PROMETHEUS (CM)

1) What is Prometheus?

A) Prometheus is an open-source monitoring and alerting toolkit originally developed by SoundCloud in 2012 and later donated to the Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF) in 2016. It is widely used in the field of cloud-native and containerized environments for monitoring and managing the health and performance of various systems and applications.

Key features of Prometheus include:

Time Series Database: Prometheus stores all the collected monitoring data as time-series, allowing it to track and analyse metrics over time.

Metrics Collection: Prometheus pulls metrics data from various sources, such as applications, services, and system components, through an HTTP-based pull model. These sources need to expose their metrics in a specific format called the Prometheus exposition format.

Query Language: Prometheus provides a powerful query language called PromQL (Prometheus Query Language) that allows users to perform complex queries and aggregations on the collected metrics.

Alerting: Prometheus has a built-in alerting mechanism that allows users to define alerting rules based on specific conditions and thresholds. When a rule is triggered, it can send alerts to various channels like email, Slack, or other alerting systems.

Service Discovery: Prometheus supports service discovery, making it easier to monitor dynamic systems like container orchestration platforms (e.g., Kubernetes) where instances of applications and services can change rapidly.

Grafana Integration: Prometheus is often used in combination with Grafana, a popular open-source visualization tool. Grafana can connect to Prometheus and create interactive, visually appealing dashboards to display monitoring data.

Prometheus has become an essential part of many cloud-native deployments due to its flexibility, scalability, and ability to handle high-dimensional data. It plays a crucial role in helping developers and operators gain insights into the performance and health of their systems, troubleshoot issues, and ensure reliability in modern, distributed infrastructure environments.

2) What is prometheus exporter?

A) A Prometheus Exporter is a part of software that allows it to fetch statistics from another, non-prometheus system. It converts those statistics into prometheus metrics, using a client library. You can start a web server which exposes a /metrics URL, and can see that URL display the system metrics.

- 3) How To Install & configure prometheus, node_exporter and grafana on Ubuntu 20.04/22.04?
- **A)** For standalone installation of prometheus, node_exporter and grafana on UBUNTU 20.04/22.04 follow the following steps

To properly configure Prometheus, you must follow the below mentioned steps.

STEP-1: UPDATE SYSTEM PACKAGES

sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade

STEP-2: CREATE PROMETHEUS USER AND GROUP

First, create the "prometheus" system group using the following command

sudo groupadd --system prometheus

Next, create the "prometheus" system user using the following command

sudo useradd -s /sbin/nologin --system -g prometheus prometheus

STEP 3: CREATE DIRECTORIES FOR PROMETHEUS

sudo mkdir /var/lib/prometheus

Next, create the primary configuration files directory for Prometheus using the following command. All Prometheus related data will be stored in this folder.

for i in rules rules.d files_sd; do sudo mkdir -p /etc/prometheus/\${i}; done

STEP 4: DOWNLOAD PROMETHEUS

First check whether curl is available or not in UBUNTU, as follows

curl --version

If curl is available, the following message shown in screenshot will appear.

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-2-178:~$ curl --version curl 7.68.0 (x86_64-pc-linux-gnu) libcurl 7.68.0 openSSL/1.1.1f zlib/1.2.11 brotli/1.0.7 li 2/1.40.0 librtmp/2.3

Release-Date: 2020-01-08

Protocols: dict file ftp ftps gopher http https imap imaps ldap ldaps pop3 pop3s rtmp rtsp Features: AsynchDNs brotli GSS-API HTTP2 HTTPS-proxy IDN IPv6 Kerberos Largefile libz NTLM ubuntu@ip-10-0-2-178:~$
```

After that, run the following commands for downloading the Prometheus.

mkdir -p /tmp/prometheus

cd /tmp/prometheus

wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mannem302/download/main/prom.sh chmod 755 prom.sh

sh prom.sh

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After executing the earlier commands, Prometheus will gets downloaded in that folder.

STEP 5: EXTRACT PROMETHEUS

Once you have downloaded the latest version of Prometheus for your Ubuntu system, you can extract the software using the following command.

tar xvfz prometheus-*.*.*.linux-amd64.tar.gz

After executing the above command, the following messages shown in screen will appear.

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-2-178:/tmp/prometheus$ tar xvfz prometheus-*.*.*.linux-amd64.tar.q
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/console_libraries/
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/console_libraries/prom.lib
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/console libraries/menu.lib
                                                               Extracting the files
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/NOTICE
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/promtool
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/prometheus.yml
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/LICENSE
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/prometheus
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/consoles/
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/consoles/node-disk.html
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/consoles/node-cpu.html
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/consoles/prometheus.html
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/consoles/prometheus-overview.html
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/consoles/node.html
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/consoles/index.html.example
prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64/consoles/node-overview.html
ubuntu@ip-10-0-2-178:/tmp/prometheus$ 🛚
```

