

Creating Alerts and Dashboard

Splunk® Configuration Guide



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About this publication

This publication provides overview, planning, installation, and user instructions for IBM Storage Defender Data Resiliency Service.

Chapter 1. Creating IBM Storage Defender alerts in Splunk®

Procedure

1. Log in with your Splunk® Enterprise account by using your admin credentials.
2. Click **Search and reporting** in the navigation bar under **Apps**.
3. Search for `index=ibm_defender type POTENTIAL_THREAT` in the search bar.

```
index="ibm_defender" message="Potential threat detected"
```

The following figure displays the alert details for the MISSED_HEARTBEAT type alert.

List ▾			Format	20 Per Page ▾
i	Time	Event		
>	9/12/24 3:03:30.000 AM	{ [-] applicationId: 4b7afeaf-0173-4b8b-913d-4b36dde3ef97 applicationName: App18 ctime: 1726135226406 detail: Missed heartbeat for Defender sensor · hostname: espiatl.storage.tucson.ibm.com id: 66e2bc58dc417678cb46328 message: Missed heartbeat from Defender agent recoveryGroupDetails: [[+]] severity: warning source: Defender Sensor status: open tenantId: 6487cb0b32bfa47fa459cec4 type: MISSED_HEARTBEAT vmIP: vmName: espiatl } Show as raw text	host = defendersplunk2.storage-defender.ibm.com:8090	source = http:ibm_defender_hec sourcetype = _json

Figure 1. Alert details for MISSED_HEARTBEAT

The following figure displays the alert details for the POTENTIAL_THREAT type alert.

>	9/17/24 1:11:11.000 PM	{ [-] applicationId: 4733c2d4-4b7c-4ce8-a8b2-4f34edbba876 applicationName: 208-drone2-SI ctime: 1726603901467 detail: Potential threat detected by Defender sensors hostname: skrill-vm1 id: 66e9e27de59b782eb8af8976 message: Potential threat detected recoveryGroupDetails: [[+]] severity: warning source: Defender Sensor status: open tenantId: 644940ec8efda81ee618eab0 type: POTENTIAL_THREAT vmIP: 9.11.68.60 vmName: defender-drone2-001-SI } Show as raw text	host = defendersplunk2.storage-defender.ibm.com:8090	source = ibmdefender sourcetype = _json
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Figure 2. Alert details for POTENTIAL_THREAT

The following figure displays the alert details for the FLASH_STORAGE POTENTIAL_THREAT type alert.

List ▾			Format	20 Per Page ▾
◀ Hide Fields	All Fields	i	Time	Event
SELECTED FIELDS			> 9/17/24 1:27:43.000 PM	{ [-] applicationId: 4f33ac2d4-4b7c-4ce8-a8b2-4f34edbaa876 applicationName: 208-drone2-SI ctime: 1726084888370 detail: Potential threat detected by Storage Insights hostname: skr11-vm2 id: 66e9e658e59b782eb8af89ab message: Potential threat detected recoveryGroupDetails: [[+]] severity: warning source: FLASH_STORAGE status: open tenantId: 644940ec8efda81ee618eab0 type: POTENTIAL_THREAT vmIP: vmName: defender-drone2-002-SI }
INTERESTING FIELDS				Show as raw text
a host 1				host = defendersplunk2.storage-defender.ibm.com:8090 source = ibmdefender sourcetype = _json
a source 1				
a sourcetype 1				
APPLICATION FIELDS				
a applicationId 1				
a applicationName 1				
# ctime 5				
a detail 2				
a extracted_source 2				
a hostname 2				
a id 6				
a index 1				
# linecount 1				
a message 1				
a punct 2				
a severity 1				
a splunk_server 1				
a status 1				
a tenantId 1				

Figure 3. Alert details for FLASH_STORAGE POTENTIAL_THREAT

4. Click **Save As** and select **Alert**.
5. Provide details about the alert in the **Edit Alert** section. Enter the description in the **Description** field. Select the alert type and schedule in the respective fields.
 - a) If Splunk® Enterprise Security app is installed, then in **Trigger Actions**, click **Add Actions**, and choose **Notable**. For example, **Add to Triggered Alerts**, and click **Save**. The step generates an alert in Splunk® Enterprise Security.
 - b) You can choose other appropriate actions based on your setup.

