EPL660: Information Retrieval and Search Engines – Lab 8

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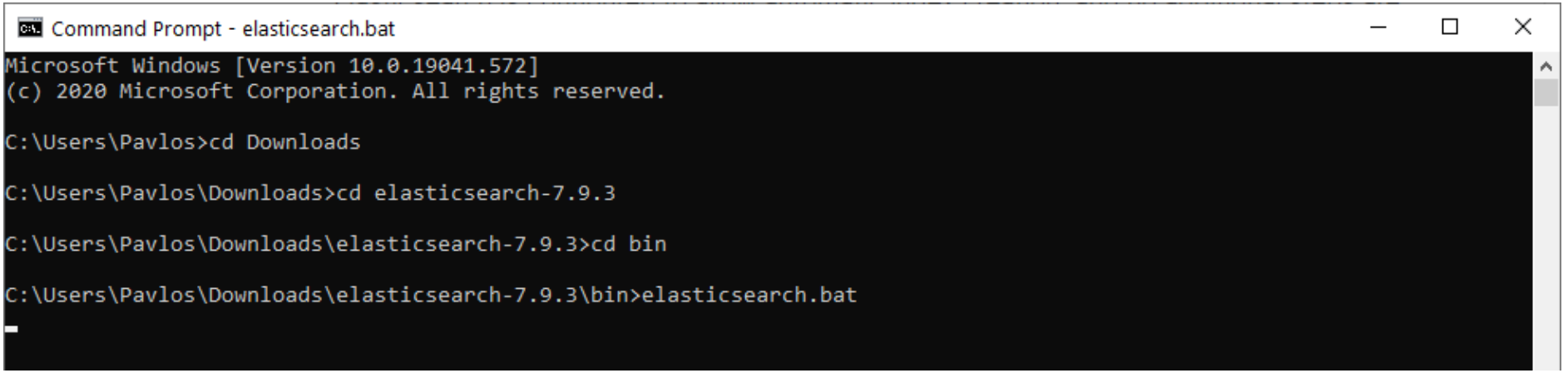
Hands on ElasticSearch

- Elasticsearch v7.8.0 installed on VM
- Kibana installed on VM
- Python client libraries for Elasticsearch installed
  - elasticsearch
    - more general but hides less the complexities of the API calls
  - elasticsearch-dsl
    - focused on the search capabilities and is more friendly for sending queries to ElasticSearch
- Activate Elasticsearch
  - sudo service elasticsearch start
- Activate Kibana
  - sudo service kibana start

Hands on ElasticSearch

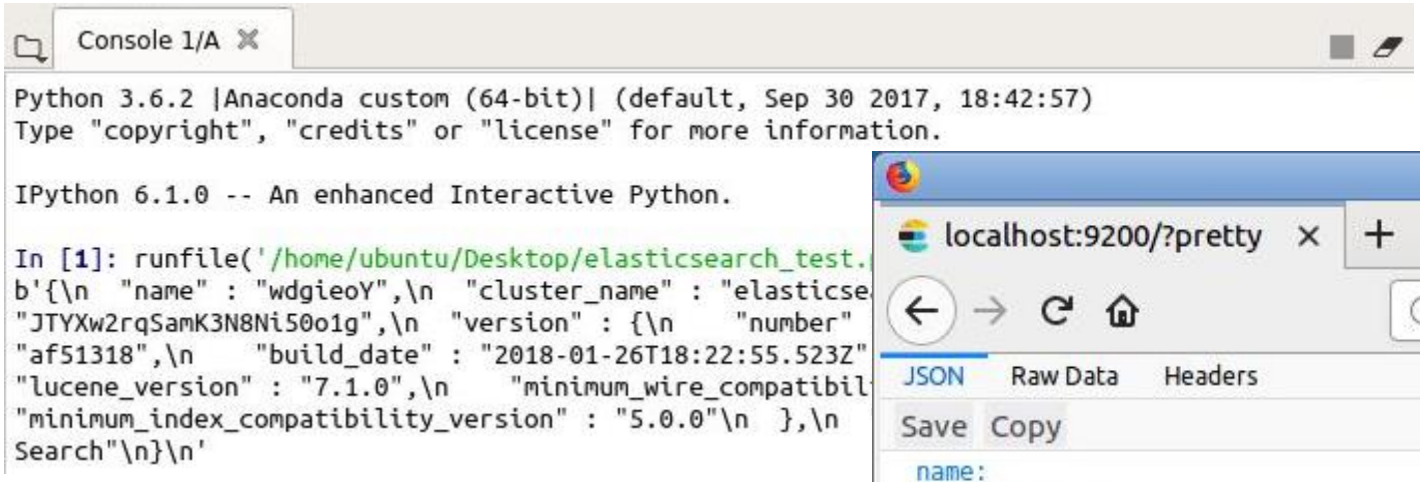
- Install Elasticsearch on Windows
  - Download zip via https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/elasticsearch/reference/current/zip-windows.html
- Unzip and run \bin\elasticsearch.bat to start ES