Then, enter into the extracted folder by using the following command

cd prometheus*/

After entering into that folder, run the following commands for configuring the Prometheus.

Next, move the binary files to the /usr/local/bin/ directory using the following command.

sudo mv prometheus promtool /usr/local/bin/

To verify the installation of Prometheus, you can use the following commands.

```
prometheus --version promtool --version
```

After executing the above commands, the following message will get displayed.

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-2-178:/tmp/prometheus/prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64$ prometheus --version prometheus, version 2.46.0 (branch: HEAD, revision: cbb69e51423565ec40146e7414112dbb3b7tb4f0)
                      root@42454fc0f41e
  build user:
                       20230725-12:31:24
  build date:
                                                                         To check versions
  go version:
                       go1.20.6
  platform:
                       linux/amd64
                       netgo, builtinassets, stringlabels
  tags:
ubuntu@ip-10-0-2-178:/tmp/prometheus/prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64$ promtool --version
 promtool, version 2.46.0 (branch: HEAD, revision: cbb69e51423565ec4<mark>0146e7414112dbb3b71b</mark>
 build user:
                      root@42454fc0f41e
  build date:
                       20230725-12:31:24
  go version:
                      go1.20.6
  platform:
                       linux/amd64
                       netgo, builtinassets, stringlabels
 buntu@ip-10-0-2-178:/tmp/prometheus/prometheus-2.46.0.linux-amd64$ ∏
```

Then, move the Prometheus configuration template to the /etc/prometheus/ directory using the following command

sudo mv prometheus.yml /etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml

Finally, move the consoles and console_libraries directories to the /etc/prometheus/ directory using the following command.

sudo mv consoles/ console_libraries/ /etc/prometheus/

cd \$HOME

STEP 6: CREATE SYSTEMD SERVICE

By default, Prometheus does not come with a systemd service, which makes it difficult to manage and control the software.

To, create the systemd service file using the following command.

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

After creating prometheus.service file, you have to paste the following content in it and save it.

[Unit]

Description=Prometheus

Documentation=https://prometheus.io/docs/introduction/overview/

Wants=network-online.target

After=network-online.target

[Service]

Type=simple

User=prometheus

Group=prometheus

ExecReload=/bin/kill -HUP \\$MAINPID

 $ExecStart = /usr/local/bin/prometheus \ \setminus \\$

- --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 \
- --web.listen-address=0.0.0.0:9090 \
- --web.external-url=

SyslogIdentifier=prometheus

Restart=always

[Install]

WantedBy=multi-user.target

Next, change the directory permissions for the Prometheus user and group using the following commands, one by one.

for i in rules rules.d files_sd; do sudo chown -R prometheus:prometheus/etc/prometheus/\${i}; done

for i in rules rules.d files_sd; do sudo chmod -R 775 /etc/prometheus/ $\{i\}$; done

sudo chown -R prometheus:prometheus /var/lib/prometheus/

After changing the directory permissions, reload the systemd daemon using the following command.

sudo systemctl daemon-reload

Finally, to start the Prometheus systemd service use the following command.

sudo systemctl start prometheus

After starting the prometheus service, use the following command to view the status.

sudo systemctl status prometheus

After executing the above command, the following screen will appear.

To start the Prometheus service automatically, when system startup, use the following command.

sudo systemctl enable prometheus

The following message will appear.

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-2-178:~$ sudo systemctl enable prometheus
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/prometheus.service → /etc/systemd/system/prometheus.service.
ubuntu@ip-10-0-2-178:~$ ∏
```

STEP 7: CONFIGURE SECURITY GROUPS/ UFW FIREWALL

<u>Option-1</u>: If you are using UBUNTU in AWS cloud, you have to edit inbound rules for the ports 9090 and 9093 in the security groups.

