Background:

Introduction:

Observability for your applications shouldn't break the bank. Nor should it mean endless configuration and upkeep. With Retriever, your small team of developers can be free from large, costly services like Datadog, while still having the convenience of a managed end-to-end observability platform. We even incorporate our custom MCP server for fast, natural language debugging.

Observability Models:

Large Paid Solutions:

Datadog, Honeycomb, and New Relic all provide full-service, end-to-end observability. These solutions will not only scale indefinitely, but they will always be up-to-date and user-friendly. They can also cost an arm and a leg.

Do-It-Yourself Option:

Grafana, Jaeger, and OTel provide the tools to get you going, but at the cost of do-it-yourself configuration and upkeep. These services will be cost effective, but will require your team to build and maintain your own observability stack.

Retriever:

Retriever steps up to find a sweet spot between DIY and big business. We designed it to spin up multiple services quickly to provide a complete observability stack, plus the convenience of an MCP server for AI integration between your telemetry and your code. It's open-source and works with your existing AWS account, so you can get back to building features, not sifting through traces.