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PCF Dev Enablement

- HA, Scaling and Observability

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Pre-requisites

Jmeter – Download from https://www-us.apache.org/dist//jmeter/binaries/apache-jmeter-5.1.1.zip

The Four Levels of HA in Pivotal CF



Can you name the 4 levels of HA in Cloud Foundry?

A platform as a service (PaaS) is not only about providing middleware that your application can leverage, it is about doing more on behalf of the developer and operator. A modern PaaS must keep apps up and running in the face of failures within the system. From the onset, the **Pivotal CF enterprise**PaaS has been built to make both the developer and operator's jobs easier, and in this post I'll tell you a bit about how it's done.





Faster time to market

6 months

to

< 4 weeks

for

major releases



Increased release cadence

10X

mprovement in lead time (32 hours -> 3 hours)

6X

improvement in effort needed

(12 hours -> 2 hours)



Self provisioning infrastructure

1 week

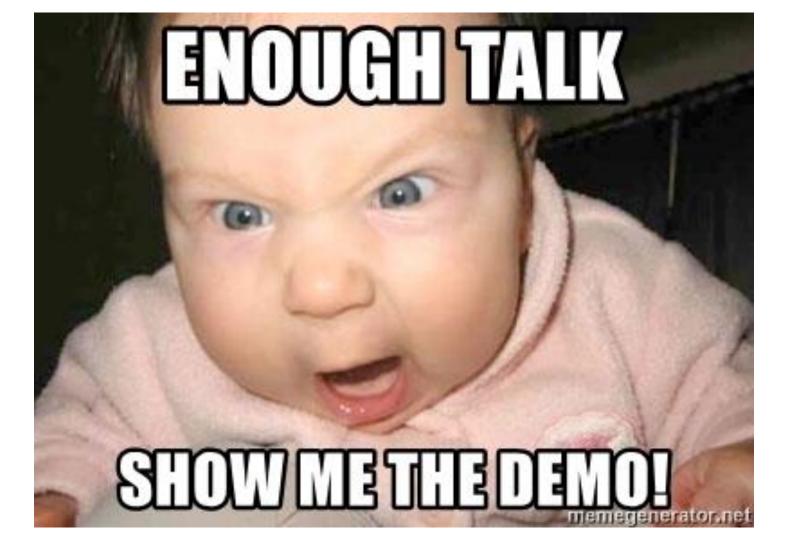
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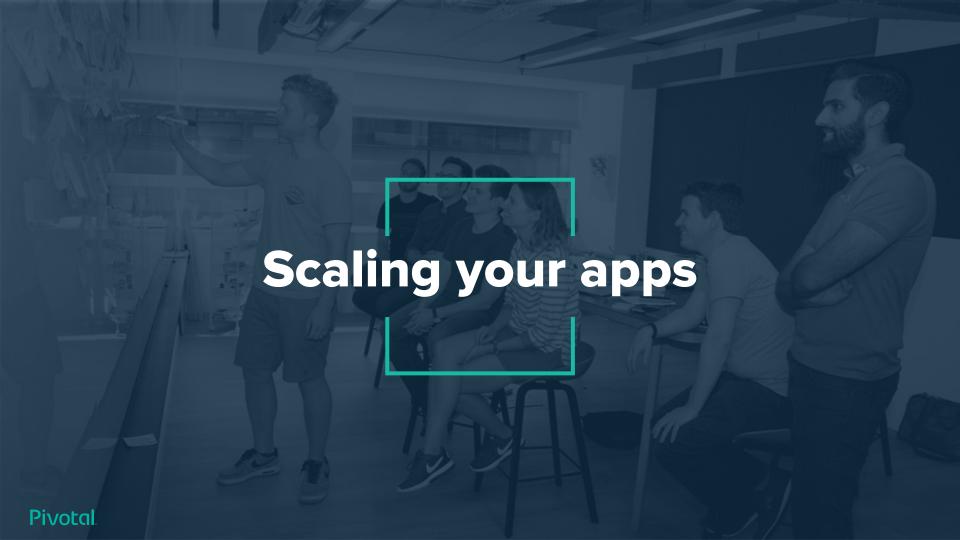
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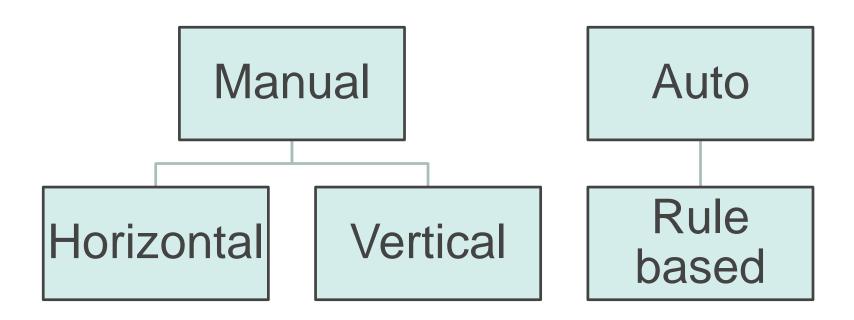
Zero minutesdowntime in
Production
(since 2016)



