
Consolidated Mirth Dashboard Deployment Guide

VERSION 1.0



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1 Introduction

There are multiple Mirth Instances implemented for a client. To monitor multiple instances, monitoring team should go and check separate dashboards of each Mirth instances.

As part of this IAG, a Mirth consolidated dashboard has been created where in all the Mirth instances' data are scraped into a single dashboard.

This document is intended for monitoring team which helps them deploy the application on to the monitoring server.



2 Deployment Pre-requisites

Mirth Connect would be already deployed for this deployment

2.1 Software Requirements

- Windows OS
- Go1.14.2
- Grafana 7.0.4
- Prometheus 2.18.0
- Windows Exporter 0.13.0
- Mirth Exporter

2.2 Hardware Requirements

Minimum Hardware Requirements:

- Processor: 4 cores
- Processor speed: 1 GHz
- Random access memory (RAM): 8 GB
- Hard disk capacity: 500GB

Recommended Hardware Requirements:

- Processor: 8 cores
- Processor speed: 3GHz
- Random access memory (RAM): 16 GB

2.3 Networking Requirements

Default ports:

- Grafana = :3000
- Prometheus = :9090
- Mirth exporter = :9140
- WMI exporter = :9182

2.4 Security Requirements

User's permission to install software is required.

2.5 Dependencies

Mirth Connect should be there with deployed channels.

2.6 Pre-deployment Configuration

1. Admin rights to install software and configure service files is required.
2. Access to ports 3000, 9090, 9140, 9100, 9140 is required.



3 Deployment Procedure

The following section provides the detailed steps to successfully deploy each module of the product.

3.1 Scope

- Deployment of Go compiler
- Grafana set up
- Prometheus set up
- Mirth Exporter configuration
- WMI Exporter configuration

3.2 Environment

Not Applicable

3.3 Backup Procedure

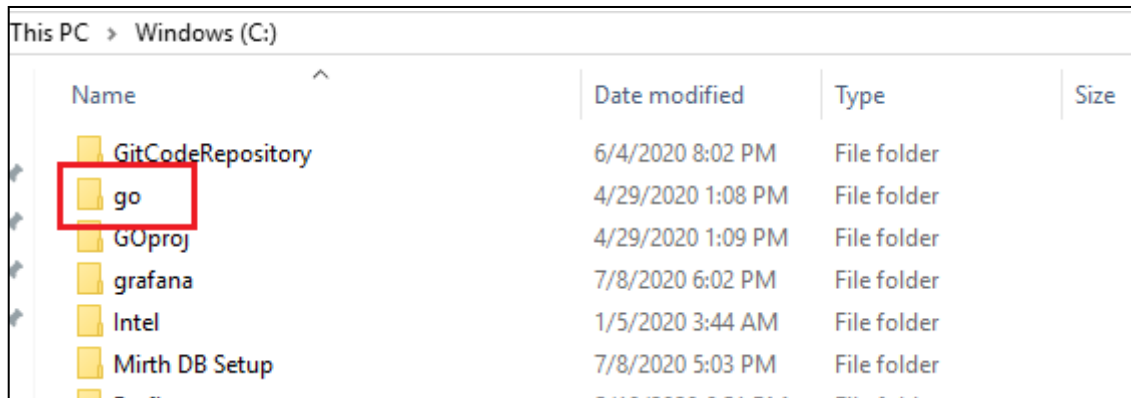
Backup of Grafana database can be taken to ensure that you can always rollback to your previous version. This can be done by taking backup of **grafana.db** file. This is usually located usually in **<grafana_install_dir>/data**:

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
log	7/13/2020 8:19 PM	File folder	
plugins	7/13/2020 8:19 PM	File folder	
png	5/12/2020 1:06 PM	File folder	
grafana	7/28/2020 8:09 PM	Data Base File	4,932 KB

3.4 Deployment Procedure

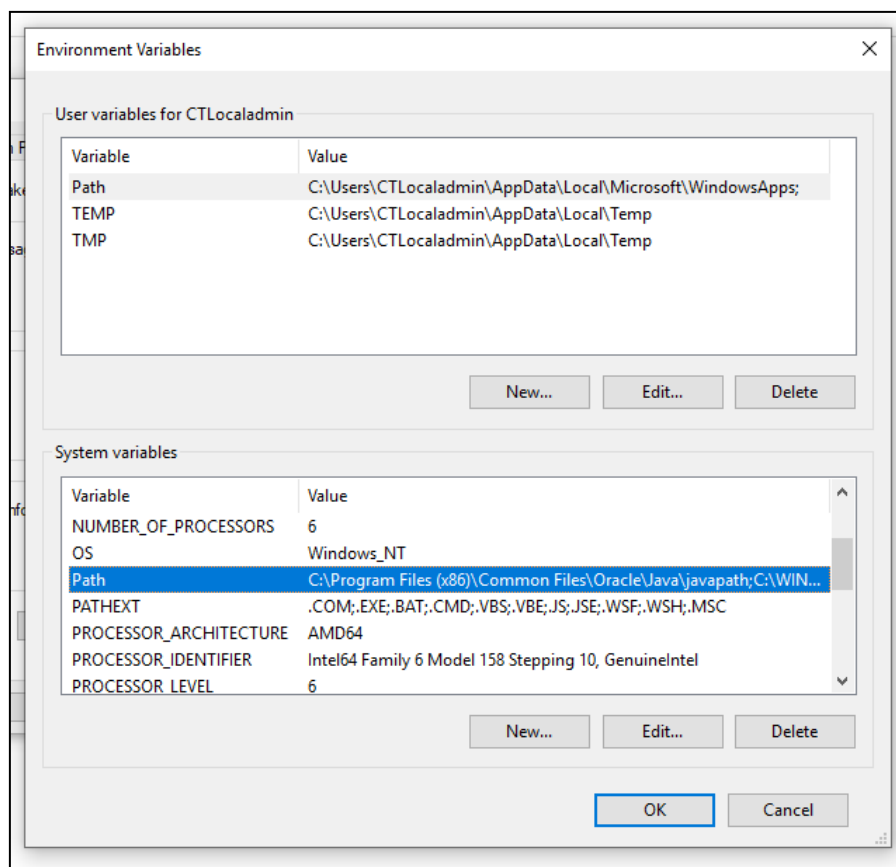
To set up GO, perform the following steps:

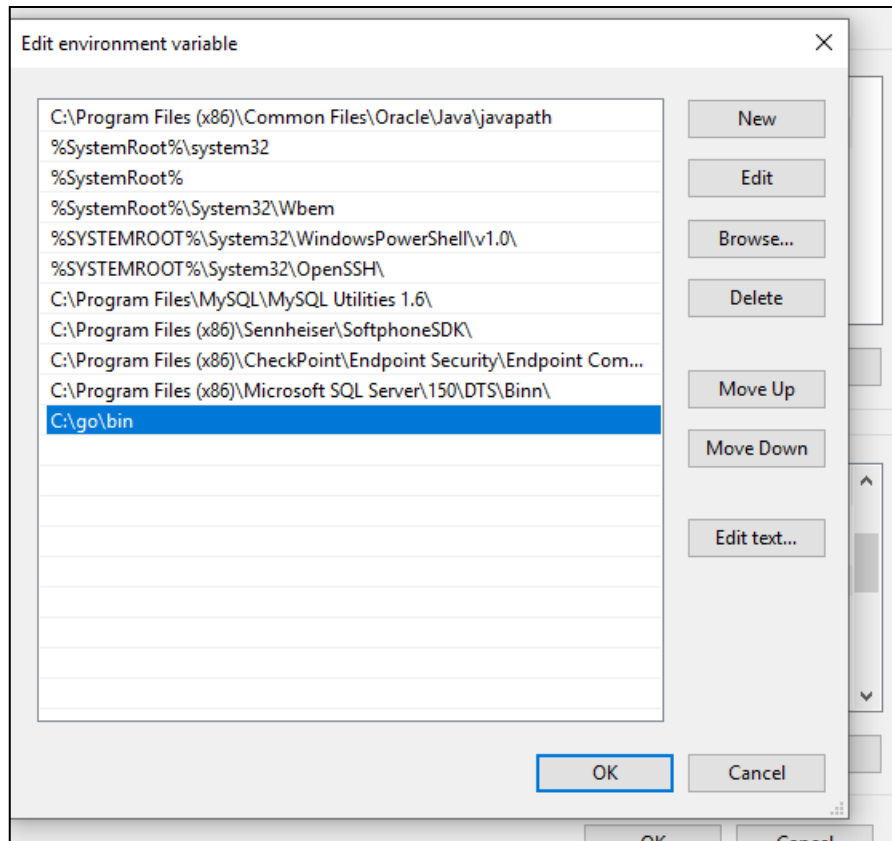
1. Download the GO [zip file](#) and extract into the directory **C:\go**:



2. To set the Environment Variables, perform the following steps:

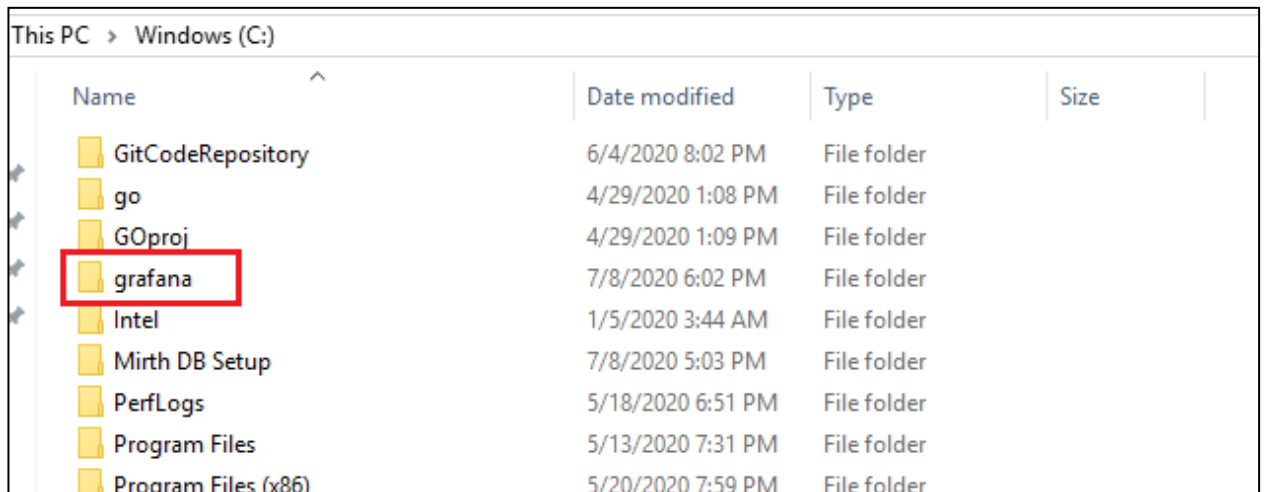
- a. Go to **Environment Variables**
- b. **System variables** --> **Path** --> **Edit** --> **New** --> Add **C:\go\bin** and click **OK**:



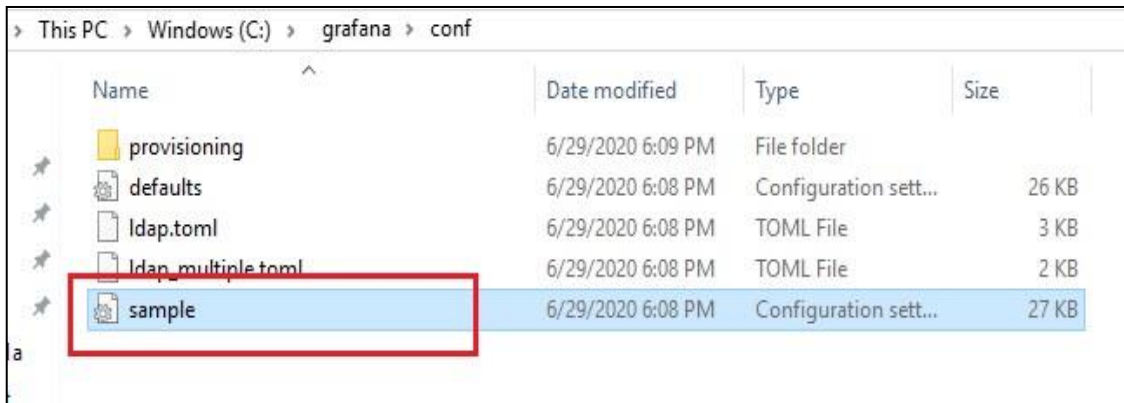


To set up Grafana, perform the following steps:

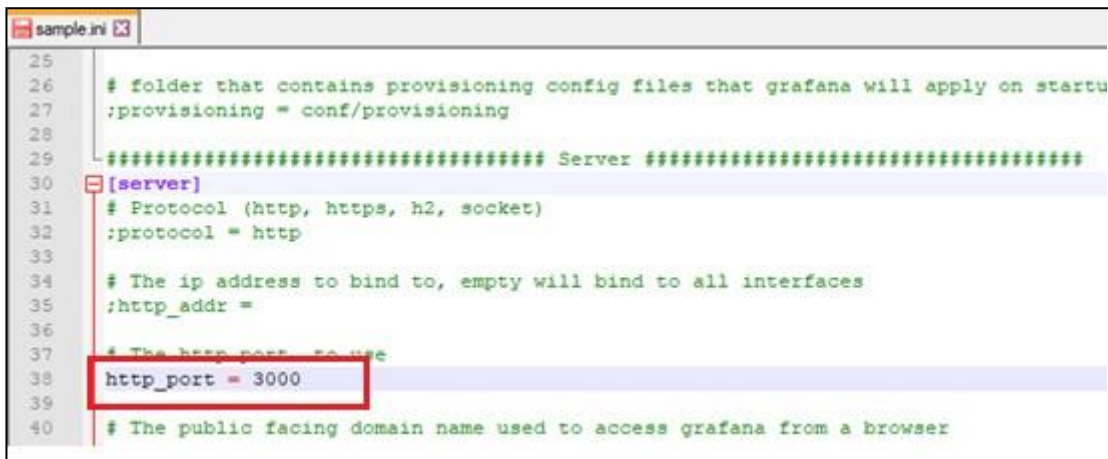
1. Download Grafana [zip file](#) and extract into the C:\grafana directory:



2. Go to C:\grafana\conf\sample.ini file:

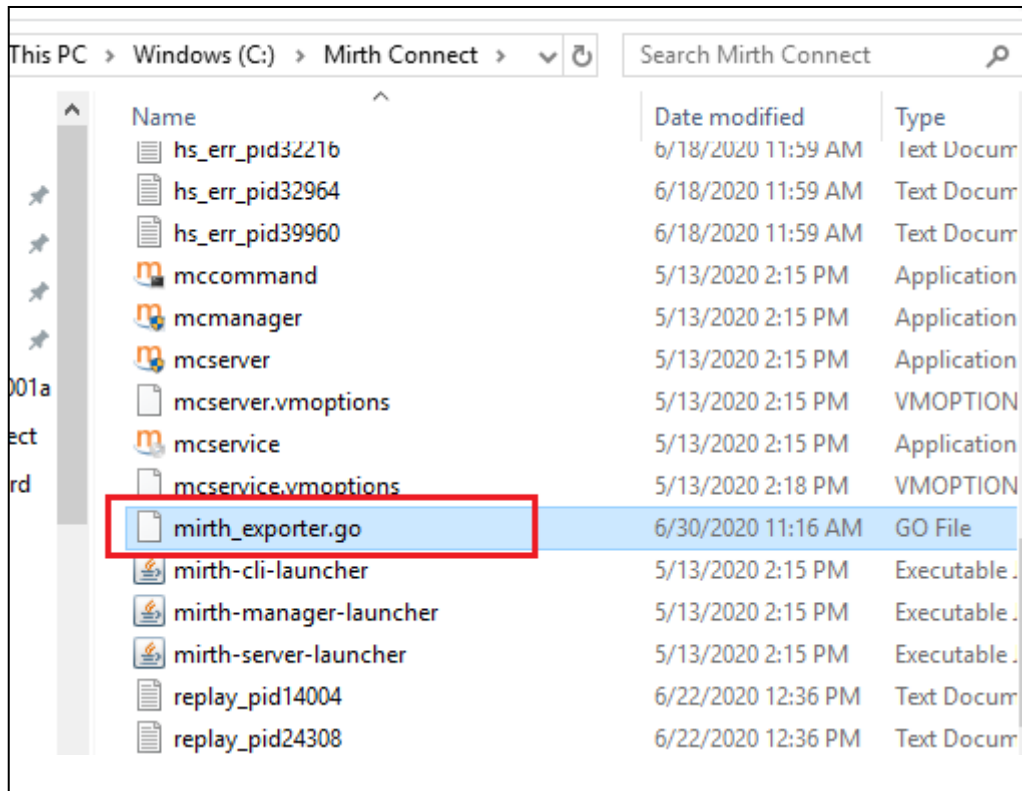


3. Uncomment **http_port = 3000** by removing '#' at the beginning of the line and save the file:



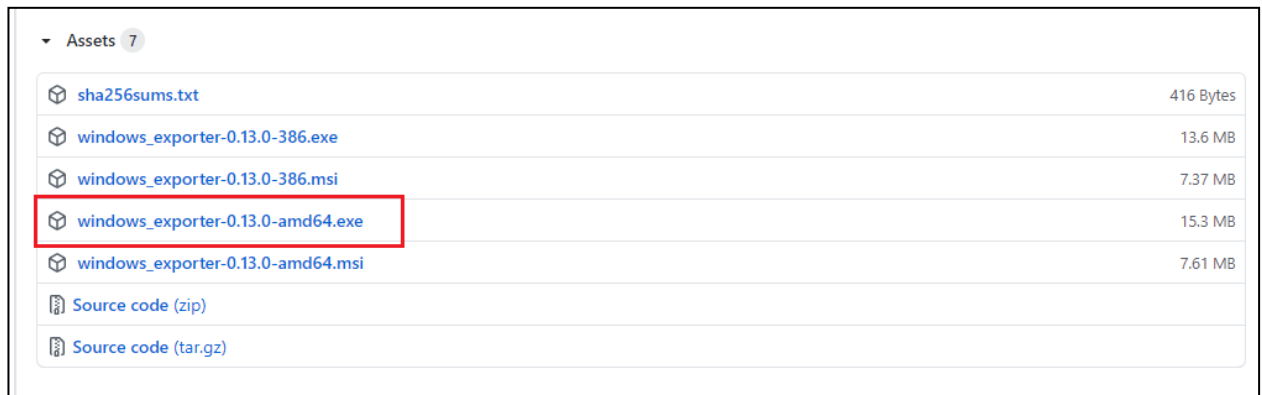
To set up Mirth Exporter, perform the following steps:

1. Download the file **mirth_exporter.go** from below link:
<https://github.com/SalmanCitiustech/MirthDashboard/tree/master>
2. Save mirth_exporter.go in the Mirth Connect folder:

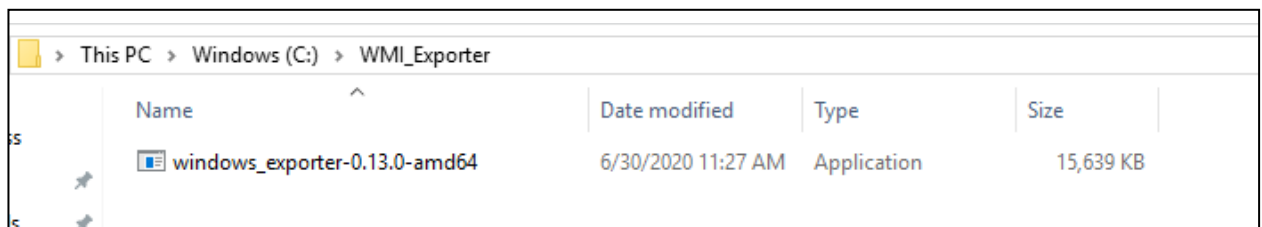


To set up WMI Exporter, perform the following steps:

1. Download the [executable file](#) of WMI:



2. Save the executable file into the **C:\WMI_Exporter** directory:



To set up Prometheus, perform the following steps:

1. Download Prometheus [zip file](#) and extract into the **C:\prometheus** directory:



This PC > Windows (C:)

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
GitCodeRepository	6/4/2020 8:02 PM	File folder	
go	4/29/2020 1:08 PM	File folder	
GOproj	4/29/2020 1:09 PM	File folder	
grafana	7/8/2020 6:02 PM	File folder	
Intel	1/5/2020 3:44 AM	File folder	
Mirth DB Setup	7/8/2020 5:03 PM	File folder	
PerfLogs	5/18/2020 6:51 PM	File folder	
Program Files	5/13/2020 7:31 PM	File folder	
Program Files (x86)	5/20/2020 7:59 PM	File folder	
prometheus	7/8/2020 5:40 PM	File folder	
Srccode	1/30/2020 4:36 PM	File folder	

2. Open **C:\prometheus\prometheus.yml** file:

This PC > Windows (C:) > prometheus >

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
alert_manager	7/8/2020 5:40 PM	File folder	
console_libraries	7/8/2020 5:40 PM	File folder	
consoles	7/8/2020 5:40 PM	File folder	
data	7/8/2020 5:42 PM	File folder	
LICENSE	4/25/2020 4:51 PM	File	12 KB
NOTICE	4/25/2020 4:51 PM	File	4 KB
prometheus	4/25/2020 3:05 PM	Application	84,766 KB
prometheus.yml	6/22/2020 1:14 PM	YML File	2 KB
promtool	4/25/2020 3:07 PM	Application	48,430 KB
rules.yml	5/19/2020 5:38 PM	YML File	1 KB
tsdb	4/25/2020 3:08 PM	Application	14,434 KB

3. Start adding targets under **scrape_configs**. (Copy and paste the entire code mentioned as follows):

```
scrape_configs:
  # The job name is added as a label `job=<job_name>` to any timeseries
  # scraped from this config.
  - job_name: 'prometheus'
    # metrics_path defaults to '/metrics'
    # scheme defaults to 'http'.
```

```
static_configs:
  - targets: ['localhost:9090']
  - job_name: 'wmi'
```

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

```
static_configs:
  - targets: ['localhost:9182']
  - job_name: 'mirth'
    # metrics_path defaults to '/metrics'
    # scheme defaults to 'http'.
```



```
static_configs:
- targets: ['localhost:9140']
```

```
scrape_configs:
# The job name is added as a label `job=<job_name>` to any timeseries scraped from this config.
- job_name: 'prometheus'

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

static_configs:
- targets: ['localhost:9090']
- job_name: 'wmi'

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

static_configs:
- targets: ['localhost:9182']
- job_name: 'mirth'

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

static_configs:
- targets: ['localhost:9140']
```

4. Save the **prometheus.yml** file.

3.5 Incremental Upgrade Procedure

To upgrade Prometheus, perform the following steps:

1. Login to command prompt as administrator and type the following command to stop the service:

```
net stop "mirthdbsetup"
```

2. Take the backup of **prometheus.yml** file:

This PC > Windows (C:) > prometheus >

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
alert_manager	7/8/2020 5:40 PM	File folder	
console_libraries	7/8/2020 5:40 PM	File folder	
consoles	7/8/2020 5:40 PM	File folder	
data	7/8/2020 5:42 PM	File folder	
LICENSE	4/25/2020 4:51 PM	File	12 KB
NOTICE	4/25/2020 4:51 PM	File	4 KB
prometheus	4/25/2020 3:05 PM	Application	84,766 KB
prometheus.yml	6/22/2020 1:14 PM	YML File	2 KB
promtool	4/25/2020 3:07 PM	Application	48,430 KB
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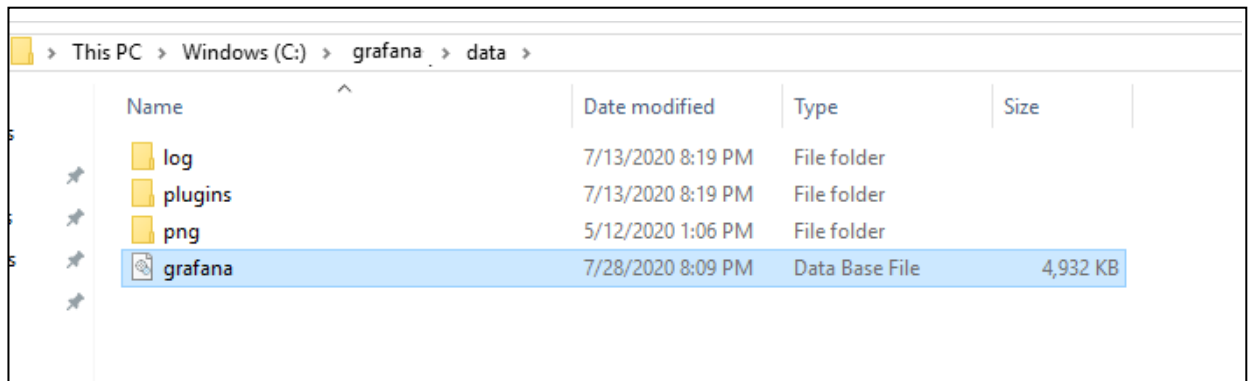
3. Download Prometheus [zip file](#) and extract the files into the C:\prometheus directory.
4. Replace **prometheus.yml** file with the one taken as backup in Step 1.
5. Start the service using the following command:

```
net start "mirthdbsetup"
```



To upgrade Grafana, perform the following steps:

1. Login to command prompt as administrator and type the following command to stop the service:
`net stop "mirthdbsetup"`
2. Take the backup of Grafana database which is located in **C:\grafana\data** path:



3. Follow the steps mentioned in section [3.4](#) for setting up Grafana.
4. Copy the Grafana database file which is taken as a backup file in Step 1 to the '**C:\grafana\data**' path.
5. Start the service using the following command:
`net start "mirthdbsetup"`



