# **Extending Dynatrace**

**Dynatrace Training Module** 



#### Agenda

- OneAgent SDK
- OpenKit
- Mobile SDK
- Plugins
- Remote Extensions
- W3C Tracing

# **OneAgent SDK**

#### **OneAgent SDK**

- Manually instrument you application to extend end-to-end visibility for frameworks and technologies that are not yet supported by a dedicated code module
- Provides full access to all functionality (e.g. auto-baselining and Al-powered RCA)
- SDK is open source and in beta status
- Supported languages:
  - Java
  - Node.JS
  - C/C++
  - Python (EAP)
  - .NET (EAP)
  - Queue and Messaging (EAP)
- Requires changes to application source code and a OneAgent running on the host

# OpenKit

## RUM

## OpenKit







Mobile Web



Mobile



Rich Clients

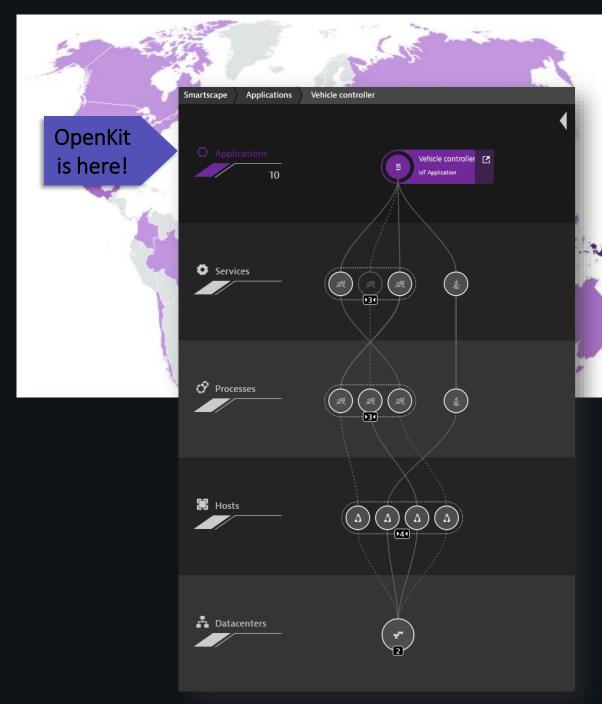


Other Digital Touchpoints TV, car, kiosk, dishwasher...

## OpenKit: IoT applications

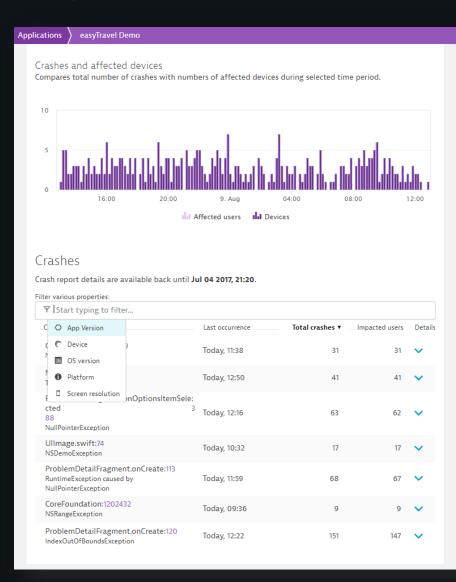
#### Capabilities

- Java & .NET reference implementation of RUM protocol
- Monitor millions of devices and users
- World map of global distribution of device activity
- Cohort analysis of device types and properties
  - platform, resolution, power level, firmware version, etc.
- Device operation/user action reporting
  - timings and durations
  - errors
  - reporting of nested operations
- Tagging of network requests to follow a PurePath into backend
- Crash reporting with stack traces and logs
- Session tracking



## Code-level visibility

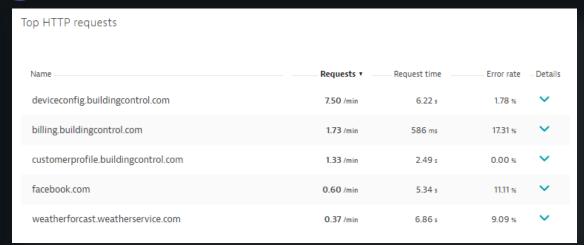
We need to get stack traces, logs and device configurations to fix software related issues.





## Performance monitoring

- Is the new firmware causing some communication troubles?
- Is the new firmware using more bandwidth than the previous versions?
- Are some backend services more prone to errors?

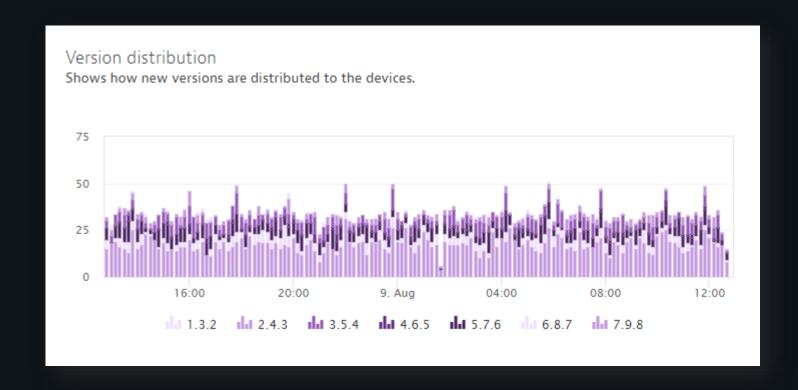




### Firmware distribution

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We are operating millions of smart home gateways, distributed across all geographic regions, running different firmware versions, that are connected with our service backend infrastructure.



