AMIS

Assuring business value

Monitoring

with Prometheus and Grafana

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Overview

Monitoring

- Observe [non-functional] behavior of business functions/applications in pnear] real-time
  - Availability and health
  - Performance
  - Access – as it should be for whom it should be

- Teams up with:
  - Profiling & Debugging – maximum context for activity spikes
  - Tracing – track paths through application [and platform & infra] stack
  - Logging – per application or platform component output for off-line processing
    - although log agents such as Elastic Stack Beats and Elasticsearch

What is required for monitoring?

- Gather metrics
  - And prepare | wrangle metrics (tag, filter, enrich, aggregate, …)

- To raise alert
  - To human (via ticket/SMS/…)
  - To automated handler/agent
- To support issue resolution (data for root cause analysis)
- To analyze trends + effects/impact of change

Type of metrics

- Primary metrics
  - Tied to SLA indicators
  - Relevant – representative of Key Performance Indicators
    - End user experience
    - Business activity throughput
    - Cost efficiency

- Secondary metrics
  - Predictors for primary metrics

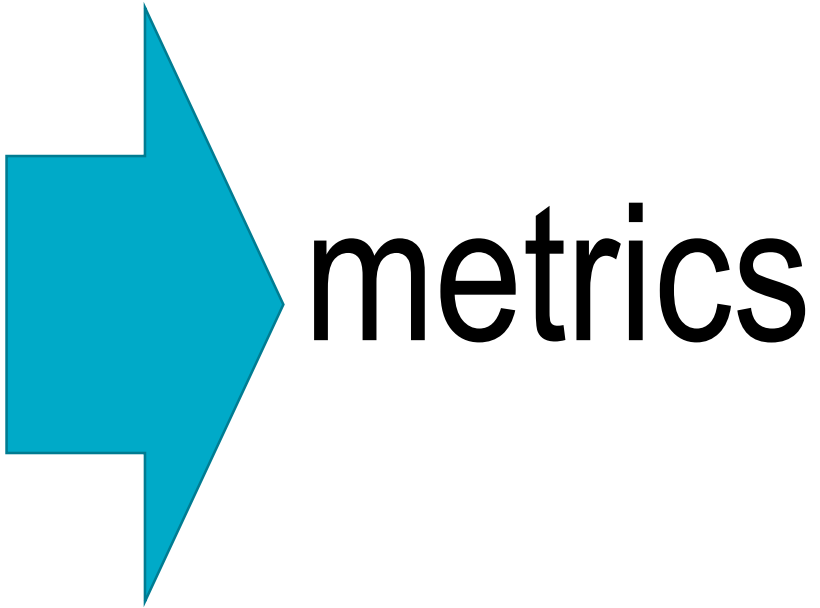
- Technical metrics
  - Hygiene factors – not directly tied to specific business indicators
  - Temperature, Remaining Free Storage, Network Load,

Dashboard

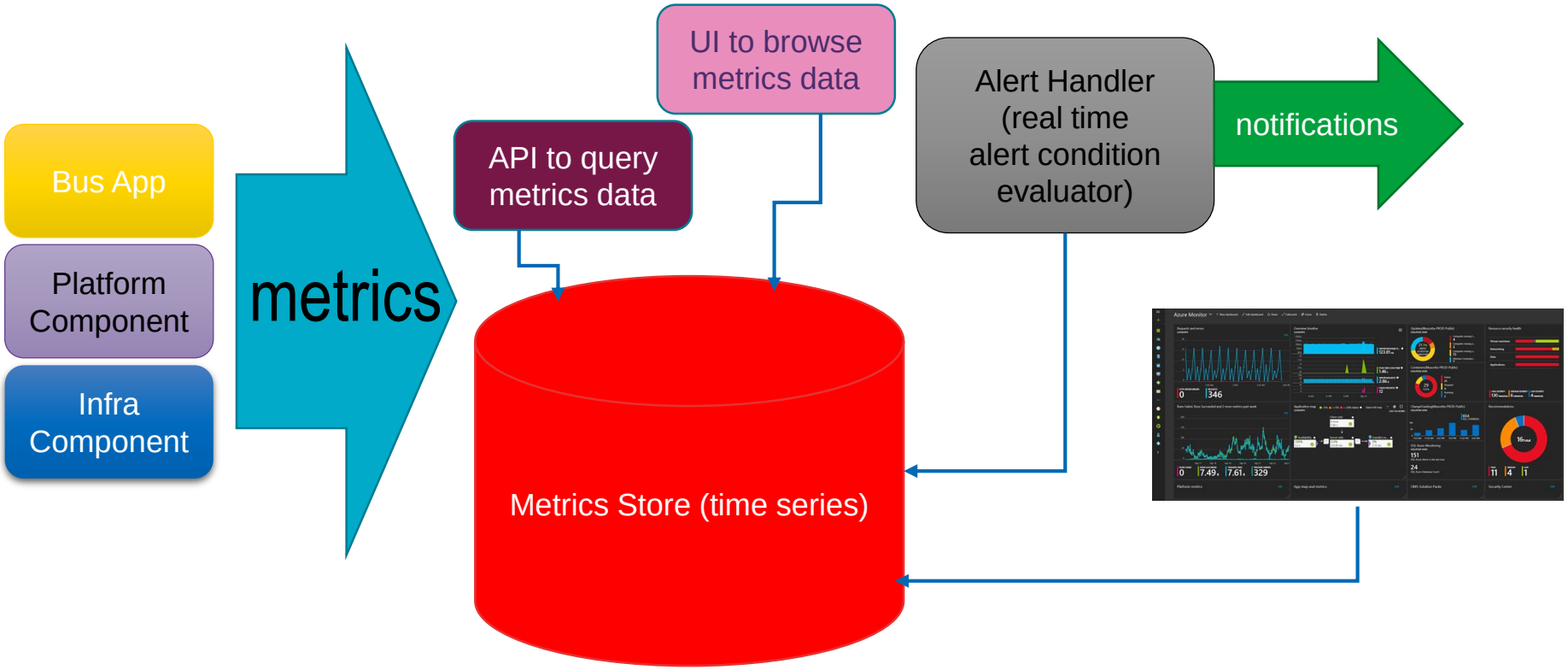
- Provide starting point to respond to an alert – start investigation (drill down, query)
- Demonstration purposes
  - Always looks nice – a dashboard

