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As we step into 2024, it's time to reflect on the dynamic landscape of Search Guard throughout 2023. The archiving of Open Distro for Elasticsearch (ODFE) and Search Guard's triumphant seven-year anniversary are just two of the topics we would like to mention. Additionally, the company enriched the community with informative blog series. Let's delve into the key highlights that defined Search Guard's journey in 2023.

Farewell to ODFE

A pivotal moment in 2023 was the archival of Open Distro for Elasticsearch (ODFE). As many Elasticsearch users transitioned to ODFE when Elasticsearch adopted a proprietary license model, this move prompted users to revisit their security solutions. Search Guard provided insights and options for those affected by ODFE's archival, emphasizing the importance of updating security measures for continued support.

Explore your security options [here](#).

Search Guard Turns Seven

In the midst of industry shifts, Search Guard celebrated a remarkable milestone—seven years of providing robust security solutions. To commemorate this achievement, Search Guard shared seven

snapshots, drawing inspiration from music that resonates with us all. The journey from inception to the present is encapsulated in these snapshots, reflecting on the growth and resilience that brought Search Guard to where it is today.

Take a nostalgic look at the [seven snapshots](#).

Blog Series

Throughout 2023, Search Guard enriched its community with insightful blog series. Two notable series include "[Writing Kibana Plugins](#)" and the [Hall of Fame](#) snapshots. These articles continue to be valuable resources for users seeking to enhance their understanding of Kibana plugins and exploring the highlights of Search Guard's journey.

Explore the blog series [here](#).

Search Guard Releases

It just wouldn't make sense to summarise the year and not include the latest Search Guard and Search Guard FLX releases.

We have just released Search Guard FLX and Search Guard classic for ES 7.17.16. Last week came Search Guard FLX 1.4.0 and Search Guard 53.8, which contains a critical security fix for Multitenancy. If you do not use the Multitenancy feature, you are not affected. If you do, we strongly recommend to upgrade.

Forum linked [here](#).

Documentation linked [here](#).

Looking Forward

As Search Guard bids adieu to 2023, the company is poised to continue its commitment to providing cutting-edge security solutions. With an ever-evolving industry, Search Guard remains dedicated to empowering users with robust, up-to-date, and well-supported security measures.

In conclusion, 2023 was a year of change, celebration, and community engagement for Search Guard. As the company looks ahead, the focus remains on innovation, security, and fostering a community that thrives on shared knowledge and experiences.

We would like to take a moment to thank the community, our customers, our users and our team. We would not be reflecting on so many interesting aspects without all of you.

See you soon, Claudia.

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