Edit Alert

X

Settings

Alert **Potential Threat Alert**

Description	IBM Storage Defender Sensor running on VM has detected a Potential Threat f	
Alert type	Scheduled	Real-time
Expires	24	hour(s) ▾

Trigger Conditions

Trigger alert when	Per-Result ▾
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Throttle ?

Trigger Actions

+ Add Actions ▾		
When triggered	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> ▼ Add to Triggered Alerts Remove </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> Severity High ▾ </div> </div>	
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> ▼ Notable Remove </div>	

Cancel
Save

Figure 4. Editing alerts

6. Verify the alerts that you have created in the **Alert** section.

Alerts						
Alerts set a condition that triggers an action, such as sending an email that contains the results of the triggering search to a list of people. Click the name to view the alert. Open the alert in Search to refine the parameters.						
1 Alerts	Title	Actions			Owner	App
▼	Potential Threat Alert	Open in Search	Edit ▾	admin	search	Private
	IBM Storage Defender Sensor running on VM has detected a Potential Threat f	Enabled: Yes. Disable	Permissions: Private. Owned by admin. Edit	Modified: Jul 30, 2024 5:54:56 AM	Alert Type: Real-time. Edit	Trigger Condition: Per-Result. Edit
		Actions: ▾ 2 Actions	Edit			
		Add to Triggered Alerts				
		Notable				

Figure 5. Verifying alerts

The following figure displays a sample of alerts' trigger history.

The screenshot shows the 'Potential Threat Alert' details page. At the top, it says 'IBM Storage Defender Sensor running on VM has detected a Potential Threat'. Below this, there are sections for 'Enabled', 'Trigger Condition', 'Actions', and 'Edit'. The 'Trigger History' section shows a table with 7 rows of data, each with a timestamp and a 'View Results' link. The table has columns for 'TriggerTime' and 'Actions'.

TriggerTime	Actions
2024-07-30 05:44:14 EDT	View Results
2024-07-30 04:49:11 EDT	View Results
2024-07-30 04:41:35 EDT	View Results
2024-07-30 04:33:55 EDT	View Results
2024-07-30 03:57:23 EDT	View Results
2024-07-30 03:56:01 EDT	View Results
2024-07-30 03:55:15 EDT	View Results

Figure 6. Viewing trigger history of alerts

7. If you are using Splunk® Enterprise Security, you can check the **Incident Review** dashboard. Go to **Enterprise Security > Incident Review**. You can view the notable events and incidents that are generated.

The screenshot shows the 'Incident Review' dashboard. At the top, there are navigation tabs and search/filter options. The main area displays a timeline of events from 'Thu, Sep 12' to 'Fri, Sep 13'. Below the timeline is a table titled '12 Notables' with columns for 'Title', 'Risk Object', 'Risk Score', 'Risk Events', 'Type', 'Time', 'Disposition', 'Security Domain', 'Urgency', 'Status', 'Owner', and 'Actions'. One notable event is listed: 'Possible threat detected on VM'. To the right of the table are sections for 'Description', 'Related Investigations', 'Correlation Search', 'History', and 'Original Event'.

Title	Risk Object	Risk Score	Risk Events	Type	Time	Disposition	Security Domain	Urgency	Status	Owner	Actions
Possible threat detected on VM	--	--	--	Notable	Today, 4:19 AM	Undetermined	Threat	Low	New	unassigned	Edit

Figure 7. Viewing incidents and events

The following table describes the custom properties of IBM Storage Defender events.

Table 1. Custom properties of IBM Storage Defender events

Property name	Description
applicationId	The ID of the recovery group for which the IBM Storage Defender event is triggered.
applicationName	The name of the recovery group for which the IBM Storage Defender event is triggered.
hostname	The hostname of the virtual machine for which an IBM Storage Defender event is generated.
status	The case status of the IBM Storage Defender event.

Table 1. Custom properties of IBM Storage Defender events (continued)

Property name	Description
type	The type of the IBM Storage Defender event.
vmIP	The IP address of the virtual machine for which the IBM Storage Defender event is generated.
vmName	The name of the virtual machine for which the IBM Storage Defender event is generated.

For more information, see [Recovery group](#).