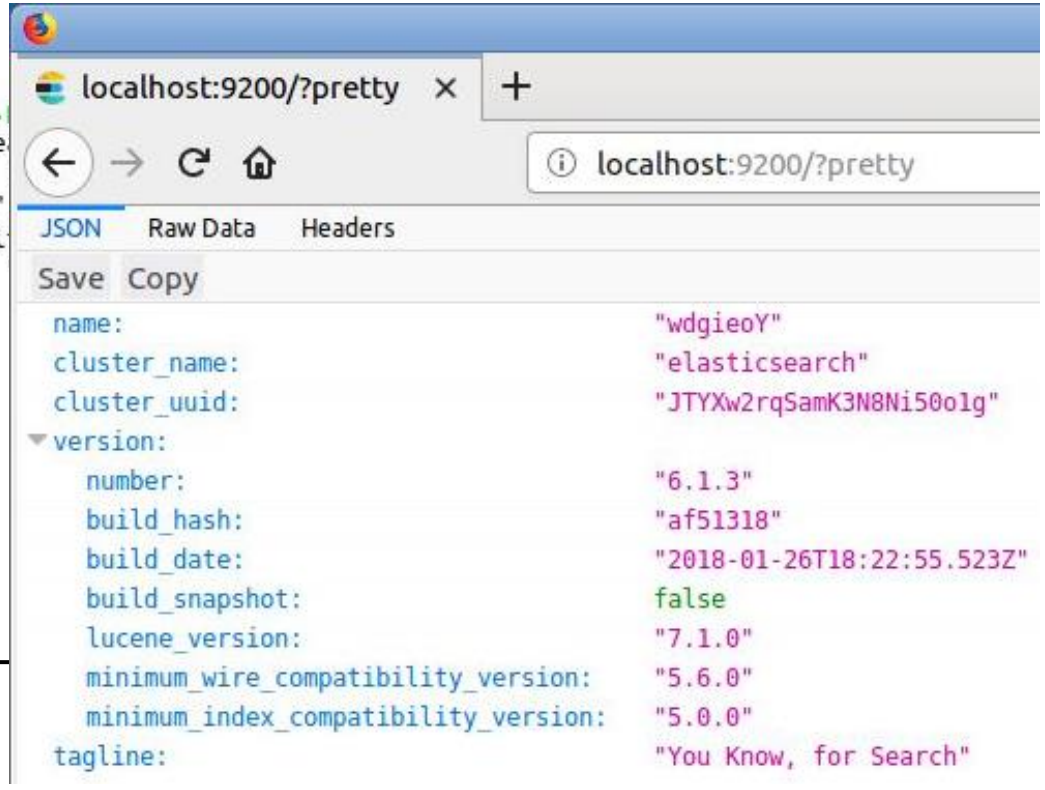


- Python libraries (if anaconda is in place):
  - `conda install -c conda-forge elasticsearch`
  - `conda install -c conda-forge elasticsearch-dsl`

