Creating Dashboards Using Grafana

ABSTRACT:

- Generally in monitoring the data visualization plays a major role.
- The main goal of this document is to get complete information regarding the exposure of the dashboards from the data that will be extracted.
- The problem in this is finding the errors that occurred during the process and finding it is so difficult but that is for a minor reason due to the complexity of handling many servers at a time.
- So, this helps to solve those major errors which are for minor reasons.

AGENDA

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- Extraction of data
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- Set up with data sources in Grafana
- Steps to Create a Visualization
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INTRODUCTION

- **Grafana** is a visualization tool that is used to make some good visual representations through which the data is collected from different data sources.
- In the present documentation we used the **InfluxDB** data source which is a database that stores and shares the data in a time series.
- The data that is generated is industrial-based and is stored according to the protocols and the data is mostly generated and stored in the data logs.
- So, the data gonna extracted from the platform which is stored in a log is the **KEPserverEX** based upon the different protocols and it is a Connectivity platform that just connects to the servers to extract the data.
- In this project, data follows the MQTT protocol and based upon that, data transfer takes place to the InfluxDB.
- To share the data InfluxDB has its in-built agent i.e., **Telegraf** which is a server between two clients.

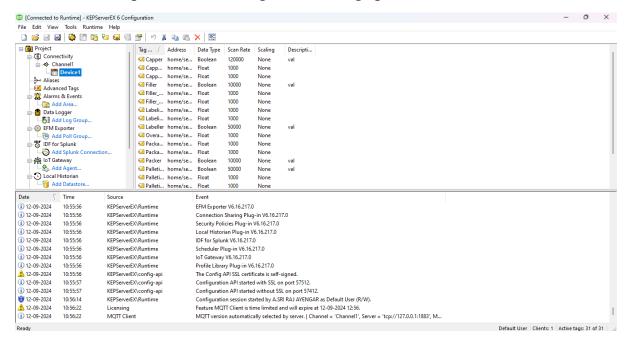
STEPS FROM EXTRACTION TO VISUALIZATION

There are various steps in the process of creating dashboards from the extraction of the data but the major things that are included in the process are:

- Data Extraction
- Data Configuration through Telegraf
- Setting up the data resources in Grafana
- Steps to create Visualization

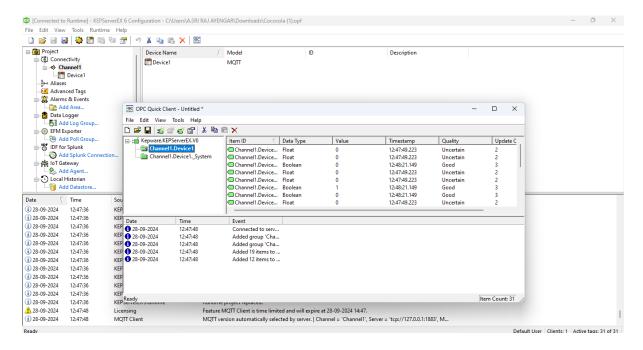
EXTRACTION OF DATA

- Before going to the extraction of data install the KepserverEX using this link.
- The data stored in the KEPserverEX follow different protocols based upon which the project files or the data logs follow.
- Extraction of data conveys how the data gets extracted i.e., extraction of the protocol that the client of Data follows.
- To know on which protocol the data is stored, make sure to check the properties of the logs or devices which gives the type of protocol that it follows.
- In this project, a Python JSON payload "Json_Payload.py" is used for the generation of tags through MQTT protocol, so that extraction of data can be done for further steps.
- Steps to check whether the data is generated in KepserverEX through the Ouick Client:
- 1. Before executing the Python code install the JRE server through the <u>Link</u> and start the server.
- 2. Open the KeprserverEX file which is in the format of ".opf" i.e., "Cococola.opf" file, and navigate to the tags present in the devices.