Note:- Don't do the following option2 in AWS cloud.

Option-2: If you are using UBUNTU in local machine, you have to allow the ports and enable the UFW status. By using the following commands.

sudo ufw status (It displays the UFW status)

sudo ufw allow 9090/tcp sudo ufw allow 9093/tcp

After executing the above commands, you have to enable the UFW by using the following commands.

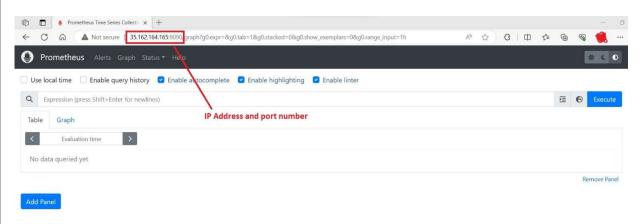
sudo ufw enable (Only Installing in local VM's we have to do this)

STEP 8: ACCESS PROMETHEUS WEB UI

After completion of above steps, to view prometheus web page use the following URL in browser.

http://YOUR_IP:9090/

The following page will appear.



If you are seeing this page, prometheus setup was completed successfully.

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Node Exporter Installation

Now we have to install node_exporter for monitoring linux system and visualize the data, Grafana need to be installed and integrated with node exporter as follows.

To download node_exporter, first enter into /opt directory using following command

cd /opt

Then, we have to execute the following commands for downloading the node exporter.

wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mannem302/download/main/node.sh sudo chmod 755 node.sh

sh node.sh

After completion of downloading the file, extract that folder by using the following commands.

tar -xvzf node exporter-*.*.*.linux-amd64.tar.gz

After extracting the file, rename the folder by using the following commands

mv node exporter-*.linux-amd64 node exporter

By, default node_exporter will not start automatically. So, to setup that we have to create a systemd service file, by using the following commands.

sudo vi /etc/systemd/system/node_exporter.service

paste the following content in that service file

[Unit]

Description=Prometheus Node Exporter

Documentation=https://github.com/prometheus/node_exporter

After=network-online.target

[Service]

User=root

EnvironmentFile=/etc/default/node exporter

ExecStart=/opt/node_exporter/node_exporter \$OPTIONS

Restart=on-failure

RestartSec=5

[Install]

WantedBy=multi-user.target

After saving the file, you have to run the following command.

sudo systemctl daemon-reload

After that, create the options file by using the following commands

sudo vi /etc/default/node_exporter

We have to paste the following content into that file.

OPTIONS="

To start the service at system startup. We have to execute the following commands.

systemctl enable node_exporter

After executing the above command, the following message will appear.

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-2-178:~$ sudo systemctl enable node_exporter
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/node_exporter.service → /etc/systemd/system/node_exporter.service.
```

To start the node exporter service, execute the following commands.

systemctl start node_exporter

To view the status, execute the following command.

systemctl status node_exporter

After executing the above command, the following message will appear.

```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-2-178:-$ sudo systemct1 start node_exporter

ubuntu@ip-10-0-2-178:-$ sudo systemct1 status node_exporter

• node_exporter.service - Prometheus Node Exporter

Loaded: loaded (/etc/systemd/system/node_exporter.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)

Active: active (running) since Thu 2023-08-03 04:46:12 UTC; 11s ago

Docs: https://github.com/prematheus/node_exporter

Main PID: 1534 (node_exporter)

Tasks: 3 (limit: 1126)

