Monitoring Setup: Prometheus and Grafana on Kubernetes

Prerequisites

- A running Kubernetes cluster
- kubectl configured to access the cluster
- Helm installed (helm version to verify)

Step 1: Install Prometheus and Grafana

Add Prometheus Helm repo:

```
# helm repo add prometheus-community
https://prometheus-community.github.io/helm-charts
# helm repo update
```

Install Prometheus and Grafana using Helm:

```
# helm install monitoring-stack prometheus-community/kube-prometheus-stack \
    --namespace monitoring \
    --create-namespace
```

Step 2: Verify Namespace and Pods

Check the namespace:

```
# kubectl get ns
```

List pods in the monitoring namespace:

```
# kubectl get pods -n monitoring -o wide
```

Expected Pods:

LANE.	DEADY	CTATUS	DECTABLE	AGE
NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
alertmanager-prometheus-kube-prometheus-alertmanager-0	2/2	Running	0	15d
orometheus-grafana-797b99954c-mfjp8	3/3	Running	2 (15d ago)	15d
orometheus-kube-prometheus-operator-57c889df6b-8crnp	1/1	Running	0	15d
orometheus-kube-state-metrics-6c7dddf848-rzx96	1/1	Running	0	15d
orometheus-prometheus-kube-prometheus-prometheus-0	2/2	Running	0	8d
orometheus-prometheus-node-exporter-2hsdf	1/1	Running	0	15d
orometheus-prometheus-node-exporter-bjrtd	1/1	Running	0	15d
orometheus-prometheus-node-exporter-s9mkg	1/1	Running	0	15d
orometheus-promet <u>h</u> eus-node-exporter-sws42	1/1	Running	0	15d

Step 3: Expose Services via NodePort

A. Expose Prometheus on Port 30005:

```
# kubectl patch svc prometheus-operated -n monitoring \
   -p '{"spec": {"type": "NodePort", "ports": [{"port": 80, "targetPort": 9000, "nodePort": 30005}]}}'
```

Note: The Prometheus service name may vary. Use kubectl get svc -n monitoring to confirm the name (prometheus-operated or similar).

B. Expose Grafana on Port 30006:

```
# kubectl patch svc prometheus-grafana -n monitoring \
  -p '{"spec": {"type": "NodePort", "ports": [{"port": 80, "targetPort": 3000, "nodePort": 30006}]}}'
```

Step 4: Get Grafana Admin Credentials

Default Login:

Username: admin

Password: prom-operator

To retrieve credentials via kubectl:

```
# kubectl get secret -n monitoring prometheus-grafana \
  -o jsonpath="{.data.admin-user}" | base64 --decode && echo

# kubectl get secret -n monitoring prometheus-grafana \
  -o jsonpath="{.data.admin-password}" | base64 --decode && echo
```

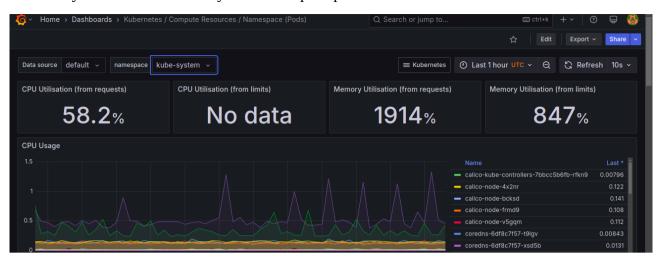
Step 5: Access Dashboards

Assuming your Node IP is 192.168.111.245:

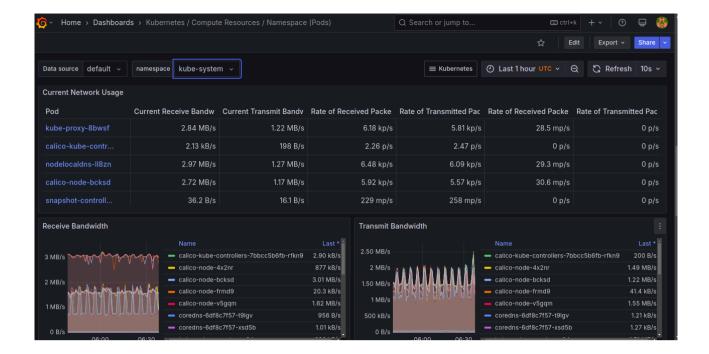
- **Grafana UI**: http://192.168.111.245:30005
- **Prometheus UI**: http://192.168.111.245:30006

Log in to Grafana using the credentials from Step 4.

Here is my Dashboard of kube-system namespace pods:







Notes

- All resources are deployed in the monitoring namespace.
- Ensure NodePorts 30005 and 30006 are open in your firewall or security group.
- It's recommended to change the default Grafana password after the first login.
- For secure access in production, consider using an Ingress controller with TLS.