PRODUCTION READY MICROSERVICES AT SCALE

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TRANSPORT, LOGISTICS, HYPERLOCAL DELIVERY AND PAYMENTS

- ▶ 18+ products
- ▶ 1Million+ Drivers
- ▶ 500+ Microservices
- ▶ 15k+ Cores
- 2 Cloud Providers
- 6 Data centres
- ▶ 100Million+ bookings a month

AGENDA

- What are Production Ready Microservices?
- Why do we need them ?
- ▶ How do we build them?

MICROSERVICES

SMALL, AUTONOMOUS SERVICES THAT WORK TOGETHER

Sam Newman (Building Microservices)

PRODUCTION READY

- Stable
- Reliable
- Scalable
- Performant
- Fault tolerant
- Monitored
- Prepared for Catastrophe
- Secure



BUILDING TRUST

WHY?

Goal is to be **Available** to serve our users

HOW?

PRODUCTION READINESS CHECKLIST

WHY CHECKLIST?

- Organisation Sprawl
- Technical Sprawl
- Increased Development Velocity
- Building Trust and confidence

LETS BEGIN ...

#1: CODE QUALITY

LINTING/FORMATTING

- Statically analyse code for lint and format errors
- Helps write Idiomatic Go code
- Tools used: "go fmt", "golint", "go vet"

CODE SMELLS

- Statically analyse code for Cyclomatic Complexity,
 DeadCode, Duplicated Code, ErrCheck etc
- Helps maintain Sanity of the codebase (also of the people reading it)
- ▶ Tools: "gometalinter"

SECURE CODING

- Inspect source code for Security problems
- Find vulnerabilities like SQL Injection, Hardcoded credentials etc
- ▶ Tools: "gosec"

Available rules

- G101: Look for hard coded credentials
- G102: Bind to all interfaces
- G103: Audit the use of unsafe block
- G104: Audit errors not checked
- G105: Audit the use of math/big.Int.Exp
- G106: Audit the use of ssh.InsecureIgnoreHostKey
- G107: Url provided to HTTP request as taint input
- G201: SQL query construction using format string
- G202: SQL query construction using string concatenation
- G203: Use of unescaped data in HTML templates
- G204: Audit use of command execution
- G301: Poor file permissions used when creating a directory
- G302: Poor file permissions used with chmod
- G303: Creating tempfile using a predictable path
- G304: File path provided as taint input
- G305: File traversal when extracting zip archive
- G401: Detect the usage of DES, RC4, MD5 or SHA1
- G402: Look for bad TLS connection settings
- G403: Ensure minimum RSA key length of 2048 bits
- G404: Insecure random number source (rand)
- G501: Import blacklist: crypto/md5
- G502: Import blacklist: crypto/des
- G503: Import blacklist: crypto/rc4
- G504: Import blacklist: net/http/cgi
- G505: Import blacklist: crypto/sha1

CLOSING COMMENTS ...