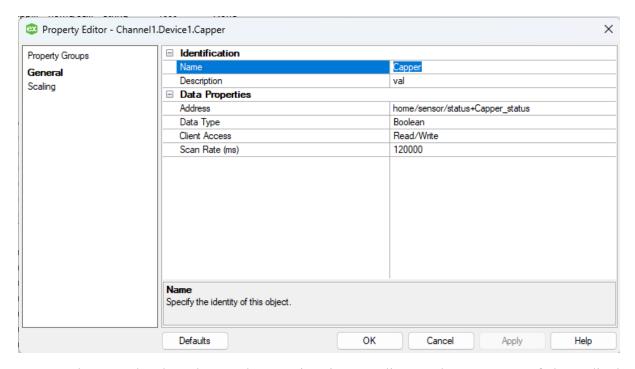
Note: Install MQTT using <u>this link</u>. For the unlicensed KEPserverEX, the license of it for MQTT is 2 hours. So, to get 2 hours of license modify or reinstall the KEPserverEX again and again.

- 3. Right-click on the device i.e., "Device1" and click on the "Launch Quick Client Here" option, a new folder is opened displaying the tag values.
- 4. Now open the Python file or data generating file i.e., "Json_Payload.py" and run the code in any Python code builder open the previous OPC Quick Client folder, and check whether the values are updated from previous values.



Note: After Checking in the OPC Quick Client folder, close the OPC file stop the Python code that is running in the Python code builder, and close the code builder application.

- Each tag will store a single information which changes dynamically according to time.
- The topic is generally found in the address of the tag in the format of "topic+tag_name" and here "tag_name" gives which information that the tag generates for the MQTT protocol.



Note: Whatever the data that reads or writes is according to the scan rate of the ordinal generated data and that is stored in properties of the tag of the KepserverEX in the projects. It is necessary to note the topic which is present in the address of the tag.

SET UP CONFIGURATION

- To set up configuration with the InfluxDB Database, there is an inbuilt agent named Telegraf.
- Install Telegraf through <u>this link</u> for the 2. x version and InfluxDB through <u>this link</u> for version 2. x.
- To do a general configuration with InfluxDB basic prerequisites of input and output are needed to be given in the Telegraf configuration file.

• Steps to Configure InfluxDB through Telegraf:

- Before going to Telegraf, open the command prompt, navigate to the influx execution file, execute it through the command "influxd" and don't close or stop the command window.
- Open the official website of InfluxDB through the URL "http://localhost:8086" and create a bucket e.g., "Data" and create a token under the option "API Tokens" copy the token, and paste it somewhere.
- Open the Notepad as Administrator and navigate to the telegraf.conf file.
- Copy the below text and paste it under the "OUTPUT PLUGINS".
- Now replace the bucket value with the before created value e.g., "Data" and replace the token with before copied token.
- Copy and paste the organization details from influxdb official URL.
- Paste the topic that is copied from the tag properties of KepserverEX to the topics of "[[inputs.mqtt_consumer]]".
- Just make sure to check whether any values are String/Boolean through the tag properties or Quick OPC Client of that device so that paste their tag names which are provided in the address of the tags in the "json_string_fields" of "[[inputs.mqtt_consumer]]" in telegraf.conf file.

```
# Output Plugin for InfluxDB
[[outputs.influxdb_v2]]
  urls = ["http://localhost:8086"]
  token = "DVtiVRI84dxTawjXsufQPv2ngiwTbO6BHpIy7FTcBpOHJ-
Fhf7VBJP3NZ2Y2wtAFVHqflJ0dDOEWGcNdlXvUIQ==" # Replace with your actual token
  organization = "tech" # Replace with your actual organization
  bucket = "try9" # Replace with your actual bucket

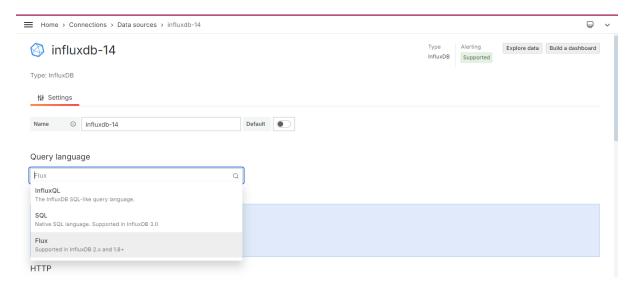
# Read metrics from MQTT topic(s)
[[inputs.mqtt_consumer]]
  ## Broker URLs for the MQTT server or cluster. To connect to multiple
  ## clusters or standalone servers, use a separate plugin instance.
  ## example: servers = ["tcp://localhost:1883"]
```

```
servers = ["ssl://localhost:1883"]
##
##
              servers = ["ws://localhost:1883"]
servers = ["tcp://127.0.0.1:1883"]
## Topics that will be subscribed to.
topics = [
  "home/sensor/status"
data format = "json"
json_string_fields = [
  "Capper status",
  "Filler status",
  "Labeling_status",
  "Packaging status",
  "Palletizing status",
  "Wrapping status"
```

