

Setting up Prometheus, Node-Exporter with Grafana on EC2 for Metric checking

Setting up EC2

- Go to the AWS Management Console and launch one EC2 instance (ideally need one for Prometheus, one for Grafana, and one or more for Node Exporter).
- Choose an appropriate instance type (e.g., t2.micro for small setups, might need more RAM as did struggle or add swap memory).

The screenshot shows the AWS Management Console's EC2 instance launch wizard. The 'Amazon Machine Image (AMI)' section displays 'Amazon Linux 2023 AMI' with details like 'ami-0b72821e2f351e396' and 'Free tier eligible'. The 'Instance type' section shows 't3.small' selected, with details like 'Family: t3', '2 vCPU', and '2 GiB Memory'. The 'Summary' section on the right provides a overview of the configuration: 'Number of instances: 1', 'Software Image (AMI): Amazon Linux 2023 AMI 2023.5.2', 'Virtual server type (instance type): t3.small', 'Firewall (security group): New security group', and 'Storage (volumes): 1 volume(s) - 8 GiB'. A 'Free tier' notification indicates that the first year includes 750 hours of t2.micro or t3.micro usage. The 'Launch instance' button is highlighted in orange.

- Use Amazon Linux 2 AMI or any preferred Linux distribution.
- Ensure security groups allow access on ports 9090 (Prometheus), 3000 (Grafana), and 9100 (Node Exporter) with the CIDR block 0.0.0.0/0.

The screenshot shows the 'Inbound rules' section of the AWS Management Console. It displays a table of security group rules. The rules are:

Security group rule ID	Type	Protocol	Port range	Source	Description - optional
sgp-05a09115140d0e0956	Custom TCP	TCP	9100	Anywhere-I...	Node-Exporter
sgp-0370e7f7bdc3cd79d	SSH	TCP	22	Custom	
sgp-05c443c9f4b6b0725	HTTPS	TCP	443	Custom	
sgp-072d3615e5928b09	Custom TCP	TCP	9090	Anywhere-I...	Prometheus
sgp-07f1f1437c49516a3d	Custom TCP	TCP	3000	Anywhere-I...	Grafana
sgp-0f990e0d1ae39f2a	HTTP	TCP	80	Custom	

The 'Add rule' button is located at the bottom left of the table.

- SSH into Instance:
 - SSH into instance using the key pair you specified during the setup or use instance connect.

Connect to instance Info

Connect to your Instance I-07b1687c9a7b3f061 (Prometheus-setup) using any of these options

EC2 Instance Connect

Session Manager

SSH client

EC2 serial console

Instance ID
I-07b1687c9a7b3f061 (Prometheus-setup)

Connection Type

☒ **Connect using EC2 Instance Connect**
 Connect using the EC2 Instance Connect browser-based client, with a public IPv4 address.

☐ **Connect using EC2 Instance Connect Endpoint**
 Connect using the EC2 Instance Connect browser-based client, with a private IPv4 address and a VPC endpoint.

Public IP address
3.93.215.32

Username
Enter the username defined in the AMI used to launch the instance. If you didn't define a custom username, use the default username, ec2-user.

Note: In most cases, the default username, ec2-user, is correct. However, read your AMI usage instructions to check if the AMI owner has changed the default AMI username.

Cancel **Connect**

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Install and Set up Prometheus:

if on Amazon Linux then wget already installed. Please download the latest version , at the time of writing the latest is 2.53.1

- 1 `wget https://github.com/prometheus/prometheus/releases/download/v2.53.1/prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz`
- 2 `tar xvfz prometheus-*.tar.gz`

```

      _ _ _
     / / _ \
    / /  _/
   /_/  /_/   Amazon Linux 2023
              https://aws.amazon.com/linux/amazon-linux-2023

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~]$ wget https://github.com/prometheus/prometheus/releases/download/v2.53.1/prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz

```

- 1 `cd prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64`

```

prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/promtool
prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/console_libraries/
prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/console_libraries/menu.lib
prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/console_libraries/prom.lib
prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/NOTICE
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~]$ cd prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64]$ ls -la
.. LICENSE NOTICE console_libraries consoles prometheus prometheus.yml promtool
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64]$

```

Let's start by creating a new user other than the root user. And making the Prometheus directory under /etc/ and /var/lib/ directory.

```
1 #This command is to create user prometheus without the home directory
2 sudo useradd --no-create-home --shell /bin/false prometheus
3 #Making prometheus directory under etc
4 sudo mkdir /etc/prometheus
5 #Making prometheus directory under lib
6 sudo mkdir /var/lib/prometheus
```

The following commands will be used to install the Prometheus toolkit in our system (command is explained using a comment):-

```
1 #Copy the Prometheus binary to /usr/local/bin
2 sudo cp prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/prometheus /usr/local/bin
```

```
1 #Copy promtool to /usr/local/bin/
2 sudo cp prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/promtool /usr/local/bin/
```

```
1 # Copy the consoles directory to /etc/prometheus
2 sudo cp -r prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/consoles /etc/prometheus
```

```
1 #Copy the 'console_libraries' directory to /etc/prometheus
2 sudo cp -r prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/console_libraries /etc/prometheus
```

```
1 #Remove the Prometheus archive and extracted directory
2 rm -rf prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64
```

```
root@172-31-87-7:~# cat /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
cron:x:4:4:cron:/var/spool/cron/crontabs:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
prometheus:x:1000:1000:prometheus:/data:/bin/false
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7:~$ sudo mkdir -p /data
sudo chown -R prometheus:prometheus /data
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7:~$ sudo useradd --no-create-home --shell /bin/false prometheus
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7:~$ sudo mkdir /etc/prometheus
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7:~$ sudo mkdir /var/lib/prometheus
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7:~$ sudo cp prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/prometheus /usr/local/bin
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7:~$ sudo cp prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/promtool /usr/local/bin/
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7:~$ sudo cp -r prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/consoles /etc/prometheus
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7:~$ sudo cp -r prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/console_libraries /etc/prometheus
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7:~$ rm -rf prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64
```

Now we need to add a **prometheus.yml** file that will have the configuration file for the prometheus.

