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Streamlining AVEVA PI System O&M by Centralizing PI Message Logs

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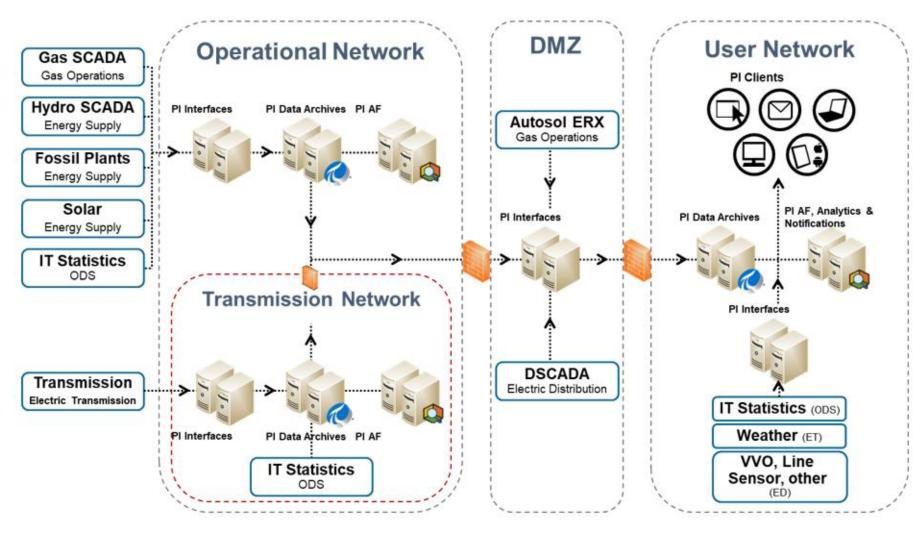


About Pacific Gas and Electric Company

- Incorporated in California in 1905
- Headquarters in Oakland, California
- Approximately 28,000 employees
- 106,681 Circuit miles of Electric Distribution
- 18,466 Circuit miles of interconnected transmission lines
- 42,141 miles of natural gas distribution pipelines
- 6,438 miles of natural gas transmission pipelines
- 5.5 million electric customer accounts
- 4.5 million natural gas customer accounts



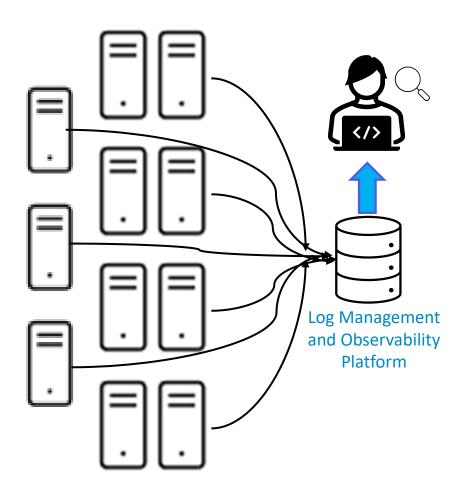
The PI System at PG&E



- Started with 2 collectives for all businesses.
- Split into 7 collectives each with their own set of PI servers.
- Largest system now at 10+ million tags hosted on 4 Data Archive Servers.
- Currently consolidating logs from 34 PI Servers
- Overall footprint spans over 150 PI Servers
- Management and access to logs across multiple networks became overly time consuming



