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XKEYSCORE HELPER NOTES

There are several new and updated features in this release of the XKEYSCORE Palantir helper:

- Summary/Histogram import of data
- Data sourcing for XKEYSCORE queries
- Fixes for UI redraw bugs on query list refresh
- Fixes for disappearing links

Summary import

This feature is intended to mirror the functionality in XKEYSCORE for creating histogram grids over a query. It allows for a large dataset to be reduced down in size considerably while still maintaining useful data. As an example this is a histogram grid view over a small query in XKEYSCORE, histogrammed by From IP, To IP and To Port:

Filter	From IP	To IP	To Port	Count
<input type="checkbox"/>			20644	19
<input type="checkbox"/>			8676	7
<input type="checkbox"/>			38960	6
<input type="checkbox"/>			25193	4
<input type="checkbox"/>			53	3
<input type="checkbox"/>			27977	2
<input type="checkbox"/>			32768	2
<input type="checkbox"/>			53	2
<input type="checkbox"/>			53	2
<input type="checkbox"/>			52835	2
<input type="checkbox"/>			47565	2
<input type="checkbox"/>			27977	2

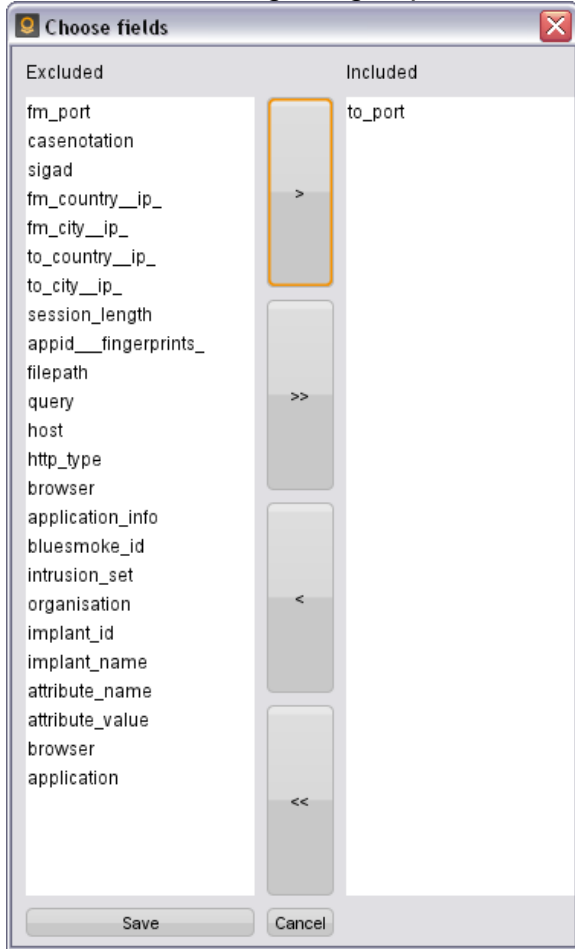
As you can see, there are 19 entries for the top line here. In the old XKEYSCORE helper this would create 19 new events. While you still have the option of importing every row in an XKEYSCORE query as a new connection, the summary import lets you cut this down a little. Once logged in to the helper, choose the “Summarise by...” button:

Add to Gra...	Import as	Query Name	Status	Query Type	Num Resu...	Num DBs	Datetime S...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Classic		inished	http_parser	2974	3 of 3	2011-03-24 ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Classic		inished	full_log	80	12 of 12	2011-03-22 ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Classic		inished	full_log	85	12 of 12	2011-03-21 ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Classic		inished	full_log	37	12 of 12	2011-03-21 ...

Summarise by...

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To mirror the histogram grid performed on the data, I've chosen to include to_port:



Note that when doing a summary import, summarisations will be done on source and destination IP in addition to any included fields.

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The screenshot shows the Graph interface with a network diagram in the center. The diagram consists of two fingerprint icons at the top and bottom, connected by a vertical line. A yellow box with a key icon is positioned in the middle of the line. Below the diagram is a table with the following data:

Query Name	Status	Query Type	Num Rows	Num Obs	Duration S.
shared by all	finished	7fp_parser	2974	3 of 3	2011-03-24
	finished	Aut_Log	80	12 of 12	2011-03-27
	finished	Aut_Log	85	12 of 12	2011-03-27
	finished	Aut_Log	37	12 of 12	2011-03-21

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In this example, I removed all the other data from the input from the graph.

