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Viaggio all'interno di Prometheus

Architettura, funzionamento, novità
e prospettive future nel monitoraggio cloud native

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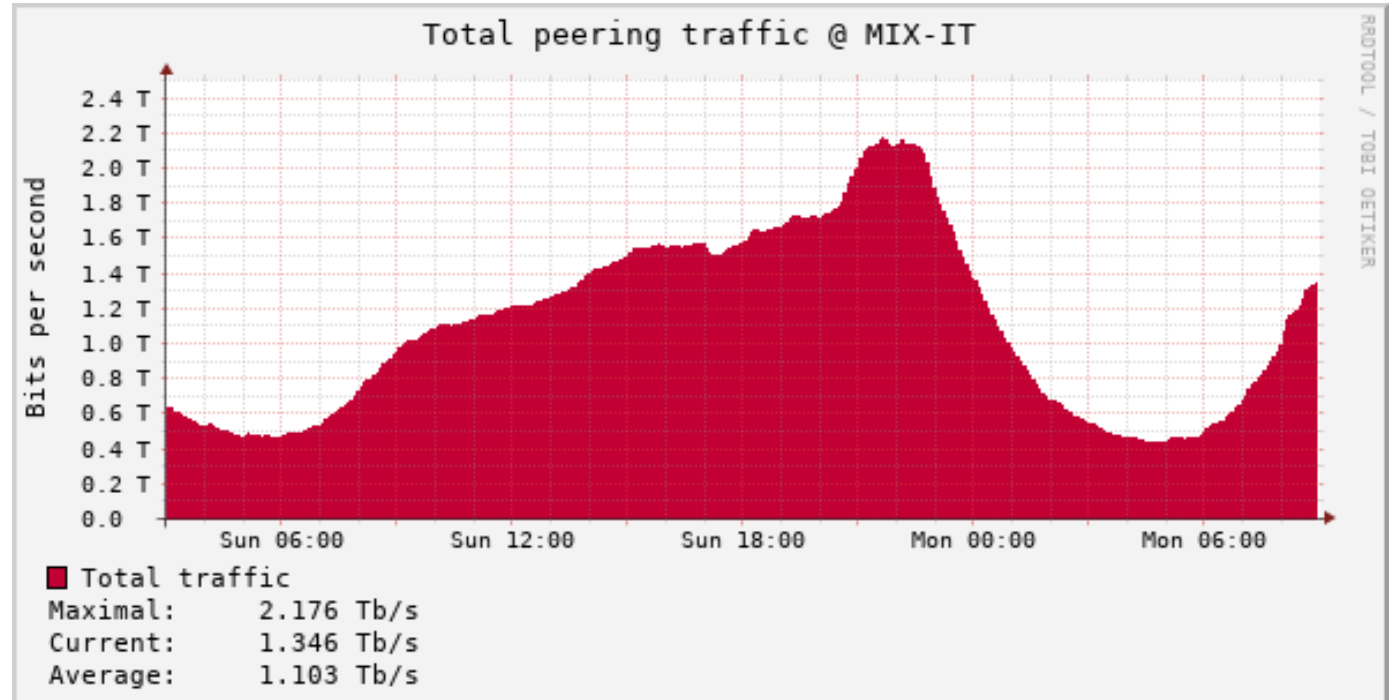
Configuration

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Host	Monitor	Status	Last Update	Uptime	Usage	Details
webprod03	Check Users	OK	01-26-2007 14:58:59	0d 4h 53m 23s	1/4	USERS OK - 1 users currently logged in
	Current Load	OK	01-26-2007 14:59:54	0d 4h 53m 23s	1/4	OK - load average: 0.21, 0.08, 0.05
	Memory Usage	OK	01-26-2007 14:55:29	0d 4h 53m 23s	1/4	OK: Memory Usage 56% - Total: 511 MB, Used: 287 MB, Free: 224 MB
	PING	OK	01-26-2007 14:56:14	0d 4h 50m 23s	1/4	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.16 ms
	Root Partition	OK	01-26-2007 14:57:09	0d 4h 50m 33s	1/4	DISK OK [243816 kB (5%) free on /dev/sda2]
	SWAP Usage	OK	01-26-2007 14:57:44	0d 4h 50m 33s	1/4	Swap ok - (null) 0% (0 out of 16386)
	Total Processes	OK	01-26-2007 14:58:29	0d 4h 50m 33s	1/4	OK - 95 processes running
	Xen Virtual Machine Monitor	CRITICAL	01-26-2007 14:59:04	0d 0h 44m 34s	4/4	Critical Xen VMs Usage - Total NB: 0 - detected VMs:
webprod04	Check Users	OK	01-26-2007 14:59:54	0d 0h 15m 33s	1/4	USERS OK - 2 users currently logged in
	Current Load	OK	01-26-2007 14:55:34	0d 0h 14m 53s	1/4	OK - load average: 0.30, 0.60, 0.44
	Memory Usage	OK	01-26-2007 14:56:19	0d 0h 14m 13s	1/4	OK: Memory Usage 37% - Total: 511 MB, Used: 190 MB, Free: 321 MB
	PING	OK	01-26-2007 14:57:10	0d 0h 13m 23s	1/4	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.27 ms
	Root Partition	OK	01-26-2007 14:57:49	0d 0h 12m 43s	1/4	DISK OK [3948940 kB (94%) free on /dev/sda2]
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	Xen Virtual Machine Monitor	WARNING	01-26-2007 14:58:54	0d 0h 1m 33s	4/4	Warning Xen VMs Usage - Total NB: 1 - detected VMs: migrating-xen-vm4
webprod05	PING	OK	01-26-2007 14:55:39	0d 0h 24m 58s	1/4	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.25 ms
	Xen Virtual Machine Monitor	OK	01-26-2007 14:59:54	0d 0h 0m 33s	1/4	OK: Xen Hypervisor "webprod05" is running 4 Xen VMs: xen-vm1 xen-vm2 xen-vm3 xen-vm4
xen-vm1	Check Users	OK	01-26-2007 14:58:09	0d 0h 17m 23s	1/4	USERS OK - 1 users currently logged in
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	Memory Usage	OK	01-26-2007 14:58:39	0d 3h 15m 41s	1/4	OK: Memory Usage 8% - Total: 8195 MB, Used: 676 MB, Free: 7519 MB
	PING	OK	01-26-2007 14:59:15	0d 3h 15m 21s	1/4	PING OK - Packet loss = 0%, RTA = 0.49 ms
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xen-vm2	Check Users	OK	01-26-2007 14:57:15	0d 3h 7m 41s	1/4	USERS OK - 0 users currently logged in
	Current Load	OK	01-26-2007 14:57:59	0d 3h 7m 1s	1/4	OK - load average: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
	Memory Usage	OK	01-26-2007 14:58:44	0d 3h 6m 21s	1/4	OK: Memory Usage 6% - Total: 1023 MB, Used: 64 MB, Free: 958 MB
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Some History