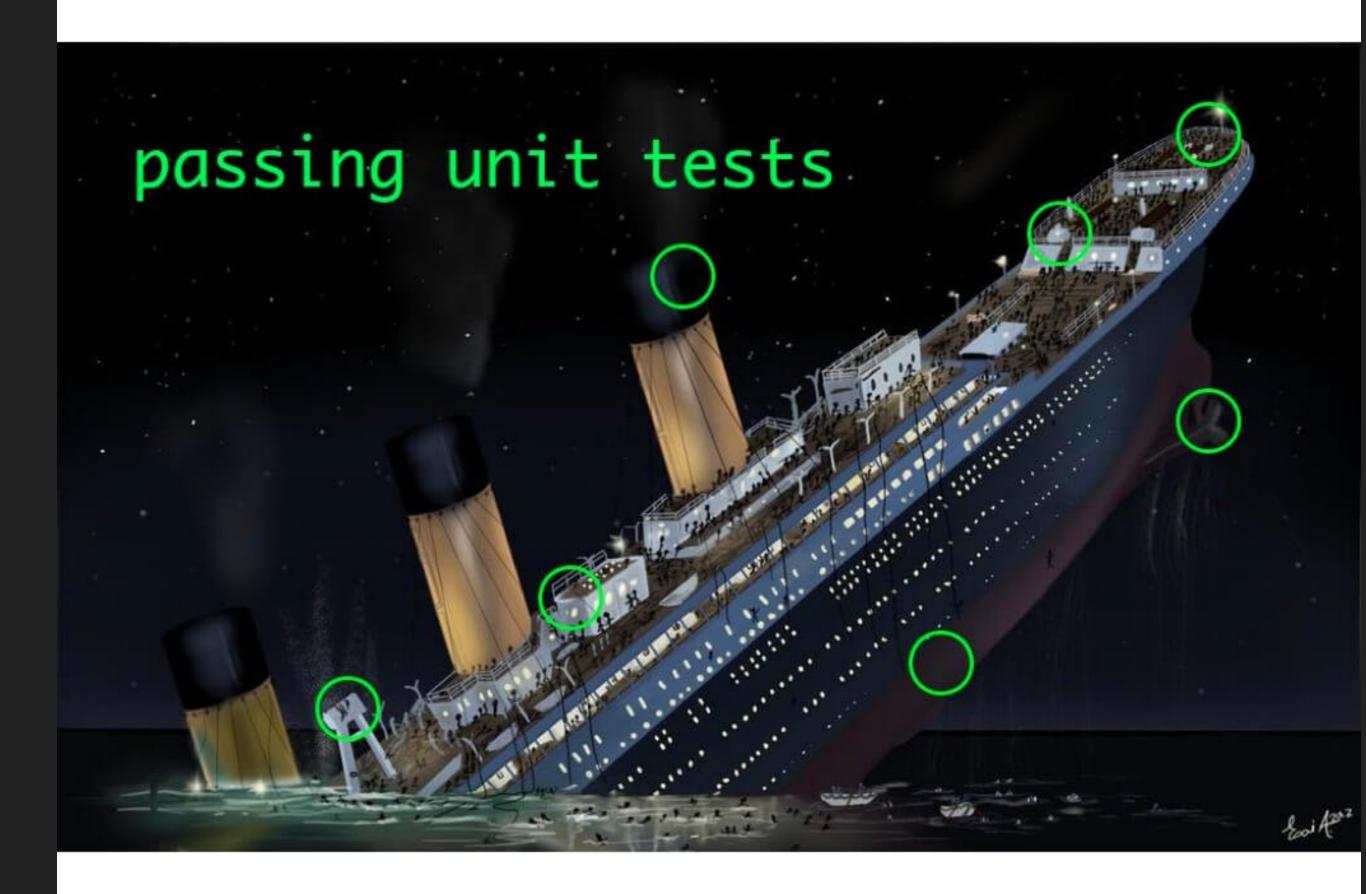
- Make it part of your development process (Makefile)
- Make it part of your build pipeline (Fail build)
- Changes to the codebase becomes easier
- Helps with Stability and Reliability of a microservice
- Maintains code sanity

#2: TESTING

UNIT TESTING

- Unit tests test a unit/function (Individual component)
- These are run very often during development
- Are very large in number (# of unit tests)
- Other practices include TDD (Test Driven Development)
- ▶ Tools: "in-built Go testing framework"

UNIT TESTS SUFFICIENT?





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Replying to @iamdevloper

Running integration tests:

- Ship still afloat after four watertight compartments flooded: PASS
- Band still plays after collision with iceberg: PASS

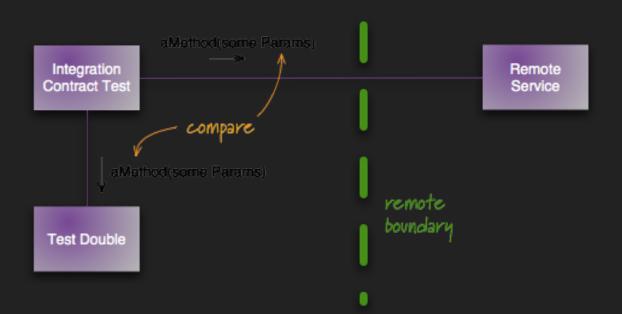
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INTEGRATION TESTING

