

# Monitoring Demo

## Agenda:

1. Install Prometheus/ Node Exporter
2. Pointing to a domain name
3. Reverse proxy with NGINX
4. Add SSL to Prometheus Reverse Proxy
5. Add basic authentication to the Prometheus User Interface
6. Scrape Target Basics
7. Add rules
8. Install Prometheus AlertManager
9. Install Grafana

## Prerequisites:

All commands were tested on a **Ubuntu 22.04 LTS**. If you chose to use another distribution, you might need to check appropriate commands to get the same result.

1. Have access to an unrestricted Ubuntu server. I got mine from <https://www.digitalocean.com> but you can use other providers as long as they don't have extra firewall configuration that may interfere with this demo
2. You will need to have root access
3. To be able to do the DNS configuration part, you also need to have a domain purchased in advance.

## 1. Install Prometheus/ Node Exporter through the package manager from Ubuntu

First, we are gonna update packages and install prometheus:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install prometheus
```

This install will set up a Prometheus process and also a Node Exporter process.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-94-48:~$ ps -ef | grep prom*
prometh+      2297          1    0 12:32 ?                00:00:00
/usr/bin/prometheus-node-exporter
prometh+      2932          1    0 12:32 ?                00:00:00
/usr/bin/prometheus
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-94-48:~$ ps -ef | grep prom*
prometh+      2297          1    0 12:32 ?                00:00:00 /usr/bin/prometheus-node-exporter
prometh+      2932          1    0 12:32 ?                00:00:00 /usr/bin/prometheus
ubuntu        3070        1136    0 12:34 pts/0        00:00:00 grep --color=auto prom*
ubuntu@ip-172-31-94-48:~$ ^C
ubuntu@ip-172-31-94-48:~$
```

NOTE: Prometheus will listen on port 9090 and node exporter on port 9100.

To check those services are actually running:

```
sudo service prometheus status
```

```

ubuntu@ip-172-31-94-48:~$ sudo service prometheus status
● prometheus.service - Monitoring system and time series database
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/prometheus.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Sun 2024-09-01 12:32:25 UTC; 12min ago
     Docs: https://prometheus.io/docs/introduction/overview/
    Main PID: 2932 (prometheus)
      Tasks: 6 (limit: 1130)
     Memory: 60.3M (peak: 60.6M)
        CPU: 860ms
    CGroup: /system.slice/prometheus.service
            └─2932 /usr/bin/prometheus

Sep 01 12:32:26 ip-172-31-94-48 prometheus[2932]: ts=2024-09-01T12:32:26.493Z caller=head.go:676 level=info compo
Sep 01 12:32:26 ip-172-31-94-48 prometheus[2932]: ts=2024-09-01T12:32:26.493Z caller=head.go:684 level=info compo
Sep 01 12:32:26 ip-172-31-94-48 prometheus[2932]: ts=2024-09-01T12:32:26.495Z caller=head.go:755 level=info compo
Sep 01 12:32:26 ip-172-31-94-48 prometheus[2932]: ts=2024-09-01T12:32:26.495Z caller=head.go:792 level=info compo
Sep 01 12:32:26 ip-172-31-94-48 prometheus[2932]: ts=2024-09-01T12:32:26.498Z caller=main.go:1025 level=info fs_t
Sep 01 12:32:26 ip-172-31-94-48 prometheus[2932]: ts=2024-09-01T12:32:26.498Z caller=main.go:1028 level=info msg=
Sep 01 12:32:26 ip-172-31-94-48 prometheus[2932]: ts=2024-09-01T12:32:26.498Z caller=main.go:1209 level=info msg=
Sep 01 12:32:26 ip-172-31-94-48 prometheus[2932]: ts=2024-09-01T12:32:26.503Z caller=main.go:1246 level=info msg=
Sep 01 12:32:26 ip-172-31-94-48 prometheus[2932]: ts=2024-09-01T12:32:26.503Z caller=main.go:989 level=info msg=
Sep 01 12:32:26 ip-172-31-94-48 prometheus[2932]: ts=2024-09-01T12:32:26.503Z caller=manager.go:999 level=info co
lines 1-22/22 (END)

```

Similar to get node exporter status:

```
sudo service prometheus-node-exporter status
```

```

ubuntu@ip-172-31-94-48:~$ sudo service prometheus-node-exporter status
● prometheus-node-exporter.service - Prometheus exporter for machine metrics
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/prometheus-node-exporter.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Sun 2024-09-01 12:32:20 UTC; 13min ago
     Docs: https://github.com/prometheus/node_exporter
    Main PID: 2297 (prometheus-node)
      Tasks: 5 (limit: 1130)
     Memory: 10.4M (peak: 11.7M)
        CPU: 2.581s
    CGroup: /system.slice/prometheus-node-exporter.service
            └─2297 /usr/bin/prometheus-node-exporter

Sep 01 12:32:20 ip-172-31-94-48 prometheus-node-exporter[2297]: ts=2024-09-01T12:32:20.485Z caller=node_expor
Sep 01 12:32:20 ip-172-31-94-48 prometheus-node-exporter[2297]: ts=2024-09-01T12:32:20.485Z caller=node_expor
Sep 01 12:32:20 ip-172-31-94-48 prometheus-node-exporter[2297]: ts=2024-09-01T12:32:20.485Z caller=node_expor
Sep 01 12:32:20 ip-172-31-94-48 prometheus-node-exporter[2297]: ts=2024-09-01T12:32:20.485Z caller=node_expor

```

We also get a user called prometheus, which is running 2 processes:

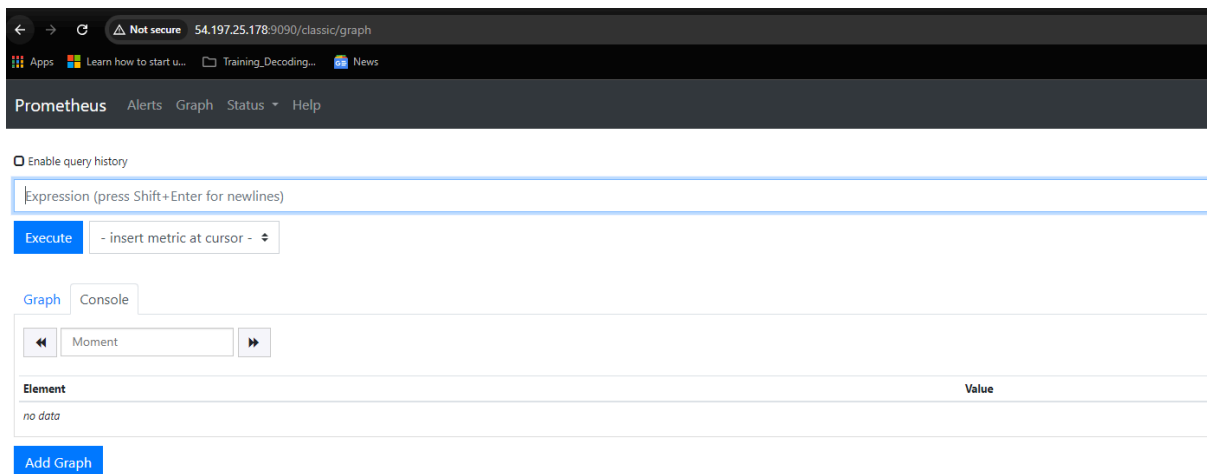
```
ps -u prometheus
```

```

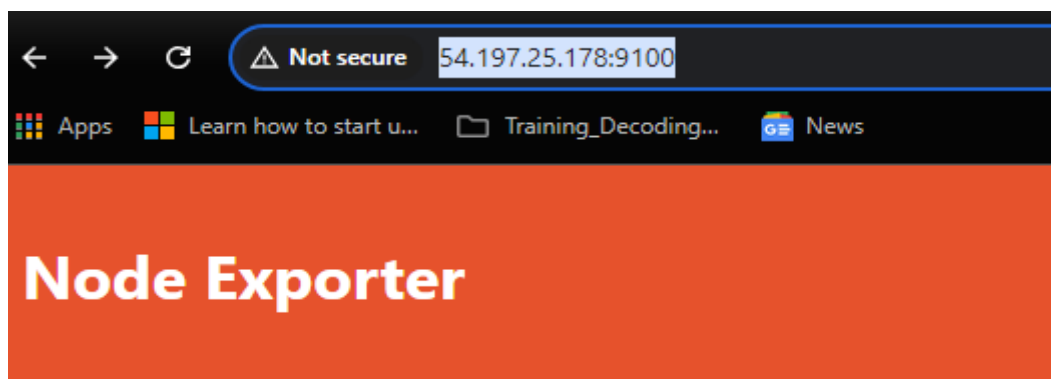
ubuntu@ip-172-31-94-48:~$ ps -u prometheus
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
 2297 ?           00:00:02 prometheus-node
 2932 ?           00:00:00 prometheus
ubuntu@ip-172-31-94-48:~$

```

If we don't have any FW to configure, we can already use the machine public IP + the prometheus port to get a first look at our prometheus instance:



Or at our Node Exporter instance: <http://54.197.25.178:9100/>



## Prometheus Node Exporter

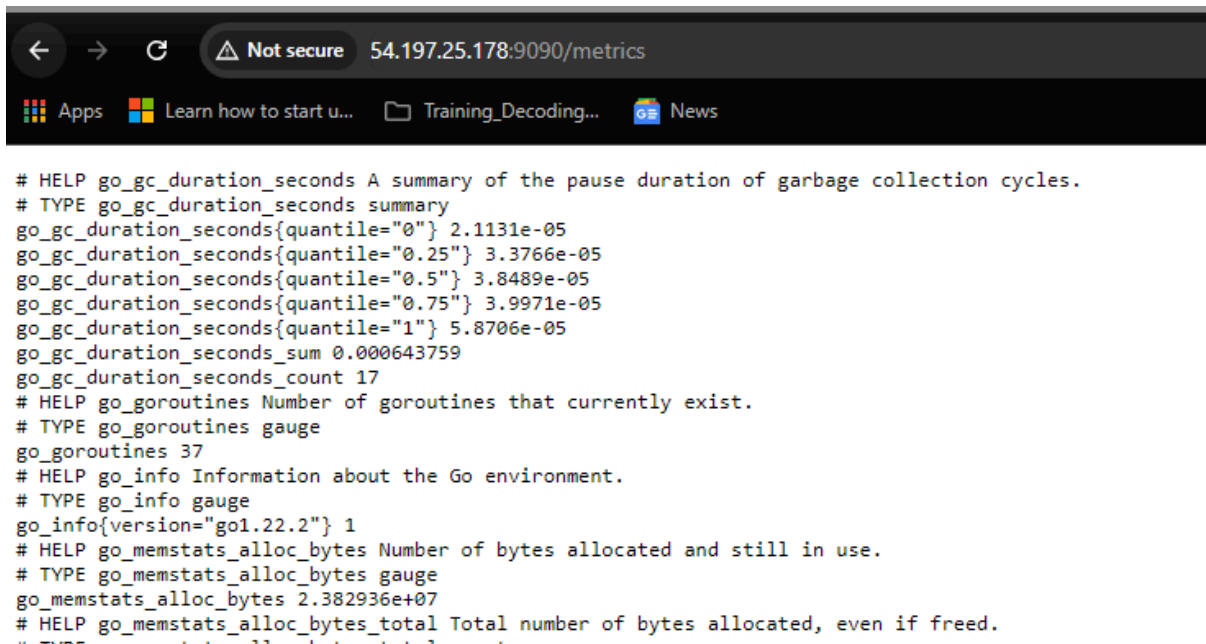
Version: (version=1.7.0, branch=debian/sid, revision=1.7.0-1ubuntu0.1)

- [Metrics](#)

Prometheus will query this 9100/metrics endpoint at intervals and we will be able to view these metrics in prometheus as time series data;

Prometheus also has a metrics endpoints, and will be reading data from both of them:

<http://54.197.25.178:9090/metrics>



```
# HELP go_gc_duration_seconds A summary of the pause duration of garbage collection cycles.
# TYPE go_gc_duration_seconds summary
go_gc_duration_seconds{quantile="0"} 2.1131e-05
go_gc_duration_seconds{quantile="0.25"} 3.3766e-05
go_gc_duration_seconds{quantile="0.5"} 3.8489e-05
go_gc_duration_seconds{quantile="0.75"} 3.9971e-05
go_gc_duration_seconds{quantile="1"} 5.8706e-05
go_gc_duration_seconds_sum 0.000643759
go_gc_duration_seconds_count 17
# HELP go_goroutines Number of goroutines that currently exist.
# TYPE go_goroutines gauge
go_goroutines 37
# HELP go_info Information about the Go environment.
# TYPE go_info gauge
go_info{version="go1.22.2"} 1
# HELP go_memstats_alloc_bytes Number of bytes allocated and still in use.
# TYPE go_memstats_alloc_bytes gauge
go_memstats_alloc_bytes 2.382936e+07
# HELP go_memstats_alloc_bytes_total Total number of bytes allocated, even if freed.
# TYPE go_memstats_alloc_bytes_total gauge
go_memstats_alloc_bytes_total 2.382936e+07
```

