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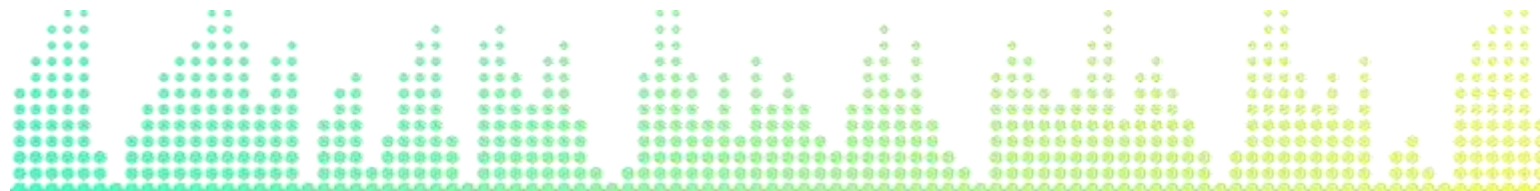
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Agenda

- What is observability and why should you care?
- Observability and monitoring tools
- Example troubleshooting flow



What is observability and why should you care?



Context: An Era of Microservices

- Distributed
- Container-based
- Polyglot
- Scalable
- Ephemeral



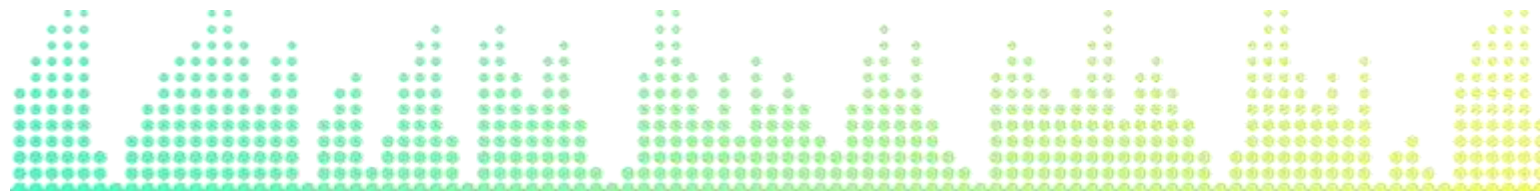
Context: New Challenges

- Latency
- Integration testing
- Pinpointing issues
- Root cause analysis



Troubleshooting/Debugging and Root Cause Analysis

- Goal: address threats to customer satisfaction
- Debug novel problems in production
- There needs to be data to explore
- Quantitative analysis can help you make the business case to address an issue
- Retrospectives instill confidence that issues won't happen again



Observability

- Designing and operating a more visible system
- Systems that can explain themselves without the need to deploy new code
- Understanding relationships between parts of your environment
- Explain variance between good and bad events



Observability

- Systems experience failure – be prepared
- Can you test your system in a realistic way?
- Can you monitor external outputs?
- Have you considered the business impact?
- Have you enabled cross-team collaboration?
- Have you developed a blameless culture?



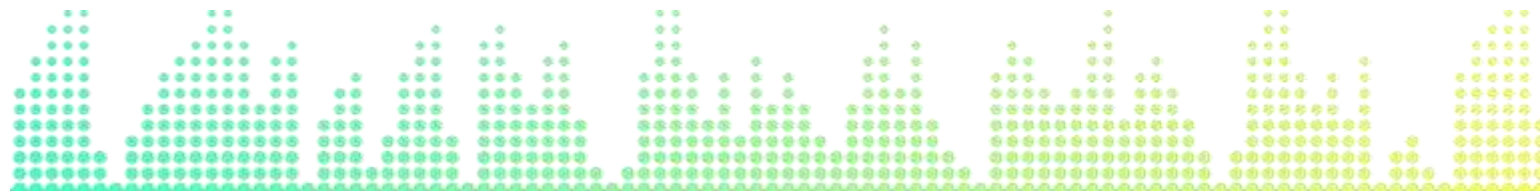
Monitoring - External outputs

- Logs: a record of an event that took place at a given time
- Metrics: numeric aggregation of data describing behavior of a component or service measured over time
- Traces: capturing a request flow of causally-related events in a distributed environment



"Monitoring tells you whether a system is working, observability lets you ask why it isn't working"

- [Baron Schwartz, CEO VividCortex](#)



The Site Reliability Engineering Approach

- Site Reliability Engineering ([SRE](#)): reliably operating systems and infrastructure at scale
- Define metrics that matter most to the business, ideal values for those metrics, and the planned reaction if values aren't met
- Resources: [Site Reliability Engineering](#) and [The Site Reliability Workbook](#)

