



Prometheus

Maintainer Session

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Prometheus team members

Show of hands



What is Prometheus?

Metrics-based monitoring & alerting stack.

- Instrumentation for applications and systems
- Metrics collection and storage
- Querying, alerting, dashboarding
- For all levels of the stack!

Made for dynamic cloud environments.

History

- Started 2012 at SoundCloud
- Fully open-sourced in 2015
- Joined CNCF, Prometheus v1.0.0 released in 2016
- Prometheus v2.0.0 released in 2017
- Graduated as a CNCF project in 2018



<https://youtu.be/rT4fJNbfe14>





Growth in adoption

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

2022

2.8k

16k

54k

242k

571k

774k

(Figures from Grafana Labs: count of Grafana installations with a Prometheus datasource)

Community



[prometheus](#) / [prometheus](#)



11,093 commits



Starred

47.7k



Contributors 783





Julien Pivotto

to prometheus-developers **Welcoming**

Dear community,

Welcoming Chris Sinjakli to the Prometheus team 118 views



Matthias Loibl (MetalMatze)

to Prometheus Developers

Hey everyone,

The Prometheus team is growing: I am happy to announce that Chris Sinjakli is jo

Chris is 3rd in contributions to [client_ruby](#) and has been active in client_ruby last y

<https://github.com/Sinjo>

Welcome Chris and thanks for your continuous work!

Cheers,
Matthias / metalmatze

Dear Prometheans,

The Prometheus team is growing: I am happy to announce that Kemal Akkoy

Kemal has been active as a maintainer in [prometheus/client_golang](#).
He has published releases such as v1.11 (June 2021), v1.12 (Jan 2022), and
Next to these contributions he is also a maintainer of projects like Promethe

<https://github.com/kakkoyun>

Welcome Kemal and thanks for your continuous work!

Cheers,
Matthias / metalmatze

[prometheus-developers] Welcome Jesús Vázquez to
the Prometheus team ➡ Inbox x



Ganesh Vernekar <ganeshvern@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 3, 2:55 PM



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Hi everyone,

Please join the Prometheus team in welcoming Jesús Vázquez (GH: [jesusvazquez](#)) as a new team member.

Jesús worked on adding out-of-order sample support to the Prometheus TSDB and has been helping contributors without their contributions. He plans to continue his efforts on the TSDB and I intend to welcome him as a TSDB maintainer as well :)

Welcome, Jesús!

Thanks,
Ganesh

Daniel is 2nd in contributions to [client_ruby](#) and has been active in client_ruby.

<https://github.com/dmagliola>

Welcome Daniel and thanks for your continuous work!