We are using `--no-create-home` user because we are going to use the **prometheus** user for a specific purpose, i.e., for using it as a service. We do not want it to interact with the user for any kind of login or personal use. So it is better to use this than using the root user for everything.

Configure Prometheus:

`sudo vi /etc/systemd/system/prometheus.service`

```
1 Edit the prometheus.yml file to include the Node Exporter instances:
2
3 yaml
4
5 global:
6   scrape_interval: 15s
7
```

```

8 scrape_configs:
9   - job_name: 'node-exporter'
10     static_configs:
11       - targets: ['<NODE_EXPORTER_INSTANCE_IP>:9100']

```

```

erting:
alertmanagers:
  - static_configs:
    - targets:
      # - alertmanager:9093

load rules once and periodically evaluate them according to the global 'evaluation_interval'.
e_files:
  - "first_rules.yml"
  - "second_rules.yml"

A scrape configuration containing exactly one endpoint to scrape:
Here it's Prometheus itself.
scrape_configs:
  The job name is added as a label 'job=<job_name>' to any timeseries scraped from this config.
  job_name: "prometheus"

  # metrics_path defaults to '/metrics'
  # scheme defaults to 'http'.

  static_configs:
    - targets: ["localhost:9090"]

  job_name: 'node-exporter'
  static_configs:
    - targets: ['3.93.215.32:9100']

```

Let's see what this configuration is :

- Global Configuration(global)
- scrape_interval: This sets the interval at which Prometheus scrapes targets for metrics. In this case, it is set to 15 seconds (15s).
- external_labels: These are labels that are applied to all scraped metrics. In this case, there is one label named monitor with the value 'prometheus'.
- Scrape Configurations (scrape_configs):
 - – job_name: 'prometheus': This is the name of the job. In this case, it is named 'prometheus'.
 - static_configs: Defines a list of targets to scrape metrics from.
 - – targets: ['localhost:9090']: This specifies that Prometheus should scrape metrics from the target, where presumably the Prometheus server itself is running.

Now that our configuration of Prometheus is done, we will have to add a service file that will define how our Prometheus service will be managed by systemd.

```

[Unit]
Description=Prometheus
Wants=network-online.target
After=network-online.target

[Service]

User=prometheus
Group=prometheus
Type=simple
ExecStart=/usr/local/bin/prometheus \
    --config.file /etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml \
    --storage.tsdb.path /var/lib/prometheus/ \
    --web.console.templates=/etc/prometheus/consoles \
    --web.console.libraries=/etc/prometheus/console_libraries

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
~
~
~
~
~

```

Let's understand what we are doing here:

1. Unit Section ([Unit]):

- Description: is a human-readable description of the service, indicating that this unit is for Prometheus.
- Wants: Indicates a dependency on [network-online.target](#), meaning that this service should not start until network services are available.
- After: Specifies that this service should start after [network-online.target](#).

2. Service Section ([Service]):

- User=prometheus: Specifies the user under which the Prometheus service should run. This is likely the user you created earlier for Prometheus.
- Group=prometheus: Specifies the group under which the Prometheus service should run.
- Type=simple: Indicates that the service type is a simple process that does not fork.
- ExecStart: Specifies the command to start the Prometheus service. It includes the path to the prometheus binary and various command-line options:
 - `--config.file`: Specifies the path to the Prometheus configuration file.
 - `--storage.tsdb.path`: Specifies the path to the directory where Prometheus should store its time-series database.
 - `--web.console.templates` and `--web.console.libraries`: Specify the paths for the web console templates and libraries.

3. Install Section ([Install]):

- WantedBy=multi-user.target: Specifies that this service is wanted by the [multi-user.target](#), meaning it will be started as part of the multi-user system startup.

Finally, we will change the file permission we just created:-

```

1 sudo chown prometheus:prometheus /etc/prometheus
2 sudo chown prometheus:prometheus /usr/local/bin/prometheus
3 sudo chown prometheus:prometheus /usr/local/bin/promtool
4 sudo chown -R prometheus:prometheus /etc/prometheus/consoles
5 sudo chown -R prometheus:prometheus /etc/prometheus/console_libraries
6 sudo chown -R prometheus:prometheus /var/lib/prometheus

```

```

[ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~]$ sudo cp prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/prometheus /usr/local/bin/
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~]$ sudo cp -r prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/consoles /etc/prometheus
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~]$ sudo cp -r prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64/console_libraries /etc/prometheus
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~]$ rm -rf prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz prometheus-2.53.1.linux-amd64
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~]$ sudo vi /etc/systemd/system/prometheus.service
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~]$ sudo chown prometheus:prometheus /etc/prometheus
sudo chown prometheus:prometheus /usr/local/bin/prometheus
sudo chown prometheus:prometheus /usr/local/bin/promtool
sudo chown -R prometheus:prometheus /etc/prometheus/consoles
sudo chown -R prometheus:prometheus /etc/prometheus/console_libraries
sudo chown -R prometheus:prometheus /var/lib/prometheus
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~]$

```

Next, is to reload system configuration, so that it could take the new configuration that we added. Then we will enable the Prometheus service to start at the boot. Lastly, we will start the service.

