



# A Pentester's Guide to Automating Security

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Background



#whoami



# WHO WE ARE



## COMPANY

- Founded in 2008
- Directors – Nick von Dadelszen & Ratu Mason
- Offices – Wellington, Auckland, Christchurch
- Staff – 25



## SERVICES

- Advisory Consulting
- Security Testing
- Managed Services
- Incident Response & Forensics
- Training Services

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Starting State

## BudgetArr

[Accounts](#) [Budget](#) [Future](#) [Sign out](#)

### Balances

As at 5 Dec 2019

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Transaction account | \$301.50         |
| Flat account        | \$192.18         |
| Savings account     | \$2000.66        |
| Credit card         | -\$284.93        |
| <b>Total:</b>       | <b>\$2209.41</b> |

### Money remaining

As at 5 Dec 2019

|                                         |                  |           |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| In accounts                             | \$2209.41        | \$2209.41 |
| - Known Expenses                        | \$-14.99         | \$2194.42 |
| - Estimated expenses (incl. 15% buffer) | \$-536.17        | \$1658.25 |
| + Known upcoming income                 | \$280.00         | \$1938.25 |
| - Money required for future months      | \$-365.96        | \$1572.29 |
| - Buffer remaining                      | \$371.04         | \$1201.25 |
| <b>Total:</b>                           | <b>\$1201.25</b> |           |