Metrics are collected across the stack

- Business Applications
  - SaaS, Standard Applications
  - Custom | Tailor made applications
- Platform
  - Web Server, Application Server
  - Database
  - LDAP
  - JVM/Node/.NET/… runtime
- Infra
  - Container, Container Platform (e.g. Kubernetes)
  - Operating System
  - Cache
  - Proxy, Load Balancer
  - Network
  - Storage, File System



Monitoring


Bus App
Platform Component
Infra Component
metrics
API to query metrics data
UI to browse metrics data
Alert Handler (real time alert condition evaluator)
notifications
Metrics Store (time series)

History and Status of Prometheus

- Written in Go Lang – all open source, available on GitHub
- Part of CNCF
- https://prometheus.io/
- Since 2012
- Defacto standard for gathering metrics (?)
- *treating time-series data as a data source for generating alerts is now accessible to everyone*

Dimensional data

Prometheus implements a highly dimensional data model. Time series are identified by a metric name and a set of key-value pairs.

Powerful queries

A flexible query language allows slicing and dicing of collected time series data in order to generate ad-hoc graphs, tables, and alerts.

Great visualization

Prometheus has multiple modes for visualizing data: a built-in expression browser, Grafana integration, and a console template language.

Efficient storage

Prometheus stores time series in memory and on local disk in an efficient custom format. Scaling is achieved by functional sharding and federation.

Simple operation

Each server is independent for reliability, relying only on local storage. Written in Go, all binaries are statically linked and easy to deploy.

Precise alerting

Alerts are defined based on Prometheus's flexible query language and maintain dimensional information. An alertmanager handles notifications and silencing.

Many client libraries

Client libraries allow easy instrumentation of services. Over ten languages are supported already and custom libraries are easy to implement.