To check the status of the service is running or not, use

```
1 sudo systemctl status prometheus
```

```

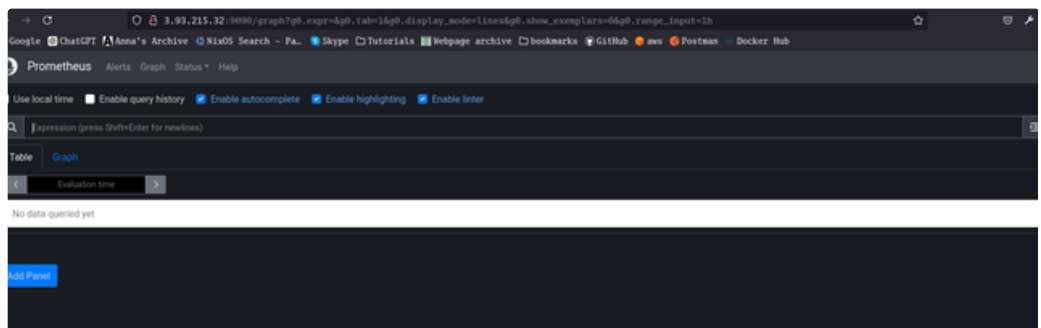
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~$ promtool check config /etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml
Checking /etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml
FAILED: parsing YAML file /etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml: yaml: line 7: block sequence entries are not allowed in this context

ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~$ sudo vi /etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~$ sudo systemctl daemon-reload
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~$ sudo systemctl start prometheus
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~$ sudo systemctl status prometheus
prometheus.service - Prometheus
Loaded: loaded (/etc/systemd/system/prometheus.service; enabled; preset: disabled)
Active: active (running) since Thu 2024-07-11 10:02:19 UTC; 3s ago
Main PID: 4377 (prometheus)
Tasks: 7 (limit: 2256)
Memory: 18.9M
CPU: 79ms
CGroup: /system.slice/prometheus.service
└─4377 /usr/local/bin/prometheus --config.file /etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml --storage.tsdb.path /var/lib/prometheus/ --web.console.templates /etc/prometheus/consoles --web.console.libraries /etc/prometheus/console_libraries

Jul 11 10:02:19 ip-172-31-87-7.ec2.internal prometheus[4377]: ts=2024-07-11T10:02:19.554Z caller=head.go:721 level=info component=tadb msg="Replaying WAL: successful"
Jul 11 10:02:19 ip-172-31-87-7.ec2.internal prometheus[4377]: ts=2024-07-11T10:02:19.563Z caller=head.go:793 level=info component=tadb msg="WAL segment loaded"
Jul 11 10:02:19 ip-172-31-87-7.ec2.internal prometheus[4377]: ts=2024-07-11T10:02:19.563Z caller=head.go:830 level=info component=tadb msg="WAL segment loaded"
Jul 11 10:02:19 ip-172-31-87-7.ec2.internal prometheus[4377]: ts=2024-07-11T10:02:19.574Z caller=main.go:1149 level=info fs_type=XFS_SUPER_MAGIC
Jul 11 10:02:19 ip-172-31-87-7.ec2.internal prometheus[4377]: ts=2024-07-11T10:02:19.574Z caller=main.go:1172 level=info msg="TSDB started"
Jul 11 10:02:19 ip-172-31-87-7.ec2.internal prometheus[4377]: ts=2024-07-11T10:02:19.575Z caller=main.go:1354 level=info msg="Loading configuration"
Jul 11 10:02:19 ip-172-31-87-7.ec2.internal prometheus[4377]: ts=2024-07-11T10:02:19.580Z caller=main.go:1391 level=info msg="updated GOGC" old=108 new=109
Jul 11 10:02:19 ip-172-31-87-7.ec2.internal prometheus[4377]: ts=2024-07-11T10:02:19.580Z caller=main.go:1402 level=info msg="Completed loading of configuration"
Jul 11 10:02:19 ip-172-31-87-7.ec2.internal prometheus[4377]: ts=2024-07-11T10:02:19.580Z caller=main.go:1133 level=info msg="Server is ready to receive requests"
Jul 11 10:02:19 ip-172-31-87-7.ec2.internal prometheus[4377]: ts=2024-07-11T10:02:19.580Z caller=manager.go:164 level=info component="rule manager"

```

Just go to the new tab and enter <your-public-ip>:9090.



Installing and Setting up Node-Exporter on EC2

Setting up Node-Exporter is similar to setting up Prometheus. If you have not yet read the blog on setting up Prometheus, we would highly recommend you go check it out.

Follow these steps to set up Node-Exporter on EC2:

1. For this, we will first create a user:

```
1 sudo useradd --no-create-home --shell /bin/false node_exporter
```

2. Then we have to install node-exporter and go to [Downloads](#) for the latest node-exporter link.

```
1 wget https://github.com/prometheus/node_exporter/releases/download/v1.8.1/node_exporter-1.8.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz
2
```

```
ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~$ wget https://github.com/prometheus/node_exporter/releases/download/v1.8.1/node_exporter-1.8.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz
--2024-07-11 10:24:05-- https://github.com/prometheus/node_exporter/releases/download/v1.8.1/node_exporter-1.8.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz
Resolving github.com (github.com)... 140.82.113.4
Connecting to github.com (github.com)|140.82.113.4|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 302 Found
Location: https://objects.githubusercontent.com/github-production-release-asset-2e65be/9524057/e07e4ee4-e4b0-48dc-9c04-eaad890c81b37X-Amz-Algorithm=AMQ4-ROAC-EWA256aX-9
20240711%2Fus-east-1%2F%2Faws4_request%2F%2FDate=20240711T102405Z%2F%2FExpires=300%2F%2FSignature=968acbb12ea35eb08ffidcc538b0539508dccc47d679ec7c191ef5e135832d0d4
1de44repo_id=9524057%2Fresponse-content-disposition=attachment%3Bfilename%3Dnode_exporter-1.8.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz%2Fresponse-content-type=application%2Foctet-stream%3B
--2024-07-11 10:24:05-- https://objects.githubusercontent.com/github-production-release-asset-2e65be/9524057/e07e4ee4-e4b0-48dc-9c04-eaad890c81b37X-Amz-Algorithm=AMQ4-
etproduction%2F20240711%2Fus-east-1%2F%2Faws4_request%2F%2FDate=20240711T102405Z%2F%2FExpires=300%2F%2FSignature=968acbb12ea35eb08ffidcc538b0539508dccc47d679ec7c19
factor_id=8akey_id=04repo_id=9524057%2Fresponse-content-disposition=attachment%3Bfilename%3Dnode_exporter-1.8.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz%2Fresponse-content-type=application%2F
Resolving objects.githubusercontent.com (objects.githubusercontent.com)... 185.199.110.133, 185.199.111.133, 185.199.108.133, ...
Connecting to objects.githubusercontent.com (objects.githubusercontent.com)|185.199.110.133|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 10672684 (10M) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'node_exporter-1.8.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz'

node_exporter-1.8.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz
100%[=====]
2024-07-11 10:24:05 (364 MB/s) - 'node_exporter-1.8.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz' saved [10672684/10672684]

ec2-user@ip-172-31-87-7 ~$
```

3. We will then untar the downloaded file and copy the node_exporter binary to the /usr/local/bin directory.

```
1 tar xzf node_exporter-1.8.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz
2 sudo mkdir /usr/local/bin/node_exporter
3 sudo cp node_exporter-1.8.1.linux-amd64/node_exporter /usr/local/bin/node_exporter
4 rm -rf node_exporter-1.8.1.linux-amd64.tar.gz node_exporter-1.8.1.linux-amd64
```

4. Now that we have installed it, we will configure the service.

```
1 sudo vi /etc/systemd/system/node-exporter.service
```

5. We will now add configuration to the service file.

```
1 [Unit]
2 Description=Prometheus Node Exporter Service
3 After=network.target
4
5 [Service]
6 User=node_exporter
7 Group=node_exporter
8 Type=simple
9 ExecStart=/usr/local/bin/node_exporter
10
11 [Install]
12 WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

6. Now we have to configure systems.

```
1 #This will reload the daemon to add the newly made configuration
2 sudo systemctl daemon-reload
3 #This will enable node exporter
4 sudo systemctl enable node-exporter
5 #This starts the node-exporter
6 sudo systemctl start node-exporter
```

```
7 #This will check the status
8 sudo systemctl status node-exporter
```

Might have to, if errors

```
1 sudo chown node_exporter:node_exporter /usr/local/bin/node_exporter
2 sudo chmod 755 /usr/local/bin/node_exporter
```

This should start the node_exporter server, which you can see by using <your-public-ip>:9100 and it would look something like this:

Node Exporter

Prometheus Node Exporter

Version: (version=1.8.1, branch=HEAD, revision=400c3979931613db930ea035f39ce7b377cddb5b)

- [Metrics](#)

Once the server is running, we now have to make a few adjustments in our prometheus.yml file to fetch the node-exporter server and to do that, add these configurations in the prometheus.yml file. adding your ip address

```
sudo vi /etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml
```

```
global:
  scrape_interval: 15s
  external_labels:
    monitor: 'prometheus'

scrape_configs:
  - job_name: 'prometheus'
    static_configs:
      - targets: ['localhost:9090']
  - job_name: 'node_exporter'
    static_configs:
      - targets: ['3.93.215.32:9100']
```

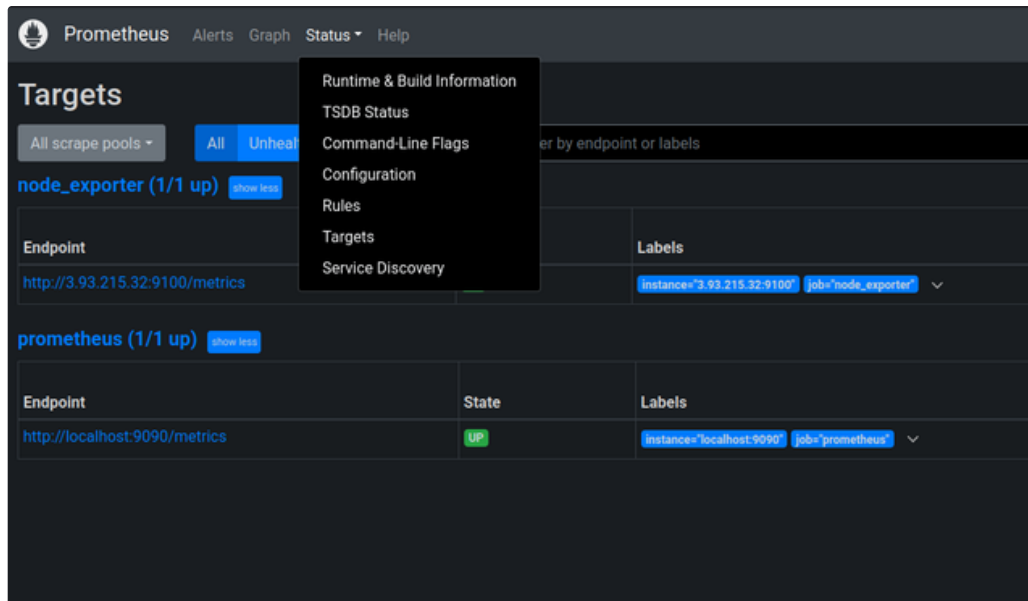
After updating the configuration, restart your daemon using

```
1 sudo systemctl daemon-reload
```

then


```
1 sudo systemctl restart prometheus.
```

Then go to the Prometheus dashboard and navigate to Target under the status drop-down (top-left).



Install and Setup Grafana:

Installing Grafana on EC2 is comparatively easier. Let's look at the steps on how to easily set up Grafana on EC2 (Amazon Linux):

First, we need to update the packages.

