

# 10 Steps to Make Your Cluster Hum

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**Apache  
Ambari**

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# Poll

Managing your Hadoop cluster?

Easy

Medium

Difficult

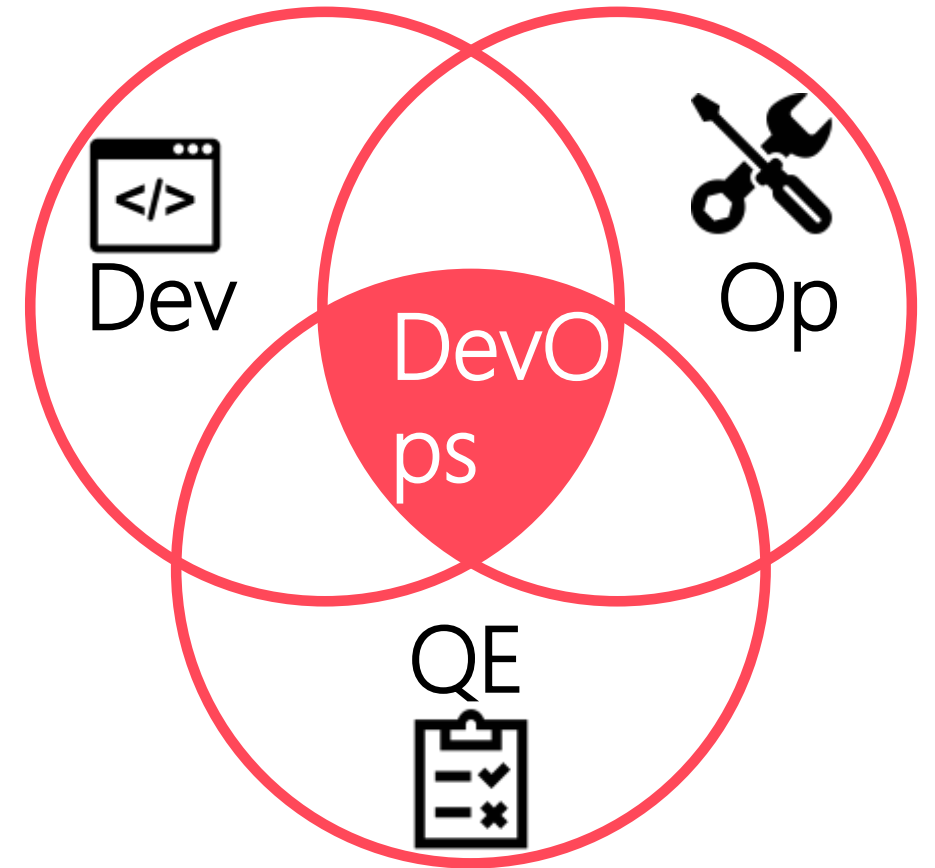
# Who is this for?

DevOps & Infra Teams  
Technical audience

Dev: Add features

QE: Test for security & scale

Op: Deployment + business continuity





# Steps To a Smoother Cluster

1. Automate adding hosts
2. Host Name discovery
3. Artifact management
4. Deployments and upgrades
5. Log searching with ELK





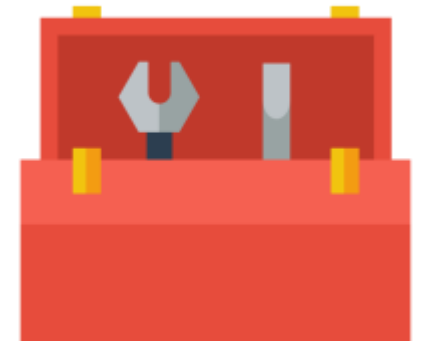
# Steps To a Smoother Cluster

6. Monitor Hadoop metrics with Ambari Metrics System
7. Data-driven (metrics + alerts)
8. Cron-jobs, ETL with Apache Airflow (incubating)
9. Visualize trends with Apache Superset (incubating)
10. Automated maintenance



# 1. Deploy New Hosts

- Using Chef
  - Cookbooks (collection of templates, attributes, and recipes)
  - Recipes (patterns + blocks)
  - Roles (NM, DN, NM, etc.)
- Repeatable
- Idempotent + fixable



