Prometheus and Grafana

Prometheus:

Prometheus is an open-source systems monitoring and alerting toolkit originally built at SoundCloud. Here in Prometheus, we can monitor the Infrastructure of the server.

Prometheus collects and stores its metrics as time series data, i.e. metrics information is stored with the timestamp at which it was recorded, alongside optional key-value pairs called labels.

Grafana:

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Here we can add different data sources and we can customize the dashboard as per our requirement.

Prometheus setup steps:

<u>Step:1</u>

- 1. Launch 2 instances one is Prometheus another one is Node Exporter.
- 2. Login to the Prometheus VM using Putty.
- 3. Standard things to do...
 - i. Create user
 - ii. Update VM
- 4. wget

https://github.com/prometheus/prometheus/releases/download/v2.42.0/prometheus-2.42.0.linux-amd64.tar.gz (Prometheus file to download)

- 5. tar -xvzf Prometheus-2.42.0.linux-amd64.tar.gz (to unzip the file)
- 6. cd prometheus-2.42.0.Linux-amd64
- 7. vi prometheus.yml (here we can do some configuration like time scrap, targets, etc...)
- 8. ./prometheus (to start prometheus)
- 9. Prometheus will be running in port number 9090 and in the background, the instance has to be active, if the instance stops Prometheus will also stop. For this, we can make a duplicate file to run the instance in the background but it will not be recommended so instead of this I am gonna write a Prometheus as a service.
- 10. To run Prometheus as a service, First am pasting all the Prometheus files into user/local/bin, there I am going to write a yml file and going to run it as a service.

- 11. **cp-r**./**usr/local/bin/Prometheus** (here we are creating a Prometheus directory to keep all files in the same folder.)
- 12. **vi/etc/systemd/system/prometheus.service** (here we need to attach the file below)

[Unit]

Description=Prometheus Service #any as per wish After=network.target

[Service]

Type=simple

ExecStart=/usr/local/bin/prometheus/prometheus

--config.file=/usr/local/bin/prometheus/prometheus.yml

[Install]

WantedBy=multi-user.target

- 13. systemctl daemon-reload (used to reload the systemd manager configuration.)
- **14**. **service prometheus start** (to start prometheus service)
- **15**. **systemctl enable prometheus** (to enable prometheus service)
- **16**. **service Prometheus status** (to check the status of the Prometheus)

Good to Go, We had configured the complete prometheus setup. Prometheus is running perfectly.

Snips as per the steps followed above:

Prometheus is running perfectly.

Step:2 (Node Exporter)

- 1. Login to node exporter VM using putty.
- 2. Standard things to do...
 - i. Create user
 - ii. Update VM
- 3. Wget

 $\frac{https://github.com/prometheus/node_exporter/releases/download/v1.5.0/node_exporter-1.5.0.linux-amd64.tar.qz$

- ./node_exporter (to start node_exporter)
- 5. Node_exporter will be running in port number 9100 and in the background, the instance has to be active, if the instance stops node_exporter will also stop. For this, we can make a duplicate file to run the instance in the background but it will not be recommended so instead of this I am gonna write a node_exporter as a service.
- 6. To run node_exporter as a service, First am copying all the node_exporter files into user/local/bin, there I am going to write a yml file and going to run it as a service.
- 7. **cp-r./usr/local/bin/node** (here we are creating a node directory to keep all files in the same folder.)
- 8. **vi/etc/systemd/system/node_exporter.service** (here we need to attach the file below)

Unit

Description=Node_exporter Service #any as per wish After=network.target

[Service]

Type=simple

ExecStart=/usr/local/bin/node_exporter/node_exporter

--config.file=/usr/local/bin/node_exporter/node_exporter.yml

[Install]

WantedBy=multi-user.target

- 9. systemctl daemon-reload (used to reload the systemd manager configuration.)
- **10**. **service node_exporter start** (to start node_exporter service)
- 11. **systemctl enable node_exporter** (to enable node_exporter service)
- **12**. **service node_exporter status** (to check the status of the node_exporter)

Now, node_exporter is also ready.

Add node_exporter as a target file into the prometheus

Why node_exporter?

Node_exporter is not a must but it helps easily to find and manage the metrics.

