



# Cyral Standard Dashboard: ELK

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## I. Introduction

This Guide accompanies the Cyral Standard Dashboard for Elasticsearch Kibana (ELK). This dashboard ingests Data Activity Logs from all sidecars registered in your Control Plane. It includes a collection of pre-configured tables and graphs intended to reveal patterns in user and application access behavior. Note, the dashboard is accompanied by a pre-configured Discover view named 'Log Detail View' that formats your log data in an easy-to-read format.

## II. Pre-Requisites

1. Sidecars must be configured to send logs to the relevant ELK instance. Detailed instructions are provided here: <https://cyral.com/docs/integrations/siem/elk>
2. Some tables and visualizations in the dashboard require SSO User or Group information to display data correctly. To enable this, your IdP provider should be integrated with the Control Plane, and users should be using Cyral to connect to the database(s).

## III. Installation Instructions

1. Cyral Customer Support will provide you two exported Kibana files:
  - Standard Dashboard
  - Log Detail View (Discover View)
2. Login to your Kibana instance. Make sure you are logged into the tenant that will be accessible to all users who need access to the dashboard once it's installed.

For example, if you have the default Kibana tenants of **Private** and **Global**, be sure you are logged into the **Global** tenant when you install the dashboard. To read more about tenants in Kibana, see [Kibana Multi-Tenancy](#).

3. From the navigation menu on the left-hand side, click on Stack Management located under the Management heading.
4. From the resulting menu, click on Saved Objects located under the Kibana heading.
5. On the resulting Saved Objects page, click on the Import link in the upper right corner of the page.

6. On the resulting import saved objects page:
  - a. Click to browse and locate the ndjson file provided in Step 1
  - b. Make sure that **automatically overwrite all saved objects?** is enabled
  - c. Click the Import button
7. You should receive an 'Import Successful' message. Once received, click the Done button.
8. You can confirm that the dashboard is available by navigating to the Dashboards page or validate the Log Detail View by selecting the 'open' button from the Discover page.

## IV. How to Customize Your Dashboard

If you'd like to make changes to the dashboard file Cyral provides, clone the dashboard, and make changes to the duplicate file.

- If you installed the dashboard file directly, this guarantees future re-uploads do not override your customized version.

## V. Guide to Graphs and Tables

### SYSTEM SUMMARY

| Chart or Table Name                | Notes   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Number of Repositories             | Conveys how many repositories contributed to data visible in the dashboard. This number does not necessarily reflect the number of repositories registered in your Control Plane.                               |
| Number of Sidecars                 | Conveys how many sidecars contributed to data visible in the dashboard. This number does not necessarily reflect the number of sidecars registered in your Control Plane.                                       |
| Number of Active Database Accounts | Conveys how many individual repository accounts contributed to data visible in the dashboard.<br><br>This number does not necessarily reflect the number of database accounts registered in your Control Plane. |

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Total Connections Over Time Period  | Displays count of connections for the time period specified in your filters.   |
| Number of Active Users              | Number of unique users captured in the logs.<br><br>This value reflects individual users who logged in via BI Tools (i.e. Looker, Tableau) if Service Account Resolution has been configured.                        |
| Number of Active SSO Groups         | Number of unique SSO groups captured in the logs.<br><br>This value reflects the SSO Groups of individual users who logged in via BI Tools (i.e. Looker, Tableau) if Service Account Resolution has been configured. |
| Number of Users in each SSO Group   | Conveys number of users from each SSO Group that accessed one or more repositories during the time range specified by the dashboard filters.   |
| Repository Connections by SSO Group | Conveys number of unique connections from users--classified by SSO Group—for the time range specified by the dashboard filters.  |
| Approvals by Approver               | Displays all approvals; results are paginated after the 10 most recent approvals.  |
| Approvals by Repository             | Displays all approvals; results are paginated after the 10 most recent approvals.  |

## DATA ACTIVITY

| Chart or Table Name    | Notes   |
|------------------------|---|
| Repository Connections | Displays total number of connections and total number of queries to each repository across the timeframe specified. Average Query Size in Bytes calculated based on timeframe filter applied. |

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|--|---|
| Repository Traffic Across Time (Queries)     | Displays trends in total number of queries submitted to each repository. These queries may have been from individual users or applications.   |
| Repository Traffic Across Time (Connections) | Displays trends in total number of connections to each repository. These connections could have been made by individual users or applications.  |
| Data Most Frequently Accessed                | <p>Displays data assets registered in your Data Map in order of the most frequently accessed. Results are paginated after ten rows.</p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Data Map is required for this table to populate data.</li> <li>• This table requires a value for the SSO User/Group name. Application access data is excluded from this table.</li> </ul> |
| Data Access Distribution                     | Shows which data assets registered in your Data Map are accessed the most frequently. This pie chart displays all data assets for all repositories unless filters are applied.  |