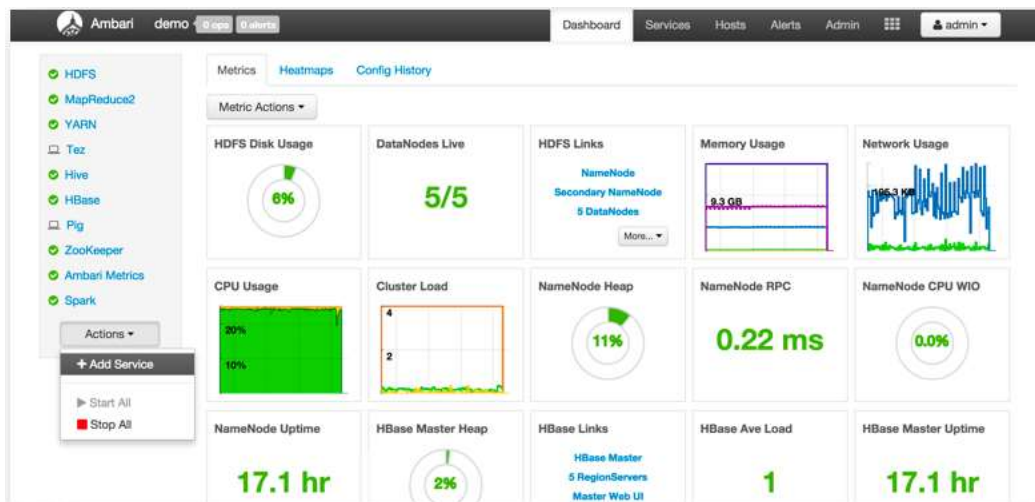


# Automatically Add Hosts to Cluster

- Add hosts to cluster
- Assign roles
- Rack awareness
- Host discovery

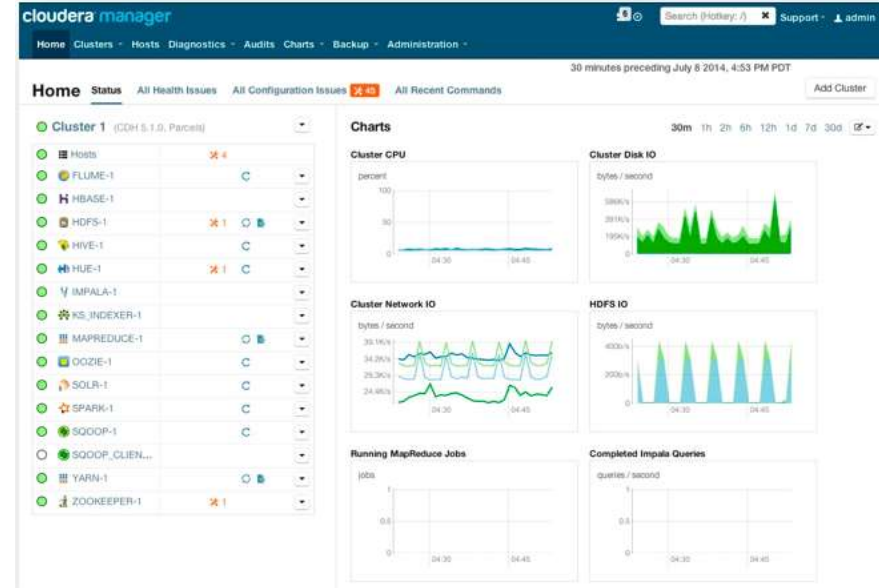
Apache Ambari

`curl http://`



Cloudera Manager

 API





## 2. Host Name Discovery

Avoid hardcoding hostnames in configs

File	Config
yarn-site.xml	hadoop.registry.zk.quorum
hbase-site.xml	hbase.zookeeper.quorum
hive-site.xml	hive.metastore.uris hive.zookeeper.quorum
storm-site.xml	nimbus.seeds
etc	etc



- Replace bad host
- ~~Change hard coded configs~~
- ~~Restart services dependent on those configs~~

# Name Discovery Solutions

Method	Pros	Cons
❗ Apache Ambari Stack Advisor	Works out of the box. {{ var }} is defined in params.py	Write your own for custom services
❗ Chef Attributes	Can handle multiple environments with same recipe	Configs are written to disk, but not using CM or Ambari
✅ Smartstack	Local load-balanced servers behind the same name	

# 3. Trust The Artifacts

Artifact: build, jars, scripts, resources, build log, and test results

- Reproducible: Generated by build system
- Trackable: Embed version, Git SHA that generated it
- Trustworthy: Hash and Signed

Simple

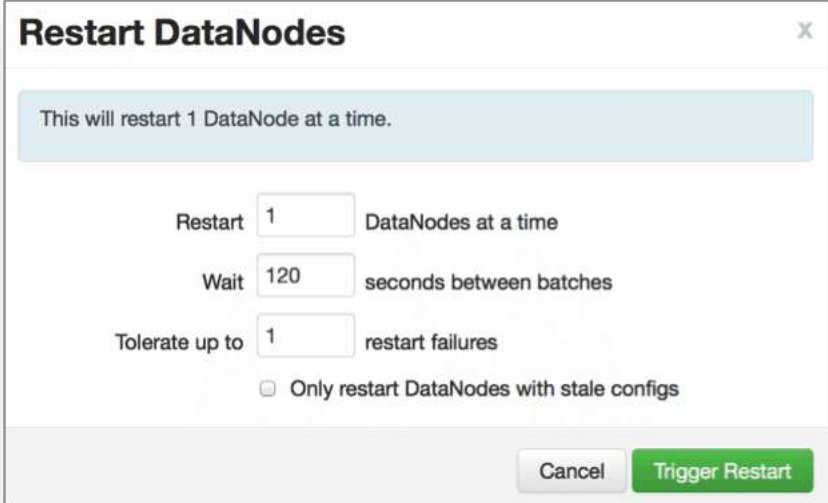


Enterprise



# Deployments

1. Artifact server
2. Always take backups
3. Deploy parcels or bits
  - Orchestration: rolling restart if possible
  - Verification: analyze alerts on hosts with new changes
  - Downgrade: ready to rollback



**Restart DataNodes** ✕

This will restart 1 DataNode at a time.