- 1. System Metrics Collection
- 2. Prometheus Compatibility
- 3. Scalability and Efficiency
- 4. Exposes Metrics via HTTP
- 1. Once done with the node_exporter setup, we need to make node_exporter communicate with the prometheus server.
- 2. Open Prometheus VM and go to the path where prometheus binary files are available and there will **prometheus.yml** file.
- 3. vi prometheus.yml

```
prometheus
root@ip-172-31-41-95:/usr/local/bin# cd prometheus/
root@ip-172-31-41-95:/usr/local/bin/prometheus# 1s
LICENSE NOTICE console_libraries consoles data prometheus prometheus.yml promtool
root@ip-172-31-41-95:/usr/local/bin/prometheus#
```

4. In the yml file, we need to add a new job name as node_exporter.

```
- job_name: "prometheus"

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

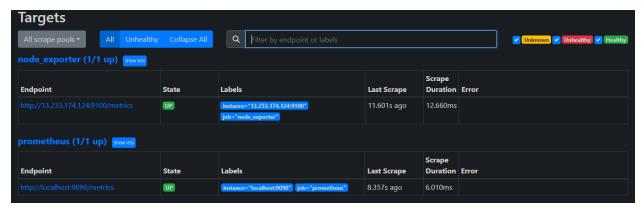
static_configs:
    - targets: ["localhost:9090"]

- job_name: "node_exporter"

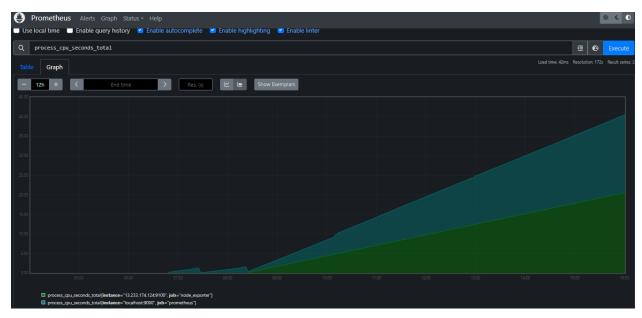
# metrics_path defaults to '/metrics'
# scheme defaults to 'http'.

static_configs:
    - targets: ["13.233.174.124:9100"]
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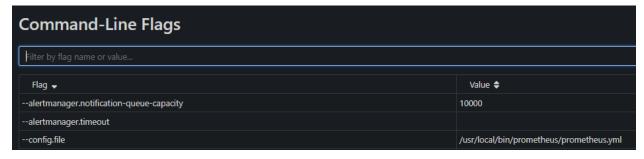
- 5. Now can just save the file.
- 6. Map into the prometheus web page and check the target file, there the node_exporter is added as a target file and prometheus is monitoring the self server by default.



Node_exporter added to target file



Prometheus Graph



Command Line Flags → Exact path to configure vi /etc/systemd/system/prometheus.service

Configuration:

```
global:
 scrape_interval: 15s
 scrape_timeout: 10s
 evaluation_interval: 15s
alerting:
 alertmanagers:
 - follow_redirects: true
  enable_http2: true
  scheme: http
  timeout: 10s
  api_version: v2
 static_configs:
  - targets: []
scrape_configs:
- job_name: prometheus
honor_timestamps: true
 scrape_interval: 15s
scrape_timeout: 10s
metrics_path:/metrics
 scheme: http
follow_redirects: true
 enable_http2: true
static_configs:
 - targets:
  - localhost:9090
- job_name: node_exporter
honor_timestamps: true
scrape_interval: 15s
 scrape_timeout: 10s
 metrics_path:/metrics
 scheme: http
follow_redirects: true
 enable_http2: true
 static_configs:
 - targets:
  - 13.233.174.124:9100
```

Grafana

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Grafana is better suited for applications that require continuous real-time monitoring metrics like CPU load, memory, etc.

Steps to setup:

- wget
 https://dl.grafana.com/enterprise/release/grafana-enterprise-10.0.2.linux-amd64.ta
 r.gz
- 2. tar -zxvf grafana-enterprise-10.0.2.linux-amd64.tar.gz

Using this need to install the grafana in to the prometheus server

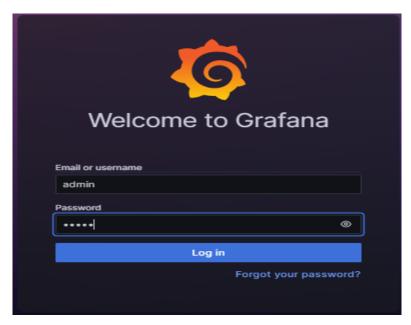
- 3. sudo systemctl start grafana-server
- 4. sudo systemctl stop grafana-server
- 5. sudo systemctl status grafana-server
- 6. sudo systemctl enable grafana-server

Use above command to install, start, stop, enable, status the grafana server.

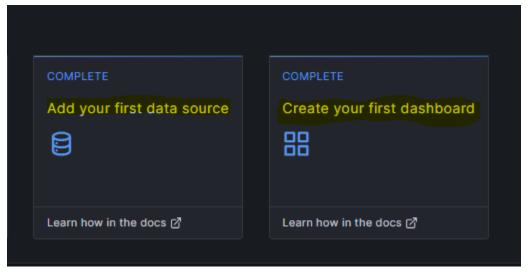
7. http://13.233.33.223:3000/ grafana will work in port 3000

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INFO [07-26[05:23:24] Completed cleanup jobs
INFO [07-26[05:23:24] Update check succeeded
INFO [07-26[05:33:24] Update check succeeded
INFO [07-26[05:43:24] Update check succeeded
INFO [07-26[05:43:24] Validated license token
INFO [07-26[05:43:24] Validated license token
INFO [07-26[05:43:24] Update check succeeded
```

