Monitoring at Cloud Scale

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They work together Sharing There are solutions



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What is that DevOps stuff again?

- Culture
- (Lean)
- Automation
- Measurement
- Sharing



Damon Edwards and John M



#monitoringsucks

- https://github.com/monitoringsucks
- a movement to find a solution to monitoring
- the feeling that monitoring is stucked in the past



#monitoringlove

- then it turned into #monitoringlove
- relevant tools exist
- they just need to be used
- following the unix philosophy

we are going to explore some of them



What is different in the cloud?

- Scale
- Velocity
- More changes, more often



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What do you need?

- scalability
- automation



time for retirement

- forget all-in-one tools
- forget auto-discovery tools
- forget non-scalable tools
- forget tools you can not automate



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Your infrastructure tomorrow





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Your infrastructure in 6 months

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Challenges

- Reproducability
- Speed
- Metrics
- Orchestration



WANTED

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- Small tools
- Collect / Mangle
- Analyse / Act
- Visualize



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WANTED

The UNIX philosophy



Automation

- One source of trust: puppet, chef, ...
- Exported resource
- Monitor in the same location you deploy
- Infrastructure-as-Code
- no autodiscovery tools



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Automation

If it is not automated || not monitored then it does not exist!



Example in puppet

- Create a definition for your application
- In that definition, add the configuration, the vhosts...
- Then export the monitoring (@@icinga_service)
- In bonus you can export DB configuration, etc...
- Use only the "meta" definition
- Collect the exported ressources (Nagios_service <||>)



Collectd

- Statistics collection daemon
- A lot of plugins available...
- Can send data to graphite
- Simple configuration



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Collectd plugins

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Collectd plugins

AMQP Apache APC UPS Apple Sensors Ascent Battery BIND Carbon ConnTrack ContextSwitch CPU CPUFreg CSV cURL cURL-JSON cURL-XML DBI DF Disk DNS E-Mail Entropy Exec FileCount FSCache GenericJMX gmond HDDTemp Interface IPMI IPTables IPVS IRQ Java libvirt Load LogFile LPAR MadWifi MBMon memcachec memcached Memory Modbus Monitorus Multimeter MySQL NetApp Netlink Network NFS nginx Notify Desktop Notify Email NTPd NUT olsrd OneWire OpenVPN OpenVZ Oracle Perl Pinba Ping PostgreSQL PowerDNS Processes Protocols Python Redis RouterOS RRDCacheD RRDtool Sensors Serial SNMP Swap SysLog Table Tail Tape TCPConns TeamSpeak2 TED thermal TokyoTyrant UnixSock Uptime Users UUID Varnish vmem VServer Wireless XMMS Write Graphite Write HTTP Write MongoDB

Write Redis Write Riemann ZFS ARC

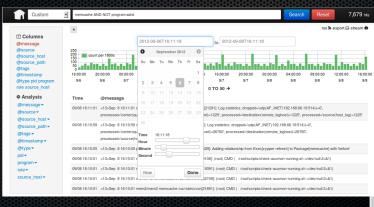
Logstash

- Ship logs from any source
- Filter them
- Index them
- Search them
- Backed with elasticsearch



Kibana

http://kibana.org/images/screenshots/searchss.png



Statsd

- Stats aggregation
- Simple counters
- Flushes every XX seconds to graphite
- Text over UDP



Statsd

echo "stats.sshd.login:1|c" | nc -u statsd.example.com 8125



Graphite

- Graphing made simple
- A lot of helpers functions
- Listening on UDP and TCP
- Text over UDP/TCP

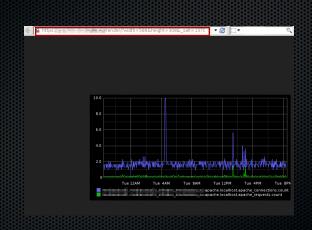


Send data to graphite

echo "stats.sshd.login 1 \$(date +%s)" | nc -u graphite.example.com 2003



Graphite API





gdash

https://github.com/ripienaar/gdash





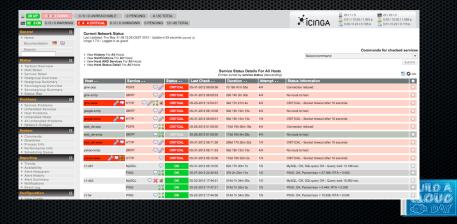
Icinga

- Fork of nagios
- Large and vibrant community
- Configuration compatible with nagios
- User-friendly interface
- Use Icinga Classic!



Icinga

https://icinga.org



Toolchain from apache to nagios

- Apache ships logs to rsyslog
- Rsyslog ships logs to logstash
- Logstash ships metrics to statsd
- Statsd ships metrics to Graphite
- Icinga query metric from graphite
- https://github.com/etsy/nagios_tools



Reusing Icinga/Nagios perfdata

- Icinga performs various checks
- Icinga sends perfdata to graphite
- Graphite stores the data
- Gdash serves them inside dashboards
- https://github.com/roidelapluie/icinga-to-graphite



The metrics

- Everything can become a metric
- Performance metrics
- Usage metrics
- Business-valuable metrics
- People metrics
- Metrics are knowledge



Metrics that matter







What have we seen?

- We have seen only open-source software
- Small, pluggable daemons
- Robust solutions
- Nice & user-friendly output
- They play together



Homework

- Sensu
- Riemann
- dashing
- ExtreMon
- Esper
- Skyline
- Oculus



Try them yourself

https://github.com/KrisBuytaert/vagrant-graphite https://github.com/KrisBuytaert/vagrant-puppet-logstash



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