Application Monitoring with Prometheus

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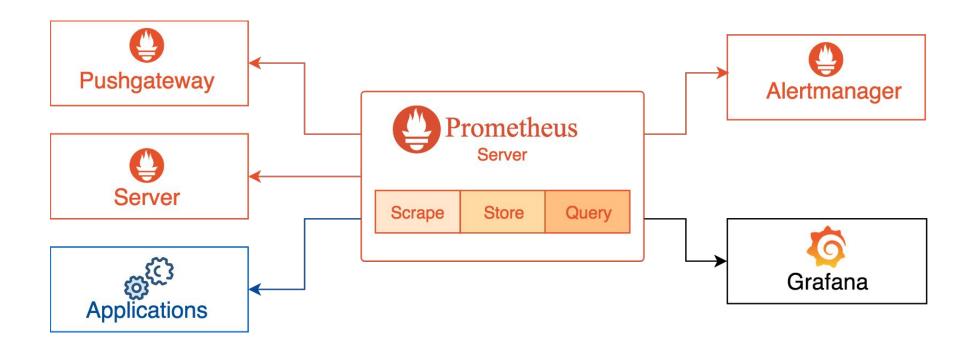


Monitoring

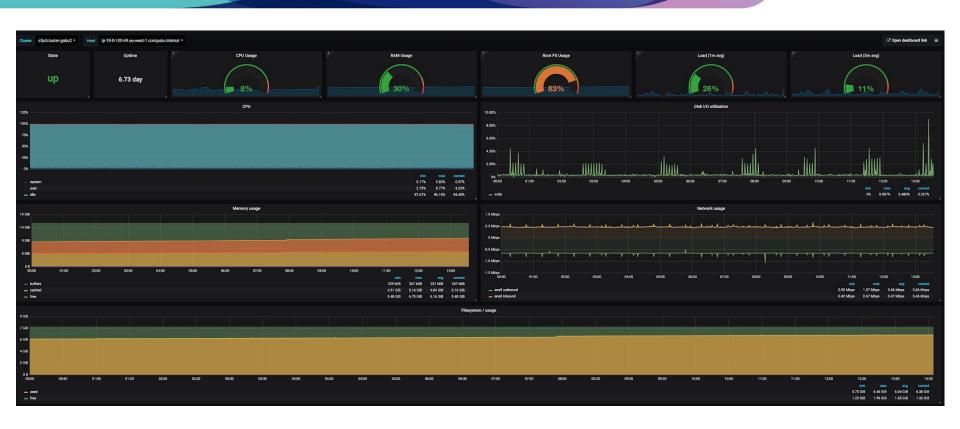
- "Observe and check the progress or quality of (something) over a period of time"
- → Several solution (maybe too many?)



Prometheus architecture

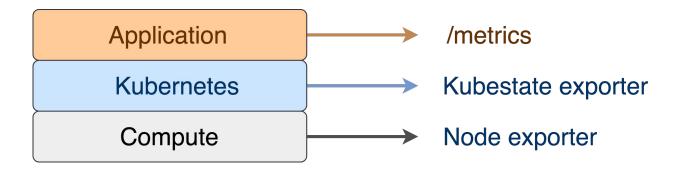


Monitoring the Kubernetes stack



Monitoring the Kubernetes stack

- Problems root cause can be hidden in any layer
- Upper layers means less & less best-practice



Prometheus metric format

- Clear text format
- → Time series with labels

```
# Server Requests
nginx_server_requests{code="1xx",host="domain.com"} 0
# Server Bytes
nginx_server_bytes{direction="in",host="domain.com"} 21
# Server Cache
nginx_server_cache{host="domain.com",status="hit"} 2
```

- Best practices
 - Keep constant number of labels
 - Use Prometheus' metric naming conventions

Prometheus Query Language

- Easy to use
- → Lot of predefined functions and operators

```
# Total http requests with status like 4xx http_requests_total{status!~"4.."}

# Total http requests per second (all status codes) rate(http_requests_total[5m])

# The number of running instance by application label count(instance_cpu_time_ns) by (app)
```

Application monitoring

- Green field applications
 - Easy to start with prometheus libs
 - Several out of box implementation (web frameworks etc...)
- Legacy applications
 - Can be troublesome
 - Custom format, custom protocols
 - Bridge exporters (transforming formats)
 - Relabel

Prometheus Relabel

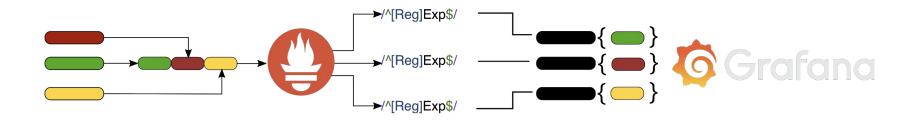
- Prometheus offers simple yet powerful metric transformation
- Allow to rewrite Names and Labels
- Utilise regular expressions for patterns

```
- source_labels: [__oldname__]
regex: '(?P<spark_app_name>\w[^_]+)_(?P<interpreter_group_id>\w[^_]+)'
replacement: '${spark_app_name}'
target_label: spark_app_name
```

