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ON
DEVELOPMENT AND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF LOAD BALANCING ALGORITHMS USING GOLANG

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Abstract

This project, titled *Development and Comparative Analysis of Load Balancing Algorithms Using GoLang*, focuses on designing and evaluating a modular HTTP load balancer that can efficiently distribute incoming traffic to backend servers. The system is implemented using the Go programming language, chosen for its strong support for concurrency and lightweight architecture. Three widely-used load balancing algorithms—Round Robin, Weighted Round Robin, and Least Connections—were implemented and tested in both homogeneous and heterogeneous server environments.

We used Docker to simulate backend server pools, and benchmarked the system under high-concurrency conditions using `Apache Bench`. Prometheus and Grafana were integrated to monitor metrics such as response time, requests per second, CPU utilization, and load distribution. The results demonstrate that Least Connections outperforms the other algorithms in dynamic traffic conditions, while Weighted Round Robin offers a good compromise when server capacities are known.

This report presents a complete analysis of algorithm behavior under varying loads, highlights performance trade-offs, and offers recommendations for practical deployment. The modular architecture and use of GoLang make this system extensible for further research in the field of distributed systems and traffic engineering.

Key Words:*Load Balancing, GoLang, Round Robin, Least Connections, Weighted Round Robin, HTTP Traffic, Docker, Prometheus, Grafana, Performance Analysis*

List of Abbreviations

API	Application Programming Interface
CPU	Central Processing Unit
HTTP	HyperText Transfer Protocol
LC	Least Connections
RR	Round Robin
WRR	Weighted Round Robin
RPS	Requests Per Second
UI	User Interface
AB	Apache Benchmark
WRK	Web Request Benchmarking Tool

1. Introduction

In this project, we explore how to improve the distribution of internet traffic across multiple servers by implementing and comparing three widely used load balancing algorithms using GoLang. The system we build is not only a practical application of these techniques but also serves as a platform for evaluating their strengths and trade-offs in real-time scenarios. Our goal is to create a lightweight, modular load balancer that can handle traffic reliably and efficiently, making it suitable for both academic research and lightweight production environments.

1.1 Background

As the internet continues to evolve and digital services become more demanding, the ability to efficiently handle large volumes of user requests has become a critical concern for developers and organizations. Load balancing, the process of distributing incoming network traffic across multiple servers, plays a vital role in ensuring systems remain fast, responsive, and highly available.

In real-world applications, especially with the rise of microservices and cloud-native platforms, relying on a single server can quickly lead to bottlenecks. Traditional load balancing techniques like Round Robin may work well in simple setups, but they often fall short in complex, dynamic environments. This is where smarter strategies like Weighted Round Robin and Least Connections come into play.

GoLang has emerged as a strong choice for building scalable backend systems, thanks to its built-in support for concurrency through goroutines and channels. This project taps into GoLang's strengths to build a lightweight, modular load balancer that not only distributes traffic efficiently but also serves as a flexible platform for comparing multiple algorithms under the same test conditions.

1.2 Problem Statement

Choosing the right load balancing algorithm is not always straightforward. Different systems have different needs, and what works in one case might fail in another. Many existing approaches either ignore server performance variations or are too complex to implement and monitor in smaller-scale environments.

Some of the key issues we observed include:

- **Uneven Resource Use:** Static algorithms like Round Robin might overwhelm slower servers.
- **Poor Scalability:** Many systems don't adapt well to sudden traffic spikes.
- **Monitoring Overhead:** Dynamic approaches like Least Connections need real-time data, which increases system complexity.
- **Lack of Comparative Data:** There aren't many hands-on comparisons that evaluate different algorithms side-by-side.

This project addresses these concerns by building a customizable testing environment to analyze how different algorithms perform in both controlled and unpredictable settings.

1.3 Objectives

The main aim of this project is to design, implement, and evaluate a GoLang-based load balancer. Specifically, we set out to:

- Build a functional load balancer using GoLang.
- Implement three algorithms: Round Robin, Weighted Round Robin, and Least Connections.
- Use Docker to create simulated backend servers with variable load.
- Benchmark the system under high-concurrency traffic using tools like `Apache Benchmark(ab)`.
- Monitor performance with Prometheus and Grafana.
- Develop a simple web interface that connects users to the backend servers through the load balancer.

1.4 Research Questions

To guide the direction of our work, we focused on the following questions:

1. Which algorithm is most effective under high traffic conditions?
2. How do these algorithms perform in both uniform and mixed server setups?
3. What are the trade-offs between implementation complexity and performance?
4. Can GoLang deliver the responsiveness and reliability required in real-time load balancing scenarios?

2. Literature Review

2.1 Overview of Load Balancing Algorithms

Over the years, load balancing has become an essential component of distributed systems. Its core objective is to ensure that no single server bears too much load while others remain underutilized. In our research, we focused primarily on three well-known algorithms: Round Robin, Least Connections, and Weighted Round Robin.

Round Robin is known for its simplicity. It cycles through servers in a fixed order, distributing incoming requests evenly. While it's easy to implement and works well in environments where all servers have equal capacity, it can lead to performance issues when servers differ in capability.

Weighted Round Robin tries to strike a balance between simplicity and adaptability. It assigns weights to servers based on their capabilities, allowing more powerful servers to handle a proportionally higher load. However, determining the right weights can be tricky, especially in rapidly changing environments.

To handle this, the Least Connections algorithm dynamically assigns traffic to the server with the fewest active connections at any given time. This makes it more adaptive in real-time scenarios but requires continuous tracking of server states, which introduces additional overhead.

2.2 Insights from Previous Studies

Previous studies have explored these algorithms under various conditions. Smith et al. (2020) found that Round Robin performed well only in homogeneous setups, but quickly became inefficient when servers differed significantly. Johnson and Lee (2021) evaluated Least Connections and found it highly effective during traffic spikes but noted the complexity of monitoring real-time connections.

Kumar (2022) highlighted how Weighted Round Robin can improve system performance when servers are properly weighted, though setting those weights manually can lead to misconfiguration. More recently, Chen and Zhang (2023) proposed a hybrid model combining Least Connections with adaptive weighting, which showed promise but also increased implementation complexity.

2.3 GoLang in Load Balancing

The Go programming language has increasingly been used in backend development due to its lightweight nature and strong concurrency support. Donovan and Kernighan (2023) emphasized GoLang's use of goroutines and channels as ideal for building scalable network services. Wang et al. (2024) demonstrated GoLang's effectiveness in implementing Round Robin and Least Connections algorithms in cloud environments, reporting improved latency and throughput.

Despite this, there's still limited research comparing all three algorithms: Round Robin, Weighted Round Robin, and Least Connections within the same GoLang framework. This project aims to fill that gap, providing a side-by-side analysis using consistent infrastructure and realistic test conditions.

2.4 Identified Gaps

From our review, the following gaps emerged:

- Lack of modular implementations that allow algorithm switching for testing.
- Limited comparative studies with uniform benchmarking setups.
- Few open-source tools that combine monitoring, scalability, and simplicity.

By focusing on these gaps, our project aims to contribute a lightweight, modular, and well-monitored load balancing solution, helping future researchers and developers understand the trade-offs between different load balancing techniques in real-world scenarios.

3. Methodology

3.1 Overview

This section outlines the tools, techniques, and processes used to design, build, and test the load balancing system. Our primary goal was to ensure that the system we built could effectively support multiple load balancing strategies and allow us to compare their performance under realistic conditions.

3.2 Tools and Technologies

To implement and evaluate the load balancer, we used the following technologies:

- **GoLang:** The core programming language used for implementing the load balancer, due to its built-in concurrency features.
- **Docker:** Used to simulate multiple backend servers with controlled environments.
- **Apache Benchmark(ab):** ApacheBench, commonly referred to as ab, is a command-line tool designed for benchmarking HTTP web servers.
- **Prometheus and Grafana:** For collecting and visualizing system performance metrics in real time.

3.3 System Architecture

The system is composed of four major components:

1. **Frontend Website:** A static web interface hosting simple browser-based games.
2. **Load Balancer:** Written in GoLang, it receives client requests and forwards them to backend servers using a selected algorithm.
3. **Backend Servers:** Multiple Docker containers simulate actual servers responding to HTTP requests.
4. **Monitoring Stack:** Prometheus collects metrics (e.g., response time, request count), which Grafana visualizes via dashboards.

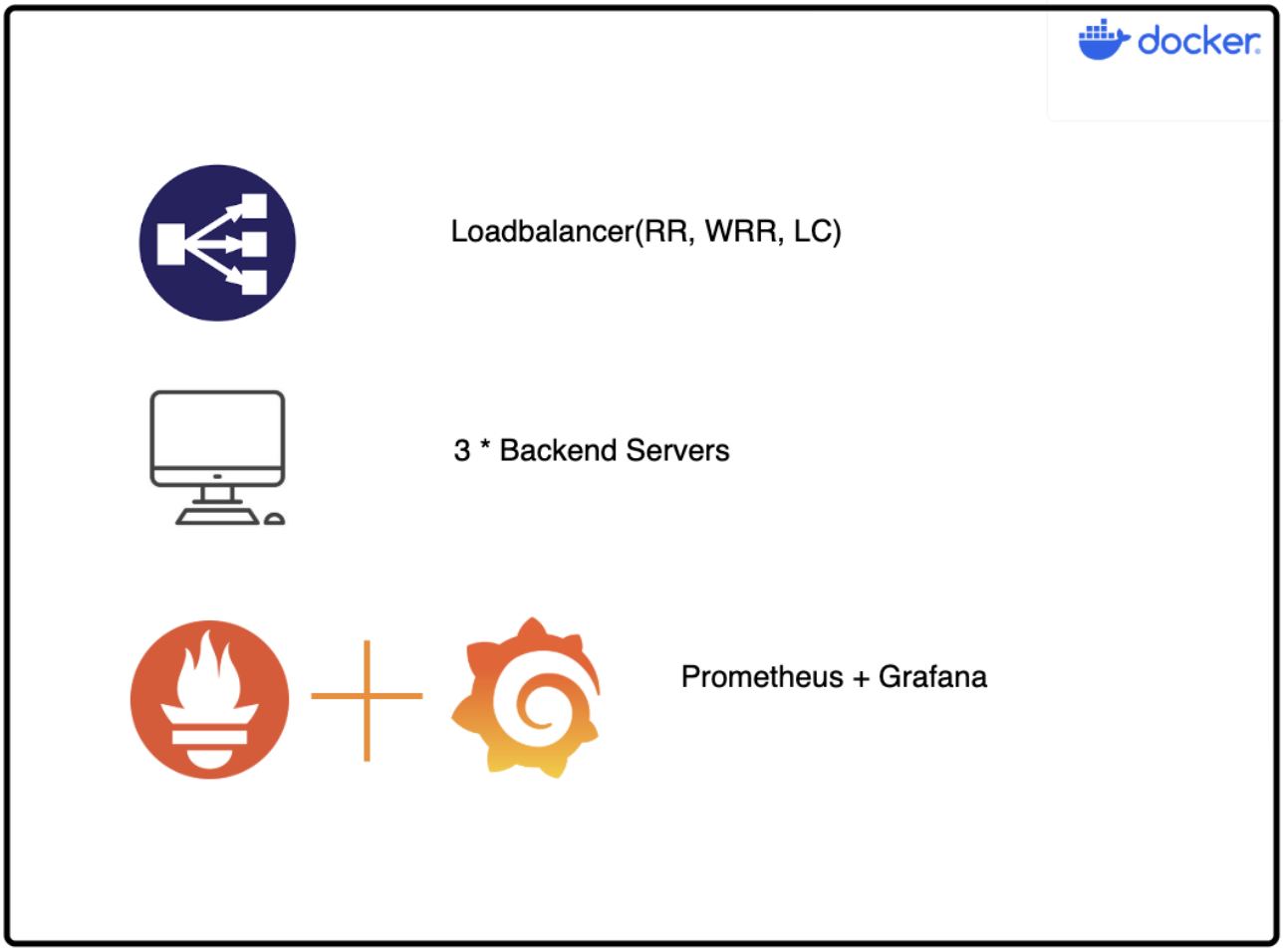


Figure 3.1: System Architecture

3.4 Working of algorithms

As part of our methodology, we implemented and tested three widely used HTTP load balancing algorithms using GoLang: **Round Robin**, **Weighted Round Robin**, and **Least Connections**. Each algorithm was containerized using Docker and integrated with Prometheus for real-time monitoring and Grafana for visualization.

Round Robin Load Balancing Algorithm

Round Robin is one of the simplest and most commonly used load-balancing algorithms. Its main job is to distribute incoming network requests (like website visits or app usage) evenly across multiple servers.

How It Works (Simple Explanation): Round Robin takes each new request and gives it to the next server in line, like taking turns. It does not consider how busy a server is.

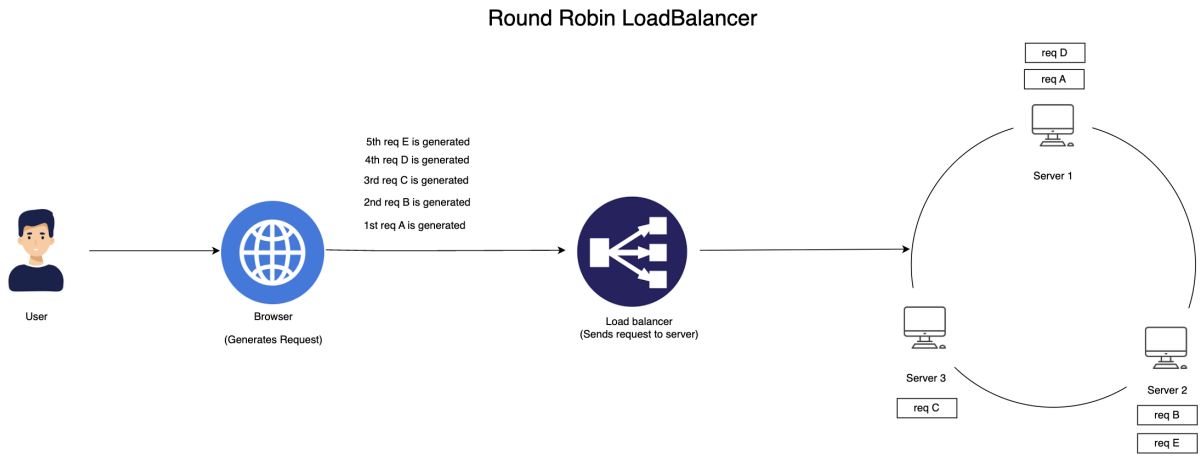


Figure 3.2: Round-Robin Workflow

Imagine you have:

- 3 servers (Server 1, Server 2, Server 3)
- Lots of people (users or clients) are sending requests

Round Robin takes each new request and gives it to the next server in line, like taking turns. Here's how it would go:

1. 1st request → Server 1
2. 2nd request → Server 2
3. 3rd request → Server 3
4. 4th request → back to Server 1
5. 5th request → Server 2
6. and so on...

It's like a queue at a vaccination center with 3 booths. Each person goes to the next available booth in a rotating cycle, keeping the line moving and balanced.

How It Works (Technical View):

- The load balancer maintains a list of servers.
- It uses a counter or pointer to keep track of the last server it sent a request to.
- For each new request, it simply sends it to the next server in the list, and loops back when it reaches the end.

Key Features:

- Simple to implement
- No server load is considered – it doesn't check if a server is already too busy
- Fair – every server gets the same number of requests in the long run

Real-Life Analogy: Analogy: Distributing Exam Papers

Imagine a teacher is handing out exam papers to 3 invigilators (A, B, C). The teacher gives:

- 1st paper to A
- 2nd to B
- 3rd to C
- 4th again to A
- and continues in this cycle...

The goal is to distribute the work evenly without checking if one invigilator is faster or slower. That's exactly how Round Robin works!

When It Works Best:

- When all servers have similar performance or capacity
- When requests are roughly equal in size and time
- In simple web applications or services where speed and fairness matter more than precision

Weighted Round Robin Load Balancing Algorithm

Weighted Round Robin (WRR) is an improved version of the basic Round Robin algorithm. While Round Robin treats all servers equally, WRR takes into account that some servers may be more powerful than others — faster CPU, more memory, or better bandwidth. So instead of giving each server the same number of requests, WRR gives more requests to the more powerful servers, based on a value called weight.

How It Works (Simple Explanation): Weighted Round Robin distributes each new request based on server's assigned weight. More powerful servers get more requests, while weaker ones get fewer. It still rotates, but with a weighted preference.

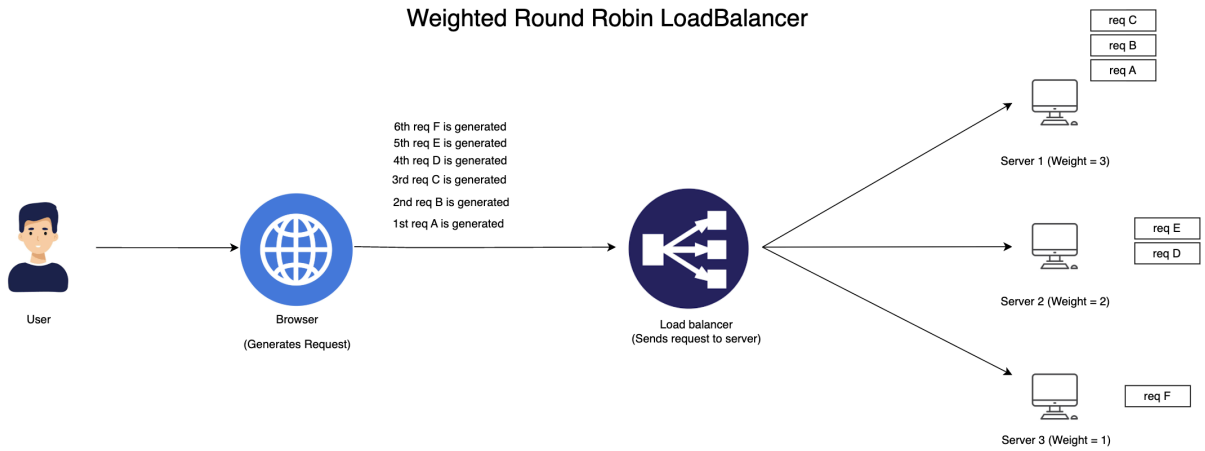


Figure 3.3: Weighted Round-Robin Workflow

Let's say you have:

- Server 1: High-performance (Weight = 3)
- Server 2: Medium-performance (Weight = 2)
- Server 3: Low-performance (Weight = 1)

Now imagine 6 incoming requests. WRR distributes them like this:

1. 1st → Server 1
2. 2nd → Server 1
3. 3rd → Server 1
4. 4th → Server 2
5. 5th → Server 2
6. 6th → Server 3

So, Server 1 (weight 3) handles 3 requests, Server 2 (weight 2) handles 2, and Server 3 (weight 1) handles 1. This way, faster servers do more work without overloading the slower ones.

How It Works (Technical View):

- Each server is assigned a weight value based on its capacity.
- The load balancer loops through servers, assigning requests in proportion to their weights.

- This can be implemented with repeating server entries or using a calculated distribution schedule.

Example: Server list: [1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3] → Then loop through this list in a round robin fashion.

Real-Life Analogy: Analogy: Group Assignment

Imagine a teacher giving out group assignments. There are 3 students:

- Alex (very smart and quick) → gets 3 tasks
- Ben (average) → gets 2 tasks
- Charlie (slow) → gets 1 task

The teacher repeats this cycle for each new set of assignments. This way, the workload is shared based on ability, not equally.

Key Features:

- More efficient than simple Round Robin
- Respects server capacity (doesn't overload weaker servers)
- Works well when servers are different in strength

When It Works Best:

- When servers have unequal capacity
- In real-world production systems where some machines are newer or stronger
- When you want both fairness and efficiency

Least Connections Load Balancing Algorithm

The Least Connections algorithm doesn't just rotate servers like Round Robin. Instead, it checks which server is currently handling the fewest number of active connections (or requests) and sends the next incoming request to that server. It's smart because it balances the load based on actual server usage in real time, not just turns or weights.

How It Works (Simple Explanation): Least Connections checks which server is currently handling the fewest active requests and sends the next request there. It dynamically balances the load in real-time based on server usage.

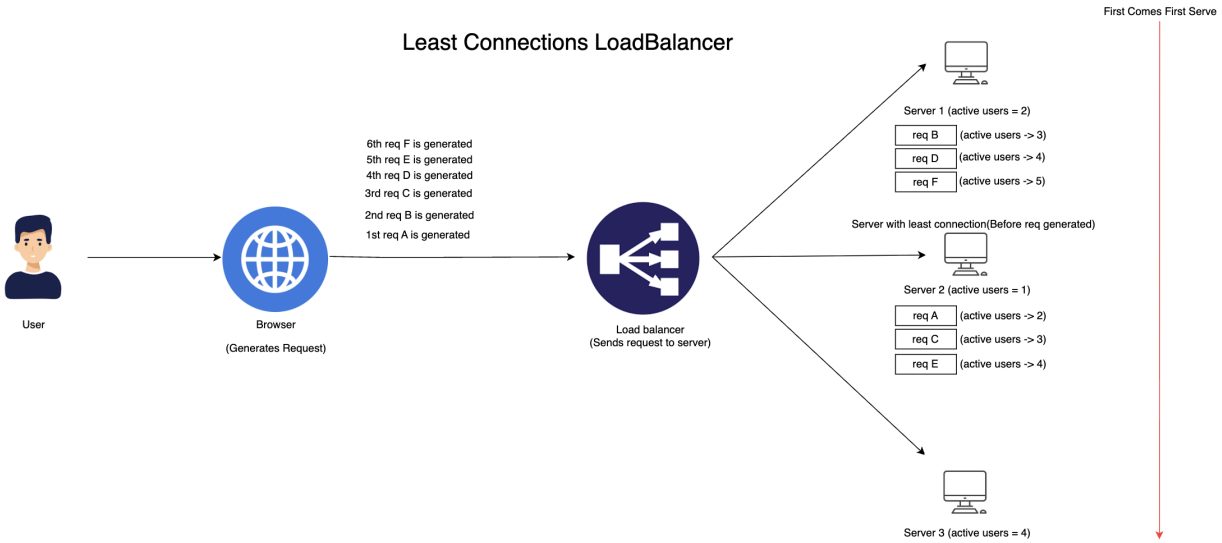


Figure 3.4: Least connection Workflow

Let's say you have 3 servers:

- Server 1: 2 active users
- Server 2: 1 active user
- Server 3: 4 active users

We will assign Request A to Request F (6 requests) one by one.

Step-by-step Assignment:

1. Request A sent to Server 2
   - (Server 2 has 1 connection)
   - New state: Server 1 $\rightarrow$ 2, Server 2 $\rightarrow$ 2, Server 3 $\rightarrow$ 4
2. Request B sent to Server 1
   - (Server 1 and Server 2 both have 2, A comes first)
   - New state: Server 1 $\rightarrow$ 3 (first come first serve), Server 2 $\rightarrow$ 2, Server 3 $\rightarrow$ 4
3. Request C sent to Server 2
   - (Server 2 has 2, Server 1 has 3, C has 4)
   - New state: Server 1 $\rightarrow$ 3, Server 2 $\rightarrow$ 3, Server 3 $\rightarrow$ 4
4. Request D sent to Server 1
   - (Server 1 and Server 2 both 3, A comes first)
   - New state: Server 1 = 4, Server 2 = 3, Server 3 = 4
5. Request E sent to Server 2
   - (Server 2 has 3, Server 2 and Server 3 both 4)
   - New state: Server 1 = 4, Server 2 = 4, Server 3 = 4

6. Request F sent to Server 1
    - (All are 4, pick Server 1 first)
    - New state: A = 5, B = 4, C = 4

As more requests come in, the balancer always sends them to the least-busy server at that moment.

How It Works (Technical View):

- The load balancer keeps track of how many live (ongoing) connections each server has.
- Each time a request comes in, it chooses the server with the lowest number of connections.
- When a connection ends, it reduces the count for that server.

This method reacts to real-time traffic, unlike Round Robin which follows a fixed pattern.

Real-Life Analogy: Analogy: Grocery Checkout Lines

Imagine you're in a supermarket with 3 checkout counters:

- Counter A: 2 people in line
- Counter B: 1 person in line
- Counter C: 4 people in line

You'd naturally go to Counter B, the least busy. Least Connections does the same thing — it tries to reduce waiting time by checking how busy each server (or counter) is right now.

