DevOps Project Report

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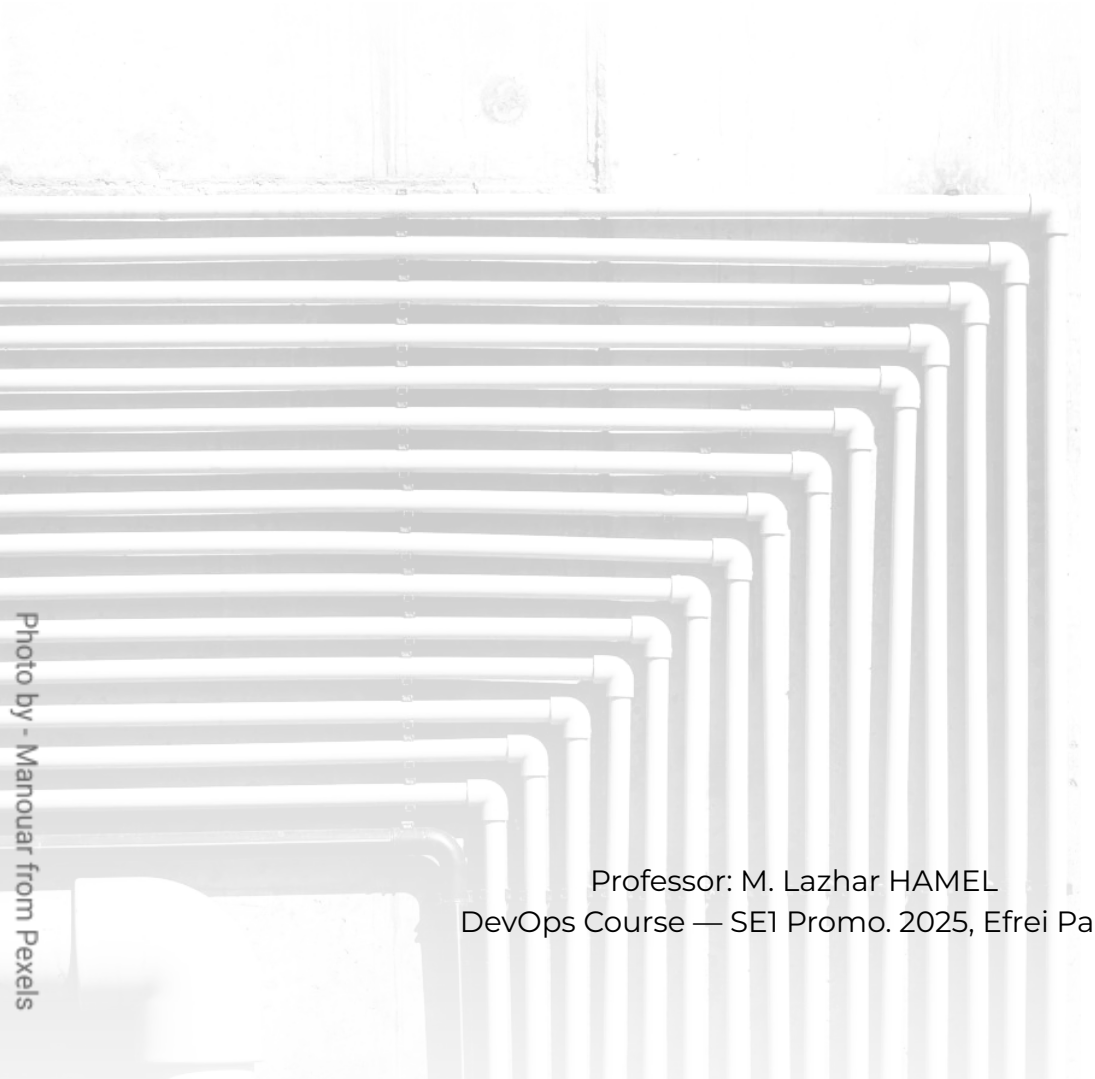

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Introduction

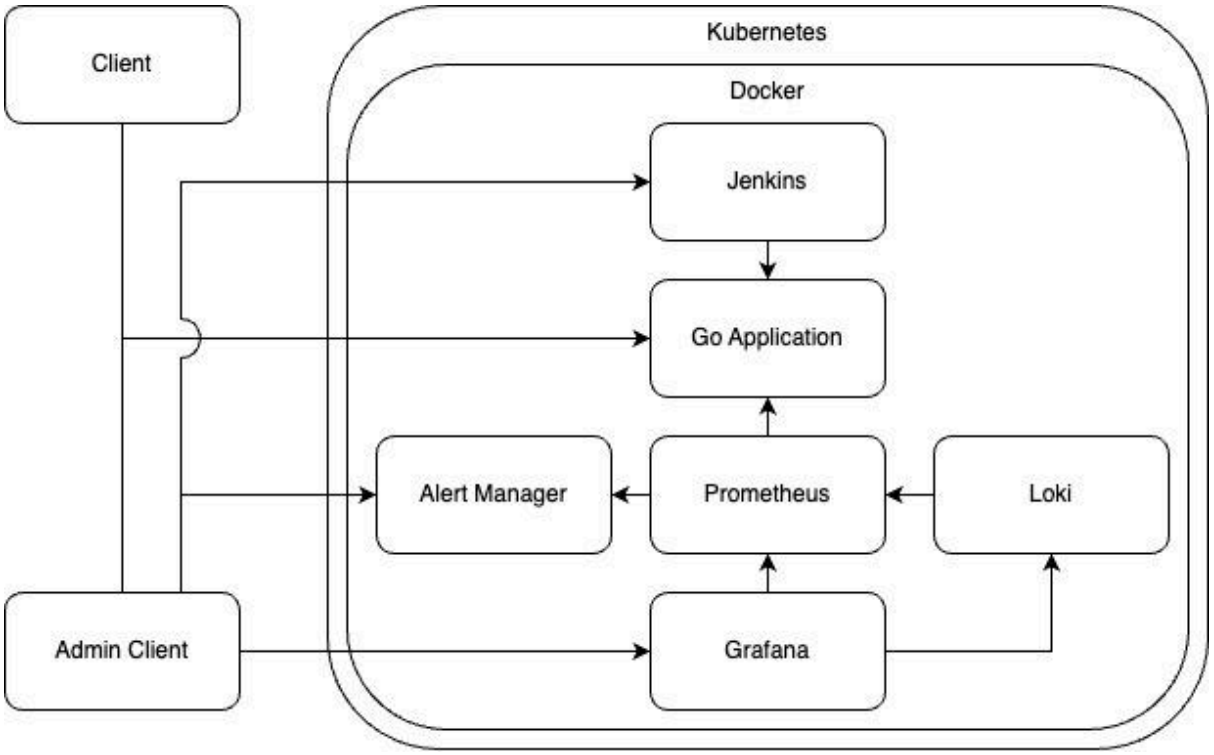
In this report, we will go through everything we did to realize the project. For each question, we will provide screenshots or explanations on how we did it, and how you can do it too in your own environment.

We created a GitHub repository with the files and commands we used. You can access it here : https://github.com/paulinedavid/project_dev_ops.git

Steps taken

Part One – Build and Deploy an application using Docker / Kubernetes and Jenkins pipeline.

