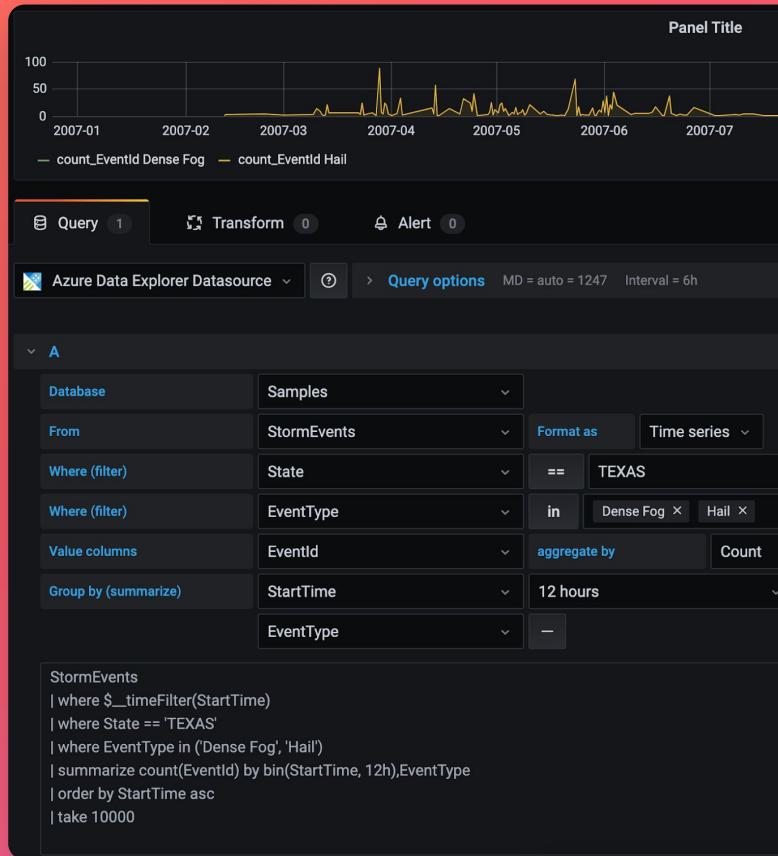




Driving organisational change using OpenTelemetry



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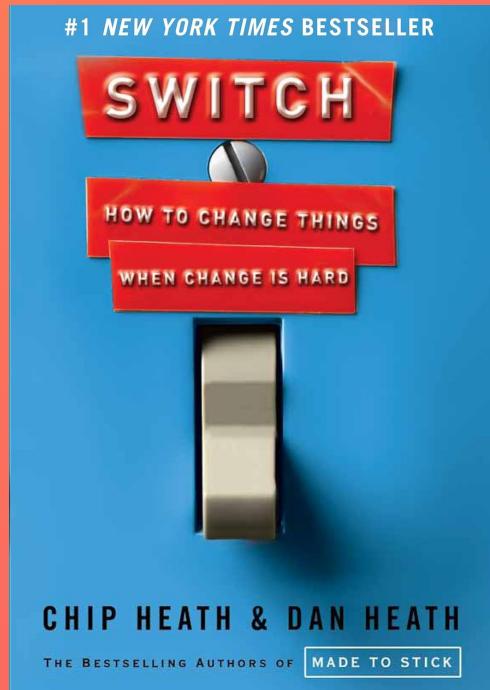


Agenda

- Organisational change?
- OpenTelemetry
- Implementing internally
- Leveraging the *Community*



Organisational Change



Organisational changes at *Grafana Labs*

- RED dashboards
- Adopting SLOs
- Cost sensitivity





RED Dashboards

RED Method

Requests - The number requests per seconds split out by status code

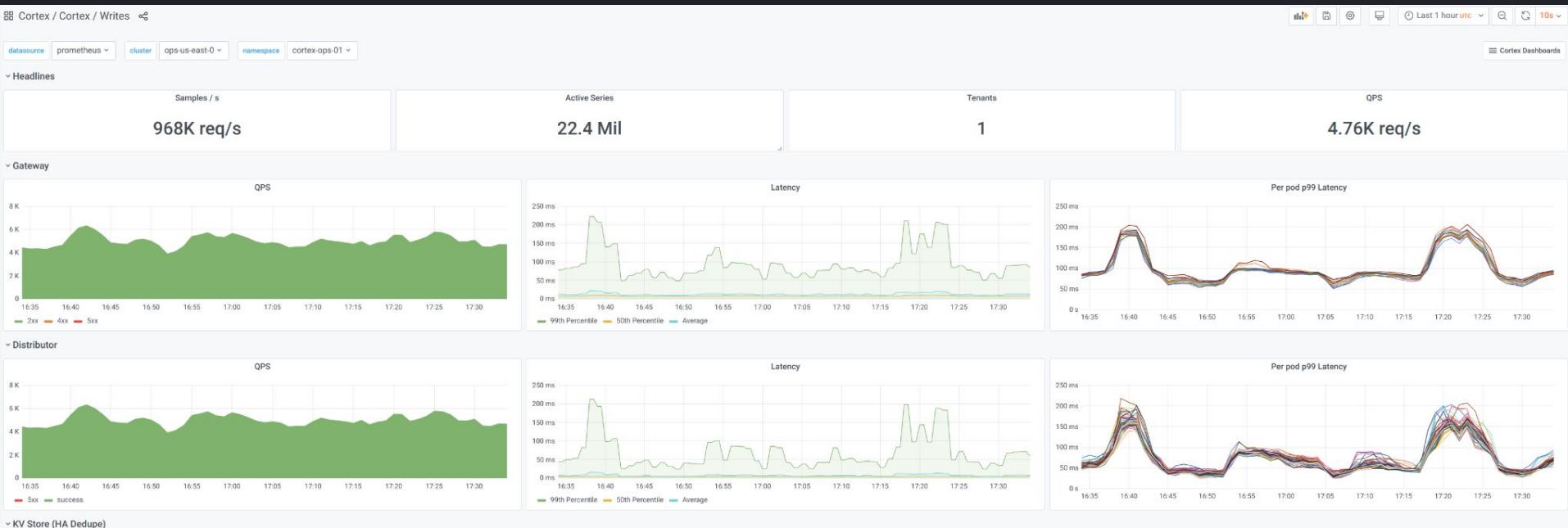
Errors - The number of errors, superimposed on the requests