Memory: 2.0M

CGroup: /system.slice/node_exporter.service

L=1534 /opt/node_exporter/node_exporter

Aug 03 04:46:12 ip-10-0-2-178 node_exporter[1534]: ts=2023-08-03704:46:12.861Z caller=node_exporter.go:117 level=info collector=the lang 03 04:46:12 ip-10-0-2-178 node_exporter[1534]: ts=2023-08-03704:46:12.861Z caller=node_exporter.go:117 level=info collector=tin lang 03 04:46:12 ip-10-0-2-178 node_exporter[1534]: ts=2023-08-03704:46:12.861Z caller=node_exporter.go:117 level=info collector=tin lang 03 04:46:12 ip-10-0-2-178 node_exporter[1534]: ts=2023-08-03704:46:12.861Z caller=node_exporter.go:117 level=info collector=tin lang 03 04:46:12 ip-10-0-2-178 node_exporter[1534]: ts=2023-08-03704:46:12.861Z caller=node_exporter.go:117 level=info collector=tin lang 03 04:46:12 ip-10-0-2-178 node_exporter[1534]: ts=2023-08-03704:46:12.861Z caller=node_exporter.go:117 level=info collector=tin lang 03 04:46:12 ip-10-0-2-178 node_exporter[1534]: ts=2023-08-03704:46:12.861Z caller=node_exporter.go:117 level=info collector=tin lang 03 04:46:12 ip-10-0-2-178 node_exporter[1534]: ts=2023-08-03704:46:12.861Z caller=node_exporter.go:117 level=info collector=tin lang 03 04:46:12 ip-10-0-2-178 node_exporter[1534]: ts=2023-08-03704:46:12.861Z caller=node_exporter.go:117 level=info collector=tin lang 03 04:46:12 ip-10-0-2-178 node_exporter[1534]: ts=2023-08-03704:46:12.862Z caller=node_exporter.go:117 level=info collector=tin lang 03 04:46:12 ip-10-0-2-178 node_exporter[1534]: ts=2023-08-03704:46:12.862Z caller=node_exporter.go:117 level=info collector=tin lang 03 04:46:12 ip-10-0-2-178 node_expor
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To check the node_exporter web UI, execute the following URL in your browser, node_exporter port number is 9100.

```
http://Your_IP:9100/
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After entering that URL in browser, the following page will appear.

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Prometheus Node Exporter

Version: (version=1.6.1, branch=HEAD, revision=4a1b77600c1873a8233f3ffb55afcedbb63b8d84)

• Metrics

As this page appears, you have successfully installed node_exporter.

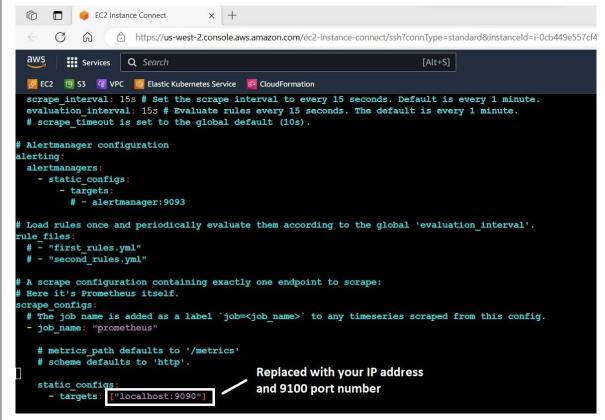
Integration of prometheus and node exporter

For collecting linux system metrics, we need node_exporter and it have to be integrated with prometheus server. For collecting metrics.

Follow the below steps, for integrating both

vi/etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml

After opening that file, you will see the following screen.



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At the bottom, you will find the following lines, there you have to edit those. In place of localhost IP address shall be given and in place of 9090 port, you have to give 9100 static configs:

- targets: ["localhost:9090"]

After replacing the IP and port number, save the file and restart the prometheus.service by using the following commands.

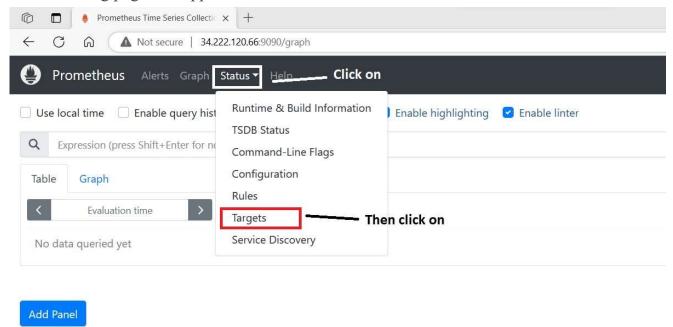
- targets: ["34.222.120.66:9100"]

sudo systemctl restart prometheus.service

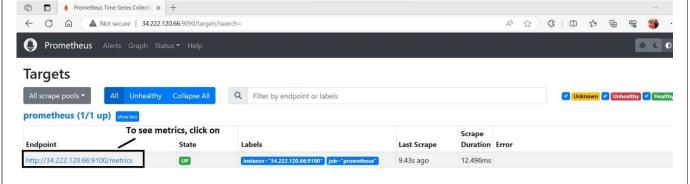
Now, prometheus and node_exporter had integrated. We can view that in web UI, as shown below.

http://Your IP:9090

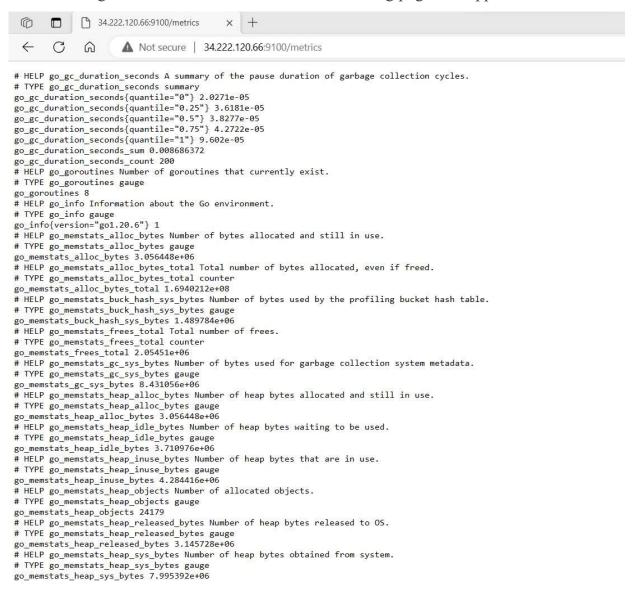
The following page will appear



After clicking on targets option, the following page will appear.



After clicking on that link, to see metrics the following page will appear.



You can see the logs and metrics, but we cannot understand those metrics. To visualize the data received from node_exporter. We have to install Grafana and it shall be integrated.

Grafana Installation

To install the grafana, you have to execute the following commands in UBUNTU.

sudo apt-get install -y libfontconfig1

wget https://dl.grafana.com/enterprise/release/grafana-enterprise_10.0.3_amd64.deb sudo dpkg -i grafana-enterprise_10.0.3_amd64.deb After executing the above commands, the following message screen will appear.

To enable the grafana server start automatically, when system start-up, we have to execute the following commands.

sudo systemctl enable grafana-server

To start the grafana server, execute the following command.

sudo systemctl start grafana-server

To check the grafana server status, execute the following command.

sudo systemctl status grafana-server

After executing the above command, the following message will appear.

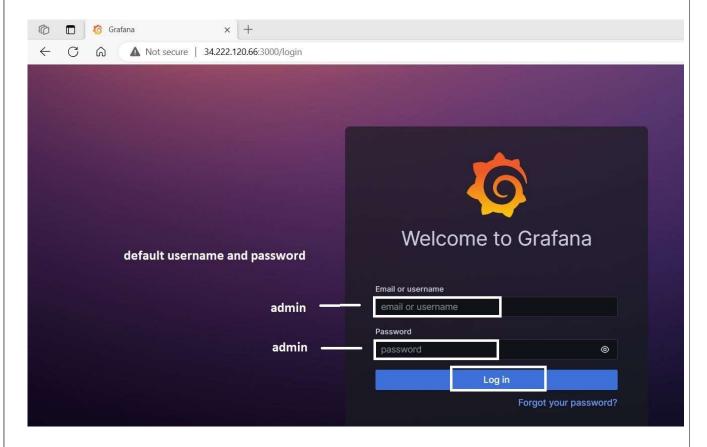
```
ubuntu@ip-10-0-2-178:~$ sudo systemctl status grafana-server.service
                                                                - Grafana instance
             Loaded: loaded (/lib/svstemd/system/grafana-server.service; disabled; vendor preset: enabled)
            Active: active (running) since Thu 2023-08-03 10:48:10 UTC; 21s ago
      Docs: http://docs.grafaha.erg
Main PID: 6107 (grafana)
Tasks: 7 (limit: 1126)
                                                                                                        Grafana server is in running state
            Memory: 148.1M
            CGroup: /system.slice/grafana-server.service