At this moment Prometheus is accessible from the internet, we can do a little tweaks to lock it down:

1. give it an SSL certificate
2. a domain name
3. setup basic authentication so you can't access it without an username & password;

## 2. Pointing to a domain name

**Current config:** We can access Prometheus instance using our instance IP Example: <http://54.197.25.178:9090/>

**Target config:** access it using DNS. Example: <https://prometheus.domain> name

**Prerequisites: have a domain purchased;**

Go to your domain purchased from your preferred provider and Add a A tag domain:

DNS Records
Forwarding
Nameservers
Premium DNS
Hostnames
DNSSEC
NEW

DNS records define how your domain behaves, like showing your website content and delivering your email.

New Records

[A records](#) use an IP address to connect your domain to a website. They're also used to [create subdomains](#) such as www or store, that point to an IP address.

Type *	Name *	Value *	TTL
A	prometheus	54.197.25.178	1/2 Hour
<a href="#">+ Add another value</a>			

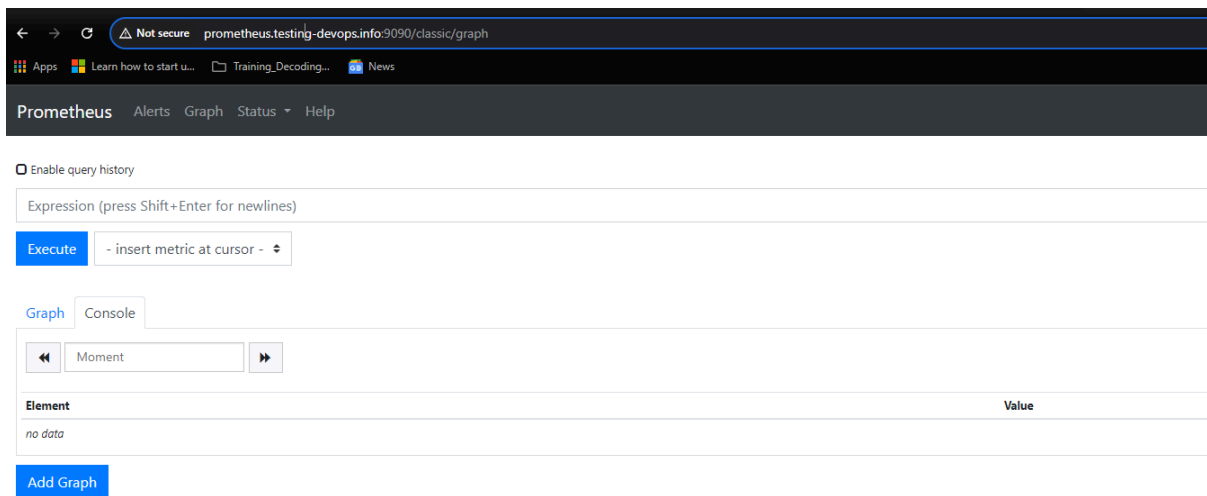
Add More Records
Save
Cancel

## Definitions:

A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports IP as values</li> <li>Route 53, 3rd party "Manage DNS"</li> </ul>
CNAME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports name as values</li> <li>Can't be used for naked/root domains</li> <li>Route 53 or 3rd party "Manage DNS"</li> </ul>
Alias	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amazon Route 53 specific. Won't be supported by 3rd party</li> <li>DNS names (ELBs, CloudFront distributions, S3)</li> </ul>
MX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mail Exchange record for Email servers</li> <li>Example: smtp.xyzserver.net</li> </ul>
AAAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For IPv6 addresses</li> <li>Elastic IPv6 addresses are not supported by AWS</li> </ul>

**Note:** Most DNS updates take effect within an hour, but could take up to 48 hours to update globally.

We need to check: <http://prometheus.testing-devops.info:9090/> after a while;



Next step is set it up under reverse proxy so we don't have to use the port any longer and give it an SSL connection;

### 3. Reverse proxy with NGINX

First, install nginx and check its status:

```
sudo apt install nginx
sudo service nginx status
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-94-48:~$ sudo service nginx status
● nginx.service - A high performance web server and a reverse proxy server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nginx.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Sun 2024-09-01 13:21:47 UTC; 1min 10s ago
     Docs: man:nginx(8)
  Process: 3448 ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/nginx -t -q -g daemon on; master_process on; (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
  Process: 3450 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/nginx -g daemon on; master_process on; (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
 Main PID: 3451 (nginx)
    Tasks: 2 (limit: 1130)
   Memory: 1.7M (peak: 1.9M)
      CPU: 9ms
   CGroup: /system.slice/nginx.service
           └─3451 "nginx: master process /usr/sbin/nginx -g daemon on; master_process on;"
             └─3452 "nginx: worker process"

Sep 01 13:21:47 ip-172-31-94-48 systemd[1]: Starting nginx.service - A high performance web server and a reverse
Sep 01 13:21:47 ip-172-31-94-48 systemd[1]: Started nginx.service - A high performance web server and a reverse
```

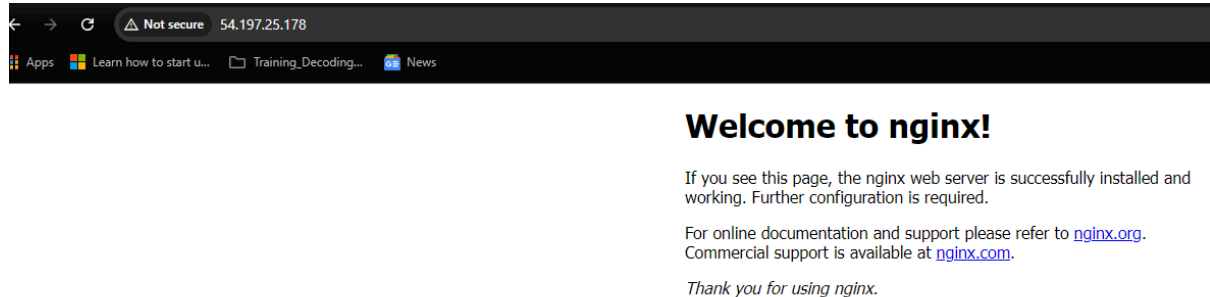
cd to NGINX folder:

```
cd /etc/nginx/sites-enabled
```