The Site Reliability Engineering Approach

- Service level indicators (SLIs), Service level objectives (SLOs), Service level agreements (SLAs)
- RED (Request **R**ate, **E**rrors, and **D**uration)
- Increase mean time to failure (MTTF) decrease mean time to repair (MTTR)



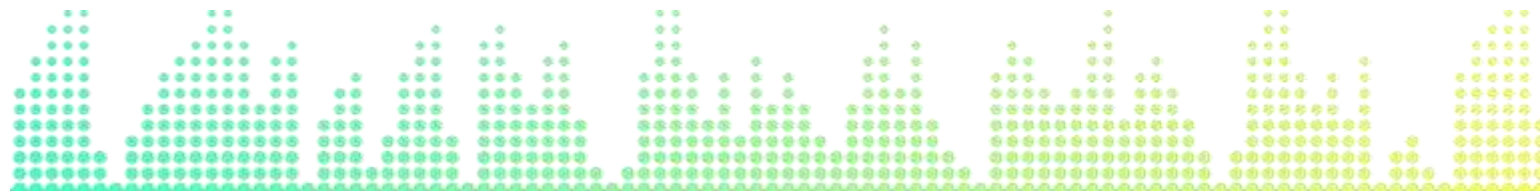
Service Level Objectives

- No SLO < Good SLO < Perfect SLO
- Pick an objective and iterate
- What thresholds can we use? HTTP 200 + <300μ latency = good?
- Capture a set of events and use a window and target percentage 99.9% of events good in the last 30 days



Service Level Objectives

- A good SLO barely keeps users happy
- Think of events in context: is the user experience good or bad?
- Determine an error budget: allowance of failure - the trade off is not allowing for progress and innovation



Observability and Monitoring Tools



Logging

Logs: a record of an event that took place at a given time

- Supported by most libraries
- Disciplined to put meaningful logs into your code
- Aggregate logs to avoid losing them
- Java logging classes and a logging.properties configuration file
writing to stdout



Logging

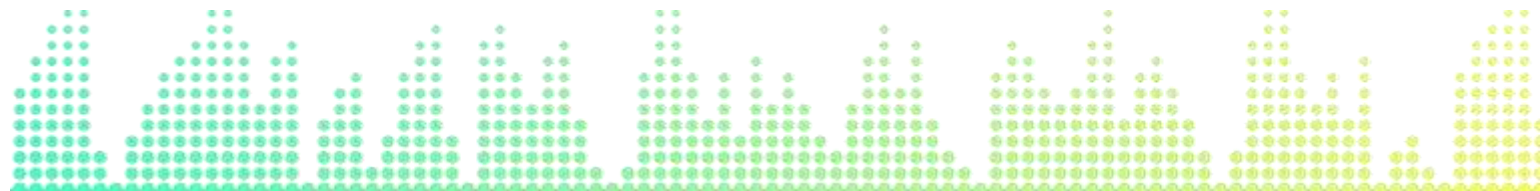
- **Fluentd** used to scrape, process, and ship logs
- Stored in a persistent data store, such as **Elasticsearch**, a distributed analytics engine
- Queried directly or interacted with by means of **Kibana**, a customizable visualization dashboard
- Choose a tool to capture and analyze logs



Metrics

Metrics: numeric aggregation of data describing behavior of a component or service measured over time

- Easy to store and model
- Useful to understand typical system behavior
- Supported by most libraries
- Java metrics classes that push data to a /metrics endpoint



Metrics

- **Prometheus:** open source systems monitoring toolkit
 - Scrape data and send it to the Prometheus time-series database
 - A query language to analyze the data
- **Grafana:** an open source data visualization tool for monitoring
 - Aggregate key metric data from numerous sources



Metrics

- **Oracle Cloud Monitoring Service** offers out of the box aggregated metrics for Oracle Cloud Infrastructure resources
- Metrics are available on the Oracle Cloud Console and via API
- We worked with Grafana to expose the Monitoring service as a Grafana data source