Hands on ElasticSearch

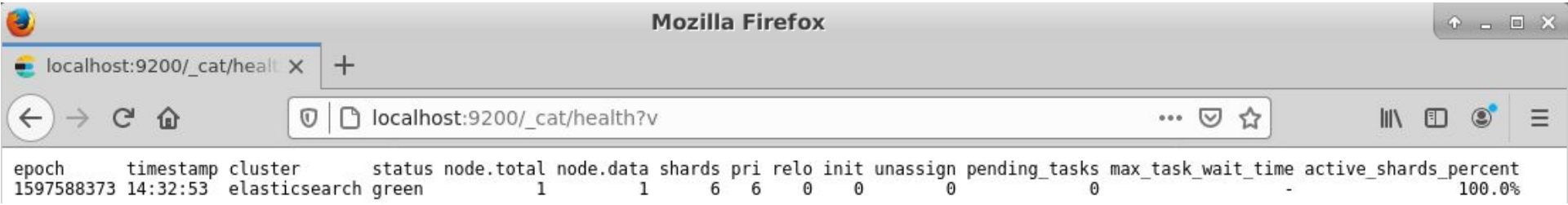
- Check if Elasticsearch is working:
  - Run elasticsearch_test.py file in Spyder or Python IDLE
  - http://localhost:9200





Hands on ElasticSearch

- Check cluster health:
  - http://127.0.0.1:9200/_cat/health?v



  - Elasticsearch provides a handy "traffic lights“ classification of cluster health:

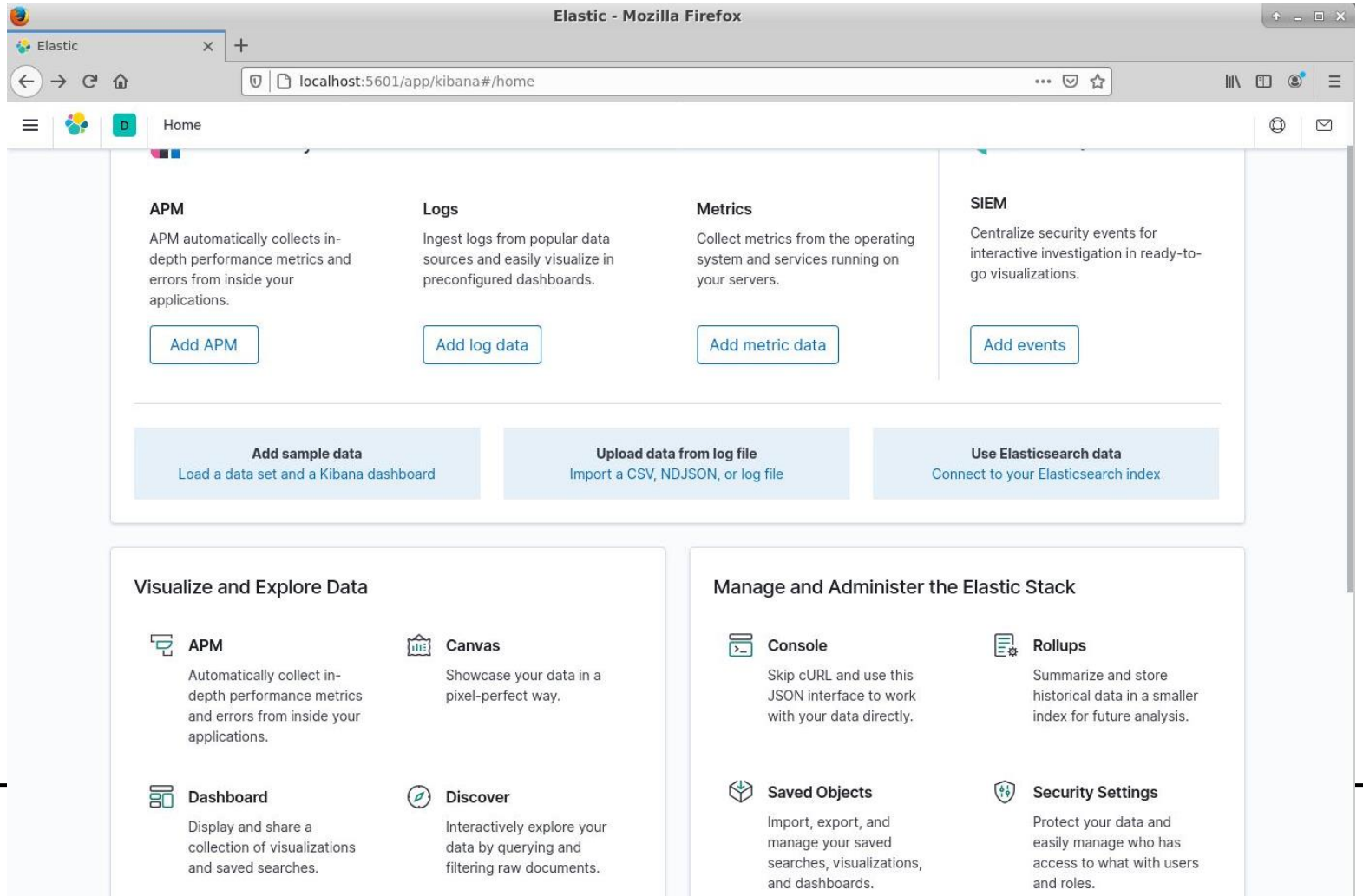
RED: Some or all of (primary) shards are not ready

