



## APAC Meetup

# Hybrid meetup with the Grafana Prometheus Squad

Tuesday, 11th April

In-Person in Singapore | 5:30PM SGT

Virtual via Zoom

3:30PM IST | 6:00PM SGT | 8:00PM AEST



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# LGTM Stack

Or: Philosophy of Observability



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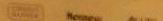
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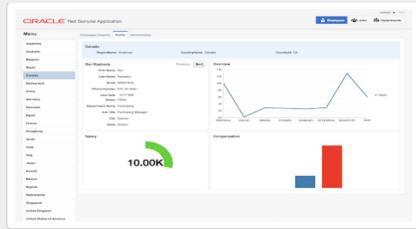
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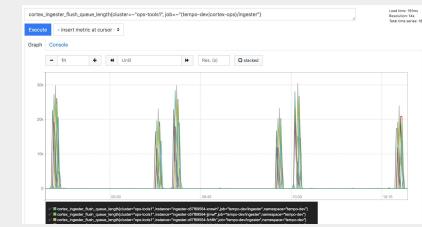
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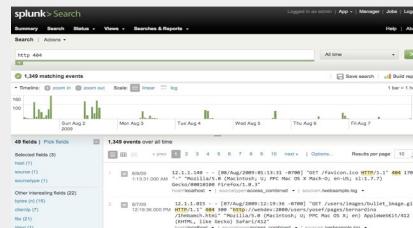
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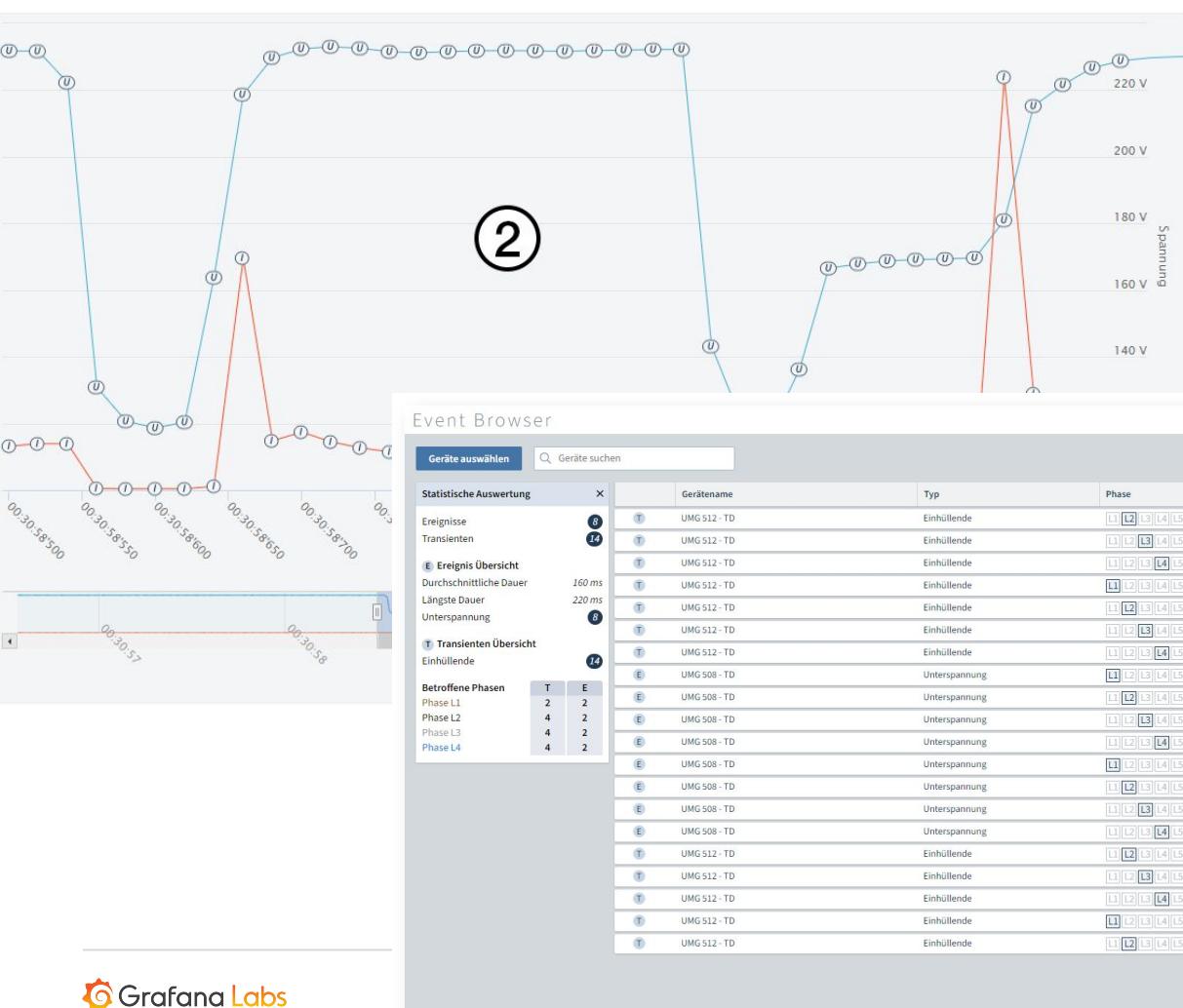
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# Back to the basics

## Let's rethink this

# How humanity deals with data



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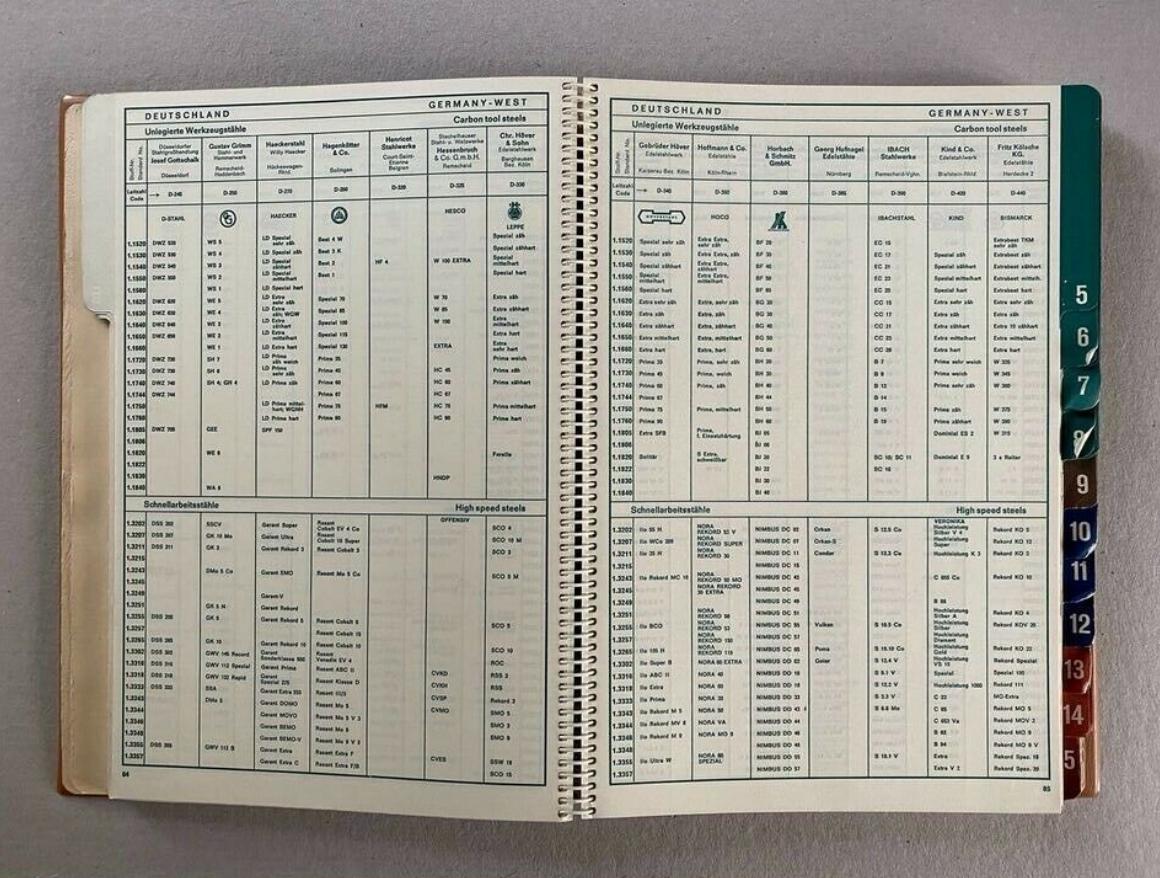
## Event Browser

