Prometheus &Grafana

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What is Prometheus?

Prometheus is an open-source systems monitoring and alerting toolkit originally built at SoundCloud. Since its inception in 2012, many companies and organizations have adopted Prometheus, and the project has a very active developer and user community. It is now a standalone open source project and maintained independently of any company. To emphasize this, and to clarify the project's governance structure, Prometheus joined the Cloud Native Computing Foundation in 2016 as the second hosted project, after Kubernetes.

Prometheus collects and stores its metrics as time series data, i.e. metrics information is stored with the timestamp at which it was recorded, alongside optional key-value pairs called labels.

For more elaborate overviews of Prometheus, see the resources linked from the media section.

Features

Prometheus's main features are:

- a multi-dimensional data model with time series data identified by metric name and key/value pairs
- PromQL, a flexible query language to leverage this dimensionality
- no reliance on distributed storage; single server nodes are autonomous
- time series collection happens via a pull model over HTTP
- pushing time series is supported via an intermediary gateway
- targets are discovered via service discovery or static configuration
- multiple modes of graphing and dashboarding support

What are metrics?

Metrics are numerical measurements in layperson terms. The term time series refers to the recording of changes over time. What users want to measure differs from application to application. For a web server, it could be request times; for a database, it could be the number of active connections or active queries, and so on.

Metrics play an important role in understanding why your application is working in a certain way. Let's assume you are running a web application and discover that it is slow. To learn what is happening with your application, you will need some information. For example, when the number of requests is high, the application may become slow. If you have the request count metric, you can determine the cause and increase the number of servers to handle the load.

Components

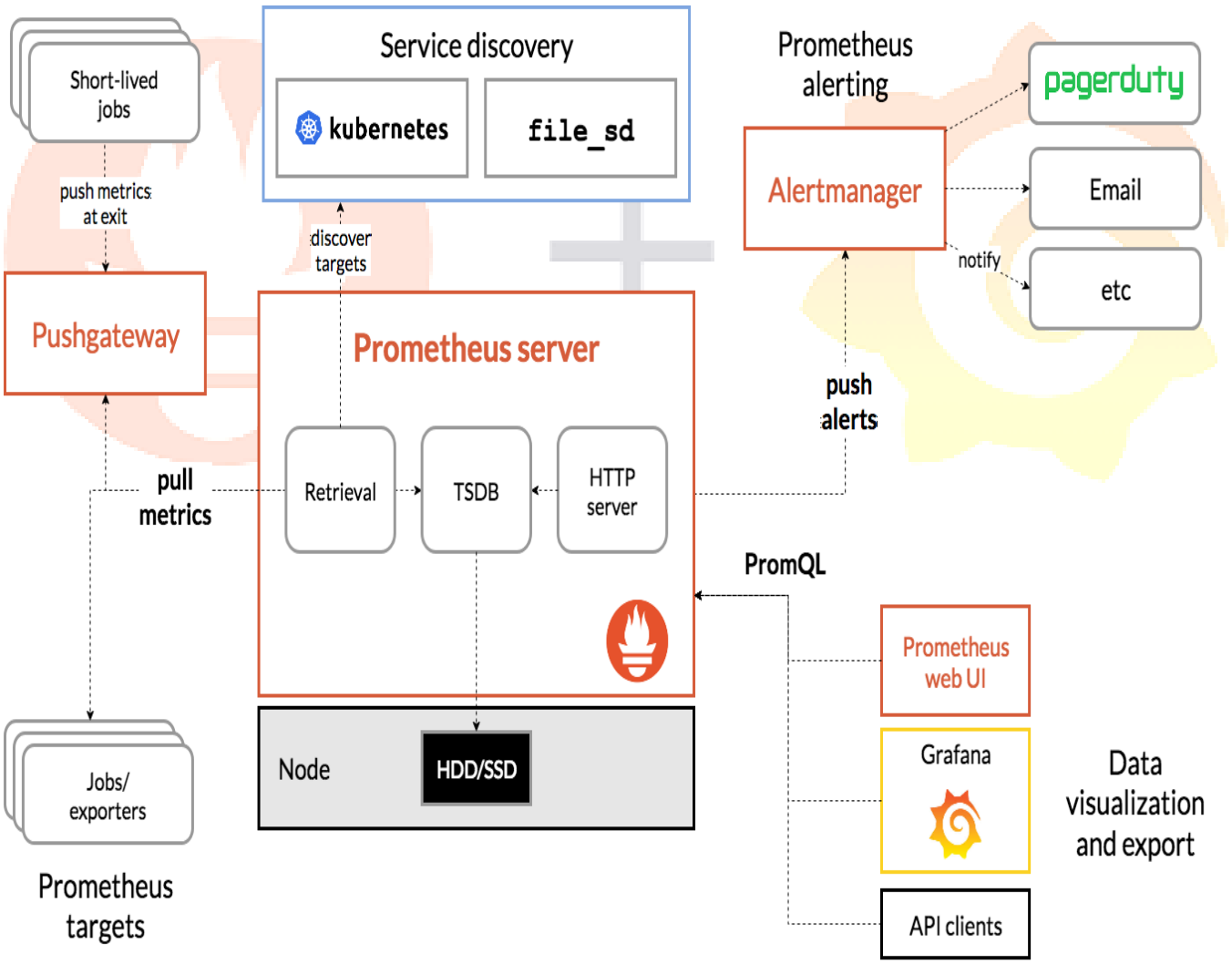
The Prometheus ecosystem consists of multiple components, many of which are optional:

- the main Prometheus server which scrapes and stores time series data

- client libraries for instrumenting application code
- a push gateway for supporting short-lived jobs
- special-purpose exporters for services like HAProxy, StatsD, Graphite, etc.
- an alertmanager to handle alerts
- various support tools

Architecture

This diagram illustrates the architecture of Prometheus and some of its ecosystem components:



When does it fit?

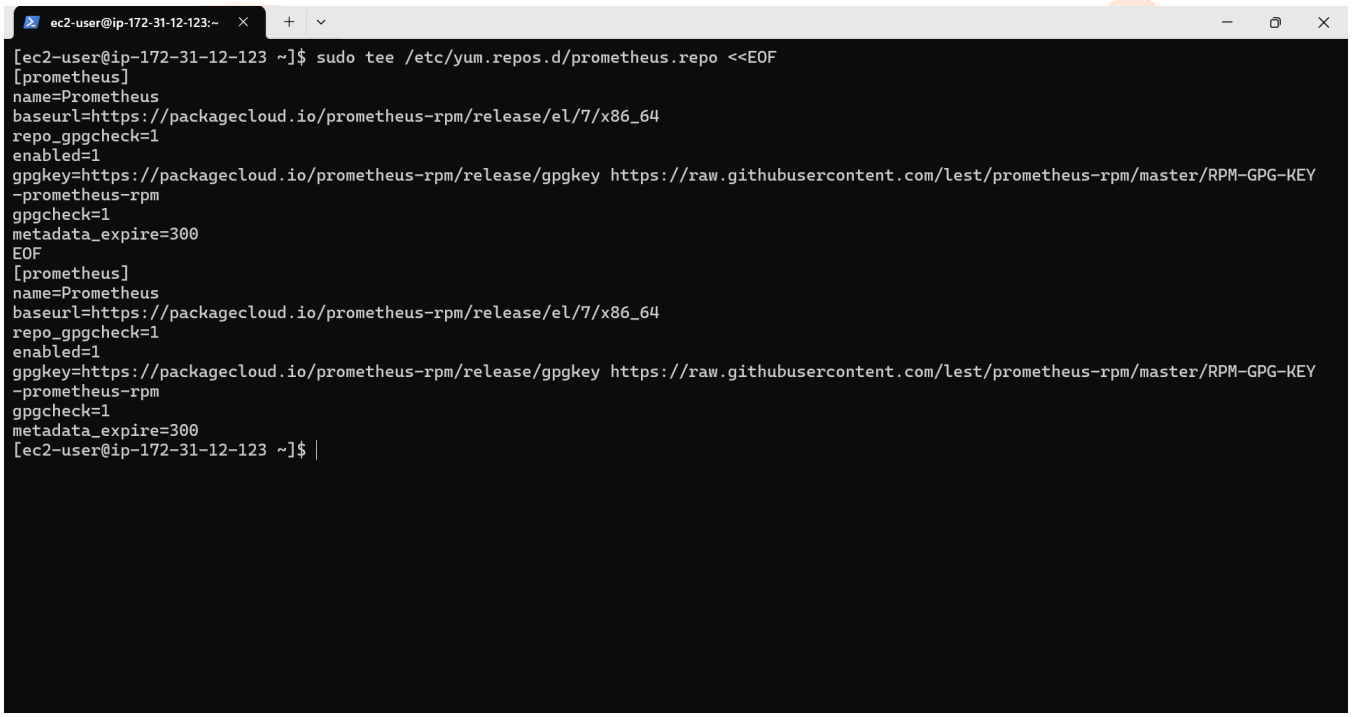
Prometheus works well for recording any purely numeric time series. It fits both machine-centric monitoring as well as monitoring of highly dynamic service-oriented architectures. In a world of microservices, its support for multi-dimensional data collection and querying is a particular strength.