```
1 sudo yum update -y
```

Then, we are importing standalone binaries, (not recommended as the package will not automatically update, the recommended way is adding repositories).

```
1 sudo yum install -y https://dl.grafana.com/enterprise/release/grafana-enterprise-11.1.0-1.x86_64.rpm
```

```

root@kali:~/fontconfig# sudo ./bin/systemctl enable grafana-server.service
sudo ./bin/systemctl enable grafana-server.service
### You can start grafana-server by executing
sudo ./bin/systemctl start grafana-server.service

Running scriptlet: fontconfig-2.13.94-2.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
Running scriptlet: grafana-enterprise-11.1.0-1.x86_64
POSTTRANS: Running script

Verifying      : cairo-1.17.6-2.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64
Verifying      : fontconfig-2.13.94-2.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
Verifying      : fonts-filesystem-1:2.0.5-12.amzn2023.0.2.noarch
Verifying      : freetype-2.11.0-2.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64
Verifying      : google-noto-fonts-common-20201206-2.amzn2023.0.2.noarch
Verifying      : google-noto-sans-vf-fonts-20201206-2.amzn2023.0.2.noarch
Verifying      : graphite2-1.3.14-7.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
Verifying      : harfbuzz-7.0.0-2.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64
Verifying      : langpacks-core-font-en-3.0-21.amzn2023.0.4.noarch
Verifying      : libX11-1.7.2-3.amzn2023.0.4.x86_64
Verifying      : libX11-common-1.7.2-3.amzn2023.0.4.noarch
Verifying      : libXau-1.0.9-6.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
Verifying      : libXext-1.3.4-6.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
Verifying      : libXrender-0.9.10-14.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
Verifying      : libbrotli-1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
Verifying      : libbpg-2:1.6.37-10.amzn2023.0.6.x86_64
Verifying      : libbxc-1.13.1-7.amzn2023.0.2.x86_64
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Complete!
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Now that we have installed Grafana in our instance, it's time to start the Grafana server.

Use the command to start the grafana-server.

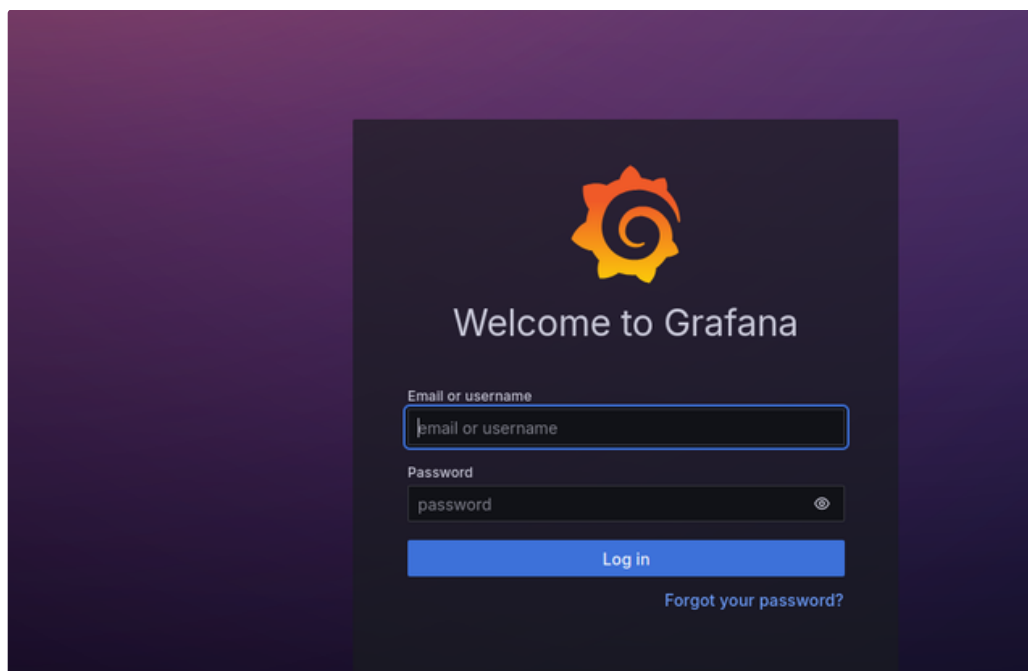
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1 #Start server
2 sudo systemctl start grafana-server
3 #Check status
4 sudo systemctl status grafana-server
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sudo systemctl start grafana-server
#Check status
sudo systemctl status grafana-server
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   Main PID: 31342 (grafana)
    Tasks: 16 (limit: 2256)
   Memory: 49.1M
      CPU: 3.004s
   CGroup: /system.slice/grafana-server.service
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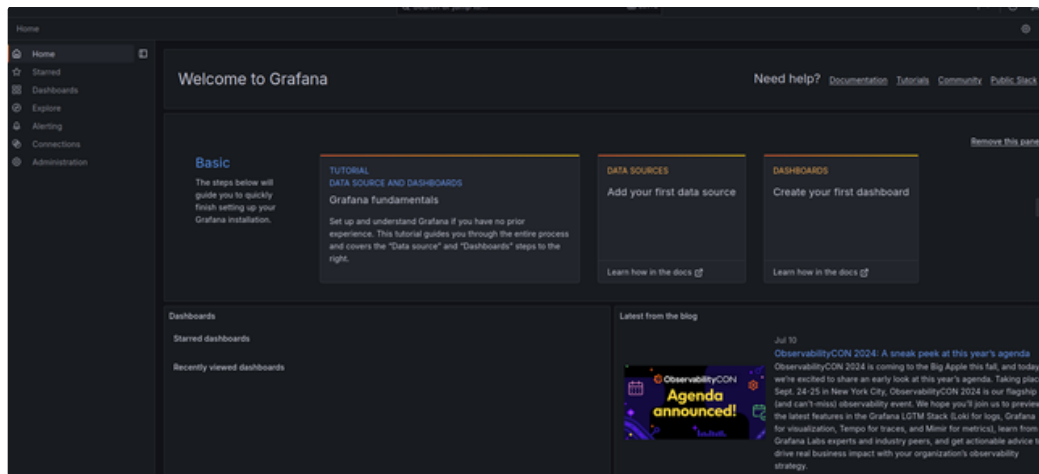
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It's time to open the Grafana server!