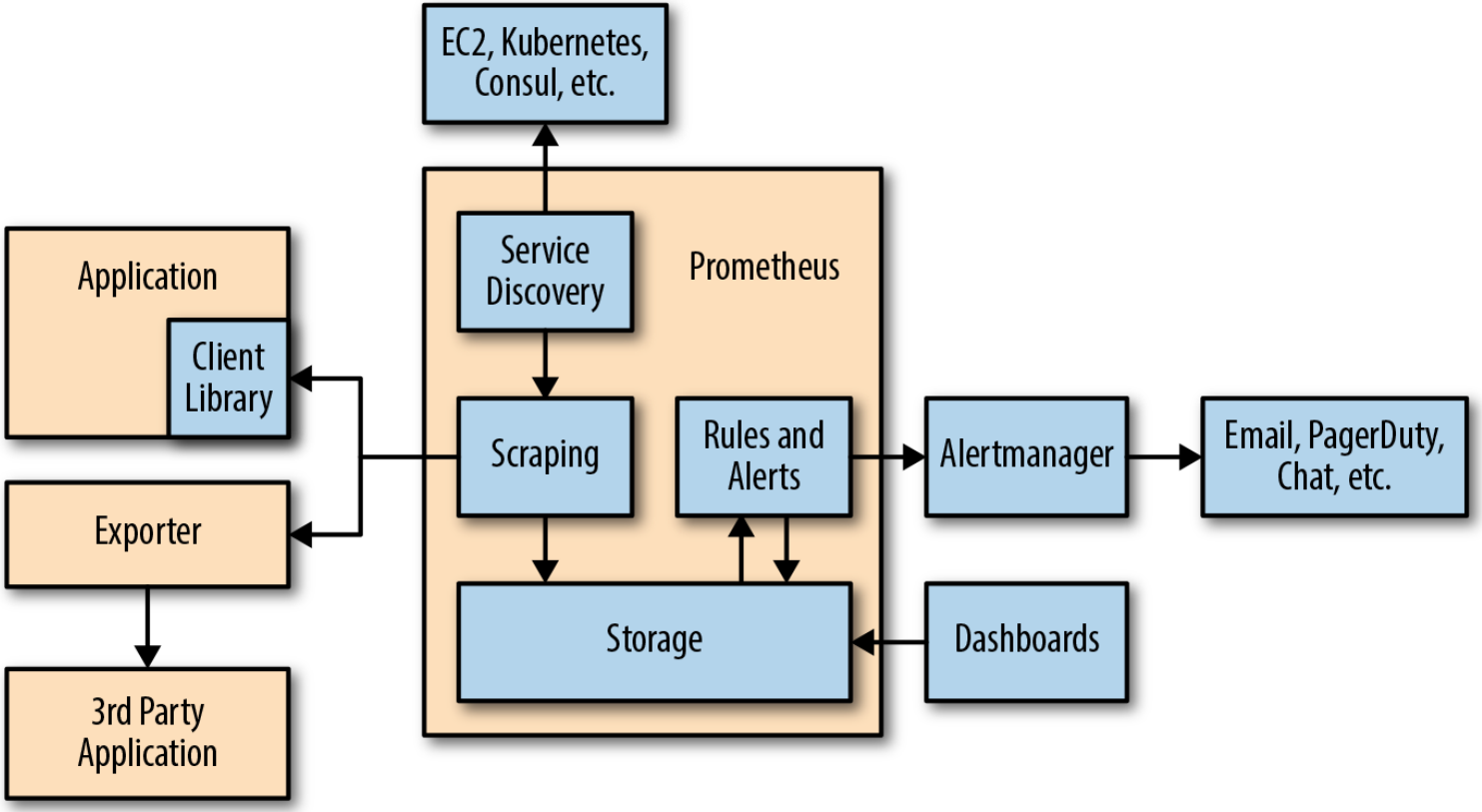
Many integrations

Existing exporters allow bridging of third-party data into Prometheus. Examples: system statistics, as well as Docker, HAProxy, StatsD, and JMX metrics.

Prometheus

- Gather metrics into database
  - Scheduled pull |harvest| scrape actions – HTTP/TCP requests
  - Accessing Exporters and built in (scrape) endpoints
- Make metrics availabe to consuming systems and humans
  - Such as Grafana (for dashboarding)
  - REST APIs
  - Prometheus UI – Graphs, Console, PromQL
- Analyze metrics according to [alert] rules
  - Determine if alerts are “firing”
- Act on firing alerts
  - Send notifications
- Supports federation – global view over local environments and recovery of local environment

Prometheus Architecture



Prometheus Metrics

- All are numeric
- Uniquely identified by name and set of labels
- All can be labeled (associated with dimensions)
  - Aggregation is done *grouped by dimension*
  - (labels should have limited number of values)
  - Filtering and Drill down is also done using labels