- Is my new firmware version as stable as the ones before?
- How many devices of a specific firmware version are currently online?
- How to get immediate notification if a firmware version does not work out as expected?

#### Availability

- Currently available for
  - Java (1.6+): <a href="https://github.com/Dynatrace/openkit-java/">https://github.com/Dynatrace/openkit-java/</a>
  - .NET (3.5+, Core 1.0+): <a href="https://github.com/Dynatrace/openkit-dotnet/">https://github.com/Dynatrace/openkit-dotnet/</a>
  - more to come ...
- Can be used for Dynatrace SaaS and Managed

#### What can/can't OpenKit do?

- What it can do:
  - create sessions, user actions and child user actions
  - report values, events, errors and crashes
  - trace web requests (to server-side PurePaths) including the request size
  - tag sessions with a username
- What it cannot do:
  - create server-side PurePaths (there is an SDK for that)
  - create metrics (there is an API for that)

#### SDK vs OpenKit

## SDK

- · Appears as a process and a service
- OneAgent required = FullStack (Network, Logs...)
- Each appearance has an entity in the SmartScape
- · Scales to approx. 50k, goal 100k hosts

# OpenKit

- Appears as an application
- RUM (User Actions, User Behavior, conversion goals...)
- One appearance as an Application
- · Scales to 3000+ UA/s

#### Add a custom application

Docker

Deploy Dynatrace

Deployment status

Settings



#### Digital touchpoint monitoring (Beta)



By providing you with a set of open source libraries, OpenKit enables you to instrument the digital touchpoints in your environment that aren't detected automatically by OneAgent. This means you can monitor the usage, performance, and user sessions of traditional rich-client applications, smart IoT applications, Alexa skills, and much more.

Create custom application

#### Monitor a custom application

Type in a name for the custom application you want to monitor. Once your custom application is created, you'll get detailed instructions on how to instrument it with OpenKit.

For example: My custom application

Note: It's not necessary to create a custom application if you only need to monitor a web application or a mobile app. Dynatrace OneAgent supports monitoring of these application types out-of-the-box.

Select one of the following icons that represents your application in the UI.













Cancel

Create custom application





.NET







Beacon URL:

https://bf79563wis.bf-dev.dynatracelabs.com/mbeacon

Application ID:

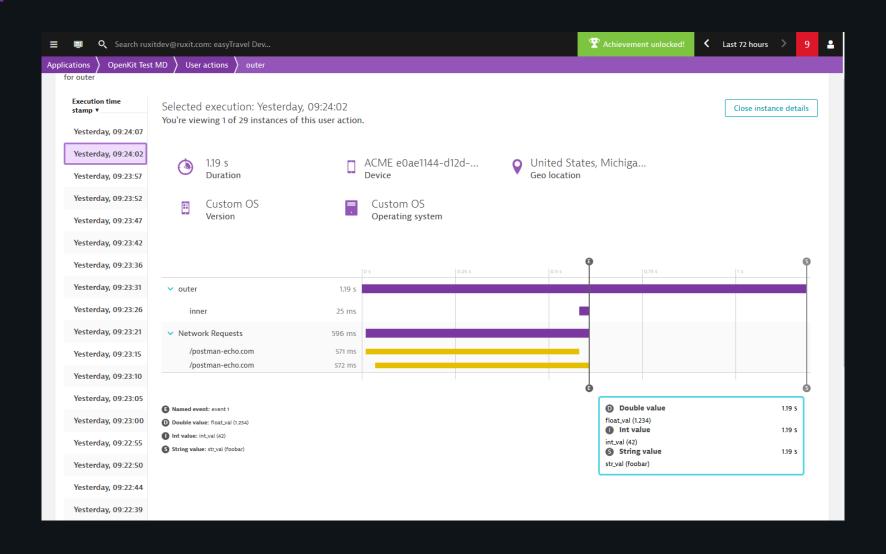
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#### Beacons

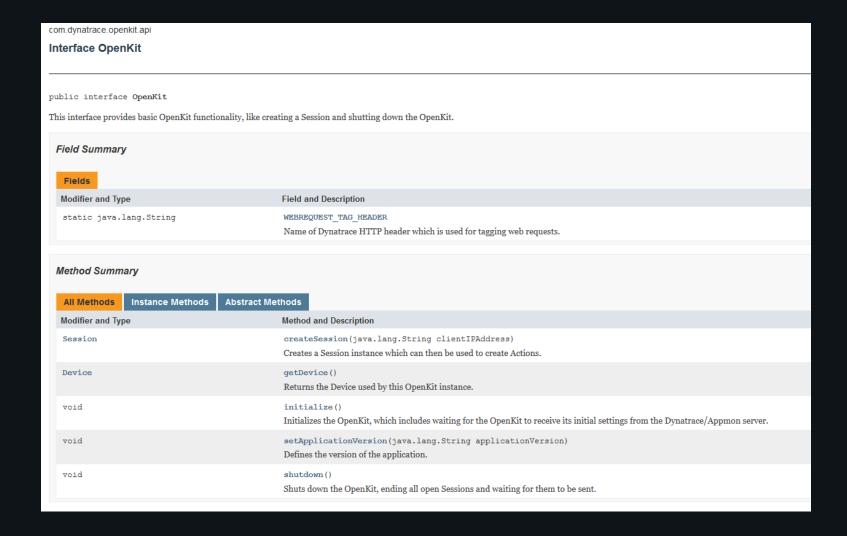
If you don't receive the data you've expected, analyze incoming beacons

