**Integrate Grafana with Linux Server for high cpu utilization and create a graph in Grafana.**



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# What is Grafana?

Per Grafana “Grafana is a complete observability stack that allows you to monitor and analyze metrics, logs, and traces. It allows you to query, visualize, alert on and understand your data no matter where it is stored. Create, explore, and share beautiful dashboards with your team and foster a data-driven culture”. This is a very useful tool to visualize different logs, errors, or metrics from your instances.

1. **How To Install Grafana**

# Step 1: Create EC2 Instance

We need to install Grafana on our server first, so let's provision an EC2 instance

* Go to EC2
* Create EC2
* Choose a public subnet
* Give it our Grafana security group

Now SSH into our instance

* Update your packages with

sudo yum update -y

We need to add a repository for grafana so our OS will know where it is.

sudo nano /etc/yum.repos.d/grafana.repo

Add the text below to the repo file. This will install the open-source Grafana.

# Step 2: Install Grafana

Now we will install Grafana. *If you wish to actually test Grafana skip to Section Two below before you install.*

sudo yum install grafana -y

The next command will reload the system

sudo systemctl daemon-reload

Then we will start our server and check our service with the following two commands.

sudo systemctl start grafana-server sudo systemctl status grafana-server



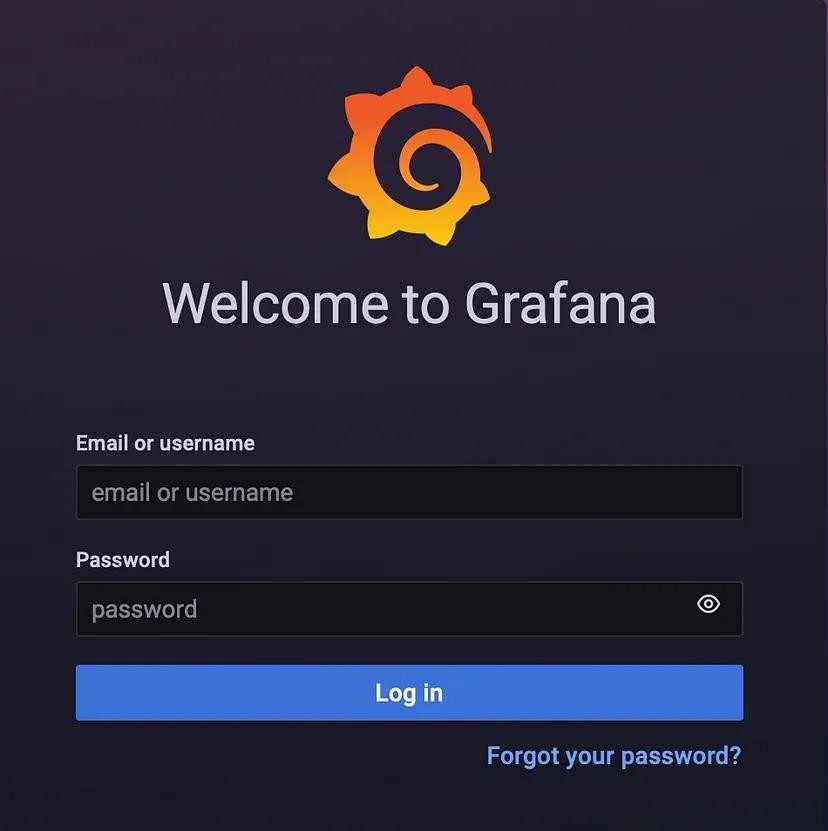
Our final command will ensure that Grafana will start up automatically if we stop and restart our instance.