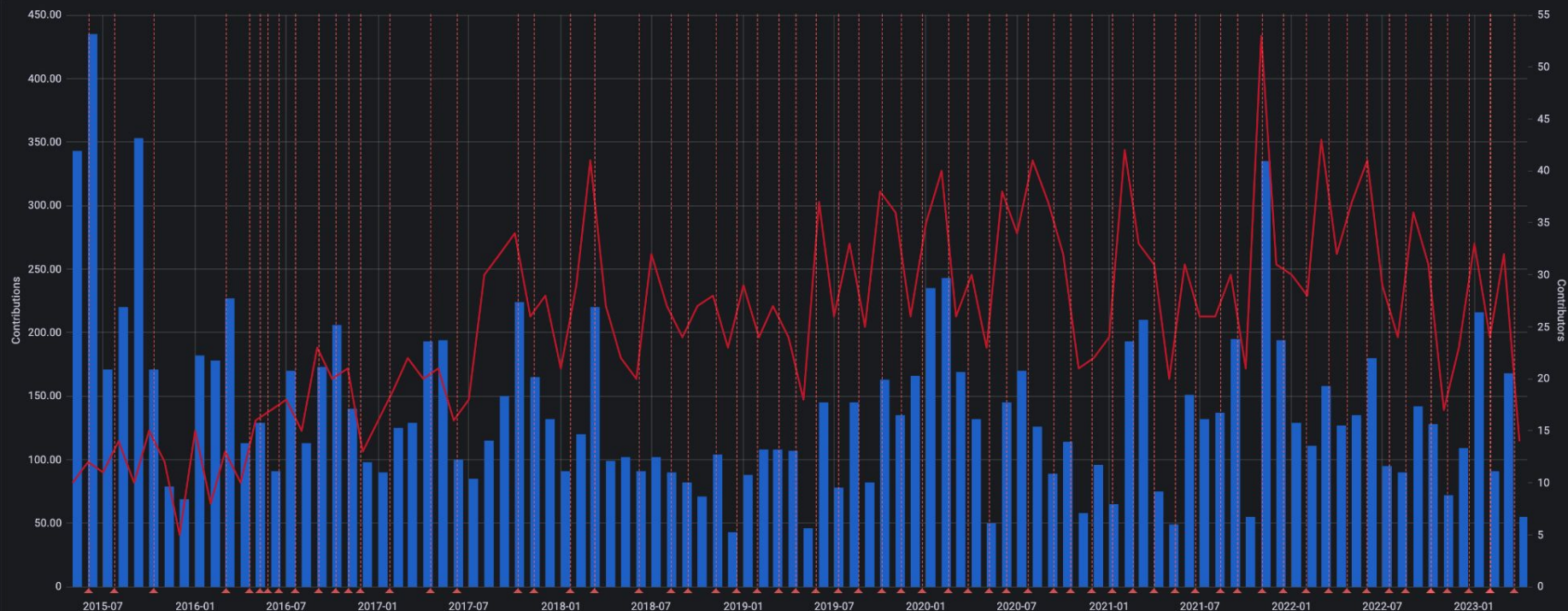
Cheers,
Matthias / metalmatze



Period Month Metric Commits Repository group prometheus Country All Company All Releases

prometheus

Commits chart: aggregation: Month, repository group: prometheus, country: All, company: All



Contributions
Contributors (right-y)

min	max	avg	current
43.000	435.000	139.302	55.000
5.0	53.0	25.5	14.0

What is it not?

Prometheus does not do:

- Logging or tracing
- Automatic anomaly detection

Architecture

Architecture

Targets



web app

API
server

Instrumentation & Exposition

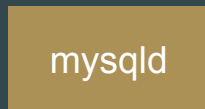
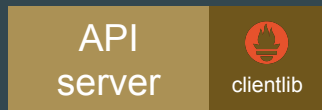
Architecture

