



# Metrics, Tracing and bugs in production

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# Nice to meet you!



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# Let's get started

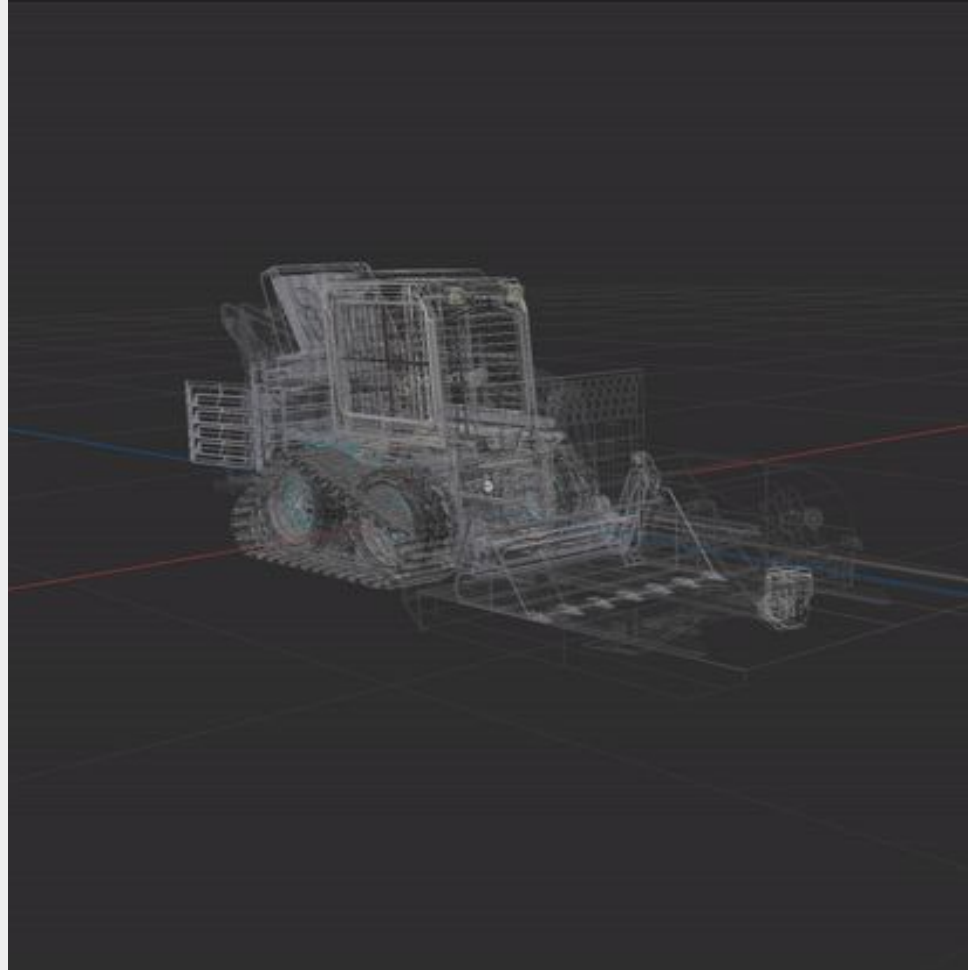
- What is Unity?
- What is Unity Cloud?
- What do I do?
- How do I know if my software works?





## Unity and real-time 3D

- Video Games
  - >39 000 games on Steam
  - >80% of games on mobile
- Industry
  - Digital Twins
    - Cars





**2K**

Software Engineers and  
Developers

**23**

Office locations around  
the globe

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Monthly Users



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Unity Cloud



# Unity Cloud



# Unity Cloud

- Most things that are available here:
  - <https://cloud.unity.com>
- Services such as:
  - Unity Gaming Services
  - Unity DevOps
  - Asset Manager

## CRASH REPORTING



GAMING SERVICES

### Cloud Diagnostics

Crash reporting for your games



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### Cloud Diagnostics Advanced

Real-time crash monitoring, powered by Backtrace

## GAME ECONOMY



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### Economy

Design and manage your game economy

## COMMUNITY



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### Friends

Connect your players with friends



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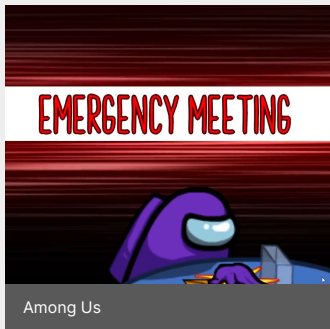
### Leaderboards