Duration - 50th and 95th percentile response times

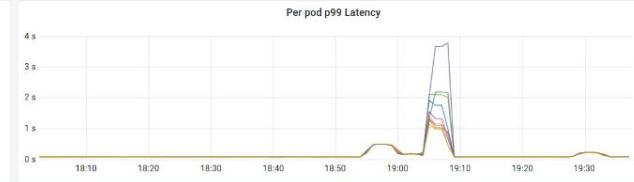
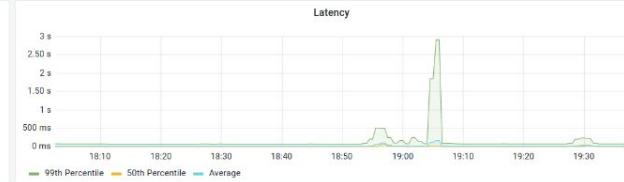
Following the *Critical Request Path*



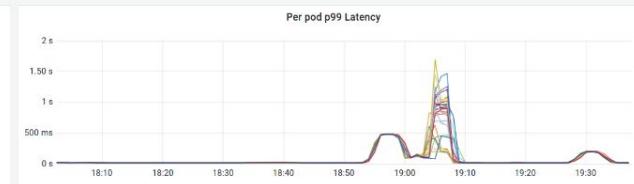
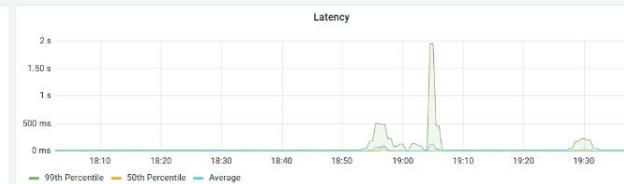
RED Dashboards



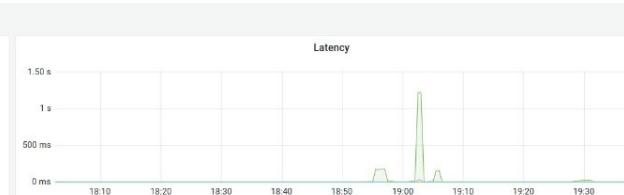
Gateway



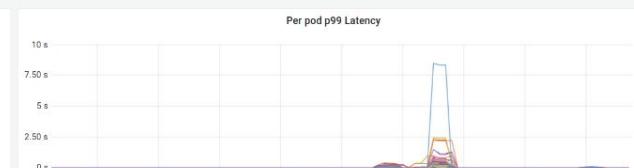
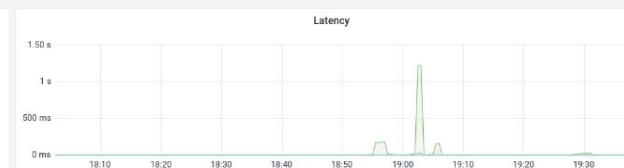
Distributor



KV Store (HA Dedupe) (2 panels)



Ingester



SLOs

Grafana Cloud SLOs 1/3

Overall Performance (1d)

99.984%

Overall Performance (7d)

99.980%

Overall Performance (14d)

99.983%

Overall Performance (30d)

