



Let's discover together the next generation of observability with logs and traces: Quickwit

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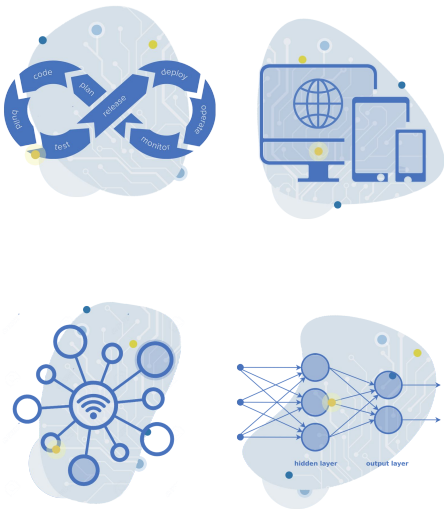
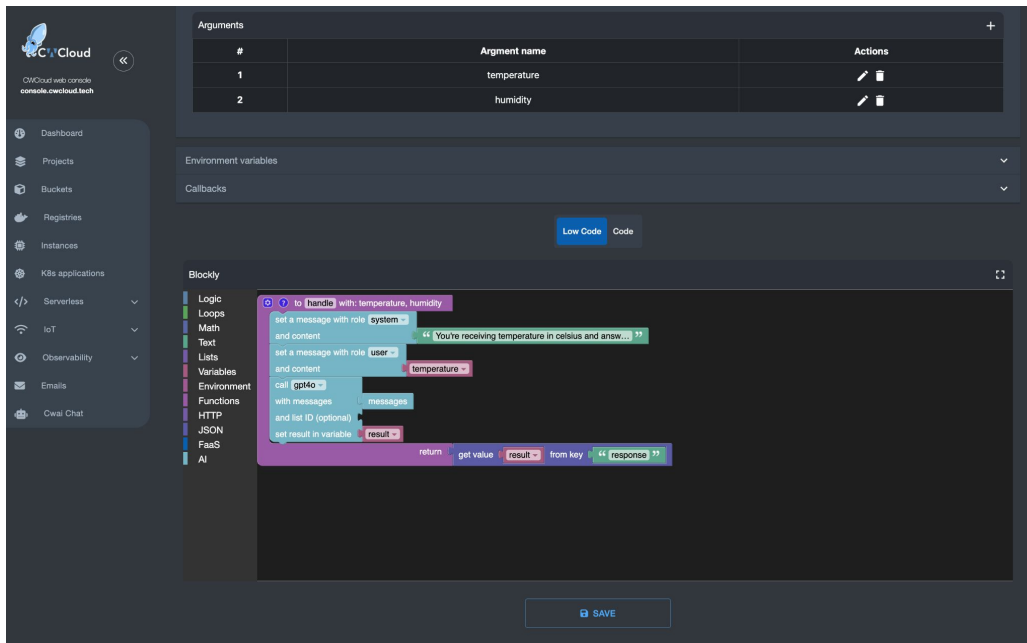






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Who are we?

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Multicloud DaaS, FaaS and ML/ops platform to accelerate your development and deployment

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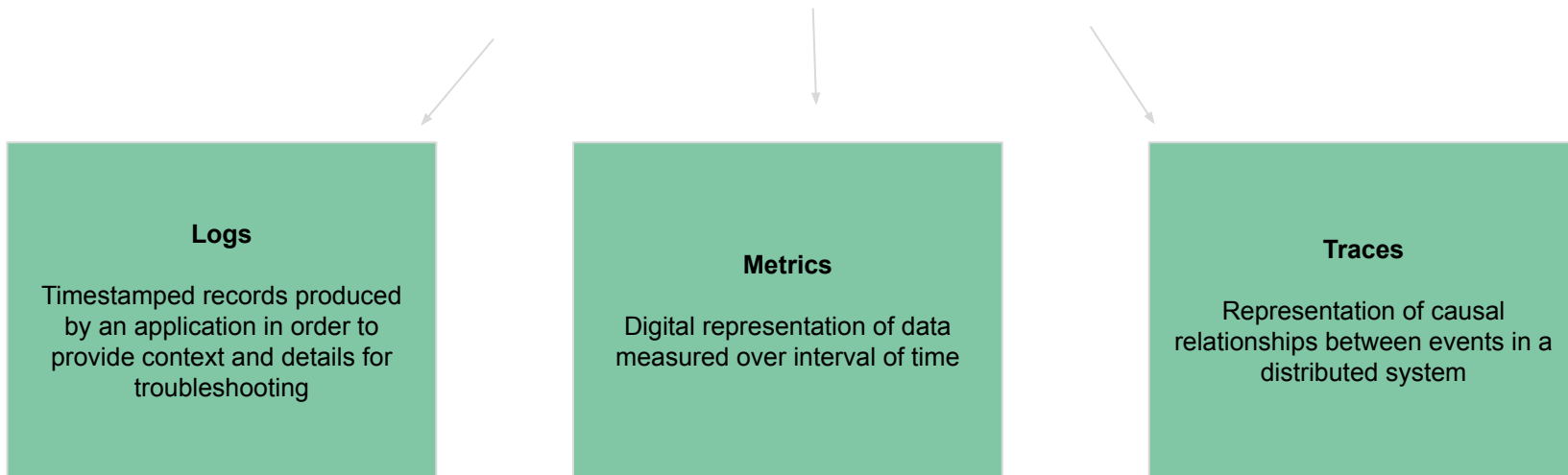
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What is observability?