To open the Grafana Server, use your IP or Public IPv4 DNS with a 3000 port.



To log in to Grafana, use *admin* as your username/email and *admin* as your password. It will ask you to create a new password, create a new password, and submit.



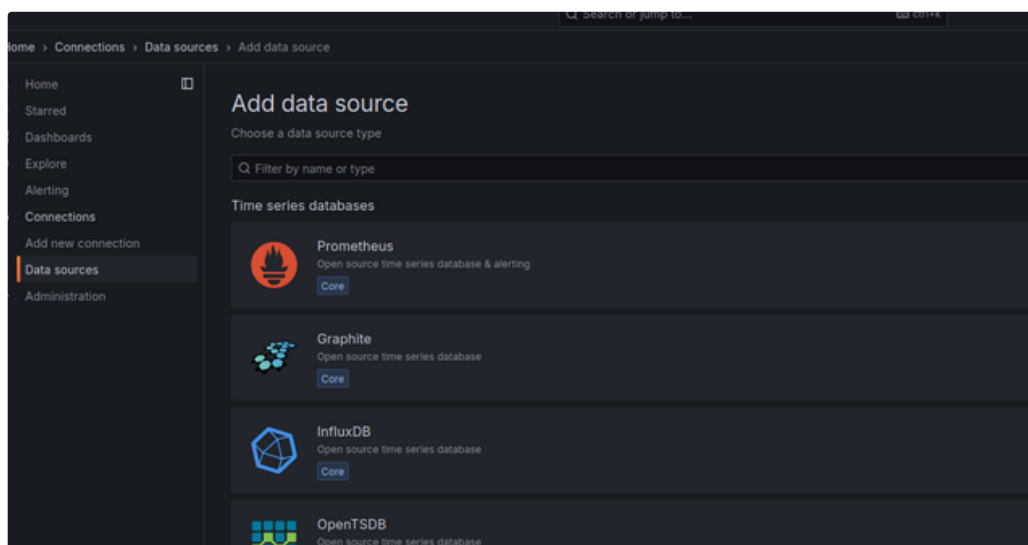
Using Grafana to monitor

We need to visualize the resources that we have created. We will be using Grafana and the Grafana Dashboard to do so. Let's start with how we can monitor using Grafana.

Creating Data Sources

Once you open the page, you will see Data Sources, go to Data Sources.

1. Select Prometheus as the Time Series Databases.



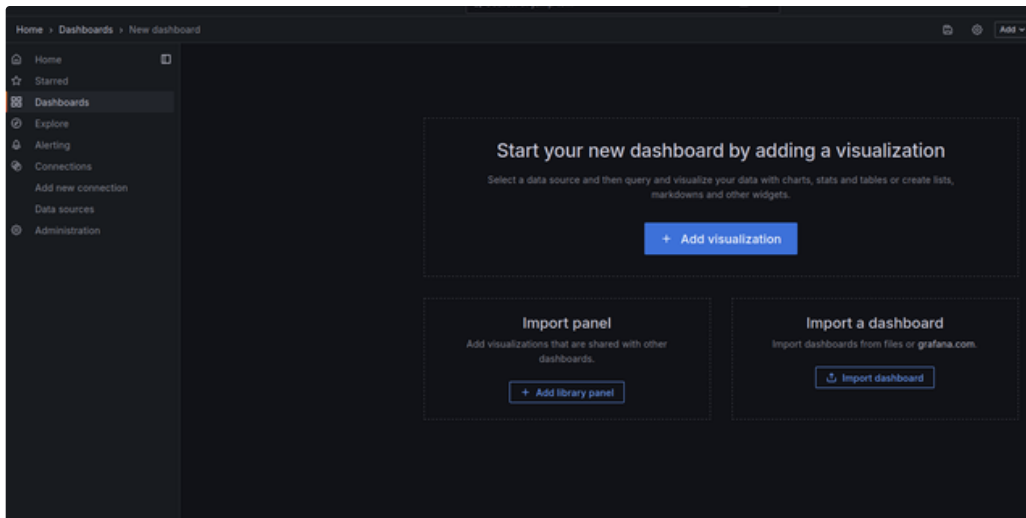
1. In the connection section, we will enter the Prometheus server URL. Since we are working on the same server, we will use <http://localhost:9090>. After this, go down and click Save and Test.

The screenshot shows the 'Connection' settings page in Grafana. The 'Prometheus server URL' field is highlighted with a blue border and contains the text 'http://3.93.215.32:9090'. Below this, the 'Authentication' section is visible, showing 'No Authentication' selected in a dropdown menu. Further down, the 'TLS settings' section has three unchecked checkboxes: 'Add self-signed certificate', 'TLS Client Authentication', and 'Skip TLS certificate validation'. The 'HTTP headers' section is collapsed. At the bottom, the 'Advanced settings' section is also collapsed.

