Log Support in



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OpenTelemetry makes robust, portable telemetry a built-in feature of cloud-native software.

OpenTelemetry provides a single set of APIs, libraries, agents, and collector services to capture distributed traces and metrics from your application. You can analyze them using Prometheus, Jaeger, and other observability tools.



(per CNCF DevStats)

Everyone is Contributing and Adopting

Cloud Providers



Vendors



Every major vendor!

End-users



Mailchimp (PHP)
Postmates (Erlang)
Shopify (Ruby)

Other



Jaeger > OtelCol
Fluent-bit <3 log SIG
Envoy roadmap
OpenMetrics roadmap
Spring roadmap



Traces: Stable

Metrics: Beta

Logs: Alpha







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Components



Telemetry "verticals"

Tracing Metrics Logs, etc Instrumentation APIs Canonical implementations Data infrastructure **OpenTelemetry** Interop formats

Felemetry "layers"

OpenTelemetry Components

Specification



API, SDK, Data

Instrumentation Libraries



Single library per language for all signals

Collector



Receive, process, and export data

Specification



- Organized into "signals":
 - Traces
 - Metrics
 - Logs
- Each signal has
 - o Data model
 - Instrumentation API
 - Instrumentation SDK
 - Collector support
 - Contrib packages
 - Context
 - Resources
 - Semantic conventions

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Can be converted from/to:

- Open standards: Apache HTTP Server, Elastic Common Schema, Log4j, Syslog (RFC5424), Zap
- Vendor standards: Amazon CloudTrail, Google Cloud Logging, Splunk HEC, Windows Event Viewer

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Summary

- OTel Log Record = "Log" and "Event" = Structured JSON payload
- Definition is made up of one or more fields (all optional)
- Supports both OTel and W3C Context
- Offers error semantics
- Can be converted from/to many open source or vendor specific formats
- May be embedded (span events) or standalone (all other)
- Currently experimental so may change in the future!



Instrumentation Libraries

- API: How an application is instrumented to generate telemetry data
- SDK: How telemetry data is processed (e.g., batching) and exported (e.g., otlp)
- Also takes advantage of: Context, Resources, Semantic Conventions, etc.