Add friendly competition to your games

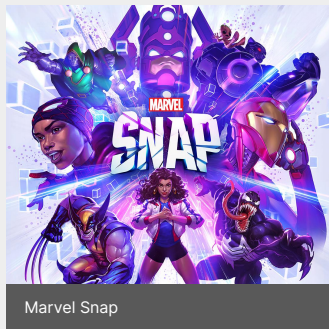




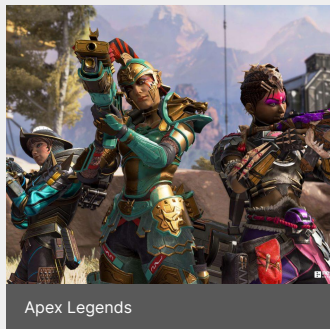
## Games relying on our services



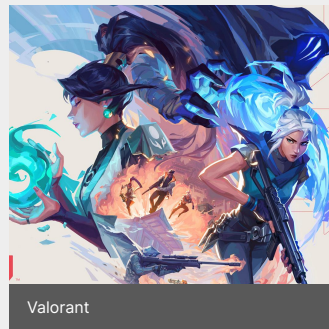
Among Us



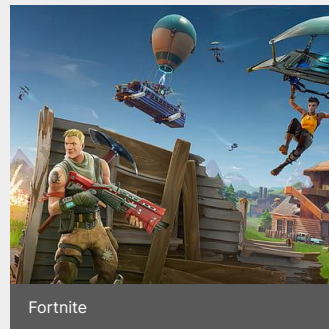
Marvel Snap



Apex Legends



Valorant



Fortnite

### Unity Analytics

Dashboards and visualization tools to help make the right decisions.

### Cloud Content Delivery

Build and release game updates with content delivery via the cloud.

### Multiplay

Orchestration solution for hosting and scaling your game.

### Vivox

Service for both text and voice chat, with all the necessary controls you would expect.

### ...and countless more



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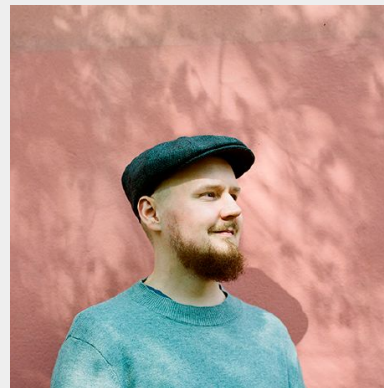
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# Unity Services Foundation