Prometheus is designed for reliability, to be the system you go to during an outage to allow you to quickly diagnose problems. Each Prometheus server is standalone, not depending on network storage or other remote services. You can rely on it when other parts of your infrastructure are broken, and you do not need to setup extensive infrastructure to use it.

First steps with Prometheus

Installation

Prometheus installation



sudo tee /etc/yum.repos.d/prometheus.repo <<EOF

[prometheus]

name=Prometheus

baseurl=https://packagecloud.io/prometheus-rpm/release/el/7/x86_64

repo_gpgcheck=1

enabled=1

gpgkey=https://packagecloud.io/prometheus-rpm/release/gpgkey
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gpgcheck=1

metadata_expire=300

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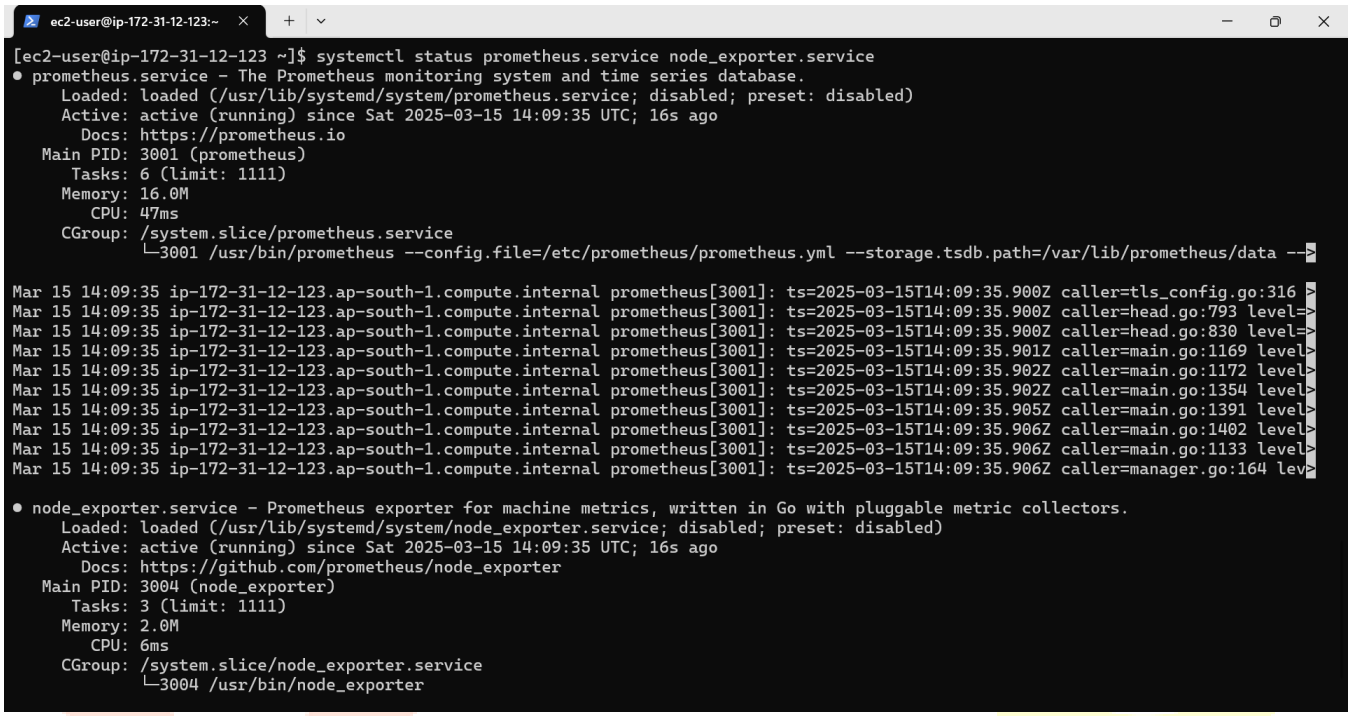


sudo yum update -y

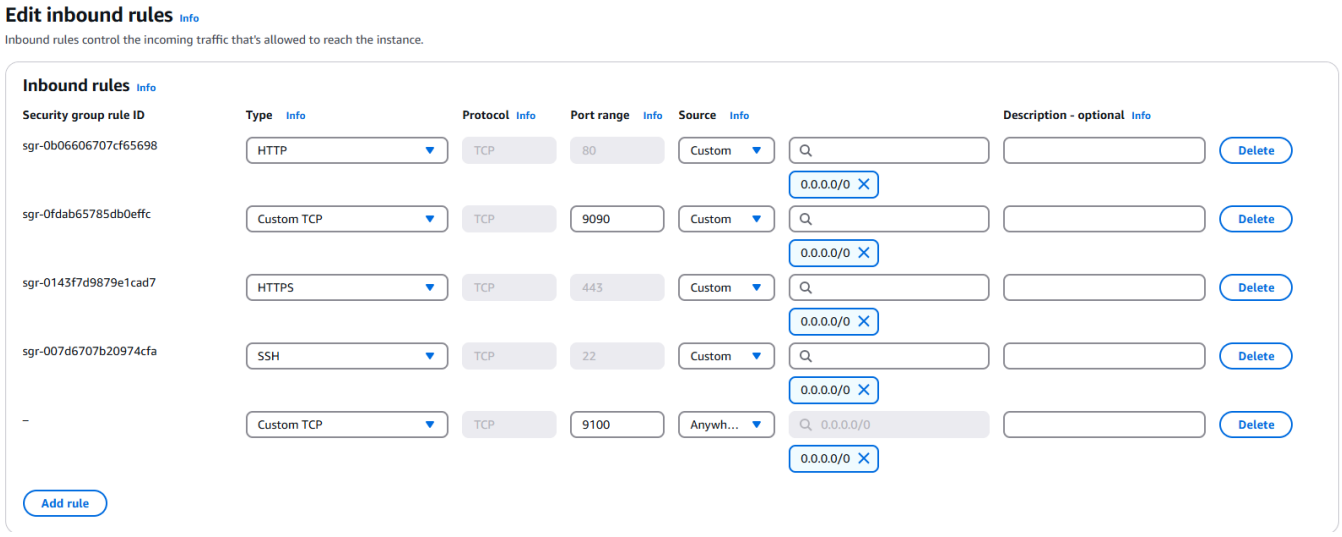
- sudo yum -y install prometheus2 node_exporter

- rpm -qi prometheus2

- sudo systemctl start prometheus node_exporter

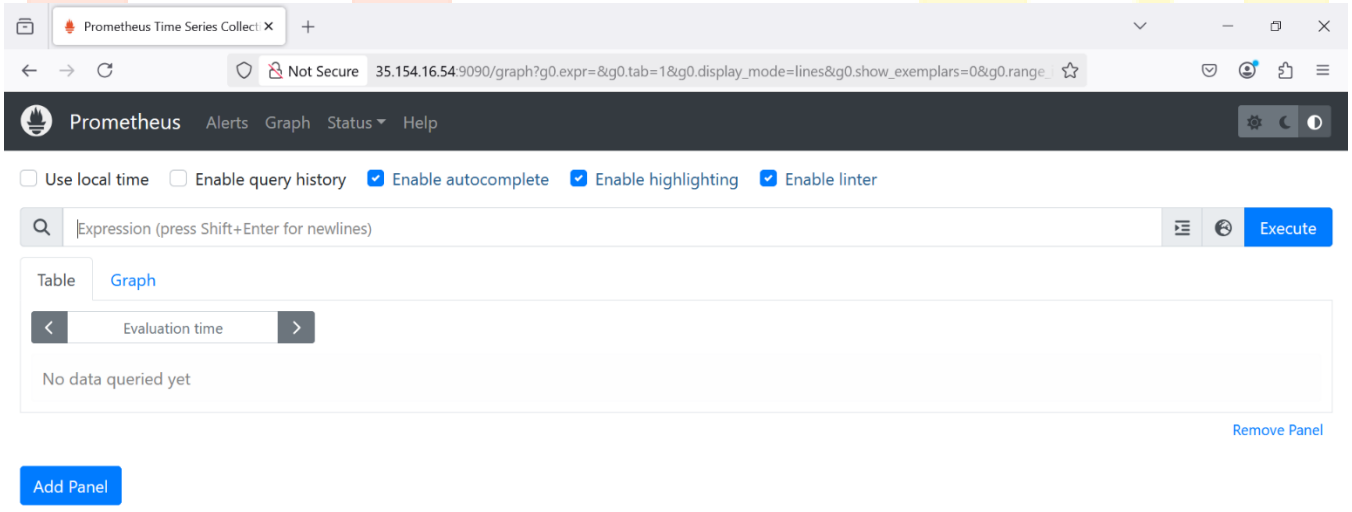
- systemctl status prometheus.service node_exporter.service

