



## **Integration Patterns in OpenNMS Horizon**

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## Important acknowledgment

This talk is a retread of Jesse's one from OUCE 2018. See [j-white/ouce2018-oip](#) on GH.

# Who is this person?



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Product Manager

- Network management practitioner since 1999
- Started using OpenNMS in 2005
- Joined The OpenNMS Group in 2007 as support engineer
- Later: consultant / solutions engineer / sales engineer
- Product Manager since 2021

# Integration Patterns in Horizon – Agenda

## 1. Architecture

- A high-level overview of what we'll be getting into

## 2. Events

- Sending and receiving *events*

## 3. Alarms

- Working with *alarms*

## 4. Inventory

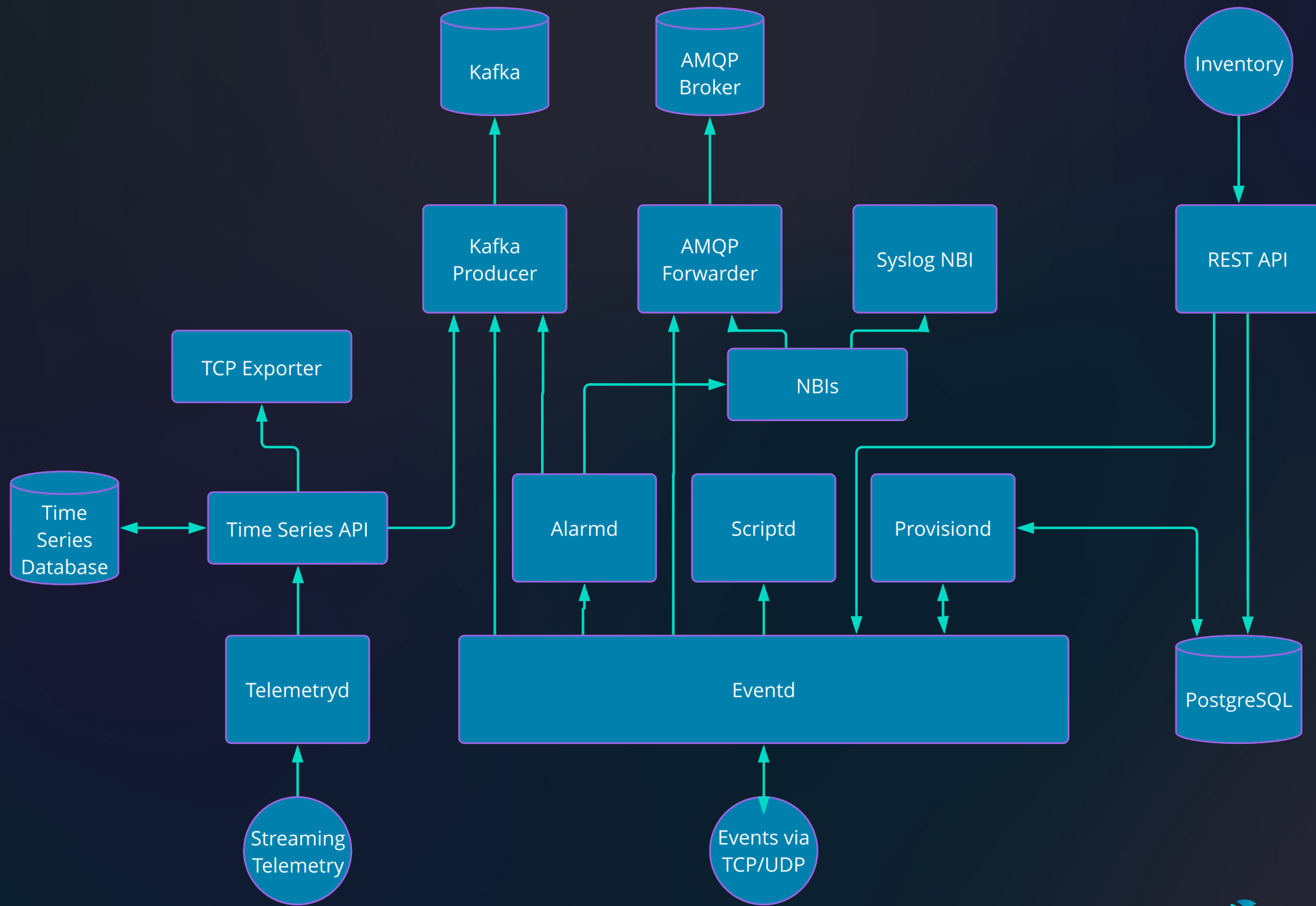
- Managing *nodes, interfaces, and services*