Metrics - Alerting

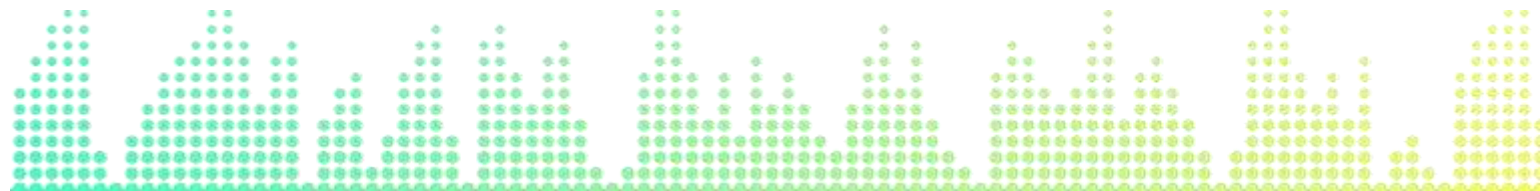
- Alerts: notifications indicating a human needs to take action
- Metrics are well-suited to trigger alerts
- Grafana can be used to trigger an alert when particular conditions are met



Tracing

Tracing: capturing a request flow of causally-related events

- Each has a request a global ID - metadata inserted at each step in the flow (a span) as the ID is passed along
- Distributed tracing systems like **Jaeger** or **Zipkin** are used to visualize + inspect traces
- OpenTelemetry: a language-neutral approach to tracing



Service Mesh

Service Mesh : configurable infrastructure layer for microservice applications used to control east-west service traffic

- Monitor and control the flow of traffic through your cluster:
canary, blue-green, failure injection, etc.
- Sidecar pattern or node agent/DaemonSet pattern




Service Mesh

- Logging and metrics collection for free, simplified tracing
- Integration with open source observability tools: Grafana, Prometheus, Jaeger, and Kiali - prepopulated with dashboards
- **Kiali**: an observability tool for Istio that helps you visualize the relationships between services running in the mesh



Kiali Console

localhost:20001/kiali/console/graph/namespaces/?edges=hide&graphType=versionedApp&namespaces=observability&injectServiceNodes=true&duratio... Incognito (3)

 **kiali**

Overview

Graph

Applications

Workloads

Services


Istio Config

Namespace: **observability**

Graph ?

Display Edge Labels Graph Type Versioned app Find... Hide...

