



# What did Pelican do to my transfer? A Monitoring Story

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# A day in the life of an OSPool user

- I submit a batch of jobs which use the OSDF (Pelican) plugin
  - `transfer_input_files = osdf:///ospool/ap21/data/jcpatton/mydata.tar`
- Most of my jobs run and finish successfully, yay!
- Some of my jobs go on hold with cryptic error messages, boo...
  - `Error: Pelican Client Error: Attempt #3: from dtn-pas.cinc.nrp.internet2.edu:8443: failed connection setup: Get "https://dtn-pas.cinc.nrp.internet2.edu:8443(...Path...)": read tcp 172.16.33.8:46386->163.253.29.17:8443...`
  - Whatever, I release the held jobs and they complete, ok!
- My advisor finds out that I'm using data caching infrastructure
  - "Why did you have to babysit (i.e. release) your jobs?"
  - "Who has access to our data now?"



# Additional metadata added to Pelican plugin output

- Pelican client version
- Number of transfer attempts
- Per attempt:
  - Endpoint (i.e. cache)
  - Endpoint server version (i.e. XrootD version)
  - Time to first byte
  - Transfer duration
  - Transfer end time
  - Bytes transferred
  - Error message (if encountered)
- But where do these data go?

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# The AP contains transfer plugin data

- Features added in 10.x and 23.x to improve visibility into job histories and file transfer histories
- Timeline
  - 10.3.0 - Per-execution *job epoch* history ClassAds added to the AP
  - 23.4.0 - Transfer plugin ClassAds added to job epoch history
  - 23.8.1 - HTCCondor Python bindings support transfer plugin ads
  - 23.x (soon!) - condor\_adstash supports transfer plugin ads
- Take home message: **File transfer plugins (e.g. Pelican) can emit arbitrary diagnostic data, this data is stored on the AP, and this data can be (remotely) queried.**

# How to fetch transfer history ads

```
condor_history -epochs -type TRANSFER [options]
```

```
$ condor_history 785479.34 -epochs -type TRANSFER -limit 1 -long
ClusterID = 785479
EpochWriteDate = 1720189895
MachineAttrGLIDEIN_ResourceName0 = "UColorado_HEP"
MachineAttrGLIDEIN_Site0 = "Colorado"
MachineAttrName0 = "slot1_1@glidein_813411_196236950@lnxfarm205.colorado.edu"
NumShadowStarts = 2
OutputPluginResultList = { [ TransferUrl = "osdf:///ospool/ap40/data/redacted"; TransferType =
"upload"; DeveloperData = [ Attempts = 1; DataAge0 = 0.0; Endpoint0 = "ospool-
ap2140.chtc.wisc.edu:8443"; TransferTime0 = 17.333; ServerVersion0 = "XrootD/v5.6.9";
TimeToFirstByte0 = 0.2; TransferEndTime0 = 1720189895; TransferFileBytes0 = 181643160;
PelicanClientVersion = "7.9.2" ]; TransferEndTime = 1720189895; TransferSuccess = true;
TransferFileName = "redacted"; TransferProtocol = "osdf"; TransferFileBytes = 181643160;
TransferStartTime = 1720189867; TransferTotalBytes = 181643160 ] }
ProcID = 34
```

# How to fetch transfer history ads

Python binding: `Schedd.jobEpochHistory(**kwargs, ad_type="TRANSFER")`

- Returns an *iterator* that doesn't contact the AP until consumed

```
>>> import htcondor
>>> schedd = htcondor.Schedd()
>>> hist_iter = schedd.jobEpochHistory(constraint="ClusterId == 785479 &&
ProcId == 34", projection=[], match=1, ad_type="TRANSFER")
>>> next(hist_iter)
[ ProcID = 34; ClusterID = 785479; EpochWriteDate = 1720189895; NumShadowStarts = 2; MachineAttrName0 =
"slot1_1@glidein_813411_196236950@lnxfarm205.colorado.edu"; OutputPluginResultList = { [ TransferUrl =
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"ospool-ap2140.chtc.wisc.edu:8443"; TransferTime0 = 1.7333000000000000E+01; ServerVersion0 = "XrootD/v5.6.9"; TimeToFirstByte0 =
2.0000000000000000E-01; TransferEndTime0 = 1720189895; TransferFileBytes0 = 181643160; PelicanClientVersion = "7.9.2" ];
TransferEndTime = 1720189895; TransferSuccess = true; TransferFileName = "redacted"; TransferProtocol = "osdf";
TransferFileBytes = 181643160; TransferStartTime = 1720189867; TransferTotalBytes = 181643160 ] }; MachineAttrGLIDEIN_Site0 =
"Colorado"; MachineAttrGLIDEIN_ResourceName0 = "UColorado_HEP" ]
```