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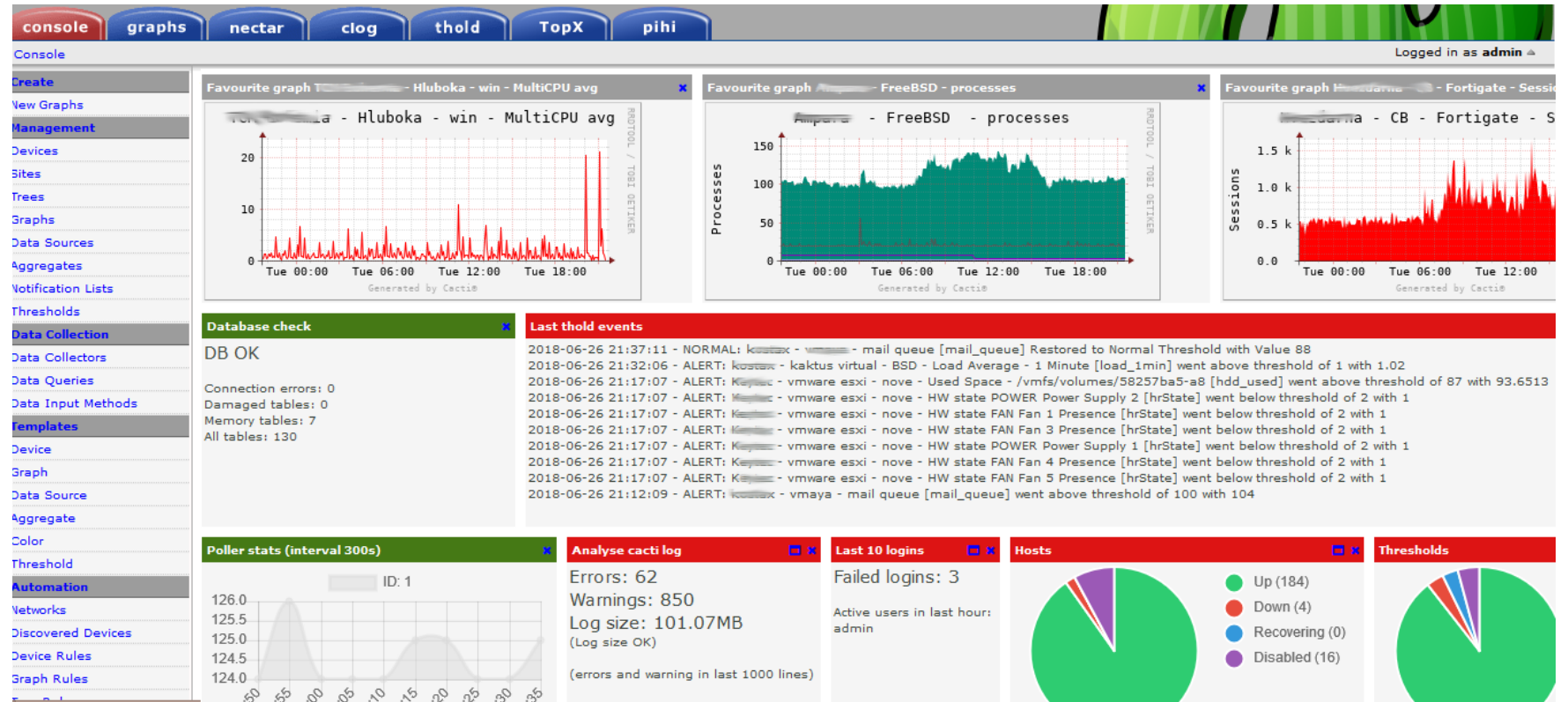
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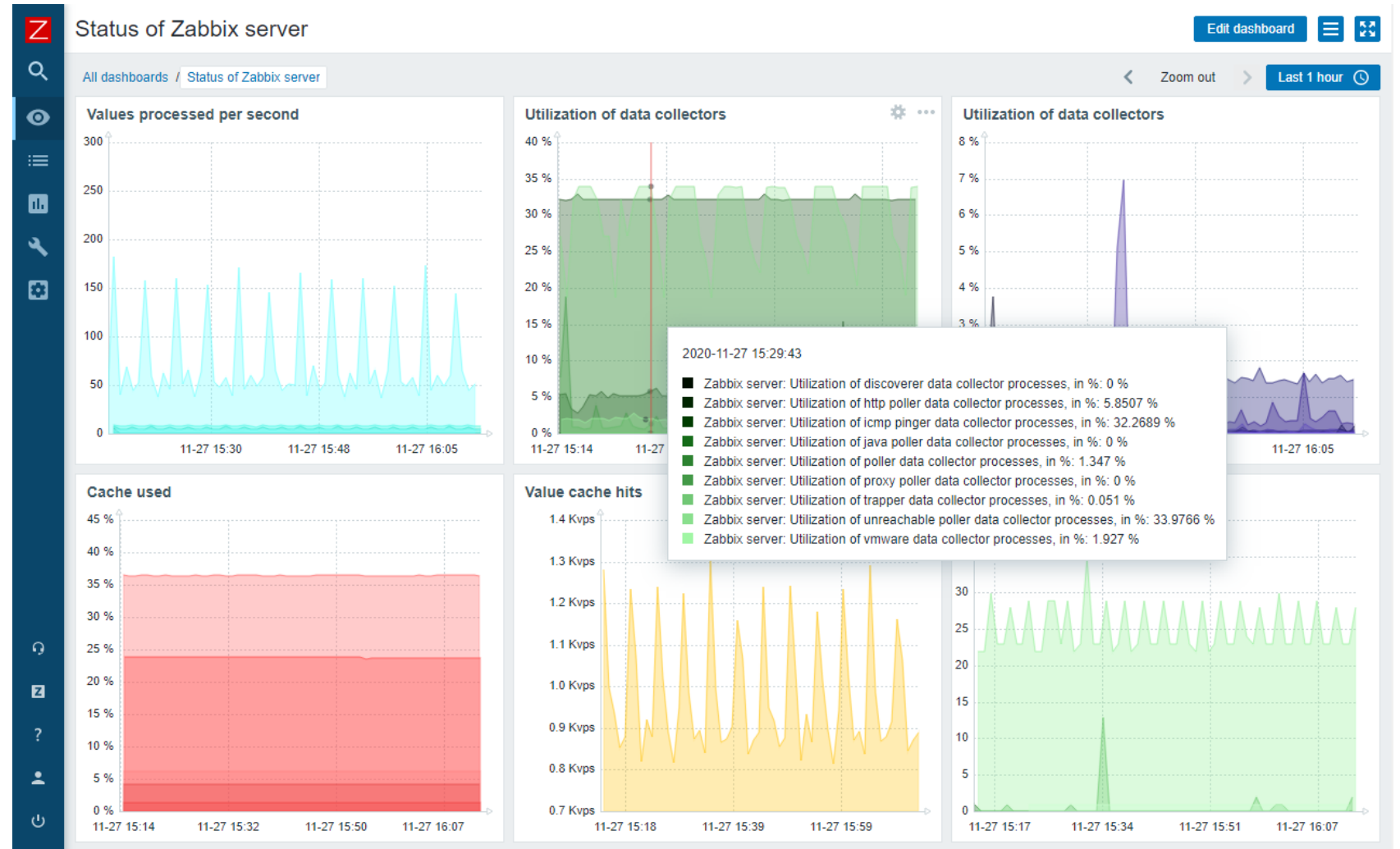