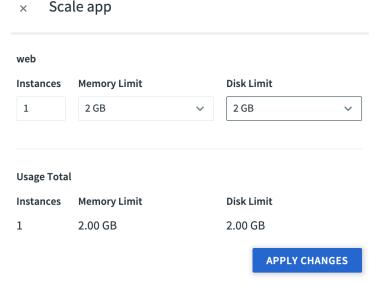


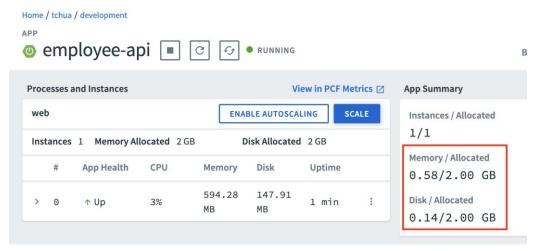


Scaling options



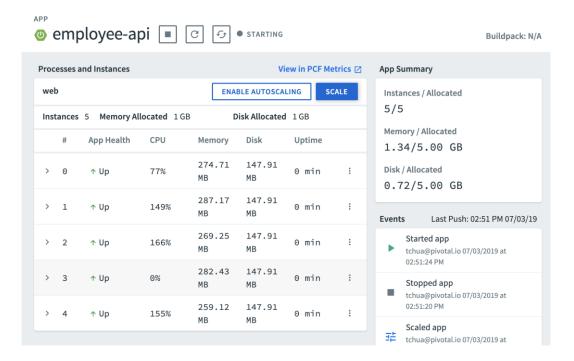
- Scale employee-api microservice vertically to 2GB memory and 2GB disk limit, using the Apps Manager UI. Observe the changes and test that it works.
- Scale back down to original 1GB memory and 1GB disk limit, using cf cli.
 - cf scale employee-api -m 2G -k 2G





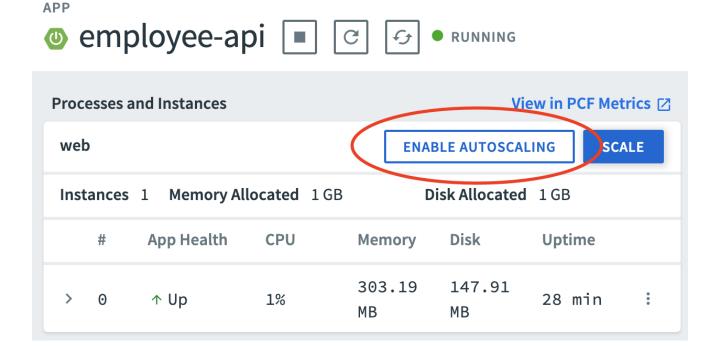
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- Scale employee-api microservice horizontally to 5 instances using either the Apps Manager or the cf cli. Observe the changes and test that it works.
- Scale it back down to 1 instance.