Key Features:

- Dynamic and real-time decision-making
- Great for situations where some requests take longer than others
- More efficient than Round Robin when traffic is uneven

When It Works Best:

- When the duration of user sessions varies (e.g., streaming, chats, or downloads)
- When some requests are heavier than others
- In systems where keeping response time low is a priority

Comparative Analysis of Load Balancing Algorithms

Table 3.1: Comparison of Round Robin, Weighted Round Robin, and Least Connections Algorithms

Feature / Criteria	**Round Robin**	**Weighted Round Robin**	**Least Connections**
Basic Idea	Distributes requests in equal turns	Distributes requests based on server weights	Sends request to server with fewest connections
Resource Awareness	No (treats all servers equally)	Yes (respects server capacity)	Yes (checks real-time usage)
Request Handling Logic	Fixed rotation	Rotation with proportion based on weight	Dynamic based on live connection count
Fairness	Fair if all servers are equal	Fair based on server power	Fair based on server load at the moment
Best For	Simple, equal-capacity systems	Mixed-capacity servers with known performance	Systems with unpredictable request sizes or durations
Implementation Complexity	Very simple	Moderate	More complex
Response Time Handling	Can become uneven under heavy load	Better than Round Robin	Very efficient at keeping low response time
Example Use Case	Static websites, microservices	Media servers, APIs on mixed hardware	Streaming apps, live chat, real-time apps
Scalability	Scales well	Scales well with capacity configuration	Scales very well with smart logic

In simple terms:

- **Round Robin** is like passing out tasks in turns, no matter how fast or slow the workers are.
- **Weighted Round Robin** is like giving more tasks to faster workers and fewer to slower ones.
- **Least Connections** is like giving the next task to whoever is least busy right now — smart and reactive.

Summary:
Each algorithm has its strengths and weaknesses:

- **Round Robin:** Best when all servers are equal and requests are short and similar.
- **Weighted Round Robin:** Best when servers have different capacities but traffic is still predictable.

- **Least Connections:** Best when some users stay longer or requests vary in load, and you need to balance work dynamically.

3.5 Testing Strategy

We simulated both uniform and heterogeneous server environments. Tests were conducted with varying client request loads (100 to 1000 concurrent users) to measure algorithm performance in different stress conditions.

Metrics we tracked included:

- Average response time
- Requests per second
- Server CPU utilization
- Load distribution accuracy
- Memory uses

All results were collected and visualized using Prometheus and Grafana, ensuring transparency and reproducibility in the testing process.

3.6 Monitoring and Testing Environment Setup

To create a reproducible, scalable, and efficient testing environment for evaluating the performance of our load balancing algorithms, we utilized a containerized architecture along with modern monitoring and benchmarking tools.

Docker-based Deployment: All components of the system — the load balancer, backend servers, Prometheus, and Grafana — were containerized using Docker. This modular setup allowed us to:

- Easily simulate multiple backend servers with varied capacities.
- Isolate the load balancer to ensure independent testing of each algorithm.
- Simplify setup, teardown, and resource control across different test scenarios.

Each backend server container ran a lightweight HTTP server configured to return dummy responses for testing purposes. The load balancer container forwarded requests to these servers based on the selected algorithm (Round Robin, Weighted Round Robin, or Least Connections).

Prometheus and Grafana Integration: To capture real-time performance metrics during testing, we integrated **Prometheus** as our monitoring tool and **Grafana** as the visualization layer.

- **Prometheus** was configured to scrape metrics from each backend server and the load balancer at regular intervals.

- Exported metrics included CPU usage, memory consumption, number of handled HTTP requests, and uptime.
- **Grafana dashboards** were used to visualize trends in response time, server load distribution, and performance bottlenecks across different test runs.

This setup allowed us to observe how each algorithm responded to different traffic conditions and server configurations in real time.

Benchmarking with Apache Benchmark (ab): Initially, we considered using the `wrk` tool due to its multi-threading support and flexible scripting, but opted for `Apache Benchmark (ab)` instead. The reasons included:

- Simplicity of usage and widespread availability.
- Ease of automation through shell scripts for repeated tests.
- Sufficient control over concurrency level and total number of requests.

Apache Benchmark was used to generate synthetic HTTP traffic targeting the load balancer's public endpoint. We tested each algorithm under concurrency levels ranging from 100 to 1000 requests to observe system behavior under different loads.

This benchmarking approach helped us record consistent performance indicators while Prometheus and Grafana logged system metrics in parallel for in-depth analysis.

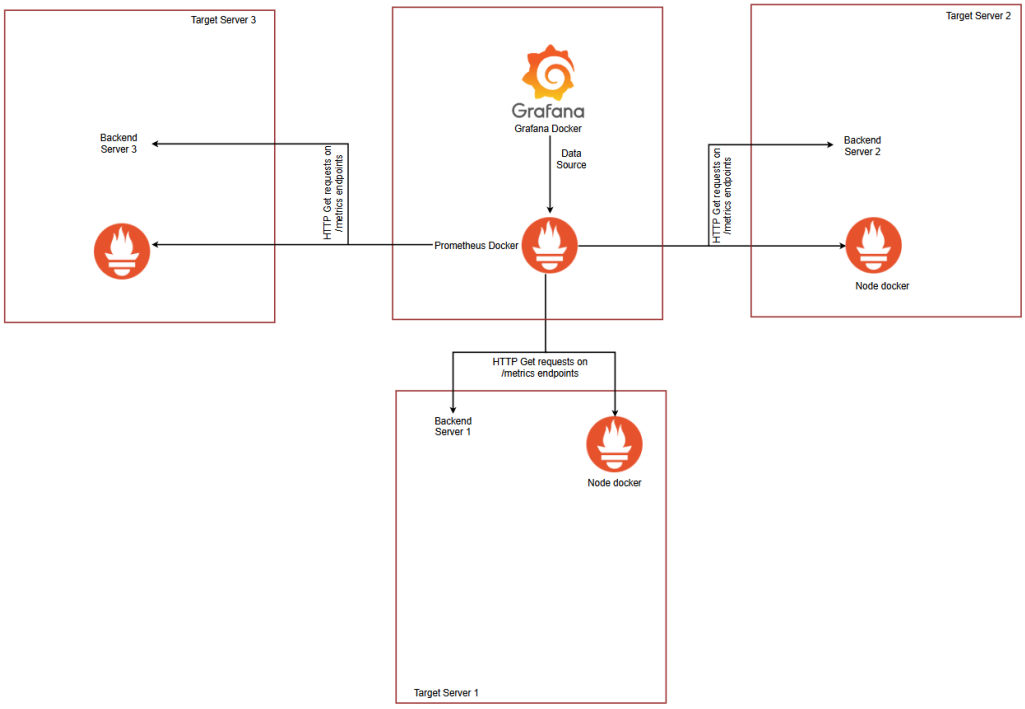


Figure 3.5: Prometheus-Grafana monitoring workflow

The above diagram illustrates the monitoring architecture used for analyzing load balancing algorithms in a Golang-based system. This setup uses **Prometheus** for metrics collection and **Grafana** for visualization, all deployed using Docker containers. The architecture consists of the following components:

Components

- **Target Servers (1, 2, and 3)**: Each target server hosts a backend server (Backend Server 1, 2, and 3) along with a **Node Exporter** running in a Docker container. The Node Exporter exposes system-level metrics such as CPU usage, memory usage, etc., through the `/metrics` endpoint.
- **Prometheus Docker**: This is the central monitoring component. Prometheus is configured to periodically scrape metrics from each Node Exporter's `/metrics` endpoint via HTTP GET requests.
- **Grafana Docker**: Grafana is connected to Prometheus as its data source. It queries Prometheus to retrieve metrics and displays them in customizable dashboards for easier analysis and visualization.

Workflow Description

1. Each Target Server runs a backend service and a Node Exporter instance in Docker.
2. Prometheus, running in a container, sends HTTP GET requests to the `/metrics` endpoints of each Node Exporter. This allows Prometheus to collect performance data from Backend Server 1, 2, and 3.
3. Prometheus aggregates this time-series data and stores it efficiently for querying.
4. Grafana accesses the Prometheus server as a data source. It retrieves the stored metrics and visualizes them in real time, enabling users to monitor important parameters like latency, CPU usage, memory utilization, and HTTP request counts across different load balancing algorithms.

Purpose and Benefits

This architecture provides a modular, scalable, and efficient monitoring solution:

- **Modular**: Each backend can be monitored independently.
- **Scalable**: New servers can be easily added to the Prometheus scrape configuration.
- **Effective Visualization**: Grafana allows real-time trend analysis and comparison of algorithm performance metrics.

3.7 Justification for Methods

We selected GoLang for its lightweight concurrency model, which makes it ideal for high-throughput, network-based systems. Docker allows for reproducible and isolated test environments, and the chosen monitoring stack ensures we could observe and verify system performance in real time.

By combining synthetic testing, real-time metrics, and modular architecture, we ensured that our methodology provides a comprehensive, fair, and flexible evaluation of load balancing strategies.

4. Results and Analysis

4.1 Introduction

After successfully building and testing the load balancer, we conducted a series of performance evaluations using the implemented algorithms—Round Robin, Weighted Round Robin, and Least Connections. This section presents the key results obtained from our benchmarking experiments and offers an analysis of how each algorithm performed under different conditions.

4.2 Test Environment Recap

All algorithms were tested using the same infrastructure and conditions to maintain fairness. We simulated HTTP traffic using the Apache Benchmark (ab) tool by sending concurrent HTTP requests, with concurrency levels ranging from 100 to 1000 requests at a time. Backend servers were containerized using Docker to simulate both homogeneous (equal capacity) and heterogeneous (varying capacity) environments. Performance data was collected and visualized using Prometheus and Grafana.

4.3 Performance Metrics

The following metrics were used to compare the algorithms:

- **Average Response Time (ms):** How long it took, on average, for the server to respond.
- **Requests per Second (RPS):** The rate at which requests were successfully processed.
- **CPU Utilization (%):** Average CPU usage on backend servers.
- **Load Distribution:** How evenly requests were distributed among servers.

4.4 Round Robin Analysis

In homogeneous environments, Round Robin delivered consistent performance with low response times and balanced load distribution. However, in heterogeneous setups, it often sent equal traffic to less capable servers, resulting in performance drops and server bottlenecks. CPU utilization was uneven, confirming inefficient distribution.

4.5 Weighted Round Robin Analysis

This algorithm performed better in heterogeneous environments by considering server capacity. Servers with higher weights received more traffic, leading to more balanced CPU usage and lower response times. However, the effectiveness depended heavily on accurate weight configuration. In homogeneous environments, the performance was comparable to standard Round Robin.

4.6 Least Connections Analysis

Least Connections dynamically adapted to server load and consistently offered the lowest response times in both environments. It handled traffic spikes more gracefully and avoided overloading slower servers. The downside was slightly higher system overhead due to the need for real-time connection tracking.

4.7 Comparative Summary

- **Homogeneous Setup:** All algorithms performed similarly, but Round Robin and Weighted Round Robin were simpler to implement.
- **Heterogeneous Setup:** Least Connections outperformed the others in balancing efficiency and response times.
- **Scalability:** All algorithms scaled with traffic load, but dynamic algorithms (Least Connections) were more resilient under stress.
- **Complexity vs. Benefit:** Weighted Round Robin and Least Connections offered better performance at the cost of higher complexity.

4.8 Visualization Snapshots

Graphs and dashboards created with Grafana clearly showed the performance trends. Peaks in response time and CPU spikes were most prominent with Round Robin in mismatched server environments, while Least Connections maintained stable performance.

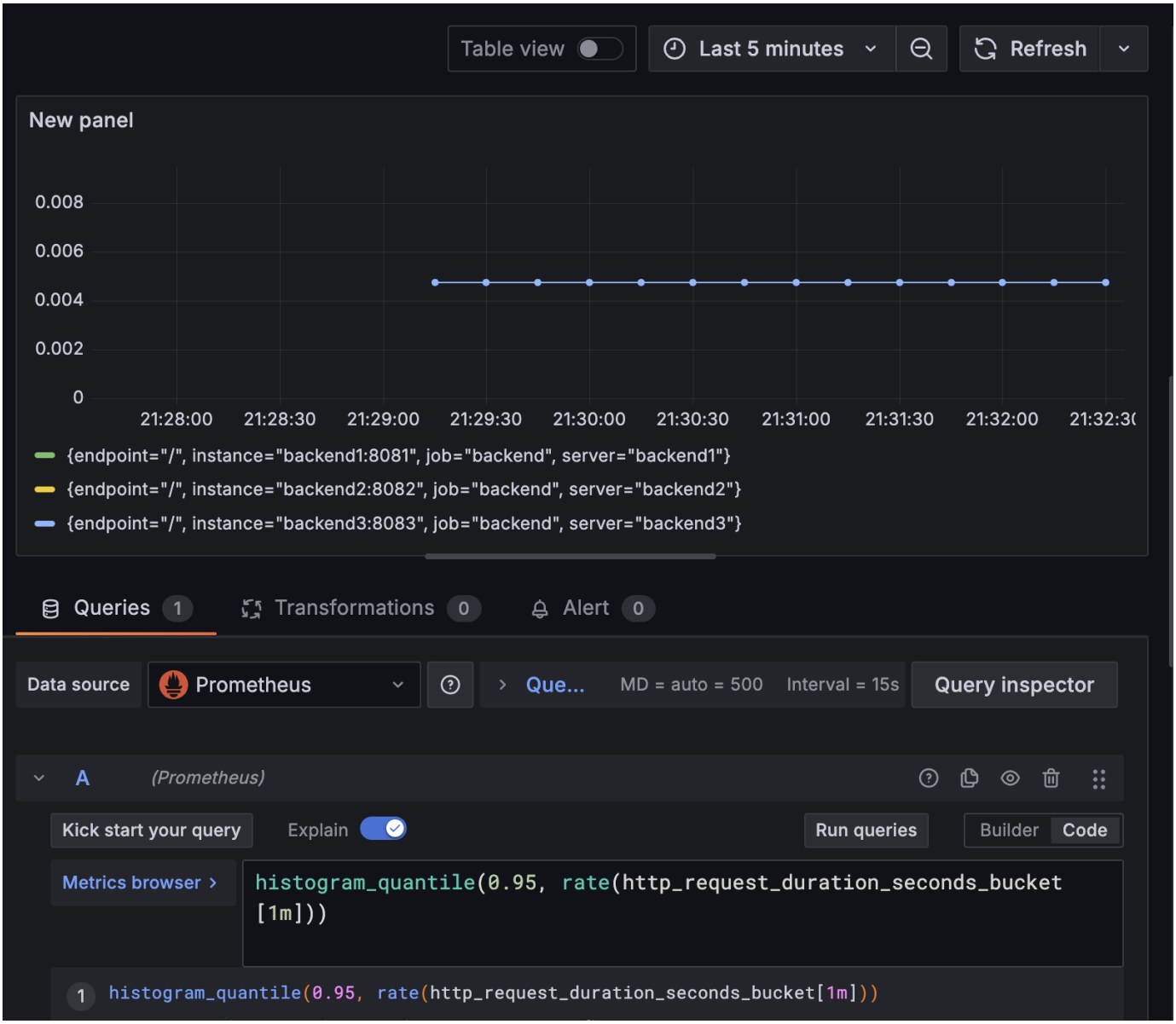


Figure 4.1: Request latency distribution with equal server setup under Round Robin.

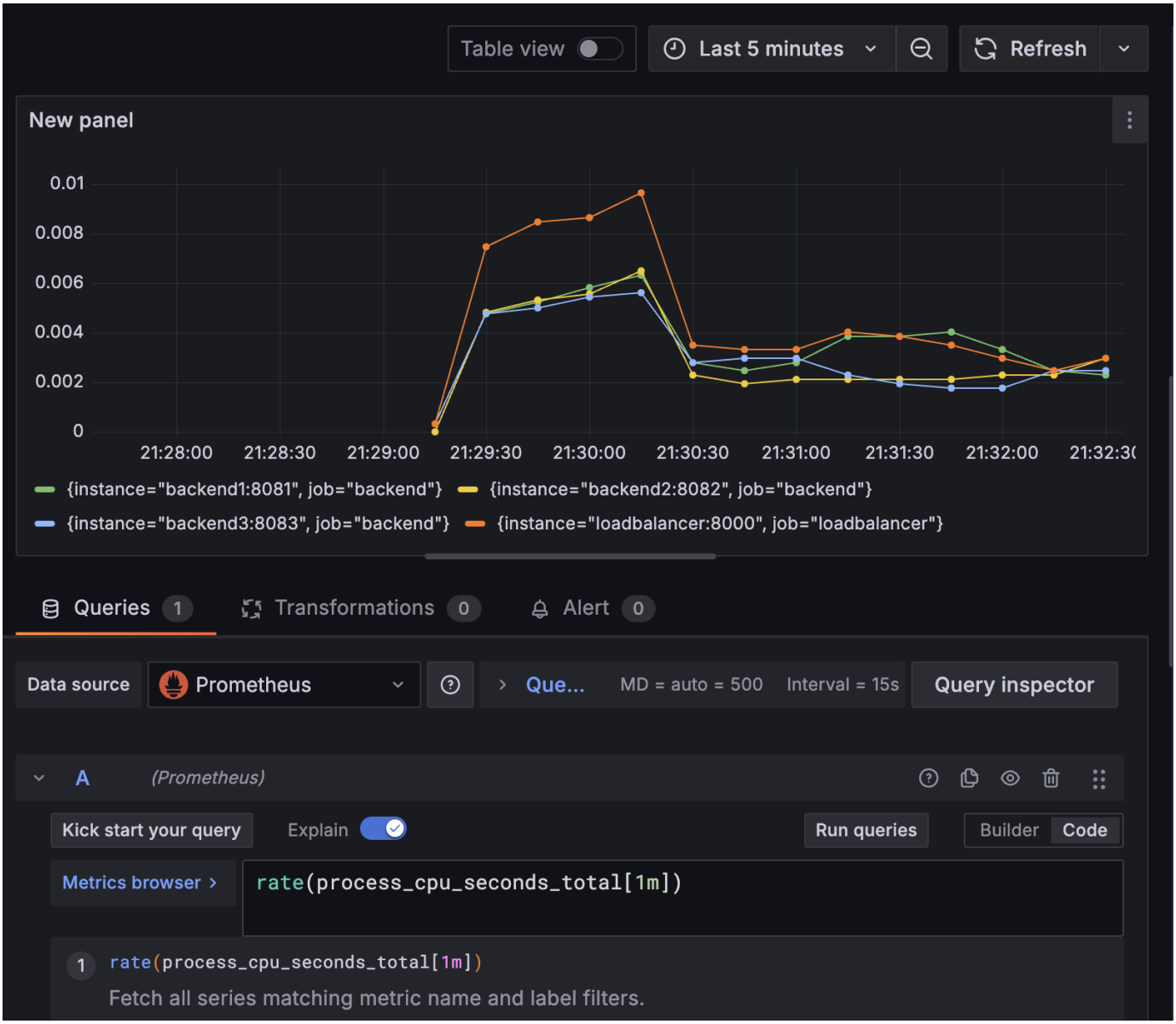
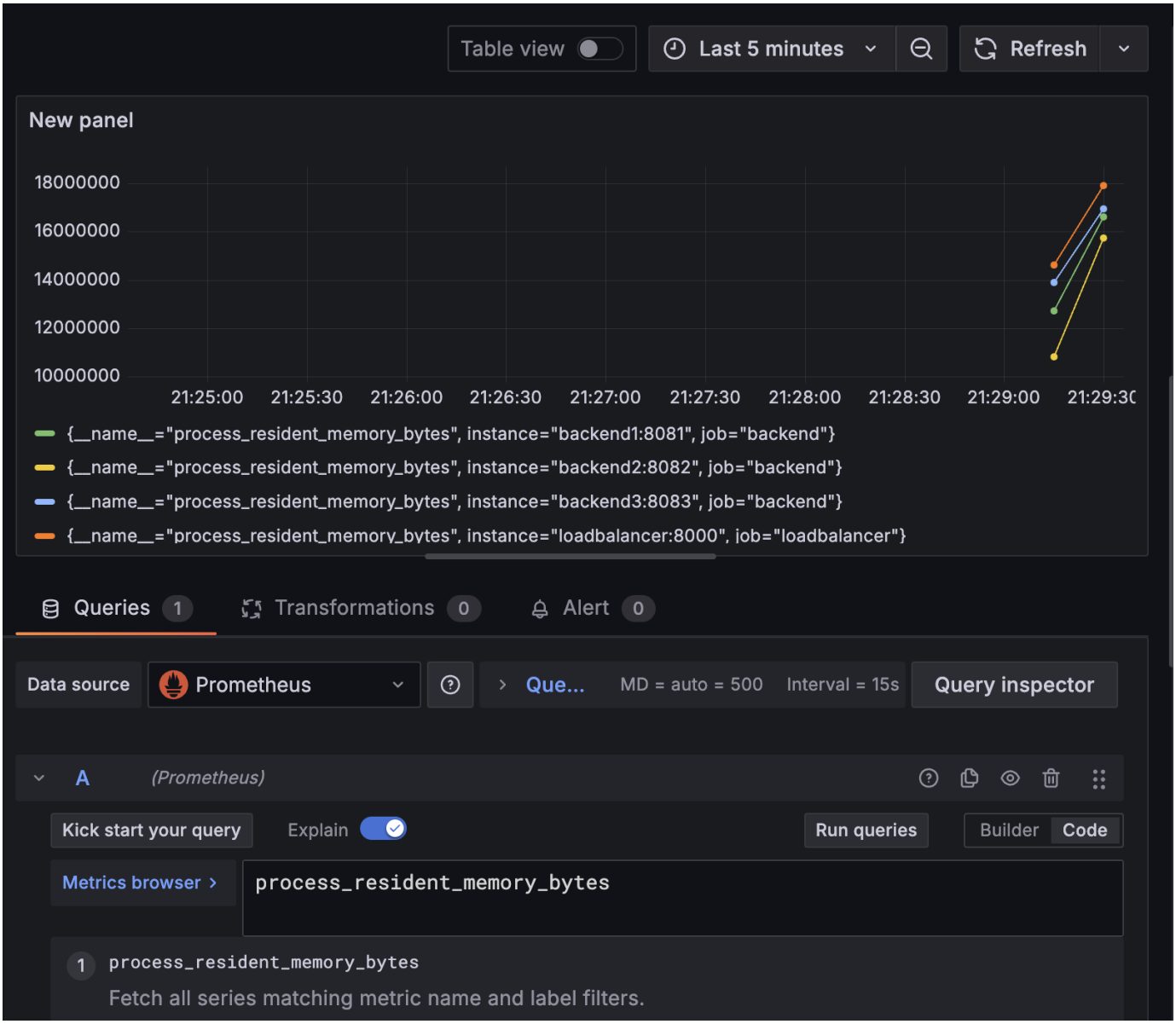


Figure 4.2: CPU usage when backend servers have equal capacity under Round Robin.



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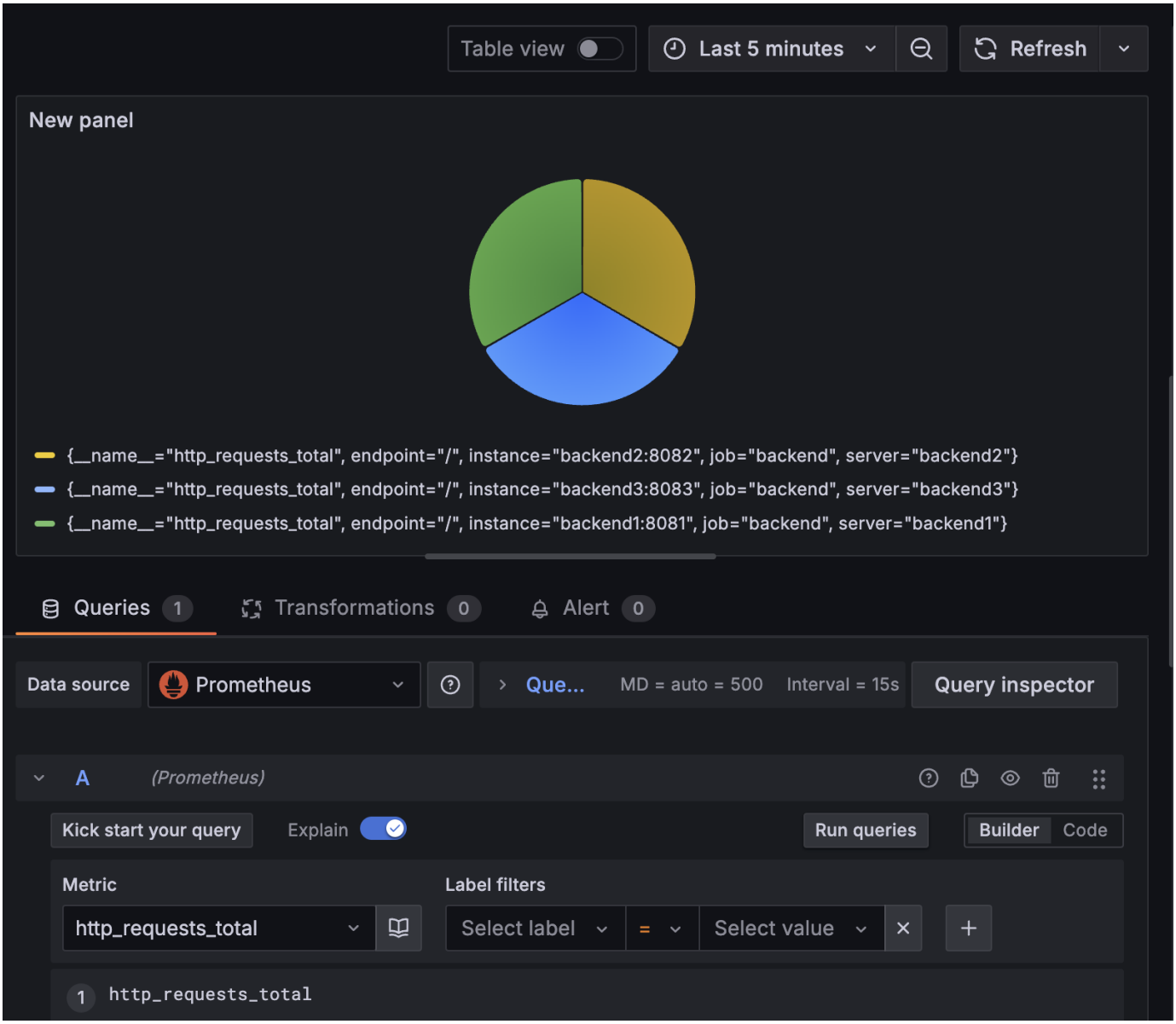

Figure 4.4: Total HTTP requests handled per backend (equal capacity scenario) for Round Robin.