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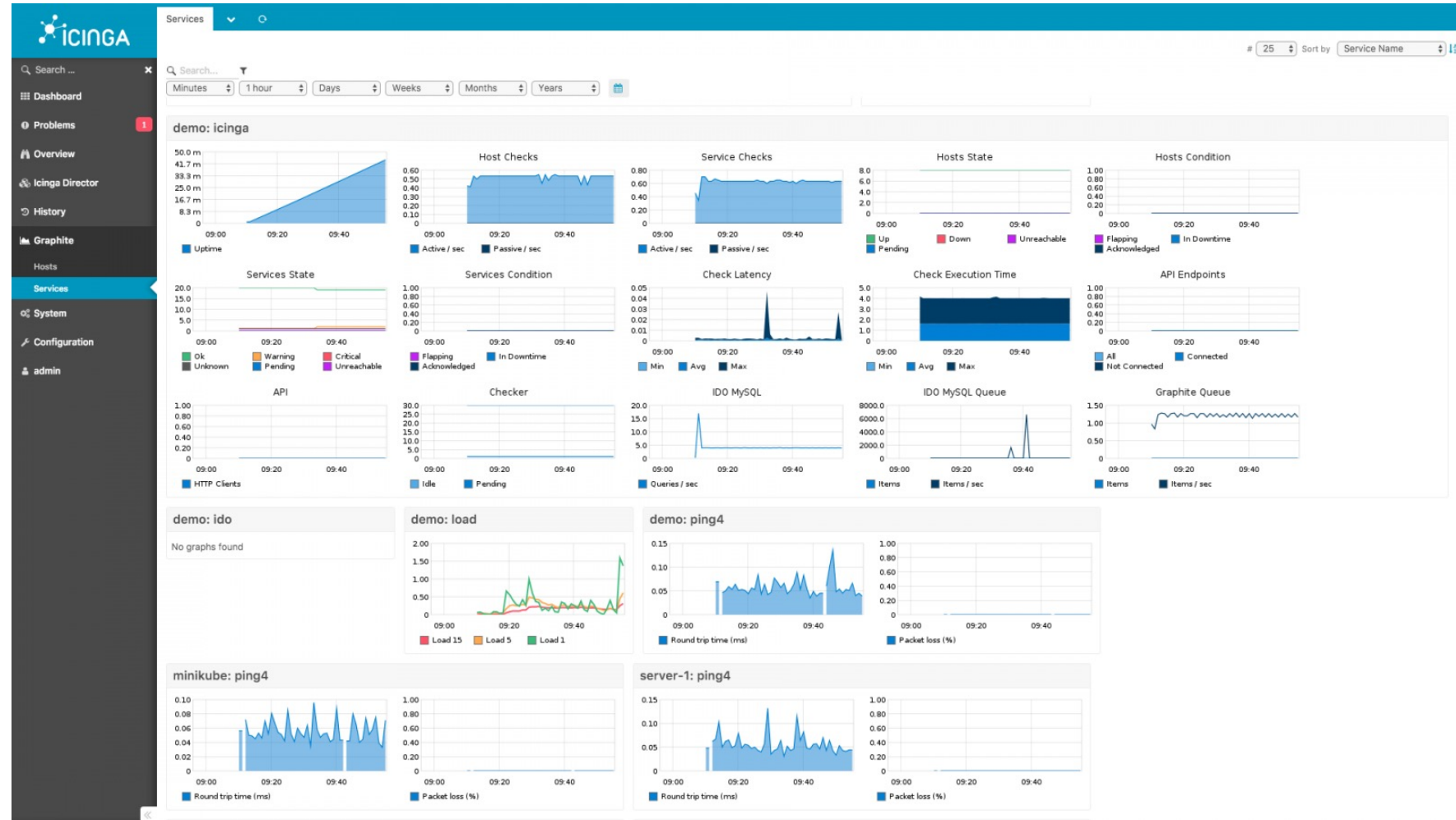
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- Icinga (2009)



