



MONITORING CARBON EMISSIONS



making the impact of your
python code visible



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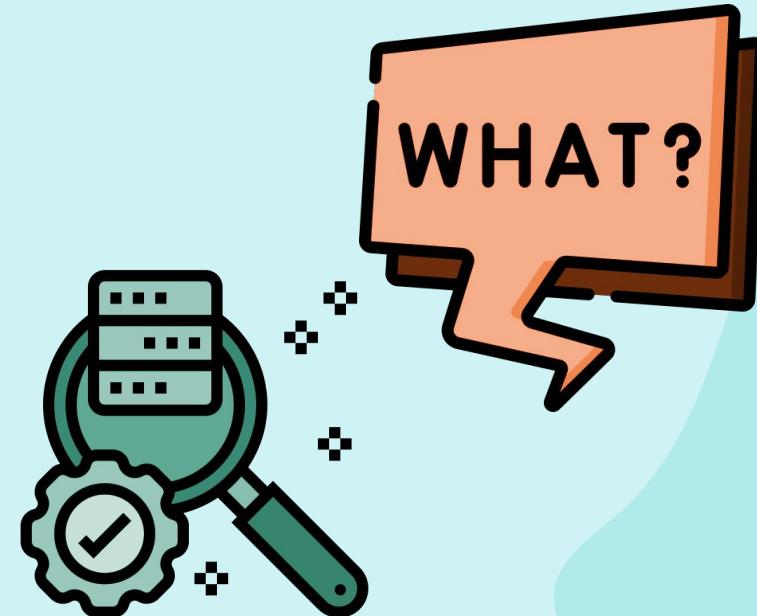
Agenda

1. What is Monitoring & Why is it important?
2. Overview of today's project repo
3. Exposing metrics with Prometheus Client
 - a. **Challenge 1:** Expose base app metrics on /metrics endpoint
4. Adding custom metrics: What makes a meaningful metric?
 - a. **Challenge 2:** Adding a custom metric with labels
5. Mid point QA and Break no.1
6. Inspecting metrics with Prometheus & Grafana
 - a. **Challenge 3:** Query your metric with PromQL
 - b. **Challenge 4:** Create a Grafana Dashboard
7. Carbon conscious development
 - a. **Challenge 5:** Measure carbon emissions of our application
 - b. **Challenge 6:** Adding carbon metrics to our Grafana Dashboard
8. Q&A



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Monitoring: What is it?

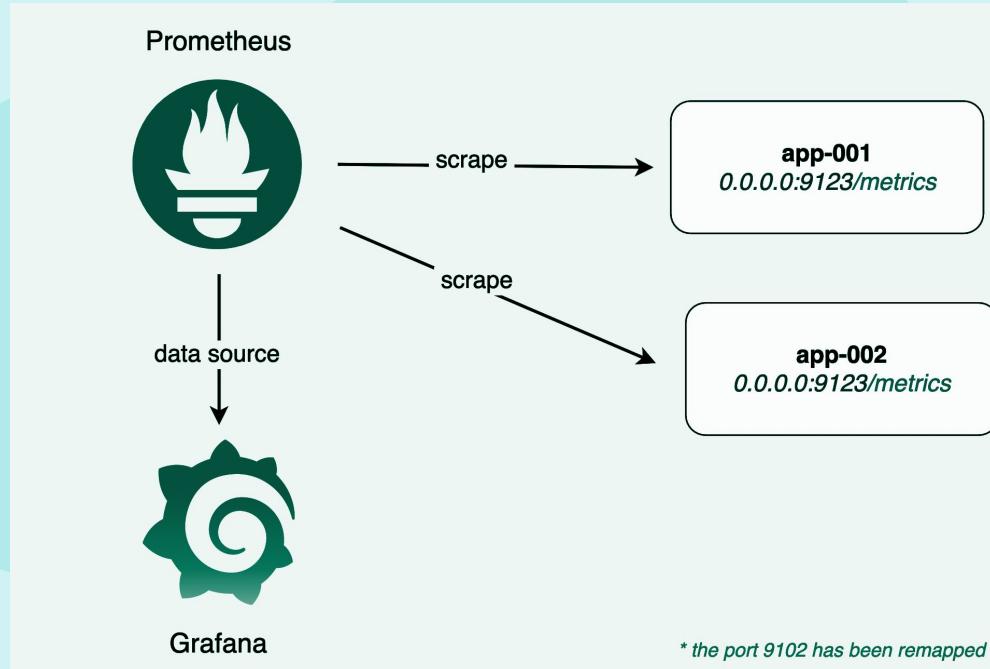




Monitoring: Why is it important



Monitoring: How?



