Prometheus is an open-source system monitoring and alerting toolkit originally built at

SoundCloud. It is now a standalone open source project. Prometheus joined the Cloud Native

Computing Foundation in 2016 as the second hosted project, after Kubernetes.

Features

1. a multi-dimensional data model with time series data identified by metric name and

key/value pairs

- 2. PromQL, a flexible query language to leverage this dimensionality
- 3. no reliance on distributed storage; single server nodes are autonomous
- 4. time series collection happens via a pull model over HTTP
- 5. pushing time series is supported via an intermediary gateway
- 6. targets are discovered via service discovery or static configuration
- 7. multiple modes of graphing and dashboarding support