## 5. Performance Data and Flows

- Metrics in and out
- Flows in and out

## 6. Kafka

- Stream all the things





# Events

Sending and receiving events

# IN: Event TCP/UDP Listeners

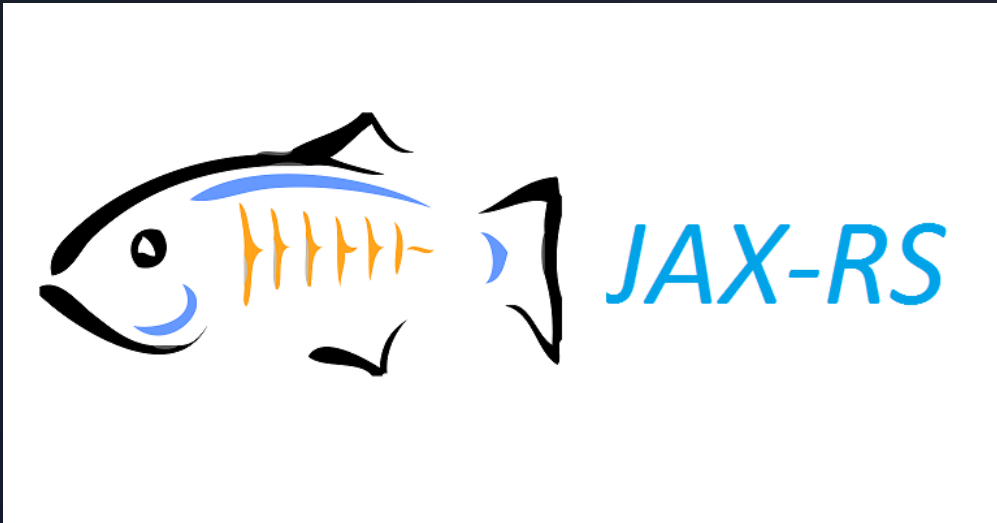


## Facts

- Available since: 1.0
- Authn / Authz: None
- Performance:
  - One log per socket per message
  - Unlimited events per log
  - Async processing
- Schema: Stable XML XSD

- Netty-based TCP and UDP listeners
- Accept an "event log" XML document
  - No JSON support

# IN: POST Events via REST



- Post JSON or XML to `/rest/events`

## Facts

- Available since: Horizon 17.1.1
  - Also Meridian 2016.1.0
- Introduced in: NMS-6404
- Authn / Authz: Valid user with role
- Performance:
  - Single event per POST
  - Async processing
- Schema: Stable XML XSD



# IN: Send event via Karaf shell



- Minimum spec: `send-event <uei>`
- Get `--help` if you need it

## Facts

- Available since: 25.0.0
- Introduced in: NMS-12078
- Authn / Authz: Valid user with role
- Performance: Useful mainly for quick testing
- Schema: N/A – deals in high-level concepts

# Demo – Events IN

- Send event via TCP – `01_in_tcp.sh`
- Send event via REST – `02_in_rest.xml`, `02_in_rest.sh`
- Send event via **send-event** Karaf shell command

# OUT: Trigger scripts with events in Scriptd

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<scriptd-configuration>
  <engine language="beanshell" className="bsh.util.BeanShellBSFEngine" extensions="bsh"/>