# Next week..

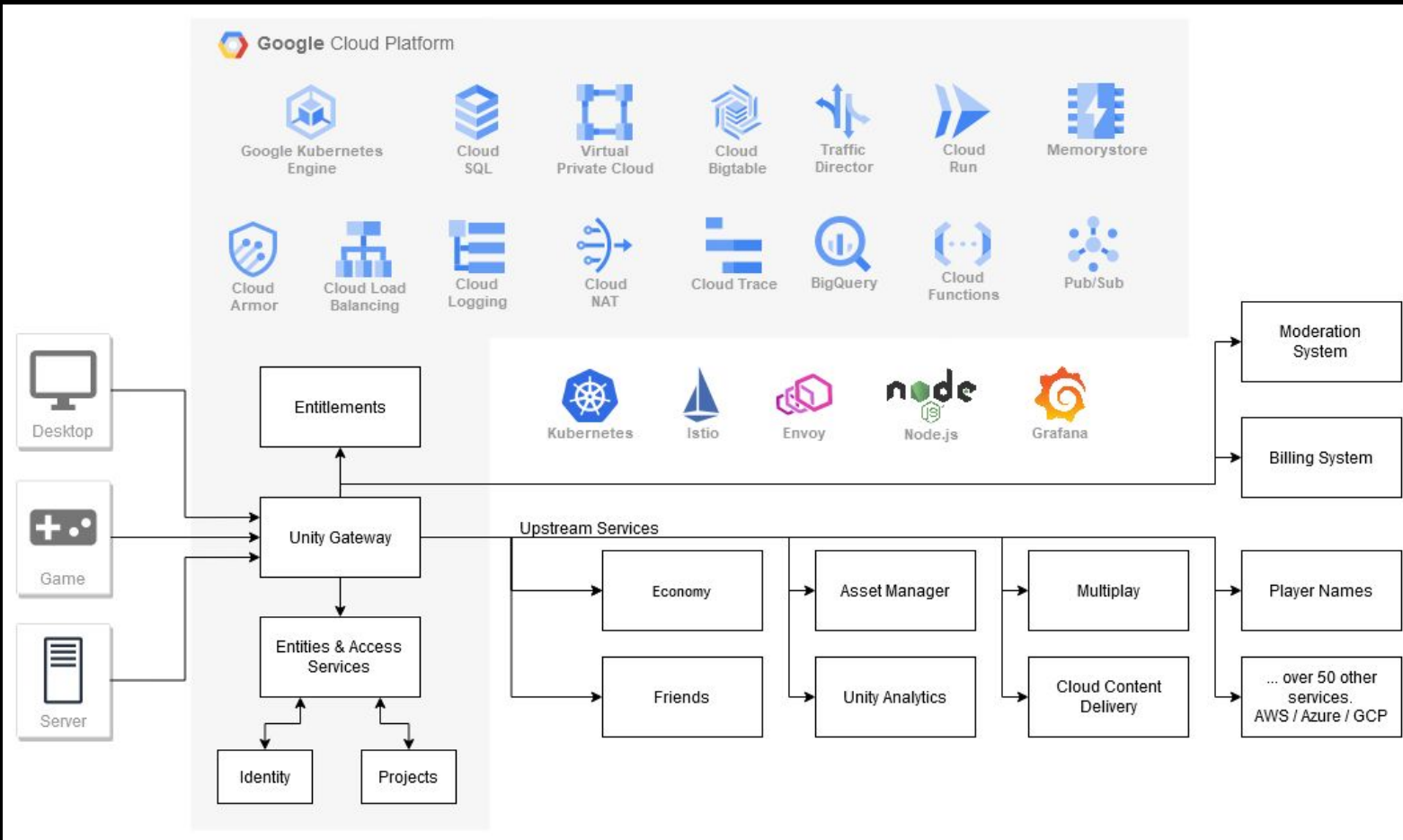


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# Unity Gateway







## Maintaining

- Documentation
  - Game Developer Docs
  - Unity Developer Docs
  - Gateway Developer Docs
- How do I maintain my sanity and a stress-free work environment?
  - Tests
    - End-to-end tests
    - Integration tests
    - Unit tests
  - Observability





Throughput



Event Loop Lag



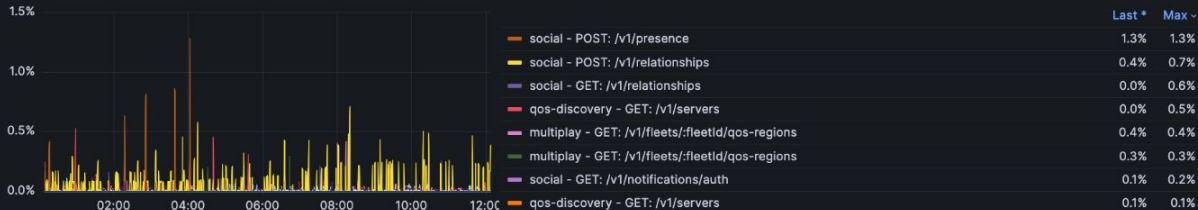
Internal Processing Latency



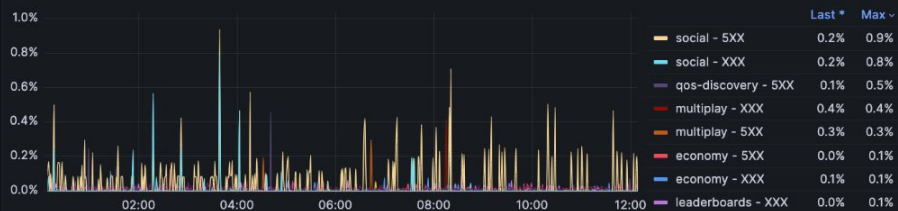
HTTP Server Error Rate



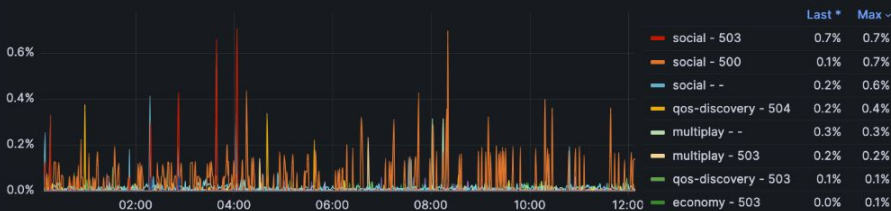
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Error Rate by Service - Top 5