There are a few things to note from the results of this import:

- Quantity records the number of results which matched that histogram criteria (In this case 19). This matches up with the XKEYSCORE histogram grid
- Session size is a sum of all session sizes for this histogrammed piece of data. This allows you to see the total amount of data being sent from one IP to another, in this case also summarised by destination port.
- "Application" shows the different fingerprints hit on for this summary event. For example, if X contacts Y and it is picked up by fingerprints foo on connection 1 and bar on connection 2, the summarised connection between X and Y will list "foo" and "bar" as applications
- Time metadata is preserved in that you can view the first time this event occurred and the last.

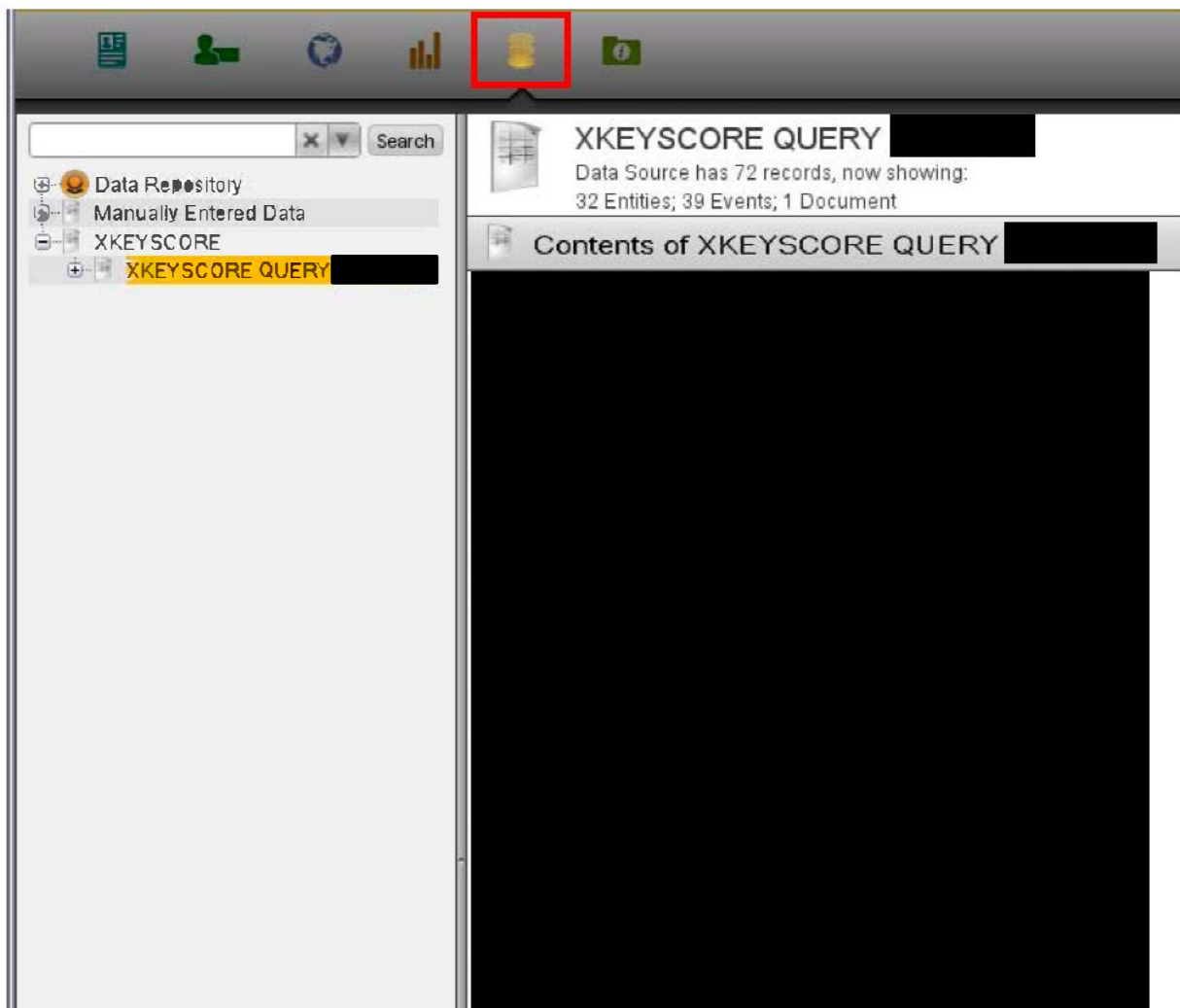
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Preferences for which fields to summarise by, whether you wish to summarise and whether you wish to automatically merge links between IP addresses and connections are saved per-user, so if you have a common histogram import then you don't need to re-select the fields to histogram on every time.