  <start-script language="beanshell">
    import org.opennms.core.utils.InetAddressUtils;
    import org.opennms.netmgt.snmp.SnmptBuilder;
    import org.opennms.netmgt.config.DataSourceFactory;
    import org.opennms.netmgt.utils.SingleResultQuerier;
    import org.opennms.netmgt.events.api.model.IEvent;
    log = bsf.lookupBean("log");
    snmptBuilder = new org.opennms.netmgt.scriptd.helper.SnmptBuilder();
    server(12345);
    source("/opt/opennms/etc/scriptd-event-forwarder.bsh");
  </start-script>

  <stop-script language="beanshell">
```

## Facts

- Available since: 1.0
- Authn / Authz: Dealer's choice
- Performance: Single-threaded
- Schema: Stable Event bean

- Trigger JSR-223-compatible scripts with events
- Supported languages include:
  - Beanshell
  - Groovy
  - Javascript
  - Python 2 (Jython – BYOJAR)
  - Ruby (JRuby – BYOJAR)

# Demo – Events OUT with Scriptd

- Copy scriptd-configuration.xml into place from 03\_scriptd-configuration.xml
  - Groovy BSF engine configured
  - Event script fires on `uei.jeffg.org/training/ecosystem/eventsOutScriptd`
  - Append to a file and `flush()`
- Reload Scriptd configuration
- Tail-follow the appender file
- Send the triggering event

# OUT: Events via AMQP



- Forward events to an AMQP (Advanced Message Queuing Protocol) compatible broker
- Support for custom processors to mangle events before forwarding
- Requires AMQP 1-0 which is supported in:
  - ActiveMQ
  - QPID
  - RabbitMQ (via plugin)

## Facts

- Available since: 17.1.0
- Introduced in: HZN-537
- Authn / Authz: Broker based
- Performance: Good for low / medium volumes of events
- Schema: Stable event bean



# Alarms

Reacting to Alarms

# IN: (Some) Events trigger Alarms



## Facts

- Available since: 1.3
- Introduced in: NMS-????
- Authn / Authz: Event channel-based
- Performance: High
- Schema: Stable Alarm bean

- Alarms are “events that matter”
- Unlike events, they’re mutable
- Alarms anchor many workflows, integrations
- Presence of **<alarm-data>** element is key

# Demo – Alarms IN

- Show `<alarm-data>` element in event config
- Show `uei.opennms.org/alarms/trigger` ; Helm / Grafana



# OUT: Alarms via Northbound Interfaces (NBIs)



## Facts

- Available since: Varies by NBI
- Authn / Authz: Varies by NBI
- Performance: Single threaded
- Schema: Stable northbound alarm bean
- Limitations: Not aware of all alarm updates

- Forward alarms via various protocols
  - Syslog
  - SNMP traps
  - JMS
  - AMQP
  - Others

# Demo: Alarms OUT via Syslog Northbinder

04\_listen\_for\_syslog.sh

- Enable syslog northbinder in `/opt/opennms/etc/syslog-northbinder-configuration.xml` and restart OpenNMS
- Use netcat to listen on 514/udp:
  - `sudo nc -v -u -l -p 514`
- Trigger alarms as in previous example



# Inventory

Managing nodes, interfaces, and services

# IN: Inventory via REST



## Facts

- Available since: 1.8.0 (Provisiond debut)
- Authn / Authz: Valid user with role
- Performance: Async handling, needs tuning for large environments
- Schema: Stable requisition schema

- Manage requisitions via REST

# Demo: Inventory IN via onmsctl

05\_requisitions\_via\_onmsctl.sh

- Install Golang
- Clone and build **onmsctl** from GitHub – [agalue/onmsctl](#)
- Do the provisioning
  - `./onmsctl provision requisition list`
  - `./onmsctl provision requisition add DevTraining`
  - `./onmsctl provision node add DevTraining node001 --label test-node`
  - `./onmsctl provision interface add DevTraining node001 192.168.115.1`
  - `./onmsctl provision service add DevTraining node001 192.168.115.1 ICMP`
  - `./onmsctl provision requisition list DevTraining`
  - `./onmsctl provision requisition import DevTraining`
  - `./onmsctl provision requisition list DevTraining`
- Peep the web UI

# OUT: Inventory via REST



Him doin a REST

## Facts

- Available since: 1.8
  - v2 API since 21.0.0
- Authn / Authz: Valid user with role
- Performance: Database bound
- Schema: None

- Query nodes via REST
- Flexible criteria support in the v2 API

# Demo: Inventory OUT via REST

06\_inventory\_out\_via\_rest.sh

- `curl -u admin:admin http://127.0.0.1:8980/opennms/rest/nodes`



# IN: Streaming Telemetry



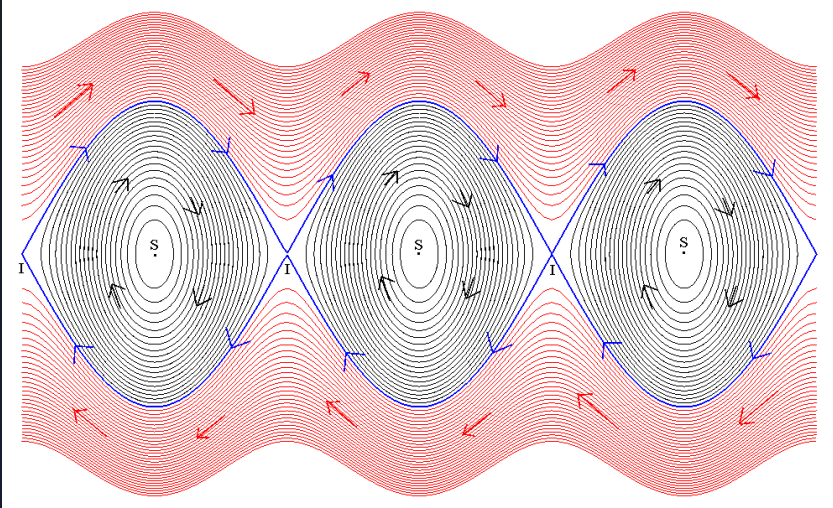
## Facts

- Available since: 21.0.0
- Authn / Authz: None
- Performance: Fast!
- Schema: Varies by protocol

- Support for multiple streaming protocols
  - NX-OS (Cisco)
  - JTI (Juniper)
  - sFlow telemetry
  - Graphite
- Scalable processing added to Horizon 23+ (Sentinel + Newts)



# IN: Flow Ingest



## Facts

- Available since: 24.0.0
- Authn / Authz: None
- Performance: Fast!
- Schema: Varies by protocol

- Supports multiple flow protocols:
  - NetFlow v5, v9
  - IPFIX
  - sFlow (sampled flows)
- Scalable processing with Sentinel

# Sorry, no demo for Streaming Telemetry or Flows

We're already short on time.

# OUT: TCP Exporter