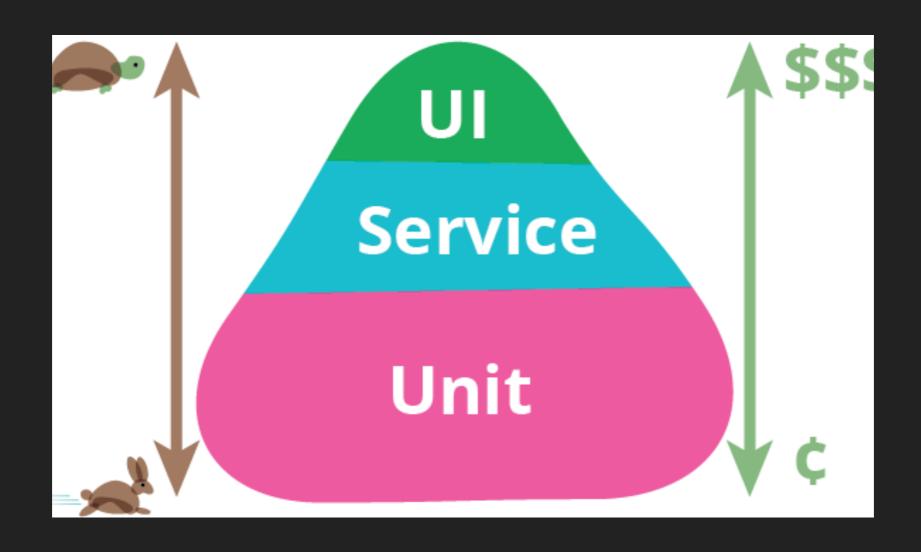
- Integration tests help in testing multiple components working together
- Cover End to end flows
- Lesser in number than unit tests
- Helps in finding regressions in the codebase effectively
- ▶ Tools: "godog" (BDD)

CONTRACT TESTING

- Test API contract between a Client(Consumer) and an API(Provider)
- Helps protect against any change in contracts of the provider
- Low frequency runs (Once a day)
- Tools: "pact-go"



TEST PYRAMID



LOAD AND PERFORMANCE TESTING

- Test behaviour of app under various loads
- Helps find performance bottlenecks
- Also Memory Leaks
- Helps with Capacity Planning and finding SLA
- Sizing: Step Load, Linear Load, Spiky load, Soak test
- ▶ Tools: "Gatling"

CHAOS TESTING

- Break systems to understand service behaviour
- It is controlled failure injection
- Helps in determining Unknown Unknowns
- It is a kind of resiliency testing
- Manual at GO-JEK
- Automated Netflix Simian Army
- Chaos Monkey, Janitor Monkey, Conformity Monkey

CLOSING COMMENTS ...

- Integral part of Development process
- Fail build if any kind of tests fail
- Helps build confidence in microservice and the codebase
- Helps move faster (Increases Develop Closing comments ... er velocity)
- Helps with Scalability, Performance, Stability and Reliability

#3: RESILIENCE PATTERNS

TIMEOUTS

- Stop waiting for an answer after some time
- DefaultHTTPClient has infinite timeout (Not suitable for production)
- Helps prevent/recover from failures when dependences fail/slow down
- Required at Integration points
- Philosophy of "Fail Fast"