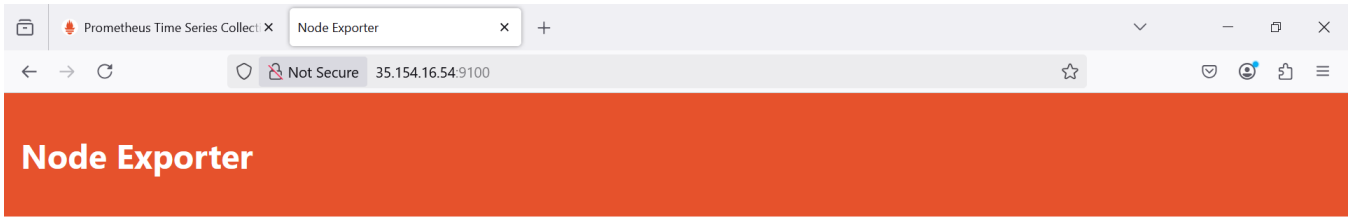
Add port 9090&9100 in security group



copy ec2 public IP and paste in browser with port no 9090

- now you should see prometheus dashboard

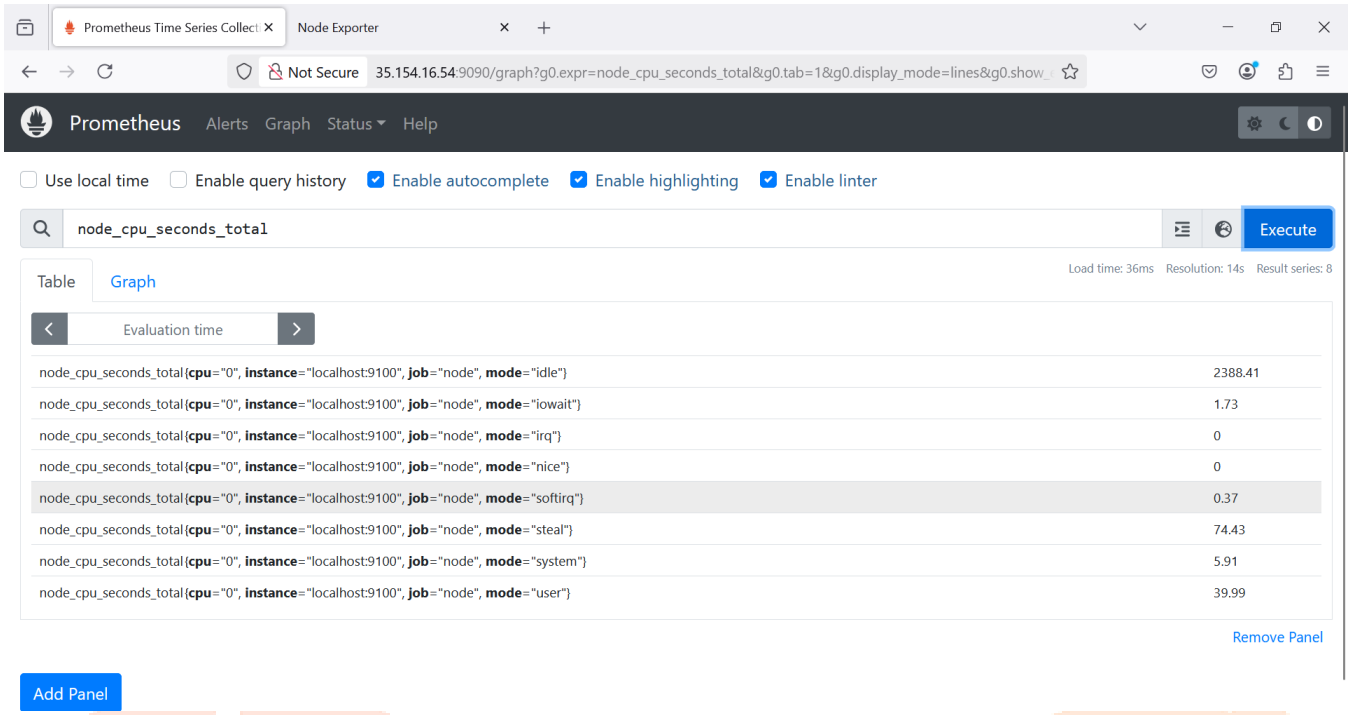




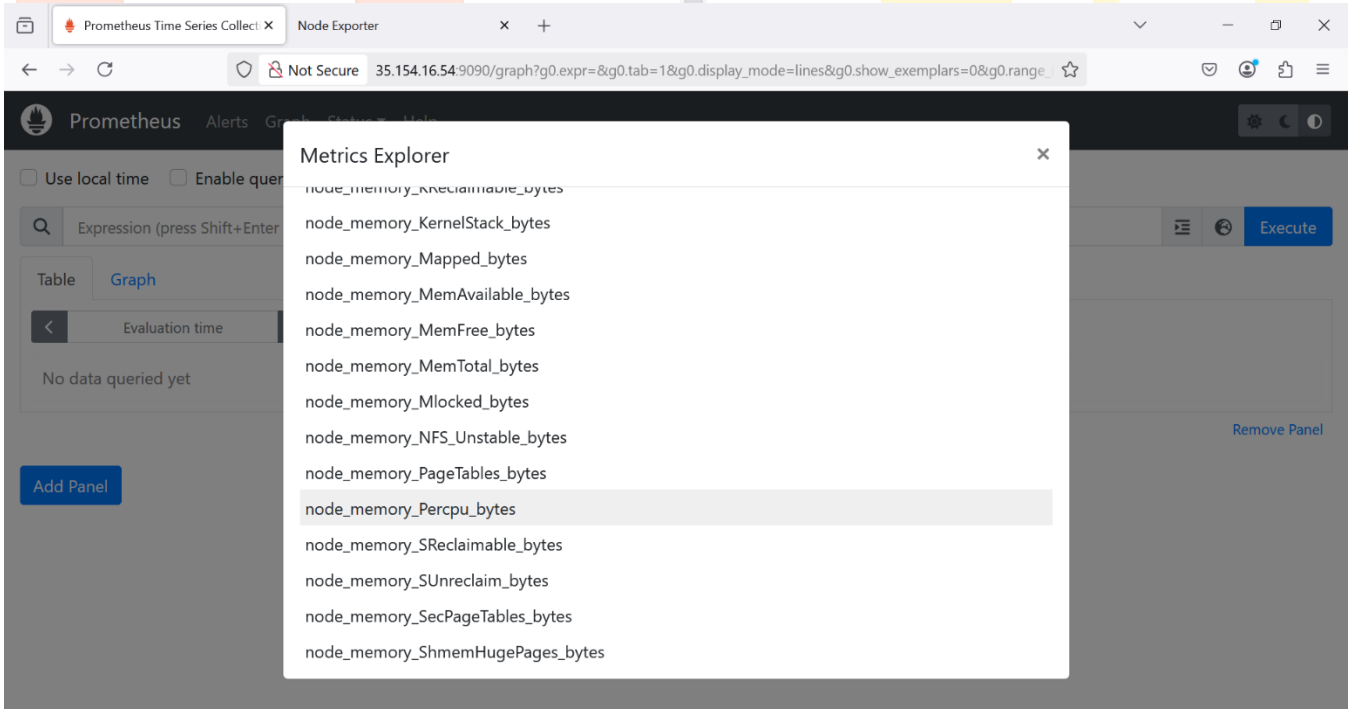
Checking the cpu usages

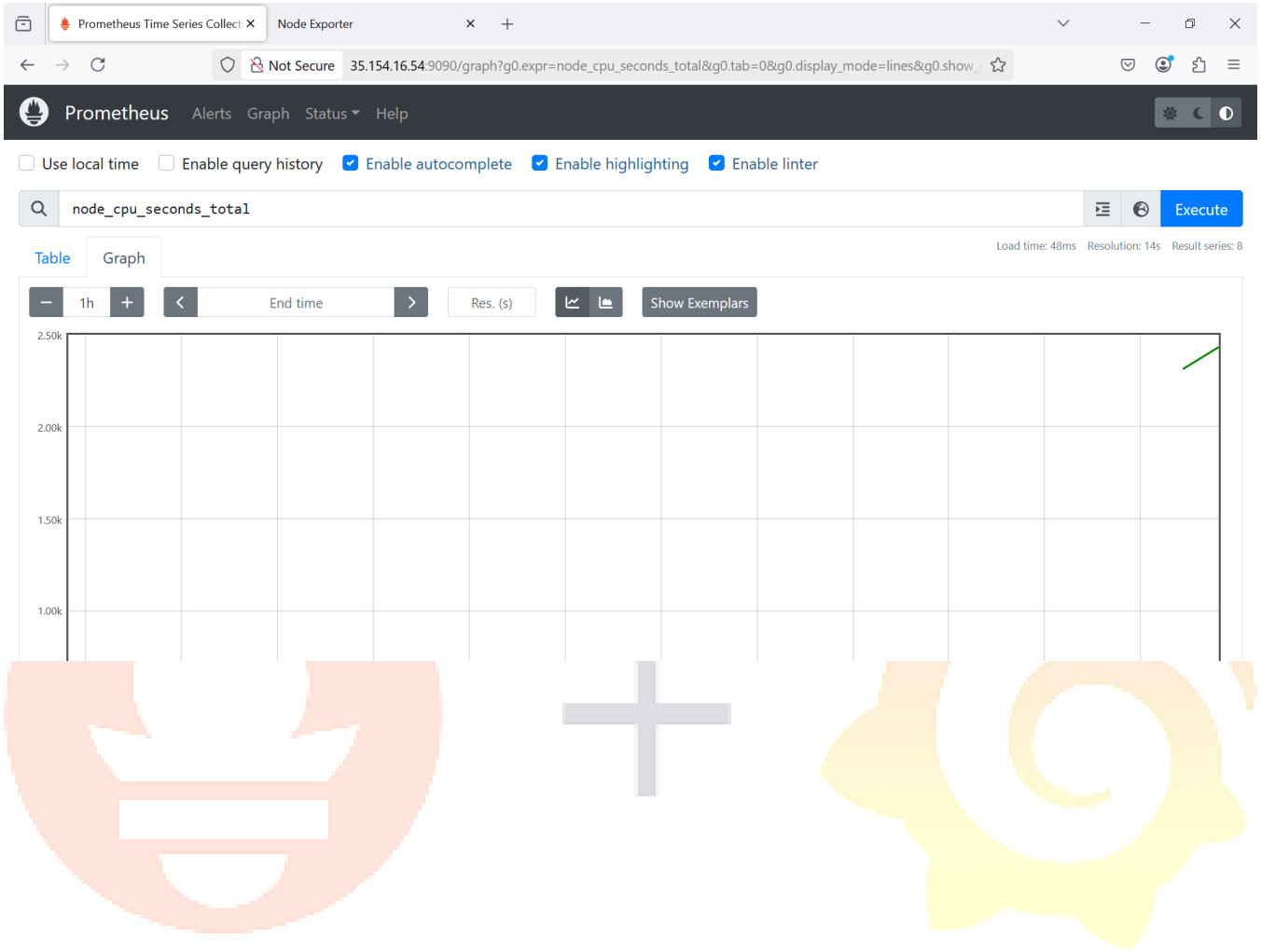
```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-17-162 prometheus]$ sudo nano  /etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-17-162 prometheus]$ sudo systemctl restart prometheus
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-17-162 prometheus]$
```

```
  - job_name: "node"

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

static_configs:
  - targets: ["localhost:9100"]
```

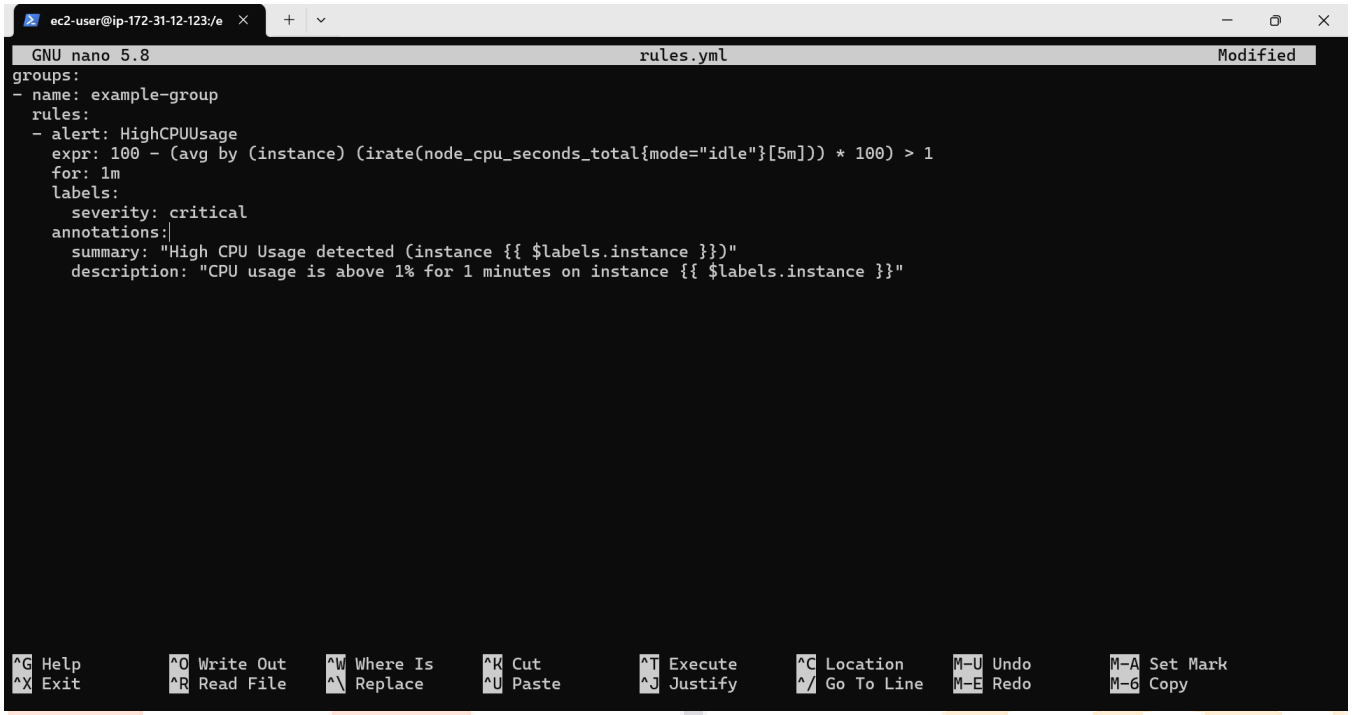


Metric explorer




Prometheus Time Series Collect
Node Exporter
Not Secure
35.154.16.54:9090/graph?g0.expr=node_cpu_seconds_total&g0.tab=0&g0.display_mode=lines&g0.show_
Prometheus
Alerts
Graph
Status
Help
Use local time
Enable query history
Enable autocomplete
Enable highlighting
Enable linter
node_cpu_seconds_total
Execute
Table
Graph
Load time: 48ms
Resolution: 14s
Result series: 8
1h
End time
Res. (s)
Show Exemplars
2.50k
2.00k
1.50k
1.00k

Rules.yml


ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123:/e
GNU nano 5.8
rules.yml
Modified
groups:
- name: example-group
rules:
- alert: HighCPUUsage
expr: 100 - (avg by (instance) (irate(node_cpu_seconds_total{mode="idle"}[5m])) * 100) > 1
for: 1m
labels:
severity: critical
annotations:
summary: "High CPU Usage detected (instance {{ $labels.instance }})"
description: "CPU usage is above 1% for 1 minutes on instance {{ $labels.instance }}"
^G Help
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^O Write Out
^R Read File
^W Where Is
^\ Replace
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M-A Set Mark
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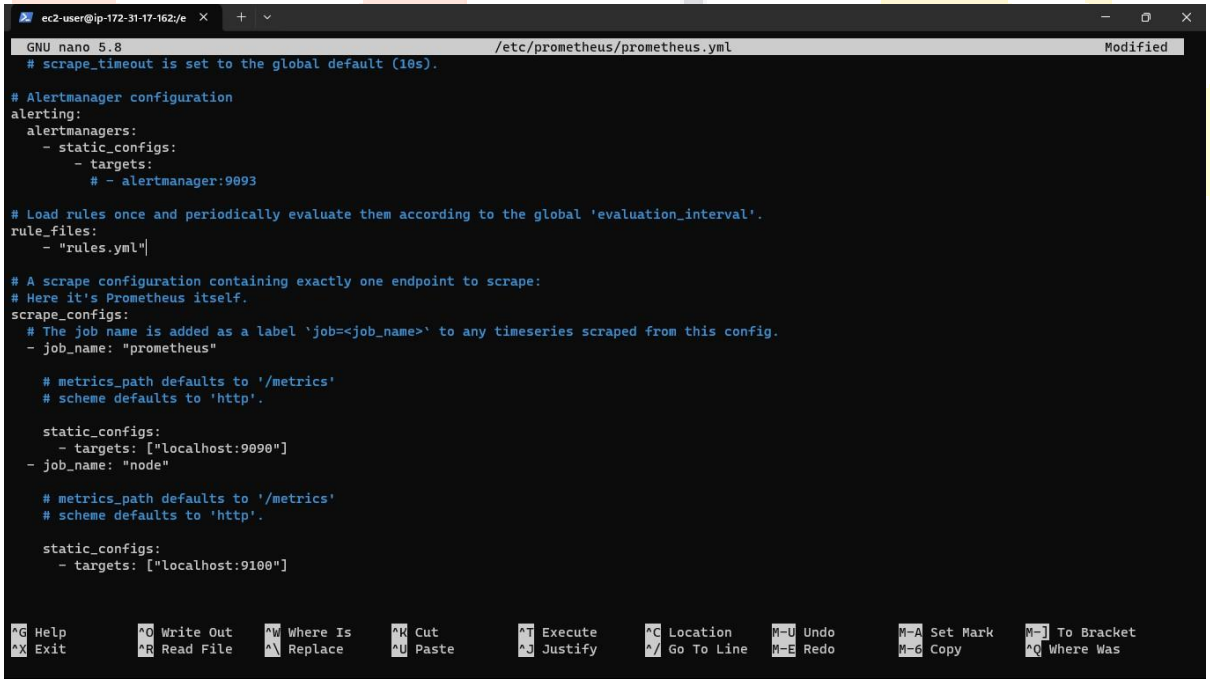
ec2-user@ip-172-31-17-162:/e
GNU nano 5.8
/etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml
Modified
scrape_timeout is set to the global default (10s).
Alertmanager configuration
alerting:
alertmanagers:
- static_configs:
- targets:
- alertmanager:9093
Load rules once and periodically evaluate them according to the global 'evaluation_interval'.
rule_files:
- "rules.yml"
A scrape configuration containing exactly one endpoint to scrape:
Here it's Prometheus itself.
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: "node"
metrics_path defaults to '/metrics'
scheme defaults to 'http'.
static_configs:
- targets: ["localhost:9100"]
^G Help
^X Exit
^O Write Out
^R Read File
^W Where Is
^\ Replace
^K Cut
^U Paste
^T Execute
^J Justify
^C Location
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M-U Undo
M-E Redo
M-A Set Mark
M-6 Copy
M-] To Bracket
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```
# Load rules once and periodically evaluate them according to the global 'evaluation_interval'.
rule_files:
    - "rules.yml"
  # - "second_rules.yml"
```

Increased the stress of cpu

