

# Log monitoring

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# Log management and monitoring

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- What is log management and monitoring ?
- It's about keeping your logs in a safe place, putting them where you can easily inspect them with tools
- Keep an eye on your log files
- They tell you something important...
  - Lots of things happen, and someone needs to keep an eye on them...
  - Not really practical to do it by hand!

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## ■ On your routers and switches

- Sep 1 04:40:11.788 INDIA: %SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGP: list 100 denied tcp 79.210.84.154(2167) -> 169.223.192.85(6662), 1 packet
- Sep 1 04:42:35.270 INDIA: %SYS-5-CONFIG\_I: Configured from console by pr on vty0 (203.200.80.75)
- %CI-3-TEMP: Overtemperature warning
- Mar 1 00:05:51.443: %LINK-3-UPDOWN: Interface Serial1, changed state to down

## ■ On your servers as well

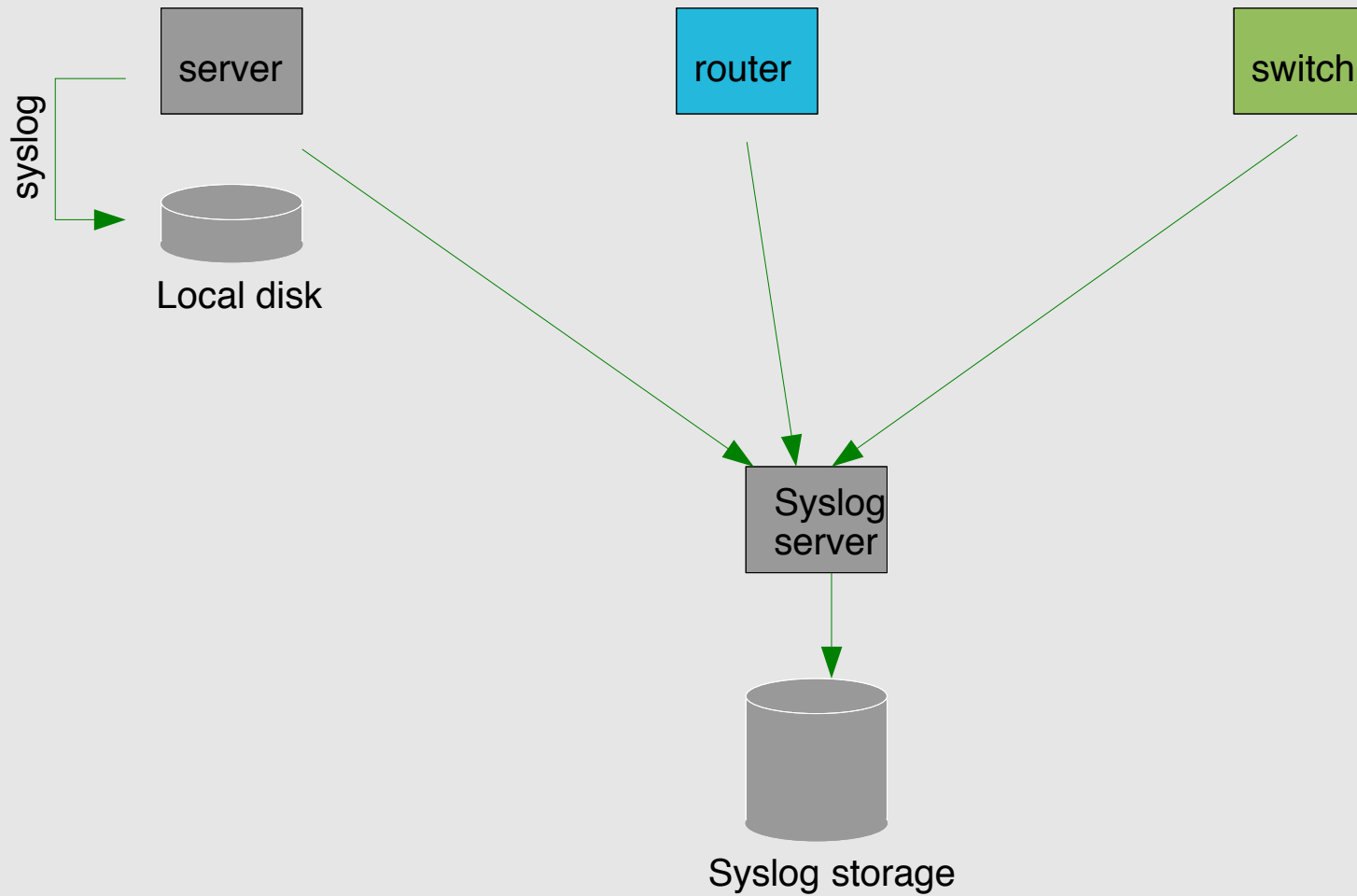
- Aug 31 17:53:12 ubuntu nagios2: Caught SIGTERM, shutting down...
- Aug 31 19:19:36 ubuntu sshd[16404]: Failed password for root from 169.223.1.130 port 2039 ssh2

