

Integration

- Instructions: <https://apps.sematext.com/ui/howto/Docker/overview>

Autodiscovery for containerized application performance monitoring

Container orchestration tools like Docker Enterprise, Google Kubernetes or Red-Hat OpenShift are a perfect fit for agile DevOps teams. The orchestration tools make an automatic decision on which node in the cluster the application containers are deployed - no worries anymore to scale applications according to the current workload! The dynamic nature of container deployments make it more difficult to track where which application is running - and in case of performance issues, it is critical to have a full picture of cluster, server and application performance. How can you monitor application metrics in such dynamic environment?

General Container Monitoring

A basic coverage for server and container monitoring provides Sematext Docker Agent, which collects general host- and container metrics, container events, and container logs.

Container metrics do not include application-specific metrics like index rate of Elasticsearch clusters or the number of Database operations or web server request rates. Such metrics must be monitored with application-specific monitoring agents, such as Sematext SPM-Client.

Application monitoring for containerized applications

Monitoring of application-specific metrics like Queue size of message queues, Database query times, Elasticsearch indexing rate or web server request rates requires the setup of application-specific monitoring agents. Typically application monitoring agents connect to the application via TCP/IP to collect application metrics. In container environments, such setup can't be static because IP addresses and port numbers are changing dynamically. In addition, an application might run in an isolated virtual network and the monitoring agent must be able to connect to the application network.

Sematext SPM-Client Auto-Discovery solves the issues above by the automatic discovery of all relevant information for application monitoring: - SPM-Client container connects to Docker Remote API and Kubernetes API to discover new application containers and network parameters - SPM-Client connects to container networks and Kubernetes pods for monitoring - Application containers

can be tagged with the SPM_TOKEN, and SPM-Client uses the SPM_TOKEN label or environment variable to ship metrics to the right Monitoring App in Sematext Cloud (or Sematext Enterprise).

How does SPM Client Autodiscovery work?

The SPM Client container gets distributed to every Kubernetes, Docker Swarm or Docker Enterprise node. Then it starts watching container events and compares the image name of started containers with a list of application images defined in a configuration template called `autoDiscovery.yml`. Then SPM-Client joins the container network and configures SPM-Client for the right IP-address and port and other settings according to the configuration template.

Monitoring with Sematext Cloud requires the SPM_TOKEN for each application type. The SPM_TOKEN is read from the application container environment or container labels.

Example: To monitor a containerized application like Elasticsearch with SPM-Client Autodiscovery we need only 3 steps:

- 1) Create a monitoring app for Elasticsearch in Sematext UI.
- 2) Deploy SPM-Client container as Kubernetes DaemonSet or global Swarm Service. Instructions are displayed in Sematext UI.
- 3) Add the displayed SPM_TOKEN to the environment of your Elasticsearch container.

Customize autoDiscovery.yml

There are typically a few cases you might need to adjust settings in `autoDiscovery.yml`:

- 1) Using custom image names. SPM-Client uses the images names of official application images like `nginx`, `mongo`, `elasticsearch`. In case you use custom images with different names or you want to use JVM monitor for your own Java application the settings for application image names must be adjusted. A shortcut is to overwrite values in `autoDiscovery.yml` by environment variables `spm_templates__jvm__matchImageName=myJavaAppImage|jetty|spring`
- 2) Changing Java JMX settings globally. The current template assumes JMX on port 3000 with no authentication. Please note JMX ports don't need to be exposed as service because SPM-Client connects to the container network automatically.

Autodiscovery configuration settings

All default settings of `autoDiscovery.yml` can be overwritten via environment variables. Property names are separated by two underscores `__` and the environment variables have the prefix `spm_templates`. TO change e.g. JMX port for JVM apps use `spm_templates__jvm__jmxPort=3001`. Overwriting a few values via environment variables is an easy way to change a few settings. Alternatively you could mount `autoDiscovery.yml` to `/usr/lib/node_modules/docker-spm-client/autoDiscovery.yml` into 'sematext/spm-client:autodiscovery' container.