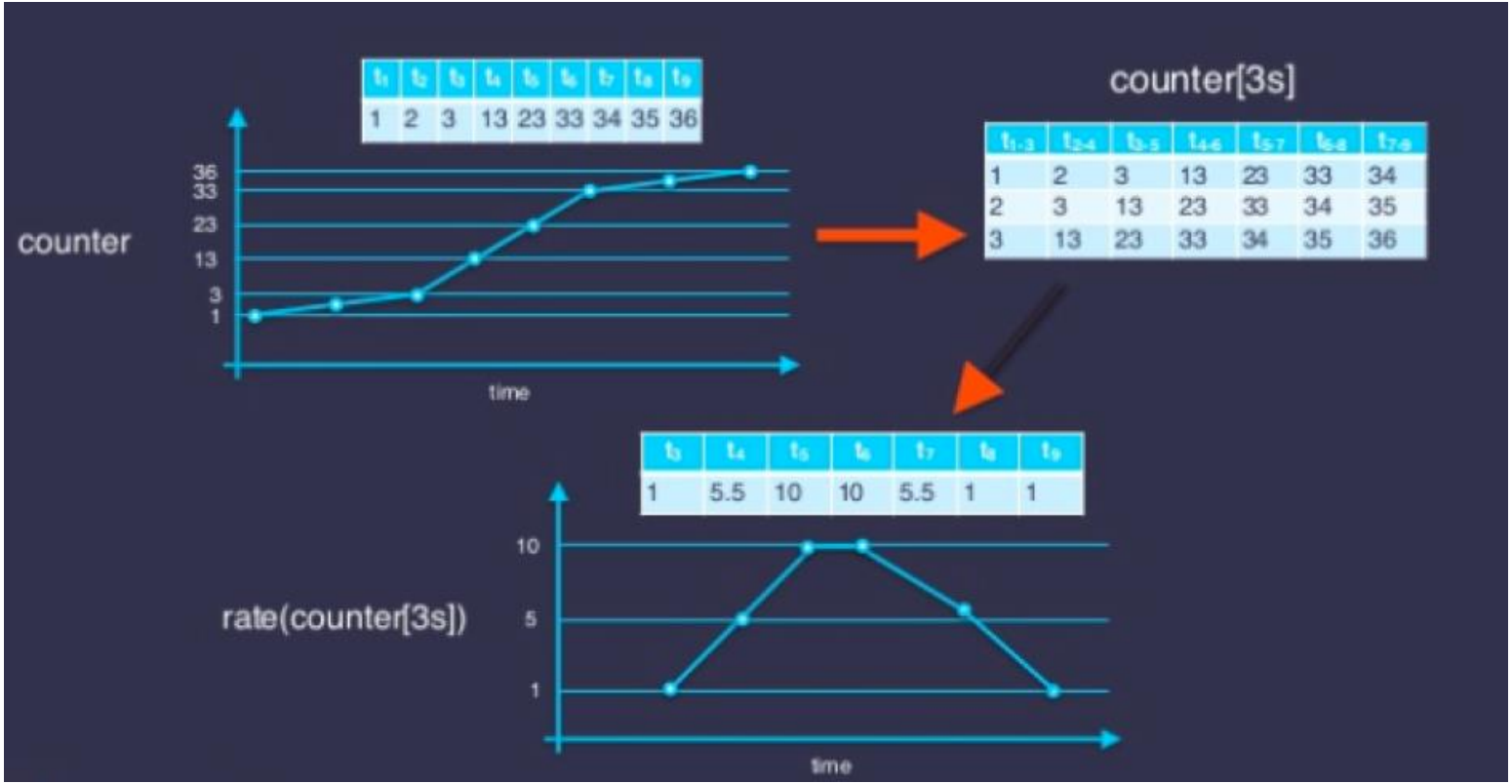
- Examples of labels:
  - Data Center, Region
  - Environment (Prod, Acc, Test)
  - Service, Application, Module
  - URL Path, request type, status, error code
  - Not for dynamic aspects such as date, time, user id, user IP

Prometheus – Types of Metrics

- Basic counters:
  - Gauge – current value (%disk free, response time, state of database)
  - Counter - #occurrences – and the derived rate - #occurrences/time unit - (number of requests, number of bytes transferred);
    - counters can be reset but not decremented
- Sampling Counters:
  - Summary – reports quantiles as well as total sum and total count (over sliding window)
  - Histogram – maps observations to buckets and reports number of instances per bucket (over sliding window)

Basic Counters	Sampling Counters
counter	histogram
gauge	summary

Counter – per time slice and as a rate



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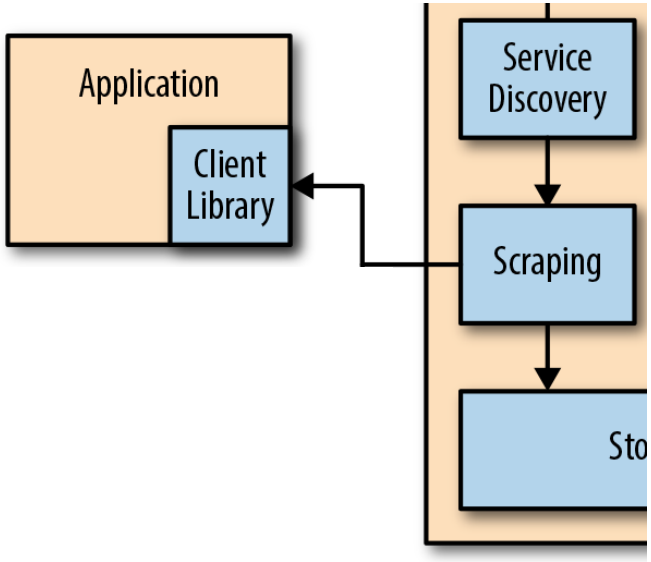
1	5.5	10	10	5.5	1	1