Application























OpenTelemetry Log Instrumentation

Java Options

- Java manual logging reference implementation:
 https://github.com/open-telemetry/opentelemetry-java/tree/main/sdk-extensions/logging
- Java logger MDC auto-instrumentation:
 https://github.com/open-telemetry/opentelemetry-java-instrumentation/blob/main/docs/logger-mdc-instrumentation.md

```
logging.pattern.console = %d{yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss} - %logger{36} - %msg trace_id=%X{trace_id}
span_id=%X{span_id} trace_flags=%X{trace_flags} %n
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OpenTelemetry Log Instrumentation

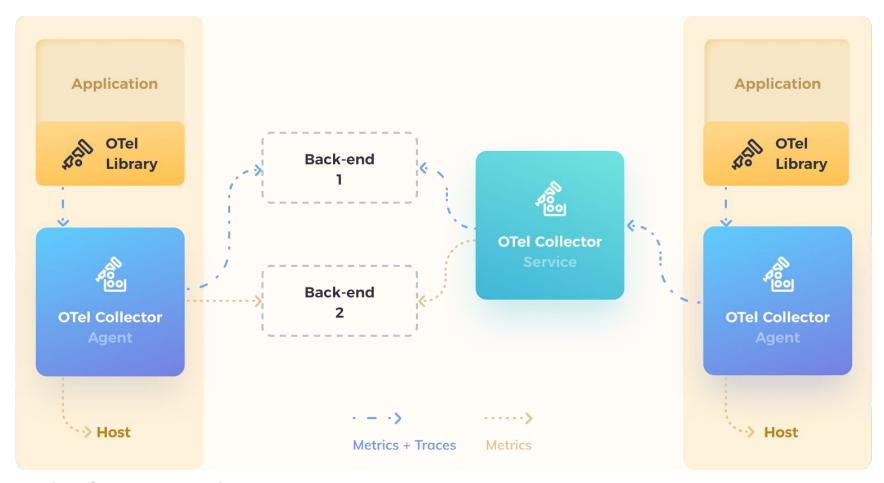
Summary

- Some instrumentation libraries offer automatic trace injections into logs.
 - O Java: https://github.com/open-telemetry/opentelemetry-java-instrumentation/blob/main/docs/logger-mdc-instrumentation.md
 - O Python: https://github.com/open-telemetry/opentelemetry-python-contrib/tree/main/instrumentation/opentelemetry-instrumentation-logging
- Manual log instrumentation considered in the future
- Without a stable data model, manual log instrumentation not ready for adoption yet
- Remember 1) traces 2) metrics 3) logs; PRs welcomed!

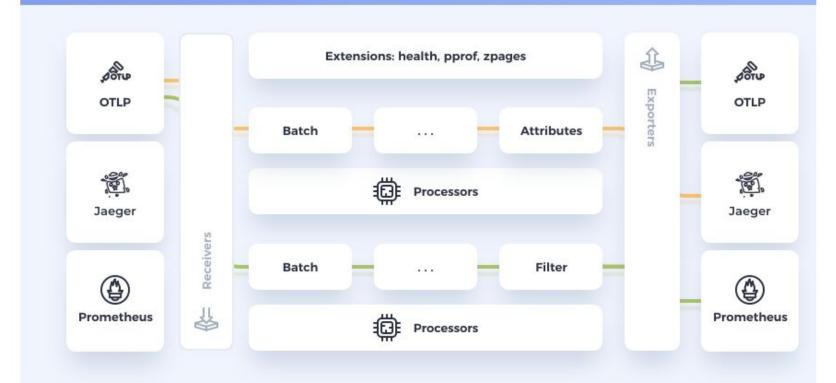
Collector



- Components configured via pipelines:
 - Receivers (push or pull-based)
 - Processors
 - Exporters (push or pull-based)
- Offers:
 - Translation between formats
 - CRUD metadata operations
 - Resource support



OTel reference architecture



OpenTelemetry Log Collection

Available today

Receivers

- Filelog (tail)
- Fluent forward
- o OTLP
- Splunk HEC

Processors

- Attributes
- Batch
- Resource detection

Exporters

- Alibaba Cloud Log Service
- Elasticsearch (WIP)
- F5 Cloud Exporter
- Loki
- OTLP
- Splunk HEC
- Sumo Logic

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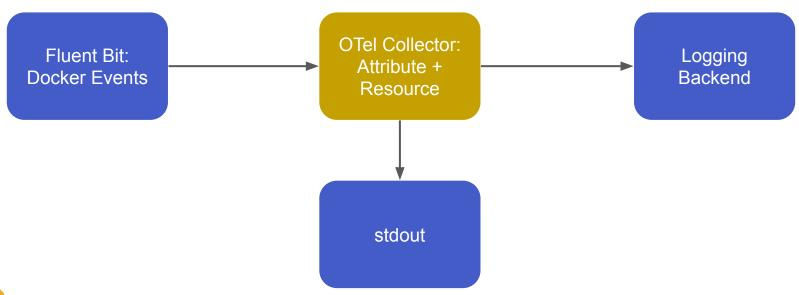
Stanza donation by observIQ being integrated now! (https://github.com/open-telemetry/community/issues/605)

- Receivers
 - Filelog (tail)
 - Journald
 - Syslog
 - o TCP/UDP
 - Windows eventlog
- Processors
 - Attributes
 - Batch
 - Filter
 - Parser
 - Resource detection

- Exporters
 - Every destination that supports!

DEMO!







Next Steps

- Join a SIG:
 - https://github.com/open-telemetry/community#special-interest-groups
- Join the conversation:
 - Each SIG leverages GitHub discussions
 - o CNCF Slack: https://cloud-native.slack.com
- Submit a PR (consider good-first-issue and help-wanted labels)



Thank You!

