

Marimba User Group

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Castanet Logsight - a quick recap



Common problem...

- Serious dependency on Inventory
 - Patch rollout
 - Policy updates
 - Machines activity
- Inventory scan-transport-insert delays reporting
- Aggressive Inventory would eat resources, choke plugin queue and impact DB performance
- There is a need of a parallel reporting framework that bridges this gap and offers close to real-time monitoring ability of critical deployments, patching and health of agents

How does the feature work?

- Close to real-time status reporting into Big Data structure
 - An “add-on” channel that can work with any endpoint tuner
 - Modified Transmitter to receive status alerts
 - Integration with Big-Data store
 - Console to get real-time reports
- Implementation Details
 - Real-time reporting (effectively, event generation to event insertion is as close to real-time as possible)
 - Fast/efficient over the wire (small size of data, use integer based lookups wherever possible)
 - Customizable!
 - Add your own events for consumption
 - Support inserting of “additional” data
 - “Event capture” configuration changes driven through channel updates in Marimba
 - Utilizes the Marimba protocol
 - Existing firewall exceptions, controls, access groups, etc. just work
 - Take advantage of mirror farms for load balancing to some extent
 - Transmitter “tunnels” the report to Big Data input points
 - Configurable via properties

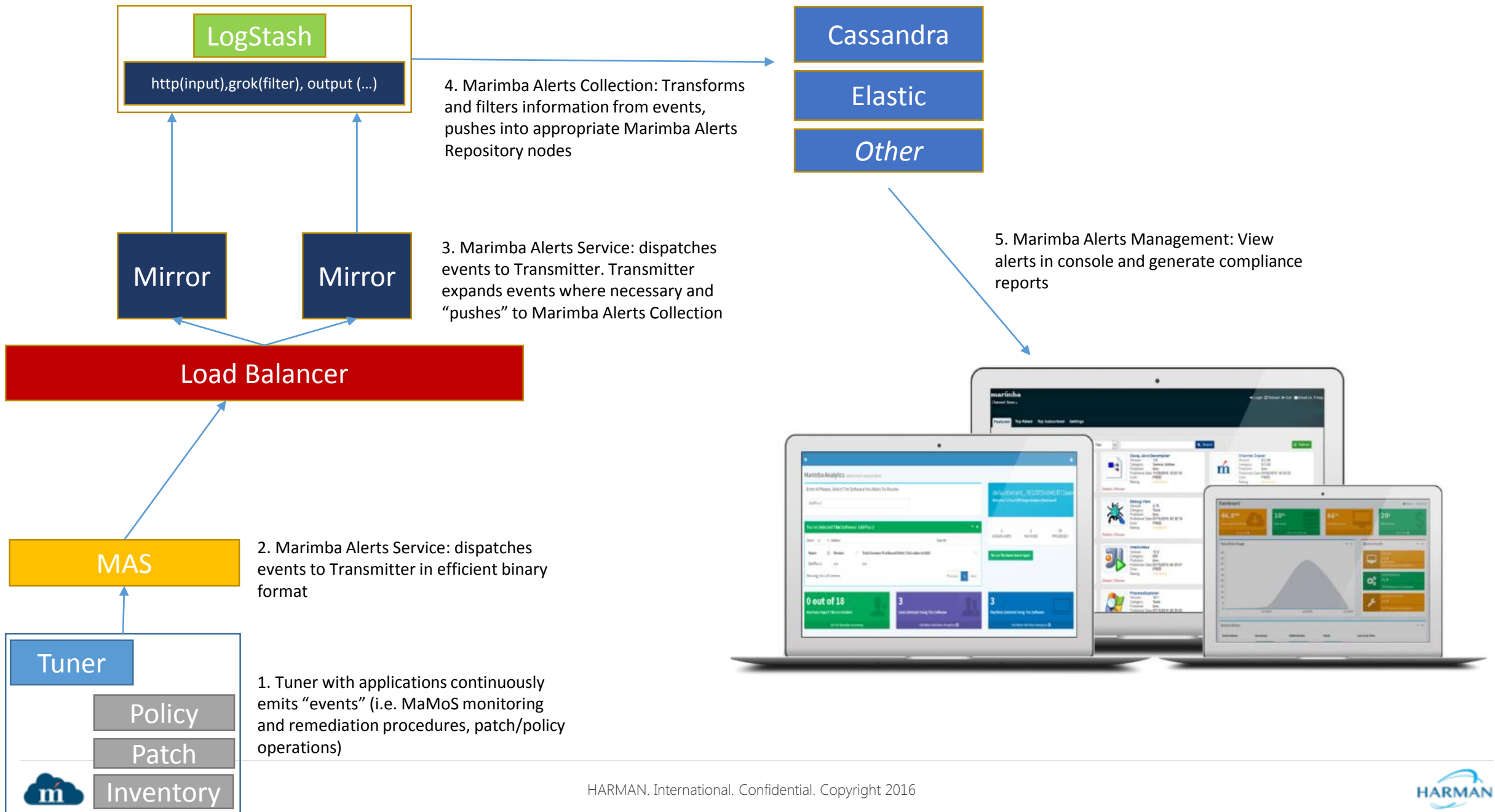


Architectural Components

- Tuner
 - Agent
 - Internal services (MaMoS, logging, etc.)
 - External services (Patch Service, Policy Service and other channels)
- Marimba Alerts Service (channel that encapsulates endpoint side functionality. Also allows “hooking” of additional log sources to generate events)
- Transmitter (main contact point for Marimba Alerts Service)
 - HTTP request forwarder (note: expands incoming report prior to tunneling to Data Collection Engine)
- Marimba Alerts Collection (Transmitter connects to it in order to process received reports)
 - Logstash (filter, http input plugin, grok filter, output plugins depending on Data Storage Engine like Elastic, Slack, Cassandra, etc.)
- Marimba Alerts Repository (Repository for real time data)
 - Cassandra, Elastic (and/or any other components that customer wants to integrate)
- Marimba Alerts Management (console provided by Marimba for viewing real-time alerts)
- Custom Alerts Helper (helper utility that uses regex, etc. to understand structure of custom events and update lookup files
 - References: <http://www.regexplanet.com/advanced/java/index.html>



Architecture



Key Benefits

Enables customers to get better and close-to-real-time reporting, with a special focus on

- Assessing deployment success/failure rates (i.e. patching, policy deployments, etc..)
- Assessing agent health (i.e. integration with MaMoS module)
- Allowing customer-specific use cases to be enabled

Customers can

- Export and Schedule reports
- Locate Past and Current activities per machine or collection
- Extend the framework to collect custom alerts from endpoints

The Framework is

- Built on big data, can support any size data
- Extremely Optimized, powerful, secure and scalable
- Customizable



Castanet Logsight – Desktop App Demo



Thank You

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