Restart  DataNodes at a time

Wait  seconds between batches

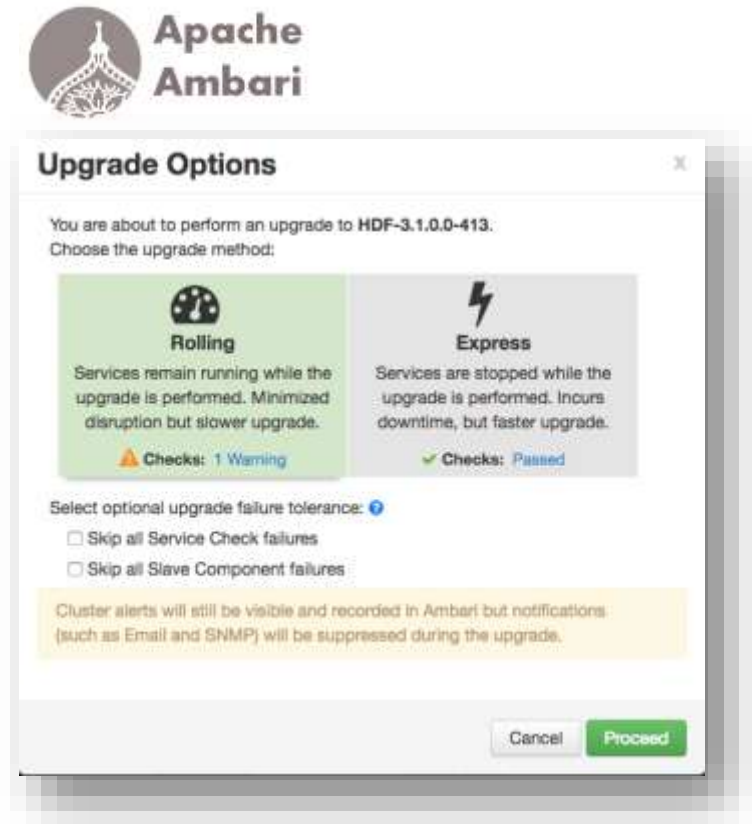
Tolerate up to  restart failures

☐ Only restart DataNodes with stale configs

Cancel Trigger Restart

# Automate Calls to Upgrade

- Prechecks:
  - All services up
  - Ran Service Checks after config changes
  - All hosts heartbeating
  - No hosts in maintenance mode
  - ...
- Start: Options for failure handling
- Status



# 5. ELK Stack for Searching Logs

Visualize  
& Search



Kibana

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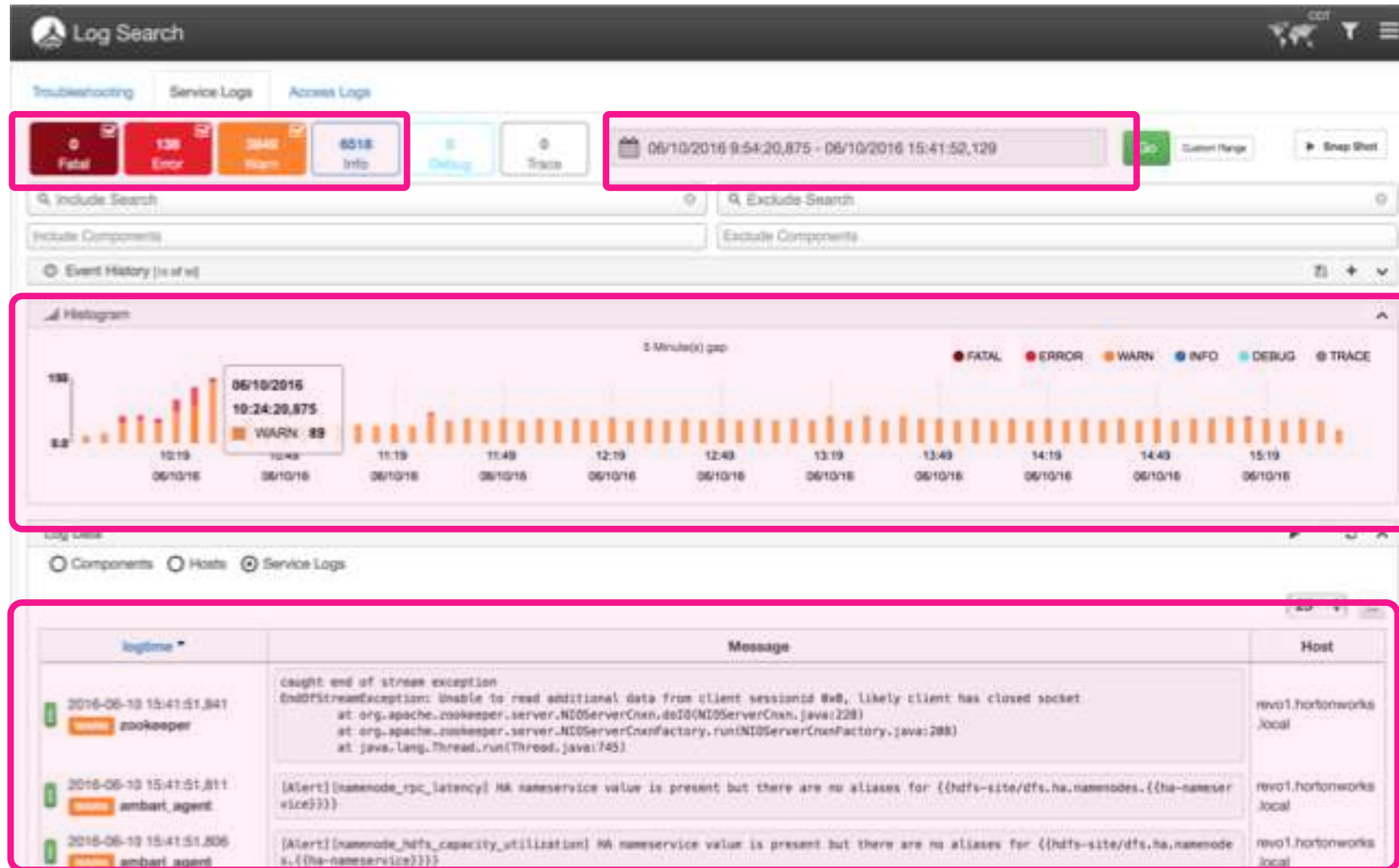
Elasticsearch