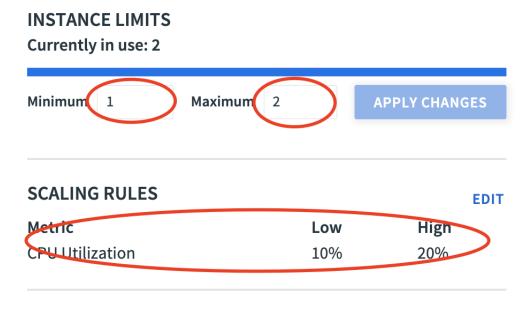


Enable autoscaling

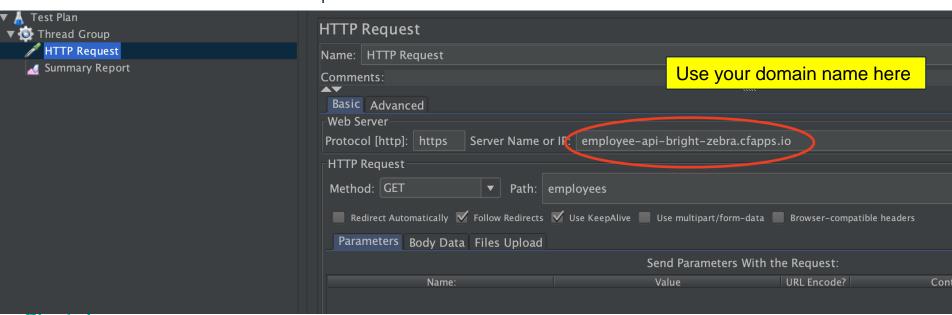




- Select "Manage Autoscaling"
- Set the minimum and maximum instances to 1 and 2 respectively, and add a CPU utilization rule that scales up on CPU going beyond 20% and scaling down on CPU dropping to less than 10%

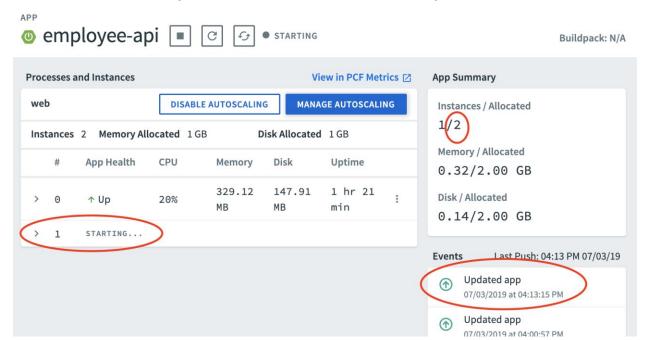


- Start JMeter and open autoscale.jmx in the scripts folder
- Update the HTTP Request sampler to use the domain name mapped to your employee-api microservice app
- Run the Thread Group



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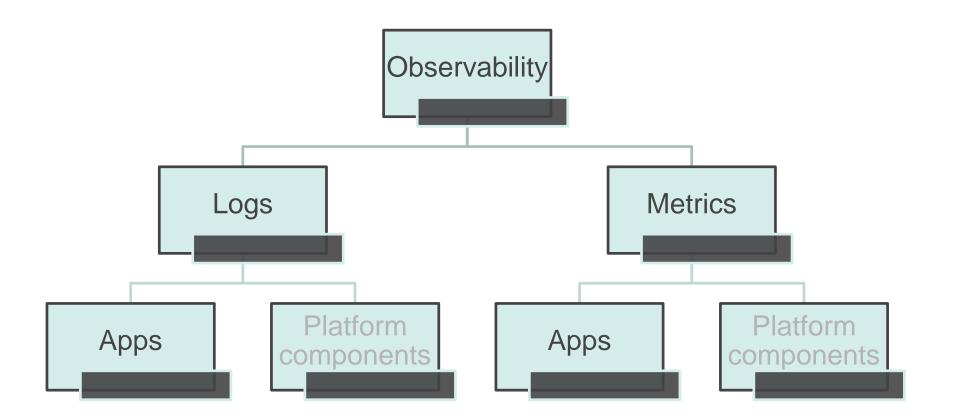
- Observe your application in Apps Manager. You should see the CPU usage increase to the point where another instance is automatically started after a few minutes.
- Stop the JMeter Thread Group. After a few minutes, you should observe that the additional instance of your app has been automatically terminated.



Think about...

- When do I use vertical vs horizontal scaling?
- Why does autoscaling not support vertical scaling?
- How do I configure and manage autoscaling through the cf cli?
- How can I schedule scaling to cater for known periods of high traffic?





Cloud Foundry aggregates logs for all instances of your apps as well as for requests made to your apps through internal components of Cloud Foundry.