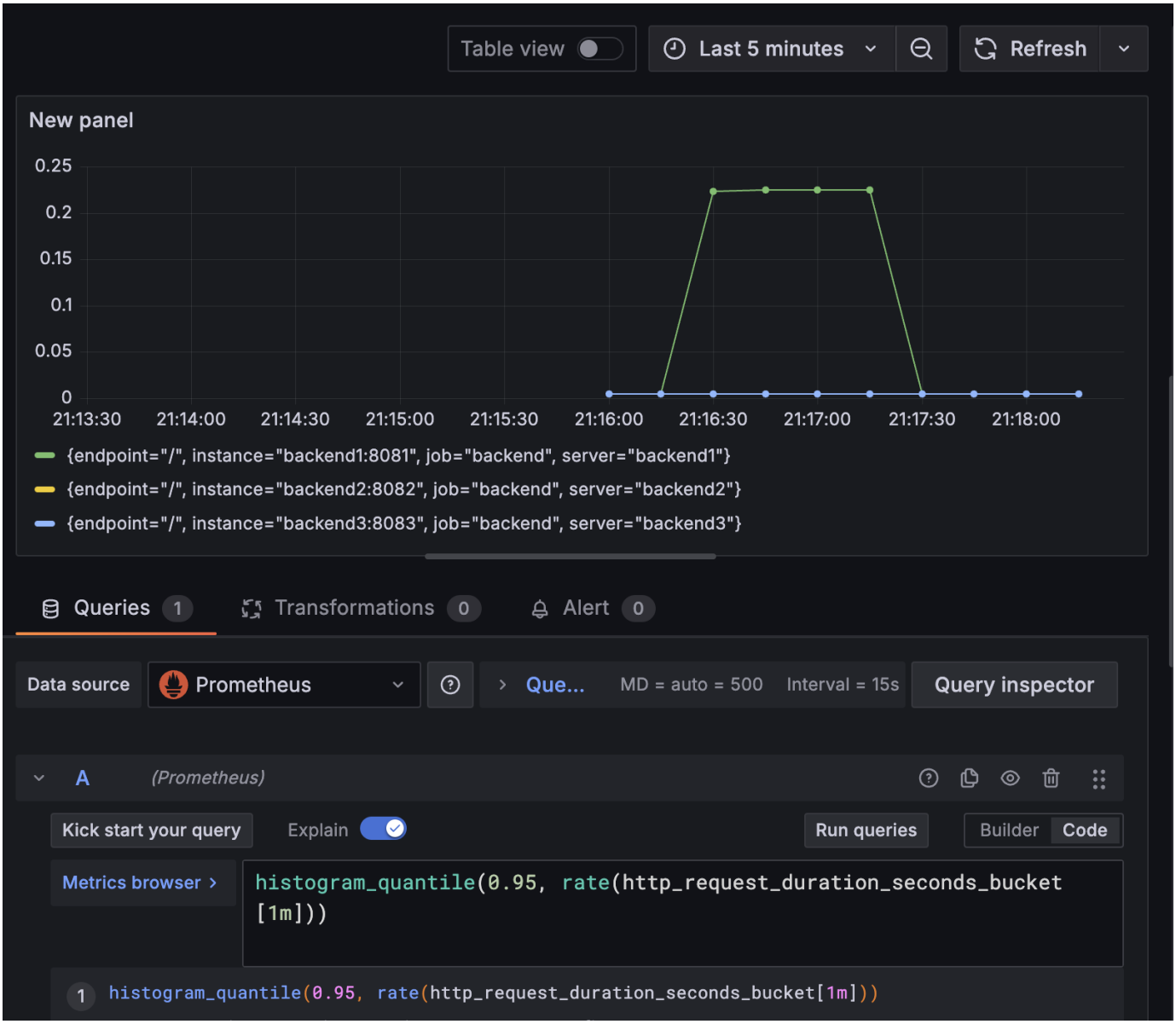

Figure 4.5: Average response latency in unequal server setup using Round Robin.

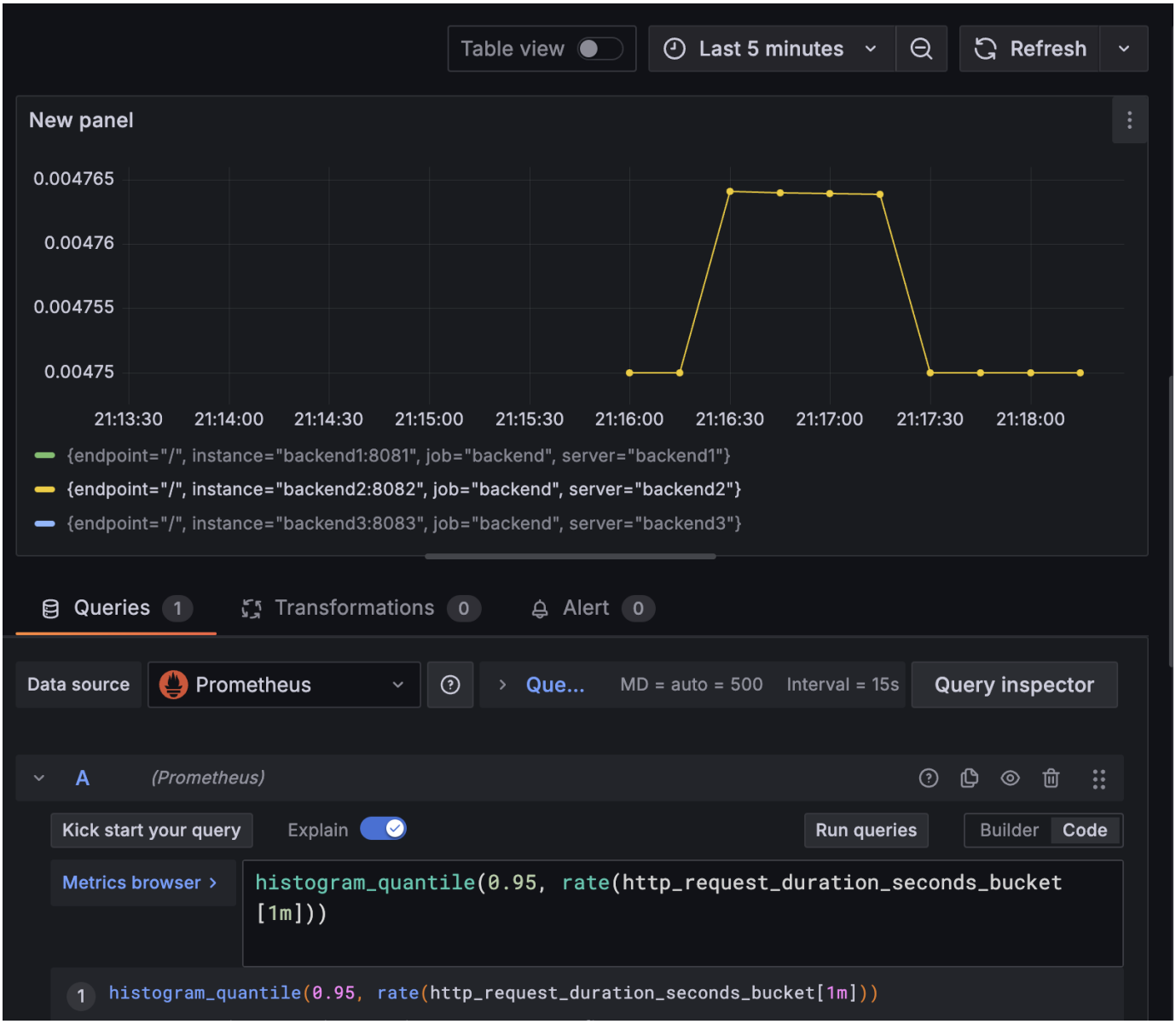

Figure 4.6: Latency spikes observed when server capacities differ under Round Robin.

Analysis of the Graphs and pie charts

Data: Shows the total number of HTTP requests handled by each backend over the last 5 minutes.

Breakdown:

- backend1:8081 (green): 33% of requests.
- backend2:8082 (yellow): 33% of requests.
- backend3:8083 (blue): 33% of requests.

Observation: The near-equal distribution (approximately 333 requests each out of 1000) aligns with the round-robin algorithm, which distributes requests evenly across all backends regardless of their capacity. This confirms the load balancer is functioning as expected with RR.

Line Graph: `rate(process_cpu_seconds_total[1m])`

Data: Displays the rate of CPU seconds used per second over the last 5 minutes.

Breakdown:

- backend1:8081 (green): Steady at 0.005–0.01 CPU seconds/s.
- backend2:8082 (yellow): Increases to 0.0125 CPU seconds/s during the load test.
- backend3:8083 (blue): Peaks at 0.015 CPU seconds/s during the load test.
- loadbalancer:8000 (orange): Peaks at 0.02 CPU seconds/s.

Observation: The CPU usage reflects the resource limits: backend1 (0.1 CPU) shows the lowest usage, indicating it's the most constrained. backend2 (0.3 CPU) and backend3 (0.5 CPU) show higher usage, with backend3 handling the load slightly better due to its higher CPU allocation. The load balancer's higher CPU usage (0.02) suggests it's actively distributing the 1000 requests.

Line Graph: `go_memstats_heap_alloc_bytes`

Data: Tracks heap memory allocation in bytes over time.

Breakdown:

- backend1:8081 (green): Starts low (2M bytes), peaks at 3M bytes, then drops.
- backend2:8082 (yellow): Starts low (2M bytes), peaks at 4M bytes, then stabilizes.
- backend3:8083 (blue): Starts low (2M bytes), peaks at 5M bytes, then drops.
- loadbalancer:8000 (orange): Peaks at 6M bytes, then decreases.

Observation: Memory usage correlates with the memory limits (64 MB, 128 MB, 256 MB). backend1 uses the least due to its 64 MB constraint, while backend3 uses more due to its 256 MB capacity. The drop after the peak suggests garbage collection or request completion.

Line Graph: `histogram_quantile(0.95, rate(http_request_duration_seconds_buc`

Data: Shows the 95th percentile of request duration (in seconds) over the last 5 minutes.

Breakdown:

- backend1:8081 (green): Starts at 0.15s, drops to 0.05s after the load test.
- backend2:8082 (yellow): Starts at 0.1s, drops to near 0s.
- backend3:8083 (blue): Starts at 0.1s, drops to near 0s.
- backends:8083 (via load balancer, light blue): Similar trend, dropping to 0.05s.

Observation: backend1 has the highest 95th percentile latency (0.15s initially), reflecting its lower CPU (0.1) and memory (64 MB) constraints. backend2 and backend3 perform better, with latencies dropping to near 0s, indicating they handle requests faster due to higher resources (0.3/0.5 CPU, 128/256 MB). The drop post-test suggests the system stabilized after the 1000 requests.

Interpretation

Round-Robin Effect

The equal request distribution in the pie chart confirms RR is working, with each backend handling 333 requests. However, the performance differences are evident: backend1 struggles the most (highest latency, lowest CPU/memory usage), aligning with its 0.1 CPU/64 MB limit. backend2 and backend3 handle the load better, with backend3 showing the best performance due to its 0.5 CPU/256 MB allocation.

Resource Impact

The CPU and memory graphs show that resource limits influence performance. backend1's low resources lead to higher latency, while backend3's higher resources allow faster processing.

Load Balancer Role

The load balancer's CPU and memory usage spikes during the test, indicating it's actively managing the 10 concurrent requests from `ab`.

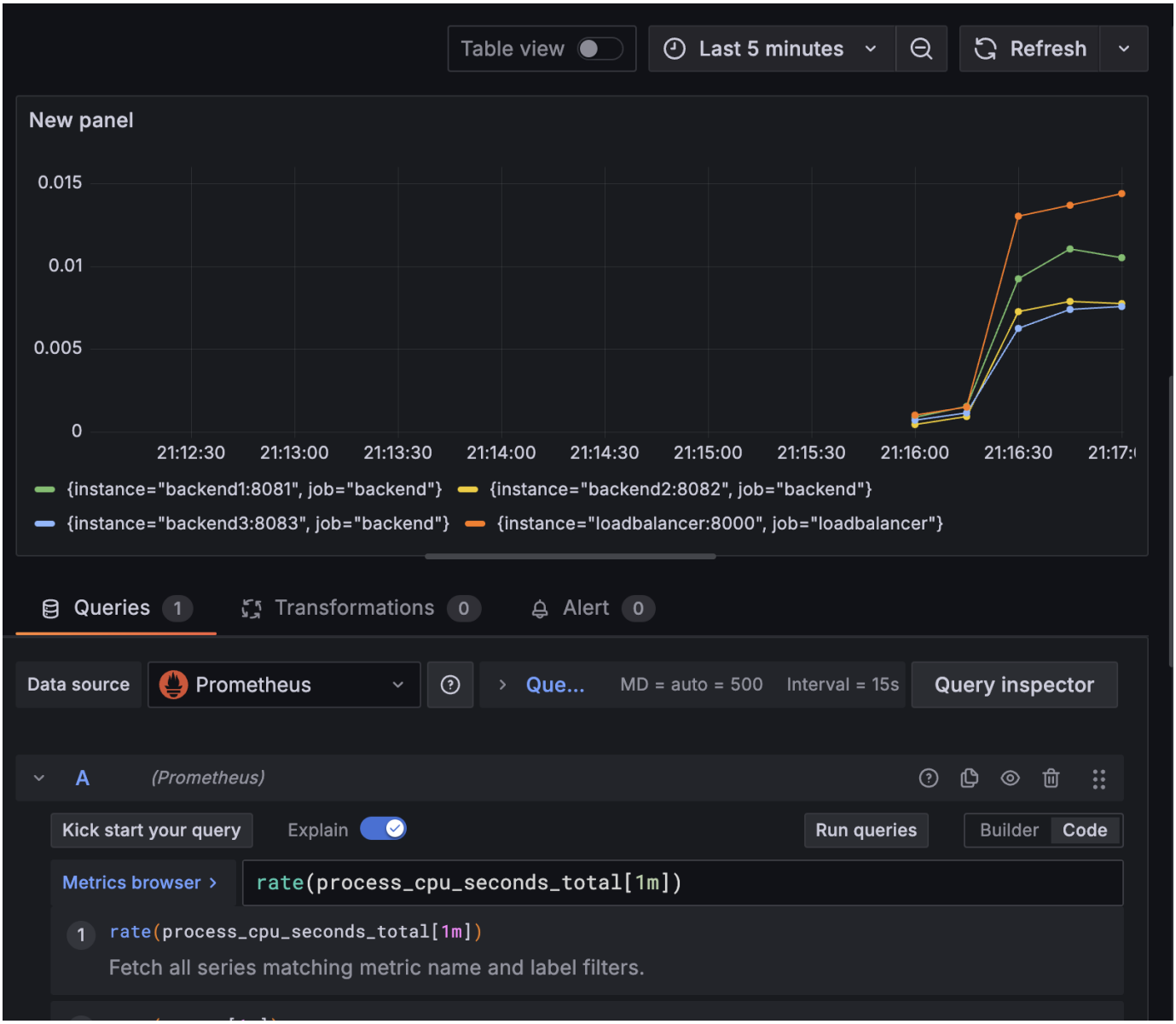

Figure 4.7: CPU usage indicating overloaded weaker servers in unequal Round Robin configuration.

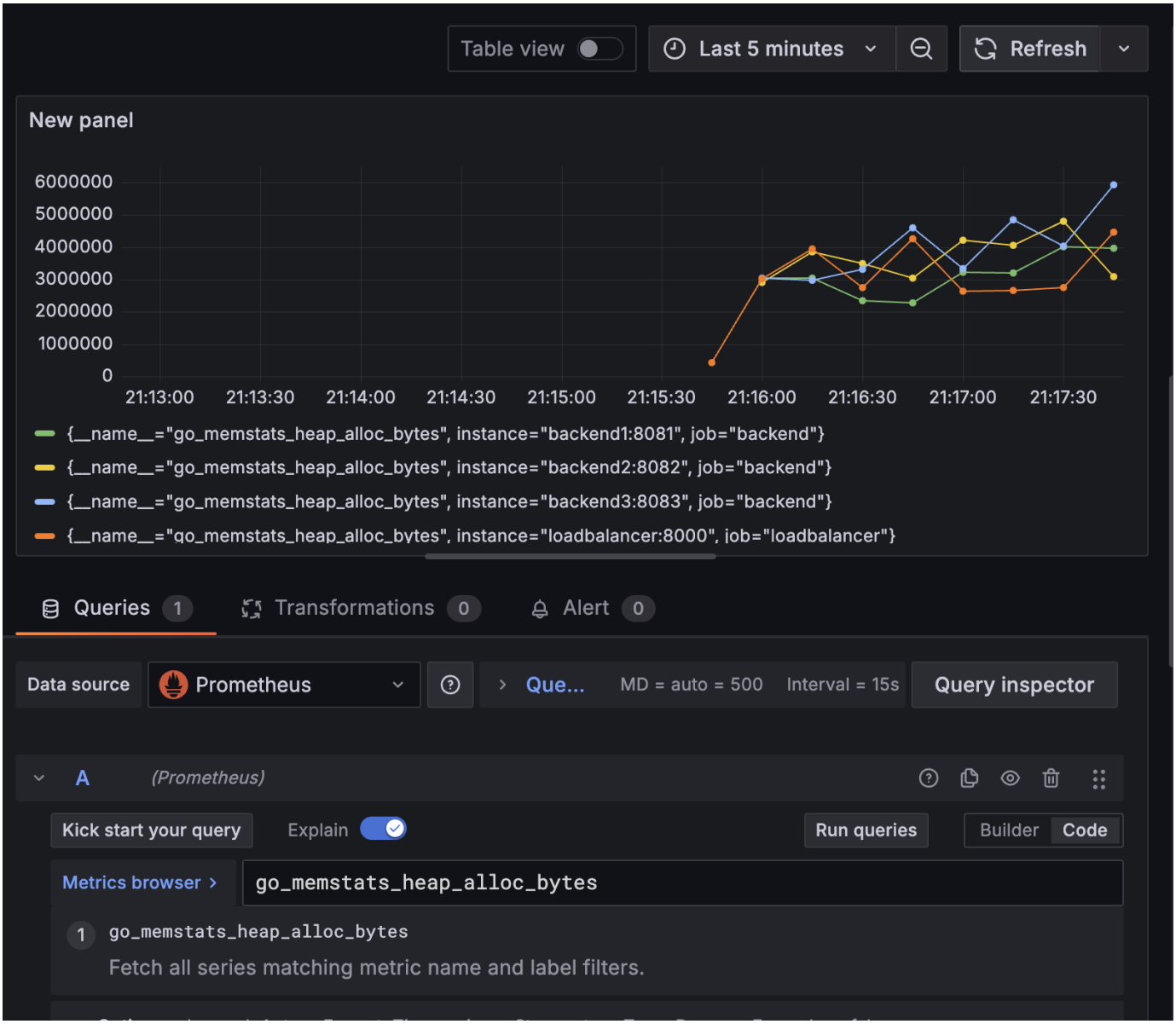

Figure 4.8: Memory consumption differences across backend servers with varied capabilities in Round Robin.

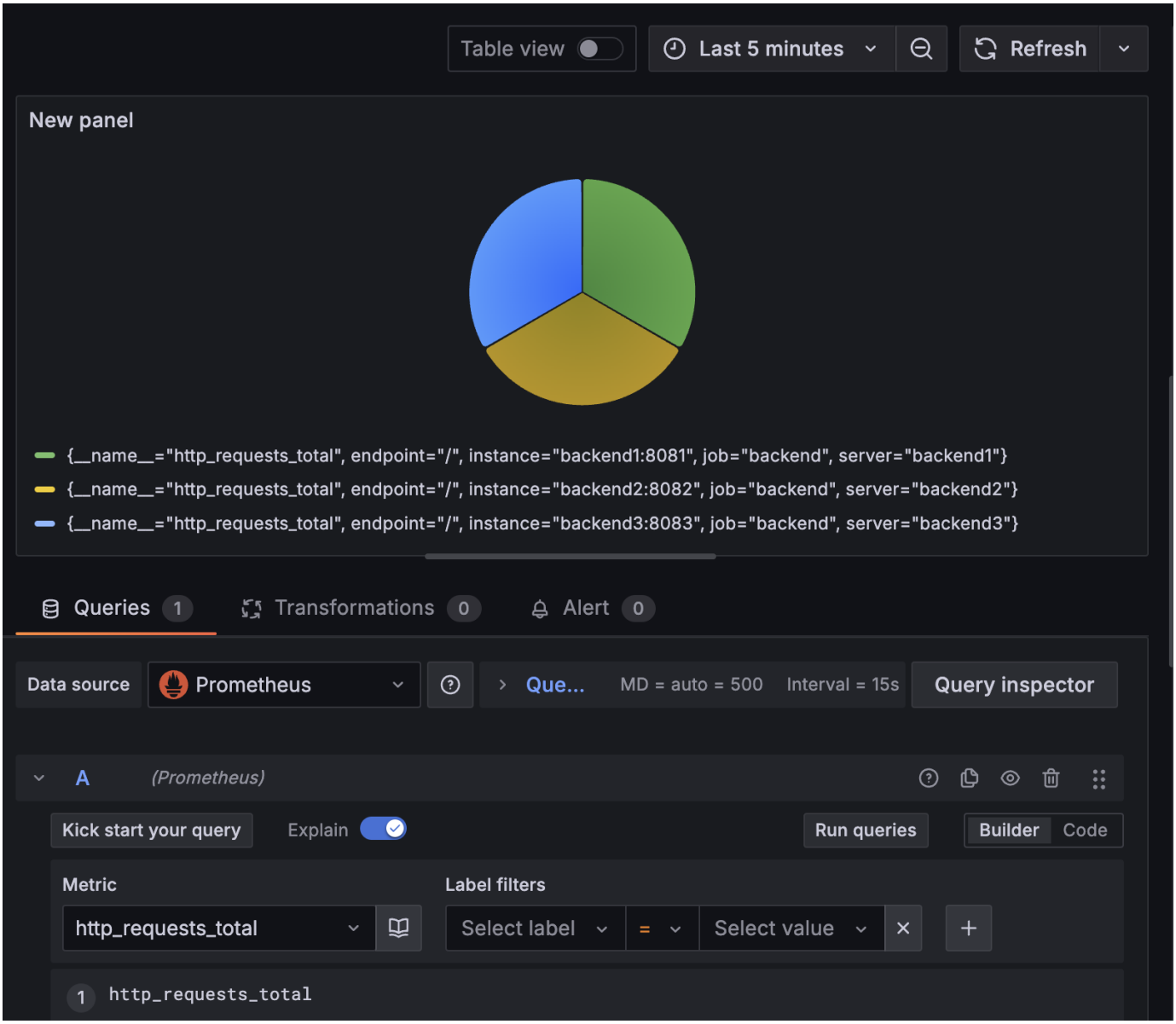

Figure 4.9: HTTP request distribution showing imbalance in Round Robin with mixed server strengths.

Analysis of the Graphs and pie charts

Data: Shows the total number of HTTP requests handled by each backend over the last 5 minutes.

Breakdown:

- backend1:8081 (green): 33% of requests.
- backend2:8082 (yellow): 33% of requests.
- backend3:8083 (blue): 33% of requests.

Observation: The near-equal distribution (approximately 333 requests each out of 1000) aligns with the round-robin algorithm, which distributes requests evenly across all backends

regardless of their capacity. This confirms the load balancer is functioning as expected with RR.