## SECURITY ACTIVITY

| Chart or Table Name        | Notes  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Suspicious Activity        | <p>Describes frequency and types of Suspicious Activity happening in each of your repositories. Suspicious Activity includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port Scans</li> <li>• Authentication Failures</li> <li>• Cyral Policy Triggers</li> </ul> |
| Suspicious Activity Trends | Conveys frequency of Suspicious Activity for each of your repositories.  |

**REPOSITORY PERFORMANCE**

| <b>Chart or Table Name</b>      | <b>Notes</b>   |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Summary                         | Displays statistics based on the timeframe assigned in your global filters. Duration metrics are calculated based on the difference between first query seen and last query seen for a given connection. |
| Query Error Rates by Repository | Displays the count and percentage of queries with errors.  |
| Trend of Errors Over Time       | Displays trends in number of errors across time for each repository.   |

VI. Appendix A – Data Activity Logs Taxonomy

Cyral maps relevant query language from all logs coming from your various repositories to these central Activity Terms. These terms are then grouped into Activity Categories for ease of analysis and visualization in your dashboards. If you'd like to see the complete mapping between Activity Terms and database query statements, please contact Customer Support.

| <b>Activity Category</b> | <b>Activity Term</b> | <b>Notes</b>  |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Data Reads               | Select Data          | <i>Example:</i><br><br>SELECT (PostgreSQL) and FIND (MongoDB) both map to the term Select Data. |
|                          | Select Data Bulk     |   |
|                          | Select Data          |   |
|                          | Export Data Bulk     |   |
|                          | Analyze Statistics   |   |
|                          | Explain              |   |

|                      |                          |  |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Data Changes         | Insert Data              |  |
|                      | Update Data              |  |
|                      | Delete Data              |  |
|                      | Merge Data               |  |
|                      | Copy Data                |  |
|                      | Truncate Data            |  |
|                      |                          |  |
| View Changes         | Create View              |  |
|                      | Alter View               |  |
|                      | Drop View                |  |
|                      |                          |  |
| Schema Changes       | Create Table             |  |
|                      | Alter Table              |  |
|                      | Delete Table             |  |
|                      | Rename Table             |  |
|                      | Create Schema            |  |
|                      | Modify Schema            |  |
|                      | Delete Schema            |  |
|                      | Annotate Schema          |  |
|                      | Create Collection        | <i>Not all Activity Terms are relevant to every repository type.</i> |
|                      | Alter Collection         |  |
|                      | Delete Collection        |  |
|                      | Create Bucket            |  |
|                      | Delete Bucket            |  |
|                      |                          |  |
| Query Flow Operation | Begin Transaction        |  |
|                      | Cursor Operation         |  |
|                      | Variable Declaration     |  |
|                      | Clear Session State      |  |
|                      | Execute Stored Procedure |  |
|                      | Listen                   |  |
|                      | Notify                   |  |
|                      | Prepare Statement        |  |
|                      | Release Savepoint        |  |
|                      | Rollback Transaction     |  |
|                      | Commit Transaction       |  |
|                      | Savepoint                |  |
|                      |                          |  |
| Repo Changes         | Create Database          |  |
|                      | Update Database          |  |

|                     |   |   |
|---------------------|---|---|
|                     | Annotate Database                       |   |
|                     | Delete Database                         |   |
|                     |   |   |
| Access Changes      | Create User Account                     |   |
|                     | Modify User Account                     |   |
|                     | Delete User Account                     |   |
|                     | Create Group                            |   |
|                     | Modify Group                            |   |
|                     | Delete Group                            |   |
|                     | Create Role                             |   |
|                     | Modify Role                             |   |
|                     | Delete Role                             |   |
|                     | Modify Access                           | <i>Not relevant for PG repositories</i> |
|                     | Grant Access                            |   |
|                     | Revoke Access                           |   |
|                     |   |   |
| Privileged Commands | Modify Log                              |   |
|                     | System Change                           |   |
|                     | Functionality Change                    |   |
|                     | Alter Trigger                           |   |
|                     | Create Trigger                          |   |
|                     | Delete Trigger                          |   |
|                     | Backup                                  |   |
|                     | Restore                                 | <i>Not relevant for PG repositories</i> |
|                     | Create Access Method                    |   |
|                     | binlog                                  | <i>Not relevant for PG repositories</i> |
|                     | Flush                                   | <i>Not relevant for PG repositories</i> |
|                     | Kill                                    | <i>Not relevant for PG repositories</i> |
|                     | Deadlock                                | <i>Not relevant for PG repositories</i> |
|                     | Load Index Into Cache                   | <i>Not relevant for PG repositories</i> |
|                     | Reset                                   | <i>Not relevant for PG repositories</i> |
|                     | Reset Persist                           | <i>Not relevant for PG repositories</i> |
|                     | Startup                                 | <i>Not relevant for PG repositories</i> |
| Restart             | <i>Not relevant for PG repositories</i> |   |
| Shutdown            | <i>Not relevant for PG repositories</i> |   |