sudo systemctl enable grafana-server.service

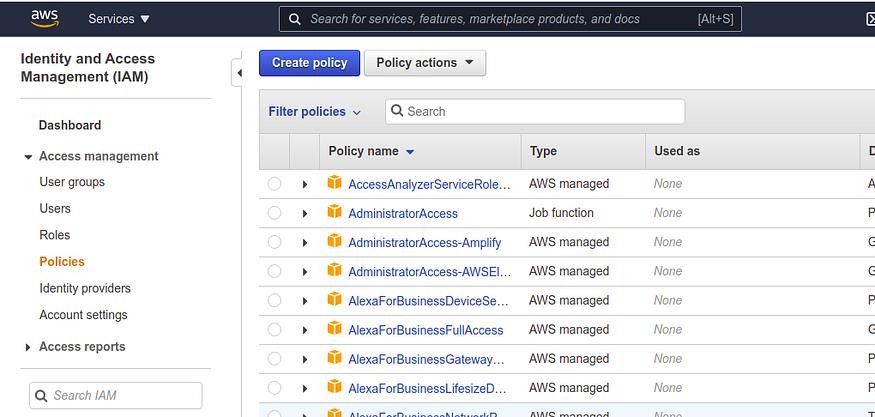
# Step 3:Test Grafana

To test our server we will need to grab our public IPv4 and add a *:3000* at the end, ie. 10.90.80.10:3000, and insert it into our

browser URL. This will bring you to a login screen and our Username and Password will be admin. You will be prompted to create a new password.