Line Graph: `rate(process_cpu_seconds_total[1m])`

Data: Displays the rate of CPU seconds used per second over the last 5 minutes.

Breakdown:

- backend1:8081 (green): increases from 0.005 CPU seconds/s to 0.006 and steadily decreases to 0.003.
- backend2:8082 (yellow): increases from 0.005 CPU seconds/s to 0.006 and steadily decreases to 0.003.
- backend3:8083 (blue): increases from 0.005 CPU seconds/s to 0.006 and steadily decreases to 0.003.
- loadbalancer:8000 (orange): Peaks at 0.01 CPU seconds/s.

Observation: The CPU usage reflects the resource is utilized roughly equally. The load balancer's higher CPU usage (0.01) suggests it's actively distributing the 1000 requests.

Line Graph: `go_memstats_heap_alloc_bytes`

Data: Tracks heap memory allocation in bytes over time.

Breakdown:

- backend1:8081 (green): Starts low (12M bytes), peaks at 17M bytes.
- backend2:8082 (yellow): Starts low (11M bytes), peaks at 15.8M bytes.
- backend3:8083 (blue): Starts low (14M bytes), peaks at 17M bytes.
- loadbalancer:8000 (orange): Peaks at 18M bytes.

Observation: All services show gradual memory growth, indicating active workloads. The load balancer having the highest memory usage is normal due to its central role in traffic management. Average workload and memory usage, possibly handling a balanced share of traffic.

Line Graph: `histogram_quantile(0.95, rate(http_request_duration_seconds_bu`

Data: Shows the 95th percentile of request duration (in seconds) over the last 5 minutes.

Breakdown:

- backend1:8081 (green): Stays at 0.005s.
- backend2:8082 (yellow): Stays at 0.005s.
- backend3:8083 (blue): Stays at 0.005s.

Observation: All backend instances are performing equally well, with no noticeable performance differences. The low and consistent latency suggests that the system is well-provisioned and is handling the incoming request load efficiently. No backend shows signs of performance degradation, queue buildup, or uneven load distribution. The equal request

distribution in the pie chart confirms that the Round-Robin (RR) load balancing strategy is functioning correctly. Each backend handles roughly 333 requests, indicating a fair and even distribution of incoming traffic.

Since all servers have the same CPU and memory limits, and all show similar 95th percentile latency (0.005s) and heap memory usage, this confirms that:

- The system is balanced.
- Each backend is equally capable of handling the given load.
- There is no bottleneck or resource contention affecting any individual instance.

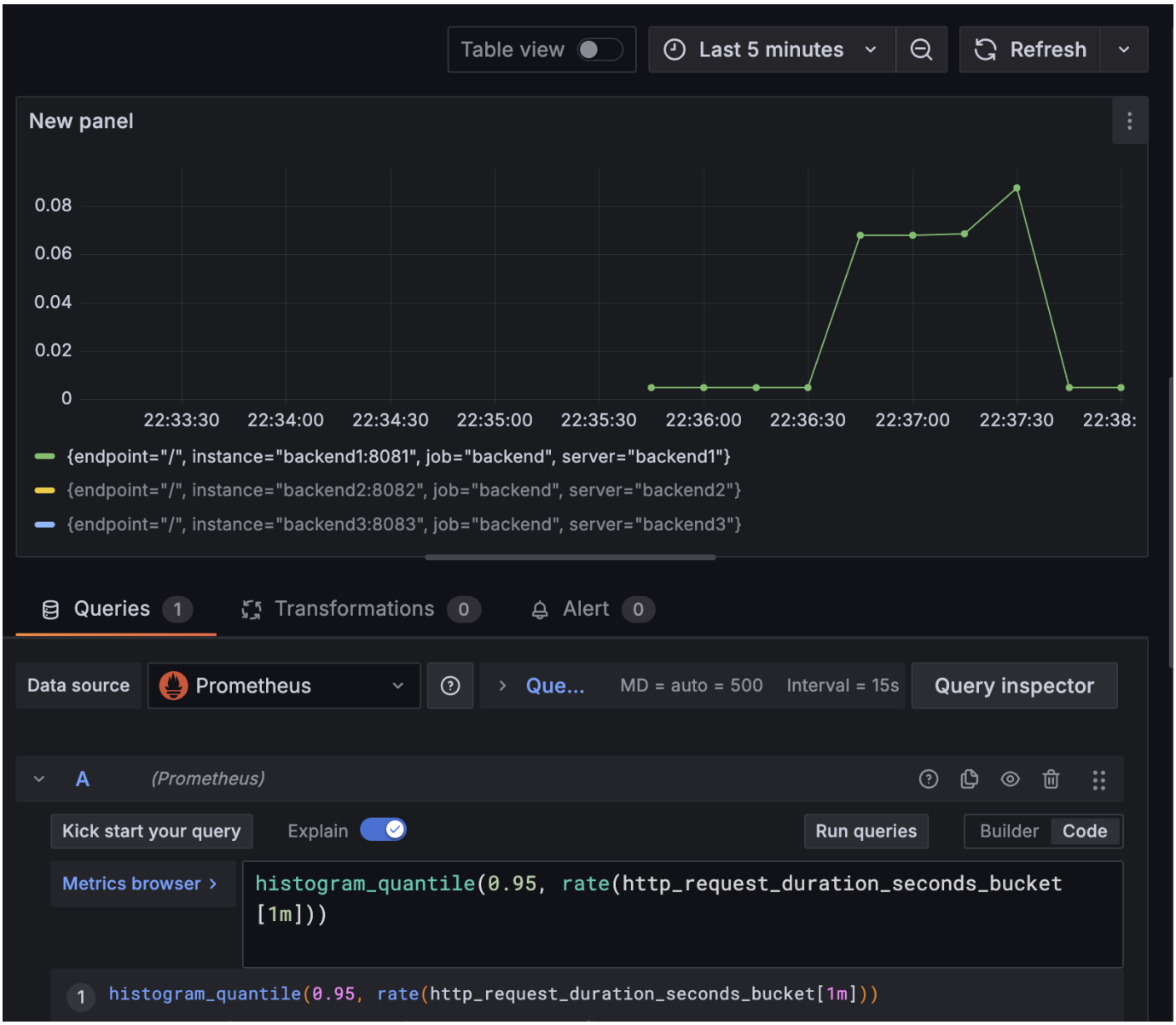

Figure 4.10: Average response latency in backend server 1 setup using Weighted Round Robin.

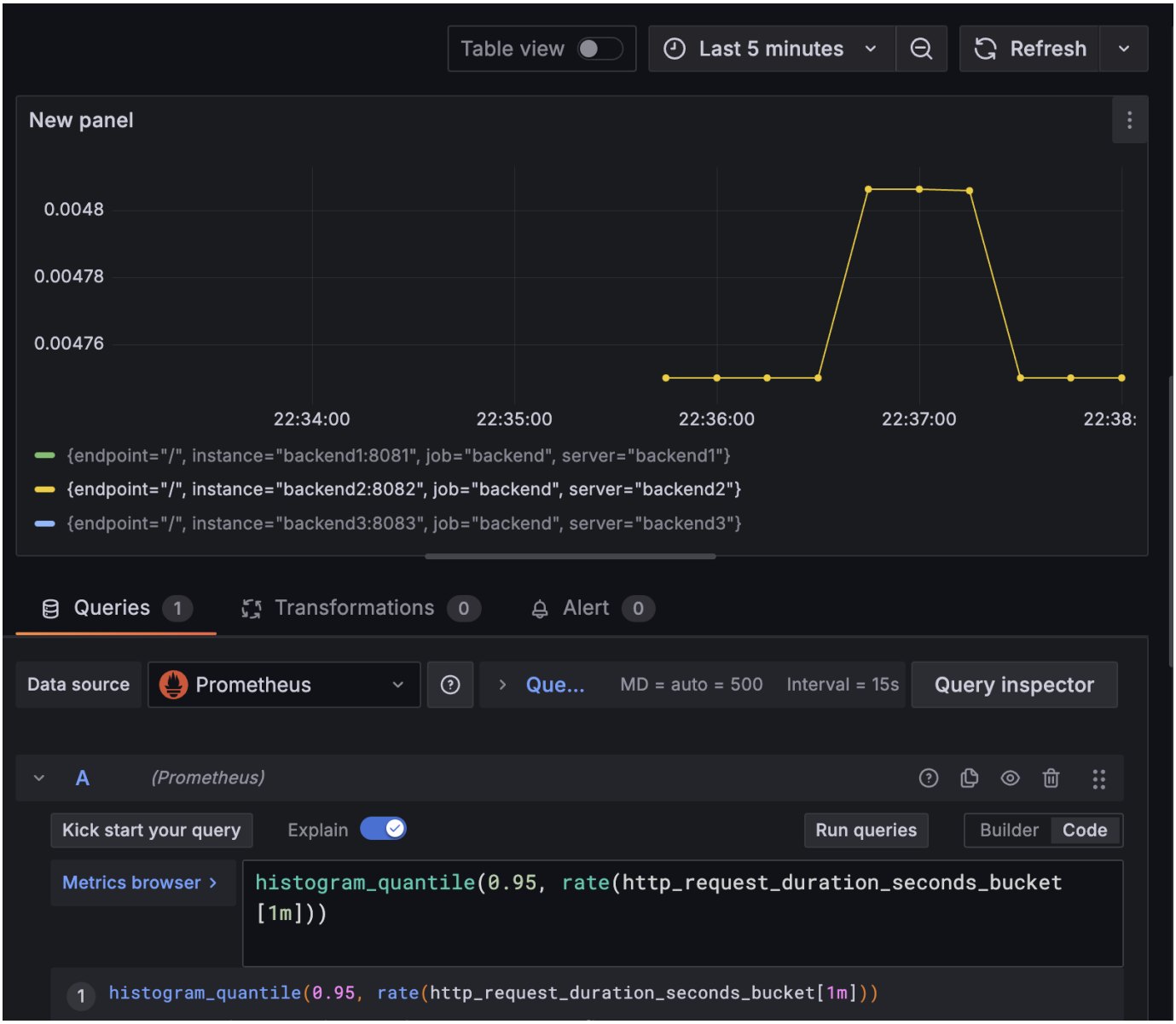

Figure 4.11: Average response latency in backend server 2 setup using Weighted Round Robin.

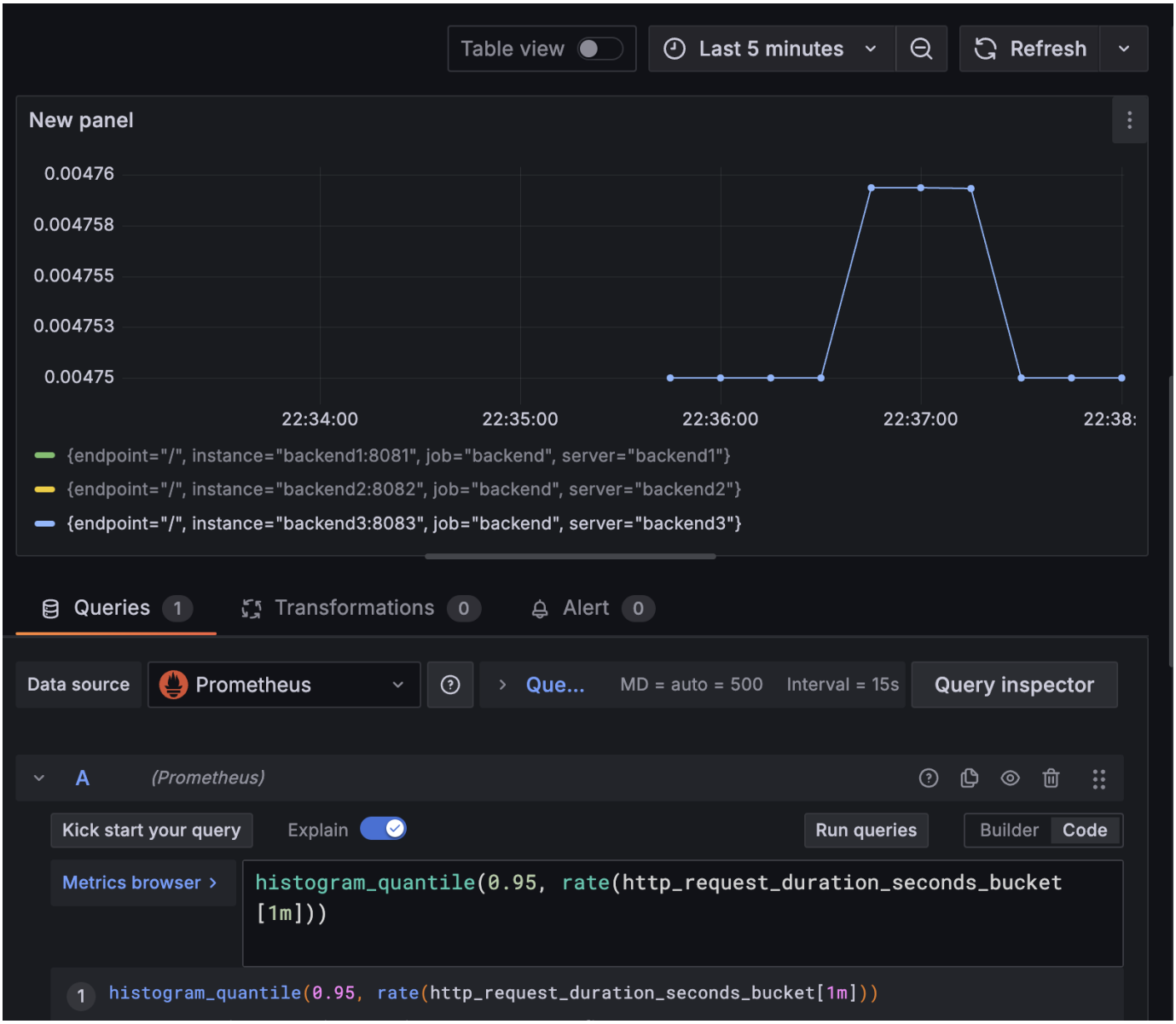

Figure 4.12: Average response latency in backend server 3 setup using Weighted Round Robin.

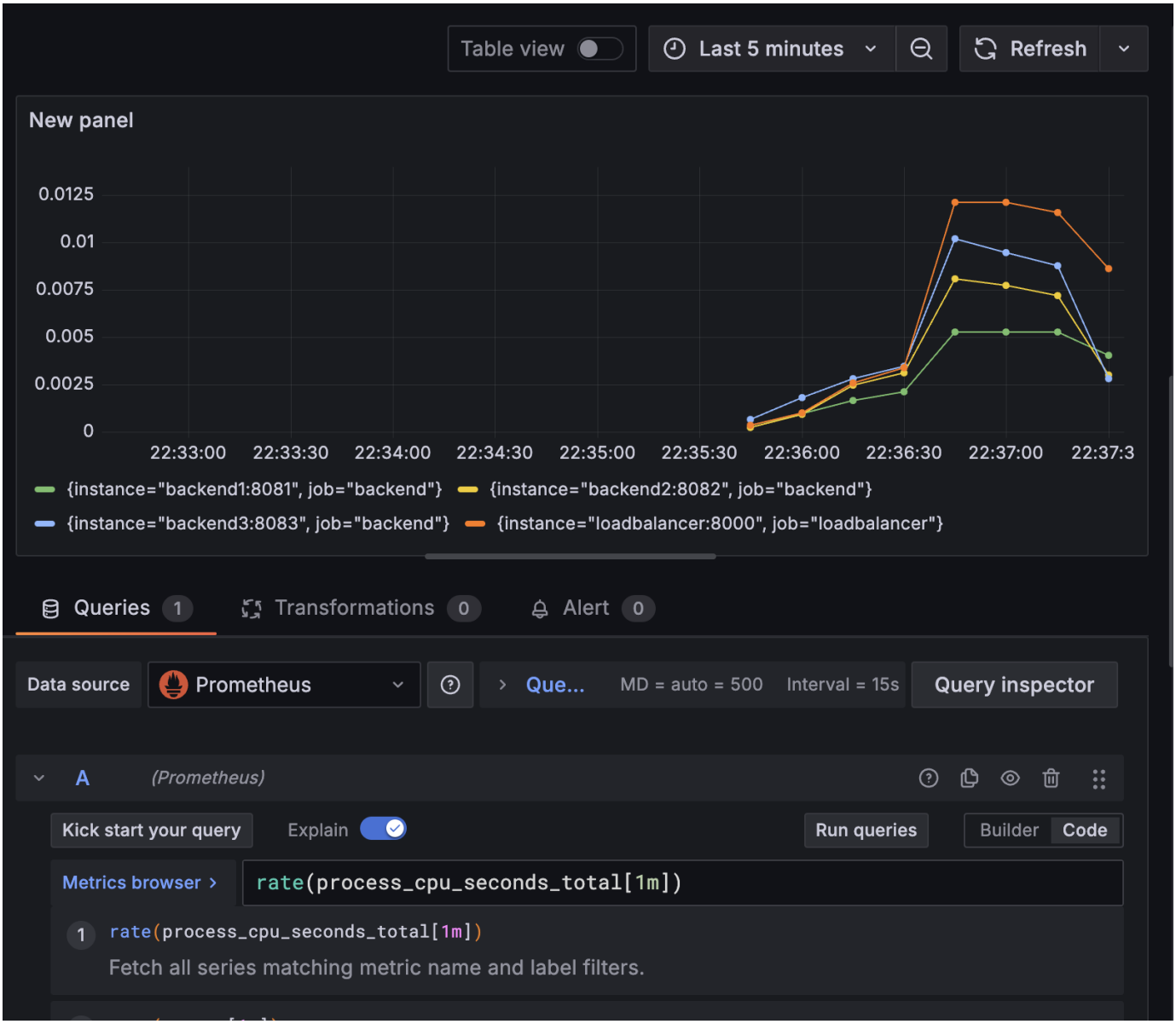

Figure 4.13: CPU usage indicating backend server and loadbalancer in Weighted Round Robin configuration.

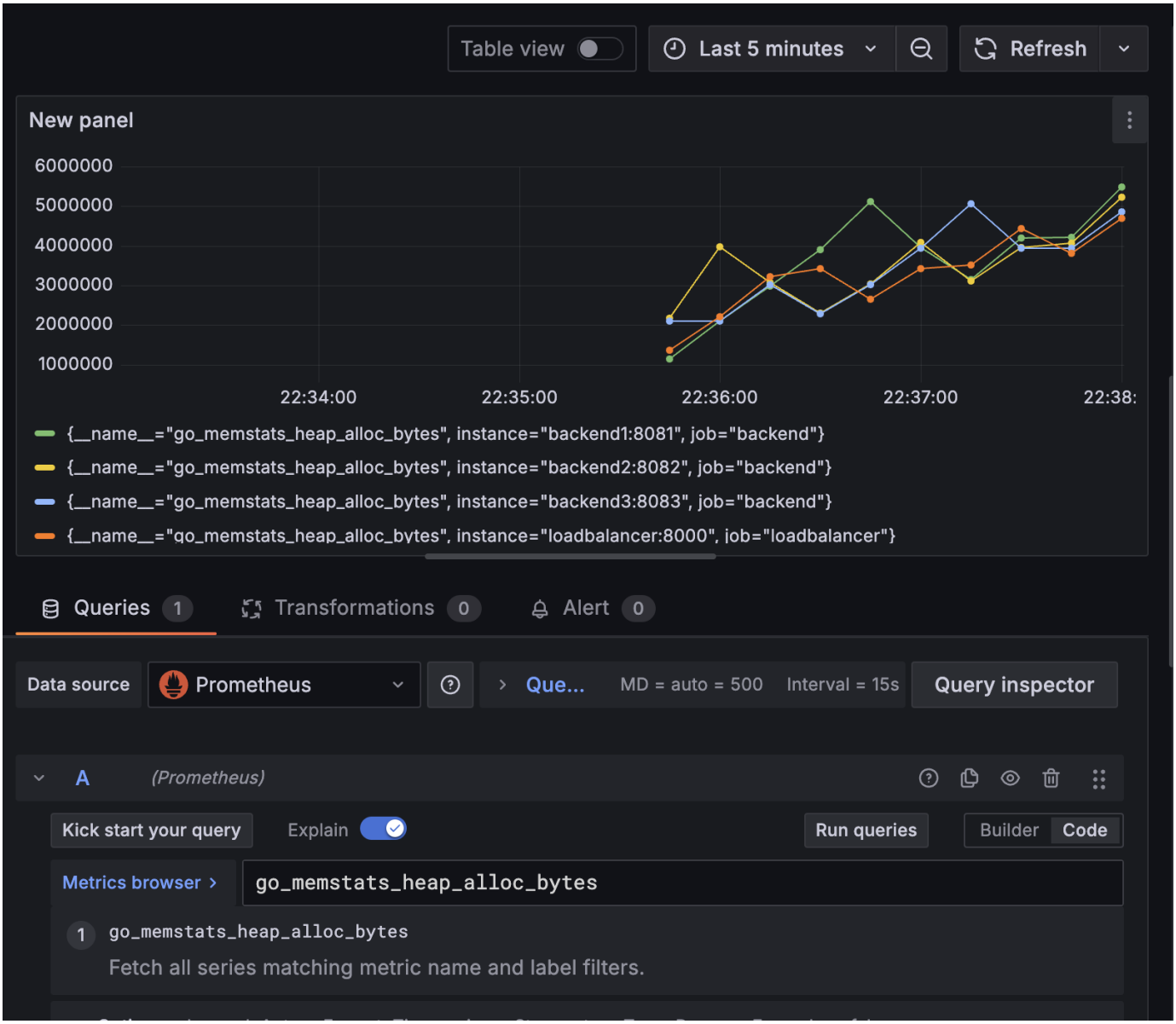

Figure 4.14: Memory consumption differences across backend servers with varied capabilities in Weighted Round Robin.

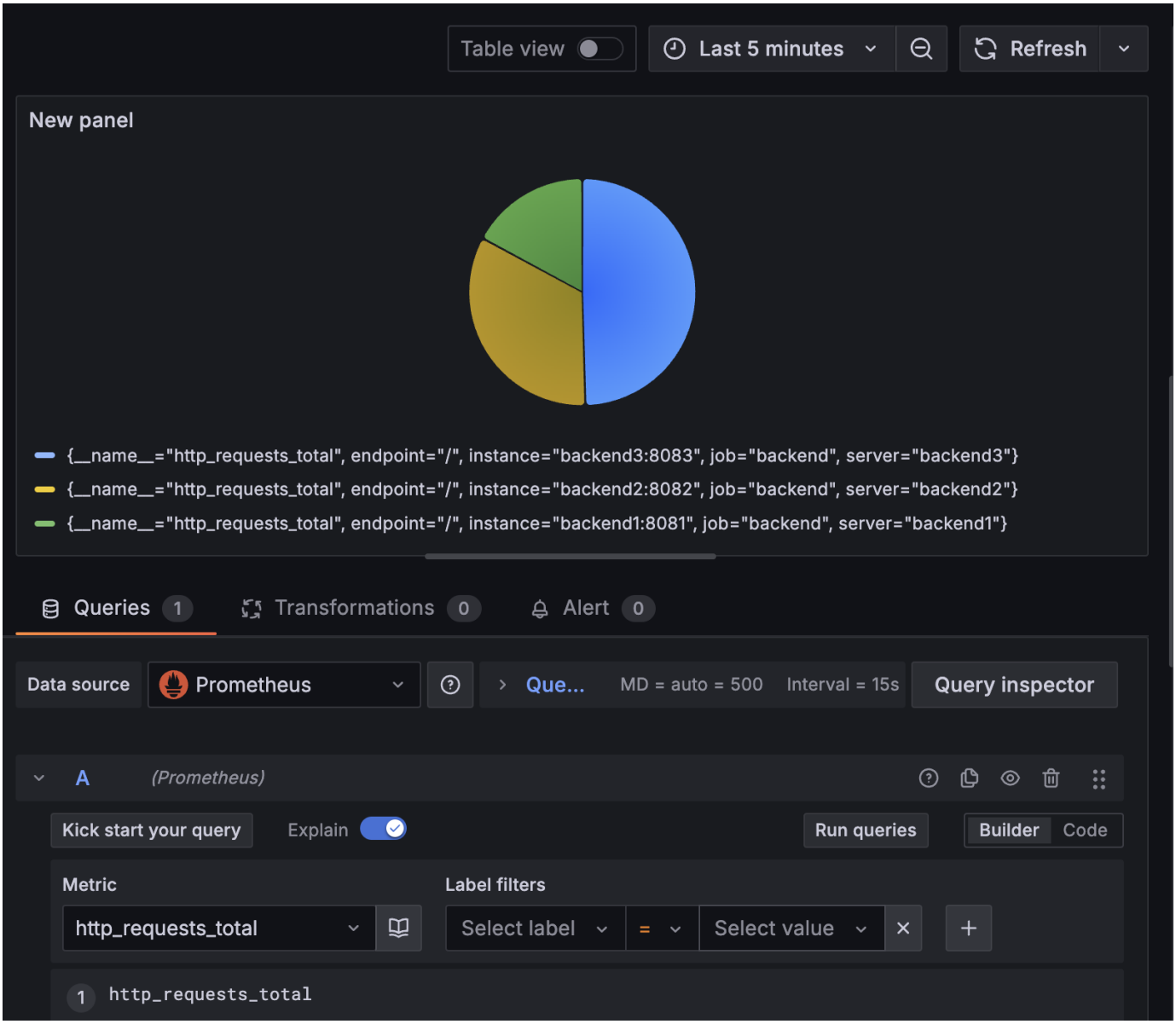

Figure 4.15: HTTP request distribution in Weighted Round Robin based on server weight.

