



# ASP.NET Core 6 with OpenTelemetry

#### Hi there!

Today we are going to create an ASP.NET Core 6 WebAPI and we are going to integrate it with OpenTelemetry. First, we need to start Jaeger, Zipkin and ELK (Elasticsearch, Logstash and Kibana) Stack. They collect the logs and traces from our API and store them to present them in GUI format for the convenience of developers. They trace every request, their source, etc.

Let us start our docker and type:

docker run -d -p 6831:6831/udp -p 6832:6832/udp -p 14250:14250 -p 14268:14268 -p 16686:16686 -p 5778:5778 --name jaeger jaegertracing/all-in-one



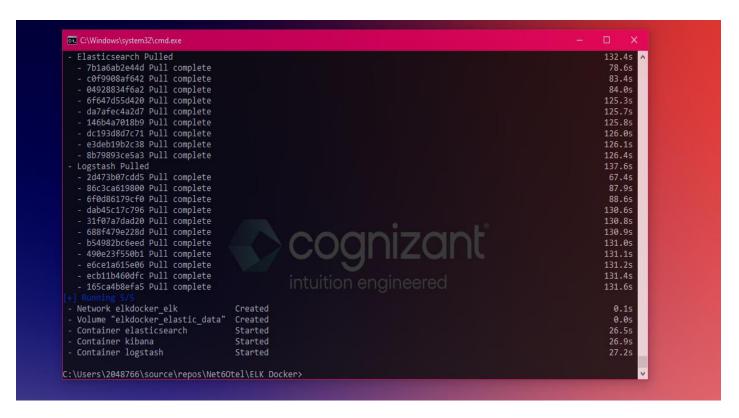
Now, we need to run Zipkin. Type the command:

# docker run -d -p 9411:9411 --name zipkin openzipkin/zipkin

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\Users\2048766>docker run -d -p 9411:9411 --name zipkin openzipkin/zipkin
Unable to find image 'openzipkin/zipkin:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from openzipkin/zipkin
b49a1cd62aab: Pull complete
ed98ae2aec4b: Pull complete
2fda6b53cfec: Pull complete
afcff3f8f4f7: Pull complete
aa81df1cac50: Pull complete
08ecf0b4a53e: Pull complete
dd27e27737a4: Pull complete
d305b82a4bd0: Pull complete
a4192e291340: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:9a7dbc81516a15348a250225fb79cd60d0d9938f1a5373b2a0118ba8c828ffdf
Status: Downloaded newer image for openzipkin/zipkin:latest
ce7b11932c5d92491635e52c6492e4b2f3a6534770094f7a9ed74642e49535e8
C:\Users\2048766>
```

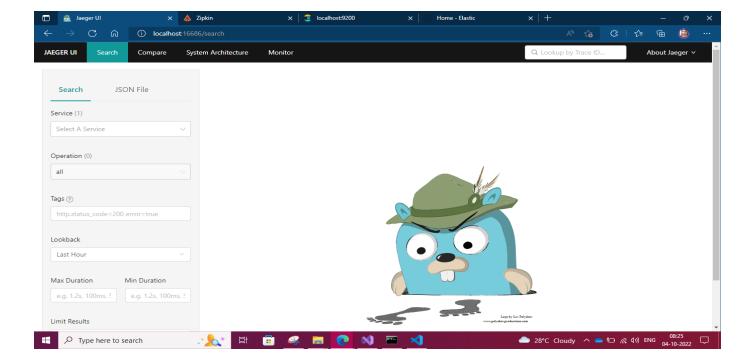
Now, we need to compose this file:

```
image: logstash:7.16.2
container_name: logstash
- ./logstash/:/logstash_dir
 - Elasticsearch
 - "9600:9600"
- ELASTICSEARCH_URL=http://elasticsearch:9200
- Elasticsearch
```

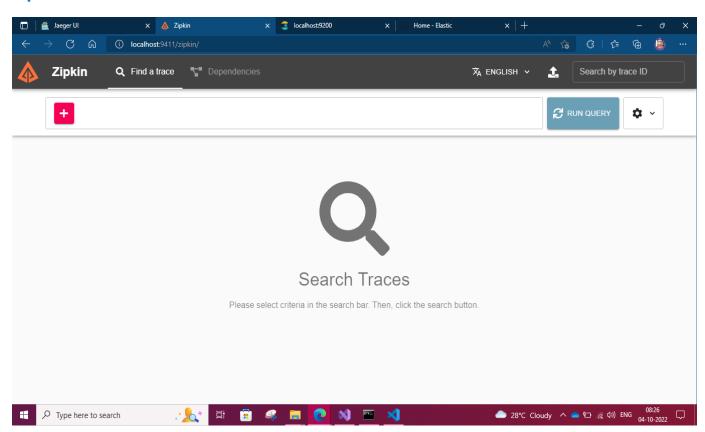


#### Now, check the URLs:

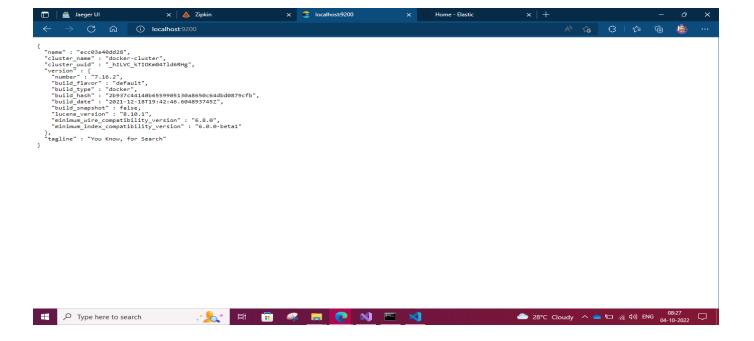
- http://localhost:16686/
- http://localhost:9411/
- http://localhost:9200/
- http://localhost:5601/



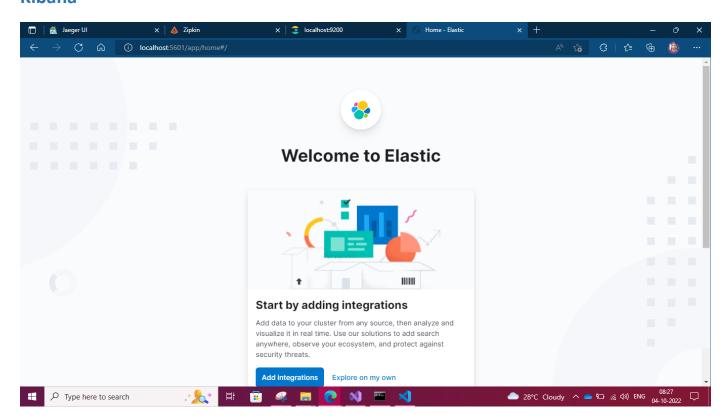
# **Zipkin**

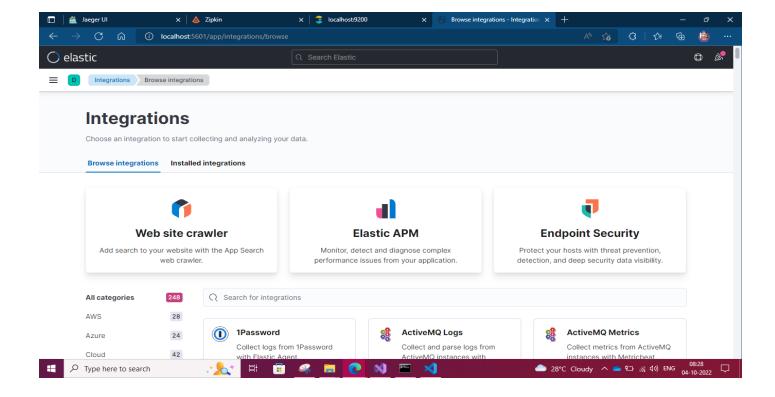


### **Elasticsearch**

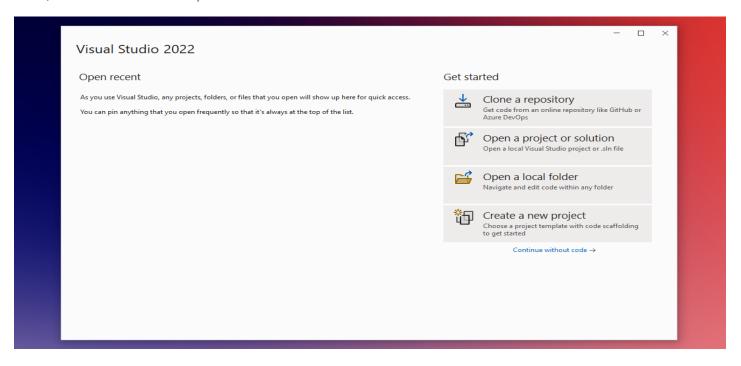


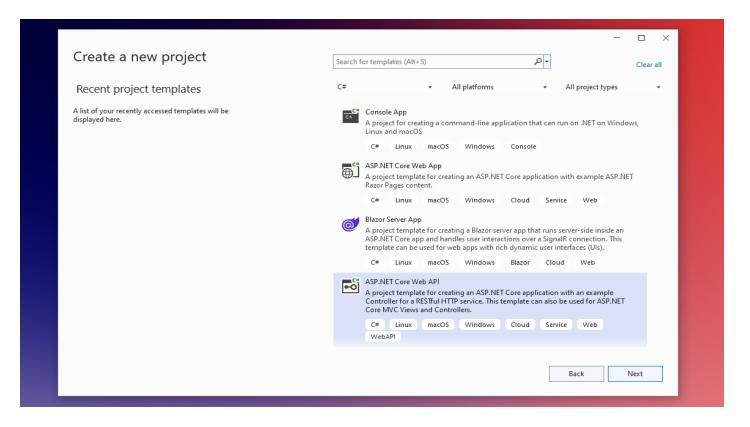
#### Kibana

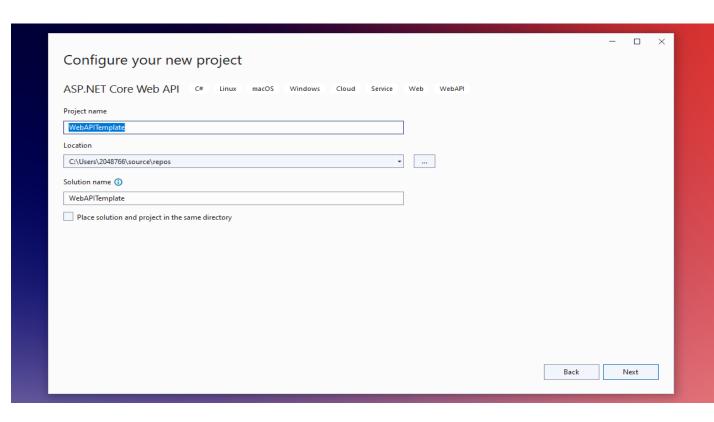


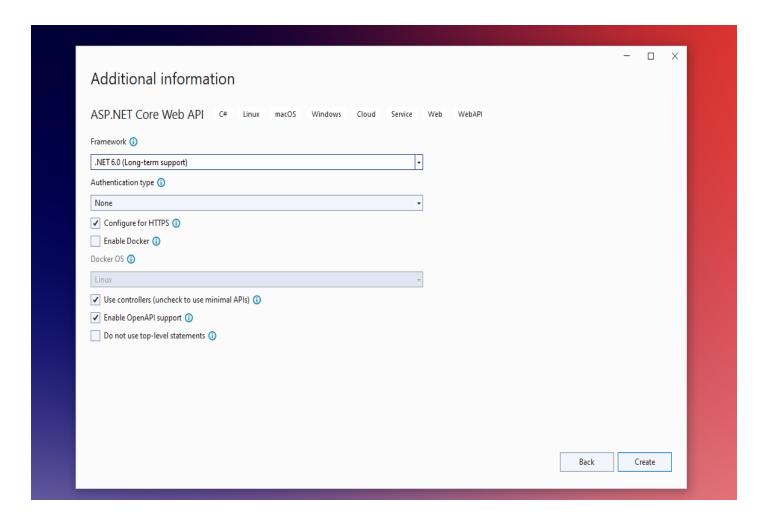


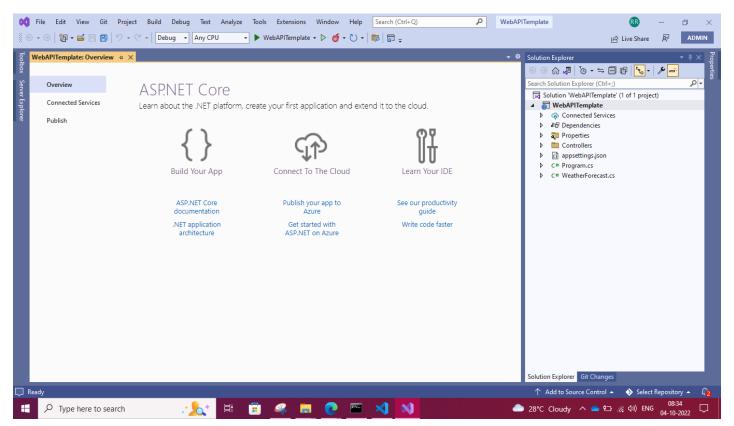
Now, let us create a webapi.



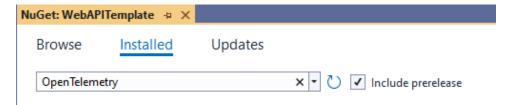