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Git Repository



[https://github.com/PyLadiesGermany
pycon-us-2024-workshop](https://github.com/PyLadiesGermany/pycon-us-2024-workshop)



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Challenge 1 – expose base metrics



1. Import **MetricsHandler** from the prometheus python client (**prometheus_client**)
2. Remember to remove **BaseHTTPRequestHandler**
3. Use the prometheus **MetricsHandler** as a base for your request handler
4. Once you've added the code, check it's working by running "make dev" and refresh the application a few times and check /metrics





What is a metric? (base metrics)

```
# HELP process_cpu_seconds_total Total user and system CPU time spent in seconds.
# TYPE process_cpu_seconds_total counter
process_cpu_seconds_total 1.01
```

```
# HELP python_gc_collections_total Number of times this generation was collected
# TYPE python_gc_collections_total counter
python_gc_collections_total{generation="0"} 53.0
python_gc_collections_total{generation="1"} 4.0
python_gc_collections_total{generation="2"} 0.0
```

```
# HELP process_start_time_seconds Start time of the process since unix epoch in seconds.
# TYPE process_start_time_seconds gauge
process_start_time_seconds 1.60251632472e+09
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Defining Custom Metrics

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- To define one, choose a data type and provide:
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 - Description
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How Custom Metrics Look

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# TYPE requests_total counter
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Description



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Measurement type



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Base name



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Labels



How Custom Metrics Look

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Metric value



Challenge 2 – custom metrics



1. Add a custom counter metric. It will count requests with the status code as a label.
2. Re-run the server by stopping it and then restarting it.
3. Refresh the main application page (/carbon_intensity) a few times and check /metrics



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QUESTIONS SO FAR?



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Querying Metrics & building Dashboards



Monitoring your metrics



Prometheus

<http://localhost:9090>



Our Application

<http://localhost:8001>

docker-compose up

Grafana

<http://localhost:3000>





Challenge 3 - PromQL queries



1. Run the app and prometheus by using the docker-compose command
2. Query your metrics in the prometheus UI using PromQL



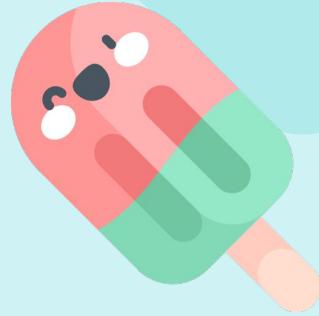


Challenge 4 - build a dashboard



1. Run the app, prometheus and Grafana with “docker-compose up --build”
2. Go to localhost:3000
3. Create a Grafana Dashboard
4. Create a panel to visualise your custom metric (split by labels, irate or cumulative)





Break (30 minutes)

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Carbon Conscientious Development





The energy used in our digital consumption collectively emits the equivalent amount of carbon as the entire airline industry.

Lindsay Vaughan,

Former Climate Impact Partners CEO





Green Coding Principles



—Energy Efficient

Consume the least amount you can



—Hardware efficient

Do the most you can with the smallest amount of compute and use it longer



—Carbon awareness

Do more when energy is clean and less when it's burning fossil fuels



Understanding your energy source



Fossil Fuels

Produces carbon emissions



Clean energy

Doesn't produce carbon emissions e.g. nuclear.



Green energy

Sources from nature



Renewable energy

Sources will not expire e.g. solar, wind



Demand Shifting



Allocating emissions



Scope 1

Emissions from burning fossil fuels to make our products



Scope 2

Emissions from electricity generated on our behalf, to run our products



Scope 3

Emissions from activity in our supply chain



Software Carbon Intensity (SCI) Specification



- Reducing an SCI score is only possible through the elimination of emissions.
- It is possible to calculate an SCI score for any software application, from a large, distributed cloud system to a small monolithic open source library, any on-premise application, or even a serverless function.



[SCI github](#)



Measuring Emissions in our Code

"If you can't measure it, you can't improve it." - Peter Drucker



Code Carbon



AI can benefit society in many ways but, given the energy needed to support the computing behind AI, these benefits can come at a high environmental price.

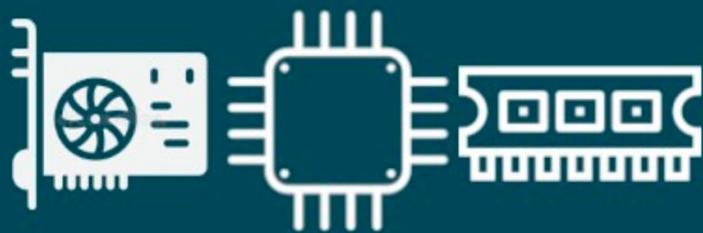
CodeCarbon is a lightweight software package that seamlessly integrates into your Python codebase. It estimates the amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) produced by the cloud or personal computing resources used to execute the code.

It then shows developers how they can lessen emissions by optimizing their code or by hosting their cloud infrastructure in geographical regions that use renewable energy sources

<https://codecarbon.io/>

Measure the power consumption and estimate the CO₂ equivalent

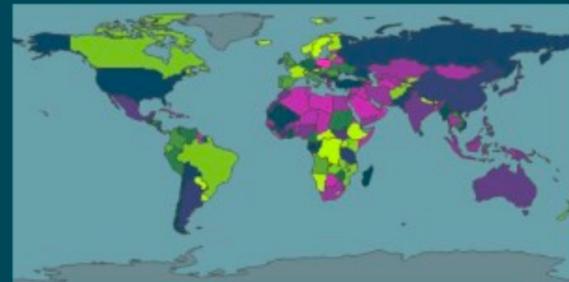
My hardware energy consumption



GPU + CPU + RAM

X

Regional carbon
intensity of electricity





Challenge 5 – carbon metrics



1. Import EmissionsTracker from the CodeCarbon library (**from codecarbon import EmissionsTracker**)
2. Declare your Tracker and point to the Prometheus gateway