YELLOW: Elasticsearch has allocated all of the primary shards, but some/all of the replicas have not been allocated. Your cluster is fully operational.

GREEN: Elasticsearch is able to allocate all shards and replicas to machines within the cluster.

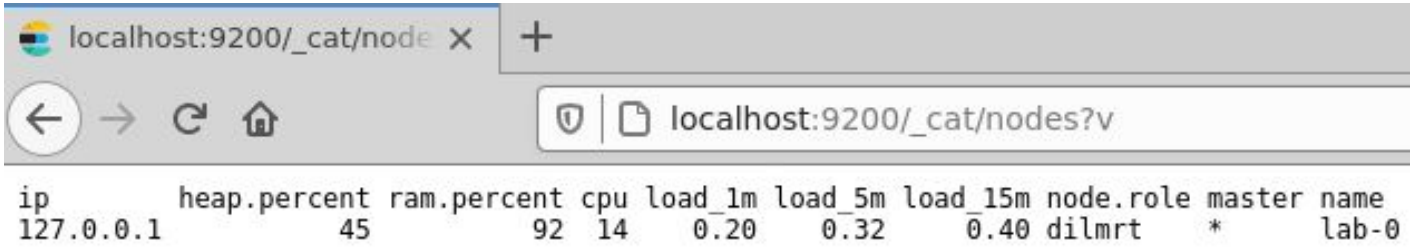
Hands on Kibana

- Check if Kibana is working:
  - http://localhost:5601



RESTful API Calls

- Access ElasticSearch via Restful API on browser
  - View nodes: http://127.0.0.1:9200/_cat/nodes?v



  - View all indices: http://127.0.0.1:9200/_cat/indices?v
  - View shards: http://127.0.0.1:9200/_cat/shards?v
  - View segments: http://127.0.0.1:9200/_cat/segments?v

Today's lab

- Datasets
  - `20_newsgroups`: Text from 20 usenet groups on various topics, a classic corpus in IR evaluation, from here.
  - `novels`: A number of random novels and other texts in English from the Gutenberg project, with a tendency towards late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Today's lab

- Download lab8.zip and unzip it
- Create folder e.g. `/home/ubuntu/datasets`
- Move 20_newsgroups.tar.gz and novels.zip into the datasets folder and unzip them
  - `tar xzvf 20_newsgroups.tar.gz`
  - `unzip novels.zip`
- In this lab:
  - You will learn how to use the ElasticSearch database
  - How to index a set of documents
  - How to ask simple queries about indexed documents
- Go through Lab8.pdf to run the examples
- Submit results to Moodle by Nov. 19 @ 15:00