Definition of observability and its three pillars: logs, metrics and traces

Observability is the ability to measure a system's current state based on the data it generates, such as **logs**, **metrics**, and **traces**.



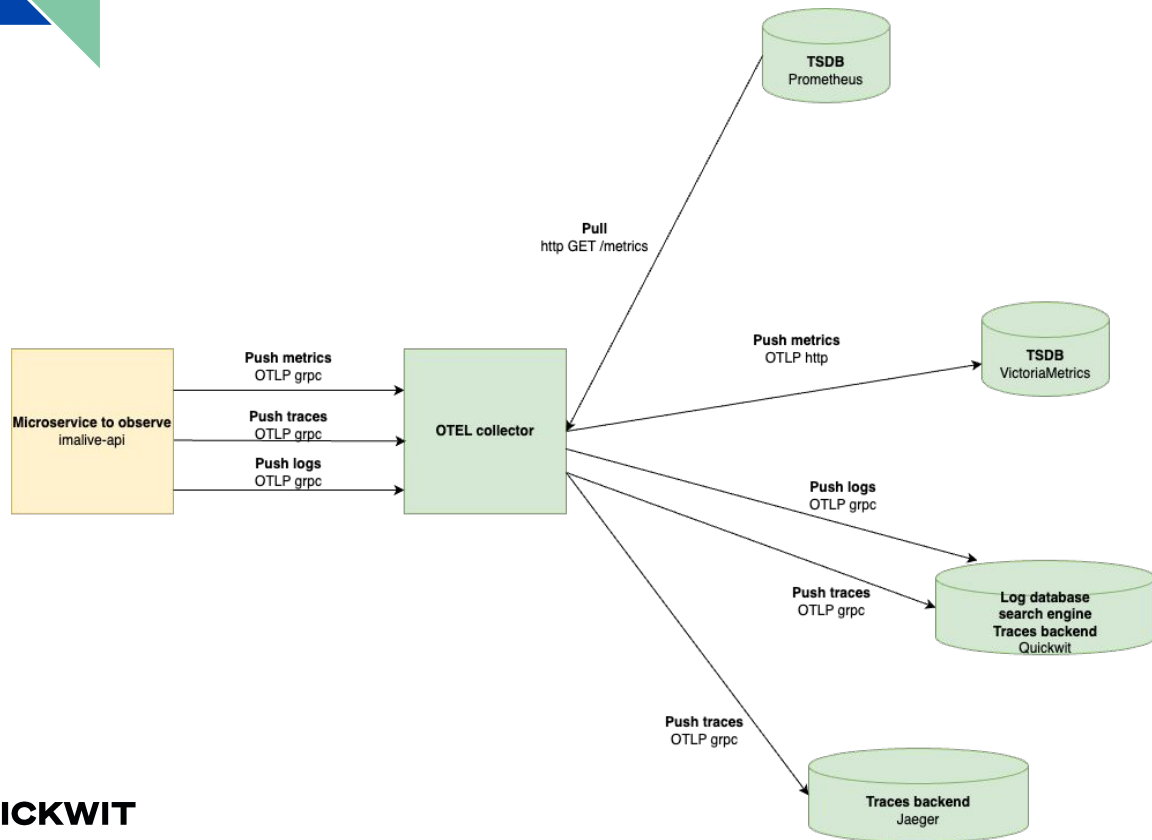
Observability landscape

Most of the well known tools



What is OpenTelemetry?