PI Message Log Consolidation Benefits

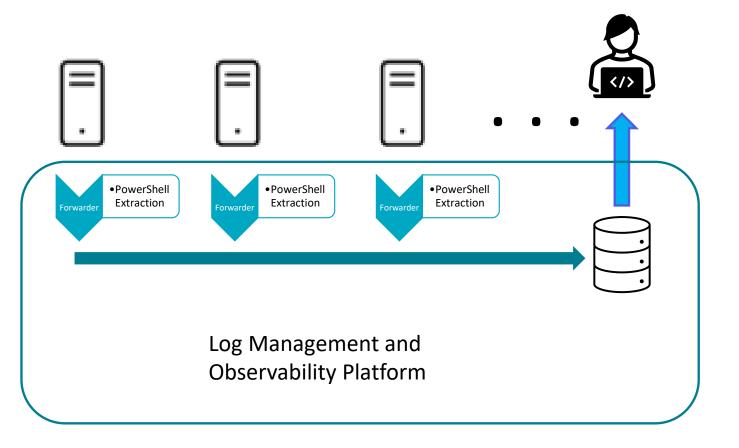


Benefits

- Enhanced monitoring capabilities
- Streamlined access to the PI Message Logs
- Pattern recognition, statistics, prediction
- Automated alerts and notifications
- Simplify log collection and sharing
- Extensive filtering and tracing capabilities
- Credential tracking across PI System infrastructure
- Observe issues starting to build and be proactive rather than reactive.
- Facilitates compliance and security efforts
- Logs can be kept longer and can be reviewed even if the source server is unresponsive



High Level Architecture



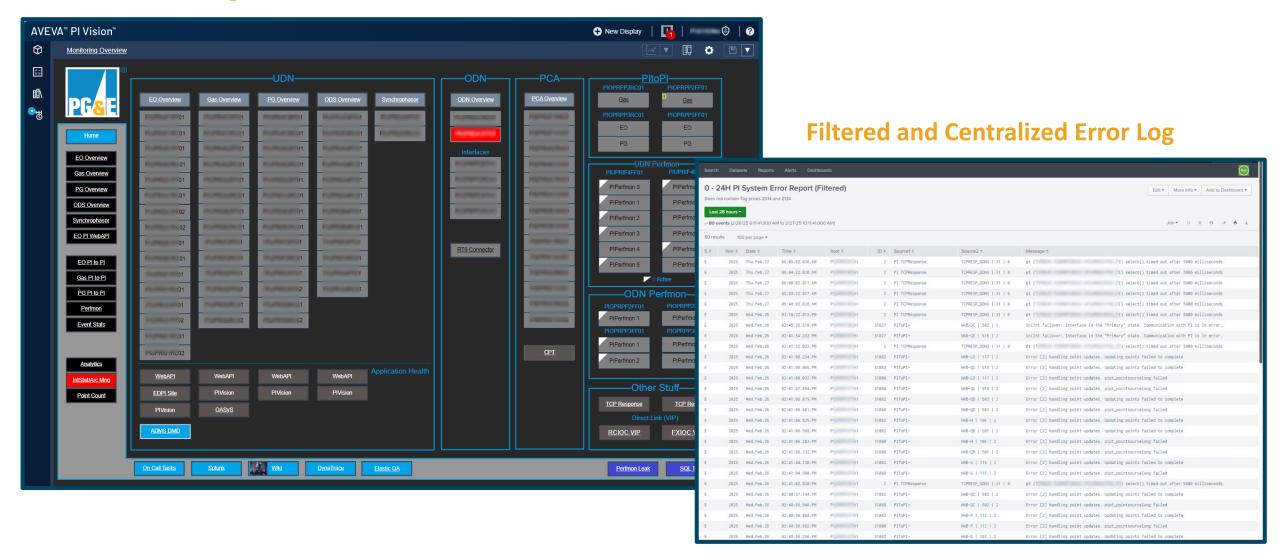
KEY DESIGN FEATURES

- Platform managed forwarder installed on each server
- Custom PowerShell script was created to extract the messages and format them for shipping.
- Checkpoint file is used to allow restarts.
- Prefilters can be used at the source for low bandwidth connections or less critical servers.