Targets

web app	 clientlib
API server	 clientlib

Architecture






Targets



Instrumentation & Exposition

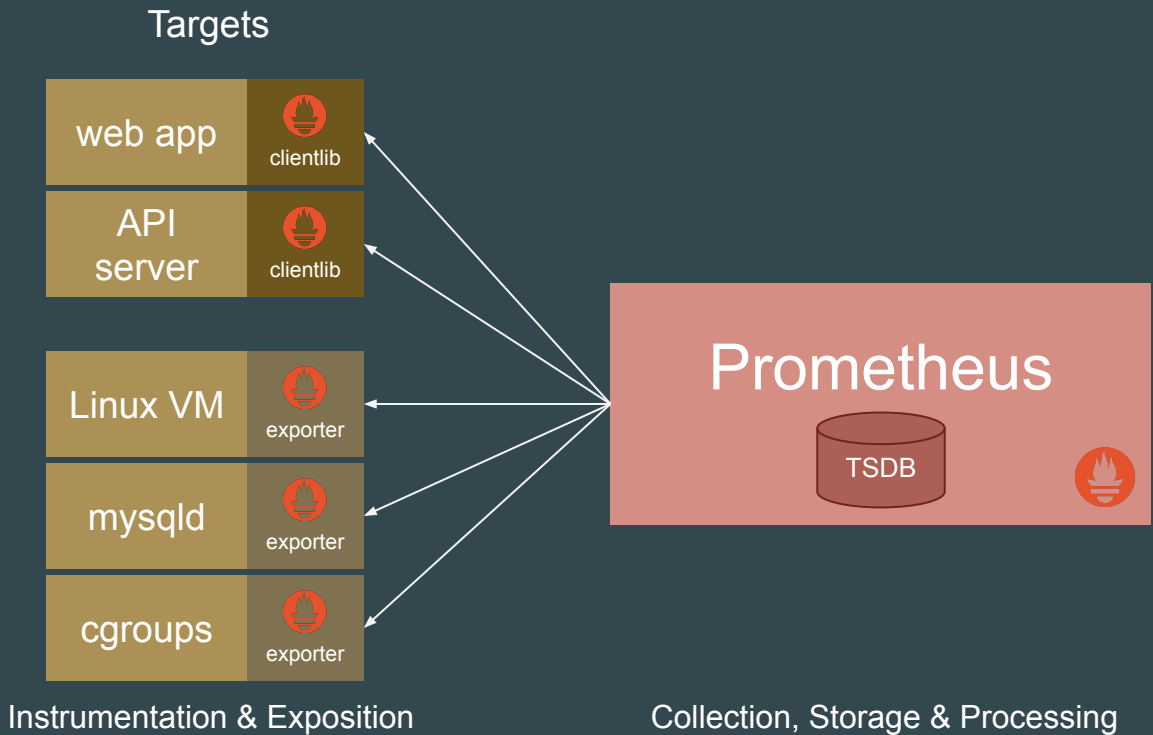
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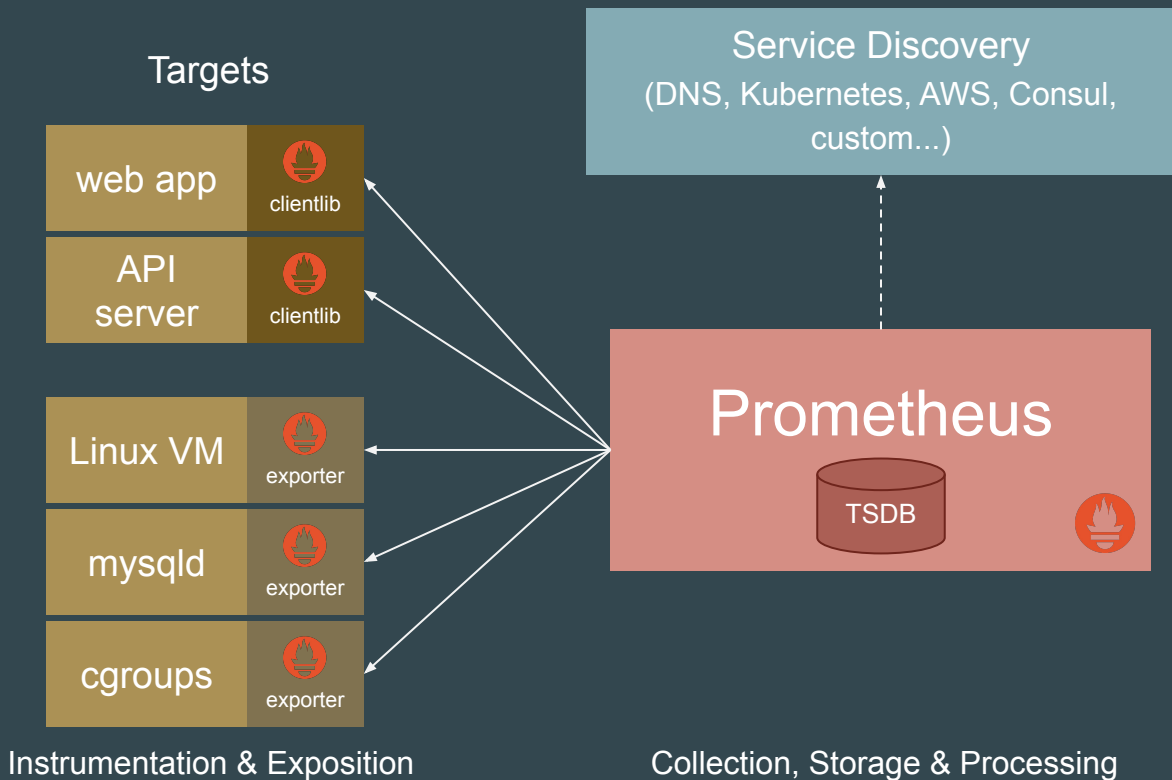
web app	 clientlib
API server	 clientlib
Linux VM	 exporter
mysql	 exporter
cgroups	 exporter

