Zero to Cloud-Native with IBM Cloud

Part 10A: Export Logs

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1 - Introduction

In part 10 of this tutorial series, you created a logging dashboard with several logging views and graphical representations of both APIs and Microservices that make up our application. In this part, we will be exporting specific log messages so that our users can understand what is happening with their long running API requests.

1 – 1 Enable Node SSH

Enable Node SSH is our long running API task that will immediately return that the request to enable ssh on worker nodes was received. Since it is a long running task, we don't want to block other requests for this one to complete.

How can users determine if their request was actually successful? One easy way is with LogDNA! We can export relevant logging lines to a user so they can see what is happening in the backend. As you will remember, when you submit the request to enable SSH a request id is returned.

```
"Status": "Successfully requested enable SSH. Request id = WGVYFQ"
```

Using that Request id, we can go to our logDNA dashboard and search for that request id to see what happened.

You can see here a number of messages both at the Debug and Info level.

```
When our microservices create a log entry, we specify the type; such as Info, Debug, Error, etc app.logger.info("{} Zero to Cloud Native API Starting Get OCP Versions.".format(reqid)) app.logger.error("{} Error Zero to Cloud Native API getting OCP versions {}".format(reqid, e))
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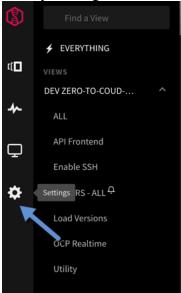
By having different levels of logging messages we can then filter which level you want to see. In our case, if we are sharing log messages with end users, we will only want to show them the high-level logging (INFO) messages.

2 – Customizing LogDNA to Export Logs

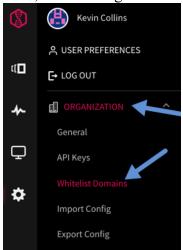
Before we can actually export logs from LogDNA, there are a couple of things we need to do with LogDNA. The first thing is to add the domain you created to a list of whitelisted domains that have access to LogDNA.

2 -1 Whitelist your Domain

From your LogDNA dashboard, click on the settings Icon.

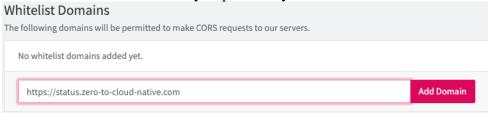


Next, click on Organization and then Whitelist Domains.



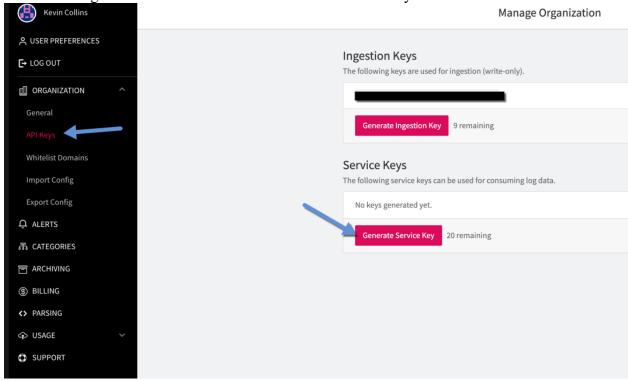
Next, you will need to add the domain you created to a list of domains that will permitted to make requests to LogDNA servers.

I will add the domain and the status application we will deploy next, https://status.zero-to-cloud-native.com and then click on Add Domain. Note: you will need to substitute zero-to-cloud-native with the domain you previously created.



2 - 2 Create a Service Key

Next, we will need to get a service key for our LogDNA instance. To do, click on API Keys from the navigation tab and then click on Generate Service Key.



Copy the resulting Service Key into your clipboard.



2-3 Base64 Encode Service Key

Next, we need to convert this key to base64. Start iTerm2 and run the following command. Note: make sure to add a : at the end of service key you copied.

echo -n < logdna service key>: | base64

→ echo -n 81110ea19c774cdfa7a197e0c9fe1d66: | base64
ODExMTBlYTE5Yzc3NGNkZmE3YTE5N2UwYzlmZTFkNjY6
(* |zero-to-cloud-native/c100-e-us-south-containers-cloud-ibm-com:31622/system:admin:zero-to-cloud-native)
~

Copy the result in a safe place, you will need this later.

3 – Status Application

In order to provide a way for users to view log messages, we will need to first create an additional microservice / web application. This application will simply show log messages after being given a request id. We will then update the API application to include a link to the log messages after the API has been called.

This is a view of the status app. You can see the request id was given as a parameter in the URL.



This is just a very simply application to give you a feel for what we can do with exporting logs with LogDNA.

3 – 1 Cloning the Status Repository

Status-02cn – is the status web application that will return 'Info' log messages when given a request id. You can find the GitHub repository here: https://github.com/kmcolli/status-02cn

Following the same steps in Part 8, section 2 of this tutorial series, we will first clone the repository and create our own git repository.

Start your iTerm2 terminal and make sure you are in the directory you created that contains all of your git repositories.

Next, clone the status repository.

git clone https://github.com/kmcolli/status-02cn

Go to github.com and create a new repository called **status-02cn**. You can view the directions if needed in Part 8, Section 2-2.

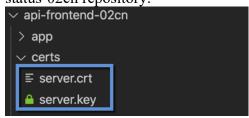
Import the code you just cloned into this new repository and then create a new 'dev' branch. If you need a refresher on doing this, refer to the instructions in Part 8 – Section 5

Now that we have the source code in a dev branch, we can create a CI/CD pipeline for this new micro-service web application, but before we push the code with our CI/CD pipeline, we need to customize this microservice a little.

3 – 2 Customizing the Status Microservice

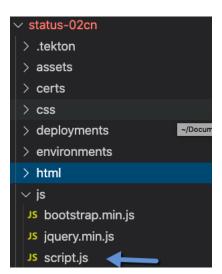