Ingest



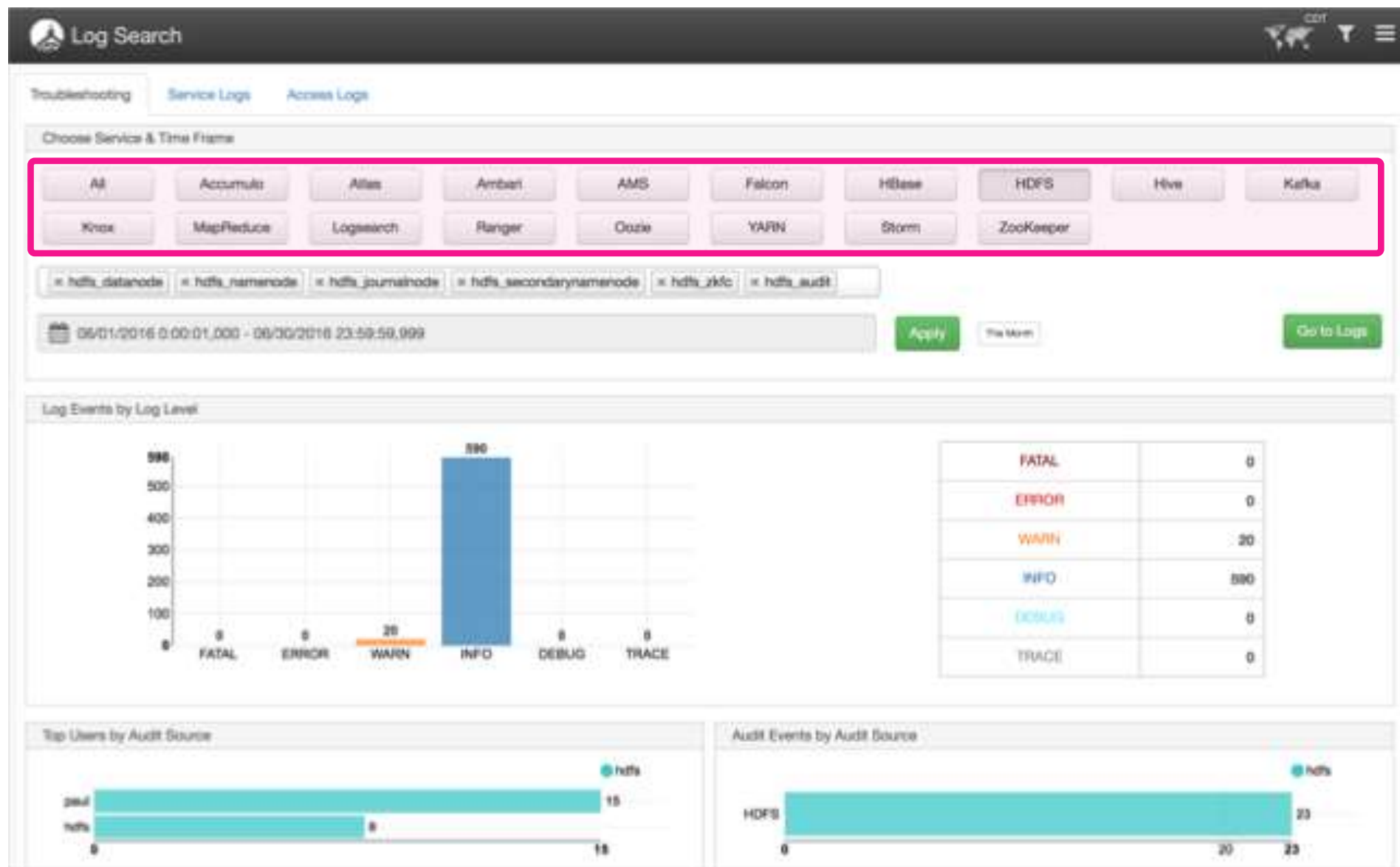
Logstash

# Out-of-the-Box Log Search

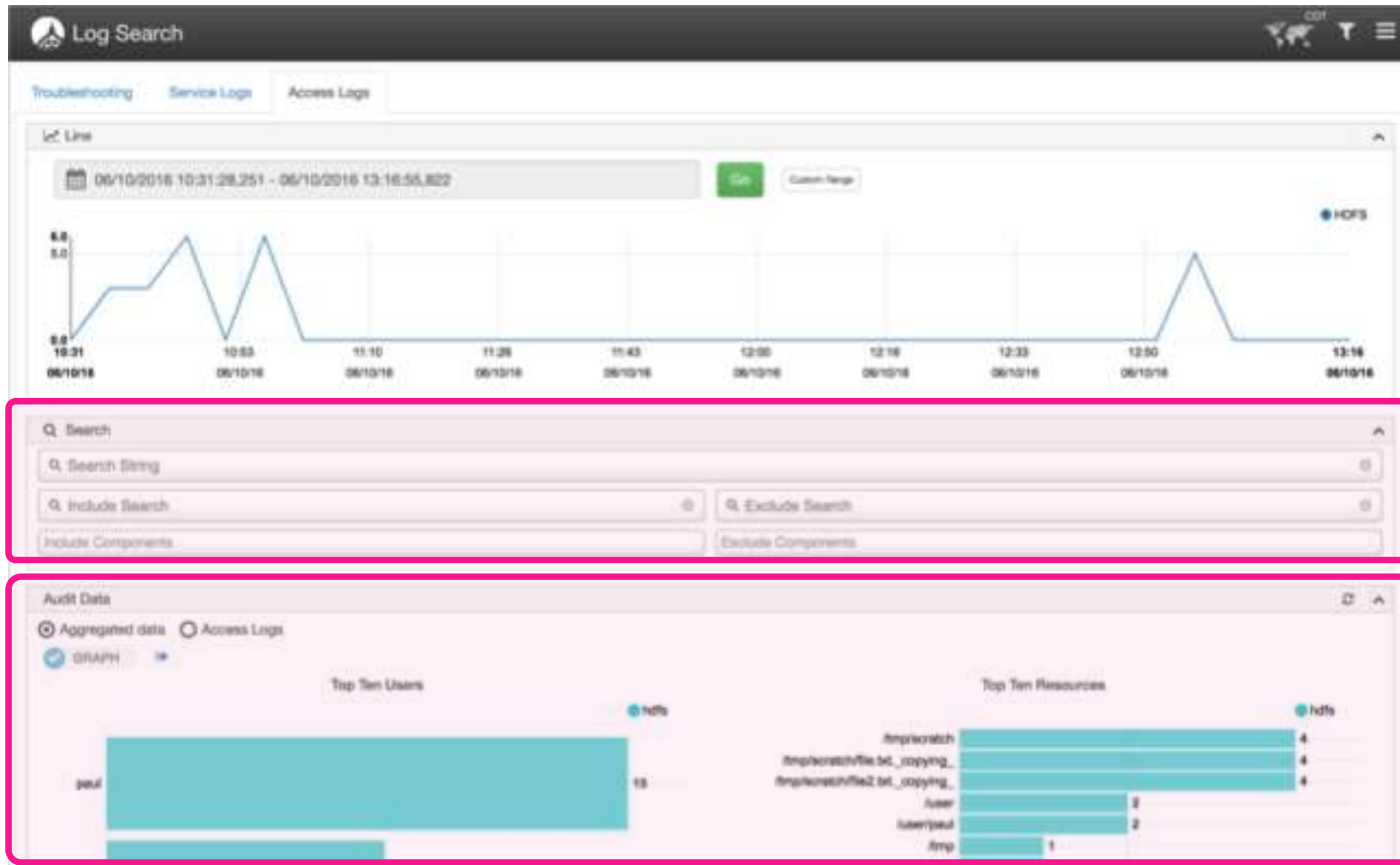




# Advanced Log Search



# Advanced Log Search



# 6. Collecting Metrics

- Apache Zookeeper:
  - Jmxterm
