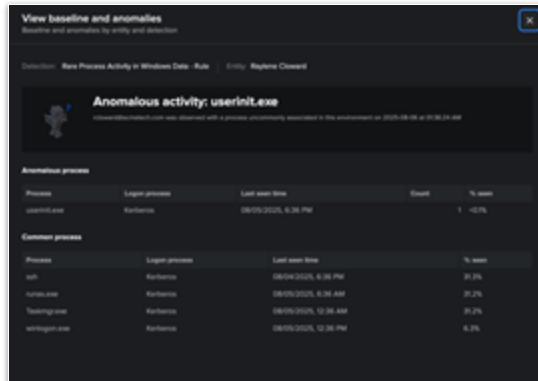
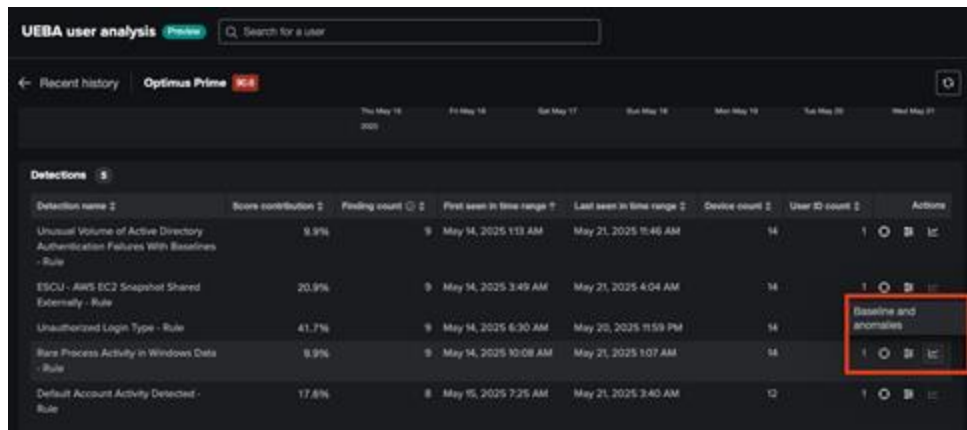
# User & Asset Centric Analysis

- Dashboards focused on users or assets, providing a consolidated view of behavior, detections and risk
- Introduces ERS (Entity Risk Scoring) based on behaviors and detections
- Includes user details, related assets, relevant detections, and a MITRE ATT&CK heatmap



# Baselines & Anomalies

- Clear visualization of behavior deviation from baseline to highlight unusual activity
- Drill into each anomaly to understand what triggered it and why UEBA flagged it as an suspicious behavior
- Helps analysts visualize suspicious activity and make informed investigation decisions



# Important Considerations

# Before you upgrade....

- Cloud customers should ensure we have the **correct Operational Contact(s)** listed to receive maintenance window notifications.
- On-Prem or BYOL License customers are advised to **make a backup** and also **test the latest version in a development environment** to validate all the changes. Please review the latest [release notes](#) for details
- Back up any custom navigation content before you upgrade so that you can restore custom configurations after migration.
- Customers actively using the Investigations features in 7.3 and older are advised to update to 8.3\* or higher to access the limited-time legacy feature for closing and archival purposes.
- Some new features might not work for on-prem deployments 8.x and higher, unless you upgrade the **Splunk\_TA\_ForIndexers** add-on for every release. See [Splunk docs](#).
- Existing SOAR playbooks will need to leverage the new **Enterprise Security block** to have interoperability.
  - Automation Rules (configured within ES) can only be used with playbooks of type “Enterprise Security”, not regular SOAR or input playbooks.

# Deprecated or Removed Features & Limitations

# Deprecated or Removed Features

<https://help.splunk.com/en/splunk-enterprise-security-8/release-notes-and-resources/8.2/splunk-enterprise-security-release-notes/limitations>

Feature	Details
Incident Review row expansion	Use the side panel view to review information on findings and investigations.
<a href="#">Enhanced workflows</a>	Replaced by settings available in Analyst queue.
Investigation bar, dashboard, and workbench	Replaced by the Mission Control UI.  <b>NOTE:</b> MC <i>incident</i> data will be migrated to findings, but <u>not</u> <i>investigation</i> data. See <a href="#">Migrating Splunk Mission Control incident data to Splunk Enterprise Security 8.0</a>
<a href="#">Sequence templates</a>	Read-only with documentation available for transition to RBA.
Standalone Mission Control app: SLAs, role-based incident type filtering	Not available in ES 8.x.

# Deprecated or Removed Features

<https://help.splunk.com/en/splunk-enterprise-security-8/release-notes-and-resources/8.2/splunk-enterprise-security-release-notes/limitations>

Feature	Details
BRSOAR not supported on ES8	BRSOAR stack (legacy MC standalone app) requires migration to a new ES8 compatible SOAR stack.
Comments	Replaced by capability to add notes to a finding or an investigation.