- Save the telegraf file open the command prompt and navigate to the telegraf.conf file and execute the file through the command "telegraf --config telegraf.conf --test" or for powershell ".\telegraf.exe --config telegraf.conf".
- Check in the previously run command prompt of InfluxDB as it shows some updates.
- Now in the Chrome Browser close the previously opened 8086 containing URL(InfluxDB) and again open the same URL and open the respective bucket in Data Explorer.
- Now open the data generation python file which is used to send the data to MQTT in this project and run the program and minimize the tab(don't close it).
- Again some more updates take place in the command prompt of influx execution.
- Again close and open the tab of 8086 containing URL of Chrome Browser tab
 and check the same bucket in the Data Explorer, mqtt_consumer named
 measurement is appeared which means configuration part is completed where
 tags values are stored in InfluxDB Database.
- Now the data is stored in the InfluxDB database as a time-series.

SET UP WITH DATA SOURCES IN GRAFANA

- Install Grafana using this link and create an account through the provided link.
- Generally data-sources are used to extract the data used after used to visualize it.
- There are different data sources provided in Grafana to collect the data.
- Open Grafana through the link "http://localhost:3000".
- In this project, the InfluxDB data source is added, and to add that data source, it is necessary to add the InfluxDB data source based on the version installed.
- In this project, InfluxDB version 2. x is used, and the type of influx query builder is selected accordingly with the version of InfluxDB. Therefore, in this type, it is necessary to give prerequisites of bucket and organization names along with the token and URL of the InfluxDB that were previously used to store the data of KEPserverEX.



• In this way the InfluxDB data source is added to the Grafana.

STEPS TO CREATE A VISUALIZATION

- Visualization is a representation of the data in different forms.
- The set of visualizations as panels is known as the dashboard.
- In this project, 2 Dashboards and one is 11 visualizations are used and for the other 5 visualizations are used.
- Coming to the extraction of required visualization firstly it is required to create a dashboard and in that create the panel and add up the data source.
- In this project, for the first Dashboard 11 panels are created and accordingly the 11 panels are from the same data source of InfluxDB, and for the second Dashboard 5 panels respectively.
- Coming to the extraction of the data from the source to the visual representation, it is necessary to give the prerequisites to the query section the query section has three types that are given before while adding the query type in adding the data source and the flux query is used in this project.
- In this project for the Cococola Dashboard, 11 visualizations are used and the flux codes of them are:

Filler Machine Status code:

Capper Machine Status code:

```
from(bucket: "try9")
  |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] == "Capper_status")
  |> aggregateWindow(every: v.windowPeriod, fn: last, createEmpty: false)
  |> yield(name: "last")
```

Labelling Machine Status code:

Palletizer Machine Status code:

Packaging Machine Status code:

Wrapper Machine Status code:

- "from(bucket: "hst1")" specifies the data source (InfluxDB bucket) from which pulling the data. In this case, the bucket is called "hst1", which contains the MQTT data that has been sent through KepServerEX and Telegraf into InfluxDB.
- "|> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)" defines the time range for the data query. In Grafana, v.timeRangeStart and v.timeRangeStop are dynamic variables that automatically adjust to the time range selected in the dashboard. For example, if you choose the last 24 hours in Grafana, this range will adjust to only fetch data within that time window.
- "|> filter(fn: (r) => r._measurement == "mqtt_consumer")" ensures that only pulling records from the measurement named "mqtt_consumer". Measurements in InfluxDB are like tables in traditional databases, so this narrows the data down to only the relevant MQTT data related to machine statuses.
- "|> filter(fn: (r) => r._field == "Filler_status") (or other machine-specific fields like Capper_status, Labeling_status, etc.)" specifies which machine's status want to extract. The _field corresponds to the status field (e.g., Filler_status, Capper_status, etc.) in your data. By using different fields, you can extract status information for specific machines.
- "|> map(fn: (r) => ({ r with _value: if r._value == true then "On" else "Off" }))" function allows to transform the data. In this case, it checks the value of the _value field, which is either true or false. This field represents the machine's status:
- If value == true, the machine is "On".
- If _value == false, the machine is "Off".
- The map() function changes the boolean values (true or false) into human-readable strings ("On" or "Off") for easier interpretation in Grafana.
- "|> yield(name: "filler_status") (or other machine-specific yield names)" function outputs the result of the query. The optional name parameter allows to label of the output. For example, "filler_status" labels the query result as the status of the Filler machine.
- Each query will have a different yield name (capper_status, labeling_status, etc.), so it can easily identify which status belongs to which machine when setting up Grafana panels.