```
tracker = EmissionsTracker(  
    project_name="python-app",  
    save_to_prometheus=True,  
    prometheus_url="http://pushgateway:9091",  
)
```

3. Start (and stop) the track in your code





Challenge 6 – visualising emissions



1. Run the app, prometheus and Grafana with “docker-compose up --build”
2. Go to localhost:3000
3. Create a new Grafana Dashboard
4. Create a panel to visualise your carbon metrics (they will be prefixed with *codecarbon_*)

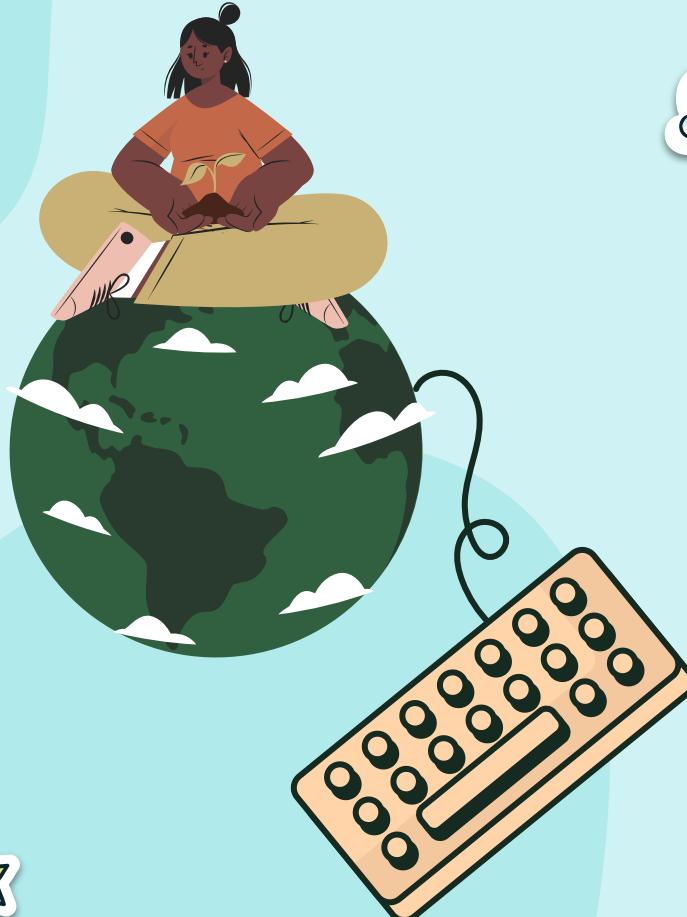




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Build climate impact into your day to day work and make the world a better place one line of code at a time





Green coding tips



Avoid tracking unnecessary data



Avoid an excessive DOM size



Implement stateless design



Defer offscreen images



Optimise storage & CPU utilization



Deprecate GIFs for animated content



<https://patterns.greensoftware.foundation/tags/role-software-engineer>

Efficient Containerization

Docker files

```
FROM ubuntu:latest
COPY . .
ENV DEBIAN_FRONTEND=noninteractive
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Use smaller base images
Copy over code
that will change
last (to utilise
caching)

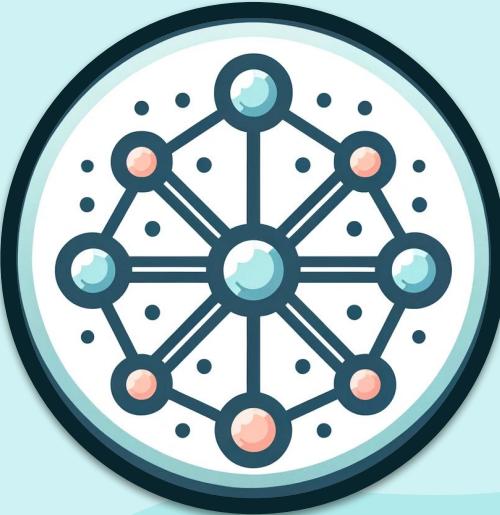
Run imports first to utilise caching & run
them together