View incoming beacons

#### What does it look like in Dynatrace?



#### Quick look at the API



#### **Concepts and Terminology**

- OpenKit: represents an instance of the OpenKit, needed to create Sessions
- Device: represents the device and information about it
- **Session**: represents a Session that can contain Actions
- (Root)Action: represents timed Actions (up to 2 levels) that can contain key-value pairs, errors, ...
- **WebRequestTracer**: provides the ability to trace a web request to another tier
- Errors & Crashes: represent handled/unhandled errors in the application
- **Identify Users**: provides the ability to identify users

## **Mobile SDK**

#### **Mobile SDK**

- Report additional details about user sessions in your mobile apps
- Allows you to:
  - Create customer user actions
  - Measure web requests
  - Report errors
  - Tag users
- Available for iOS and Android
- Privacy settings can also be dynamically adjusted to ensure compliance with regs such as GDPR

#### **OneAgent SDK for iOS**

- Report additional details about mobile user sessions in your iOS app
- SDK is available automatically once the Dynatrace CocoaPod is added to your project
- Can be used in Swift as well as Objective-C
- Creating custom user action in:

```
// start action "search"
let action = DTXAction.enter(withName: "search")

// start action "search"
DTXAction *action = [DTXAction enterActionWithName:@"search"];

// ...do some work here...

// end action "search"
action.leave()

Swift

// start action "search"
DTXAction *action "search"
[action leaveAction];

Objective-C
```

#### OneAgent SDK for Android

- Report additional details about the mobile user sessions in your Andriod app
- You can use either the Dynatrace Gradle plugin or the command line to add the SDK
- Creating custom user action:

```
// start user action
DTXAction searchAction = Dynatrace.enterAction("search");
// ...do some work here...
// end the action after the search completed
searchAction.leaveAction();
```

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# Monitored Technologies (OneAgent Plugins)

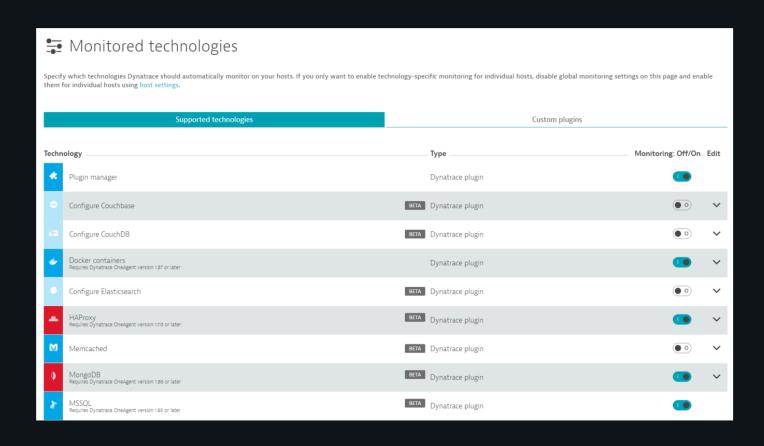
#### **Monitored Technologies**

- The Monitored Technology page is where you specify which technologies Dynatrace should monitor
- This is where both Built-in and Custom Plugins are configured
- You can configure them at the global or at the Host level

#### **Types of plugins**

- Built-in plugins
  - Dynatrace plugin
  - JMX monitoring
  - PMI monitoring
  - Infrastructure insights
  - Service insights

- Custom plugins
  - JMX plugins
  - Python plugins



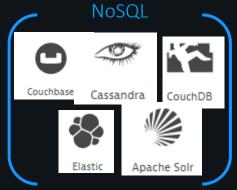
#### High-level architecture

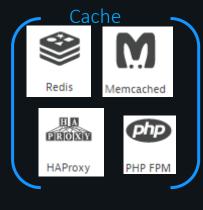


#### **Built-in Plugins**

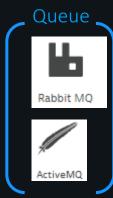
- Dynatrace plugin
  - Turn on/off monitoring of detected technologies
  - Input additional environment configuration (database credentials, etc.)
- JMX monitoring
- PMI monitoring
- Infrastructure insights
  - Log analytics and Network traffic monitoring
- Service insights
  - Code level visibility on Java, .Net, etc.

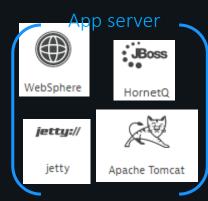
#### Plenty of built-in plugins

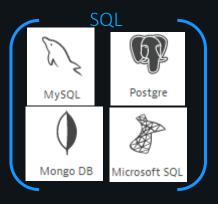












#### **Custom Plugins**

- With custom monitoring plugins you can:
  - Create and deploy new plugins that support your organization's unique monitoring needs
  - Enjoy total flexibility, decide what you need and how the results will be displayed
  - Use the power of Dynatrace Al—your custom alerts are correlated and included in root cause analysis
  - Use our Python SDK, which is equipped with advanced troubleshooting capabilities
  - Take advantage of custom metrics for processes
    - Custom metrics are displayed alongside the standard set of OneAgent performance metrics