  - Inspect the beans: num connections, latency, timeouts, etc.
- Apache HDFS and YARN:
  - WebHDFS stats on a directory
  - ResourceManager web UI job counters
  - JMX

and more...

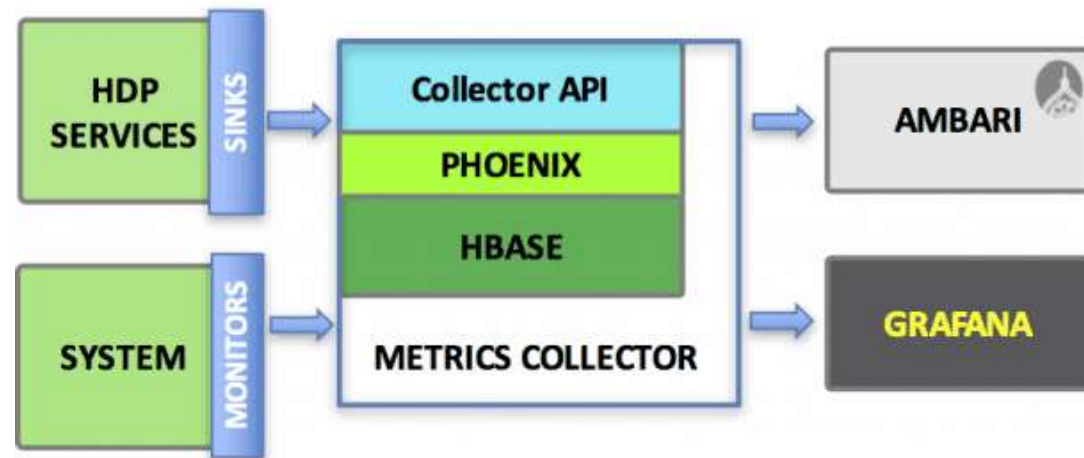
```
curl http://$HOST:$PORT/webhdfs/v1
```