-6107 /usr/share/grafana/bin/grafana server --config=/etc/grafana/grafana.ini --pidfile=/run/grafana/grafana-ser
  aug 03 10:48:17 ip-10-0-2-178 grafana[6107]: logger=http.server t=2023-08-03T10:48:17.610211343z level=info msg="HTTP Server Li
aug 03 10:48:17 ip-10-0-2-178 grafana[6107]: logger=ngalert.state.manager t=2023-08-03T10:48:17.612206827z level=info msg="Warm
Aug 03 10:48:17 ip-10-0-2-178 grafana[6107]: logger=ngalert.state.manager t=2023-08-03T10:48:17.613164735Z level=info msg="Stat
Aug 03 10:48:17 ip-10-0-2-178 grafana[6107]: logger=ticker t=2023-08-03T10:48:17.614636035Z level=info msg=starting first_tick
Aug 03 10:48:17 ip-10-0-2-178 grafana[6107]: logger=grafanaStorageLogger t=2023-08-03T10:48:17.6385789822 level=info msg="stora Aug 03 10:48:17 ip-10-0-2-178 grafana[6107]: logger=grafanaStorageLogger t=2023-08-03T10:48:17.656298196Z level=warn msg="Caching se
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lines 1-20/20 (END)
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As, it shows the server in active state. We have to open the following URL in browser, to view web UI. Grafana server port number is 3000.