OEE:

Simplified OEE calculation based on failures and total operating time.

FLUX CODE:

```
// Aggregate total operating time
total operating time = from(bucket: "try9")
  |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] =~ /(.+)_operating_time/)
  |> sum(column: " value")
  |> group(columns: []) // Aggregate across all machines
  |> rename(columns: {_value: "total_operating_time"})
// Aggregate failures
failures = from(bucket: "try9")
  |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
 |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] =~ /(.*)_failure_count/)
  |> sum(column: " value")
  > group(columns: [])
                           // Aggregate across all machines
  > rename(columns: { value: "failures"})
// Aggregate overall scrap count
scrap_count = from(bucket: "try9")
  |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r[" field"] == "Overall scrap count")
  |> sum(column: " value")
  |> group(columns: []) // Aggregate across all machines
  |> rename(columns: {_value: "overall_scrap_count"})
// Combine aggregated results into a single table
combined = union(tables: [total_operating_time, failures, scrap_count])
  |> group(columns: [])
  |> reduce(
    fn: (r, accumulator) => ({
      total operating time: accumulator.total operating time + (if exists
r.total operating time then float(v: r.total operating time) else 0.0),
      failures: accumulator.failures + (if exists r.failures then float(v:
r.failures) else 0.0),
      overall scrap count: accumulator.overall scrap count + (if exists
r.overall_scrap_count then float(v: r.overall_scrap_count) else 0.0)
    }),
    identity: {total_operating_time: 0.0, failures: 0.0,
overall scrap count: 0.0}
```

```
// Calculate OEE
oee = combined
|> map(fn: (r) => ({
    _time: now(),
    _value: if r.total_operating_time == 0.0 then 0.0 else (1.0 -
(r.failures / r.total_operating_time)) * 100.0 // Simplified OEE formula
}))
|> rename(columns: {_value: "OEE"})
|> yield(name: "OEE")
```

- "filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] =~ /(.+)_operating_time/)" filters fields that end with _operating_time, which represent the operating times of different machines (e.g., Capper_operating_time, Filler_operating_time).
- "sum(column: "_value")" sums up all the operating times across the different machines.
- "group(columns: [])" removes any grouping, meaning the aggregation will occur across all machines.
- "rename(columns: {_value: "total_operating_time"})" renames the result to make it more readable as total_operating_time.

MTBF:

The mean time between failures calculation.

FLUX CODE:

```
// Aggregate total operating time
total operating time = from(bucket: "try9")
  > range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] =~ /(.+)_operating_time/)
  >> sum(column: "_value")
  |> group(columns: []) // Aggregate across all machines
  |> rename(columns: {_value: "total_operating_time"})
// Aggregate failures
failures = from(bucket: "try9")
  |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
 |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] =~ /(.*)_failure_count/)
  |> sum(column: " value")
  |> group(columns: [])
                           // Aggregate across all machines
  > rename(columns: { value: "failures"})
// Combine aggregated results into a single table
combined = union(tables: [total_operating_time, failures])
  |> group(columns: [])
  > reduce(
    fn: (r, accumulator) => ({ // Changed the order of arguments
      total operating time: accumulator.total operating time + (if exists
r.total_operating_time then float(v: r.total_operating_time) else 0.0),
      failures: accumulator.failures + (if exists r.failures then float(v:
r.failures) else 0.0)
   }),
    identity: {total_operating_time: 0.0, failures: 0.0}
// Calculate MTBF from aggregated values
mtbf = combined
 |> map(fn: (r) => ({
     _time: now(),
      _value: if r.failures == 0.0 then 0.0 else r.total_operating_time /
r.failures
  |> yield(name: "MTBF")
```