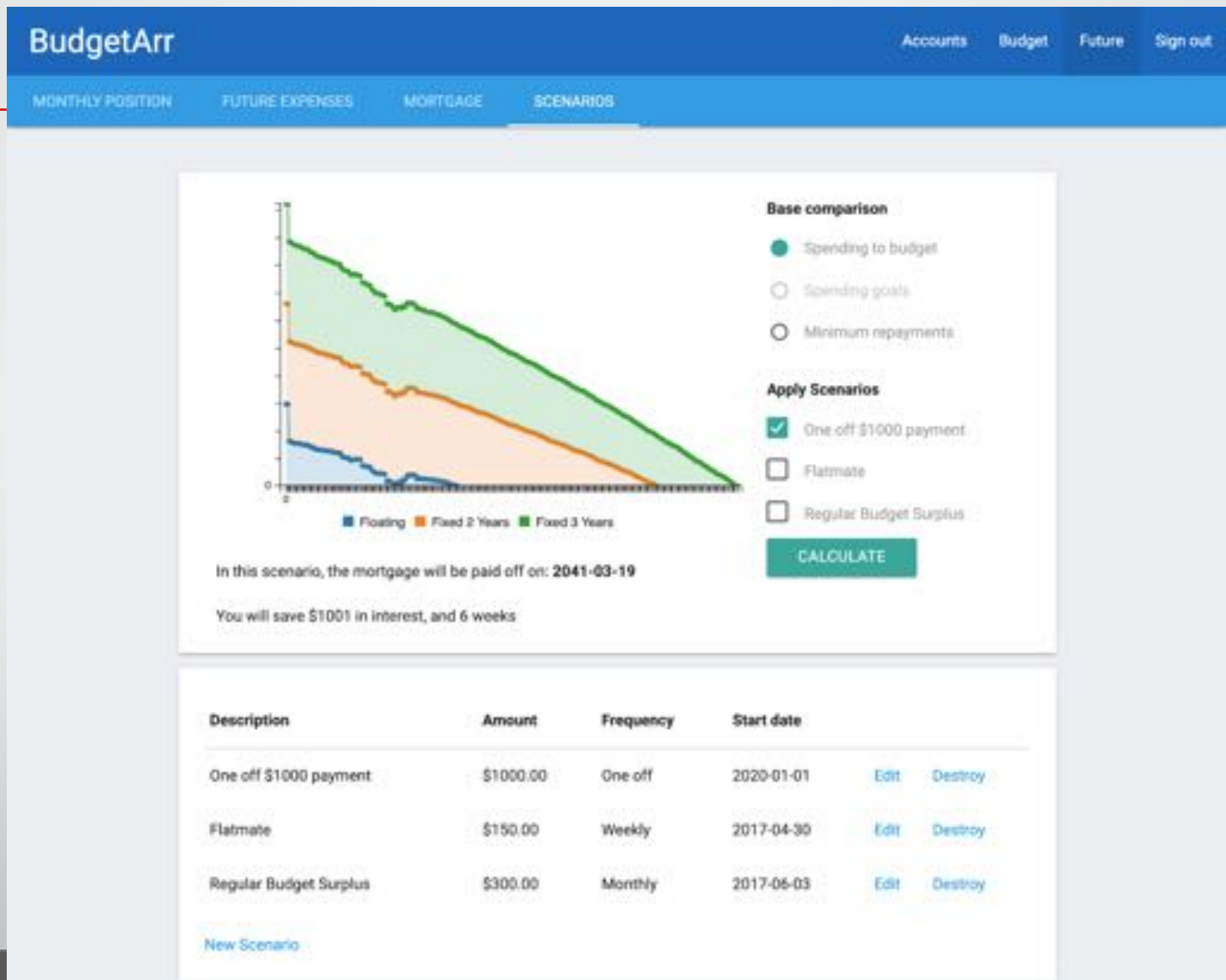
### Spending in the last month

As at 5 Dec 2019

Food Gifts Eating out  
Household items Netflix  
Play money Public Transport



Starting State



# This Talk

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STATIC ANALYSIS



DYNAMIC TESTING



UNIT TESTS



INFRASTRUCTURE

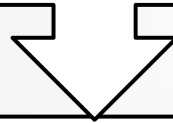
# Static Analysis



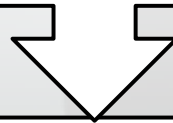
# Static Analysis

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1. Get existing tests passing



2. Set up continuous integration



3. Implement static analysis tooling

# Setting up Continuous Integration



GitLab

CI Runner

## Defining Static Analysis Tests

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Gemfile:

```
group :development, :test do
  gem 'brakeman', require: false
  gem 'bundle-audit', require: false
end
```

# Defining Static Analysis Tests

`.gitlab-ci.yml:`

`test:`

`stage: Unit Tests`

`image: ruby:2.6`

`script:`

- `- bundle install --path vendor`
- `- bundle exec rake db:create RAILS_ENV=test`
- `- bundle exec rake test`
- `- bundle exec brakeman -o brakeman.html`
- `- bundle exec bundle-audit check -update`

`artifacts:`

`when: always`

`paths:`

- `- brakeman.html`

# Tests

 Projects ▾ Groups ▾ More ▾



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pipeline > BudgetArr > Pipelines > #919

 failed

 Pipeline #919 triggered 45 minutes ago by  pipeline 

Retry

Add unit tests for the user model.

 1 job for `master` in 6 minutes and 5 seconds (queued for 3 seconds)

 latest

 30f48ad4 ... 

 No related merge requests found.

Pipeline

Jobs 1

Failed Jobs 1

Unit Tests

 test 

# Brakeman

## Security Warnings

| Confidence | Class          | Method      | Warning Type    | Message                                                                                                                                      |
|------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| High       | UserController | user_params | Mass Assignment | Potentially dangerous key allowed for mass assignment near line 35:<br>params.require(:user).permit(:email, :name, :admin, :password_digest) |

## View Warnings

| Confidence | Template                                            | Warning Type         | Message                                                                                                                             |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Weak       | users/_monthly_breakdown (Template:users/dashboard) | Cross-Site Scripting | Unescaped model attribute near line 16: LizeItem.monthly_breakdown_by_category.map do "\\#{x[:name]}\\\".html_safe end.join(",")    |
| Weak       | users/_monthly_breakdown (Template:users/dashboard) | Cross-Site Scripting | Unescaped model attribute near line 20: LizeItem.monthly_breakdown_by_category.map do "\\#{(x[:total].to_f / 100.0)}" end.join(",") |
| Weak       | users/_monthly_breakdown (Template:users/dashboard) | Cross-Site Scripting | Unescaped model attribute near line 22: LizeItem.monthly_breakdown_by_category.map do "\\#{x[:colour]}\\\".html_safe end.join(",")  |
| Weak       | users/_monthly_breakdown (Template:users/dashboard) | Cross-Site Scripting | Unescaped model attribute near line 25: LizeItem.monthly_breakdown_by_category.map do "\\#{x[:colour]}\\\".html_safe end.join(",")  |

# Brakeman

## Budget Item

Description

Food"]); alert("Cross Site Scripting"); var data2={labels:["Food



localhost:3000

Apps Vega Vulnerability... "Startup and Go"...

localhost:3000 says

Cross Site Scripting

OK

Brakeman

pipeline > BudgetArr > Pipelines > #920

passed

Pipeline #920 triggered 7 minutes ago by pipeline

## Fix mass assignment and XSS.

1 job for master in 6 minutes and 2 seconds (queued for 2 seconds)

latest

29559479 ...