```
ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123:/e
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123 ~]$ cd /etc/prometheus/
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123 prometheus]$ ls
prometheus.yml  rules.yml
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123 prometheus]$ sudo nano rules.yml
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123 prometheus]$ sudo nano rules.yml
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123 prometheus]$ sudo nano prometheus.yml
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123 prometheus]$ sudo yum update -y
sudo yum install stress -y
stress -c 8 --timeout 10
Prometheus                                                                                  190  B/s | 833  B     00:04
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
Last metadata expiration check: 0:00:01 ago on Sat Mar 15 16:41:51 2025.
Dependencies resolved.
================================================================================================================================
 Package                 Architecture            Version                                 Repository                     Size
================================================================================================================================
Installing:
 stress                  x86_64                  1.0.7-2.amzn2023.0.1                    amazonlinux                    34 k

Transaction Summary
================================================================================================================================
Install  1 Package

Total download size: 34 k
Installed size: 68 k
Downloading Packages:
stress-1.0.7-2.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64.rpm                                                      868 kB/s |  34 kB     00:00
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Total                                                                                       481 kB/s |  34 kB     00:00
Running transaction check
Transaction check succeeded.
```
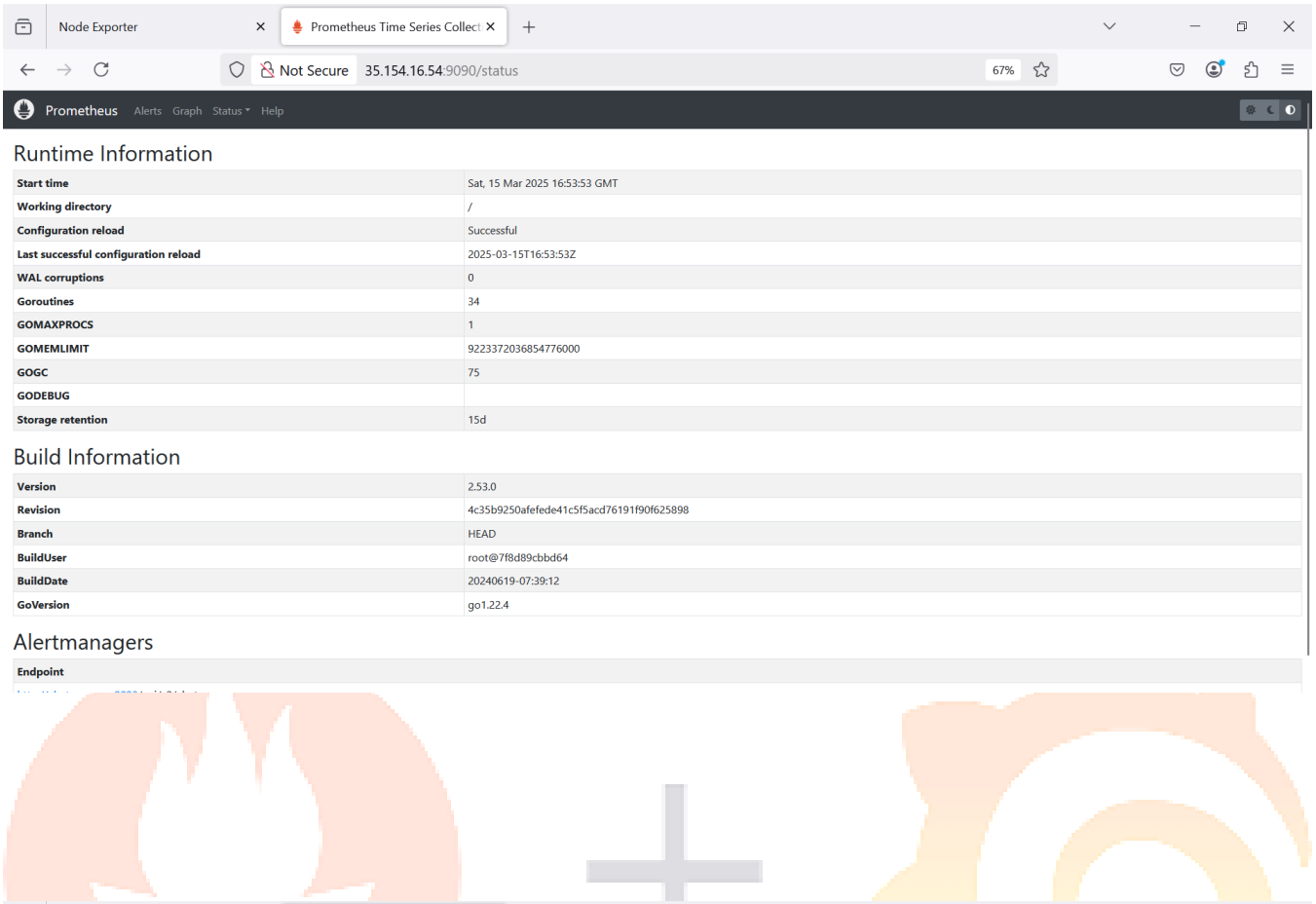
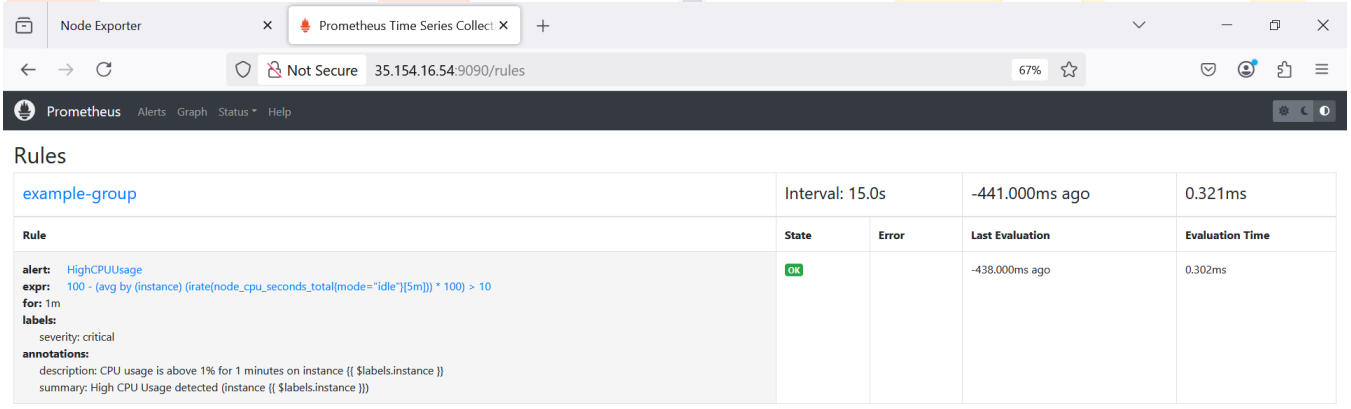
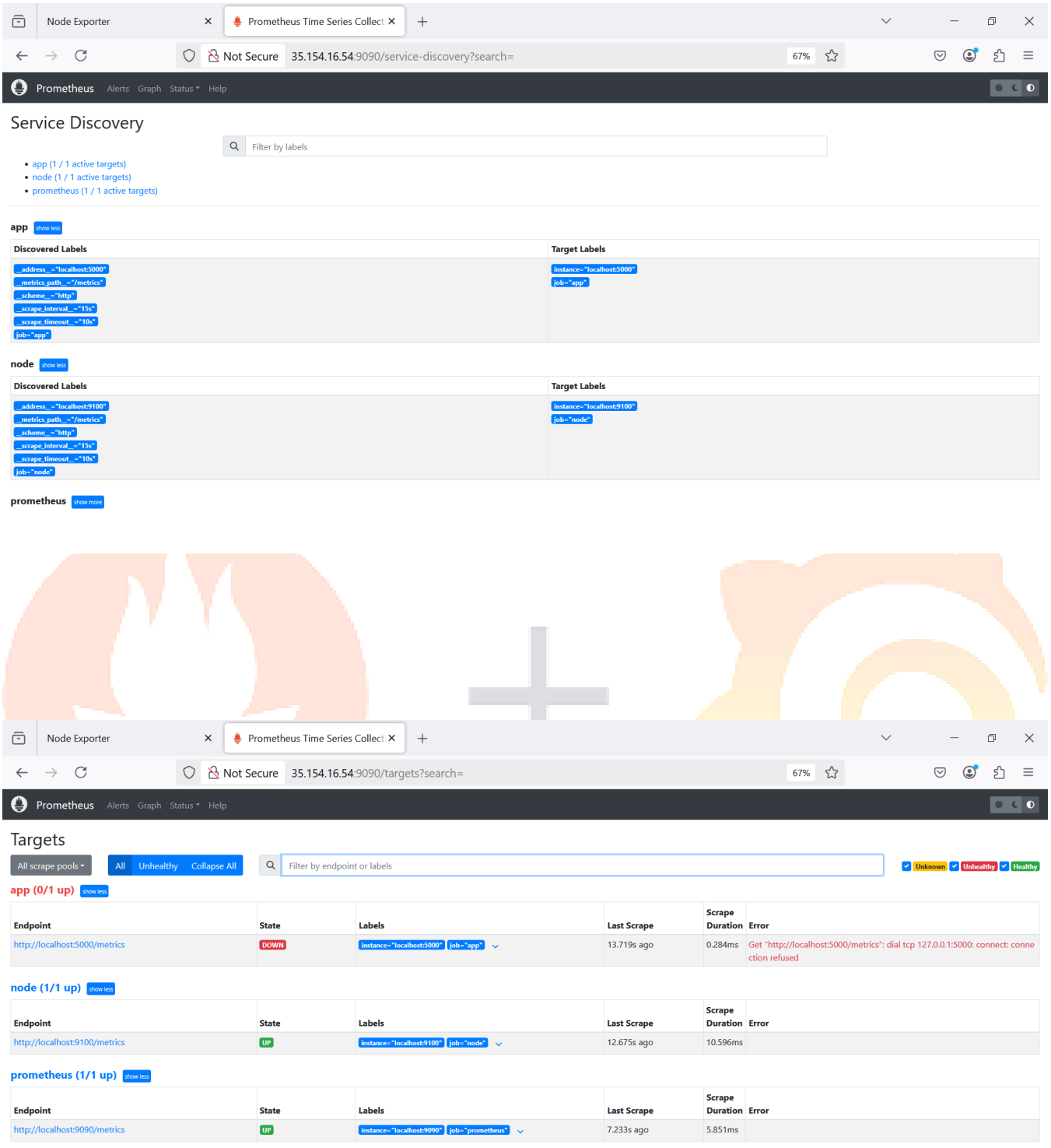

Restart the node _exporter

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123 prometheus]$ sudo systemctl start node_exporter
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123 prometheus]$ sudo yum update -y
sudo yum install stress -y
stress -c 8 --timeout 10
Prometheus                                                                                  192  B/s | 833  B     00:04
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
Package stress-1.0.7-2.amzn2023.0.1.x86_64 is already installed.
Dependencies resolved.
Nothing to do.
Complete!
stress: info: [32047] dispatching hogs: 8 cpu, 0 io, 0 vm, 0 hdd
```


