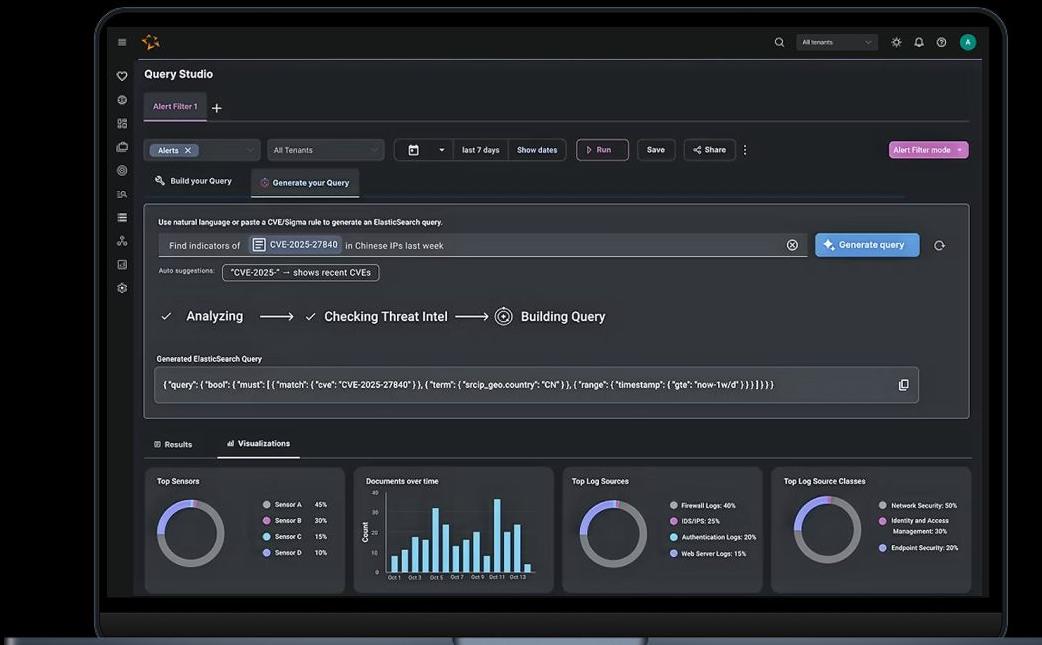


Background & Context

Query Studio: Empowering Analysts to 'Speak Security'

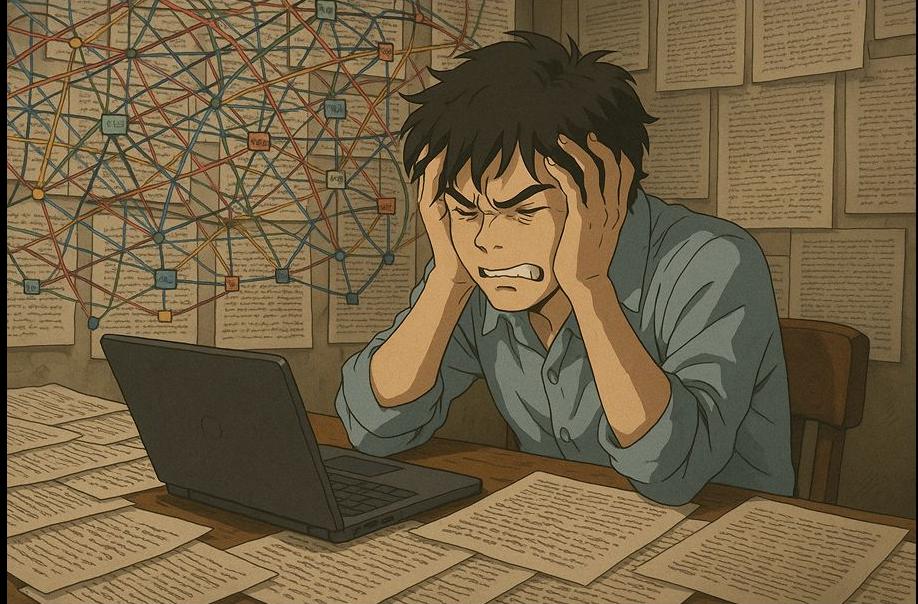


Problem

The Challenge: Bridging the Gap Between Human Intuition and Machine Data

Problem:

- Data overload hinders threat identification.
- Complex tools slow investigations.
- Analysts need natural language queries.



ChatGPT 4o Prompt: A revised visual representation of data overload (e.g., a chaotic network diagram, a wall of text, a frustrated analyst). Adult Anime or full length Japanese animation movie style

Research & Insights

Understanding Analyst Needs: From Data to Decisions

Research & Insights:

- Analysts spend too much time writing/ debugging queries.
- Visualizing data is crucial for fast pattern recognition.
- Seamless pivoting between data sets is essential.