Instrumentation & Exposition

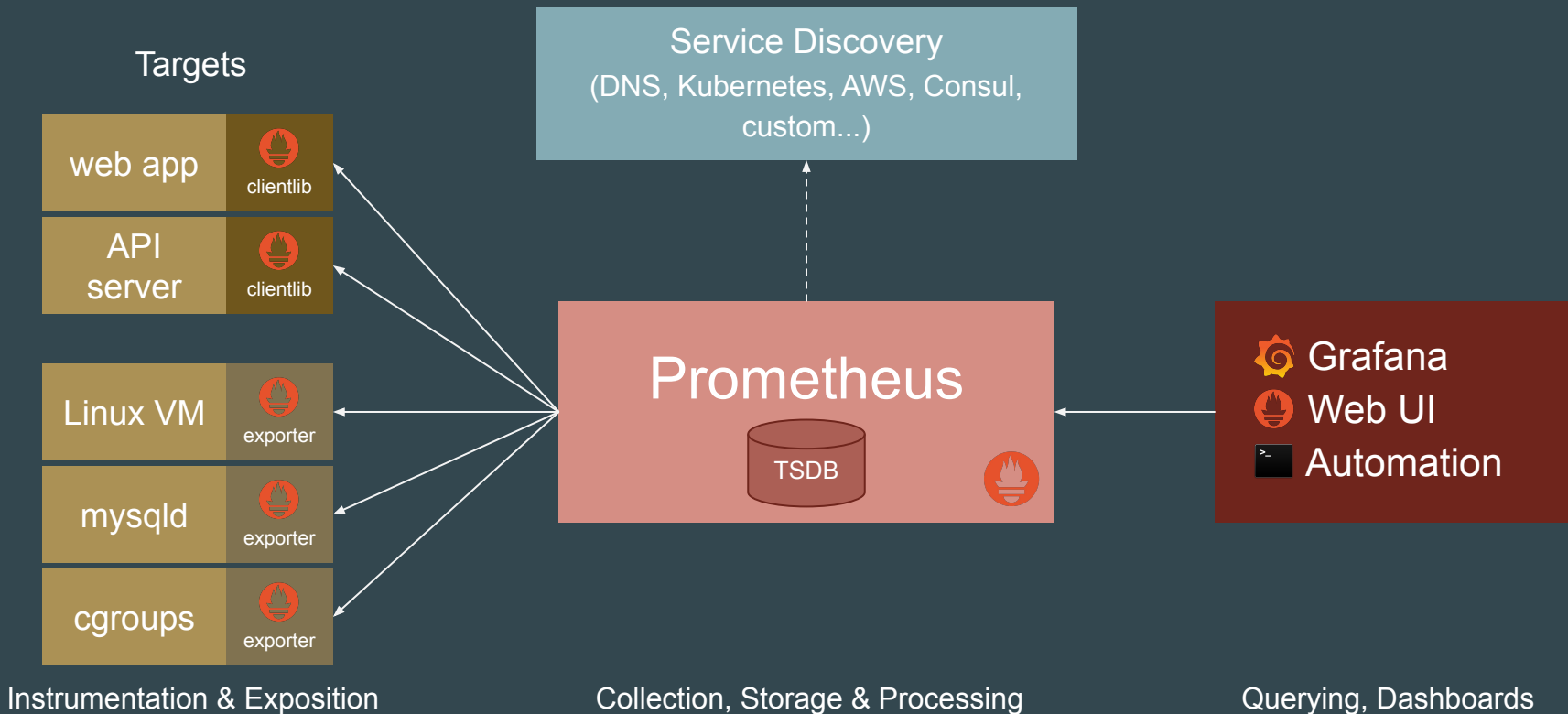
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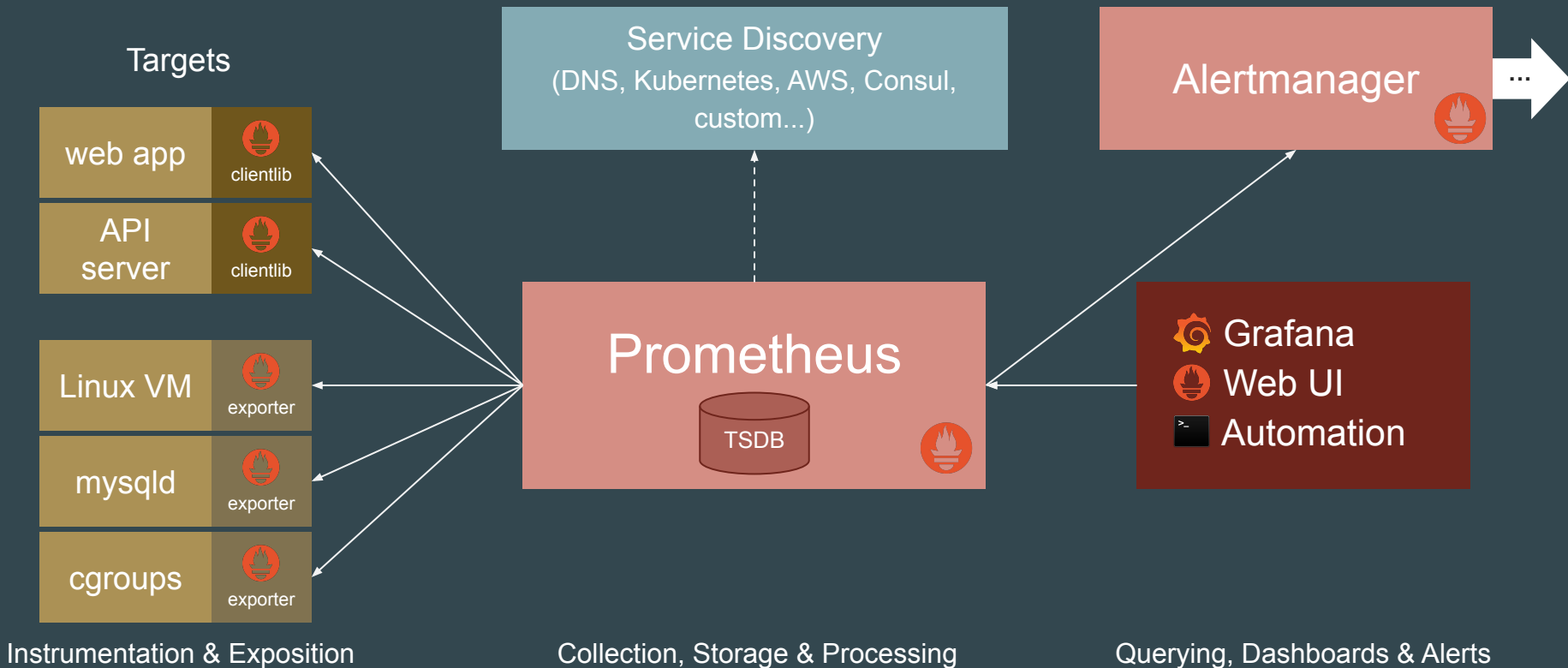
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What's new