99.980%

Access

GrafanaCom API

99.98%

SLO



StackStateSe API

100.00%

SLO

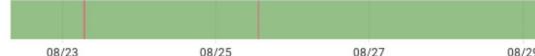


Alerting

Alertmanager

Threshold is 99.5%,
Runhook**99.90%**

SLO



Config

Threshold is 99.5%,
Runhook**99.98%**

SLO



Auth

Auth API

Threshold is 99.5%,
Runhook**99.99%**

SLO



Cortex

Writes

Threshold is 99.9%,
Runhook**99.99%**

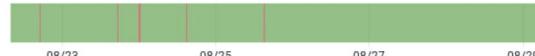
SLO



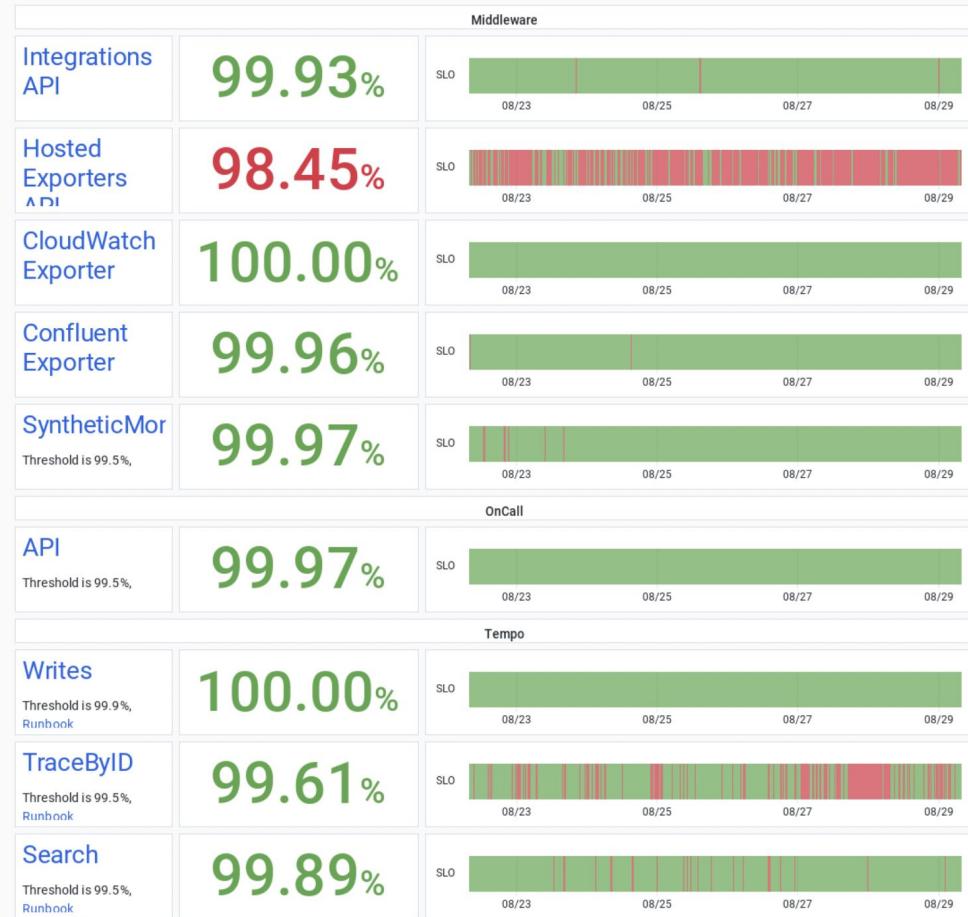
Reads

Threshold is 99.5%,
Runhook**99.81%**

SLO



Grafana Cloud SLOs 3/3



```
// An SLO is defined as
// {
//   name:           Name of SLO; used in dashboard and rule names. No spaces.
//   desc:           Free-form markdown for exposition.
//
//   gen_alert:      Set to true to generate alerts for this SLO.
//   alert_name:     Name of alert to use for this SLO.
//   alert_summary:  Summary for alert.
//   alert_labels:   Extra labels to add to a generated alert (optional).
//   runbook_template: Runbook template such as "https://deployment_tools/docs/runbook.md#%(alert_name)s" (optional)
//                   The %(alert_name)s will be used to substitute with the alert name (also optional)
//
//   gen_dashboard: Set to true to include in the SLO dashboard.
//
//   successful_requests_expr:
//     PromQL expression for the number of requests that succeeded wrt SLA
//     (ie succeeded quickly enough). Should take a "%(period)s" substitution.
//     Final aggregate should only include cluster and namespace labels.
//
//   total_requests_expr:
//     PromQL expression for the total number of request served in a given
//     period.
//
//   threshold:
//     Proportion of total requests (0-100) that need to comply for us to be
//     within SLO.
//
//   min_failures:
//     Absolute number of failures that must be reached over an alert's evaluation
//     period before the alert fires. This protects against noisy alerts during
//     low-traffic periods.
//
//   weight: (optional)
//     A constant factor that both successful_requests_expr and total_requests_expr
//     is multiplied by; used to control the weight this SLO contributes to the
//     aggregate SLO.
// }
```



```
{  
  name: 'TraceByID',  
  
  gen_alert: true,  
  alert_name: 'TempoTraceByIDErrorBudgetBurn',  
  alert_summary: 'Tempo burns its trace by id error budget too fast.',  
  gen_dashboard: true,  
  
  successful_requests_expr: 'sum by (cluster, namespace) (rate(tempo_request_duration_seconds_bucket{status_code!=200})  
  total_requests_expr: 'sum by (cluster, namespace) (rate(tempo_request_duration_seconds_count{route=~"tempo_api_trace_by_id"})  
  threshold: 99.5,  
  min_failures: 10,  
},
```