Data sourcing

Data imported into Palantir using the updated XKEYSCORE helper now has data sourcing.

There are a couple of places this can be seen, the most evident is the "Data sources" application within Palantir. So, when you open up Data Sourcing:



At the top level in this screenshot you can see there are three folders. The XKEYSCORE folder contains a list of the IP addresses and connection events associated with the query. Double clicking the document within this datasource opens up some metadata about the query run.

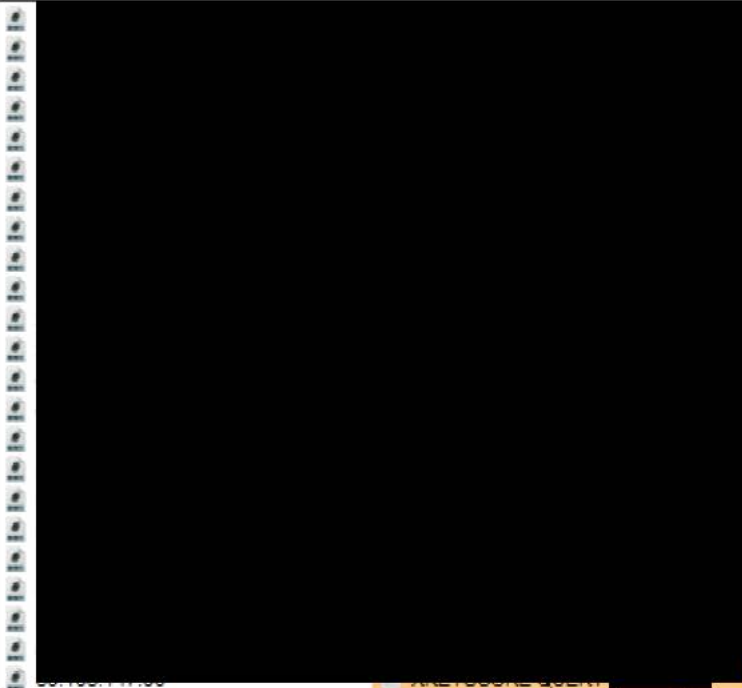


XKEYSCORE QUERY [REDACTED]

Data Source has 72 records, now showing:
32 Entities; 39 Events; 1 Document



Contents of XKEYSCORE QUERY [REDACTED]



194.226.58.130 to 192... x XKEYSCORE QUERY [REDACTED] x

back fwd graph map search extract export +font -font shot prev next add showhide find+tag opts

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Hide Summary



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Related	Object Info	Who's Watching This?
 0	Type: Document	No watchers
 0	Created by: Administrator Account	 watch this object
 0	Created at: 2011/03/25 12:31:36 +00:00	
	Classification: TS STRAP1	

Document Properties Related

XKEYSCORE QUERY [REDACTED]

■ Datetime: 2011-03-21 13:18:35
Output: [REDACTED]
Query name: [REDACTED]
DBs: 12 of 12
Hits: 85
Status: 100%

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This information can also be accessed via an object imported into Palantir:

The screenshot shows the Palantir interface for an object titled "TS STRAP1". The object is a "Connection" with a classification of "TS STRAP1". It was created by the "Administrator Account" on 2011/03/25 12:31:42. The date range is from 2011/03/21 05:29:58.000 to 2011/03/21 08:44:57.000. The "Properties" section shows a table of attributes:

Type	Value	Classification
Application:	P2p/bitTorrent	TS STRAP1
	P2p/bitTorrent/encoding	TS STRAP1
IP Address (From):	[REDACTED]	TS STRAP1
IP Address (To):	[REDACTED]	TS STRAP1
Port (To):	20644	TS STRAP1
Quantity:	19	TS STRAP1
Session Size:	1764 B	TS STRAP1

The "Data Sources" section is highlighted with a red box and shows a list of sources, including "(1) XKEYSCORE QUERY (carloso_1)" and "TS STRAP1".

After multiple imports of XKEYSCORE data have been done within the same investigation the list of data sources also grows appropriately:

The screenshot shows the "Data Sources" panel in Palantir. The title is "Data Sources - Administrator Account 03/25/2011 12:02 GMT". The panel lists the following data sources:

- Data Repository
- Manually Entered Data
- XKEYSCORE
 - XKEYSCORE QUERY [REDACTED]
 - XKEYSCORE QUERY [REDACTED]