1. Here is our diagram :

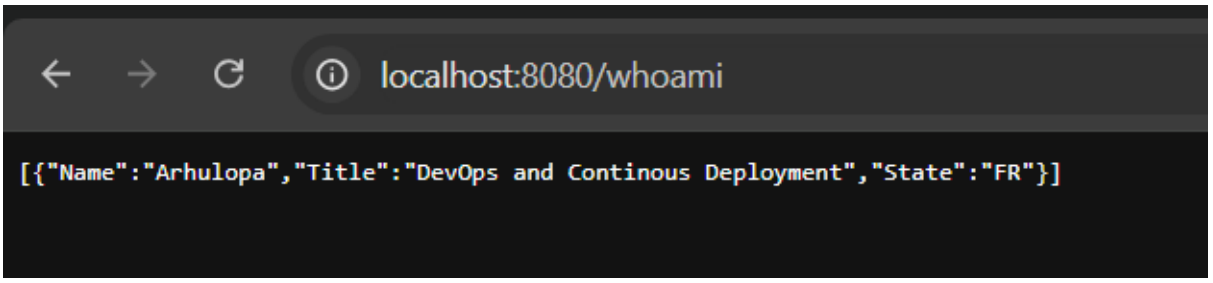


We can imagine two types of users for our project: regular users, and administrators. The regular user (“client”) can only access the Go application whereas the administrator (“admin client”) can also access Jenkins and Grafana to manage and monitor the application.

As we can see from the graph, the Go application, Jenkins, Prometheus, Alert Manager, Loki and Grafana are all inside of the Kubernetes and Docker containers. This is because they are run as Kubernetes services using the Docker driver.

Now that we know what we want to achieve, let’s start building this project with the following questions…

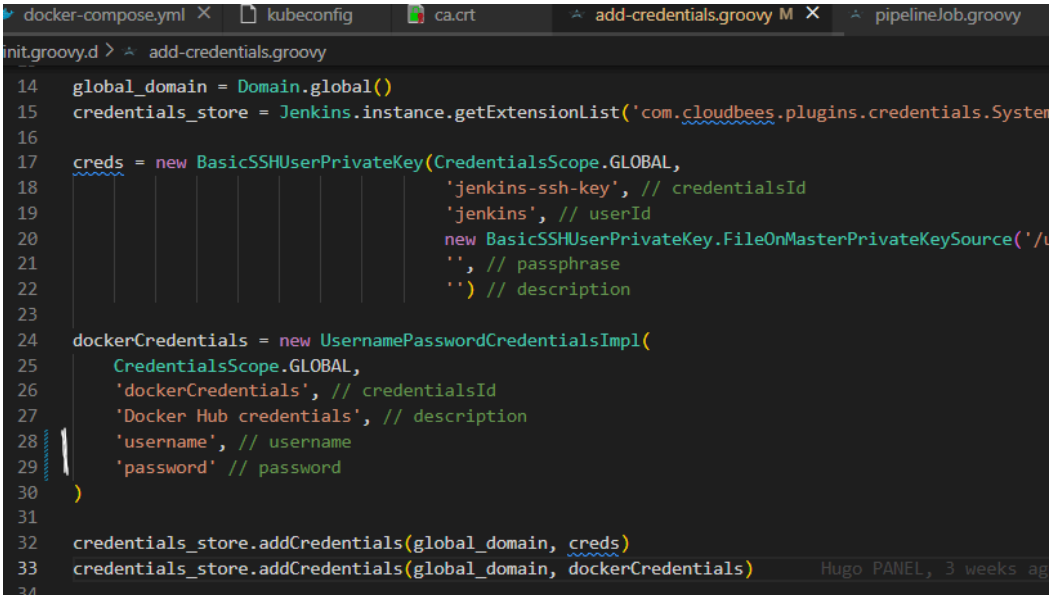
2. We customized the app so that the /whoami endpoint displays our team name (Arhulopa):



Then, we created the pipelineJob.groovy to represent the pipeline job that will build the image of the app and deploy it using docker engine.
In order to test this, you can simply clone the github project on your machine, then in a terminal at the root of the project execute the following commands :

```
docker run -d -p 8080:8080 -p 50000:50000 -v /usr/bin/docker:/usr/bin/docker -v /run/docker.sock:/run/docker.sock --name jenkins --restart unless-stopped jenkins/jenkins:lts-jdk17
```

Then, update the add-credentials.groovy file with your own docker credentials :



Then run this command to update the content of the container :

```
docker-compose up --build
```

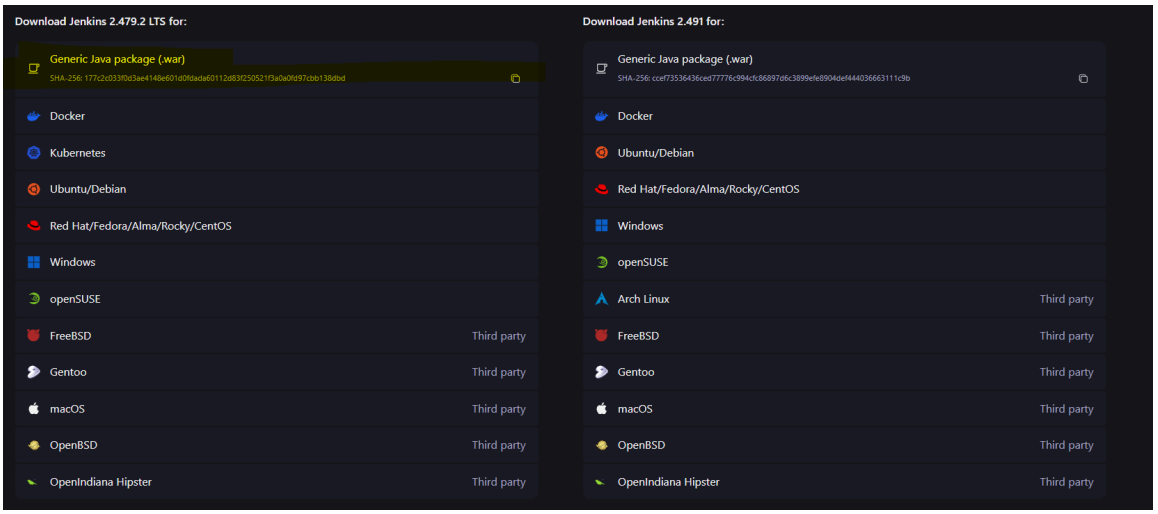
<u>Good to know:</u>
We also have two more .groovy files in the init.groovy.d folder: add-security.groovy and basic-security.groovy.
The add-agent.groovy file adds a new agent to Jenkins, as using the built-in node is considered bad practice.

The basic-security.groovy file is used to change the admin credentials. This allows you to use “admin”:”admin” to log in with the admin account, instead of having to use the default Jenkins password which changes every time.
The init.groovy.d folder is a special folder that is automatically run by Docker when the Jenkins container is started for the first time. This is why we put our .groovy scripts there, so they can be run when we add Jenkins to our project.

3. After many and many tries to do this part inside a docker container, we decided to do this question with jenkins and kubernetes directly installed on our computers as we couldn’t achieve it in a different way.