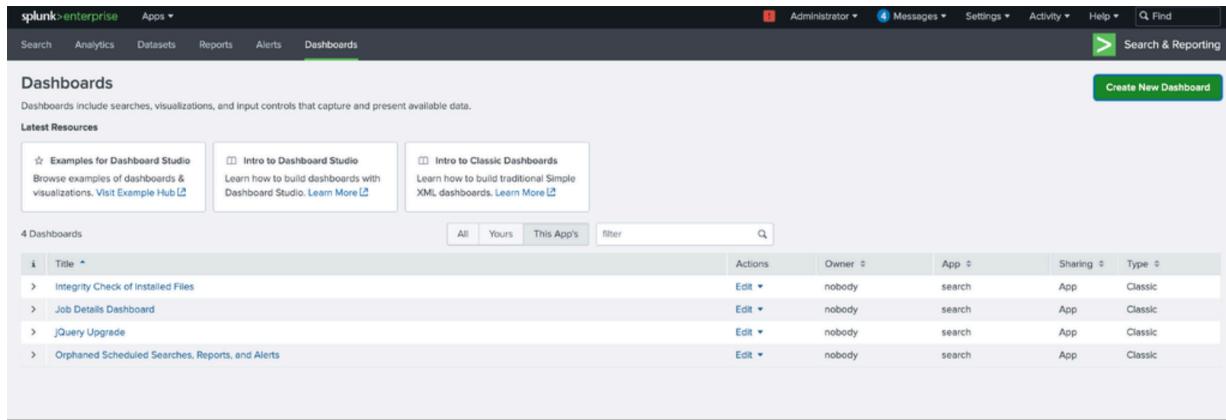
Chapter 2. Creating a dashboard in Splunk®

The following steps are optional and are meant to be a guide for you to add dashboards in Splunk® for IBM Storage Defender events, if needed.

About this task

Procedure

1. Click the **Dashboard** tab, then click **Create New Dashboard**.



The screenshot shows the Splunk Enterprise web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'splunk-enterprise', 'Apps', 'Administrator', 'Messages', 'Settings', 'Activity', 'Help', and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Search', 'Analytics', 'Datasets', 'Reports', 'Alerts', and 'Dashboards', with 'Dashboards' being the active tab. On the right side of the header, there is a 'Search & Reporting' button and a 'Create New Dashboard' button. The main content area is titled 'Dashboards' and contains a sub-header 'Dashboards include searches, visualizations, and input controls that capture and present available data.' Below this, there is a section titled 'Latest Resources' with three cards: 'Examples for Dashboard Studio' (Browse examples of dashboards & visualizations. Visit Example Hub), 'Intro to Dashboard Studio' (Learn how to build dashboards with Dashboard Studio. Learn More), and 'Intro to Classic Dashboards' (Learn how to build traditional Simple XML dashboards. Learn More). Below the resources, there is a table titled '4 Dashboards' with columns for 'Title', 'Actions', 'Owner', 'App', 'Sharing', and 'Type'. The table lists four dashboards: 'Integrity Check of Installed Files', 'Job Details Dashboard', 'jQuery Upgrade', and 'Orphaned Scheduled Searches, Reports, and Alerts'. Each row in the table has an 'Edit' button in the 'Actions' column and 'nobody' in the 'Owner' column. The 'App' column shows 'search' for the first three and 'search' for the fourth. The 'Sharing' column shows 'App' for all. The 'Type' column shows 'Classic' for all.

Figure 8. Creating a dashboard

2. Provide the details, and select **Classic Dashboard**.

Create New Dashboard

Dashboard Title [Edit ID](#)

Description

Permissions

How do you want to build your dashboard? [What's this?](#)

Classic Dashboards
The traditional Splunk dashboard builder

Dashboard Studio NEW
A new builder to create visually-rich, customizable dashboards