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timeout := 100 * time.Millisecond
client := httpclient.NewClient(httpclient.WithHTTPTimeout(timeout))
_, err := client.Get("https://gojek.com/drivers", http.Header{})
```

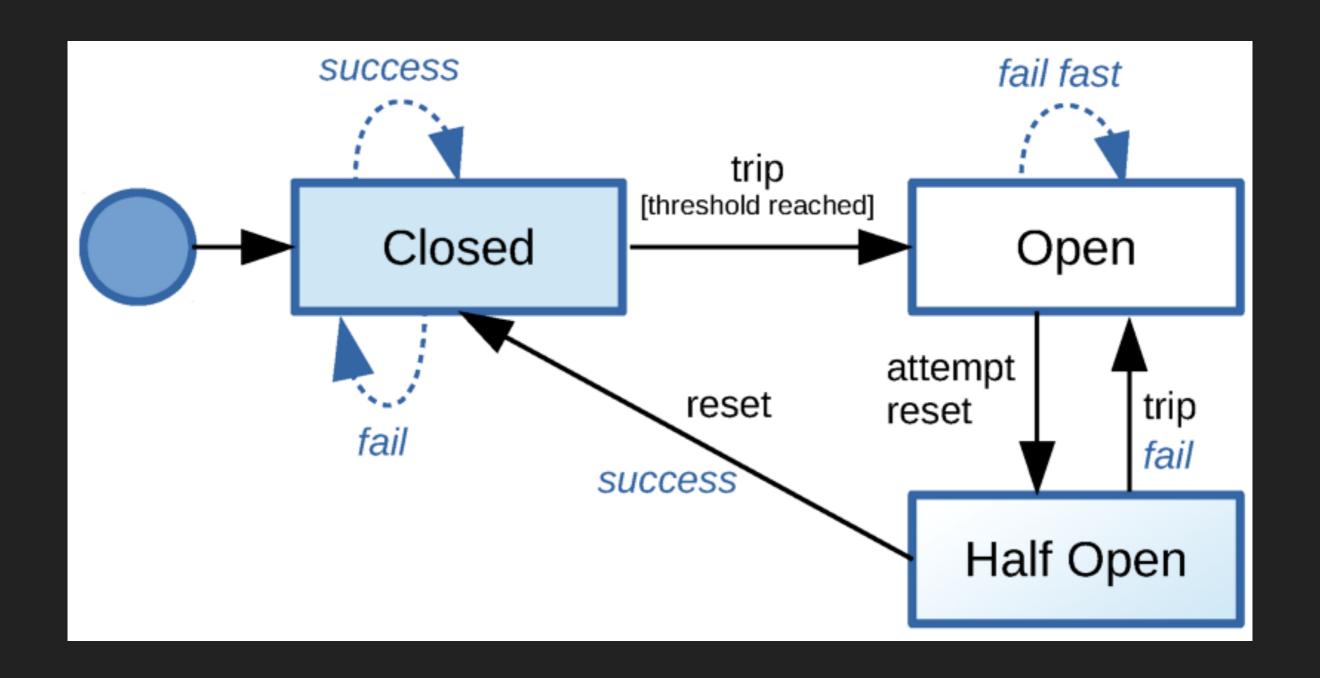
RETRIES

- Retry request on failure
- Eventually succeed
- Could lead to bad experience for customers (Latencies)
- Will help to recover from temporary network glitches
- Idempotency is important when retrying

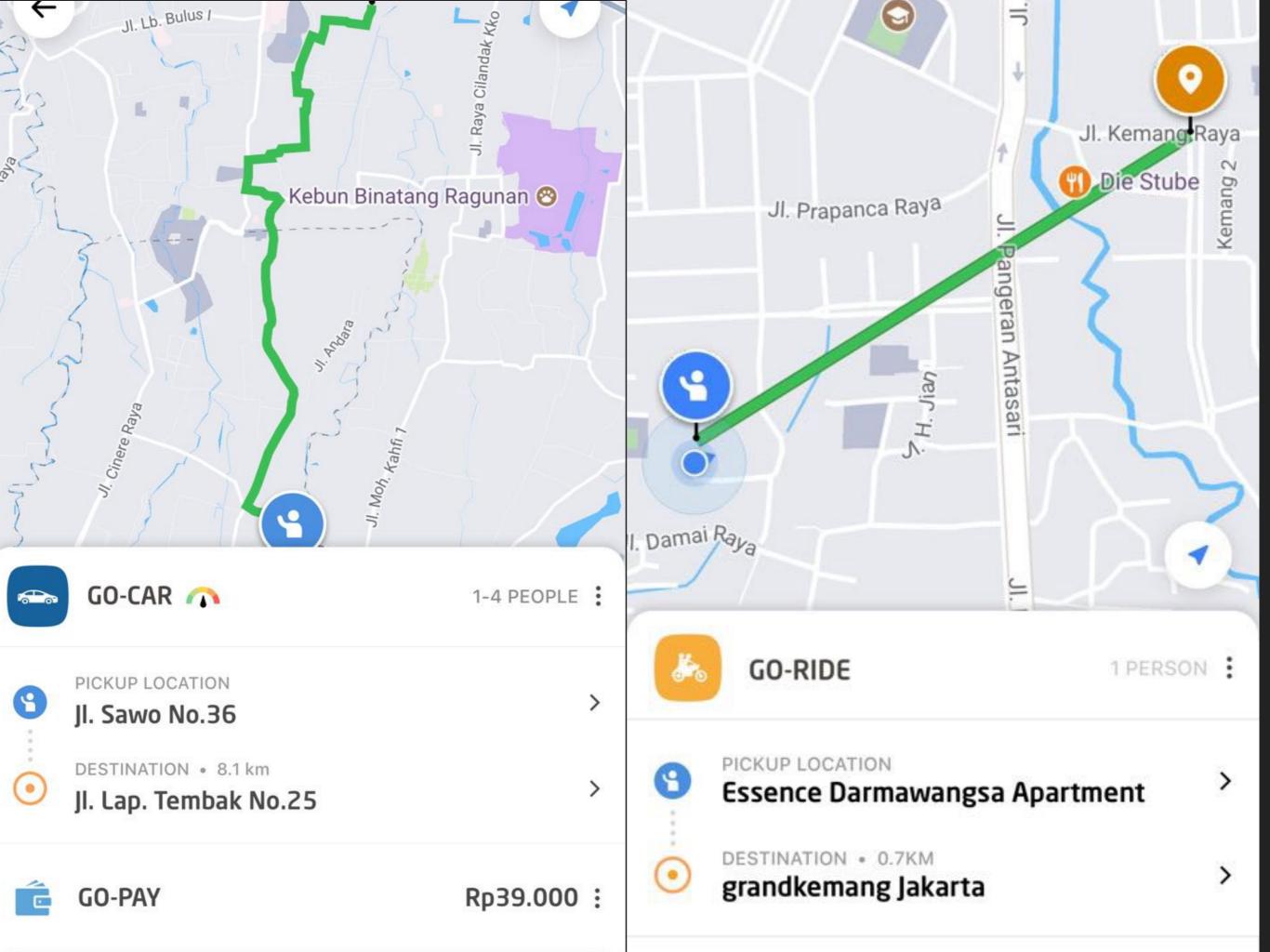
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backoffInterval := 2 * time.Millisecond
maximumJitterInterval := 5 * time.Millisecond
backoff := heimdall.NewConstantBackoff(backoffInterval,
maximumJitterInterval)
retrier := heimdall.NewRetrier(backoff)
timeout := 1000 * time.Millisecond
client := httpclient.NewClient(
  httpclient.WithHTTPTimeout(timeout),
  httpclient.WithRetrier(retrier),
  httpclient.WithRetryCount(4),
client.Get("https://gojek.com/drivers", http.Header{})
```