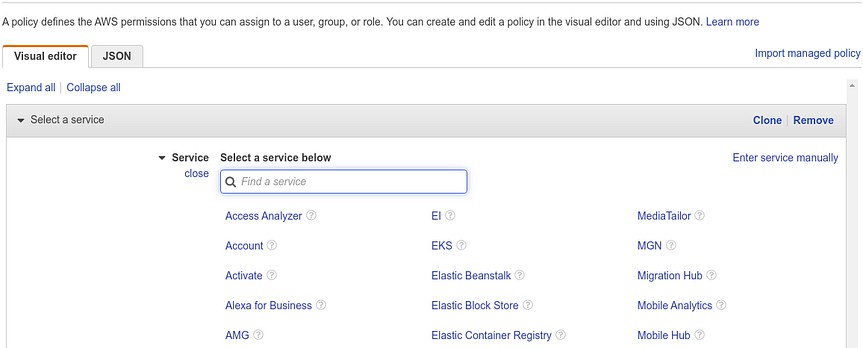
# Step 4: Create a new Policy



**create\_policy\_IAM**

Just follow this, under **Services → select IAM → Policies →**

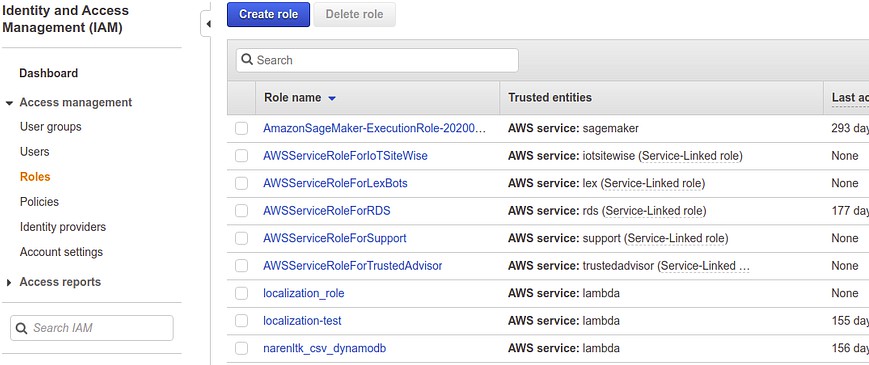
# Create Policy



**choose\_service**

Now under the services → Cloud Watch

# Step 5: Creating a Role

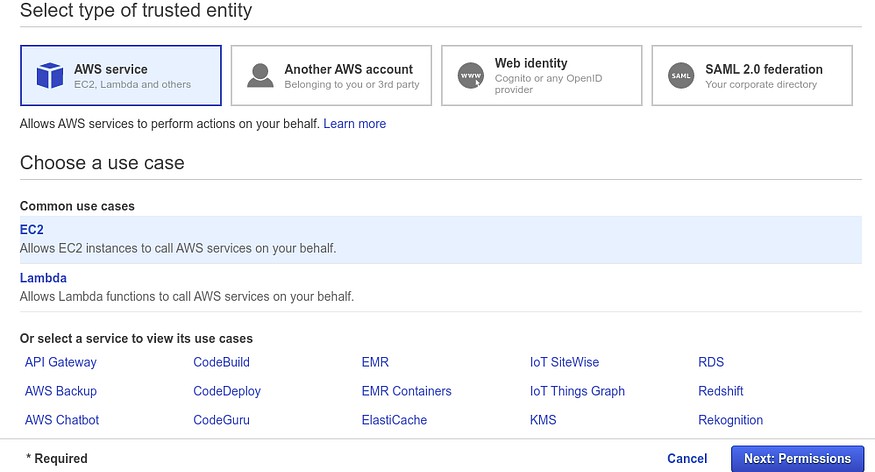


**create\_roles**

Just follow this, under **Services → select IAM → Roles → Create Role**

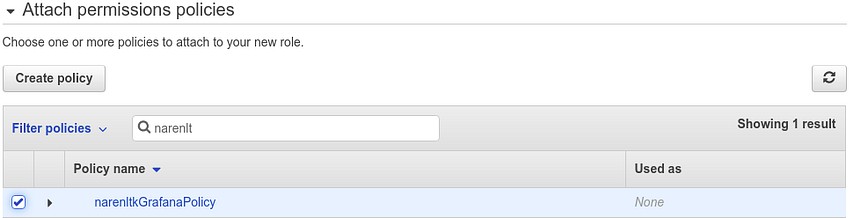
Now select AWS Service → EC2 (under common use case) → next:

Permission



**choose\_use\_cases**

Alright now we have to attach the policy which we created earlier with this Role, as shown below,



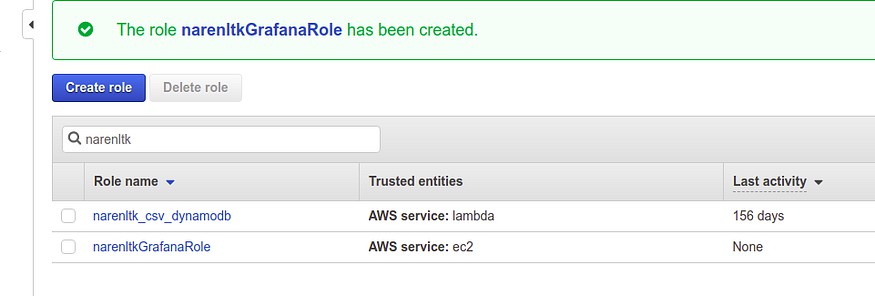
**attach\_permission**

Once the Policy has been attached we gotta review it, where ought to update the Role Name and Description etc.. and once we are done with this we can select Create Role.



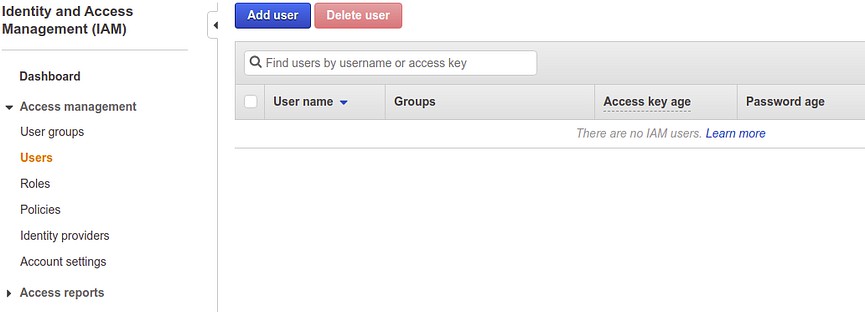
**review\_role**

Once that is done we need to verify whether the role which we created is there or not,



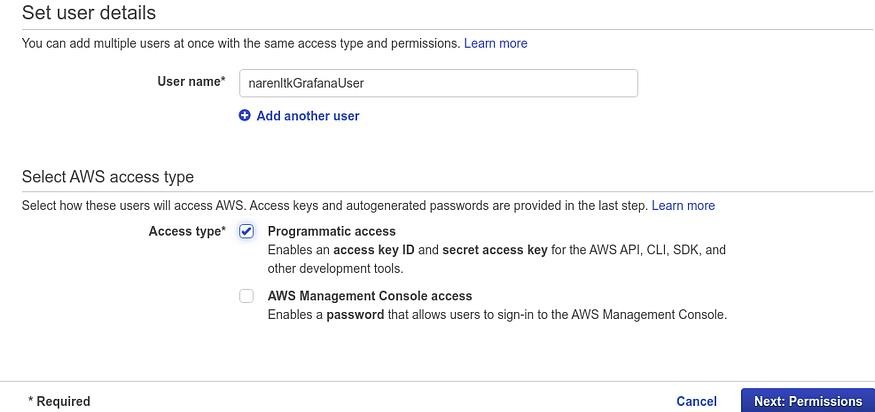
# Step 6: Creating a User

First, we have created the Policy then Role and then attached the Policy with the Role and now we are creating the User so that we can attach it to the EC2 Instance.