# How to decipher a transfer history ad

```
'ClusterID': 785419,  
'ProcID': 1  
'NumShadowStarts': 1,  
'EpochWriteDate': 1720019431,
```

**Job epoch identifying information  
in top-level attributes**

```
'InputPluginResultList': [{  
  'TransferEndTime': 1720019430,  
  'TransferFileBytes': 5875073024,  
  'TransferFileName': 'mydata.tar',  
  'TransferProtocol': 'osdf',  
  'TransferStartTime': 1720019430,  
  'TransferSuccess': True,  
  'TransferTotalBytes': 5875073024,  
  'TransferType': 'download',  
  'TransferUrl': 'osdf:///ospool/ap40/data/jcpatton/mydata.tar'
```

**Common transfer plugin information  
listed per plugin  
in InputPluginResultList  
or OutputPluginResultList**

```
'DeveloperData': {  
  'PelicanClientVersion': '7.8.1',  
  'Attempts': 1,  
  'Endpoint0': 'sdsc-cache.nationalresearchplatform.org:8443',  
  'ServerVersion0': 'XrootD/v5.6.9',  
  'TimeToFirstByte0': 0.018,  
  'TransferEndTime0': 1720019430,  
  'TransferFileBytes0': 5875073024,  
  'TransferTime0': 9.8  
},
```