If you want to install jenkins locally as we did, you can follow the following instructions :

Start by downloading the .war file from here : https://www.jenkins.io/download/



Then, go to where it’s downloaded and run `java -jar jenkins.war`

If you need to free your port 8080, here are the commands to do so :

- Windows : `netstat -ano | findstr :8080`, find the id of the process and then `taskkill /PID <process-id> /F`
- Linux/Mac : `lsof -i :8080`, find the id of the process and then `kill -9 <process-id>`
- Docker : `docker ps | grep 8080`, find the id of the container and then `docker stop <container-id>`

Store your initial admin password somewhere you can easily access (so that you can connect to your admin account).
If you need, it should be stored at the following path :

- Windows : C:\Program Files (x86)\Jenkins\secrets\initialAdminPassword
- Linux/Mac : /var/lib/jenkins/secrets/initialAdminPassword

Then in Jenkins (http://localhost:8080) :

- Create dockerCredentials (manage jenkins -> credentials -> system -> global -> add credentials) : add your Docker credentials and save them under the name “dockerCredentials”

- Add laptop label to built-in node (manage jenkins -> node -> controller -> configure).

- Install ‘Docker pipeline” in the plugins (manage jenkins -> plugins -> plugins to install -> search Docker pipeline, select it and install)

- Create pipeline in jenkins (create job -> name = “pipeline” -> type pipeline -> create -> configure -> copy paste the content of the file corresponding to your OS :
    - Linux : “pipelineKubernetesLinux.groovy”
    - Windows : “pipelineKubernetesWindows.groovy”
    - MacOS : “pipelineKubernetesMacOS.groovy”)

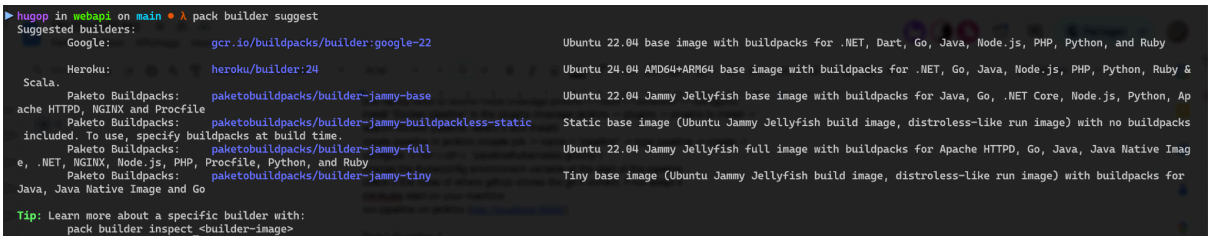
- Change the Kubeconfig environment variable at the start of the pipeline (it should refer to the location of the config of kubernetes, for examples : "C:\\Users\\me\\.kube\\config")
- Check if the route of where github clones the git if correct, if not adapt it
- `minikube start` on your machine
- Run your pipeline job : the build should conclude in a success

4. We started by installing the pack CLI. To do so we used the following commands based on our OS :

- Windows : `choco install pack --version=0.36.0`

- MacOS : `brew install buildpacks/tap/pack`

Then, we used the command `pack builder suggest` to get a list of suggested builders for our app :



We selected the image paketobuildpacks/builder-jammy-tiny since it is small and supports Go.

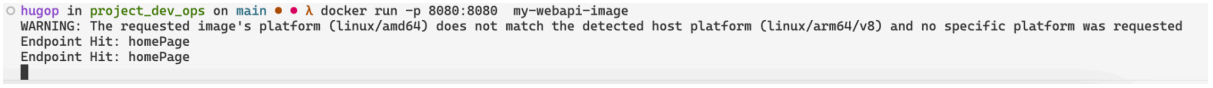
Once we have the name of the builder we want to use, we can build the image with `pack build`:

Note: With this command, we also show how we can define environment variables to force the builder to use a specific version of Go.

Here is a sample of the command's output :

```
===> EXPORTING
Adding layer 'paketo-buildpacks/ca-certificates:helper'
Adding layer 'paketo-buildpacks/go-build:targets'
Adding layer 'buildpacksio/lifecycle:launch.sbom'
Added 1/1 app layer(s)
Adding layer 'buildpacksio/lifecycle:launcher'
Adding layer 'buildpacksio/lifecycle:config'
Adding layer 'buildpacksio/lifecycle:process-types'
Adding label 'io.buildpacks.lifecycle.metadata'
Adding label 'io.buildpacks.build.metadata'
Adding label 'io.buildpacks.project.metadata'
Setting default process type 'main'
Saving my-webapi-image...
*** Images (8fc020d0c167):
      my-webapi-image
Adding cache layer 'paketo-buildpacks/go-dist:go'
Adding cache layer 'paketo-buildpacks/go-build:gocache'
Adding cache layer 'buildpacksio/lifecycle:cache.sbom'
Successfully built image my-webapi-image
```

Once the image is built, we can create a container from it with docker run:



The main difference lies in how dependencies are handled. With the Dockerfile, we specify the name of the base image and its version ourselves ("FROM golang:1.23"). According to the buildpacks documentation, this can create problems on large projects if each team is responsible for their own Dockerfiles. Instead, buildpacks chooses the appropriate version automatically. If we run the same command as before (`pack build`) but without specifying a Go version as an environment variable, we get the following in the output:

```
Paketo Buildpack for Go Distribution 2.6.12
  Resolving Go version
    Candidate version sources (in priority order):
      go.mod    -> ">= 1.23"
      <unknown> -> ""

    Selected Go version (using go.mod): 1.23.4
```

As we can see, the Go version was chosen not from the Dockerfile or from a custom configuration, but from the project's go.mod file directly.

Part Two – Monitoring and Incident Management for containerized application

1. We start by installing the grafana and prometheus helm charts (we create a monitoring namespace dedicated to stacks)

`kubectl create namespace monitoring`
`helm install prometheus prometheus-community/prometheus -n monitoring`

```
PS C:\Users\loubr\M2\DevOps\DevOpsProject\project_dev_ops> kubectl create namespace monitoring
namespace/monitoring created
PS C:\Users\loubr\M2\DevOps\DevOpsProject\project_dev_ops> helm install prometheus prometheus-community/prometheus -n monitoring
NAME: prometheus
LAST DEPLOYED: Fri Dec 20 19:17:30 2024
NAMESPACE: monitoring
STATUS: deployed
REVISION: 1
TEST SUITE: None
NOTES:
The Prometheus server can be accessed via port 80 on the following DNS name from within your cluster:
prometheus-server.monitoring.svc.cluster.local
```

`kubectl get pods -n monitoring`

```
PS C:\Users\loubr\M2\DevOps\DevOpsProject\project_dev_ops> kubectl get pods -n monitoring
NAME                                            READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
prometheus-alertmanager-0                       1/1     Running   0          2m20s
prometheus-kube-state-metrics-88947546-gxh8h    1/1     Running   0          2m20s
prometheus-prometheus-node-exporter-9qgbt       1/1     Running   0          2m21s
prometheus-prometheus-pushgateway-9f8c968d6-kpnbt   1/1     Running   0          2m20s
prometheus-server-6b884dc7f6-bfz4x              2/2     Running   0          2m20s
```