**create\_iam\_users**

Now select the Add User.

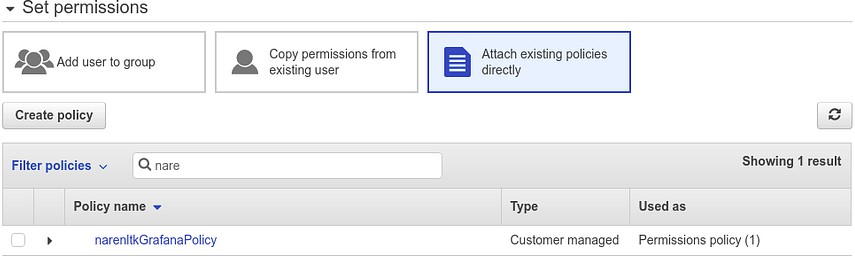


**update\_user\_details**

Give the user name.

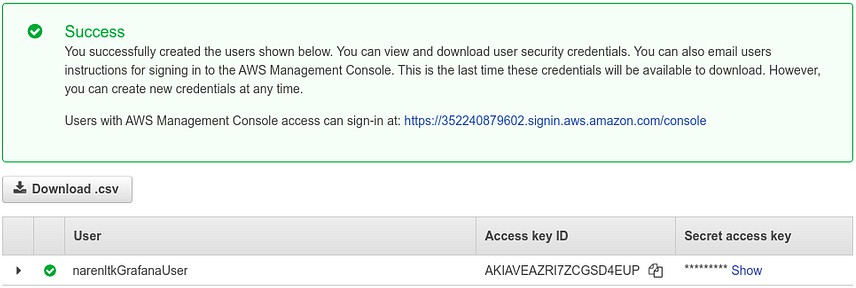
Kindly make sure that you select the programmatic access in the Access Types under select AWS access type. Which will give you the details of the Access Key and Secret Key. Make sure that you make a note of it as it will be generated only once and if you forget it then you need to create it again.

Then select Next Permission.



**attach\_grafana\_policy**

Now Set Permission, if you have already created any group means select add user to group or else proceed with Attach existing policies directly → search for the Policy which we created in the last step and proceed.



**grafana\_user\_Cred**

Now here you can see the Access Key ID and Secret access key, which I was talking about earlier.

Yeah, you have to save it since it will be displayed only once just like

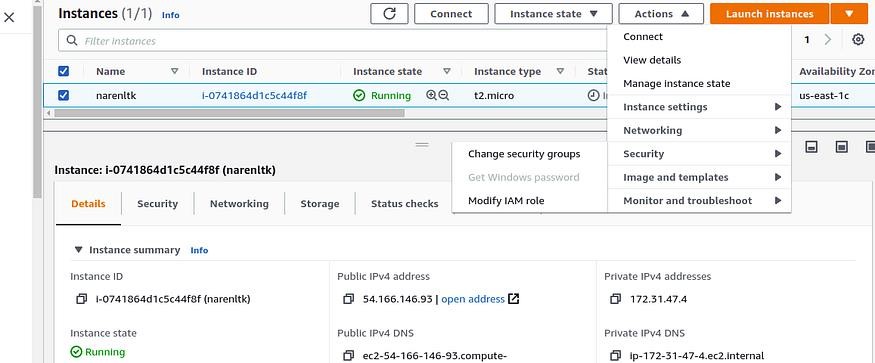
the proverb “**The Golden Words are not repeated**”.

I guess now we are all set to go…. Now all that’s left is just attach the

User with the EC2 instance which we have.