Fetching Last min Every 15 sec



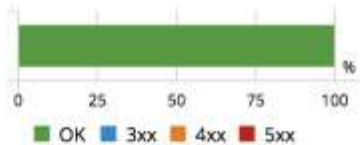
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graph LR; unknown((unknown)) --> quickstart-se[quickstart-se]; quickstart-se --> v1[quickstart-se v1];
```

Namespace: observability
[applications](#), [services](#), [workloads](#)

Current Graph:
1 app
1 service
2 edges

HTTP Traffic (requests per second):






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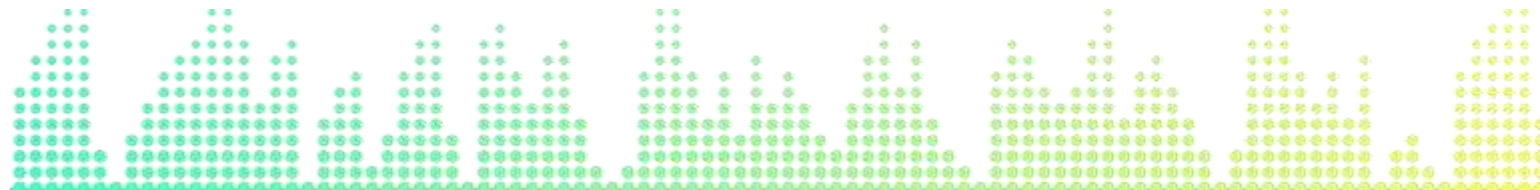
HTTP - Total Request Traffic min / max:
RPS: 0.07 / 0.07 , %Error 0.00 / 0.00

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     Legend

Sample Application

- Built using the Helidon framework – Java libraries for microservice development
- Main.java and RESTful GreetService.java along with app.yaml
- Tracing, health, and metrics instrumented
- Deployed on Kubernetes with sidecar injection enabled




Helidon Greeting Application v2

 **Greet Someone**

Greetings!

Hello Mickey!

 **Update Greeting**

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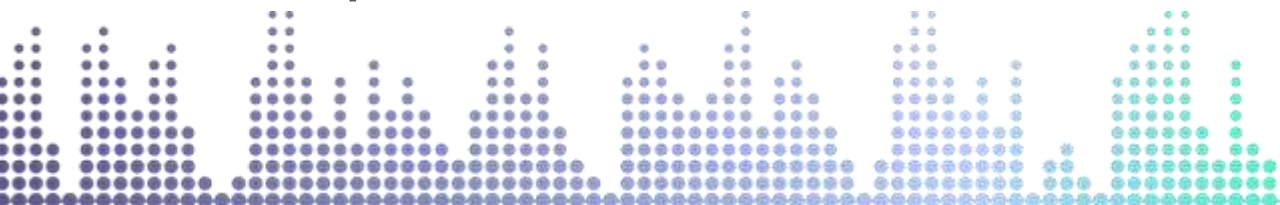