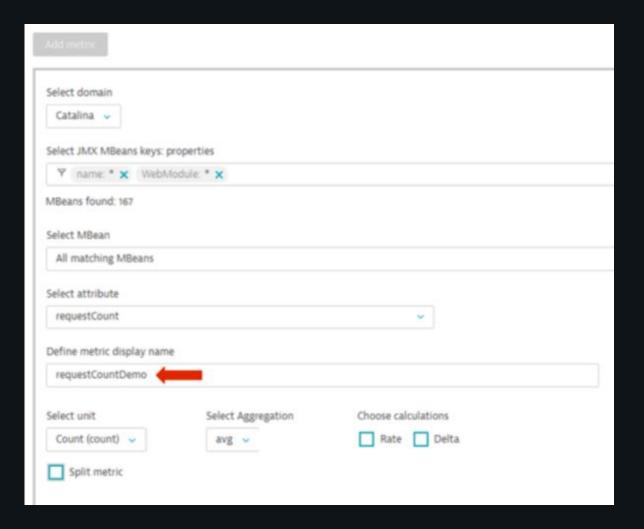
#### **Custom Plugins**

- Two types of plugins
  - JMX (JSON)
  - Python (JSON + Python script)
- Python plugins can be written for
  - hosts (e.g. additional system metrics)
  - process groups (e.g. apps, DBs, load balancers)
- SDK documentation is available on GitHub
  - <a href="https://dynatrace.github.io/plugin-sdk/index.html">https://dynatrace.github.io/plugin-sdk/index.html</a>
  - <a href="https://help.dynatrace.com/monitor-cloud-virtualization-and-hosts/plugins/how-do-i-monitor-jmx-metrics-in-my-java-applications/">https://help.dynatrace.com/monitor-cloud-virtualization-and-hosts/plugins/how-do-i-monitor-jmx-metrics-in-my-java-applications/</a>
  - <a href="https://github.com/dynatrace-innovationlab/JMX-Extensions">https://github.com/dynatrace-innovationlab/JMX-Extensions</a>

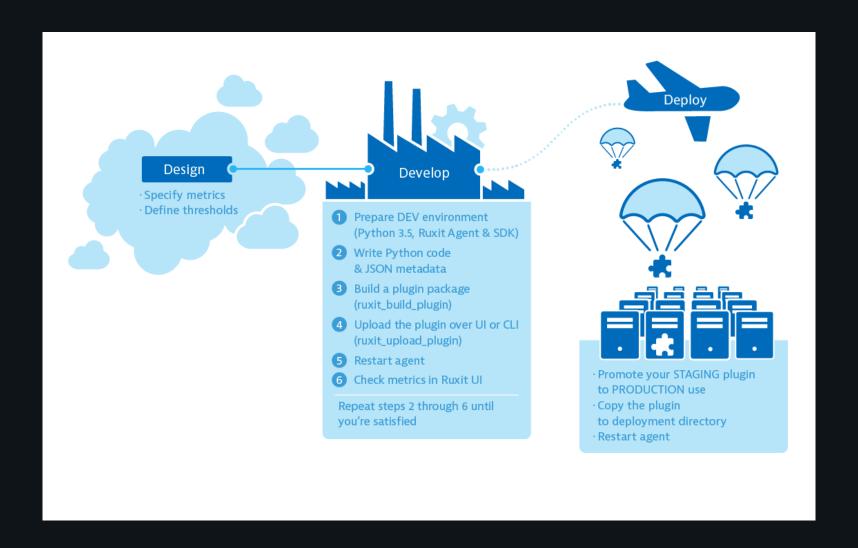
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#### **JMX plugin editor**

- Choose a domain
- Select Mbeans and the attribute
- Define your display name
- Select unit and aggregation



#### Local OneAgent plugin



#### **Prerequisites**

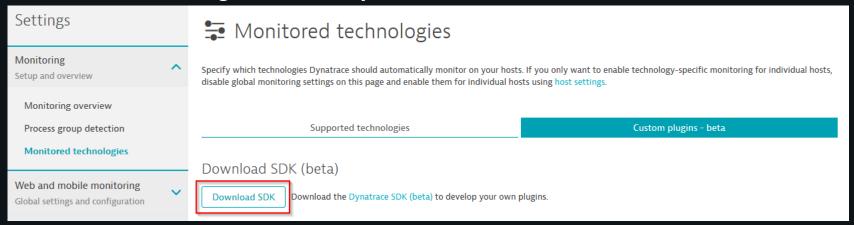
- Python 3.5/3.6
  - Download and install from <a href="http://www.python.org">http://www.python.org</a>
  - Make sure that py (or python) works in a command prompt

```
C:\Other\plugin-sdk-1.119.186.20170606-123122>py
Python 3.6.0 (v3.6.0:41df79263a11, Dec 23 2016, 08:06:12) [MSC v.1900 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> ^Z
```

- OneAgent installed and running on the system
  - Download and install from your environment

#### Prerequisites - 2

- OneAgent SDK python package downloaded and installed
  - Download the OneAgent SDK from your environment



- Update pip and setuptools in case they are dated
  - py -m pip install -U pip setuptools
- From within the unzipped OneAgent SDK directory, install the python modules and scripts
  - py -m pip install oneagent\_sdk-1.119.186.20170606.123122-py3-none-any.whl

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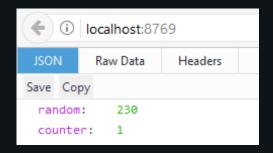
# SDK demo plugin

#### **Demo application**

- The OneAgent SDK comes with a demo application
  - Launch the module using py -m plugin\_sdk.demo\_app

C:\Other\plugin-sdk-1.119.186.20170606-123122\examples\demo\_plugin>py -m oneagent\_sdk.demo\_app Bottle v0.12.13 server starting up (using WSGIRefServer())... Listening on http://localhost:8769/Hit Ctrl-C to quit.