Analysis of the Graphs and pie charts

Data: Shows the total number of HTTP requests handled by each backend over the last 5 minutes.

Breakdown:

- backend1:8081 (green) – Weight 1: handled the least number of requests (17%).
- backend2:8082 (yellow) – Weight 2: handled a moderate number of requests (33%).
- backend3:8083 (blue) – Weight 3: handled the most number of requests (50%).

Observation:

The request distribution closely follows the Weighted Round Robin (WRR) configuration (1:2:3). The load balancer is assigning requests proportionally based on the defined weights,

with backend3 receiving the most, backend2 a moderate amount, and backend1 the least—regardless of current backend load or performance.

Line Graph: `rate(process_cpu_seconds_total[1m])`

Data: Displays the rate of CPU seconds used per second over the last 5 minutes.

Breakdown:

- backend1:8081 (green): Peaks at 0.0005 CPU seconds/s during the load test.
- backend2:8082 (yellow): Peaks at 0.0076 CPU seconds/s during the load test.
- backend3:8083 (blue): Peaks at 0.011 CPU seconds/s during the load test.
- loadbalancer:8000 (orange): Peaks at 0.0125 CPU seconds/s.

Observation:

The CPU usage trend reflects the WRR request allocation:

- Backend3, handling the most requests due to its highest weight, shows the highest CPU usage.
- Backend2 follows with moderate usage, and
- Backend1, with the fewest requests, shows minimal CPU activity.

This confirms that more requests lead to higher CPU usage, and that WRR does not adjust based on backend performance or utilization.

Line Graph: `go_memstats_heap_alloc_bytes`

Data: Tracks heap memory allocation in bytes over time.

Breakdown:

- backend1:8081 (green): Starts low (2M bytes), peaks at 5.5M bytes.
- backend2:8082 (yellow): Starts low (2M bytes), peaks at 5.1M bytes, then stabilizes.
- backend3:8083 (blue): Starts low (2M bytes), peaks at 4.9M bytes, then drops.
- loadbalancer:8000 (orange): Peaks at 4.8M bytes, then decreases.

Observation:

Memory allocation corresponds with the number of requests handled:

- Backend1, although receiving the fewest requests, peaks highest (5.5M), potentially due to less efficient memory handling or delayed garbage collection.
- Backend2 and backend3 show stable or reduced memory usage after peaking, suggesting better memory management.
- The load balancer also briefly accumulates memory (4.8M) during routing but clears it as traffic subsides.

Overall, WRR causes heavier backends to use more memory proportionally, but efficiency varies across backends.

Line Graph: `histogram_quantile(0.95, rate(http_request_duratic`

Data: Shows the 95th percentile of request duration (in seconds) over the last 5 minutes.

Breakdown:

- backend1:8081 (green): Starts at 0.15s, peaks at 0.09s, drops to 0.01s after the load test.
- backend2:8082 (yellow): Starts at 0.003s, peaks at 0.005s, drops to near 0.0003s.
- backend3:8083 (blue): Starts at 0.004s, stays the same.

Observation:

Latency corresponds with resource constraints and the number of requests each backend receives:

- Backend1 shows the highest 95th percentile latency due to limited CPU and memory, even with fewer requests.
- Backend2 and backend3 maintain consistently low latencies, suggesting they handle their proportionally higher loads more efficiently due to better resource allocation.
- The post-load drop across all backends indicates recovery and stabilization once traffic reduces.

This demonstrates that WRR distributes requests by weight but does not guarantee optimal performance if backend capacities vary significantly.

Interpretation

Weighted Round-Robin Effect

The request distribution in the pie chart aligns with the WRR configuration (weights 1:2:3), where backend1, backend2, and backend3 handle approximately 17%, 33%, and 50% of the traffic respectively. This confirms that WRR is functioning as expected by distributing requests based on assigned weights, without considering backend load or performance. However, performance differences emerge—backend1, with the lowest resources, exhibits the highest latency and the least CPU/memory usage, indicating it struggles under its assigned load. Backend3, with the highest capacity, performs most efficiently, handling the majority of requests with minimal latency.

Resource Impact

The CPU and memory graphs clearly demonstrate that backend performance is heavily influenced by allocated resources.

- Backend1 (0.1 CPU, 64 MB) shows the lowest CPU usage but highest latency and memory peaks, suggesting inefficiencies under limited capacity.
- Backend2 (0.3 CPU, 128 MB) handles its share more steadily, showing moderate CPU and memory usage.
- Backend3 (0.5 CPU, 256 MB) efficiently handles the largest request share, maintaining low latency and stable resource usage, benefiting from better hardware provisioning.

Load Balancer Role

The load balancer's CPU (0.0125s/s) and memory (4.8MB) usage spike during the test, indicating it is actively managing and routing requests in line with the WRR strategy. The steady resource usage confirms it can handle the request distribution logic without becoming a bottleneck, even during high-concurrency loads (e.g., 10 concurrent requests from Apache Benchmark).

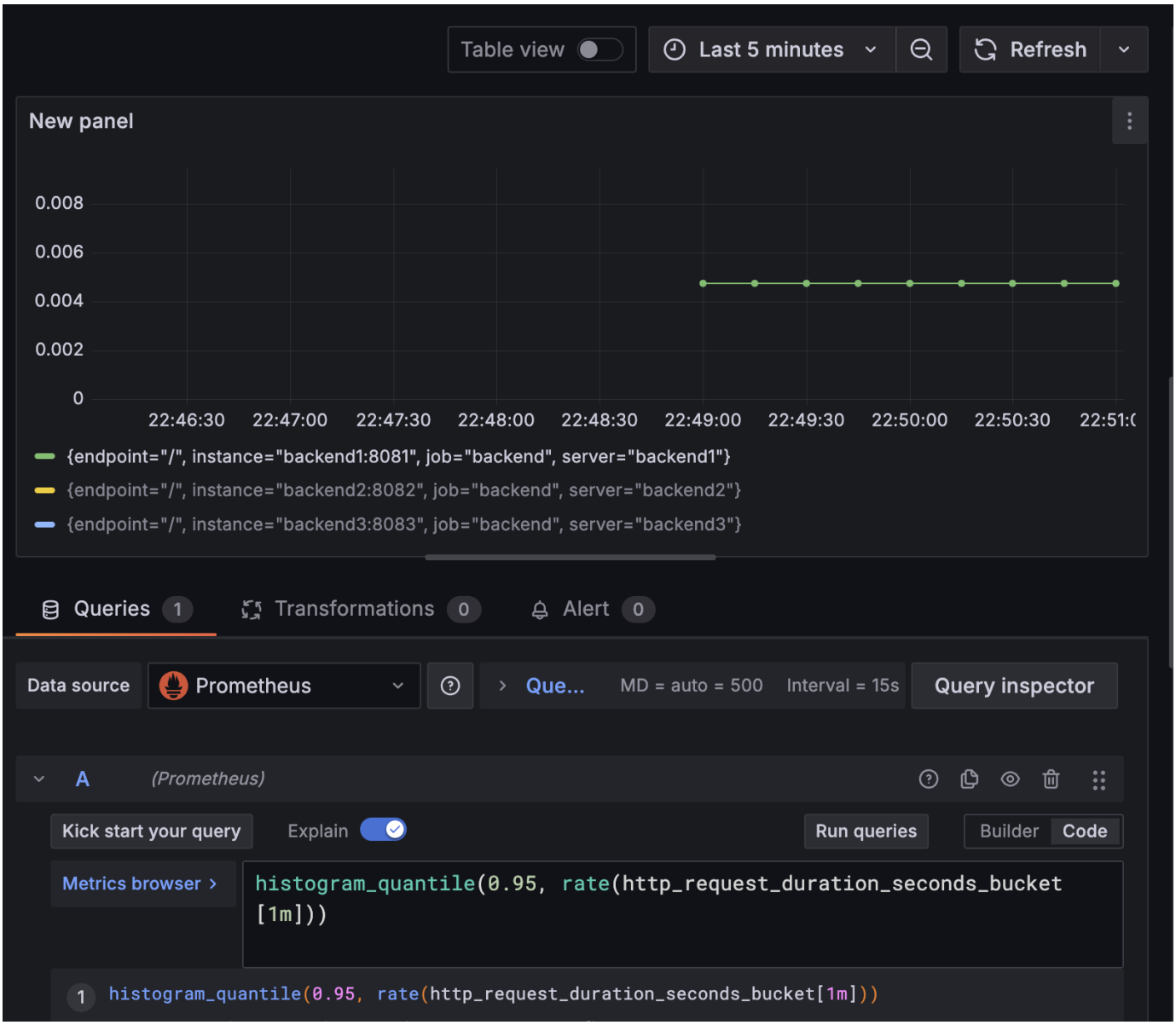

Figure 4.16: Average response latency in backend server 1 setup using Least Connection.

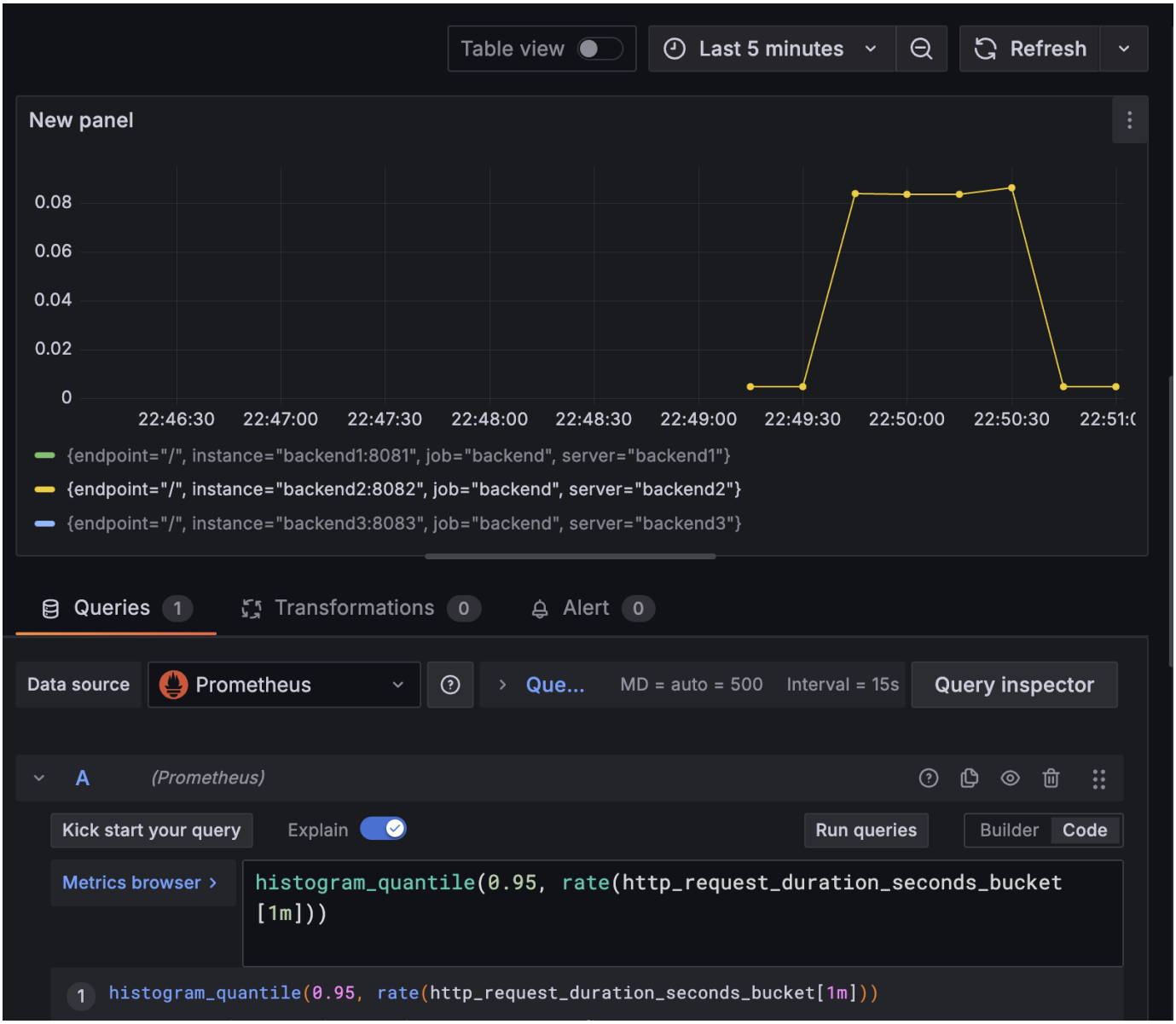

Figure 4.17: Average response latency in backend server 2 setup using Least Connection.

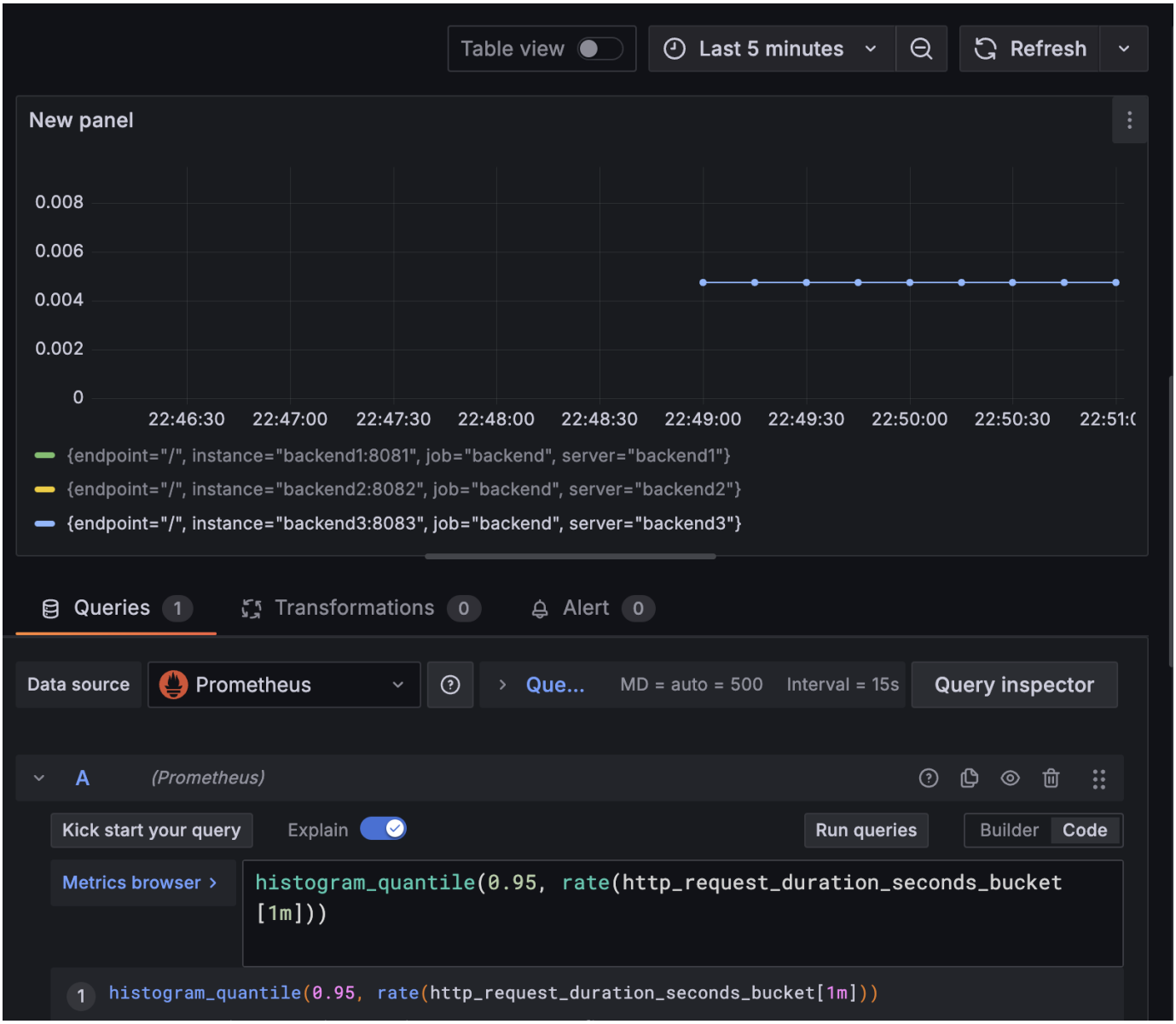

Figure 4.18: Average response latency in backend server 3 setup using Least Connection.

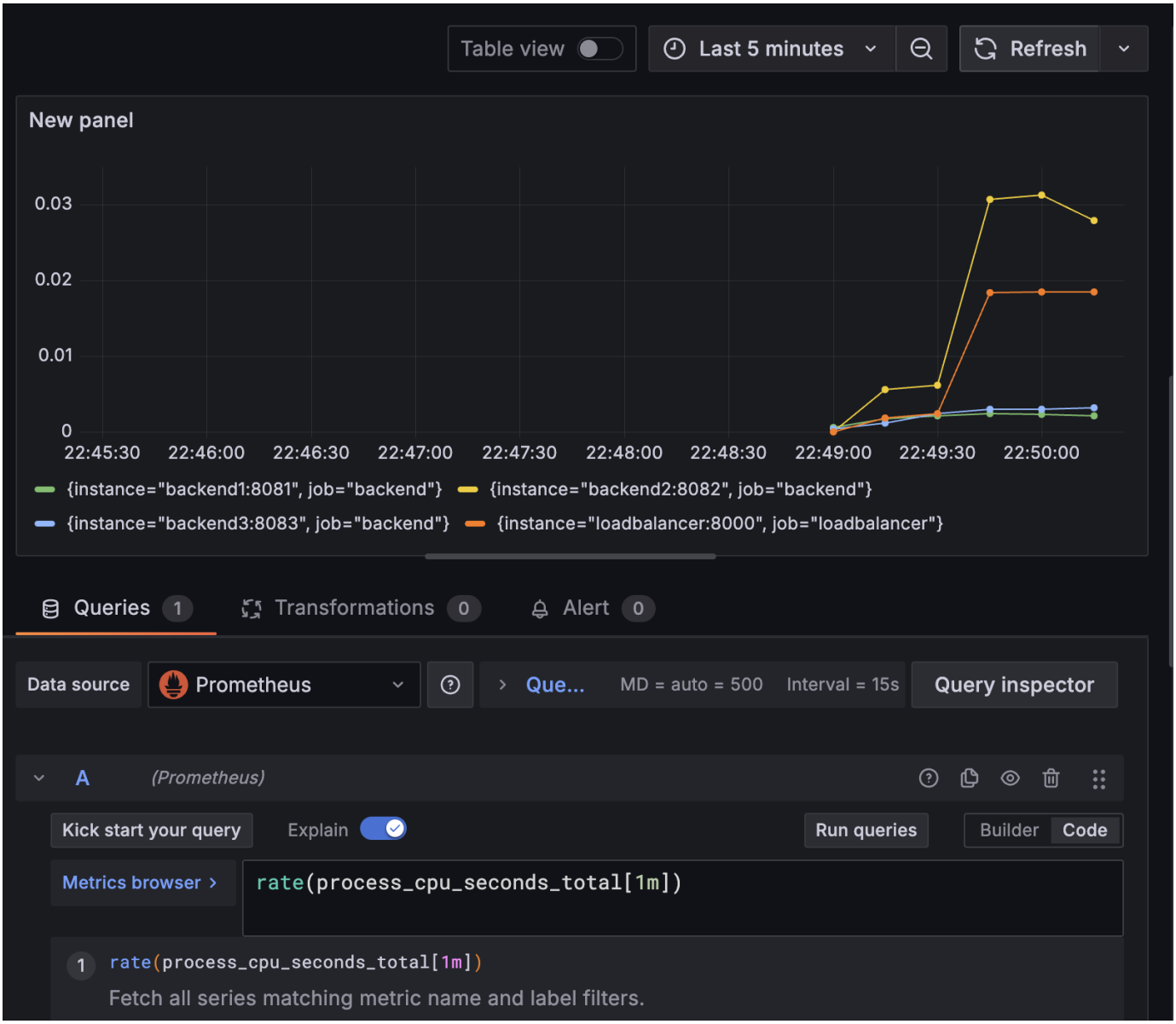

Figure 4.19: CPU usage indicating backend server and loadbalancer in Least Connection.

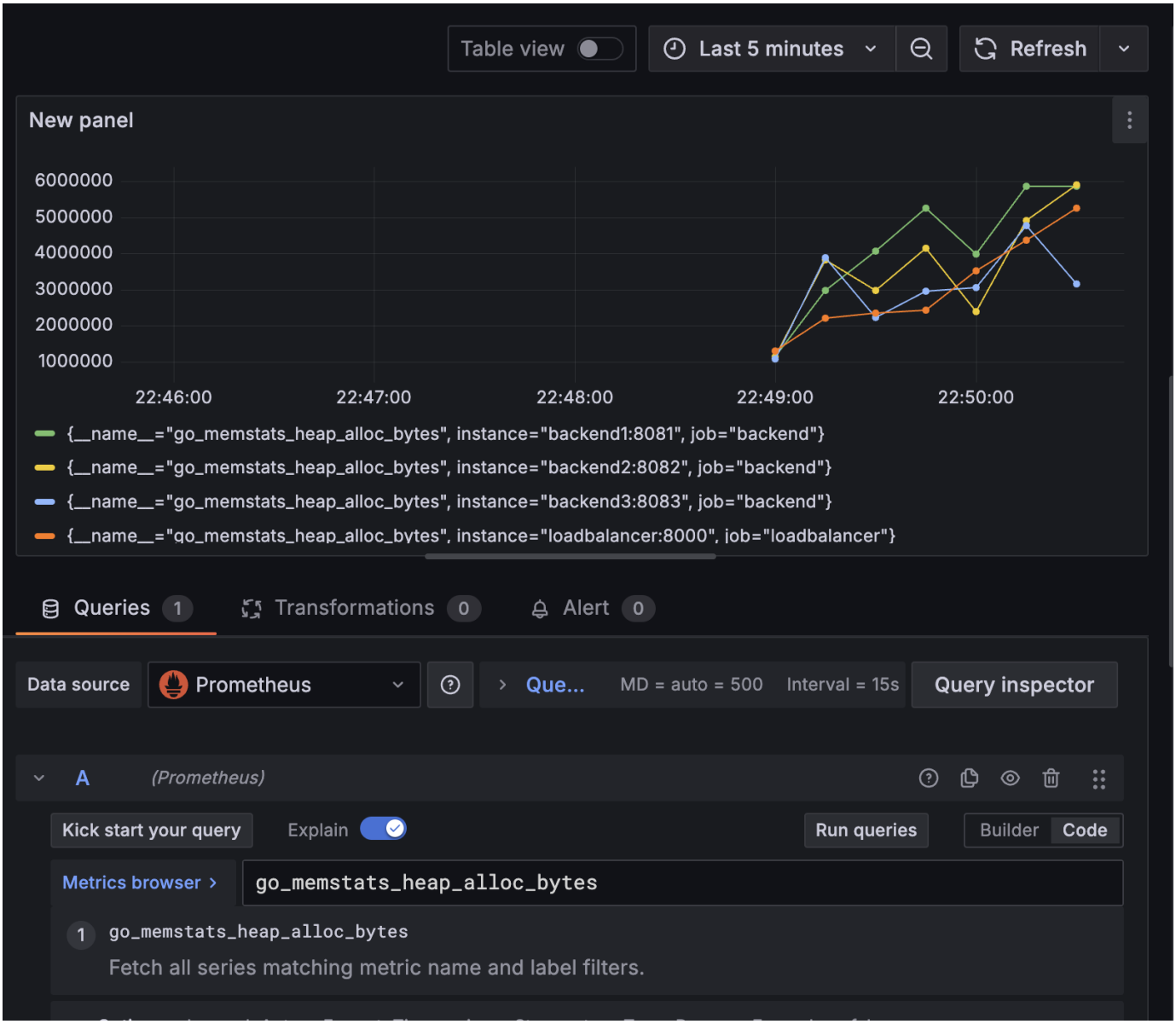

Figure 4.20: Memory consumption differences across backend servers with varied capabilities in Least Connection.