No related merge requests found.

# Static Analysis Weaknesses

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- Can't find logic flaws
  - Business logic
  - Authentication
  - Authorisation
- Potential false positives
- Configuration

# Static Analysis

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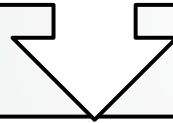
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# Dynamic Tests

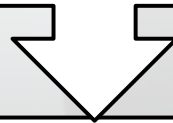


# Dynamic Analysis

1. Set up a test/staging environment



2. Set up continuous deployment and integration



3. Implement security dynamic analysis tooling

# Docker ZAP

`.gitlab-ci.yml:`

```
zap_test:  
  stage: Security Test  
  image: owasp/zap2docker-weekly  
  script:  
  - zap-baseline.py -t https://budgetarr.XXX.com
```

# Unit Testing



# Unit Tests

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- Authentication
- Authorisation
  - Access to data
  - Create/update/deletion on objects

## Unit Tests - Authentication

```
test "should not access mortgages while not logged in" do
  get mortgages_url
  assert_response :success

  get signout_users_url

  get mortgages_url
  assert_redirected_to signin_users_path
end
```

## Unit Tests - Authorisation

```
test "index should only contain my budget items" do
  get budget_items_url(format: :json)
  assert_response :success

  initial_count = JSON.parse(@response.body).count

  users(:two).budget_items.create(
    description: 'Test',
    expense_category: users(:two).expense_categories.first
  )

  get budget_items_url(format: :json)
  assert_response :success

  assert_equal initial_count, JSON.parse(@response.body).count
end
```

## Unit Tests - Authorisation

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```
Minitest::Assertion: Expected: 4  
  Actual: 5  
test/controllers/budget_items_controller_test.rb:28:in  
`block in <class:BudgetItemsControllerTest>'
```

## Unit Tests - Authorisation

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```
def index
  @budget_items = BudgetItem.all
end
```

```
def index
  @budget_items = @current_user.budget_items
end
```

# Unit Tests - Authorisation

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Finished in 0.55500s

1 tests, 3 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors, 0 skips

# Infrastructure



# ASD

- Patching
- Continuous incident detection/response
- Hardening



ANSIBLE

# Patching

- **name:** Install unattended updates

**apt:**

**name:** unattended-upgrades

- **name:** Set unattended upgrade settings

**template:** src=50unattended-upgrades.j2  
dest=/etc/apt/apt.conf.d/50unattended-upgrades

- **name:** Set unattended upgrade settings

**template:** src=20auto-upgrades.j2  
dest=/etc/apt/apt.conf.d/20auto-upgrades

**20auto-upgrades.j2:**

APT::Periodic::Update-Package-Lists "1";

APT::Periodic::Unattended-Upgrade "1";

APT::Periodic::AutocleanInterval "7";

**50unattended-upgrades.j2:**

Unattended-Upgrade::Automatic-Reboot "true";

Unattended-Upgrade::Automatic-Reboot-Time "02:00";