In here we will get the default page we get when we install nginx:

lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 34 Sep 1 13:21 default -> /etc/nginx/sites-available/default

First screen available based on machine IP:



**Note:** it listens on port 80 by default so we don't have to type it;

We will create a new config. Switch to root with `sudo -i` in case you were not from beginning:

```
sudo vi prometheus
```

**and then insert our Prometheus server name:**

```
server {  
  
    listen 80;  
  
    listen [::]:80;  
  
    server_name YOUR-DOMAIN-NAME; => prometheus.testing-devops.info;  
  
    location / {  
  
        proxy_pass      http://localhost:9090/;  
  
    }  
  
}
```



So now that we added server name, it is going to forward that default location into 9090, the default port that prometheus listens to;

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-94-48:/etc/nginx/sites-enabled$ cat prometheus
server {
    listen 80;
    listen [::]:80;
    server_name prometheus.testing-devops.info;

    location / {
        proxy_pass http://localhost:9090/;
    }
}

ubuntu@ip-172-31-94-48:/etc/nginx/sites-enabled$ |
```

We can also test the new configuration has no errors:

```
nginx -t
```

```
root@ip-172-31-94-48:/etc/nginx/sites-enabled# nginx -t
nginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf syntax is ok
nginx: configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
root@ip-172-31-94-48:/etc/nginx/sites-enabled# |
```

Next, restart nginx to load recent updates:

```
root@ip-172-31-94-48:/etc/nginx/sites-enabled# sudo service nginx restart
```

```
root@ip-172-31-94-48:/etc/nginx/sites-enabled# sudo service nginx status
```

```

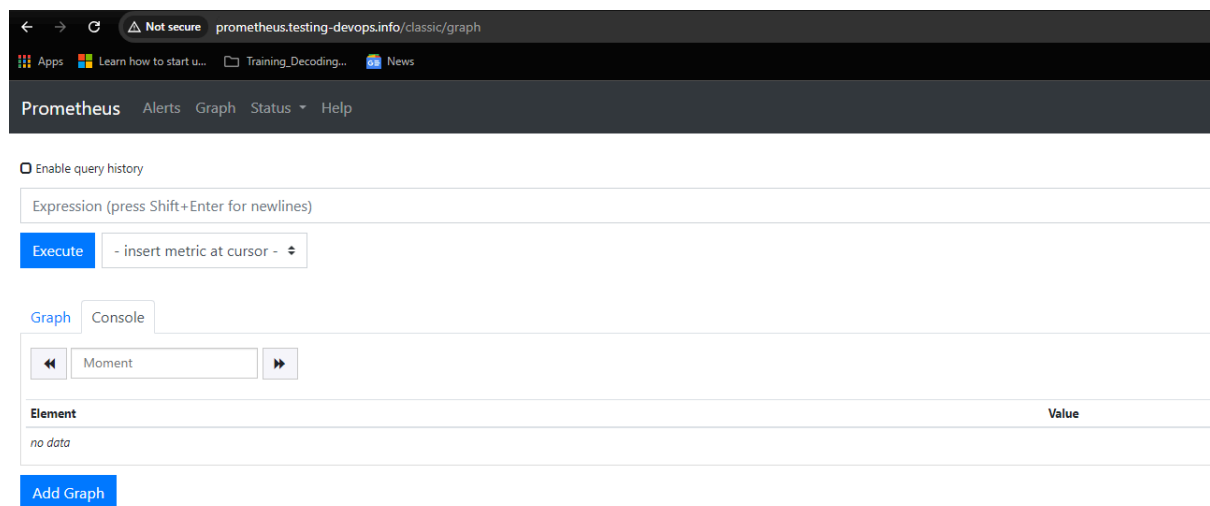
root@ip-172-31-94-48:/etc/nginx/sites-enabled# sudo service nginx status
● nginx.service - A high performance web server and a reverse proxy server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nginx.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Sun 2024-09-01 13:45:49 UTC; 9s ago
     Docs: man:nginx(8)
   Process: 3663 ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/nginx -t -q -g daemon on; master_process on; (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
   Process: 3666 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/nginx -g daemon on; master_process on; (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
  Main PID: 3667 (nginx)
    Tasks: 2 (limit: 1130)
   Memory: 1.7M (peak: 2.4M)
      CPU: 10ms
   CGroup: /system.slice/nginx.service
           └─3667 "nginx: master process /usr/sbin/nginx -g daemon on; master_process on;"
             └─3668 "nginx: worker process"

Sep 01 13:45:49 ip-172-31-94-48 systemd[1]: Starting nginx.service - A high performance web server and a reverse proxy server:
Sep 01 13:45:49 ip-172-31-94-48 systemd[1]: Started nginx.service - A high performance web server and a reverse proxy server:
root@ip-172-31-94-48:/etc/nginx/sites-enabled# |

```

Now if we check the url in the browser, it will direct us to prometheus, with no need to use the port:

<http://prometheus.testing-devops.info/classic/graph>



Next we will also set up SSL, as at the moment our connection is not secure:

## 4. Add SSL to Prometheus Reverse Proxy

1 way to get a certificate from: <https://certbot.eff.org/instructions?ws=nginx&os=snap>

```
sudo snap install --classic certbot
```

```
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx/sites-enabled# sudo snap install --classic certbot
2024-09-01T14:44:54Z INFO Waiting for automatic snapd restart...
certbot 2.11.0 from Certbot Project (certbot-eff✓) installed
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx/sites-enabled# |
```

```
sudo certbot --nginx
```

Answer to provided questions:

- Enter email address: enter your email address
- Accept terms & conditions: Y
- Campaigns: N
- Select the domain: option 1

It will scan the nginx config and find the website:

```
Which names would you like to activate HTTPS for?
We recommend selecting either all domains, or all domains in a VirtualHost/server block.
-----
1: prometheus1.testing-devops.info
-----
Select the appropriate numbers separated by commas and/or spaces, or leave input
blank to select all options shown (Enter 'c' to cancel): 1
Requesting a certificate for prometheus1.testing-devops.info