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Prometheus History

- Developed in 2012 at SoundCloud
- Inspired by *borgmon* at Google
- Joined the CNCF in 2016 (second project after Kubernetes)

- Main goal: To handle a **complex** and **dynamic** environment (cloud, cloud native, microservices, serverless, ...)

Data Model

[Docs: Data Model](#)

```
<metric name>{<label name>=<label value>, ...}
```

```
[a-zA-Z_:[a-zA-Z0-9_:]*
```

```
Unicode
```

```
[a-zA-Z_][a-zA-Z0-9_]*
```

Metric

```
api_http_requests_total{method="POST", handler="/messages"}
```

Sample

```
(timestamp milliseconds, value float64)
```

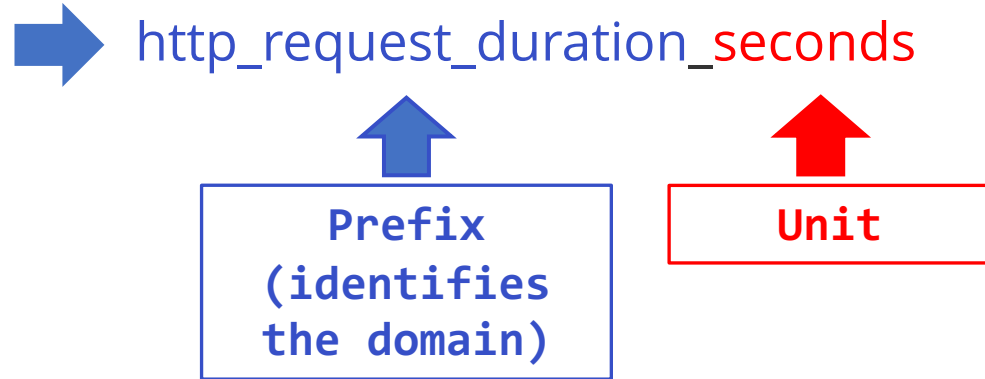
Metric Types

[Docs: Metric Types](#)

- Counter -> monotonically increasing
- Gauge -> single numerical value that can arbitrarily go up and down
- Histogram -> sampled observations in buckets
- Native Histogram (new) -> dynamic buckets, higher resolution

Metric and Label Naming Conventions [1]

[Docs: Best Practices](#)



→ process_cpu_seconds_total

Accumulating count with unit

→ http_requests_total

Unit-less Accumulating count

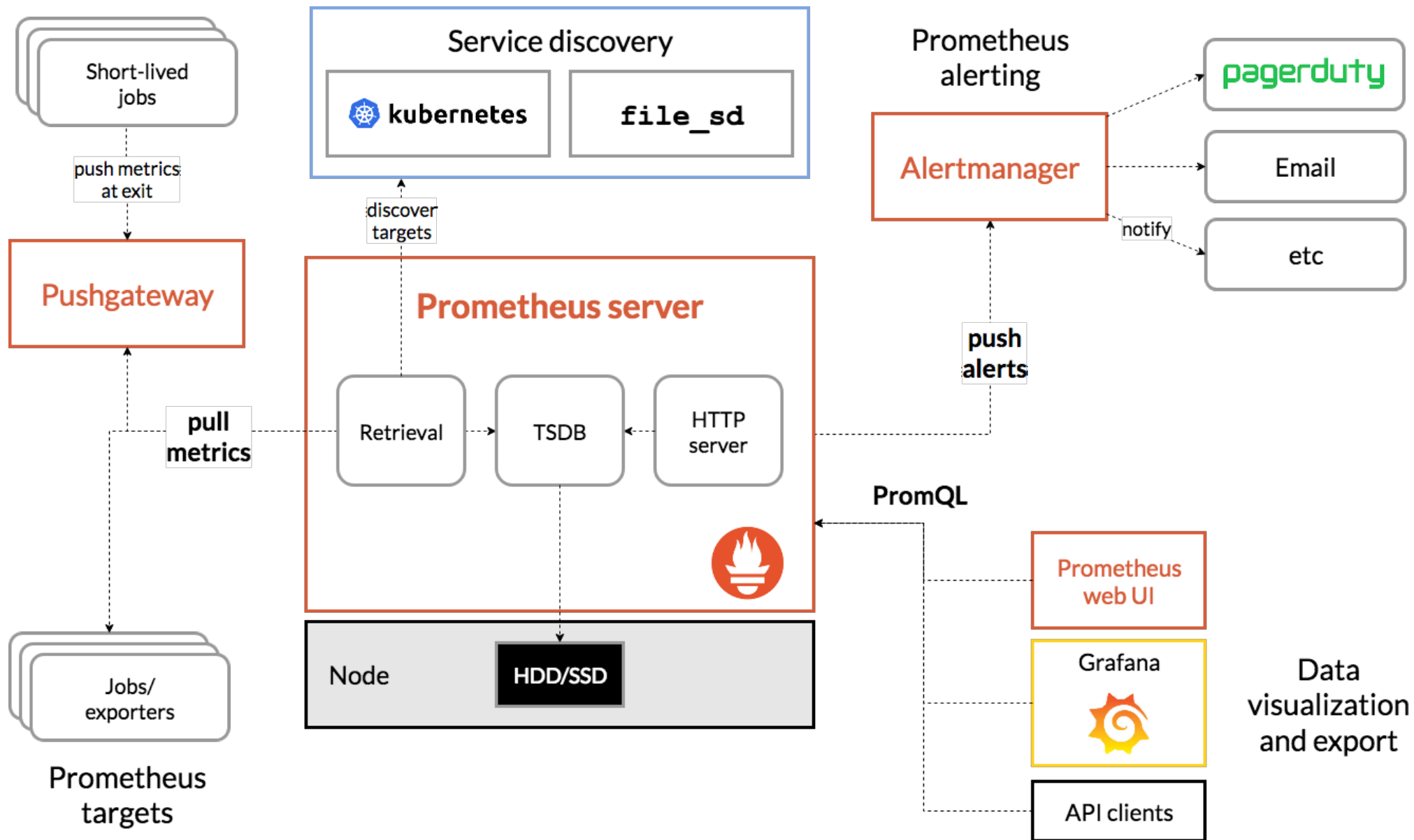
SEE ALSO: [Semantic Conventions](#) in OpenTelemetry