Listens on port 8769 and returns a json



- "random" is a random number and "counter" increases by one each time the URL is called
- For additional parameters, such as authentication and changing the port, use python -m plugin\_sdk.demo\_app --help

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#### Demo plugin - Python code

- Found at [OneAgent SDK]/examples/demo\_plugin/demo\_plugin.py
  - Combination of Python and SDK modules
  - The guery method executes once per minute
  - Metric results relative / absolute / per second / event
  - The plugin must be linked to an entity
- Process snapshot [OneAgent]/log/plugin/pluginDevLoggerOsAgentDefault.log
  - A plugin needs to have executed once before the file is available

```
import requests
import json
import logging
from ruxit.api.base plugin import BasePlugin
from ruxit.api.snapshot import pgi name
class DemoPlugin(BasePlugin):
    def query(self, **kwargs):
        pgi = self.find single process group(pgi name('oneagent sdk.demo app'))
        pgi id = pgi.group instance id
        stats url = "http://localhost:8769"
        stats = json.loads(requests.get(stats url).content.decode())
        self.results builder.absolute(key='random', value=stats['random'], entity id=pgi id)
        self.results builder.relative(key='counter', value=stats['counter'], entity id=pqi id)
```

### **Demo plugin - JSON**

- Found at [OneAgent SDK]/examples/demo\_plugin/plugin.json
  - name needs to be unique
  - version needs to be updated every time the JSON is changed
  - type is always python for custom plugins
  - entity defines if it should run when it finds a specific process group (recommended) or continuously
  - processTypeNames is based on the process type list in: <a href="https://dynatrace.github.io/plugin-sdk/api/plugin\_json\_apidoc.html">https://dynatrace.github.io/plugin-sdk/api/plugin\_json\_apidoc.html</a>
  - package and className tells the OneAgent where it can find the main plugin class
  - install\_requires lists dependencies
  - activation: Singleton states that there only should be one instance
  - metrics lists the data which will be gathered by the plugin

```
"name": "custom.python.demo plugin",
"version": "1.1",
"type": "python",
"entity": "PROCESS GROUP INSTANCE",
"processTypeNames": ["PYTHON"],
"source": {
  "package": "demo plugin",
  "className": "DemoPlugin",
  "install requires": ["requests>=2.6.0"],
  "activation": "Singleton"
},
"metrics": [
    "timeseries": {
      "key": "random",
      "unit": "Count"
    "timeseries": {
      "key": "counter",
      "unit": "Count"
```

## Additional JSON metadata

## **JSON properties - metrics**

Metric source to pass parameters to the python code

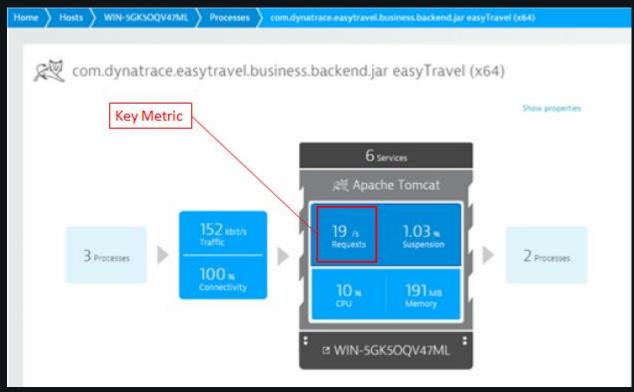
```
"source": {
         "query": "db_stats['objects']"
}
```

- Metric alert\_settings
  - Can be set on each metric to define custom thresholds

```
"alert_id": "counter_alert_high",
"event_type": "PGI_CUSTOM_PERFORMANCE",
"event_name": "Enormous counter rate",
"threshold": 10.0,
"alert_condition": "ABOVE",
"samples": 5,
"violating_samples": 3,
"dealerting_samples": 5
```

## **JSON properties - UI**

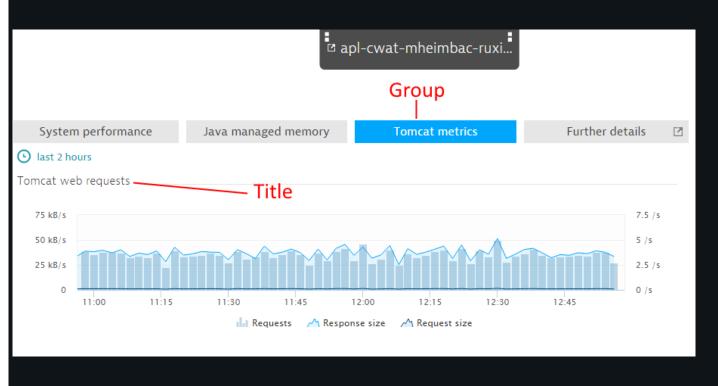
• keymetrics can be used to display up to two metrics on the infographic



## JSON properties - UI - 2

keycharts can be used to add additional metrics directly on the process screen

```
"group": "Section Name",
"title": "Chart Name",
"series": [
        "key": "MetricName",
        "aggregation": "avg",
        "displayname": "Display name for metric",
        "seriestype": "area"
        "key": "Other Metric Name",
        "aggregation": "avg",
        "displayname": "Display name for metric",
        "color": "rgba(42, 182, 244, 0.6)",
        "seriestype": "area"
```