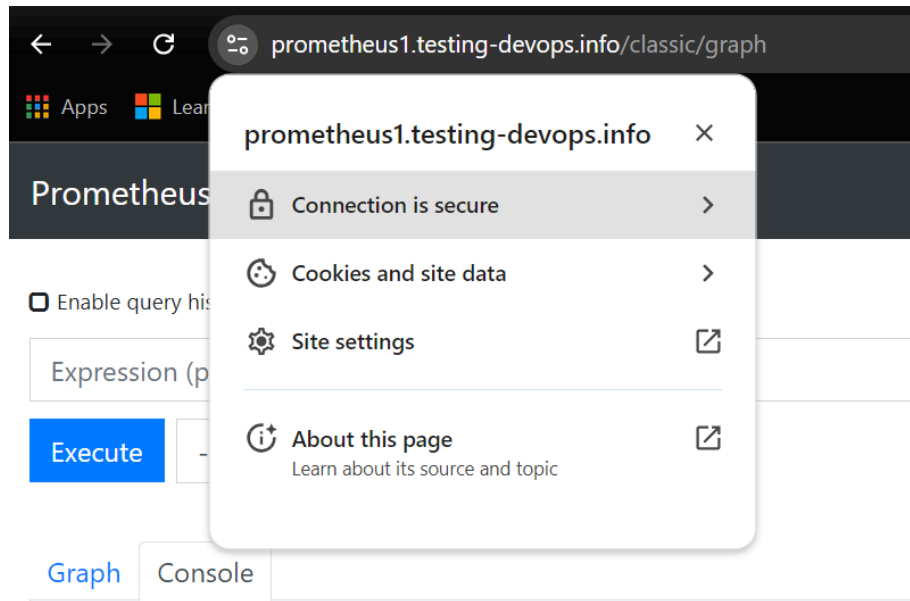
Successfully received certificate.
Certificate is saved at: /etc/letsencrypt/live/prometheus1.testing-devops.info/fullchain.pem
Key is saved at: /etc/letsencrypt/live/prometheus1.testing-devops.info/privkey.pem
This certificate expires on 2024-11-30.
These files will be updated when the certificate renews.
Certbot has set up a scheduled task to automatically renew this certificate in the background.

Deploying certificate
Successfully deployed certificate for prometheus1.testing-devops.info to /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/prometheus
Congratulations! You have successfully enabled HTTPS on https://prometheus1.testing-devops.info

-----
If you like Certbot, please consider supporting our work by:
* Donating to ISRG / Let's Encrypt: https://letsencrypt.org/donate
* Donating to EFF: https://eff.org/donate-le
-----
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx/sites-enabled# |
```

After installing the SSL cert, the https page will work:

<https://prometheus1.testing-devops.info/classic/graph>



Another thing, if we type in http, now it will FW it to https automatically;

Also, if we check out the prometheus config file from sites-enabled, it will have more information added to support SSL configuration, extra config added automatically by certbot;

## 5. Add basic authentication to the Prometheus User Interface:

```
cd /etc/nginx  
sudo apt install apache2-utils
```

To create a password file for an user called admin:

```
htpasswd -c /etc/nginx/.htpasswd admin
```

```
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx# htpasswd -c /etc/nginx/.htpasswd admin
New password:
Re-type new password:
Adding password for user admin
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx#
```

New file password created:

```
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx# ls -la
total 80
drwxr-xr-x  8 root root 4096 Sep  1 15:01 .
drwxr-xr-x 116 root root 4096 Sep  1 15:00 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 root root  44 Sep  1 15:02 .htpasswd
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Mar 31 02:40 conf.d
```

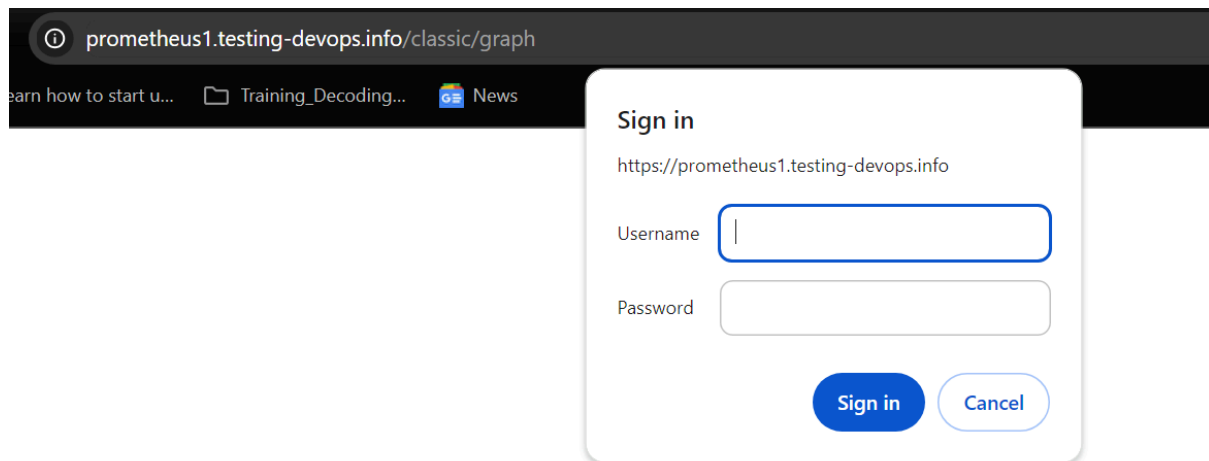
Now, in the prometheus file that we have under nginx sites-enabled path, we will add a pointer to the user file.

```
auth_basic "Password Protected";
auth_basic_user_file /etc/nginx/.htpasswd;
```

 root@prometheus: /etc/nginx

```
GNU nano 7.2 /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/prometheus *
server {
    server_name prometheus1.testing-devops.info;
    auth_basic "Password protected";
    auth_basic_user_file /etc/nginx/.htpasswd;
    location / {
        proxy_pass http://localhost:9090/;
    }
}
```

Restart NGINX and check service status and then try to login again to Prometheus.



At this point anyone can still access prometheus without a password using directly the IP and port: <http://142.93.233.103:9090/classic/graph>

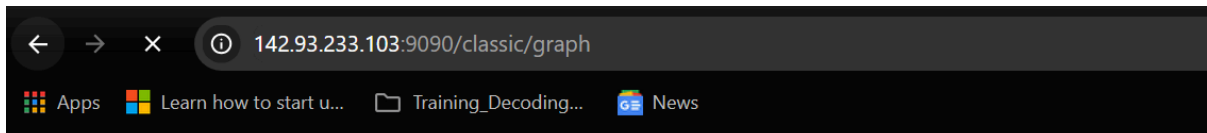
but we can block external connections using following commands:

```
iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s localhost --dport 9090 -j ACCEPT
iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 9090 -j DROP
iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s localhost --dport 9100 -j ACCEPT
iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 9100 -j DROP
iptables -L
```