Sources of logs in PCF

Source	Logs Data	Metrics Data
Platform components	Logs from CF components	 Health metrics from BOSH-deployed VMs* Platform metrics from CF components. For example, cell capacity remaining and router throughput. Metrics for any service tile that self-publishes to the Loggregator Firehose. For example, Redis and MySQL.
Apps	Logs from apps **	 App container metrics. For example, CPU, memory, and disk usage. Custom metrics ***

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Viewing logs in PCF

cf cli

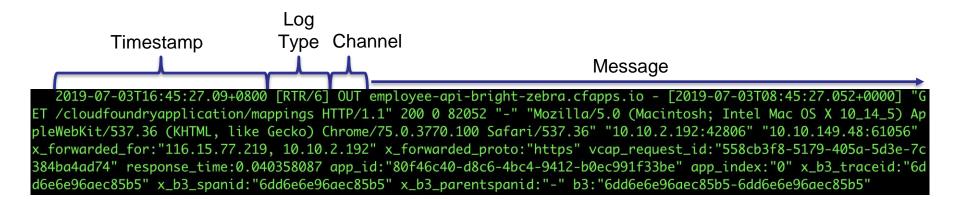
Apps Manager PCF Metrics

Log format

Every log line contains four fields:

- Timestamp
- Log type (origin code)
- Channel: either OUT, for logs emitted on stdout, or ERR, for logs emitted on stderr
- Message

Log format



Log types

- API Users make API calls to request changes in app state. Cloud Controller, the Cloud Foundry component responsible for the API, logs the actions that Cloud Controller takes in response.
- STG The Diego cell or the Droplet Execution Agent emits STG logs when staging or restaging an app.
- RTR The Router emits RTR logs when it routes HTTP requests to the app.
- LGR Loggregator emits LGR to indicate problems with the logging process.
- APP Every app emits logs according to choices by the developer.
- **SSH** The Diego cell emits SSH logs when a user accesses an app container through SSH by using the Cloud Foundry Command Line Interface (cf CLI) cf ssh command.
- **CELL** The Diego cell emits CELL logs when it starts or stops the app.

 Scale the employee-api microservice up to 3 instances (You may have to first disable autoscaling)

2019-07-03T18·52·32 80+0800 ΓΔΡΡ/PROC/WER/07 OUT

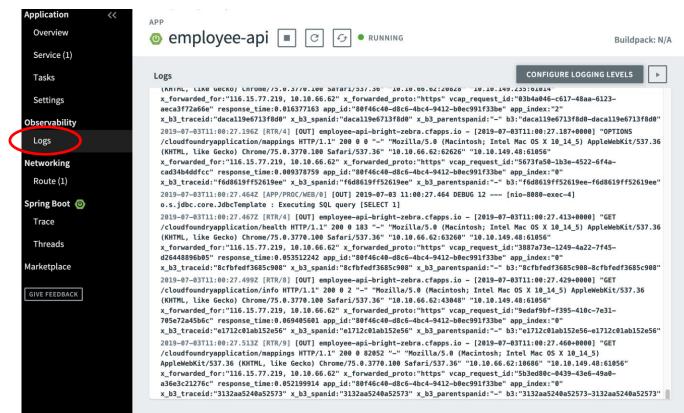
- Execute the following cf command to tail the logs
 - o cf logs employee-api
- Make a number of requests to the /employees endpoint
- Identify
 - Log types
 - Instance index

```
2019-07-03T18:52:23.48+0800 [APP/PROC/WEF/17] OUT Hibernate:
  2019-07-03T18:52:23.48+0800 [APP/PROC/WEF/1] OUT
                                                    select
  2019-07-03T18:52:23.48+0800 [APP/PROC/WEE/1] OUT
                                                        employee0_.id as id1_0_,
  2019-07-03T18:52:23.48+0800 [APP/PROC/WEE/1] OUT
                                                        employee0_.desk_num as desk_num
  2019-07-03T18:52:23.48+0800 [APP/PROC/WEE/1] OUT
                                                        employee0_.name as name3_0_,
  2019-07-03T18:52:23.48+0800 [APP/PROC/WEE/1] OUT
                                                        employee0_.office as office4_0
  2019-07-03T18:52:23.48+0800 [APP/PROC/WEE/1] OUT
                                                    from
  2019-07-03T18:52:23.48+0800 [APP/PROC/WEE/1] OUT
                                                        employee employee0_ limit ?
  ET /employees HTTP/1.1" 200 0 1691 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_14_5) A
like Gecko) Chrome/75.0.3770.100 Safari/537.36" "10.10.66.62:23728" "10.10.148.37:61230"
77.219, 10.10.66.62" x_forwarded_proto:"https" vcap_request_id:"121bd02d-f088-47bb-4824-5
e:2.402634567 app_id:"80f46c40-d8c6-4bc4-9412-b0ec991f33be" app_index:"1" x_b3_traceid:"dl
nid:"dbce48e16a2274d2" x_b3_parentspanid:"-" b3:"dbce48e16a2274d2-dbce48e16a2274d2"
  2019-07-03T18:52:24.22+0800 [RTR/6] OUT
  2019-07-03T18:52:32.80+0800 [APP/PROC/WEB/0] OUT 2019-07-03 10:52:32.806 DEBUG 12 ---
ernate.SOL
  2019-07-03T18:52:32.80+0800 [APP/PROC/WEB/0] OUT
                                                    select
  2019-07-03T18:52:32.80+0800 [APP/PROC/WEB/0] OUT
                                                        employee0_.id as id1_0_,
```