# Step 7: Attach the User to EC2 Instance

Here I do expect you all to have your EC2 instance ready i.e. it should have been started.



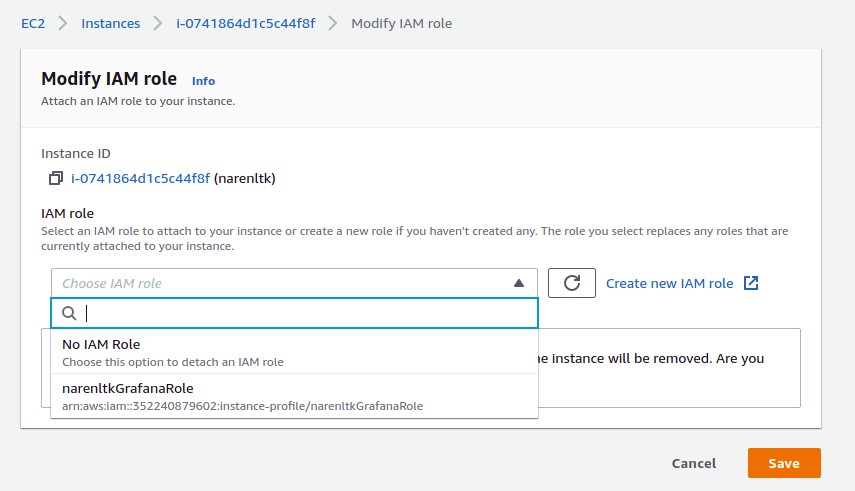
**attach\_iam\_role**

Now select the instance for which you wanted to update the IAM User and click on

**Action → Security → Modify IAM Role**. (This is the latest since AWS has been keep on updating)

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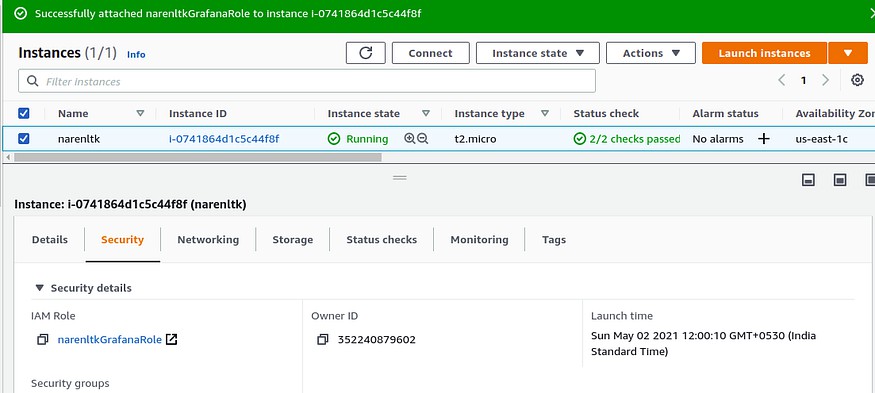
# Action → Instance Settings → Attach / Replace IAM Role.



**select\_grafana\_role**

Now you gotta search for the Role which you have created and select that and save it.

Now you ought to verify that too, so kindly check the security group settings of the EC2 instance as shown below,



**verify\_security\_tab\_iam\_role**

You can verify the IAM Role that is attached to the Security Group.

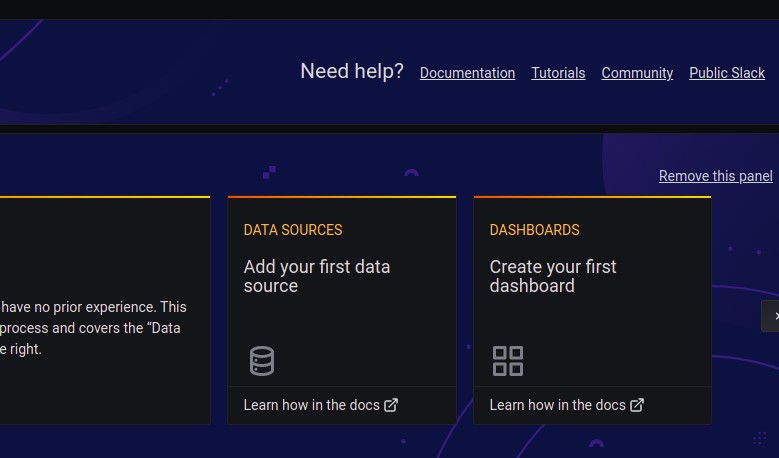
# Step 8: Configure Grafana with AWS Cloud Watch