Cost sensitivity

Unit Costs (per Month)							
Cluster / Team / Namespace						Cost ↓	⋮
ops-us-east-0/app_o11y/otel-demo						\$14.97	
-  							



cluster All namespace All team app_o11y

Dedicate Cluster Names & Customer Names

Loki Clusters

Team Growth

Team	Previous Month	This Month	Time	Growth
networking	\$1	\$1	2023-10-25 11:14:34.054	\$1
app_o11y	\$1	\$1	2023-10-25 11:14:34.054	\$1
loki	\$1	\$1	2023-10-25 11:14:34.054	\$1
grafana_com	\$1	\$1	2023-10-25 11:14:34.054	\$1
hosted_grafana	\$1	\$1	2023-10-25 11:14:34.054	\$1
incident	\$1	\$1	2023-10-25 11:14:34.054	\$1
tempo	\$1	\$1	2023-10-25 11:14:34.054	\$1
Total	\$1	\$1	2023-10-25 11:14:34.054	\$1

Namespace Growth

Cluster / Team / Namespace	Previous Month	This Month	Growth
prod-us-west-0/app_o11y/faro	\$1	\$1	\$1
prod-ca-east-0/app_o11y/faro	\$1	\$1	\$1
prod-ap-southeast-1/app_o11y/faro	\$1	\$1	\$1
ops-us-east-0/app_o11y/otel-demo	\$1	\$1	\$1
prod-au-southeast-1/app_o11y/faro	\$1	\$1	\$1
us-central2/app_o11y/faro	\$1	\$1	\$1
prod-us-central-0/app_o11y/faro	\$1	\$1	\$1

Merged

Set Beyla CPU resources and limits #98979

grcevski merged 1 commit into `master` from `set_beyla_resources` 2 days ago

Set Beyla CPU resources and limits

✓ 8582a97

grcevski requested a review from **grafana/ebpf** as a code owner 2 days ago



kube-manifests-exporter bot commented 2 days ago

2 files changed in kube-manifests. [permalink \(relative\)](#)

► Changes to manifests in dev clusters, **deployed on merge** (0 added, 0 deleted, 2 modified)



kube-manifests-exporter bot commented 2 days ago

Cost Estimation Report

Monthly cost for the affected resources will increase by \$46.97 (37.98%)

► Details for `dev-us-central-0`

Legend: previous cost on top, expected cost below.

See the [FAQ](#) for any questions!

Still need help? Then join us in the [#platform-capacity-chat](#) channel.



Assignees

No one—[assign yourself](#)

Labels

None yet

Projects

None yet

Milestone

No milestone

Development

Successfully merging this pull request may close these issues.

None yet

Notifications

Customize

[Unsubscribe](#)

You're receiving notifications because your review was requested.

3 participants



[Lock conversation](#)

How?

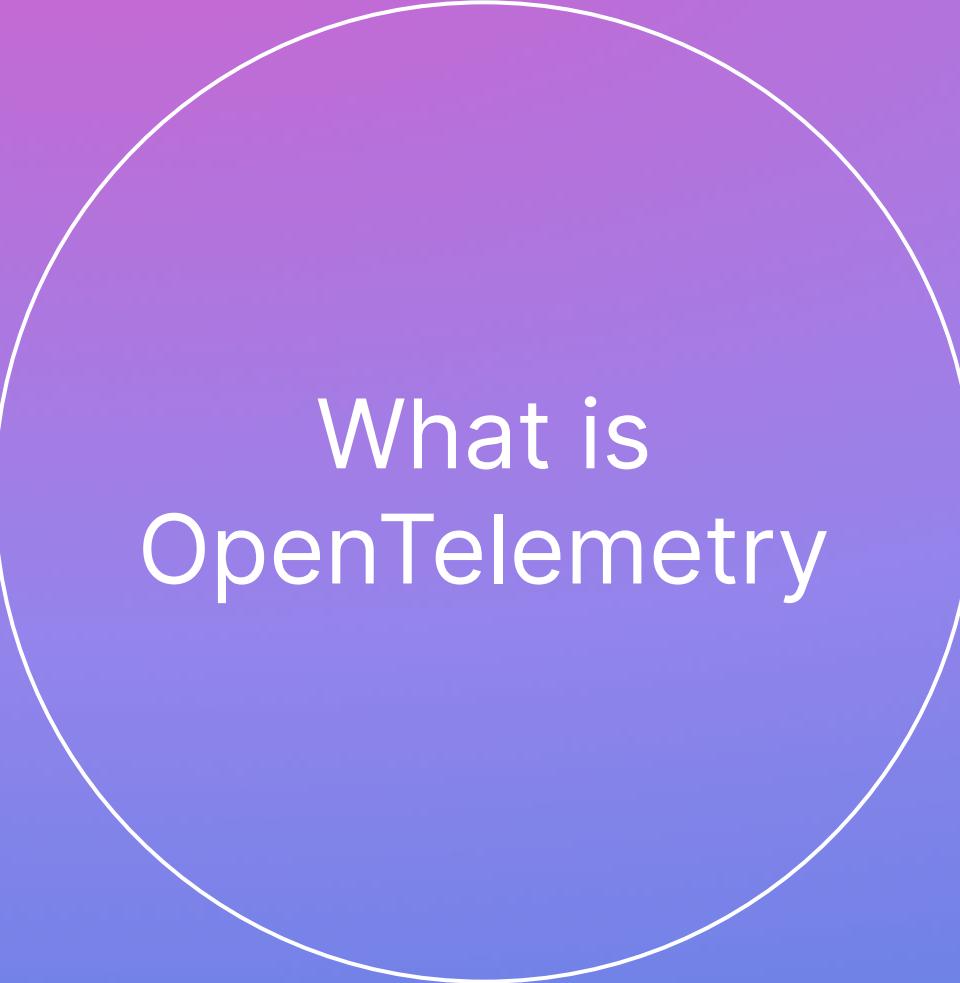
- Near Zero effort from engineers
 - Engineers want to focus on product velocity
- Make it a priority for the team
 - But make it easy, visible and trackable
 - Weekly reports sent automatically
- Automate *EVERYTHING*