employee0 desk num as desk nu

- Get a dump of recent logs using the following cf command
 - o cf logs employee-api --recent
 - To pipe it to file, you can use this instead cf logs employee-api --recent > emp.logs

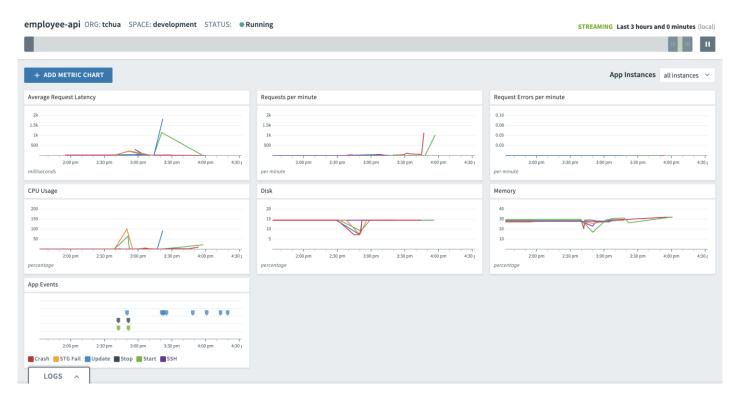
View logs through the Apps Manager UI



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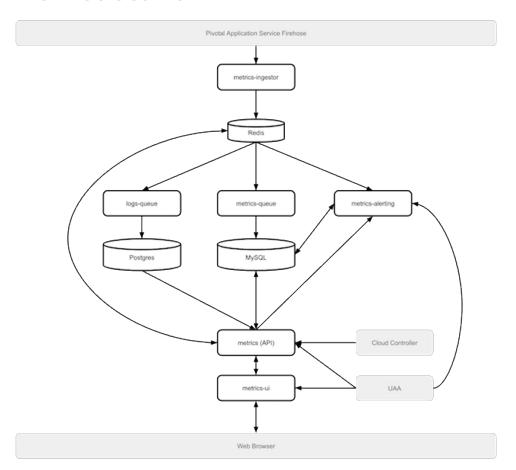
PCF Metrics

Pivotal Cloud Foundry (PCF) Metrics stores logs, metrics data, and event data from apps running on PCF for the past 14 days. It graphically presents this data to help operators and developers better understand the health and performance of their apps.