v2.39 - 2.43

Some of the new features released in the last ~6 months
only looking at [prometheus/prometheus](#)

Native Histograms

v2.40 + 2.42

Add Support for Native Histograms #11447

Merged codesome merged 228 commits into `main` from `sparsehistogram` on Oct 26, 2022

Conversation



codesome

This PR m
This PR is
branch to

Design do
<https://doc>
Some sne

We would



Disclaimer:

Native Histograms are an experimental feature!

Everything described here can still change!

Things might break or behave weirdly!

`$ prometheus --enable-feature=native-histograms`

HAZARD
WARNING

rams and breaking changes.

the `wal` directory when upgrading.
compatible in v2.42.0, this will lead to some data loss

h native histograms in v2.42.0 (which writes float
ams.

experimental native histograms. #11783

DB dump. #11872

rules. #11838

targets for Kubernetes. #11844

ery. #11650

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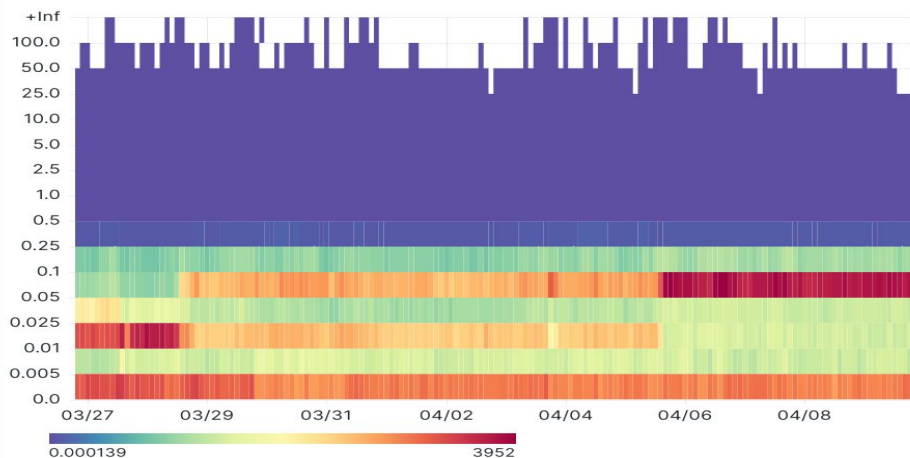
#11840 #11814