http://your_ip:3000/

The following page will display.



You have to enter username- admin and password- admin, after entering those click on 'log in' button.

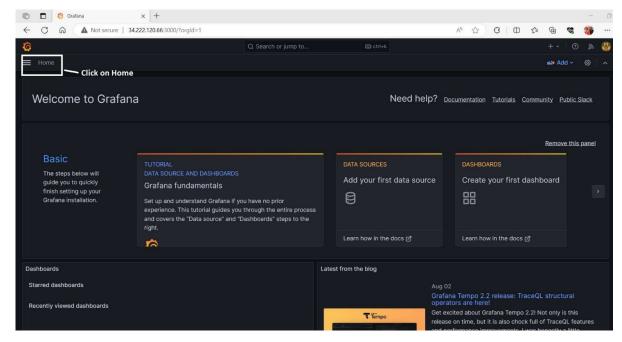
After clicking on that log in button. The following page will appear.



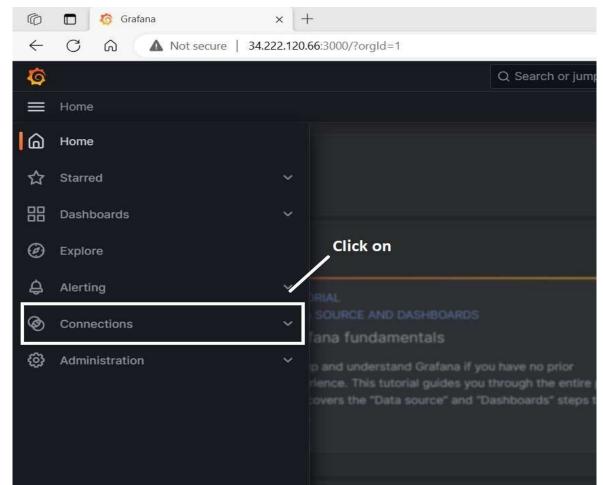
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We have to set new password for grafana server and click on submit button.

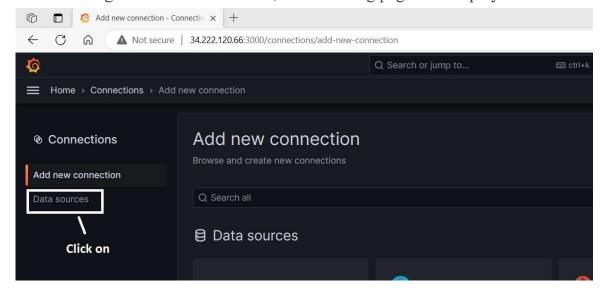
After clicking on submit button, the following page will appear.