An observability standard for collecting traces, metrics and logs and ensure interoperability

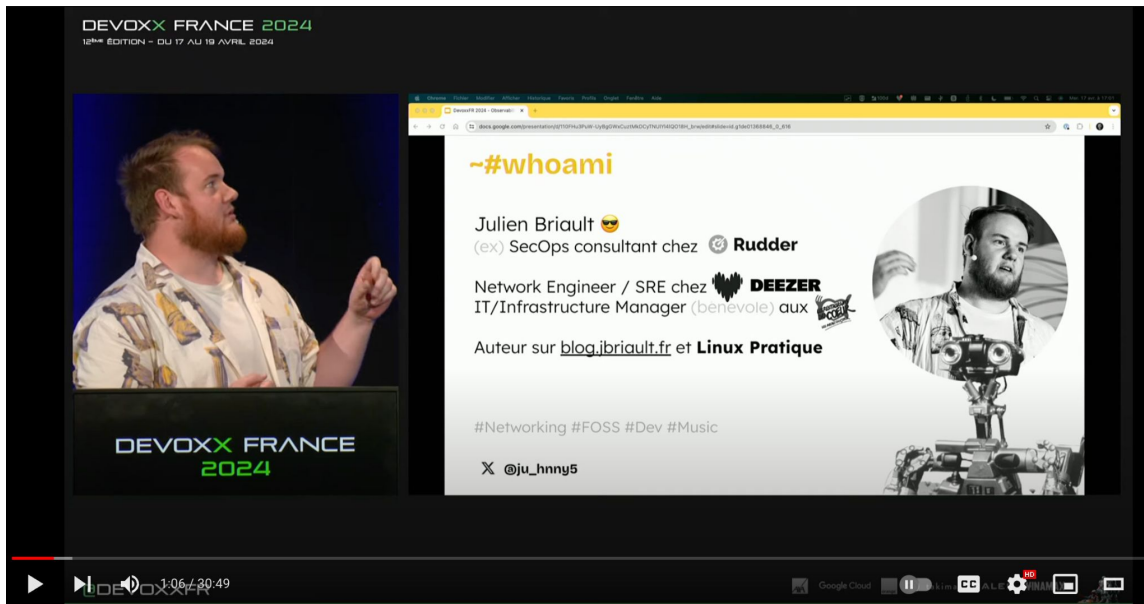


Website: opentelemetry.io



What is VictoriaMetrics?