**Plugin-specific information  
and per-attempt information  
in DeveloperData**

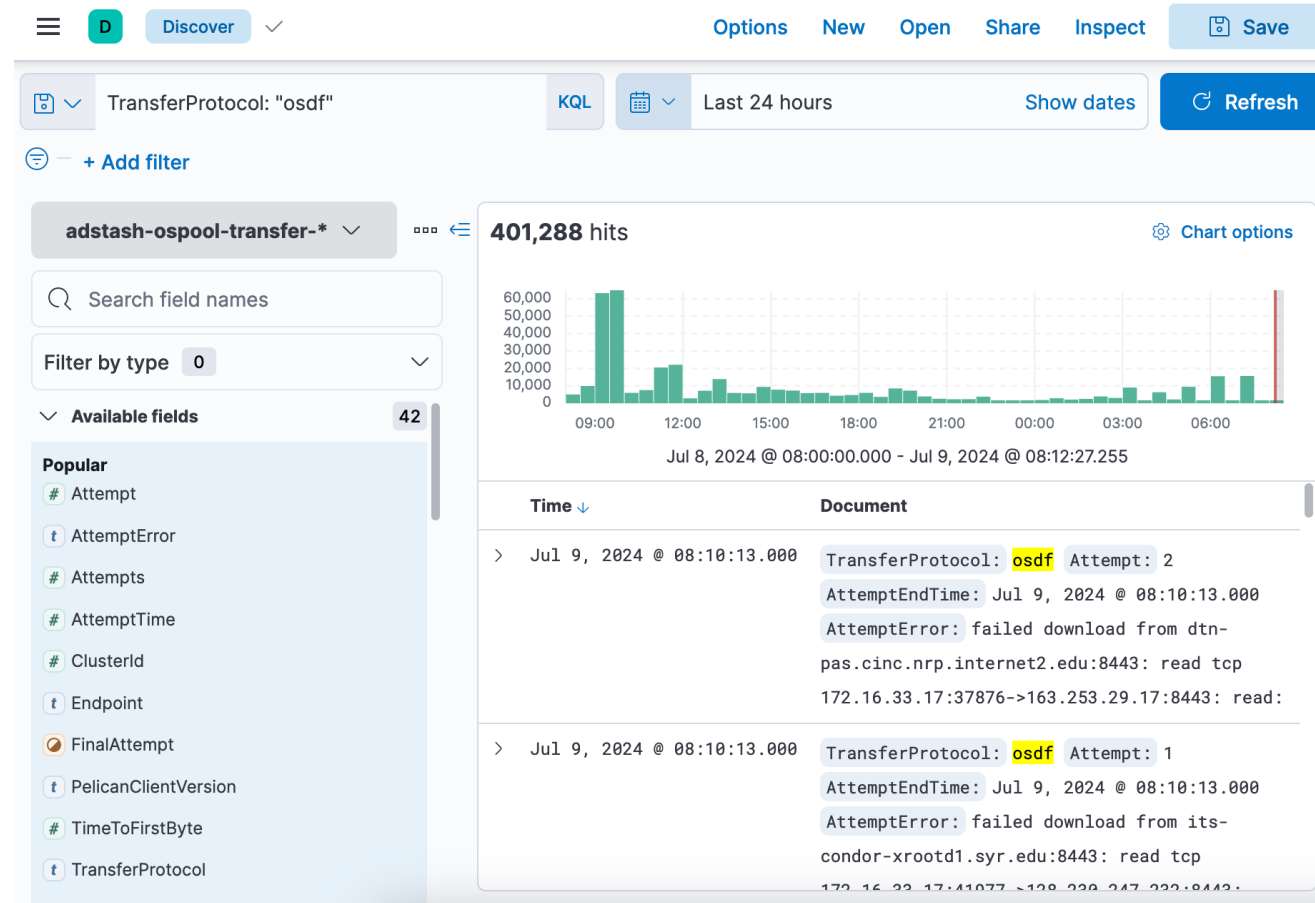
```
}]
```



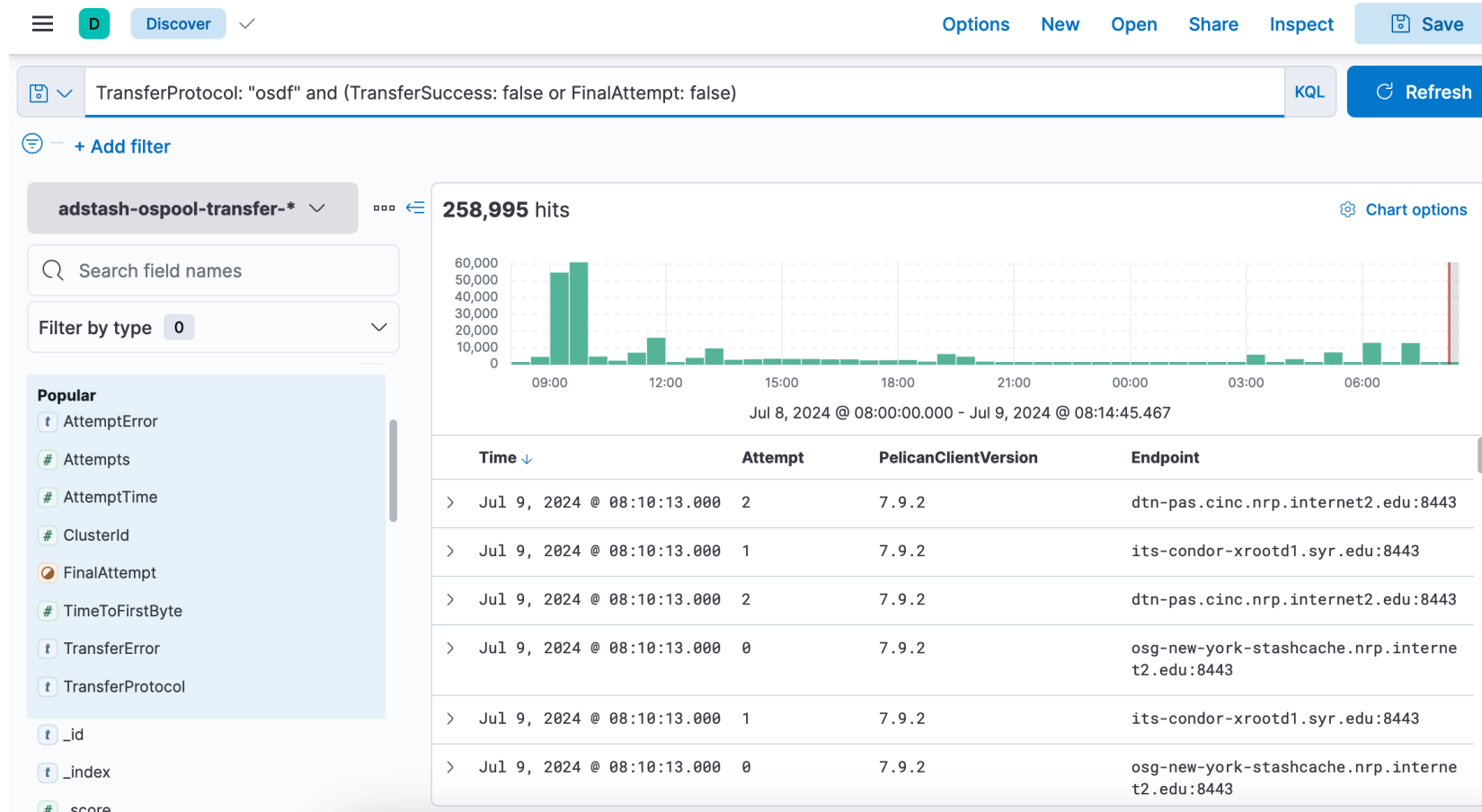
# Admins: consider using condor\_adstash

- [condor\\_adstash](#) is a tool that fetches certain (e.g. job) ClassAds, converts them to JSON, and optionally pushes them to a search engine database like Elasticsearch or OpenSearch
- **DeveloperData broken into JSON doc per transfer attempt**
- Coming soon (bug fixing!), but contact me for a container image that you can try today
- Consider the amount of metadata your users' transfers are creating when creating aliases and lifecycle policies!