CIRCUIT BREAKER

- Circumvent calls when calls to dependency on failure
- Once circumvented, fallback to fallback response
- ▶ Fail fast to protect dependent services
- ▶ *Hystrix* is a well known implementation
- Recovers back on healthy system behaviour



```
fallbackFn := func(err error) error {
    , err := http.Post("post to channel two")
    return err
timeout := 10 * time.Millisecond
client := hystrix.NewClient(
  hystrix.WithHTTPTimeout(timeout),
  hystrix.WithCommandName("MyCommand"),
  hystrix.WithMaxConcurrentRequests(100),
  hystrix.WithErrorPercentThreshold(20),
  hystrix.WithSleepWindow(10),
  hystrixWithRequestVolumeThreshold(10),
  hystrix.WithFallbackFunc(fallbackFn),
})
 , err := httpClient.Get("https://gojek.com/drivers", http.Header{}
```



CLOSING COMMENTS ...

- Protects systems and also its dependencies from failure
- FailFast to protect systems
- Needed at the integration points of your system
- Think of Fallbacks at your integration points (Graceful degradation)
- Helps with Scalability, Stability and Reliability

#4: OBSERVABILITY



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Observability, otoh, is about being able to understand the inner workings of your software and systems by asking questions and observing the answers on the outside. Any question — no particular bias toward actionable alerts or problems.

OBSERVABILITY BROADLY INCLUDES:

MONITORING LOGGING DISTRIBUTED TRACING

MONITORING

Monitoring is the action of checking the behaviour and outputs of a system and its components

MONITORING

- It is all about looking out for presence/absence of patterns
- Is used to report **overall health** of the system
- Includes Key Business and System Level Metrics
- Think USE (Utilisation, Saturation and Errors)
- Think RED (Response times, errors, duration)

KEY METRICS

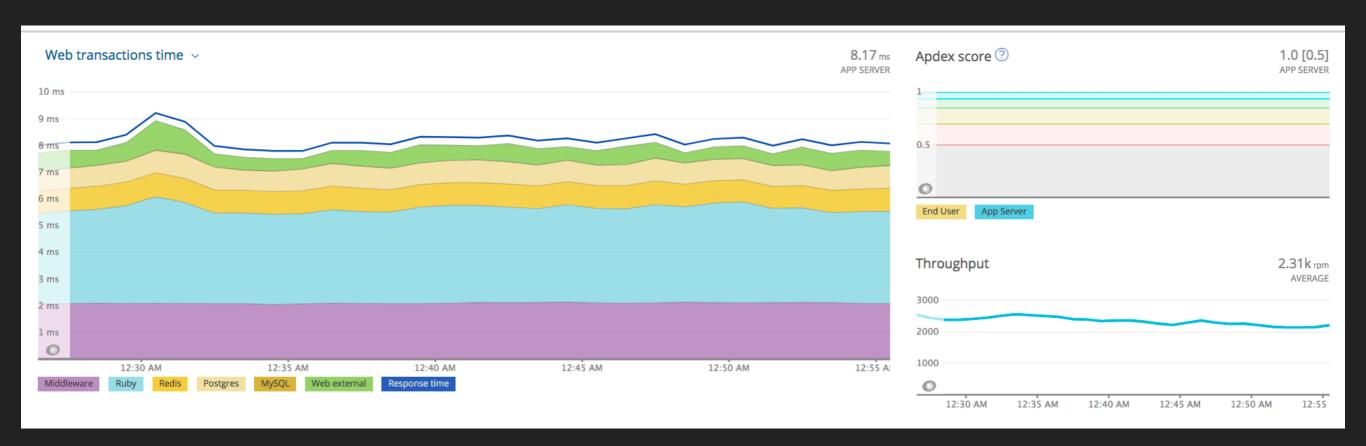
- Host and Infrastructure metrics
 - CPU
 - RAM
 - ▶ Threads
 - File Descriptors
 - Database connections