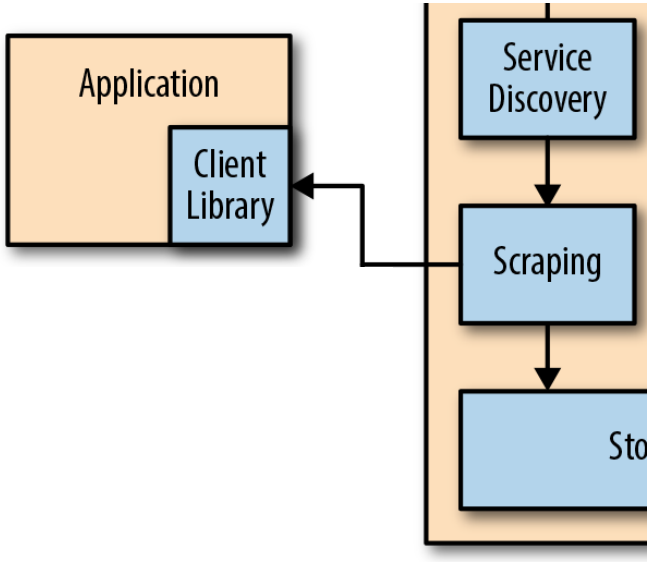
Exposing Metrics for Prometheus to Scrape

- Have the application or environment listen for HTTP requests at a specific endpoint (for example: host:port/metrics)
- Return Metrics in the proper format to GET requests to this endpoint
- Use a Client Library to easily compose the proper metrics response messages
- Configure the endpoint on the Prometheus server in the *prometheus.yml* file



Client Libraries for Exposing Metrics for Prometheus to Scrape from custom applications

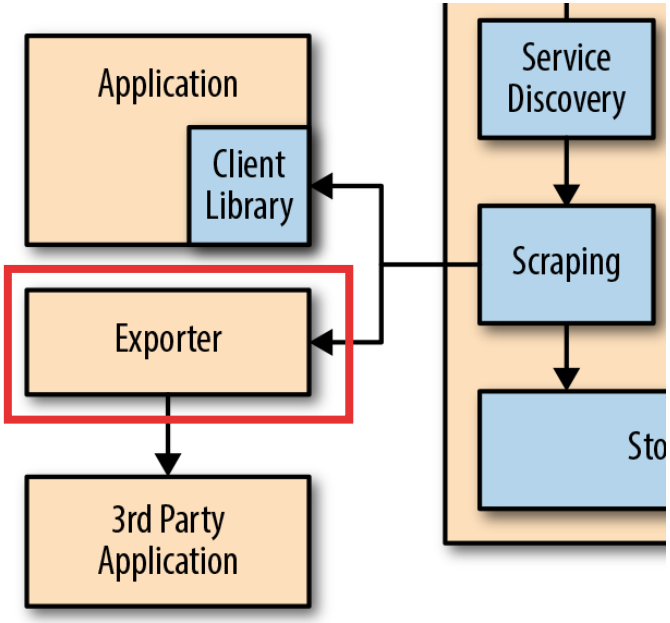
- Go
- Java or Scala
- Python
- Ruby
- Bash
- C++
- Common Lisp
- Elixir
- Erlang
- Haskell
- Lua for Nginx
- Lua for Tarantool
- .NET / C#
- Node.js
- PHP
- Rust



Demo – example of custom application with client library

Prometheus Exporters

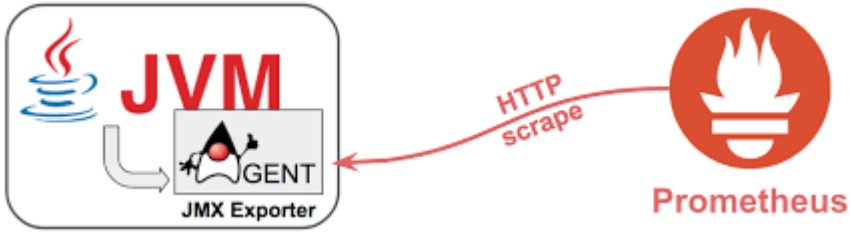
- Specialized adapters to expose metrics for specific technology components
  - Installed and configured for a specific component
  - Scraped by Prometheus based on a config file that references the exporter