Daily Operations & Monitoring

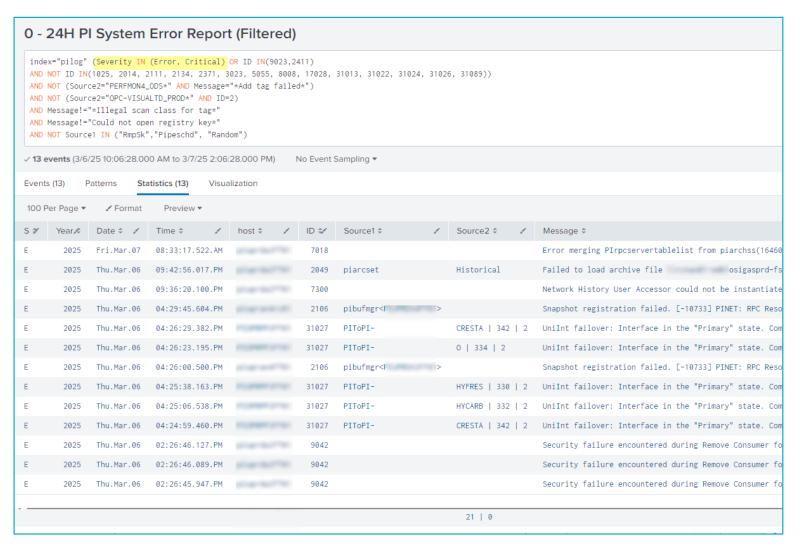
Monitoring Overview Screen





Streamline Error Discovery

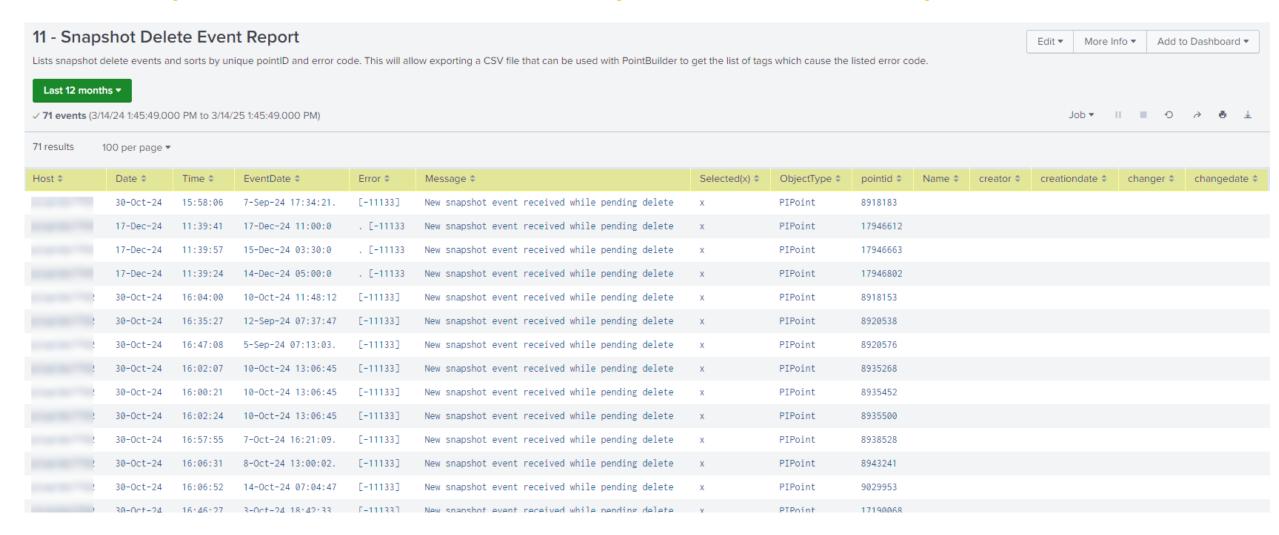
- In one 28 hour period over 71,000 log messages were collected from 34 hosts.
- After filtering, we needed to only review 13 events from 4 hosts.