How???

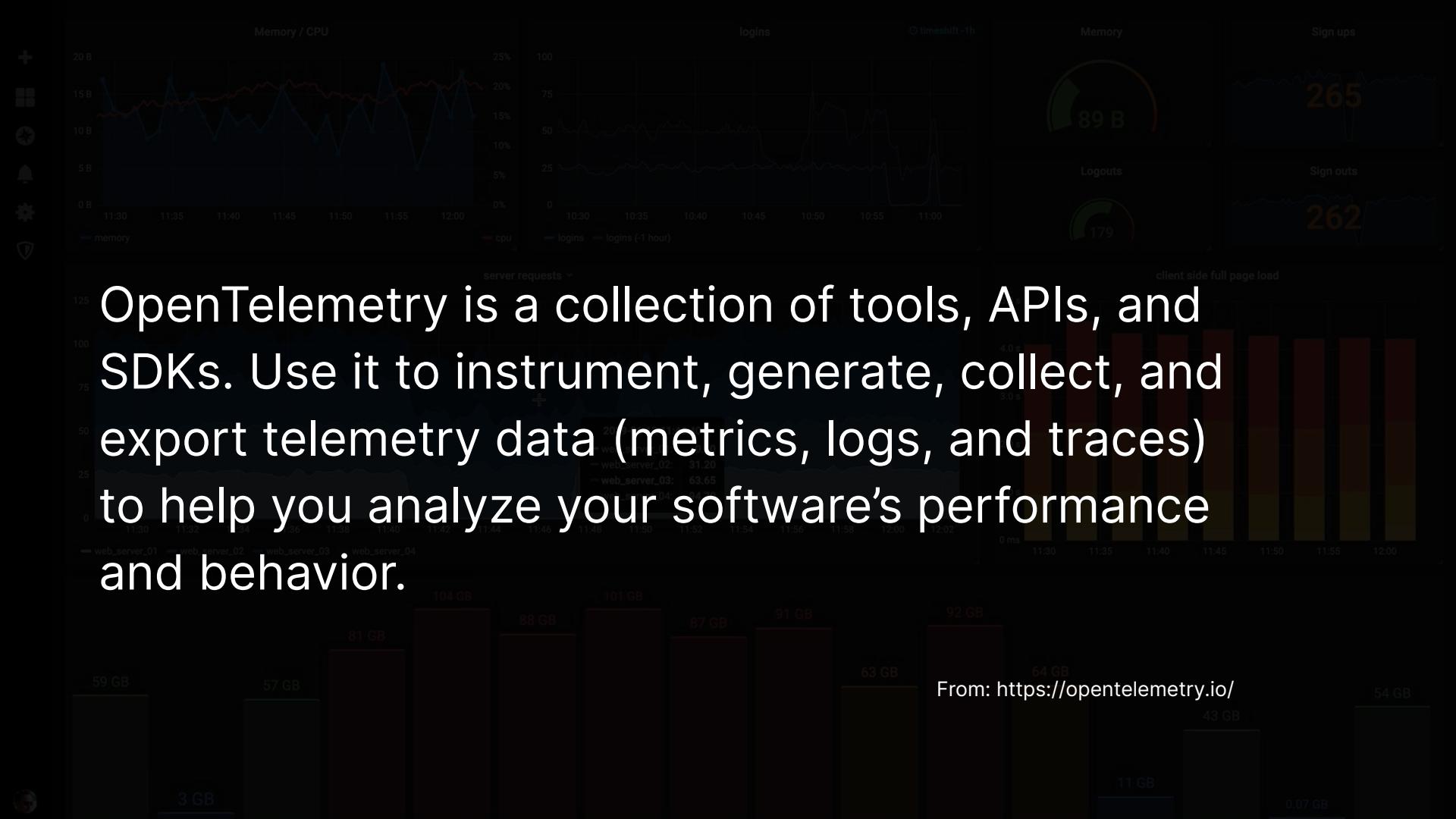
- Key is standardization
 - We use Prometheus metrics
 - We use Prometheus histograms with the same buckets
 - We use the same libraries company wide
- Doing it in a 1000 person company is *easy*
- How do you do it in a 10000 person company?
 - Standardization is ~impossible





What is
OpenTelemetry





Standards,
specifications
and conventions

Client-side
libraries (API,
SDKs,
instrumentation)