Metric and Label Naming Conventions [2]

[Docs: Best Practices](#)

```
http_request_total{
  container="grafana-proxy",
  endpoint="nginx-http",
  handler="/api/annotations",
  instance="10.42.66.101:8080",
  job="rancher-monitoring-grafana",
  method="get",
  namespace="cattle-monitoring-system",
  pod="rancher-monitoring-grafana-67d56665c-fwskr",
  service="rancher-monitoring-grafana",
  statuscode="200"}
```

CAUTION: Remember that every unique combination of key-value label pairs represents a new time series, which can dramatically increase the amount of data stored. Do not use labels to store dimensions with high cardinality (many different label values), such as user IDs, email addresses, or other unbounded sets of values.



Service Discovery

[Docs: Configuration](#)

serviceMonitor/default/rancher-monitoring-apiserver/0 (3/3 up) [show less](#)

Endpoint	State	Labels	Last Scrape	Scrape Duration	
https://192.168.122.45:6443/metrics	UP	<code>endpoint="https"</code> <code>instance="192.168.122.45:6443"</code> <code>job="apiserver"</code> <code>namespace="default"</code> <code>service="kubernetes"</code>	38.8s ago	157.017ms	
https://192.168.122.43:6443/metrics	UP	<code>endpoint="https"</code> <code>instance="192.168.122.43:6443"</code> <code>job="apiserver"</code> <code>namespace="default"</code> <code>service="kubernetes"</code>	12.493s ago	173.505ms	
https://192.168.122.44:6443/metrics	UP	<code>endpoint="https"</code> <code>instance="192.168.122.44:6443"</code> <code>job="apiserver"</code> <code>namespace="default"</code> <code>service="kubernetes"</code>	42.726s ago	170.559ms	

Instrumenting Software: Example

[Docs: Client Libraries](#)

```
import io.prometheus.metrics.core.metrics.Counter;
import io.prometheus.metrics.exporter.httpserver.HTTPServer;
import io.prometheus.metrics.instrumentation.jvm.JvmMetrics;

import java.io.IOException;

public class App {

    public static void main(String[] args) throws InterruptedException, IOException {

        JvmMetrics.builder().register(); // initialize the out-of-the-box JVM metrics

        Counter counter = Counter.builder()
            .name("my_count_total")
            .help("example counter")
            .labelNames("status")
            .register();

        counter.labelValues("ok").inc();
        counter.labelValues("ok").inc();
        counter.labelValues("error").inc();

        HTTPServer server = HTTPServer.builder()
            .port(9400)
            .buildAndStart();

        System.out.println("HTTPServer listening on port http://localhost:" + server.getPort() + "/metrics");

        Thread.currentThread().join(); // sleep forever
    }
}
```

Define a Counter

Increment the Counter

Expose the HTTP Endpoint

Exporters and Integrations

[Docs: Exporters](#)

- Exposing existing metrics from third-party systems
 - Databases
 - Hardware
 - Issue trackers and Continuous Integration
 - Messaging Systems
 - Storage
 - HTTP
 - APIs
 - Logging
 - Other monitoring systems
 - ...

Querying: PromQL

[Docs: Querying](#)

- PromQL: Custom query language
- Recording rules (precompute frequently needed or computationally expensive expressions)
- What are other TSDBs doing?
- Standardization efforts: [CNCF Observability Query Language Standard \(QLS\) workgroup](#)

- Use local time
- Enable query history
- Enable autocomplete
- Use experimental editor
- Enable highlighting
- Enable linter

🔍 🌐 Execute

Load time: 279ms Resolution: 14s Result series: 305


Table Graph

Metric name

Evaluation time

<pre>container_cpu_usage_seconds_total{container="argocd-application-controller", cpu="total", endpoint="https-metrics", id="/kubepods.slice/kubepods-besteffort.slice/kubepods-besteffort-pod4cd924cd_76da_4e50_9246_ec480b67e3cb.slice/cri-containerd-dbb6f6a2067b5e043d2f75831e1ab6e605a9aaaff01a3c04a2ad6c6dc9ab13df.scope", image="quay.io/argoproj/argocd:v2.7.1", instance="192.168.122.46:10250", job="kubelet", metrics_path="/metrics/cadvisor", name="dbb6f6a2067b5e043d2f75831e1ab6e605a9aaaff01a3c04a2ad6c6dc9ab13df", namespace="argocd-test", node="ranch-down-01-wrk-01", pod="argocd-application-controller-0", service="rancher-monitoring-kubelet"}</pre>	253162.607909
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<pre>container_cpu_usage_seconds_total{container="argocd-notifications-controller", cpu="total", endpoint="https-metrics", id="/kubepods.slice/kubepods-besteffort.slice/kubepods-</pre>	2539.750284

- Use local time
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🔍 `container_cpu_usage_seconds_total{namespace="argocd-test",pod=~"argocd-application-controller.*"}`  [Execute](#)

Load time: 80ms Resolution: 14s Result series: 3

Table [Graph](#)

Metric name


Filters

← Evaluation time →

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[Remove Panel](#)

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🔍 `container_cpu_usage_seconds_total{namespace="argocd-test",pod=~"argocd-application-controller.*"}[5m]`  **Execute**