```
Sep 01 15:08:14 prometheus systemd[1]: Started nginx.service - A high performance web server and a reverse proxy server.
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx# iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s localhost --dport 9090 -j ACCEPT
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx# iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 9090 -j DROP
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx# iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s localhost --dport 9100 -j ACCEPT
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx# iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s localhost --dport 9100 -j ACCEPT
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx# iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 9100 -j DROP
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx# iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source                destination            tcp dpt:9090
ACCEPT    tcp  --  localhost             anywhere               tcp dpt:9090
ACCEPT    tcp  --  localhost             anywhere               tcp dpt:9090
DROP      tcp  --  anywhere              anywhere               tcp dpt:9090
ACCEPT    tcp  --  localhost             anywhere               tcp dpt:9100
ACCEPT    tcp  --  localhost             anywhere               tcp dpt:9100
ACCEPT    tcp  --  localhost             anywhere               tcp dpt:9100
ACCEPT    tcp  --  localhost             anywhere               tcp dpt:9100
DROP      tcp  --  anywhere              anywhere               tcp dpt:9100

Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source                destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source                destination
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx#
```



## This site can't be reached

142.93.233.103 took too long to respond.

Try:

- Checking the connection

## 6. Scrape Target Basics:

We can see the metrics prometheus exposes by doing a curl to:

curl <http://localhost:9090/metrics>

```
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx# curl http://localhost:9090/metrics | tail -15
% Total    % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time    Time     Time  Current
           Dload  Upload   Total   Spent    Left   Speed
100 79991  0 79991  0    0  16.2M    0 --:--:-- --:--:-- --:--:-- 19.0M
prometheus_tsdb_wal_writes_failed_total 0
# HELP prometheus_web_federation_errors_total Total number of errors that occurred while sending federation responses.
# TYPE prometheus_web_federation_errors_total counter
prometheus_web_federation_errors_total 0
# HELP prometheus_web_federation_warnings_total Total number of warnings that occurred while sending federation responses.
# TYPE prometheus_web_federation_warnings_total counter
prometheus_web_federation_warnings_total 0
# HELP promhttp_metric_handler_requests_in_flight Current number of scrapes being served.
# TYPE promhttp_metric_handler_requests_in_flight gauge
promhttp_metric_handler_requests_in_flight 1
# HELP promhttp_metric_handler_requests_total Total number of scrapes by HTTP status code.
# TYPE promhttp_metric_handler_requests_total counter
promhttp_metric_handler_requests_total{code="200"} 705
promhttp_metric_handler_requests_total{code="500"} 0
promhttp_metric_handler_requests_total{code="503"} 0
root@prometheus:/etc/nginx#
```

We can also inspect on the server using:

config.file	/etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml
-------------	--------------------------------

or review it from <https://prometheus1.testing-devops.info/classic/config>

## 7. Prometheus Rules

### Recording Rules:

CD into prometheus folder and create a rules file:

```
cd /etc/prometheus  
  
sudo vi prometheus_rules.yml
```

Add a test expression as recording rule:

```
groups:  
  - name: custom_rules  
    rules:  
      - record: node_memory_MemFree_percent  
        expr: 100 - (100 * node_memory_MemFree_bytes /  
node_memory_MemTotal_bytes)
```

And also check if the rule file has good syntax using a tool called promtool:

```
promtool check rules prometheus_rules.yml
```

```
root@prometheus:/etc/prometheus# vi prometheus_rules.yml  
root@prometheus:/etc/prometheus# promtool check rules prometheus_rules.yml  
Checking prometheus_rules.yml  
SUCCESS: 1 rules found
```

If we get a success result on the check, we can add the *prometheus\_rules.yml* reference to the *prometheus.yml* rule\_files section.

rule\_files:

```
- "prometheus_rules.yml"
```

And then we can restart Prometheus service:

```
sudo service prometheus restart
```



```
sudo service prometheus status
```

```
root@prometheus:/etc/prometheus# sudo service prometheus restart
root@prometheus:/etc/prometheus# sudo service prometheus status
● prometheus.service - Monitoring system and time series database
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/prometheus.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Thu 2024-09-05 12:23:37 UTC; 7s ago
     Docs: https://prometheus.io/docs/introduction/overview/
    Main PID: 71608 (prometheus)
      Tasks: 6 (limit: 1113)
     Memory: 56.1M (peak: 56.4M)
        CPU: 416ms
    CGroup: /system.slice/prometheus.service
            └─71608 /usr/bin/prometheus

Sep 05 12:23:38 prometheus prometheus[71608]: ts=2024-09-05T12:23:38.212Z caller=head.go:755 level=info c
Sep 05 12:23:38 prometheus prometheus[71608]: ts=2024-09-05T12:23:38.340Z caller=head.go:755 level=info c
Sep 05 12:23:38 prometheus prometheus[71608]: ts=2024-09-05T12:23:38.340Z caller=head.go:755 level=info c
Sep 05 12:23:38 prometheus prometheus[71608]: ts=2024-09-05T12:23:38.340Z caller=head.go:792 level=info c
Sep 05 12:23:38 prometheus prometheus[71608]: ts=2024-09-05T12:23:38.343Z caller=main.go:1025 level=info
Sep 05 12:23:38 prometheus prometheus[71608]: ts=2024-09-05T12:23:38.343Z caller=main.go:1028 level=info
Sep 05 12:23:38 prometheus prometheus[71608]: ts=2024-09-05T12:23:38.344Z caller=main.go:1209 level=info
Sep 05 12:23:38 prometheus prometheus[71608]: ts=2024-09-05T12:23:38.345Z caller=main.go:1246 level=info
Sep 05 12:23:38 prometheus prometheus[71608]: ts=2024-09-05T12:23:38.345Z caller=main.go:989 level=info m
Sep 05 12:23:38 prometheus prometheus[71608]: ts=2024-09-05T12:23:38.345Z caller=manager.go:999 level=inf
```



## Rules

custom_rules			11.361s ago	468.1us
Rule	State	Error	Last Evaluation	Evaluation Time
record: node_memory_MemFree_percent expr: 100 - (100 * node_memory_MemFree_bytes / node_memory_MemTotal_bytes)	OK		11.361s ago	448.9us

## Alerting rules:

We create a different file and we need to add the reference to it in the *rule\_files* section in *prometheus.yml*