`helm install grafana grafana/grafana -n monitoring -set adminPassword=<your password>`

```
PS C:\Users\loubr\M2\DevOps\DevOpsProject\project_dev_ops> helm install grafana grafana/grafana -n monitoring --set adminPassword=
NAME: grafana
LAST DEPLOYED: Fri Dec 20 19:39:23 2024
NAMESPACE: monitoring
STATUS: deployed
REVISION: 1
NOTES:
```

`kubectl get pods -n monitoring`

```
PS C:\Users\loubr\M2\DevOps\DevOpsProject\project_dev_ops> kubectl get pods -n monitoring
NAME                                             READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
grafana-6584696877-rqmhn                         1/1     Running   0          3m2s
prometheus-alertmanager-0                        1/1     Running   0          24m
prometheus-kube-state-metrics-88947546-gxh8h     1/1     Running   0          24m
prometheus-prometheus-node-exporter-9qgbt        1/1     Running   0          24m
prometheus-prometheus-pushgateway-9f8c968d6-kpnbt   1/1     Running   0          24m
prometheus-server-6b884dc7f6-bfz4x               2/2     Running   0          24m
```

In order to access Grafana and Prometheus, we expose them and get their URL:

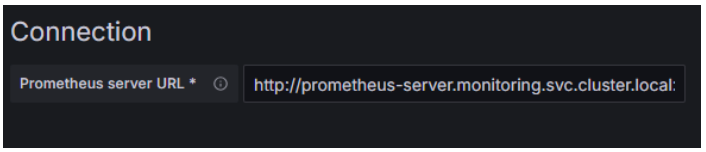
`kubectl -n monitoring port-forward <prometheus-podname> 9090`

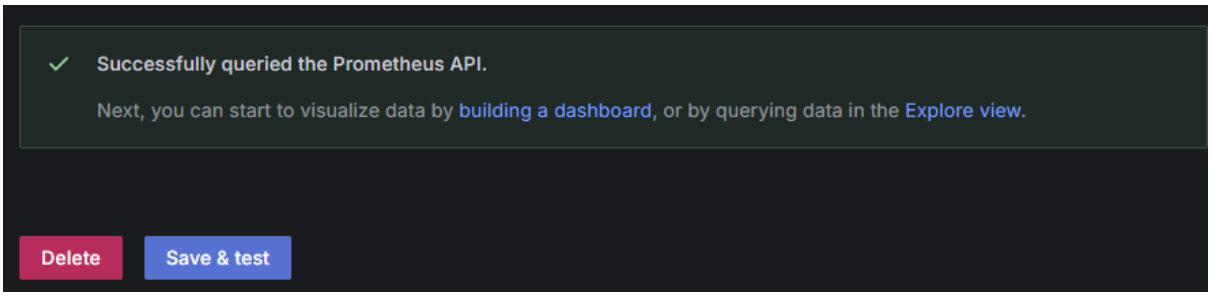
`kubectl -n monitoring port-forward <grafana-podname> 3000`

```
PS C:\Users\loubr\M2\DevOps\DevOpsProject\project_dev_ops> kubectl -n monitoring port-forward prometheus-server-6b884dc7f6-bfz4x 9090
Forwarding from 127.0.0.1:9090 -> 9090
Forwarding from [::1]:9090 -> 9090
```

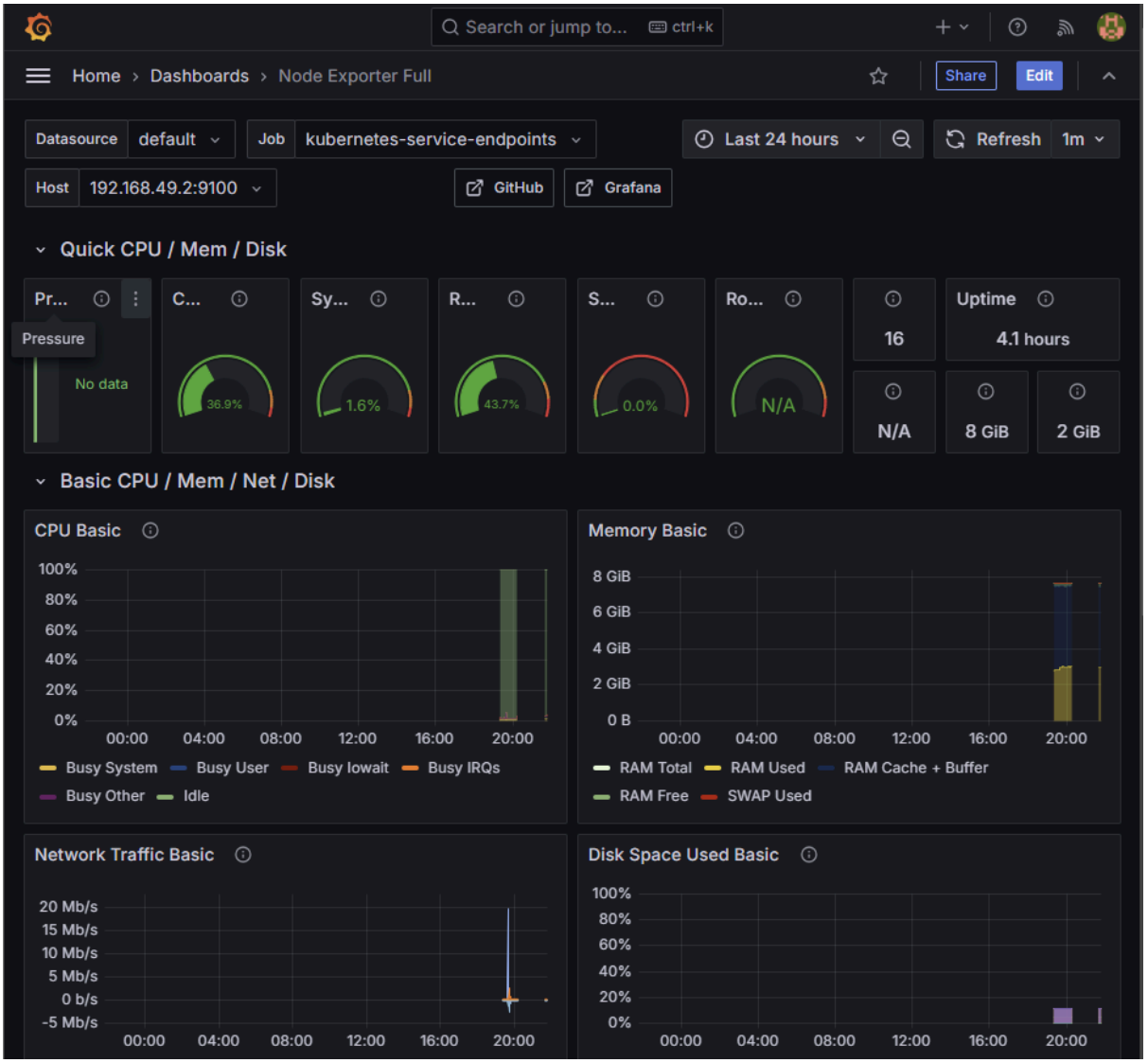
```
PS C:\Users\loubr\M2\DevOps\DevOpsProject\project_dev_ops> kubectl --namespace monitoring port-forward grafana-6584696877-rqmhn 3000
Forwarding from 127.0.0.1:3000 -> 3000
Forwarding from [::1]:3000 -> 3000
Handling connection for 3000
```

We can then access Grafana Web UI and configure a data source with the deployed Prometheus service URL.