Because the status application is web facing, the next thing you will need to do is add the certificates for the domain you created to the nginx container that the status microservice uses.

To do so, just **copy the certificates** from api-frontend-02cn to the certs directory under the status-02cn repository.



Next, we need to update the **js/script.js** file in the status-02cn repository. To do so, open Visual Studio Code and open the script.js file in the status-02cn repository.

Note: If you haven't already, you will need to add the status-02cn folder to your workspace like you did for the other repositories.



Depending on where you deployed your LogDNA instance, you may need to update the url that will be called. If you deployed in Dallas, you can leave the URL as is that refers to the us-south region.

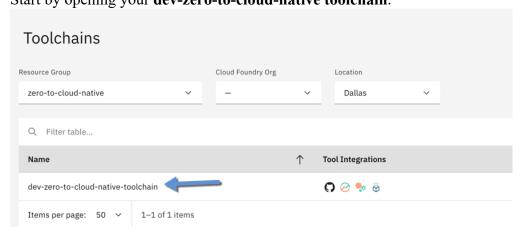
You will need to update the value in the blue box below. This value should be the base64 encoded value you retrieved in step 2-3.

4 - Create Status CI/CD pipeline

Following best practices, we will create a CI/CD pipeline for this new micrservice. To create this new CI/CD pipeline, choose from either a classic pipeline (Part 9A) or a Tekton pipeline (Part 9B).

I will be creating a Tekton pipeline and will provide the high-level instructions here. If you need a refresher on the entire process, refer to Part 9A of this tutorial series.

4 - 1 Start by opening your **dev-zero-to-cloud-native toolchain**.



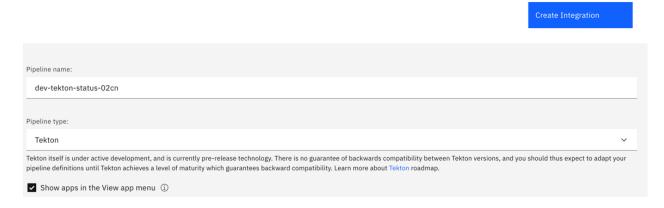
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Add a GitHub tool to the toolchain and specify the status-02cn repository you just created.

GitHub Server:
GitHub (https://github.com)
Authorized as kmcolli with access granted to zero GitHub organization(s) Manage Authorization
Repository type:
Existing
Link to the repository that is specified in the Repository URL field.
Repository URL: ①
https://github.com/kmcolli/status-02cn.git
Integration Owner: ①
kmcolli
✓ Enable GitHub Issues ①
☐ Track deployment of code changes ③

4 - 3

Add a Delivery Pipeline tool to your toolchain, giving it the name of **dev-tekton-status-02cn** and type **Tekton**.



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Specify the definition of the repository by selecting the **dev branch** of the **status-02cn repository** you created.

Definition Repository



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Select the IBM Cloud Managed Worker.

Worker

Tekton pipelines are executed by Workers, which are made available either by addi pool of IBM Managed Public Workers. If you intend to run your pipelines on a Privat

Logs and status results from pipeline runs are stored in the cloud, so that they will

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Add a Git Repository trigger for the status repo and dev branch.

Triggers

Triggers specify what happens when a specified event occurs. Manual Triggers map to a Tekton EventListener resource. Git Triggers map git webhook events to a Tekton EventListener. Timed triggers invoke the mapped Tekton EventListener at the specified time. In all cases the available listeners are those defined in the pipeline definition.



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Enter your environment variables.

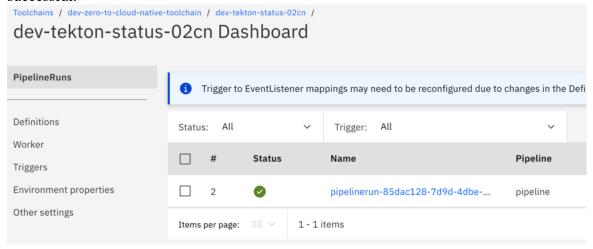
Environment properties

Properties allow you to store name value pairs for use in your pipeline. They can be referenced using \$(params.PROPERTY_NAME) in your Tekton TriggerTemplate resource definitions.



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Commit a change to your GitHub repo and watch the pipeline run. You should see that it was successful.

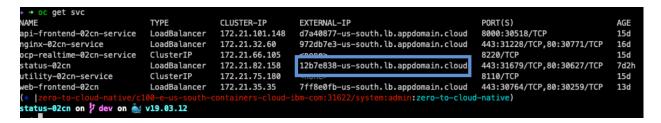


5 – Configure Cloud Internet Services

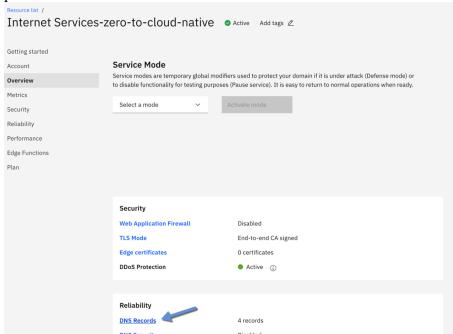
Next, we need to map that status application in Cloud Internet Services so we can expose the application to our domain.

If you look in the deployment file for the status-02cn application, you will see that we create a load balancer service. We need to map the load balancer we just created to our Cloud Internet Services domain.

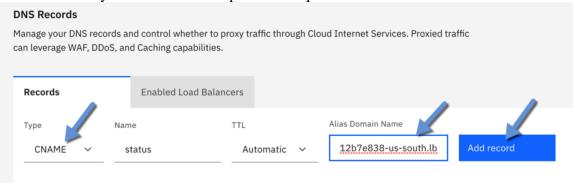
Start your iTerm2 terminal, log into your OpenShift Cluster, and make sure you are in the zero-to-cloud-native project. Next, run oc get svc to retrieve a list of services. Note the 'External-IP' for the status-02cn service.



Going back to your browser, click on your Cloud Internet Services instance from the IBM Cloud portal and click on **DNS Records**.



As we did before, create a new **CNAME** record. Enter **status** as the name and paste the **load balancer URL** you retrieved in the previous step.

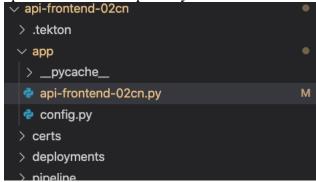


6 – Customizing the API Microservice

The last thing we need to do before we can test the status application is modify the API frontend application to return the status URL that a user can open to view log messages for their API requests.

From Visual Studio Code open the api-frontend-02cn.py file under in the app directory of the

api-frontend-02cn repository.



Update all three APIs to return an additional field named View Logs. In the **class GetOCPVersions** update the return blocks of code as follows:

```
class GetOCPVersions(Resource):
    def get(self):
        try:
             reqid=getRequestId()
            app.logger.info("{} Zero to Cloud Native API Starting Get OCP
Versions.".format(reqid))
            headers = { "Content-Type": "application/json" }
            port = os.environ.get("OCP REALTIME 02CN SERVICE SERVICE PORT")
            url = "http://"+os.environ.get("OCP_REALTIME_02CN_SERVICE_SERVICE_HOST")
openshift realtime url = url+":"+port+"/api/v1/getOCPVersions/"
            data={ "regid": regid}
             response = requests.get(openshift realtime url,headers=headers,data=json.dumps(data))
             versions=response.json()
            app.logger.info("{} Successfully got these ocp versions {}".format(reqid, versions))
             return {
                 "versions": versions,
                 "View Logs": "https://status.zero-to-cloud-native.com/?reqid="+reqid
        except Exception as e:
            app.logger.error("{} Error Zero to Cloud Native API getting OCP versions
{}".format(reqid, e))
            return {
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           url = "http://"+os.environ.get("OCP_REALTIME_02CN_SERVICE_SERVICE_HOST")
           openshift_realtime_url = url+":"+port+"/api/v1/get0CPVersions/"
           data={ "regid": regid}
           response = requests.get(openshift_realtime_url,headers=headers,data=json.dumps(data))
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GetOCPToken:

```
class GetOCPToken(Resource):
   def post(self):
        trv:
            input json data = request.get json()
            reqid=getRequestId()
            app.logger.info("{} Zero to Cloud Native API Starting Get OCP Token.".format(reqid))
            apikey = input json data['apikey']
            clustername = input json data['cluster name']
           headers = { "Content-Type": "application/json" }
            port = os.environ.get("OCP_REALTIME_02CN_SERVICE_SERVICE_PORT")
            url = "http://"+os.environ.get("OCP REALTIME 02CN SERVICE SERVICE HOST")
           openshift realtime url = url+":"+port+"/api/v1/getOCPToken/"
            data={ "reqid": reqid,
                   "apikey": apikey,
                   "clustername": clustername}
            response = requests.get(openshift realtime url,headers=headers,data=json.dumps(data))
            token = response.json()["token"]
            server = response.json()["server"]
            app.logger.info("{} Successfully got ocp token.".format(reqid))
            return { "Status": "Successfully got ocp token",
                     "token": token,
                     "login": "oc login --token="+token+" --server="+server,
                     "View Logs": "https://status.zero-to-cloud-native.com/?reqid="+reqid
        except Exception as e:
           app.logger.error("{} Zero to Cloud Native API Starting Get OCP token
{}".format(reqid, e))
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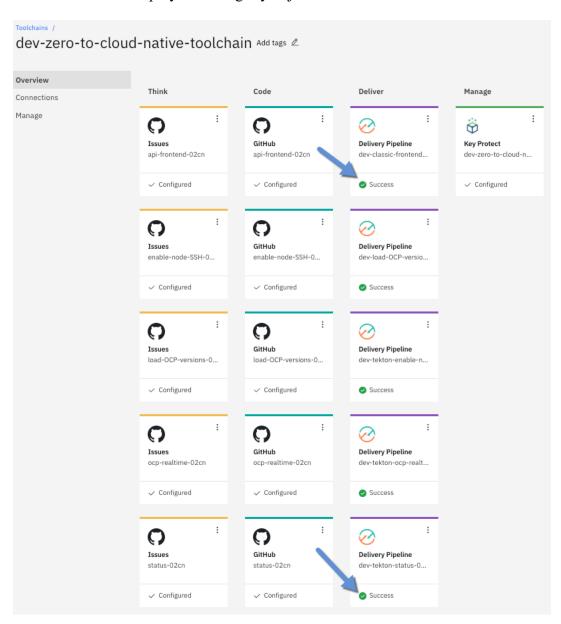
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:lass GetOCPToken(Resource):
   def post(self):
       try:
           input_json_data = request.get_json()
           reqid=getRequestId()
           app.logger.info("{} Zero to Cloud Native API Starting Get OCP Token.".format(reqid))
           apikey = input_json_data['apikey']
           clustername = input_json_data['cluster_name']
          headers = { "Content-Type": "application/json" }
           port = os.environ.get("OCP_REALTIME_02CN_SERVICE_SERVICE_PORT")
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Enable SSH