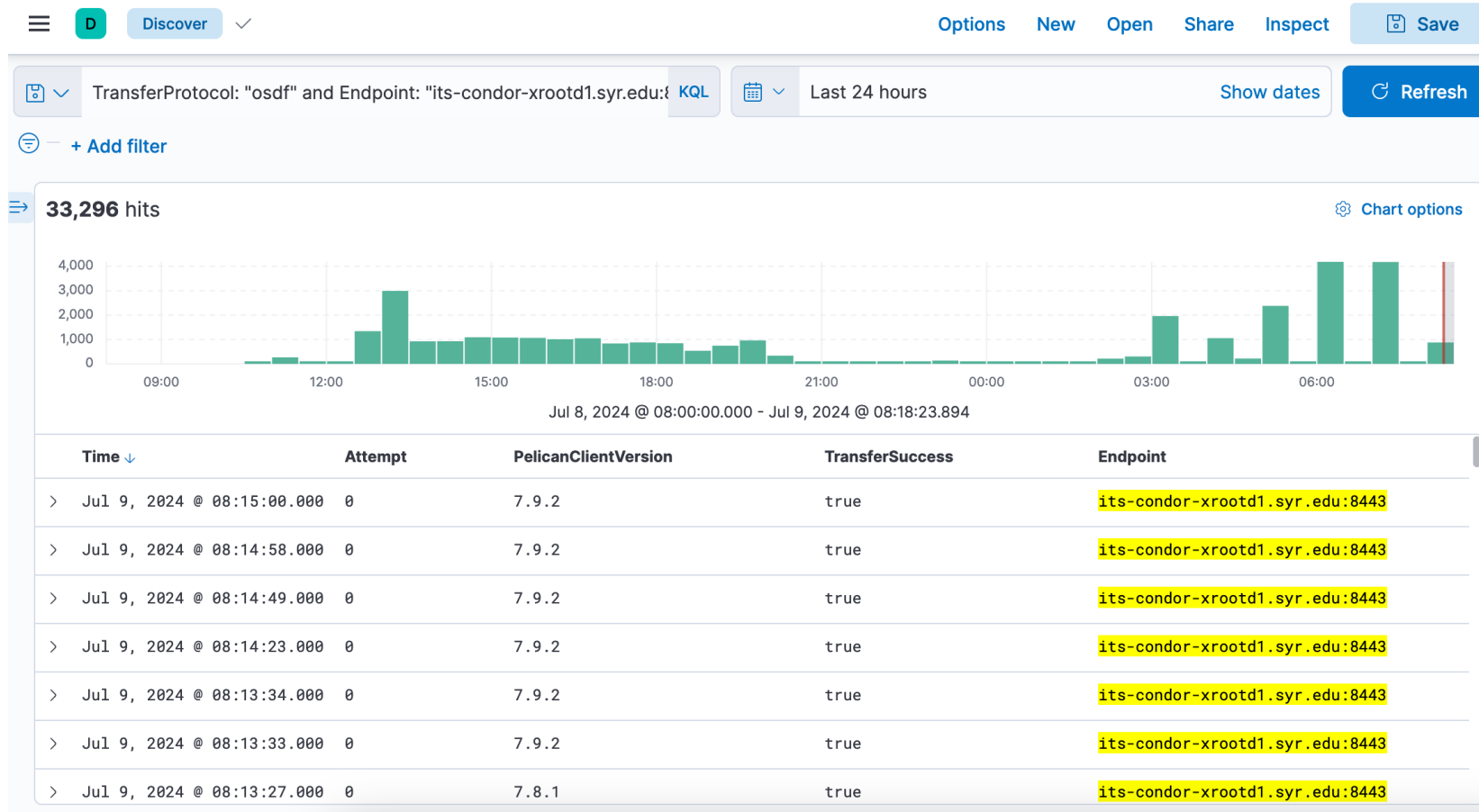
# Explore transfer data using Kibana



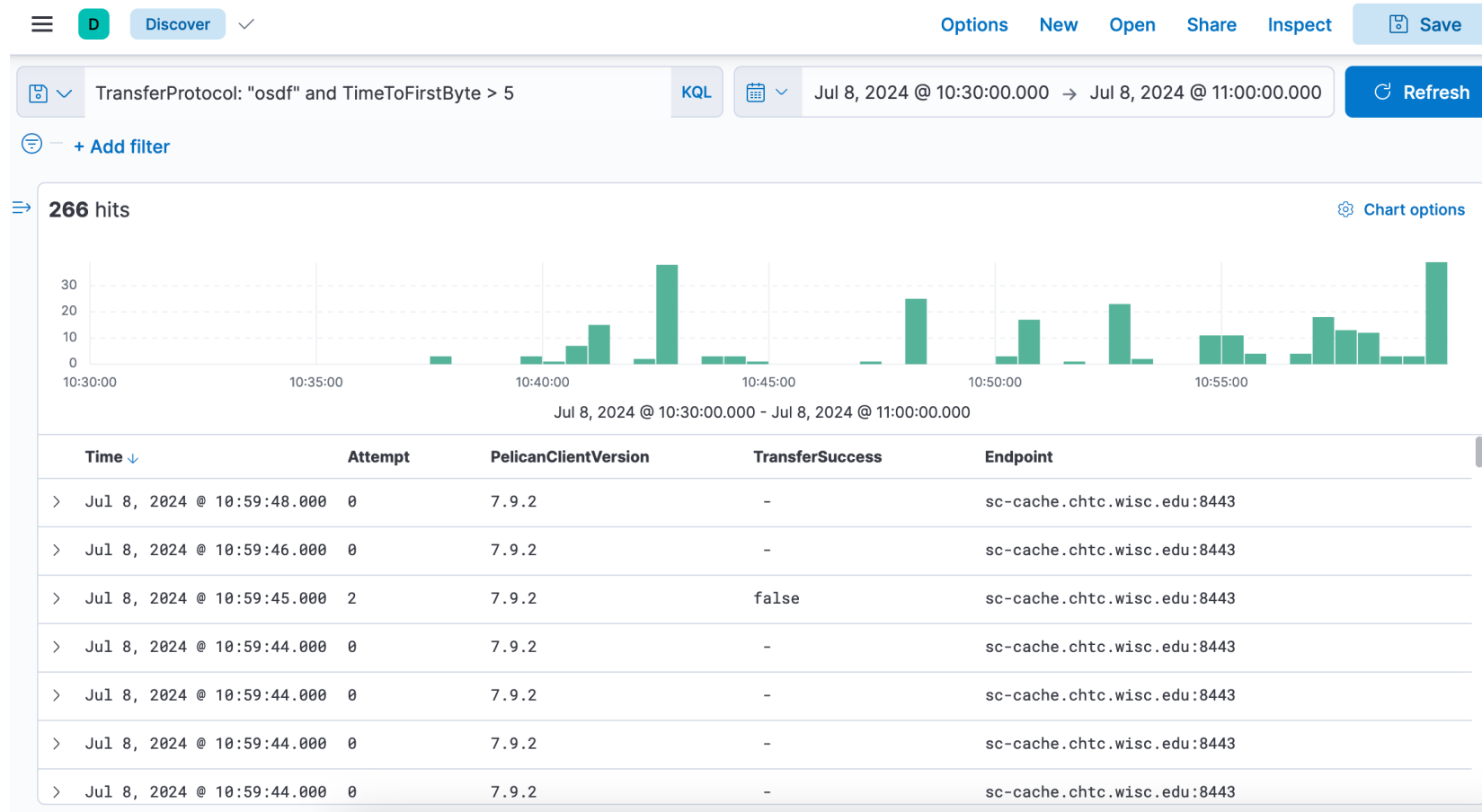