- "filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] =~ /(.*)_failure_count/)" filters for fields ending with _failure_count to gather the failure counts for each machine.
- "sum(column: "_value")" sums all failure counts across all machines.
- "group(columns: [])" aggregates the results across all machines.
- "rename(columns: { value: "failures"})" renames the sum to failures.

Scrap Count:

The sum of the overall scrap count.

FLUX CODE:

- "filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] == "Overall_scrap_count")" filters for the field representing the overall scrap count.
- "sum(column: "_value")" sums up the total scrap count.
- "group(columns: [])" aggregates the scrap count across all machines.
- "rename(columns: {_value: "overall_scrap_count"})" renames the column to make it clear it represents the overall scrap count.

Machine Run time:

FLUX CODE:

```
from(bucket: "th")
  |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop) // Dynamically
adjust the time range based on dashboard
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r._measurement == "mqtt_consumer")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r. field =~
/^(Capper status|Filler status|Labeling status|Packaging status|Palletizing
status|Wrapping_status)$/) // Dynamically filter for the six fields
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r._value == true) // Only consider true (on) values
  |> group(columns: [" field"]) // Group by the field name to separate
machines' runtime
  |> count(column: " value") // Count occurrences of true values (ticks
representing runtime)
  \rightarrow map(fn: (r) \rightarrow ({ r with _value: r._value * 30 })) // Convert the
counts to minutes (assuming 30s intervals)
  |> keep(columns: ["_field", "_value"]) // Keep only _field (machine)
status) and value (runtime)
  |> yield(name: "runtime per machine")
```

- "filter()" function is used to filter records based on the field names. In this case, it filters for failure counts of specific machines "Capper_failure_count", "Filler_failure_count", "Labeling_failure_count", "Packaging_failure_count", "Palletizing failure count", "Wrapping failure count".
- These fields correspond to the failure counts for each machine. The or operators ensure that only records where the field matches one of these specific machine failure counts are kept.
- "group()" groups the data by the default behavior (i.e., based on the measurement and the tag columns). In this context, it's grouping the results across all machines.
- "sum(column: "_value")" sums the values in the _value column, which represents the failure counts for each machine. The result will give the total number of failures across all machines during the specified time range.
- "rename(columns: {_value: "Total_scrap_count"})" renames the summed failure count result to Total_scrap_count to make it more readable in the output.

Status and Work Order Quality:

FLUX CODE:

```
from(bucket: "try9")
    |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
    |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer") // Adjust
measurement name if needed
    |> limit(n: 10)
    |> yield(name: "sample_data")
```

EXPLANATION:

• "limit(n: 10)" function limits the result set to 10 records. It is useful when only want to see a sample or a small subset of data.

Panel settings:

- To name the title for the panel go to panel settings which are present at the right end and create a panel title.
- In the case of giving status in the first panel (Status of the machine) just make the search for the option mapping after scrolling the panel options at the right end and just map the values like in this case value "true" is "Online" and "false" is "Offline".
- While going to edit the panel just select the visualization on which it is going to be prepared which is present on the right top.
- Now to change the color of the value or to change the properties of their own wish just select the Overrides which are also present in the panel settings and just select the query type of which property is to be changed.
- After all the things it is mandatory to save them as an overall dashboard.

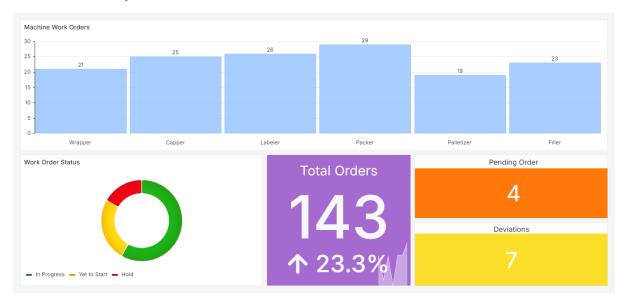
After all the codes are executed the final dashboard will be:



Note: Make sure to check whether the Telegraf server is running or to execute the .exe file of telegraf if the values are to be updated in the Grafana at present. To get past the dashboard and not to update the values then just run influxdb execution file and don't run the telegraf execution file.