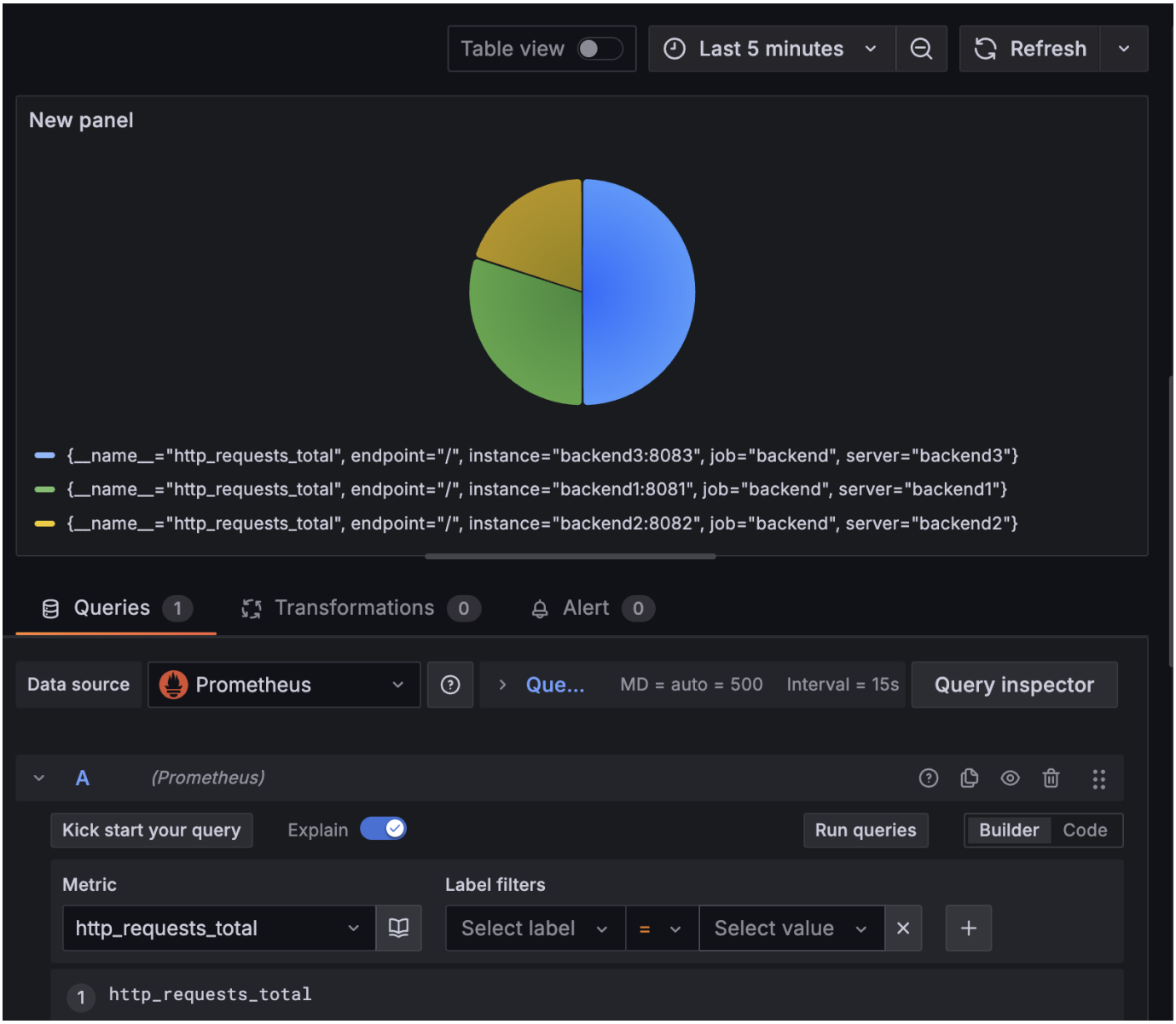

Figure 4.21: HTTP request distribution in Least Connection is based on the server with least active user.

Analysis of the Graphs and pie charts

Observation:

The distribution of requests across backends does not follow fixed weights but instead reflects the Least Connection (LC) strategy. Under LC, the load balancer dynamically routes incoming requests to the backend with the fewest active connections.

As a result:

- Backend3, with the highest capacity, receives the most requests (50%) due to its ability to handle and complete requests faster.
- Backend2, with moderate capacity, receives a balanced share (33%).

- Backend1, having limited CPU and memory, ends up with the fewest active connections and thus receives the fewest requests (17%).

This dynamic allocation improves system efficiency by leveraging more capable backends.

Line Graph: `rate(process_cpu_seconds_total[1m])`

Observation:

The CPU usage pattern supports the Least Connection strategy:

- Backend3 shows the highest CPU usage (0.03 CPU seconds/s) because it receives the most requests and can process them efficiently due to its higher resource allocation (0.5 CPU).
- Backend2 shows moderate CPU usage (0.02), reflecting its mid-level load and capacity (0.3 CPU).
- Backend1 has the lowest usage (0.005), consistent with being assigned fewer connections due to its limited capacity (0.1 CPU).

The load balancer peaks around 0.0125 CPU seconds/s as it actively monitors and routes traffic based on the real-time connection count, not predefined weights.

Line Graph: `go_memstats_heap_alloc_bytes`

Observation:

Memory usage trends align with the Least Connection behavior:

- Backend3 (256 MB), though handling the most traffic, peaks at only 4.9M bytes and then drops, indicating effective memory handling and timely garbage collection.
- Backend2 (128 MB) reaches 5.1M bytes and stabilizes, suggesting consistent memory usage under a steady load.
- Surprisingly, backend1 (64 MB) shows the highest memory peak (5.5M), despite handling fewer requests. This may be due to inefficient memory handling or slower garbage collection, leading to memory buildup.

The load balancer briefly peaks at 4.8M bytes, indicating temporary memory use during active routing.

Overall, the LC strategy helps balance memory pressure by favoring stronger backends, though backend1 may still experience resource strain.

Line Graph: `histogram_quantile(0.95, rate(http_request_duratic`

Observation:

Latency distribution under Least Connection illustrates performance-based request handling:

- Backend3 and backend1 maintain steady low latency (0.0041s and 0.005s respectively), as LC ensures backend1 is not overwhelmed and backend3 handles traffic efficiently.

- Backend2 experiences a spike in latency (0.08s) during the load, suggesting it temporarily became a bottleneck before stabilizing (0.001s), likely due to momentary overload.

The post-load drop in all backends indicates system recovery and stabilization after the high concurrency test.

This shows that LC adapts dynamically to real-time performance, directing traffic away from slower or overloaded backends and toward those with more available capacity.

Interpretation

Least Connection Effect:

The request distribution in the pie chart demonstrates the effectiveness of the Least Connection (LC) strategy. Rather than following static weights, the load balancer dynamically assigns more requests to backends that have fewer active connections and greater processing capacity.

- Backend3, with the highest CPU (0.5) and memory (256 MB), handles the majority of traffic (50%) due to its ability to serve requests faster and free up connections quickly.
- Backend2 also takes a fair share (33%), leveraging its mid-tier resources (0.3 CPU, 128 MB).
- Backend1, being the most constrained (0.1 CPU, 64 MB), receives the least traffic (17%) since it holds connections longer and is slower to process requests.

This dynamic allocation improves efficiency by prioritizing faster and more capable servers.

Resource Impact:

The CPU and memory graphs reveal how backend performance is tied to both resource limits and real-time load:

- Backend3's higher CPU usage (0.03s/s) and lower latency indicate efficient processing under heavy load. Its memory usage remains moderate (4.9M bytes) and decreases post-load, suggesting effective garbage collection.
- Backend2 shows moderate resource usage, though a temporary latency spike (0.08s) suggests it may have hit a saturation point during peak load.
- Backend1, despite receiving the fewest requests, shows the highest memory usage (5.5M) and slower latency recovery, indicating inefficiency and strain due to its limited resources.

This confirms that LC routing adapts to backend health and capacity but cannot fully compensate for weak nodes under pressure.

Load Balancer Role:

The load balancer's CPU (0.0125 CPU seconds/s) and memory (4.8 MB) usage increase during the load test, indicating it is actively monitoring connection counts and routing traffic accordingly. Its consistent performance confirms that LC requires slightly more processing overhead than static strategies like WRR or RR, but the improved distribution results in better backend responsiveness and system stability.

4.9 Conclusion of Results

Our experiments validated that algorithm choice significantly impacts system efficiency, especially in non-uniform environments. While Round Robin is suitable for simple setups, dynamic approaches like Least Connections provide better performance under varied and heavy loads. Weighted Round Robin offers a middle ground if server capacities are known and weights are properly assigned.

5. Discussion

5.1 Comparison with Expected Outcomes

Based on our initial expectations and literature review, we anticipated that dynamic algorithms like Least Connections would outperform static approaches in complex environments. Our findings supported this hypothesis. Least Connections consistently delivered lower response times and more even server load distribution under heterogeneous and high-concurrency conditions. Weighted Round Robin also met expectations, improving over Round Robin in environments with varied server capacities, provided weights were configured accurately.

By comparing the load balancing algorithms based on the metrics visualized through Grafana and Prometheus i.e for the Round Robin (RR), Weighted Round Robin (WRR), and Least Connection (LC) load balancing algorithms, we can draw a clear comparative analysis across key performance indicators such as latency, CPU usage, memory usage, and requests handled.

The Least Connection (LC) algorithm consistently outperforms the others across most metrics. It demonstrates the lowest and most stable latency, as it dynamically routes traffic to the server with the fewest active connections, making it especially effective under uneven or high-load scenarios. Its CPU and memory usage are also balanced and optimized, suggesting efficient resource distribution even as the request rate increases. Additionally, LC handles a high number of requests without notable performance degradation, making it ideal for production environments with variable traffic patterns.

In contrast, Weighted Round Robin (WRR) shows moderate latency and better CPU or memory usage compared to standard Round Robin, particularly in environments where server capacities differ. By assigning weights to each server, WRR ensures that more powerful servers handle proportionally more traffic. This leads to more consistent performance and reduced resource bottlenecks. However, its efficiency heavily depends on accurate weight configuration.

Finally, Round Robin (RR) exhibits higher latency and uneven CPU usage in scenarios with non-uniform backend servers. It performs reasonably well when all servers are identical (same scenario), but struggles to adapt to real-world disparities in server performance or dynamic load changes. Its simplicity is a strength in predictable environments but a limitation under variable conditions.

In summary, Least Connection (LC) is the most efficient and responsive algorithm among the three, offering optimal performance in terms of latency, CPU and memory utilization, and request handling capacity. WRR serves as a solid middle ground with better adaptability than RR, while RR is best reserved for simple, homogeneous environments.

5.2 Key Insights and Interpretation

Our results emphasize the trade-offs between simplicity and adaptability. Round Robin, while simple to implement, falters when server capacities vary significantly. Weighted Round Robin, though slightly more complex, offers a significant improvement if server characteristics are well understood. Least Connections, although computationally heavier, adapts in real

time and offers the best overall performance when system responsiveness is critical.

5.3 Limitations

While our methodology was thorough, certain limitations still apply:

- **Controlled Environment:** All tests were performed in a lab setup using simulated traffic. Real-world network conditions (e.g., latency spikes, packet loss) were not emulated.
- **Manual Weight Configuration:** Weighted Round Robin relied on manually defined server weights. Automated weight adjustment mechanisms were not explored.
- **Limited Backend Complexity:** The backend servers served simple HTTP responses. A more complex backend might impact results differently.

5.4 Unexpected Results

While most findings aligned with expectations, we noted that:

- Weighted Round Robin occasionally performed worse than Round Robin when weights were not properly tuned, demonstrating its sensitivity to configuration.
- In some low-concurrency tests, the differences between algorithms were negligible, indicating that algorithm choice becomes more critical at scale.
- Although we initially planned to use the `wrk` benchmarking tool due to its support for multi-threaded and more realistic high-concurrency traffic generation, we ultimately opted for Apache Benchmark (`ab`) because of its simplicity, built-in availability in most systems, and ease of scripting for repeated tests. Apache Benchmark proved particularly effective in our use case where rapid testing, consistent request formats, and basic concurrency control (ranging from 100 to 1000 requests) were sufficient. For basic HTTP benchmarking and straightforward comparative analysis across algorithms, `ab` provided reliable results with minimal configuration overhead.

These observations highlight the need for adaptive tuning in real deployments and underscore the context-dependent nature of algorithm effectiveness.

6. Conclusion and Recommendations

6.1 Summary of Achievements

This project successfully designed, implemented, and evaluated a modular HTTP load balancer using GoLang. Through the development of three key load balancing algorithms—Round Robin, Weighted Round Robin, and Least Connections—we were able to simulate and benchmark system performance under various network scenarios.

Key accomplishments include:

- Development of a functional and extensible load balancing system.
- Integration of Docker, Prometheus, and Grafana for environment control and performance monitoring.
- Execution of comparative analysis across different server configurations and client loads.
- Visualization and documentation of performance metrics across algorithms.

6.2 Recommendations for Deployment

Based on our observations, we recommend the following:

- Use **Round Robin** for simple, uniform environments where server performance is similar.
- Use **Weighted Round Robin** when server capacities are known and static, but take care to configure weights accurately.
- Use **Least Connections** in high-traffic or production environments where performance and adaptability are critical.

6.3 Suggestions for Future Work

To build upon this work, future efforts could focus on:

- Automating weight calculation in Weighted Round Robin to reduce misconfiguration.
- Testing performance with HTTPS and WebSocket protocols for more realistic scenarios.
- Introducing fault-tolerant features such as automatic server health checks and failover handling.
- Expanding backend functionality such as handling POST request,other various traffic(Since,we performed our load balancing in a controlled environment) to simulate real application logic.

In conclusion, this project demonstrated that algorithm selection plays a key role in web infrastructure design. By aligning the algorithm choice with application demands and system architecture, developers can ensure better scalability, reliability, and user experience.

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Appendices

6.4 Screenshots and Figures

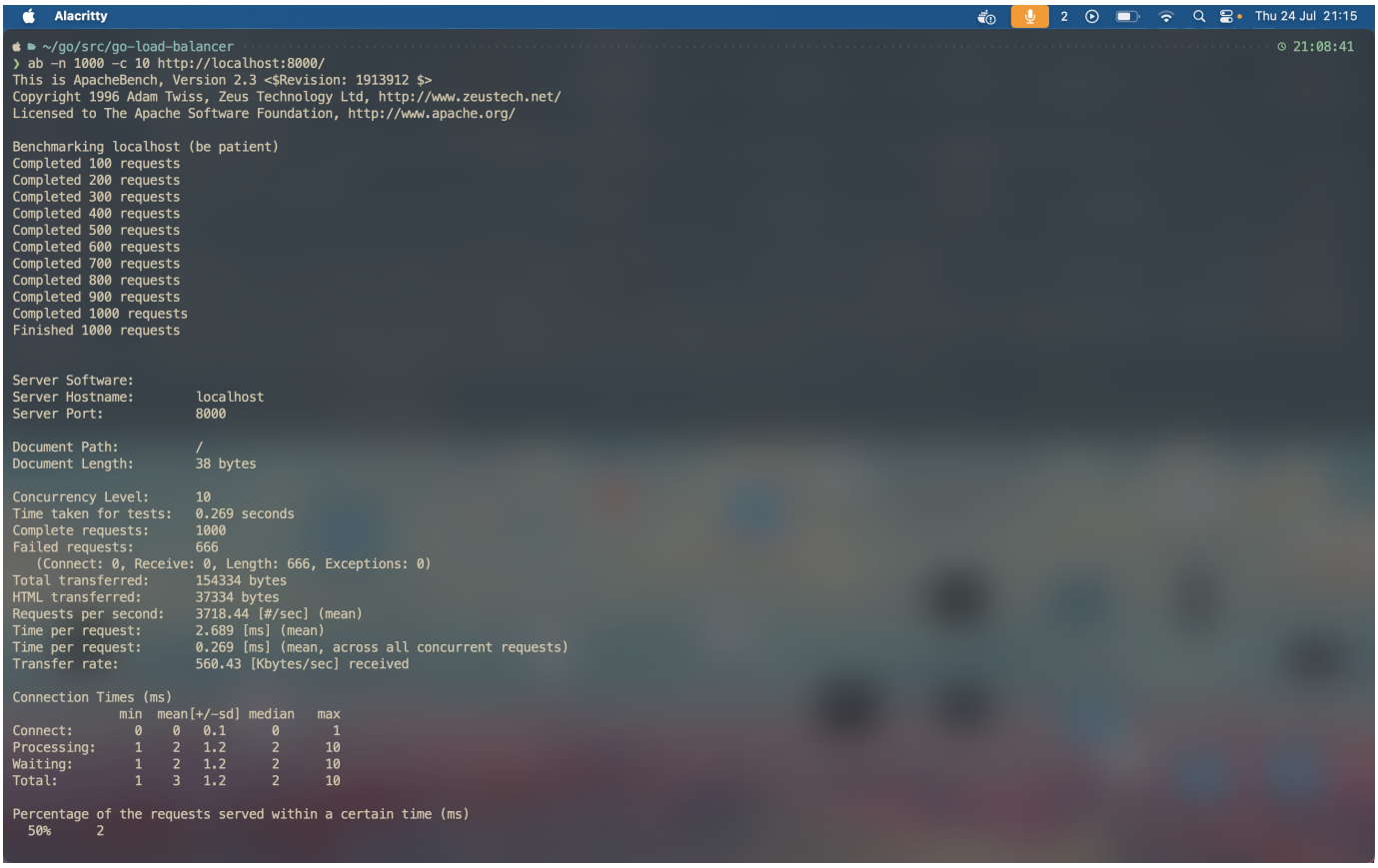


Figure 6.1: Benchmarking the system under high-concurrency condition using ab

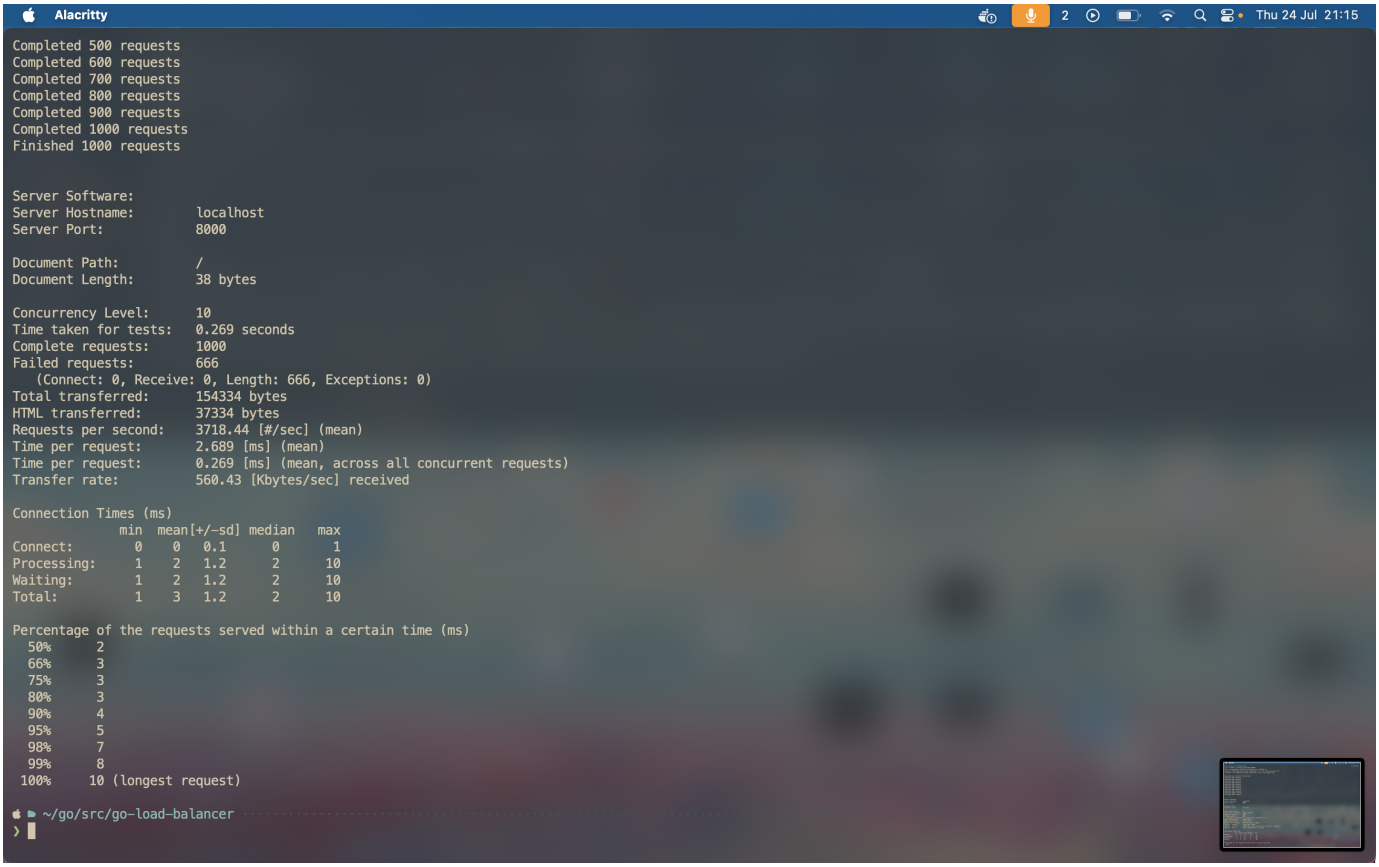


Figure 6.2: Show raw output from performance tests using ab tool (requests/sec, latency, etc.).

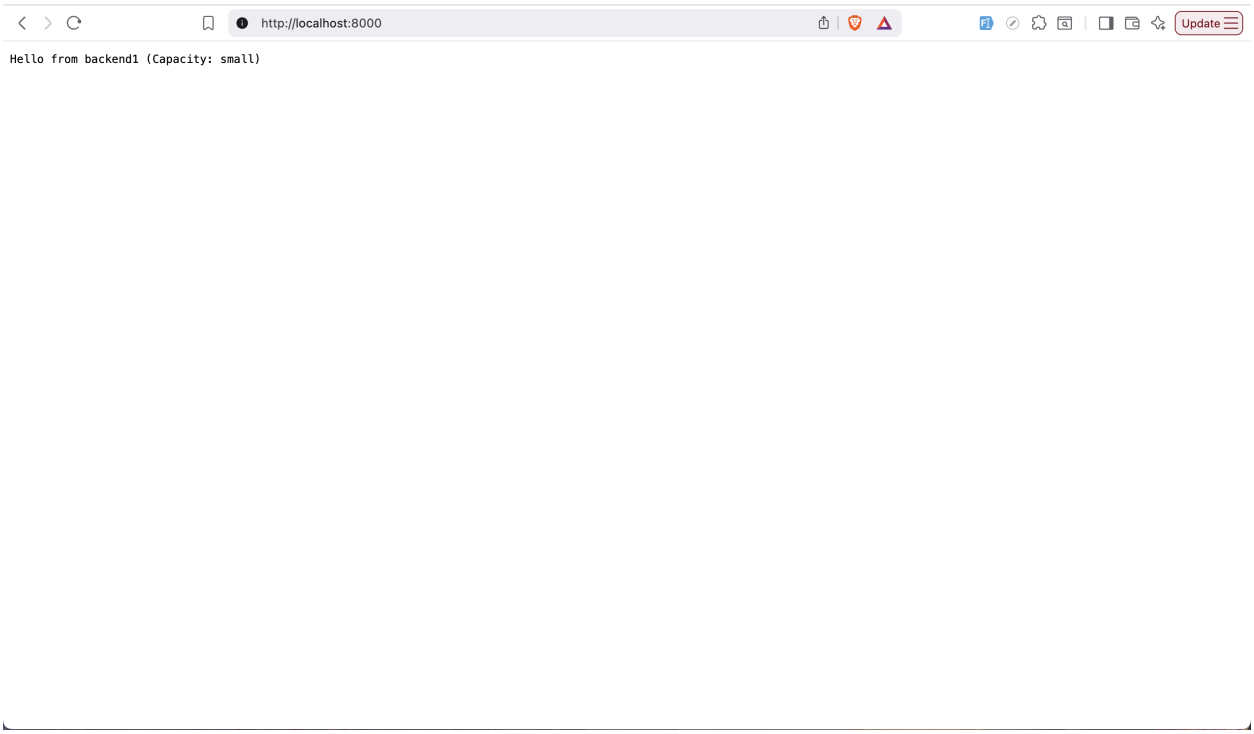


Figure 6.3: Response from Backend Server 1 (Capacity: small) viewed via browser. This indicates that the backend server is up and responding to HTTP requests. Used for basic connectivity and functionality testing.