# Log management

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- First, need to centralize and consolidate log files
- Log all messages from routers, switches and servers to a single machine - a logserver
- All logging from network equipment and UNIX servers is done using syslog
- Windows can be configured to use syslog as well, with some tools
- Log locally, but also to the central server

# Centralized logging



# Configuring centralized logging

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- Cisco equipment
  - Minimum:
    - `logging ip.of.log.host`
- UNIX host
  - Edit `/etc/syslog.conf`
  - Add a line `"*. * @ip.of.log.host"`
  - Restart `syslogd`
- Other equipments have similar options
  - Options to control facility and level

# Receiving the messages

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- Identify the facility that the SENDING host or device will send their message on
- Reconfigure syslogd to listen to the network (on Ubuntu/Debian: add "-r" to /etc/default/syslogd
- Add an entry to syslogd indicating where to write messages:
  - `local7.*`                    `/var/log/routers`
- Create the file:
  - `touch /var/log/routers`
- Restart syslogd
  - `/etc/init.d/sysklogd restart`

# Syslog basics

- UDP protocol, port 514
- Syslog messages contain:
  - Facility: Auth                      Level: Emergency (0)  
          Authpriv                      |            Alert            (1)  
          Console                      |            Critical        (2)  
          Cron                         |            Error           (3)  
          Daemon                      |            Warning        (4)  
          Ftp                         |            Notice         (5)  
          Kern                        |            Info            (6)  
          Lpr                         Mail |            Debug          (7)  
          News                        Ntp  |  
          Security                    Syslog  
          User                        UUCP  
          Local0 ...Local17



# Sorting logs

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- Using facility and level, sort by category into different files
- With tools like `syslog-ng`, sort by host, date, ... automatically into different directories
- Grep your way through the logs.
- Use standard UNIX tools to sort, and eliminate, things you want to filter out:
  - `egrep -v '(list 100 denied|logging rate-limited)' mylogfile`
  - Is there a way to do this automatically ?

# SWATCH

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- Simple Log Watcher
  - Written in Perl
  - Monitors log files, looking for patterns ("regular expressions") to match in the logs
  - Perform a given action if the pattern is found

# Sample config

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- `# watchfor = /%SYS-5-CONFIG/ mail  
addresses=inst,subject=System configuration notice  
throttle 1:00`
- `# watchfor = /%LINK-3-UPDOWN/ mail  
addresses=inst,subject=Link updown throttle 1:00`
- `# watchfor = /%SEC-6-IPACCESSLOGP/ exec /usr/bin/echo $*  
>> /tmp/accesslist.log`
- `watchfor = /%SYS-5-CONFIG/  
mail addresses=inst,subject=Configuration of  
router,throttle = 60:00`

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