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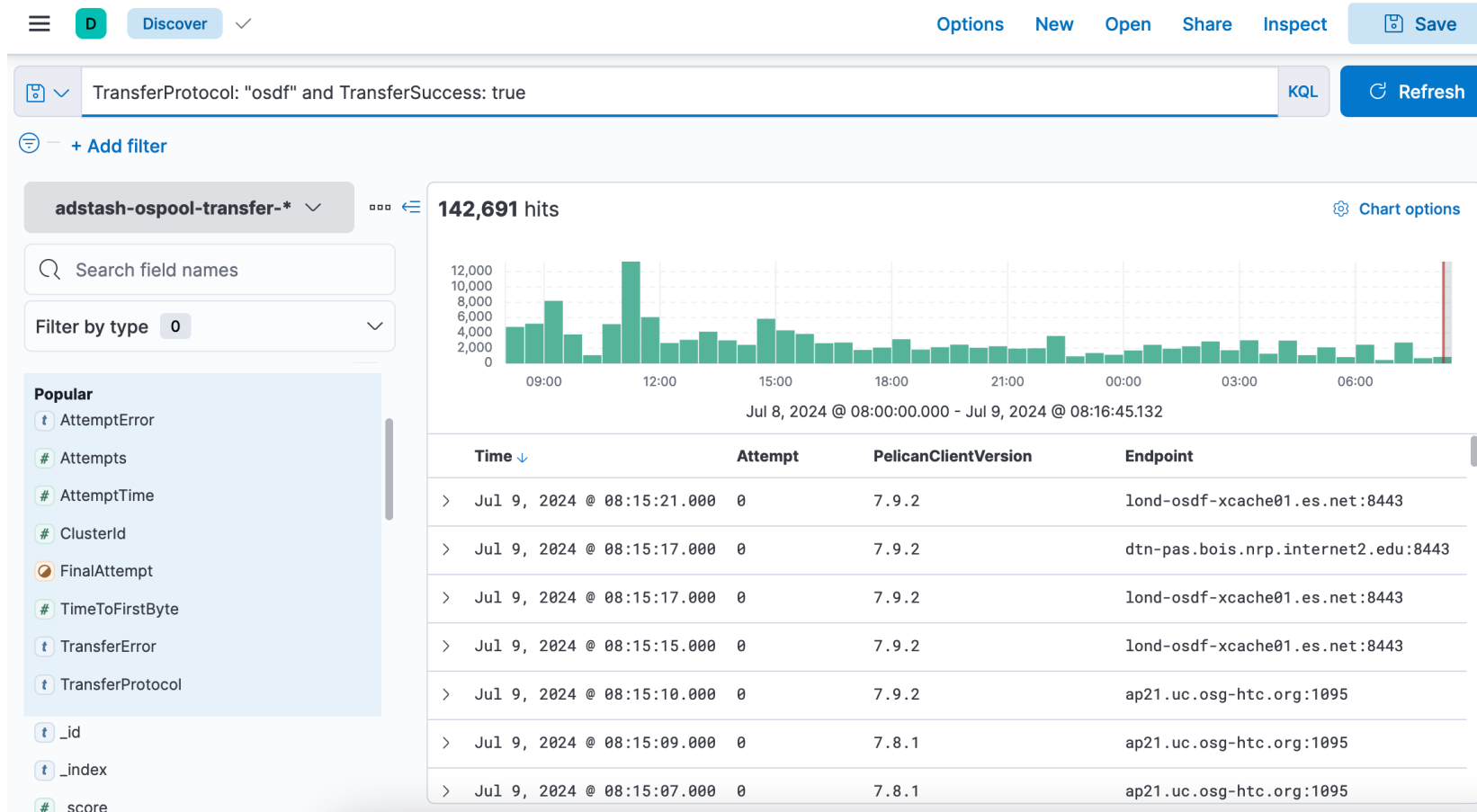
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