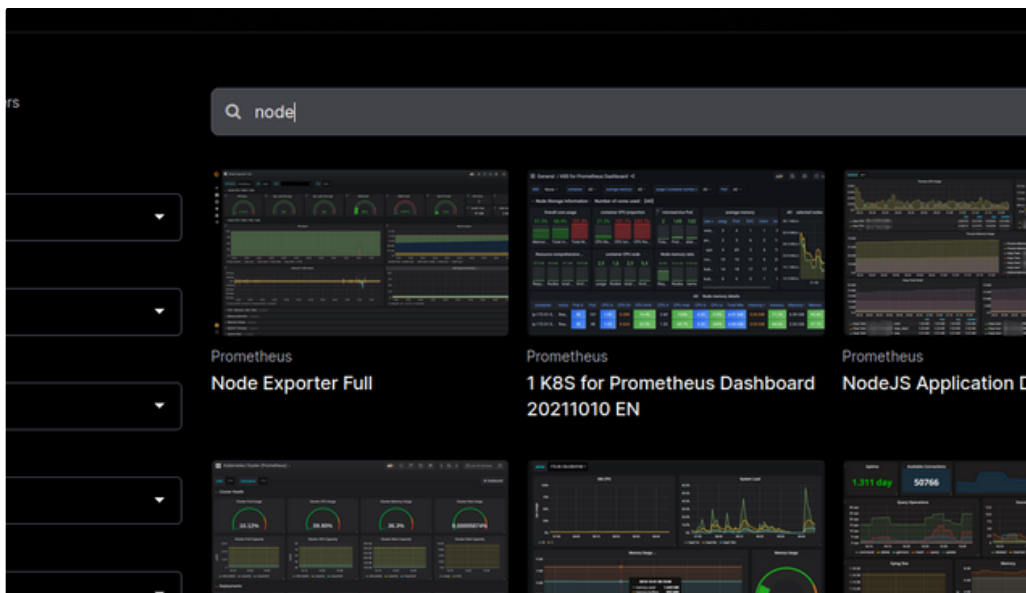
The screenshot shows the 'Other' settings page in Grafana. At the top, there are two toggle switches: 'Incremental querying (beta)' and 'Disable recording rules (beta)', both of which are turned off. Below these, the 'Other' section contains two fields: 'Custom query parameters' with the example text 'max_source_resolution=5m&timeout' and 'HTTP method' with a dropdown menu set to 'POST'. Under the 'Exemplars' section, there is a '+ Add' button. A green success message box is displayed, stating 'Successfully queried the Prometheus API.' and 'Next, you can start to visualize data by building a dashboard, or by querying data in the Explore view.' At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Delete' and 'Save & test'. A yellow arrow points to the 'Save & test' button.

Creating Dashboard

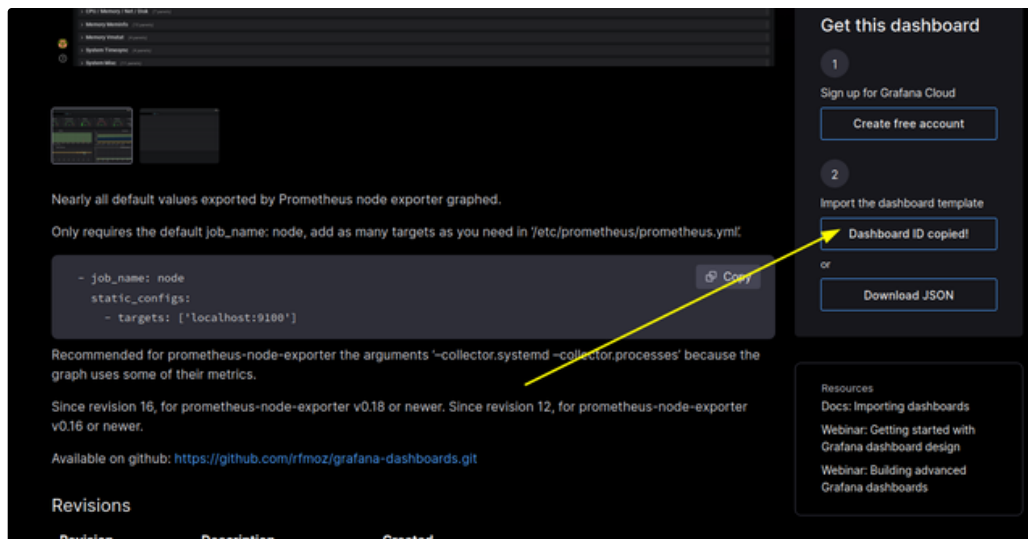
Navigate back to home and go to Dashboards.