## Geräte auswählen

## Geräte suchen

Statistische Auswertung		
Ergebnisse		8
Transienten		14
<b>E Ereignis Übersicht</b>		
Durchschnittliche Dauer		160 ms
Längste Dauer		220 ms
Unterspannung		8
<b>T Transienten Übersicht</b>		
Einhüllende		14
<b>Betroffene Phasen</b>		
Phase L1	T	2
Phase L2	T	4
Phase L3	T	4
Phase L4	T	4
	E	2
	E	2
	E	2
	E	2

Gerätename	Typ	Phase	Start ▾	Ende	Dauer	Wert
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UMG 508 - TD	Unterspannung	[L1][L2][L3][L4][L5][L6]	19.12.2019 00:30:58'979	19.12.2019 00:30:59'199	220 ms	117.806 V (MIN)
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55 Remained on board "Star" while Government of S.A.  
arrived at Rio de Janeiro 10 Nov 1889  
transferred with five horses from boat steamer "S.S.  
Monarch" to "Star" first class cabin of "Star" the  
horses were put back into their pack bags &  
placed on deck with "Star" moving N.E. 10°  
Finally arrived Rio N.

January 1st  
Received 100 feet from 6th - 100 more were  
brought back last night and yesterday  
and 100 more were brought back today. So  
we are now here and have nothing to do.

Monday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1935  
Continued for hours and five weather rounds &  
it is too warm there. Weather forecast all day  
but very warm so have closed one end  
of house since last evening when the wind subsided  
and the outside temperature fell 10 degrees.  
The house is still warm though. The wind is little today  
though at 10 miles per hour & after 3-4 miles  
is a gale. Weather <sup>20-25°</sup> F. Wind 20-30 M.

Tuesday, Sept. 20  
Coyotes have been a lot trouble lately. At 8 A.M. the three dogs were in front and one of them stuck up his little head and barked at me. Both had tags. I took a gun and shot him. He was wounded at first but recovered. The other two followed at 9 A.M. and I shot them. I have since found that two of the dogs have been the others shooting dogs in these mountains and they are

first drawing for plate on the following page  
Tuesday Feb 14 1863

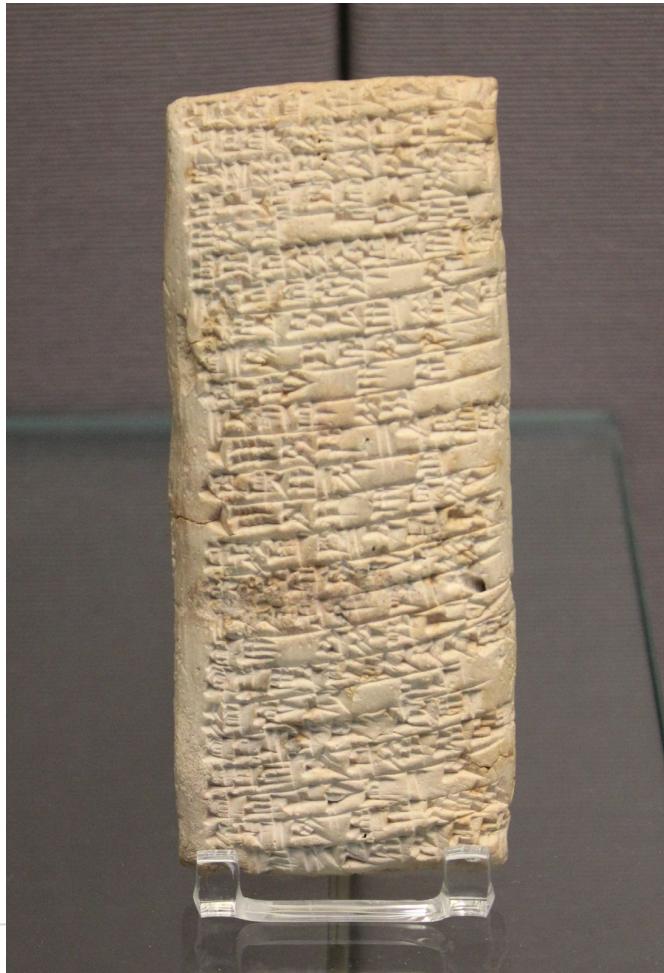


Wednesday Oct 15<sup>th</sup>  
Spent the day at home. Wrote my first novel "Living & Dying" which took about 2 hours. Wrote half of it in the morning and the other half in the evening. It's about 100 pages long.

Wednesday Sept 16  
Spent first hours from 8:30 starting 2 miles up river  
at Middle past the same water was now about  
16 feet above bottom & bottom of creek. At 3:30

Water date 17  
Antennal base and fore under wings white

Vording Sat 11 Long 123°3'  
Latitude 51°45' from St. Ma. During the night we were able to take the ship's log reading of over 15 miles from Duran Duran to the Northern Islands. This was later confirmed by light house logs as we reached Manley Sat 12 Long 123°51'  
Lat 51°28'