Middleware



Standards, specifications and conventions

OpenTelemetry
API / SDK

Semantic
conventions

OpenTelemetry
Line Protocol

- ✓ For those who want to implement an API or SDK

- ✓ What I should include in my telemetry data

- ✓ Specification for data transport



Client-side libraries

OpenTelemetry API

- ✓ Enables developers to specify “what” to generate in terms of telemetry data

OpenTelemetry SDK

- ✓ Configuration of “how” to collect and transport instrumented application data

Instrumentation libraries

- ✓ Libraries that instrument parts of your stack automatically



Middleware

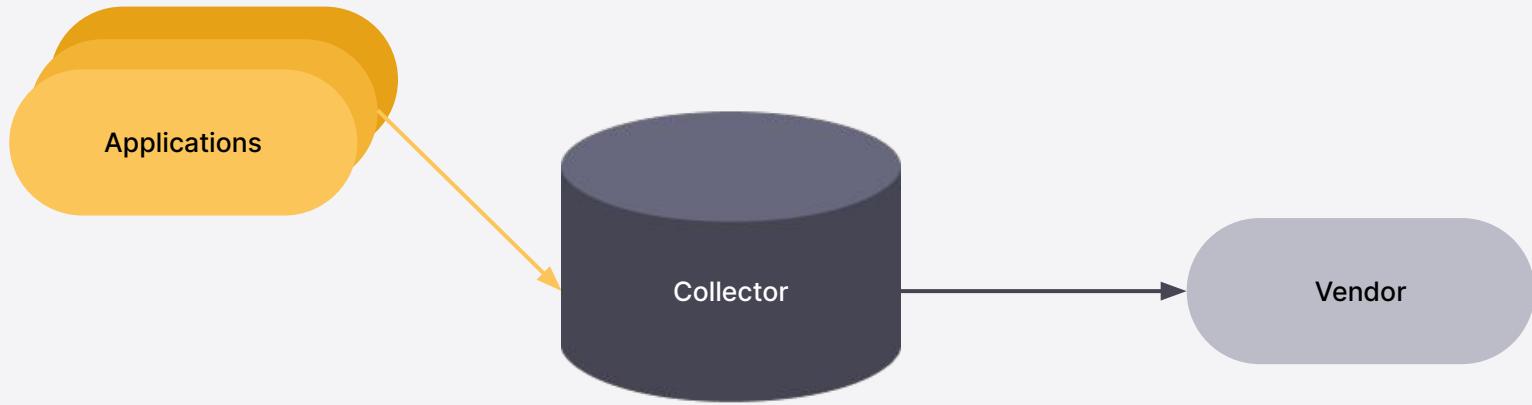
OpenTelemetry Collector

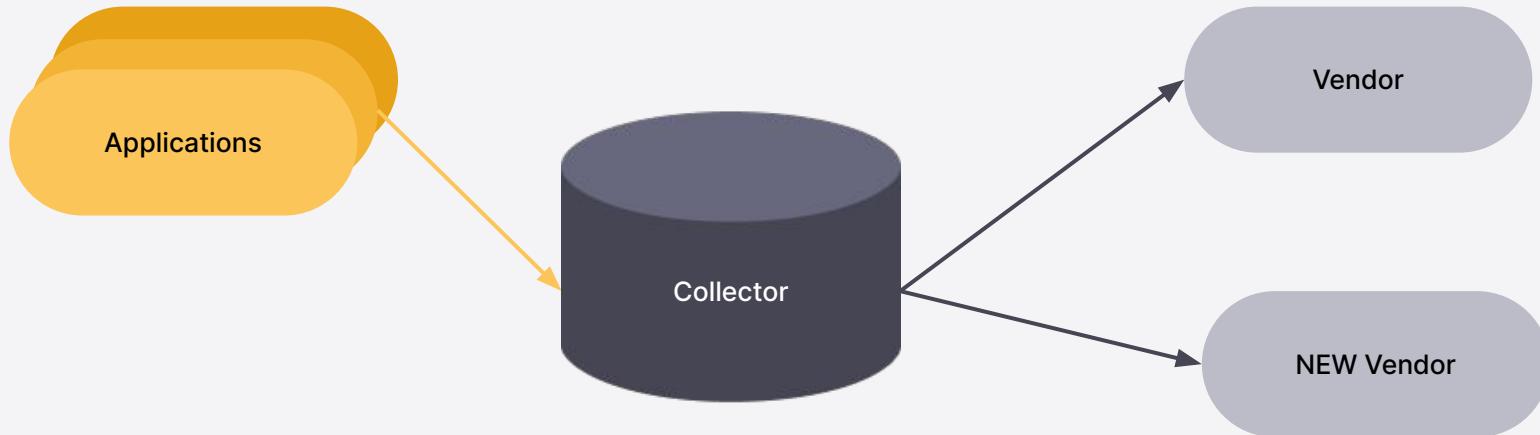
- ✓ Conduit that allows connecting sources to destinations

OpenTelemetry Operator

- ✓ Operator for Kubernetes, able to manage Collectors and self-instrument services





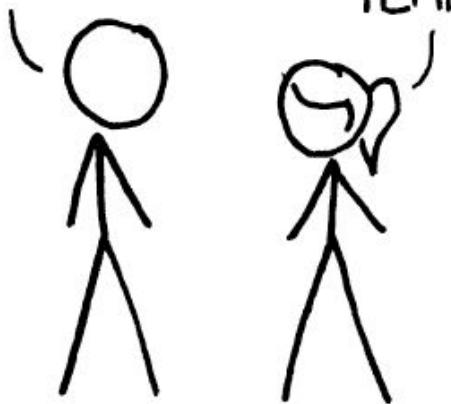


HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:

(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION:
THERE ARE
14 COMPETING
STANDARDS.