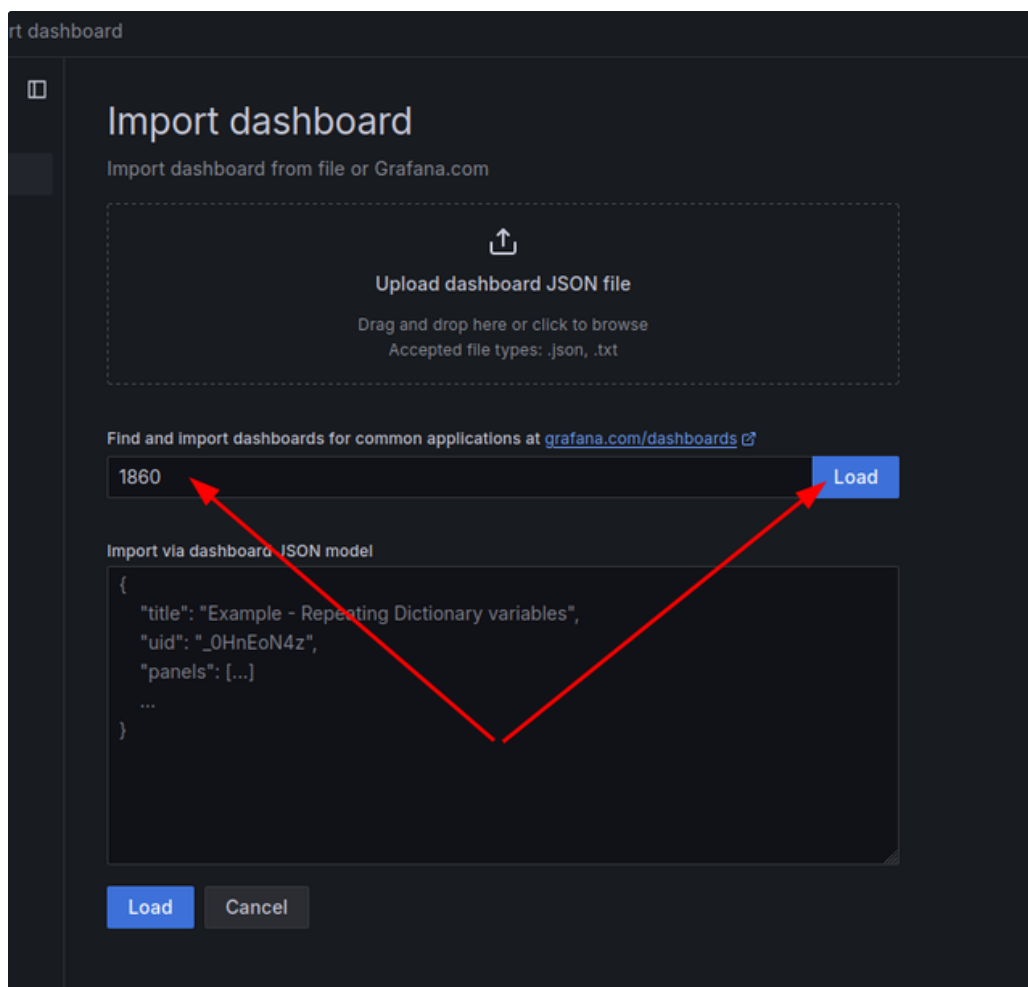
Now click on import dashboard; we will be importing the dashboard for our node_exporter from [Grafana dashboards | Grafana Labs](#). Search for Node Exporter Full and open it.

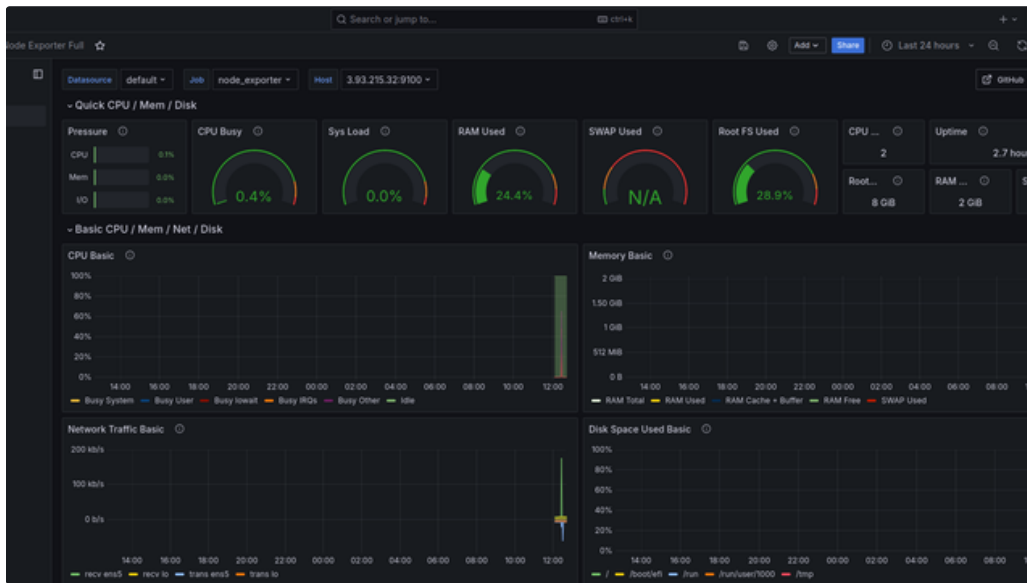


Copy the dashboard ID.



We will be pasting this Dashboard ID to the Import Dashboard section. Next, select the **Prometheus data source** that we just created. In Grafana, we automatically load a Dashboard and show us the metrics.





We have now set up a monitoring stack with Prometheus, Grafana, and Node Exporter on AWS EC2 instance. This setup allows you to monitor and visualize metrics from your EC2 instances effectively.

if another IP address to be monitored then it need to added to prometheus.yml file

at

```
1 sudo vi /etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml
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1 global:
2   scrape_interval: 15s
3   external_labels:
4     monitor: 'prometheus'
5
6 scrape_configs:
7   - job_name: 'prometheus'
8     static_configs:
9       - targets: ['localhost:9090']
10
11   - job_name: 'node_exporter'
12     static_configs:
13       static_configs:
14         - targets:
15           - '3.93.215.32:9100' # Existing node_exporter instance
16           - '192.168.1.100:9100' # New node_exporter instance (replace with your IP address)
17
18
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Need to make sure node-exporter is also installed and running in the target instance.