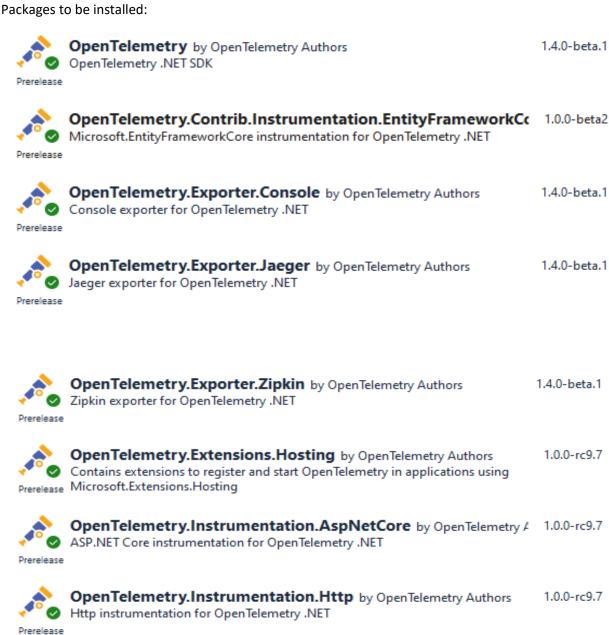






Now, we need to install some packages. Open NuGet Package Manager. Right-click the project and select Manage NuGet Package. Remember to check the Include prerelease check box as most of the OpenTelemetry were created in 2019 and are in prerelease phase.





Now build the project. Right-click on the project and click Build.

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Output

Show output from: Build

Build started...

1>----- Build started: Project: WebAPITemplate, Configuration: Debug Any CPU -----

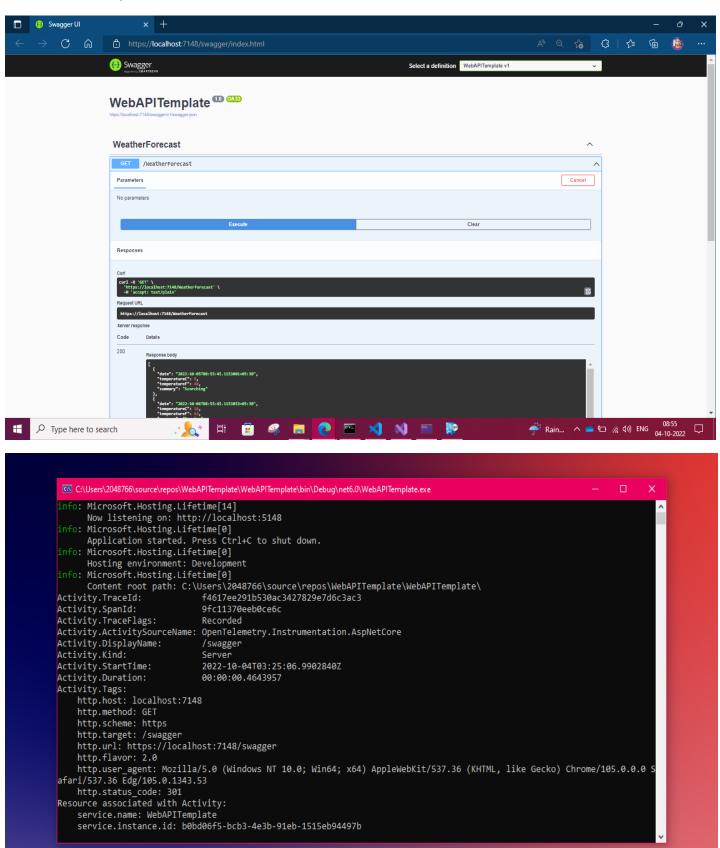
1>WebAPITemplate -> C:\Users\2048766\source\repos\WebAPITemplate\WebAPITemplate\bin\Debug\net6.0\WebAPITemplate.dll

========= Build: 1 succeeded, 0 failed, 0 up-to-date, 0 skipped ========
```