Load time: 69ms Resolution: 14s Result series: 3

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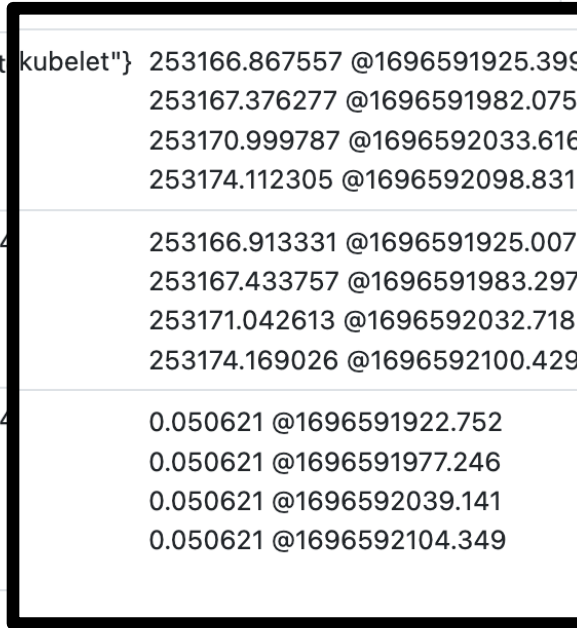
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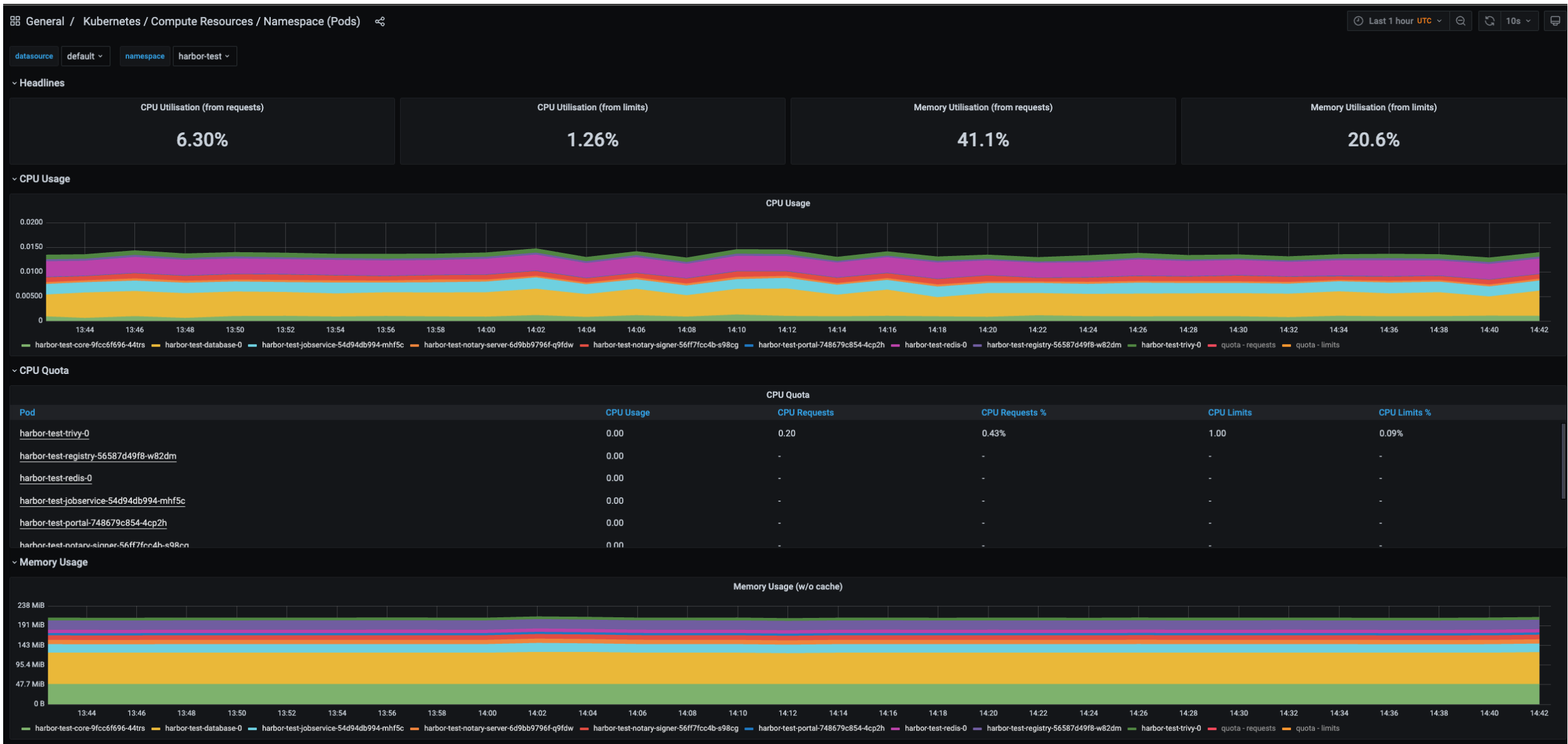
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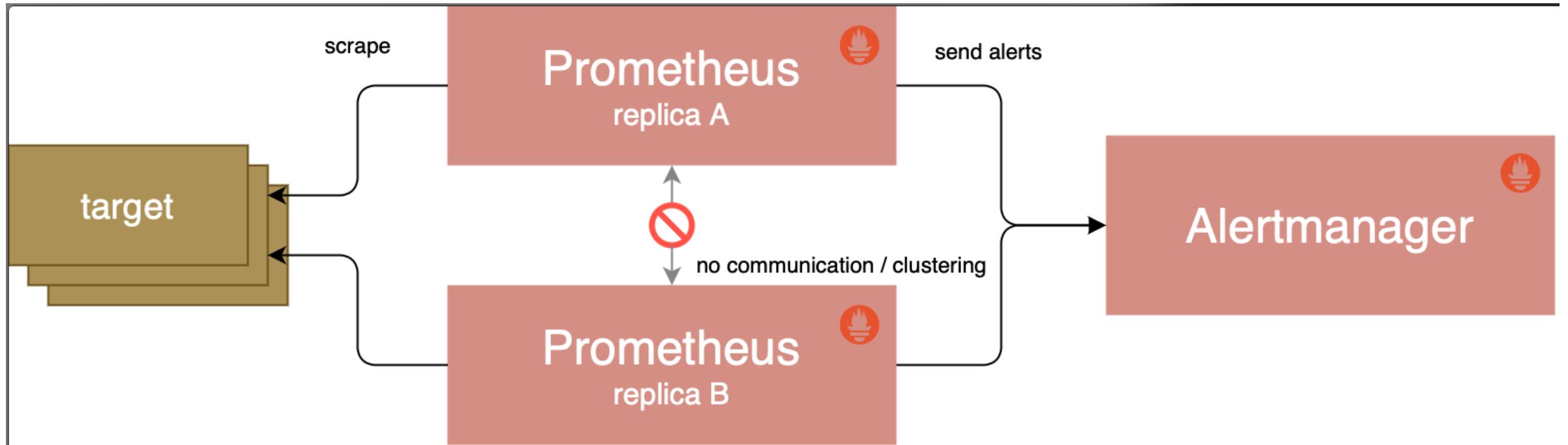
Visualization: Grafana