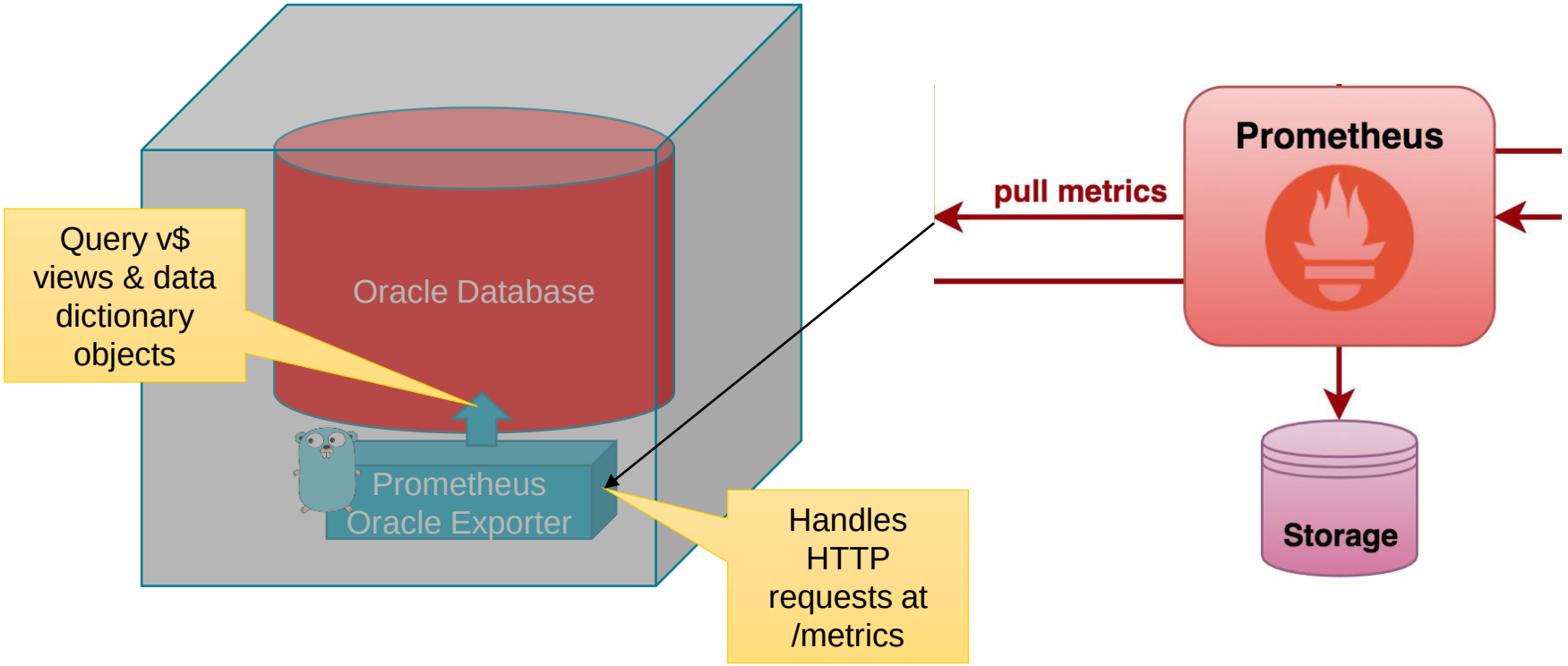
Prometheus Exporters

- Linux & Windows
- Databases
- Messaging Systems
- Storage
- HTTP
- APIs
- Logging
- Monitoring Systems
- Application Servers & Container Platforms

- Built-in metric publication (without exporter)



For example: Oracle Database Exporter



Prometheus Oracle Exporter

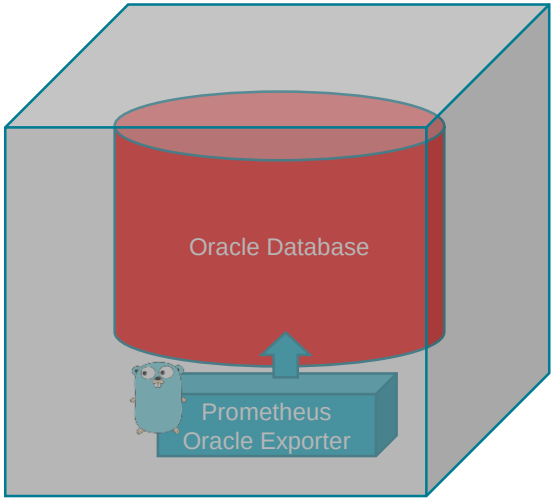
A Prometheus exporter for Oracle.

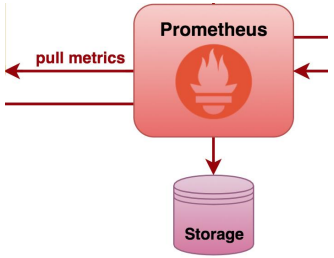
The following metrics are exposed currently. Support for RAC (databasename and instancename added via lables)