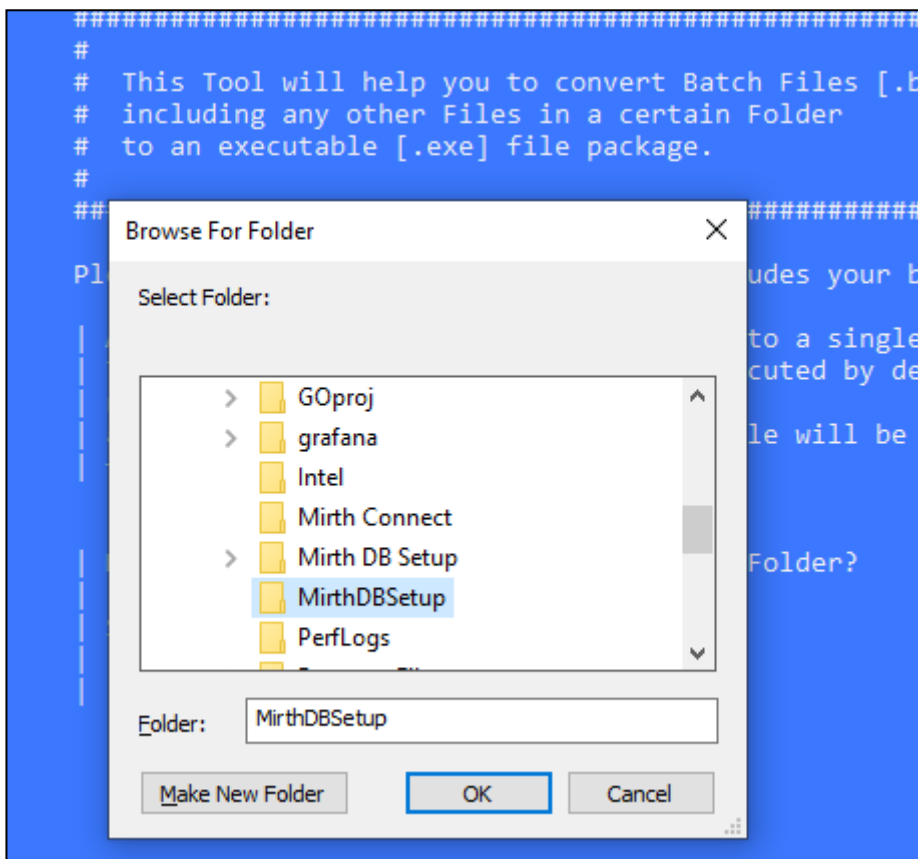
4 Post Deployment

To register the application as Windows service, perform the following steps:

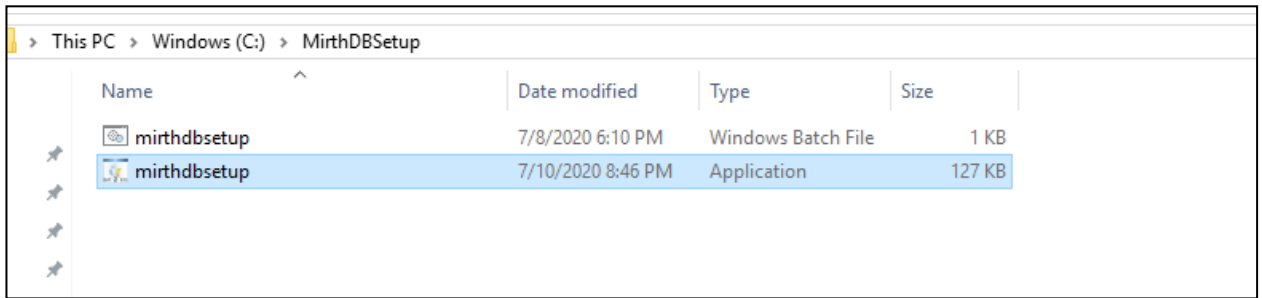
1. Create a batch file using the following commands:

```
cd C:\prometheus
start prometheus.exe
cd C:\grafana\bin
start grafana-server.exe
cd C:\WMI_Exporter
start windows_exporter-0.13.0-amd64.exe
cd C:\Mirth Connect
start go run mirth_exporter.go
```

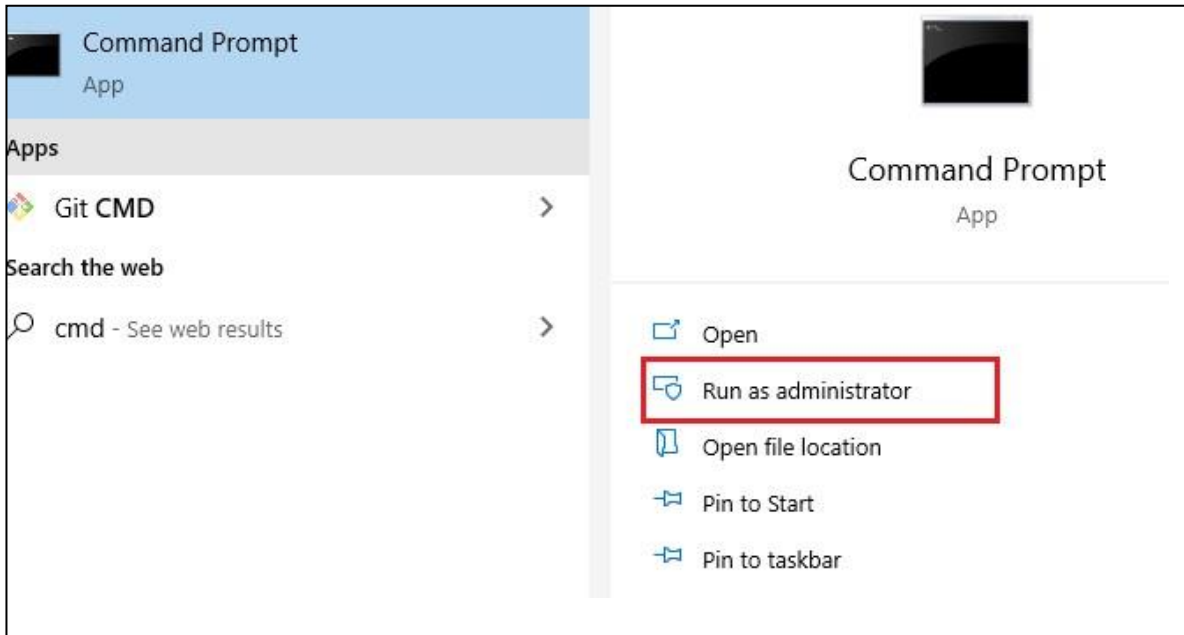
2. Save the file as **mirthdbsetup.bat** under the **C:\MirthDBSetup** directory.
3. Convert **mirthdbsetup.bat** to **mirthdbsetup.exe** using bat2exe application (bat2exe application can be downloaded from [here](#))
4. Select source folder as **C:\MirthDBSetup** where **mirthdbsetup.bat** is present



5. Select target folder as **C:\MirthDBSetup** where **mirthdbsetup.exe** will be saved (same as Step 4)
mirthdbsetup.exe will be created under **C:\MirthDBSetup**:



6. Search for command prompt and right-click to select **Run as administrator**:

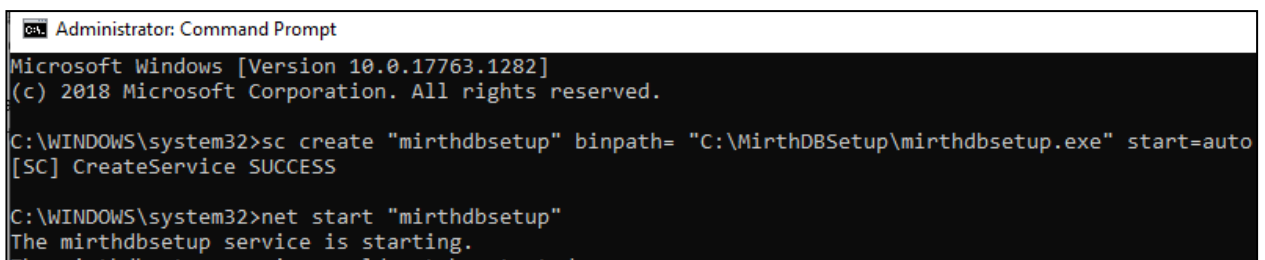


7. Register service using the following command:

```
sc create "mirthdbsetup" binpath= "C:\MirthDBSetup\mirthdbsetup.exe" start=auto
```

8. Start service using the following command:

```
net start "mirthdbsetup"
```



4.1 Configuration

Prometheus Configuration:

To scrape metrics from Mirth Exporter and Node Exporter, configure **prometheus.yml** file using the following steps:

1. Open **prometheus.yml** file.
2. Add the following lines to **prometheus.yml** file:



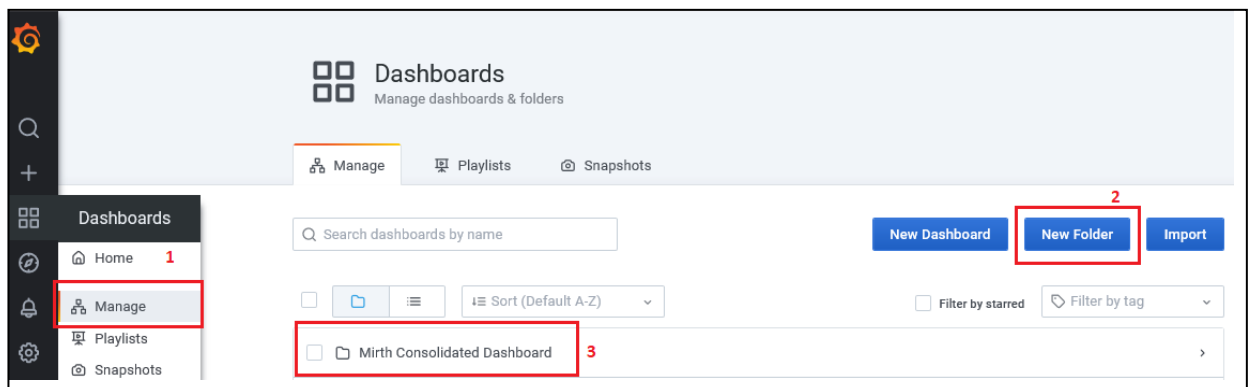
```
- job_name: 'mirth'
static_configs:
- targets: ['localhost:9140']
- job_name: 'node exporter'
static_configs:
- targets: ['localhost:9100']
```

3. Save the file.

Mirth Dashboard Configuration on Grafana:

To configure Mirth Dashboard, perform the following steps:

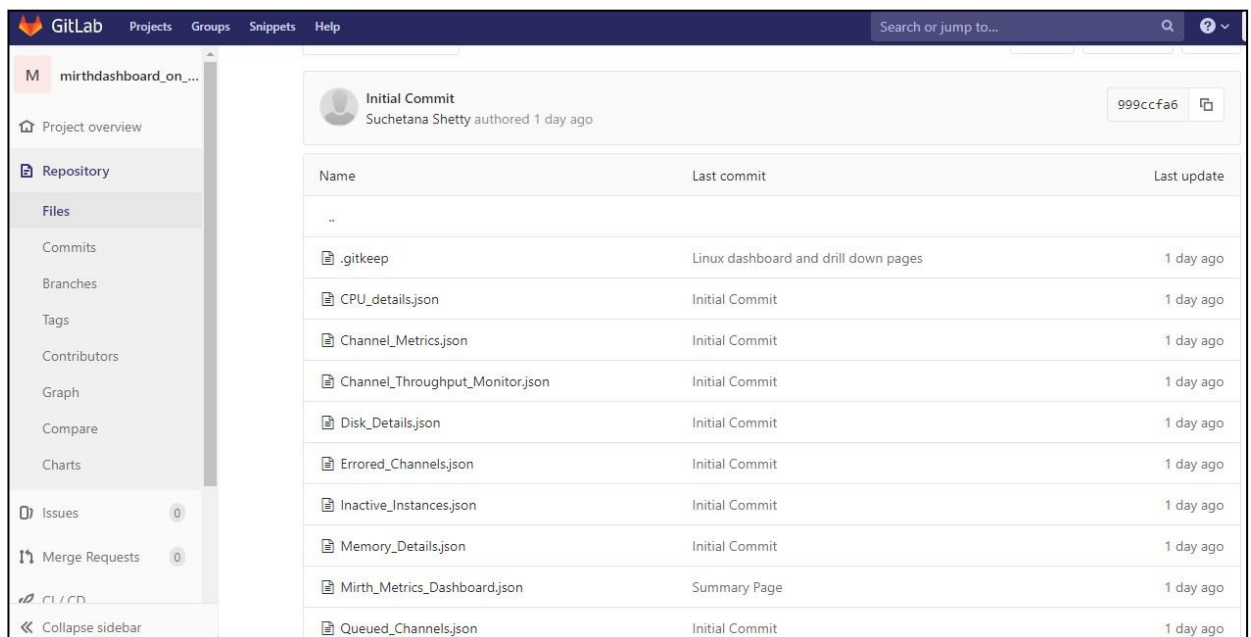
1. Login to Grafana using the URL <http://localhost:3000> or <http://<server ip, where Grafana is installed>:3000>.
2. Default username and password is admin, login using the same credentials.
3. Go to **Dashboard** ➔ **Manage**. Click **New folder** and name it as **Mirth Consolidated Dashboard**:



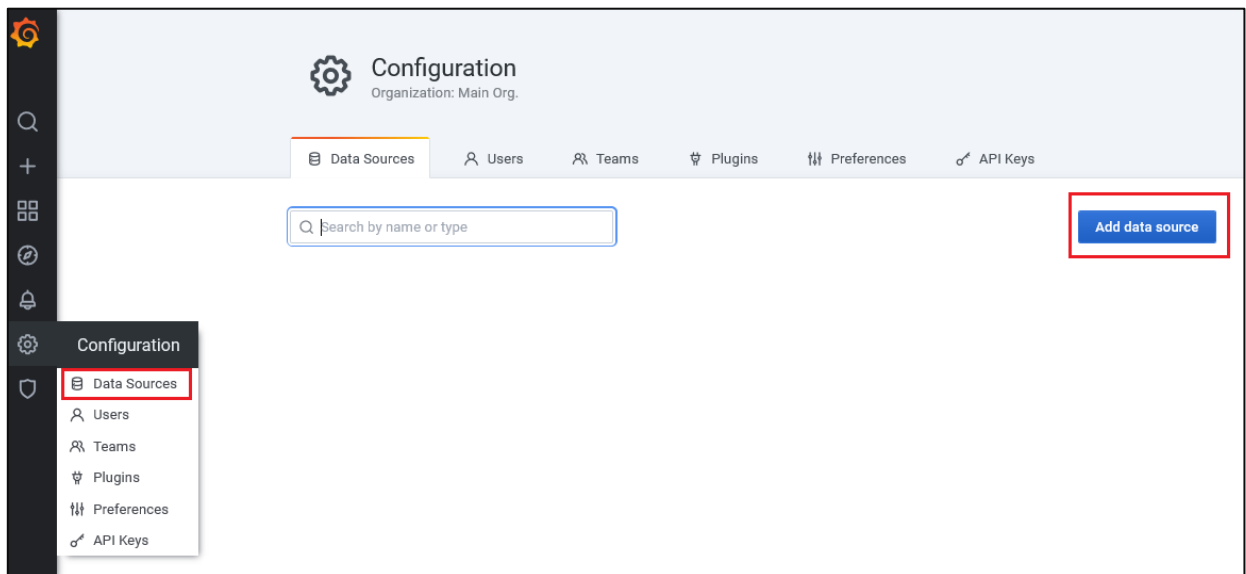
4. Download all JSON files which are under the following URL and save the files:

https://github.com/SalmanCitiustech/MirthDashboard/tree/MirthDashboard_Windows

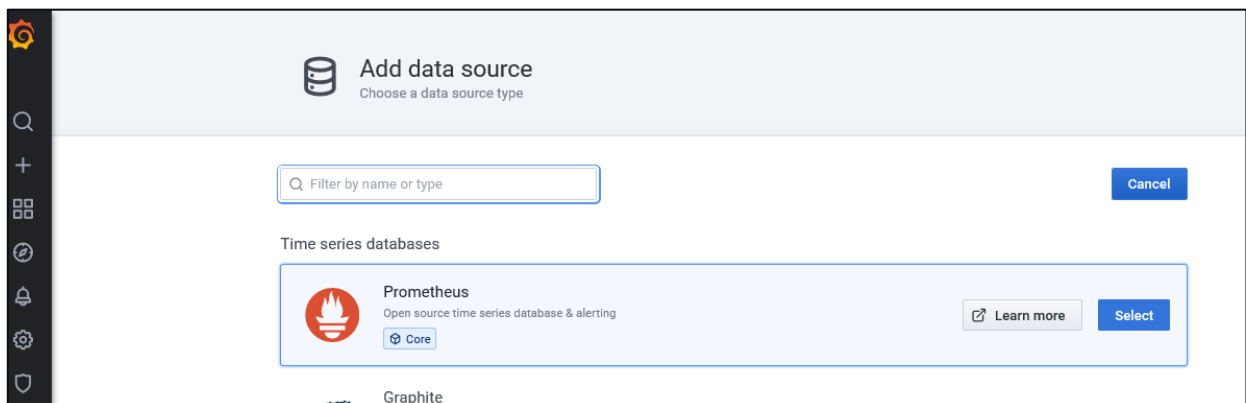
There is one summary page 'Mirth_Metrics_Dashboard.json' and 8 drill down pages present as shown in the following screenshot:



5. On Grafana, go to **Configuration** ➔ **Data Sources** and click **Add data source**:




6. Select **Prometheus**:



7. Mention name for datasource. Provide URL <http://localhost:3000> as URL then click **Save & Test**



 **Data Sources / Prometheus**
Type: Prometheus

Settings

Dashboards

Name

Prometheus

Default

☐

HTTP

URL

http://localhost:3000

Access

Server (default)

Help >

Whitelisted Cookies

Add Name

Add

Auth

Basic auth

☐

With Credentials

☐

TLS Client Auth

☐

With CA Cert

☐

Skip TLS Verify

☐

Forward OAuth Identity

☐

Custom HTTP Headers

+ Add header

Scrape interval

15s

Query timeout

60s

HTTP Method

Choose

Misc

Disable metrics lookup

☐

Custom query parameters


Example: max_source_resolution=5m&timeout=10

Save & Test

Delete

Back

8. On Grafana, go to **Dashboard** → **Manage** and click **Import**:

 **Dashboards**
Manage dashboards & folders

Manage

Playlists



Snapshots

Search dashboards by name

New Dashboard

New Folder

Import

☐   ☐ Sort (Default A-Z)

☐ Filter by starred ☐ Filter by tag

☐ Mirth Consolidated Dashboard



9. Click **Upload .json file**:

The screenshot shows the 'Import' section of the Grafana dashboard. At the top, there is a header with a download icon and the text 'Import' and 'Import dashboard from file or Grafana.com'. Below this, the 'Upload .json file' button is highlighted with a red rectangle. Underneath, there is a section for 'Import via grafana.com' with a text input field for 'Grafana.com dashboard url or id' and a 'Load' button. Below that is a section for 'Import via panel json' with a large empty text area.

10. Browse to the downloaded .json file mentioned in Step 4. Choose folder name as **Mirth Consolidated Dashboard** as shown in the following window and click **Import**:

The screenshot shows the 'Options' dialog for importing a dashboard. It has a header with a download icon and the text 'Import' and 'Import dashboard from file or Grafana.com'. Below this, the 'Options' section contains three fields: 'Name' with the value 'Mirth Metrics Dashboard', 'Folder' with a dropdown menu showing 'Mirth Consolidated Dashboard', and 'Unique identifier (uid)' with the value '4mywzPZGz'. At the bottom, the 'Import' button is highlighted with a red rectangle, and there is a 'Cancel' button next to it. A descriptive text for the 'Unique identifier (uid)' field explains its purpose.

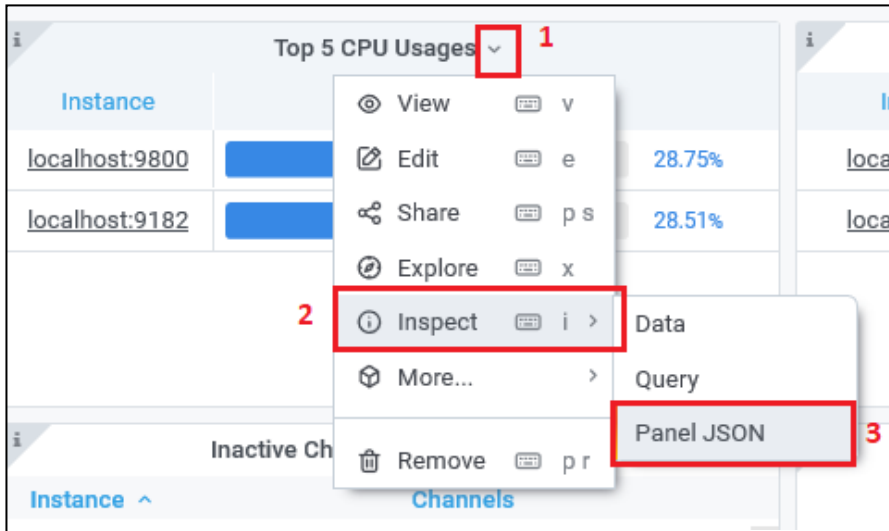
11. Repeat steps 5 and 6 for all downloaded .json files.



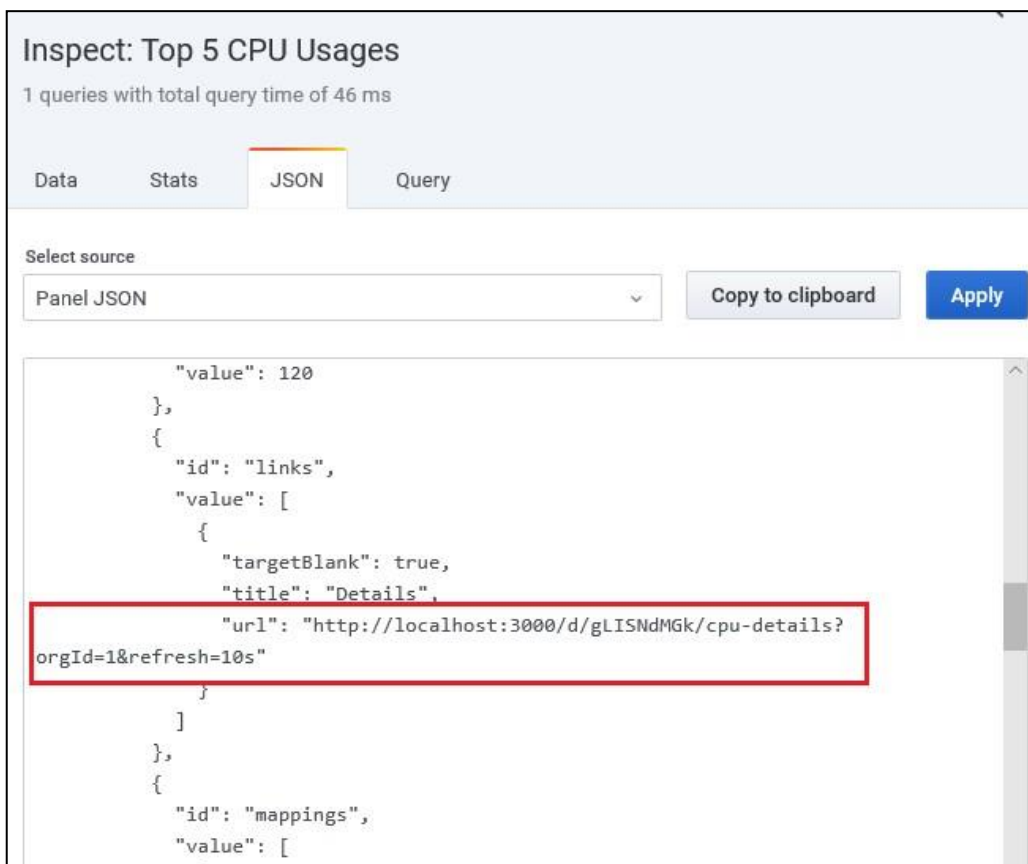
Updating URLs of Grafana Dashboard and drill down pages:

To update URLs, present in panels of dashboard, perform the following steps:

1. Click the accordion which is next to the title of the panel and go to **Inspect** → **Panel JSON**. This will open the JSON panel:



2. Search for **url**:



3. Replace **http://localhost:3000** with the server IP or server name where your Grafana is installed and save the file.



- Repeat the preceding 3 steps for all the panels of dashboard and drill down pages.

4.2 Validation

- Validation of Prometheus:** Access the port 9090 of the server where Prometheus is installed and following screen should appear:

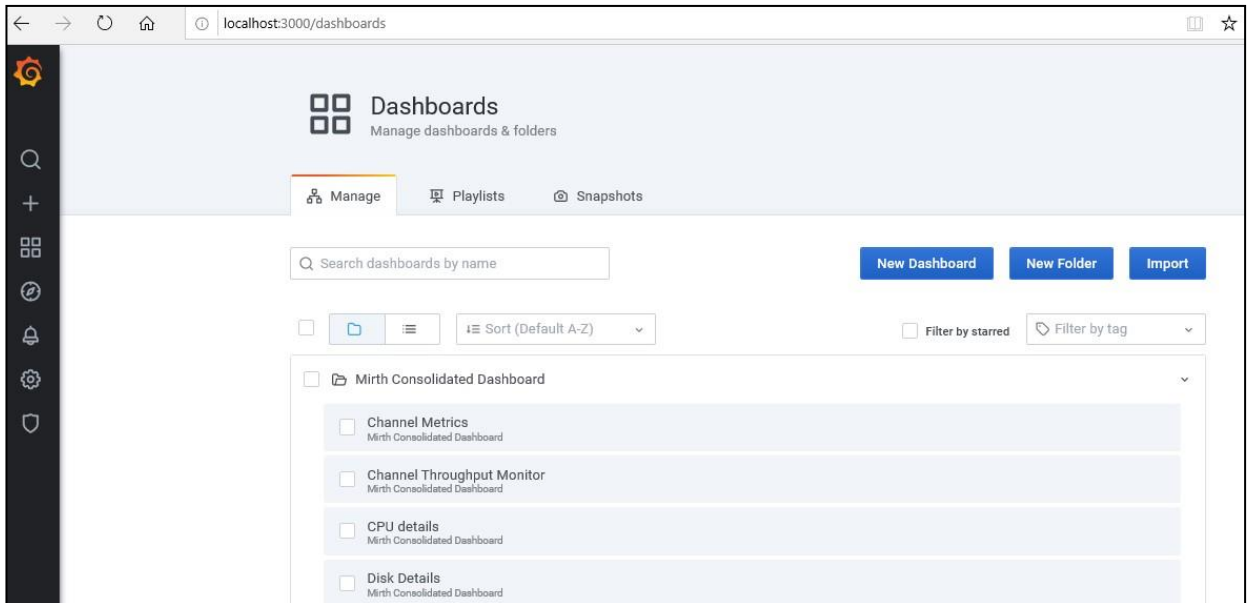
The screenshot shows the Prometheus web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Prometheus', 'Alerts', 'Graph', 'Status', and 'Help'. Below the navigation bar, there is a section for 'Enable query history' with a checkbox. A text input field for 'Expression (press Shift+Enter for newlines)' is present. Below the input field, there is a blue 'Execute' button and a dropdown menu with '- insert metric at cursor -'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Graph' and 'Console'. The 'Graph' tab is active, showing a 'Moment' time range selector. Below the time range, there is a table with columns 'Element' and 'Value'. The table currently shows 'no data'. At the bottom, there is a blue 'Add Graph' button.

- Validation of exporters:** Check the **Targets** under **Status** tab of Prometheus. All the status of exporters should be **UP**:

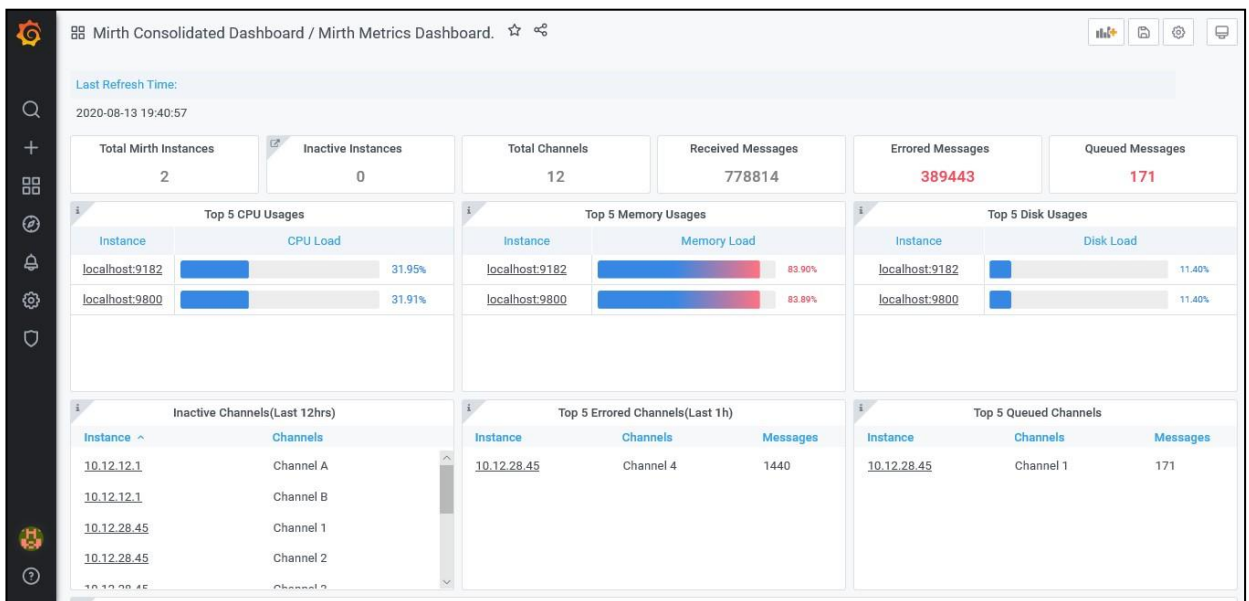
The screenshot shows the Prometheus web interface with the 'Status' tab selected. A dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Runtime & Build Information', 'Command-Line Flags', 'Configuration', 'Rules', 'Targets' (highlighted with a red box), and 'Service Discovery'. The 'Targets' page displays a table of targets. The table has columns: 'Endpoint', 'State', 'Labels', 'Last Scrape', 'Scrape Duration', and 'Error'. There are three target groups: 'mirth (2/2 up)', 'node exporter (1/1 up)', and 'prometheus (1/1 up)'. Each group has a 'show less' button. The 'mirth' group has two targets, both with 'UP' state. The 'node exporter' group has one target with 'UP' state. The 'prometheus' group has one target with 'UP' state. A red box highlights the 'UP' states in the 'State' column.

Endpoint	State	Labels	Last Scrape	Scrape Duration	Error
http://localhost:9140/metrics	UP	instance="localhost:9140" job="mirth"	11.712s ago	2.422s	
http://localhost:9100/metrics	UP	instance="localhost:9100" job="node exporter"	4.533s ago	10.05ms	
http://localhost:9110/metrics	UP	instance="localhost:9110" job="prometheus"	8.779s ago	4.774ms	

- Validation of Grafana:** Access <http://<server ip where Grafana is installed>/dashboards> and following screen should appear:



4. Select **Mirth Metrics Dashboard** under **Mirth Consolidated Dashboard** folder and the following screen should appear:



5. Check for all the drill downs by clicking **Instance** from all the panels containing **Instance** column.



5 Troubleshooting and Support

The following section describes a list of problems that may appear during or post installation of the system and how to resolve them.

5.1 Problem

Situation: Prometheus service is inactive.

Consequences: Prometheus is not able to access and not able to scrape any metrics.

Action: Add all the required targets following proper spacings and syntaxes. A single misspacing causes **prometheus.yml** to fail to execute and stops Prometheus service:

```
# Here it's Prometheus itself.
scrape_configs:
  # The job name is added as a label `job=<job_name>` to the discovered targets
  - 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: ['localhost:9100']
  - job_name: 'mirth'

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

    static_configs:
      - targets: ['localhost:9140']
```



6 Roll Back Procedure

This section describes the set of steps to be performed to roll back the system to an older or previous version.

To rollback Prometheus, perform the following steps:

1. Login to command prompt as administrator and type the following command to stop the service:
net stop "mirthdbsetup"
2. Take the backup of **prometheus.yml** file:

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
alert_manager	7/8/2020 5:40 PM	File folder	
console_libraries	7/8/2020 5:40 PM	File folder	
consoles	7/8/2020 5:40 PM	File folder	
data	7/8/2020 5:42 PM	File folder	
LICENSE	4/25/2020 4:51 PM	File	12 KB
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prometheus	4/25/2020 3:05 PM	Application	84,766 KB
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promtool	4/25/2020 3:07 PM	Application	48,430 KB
rules.yml	5/19/2020 5:38 PM	YML File	1 KB
tsdb	4/25/2020 3:08 PM	Application	14,434 KB

3. Place the older Prometheus unzipped folder into C:\prometheus directory.
4. Replace **prometheus.yml** file with the one taken as backup in Step 1.
5. Start the service using the following command:

net start "mirthdbsetup"

To upgrade Grafana, perform the following steps:

1. Login to command prompt as administrator and type below command to stop the service
net stop "mirthdbsetup"
2. Take the backup of Grafana database which is located in 'C:\grafana\data' path:

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
log	7/13/2020 8:19 PM	File folder	
plugins	7/13/2020 8:19 PM	File folder	
png	5/12/2020 1:06 PM	File folder	
grafana	7/28/2020 8:09 PM	Data Base File	4,932 KB

3. Place the older Grafana unzipped folder into the C:\grafana directory.
4. Copy the Grafana database file which is taken as backup file in Step 1 to the path 'C:\grafana\data'.
5. Start the service using the following command:

net start "mirthdbsetup"



7 Uninstallation Procedure

To uninstall the system, perform the following steps:

1. Login to command prompt as administrator and type the following command to stop the service:

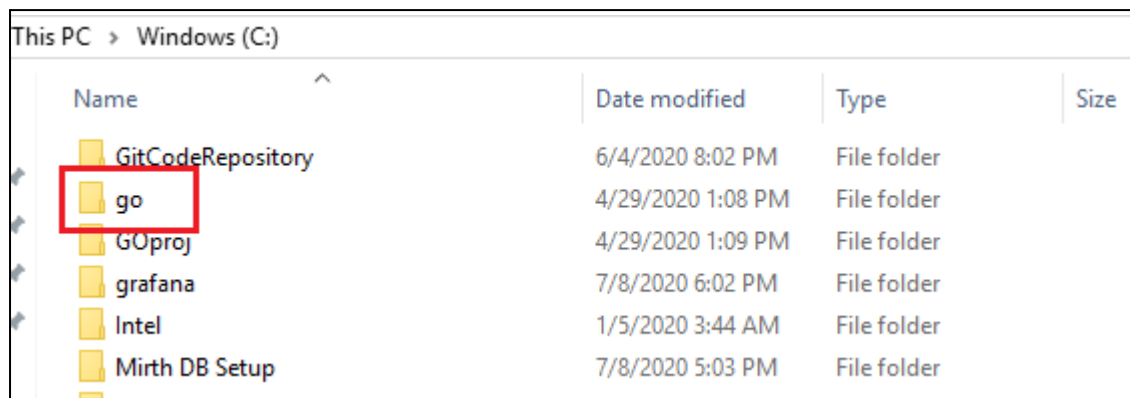
```
net stop "mirthdbsetup"
```

2. Delete **mirthdbsetup** service file using the following command:

```
sc delete "mirthdbsetup"
```

Uninstallation of GO:

Delete **go** unzipped folder from C directory:

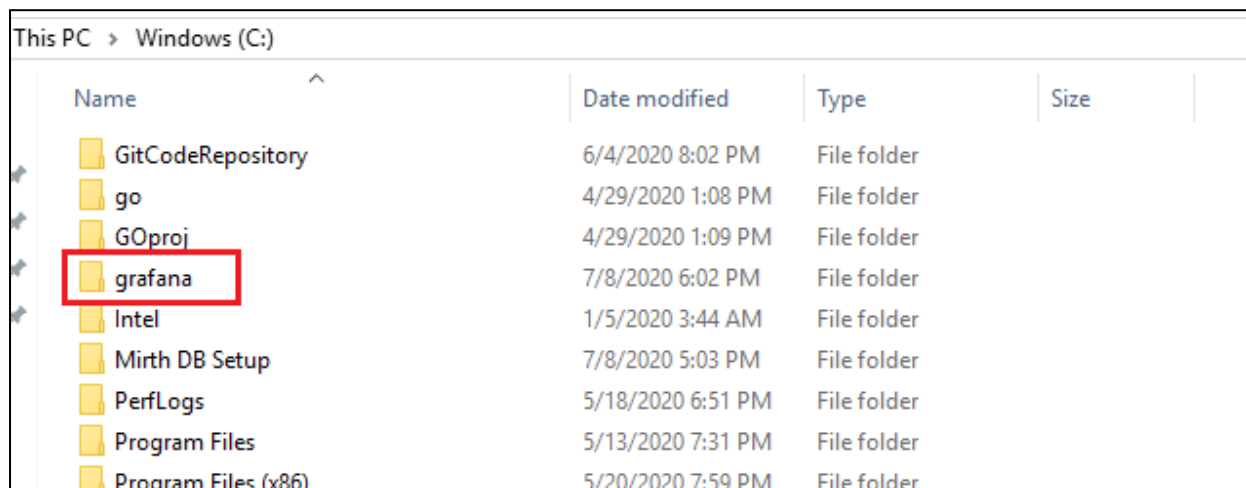


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Intel	1/5/2020 3:44 AM	File folder	
Mirth DB Setup	7/8/2020 5:03 PM	File folder	

Uninstallation of Grafana:

Delete **grafana** unzipped folder from C directory:

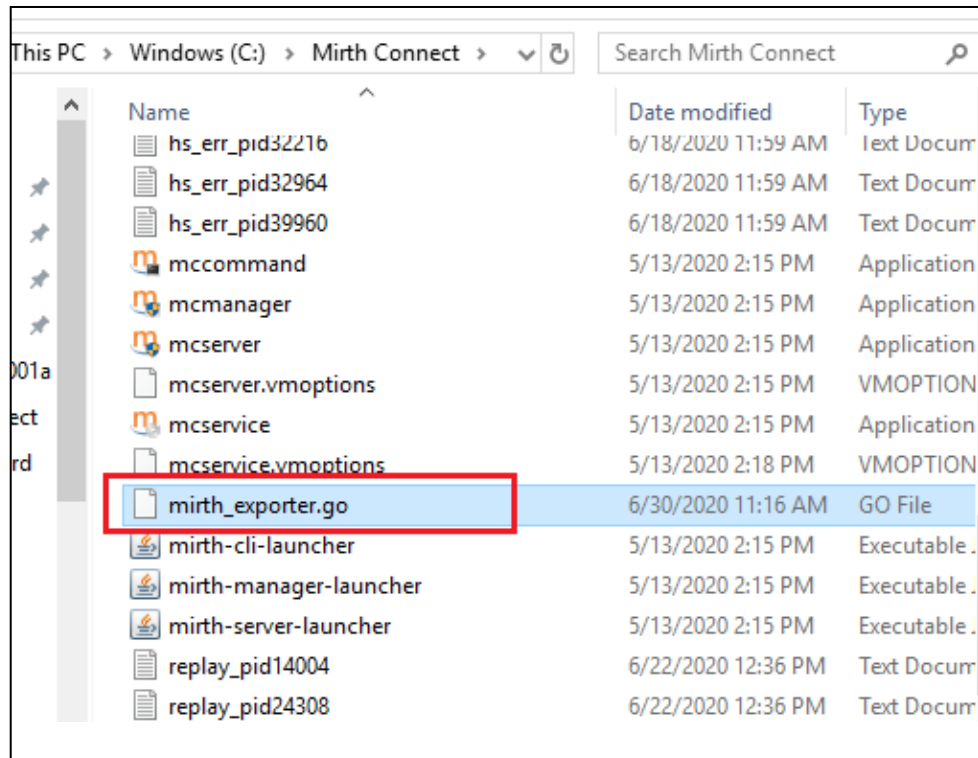


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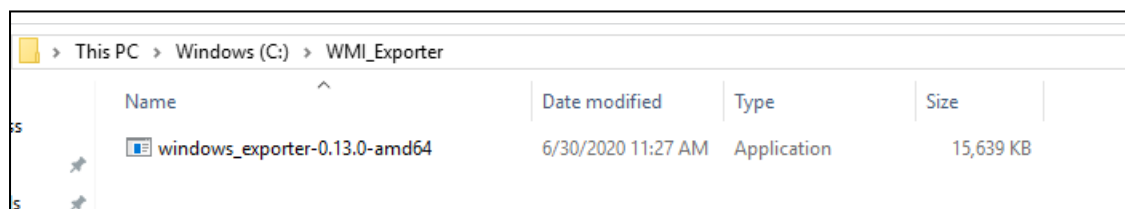
Uninstallation of Mirth Exporter:

Delete the **mirth_exporter.go** file from **Mirth Connect** folder:



Uninstallation of Windows Exporter:

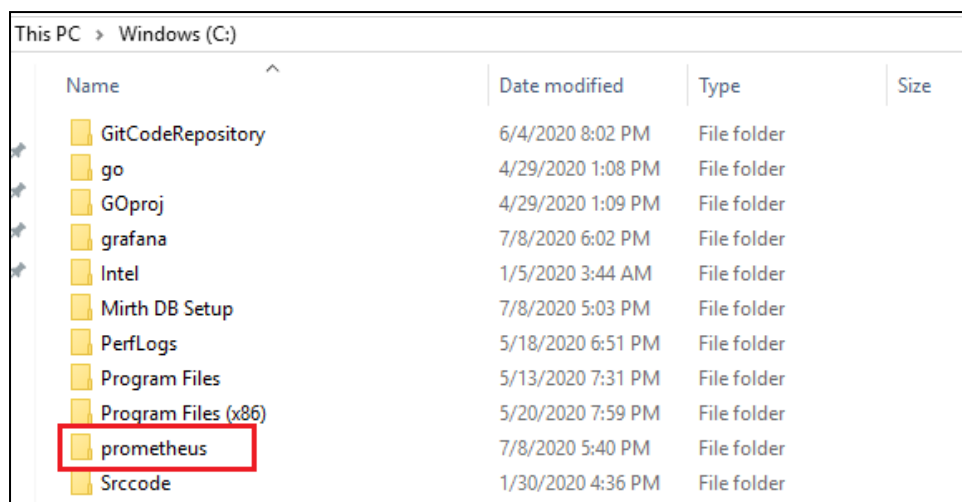
Delete **windows_exporter** application file from the **C:\WMI_Exporter** directory:



Also, delete **WMI_Exporter** folder from **C** directory.

Uninstallation of Prometheus:

Delete **prometheus** unzipped folder from **C** directory:







8 Appendix

8.1 Licenses

The Software may contain third party software which requires notices and/or additional terms, conditions and licenses. Such required third party software notices and/or additional terms, conditions and licenses are located at

[Prometheus](#)

[Grafana](#)