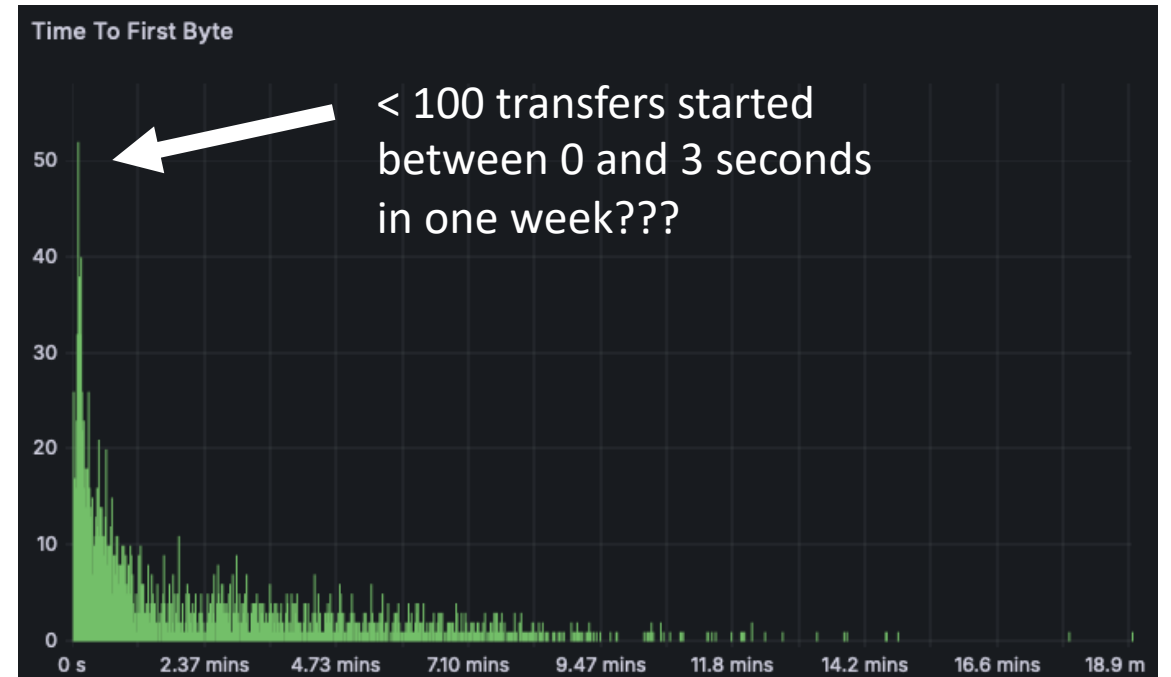
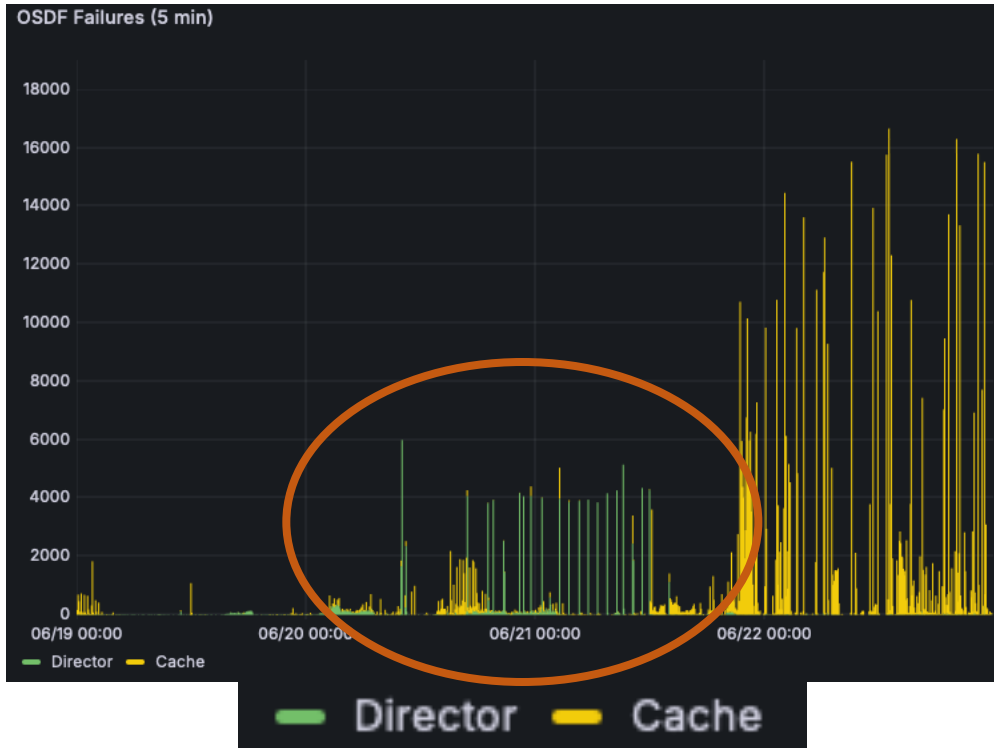
# Make a Grafana dashboard