Figure 9. Providing required details

3. Click **Add Panel**, then select **Statistics Table**.

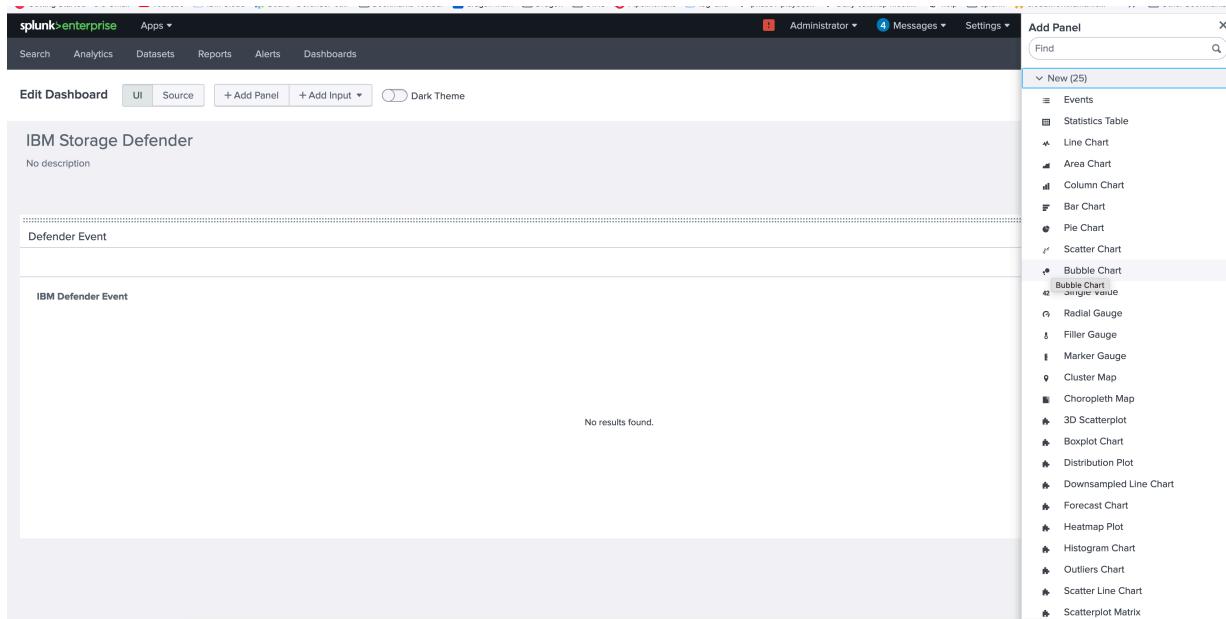


Figure 10. Adding panel and table

4. Provide content title and search string. A sample search string is shown as follows:

```
index=ibm_defender | table severity type
                           detail applicationName vmIP hostname message status
```

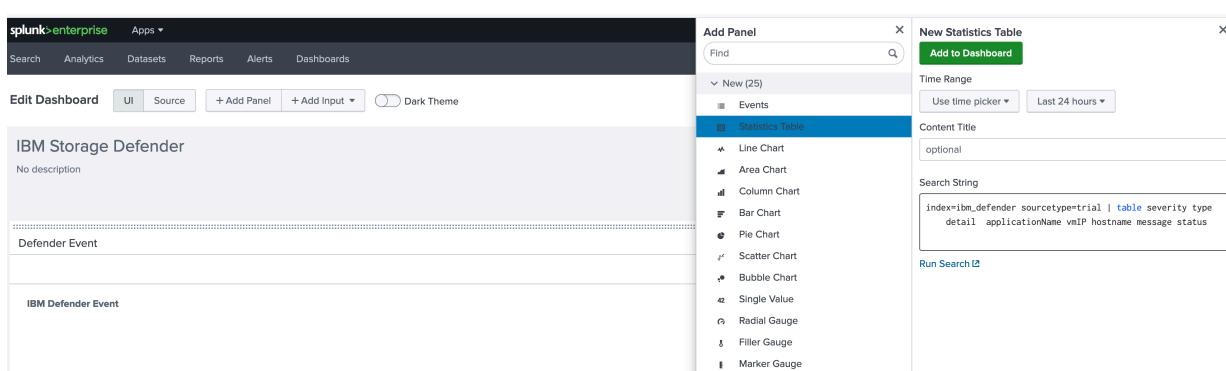


Figure 11. Adding content tile and search string

5. Click **Add to Dashboard**, then click **Save**.

Figure 12. Saving dashboard

6. Go to the **Dashboard** tab, and selecting IBM Storage Defender to view the dashboard you created.

Figure 13. Viewing dashboard

Related information

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[Modify notable event urgency](#)

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