Node Exporter
Prometheus Time Series Collect
Not Secure
35.154.16.54:9090/status
67%
Prometheus
Alerts
Graph
Status
Help
Runtime Information
Start time
Sat, 15 Mar 2025 16:53:53 GMT
Working directory
/
Configuration reload
Successful
Last successful configuration reload
2025-03-15T16:53:53Z
WAL corruptions
0
Goroutines
34
GOMAXPROCS
1
GOMEMLIMIT
9223372036854776000
GOGC
75
GODEBUG
Storage retention
15d
Build Information
Version
2.53.0
Revision
4c35b9250afefede41c5f5acd76191f90f625898
Branch
HEAD
BuildUser
root@7f8d89cbbd64
BuildDate
20240619-07:39:12
GoVersion
go1.22.4
Alertmanagers
Endpoint


Node Exporter
Prometheus Time Series Collect
Not Secure
35.154.16.54:9090/rules
67%
Prometheus
Alerts
Graph
Status
Help
Rules
example-group
Interval: 15.0s
-441.000ms ago
0.321ms
Rule
State
Error
Last Evaluation
Evaluation Time
alert: HighCPUUsage
expr: 100 - (avg by (instance) (irate(node_cpu_seconds_total{mode="idle"}[5m])) * 100) > 10
for: 1m
labels:
severity: critical
annotations:
description: CPU usage is above 1% for 1 minutes on instance {{ $labels.instance }}
summary: High CPU Usage detected (instance {{ $labels.instance }})
OK
-438.000ms ago
0.302ms


Node Exporter
Prometheus Time Series Collect
Not Secure
35.154.16.54:9090/service-discovery?search=
67%
Prometheus
Alerts
Graph
Status
Help
Service Discovery
Filter by labels
app (1 / 1 active targets)
node (1 / 1 active targets)
prometheus (1 / 1 active targets)
app
show less
Discovered Labels
__address__="localhost:5000"
__metrics_path__="/metrics"
__scheme__="http"
__scrape_interval__="15s"
__scrape_timeout__="10s"
job="app"
Target Labels
instance="localhost:5000"
job="app"
node
show less
Discovered Labels
__address__="localhost:9100"
__metrics_path__="/metrics"
__scheme__="http"
__scrape_interval__="15s"
__scrape_timeout__="10s"
job="node"
Target Labels
instance="localhost:9100"
job="node"
prometheus
show more
Node Exporter
Prometheus Time Series Collect
Not Secure
35.154.16.54:9090/targets?search=
67%
Prometheus
Alerts
Graph
Status
Help
Targets
All scrape pools
All
Unhealthy
Collapse All
Filter by endpoint or labels
Unknown
Unhealthy
Healthy
app (0/1 up)
show less
Endpoint
State
Labels
Last Scrape
Scrape Duration
Error
http://localhost:5000/metrics
DOWN
instance="localhost:5000"
job="app"
13.719s ago
0.284ms
Get "http://localhost:5000/metrics": dial tcp 127.0.0.1:5000: connect: connection refused
node (1/1 up)
show less
Endpoint
State
Labels
Last Scrape
Scrape Duration
Error
http://localhost:9100/metrics
UP
instance="localhost:9100"
job="node"
12.675s ago
10.596ms
prometheus (1/1 up)
show less
Endpoint
State
Labels
Last Scrape
Scrape Duration
Error
http://localhost:9090/metrics
UP
instance="localhost:9090"
job="prometheus"
7.233s ago
5.851ms

Application usage checking –

ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123:/e

GNU nano 5.8 app.py Modified

```
import http.server
from prometheus_client import start_http_server
from prometheus_client import Counter,generate_latest, CONTENT_TYPE_LATEST
from flask import Flask

app = Flask(__name__)
REQUESTS = Counter('hello_worlds_total','Hello Worlds requested.')
@app.route('/')
def hello_world():
    REQUESTS.inc()
    return 'Hello, World!'

@app.route('/metrics')
def metrics():
    return generate_latest(), 200, {'Content-Type': CONTENT_TYPE_LATEST}


if __name__ == '__main__':
    # Run the Flask app and listen on all network interfaces
     #start_http_server(8000)
     app.run(host='0.0.0.0', debug=True)
```

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^X Exit ^R Read File ^\ Replace ^U Paste ^J Justify ^/ Go To Line M-E Redo M-6 Copy

Add the job name promethues.yml file

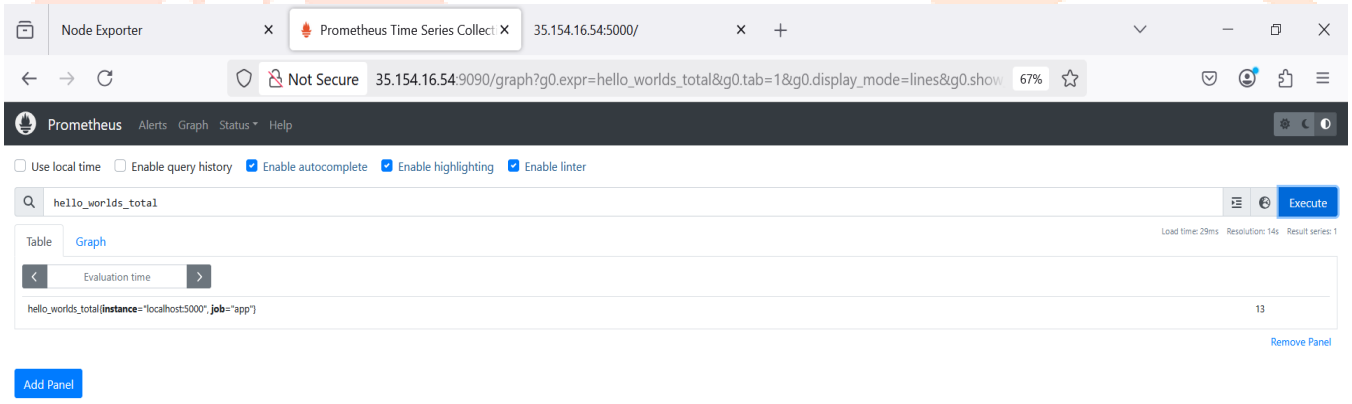
```
- job_name: "app"

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

  static_configs:
    - targets: ["localhost:5000"]
```