Prometheus Relabel

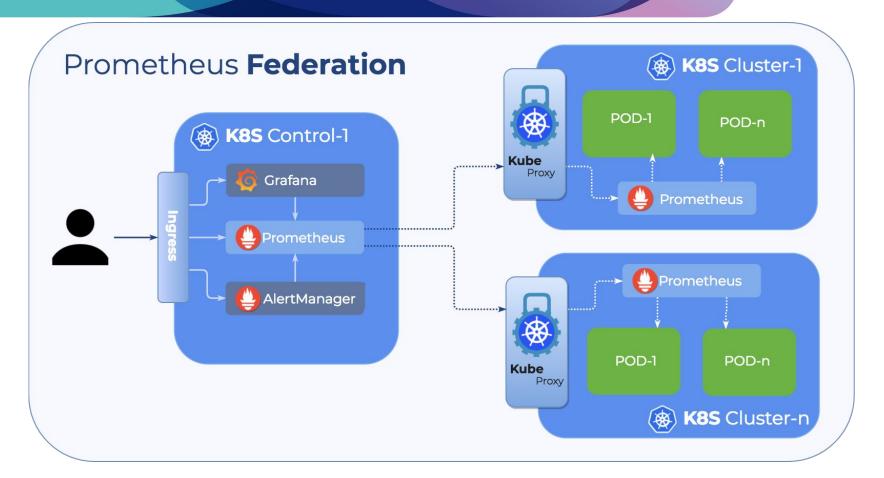
HELP ...

TYPE spark_79ef988408c14743af0bccd2d404e791_1_executor_filesystem_file_read_bytes gauge spark_79ef988408c14743af0bccd2d404e791_1_executor_filesystem_file_read_bytes{instance="10.40.0.3",job="spark-79ef988408c14743af0bccd2d404e791",number="1",role="executor"} 0 1519224695487



executor_filesystem_file_read_bytes{instance="10.40.0.3",job="spark-79ef988408c14743af0bccd2d404e791",number="1",role="executor"} 0 1519224695487

Prometheus Federation



What is Prometheus NOT

- → Not a long term / archive storage
 - Federation
 - Several custom solution like archive to Elasticsearch
- Not a tracing solution
 - OpenCensus https://opencensus.io/
 - OpenTracing http://opentracing.io/
 - Jaeger https://www.jaegertracing.io/
 - Loki (experimental Prometheus like tracing) -https://github.com/weaveworks-experiments/loki

Pipeline

A Next Generation OpenShift / Heroku / Cloud Foundry like PaaS on steroids.

A full managed runtime for enterprise software.



Pipeline



https://github.com/banzaicloud/pipeline

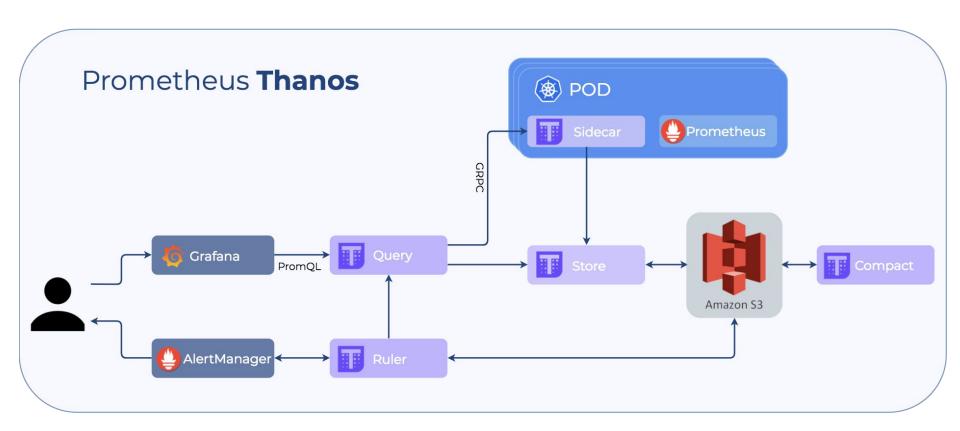


The Long awaited Long Term store



- → Highly available Prometheus setup with long term storage capabilities.
- → Main Goals:
 - Global view of different clusters
 - High Availability setup for Prometheus
 - Retention / Downsampling (for long term storage)

The long awaited Long Term store



Links

- → Prometheus https://prometheus.io/
- → Thanos slides https://www.slideshare.net/BartomiejPotka/thanos-global-durable-prometheus-monitoring
- → Banzai Cloud blogs https://banzaicloud.com/tags/prometheus/



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