Analyst User Journey Map

Stage	Analyst Actions	Emotions/Thoughts	Pain Points
Receive Alerts		 Overwhelmed, frustrated	Hundreds of alerts, many irrelevant or false positives. Alert fatigue, risk of missing real threats
Triage		 Stressed, skeptical	No automated prioritization; must sift through noise to find actionable items
Investigate		 Fatigued, distracted	Repetitive investigation of non-critical or duplicate alerts Analyst burnout, decreased efficiency
Escalate/ Respond		 Hesitant, cautious	Risk of missing or delaying response to genuine threats due to alert overload Increased security risk, delayed incident response

Approach & Key Decisions

Empowering Analysts with Intuitive Tools

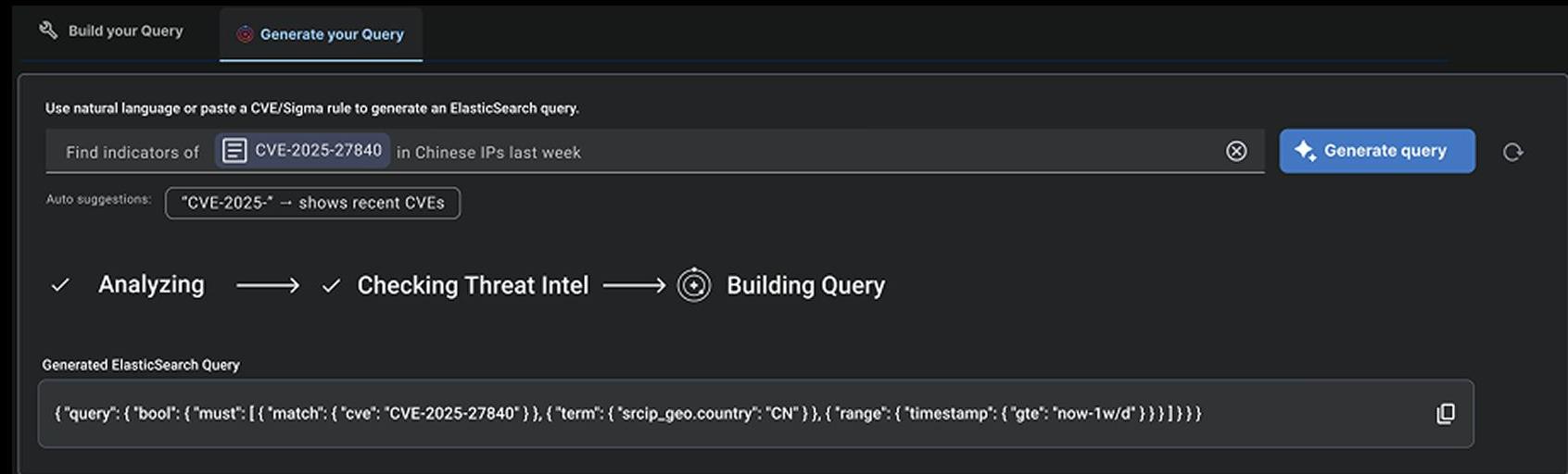
- Redesigned UI with a new name: Query Studio (formerly Queries and Filter Builder)
- Added optional Natural Language Query input
- Enhanced alert filters with automated score adjustments



Solution: Natural Language to Queries

Making Queries Intuitive

Enable natural language search.



The screenshot shows a user interface for generating an Elasticsearch query. At the top, there are two buttons: "Build your Query" (with a magnifying glass icon) and "Generate your Query" (with a circular arrow icon). The main input field contains the text: "Find indicators of CVE-2025-27840 in Chinese IPs last week". Below this, an "Auto suggestions" box shows the suggestion: "CVE-2025-* → shows recent CVEs". To the right of the input field are a close button (X) and a "Generate query" button with a blue background and white text. Below the input field, a progress bar shows the process: ">Analyzing" (with a checkmark), "→ Checking Threat Intel" (with a checkmark), and "→ Building Query" (with a circular arrow icon). At the bottom, a "Generated ElasticSearch Query" section displays the JSON query:

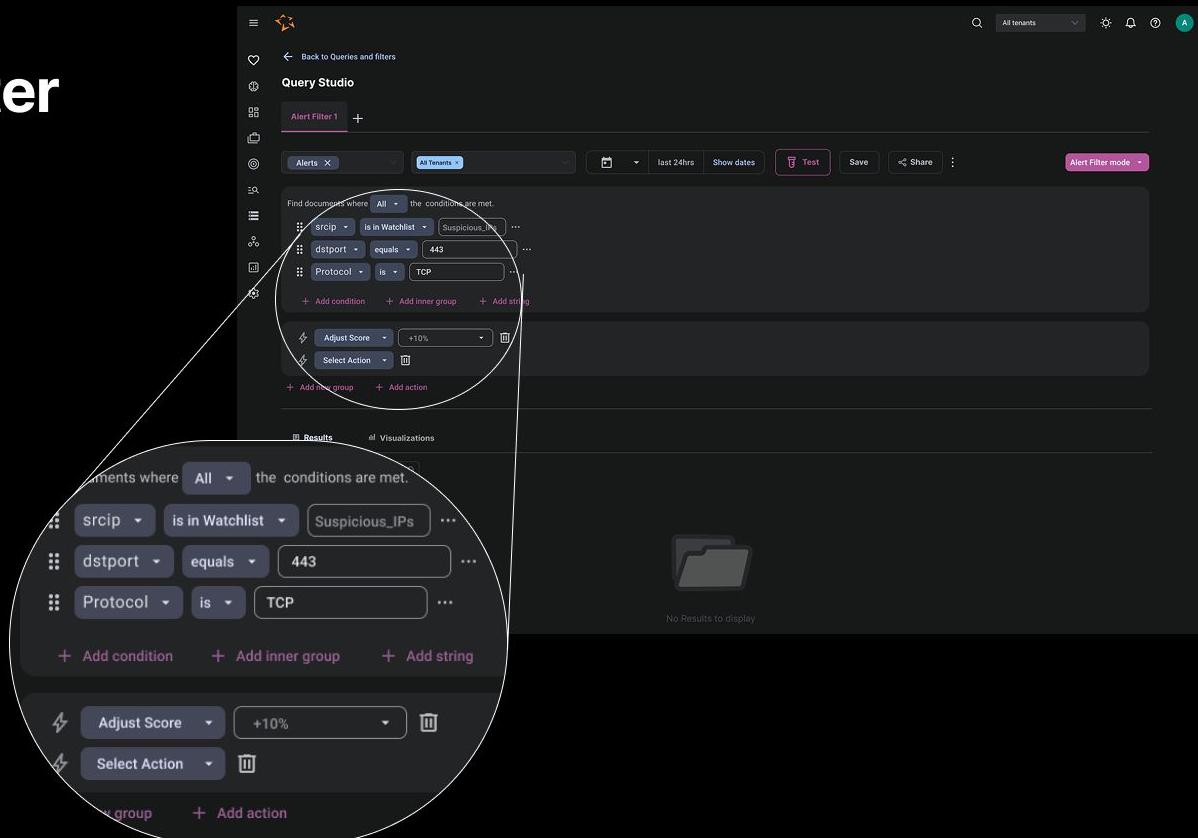
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Solution: Alert Filter Actions

Enhanced Alert Filter Actions

Streamlining Alert Management

- Automatically suppress irrelevant alerts.
- Reduce alert fatigue and focus on critical events.
- Showcase the workflow of creating and applying filters, including automating alert score adjustments.



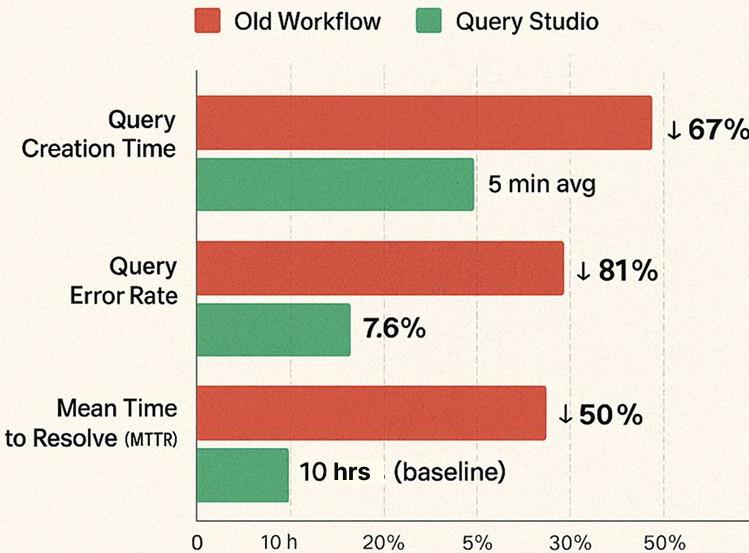
The screenshot displays the 'Alert Filter 1' configuration in the 'Query Studio' of a monitoring tool. The interface is dark-themed. At the top, there are navigation buttons for 'Back to Queries and filters', 'Alerts X', 'All Tenants X', and a date range selector ('last 24hrs', 'Show dates'). On the right, there are 'Test', 'Save', 'Share', and 'Alert Filter mode' buttons. The main area shows a query builder with two conditions: 'srcip is in Watchlist Suspicious_IPs' and 'dstport equals 443'. Below these conditions are buttons for 'Add condition', 'Add inner group', and 'Add string'. Further down are 'Adjust Score' and 'Select Action' buttons. A large white circle highlights the 'Adjust Score' and 'Select Action' buttons. A second, smaller white circle highlights the 'srcip' condition. The results section shows 'No Results to display'.

Solution: Key Features

Key Features: Designed for Impact

The new UI transformed a complex, error-prone process into a streamlined, powerful, and accessible tool—enabling faster, more accurate threat detection and response. The redesign led to:

Query Studio: Driving Efficiency Across the Board



Query Studio delivers up to 67% faster query creation, 81% fewer query errors, and cuts resolution time in half.

Lessons Learned and Future Iterations

Lessons Learned: Continuous Improvement

Key lessons:

- The power of natural language in complex domains.
- The importance of balancing power with usability.
- The importance of effective alert management, including flexible alert scoring.

Future Iterations:

- Deeper AI integration to automate more tasks.
- More contextual, guided investigation workflows.