# Limitations

<https://help.splunk.com/en/splunk-enterprise-security-8/release-notes-and-resources/8.2/splunk-enterprise-security-release-notes/limitations>

Feature	Details
Adaptive Response Actions (ARA) - limitation	Not available for investigations, but can be run on a finding by accessing menu using : next to Start investigation button
Finding-based detections (FBD)	FBD's are a <b>Beta</b> feature
SOAR (on-prem) multi-tenancy	SOAR (on-prem) and ES pairing does not support multi-tenancy at this time

# Known Issues

# Open/Known Issues

<https://help.splunk.com/en/splunk-enterprise-security-8/release-notes-and-resources/8.2/splunk-enterprise-security-release-notes/known-issues>

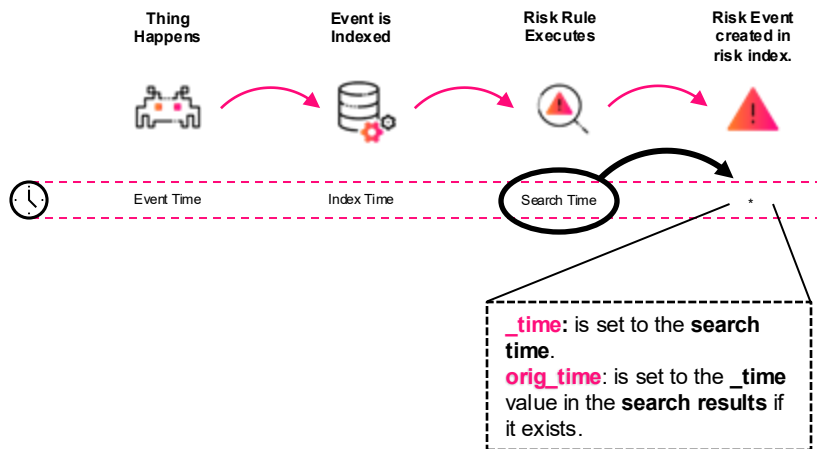
- Diff comparison for detections is not populating information for restricted environment
- Similar Findings type FBD Does not Create All Finding Groups
- URLs linked to ES documentation need to be updated
- Existing detections will run without issue, but may introduce new required fields (e.g., description, risk message) upon first edit of the detection post upgrade

For more information on the known issues, see the latest [Release Notes and Resources](#).

# Risk Event \_time changes

8.X Introduces material changes to \_time assignment for Risk Events.

## ES 7.3.x Risk Events



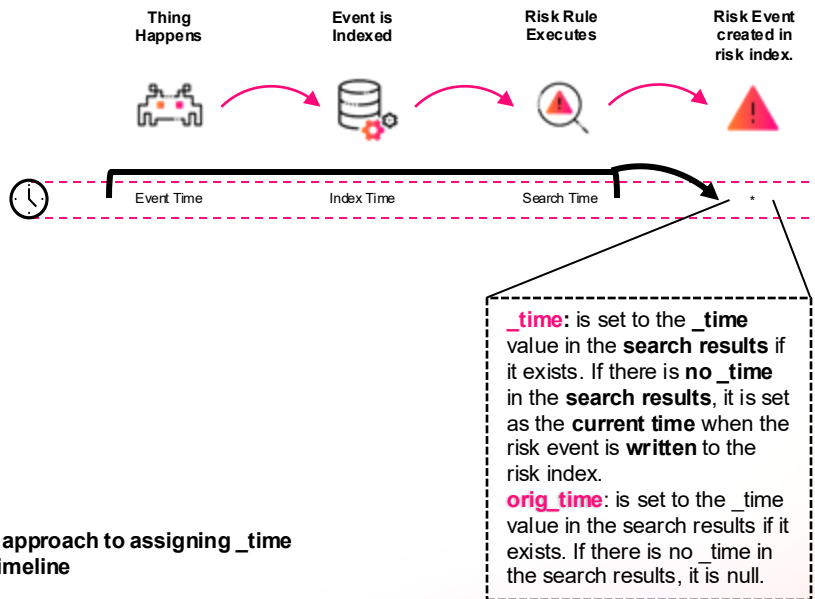
### Pros

- Much more intuitive approach to assigning \_time
- More accurate risk timeline

### Cons

- Material change in detection behavior
- May impact customer created detections

## ES 8.x Risk Events



# REST API Support

# Splunk Enterprise Security API Reference

<https://help.splunk.com/en/splunk-enterprise-security-8/api-reference/8.2/splunk-enterprise-security-api-reference>

\*Supported SPL `|rest` function

Supported Functions in ES 8.1	New Functions in ES 8.2
Retrieve a list of findings*	Create a finding
Retrieve a list of investigations*	Associate a finding with an investigation
Retrieve a single finding*	Create/Read/Update/Delete a Note / Note Title*
Create an investigation	Respect note title enforcement setting via API
Update an existing investigation	Support pagination and filtering (limit, offset, filter)
Delete an investigation	Role-based authorization on each endpoint
Retrieve a list of risk scores by Entity*	Standardized error handling
Retrieve an asset by ID*	API request/response logging to audit index
Retrieve an identity by ID*	Rate limiting (IP and API key-based)
Add risk modifier to entity	

**\*NOTE:** API calls will respect the user-configured preference on whether to have a note title. Must be the note creator to update or delete a Note/Note Title.

**Thank you!**