A quick aside to go see Julien's talk

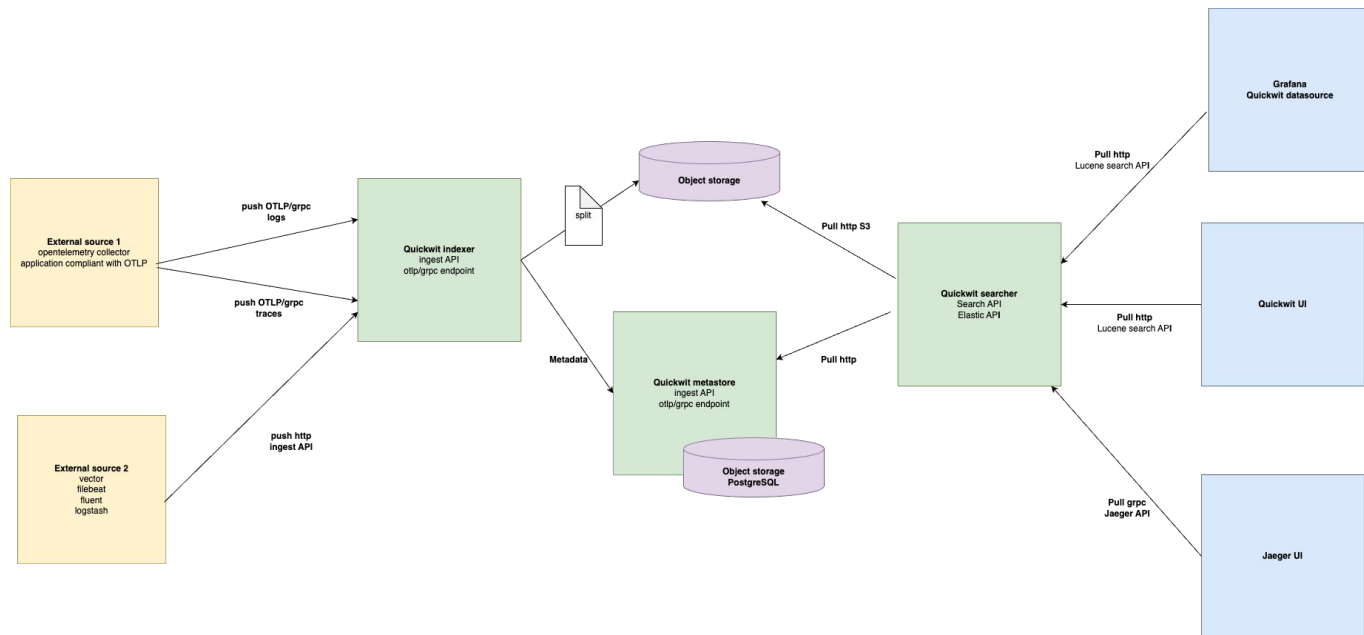


Julien's talk "Observabilité :
dépoussiérer Prometheus
avec VictoriaMetrics":
youtu.be/bzLtWjUj2k0



What is Quickwit?

Search engine solution competing with Elasticsearch, OpenSearch, and Grafana Loki
A bit of the best of both worlds combined
Very fast, written in Rust and owned by datadog



Website: quickwit.io



Why choosing Quickwit?

The reasons for our choice of this solution



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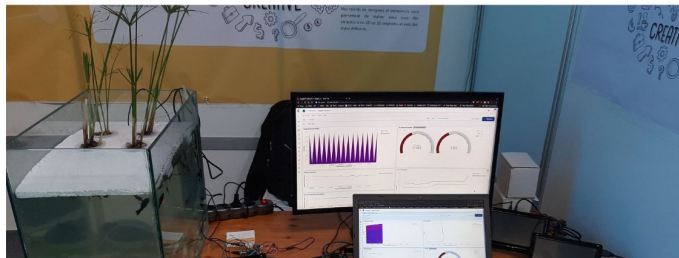
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In this blog post, I'll try to explain why we moved from [ElasticStack](#) to [Quickwit](#) and [Grafana](#) and why we choosed it over other solutions.

First, we've been in the observability world for quite some time and have been using ElasticStack for years. I personally used Elasticsearch for more than 10 years and [Apache Solr](#) before for logging and observability usecases even before Elasticsearch's birth!

We also succeed to use ElasticStack for *IoT (Internet of Things)* projects and rebuilt our own images of Kibana and Elasticsearch for ARM32 and ARM64 before *Elastic* (the company) starts to release official images. We had a lot of fun with it.