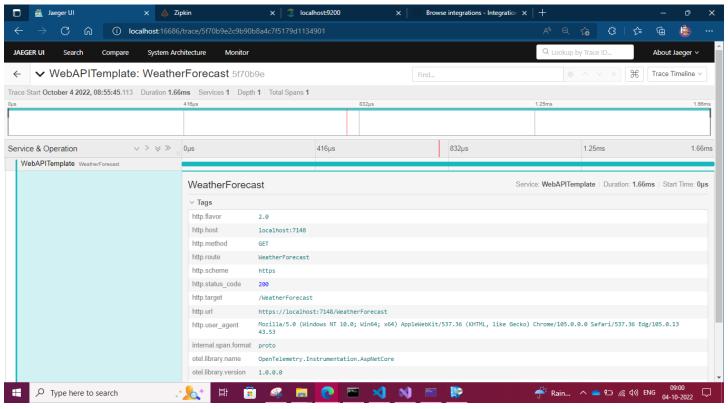
Add the following codes to Program.cs:

```
Program.cs* → ×
■ WebAPITemplate
             using OpenTelemetry.Trace;
  { ja
              using OpenTelemetry.Resources;
        2
        3
        4
              var builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);
        5
              // Add OpenTelemetry
        6
        7
            Duilder.Services.AddOpenTelemetryTracing(x =>
        8
                  x.SetResourceBuilder(ResourceBuilder.CreateDefault()
        9
                      .AddService("WebAPITemplate"));
       10
       11
                  x.AddSource("TraceSource");
       12
       13
       14
                  x.AddAspNetCoreInstrumentation(sam => sam.Filter = httpContext =>
       15
                      !httpContext.Request.Path.Value?
       16
                      .Contains("/ framework/aspnetcore-browser-refresh.js") ?? true);
       17
       18
                  x.AddHttpClientInstrumentation(sam => sam.Enrich =
       19
                  (activity, eventName, rawObject) =>
       2.0
                      if (eventName == "OnStartActivity"
       21
                      && rawObject is HttpRequestMessage request
       220
                      && request.Method == HttpMethod.Get)
       23
                          activity.SetTag("WebAPITemplate", "This is a microservice.");
       24
       25
                  });
26
27
            x.AddEntityFrameworkCoreInstrumentation(sam =>
28
                 sam.SetDbStatementForStoredProcedure = true;
29
30
                 sam.SetDbStatementForText = true;
31
            });
32
33
            x.AddConsoleExporter();
34
35
            x.AddJaegerExporter(sam =>
36
            {
                 sam.AgentHost = "localhost";
37
                 sam.AgentPort = 6831;
38
39
            });
40
41
            x.AddZipkinExporter(sam =>
42
                 sam.Endpoint = new Uri($"http://localhost:9411/api/v2/spans");
43
            });
44
45
46
```