The complete list of properties expressed as environment variable for `sematext/spm-client:autodiscovery` image:

Env. vari- able	Description
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Nginx

<code>spm_templates__nginx__portInContainer</code>	Port in the container, default 80/tcp
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<code>spm_templates__nginx__matchImageName</code>	Regulates expression to match image name. Default nginx
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Env.
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able Description

spm_templates__nginx__matchContainerName
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pres-
sion
to
match
con-
tainer
name.
De-
fault
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Apache
Web-
server

spm_templates__httpd__portInContainer
in
the
con-
tainer,
de-
fault
80/tcp

spm_templates__httpd__matchImageName
ex-
pres-
sion
to
match
im-
age
name.
De-
fault
httpd

Env.
variable Description

`spm_templates__httpd__matchContainerName`
expression
to
match
container
name.
Default
fault
.*

HAProxy

`spm_templates__haproxy__portInContainer`
in
the
container,
default
1936/tcp

`spm_templates__haproxy__matchImageName`
expression
to
match
image
name.
Default
fault
haproxy

Env. vari- able	Description
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spm_templates__haproxy__matchContainerName	ex- pres- sion to match con- tainer name. De- fault .*
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spm_templates__haproxy__spmConfig__SPM_MONITOR_HAPROXY_STATS_URL	http://\${host}:\${port}\${containerEnv.SPM_MONITOR_HAPROXY_STATS_URL}
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spm_templates__haproxy__spmConfig__SPM_MONITOR_HAPROXY__USER	\${containerEnv.SPM_MONITOR_HAPROXY_USER}
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spm_templates__haproxy__spmConfig__SPM_MONITOR_HAPROXY_PASSWORD	\${containerEnv.SPM_MONITOR_HAPROXY_PASSWORD}
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MongoDB

spm_templates__mysql__portInContainer	in the con- tainer, de- fault 27017/tcp
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Env. variable	Description
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spm_templates__mysql__matchImageName	Template expression to match image name. Default mongo
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spm_templates__mysql__matchContainerName	Template expression to match container name. Default .*
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MySQL

spm_templates__mongodb__portInContainer	Template in the container, default 27017/tcp
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Env. vari- able	Description
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spm_templates__mongodb__matchImageName	Replaces __mongodb__matchImageName ex- pres- sion to match im- age name. De- fault mysql mariadb percona
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spm_templates__mongodb__matchContainerName	Replaces __mongodb__matchContainerName ex- pres- sion to match con- tainer name. De- fault .*
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spm_templates__mongodb__spmConfig__SPM_MONITOR_MYSQL_DB_USER	Replaces __mongodb__spmConfig__SPM_MONITOR_MYSQL_DB_USER \${containerEnv.MYSQL_USER}
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spm_templates__mongodb__spmConfig__SPM_MONITOR_MYSQL_DB_PASSWORD	Replaces __mongodb__spmConfig__SPM_MONITOR_MYSQL_DB_PASSWORD \${containerEnv.MYSQL_PASSWORD}
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Java
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spm_templates__jvm__jmxPort	JMX port in the con- tainer, de- fault 3000
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spm_templates__jvm__matchImageName	Replaces ex- pres- sion to match im- age name. De- fault java spring jetty
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spm_templates__jvm__matchContainerName	Replaces ex- pres- sion to match con- tainer name. De- fault .*
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spm_templates__jvm__spmConfig__SPM_MONITOR_JMX_PARAMS	Replaces -Dspm.remote.jmx.url=\${host}:\${config.jmxPort}
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Elasticsearch

Env.
variable Description

spm_templates__elasticsearch__portInContainer
in
the
con-
tainer,
de-
fault
9200/tcp

spm_templates__elasticsearch__matchImageName
ex-
pres-
sion
to
match
im-
age
name.
De-
fault
elasticsearch

spm_templates__elasticsearch__matchContainerName
ex-
pres-
sion
to
match
con-
tainer
name.
De-
fault
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spm_templates__elasticsearch__spmConfig__SPM_MONITOR_ES_NODE_P
http://\${host}:\${port}

Redis

Env.	
vari-	
able	Description

spm_templates__redis__portInContainer	Template in the container, default 6379/tcp
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spm_templates__redis__matchImageName	Template expression to match image name. Default redis
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spm_templates__redis__matchContainerName	Template expression to match container name. Default .*
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spm_templates__redis__spmConfig__REDIS_PASSWORD	Template null
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Solr
Cloud