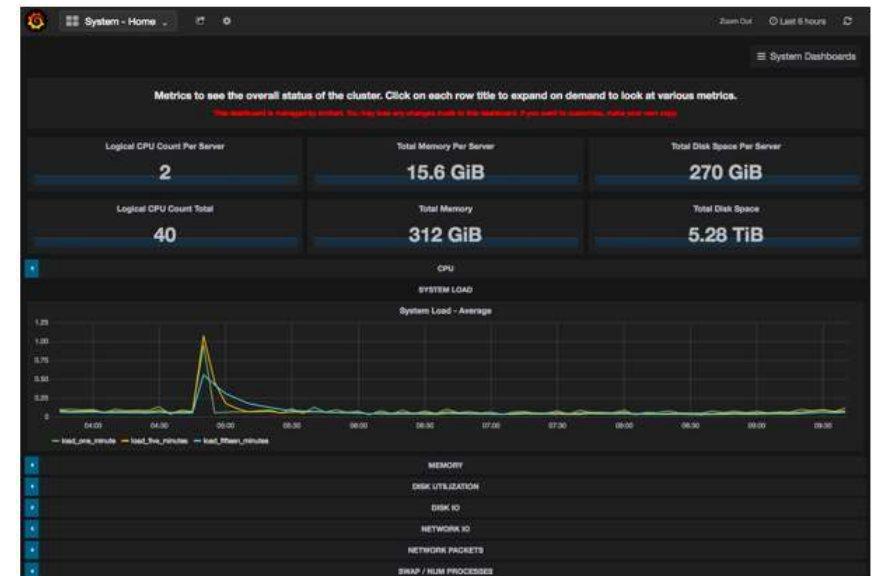
# 6. Collecting with AMS

Ambari Metrics System for Hadoop metrics:

- Support Hadoop stack using Hadoop syncs interface
- Anomaly Detection
- Query with Phoenix
- High Availability
- Scale horizontally



 Grafana UI





A multi-monitor workstation setup for financial analysis. The desk is filled with several computer monitors, each displaying different types of financial data. Some monitors show candlestick charts with red and green bars, while others display line graphs with multiple colored lines (yellow, green, blue, red) representing different metrics. The background is dark, and the overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the screens themselves. In the foreground, a keyboard, a mouse, and some other desk accessories are visible, though slightly out of focus. The text "METRICS LOOK GOOD" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters at the top of the image.

METRICS LOOK GOOD

I THINK IT'S SAFE TO DEPLOY

# 7. Telemetry

StatsD client on each host

- Emitting metrics: CLI, Python client, Ruby client

GAUGE	INCREMENT	DECREMENT	RATE	COUNT	...
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**</> E.g., DataDog Client**

```
from checks import AgentCheck

class HelloCheck(AgentCheck):
    def check(self, instance):
        self.gauge('hello.world', 1)
```

# DataDog Examples (reference)

## </> Python HTTP Check Snippet

```
start_time = time.time()
try:
    r = requests.get(url, timeout=timeout)
    end_time = time.time()
except requests.exceptions.Timeout as e:
    self.timeout_event(url, timeout, aggregation_key)
    return

if r.status_code != 200:
    self.status_code_event(url, r, aggregation_key)

timing = end_time - start_time
self.gauge('http.response_time', timing, tags=['http_check'])
```



# Telemetry

- Functions: avg, min, max, rolling window, stddev
- Thresholds
- Alerts



# Simple Metric

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```

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metric = 1
```

```
try:
```

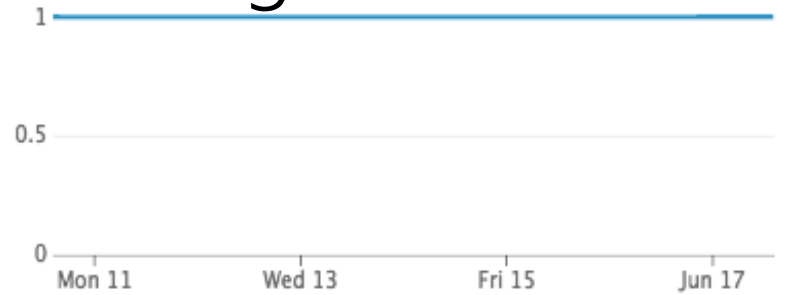
```
    hive -e "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM canary"
```