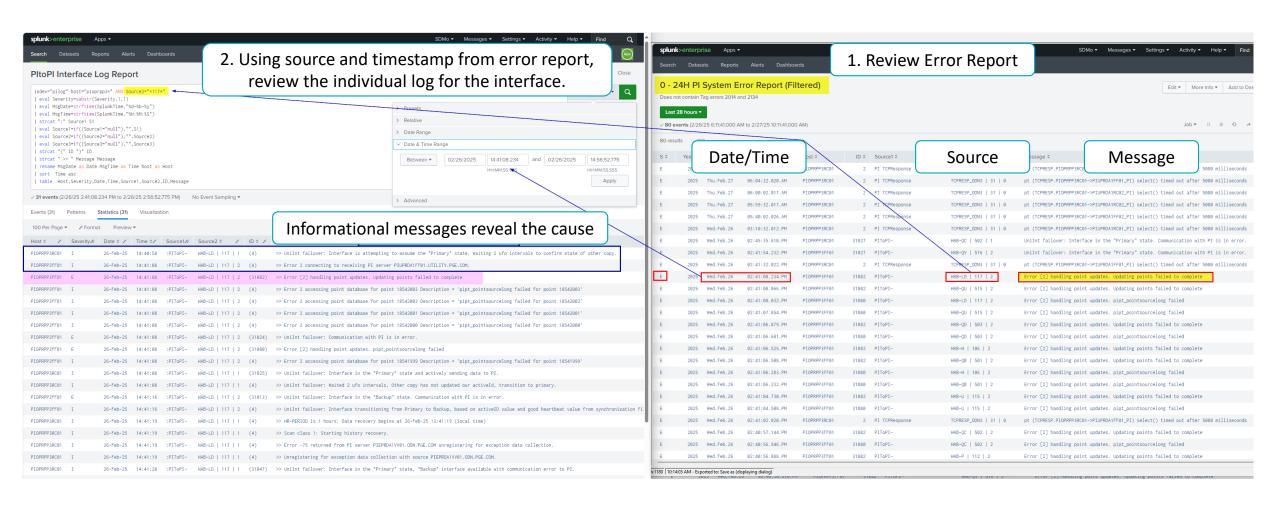
Example Use Case

Snapshot Delete Events can cause a system to become unresponsive.





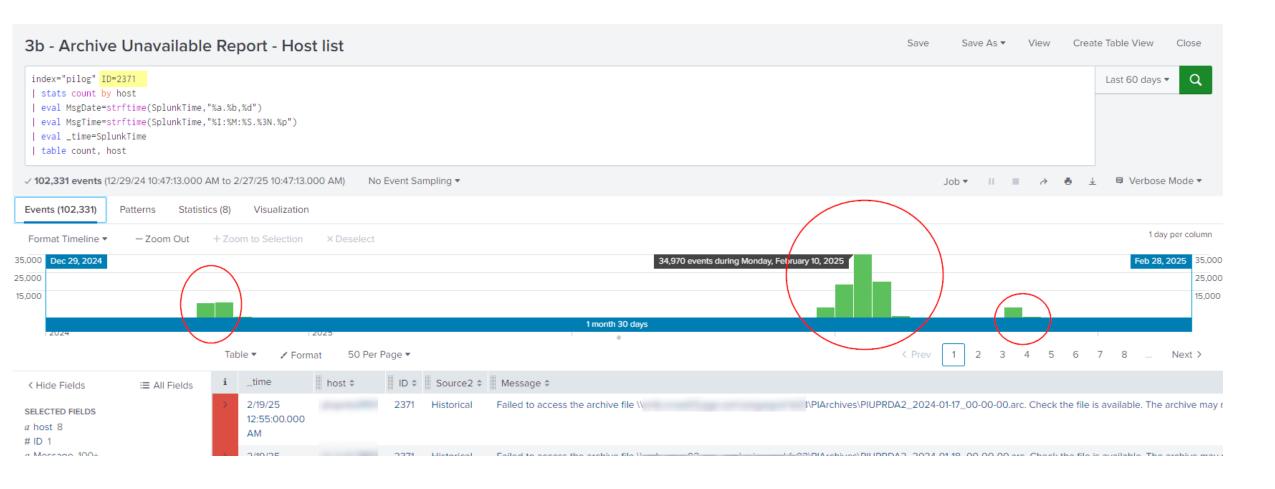
Problem Resolution





Archive Unavailable Report

Quickly visualize to narrow down frequency and timeframe of file access issues



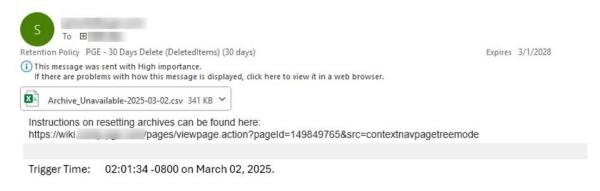


Automated Email Alerts

System generates custom email notifications when conditions are met

- Push model of error alert.
- Customizable email templates

This error can only be found in the message log or by some users seeing an archive gap.