Make sure to use the correctly configured datasource in a new dashboard to visualize system data

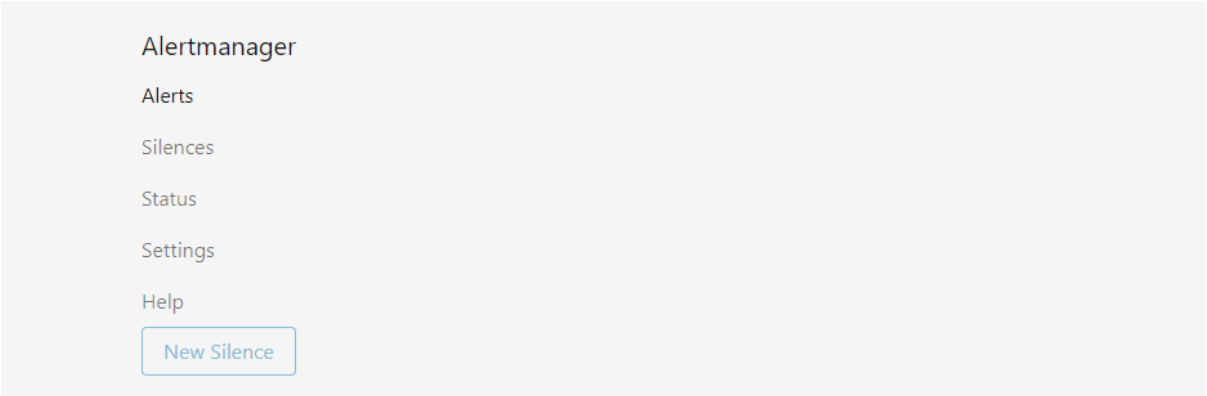


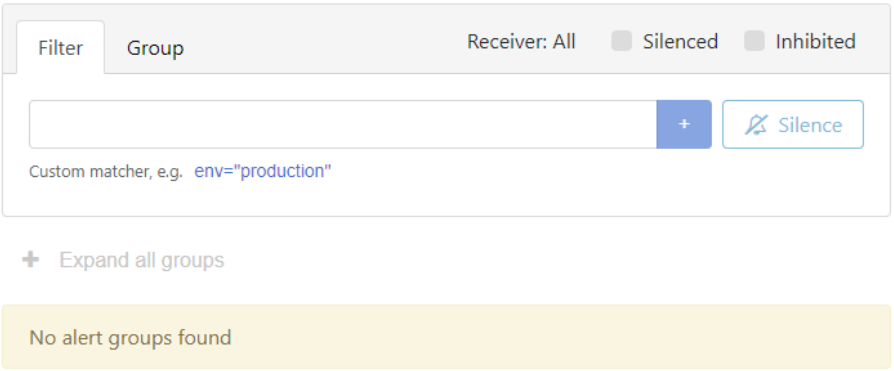
2. We then configured the prometheus alert management pod:

```
kubectl --namespace monitoring port-forward prometheus-alertmanager-0 9093
```

```
PS C:\Users\loubr\M2\DevOps\DevOpsProject\project_dev_ops> kubectl --namespace monitoring port-forward prometheus-alertmanager-0 9093
Forwarding from 127.0.0.1:9093 -> 9093
Forwarding from [::1]:9093 -> 9093
Handling connection for 9093
```

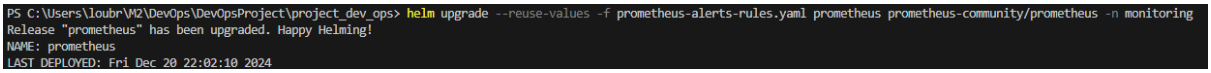
We then connected to it using the provided port👏



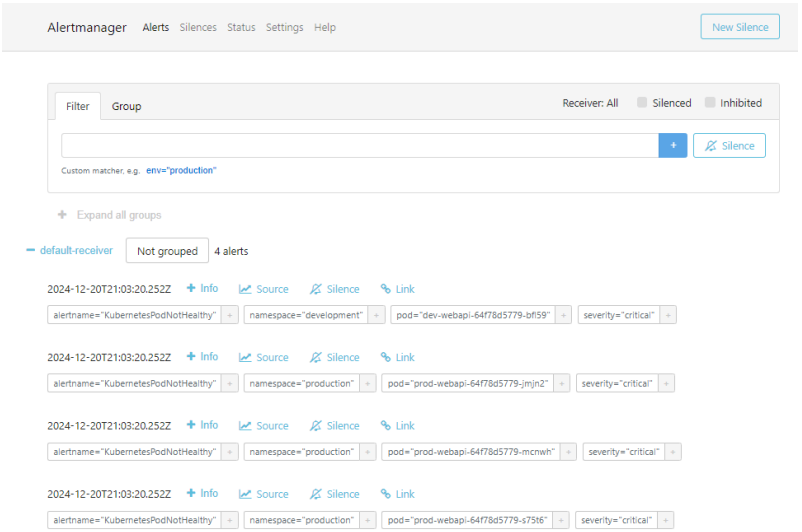


We went on to create a prometheus-alert-rules.yaml file to specify what alert the alert manager should watch out for :

Once it is created, we update helm chart to make sure this new file is taken into consideration : `helm upgrade --reuse-values -f prometheus-alerts-rules.yaml prometheus prometheus-community/prometheus -n monitoring`