# Interesting findings so far

Director outages

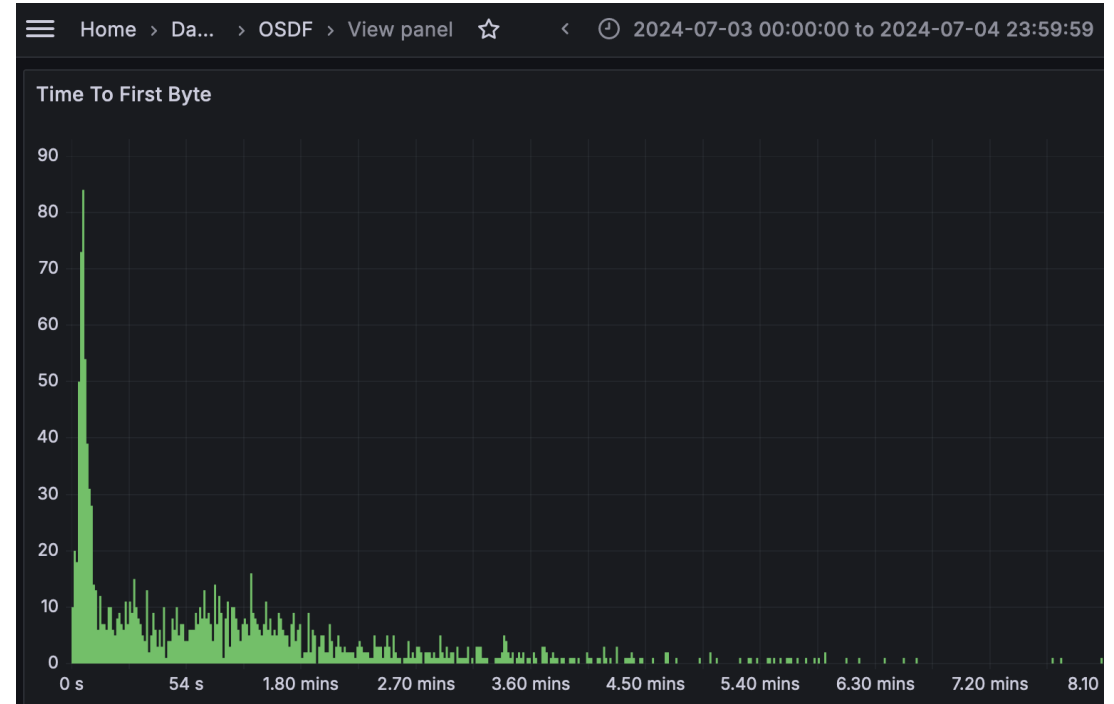
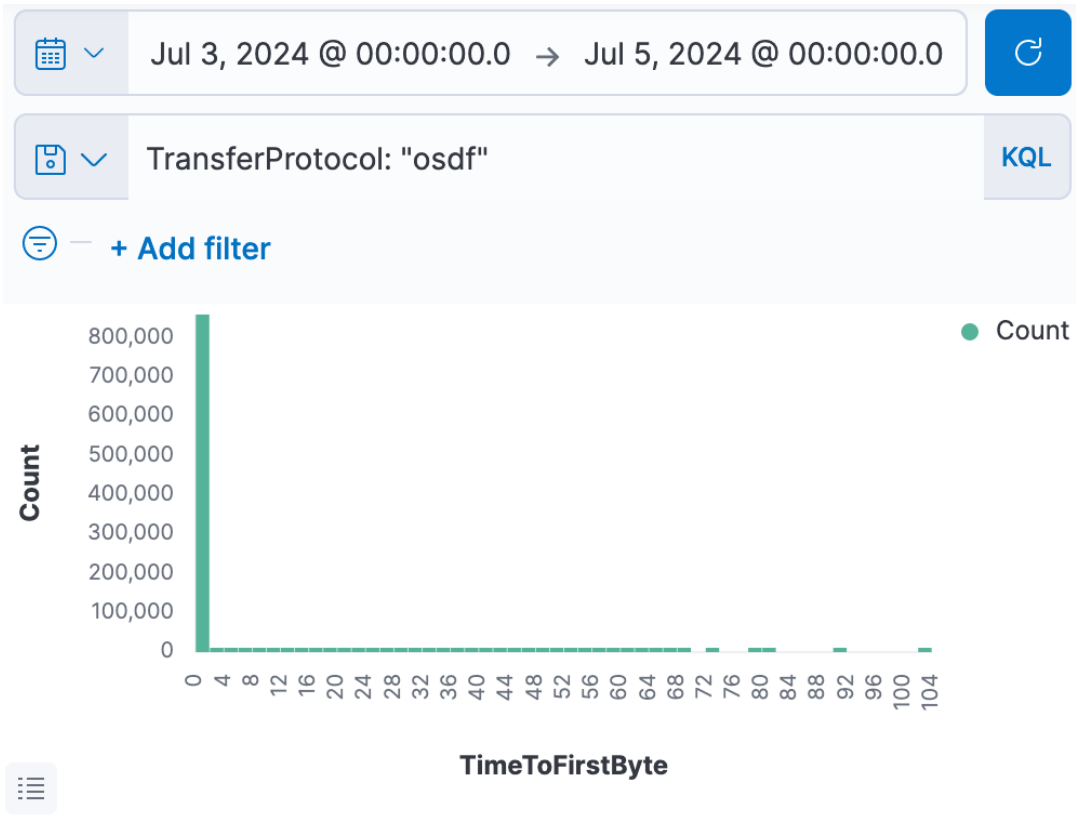
Grafana histograms seem a little off





800,000 transfers in < 2 seconds

~30 transfers in < 2 seconds



# Next steps

- Fixing adstash bugs!
- Tweaking and validating Grafana dashboard metrics
- Detect trends and alert OSDF operators?
- Provide easier history access (htcondor CLI tool?) to answer researcher questions about errors and where their files are?
- Let us know what else you would like to see!



## What if I administer an origin?

- Metrics pushed to Prometheus, which is also compatible with Grafana
- See Patrick's lightning talk later today!



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### Expanded Pelican Origin Monitoring

The Pelican origin service is responsible for exporting objects in the backend storage to the data federation. As it is the "entry point" for the data, understanding the load on the origin and its activities is key to keeping the federation healthy.

Pelican takes monitoring data from the web server component and feeds it into the popular Prometheus software to store time series about the activity.



# "Data in Flight - Delivering Data with Pelican"

Wednesday, "Complex Workflows Track", 1:30 PM

Interested in contributing to the OSDF? This tutorial will guide you through how to use Pelican to connect your data to an OSDF-like system.

***To participate in the hands-on portion of the tutorial, you must register at [go.wisc.edu/cfs143](https://go.wisc.edu/cfs143) before end-of-day Tuesday***

Registration link and more information is available in the "session details" page in the schedule.

# Questions?

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# Bonus slide!

- Turn on job epoch history

```
JOB_EPOCH_HISTORY = $(SPOOL)/epoch_history
```

- If you are administering a glidein pool, consider additional attributes in your job and transfer plugin ClassAds:

```
SYSTEM_JOB_MACHINE_ATTRS = $(SYSTEM_JOB_MACHINE_ATTRS), Name,  
GLIDEIN_ResourceName, GLIDEIN_Site
```

```
TRANSFER_JOB_ATTRS = $(TRANSFER_JOB_ATTRS), MachineAttrName0,  
MachineAttrGLIDEIN_ResourceName0, MachineAttrGLIDEIN_Site0
```