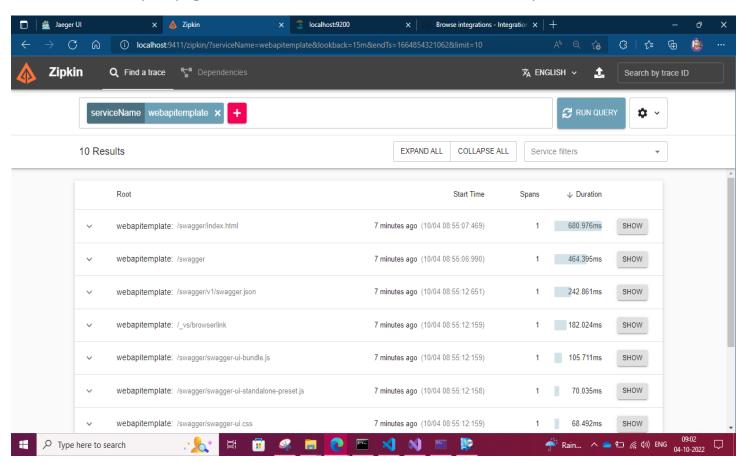
Run the API template.



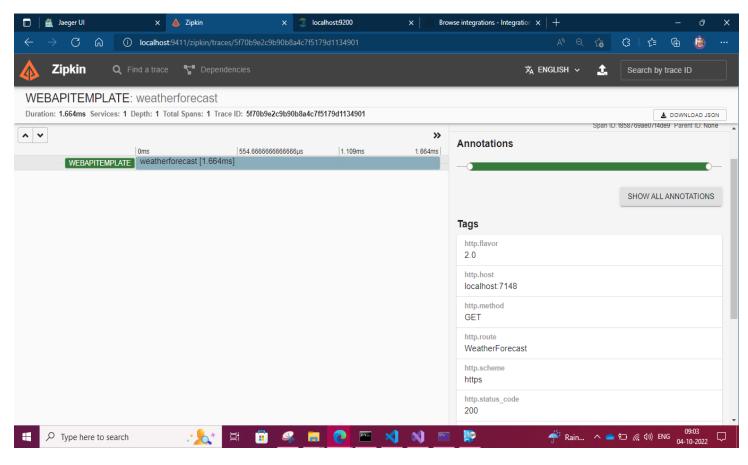
Select a trace and check the results:



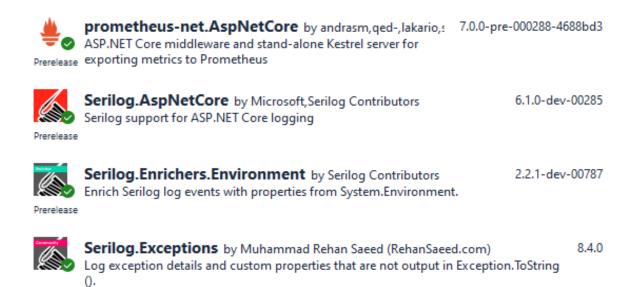
Now refresh the Zipkin page and select a service name and click Run Query.



Select a span and see the trace.



Now, we will try to export logs and traces to ELK Stack. Add the following packages to the API:







Serilog will send data to the ELK Stack and Prometheus is used for adding metrics to the API. Rightclick the project and build the project again.