Add 5000 port to security

SSH	TCP	22	Custom	0.0.0.0/0		Delete
Custom TCP	TCP	5000	Anywh...	0.0.0.0/0		Delete

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123 ~]$ cd /etc/prometheus/
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123 prometheus]$ python3 app.py
 * Serving Flask app 'app'
 * Debug mode: on
WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a production deployment. Use a production WSGI server instead.
 * Running on all addresses (0.0.0.0)
 * Running on http://127.0.0.1:5000
 * Running on http://172.31.12.123:5000
Press CTRL+C to quit
 * Restarting with stat
 * Debugger is active!
 * Debugger PIN: 104-208-030
127.0.0.1 - - [15/Mar/2025 17:20:46] "GET /metrics HTTP/1.1" 200 -
127.0.0.1 - - [15/Mar/2025 17:21:01] "GET /metrics HTTP/1.1" 200 -
127.0.0.1 - - [15/Mar/2025 17:21:16] "GET /metrics HTTP/1.1" 200 -
```

Hello, World!



Grafana

Introduction

Grafana Open Source Software (OSS) enables you to query, visualize, alert on, and explore your metrics, logs, and traces wherever they're stored. Grafana data source plugins enable you to query data sources including time series databases like Prometheus and CloudWatch, logging tools like Loki and Elasticsearch, NoSQL/SQL databases like Postgres, CI/CD tooling like GitHub, and many more. Grafana OSS provides you with tools to display that data on live dashboards with insightful graphs and visualizations.

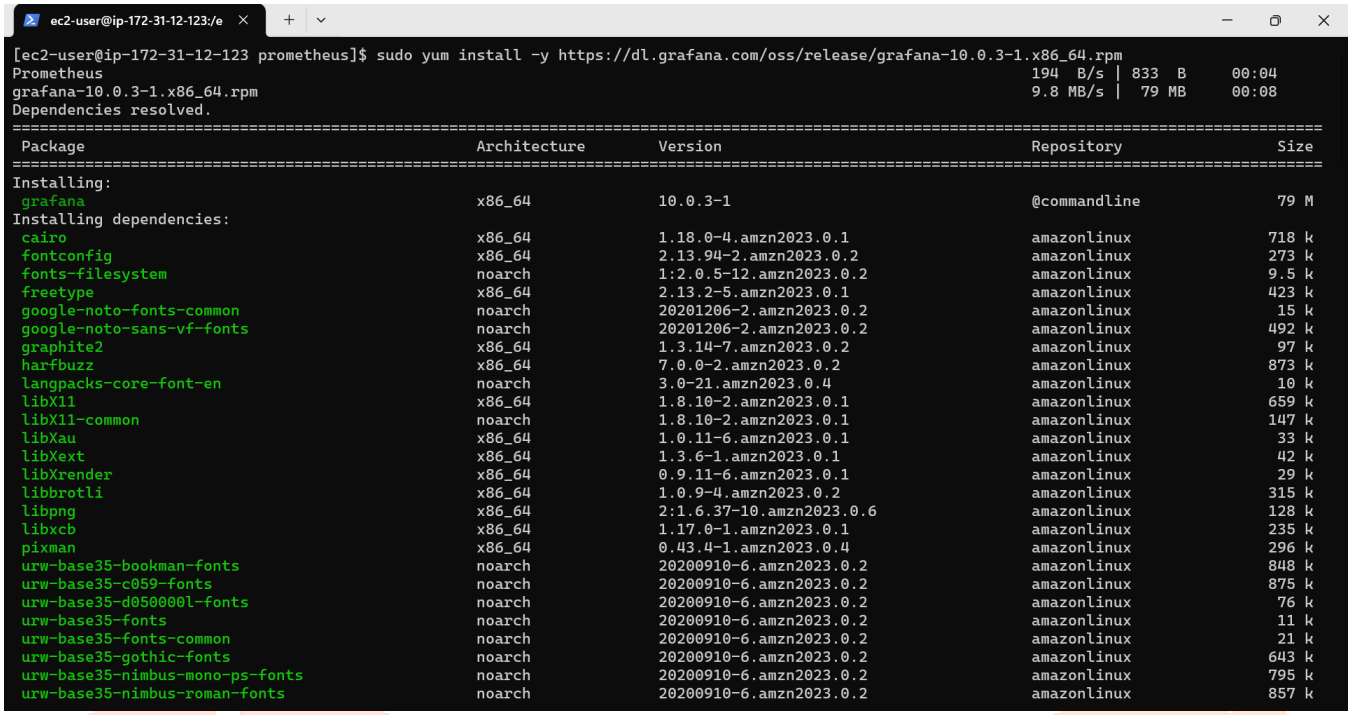
Grafana Enterprise is a commercial edition of Grafana that includes exclusive data source plugins and additional features not found in the open source version. You also get 24x7x365 support and training from the core Grafana team. To learn more about these features, refer to Enterprise features.

Grafana installation

sudo yum install -y https://dl.grafana.com/oss/release/grafana-10.0.3-1.x86_64.rpm sudo

service grafana-server start

sudo service grafana-server status


ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123:/e
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-12-123 prometheus]$ sudo yum install -y https://dl.grafana.com/oss/release/grafana-10.0.3-1.x86_64.rpm
Prometheus 194 B/s | 833 B 00:04
grafana-10.0.3-1.x86_64.rpm 9.8 MB/s | 79 MB 00:08
Dependencies resolved.
Package Architecture Version Repository Size
Installing:
grafana x86_64 10.0.3-1 @commandline 79 M
Installing dependencies:
cairo x86_64 1.18.0-4.amzn2023.0.1 amazonlinux 718 k
fontconfig x86_64 2.13.94-2.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 273 k