**Humanity has optimized detailed accounts into key events  
into numbers for millenia, again and again**

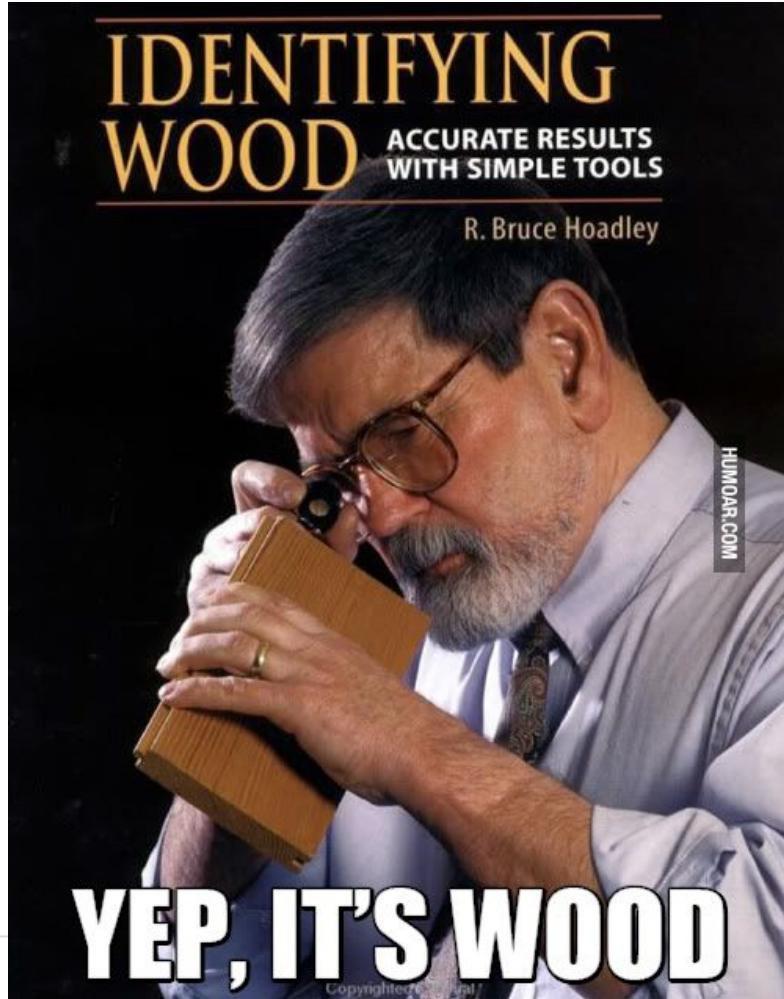


# Observability & SRE

Or: Buzzwords, and their useful parts

# Observability, the buzzword

- Cool new term, almost meaningless by now, what does it mean?
  - Pitfall alert: Cargo culting
  - It's about changing the behaviour, not about changing the name
- “Monitoring” has taken on a meaning of collecting, not using data
  - One extreme: Full text indexing
  - Other extreme: Data lake
- “Observability” is about enabling humans to understand complex systems
  - Ask new questions on the fly
  - Ask **why** it’s not working instead of just knowing that it’s not



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[...] observations are [...] approximations to the truth [...] this can be accomplished in no other way than by a suitable combination of more observations than the number absolutely requisite for the determination of the unknown quantities

Carl Friedrich Gauß, 1809

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Observability is a measure of how well internal states of a system can be inferred from knowledge of its external outputs.

Rudolf Emil Kálmán, 1960

# Complexity

- Fake complexity, a.k.a. bad design
  - Can be reduced
- Real, system-inherent complexity
  - Can be moved (monolith vs client-server vs microservices)
  - Must be compartmentalized (service boundaries)
  - Should be distilled meaningfully (observability...)

# Services

- What's a service?
  - Compartmentalized complexity, with an interface
  - Different owners/teams
  - Contracts define interfaces
- Why “contract”: Shared agreement which MUST NOT be broken
  - Internal and external customers rely on what you build and maintain
- Other common term: layer
  - The Internet would not exist without network layering
  - Enables innovation, parallelizes human engineering
- Other examples: CPUs, hard drive, compute nodes, your lunch

# Cloud-native vs client-server vs mainframe vs...

- A mainframe application and a microservices fleet are fundamentally the same
  - You can *move* system-inherent complexity, but...
- Microservices broke up old service and system boundaries
  - Enabling horizontal scalability, arguably at the cost of vertical scalability
- Previous-generation tooling is designed to understand system complexity along existing service boundaries
  - Cloud native tooling is able to deal with this increased complexity
  - NB: This means previous-generation complexity is even easier to observe

# SRE, an instantiation of DevOps

- At its core: Align incentives across the org
  - Error budgets allow devs, ops, PMs, etc. to optimize for shared benefits
- Measure it!
  - SLI: Service Level Indicator: What you measure
  - SLO: Service Level Objective: What you need to hit
  - SLA: Service Level Agreement: When you need to pay
- Discern between different SLIs
  - Primary: service-relevant, for alerting
  - Secondary: informational, debugging, might be underlying's primary

# Shared understanding

- Everyone uses the same tools & dashboards
  - Shared incentive to invest into tooling
  - Pooling of institutional system knowledge
  - Shared language & understanding of services

# Alerting

- Customers care about services being up, not about individual components

**Anything currently or imminently impacting customer service must be alerted upon  
But nothing(!) else**



# Prometheus

# Prometheus 101

- Inspired by Google's Borgmon
- Time series database
- Rich ecosystem, 1,000s of instrumentations & exporters
- Cloud-native default

# Time series

- Time series are recorded values which change over time
- Individual events are usually merged into counters and/or histograms
- Changing values are recorded as gauges
- Typical examples
  - Requests to a webserver (counter)
  - Temperatures in a datacenter (gauge)
  - Service latency (histograms)

# Cloud-native default

- Kubernetes =~ Borg
- Prometheus =~ Borgmon
- Google couldn't have run Borg without Borgmon
- Kubernetes & Prometheus are designed and written with each other in mind

# Main selling points

- Highly dynamic, built-in service discovery
- No hierarchical model, n-dimensional label set
- PromQL: for processing, graphing, alerting, and export
- Simple operation
- Highly efficient

# Super easy to emit, parse & read

```
http_requests_total{env="prod",method="post",code="200"} 1027
http_requests_total{env="prod",method="post",code="400"} 3
http_requests_total{env="prod",method="post",code="500"} 12
http_requests_total{env="prod",method="get",code="200"} 20
http_requests_total{env="test",method="post",code="200"} 372
http_requests_total{env="test",method="post",code="400"} 75
```

# PromQL

All partitions in my entire infrastructure with more than 100GB capacity that are not mounted on root?

```
node_filesystem_bytes_total{mountpoint!="/" } / 1e9 > 100
```

```
{device="sda1", mountpoint="/home", instance="10.0.0.1"} 118.8
{device="sda1", mountpoint="/home", instance="10.0.0.2"} 118.8
{device="sdb1", mountpoint="/data", instance="10.0.0.2"} 451.2
{device="xdvc", mountpoint="/mnt", instance="10.0.0.3"} 320.0
```

# PromQL

What's the ratio of request errors across all service instances?

```
sum by(path) (rate(http_requests_total{status="500"}[5m])) /  
sum by(path) (rate(http_requests_total[5m]))
```

{path="/status"} 0.0039

{path="/" } 0.0011

{path="/api/v1/topics/:topic"} 0.087

{path="/api/v1/topics"} 0.0342

# New features

- Remote Write Receiver (v2.25 (feature flag) v2.33 (stable))
- Trigonometric functions (v2.31)
- Agent mode (v2.32)
- Long term support versions (v2.27)
- Out of order ingestion (v2.39)

Next highlight feature: Native histograms

# Prometheus scale

- 1,000,000+ samples/second no problem on current hardware
- ~200,000 samples/second/core
- 16 bytes/sample compressed to 1.36 bytes/sample
- Reliable into the tens of millions of active series



# Mimir

# Mimir

- For Metrics
- Prometheus → Cortex → Grafana Enterprise Metrics → Mimir
- Scales to more than 1,000,000,000 Active Series
- Blazingly fast query performance
- Hard multi-tenancy, access control, and three-way replication
- Can ingest native OpenTelemetry, DataDog, Graphite, and Influx

# Mimir @ Grafana

- 1,000,000,000 Active Series - in one cluster
- 1,500 machines
- 7,000 CPU cores
- 30 TiB RAM