Env. vari- able	Description
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spm_templates_solrCloud_jmxPort	JMX port in the con- tainer, de- fault 3000
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spm_templates_solrCloud_matchImageName	Replaces ex- pres- sion to match im- age name. De- fault solr
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spm_templates_solrCloud_matchContainerName	Replaces ex- pres- sion to match con- tainer name. De- fault .*
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spm_templates_solrCloud_spmConfig_SPM_MONITOR_JMX_PARAMS	Replaces -Dspm.remote.jmx.url=\${host}:\${config.jmxPort}
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vari-
able Description

Kafka
Bro-
ker

spm_templates__kafka-broker__jmxPort
JMX
port
in
the
con-
tainer,
de-
fault
3000

spm_templates__kafka-broker__matchImageName
Template
ex-
pres-
sion
to
match
im-
age
name.
De-
fault
kafka

spm_templates__kafka-broker__matchContainerName
Template
ex-
pres-
sion
to
match
con-
tainer
name.
De-
fault
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Env.
vari-
able Description

spm_templates__kafka-broker__spmConfig__SPM_MONITOR_JMX_PARAMS
-Dspm.remote.jmx.url=\${host}:\${config.jmxPort}

Kafka
Pro-
ducer

spm_templates__kafka-producer__jmxPort
port
in
the
con-
tainer,
de-
fault
3000

spm_templates__kafka-producer__matchImageName
ex-
pres-
sion
to
match
im-
age
name.
De-
fault
kafka

Env. vari- able	Description
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spm_templates_kafka-producer_matchContainerName	Template ex- pres- sion to match con- tainer name. De- fault .*
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spm_templates_kafka-producer_spmConfig_SPM_MONITOR_JMX_PARAMETERS	Template -Dspm.remote.jmx.url=\${host}:\${config.jmxPort}
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Kafka Con- sumer	
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spm_templates_kafka-consumer_jmxPort	JMX port in the con- tainer, de- fault 3000
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Env.	
vari-	
able	Description

spm_templates_kafka-consumer__matchImageName	
ex-	
pres-	
sion	
to	
match	
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age	
name.	
De-	
fault	
kafka	

spm_templates_kafka-consumer__matchContainerName	
ex-	
pres-	
sion	
to	
match	
con-	
tainer	
name.	
De-	
fault	
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spm_templates_kafka-consumer__spmConfig__SPM_MONITOR_JMX_PARAMETERS	
-Dspm.remote.jmx.url=\${host}:\${config.jmxPort}	

Apache	
Tom-	
cat	

Env.	
vari-	
able	Description

spm_templates__tomcat__jmxPort	JMX port in the con- tainer, de- fault 3000
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spm_templates__tomcat__matchImageName	Replaces ex- pres- sion to match im- age name. De- fault tomcat
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spm_templates__tomcat__matchContainerName	Replaces ex- pres- sion to match con- tainer name. De- fault .*
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spm_templates__tomcat__spmConfig__SPM_MONITOR_JMX_PARAMS	Replaces -Dspm.remote.jmx.url=\${host}:\${config.jmxPort}
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Env.	
vari-	
able	Description

Apache
Zookeeper

spm_templates__zookeeper__jmxPort	
port	
in	
the	
con-	
tainer,	
de-	
fault	
3000	

spm_templates__zookeeper__matchImageName	
ex-	
pres-	
sion	
to	
match	
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age	
name.	
De-	
fault	
zookeeper	

spm_templates__zookeeper__matchContainerName	
ex-	
pres-	
sion	
to	
match	
con-	
tainer	
name.	
De-	
fault	
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Env.
vari-
able Description

spm_templates__zookeeper__spmConfig__SPM_MONITOR_JMX_PARAMS
-Dspm.remote.jmx.url=\${host}:\${config.jmxPort}

Apache
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spm_templates__cassandra__jmxPort
port
in
the
con-
tainer,
de-
fault
7199

spm_templates__cassandra__matchImageName
ex-
pres-
sion
to
match
im-
age
name.
De-
fault
cassandra

Env. vari- able	Description
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spm_templates__cassandra__matchContainerName	Template ex- pres- sion to match con- tainer name. De- fault .*
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spm_templates__cassandra__spmConfig__SPM_MONITOR_JMX_PARAMS	Template -Dspm.remote.jmx.url=\${host}:\${config.jmxPort}
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