## JSON properties - UI - 3

charts can be used to customize how the metric is charted



## **JSON properties - config**

 configUI can be used to provide configuration to the plugin from within Dynatrace with additional properties such as displayOrder and displayName

```
"configUI" :{
       "displayName": "HAProxy",
       "properties" : [
               { "key" : "url", "displayName": "URL", "displayOrder": 3, "displayHint": "http://localhost:8080/haproxy-statistics" },
               { "key" : "auth user", "displayName": "User", "displayOrder": 1 },
               { "key" : "auth password", "displayName": "Password", "displayOrder": 2 }
                                                                              "properties" : [
```

 If configUI configuration is required, the configUI property keys also needs to be added within the properties array

```
"key" : "url",
"type": "String",
"defaultValue" : "https://localhost/haproxy stats ssl"
"key" : "auth user",
"type": "String",
"key" : "auth password",
"type": "Password",
"defaultValue" : "password"
```

# Plugin simulator

## Plugin simulator overview

- Mimics the OneAgent to run plugins without running a OneAgent or connecting to a Dynatrace server
- Limitations
  - The process snapshot must be provided manually
  - Plugin configuration (if any) needs to be provided manually
  - No data is sent to or received from Dynatrace Server cannot test JSON UI properties
  - The Python environment must contains the libraries required by the plugin

### Plugin simulator JSON

Demo version found at [OneAgent SDK]/examples/demo\_plugin/simulator\_snapshot.json

- process\_type can be found at <a href="https://dynatrace.github.io/plugin-sdk/api/plugin\_json\_apidoc.html">https://dynatrace.github.io/plugin-sdk/api/plugin\_json\_apidoc.html</a>
- The simulator runs from the directory of the simulator\_snapshot.json and can be started with oneagent\_simulate\_plugin or oneagent\_sim
  - If the program cannot be found, make sure you add [pythondir]\Scripts to your path
- If the plugin requires parameters a json file can be linked to using -r

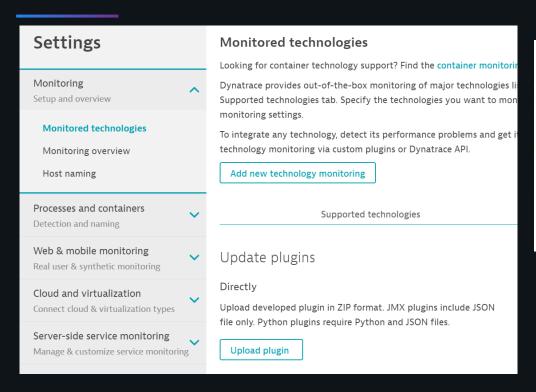
```
{
  "user": "ruxit",
  "password": "ruxit"
}
```

# Package and deploy a plugin

## Packaging the plugin

- Plugins can either be built and uploaded in separate steps, or in a single command
- To package the plugin into a zip, run oneagent\_build\_plugin --no\_upload
  - The plugin will be deployed [oneagent path]/plugin\_development/[plugin name]
  - The plugin will also be zipped into [oneagent path]/plugin\_development/[plugin name].zip, ready for upload into Dynatrace
  - Make sure that you have access rights on the folder

## Deploying the plugin manually

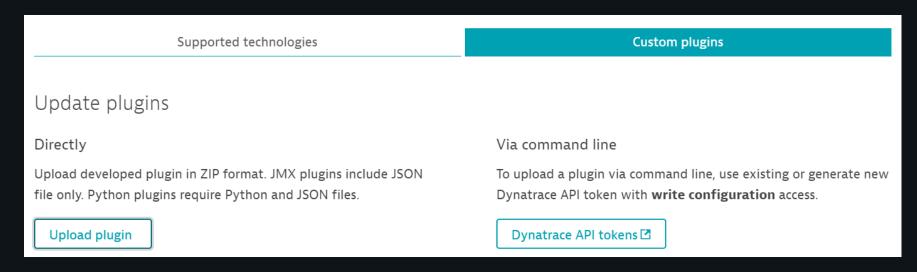




 Once the plugin is added to the OneAgent, the OneAgent needs to be restarted to be able to use the new plugin, unless it was already done during the build of the plugin

## Deploying the plugin automatically

- To deploy the plugin using a command requires a token
  - Tokens expire after 30 days
- The token can be stored in a local file, an environment variable or passed directly into the upload tool
   For example oneagent\_upload\_plugin -t pEnLDvdMTA2lhJ\_IUNC8U
- You can also build, upload and restart using a single command, oneagent\_build\_plugin



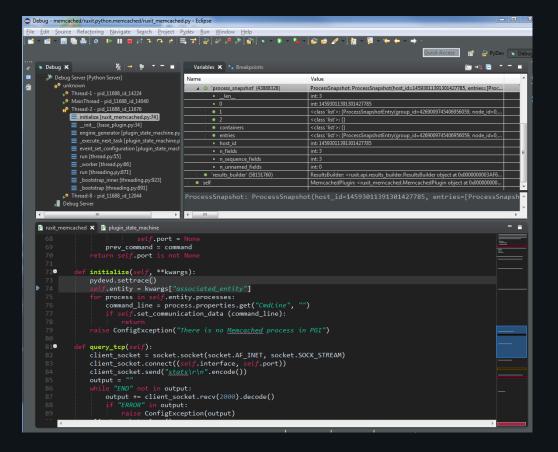
## Promoting the plugin to production

- By clicking on the plugin in the interface one can choose to upgrade the plugin from staging to production. This will allow for rolling out the plugin to different hosts
  - Make sure to move the plugin from the development to deployment folder on your host
  - If the plugin needs to run on other hosts as well, copy the plugin to the deployment folders and restart the agent