# Loki

# Loki 101

- For Logs
- Following the same label-based system as Prometheus
  - Only index what you need often, query the rest
  - “Index the labels, query the data”
- Work with logs at scale, without the massive cost
  - Scalable low latency write path
  - Flexible schema on read
- Access logs with the same label sets as metrics
  - Turn logs into metrics, to make it easier & cheaper to work with them

2019-12-11T10:01:02.123456789Z {env="prod", instance="1.1.1.1"} GET /about

**Timestamp**

with nanosecond precision

**Prometheus-style Labels**

key-value pairs

**Content**

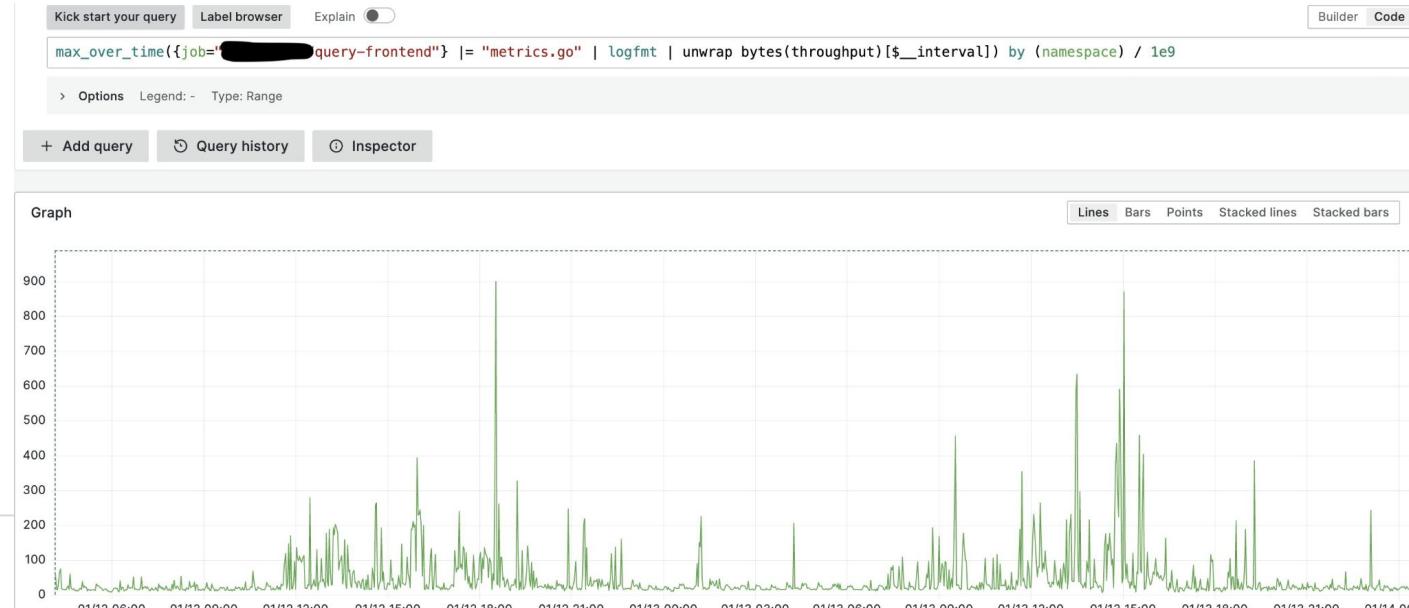
log line

indexed

unindexed

# Loki @ Grafana Labs

- Largest user cluster (as of 2023-01): 180 TiB per day
- Queries regularly peak at **900GB/s**
  - Query 10TB in 12 seconds, including complex processing of result sets





# Tempo

# Tempo

- For Traces
- Historic problem: Traces require extremely rich metadata for analysis
  - Expensive, slow, and mandates sampling
- Exemplars: Leverage the extracted logs & metrics
  - Exemplars work at Google scale, with the ease of Grafana
  - Native to Prometheus, Cortex, Thanos, and Loki
- Index and search by labelsets available for those who need it
- 100% compatible with OpenTelemetry Tracing, Zipkin, Jaeger

# Tempo @ Grafana Labs (2023-04)

- 1,500,000 samples per second @ 450 MiB/s
  - 560 MiB/s peak
- 14-day retention @ 3 copies stored
- Latencies:
  - p99 - 2.5s
  - p90 - 2.3s
  - p50 - 1.6s



Grafana  
**Pyroscope**

# Pyroscope

- For Profiling
- We announced the acquisition March 15th
  - <https://github.com/grafana/pyroscope>
- Profiles
  - “How much CPU & RAM am I spending in what areas of the code?”
  - “...and how does this change over time?”
- Go: pprof
- Java: <https://github.com/grafana/JPProf>

# Data (and cost) savings

# Logs to metrics

- Full text indexing: 10 TiB logs → ~20 TiB index
  - Loki: 10 TiB logs → ~200 MiB index
  - Logs @ Grafana ~600 Byte average per line
  - Metrics ~1.36 Byte per metric sample
- 99.8% reduction in storage size for first log line  
~100% for every follow-up log line

# Bringing it together

# From logs to traces

Derived fields

Derived fields can be used to extract new fields from the log message and create link from it's value.

Name	Regex	Query
TraceID	(?:traceID trace_id)=(\w+)	\$(__value.raw)