[Docs: Grafana Support for Prometheus](#)
[Grafana: Dashboard Collection](#)



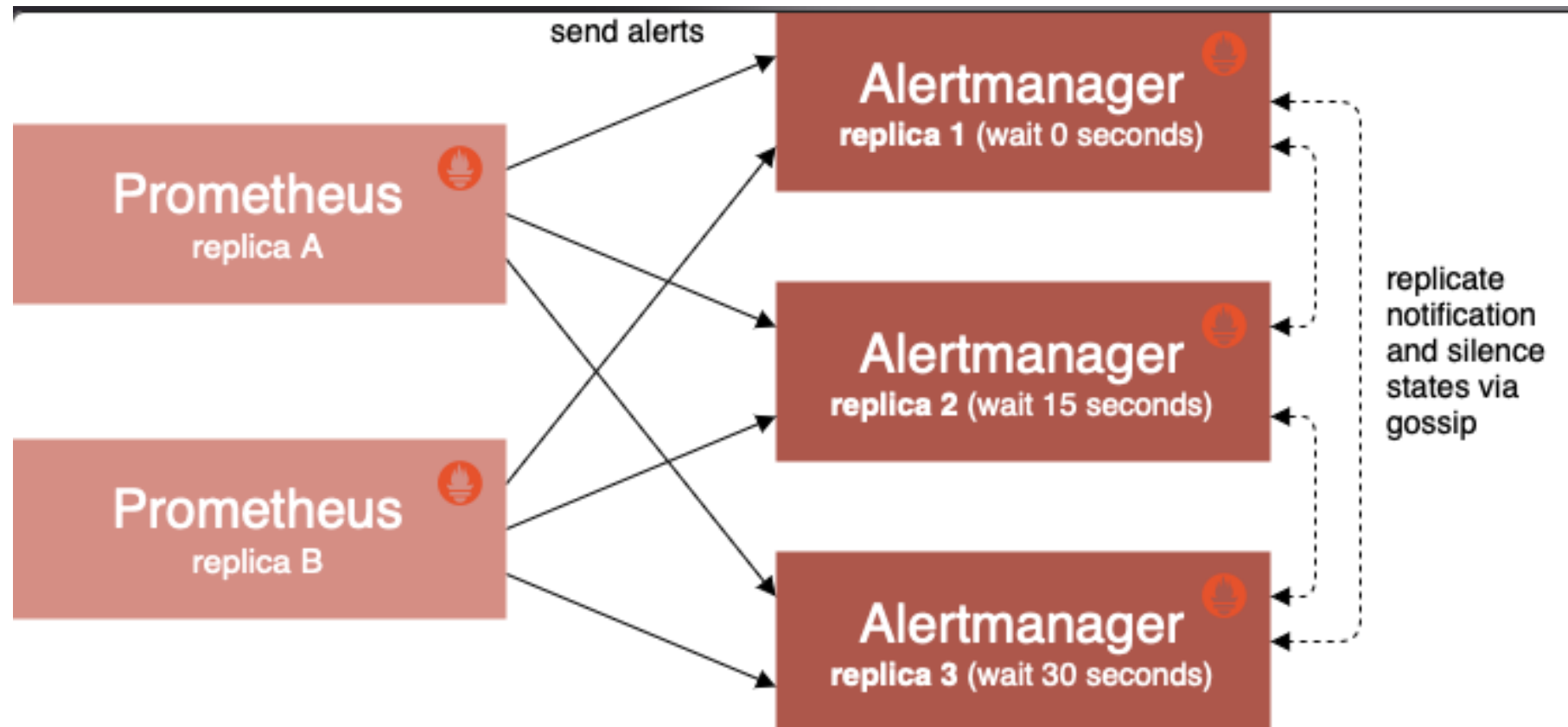
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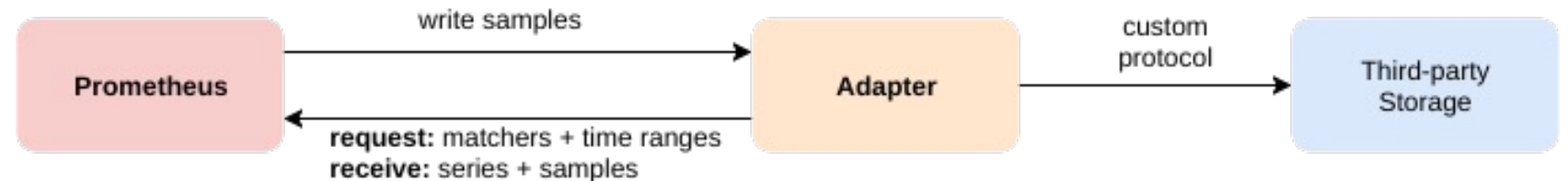


Long term storage e altri TSDB

- Non-goal of Prometheus:
 - Sophisticated scaling and clustering
 - Querying of multiple instances
 - Long-term storage
 - Downsampling and compaction
 - Support of high cardinality