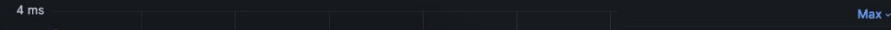
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Filter 95th Latency

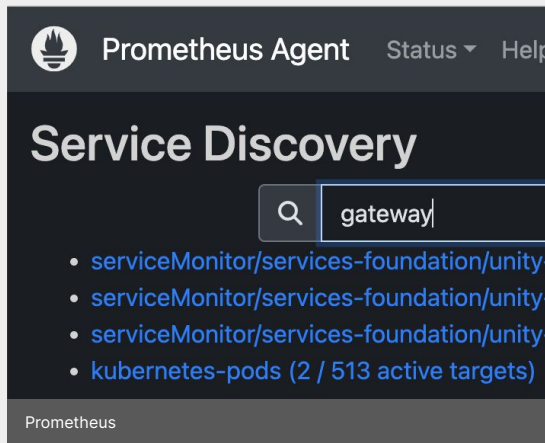


Filter Median Latency



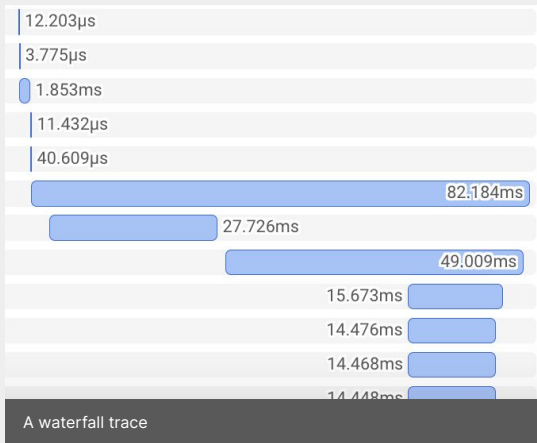


# Observability through telemetry



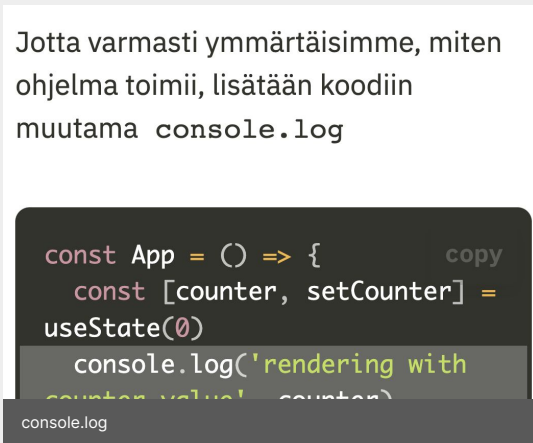
## METRICS

Basically numbers. Prometheus collects and stores its metrics as time series data, i.e. metrics information is stored with the timestamp at which it was recorded, alongside optional key-value pairs called labels.



## TRACES

A spans records a piece of information about how the application handles an action, such as a request. Spans are the construction blocks of a trace. OpenTelemetry is used to collect trace data from the application.



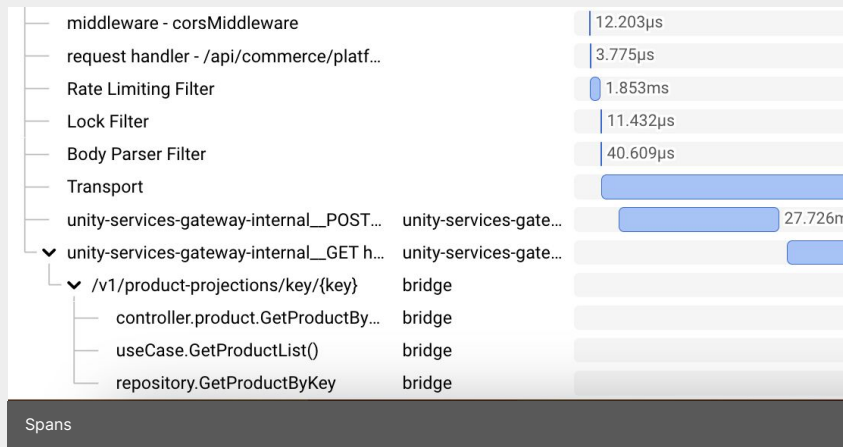
## LOGS

Text. Structured text is usually more useful than unstructured.