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__get success /greet/greeting ui.js:63
  {greeting: "Hello"}
__put initiated ui.js:21
/greet/greeting/Hello null
__put success /greet/greeting/Hello ui.js:36
  {greeting: "Hello"}
__get initiated /greet/Mickey ui.js:51
__get success /greet/Mickey ui.js:63
  {message: "Hello Mickey!"}
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Example Troubleshooting Flow



Example Flow

- SLI tied to request duration – SLO is max 2 seconds/request
- Sample application instrumented for logging, metrics, and tracing
- Grafana, Prometheus, Jaeger, Istio, Kiali, Elasticsearch, FluentD, Kibana configured in my cluster
- Request duration alert rule in Grafana connected to Slack





Greet Someone


Mickey

Enter a name!

Update Greeting

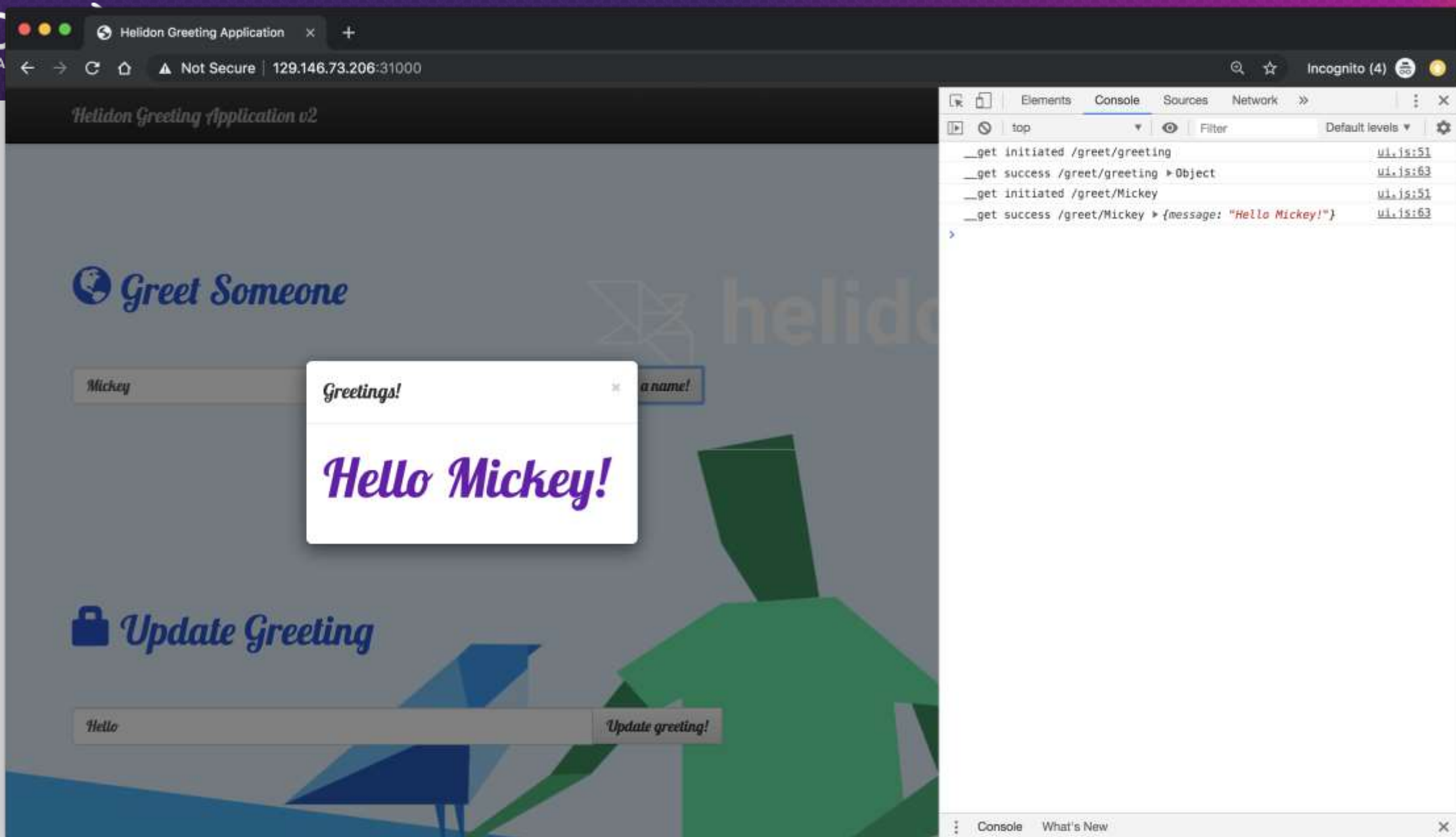
Hello

Update greeling!



The screenshot shows the Chrome DevTools Console with the following log entries:

- `_get initiated /greet/greeting` (ui.js:51)
- `_get success /greet/greeting` followed by an object representation of the response (ui.js:63)



Helidon Greeting Application