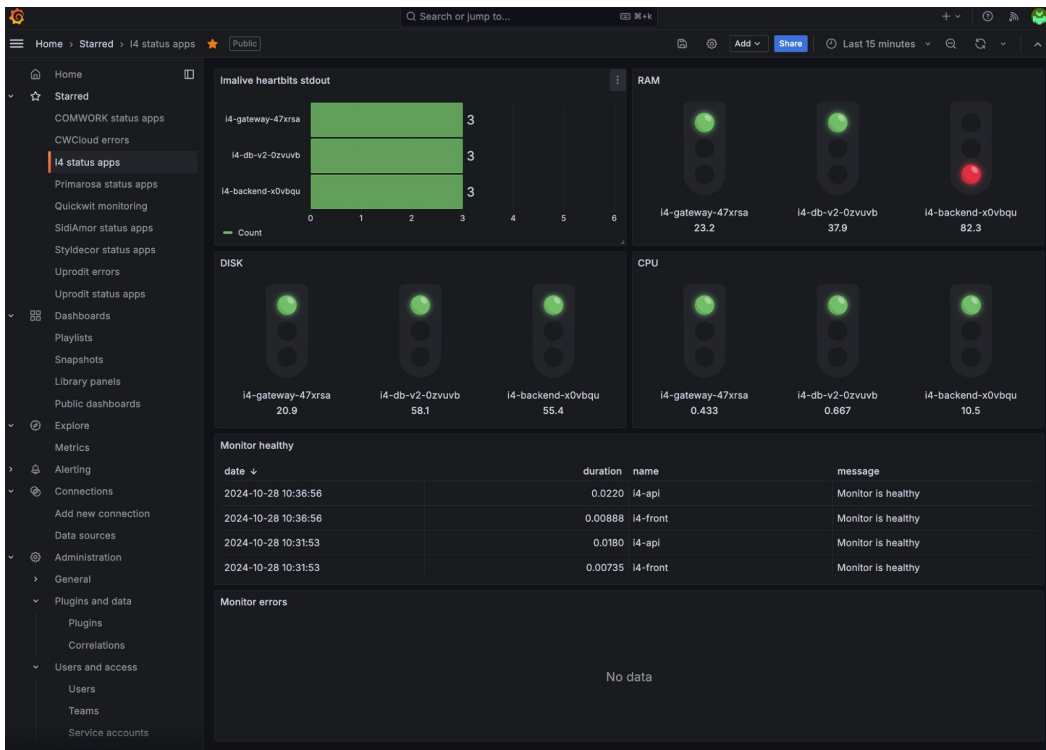


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Quickwit for prometheus metrics?

We have also made this choice and explain the pros and cons

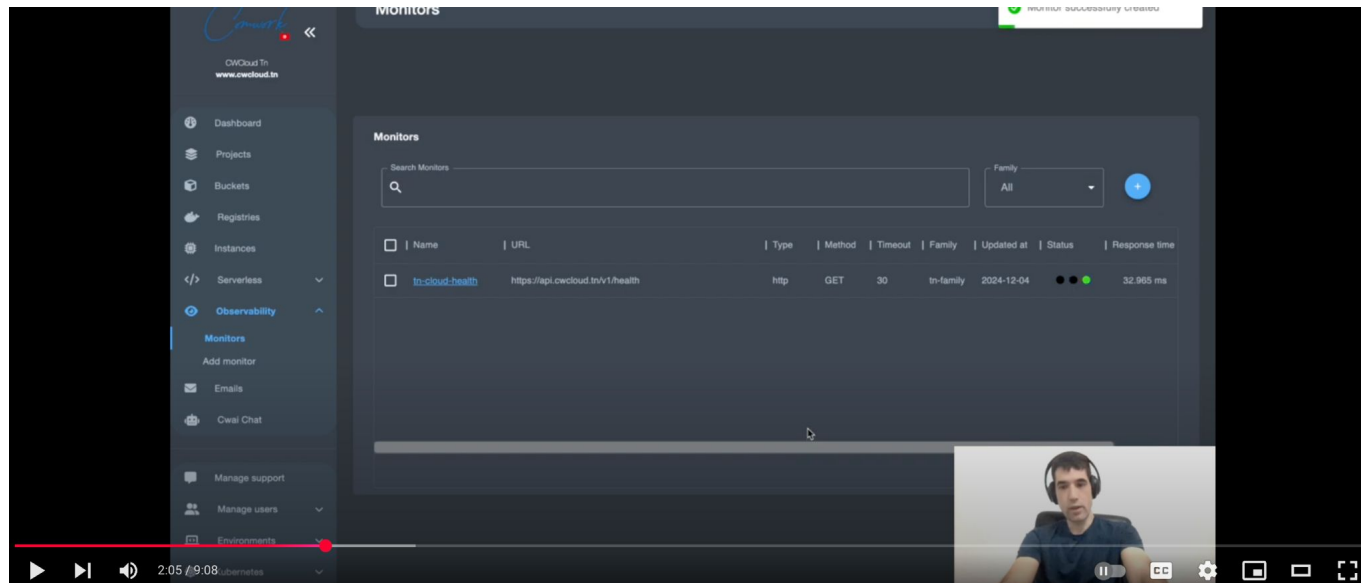


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Quickwit for prometheus metrics?

Demo with the CWCloud's observability features



The screenshot shows the CWCloud Monitors interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Dashboard, Projects, Buckets, Registries, Instances, Serverless, Observability (selected), Monitors, Add monitor, Emails, Owl Chat, Manage support, Manage users, and Environments. The main panel is titled 'Monitors' and contains a search bar, a 'Family' dropdown set to 'All', and a table of monitors. The table has columns for Name, URL, Type, Method, Timeout, Family, Updated at, Status, and Response time. One monitor is listed: 'tn-cloud-health' with URL 'https://api.cwcloud.tn/v1/health', Type 'http', Method 'GET', Timeout '30', Family 'tn-family', Updated at '2024-12-04', Status 'OK', and Response time '32.965 ms'. A video player overlay is at the bottom, showing a person wearing headphones. The video player controls at the bottom left show a play button, a progress bar at 2:05 / 9:08, and a volume icon.