KEY METRICS

- Microservice Key Metrics
 - Availability
 - SLA
 - Latency
 - Success
 - Errors

DASHBOARD

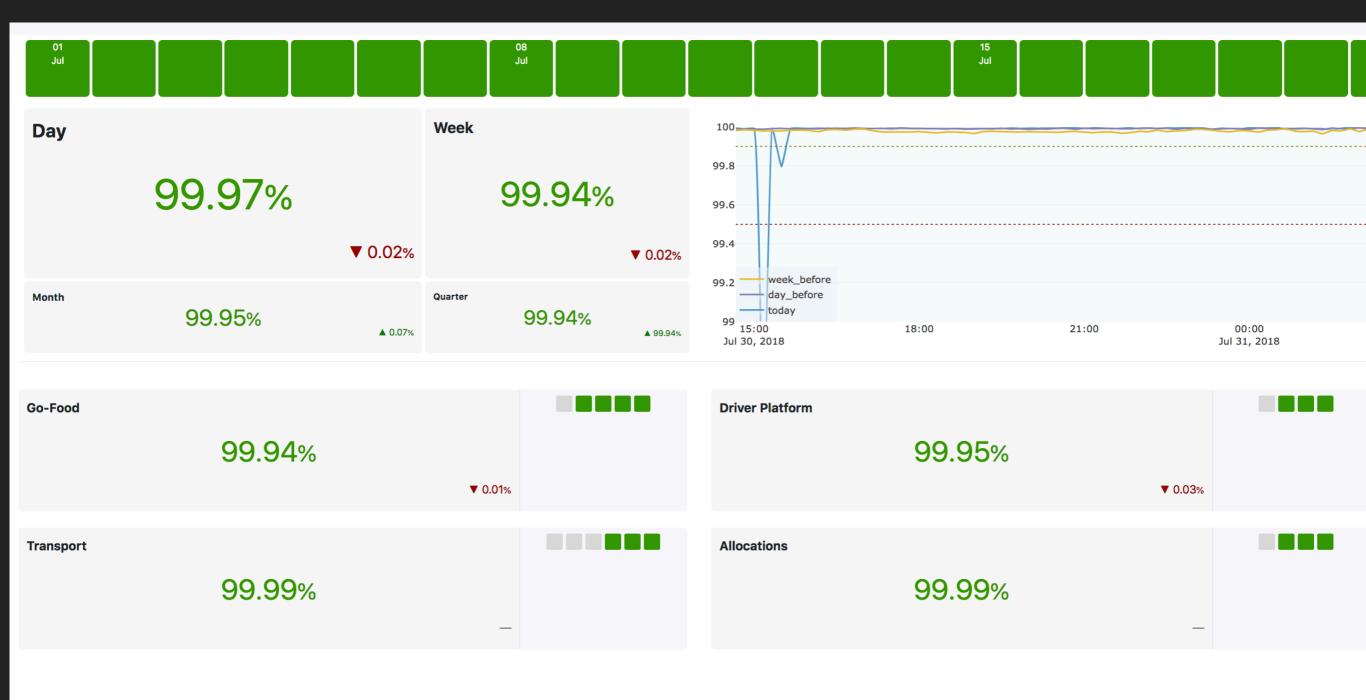
- Reflect the state and health of your system
- Should capture key metrics
- BusinessMetrics, UptimeMetrics, SystemMetrics
- Grafana/NewRelic at GO-JEK



APM (APPLICATION PERFORMANCE MONITORING)