- oracledb_exporter_last_scrape_duration_seconds
- oracledb_exporter_last_scrape_error
- oracledb_exporter_scrapes_total
- oracledb_uptime (days)
- oracledb_session (view v$session system/user active/passive)
- oracledb_sysmetric (view v$sysmetric (Physical Read Total IO Requests Per Sec / Physical Write Total IO Requests Per Sec Physical Read Total Bytes Per Sec / Physical Write Total Bytes Per Sec))
- oracledb_sysstat (view v$sysstat (parse count (total) / execute count / user commits / user rollbacks))
- oracledb_waitclass (view v$waitclass)
- oracledb_tablespace (tablespace total/free)
- oracledb_asmspace (Space in ASM (vasm_disk/vasm_diskgroup))
- oracledb_interconnect (view v$sysstat (gc cr blocks served / gc cr blocks flushed / gc cr blocks received))
- oracledb_recovery (percentage usage in FRA from V$RECOVERY_FILE_DEST)
- oracledb_redo (Redo log switches over last 5 min from v$log_history)
- oracledb_cachehitratio (Cache hit ratios (v$sysmetric)
- oracledb_up (Whether the Oracle server is up)
- oracledb_error (Errors parsed from the alert.log)
- oracledb_error_unix_seconds (Last modified Date of alert.log in Unixtime)
- oracledb_services (Active Oracle Services (v$active_services))
- oracledb_parameter (Configuration Parameters (v$parameter))
- oracledb_query (Self defined Queries in Configuration File)

*TOOK VERY LONG, BE CAREFUL (Put the Metrics below in a separate Scrape-Config):

- oracledb_tablerows (Number of Rows in Tables)
- oracledb_tablebytes (Bytes used by Table)
- oracledb_indexbytes (Bytes used by Indexes of associated Table)
- oracledb_lobbytes (Bytes used by Lobs of associated Table)



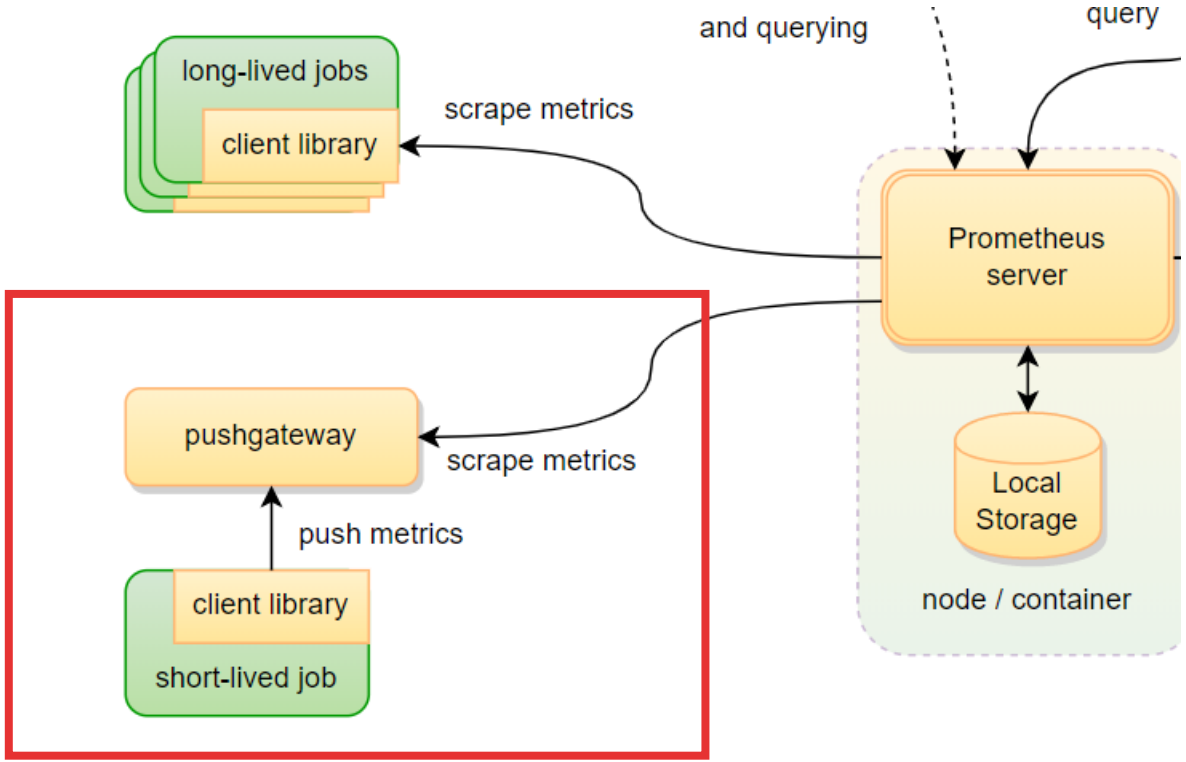


Demo – (Linux) Node Exporter

- Run node exporter as background job on Linux node

Pushgateway for Short-Lived Jobs

- Jobs that may be gone before their metrics are scraped



Grafana - dashboarding

- Grafana is a generic dashboard product
  - Supporting many types of data sources, of which Prometheus is but one