```
class EnableSSH (Resource):
   def post(self):
        trv:
            input json data = request.get json()
            reqid=getRequestId()
            app.logger.info("{} Zero to Cloud Native API Starting enable SSH.".format(reqid))
            apikey = input json data['apikey']
           clustername = input_json_data['cluster_name']
           message = { "regid": regid,
                        "action": "enableSSH",
                        "APIKEY": apikey,
                        "CLUSTER NAME": clustername
            app.logger.debug("{} Sending real time message to enable SSH.".format(reqid))
            json message = json.dumps(message)
           realtimemessage(app.config["RABBITMQ QUEUE"], json message )
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After making those changes, **commit** both the **api frontend** and the **status** microservices to GitHub. After committing those changes, navigate to your toolchain and watch the pipelines run that will build and deploy the changes you just made.

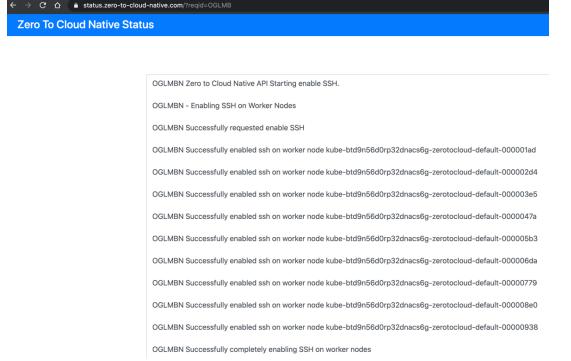


7 – Testing the Status Application

Pick your favorite API and run it. In my case, I ran the Enable Node SSH API and got the following response:



Copy and paste the URL into your browser to see logs for the request.



Now, by simply using LogDNA, end users can see the status of their 'long' running API requests!

This completes the session on LogDNA. I hope these two sessions give you a good overview on why IBM has standardizing logging on IBM Cloud with LogDNA and you understand the type of things you can do with LogDNA. Check out our official documentation on Log Analysis with LogDNA to learn even more what LogDNA can do.

https://cloud.ibm.com/docs/Log-Analysis-with-LogDNA?topic=Log-Analysis-with-LogDNAgetting-started#getting-started