Now log into to your Grafana Dashboard, with uname and pwd which you have configured,

***Note:Default uname and pwd is given below***

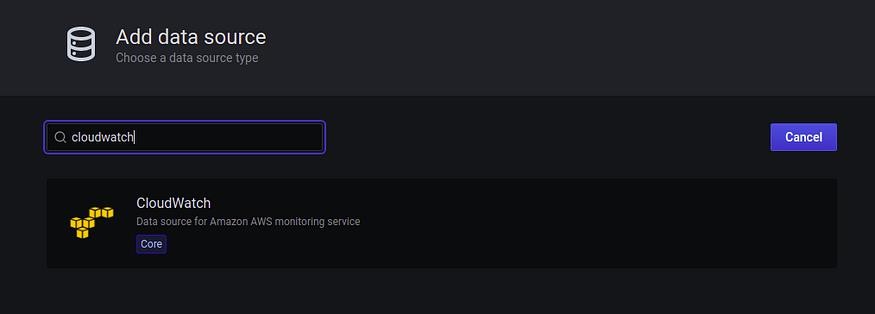
***Uname → admin***

***Pwd → admin***



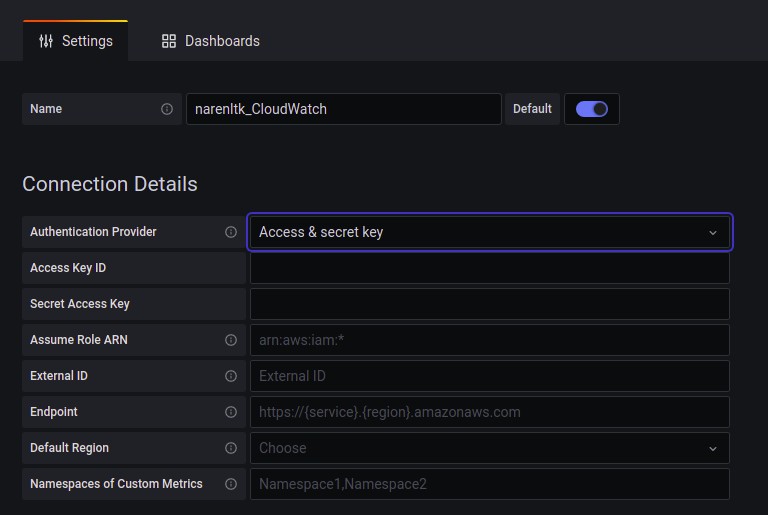
**select\_data\_source**

Here you ought to see a dashboard panel like shown above and kindly select the Data Source, i.e Add your first data source.



**search\_cloud\_watch**

Now search for the Cloud Watch in the search bar, then select it to configure the credential details.

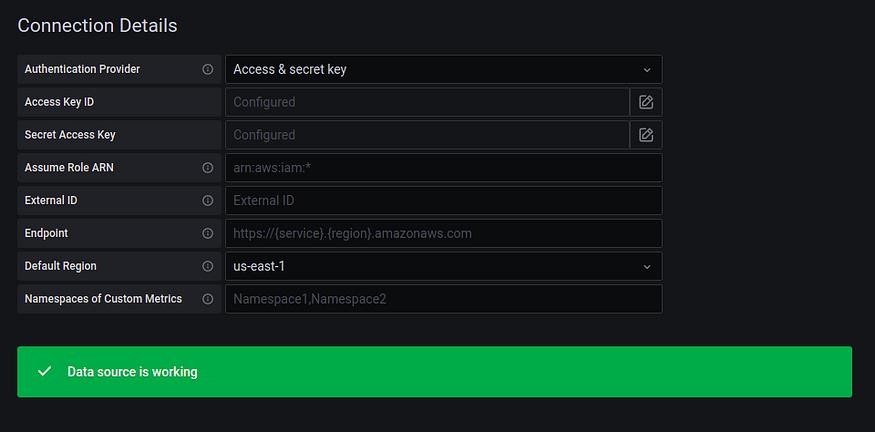


**udpate\_access\_secret\_key**

Here you gotta give your desired name, then under Authentication Provider select the Access & Secret Key.