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Add the following codes to Program.cs

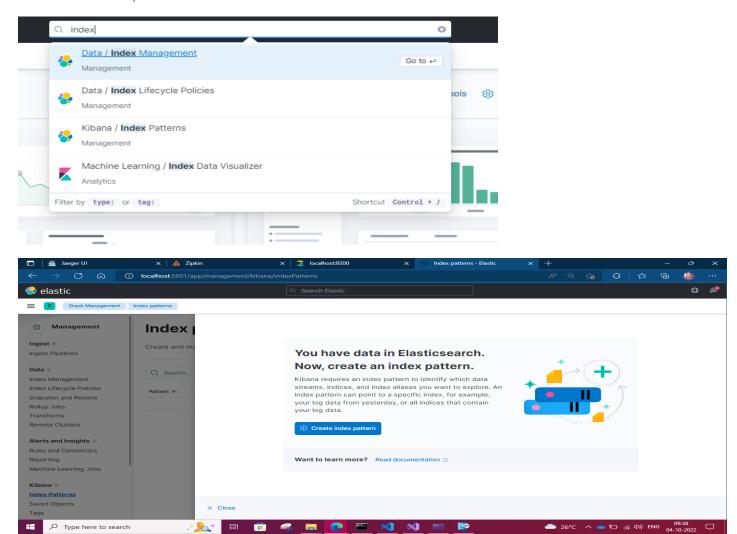
```
using OpenTelemetry.Trace;
2
       using OpenTelemetry.Resources;
3
       using Serilog;
 4
       using Serilog.Exceptions;
 5
       using Serilog.Sinks.Elasticsearch;
 6
       using System.Reflection;
 7
       var builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);
8
 9
       // Adding OpenTelemetry using ELK
10
11
       ConfigureLogs();
12
13

─ void ConfigureLogs()

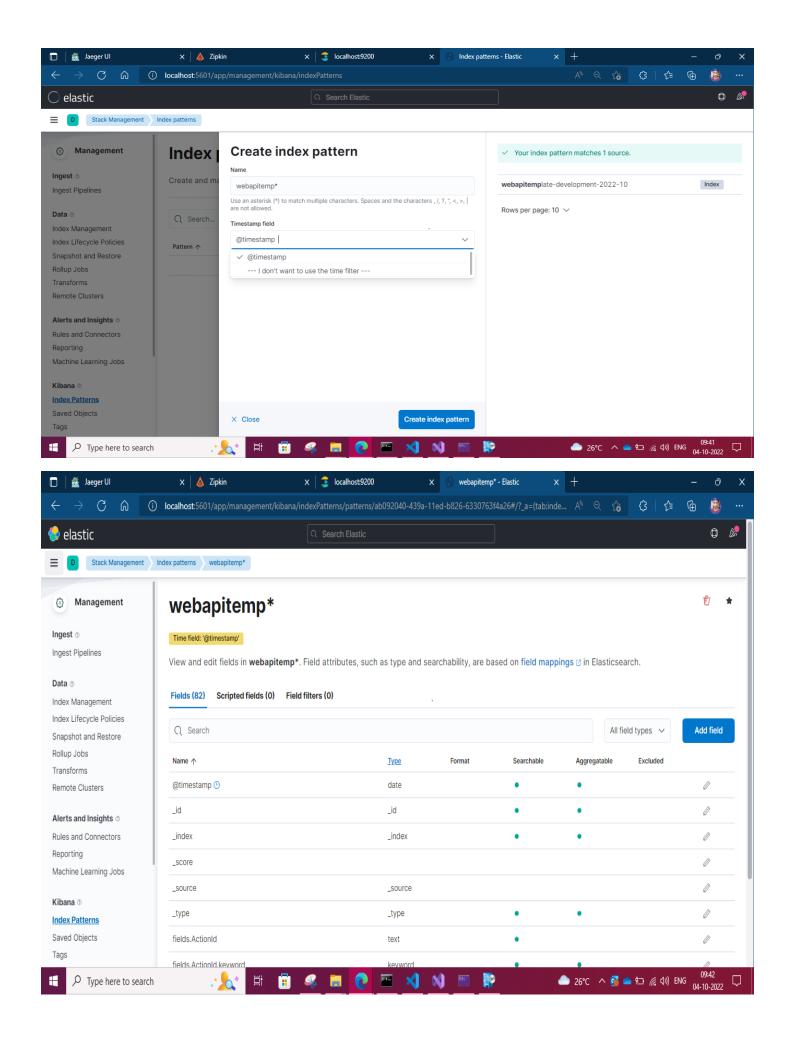
14
           var environment = Environment.GetEnvironmentVariable("ASPNETCORE ENVIRONMENT");
15
16
17
           var configuration = new ConfigurationBuilder()
               .AddJsonFile("appsettings.json", optional: false, reloadOnChange: true)
18
19
               .Build();
20
21
           Log.Logger = new LoggerConfiguration()
22
               .Enrich.FromLogContext()
23
               .Enrich.WithExceptionDetails()
24
               .WriteTo.Debuq()
25
               .WriteTo.Console()
               .WriteTo.Elasticsearch(ConfigureELS(configuration, environment))
26
27
               .CreateLogger();
28
```

```
ElasticsearchSinkOptions ConfigureELS(IConfigurationRoot configuration, string? environment)
{
    return new ElasticsearchSinkOptions(new Uri($"http://localhost:9200"))
    {
        AutoRegisterTemplate = true,
        IndexFormat = $"{Assembly.GetExecutingAssembly().GetName().Name?.ToLower()}-" +
        $"{environment?.ToLower().Replace(".","-")}-{DateTime.UtcNow:yyyy-MM}"
    };
}
```

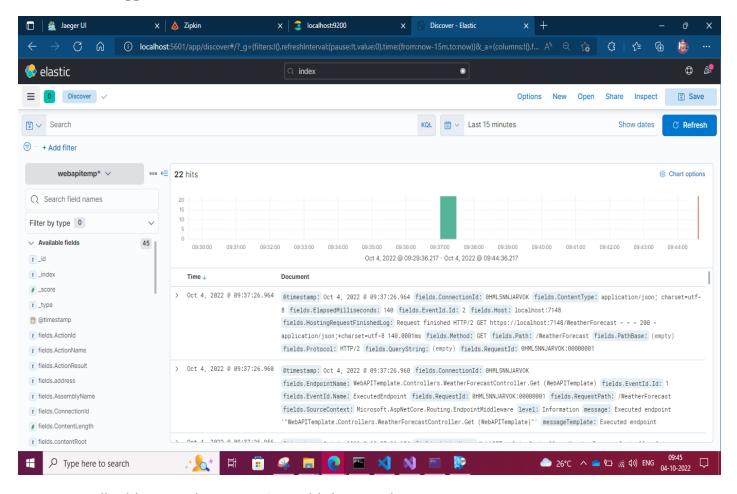
Run the API template and refresh the Kibana.



Search index patterns. Select Kibana\Index Patterns. Click Create index pattern.