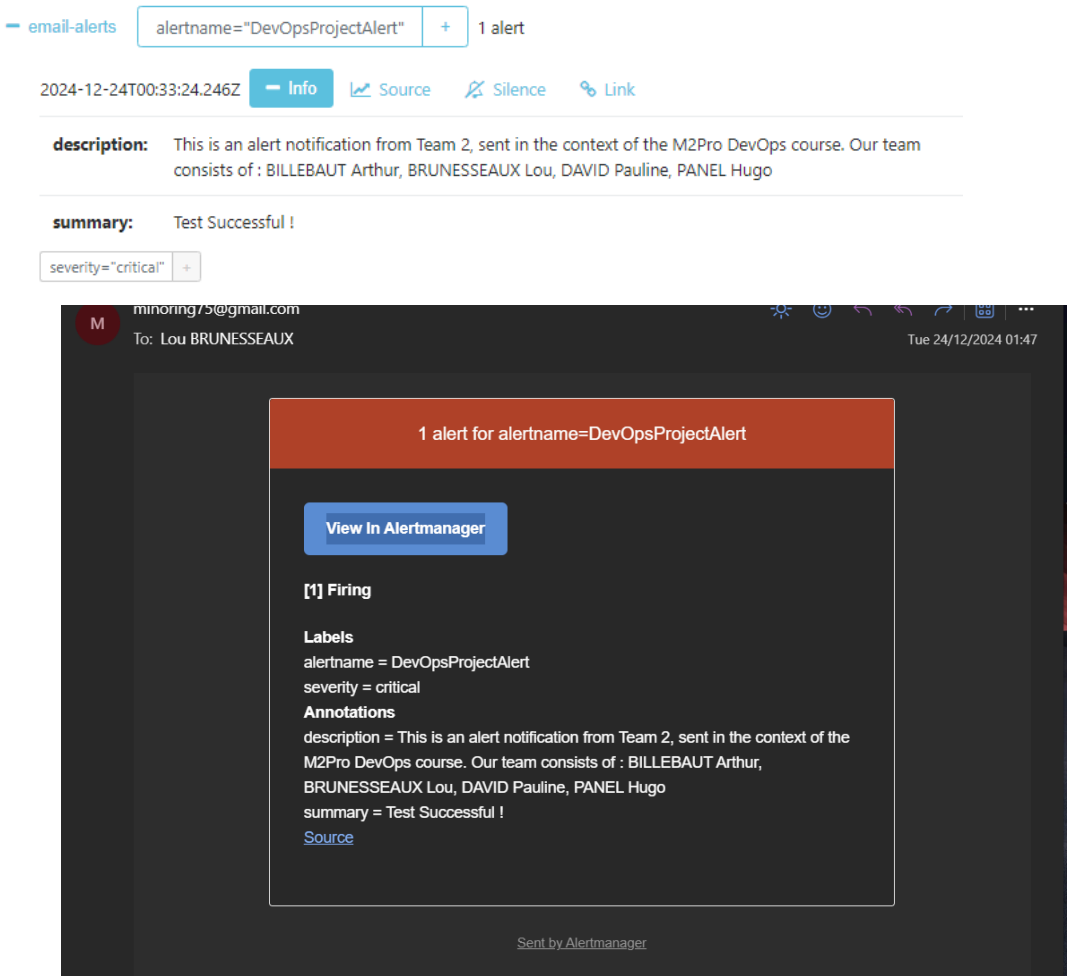


Then, we wait for the alert conditions to be met, and see new alerts appear in Alert Manager :



3. Bonus (Mails)

We then added an alert that would send an email to your email address (and our own) every time it would be triggered. You can see its configuration and the mail it sends below :



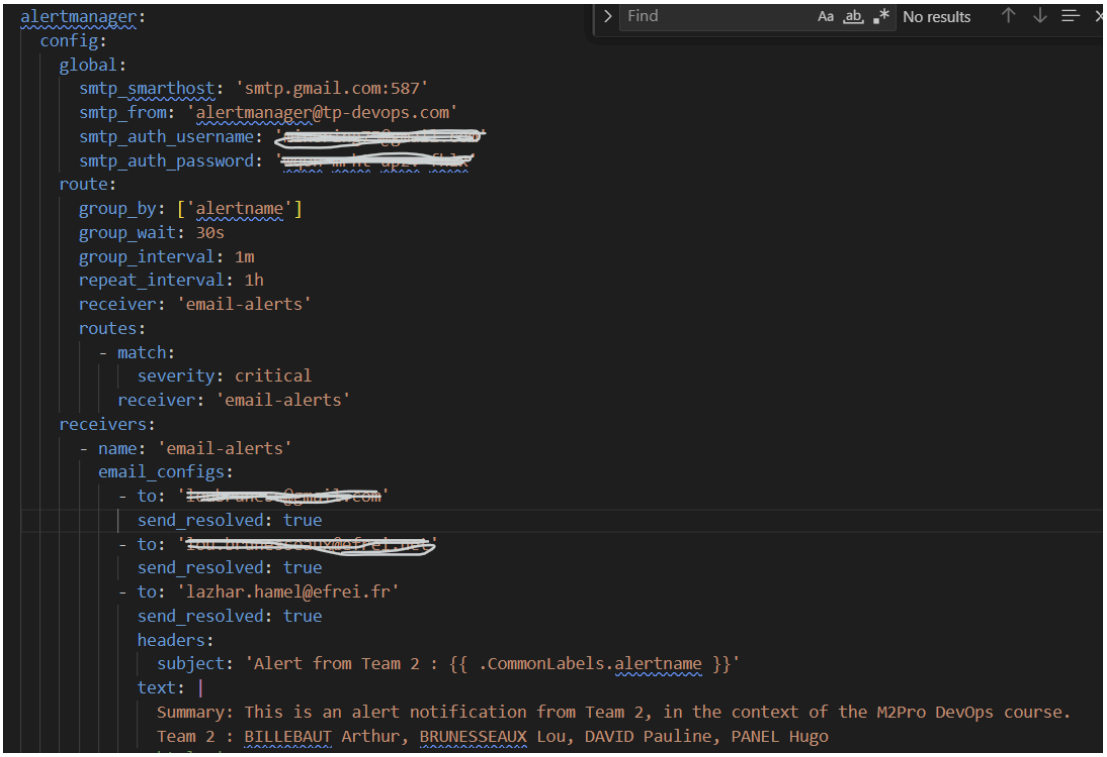
To do this step, we tried many things such as creating alertmanager-config.yaml files, creating specific alert files for prometheus, using prometheus-stack, creating configmaps, multiple forced configs.

What worked for us was :

- open the values that power prometheus in a new values.yaml file:

- execute the command : `helm show values prometheus-community/prometheus > values.yaml`

- Add the necessary parts in the values.yaml file : the alertmanager spec configuration lets us define the addresses that send and receive the alert messages, as well as the subjects and contents of the alert mails.



- Add custom alerts in the serverfiles :

```yaml
serverFiles:
  alerting_rules.yml:
    groups:
      - name: InstanceDown
        rules:
          - alert: InstanceDown
            expr: up == 0
            for: 1m
            labels:
              severity: critical
            annotations:
              summary: "Instance {{ $labels.instance }} is down"
              description: "{{ $labels.instance }} of job {{ $labels.job }} has been down for more than 1 minute."
      - name: OneTimeAlerts
        rules:
          - alert: OneTimeAlert
            expr: absent(up{job="example"}) or vector(1)
            for: 1m
            labels:
              severity: critical
            annotations:
              summary: "One-Time Alert"
              description: "Summary: This is an alert notification from Team 2, in the context of the M2Pro DevOps cou
      - name: DevOpsProjectAlert
        rules:
          - alert: DevOpsProjectAlert
            expr: vector(1)
            labels:
              severity: critical
            annotations:
              summary: "Test Successful !"
              description: "This is an alert notification from Team 2, sent in the context of the M2Pro DevOps course.
```

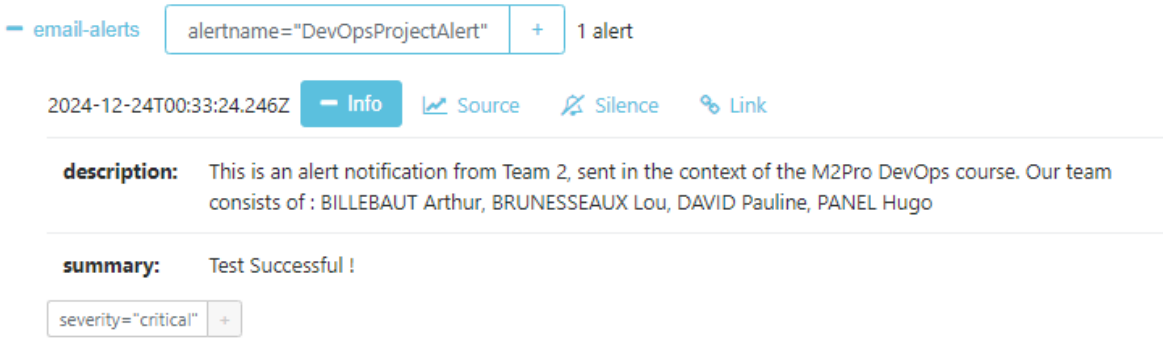
We then made sure that all of it was applied with the following command:
`helm upgrade prometheus prometheus-community/prometheus --namespace monitoring --values values.yaml`

```
PS C:\Users\loubr\M2\DevOps\DevOpsProject\project_dev_ops> helm upgrade prometheus prometheus-community/prometheus --namespace monitoring --values values.yaml
Release "prometheus" has been upgraded. Happy Helming!
NAME: prometheus
```