# Logging/Monitoring/Alerting

```
- name: Add ElasticSearch GPG Key
  apt_key:
    url: https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch
    state: present

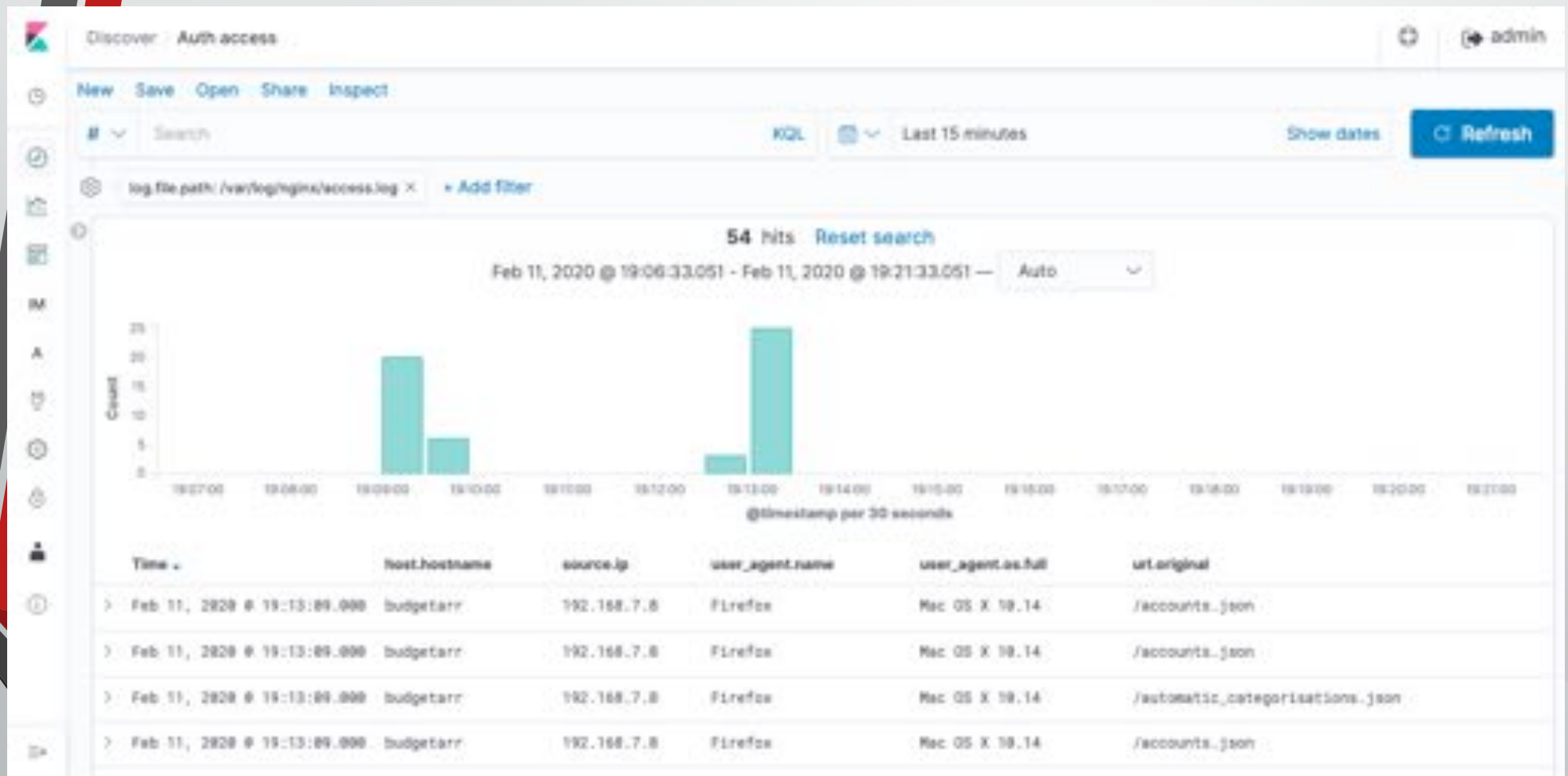
- name: Add ElasticSearch repository
  apt_repository:
    repo: deb https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/oss-7.x/apt stable main