SYSTEM LEVEL METRICS (GRAFANA) – TICK STACK



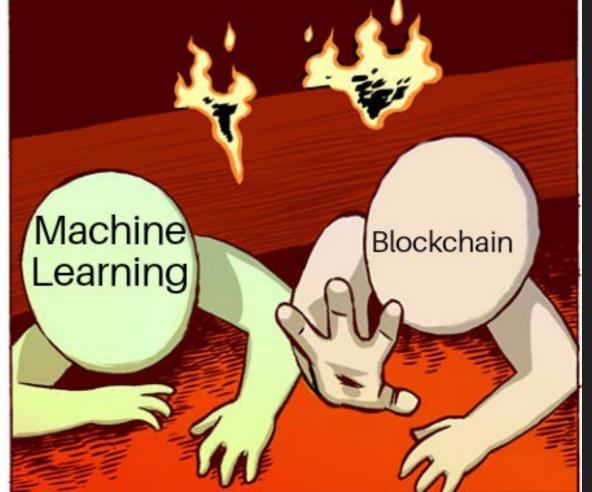
UPTIME MONITORING - INHOUSE

ALERTING

- Notifying team when an anomaly in key metrics is detected
- Thresholds for various key metrics is set for alerting
- Alerts should be actionable
- Help in alerting teams and recovering before a catastrophe
- TICK stack (Telegraf, Influx, Chronograph, Kapacitor)

LOGGING



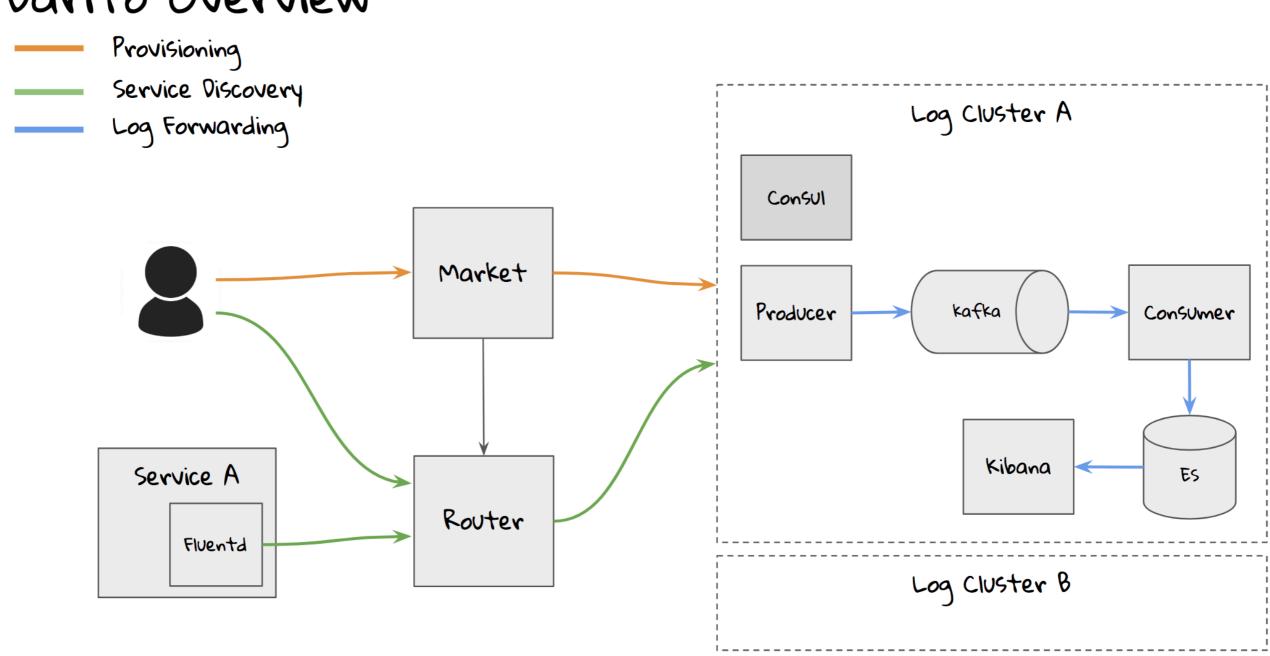




LOGGING

- Logging helps describe system state at any point in time
- Helps in debugging problems with the system
- Structured logging
- ▶ Log centralisation, aggregation and analysis is the key
- Barito-Log (github.com/BaritoLog)