```
except SomeExceptionType:
```

```
    metric = 0
```

```
dd-report-metric -m "hive" -v $metric
```

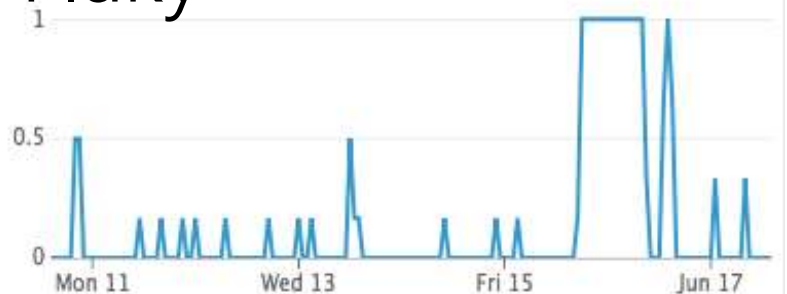
## Passing



## Deploying



## Flaky








## 8. ETL with Apache Airflow (incubating)

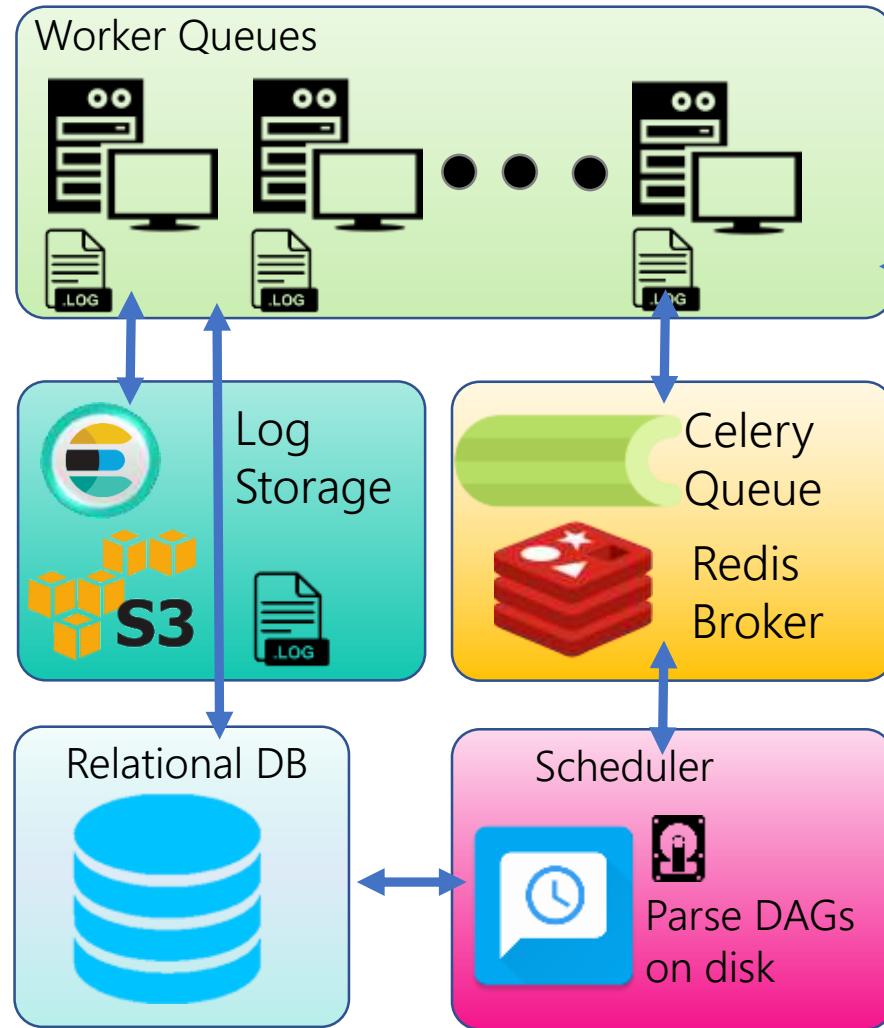


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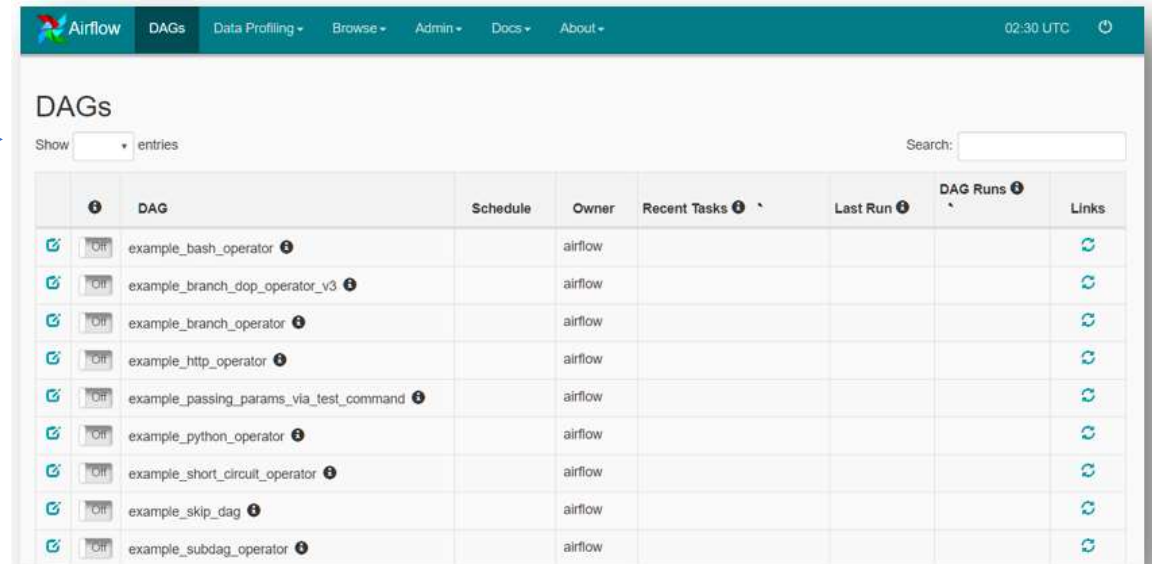
ETL – Develop your DAGs using Python + Jinja

-  • Sensors: wait for data to land
-  • Operators galore: Bash, Hive, Presto, MySQL, etc.
-  • Failure tolerance, retries, notifications
-  • Backfill
-  • GUI

# 8. ETL with Apache Airflow (incubating)



Web UI

A screenshot of the Airflow Web UI. The top navigation bar includes links for DAGs, Data Profiling, Browse, Admin, Docs, and About, along with a clock showing 02:30 UTC. The main section is titled "DAGs" and features a search bar and a table of DAGs.

	DAG	Schedule	Owner	Recent Tasks	Last Run	DAG Runs	Links
	example_bash_operator		airflow				
	example_branch_dop_operator_v3		airflow				
	example_branch_operator		airflow				
	example_http_operator		airflow				
	example_passing_params_via_test_command		airflow				
	example_python_operator		airflow				
	example_short_circuit_operator		airflow				
	example_skip_dag		airflow				
	example_subdag_operator		airflow				

# Example Bash Operator (reference)

## </> DAG - Bash Operator