    state: present
    filename: elasticsearch
    update_cache: yes

- name: Install FileBeat
  apt:
    name: filebeat
    state: present
    update_cache: yes

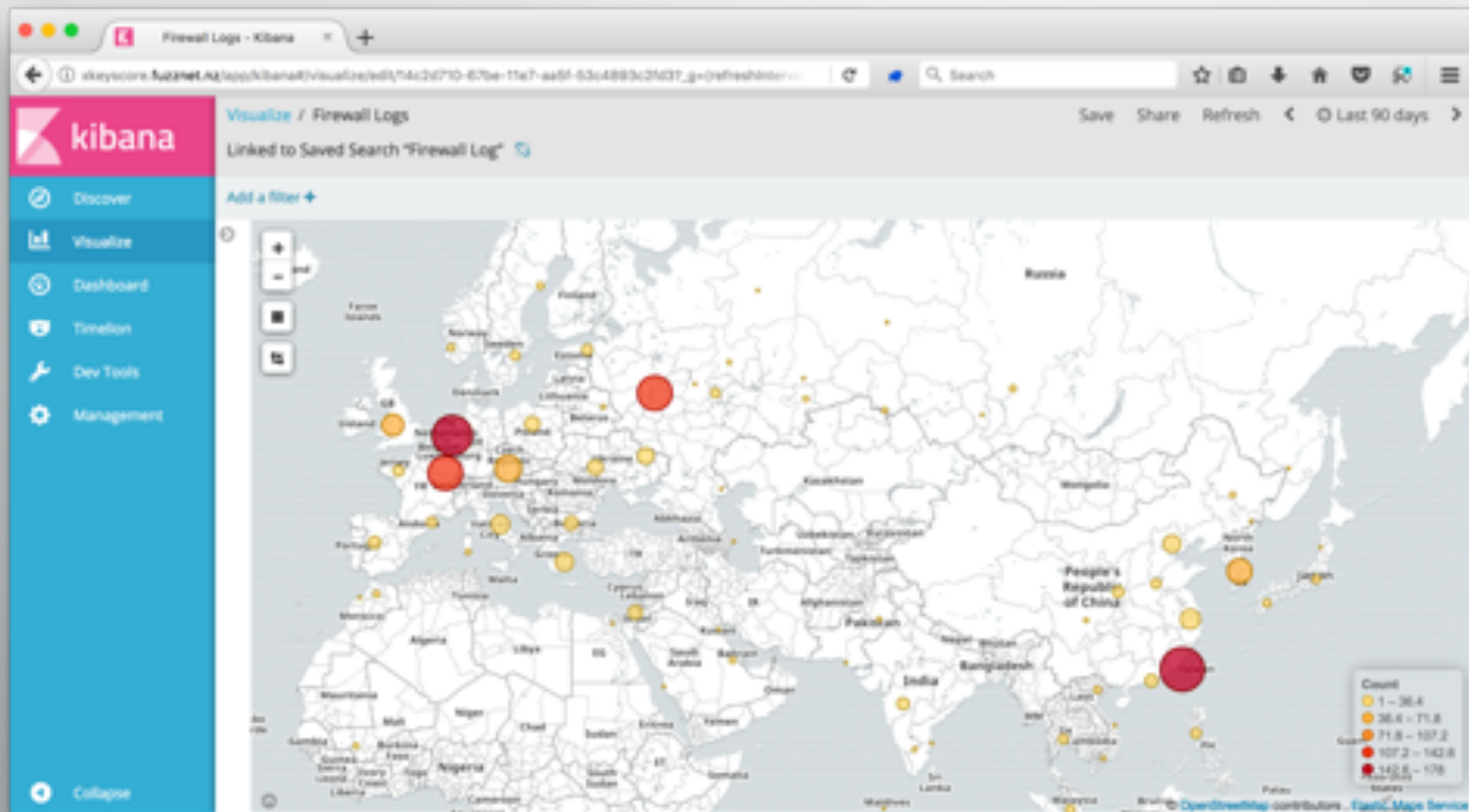
- name: Create filebeat config
  template: src=filebeat.yml.j2 dest=/etc/filebeat/filebeat.yml
```