View results in Splunk

MsgDate	MsgTime	host	ID	Message	
Sun.Mar,02	01:54:46.002.AM		2371	Failed to access the archive file The archive may need to be unregistered and re-registered. [59] An unexpected network error	_2024-02-20_00-00-00.arc. Check the file is available. occurred.
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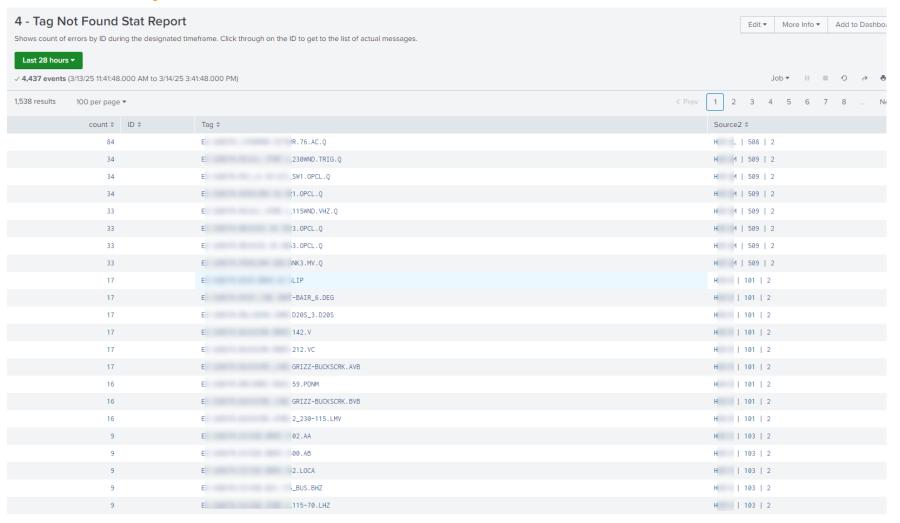
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Sun 3/2/2025 2:02 AM



Maintenance

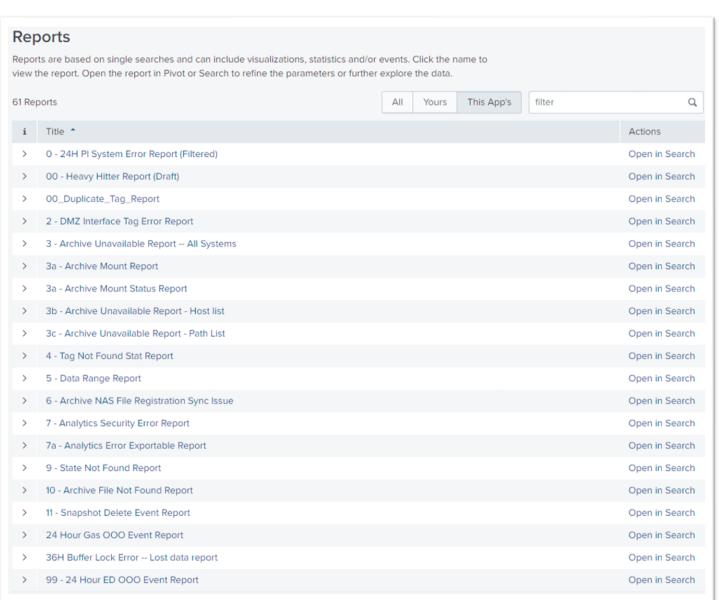
Tag Not Found Report





Custom Reports

- We have built a library of reports that can be run on demand.
- Reports easily modified as needed.
- Also have a library of Notifications.



