



ABOUT CUSTOMER



Our customer is a global investment manager with 16Bn AUM, based in NYC. The firm's investment flexibility accommodates continual repositioning of the portfolio to capitalize on the most compelling risk-adjusted investment opportunities with specific return and liquidity objectives. The firm fosters a culture based on openness, global teamwork, and inclusion. It strives to unravel the complexities of investment strategy, management, and corporate culture, with its commitment to excellence.



The compliance department at the firm wanted to proactively detect any unauthorized sharing of information with fraudulent intent, by any firm employee, over electronic media. Media under surveillance included emails, messages on IM, printed documents, faxes, etc.

Such monitoring was not possible manually. Using simple technology tools was also not viable since the information was spread over several diverse communication channels. Hence, it lacked all traceability and audit ability, which is vital, should a statutory compliance situation arise.



HOW OUR SOLUTION WORKS





CHOICE OF APPROACH

To implement the electronic media surveillance program, a combination of two approaches was used. We utilized ELK's ecosystem in conjunction with machine learning to achieve desired outcomes.

- Rule-based approach leveraging Kibana's filter mechanism
- Machine learning approach leveraging anomaly detection

While ELK rule-based approach has better accuracy and is faster to implement, the ELK machine learning-based approach increases surveillance scope significantly, by capturing patterns that cannot be captured and configured using rule-based systems. Therefore, following a hybrid process was chosen to bring the best results.

Additionally, a rule-based approach provides better accuracy initially for known cases, and for the unknown possibilities, machine learning evaluation should be relied upon.



ELK stack flow is conceptually designed to allow users to take data from multiple sources in multiple formats and search, analyze, and visualize it in real-time.

The sources include emails, slack messages, printed documents, and images, etc.

The machine learning component helps to find patterns in this data. Time series modeling has been used to detect anomalies in the current data and forecast trends based on historical data.

The notification and alerts facility of ELK has been utilized to notify administrators about fraudulent activity and transactions.



Various visualization tools like- bar charts, metrics tools, etc., provided by Kibana are utilized for representing fraudulent information sharing activities captured from implementing several other use cases, including rule-based and machine-learning-based use cases.



ALERTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

Alerting (via Watcher) is used to send alerts (as configured mail/Slack etc.) based on the fraudulent activities captured by implementing rule-based filters and machine learning-based filters. Additionally, emails are sent to administrators.

BENEFIT ACHIEVED





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