Elasticsearch Installation & Configuration

Import the elasticsearch from gpg key using the command:

rpm --import https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch

Installation:

Create a file called elasticsearch.repo in the /etc/yum.repos.d/ directory for RedHat based distributions, containing:

[elasticsearch]
name=Elasticsearch repository for 8.8 packages
baseurl=https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/8.8/yum
gpgcheck=1
gpgkey=https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch
enabled=0
autorefresh=1
type=rpm-md

Now install the elasticsearch from the rpm repository using the following command.

sudo yum install --enablerepo=elasticsearch elasticsearch

Runnning elasticsearch with systemd:

To configure Elasticsearch to start automatically when the system boots up, run the following commands:

```
1.sudo /bin/systemctl daemon-reload
2.sudo /bin/systemctl enable elasticsearch.service
```

Elasticsearch can be started and stopped as follows:

```
    systemctl start elasticsearch.service
    systemctl stop elasticsearch.service
```

Configuration:

Open the elasticsearch.yml located at /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml to configure elasticsearch.

In this file in the paths section uncomment

path.data: /var/lib/elasticsearch path.logs: /var/log/elasticsearch

While uncommenting, take care of the indentations.

-coming to the network section

Uncomment

http.port: 9200 line. By default the port is set to 9200 and u can change it to whatever port u may wish to use.

U may also need to allow access to the port through firewall and set up tcp and udp connection on it using:

- Get a list of allowed ports in the current zone:

```
firewall-cmd --list-ports
```

- Add a port to the allowed ports to open it for incoming traffic:

```
sudo firewall-cmd --add-port=port-number/port-type
```

- Make the new settings persistent:

```
sudo firewall-cmd --runtime-to-permanent
```

Coming to the security auto configuration section

If you want to use self signed ssl certificates then follow these steps:

Put all these certificates in a folder at a secured location and then either add these lines or uncomment them in the yml file:

- xpack.security.enabled: true
- xpack.security.enrollment.enabled: true
- xpack.security.http.ssl:

enabled: true

key: path/to/your/ca.key

certificate: path/to/your/ca.crt

- xpack.security.transport.ssl:

enabled: true

key: path/to/your/ca.key

certificate: path/to/your/ca.crt

- if u do not want to join an existing cluster than set

cluster.initial master nodes: ["node name"]

-And then set the

http.host: 0.0.0.0

To allow http api connection from anywhere. And if you want elasticsearch to be accessed from a specific ip address then set http.host to that ip.

Kibana Installation & Configuration

Installation:

Installing kibana with rpm

Import the elastic gpg signing key. Download and install the public signing key:

- rpm --import https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch

Installing from the rpm repository:

Create a file called kibana.repo in the /etc/yum.repos.d/ directory for RedHat based distributions, containing:

```
[kibana-8.x]
name=Kibana repository for 8.x packages
baseurl=https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/8.x/yum
gpgcheck=1
gpgkey=https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch
enabled=1
autorefresh=1
type=rpm-md
```

And your repository is ready for use. You can now install Kibana with the following command:

```
sudo yum install kibana
```

To configure Kibana to start automatically when the system starts, run the following commands:

- sudo /bin/systemctl daemon-reload
- sudo /bin/systemctl enable kibana.service

Kibana can be started and stopped as follows:

- sudo systemctl start kibana.service
- sudo systemctl stop kibana.service

Configuration:

You may also need to allow access to the port through firewall and set up tcp and udp connection on it using:

- Get a list of allowed ports in the current zone:

```
firewall-cmd --list-ports
```

- Add a port to the allowed ports to open it for incoming traffic:

```
sudo firewall-cmd --add-port=port-number/port-type
```

- Make the new settings persistent:

```
sudo firewall-cmd --runtime-to-permanent
```

Uncomment or add these lines in the kibana.yml file located at /etc/kibana/kibana.yml Add the port no you are wishing to use. We are using the default port 5601.

- server.port: 5601

Set the server.host: to 0.0.0.0 to make kibana listen on all ips(public and private) else specify your own ip.

- server.host: 0.0.0.0
- server.publicBaseUrl: "https://hostname:port_no"

If using ssl with self signed certificates, set

- server.ssl.enabled: true
- server.ssl.certificate: /path/to/ca.crt

- server.ssl.key: /path/to/ca.key
- elasticsearch.hosts: ["https://localhost:9200"]
- elasticsearch.ssl.verificationMode: none

To connect kibana to elasticsearch generate the authentication token and encrypt it using kibana keystore as follow:

- -You can then generate an enrollment token for Kibana with the elasticsearch-create-enrollment-token tool:
 - bin/elasticsearch-create-enrollment-token -s kibana

This will generate an enrollment token which u can keep stored and then add it to kibana keystore as follow:

-bin/kibana-keystore add elasticsearch.serviceAccountToken

It will ask you to give the value which you need to store, you can enter that value and you are good to go.