fonts-filesystem noarch 1:2.0.5-12.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 9.5 k
freetype x86_64 2.13.2-5.amzn2023.0.1 amazonlinux 423 k
google-noto-fonts-common noarch 20201206-2.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 15 k
google-noto-sans-vf-fonts noarch 20201206-2.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 492 k
graphite2 x86_64 1.3.14-7.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 97 k
harfbuzz x86_64 7.0.0-2.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 873 k
langpacks-core-font-en noarch 3.0-21.amzn2023.0.4 amazonlinux 10 k
libX11 x86_64 1.8.10-2.amzn2023.0.1 amazonlinux 659 k
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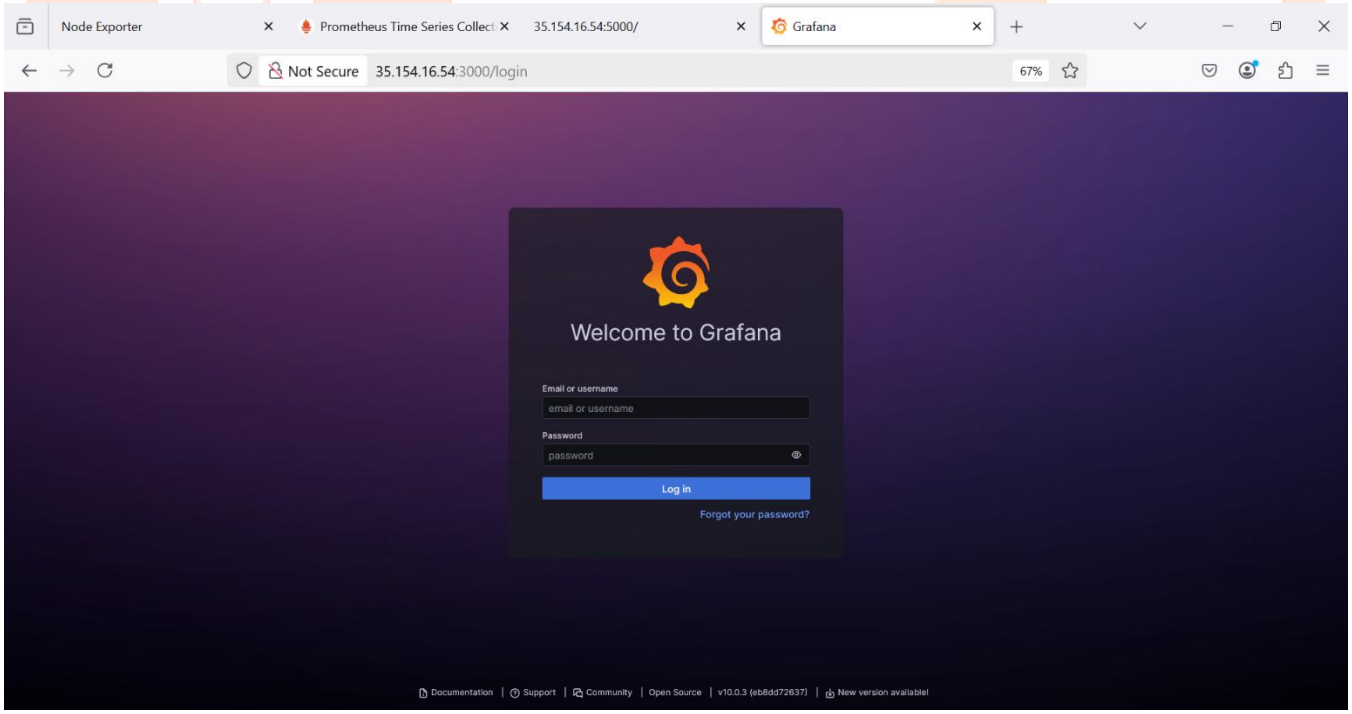
libXau x86_64 1.0.11-6.amzn2023.0.1 amazonlinux 33 k
libXext x86_64 1.3.6-1.amzn2023.0.1 amazonlinux 42 k
libXrender x86_64 0.9.11-6.amzn2023.0.1 amazonlinux 29 k
libbrotli x86_64 1.0.9-4.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 315 k
libpng x86_64 2:1.6.37-10.amzn2023.0.6 amazonlinux 128 k
libxcb x86_64 1.17.0-1.amzn2023.0.1 amazonlinux 235 k
pixman x86_64 0.43.4-1.amzn2023.0.4 amazonlinux 296 k
urw-base35-bookman-fonts noarch 20200910-6.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 848 k
urw-base35-c059-fonts noarch 20200910-6.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 875 k
urw-base35-d050000l-fonts noarch 20200910-6.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 76 k
urw-base35-fonts noarch 20200910-6.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 11 k
urw-base35-fonts-common noarch 20200910-6.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 21 k
urw-base35-gothic-fonts noarch 20200910-6.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 643 k
urw-base35-nimbus-mono-ps-fonts noarch 20200910-6.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 795 k
urw-base35-nimbus-roman-fonts noarch 20200910-6.amzn2023.0.2 amazonlinux 857 k


Node Exporter
Prometheus Time Series Collect
35.154.16.54:5000/
Grafana
Not Secure
35.154.16.54:3000/login
67%
Welcome to Grafana
Email or username
email or username
Password
password
Log in
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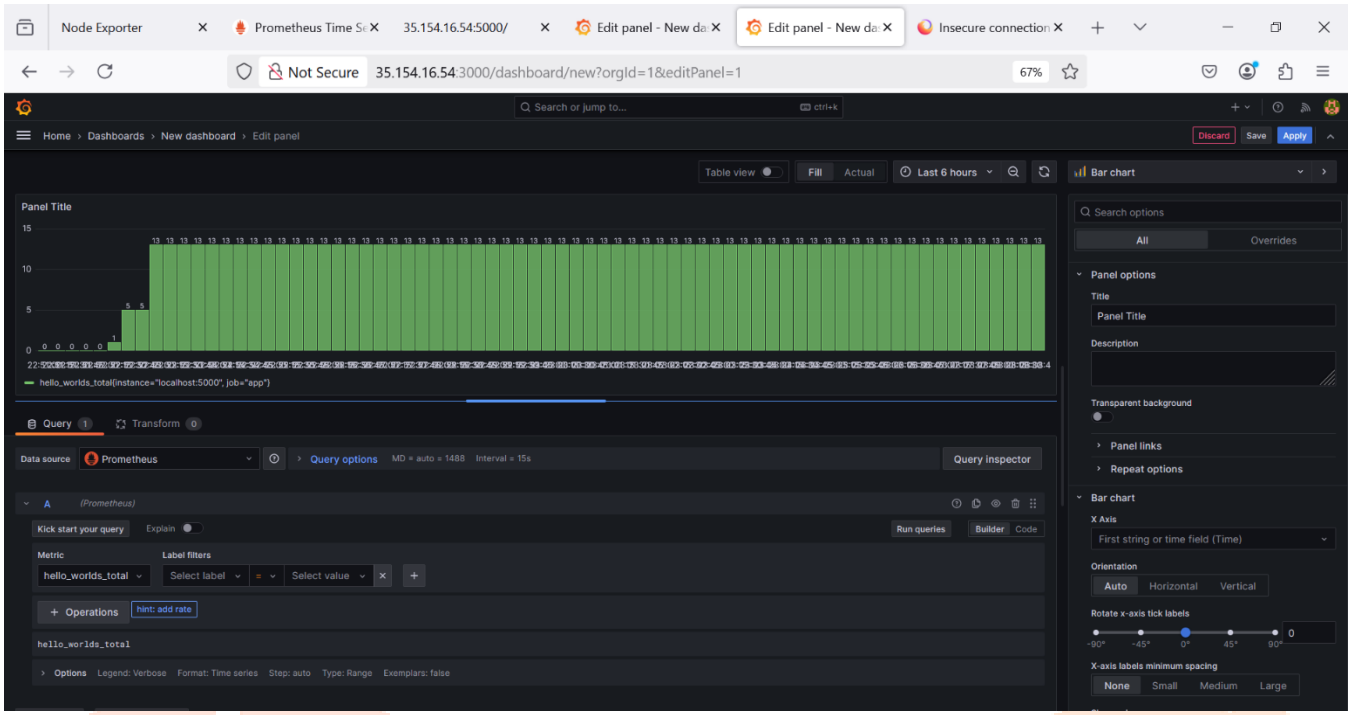
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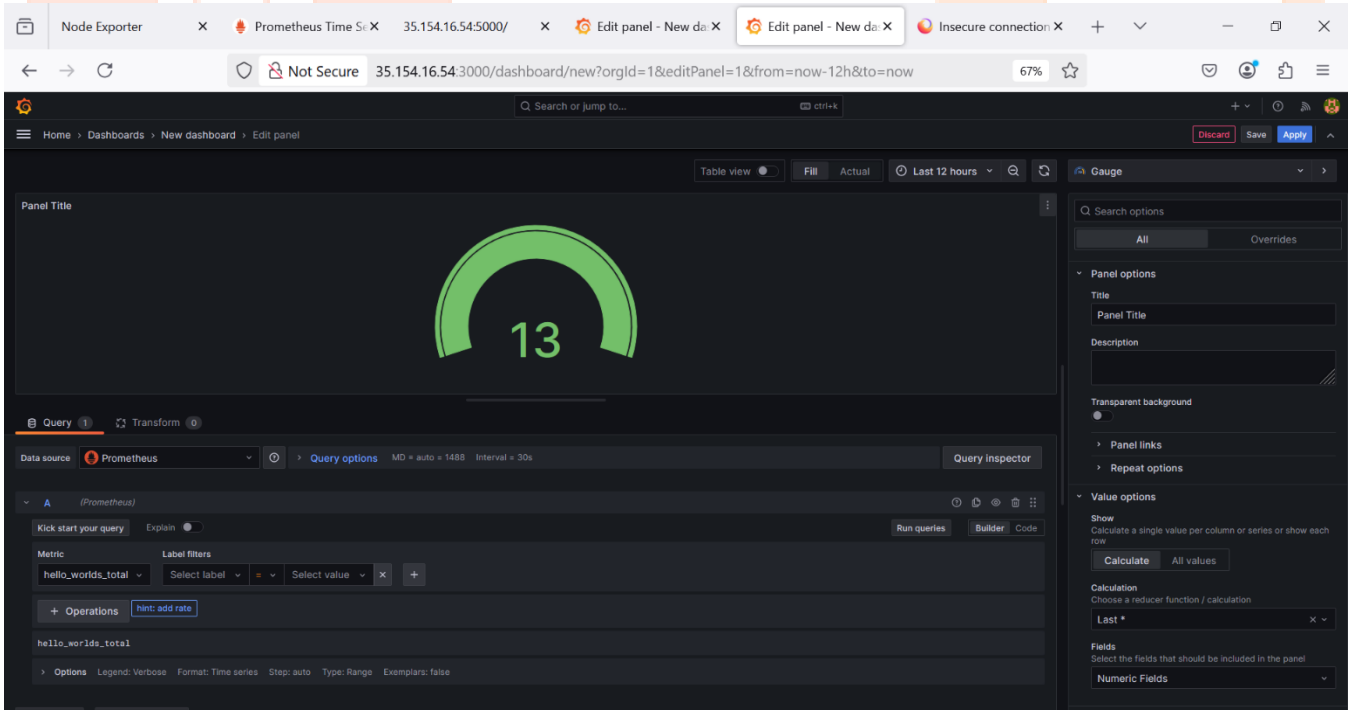
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Select the fields that should be included in the panel
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