presents buckets as float64 values. #11522 #11817

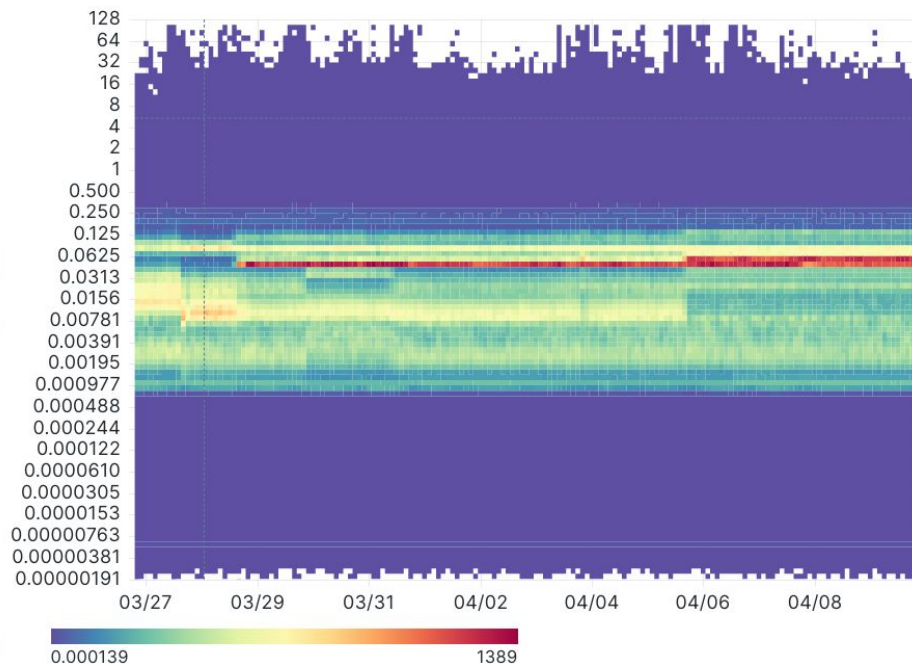
Native Histograms

v2.40 + 2.42

2xx classic histograms



2xx native histogram





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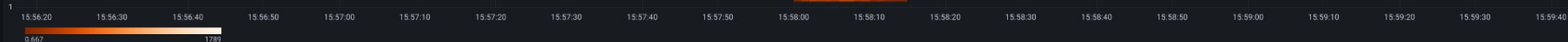
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<https://promcon.io/2022-munich/talks/promql-for-native-histograms>

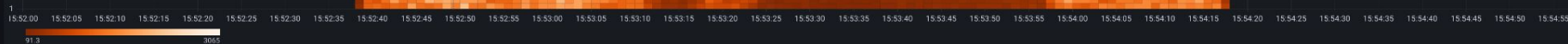


Storyteller

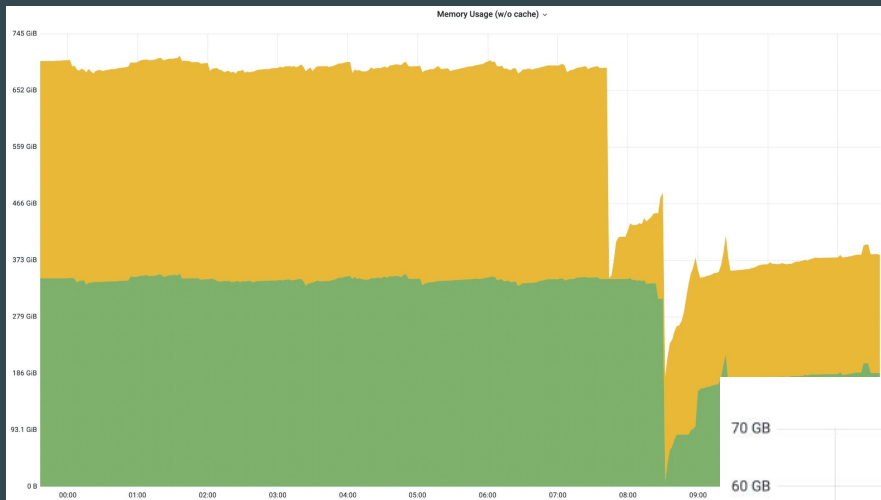




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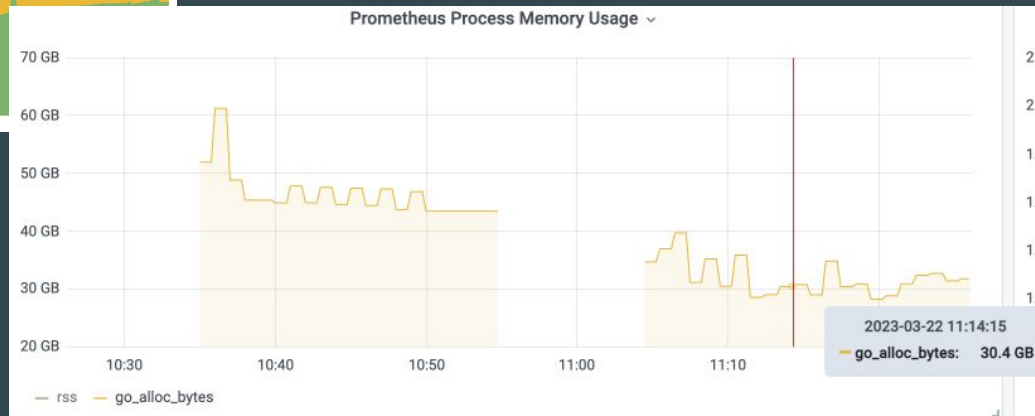


Memory Reductions



v2.39

v2.44



keep_firing_for v2.42

Add 'keep_firing_for' field to alerting rules

...

How long an alert will continue firing after
the condition that triggered it

has cleared.

[keep_firing_for: <duration> | default = 0s]

...