```
root@prometheus:/etc/prometheus# cat prometheus_alerts.yml
```

**groups:**

- name: alert\_rules

**rules:**

**- alert: InstanceDown**

**expr: up == 0**

**for: 1m**

**labels:**

**severity: critical**

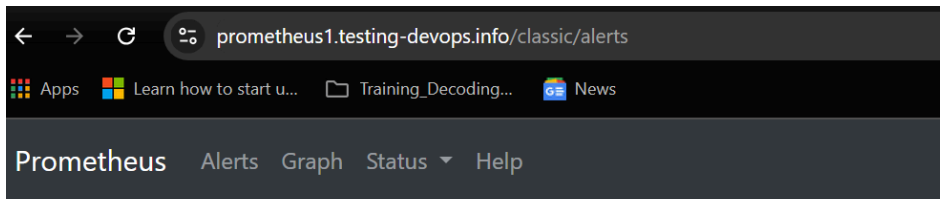
**annotations:**

**summary: 'Instance {{ \$labels.instance }} down'**

**description: '{{ \$labels.instance }} of job {{ \$labels.job }} has been down for more than 1 minute.'**

Similar as above section, review it using promtool and restart Prometheus service.

```
root@prometheus:/etc/prometheus# vi prometheus_alerts.yml
root@prometheus:/etc/prometheus# promtool check rules prometheus_alerts.yml
Checking prometheus_alerts.yml
SUCCESS: 1 rules found
```



# Alerts

☒ Inactive (1) ☒ Pending (0) ☒ Firing (0)

☐ Show annotations

/etc/prometheus/prometheus\_alerts.yml > alert\_rules

**InstanceDown** (0 active)

```
alert: InstanceDown
expr: up == 0
for: 1m
labels:
  severity: critical
annotations:
  description: '{{ $labels.instance }} of job {{ $labels.job }} has been down for
    more than 1 minute.'
  summary: Instance {{ $labels.instance }} down
```

## 8. Install Prometheus AlertManager:

```
sudo apt install prometheus-alertmanager
```

It has started a new service called **prometheus-alertmanager**

```
sudo service prometheus-alertmanager status
```

```

root@prometheus:/etc/prometheus# service prometheus-alertmanager status
● prometheus-alertmanager.service - Alertmanager for prometheus
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/prometheus-alertmanager.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Thu 2024-09-05 12:54:08 UTC; 1min 12s ago
     Docs: https://prometheus.io/docs/alerting/alertmanager/
    Main PID: 72097 (prometheus-aler)
      Tasks: 7 (limit: 1113)
     Memory: 15.2M (peak: 15.4M)
        CPU: 174ms
    CGroup: /system.slice/prometheus-alertmanager.service
            └─72097 /usr/bin/prometheus-alertmanager

Sep 05 12:54:08 prometheus prometheus-alertmanager[72097]: ts=2024-09-05T12:54:08.545Z caller=main.go:246 level=info
Sep 05 12:54:08 prometheus prometheus-alertmanager[72097]: ts=2024-09-05T12:54:08.547Z caller=main.go:247 level=info
Sep 05 12:54:08 prometheus prometheus-alertmanager[72097]: ts=2024-09-05T12:54:08.567Z caller=cluster.go:186 level=info
Sep 05 12:54:08 prometheus prometheus-alertmanager[72097]: ts=2024-09-05T12:54:08.583Z caller=cluster.go:683 level=info
Sep 05 12:54:08 prometheus prometheus-alertmanager[72097]: ts=2024-09-05T12:54:08.683Z caller=coordinator.go:

```

It is also managed by the user `prometheus`.

```
ps -u prometheus
```

```

root@prometheus:/etc/prometheus# ps -u prometheus
  PID TTY          TIME CMD
 13420 ?        00:20:45 prometheus-node
 71856 ?        00:00:01 prometheus
 72097 ?        00:00:00 prometheus-aler

```

Visit [http://\[your domain name or IP\]:9093/](http://[your domain name or IP]:9093/)



## Alertmanager

The Debian package of the alertmanager does not include a web application.

Please, use the `amtool` command-line application to obtain equivalent functionality.

Alternatively, you can build and deploy the UI yourself, by placing the generated files in `/usr/share/prometheus/alertmanager/ui/`. The script located at `/usr/share/prometheus/alertmanager/generate-ui.sh` can automatically build and deploy the UI.

You can still use the HTTP API, and the special handlers:

- [/metrics](#)
- [/-/reload](#)
- [/-/healthy](#)
- [/-/ready](#)

Block port 9093 for external requests:

```
iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s localhost --dport 9093 -j ACCEPT
```

```
iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 9093 -j DROP
```

```
iptables -L
```

```
root@prometheus:/etc/prometheus# iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s localhost --dport 9093 -j ACCEPT
iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 9093 -j DROP
iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source                destination            tcp dpt:9090
ACCEPT     tcp  --  localhost             anywhere               tcp dpt:9090
ACCEPT     tcp  --  localhost             anywhere               tcp dpt:9090
DROP       tcp  --  anywhere              anywhere               tcp dpt:9090
ACCEPT     tcp  --  localhost             anywhere               tcp dpt:9100
ACCEPT     tcp  --  localhost             anywhere               tcp dpt:9100
ACCEPT     tcp  --  localhost             anywhere               tcp dpt:9100
ACCEPT     tcp  --  localhost             anywhere               tcp dpt:9100
DROP       tcp  --  anywhere              anywhere               tcp dpt:9100
ACCEPT     tcp  --  localhost             anywhere               tcp dpt:9093
ACCEPT     tcp  --  localhost             anywhere               tcp dpt:9093
DROP       tcp  --  anywhere              anywhere               tcp dpt:9093

Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source                destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source                destination
root@prometheus:/etc/prometheus# |
```

#### NOTE:

**iptables** settings will be lost in case of system reboot. You will need to reapply them manually, or install **iptables-persistent**:

```
sudo apt install iptables-persistent
```

This will save your settings into two files called,

[/etc/iptables/rules.v4](#)

```
/etc/iptables/rules.v6
```

Any changes you make to the **iptables** configuration won't be auto saved to these persistent files, so if you want to update these files with any changes, then use the commands,

```
iptables-save > /etc/iptables/rules.v4
```

```
iptables-save > /etc/iptables/rules.v6
```

Check the endpoint in the `prometheus.yml` is correctly set for the location of your alert manager.

```
sudo vi /etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml
```

Mine is set to the alert manager running locally on localhost:9093

```
...  
  