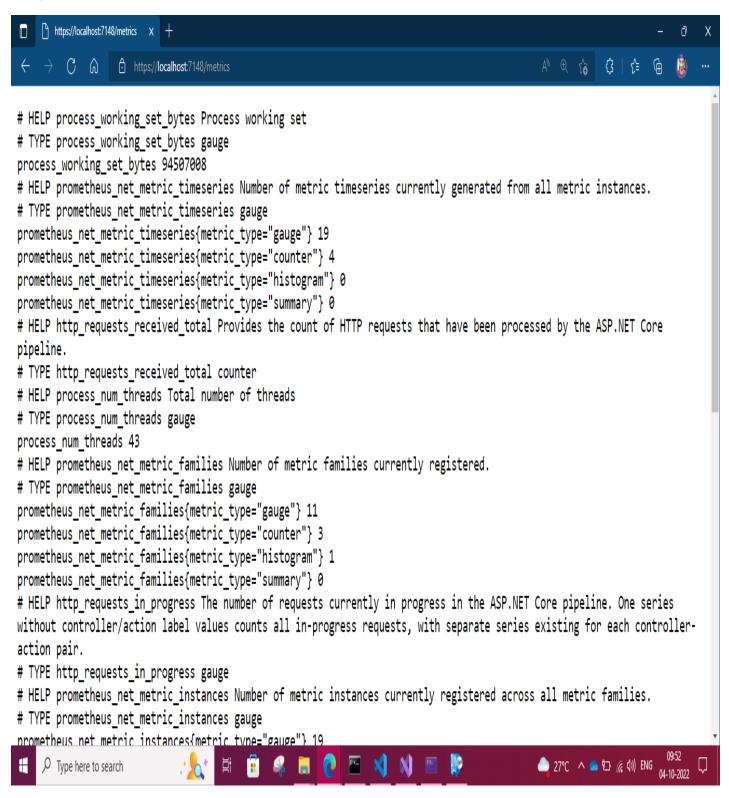
Click the left toggle and select Discover.



Now, we will add Prometheus metrics. Add these codes to Program.cs.

```
app.MapControllers();
app.MapMetrics();
app.UseHttpMetrics();
app.Run();
```

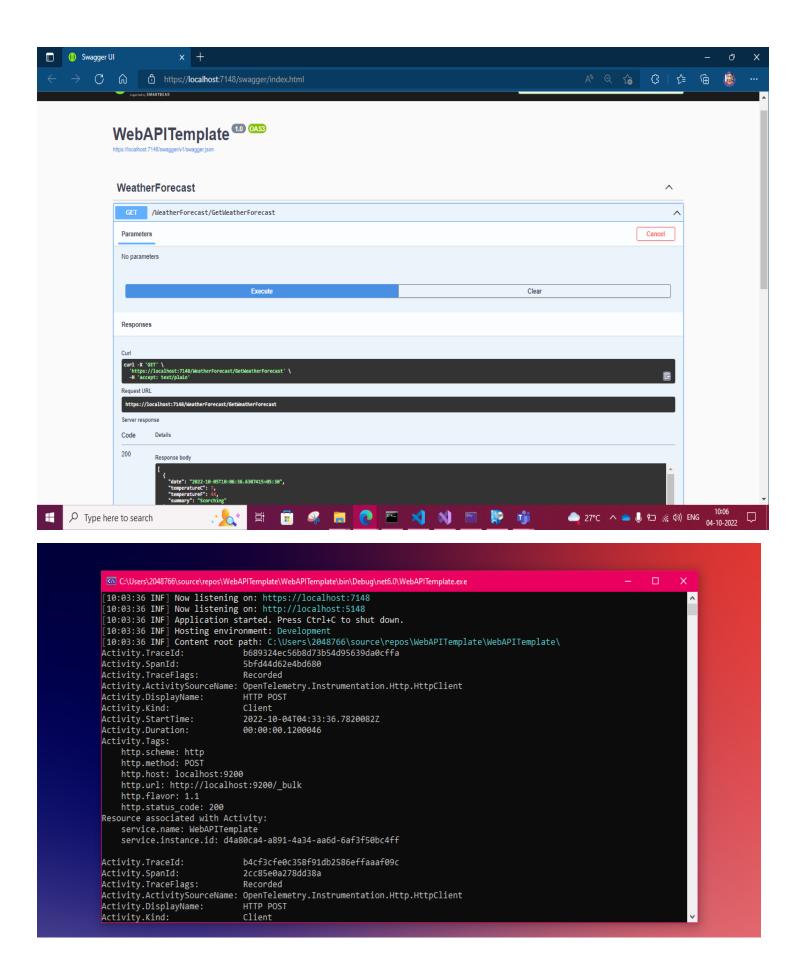
Now, run the API and browse <a href="http://localhost:7148/metrics">http://localhost:7148/metrics</a>. The port number may vary in your API template.