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Helidon Greeting Application v2


Greet Someone


Update Greeting

Elements

Console

Sources

Network

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top

👁 Filter

Default levels

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⋮ Console What's New

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Mickey

Greetings!

Greeting value updated to: Hi

 **Update Greeting**

Hi

Update greeting!

Incognito (4)

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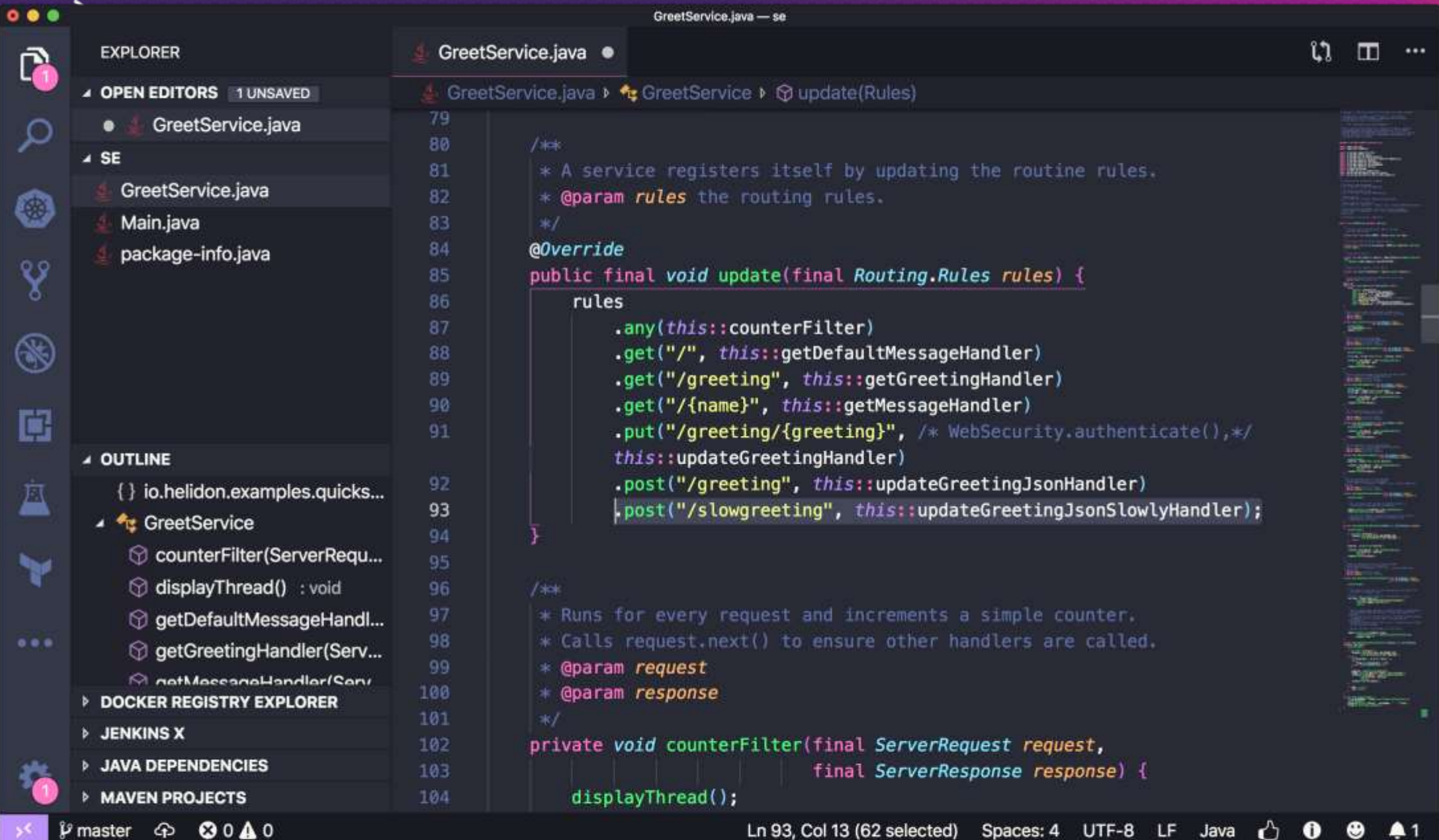
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Console What's New



EXPLORER

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- GreetService.java

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- GreetService.java
- Main.java
- package-info.java

OUTLINE

- { } io.helidon.examples.quicks...
- GreetService
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DOCKER REGISTRY EXPLORER

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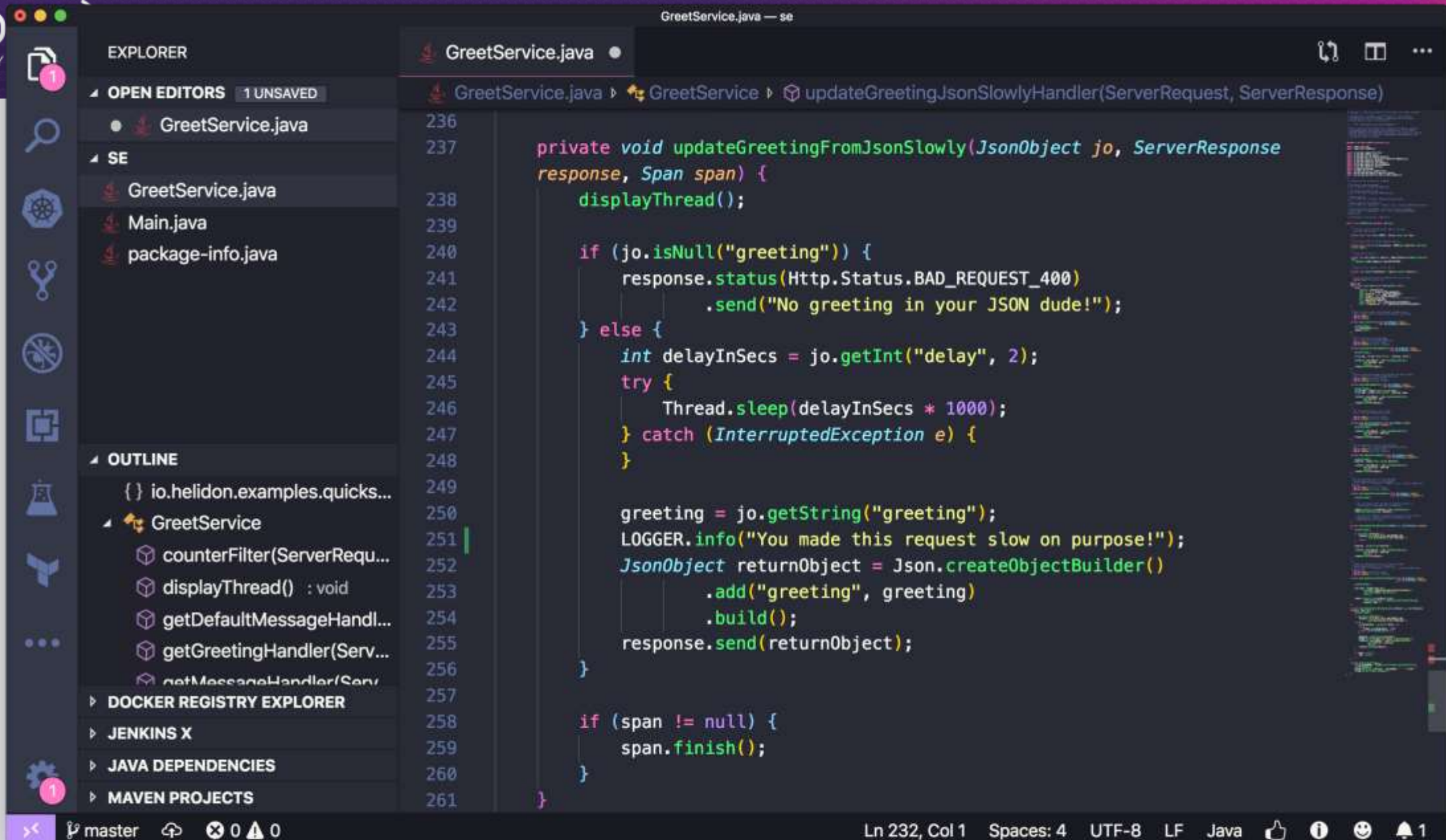
JAVA DEPENDENCIES

MAVEN PROJECTS

GreetService.java