For generating alerting documents in kibana:

- Go to /usr/share/kibana/bin and add the xpack.encryptedSavedObjects.encryptionKey this
 in kibana keystore.value of this key must be atleast 32 characters. This will help in enabling
 the rules section in the kibana.after this restart kibana. Now create rules section must
 appear in the observability-alerts section.
- 2. You can store this encryption key in kibana-keystore as follows:

 bin/kibana-keystore add xpack.encryptedSavedObjects.encryptionKey

 It will ask you to give the value which you need to store, you can enter that value and yo are good to go.

Metricbeat and Filebeat Installation

Prerequisites:

- 1. Metricbeat API:
 - a. Go to Hamburger menu (≡) > Management > Stack management.
 - b. From the list on the left side go to Security > Roles.
 - c. Click on "Create a new role" button and create a new role as following:
 - i. Role name: metricbeat-user
 - ii. Cluster privileges:
 - 1. Monitor
 - 2. Read ilm
 - iii. Index privileges:
 - 1. Indices -> metricbeat-* , Privileges -> create_doc
 - d. Click on the "Save role" button.
 - e. Now, On the same page, Go to Security > Users.
 - f. Click on "Create user" button and create a new user as following:
 - i. Username: metric
 - ii. Password: //Any password You like
 - iii. Confirm password: //Same password as before
 - iv. Privileges:
 - 1. Metricbeat-user
 - 2. Editor
 - g. Click on "Save user".
 - h. Now, Go to Hamburger menu (≡) > Management > Dev Tools.
 - i. Type in the code:

```
POST /_security/api_key/grant
{
    "grant_type": "password",
    "username": "metric",
    "password": "//Password you set above",
    "api_key": {
        "name": "metric-api"
    }
}
```

j. Play the code snippet and save the response you get back to a text file. Also make a word in format "id:api_key" where both "id" and "api_key" are taken from the response object that you just saved. We will be referencing this newly generated word as **metric_api_key** in this documentation.

2. Filebeat API:

- a. Go to Hamburger menu (≡) > Management > Stack management.
- b. From the list on the left side go to Security > Roles.
- c. Click on "Create a new role" button and create a new role as following:
 - i. Role name: filebeat-user
 - ii. Cluster privileges:

- 1. Monitor
- 2. Manage_ilm
- iii. Index privileges:
 - 1. Indices -> filebeat-*, Privileges -> all
- d. Click on the "Save role" button.
- e. Now, On the same page, Go to Security > Users.
- f. Click on "Create user" button and create a new user as following:
 - i. Username: file
 - ii. Password: //Any password You like
 - iii. Confirm password: //Same password as before
 - iv. Privileges:
 - 1. Filetricbeat-user
 - 2. Editor
- g. Click on "Save user".
- h. Now, Go to Hamburger menu (≡) > Management > Dev Tools.
- i. Type in the code:

```
POST /_security/api_key/grant
{
    "grant_type": "password",
    "username": "file",
    "password": "//Password you set above",
    "api_key": {
        "name": "file-api"
    }
}
```

j. Play the code snippet and save the response you get back to a text file. Also make a word in format "id:api_key" where both "id" and "api_key" are taken from the response object that you just saved. We will be referencing this newly generated word as **file_api_key** in this documentation.

3. Cluster Data:

- a. Check the address of the elasticsearch host for your cluster. Eg: https://slazintern01.francecentral.cloudapp.azure.com:9200

 We will be referencing this address as **elastic host** in this documentation.
- b. Check the address of the kibana host for your cluster. Eg:
 https://slazintern01.francecentral.cloudapp.azure.com:5601

 We will be referencing this address as kibana_host in this documentation.

Installation:

There are two methods to install metricbeat and filebeat on the machine.

- 1. Install manually by following this documentation and executing commands by yourself.
- 2. Install automatically by executing a script.

Method 1:

1. Open terminal and switch to root user using command: sudo -i

2. Add public signing key using command:

rpm --import https://packages.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch

3. Go to /etc/yum.repos.d/ directory and create a new file named elastic.repo using following command:

cd /etc/yum.repos.d

nano elastic.repo

4. Now copy the following text into the nano editor:

[elastic-8.x]

name=Elastic repository for 8.x packages

baseurl=https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/8.x/yum

gpgcheck=1

gpgkey=https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch

enabled=1

autorefresh=1

type=rpm-md

5. Once done, just execute following command:

yum install metricbeat-8.8.0

yum install filebeat-8.8.0

(Type y when prompted to install metricbeat & filebeat)