# Logging/Monitoring/Alerting



# Logging/Monitoring/Alerting



# Hardening

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```
ansible-galaxy install dev-sec.os-hardening  
ansible-galaxy install dev-sec.ssh-hardening  
ansible-galaxy install dev-sec.nginx-hardening  
ansible-galaxy install dev-sec.mysql-hardening
```

# Hardening

## **Sites.yml:**

- name: Harden hosts

hosts: all

remote\_user: ben

become: true

## roles:

- ubuntu\_server
- dev-sec.os-hardening
- dev-sec.ssh-hardening

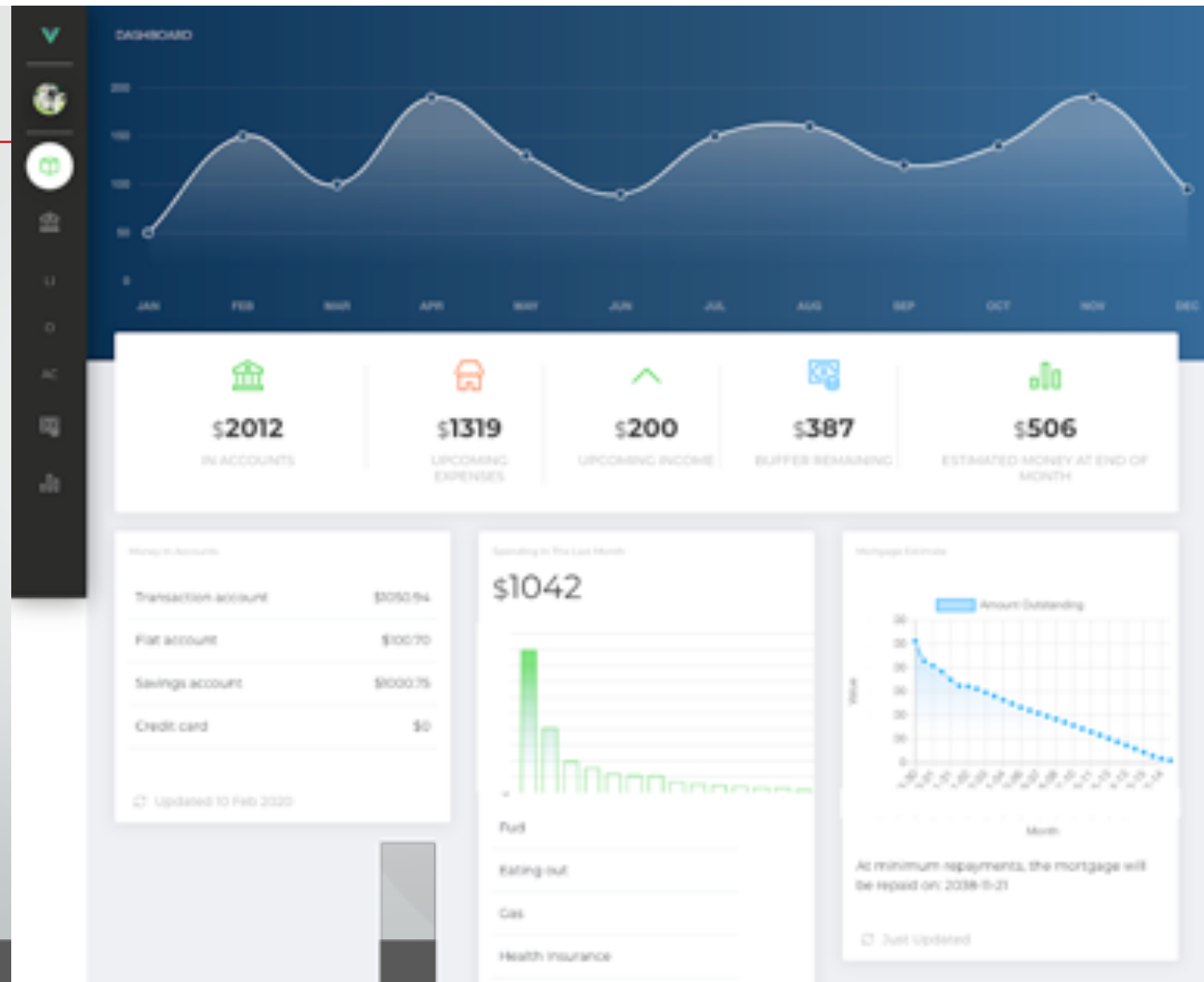
# Infrastructure



# Summary



End State



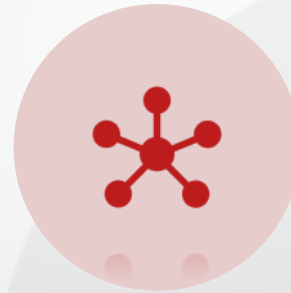
# End state



# Limitations



VULNERABILITY  
DATABASE



INTEGRATIONS



BUSINESS LOGIC

# Addressing Limitations



MANUAL AUDITS



PEER REVIEW



EXTERNAL REVIEW  
& PENTESTING



**LATERAL  
SECURITY**

## We're Hiring

- Careers:

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- Questions:

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A blue neon sign with the words 'DO WHAT' on the top line and 'YOU LOVE' on the bottom line, set against a dark, textured background. The sign is slightly out of focus, giving it a glowing, atmospheric appearance.