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Export PI Message Log for Support

Features

- Can easily export logs for support tickets in any format
- Filter on any message field and timeframe to limit output
- No need to log directly into server.
- Can export logs of unresponsive systems.
- Obfuscate sensitive information as needed.
- Stitch together multiple logs
- Timeframe only limited by availability of index storage space.

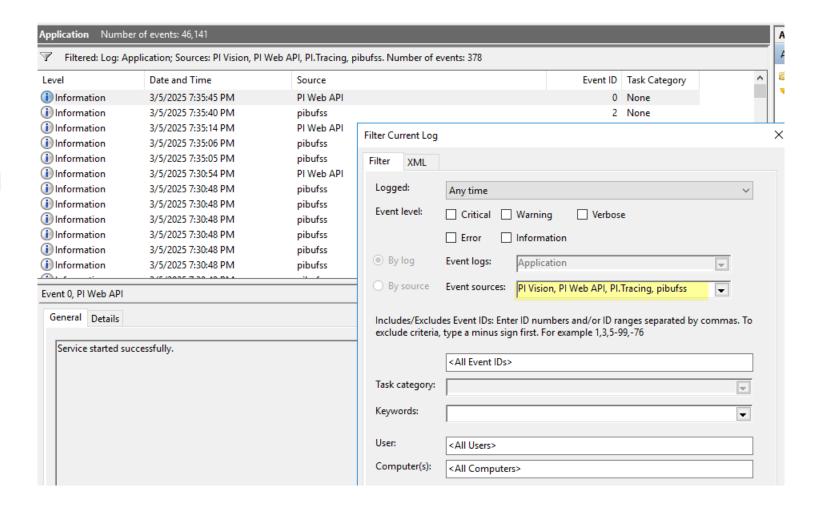
PI Message Log Export

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5 p)1	Informational	10-Mar-25	11:35:02	pinetmgr					Deleting connection: tcprE, Asynch read failed. [2] The s	7121
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7 p		Informational					Connection Information			New Connection ID: 8776; Process name: tcprE; User: E	7080



Future Plans

- Ingest Windows Event Logs
- Inclusion of remaining PI Servers including QA and DEV
- Custom tool development
- Additional Reporting and Enhanced Notifications
- Migration to the ELK stack
 - (Elastic, Logstash, Kibana)





PG&E Streamlines O&M with Log Consolidation

Challenge

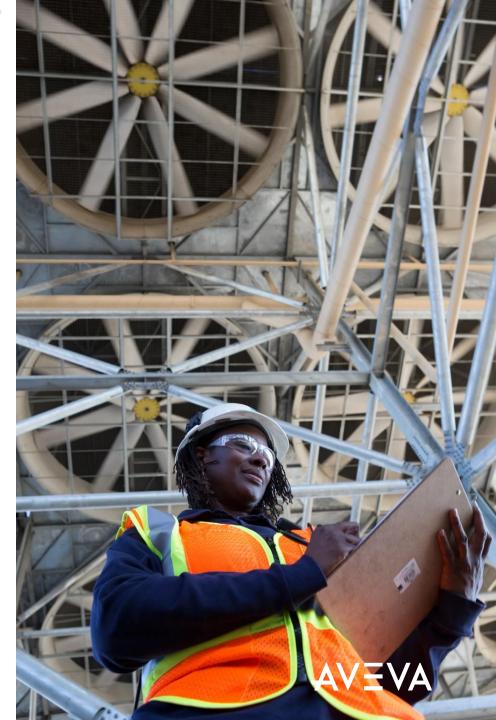
- Health monitoring PI System infrastructure and accessing logs across 3
 networks and 150+ servers became overly time consuming and tedious.
- PI Message Logs are valuable but need to be extracted.
- Not all errors are apparent from heath counters.
- Needed a streamlined way to collect logs for support calls.

Solution

 Developed and deployed a Log Management and Observation Solution to collect and centralize all AVEVA PI System related logs in one central location

Results

- Streamlined Health Monitoring and Daily Operational Reviews.
- Automatic notifications of critical errors.
- Ability to review errors across entire infrastructure
- Simplified log extraction for support calls.
- Proactively address pending performance issues.



Questions?





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Thank you for your attendance!