# Alertmanager configuration  
  
alerting:  
  
  alertmanagers:  
  
    - static_configs:  
  
      - targets: ['localhost:9093']
```

We can optionally also add the alert manager metrics endpoint to be scraped by Prometheus as well so that we can monitor its performance.

```
scrape_configs:
```

```
...
```

```
- job_name: alertmanager
```

```
static_configs:
```

```
- targets: ['localhost:9093']
```

If you edit the `prometheus.yml`, remember to check it using `promtool`

```
promtool check config /etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml
```

```
root@prometheus:/etc/prometheus# promtool check config prometheus.yml
Checking prometheus.yml
  SUCCESS: 2 rule files found
  SUCCESS: prometheus.yml is valid prometheus config file syntax

Checking prometheus_rules.yml
  SUCCESS: 1 rules found

Checking prometheus_alerts.yml
  SUCCESS: 1 rules found
```

And then restart Prometheus:

```
sudo service prometheus restart
```

```
sudo service prometheus status
```

← → ↻ prometheus1.testing-devops.info/classic/targets

Apps Learn how to start u... Training\_Decoding... News

Prometheus Alerts Graph Status ▾ Help

## Targets

All Unhealthy Collapse All

alertmanager (1/1 up) [show less](#)

Endpoint	State	Labels	Last Scrape	Scrape Duration	Error
<a href="http://localhost:9093/metrics">http://localhost:9093/metrics</a>	UP	instance="localhost:9093" job="alertmanager"	8.611s ago	7.354ms	

node (1/1 up) [show less](#)

Endpoint	State	Labels	Last Scrape	Scrape Duration	Error
<a href="http://localhost:9100/metrics">http://localhost:9100/metrics</a>	UP	instance="localhost:9100" job="node"	6.187s ago	146.5ms	

prometheus (1/1 up) [show less](#)

Endpoint	State	Labels	Last Scrape	Scrape Duration	Error
<a href="http://localhost:9090/metrics">http://localhost:9090/metrics</a>	UP	instance="localhost:9090" job="prometheus"	2.826s ago	5.171ms	

## 9. Install Grafana:

Update package lists:

```
sudo apt update
```

Install Grafana dependencies:

```
sudo apt-get install -y adduser libfontconfig1
```

Download the binary & run a Debian package manager:

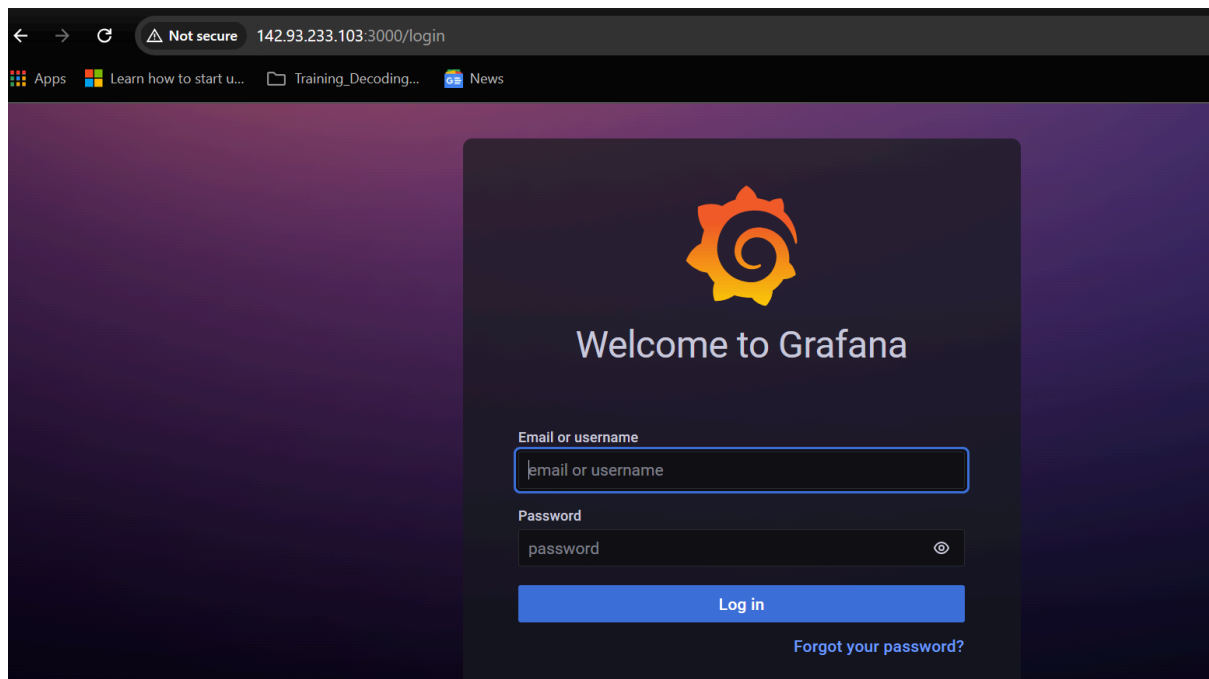
```
wget https://dl.grafana.com/oss/release/grafana_9.3.2_amd64.deb
sudo dpkg -i grafana_9.3.2_amd64.deb
```

Start & Check status of Grafana:

```
root@prometheus:/etc/prometheus# sudo service grafana-server start
root@prometheus:/etc/prometheus# sudo service grafana-server status
● grafana-server.service - Grafana instance
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/grafana-server.service; disabled; preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Thu 2024-09-05 13:11:31 UTC; 4s ago
     Docs: http://docs.grafana.org
    Main PID: 72735 (grafana-server)
      Tasks: 7 (limit: 1113)
     Memory: 51.9M (peak: 52.0M)
        CPU: 1.324s
    CGroup: /system.slice/grafana-server.service
            └─72735 /usr/sbin/grafana-server --config=/etc/grafana/grafana.ini --pidfile=/run/grafana/g

Sep 05 13:11:33 prometheus grafana-server[72735]: logger=infra.usagestats.collector t=2024-09-05T13:11:33.104469838Z level=info
Sep 05 13:11:33 prometheus grafana-server[72735]: logger=server t=2024-09-05T13:11:33.104469838Z level=info
Sep 05 13:11:33 prometheus grafana-server[72735]: logger=provisioning.alerting t=2024-09-05T13:11:33.105311111Z level=info
Sep 05 13:11:33 prometheus grafana-server[72735]: logger=provisioning.alerting t=2024-09-05T13:11:33.105311111Z level=info
```





Your Grafana server will be hosted at: `http://[your Grafana server IP]:3000`

The default Grafana login is: Username : **admin** Password : **admin**