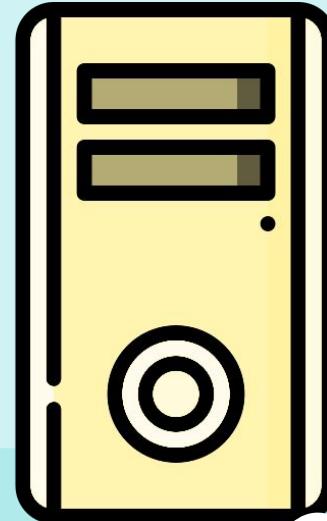
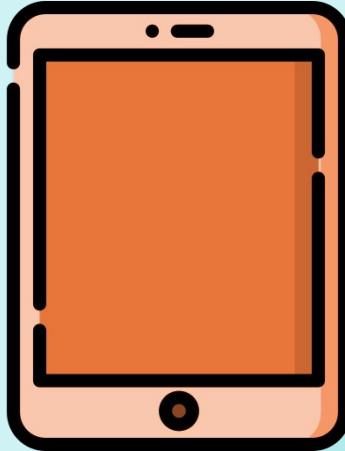
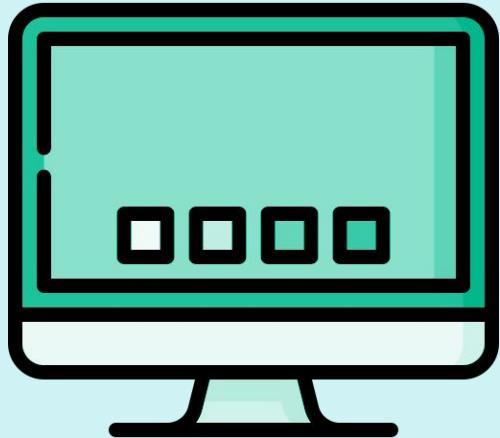
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Network Efficiency

Each connected device consumes electricity, we aim therefore to reduce the amount of data sent and the distance it needs to travel across the network.

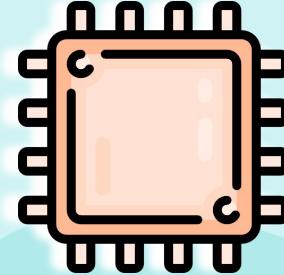
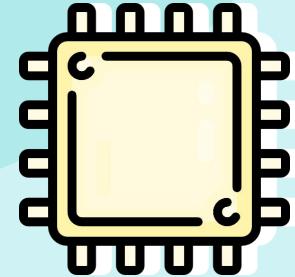
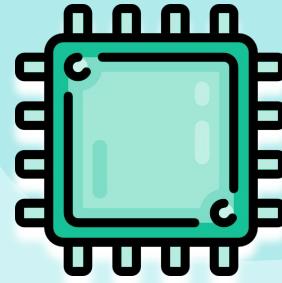


Embodied carbon



Hardware efficiency

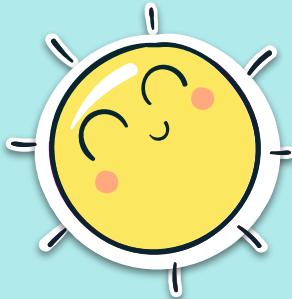
The hardware your software is running on uses some of the electricity for operational overhead. This is called power usage efficiency (PUE) in the cloud space.





Resources

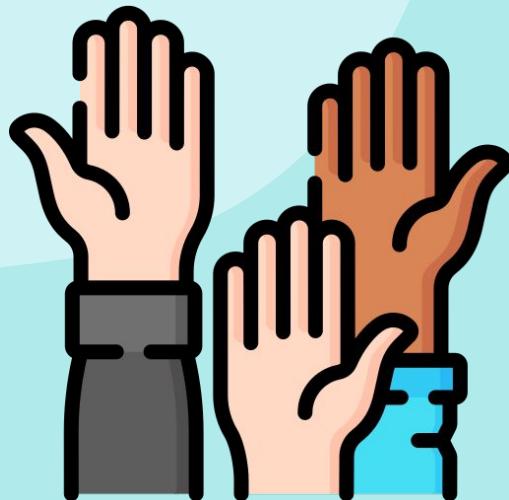
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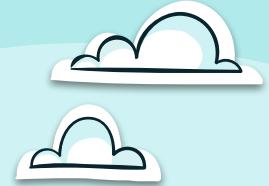
kube-green
A Project by Davide Bianchi



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Q & A



Thanks!

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