



Monitor and Understand Vault Telemetry



What is Telemetry?



- The collection of various runtime metrics about the performance of different components of the Vault environment
- Can be used for debugging but it can also be used for performance monitoring and trending
- Metrics are aggregated every 10 seconds and retained for one minute
- The telemetry information is sent to a local or remote agent which generally aggregates this information to an aggregation solution, such as DataDog or Prometheus, for example



What Does Vault Support?



- Supports the following providers:
 - `statsite`
 - `statsd`
 - `circonus`
 - `dogstatsd`
 - `prometheus`
 - `stackdriver`



Example of Metrics Collected



Metric	Description
<code>vault.core.handle_request</code>	Duration of requests handled by Vault. This is the key measurement of Vault's response time
<code>vault.runtime.total_gc_pause_ns</code>	Garbage collection pause. You don't want this happening frequently or taking too long
<code>mem.used_percent</code>	Percentage of physical memory in use
<code>mem.total_bytes</code>	Total amount of physical memory available on the server
<code>vault.audit.log_request</code>	Duration of time taken by all audit log requests across all audit log devices
<code>vault.policy.get_policy</code>	Time taken to get a policy



Telemetry Configuration



- Telemetry is configured in the Vault configuration file using the `telemetry` stanza
- The configuration specifies the upstream system to publish the metrics to...

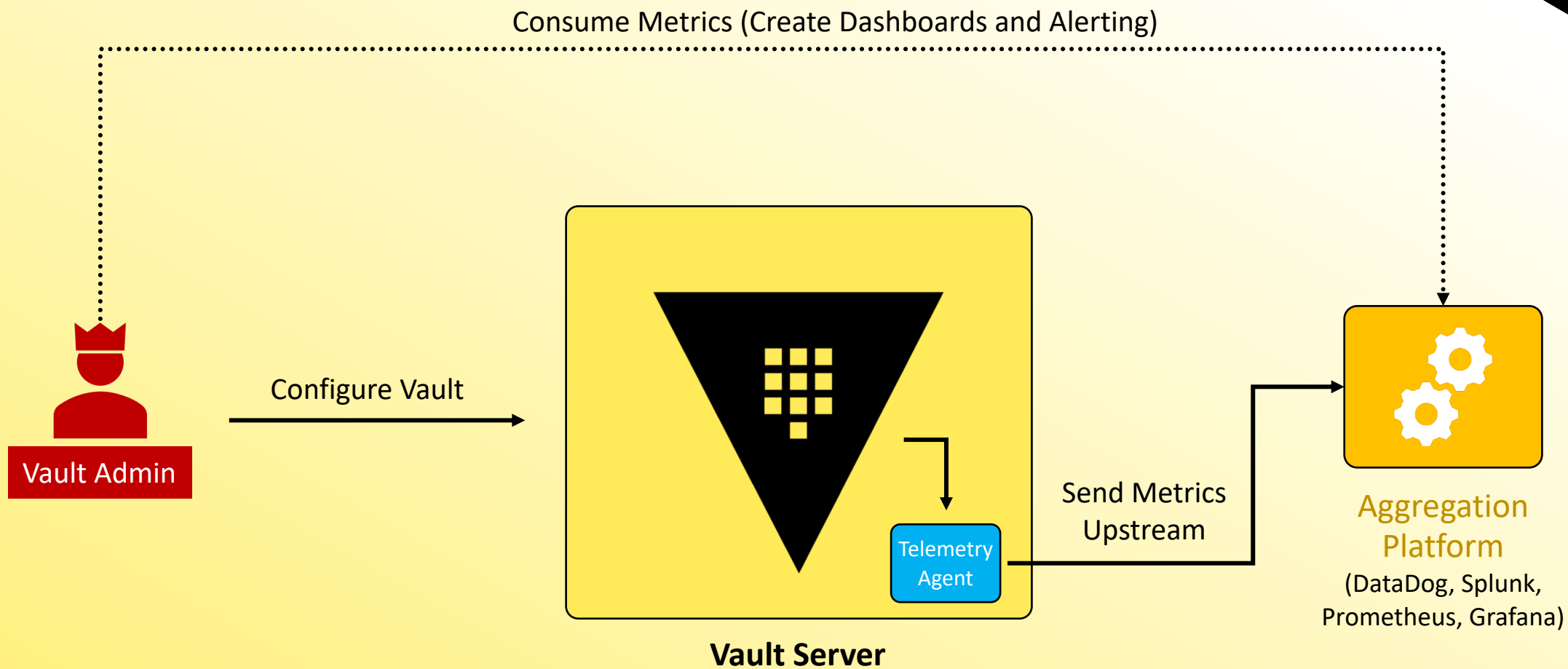
Terminal

```
...
telemetry {
  dogstatsd_addr = "metrics.hcvop.com:8125"
  dogstatsd_tags = ["vault_env:production"]
}
seal "transit" {
  address = "transit.hcvop.com:8200"
  key_name = "autounseal"
...

```



Telemetry Workflow



Dashboards & Monitoring