6. Enable metricbeat by following command:

systemctl enable metricbeat

systemctl enable filebeat

7. Add **metric_api_key** & **file_api_key** into metricbeat keystore by following commands: metricbeat keystore add api key

filebeat keystore add api_key

- 8. Now, enter the **metric_api_key** (for metricbeat) and **file_api_key** (for filebeat) created previously into the terminal when prompted and hit enter.
- 9. Configure metricbeat.yml & filebeat.yml file by opening it in nano editor one by one by following command and make the changes suggested in next step:

nano /etc/metricbeat/metricbeat.yml

nano /etc/filebeat/filebeat.yml

- 10. Now, change or add following lines in both the yml files:
 - a. Modules configuration section:
 - i. reload.enabled: true
 - b. Kibana section:
 - i. Uncomment setup.kibana
 - ii. host: "kibana_host" //kibana_host is the one mentioned above
 - iii. ssl.verification mode: "none"
 - c. Elasticsearch output section:
 - i. hosts: ["elastic_host"] //elastic_host is the one mentioned above
 - ii. api key: "\${api key}"
- 11. Enable some modules for metricbeat & filebeat by following commands:

metricbeat modules enable elasticsearch

metricbeat modules enable elasticsearch-xpack

metricbeat modules enable kibana

metricbeat modules enable kibana-xpack

metricbeat modules enable linux

metricbeat modules enable system

filebeat modules enable elasticsearch

filebeat modules enable kibana

filebeat modules enable system

12. Go to metricbeat modules.d using following command:

cd /etc/metricbeat/modules.d

13. Change following lines from specified files:

(Use "nano file name" to edit content of files)

- a. In elasticsearch.yml & elasticsearch-xpack.yml
 - i. hosts: ["elastic_host"] //elastic_host is the one mentioned above
- b. In kibana.yml & kibana-xpack.yml
 - i. hosts: ["kibana_host"] //kibana_host is the one mentioned above
- 14. Now, the setup is complete. Just start the metricbeat & filebeat service using:

systemctl start metricbeat.service

systemctl start filebeat.service

Method 2:

For this step, you must have the *beats.zip* file on the machine where you want to install & configure the beats. For this you can use scp command to copy the file from your local machine to the target machine.

After having the zip file in place:

- 1. Move *beats.zip* to your home directory and then unzip it using following command: unzip beats.zip
- 2. From the home directory itself, run the setup script using following command: sudo sh beats/setup.sh
- 3. Follow on-screen instructions and provide all the data asked during installation. The names of fields asked during installation are to be referred from this documentation itself (eg. elastic_host, kibana_host etc.)
- 4. Now, the setup is complete. Both the beats are up and running which you can cross check by following command:

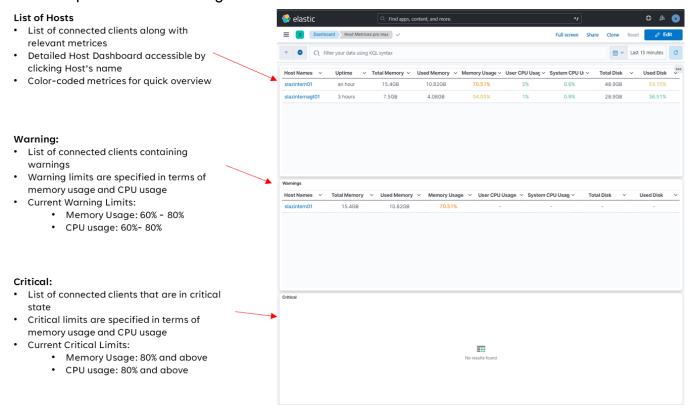
systemctl status metricbeat

systemctl status filebeat

Kibana Dashboards

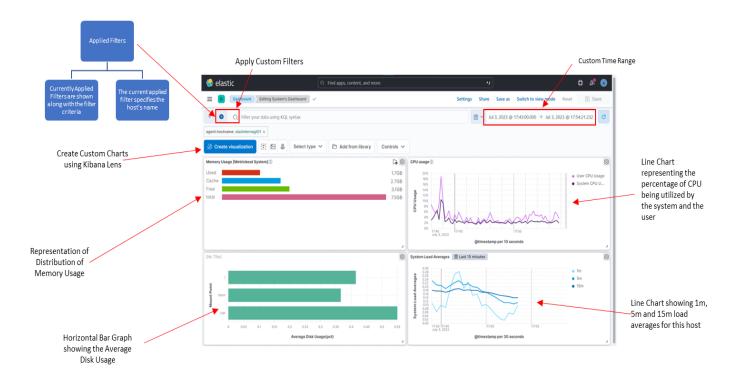
Host Metrices Pro Max

- Contains the list of all the active serves along with relevant metrics
- Contains tables for servers with Warnings and Critical condition
- To edit the warning and critical conditions in the table, edit the filter applied on the particular table using kibana lens



System Dashboard

- o Contains detailed charts for each server
- New charts and tables can be added using 'create visualisation'



Create Visualisation:

- Create new charts and tables
- Charts with custom filters and time range can also be created

Filebeat Dashboard:

- Dashboard for logs generated by all the servers
- Includes charts and graphs for logs related to different processes of a server