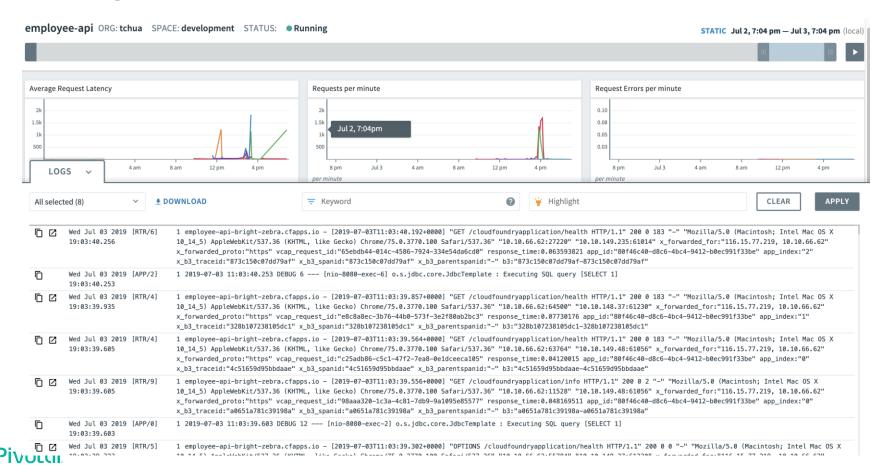




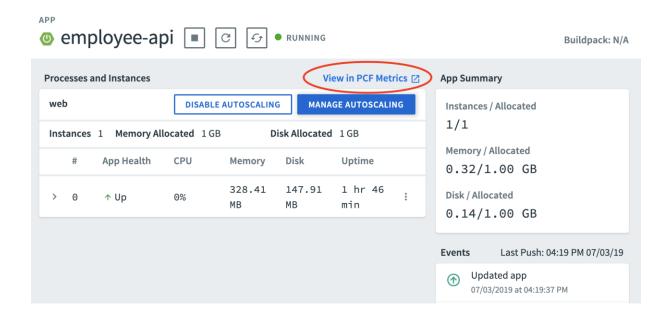
PCF Metrics Architecture



View logs in PCF Metrics

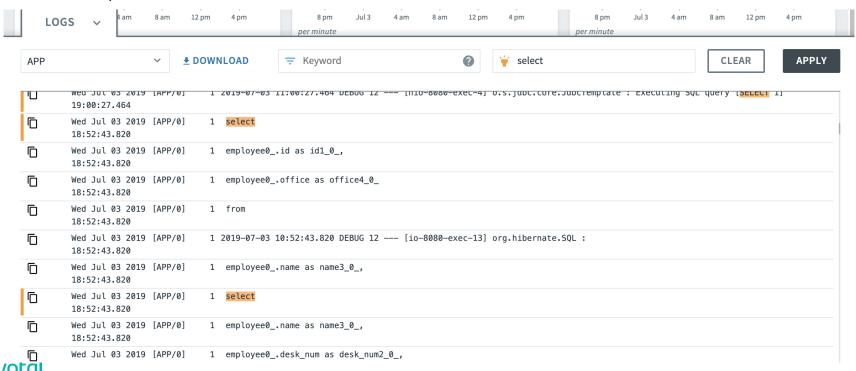


- On your employee-api app page in Apps Manager, click the "View in PCF Metrics" link.
- Are you able to correlate the analytics provided by PCF Metrics to the various activities done earlier?





 Using the logs feature in PCF Metrics, filter out Apps log, highlighting SQL select queries

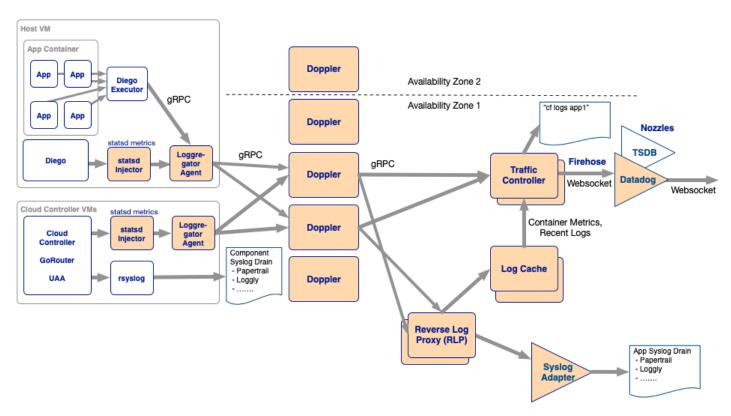


Streaming logs and metrics to third party service

Loggregator

- Gathers and streams logs and metrics from user apps in a PCF deployment
- Gathers and streams metrics from PCF components and health metrics from BOSH-deployed VMs
- Architecture includes components for collecting, storing, and forwarding logs and metrics

Loggregator architecture and components





Details at https://docs.pivotal.io/pivotalcf/2-6/loggregator/architecture.html#components

Streaming app logs to external services

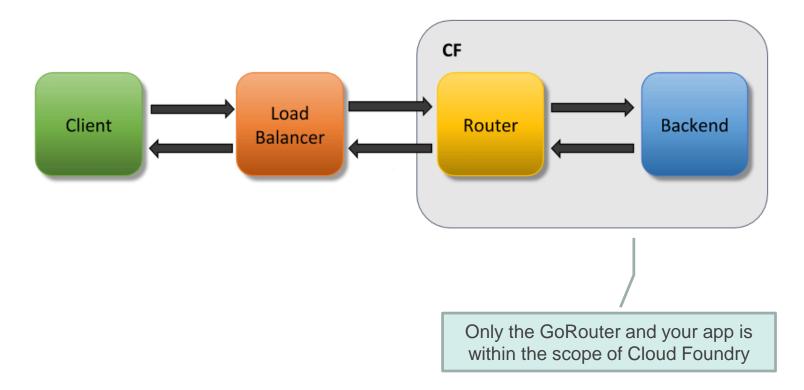
If external service is available in marketplace

```
$ cf create-service SERVICE PLAN SERVICE-INSTANCE
$ cf bind-service YOUR-APP YOUR-LOG-STORE
```