What's Coming

- New Alertmanager UI
 - New React UI to align with the rest of the Prometheus Ecosystem
- Metadata Improvements
 - Metric type
 - Created time
 - Persisted in TSDB
- Exemplar Improvements
 - Retained by recording rules
 - Persisted in TSDB
- Remote Write v2
 - Transactional remote write
 - Reduce bandwidth

Add warnings (and annotations) to PromQL query results #12152



Open

zenador wants to merge 16 commits into `prometheus:main` from `zenador:bubblebobble`



Conversation 21



Commits 16



Checks 22



Files changed 26



zenador commented on Mar 19 • edited ▾

First-time contributor

Tip ...

Addresses some of [#10839](#) and [#11216](#) as a hackathon project.

Most of the code changes are just changing from `storage.Warnings` to `notes.Warnings` to move it to a more neutral location as the new warnings we are adding are not related to storage.

Annotations are created and handled separately from warnings here, but they are merged together with the warnings in the PromQL engine because the HTTP API and the UI don't support it yet and we want to avoid making external changes for now. By creating annotations separately though, it would make it easier in future when we want to display them differently.

Due to the way warnings are created, we end up with many duplicate warnings, or perhaps we find the warning is not needed later on, e.g. for the `RangeTooSmallWarning`, we may add this warning at each section of the range, or we may only add it at the beginning or end but still return a non-empty result for the query. For now we do the deduplication and the removal of the unnecessary warning at the final response writing step in the API.

New warnings (`util/notes/warnings.go`):

- `RangeTooSmallWarning = errors.New("Need at least 2 points to compute, perhaps time range is too small")`

Add support for exemplars during recording rule evaluation #12056



Open

vjsamuel wants to merge 7 commits into `prometheus:main` from `vjsamuel:rules_exemplar`



Conversation 21



Commits 7



Checks 22



Files changed 5



vjsamuel commented on Mar 4

Contributor

Tip ...

This PR adds support for recording rules to emit exemplars. Would like to get some early feedback before I add things like unit test cases, feature flags (if necessary).

I wanted to add a sampling ratio to only append a subset of exemplars along with the recorded metric but would love to get feedback before hand.



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vjsamuel requested a review from **codesome** as a code owner last month

We need you!

Friday, April 21 • 16:00 - 17:30

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Wished you know how to write exporter in Go for Prometheus? How to use Prometheus APIs programmatically? Need to quickly instrument you Go code with Prometheus metrics? Join us to learn how to contribute, develop and test Prometheus integrations useful in day to day use. Unblock yourself and others! It's easier than you think!

We will go through useful resources and ways to interact with the project and community, to create meaningful applications that use Prometheus effectively!

e.g.

Upgrade to github.com/Azure/azure-sdk-for-go/sdk #11860



Open

mmorel-35 wants to merge 3 commits into [prometheus:main](#) from [mmorel-35:azure-sdk-for-go](#)



Conversation 9



Commits 3



Checks 22



Files changed 4



mmorel-35 commented on Jan 18 • edited by kakkoyun ▾

Contributor

Tip ...

I had troubles with my commits signature so I recreated this branch with everything merged.

Replaces [#11849](#)

Fixes [#10942](#)

xref: https://github.com/Azure/azure-sdk-for-go/blob/main/documentation/MIGRATION_GUIDE.md

Signed-off-by: Matthieu MOREL matthieu.morel35@gmail.com

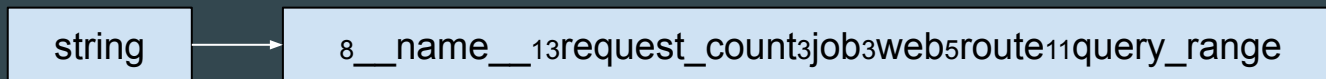
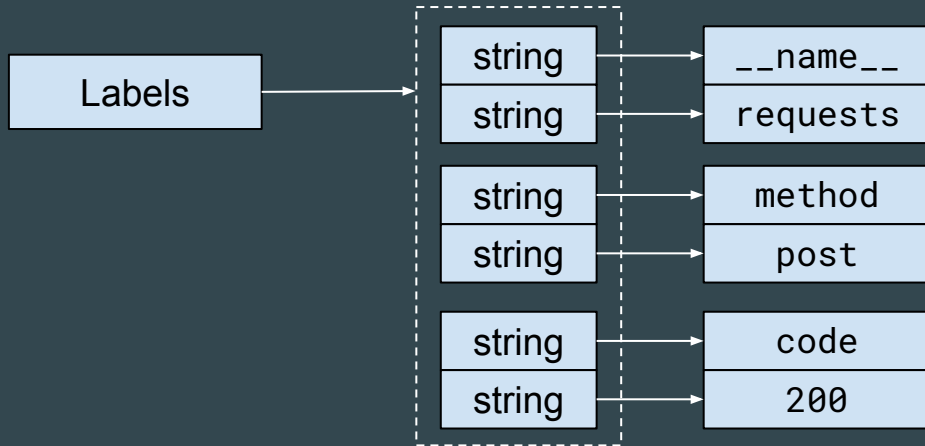


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Q&A

Thanks!