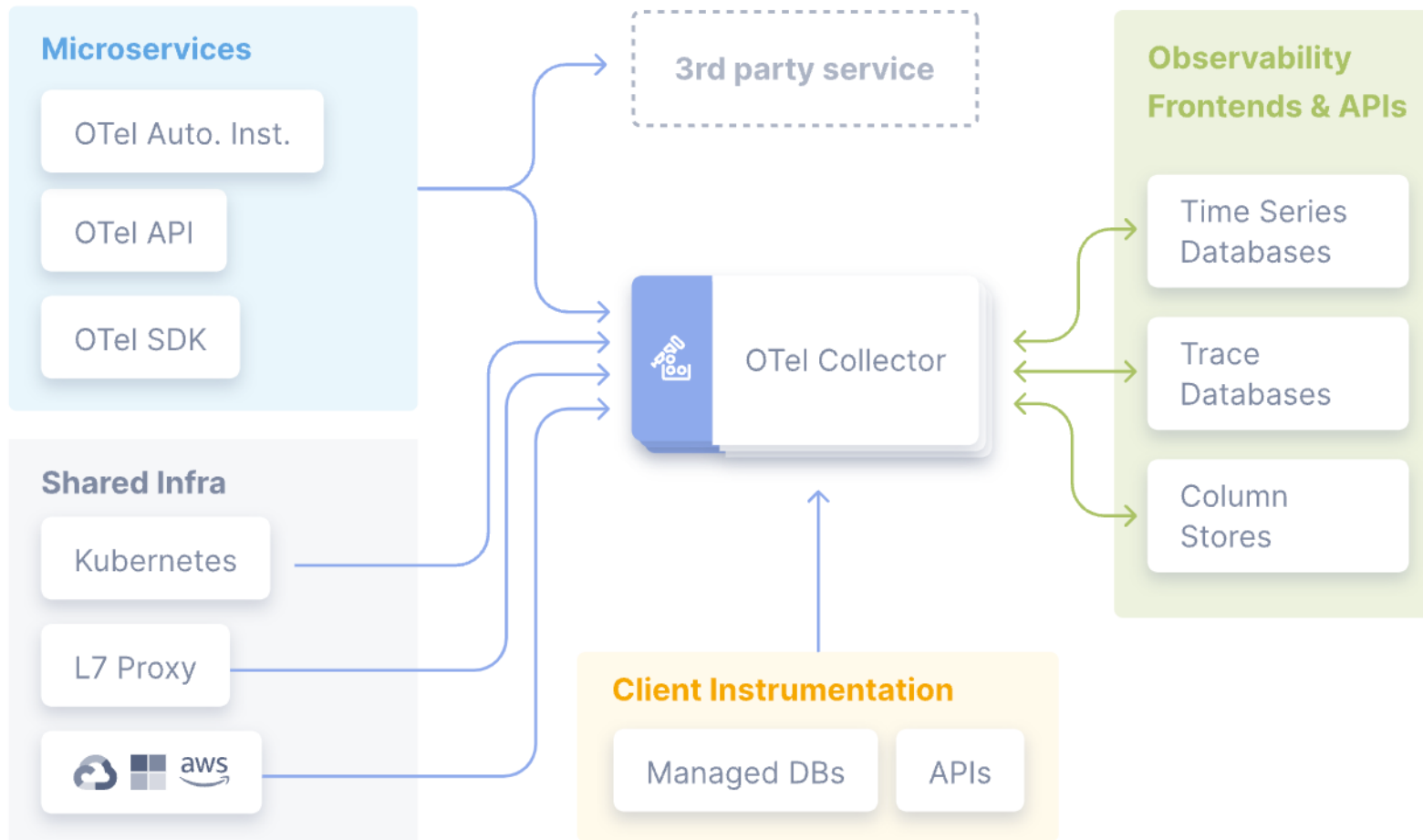
- Projects

- Thanos
- Cortex
- Mimir
- InfluxDB / VictoriaMetrics / TimescaleDB



OpenTelemetry

[Website: OpenTelemetry](https://opentelemetry.io)



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[Website: Vendors](#)



- Specification
- Standard protocol
- Semantic Conventions
- Library Ecosystem
- Automatic Instrumentation
- Language SDKs
- Collector (proxy)
- Tooling



- Querying
- Storage
- Visualization

Prometheus as an OpenTelemetry backend

[Grafana Blog Post](#)
[Talk at PromCon EU 2023](#)

- Prometheus can be a OTel backend using the *OTel Prometheus Exporter*. Some open issues around that:
 - Metric conversion
 - Mapping of resource attributes
 - Out of order writes
- Preliminary activities for a native support, including the push protocol Open points:
 - Build the *up* metric for push model
 - Convert between data models (resource attributed, charset)
 - Support out of order (currently disabled by default)
 - Documentation
 - ...

Questions?



joinind.in/talk/16f8c

Watch - [Prometheus: The Documentary](#)

Alerting - Rules

[Docs: Alerting](#)

Alerting Rules in Prometheus

<p>alert: KubeAPIDown expr: <code>absent(up{job="apiserver"} == 1)</code> for: 15m labels: severity: critical annotations: description: KubeAPI has disappeared from Prometheus target discovery. runbook_url: https://github.com/kubernetes-monitoring/kubernetes-mixin/tree/master/runbook.md#alert-name-kubeapidown summary: Target disappeared from Prometheus target discovery.</p>	OK	43.666s ago	0.175ms
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Alerting - Managing

[Docs: Alertmanager](#)

Alertmanager (separate component)

- Notifications: Email, Chat. Waiting times, repeat intervals.
- Grouping: grouping alerts of similar nature
- Inhibitions: mute a set of alerts given that another alert is firing
- Silencing: from the web interface

Observability

A possible definition

Observability lets us understand a system from the outside, by letting us ask questions about that system without knowing its inner workings. Furthermore, it allows us to easily troubleshoot and handle novel problems (i.e. “unknown unknowns”), and helps us answer the question, “Why is this happening?”

In order to be able to ask those questions of a system, the application must be properly instrumented. That is, the application code must emit signals such as traces, metrics, and logs. An application is properly instrumented when developers don't need to add more instrumentation to troubleshoot an issue, because they have all of the information they need.

A different one

Can you understand what is happening inside the system — can you understand ANY internal state the system may get itself into, simply by asking questions from the outside?

This is such a reliable bait and switch that any time you hear someone talking about “metrics, logs and traces”, you can be pretty damn sure there's no actual observability going on.