Internal link  Tempo

+ Add Show example log message

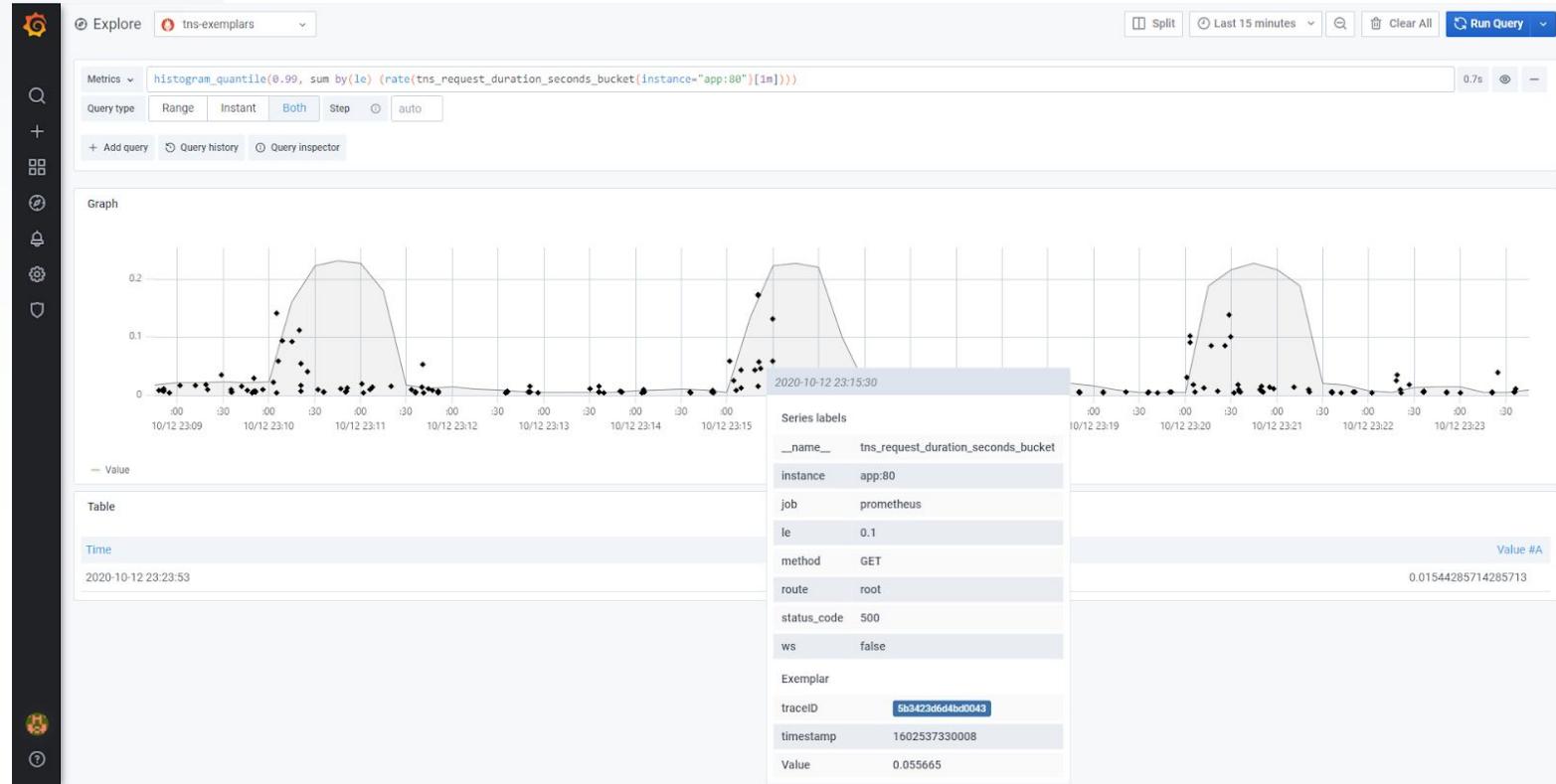
**Log Labels:**

- all pod app-76bb7d944c-r7gb7
- all stdout
- all traceID le38524b7f6e13f
- all \_2020\_11\_24T15\_20\_29\_996153289Z
- all cluster tns
- all container app
- all level info
- all namespace tns
- all filename /var/log/pods/ns\_app-76bb7d944c-r7gb7\_68f6413f-be42-486c-88f0-ed86badd1766/app/3.log
- all job tns/app
- all level\_extracted info
- all msg HTTP client success
- all duration 53.027253ms
- all name app
- all status 500
- all F
- all pod\_template\_hash 76bb7d944c
- all url http://db

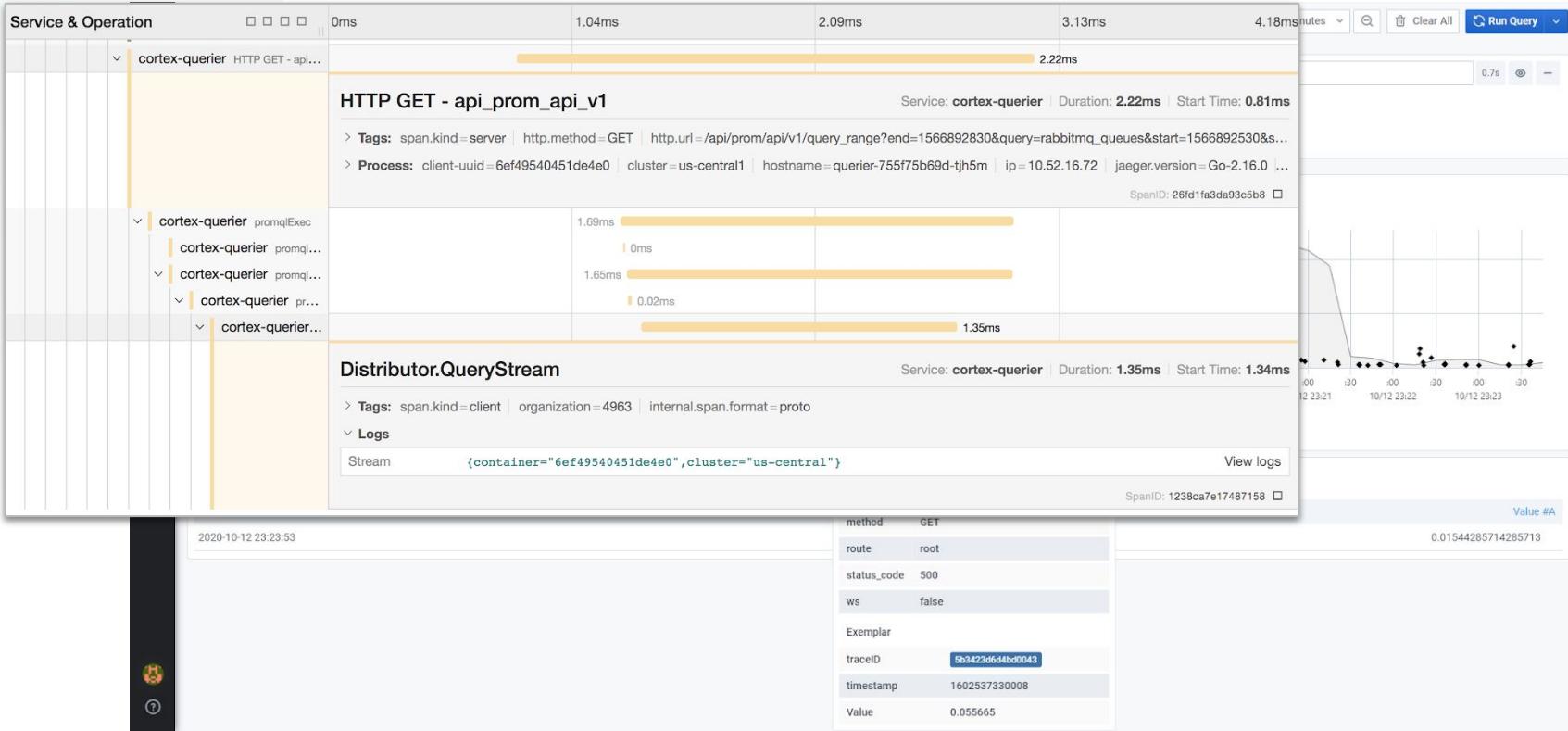
**Parsed Fields:**

- all @ TraceID le38524b7f6e13f Tempo
- all @ duration 53.027253ms
- all @ level info

