

Cloud Final Project

Cloud-Based File Storage System

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Task:

Exploring and deploying a solution for a cloud-based file storage system.

Requested Features:

- Seamless file storage for users
- User / Admin roles
- Dockerized deployment system
- Monitoring / Testing of the platform
- Discuss Security
- Address Scalability

Nextcloud software

In order to not reinvent the wheel I used the Nextcloud software stack:

Builtin Features:

- Flexible storage solutions
(Object based / NFS)
- Customizable database backend
- User / Admin management
- Dockerized deployment
- Production ready security system

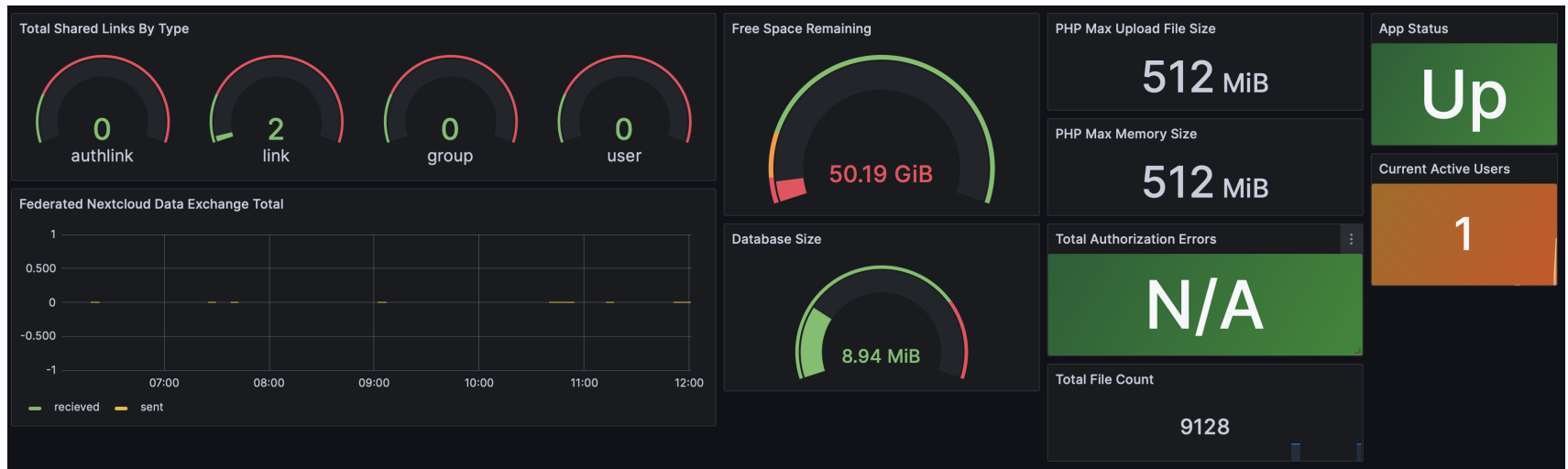
Security Measures

To improve Nextcloud default configuration I applied some additional security measures:

- Server side data encryption
- Hardened password requirements
- 2 Factor Authentication
- Enforced HTTPS protocol

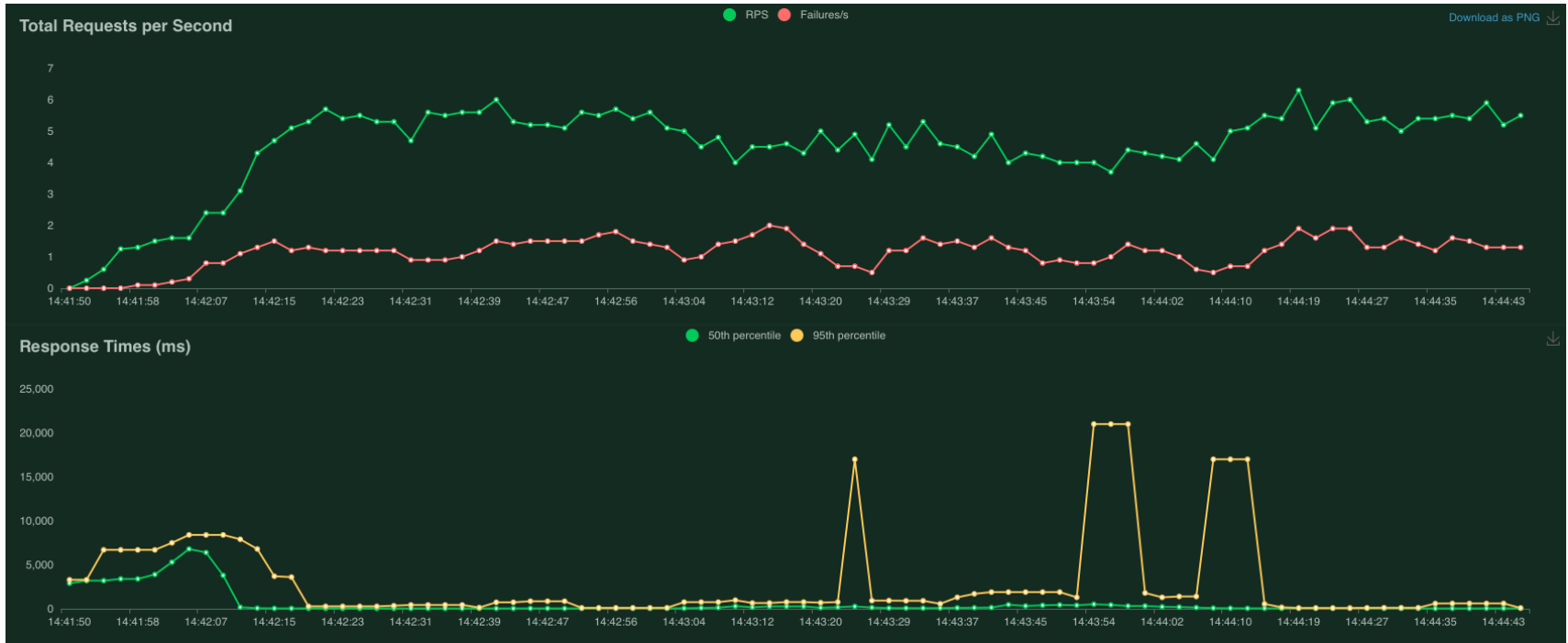
Monitoring

Builtin Nextcloud monitoring or
Grafana + Prometheus solution:



- Deployment using docker-compose
- Easy interface customization
- IO + Network + Nextcloud monitoring

Testing with Locust



- Deployment using docker-compose
- Testing with varying number of users
- Exportable report for analysis

Scalability

I discuss 2 production ready
scalable deployment solutions:

- On-Premise Cluster Deployment
- Cloud Deployment with Autoscaling

On-Premise Cluster

- Deployment of nextcloud on multiple nodes
- Shared database backend / NFS for storage

Pros and Cons:

- Hardware control
- Data residency
- Predictable costs
- Custom security policies
- Infrastructure costs
- Adhoc backup system
- System availability

Cloud deployment

- Deployment on cloud provided stack
- Shared or cloud provided
(Amazon RDS) database backend
- Object based storage system (S3)

Pros and Cons:

- Scalability
- Security
- System availability
- Usage-based costs
- Storage costs

Cost considerations

On-premise deployment:

- High upfront infrastructure costs possibly lower operational costs.

Cloud provider deployment:

- Costs accumulate based on usage.

Cost Optimization:

- Disable server side encryption.
- Use Reserved instances.