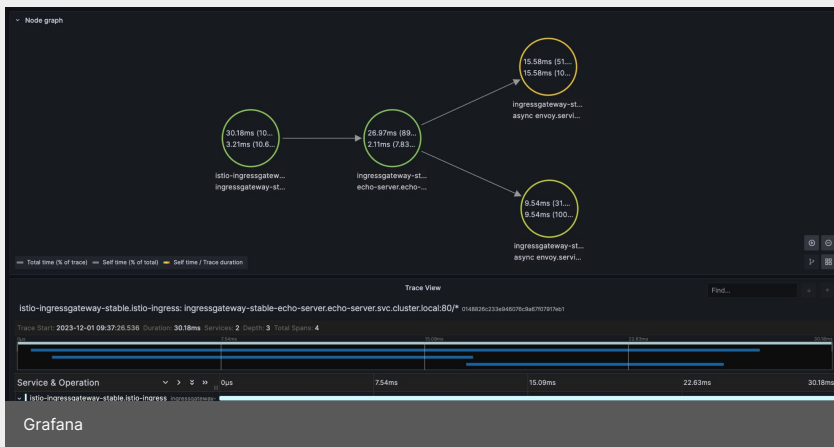


# Tracing



## REQUEST TRACING

Each step of a request the Unity Gateway receives is tracked as a separate “Span” these spans are then collected into a complete trace of the request, telling the entire story of the request processing.



## VISUALIZATION

We use Grafana to visualize the traces. An additional tool which offers us ways to query and retrieve traces. This way us humans can look at pretty pictures and try to come up with actions.



# Metrics

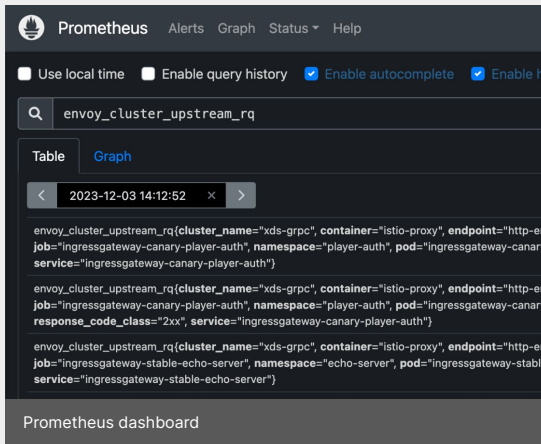
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# HELP go_gc_duration_seconds A summary of the pause duration of garbage
# TYPE go_gc_duration_seconds summary
go_gc_duration_seconds{quantile="0"} 0.000185479
go_gc_duration_seconds{quantile="0.25"} 0.000205202
go_gc_duration_seconds{quantile="0.5"} 0.00022631
go_gc_duration_seconds{quantile="0.75"} 0.000265619
go_gc_duration_seconds{quantile="1"} 0.004067472
go_gc_duration_seconds_sum 0.818635184
go_gc_duration_seconds_count 3044
# HELP go_goroutines Number of goroutines that currently exist.
# TYPE go_goroutines gauge
go_goroutines 498
# HELP go_info Information about the Go environment.
# TYPE go_info gauge
go_info{version="go1.21.3"} 1
# HELP go_memstats_alloc_bytes Number of bytes allocated and still in use.
# TYPE go_memstats_alloc_bytes gauge
go_memstats_alloc_bytes 3.549804e+07
# HELP go_memstats_alloc_bytes_total Total number of bytes allocated, ever.
# TYPE go_memstats_alloc_bytes_total counter
go_memstats_alloc_bytes_total 3.36880232352e+10
# HELP go_memstats_buck_hash_sys_bytes Number of bytes used by the profiling bucket hash table.
# TYPE go_memstats_buck_hash_sys_bytes gauge
go_memstats_buck_hash_sys_bytes 2.776299e+06
# HELP go_memstats_frees_total Total number of frees.
# TYPE go_memstats_frees_total counter
go_memstats_frees_total 3.7048389e+08
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A metrics endpoint

## WHY

One of the best part of metrics is being able to define alerts. Alerts then allow you to know if something is not going as expected.

Other reason is to report those metrics to someone who cares.



## HOW TO MEASURE

The modern tool for this is Prometheus. Prometheus is used to scrape metrics information from the application.