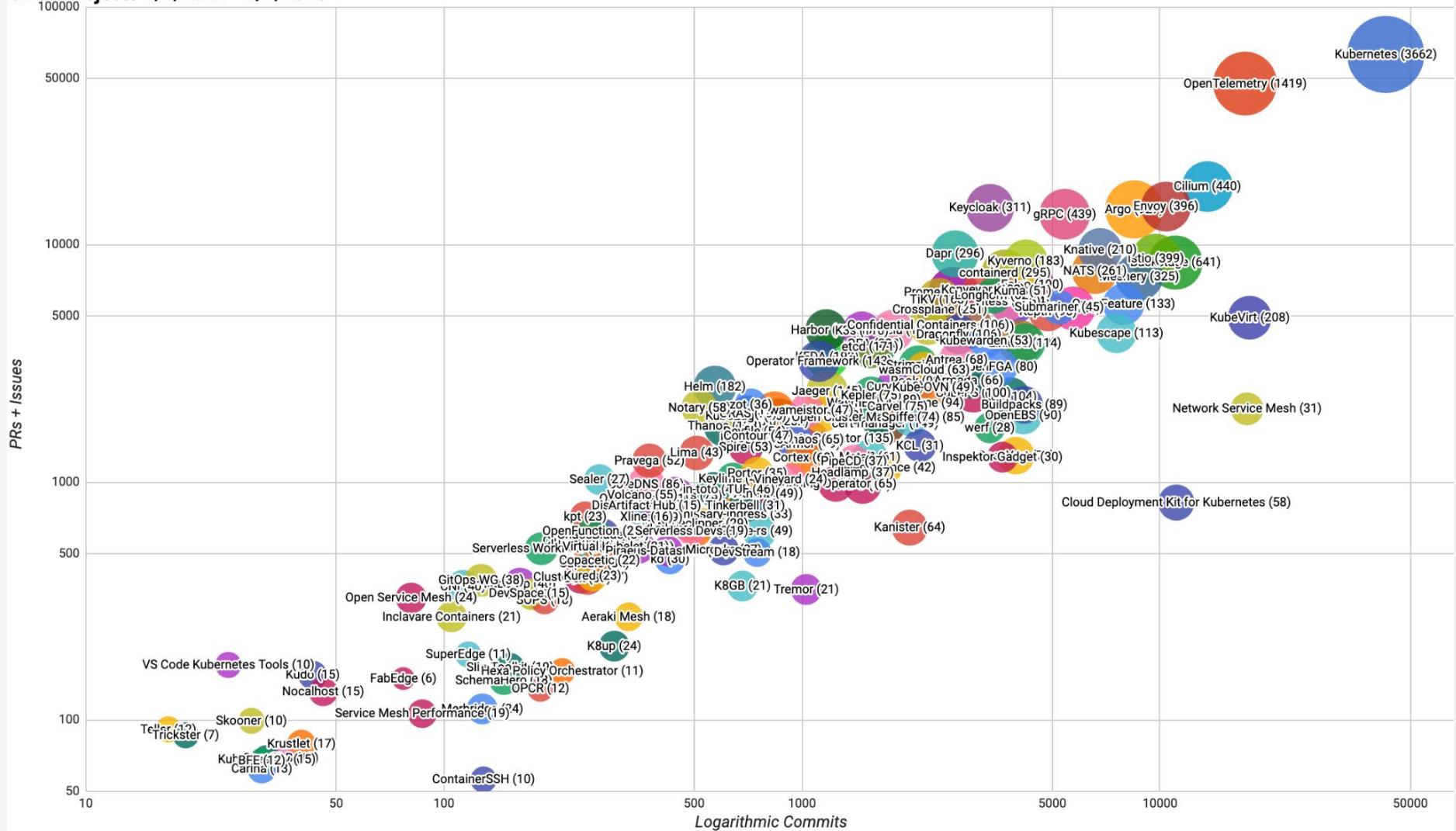
14?! RIDICULOUS!
WE NEED TO DEVELOP
ONE UNIVERSAL STANDARD
THAT COVERS EVERYONE'S
USE CASES.