```
79
80
81 /**
82  * A service registers itself by updating the routine rules.
83  * @param rules the routing rules.
84  */
85 @Override
86 public final void update(final Routing.Rules rules) {
87     rules
88         .any(this::counterFilter)
89         .get("/", this::getDefaultMessageHandler)
90         .get("/greeting", this::getGreetingHandler)
91         .get("/{name}", this::getMessageHandler)
92         .put("/greeting/{greeting}", /* WebSecurity.authenticate(),*/
93           this::updateGreetingHandler)
94         .post("/greeting", this::updateGreetingJsonHandler)
95         .post("/slowgreeting", this::updateGreetingJsonSlowlyHandler);
96 }
97
98 /**
99  * Runs for every request and increments a simple counter.
100  * Calls request.next() to ensure other handlers are called.
101  * @param request
102  * @param response
103  */
104 private void counterFilter(final ServerRequest request,
105                           final ServerResponse response) {
106     displayThread();
107 }
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GreetService.java ▶ GreetService ▶ updateGreetingJsonSlowlyHandler(ServerRequest, ServerResponse)

```
236
237
238 private void updateGreetingFromJsonSlowly(JsonObject jo, ServerResponse
239 response, Span span) {
240     displayThread();
241
242     if (jo.isNull("greeting")) {
243         response.status(Http.Status.BAD_REQUEST_400)
244             .send("No greeting in your JSON dude!");
245     } else {
246         int delayInSecs = jo.getInt("delay", 2);
247         try {
248             Thread.sleep(delayInSecs * 1000);
249         } catch (InterruptedException e) {
250         }
251
252         greeting = jo.getString("greeting");
253         LOGGER.info("You made this request slow on purpose!");
254         JsonObject returnObject = Json.createObjectBuilder()
255             .add("greeting", greeting)
256             .build();
257         response.send(returnObject);
258     }
259
260     if (span != null) {
261         span.finish();
262     }
263 }
```