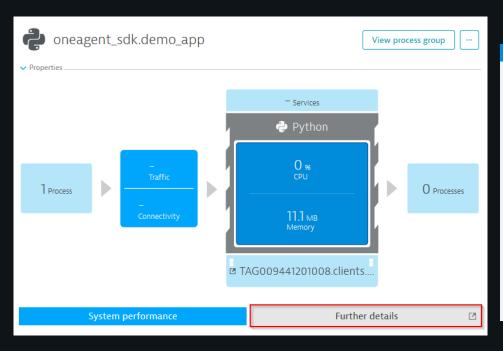
### Debugging

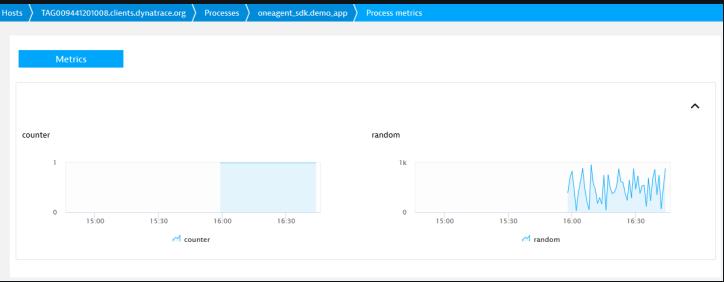
 There are several troubleshooting pages on the plugin-sdk git. One very handy possibility when creating a complicated plugin is how to debug the plugin in eclipse using breakpoints and stepping: https://dynatrace.github.io/plugin-sdk/troubleshooting/debugging.html



## Visualize non-key metrics

• The metrics captured by the plugin appear in the process under "Further details"





# Extending plugins

## Use properties instead of fixed values

 By defining custom properties in the JSON information such as passwords do not have to be stored in clear text within the plugin

• The properties can be referenced in the python code

```
class DemoPlugin(BasePlugin):
    def query(self, **kwargs):
        config = kwargs["config"]
        user = config["user"]
        password = config["password"]
```

The properties can be edited from within Dynatrace

custom.python.demo_plugin_auth (version 1.1)
Credentials
↑ Edit credentials
password
user
usci
The credentials you have entered above have to work for all custom.python.demo_plugin_auth installations
that you want to monitor  Clear credentials
Save

## **Error handling**

By capturing exceptions and passing them to the OneAgent it is possible to signal issues from within

the plugin

```
try:
    response = requests.get(stats_url, auth=(user, password))
    if response.status_code == 401:
        raise AuthException(response)
        stats = json.loads(response.content.decode())

except requests.exceptions.ConnectTimeout as ex:
    raise ConfigException('Timeout on connecting with "%s"' % stats_url) from ex

except requests.exceptions.RequestException as ex:
    raise ConfigException('Unable to connect to "%s"' % stats_url) from ex

except json.JSONDecodeError as ex:
    raise ConfigException('Server response from %s is not json' % stats_url) from ex
```

- There are three exceptions, ConfigException, AuthException and NothingToReportException
- If an error occurs it is visualized on the plugin screen

```
custom.python.demo_plugin_auth (version 1.1)

Invalid credentials for:

demo_host

Credentials

Edit credentials
```

## Monitor several applications with one plugin

- There is no limitation within a plugin in regards to how many applications can be monitored with one plugin.
- If you, for example, have two applications running on different ports and you want to monitor both of them, you can use find\_all\_process\_groups instead of find\_single\_process\_group and then iterate over the result

```
APPL PREFIX='oneagent sdk.demo app'
def query(self, **kwarqs):
    Scan process snapshot for groups with name starting with given prefix, and
    for all matching this prefix find ports on which they are listening. Then use this port
    for building URL to query with http. The result is json with two variables which are
   put into results with entity id of given process group.
    config = kwargs["config"]
   user = config["user"]
   password = config["password"]
    # search process snapshot using criteria defined by lambda expression
   pgi list = self.find all process groups ( lambda entry: entry.group name.startswith (self._APPL_PREFIX))
   for pgi in pgi_list:
        pgi_id = pgi.group_instance id
        self.logger.info( "Demo pgid=%x application=%s" % (pgi id,pgi.group name ))
        port = None
        for process in pgi.processes:
          port = process.properties.get("ListeningPorts", None)
          break
        if port is None:
            raise ValueError ( "no port definition for process group with id=%d" % pgi id )
        # build URL for quering
        url = "http://127.0.0.1:" + port
```

# **Remote Extensions**

#### **Remote Extensions**

- Dynatrace Extensions allow an Environment ActiveGate to reach out and remotely collect metrics from 3<sup>rd</sup> party products
- These extensions will enable Dynatrace the ability to monitor the health and performance of their instances
- Dynatrace developed Extension Examples:
  - Apigee Edge
  - Citrix NetScaler
  - Citrix virtual Apps and Virtual Desktops
  - IBM iSeries (AS/400)
  - IBM MQ

- Juniper Networks
- SAP ABAP platform
- IBM DataPower
- F5 BIG-IP LTM
- Windows Server

#### **ActiveGate Extensions**

- Build your own ActiveGate Plugins
  - Deployment instructions as well as a simple example plugin are available
- https://www.dynatrace.com/support/help/ex tend-dynatrace/activegatepluginsdk/activegate-plugins-intro/



#### Ruild ActiveGate Plugin with Python

With ActiveGate Plugins, you can integrate into Dynatrace monitoring any remote technology exposing an interface. For example, PaaS technologies, network devices, cloud technologies, or any other where OneAgent installation is not an option. ActiveGate Plugins (aka Remote Plugins) are executed on ActiveGate and can acquire metrics and topology from remote sources.