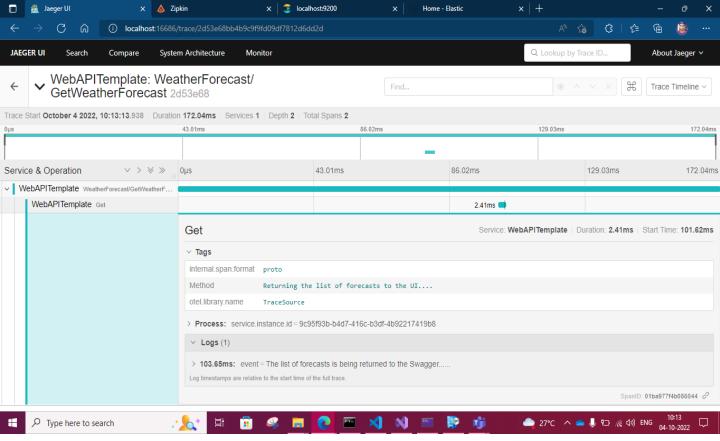
Now, we will add our own user-defined logs to Get() in the controller.

```
WeatherForecastController.cs + X
                                 ■ WebAPITemplate
            using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
 {b
             using OpenTelemetry.Trace;
       3
            namespace WebAPITemplate.Controllers
       4
       5
       6
                 [ApiController]
       7
                 [Route("[controller]")]
                 3 references
                 public class WeatherForecastController : ControllerBase
       8
       9
      10
                     private static readonly string[] Summaries = new[]
      11
                     "Freezing", "Bracing", "Chilly", "Cool", "Mild", "Warm", "Balmy", "Hot", "Sweltering",
      12
      13
                 };
      14
      15
                     private readonly ILogger<WeatherForecastController> _logger;
                     private readonly Tracer tracer;
      16
       17
                     0 references
                     public WeatherForecastController(ILogger<WeatherForecastController> logger,
      18
      19
                         TracerProvider provider)
       20
      21
                          logger = logger;
                         tracer = provider.GetTracer("TraceSource");
      22
      23
       24
24
25
                [HttpGet("GetWeatherForecast")]
               0 references
26
               public IEnumerable<WeatherForecast> Get()
27
28
                   using (var span = tracer.StartActiveSpan("Get"))
29
                    {
30
                        span.SetAttribute("Method", "Returning the list of forecasts to the UI....");
31
                        span.AddEvent("The list of forecasts is being returned to the Swagger.....");
32
33
34
                   return Enumerable.Range(1, 6).Select(index => new WeatherForecast
35
36
                        Date = DateTime.Now.AddDays(index),
37
                        TemperatureC = Random.Shared.Next(-20, 55),
                        Summary = Summaries[Random.Shared.Next(Summaries.Length)]
38
39
                    })
40
                    .ToArray();
41
42
43
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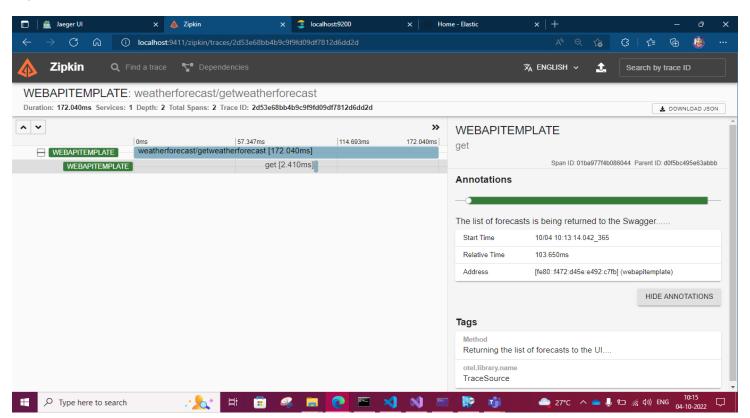
Run the API template and check the results in Jaeger, Zipkin and ELK Stack.



### Jaeger

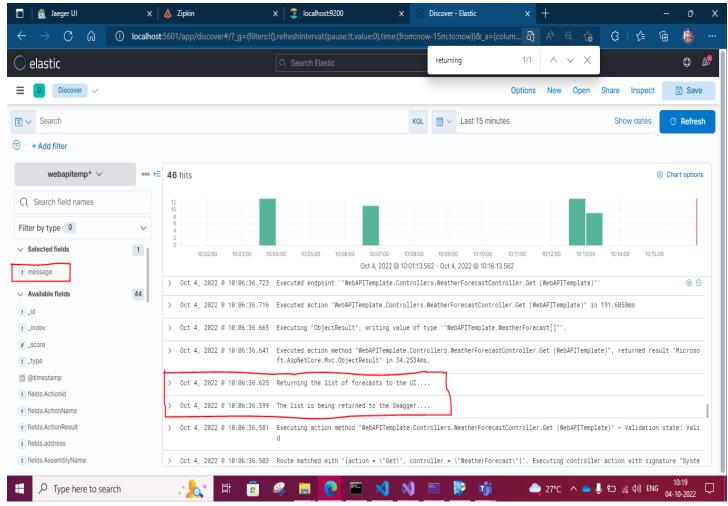


# **Zipkin**



#### **ELK Stack**

Refresh the Kibana webpage. If possible, refresh the Discover page. Then, reselect the filter in the left sidebar. Select message from the left sidebar in order to view the logs clearly.

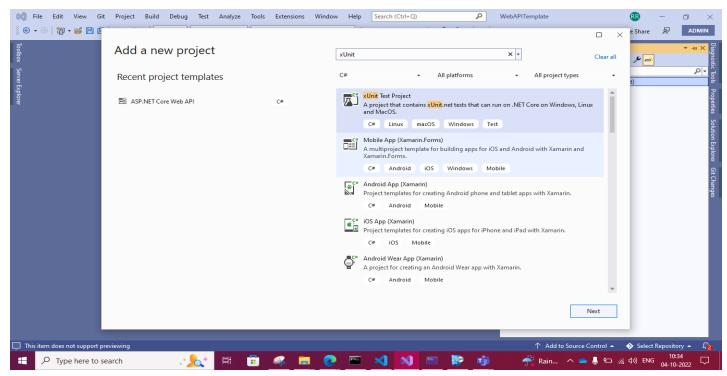


In this way, we can trace each and every request as well as response made by any source to our website. This is a really advanced concept and we should try to master this.

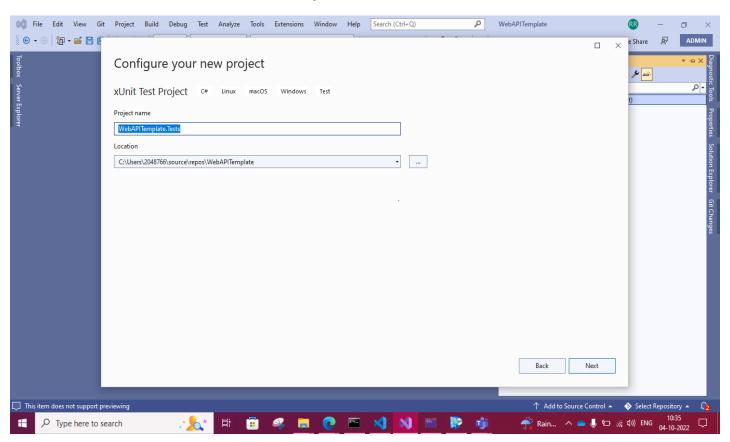


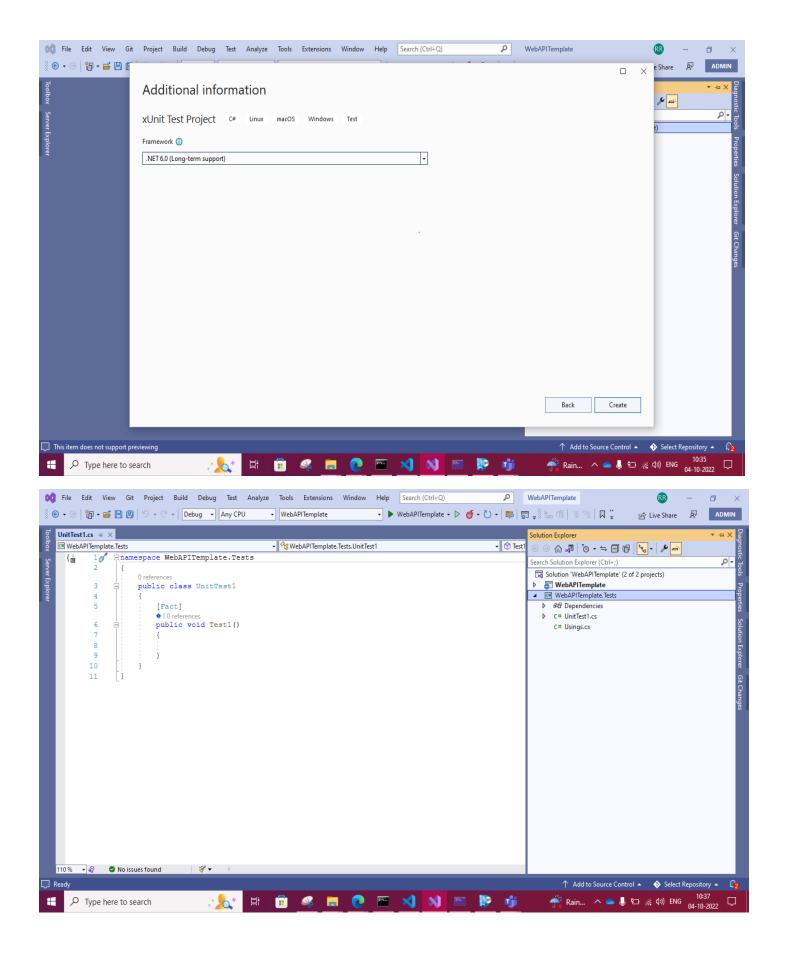
Now, we will add Unit tests.

Right-click the Solution Folder and select Add -> Click New Project.

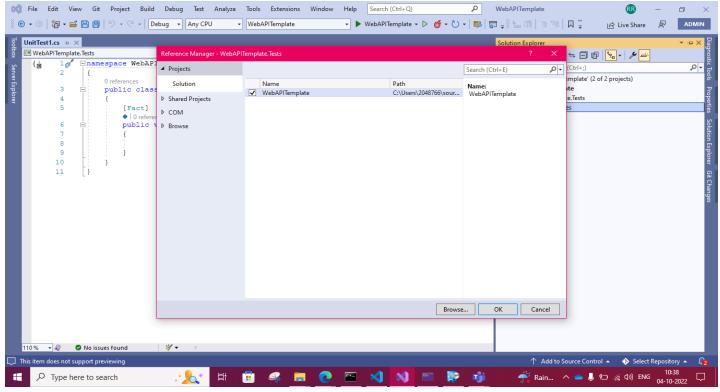


Search xUnit and then select xUnit Test Project. Then click on Next.



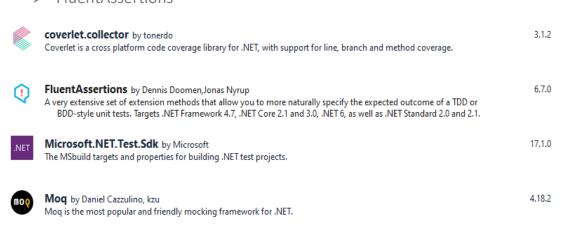


Now, Right-click Dependencies in WebAPITemplate. Tests and select Add Project Reference.



Select the checkbox and click OK. Now right-click the Dependencies and select Manage NuGet Packages. Then install

- > Mog
- FluentAssertions

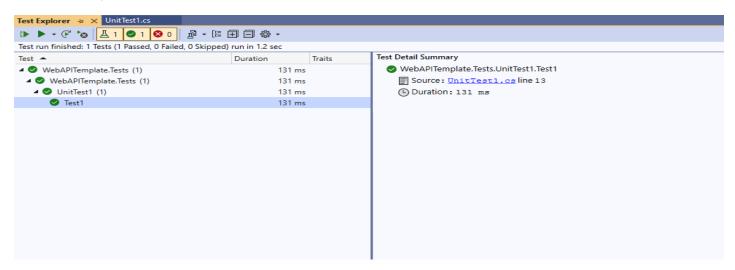


Then, right-click the WebAPITemplate. Tests and click Build. This will build the Unit Test.



```
1
      ∃using FluentAssertions;
       using Microsoft.Extensions.Logging;
       using Moq;
3
       using OpenTelemetry.Trace;
 5
       using WebAPITemplate;
 6
      using WebAPITemplate.Controllers;
 7
 8
      namespace WebAPITemplate.Tests
 9
           0 references
           public class UnitTest1
10
11
               [Fact]
               0 references
13
               public void Test1()
14
15
                   // Arrange
                   var logger = new Mock<ILogger<WeatherForecastController>>();
16
17
                   var provider = new Mock<TracerProvider>();
18
19
                   // Act
20
                   var controller = new WeatherForecastController(logger.Object, provider.Object);
21
                   var result = controller.Get();
22
23
                   // Assert
24
                   Assert.IsAssignableFrom<IEnumerable<WeatherForecast>>(result);
25 🖋
                   Assert.Equal(6, result.Count());
26
27
           }
28
```

Click Test Explorer from the View menu and run all the tests.



All the test cases are successful

Thank You!