Name	URL	Type	Method	Timeout	Family	Updated at	Status	Response time
tn-cloud-health	https://api.cwcloud.tn/v1/health	http	GET	30	tn-family	2024-12-04	OK	32.965 ms

English version: youtu.be/dpqbhpzVXmo



French version: youtu.be/DYu6m1JQ-ds



Basics index mappings with Quickwit

Field types

- `text`: string / plain text
- `datetime`: date / timestamp
- `i64`: integer (64 bits)
- `f64`: floating number (64 bits)
- `u64`: unsigned integer (64 bits)
- `ip`: IP address
- `bytes`: binary value or base64 representation
- `json`: dynamic object

Composite types

- `array`: list of fields
- `object`: nested object structure

Link :

quickwit.io/docs/configuration/index-config#doc-mapping



Basics Quickwit's query

Structure of a query

```
field:condition
```

- `field:value: term clause`
- `field:value*: term prefix clause`
- `field:IN [val1 val2 ...]: term set clause`
- `field:"sequence of words": phrase clause`
- `field:"sequence of words"*: phrase prefix clause`
- `field:[0 TO 1000]: range clause`
- `*: all`

Link:

quickwit.io/docs/get-started/query-language-intro



Basics Quickwit's query

Logical operators

```
NOT field:condition
```

```
field1:condition1 OR field2:condition2
```

```
field1:condition1 AND field2:condition2
```

By default, a AND operator is assumed

```
field1:condition1 field2:condition2
```

You can also group your queries with parenthesis:

```
field1:condition1 AND NOT (field2:condition2 OR field3:condition3)
```

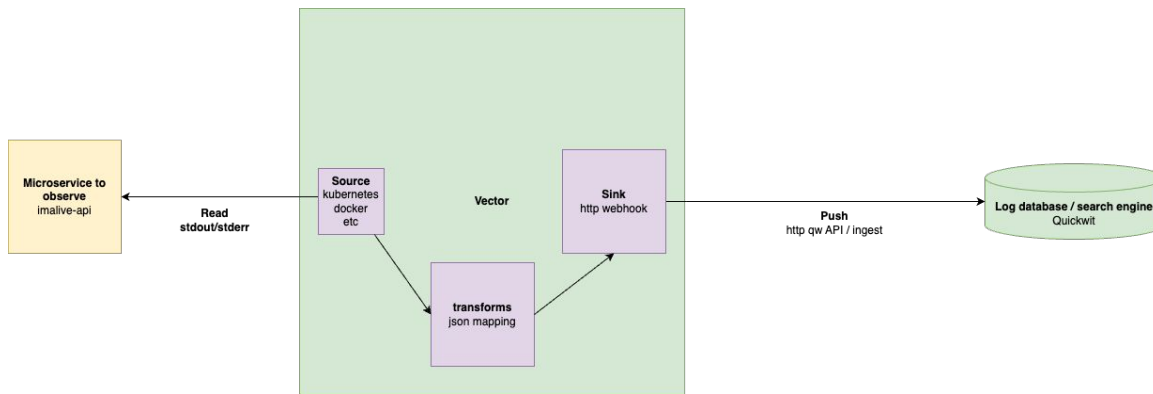
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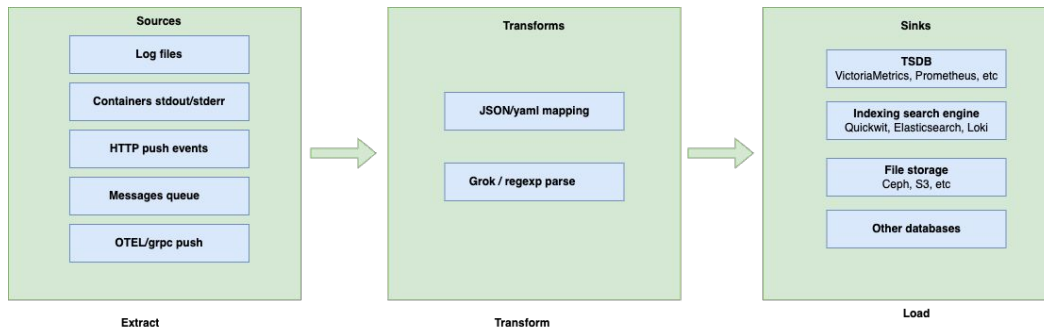


What is Vector?