```
PerformanceData.proto — ~/git/horizon-work/opennms-rrd/opennms-rrd-tcp/src/main/proto
PerformanceData.proto
1 option java_package = "org.opennms.netmgt.rrd.tcp";
2 option java_outer_classname = "PerformanceDataProtos";
3
4 message PerformanceDataReading {
5     required string path = 1;
6     required string owner = 2;
7     required uint64 timestamp = 3;
8     repeated double dblValue = 4;
9     repeated string strValue = 5;
10 }
11
12 message PerformanceDataReadings {
13     repeated PerformanceDataReading message = 1;
14 }
15
```

## Facts

- Available since: 1.7.9
- Authn / Authz: None
- Performance: Fast!
- Schema: Protobuf

- Send RRD updates over a TCP socket

# Sorry, no demo for TCP Export

I'm amazed we made it this far.

# OUT: Kafka Producer



- Stream all the data
  - Consistent interface for events, alarms, inventory, and performance data
- Stable API and model thanks to Protobuf
  - Enables compact transmission
  - We can add fields without breaking apps
- Supports many consumers
  - Many applications can subscribe same topics
- Scale
  - Scale up your Kafka cluster as needed

## Facts

- Available since: ~23.0.0 (OIA plugin)
- Authn / Authz: Broker-based
- Performance: Fast as your Kafka can take
- Schema: Stable beans
- Everybody loves Kafka

# Sorry, no demo for Kafka Producer

There's no way we got this far without skipping a bunch.



## Q&A

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