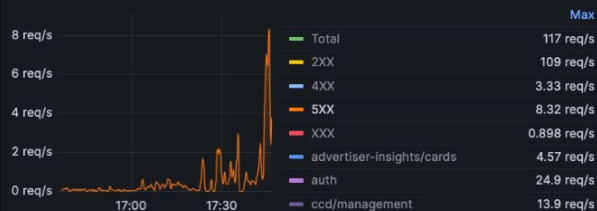


## HOW TO DISPLAY

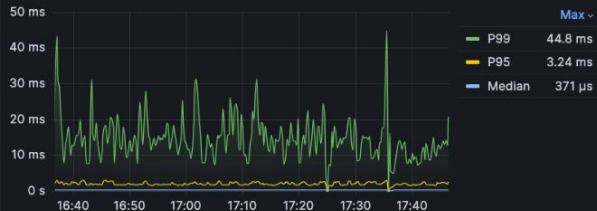
Grafana gives us humans visibility into the metrics and allows creation of the cool dashboards.



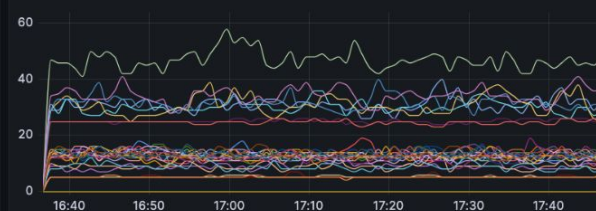
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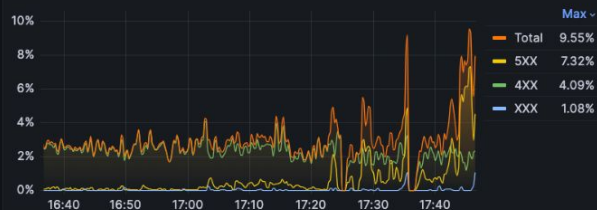
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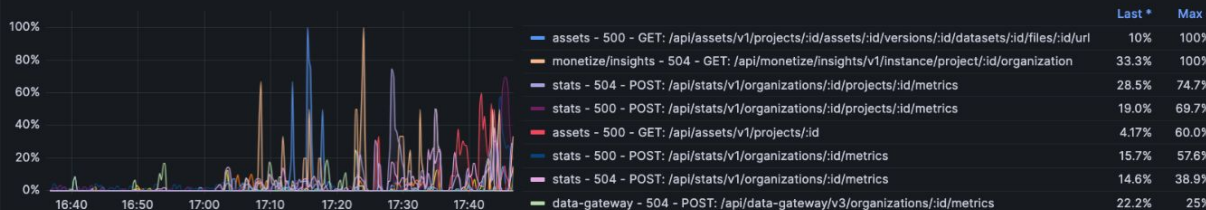
CloudNAT Port Usage



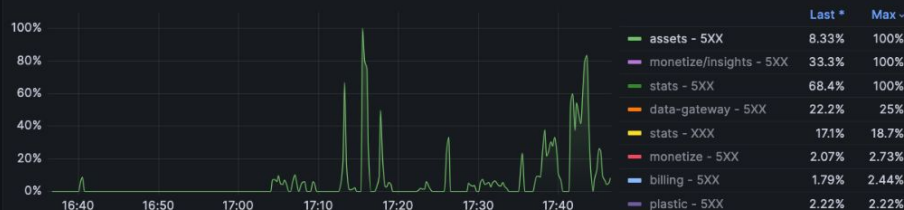
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## When an alert triggers

### Investigate

Gather the data from all sources, such as logs messages, traces and metrics to gain an understanding of what is happening.

### Evaluate

Make the decision to start an **incident** if this warrants immediate action.

Alerts can be caused from multiple reasons. There might be a need to contact another team, or save everyone from a DDoS attack. Or maybe the alert was faulty.

### Fix

Silence the alert in one way or another. Depending on the evaluation.



## Incident management process

In our slack “/incident start” creates a new channel, notifies relevant teams and assigns you as an “incident commander”

Incidents always have a commander, and the commander is responsible for driving the incident toward resolution.

Commander duty can be re-assigned to someone who knows better.

After it's been resolved, a postmortem document is created with things such as: the start time, the end time, what happened, what was the problem, how was it found and how to prevent it from happening again.



## Incident levels

- P0 Critical Issue
  - Significant revenue or data loss or outage of a critical service impacting many teams.
- P1 Service Degradation
  - Revenue loss, critical service difficult to use, or a non-critical service outage.
- P2 Unintended Behavior
  - A product or a service that has lost some functionality. No revenue loss.
- P3 Known Issue
  - A product or service with unexpected but acceptable behavior.



# Q&A



# Thank you

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