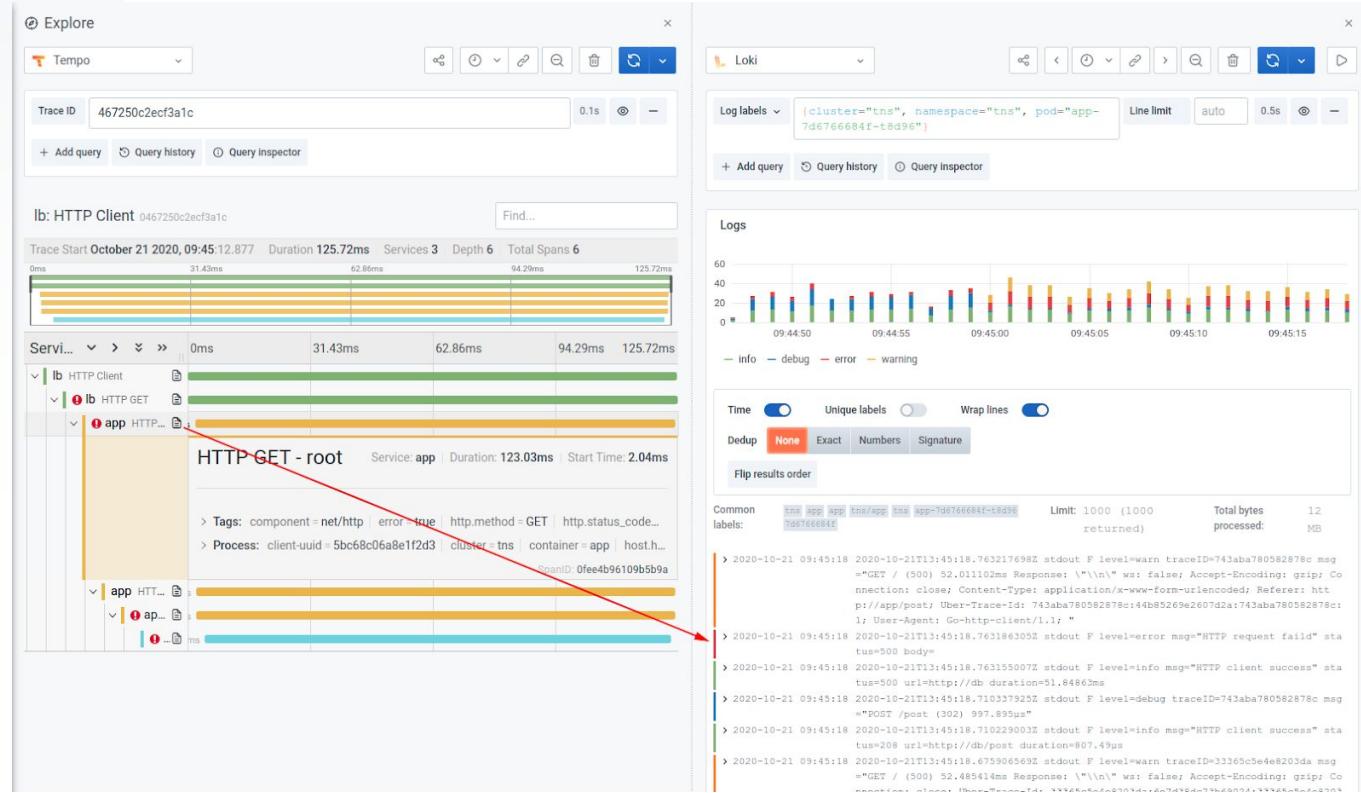
# From metrics to traces

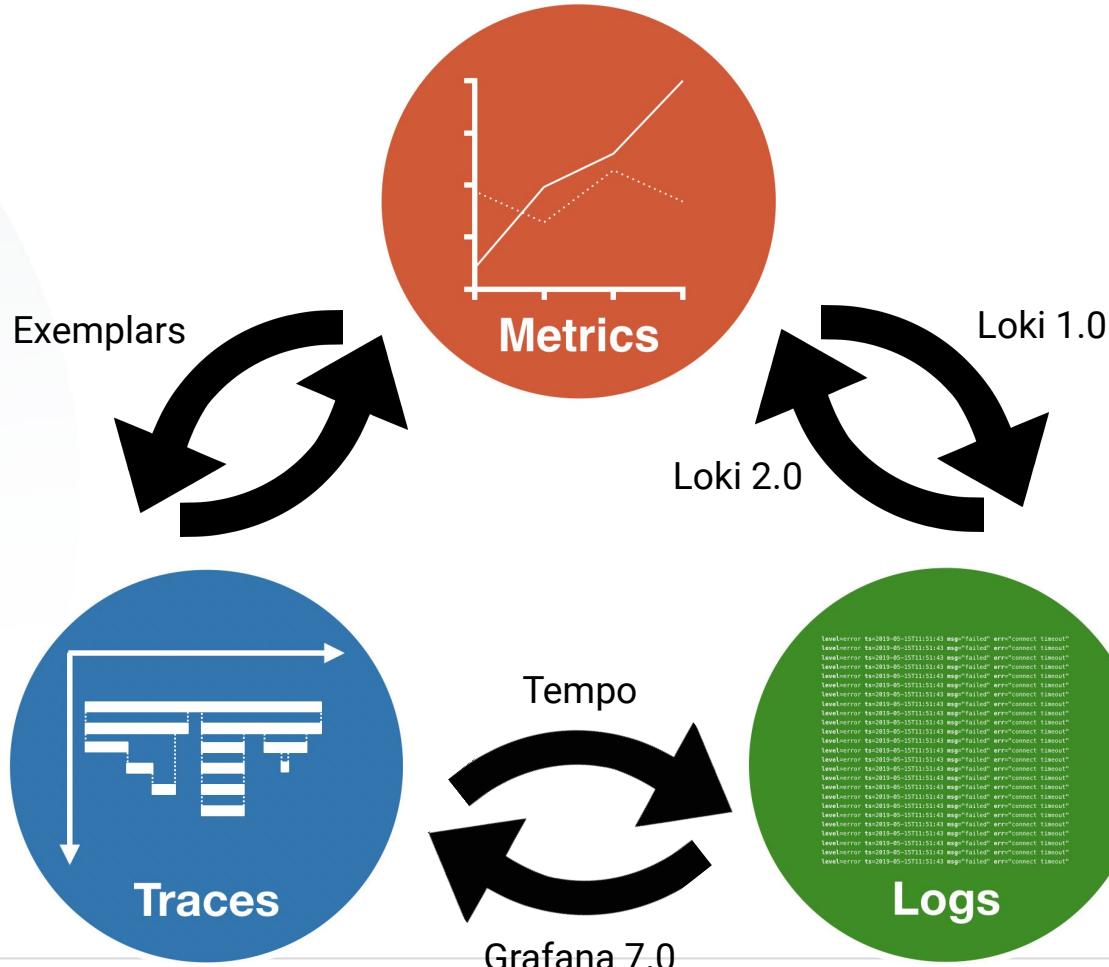


# From metrics to traces

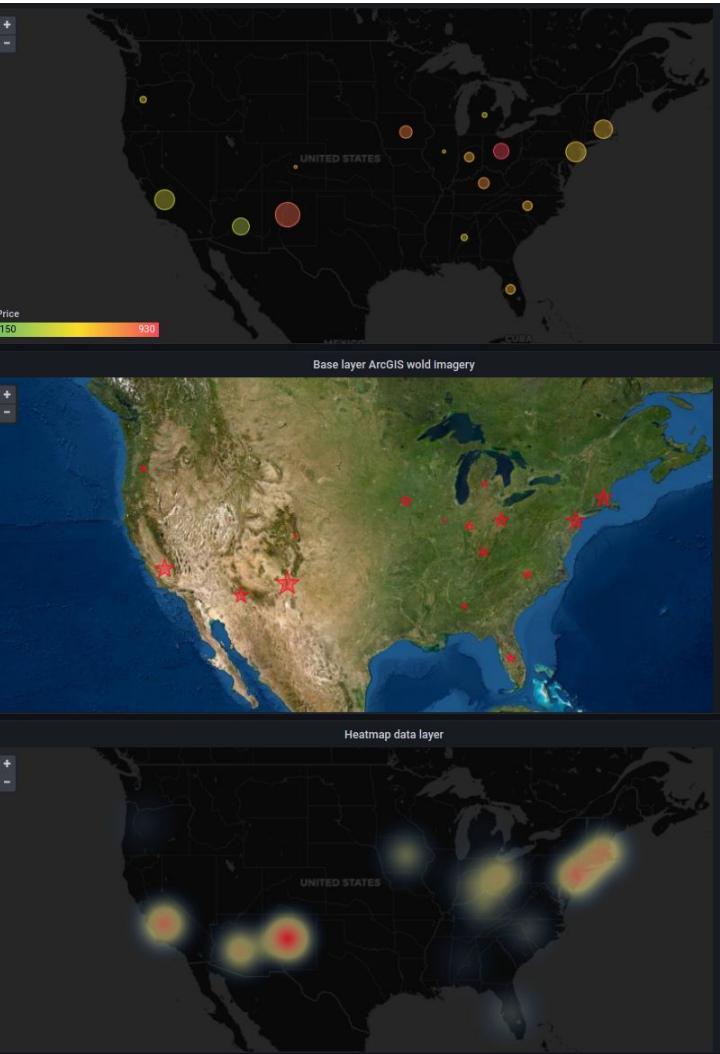


# ...and from traces to logs









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All of this is Open Source and you can run it yourself