• In the above Dashboard OEE and MTBF vary the colors with the threshold values set in that panel settings.

In a similar way another dashboard is created:



Note: Change the buckets in the bucket side heading of flux codes.

Flux Codes:

Machine Work Orders:

```
union(
  tables: [
    // Filler machine
    from(bucket: "tr1")
      |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
      |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
      |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] == "filler_work_order")
      |> last()
      |> map(fn: (r) => ({ _time: r._time, _value: r._value, machine_name:
"Filler" })),
    // Capper machine
    from(bucket: "tr1")
      |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
      |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
      |> filter(fn: (r) => r[" field"] == "capper work order")
      |> last()
      |> map(fn: (r) => ({ _time: r._time, _value: r._value, machine_name:
"Capper" })),
    // Labeler machine
    from(bucket: "tr1")
       > range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
```

```
|> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
     |> filter(fn: (r) => r[" field"] == "labeler work order")
     |> map(fn: (r) => ({ _time: r._time, _value: r._value, machine_name:
"Labeler" })),
   // Palletizer machine
   from(bucket: "tr1")
     |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
     |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
     |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] == "palletizer_work_order")
     |> last()
     |> map(fn: (r) => ({ _time: r._time, _value: r._value, machine_name:
"Palletizer" })),
   // Packer machine
   from(bucket: "tr1")
     |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
     |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
     |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] == "packer_work_order")
     |> last()
     |> map(fn: (r) => ({ _time: r._time, _value: r._value, machine_name:
"Packer" })),
   // Wrapper machine
   from(bucket: "tr1")
     |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
     |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
     |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] == "wrapper_work_order")
     |> last()
     |> map(fn: (r) => ({ _time: r._time, _value: r._value, machine_name:
"Wrapper" }))
> vield()
```

• Total Orders:

```
from(bucket: "tr1")
  |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] == "total_orders_today")
  |> yield(name: "last")
```

• Pending Order:

```
from(bucket: "tr1")
  |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] == "pending_orders")
  |> yield(name: "last")
```

• Deviations:

```
from(bucket: "tr1")
  |> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop: v.timeRangeStop)
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] == "mqtt_consumer")
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r["_field"] == "deviations")
  |> yield(name: "last")
```

• Work Order Status:

Note: To create multiple dashboards in Grafana make sure to create different buckets for different dashboards and tokens might be the same in InfluxDB so accordingly update to the telegraf.conf file.

CONCLUSION:

In this documentation, we have successfully demonstrated the process of sending data from KepserverEX to Grafana for visualization.

The key steps involved were:

- **Data Generation and MQTT Integration:** We used Python code to simulate data and publish it to an MQTT server. This data was received by KepserverEX, where we configured tags with specific addresses representing the incoming MQTT data.
- Telegraf Configuration for InfluxDB: The tag addresses from KepserverEX were used to configure Telegraf, the agent responsible for collecting data and sending it to InfluxDB. This was achieved by editing the Telegraf .conf file, and adjusting both input (MQTT data) and output (InfluxDB) plugins to match the necessary configuration.
- **Data Visualization in Grafana:** With InfluxDB as the time-series database, the data source was configured in Grafana. The data was then visualized through dashboards, enabling real-time monitoring of the data generated from KepserverEX and transferred through the complete pipeline.

This setup provides a robust and scalable solution for industrial data monitoring and visualization. The combination of MQTT, KepserverEX, Telegraf, InfluxDB, and Grafana ensures smooth data flow from the source (Python-simulated data) to Grafana's dashboards, offering powerful insights into your system's performance and operational metrics.

RESULT:

Got assumed dashboard successfully after following all the previous notes from extraction of the data to the creating dashboard. This pipeline demonstrates an effective method for real-time data monitoring and visualization, combining various tools for seamless industrial data integration and analysis. The setup is fully functional and capable of handling large-scale data flows from MQTT to Grafana, providing actionable insights through dynamic visualizations.