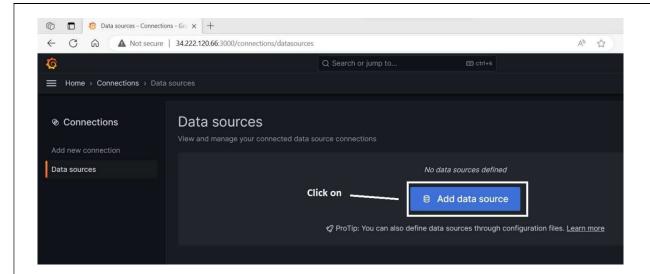
After clicking on home button, the following options screen will display.



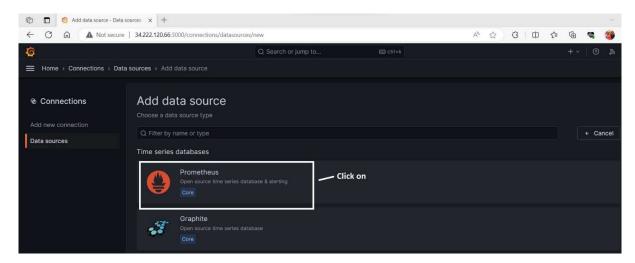
After clicking on connections button, the following page will display.



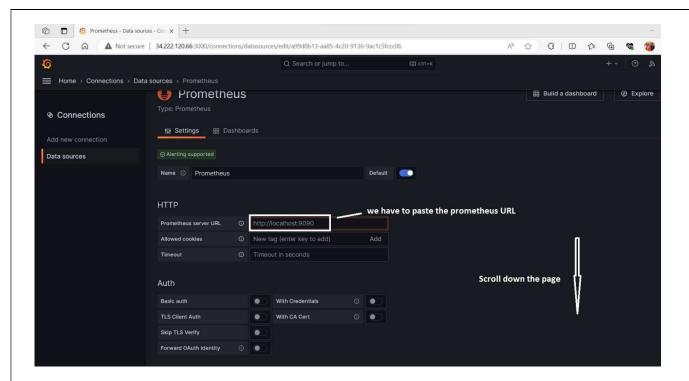
After clicking on 'data sources' button, the following page will be appeared.



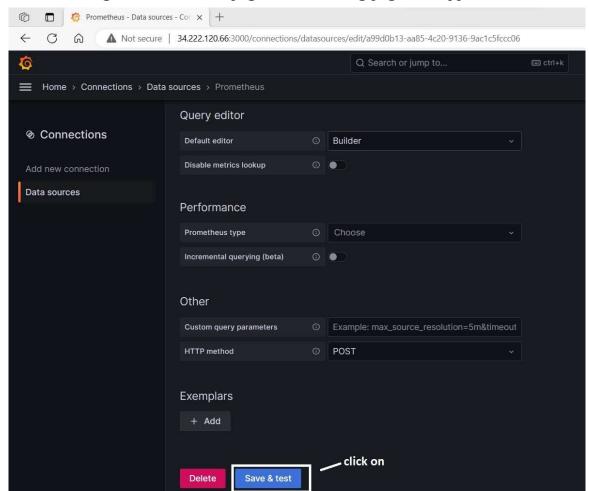
After clicking on 'Add data source' button, the following page will be appeared.



After clicking on 'prometheus' button, the following page will display.



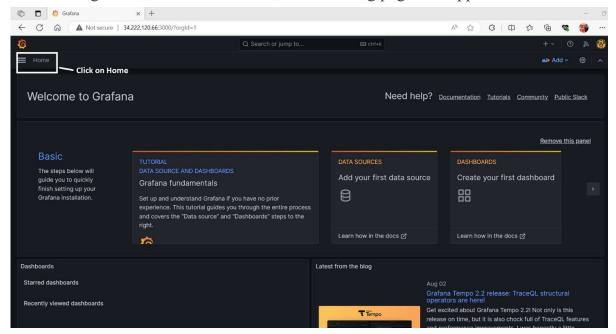
After scrolling down the above page, the following page will appear.