(But we will also sell it to you happily)



For a deeper dive into  
Open Source Observability, go to:

[grafana.com/about/events/open-source-observability-conference-2022](https://grafana.com/about/events/open-source-observability-conference-2022)



# Thank you!

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# Holiday Readiness - Let's get to LGTM!



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# Blackout

An aerial photograph of a major city at night, likely New York City, showing a dense grid of illuminated streets and buildings. A large, solid black arrow points diagonally across the frame from the bottom left towards the center, highlighting the word "Blackout".



# Explosive Growth of APIs

NETWORK TRAFFIC L4/L7

WE'RE JUST HERE!

2002

FUTURE

API SERVICES



# Service Connectivity Challenges



2002

FUTURE



# The Challenges of Hyper-Connectivity

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**Reliability**

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**Security**

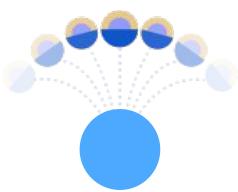
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**Observability**

# Service Connectivity Patterns

## API Gateway

North - South Traffic | Consumer Client to Service  
Centralised Deployment

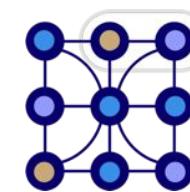


### Edge Connectivity

Enable external clients like mobile applications, IoT devices, developers and partners to consume our APIs

## Service Mesh

East - West Traffic | Service to Service  
Distributed Deployment



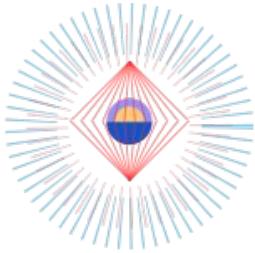
### In-App Connectivity

As individual applications become decoupled and distributed, it enables to connect all of their microservices



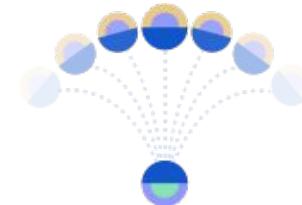


# Kuma Service Mesh - Key Outcomes



## Achieve Zero-Trust Security

Restrict access and encrypt all traffic by default to only complete transactions when identity is verified



## Ensure service connectivity, discovery and traffic reliability

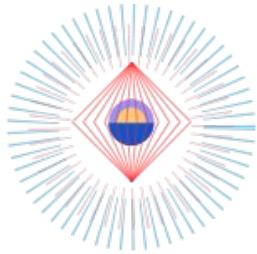
Intelligently route traffic across any platform and any cloud to meet expectations and SLAs



## Gain Global Traffic Observability

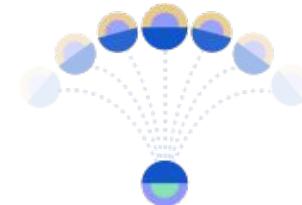
Gain a detailed understanding of service behavior to increase application reliability and the efficiency of teams

# Holiday Readiness



## Observable Infrastructure

Understanding of cloud native observability techniques - logs, traces and metrics.



## Thorough understanding of latencies

Ability to predict the slowness, raise alerts and scale the infrastructure



## Drive SRE Principles

Error Budget | Time Series | Forecasting  
| Provisioning with autoscalers | (and many)

# Let's keep in touch!



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Let's hear it for our SREs....

Loki

Grafana

Tempo

Mimir

Thank You!

# Autoscaling Grafana Mimir with Prometheus, Kubernetes HPA, and KEDA



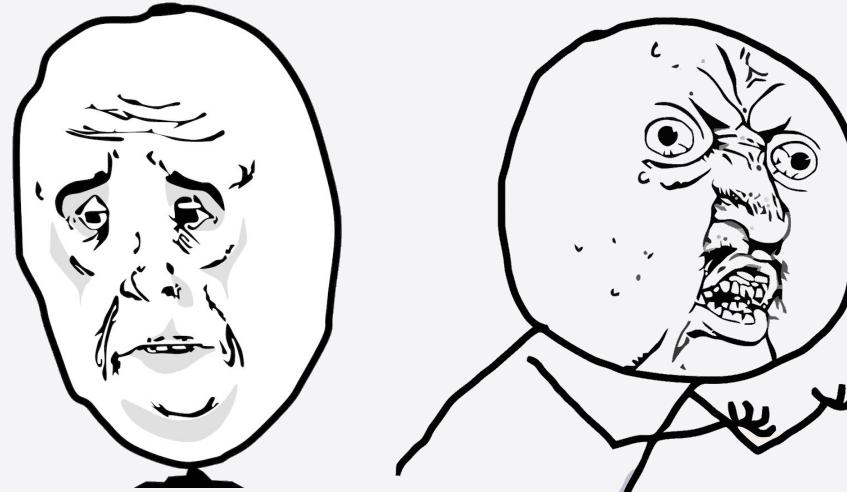
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# Problem 1

## Manual scaling

- Reactive vs proactive. Paged in the midnight?
- Slow, tedious, API errors that could be avoided.



\* they just got paged in the middle of the night for this



# Problem 2

Forgot to scale down after the holiday was over?



## Proposal 1: Autoscale queriers with HPA + KEDA



## Proposal 2: Do nothing

Keep waking up in the middle of the night to scale up queriers.





