Metrics





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We all work over products or projects.

We all want to be sure things work properly.

To achieve that:

- We plan
- We test
- We automate

We change code.

We don't want to stop growth.

So we can't reject changes in the code.

Changes to the code lead to changes in software behaviour.

How to detect behaviour changes in growing, complex and constantly changing software?

Metrics should help us!

"Metric is a measure for quantitatively assessing, controlling or selecting process or event"

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metric_(unit)

1. We all have been in no metrics at all situation.

MVPs, Prototypes, Project based development

You change, you deploy, you hope.

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No metrics - no problems.

2. But it is easy to add at least some simple metrics.

Project/product is running for some time.

CPU, RAM, Network, Disk, Processes, Uptime, Swap

Behaviour change only as resource utilization.

Some metrics - some answers.

3. Possibly we can add even better metrics.

HTTP Server, PHP processes, Storage or Database Metrics.

HTTP Server:

- Active connections
- Connections per second
- Request per second

PHP:

- Connections per second
- Processes (active, idle)
- OP Cache (if possible)

Mail agent:

- Messages per second
- Bytes per second
- Queue size

Database specific metrics:

- Operations per second
- Slow query count
- Connections, traffic
- Query cache
- Table locks

Redis:

- Connections
- Commands per second
- Key count
- Key expiration
- Key hit/miss

Queues:

- Message count
- Delayed messages
- Failed messages

Behaviour change on used software.

Better metrics - better answers.

4. Add Framework/Tools Specific Metrics.

Request/Job processing metrics.

Behaviour change on concrete request or job.

Even better metrics - even better answers.

5. Functionality Related metrics.

Gather metrics from different parts of functionality. Cover specific cases.

When it is safe to remove old code/service?

How long it takes to update product data from different supplier?

How many errors do we get when we use some external service?

Behaviour change on concrete functionality.

Concrete metrics - Concrete answers.

6. Business Related metrics.

Find Key Performance Indicators.

Build/add KPIs into Metrics.

Learn how to correlate any Other Metrics change with KPIs change.

Behaviour change on end user.

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Super Metrics - Super Answers.

How should I start?

Talk to people.

Focus on problems.

Don't miss the moment.

Eat elephant bite by bite.

There is no silver bullet.

Discussion





Practical Monitoring

Prometheus: Up & Running

Thanks!