A lot of synchronisation issues can happen, the most important thing to do is to check that the configmap file of the alertmanager reflects the changes of the prometheus values.yaml file. Here is the command to access it (do not modify it directly, simply check and adapt the values.yaml until they match):
`kubectl describe configmap prometheus-alertmanager -n monitoring`

Once all is set, you can use this command to visualize your alerts :
`kubectl port-forward svc/prometheus-alertmanager 9093:9093 -n monitoring`

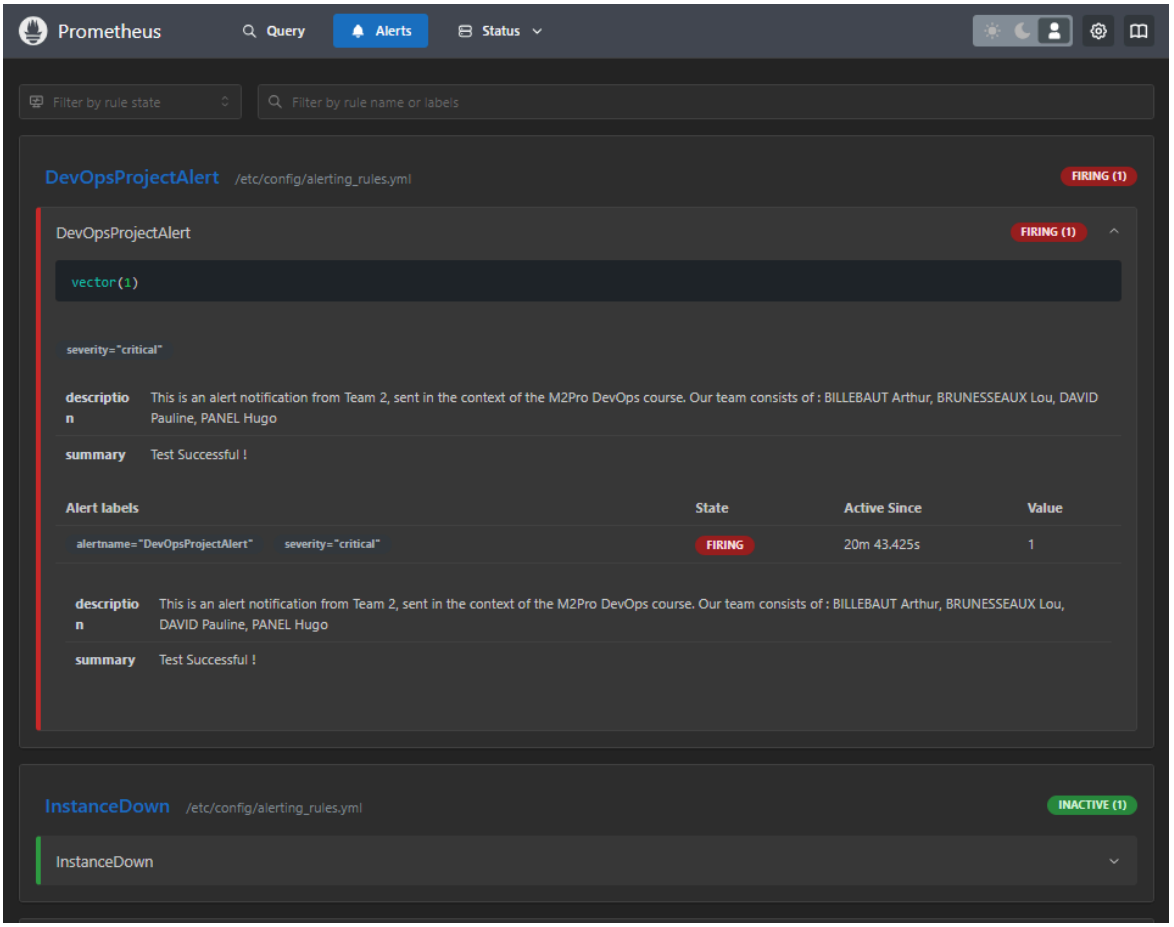
```
PS C:\Users\loubr\M2\DevOps\DevOpsProject\project_dev_ops> kubectl port-forward svc/prometheus-alertmanager 9093:9093 -n monitoring
Forwarding from 127.0.0.1:9093 -> 9093
Forwarding from [::1]:9093 -> 9093
Handling connection for 9093
```



And use the same principle to go check the nature of your alerts on prometheus :

```
kubectl port-forward svc/prometheus-server 9090:80 -n monitoring
```

```
PS C:\Users\loubr\M2\DevOps\DevOpsProject\project_dev_ops> kubectl port-forward svc/prometheus-server 9090:80 -n monitoring
Forwarding from 127.0.0.1:9090 -> 9090
Forwarding from [::1]:9090 -> 9090
Handling connection for 9090
```



Part Three – Logs Management

1. We started by installing the grafana/loki chart from Grafana Official Helm Chart

```
helm install loki grafana/loki -f values.yaml -n monitoring
```