If external service is <u>not</u> available in marketplace
 See https://docs.pivotal.io/pivotalcf/2-6/devguide/services/log-management.html#user-provided



App request path



Measuring total round trip time (client point of view)

```
$ time curl -v http://app1.app domain.com
GET /hello HTTP/1.1
Host: appl.app domain.com
User-Agent: curl/7.43.0
Accept: */*
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
Date: Tue, 14 Dec 2016 00:31:32 GMT
Server: nginx
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
X-Vcap-Request-Id: c30fad28-4972-46eb-7da6-9d07dc79b109
Content-Length: 602
hello world!
                                           Shows that the app took slightly more
real
        2m0.707s
                                                   than 2 seconds RTT
        0m0.005s
user
        0m0.007s
sys
```

Measuring time spent in Cloud Foundry

```
$ cf logs app1
2016-12-14T00:33:32.35-0800 [RTR/0] OUT app1.app_domain.com - [14/12/2016:00:31:32.348]
+0000] "GET /hello HTTP/1.1" 200 0 60 "-" "HTTPClient/1.0 (2.7.1, ruby 2.3.3 (2016-11-21))"
"10.0.4.207:20810" "10.0.48.67:61555" x_forwarded_for: "52 3.107.171" x_forwarded_proto: "nitp"
vcap request id: "01144146-1e7a-4c77-77ab-49ae3e286fe9" response time: 120.00641734
app_id:"13ee085e-bdf5-4a48-aaaf-e854a8a975df" app_indev:"0" x_b3_traceid:"3595985e7c3-l536a"
x b3 spanid: 3595985e7c34536a x b3 parentspanid: -"
2016-12-14T00:32:32.35-0800 [APP/PROC/WEB/0]OUT app1 received request at
[14/12/2016:00:32:32.348 +0000] with "vcap request id": "01144146-1e7a-Ac77-77ab-49ae3e286fe9"
VC.
```

GoRouter response_time shows total time spent in Cloud Foundry

Use app logs to locate delays within Cloud Foundry

```
2016-12-14T00:33:32.35-0800 [RTR/0] OUT app1.app_domain.com - [14/12/2016:00:31:32.348 +0000] "GET /hello HTTP/1.1" 200 0 60 "-" "HTTPClient/1.0 (2.7.1, ruby 2.3.3 (2016-11-21))" "10.0.4.207:20810" "10.0.48.67:61555" x_forwarded_for:"52.3.107.171" x_forwarded_proto:"http" vcap_request_id:"01144146-1e7a-4c77-77ab-49ae3e286fe9" response_time:120.00641734 app_id:"13ee085e-bdf5-4a48-aaaf-e854a8a975df" app_index:"0" x_b3_traceid:"3595985e7c34536a" x_b3_spanid:"3595985e7c34536a" x_b3_parentspanid:"-"
```

2016-12-14T00:32:32:35-0800 [APP/PROC/WEB/0]OUT app1 received request at [14/12/2016:00:32:32.348 +0000] vith "vcap_request_id": "01144146-1e7a-4c77-77ab-49ae3e286fe9"

2016-12-14T00:32:32 50-0800 [APP/PROC/WEB/0]OUT app1 finished processing req at [14/12/2016:00:32:32.500 +0000] with "vcap_request_id". "01144146-1e7a-4c77-77ab-49ae3e286fe9"

Use custom logging at start and end of request to calculate time spent by app itself in Cloud Foundry

Measuring GoRouter processing (1/2)

- 1. Log in to the router using bosh ssh . See the BOSH SSH documentation of for more information.
- 2. Use time and curl to measure the response time of an app request originating from and processing through the Gorouter, but not running through the client network or load balancer:

```
$ time curl -H "Host: appl.app_domain.com" http://IP-GOROUTER-VM:80"
```

Measures RTT from GoRouter

Measuring GoRouter processing (2/2)

3. Obtain the IP address and port of a specific app instance by running the following and recording associated host and port values:

4. Use the IP address and port values to measure response time calling the app instance directly, bypassing Gorouter processing:

```
$ time curl http://APP-HOST-IP:APP-PORT
```



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