Very fast and low footprint observability agent and ETL
Written in Rust and owned by datadog as well

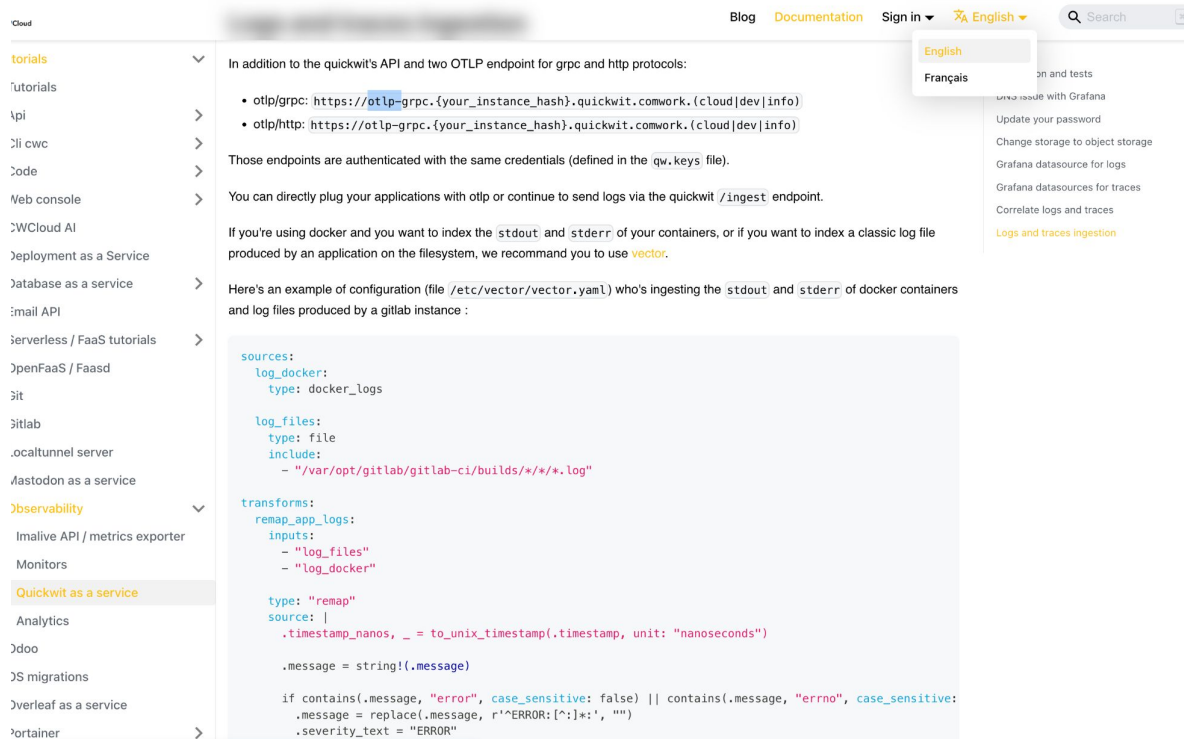


Website: vector.dev



How to use Vector with Quickwit?

Tutorial to collect logs with Vector and index-it in the default otel-logs index



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In addition to the quickwit's API and two OTLP endpoint for grpc and http protocols:

- otlp/grpc: `https://otlp-grpc.{your_instance_hash}.quickwit.comwork.{cloud|dev|info}`
- otlp/http: `https://otlp-http-grpc.{your_instance_hash}.quickwit.comwork.{cloud|dev|info}`

Those endpoints are authenticated with the same credentials (defined in the `qw.keys` file).

You can directly plug your applications with otlp or continue to send logs via the quickwit `/ingest` endpoint.

If you're using docker and you want to index the `stdout` and `stderr` of your containers, or if you want to index a classic log file produced by an application on the filesystem, we recommend you to use **vector**.