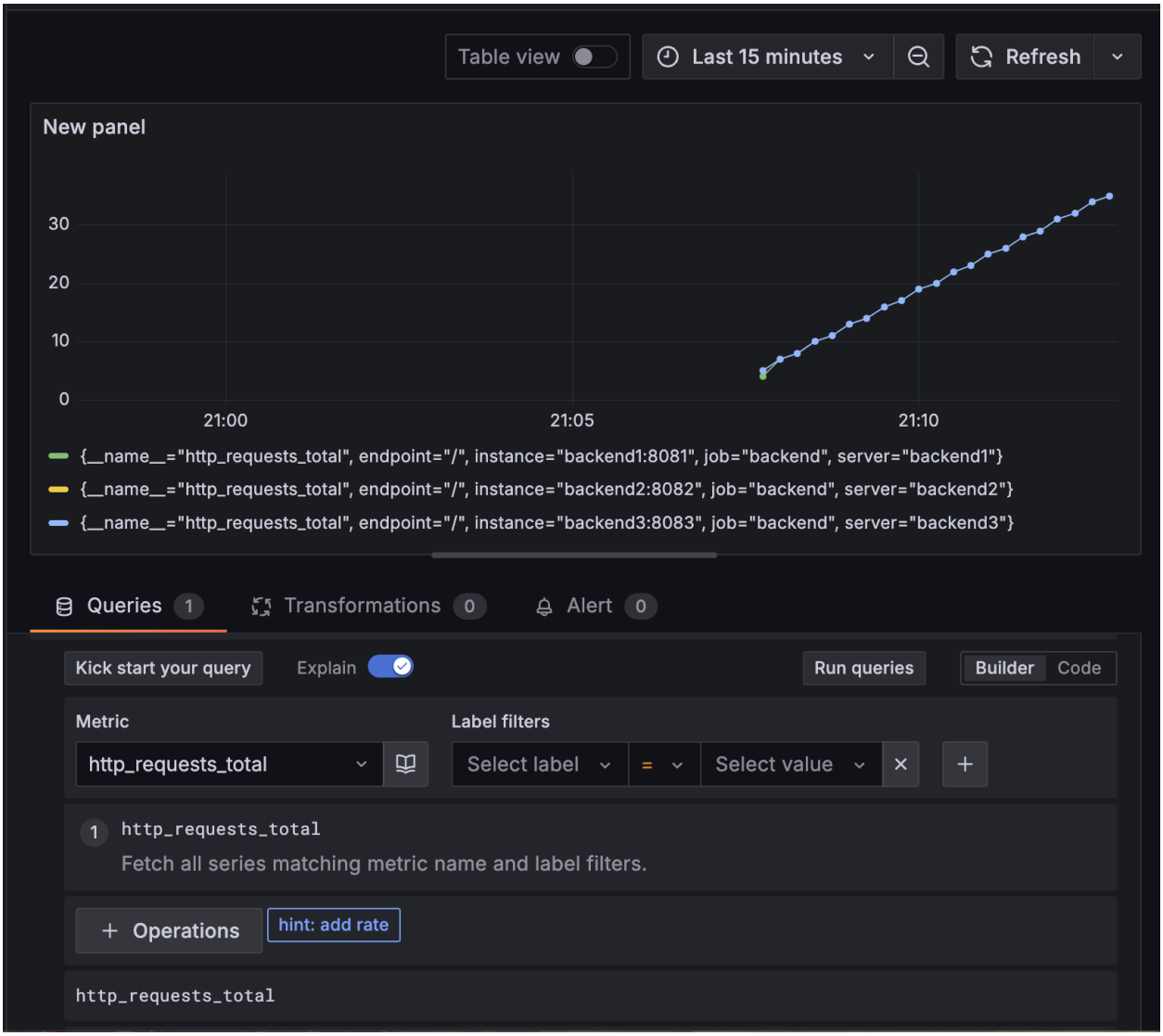


Figure 6.4: Visualization of how requests are distributed across servers.

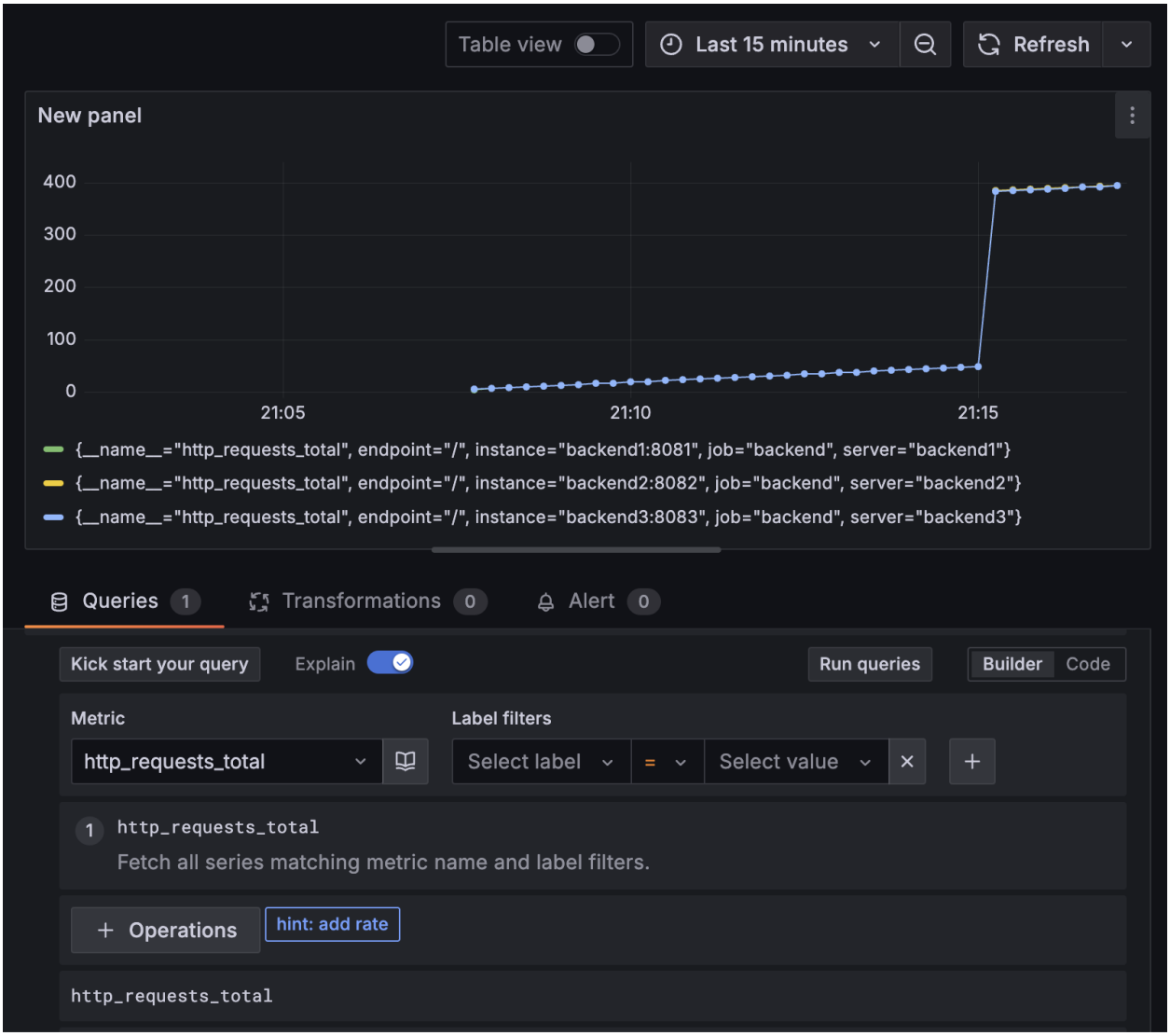


Figure 6.5: Comparing after longer testing or a traffic spike.

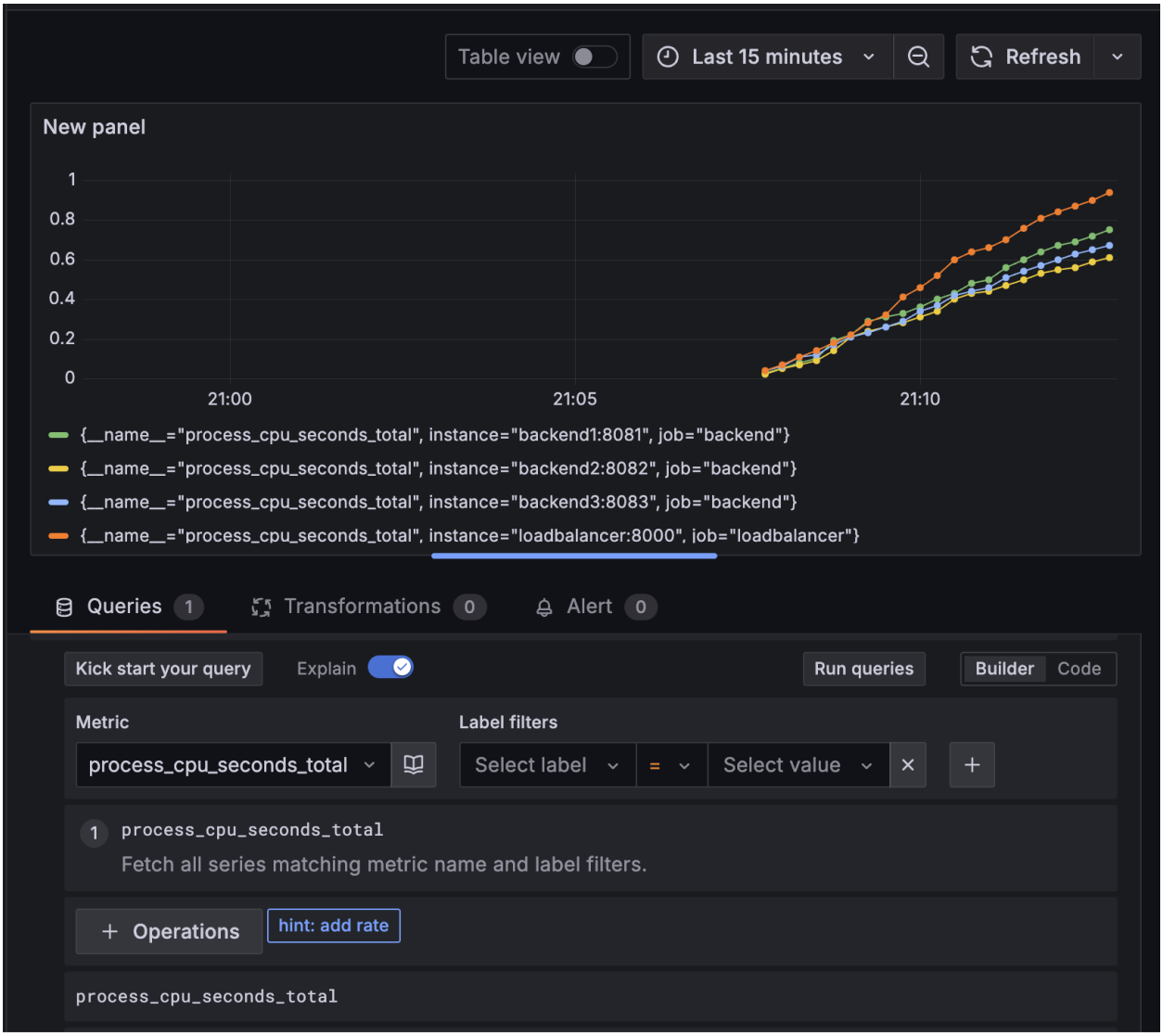


Figure 6.6: Monitoring CPU usage across servers during request handling.

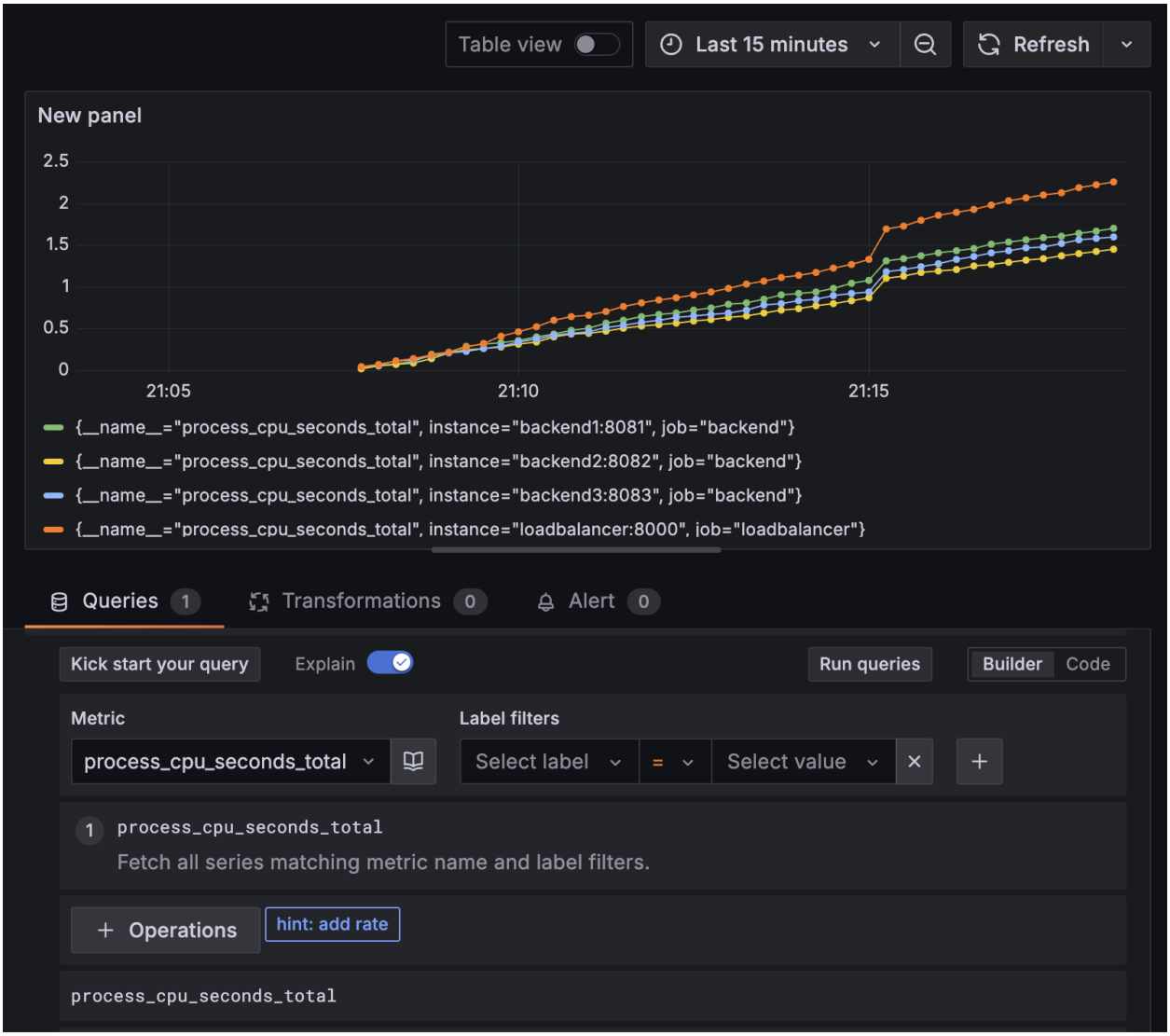


Figure 6.7: Confirming whether CPU usage increased due to load.

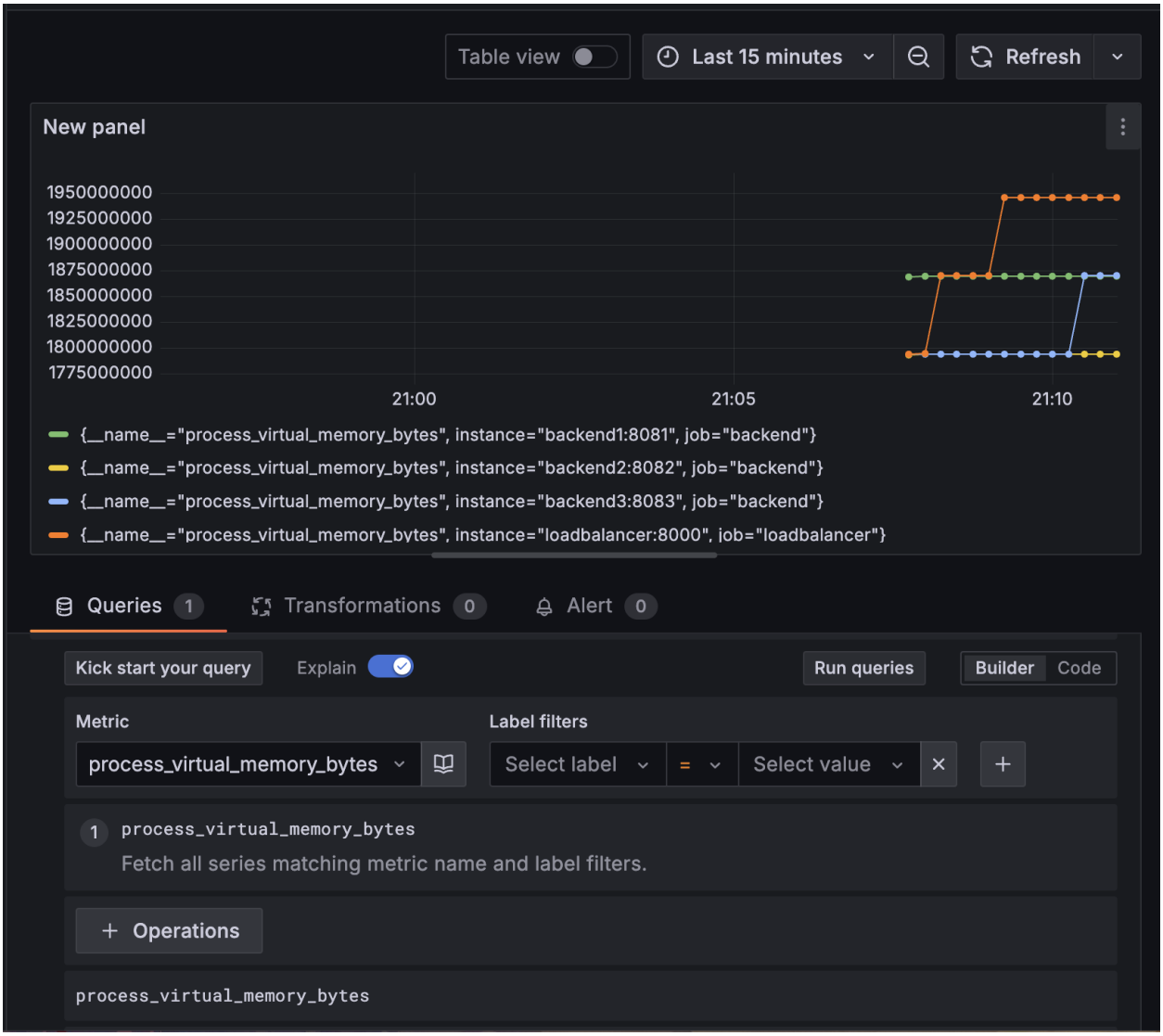
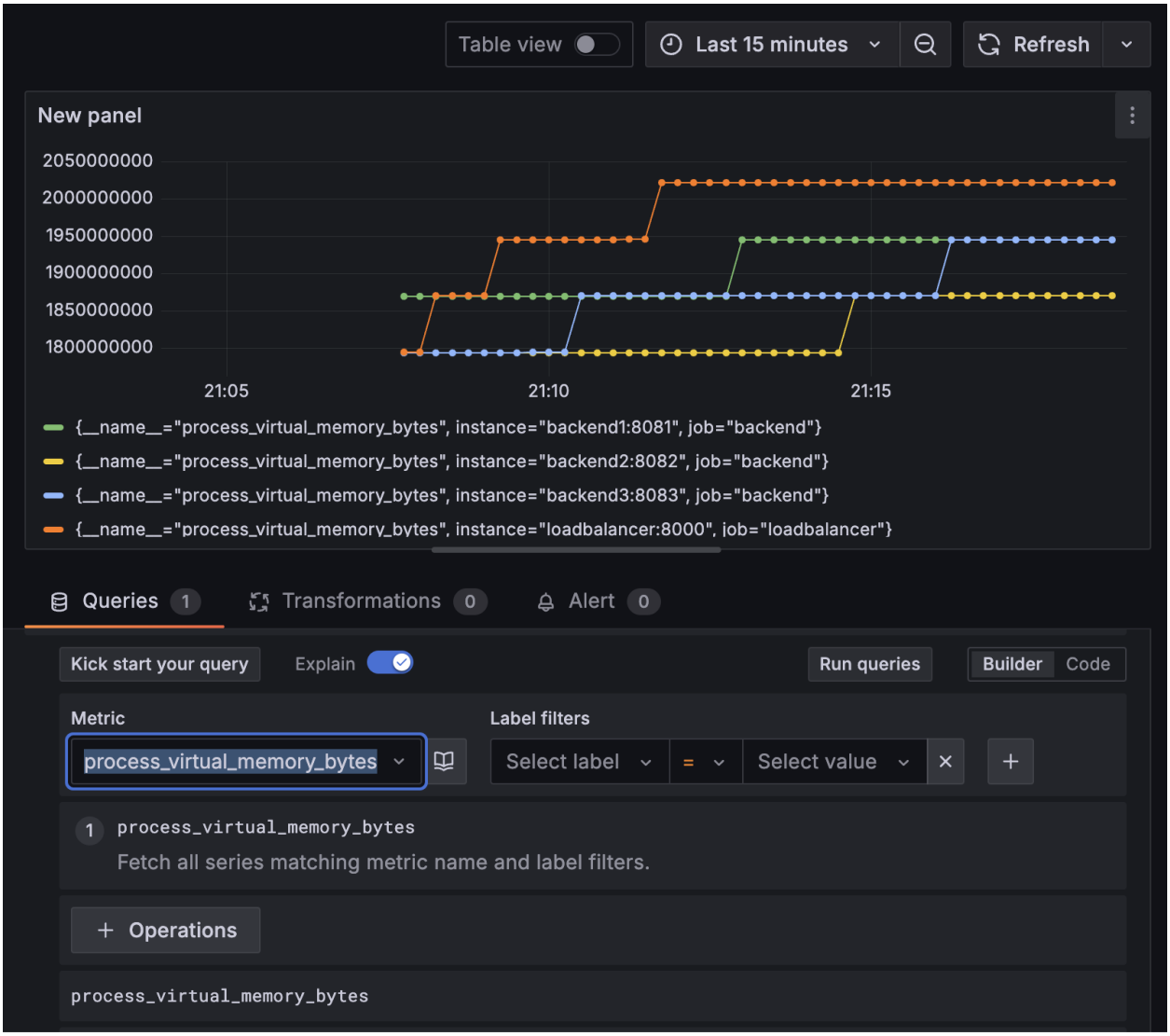


Figure 6.8: Tracking how much memory each backend consumes during test.