Getting Started/Useful Resources

- KataCoda:
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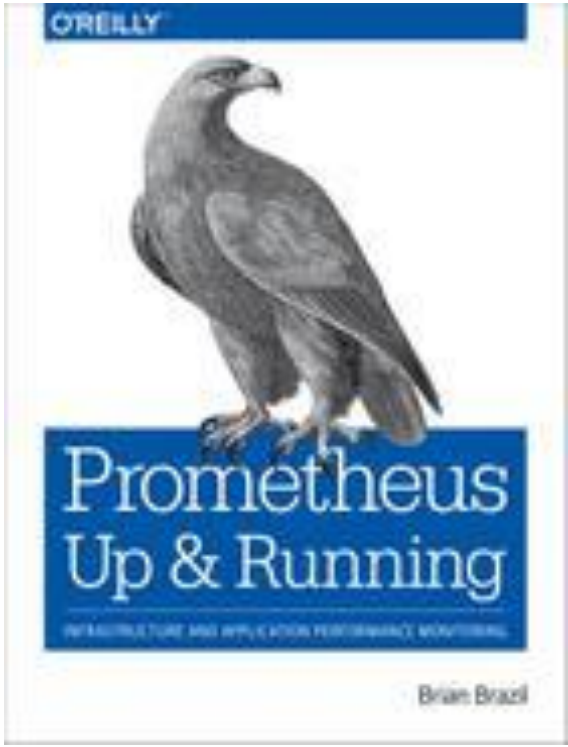
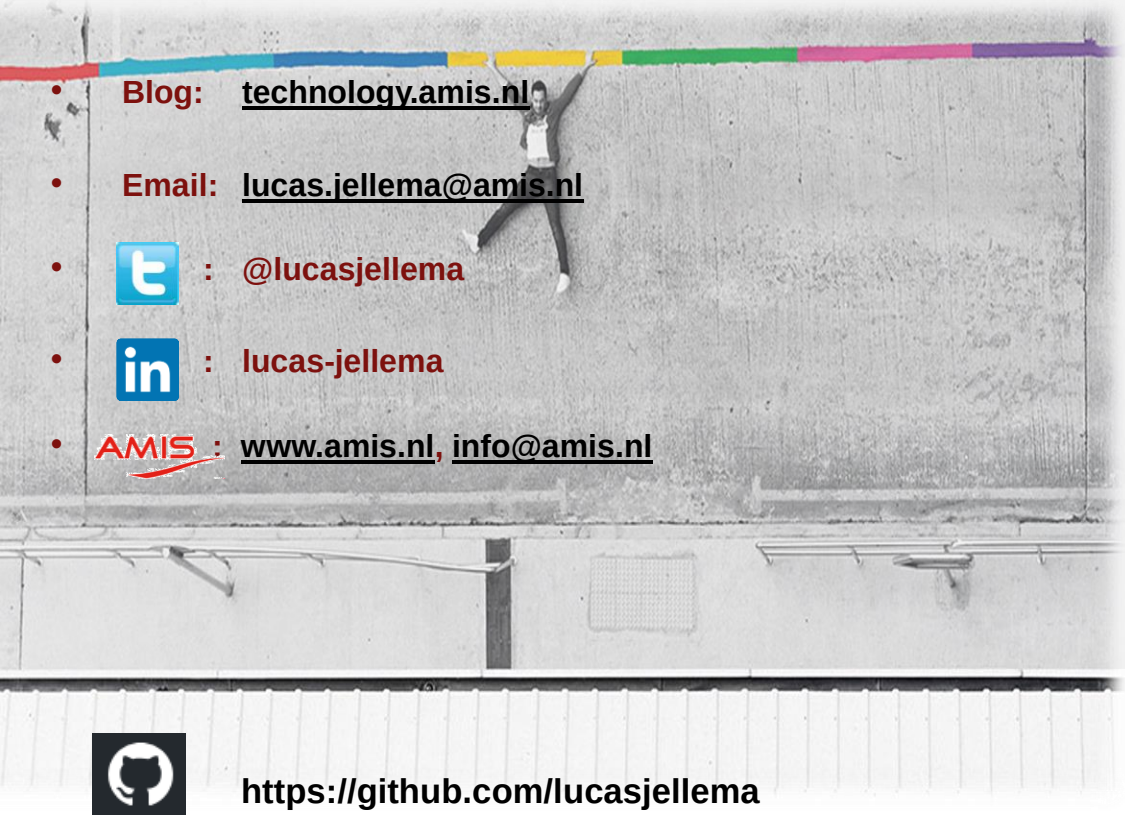
  https://www.katacoda.com/courses/prometheus/creating-dashboards-with-grafana





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