Here's an example of configuration (file `/etc/vector/vector.yaml`) who's ingesting the `stdout` and `stderr` of docker containers and log files produced by a gitlab instance :

```
sources:
  log_docker:
    type: docker_logs

  log_files:
    type: file
    include:
      - "/var/opt/gitlab/gitlab-ci/builds/*/.*.log"

transforms:
  remap_app_logs:
    inputs:
      - "log_files"
      - "log_docker"

    type: "remap"
    source: |
      .timestamp_nanos, _ = to_unix_timestamp(timestamp, unit: "nanoseconds")

      .message = string!(.message)

      if contains(.message, "error", case_sensitive: false) || contains(.message, "errno", case_sensitive:
        .message = replace(.message, r'^ERROR: [^:]*:', '')
        .severity_text = "ERROR"
```

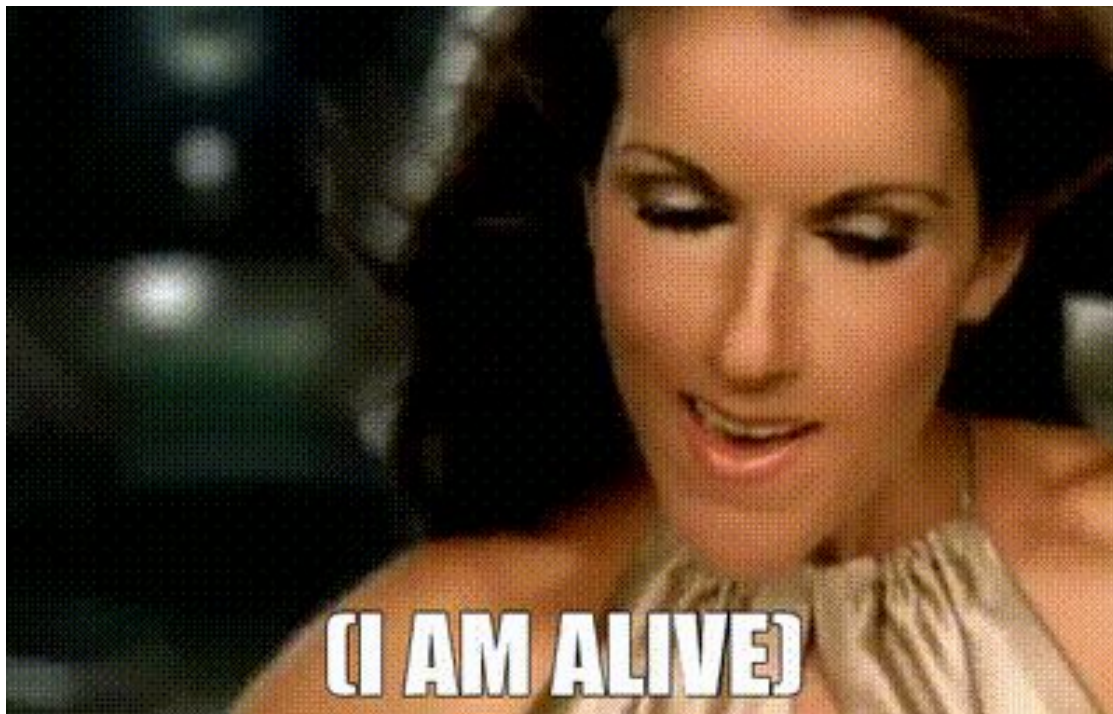
Tutorial:
cwcloud.tech/docs/tutorials/observability/quickwit



What is Imalive ?

Host metrics exporter (RAM, CPU, Disk) with a heartbit

Compliant with Prometheus / OpenMetrics and OpenTelemetry format




Repo :

gitlab.comwork.io/oss/imalive



Demo

What if we got down to the real deal?


quickwit-default-cluster

Discover

</> Query editor

Admin

- Indexes
- Cluster
- Node info
- API

Index ID

otel-traces-v0_7

Fields

- trace_id
- trace_state
- service_name
- resource_attributes
- resource_dropped_attributes_count
- scope_name
- scope_version
- scope_attributes
- scope_dropped_attributes_count
- span_id
- span_kind
- span_name
- span_fingerprint
- span_start_timestamp_nanos
- span_end_timestamp_nanos
- span_duration_millis
- span_attributes

RUN

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13 hits found in 0.01 seconds

```

> 2024/09/13 12:49:27 resource_attributes: {"telemetry.sdk.language":"python","telemetry.sdk.name":"opentelemetry","telemetry.sdk.version":"1.27.0"} scope_name: ut
ils.otel service_name: imaliv-e-grafana-imaliv span_duration_millis: 0 span_end_timestamp_nanos: 1726231767360967000 span_fingerprint: imaliv
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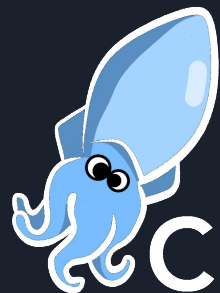
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Repo:

gitlab.com/work.io/comwork_public/talks/forkit-quickwit



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Thanks !