Horizontal Pod  
Autoscaler (HPA)



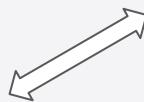
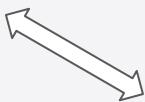


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# Example of Grafana Mimir Queriers

Max 75%ile above threshold in last 5 mins? Scale out

- Scale out quickly
- Scale down slowly



# Example of Grafana Mimir Queriers

MetricName: cortex\_querier\_hpa\_<namespace>

Query:

```
sum(  
  max_over_time(  
    cortex_query_scheduler_inflight_requests{container="X",namespace="Y",quantile="0.75"}[5m]  
  )  
)
```

Threshold: 15

MinReplica: 5

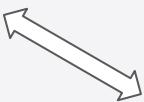
MaxReplica: 20

ScaledObject





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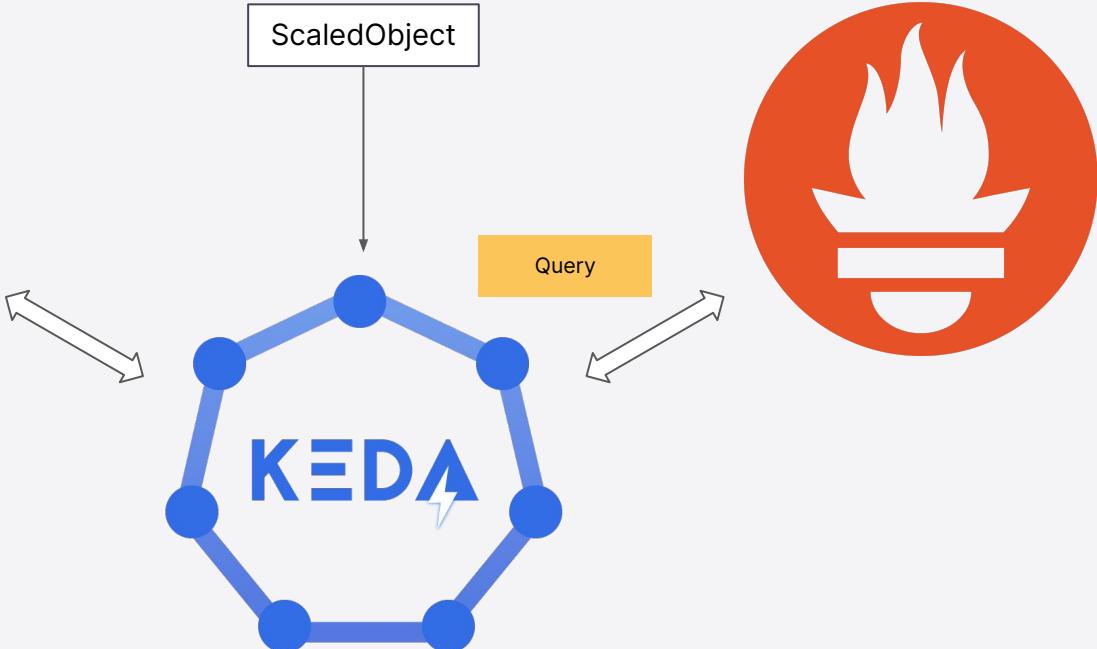
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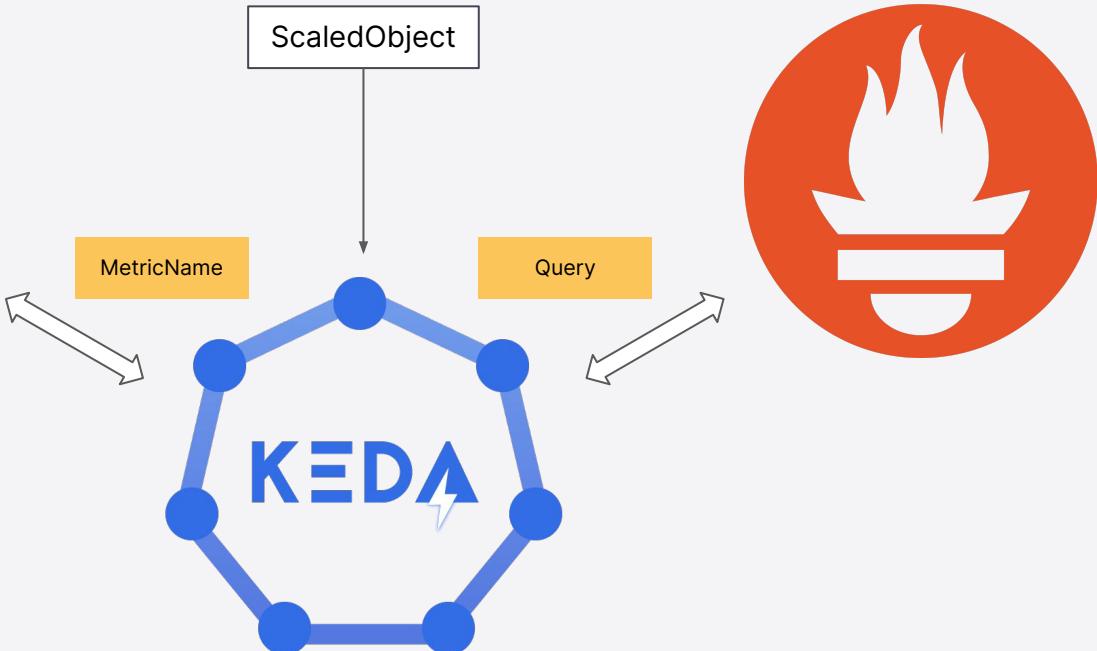


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# Example with CPU and Memory

```
// To scale out relatively quickly, but scale in slower, we look at the average CPU utilization per ruler over 5m (rolling window)
// and then we pick the highest value over the last 15m.
// Multiply by 1000 to get the result in millicores. This is due to KEDA only working with ints.
query: 'max_over_time(sum(rate(container_cpu_usage_seconds_total{container="%s",namespace="%s"}[5m]))[15m:]) * 1000' % [
  name,
  $_config.namespace,
],  
  
// To scale out relatively quickly, but scale in slower, we look at the max memory utilization across all rulers over 15m.
query: 'max_over_time(sum(container_memory_working_set_bytes{container="%s",namespace="%s"})[15m:])' % [
  name,
  $_config.namespace,
],
```

<https://github.com/grafana/mimir/blob/main/operations/mimir/autoscaling.libsonnet>





## How to use KEDA to auto scale Kubernetes deployment using Prometheus?



To use KEDA (Kubernetes-based Event Driven Autoscaling) to automatically scale a Kubernetes deployment using Prometheus, you can follow these steps:

1. Install KEDA on your Kubernetes cluster by following the official installation guide: <https://keda.sh/docs/2.4/deploy/>
2. Configure your Prometheus server to expose metrics for the deployment you want to autoscale. You can use the Prometheus Operator to do this, which simplifies the process of deploying and managing Prometheus on Kubernetes. The Prometheus Operator documentation can be found here: <https://github.com/prometheus-operator/prometheus-operator/tree/main/Documentation>
3. Create a ScaledObject in Kubernetes that tells KEDA which deployment to autoscale, and how to calculate the desired number of replicas based on the Prometheus metrics. Here is an example ScaledObject definition:

yaml

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```
apiVersion: keda.sh/v1alpha1
kind: ScaledObject
metadata:
  name: myapp-scaler
spec:
  scaleTargetRef:
    name: myapp-deployment
```

```
name: myapp-deployment
pollingInterval: 5
triggers:
- type: prometheus
  metadata:
    serverAddress: http://prometheus-server:9090
    metricName: myapp_request_count
    query: sum(rate(myapp_request_count{status="200"}[1m]))
    threshold: '10'
    minReplicaCount: 1
    maxReplicaCount: 10
```

This ScaledObject tells KEDA to monitor the Prometheus metric `myapp\_request\_count`, and to calculate the desired number of replicas based on the rate of requests with a 200 status code. If the rate exceeds 10 requests per second, KEDA will scale up the deployment up to a maximum of 10 replicas. If the rate falls below 10 requests per second, KEDA will scale down the deployment to a minimum of 1 replica.

4. Apply the ScaledObject to your Kubernetes cluster using `kubectl apply -f <filename>.yaml`

With these steps, KEDA will automatically adjust the number of replicas for your deployment based on the metrics exposed by Prometheus. This can help ensure that your application has enough resources to handle incoming traffic, while minimizing wasted resources when traffic is low.



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