- → Here you can see grafana is running perfectly and it is running in port 3000.
- → Using the IP you can loging to the Grafana server.



- → Login page be like.
- → When we are logging in first time, need to enter admin as a username as well as password.
- → Then you will find a page to create a new password as you like.



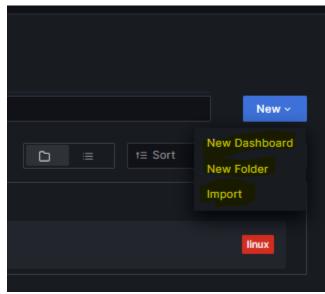
→ In the home page, there will be option to add data source and to create a dash board as you like and we can import the dash board from the Grafana lab.



- → Data source can be choosed as per the need.
- → For server monitoring, I will go with prometheus.

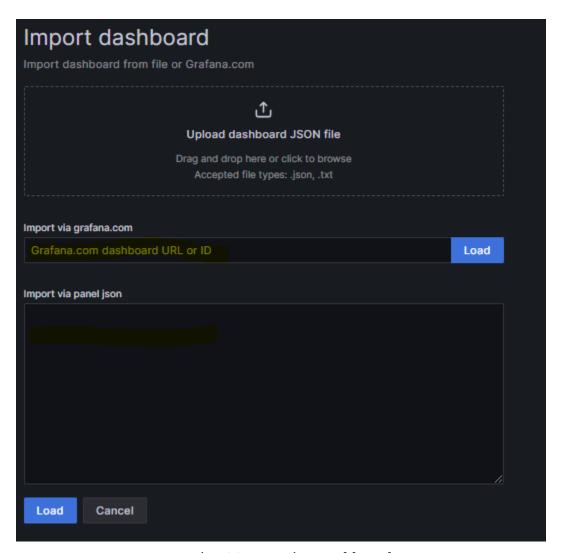


- → Here need to give URL of the prometheus server.
- → Finally need to save and test the data source

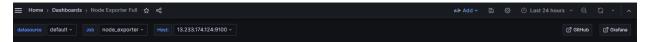


→ Here I gone through Import option. Dashboard will be import from the Graana Lab.

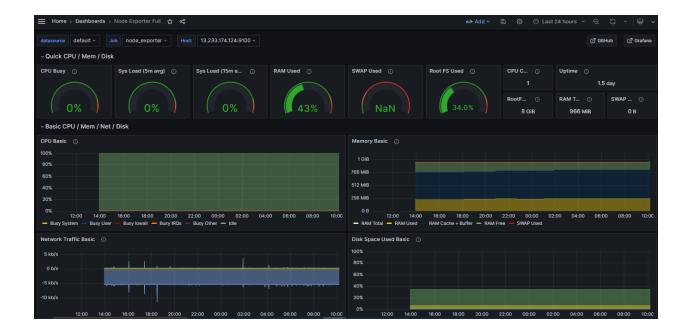
- → https://grafana.com/grafana/dashboards/ using this link we can Import the dashboard as we want.
- → There will be 2 Import dashboard templates one is Dashboard ID and the other is JSON.



→ Here you can see, Import via JSON or using Dashboard ID.



→ Here we can select the datasource, Job, Host, time range, time interval, dash board setting and many.



Final Dashboad be like and here we can monitor our server.