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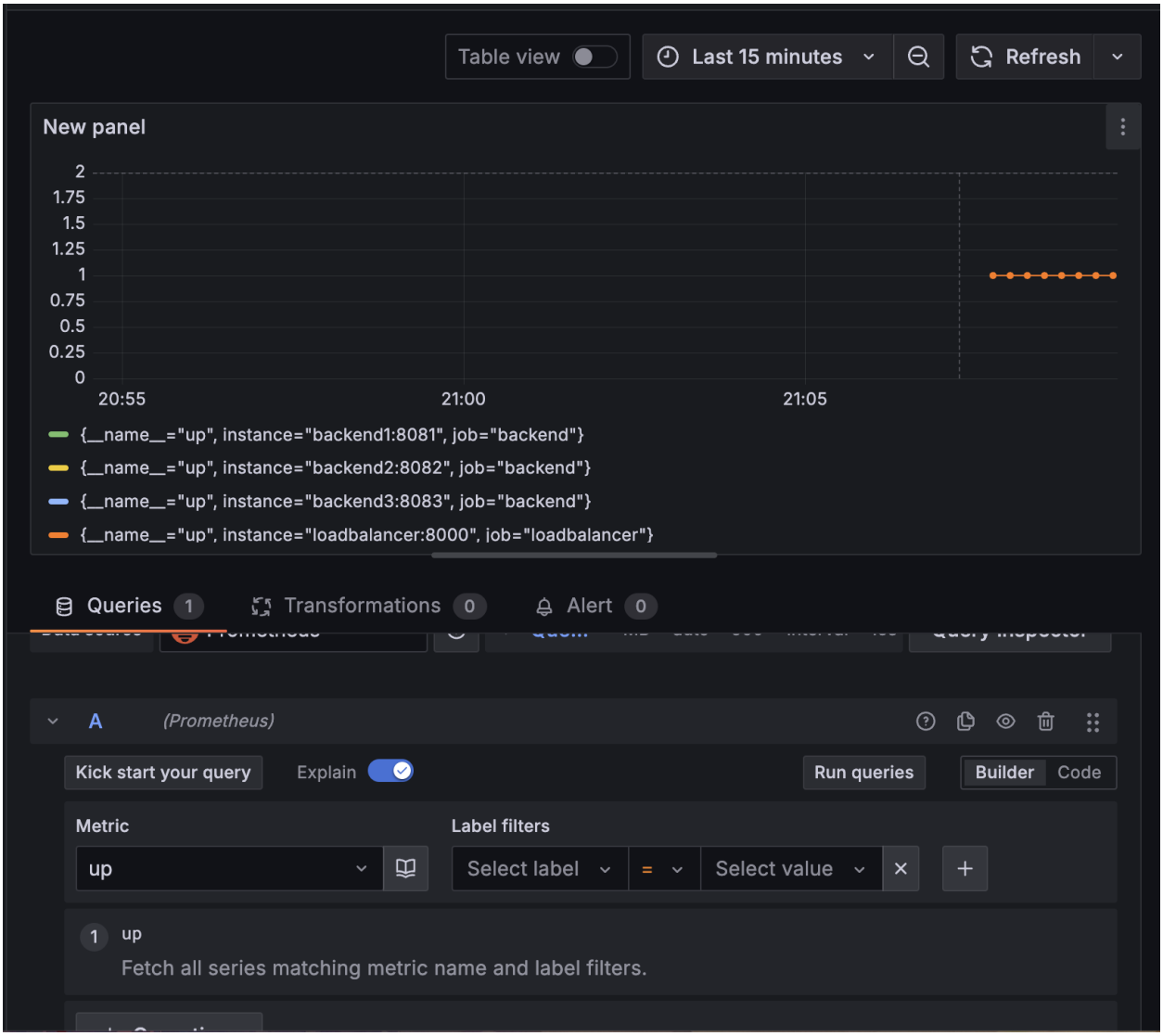

Figure 6.10: Confirming backend servers are up and responding.

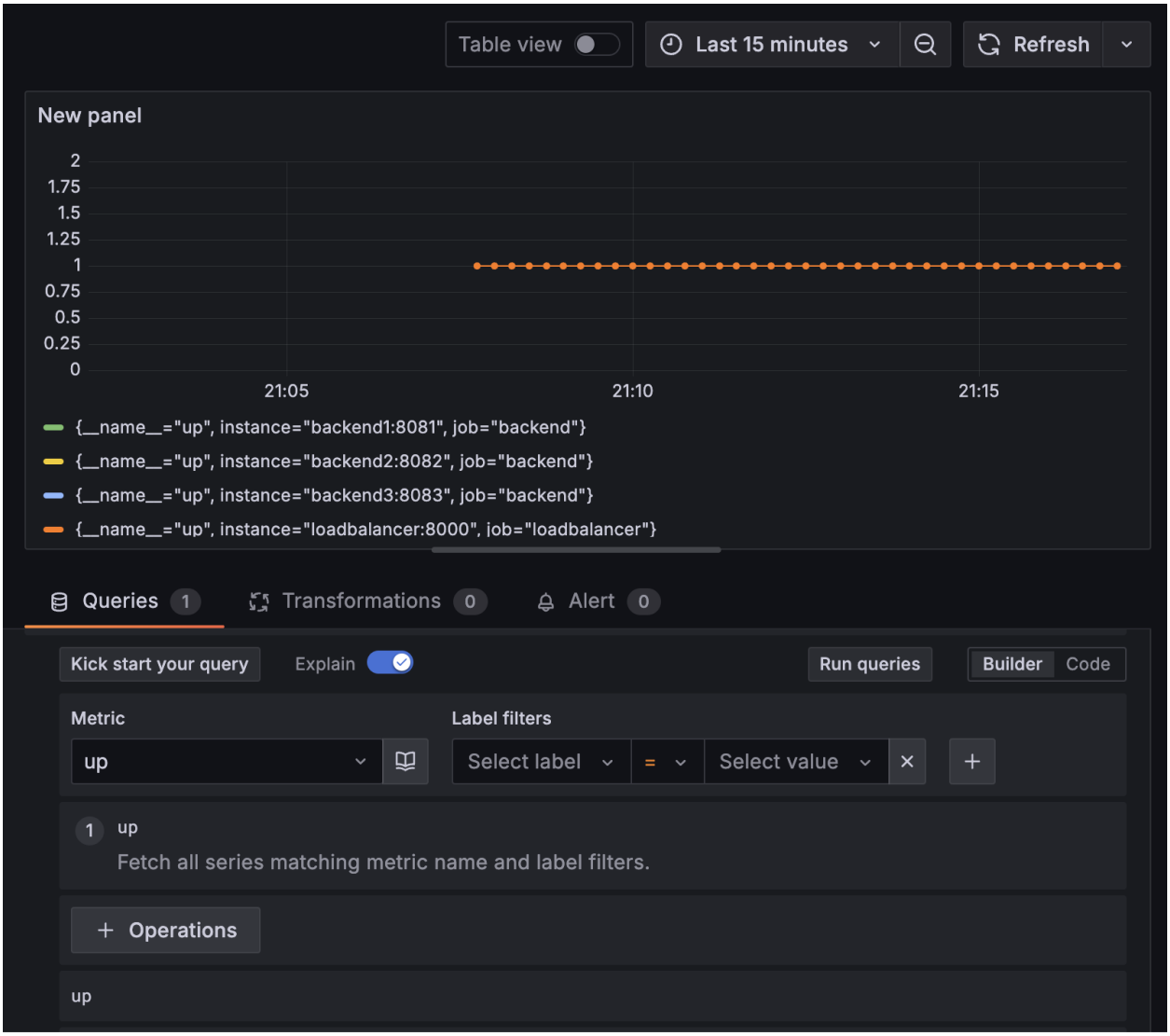

Figure 6.11: Shows stability after test load.

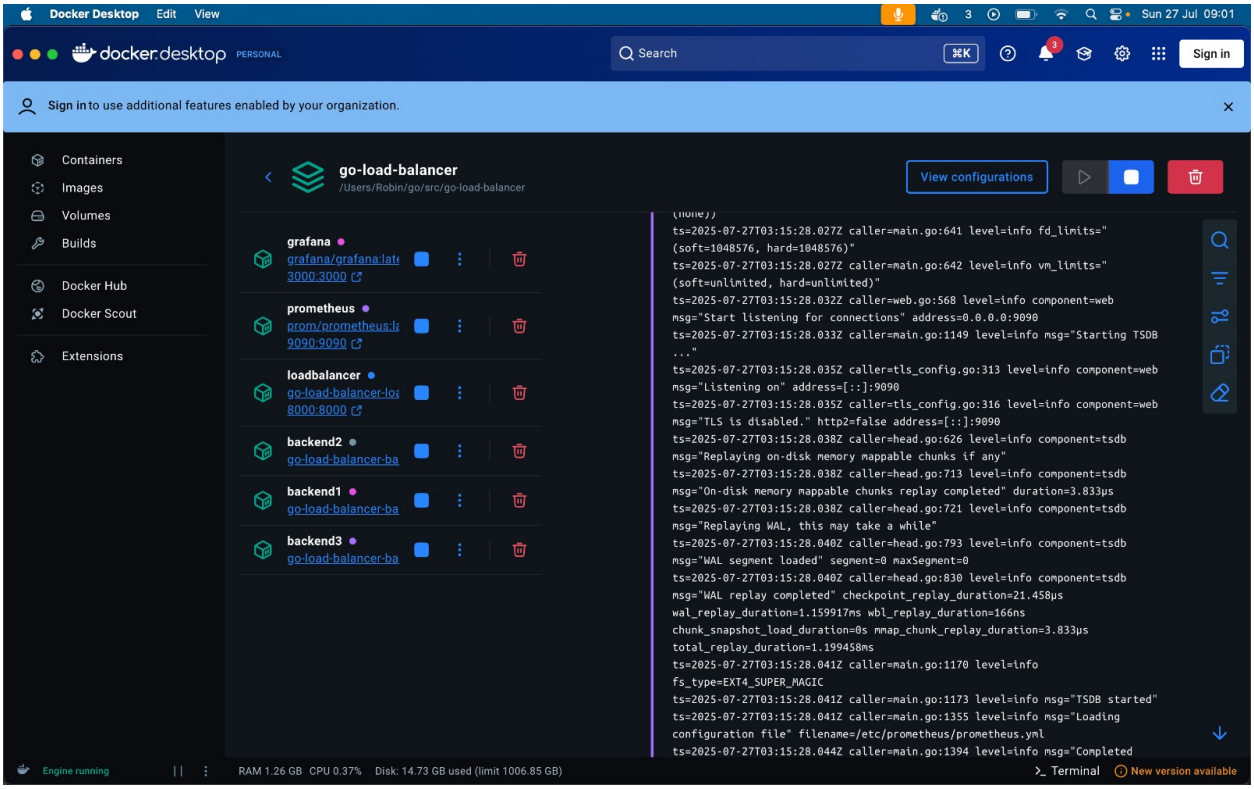

Figure 6.12: Docker setup

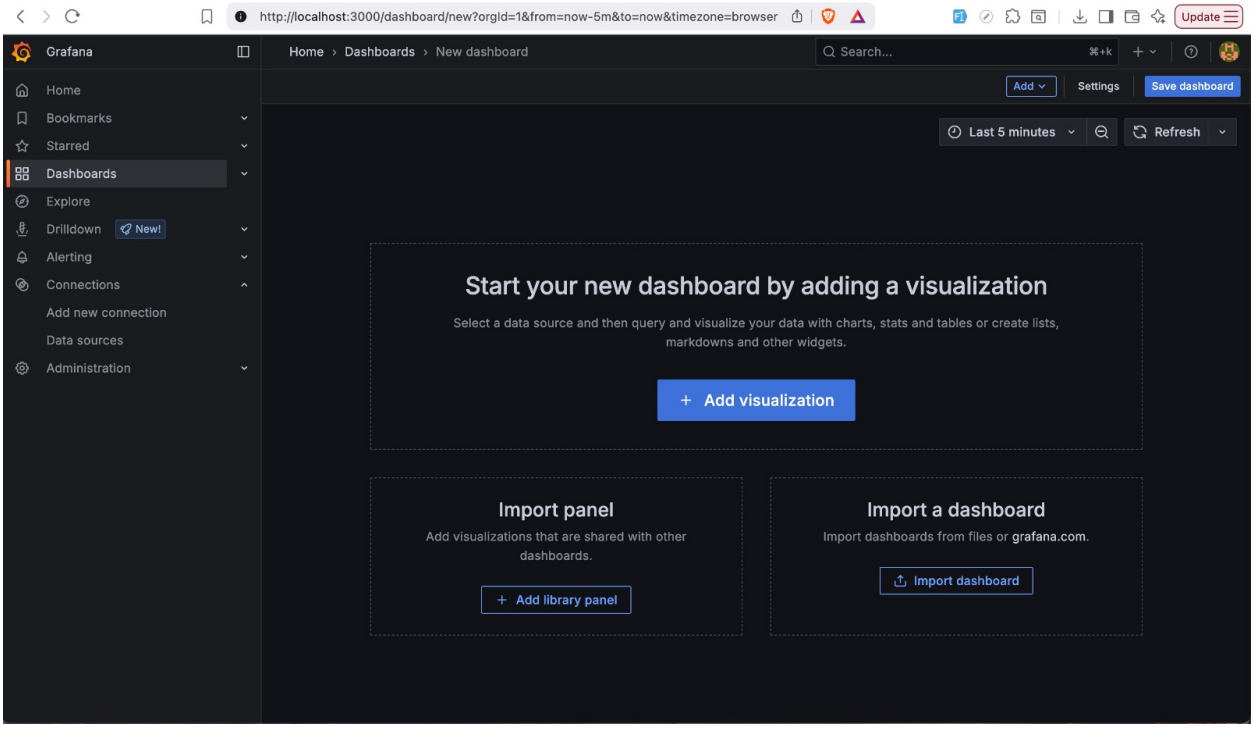

Figure 6.13: Grafana Dashboard

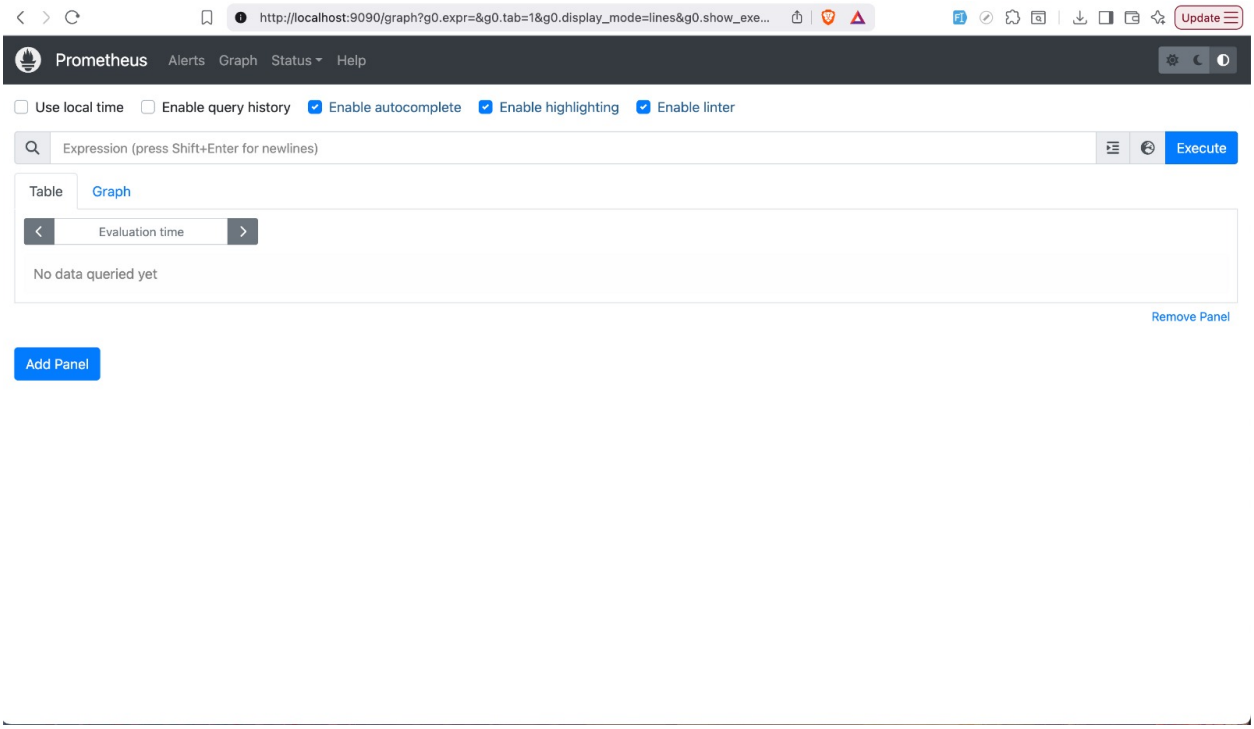

Figure 6.14: Prometheus running on port 9090

6.5 Code Snippets

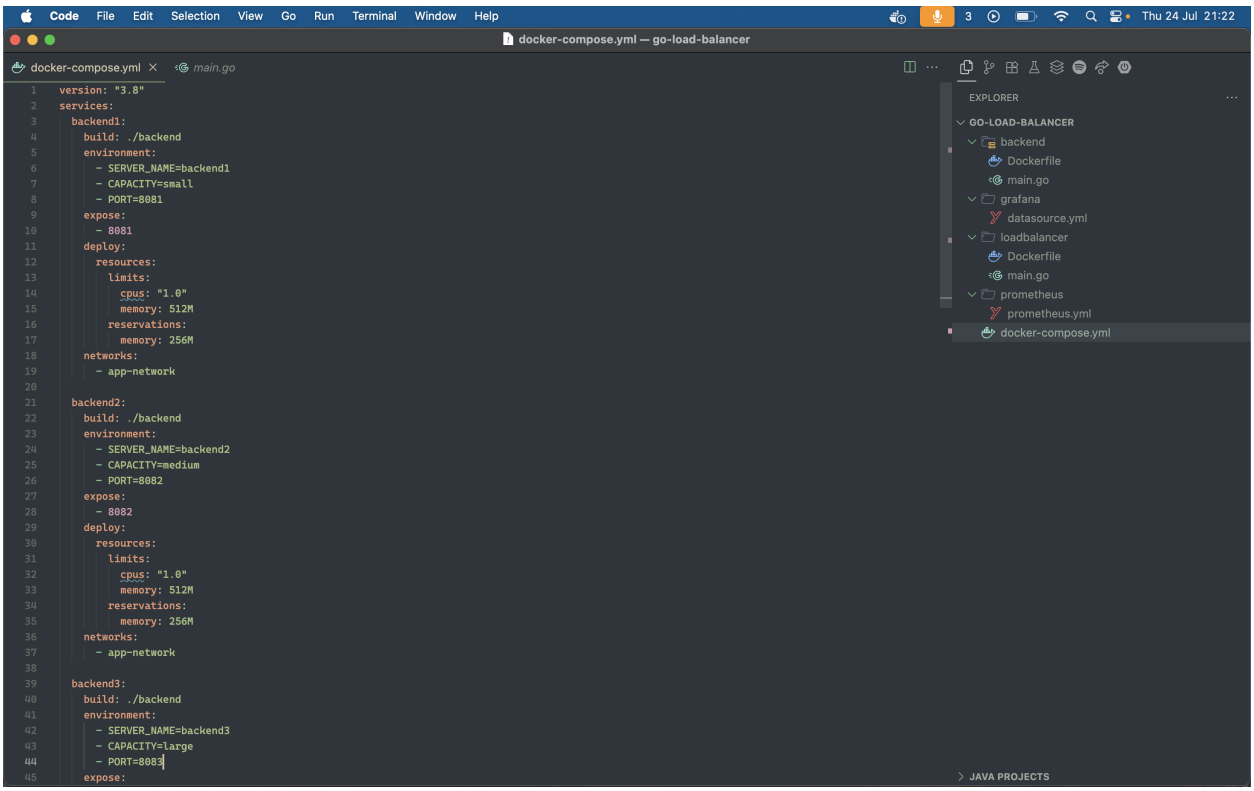

Figure 6.15: Visual proof that our Dockerized setup, monitored via Prometheus and Grafana, is successfully collecting and comparing metrics to evaluate load balancing algorithm performance.

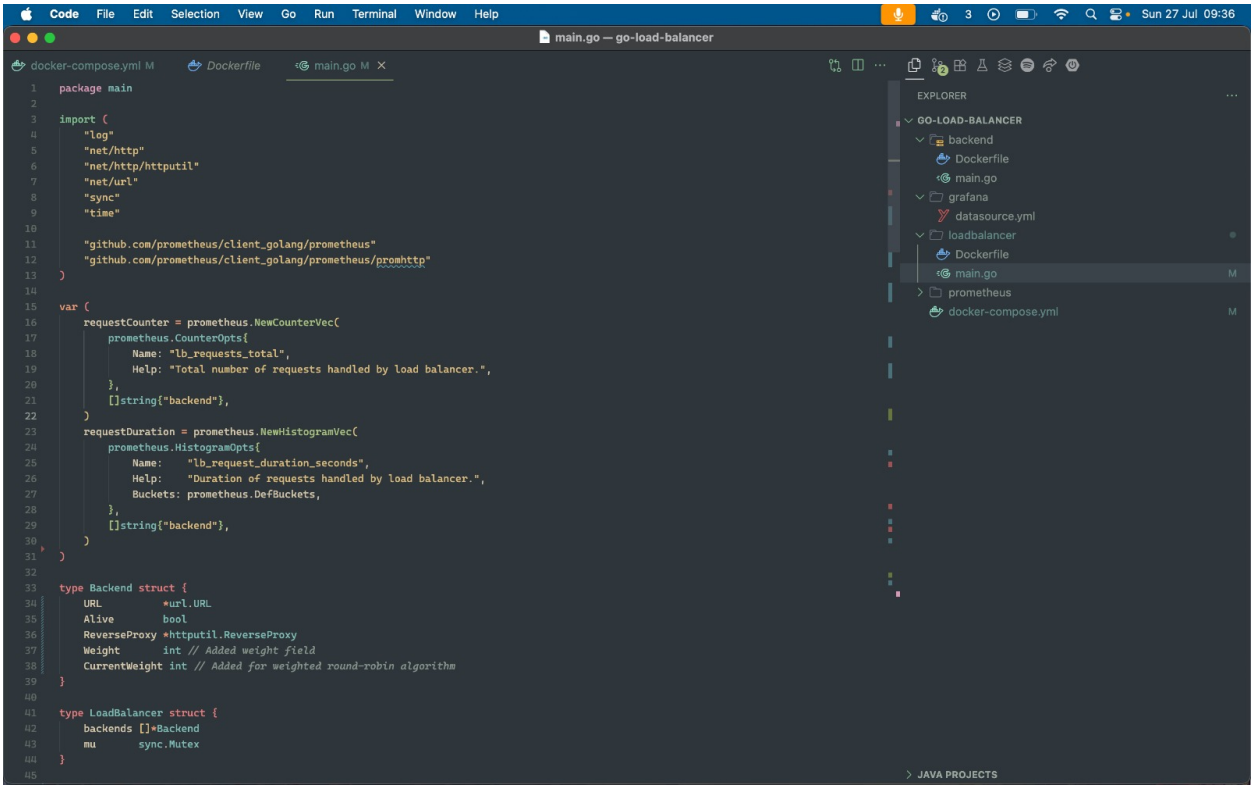

Figure 6.16: loadbalancer code

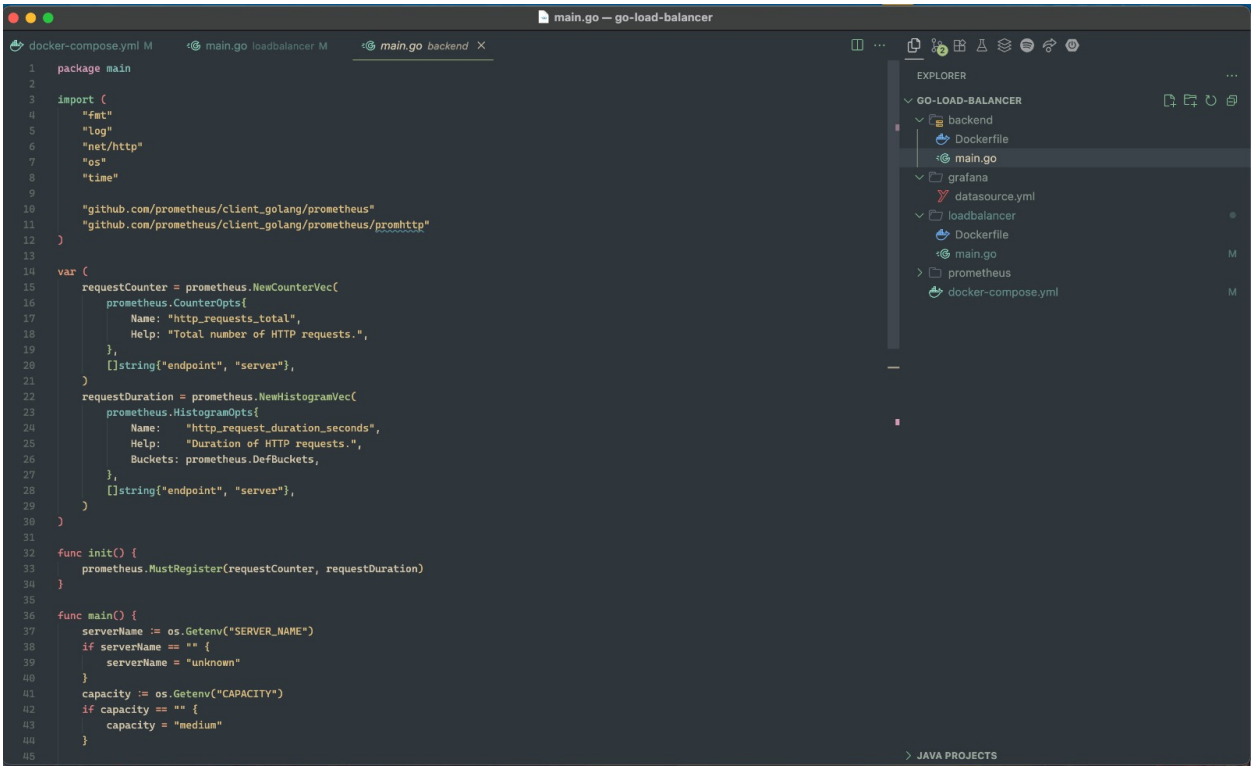

Figure 6.17: Backend server code

6.6 Additional Documentation

- **HTML/CSS/JS:** To build a simple static website interface that sends HTTP requests through the load balancer.