How to add ActiveGate Plugin

1. Download ActiveGate Plugin SDK.

Download Plugin SDK

SDK version 1.179

- 2. Write your plugin with our ActiveGate plugin help [7]
- 3. Upload your plugin here or via command line.

If you use the UI to upload the plugin make sure that the plugin is also deployed on every ActiveGate running the plugin.

Upload plugin

Questions?



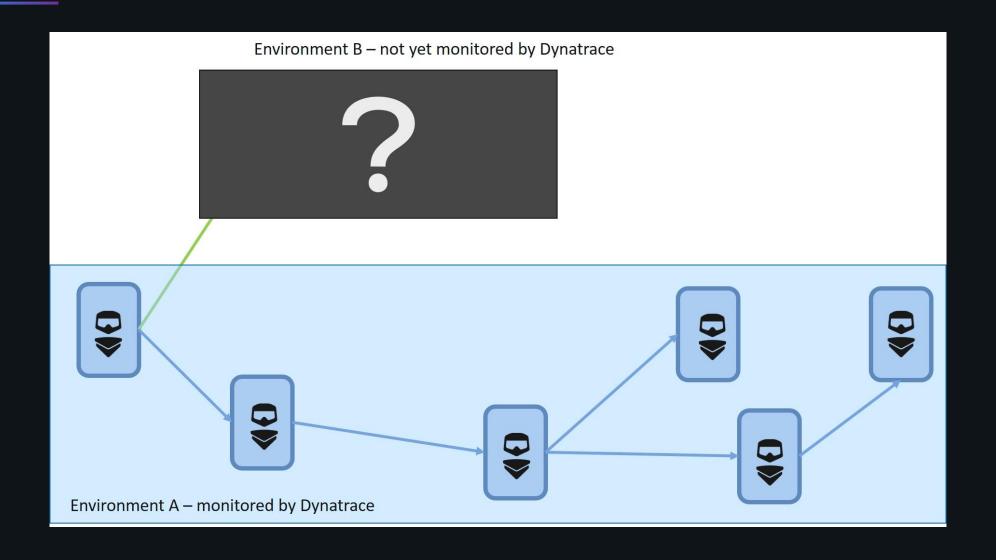
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## **W3C Trace Context**

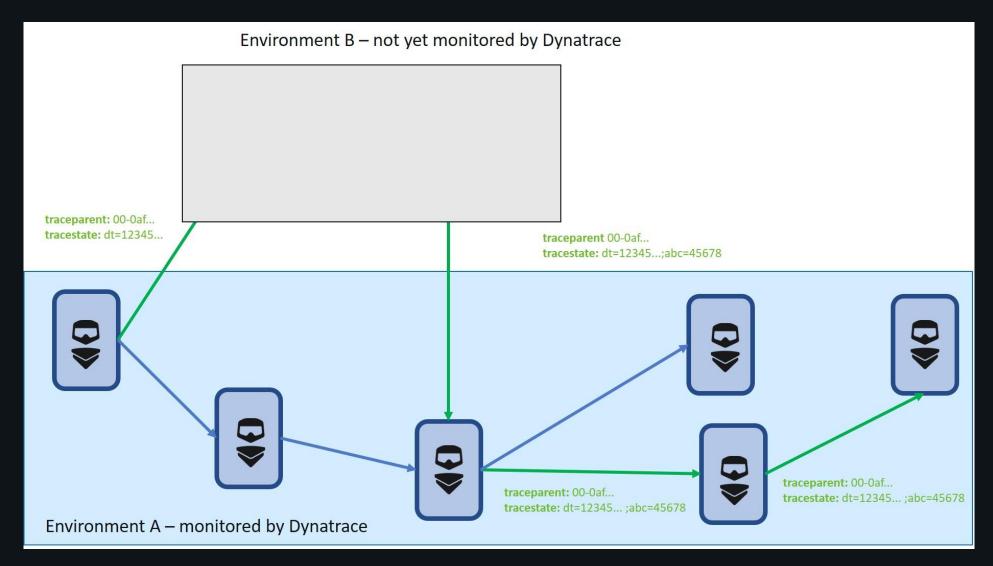
#### What is W3C Trace Context?

- Unified approach to context and event correlation required for distributed tracing
- Vendors often use their own defined headers to distributed tracing, a common standard would allow for forwarding of standardized headers over custom headers which are often blocked or not passed through unmonitored tiers.
- Trace Context is now a candidate recommendation from the W3C, and we expect cloud vendor services and framework developers to comply with this standard in the future.
- W3C Trace Context specification

## Without W3C Trace Context - Lose Context without Dynatrace on each tier



## With W3C Trace Context - Follow Context through tiers without Dynatrace



## With W3C Trace Context – Search for and Identify Trace ID for tool correlation