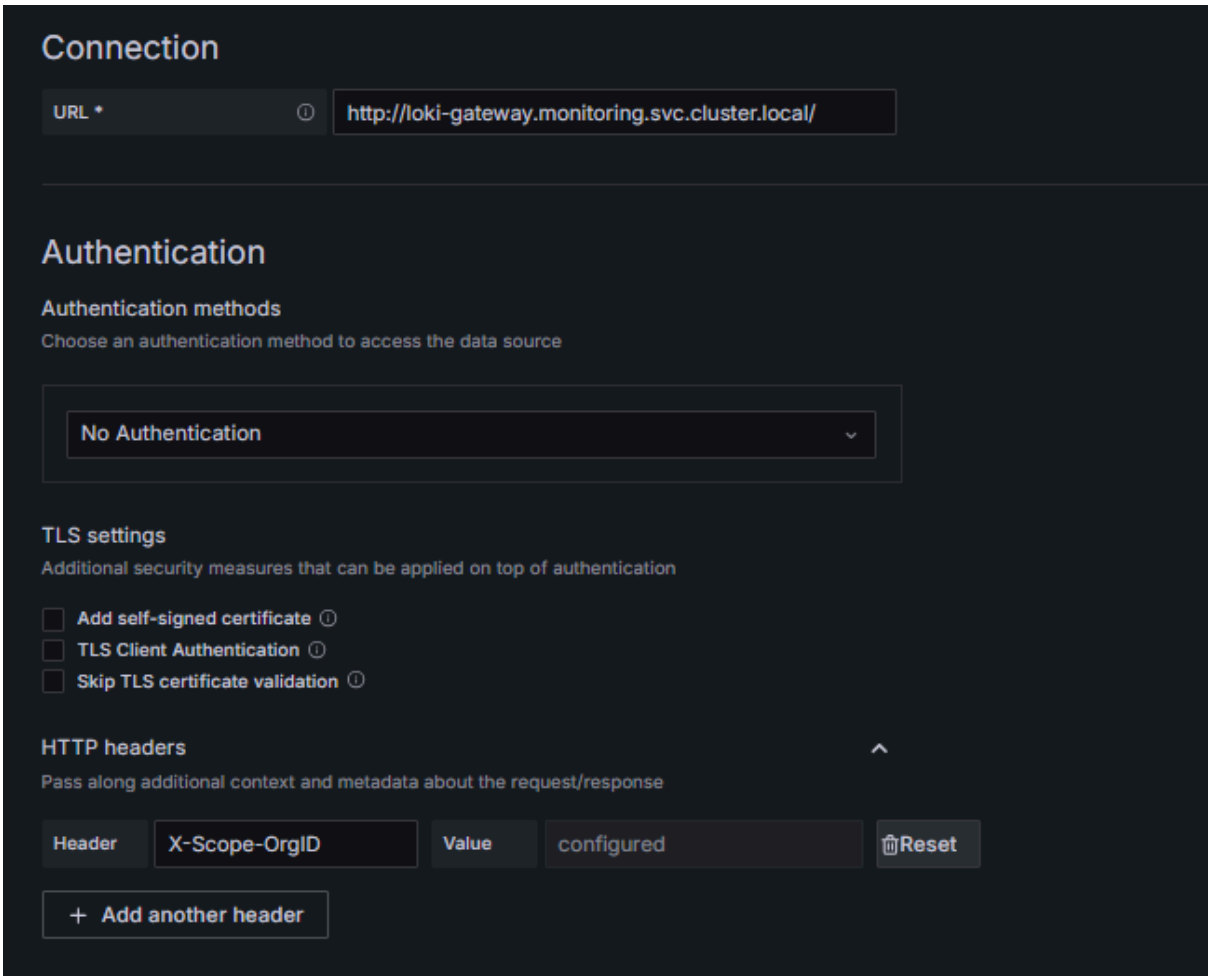
```
release "loki" uninstalled
PS C:\Users\loubr\M2\DevOps\DevOpsProject\project_dev_ops> helm install loki grafana/loki -f values.yaml -n monitoring
NAME: loki
LAST DEPLOYED: Sat Dec 21 00:38:46 2024
NAMESPACE: monitoring
STATUS: deployed
REVISION: 1
NOTES:
**********************************************************************
 Welcome to Grafana Loki
 Chart version: 6.24.0
 Chart Name: loki
 Loki version: 3.3.2
**********************************************************************
```

we can then connect to it to check if everything is ok 👍

`kubectl port-forward --namespace monitoring svc/loki-gateway 3100:80`

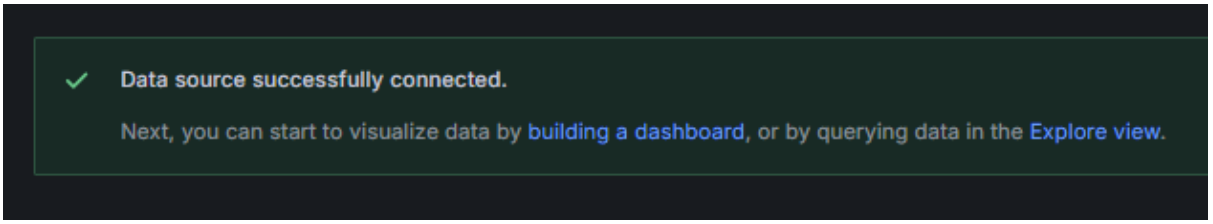
```
PS C:\Users\loubr\M2\DevOps\DevOpsProject\project_dev_ops> kubectl port-forward --namespace monitoring svc/loki-gateway 3100:80
Forwarding from 127.0.0.1:3100 -> 8080
Forwarding from [::1]:3100 -> 8080
Handling connection for 3100
```

We add loki as a data source in grafana by using the endpoint as an url and specifying a Header with the value “default” so that we don’t get the output “no org id” which blocks access (very important).

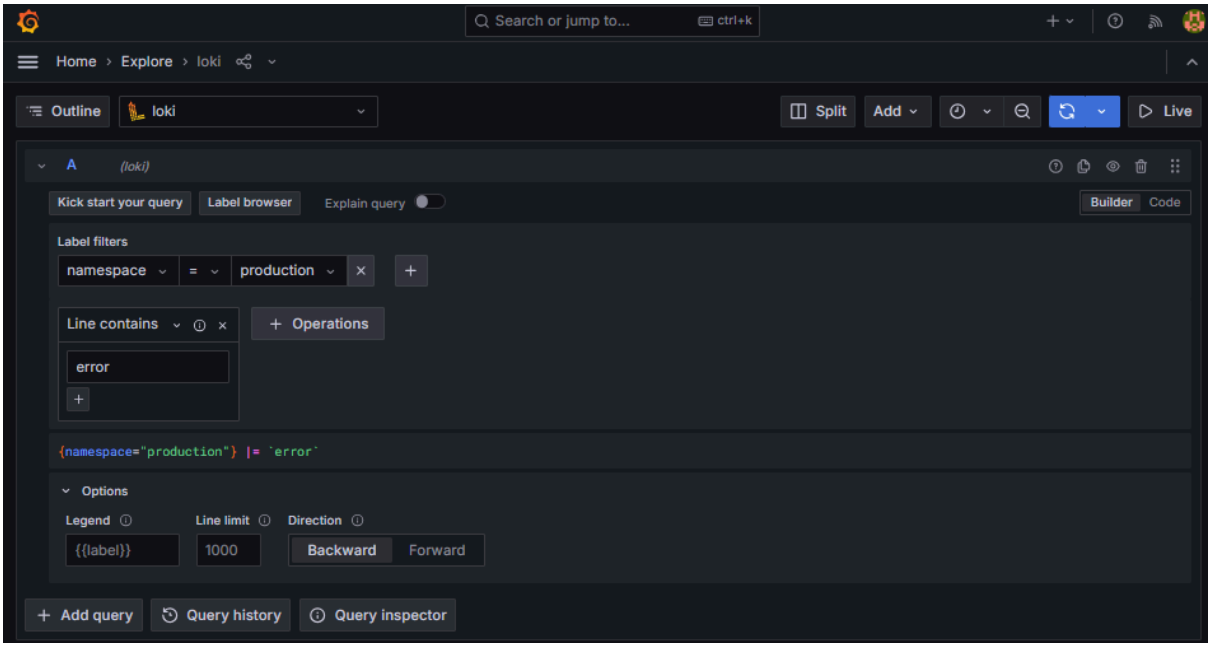


This allows us to connect 👍

(We were stuck on this for a while. We tried initiating loki with a custom values.yaml file, rely on error-loggers and outside input like promtail +ansible, using port forwarding for the data source url, using temporary urls with minikube tunnels, reconfiguring the host file on windows, reconfiguring dockerHub's service range, reconfiguring minikube container's address on the docker Hub and many more.)



We then add a query for logs with the word "error" in the *production* namespace:



And finally, we create an error-logger.yaml file to create errors.

All the steps are now done, and everything works in harmony !