Now given the details of the Access Key and Secret Access Key alone with the Default Region.

Then click on Save and Test and you should get the following as the output.



**verify\_udpated\_details\_correct**

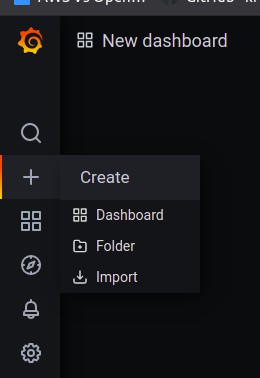
If in any place you find any error which you wanna track then, go to the EC2 instance Terminal and give the following com**mand to check the log reports,**

**cd /var/log/grafana/lsvi grafana.log (or else) nano grafana.log**

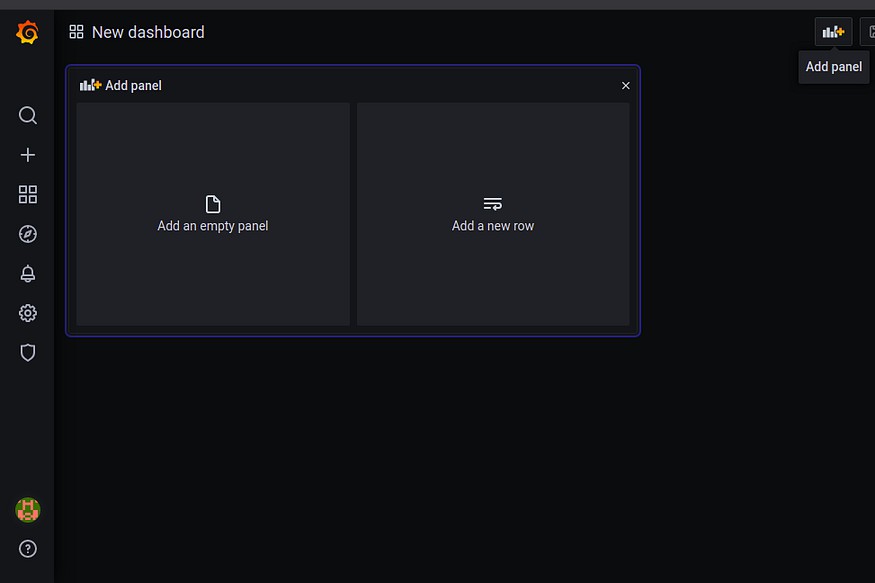
This will give you all the details of the error which you have faced.

# Step 9: Create your beautiful Dashboard

Now you need to select the **“ + → Dashboard “**

**click\_dashboard\_for\_making\_panel**

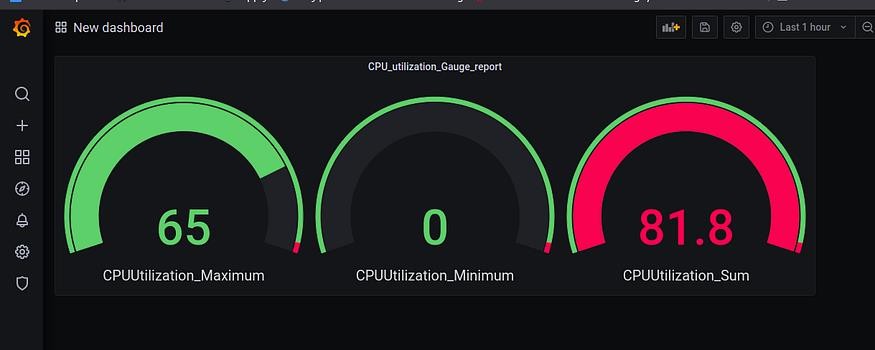
Now you can either select the Add Panel in the top right corner as sometimes panel will be created created with Add Empty Panel and Add Row as shown below,



**select \_add\_panel**

Then all the grafana query I will let you guys do it since it is easy though.

Here I have done an example with the CPU utilization.



**Conclusion:**

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