

Task – 3

This project demonstrates how to set up monitoring and observability using Prometheus, Grafana, and Loki (with Promtail). It also includes creating dashboards and collecting Nginx logs.

1. Install and configure CloudWatch agent

1. `sudo apt update && sudo apt install -y amazon-cloudwatch-agent`
2. Create a CloudWatch agent config JSON- `config.json`
3. Start the agent (fetch and apply config):
`sudo /opt/aws/amazon-cloudwatch-agent/bin/amazon-cloudwatch-agent-ctl`
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`-a fetch-config -m ec2 -c file:/opt/aws/amazon-cloudwatch-agent/bin/c`
`onfig.json -s`

2. Install & Run Prometheus

1. Download Prometheus:
`wget`
`https://github.com/prometheus/prometheus/releases/latest/download/prometheus-*.linux-amd64.tar.gz`
2. Extract and enter folder:
`tar xvf prometheus-*.tar.gz && cd prometheus-*`
3. Start Prometheus:
`./prometheus --config.file=prometheus.yml`
4. Default port: `http://localhost:9090`

3. Install & Run Grafana

1. Install Grafana:
`sudo apt-get install -y apt-transport-https software-properties-common`
`sudo mkdir -p /etc/apt/keyrings/`
`wget -q -O - https://packages.grafana.com/gpg.key | sudo tee`
`/etc/apt/keyrings/grafana.gpg > /dev/null`
`echo "deb [signed-by=/etc/apt/keyrings/grafana.gpg]`
`https://packages.grafana.com/oss/deb stable main" | sudo tee`
`/etc/apt/sources.list.d/grafana.list`
`sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install grafana -y`
2. Start Grafana:
`sudo systemctl start grafana-server`

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sudo systemctl enable grafana-server
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3. Default port: `http://<EC2-IP>:3000`

## 4. Setup Promtail & Loki for Logs

1. Download Loki:  

```
wget https://github.com/grafana/loki/releases/latest/download/loki-linux-amd64.zip
```

```
unzip loki-linux-amd64.zip
```

```
chmod +x loki-linux-amd64
```
2. Download Promtail:  

```
wget https://github.com/grafana/loki/releases/latest/download/promtail-linux-amd64.zip
```

```
unzip promtail-linux-amd64.zip
```

```
chmod +x promtail-linux-amd64
```
3. Run Loki: `./loki-linux-amd64 --config.file=loki-config.yml`
4. Run Promtail: `./promtail-linux-amd64 --config.file=promtail-config.yml`
5. Promtail pushes logs → Loki → Grafana reads from Loki.

## 5. Create Dashboards in Grafana

1. Open Grafana → Dashboards → New → Add Panel.
2. For Prometheus metrics, example queries:
  - CPU: `rate(node_cpu_seconds_total{mode="system"}[5m])`
  - Memory: `node_memory_MemAvailable_bytes`
3. For Nginx logs (via Loki):
  - `{job="nginx"}`
  - `{filename="/var/log/nginx/access.log"}`
4. Customize visualization (Graphs, Tables, Logs).

## 6. Setup Alerts

1. In Grafana → Alerting → Add new rule.
2. Example:  
IF CPU usage > 80% for 5m THEN send alert.

## 7. Errors Faced

- Prometheus config YAML error: fixed by correcting indentation.
- Grafana not connecting Prometheus: Prometheus not running (fixed by restarting).
- Nginx failed restart: issue in config syntax (fixed with `sudo nginx -t`).