Labels data structure



Out-of-order ingestion

v2.39

```
$ cat config.yml
...
storage:
  tsdb:
    out_of_order_time_window: 2h
...
```

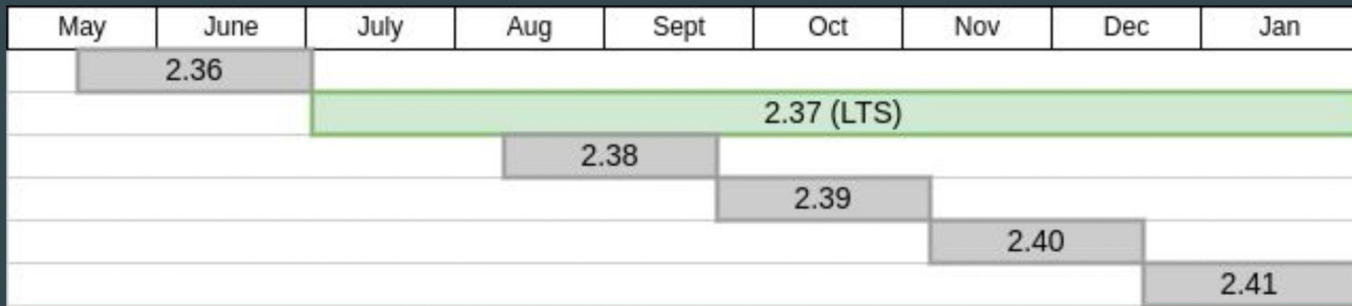
<https://promcon.io/2022-munich/talks/out-of-order-support-in-promethe>



LTS releases

LTS for Long Term Support.

A release of Prometheus supported for 6+ months.



<https://prometheus.io/docs/introduction/release-cycle/>

Selling Points

- Dimensional data model
- Powerful query language (PromQL)
- Simple & efficient server
- Service discovery integration

Data Model

What is a time series?

`<identifier> → [(t0, v0), (t1, v1), ...]`

↑
string

↑
int64

↑
float64

Data Model

What identifies a time series?

```
http_requests_total{job="nginx",instance="1.2.3.4:80",status="200"} 28
```



metric name



labels

- Flexible
- No hierarchy
- Explicit dimensions

Querying

Querying

PromQL

- Functional query language
- Great for time series computations
- Not SQL-style

Querying

All partitions in my entire infrastructure with more than 100GB capacity that are not mounted on root?

```
node_filesystem_bytes_total{mountpoint!=" /"} / 1e9 > 100
```

{device="sda1", mountpoint="/home", instance="10.0.0.1"}	118.8
{device="sda1", mountpoint="/home", instance="10.0.0.2"}	118.8
{device="sdb1", mountpoint="/data", instance="10.0.0.2"}	451.2
{device="xdvc", mountpoint="/mnt", instance="10.0.0.3"}	320.0

Querying

What's the ratio of request errors across all service instances?

```
sum(rate(http_requests_total{status="500"}[5m]))  
/ sum(rate(http_requests_total[5m]))
```

```
{}
```

```
0.029
```

Querying

What's the ratio of request errors across all service instances?

```
sum by(path) (rate(http_requests_total{status="500"}[5m]))  
/ sum by(path) (rate(http_requests_total[5m]))
```

{path="/status"}	0.0039
{path="/"}	0.0011
{path="/api/v1/topics/:topic"}	0.087
{path="/api/v1/topics"}	0.0342

Alerting

generate an alert for each
path with an error rate of >5%



```
alert: Many500Errors
expr: |
  (
    sum by(path) (rate(http_requests_total{status="500"}[5m]))
    /
    sum by(path) (rate(http_requests_total[5m]))
  ) * 100 > 5
for: 5m
labels:
  severity: "critical"
annotations:
  summary: "Many 500 errors for path {{$labels.path}} ({{$value}}%)"
```

Efficiency

Local storage is scalable enough for many orgs:

- 1 million+ samples/s
- Millions of series
- 1-2 bytes per sample

Good for keeping a few weeks or months of data. Some people keep years, with careful backups.

Bridging the gap

Not everything speaks Prometheus – exporters help

- Translate from other metric systems (statsd, CloudWatch, ...)
- Transform system-specific metrics (Linux, MySQL, HAProxy, ...)
- Do it yourself (JSON exporter, Python, Go, ...)

Conclusion

Prometheus helps you make sense of complex dynamic environments via its:

- Dimensional data model
- Powerful query language
- Simplicity + efficiency
- Service discovery integration