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Features and enhancements

- **Alerting:** Expand the value string in alert annotations and labels. #37051, @gerobinson
- **Auth:** Add Azure HTTP authentication middleware. #36932, @kostrse
- **Auth:** Auth: Pass user role when using the authentication proxy. #36729, @yuwaMSFT2
- **Gazetteer:** Update countries.json file to allow for linking to 3-letter country codes. #37129, @bryanuribe

Bug fixes

- **Config:** Fix Docker builds by correcting formatting in sample.ini. #37106, @FZambia
- **Explore:** Fix encoding of internal URLs. #36919, @aocenas