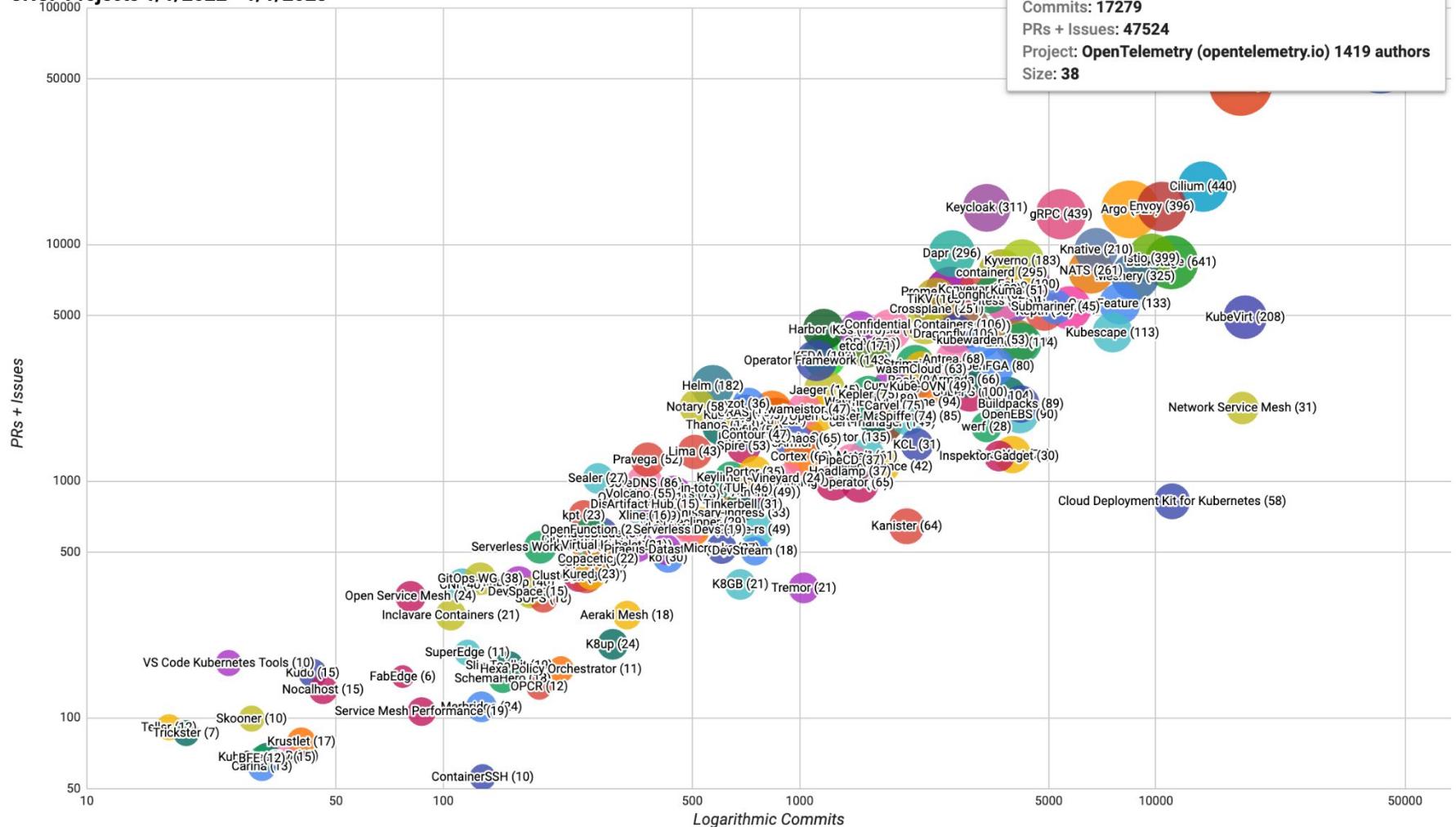
YEAH!

SOON:

SITUATION:
THERE ARE
15 COMPETING
STANDARDS.



CNCF Projects 1/1/2022 - 1/1/2023



OTel super power: Semantic Conventions

[Semantic Conventions](#) | OpenTelemetry

[Create project issue](#)

Connection pools [🔗](#)

The following metric instruments describe database client connection pool operations.

Metric: db.client.connections.usage

This metric is [required](#).

Instrument			
Name	Type	Unit (UCUM)	Description
db.client.connections.usage	UpDownCounter	{connection}	The number of connections that are currently in state described by the <code>state</code> attribute

Attribute	Type	Description	Examples	Requirement Level

Connection pools
Metric:
db.client.connections.usa
ge
Metric:
db.client.connections.idl
e.max
Metric:
db.client.connections.idl
e.min
Metric:
db.client.connections.max
Metric:
db.client.connections.pen
ding_requests
Metric:
db.client.connections.tim
eouts
Metric:



Demo

Implementing change internally

Implementing change

- Make change easy & obvious
 - Measure and showcase at every step.
 - We had **many** changes which failed because it wasn't easy or obvious why.
- Find the emotional argument to compliment the logical ones.
 - *Sleep better at night.*
- What is measured is what changes
- Find areas where things are working
 - Find the reproducible parts and leverage people to spread change



Open Standards

- Others are trying to do the same thing
 - Avoid duplication and increase collaboration
 - OpenTelemetry, Prometheus, etc.
- Build on open efforts
 - There will be lots of OSS projects building on top of OTel semantic conventions



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Grafana public slack

#application-observability

Get involved:



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