```
import airflow
from airflow.operators.bash_operator import BashOperator
from airflow.models import DAG

args = {
    'owner': 'airflow',
    'start_date': airflow.utils.dates.days_ago(2)
}

dag = DAG(
    dag_id='example_bash_operator',
    default_args=args,
    schedule_interval='@daily')

task = BashOperator(
    task_id='also_run_this',
    bash_command='ls -l ; echo "run_id={{ run_id }} | dag_run={{ dag_run }}"',
    dag=dag)
```

## 9. Dashboards with Apache Superset (incubating)



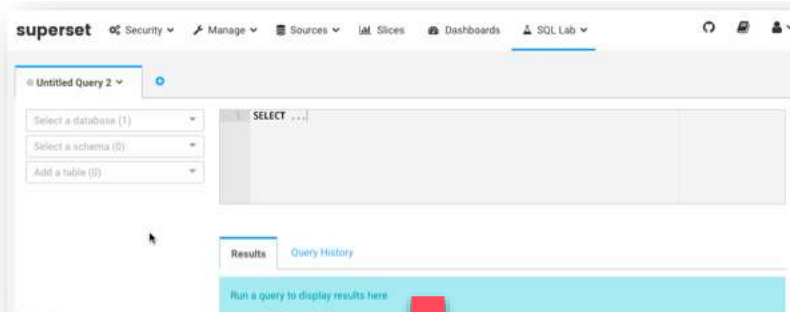
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- Ad-hoc queries
- Connections: MySQL, SQLAlchemy, Presto, Hive, etc.
- Dashboards

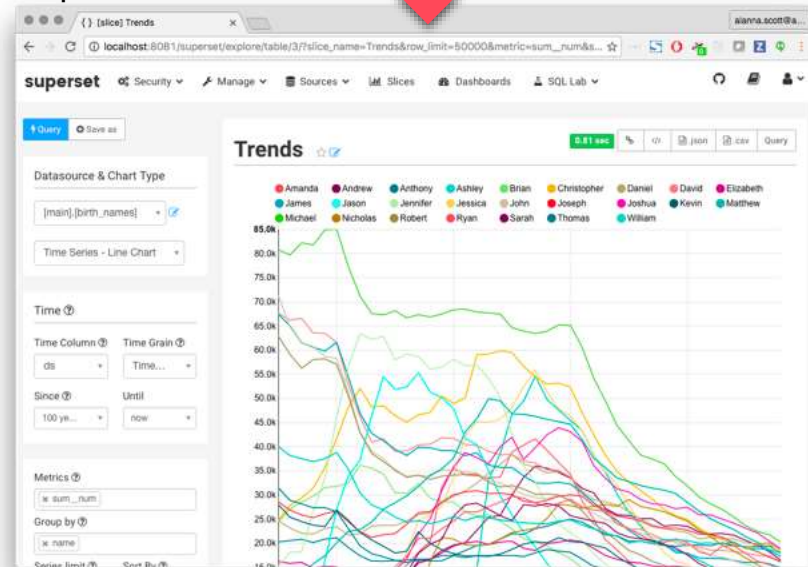
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Query Data



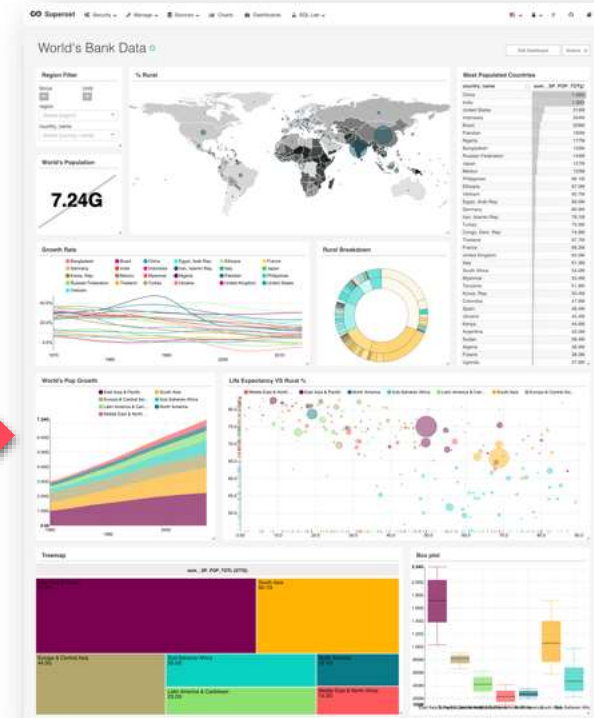
Explore Data



Visualize It



Share It





# 10. Automated Maintenance

- Rotate unhealthy nodes (too many failed volumes)
  - Decommission
  - Stop role, remove from cluster
  - Replace
- Clean space

# Thank you



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