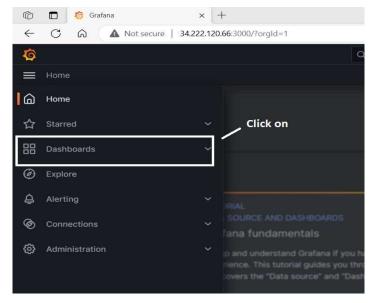
After clicking on 'save&test' button the following message will appear.



After that again click on home button, the following page will appear.

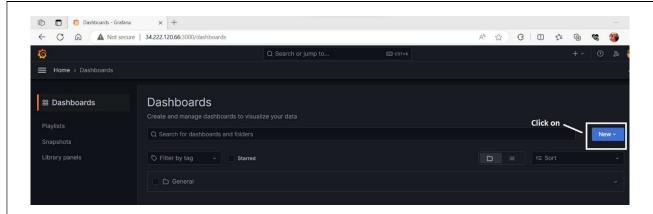


After that, clicking on home button. The following page will display.

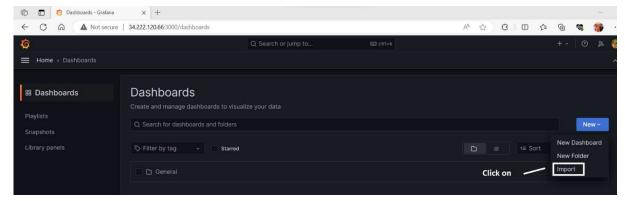


After clicking on 'dashboards' button, the following page will appear.

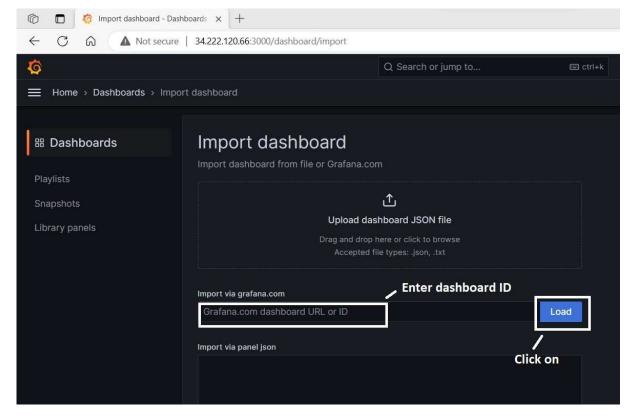
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After clicking on, new dropdown menu. The following page will display.

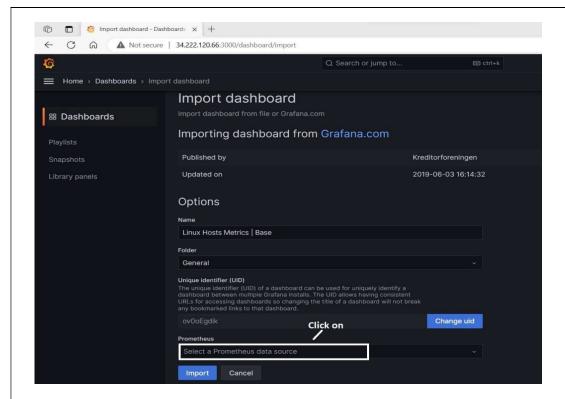


After clicking on 'import' button, the following page will appear. (Dashboard id-10180)

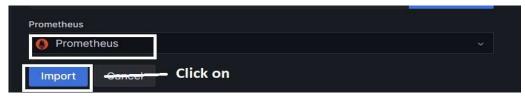


After clicking on 'Load' button, the following page will get display.

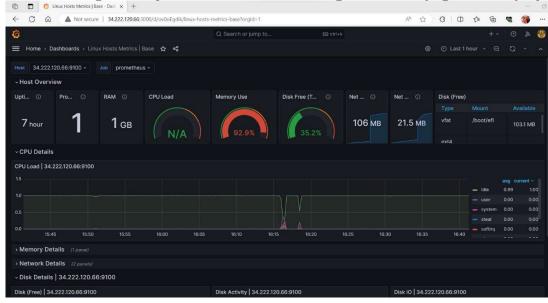
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After clicking on that, the following options will get display.



After clicking on 'import' button, the following dashboard page will display.



Finally, standalone installation and configuration of prometheus, node_exporter and grafana was successfully completed.