NAME

gsc_prometheus.sh − extract a Prometheus snapshot and run it in Docker or Podman

SYNOPSIS

sudo gsc_prometheus.sh −s *SR* **−c** *CUSTOMER* **−f** *PSNAP* **−b** *BASEDIR* [**options**]

DESCRIPTION

gsc_prometheus.sh extracts a Prometheus snapshot archive (*psnap_*.tar.xz*) into a working directory and starts a Prometheus container (using Docker or Podman, auto-detected) that serves the snapshot data.

It automatically selects the lowest free TCP port in the range **9090–9200** by scanning ports already bound by the system and mapped to running containers. The following ports are always excluded as they are reserved for common exporters: **9093** (Alertmanager), **9100** (node_exporter), **8080** (generic HTTP), **9115** (blackbox_exporter), **9116** (SNMP exporter), **9104** (mysqld_exporter).

When the container starts successfully the selected port is printed:

> [OK] Prometheus for *CUSTOMER*/*SR* started on port *PORT*.

This port must be noted and supplied to **expand_hcpcs_support.sh −−healthcheck−only −u −p** *PORT* in Step 4 of the workflow. See **hcpcs−health−check**(7).

The container is named *gsc_prometheus_CUSTOMER_SR_PORT* and is started with **−−rm** so it is removed automatically when stopped unless **−−keep−container** is given.

OPTIONS

Required

−c, **−−customer** *NAME*
: Customer name. Used to construct the container name and the working directory path under *BASEDIR*.

−s, **−−service−request** *SR*
: Service request or case number. Combined with *CUSTOMER* to form the unique working directory and container name.

−f, **−−snapshot−file** *PATH*
: Path to the Prometheus snapshot archive (*psnap_*.tar.xz*). Must be an existing file.

−b, **−−base−directory** *PATH*
: Base directory under which per-customer working directories are created. If it does not exist it will be created. The final data path is *BASEDIR/CUSTOMER/SR/prom/data*.

Optional

−C, **−−config−file** *PATH*
: Key=value config file. Supports the same keys as the CLI options: *customer*, *service_request*, *snapshot_file*, *base_directory*, *min_port*, *max_port*, *exclude_ports*, *engine*, *image*. CLI options take precedence over config file values.

−−engine auto|docker|podman
: Force the container engine. Default: **auto** (prefers Docker if both are present).

−−image IMAGE
: Prometheus container image to use. Default: *docker.io/prom/prometheus:latest*

−−replace
: Remove any existing container with the same name before starting.

−−keep−container
: Start the container without **−−rm**; the container persists after it is stopped.

−−min−port N
: Lowest port to consider. Default: *9090*

−−max−port N
Highest port to consider. Default: *9200*

−−exclude−port N
Exclude an additional port from selection. May be repeated.

−e, **−−estimate**
Check available disk space before extracting and warn or abort if insufficient.

−−estimate−only
Print space estimate and exit without extracting or starting the container.

−−no−space−check
Disable free-space checking even when **−e** was given.

−−debug
Enable verbose diagnostic output.

−−no−color
Disable ANSI colour output.

−−version
Print the script version and exit.

−h, **−−help**
Print a usage summary and exit.

EXIT STATUS

0 Container started successfully.

1 A required argument was missing, the snapshot file was not found, no free port was available, or the container failed to start.

ENVIRONMENT

GSC_LIB_PATH
Override the path to *gsc_core.sh* (default: same directory as the script).

GSC_PROM_LOG_DIR
Override the directory used to store the last-used-port file. Default: */var/log/gsc_prometheus*

FILES

BASEDIR/CUSTOMER/SR/prom/data/
Extracted snapshot data directory. Mounted into the container as */prometheus*.

BASEDIR/CUSTOMER/SR/prom/prometheus.yml
Minimal Prometheus configuration written by the script.

/var/log/gsc_prometheus/vVERSION/last_used_port.txt
Records the last allocated port so subsequent invocations start scanning from the next port rather than 9090.

EXAMPLES

Basic invocation (Step 3 of workflow)

```
sudo gsc_prometheus.sh \
    -s 05304447 \
    -c AcmeCorp \
    -f psnap_2025-Nov-26_20-48-48.tar.xz \
    -b /opt/prom_instances
```

Force Podman and a specific port range

```
sudo gsc_prometheus.sh \
    -s 05304447 -c AcmeCorp \
    -f psnap_2025-Nov-26_20-48-48.tar.xz \
    -b /opt/prom_instances \
    --engine podman --min-port 9150 --max-port 9160
```

Check space before extracting a large snapshot

```
sudo gsc_prometheus.sh \
    -s 05304447 -c AcmeCorp \
    -f psnap_2025-Nov-26_20-48-48.tar.xz \
    -b /opt/prom_instances --estimate-only
```

Replace an existing container for the same SR

```
sudo gsc_prometheus.sh \
    -s 05304447 -c AcmeCorp \
    -f psnap_2025-Nov-26_20-48-48.tar.xz \
    -b /opt/prom_instances --replace
```

SEE ALSO

expand_hcpcs_support(1), **runchk**(1), **hcpcs−health−check**(7), **docker**(1), **podman**(1)

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