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2. bash

```
(* |context-czgiyrzgy2d:observability)mboxell-mac:~ mboxell$ curl -X POST -d '{"greeting" : "Hi"}' 129.146.73.206:31000/greet/slowgreeting  
{"greeting":"Hi"}  
  
(* |context-czgiyrzgy2d:observability)mboxell-mac:~ mboxell$
```

grafana-alert

Mickey

Threads

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everyone

grafana-alert-test

random

+ Add a channel

Direct Messages

Slackbot

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+ Invite people

Apps

+ Install Google Drive

#grafana-alert-test

1 0 Add a topic

Yesterday

Grafana v6.1.0 Yesterday at 12:06 PM

[OK] Request Duration alert

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incoming-webhook APP 4:12 PM

[Alerting] Test notification

Someone is testing the alert notification within grafana.

High value

100

Higher Value

200

Error message

This is only a test

Grafana v6.0.0 Yesterday at 4:12 PM (30 kB)



[Alerting] Request Duration alert

Please take a look at request duration times.

{

1.5

Grafana v6.0.0 Yesterday at 4:17 PM

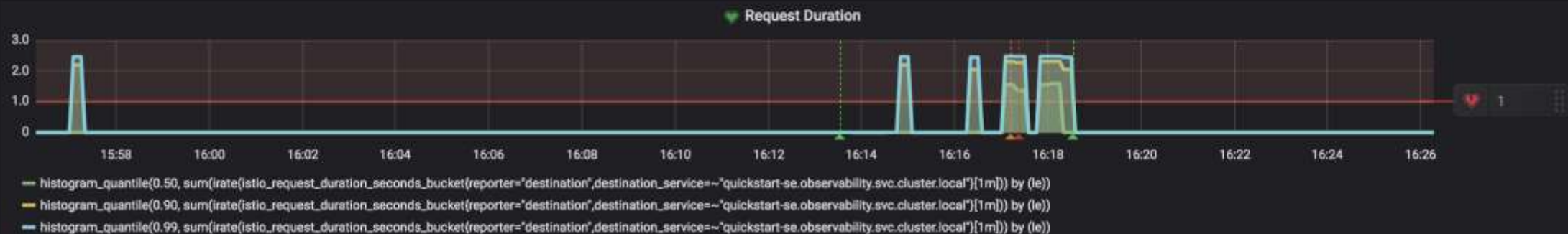


Message #grafana-alert-test



Request Duration -

Last 30 minutes Refresh every 5s



Alert

State history Test Rule Delete

Test Rule

```
▼ Object
  firing: false
  state: "ok"
  conditionEvals: "false = false"
  timeMs: "6.267ms"
  ▼ logs: Array[2]
    ▼ 0: Object
      message: "Condition[0]: Query Result"
      data: Array[1]
    ▼ 1: Object
      message: "Condition[0]: Eval: false, Metric: {}, Value: 0.003"
      data: null
```

Rule

Find Traces

Service (2)

quickstart-se.observability ▾

Operation (1)

all ▾

Tags ?

http.status_code=200 error=true

Lookback

Last Hour ▾

Min Duration

1000ms

Max Duration

e.g. 1.2s, 100ms, 500us

Limit Results



20 Traces

Sort: Longest First ▾

Compare traces by selecting result items

<input type="checkbox"/>	quickstart-se.observability: quickstart-se.observability.svc.cluster.local:8080/* ed1bb6c	2.01s
1 Span	quickstart-se.observability (1)	Today 4:16:47 pm 3 minutes ago
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1 Span	quickstart-se.observability (1)	Today 4:17:03 pm 3 minutes ago



Discover

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Collapse

1 hit

New Save Open Share Auto-refresh May 15th 2019, 16:16:55.000 to May 15th 2019, 16:16:56.000

Options

*

kubernetes.container_name: "quickstart-se" kubernetes.namespace_name: "observability" Add a filter +

Actions

*

Selected fields

? _source

Available fields

@timestamp

t _id

t _index

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? kubernetes

t log

t stream

t tag



Time	_source
May 15th 2019, 16:16:55.866	<pre>log: 2019.05.15 23:16:55 INFO io.helidon.examples.quickstart.se.GreetService !thread!: You made this request slow on purpose! stream: stderr docker: { "container_id": "aef12d16c4252de09770277ab14fc64f547df32c11675d93812d484a23bee608" } kubernetes: { "container_name": "quickstart-se", "namespace_name": "observability", "pod_name": "quickstart-se-6fdbdccc648-pl5zw", "pod_id": "50c80e50-7762-11e9-84c9-0a580aed0b13", "labels": { "app": "quickstart-se", "cleanup": "true", "docker-api-version": "1.39", "pod-template-hash":</pre>

Table JSON

View surrounding documents View single document

@timestamp May 15th 2019, 16:16:55.866

t _id B4DIvWo8mi40v1702TS4

t _index logstash-2019.05.15

_score -

t _type Fluentd

? docker {

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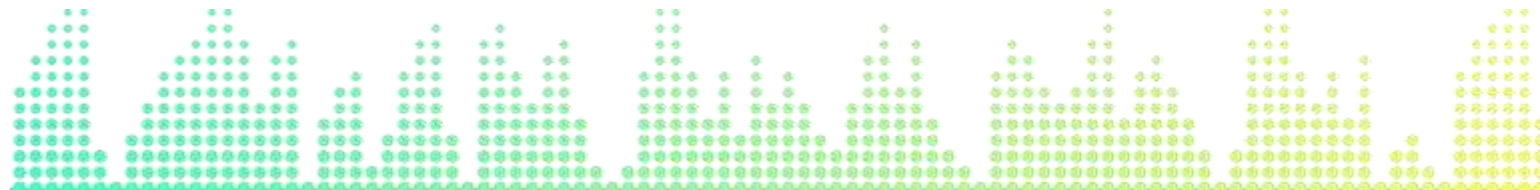


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Key Takeaways

- Gain insight from logging, metrics, and tracing - discover issues, pinpoint their location, and determine a fix
- Proactively test and improve system performance/efficiency
- Recognize the impact to the business



Key Takeaways

- Observability takes a holistic approach to operations
- Its practices give you maximum visibility into the behavior of a modern distributed system



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