Barito Overview



INSTRUMENTATION OF CODE

- Ability to measure various aspects of system behaviour
- Code needs to be written to monitor specific components
- It includes Structured logging, StatsD metrics (Counters, Gauges, Histograms) and Error/Exception tracking (Sentry)
- Should also be able to capture Application key performance metrics (NewRelic)

```
type StatsD struct {
   client *statsd.Client
}

func (reporter *StatsD) Incr(key string, tags []string) {
   if reporter.client != nil {
      reporter.client.Incr(key, tags, 1)
   }
}
reporter.Incr("customers.login.count", []string{"login"})
```

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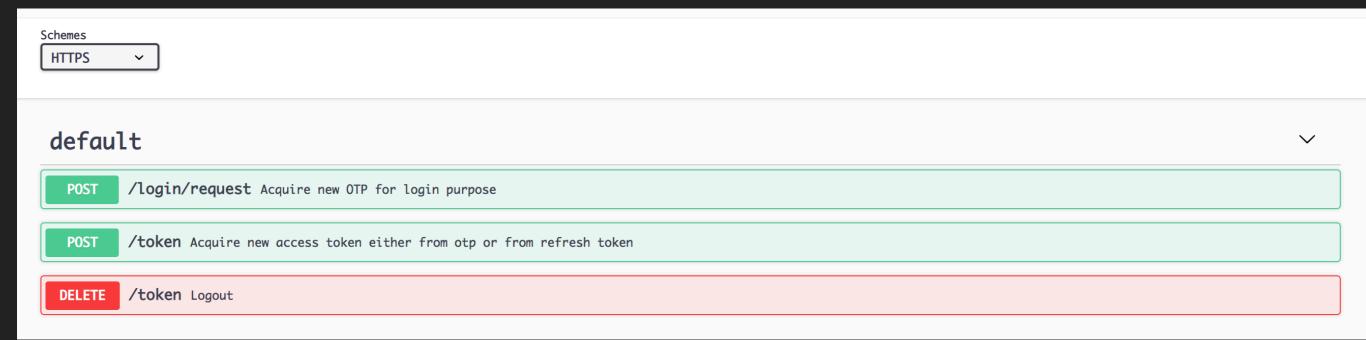
- Insights into Service Health and Behaviour
- Insights into Service Performance
- Helps providing Debuggability in Production
- Help bring visibility into system
- Knowing when things go wrong
- Helps with Stability of the system

#5: DOCUMENTATION

API DOCS

- Document API contracts of the service
- Includes Request, Response and Header contracts
- Should provide enough information for integrating with your API
- Specified using OpenAPI/Swagger specification
- Tools: "swagger"

SWAGGER SPECIFICATION



ARCHITECTURAL DECISION RECORDS (ADR)

- Document to capture important architectural decisions and design
- Should be versioned
- It also captures Context and Assumptions
- Helps in understanding why some key architectural decisions were made
- Helps alignment across teams

SAMPLE ADR

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Date: 2018-03-06

Status

Accepted

Context

We need to record the architectural decisions made on this project.

Decision

We will use Architecture Decision Records, as described by Michael Nygard in this article: http://thinkrelevance.com/blog/2011/11/15/documenting-architecture-decisions

Consequences

See Michael Nygard's article, linked above. For a lightweight ADR toolset, see Nat Pryce's adr-tools at https://github.com/npryce/adr-tools.

RUNBOOKS

- Help on-call developer to have step-by-step instruction to find, resolve and mitigate the root cause of an alert
- Host level and Infrastructure alerts (General to org)
- On-Call Runbooks (Microservice specific)
- Helps in reliability of a service
- Helps in preventing Catastrophe

CLOSING COMMENTS ...

- Brings Clarity in Thought
- Helps in Incidence Response during outages
- Helps in alignment of various stakeholders and the team
- Helps with Catastrophe Preparedness, Stability and Reliability

OTHERS

- Security
- Canarying
- CI/CD (Stable deployment process)
- Dependency checks
- HA on components

WHAT NEXT?

- Automating the process of production readiness
- Defining a production readiness score
- Assigning every microservice a readiness score
- Help teams improve quality of microservices in Production
- Measuring the impact

IN CONCLUSION...

STANDARDISING QUALITY IS THE GOAL

AVAILABILITY IS THE GOAL

REFERENCES

- Production Ready Microservices Susan Fowler
- Google SRE Book
- Microservices Standardisation
- SLA



THANKS FOR LISTENING

QUESTIONS?