Monitoring with Prometheus and Grafana ISOTDAO 2023

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Motivation:

Why today's presentation? What do you monitor in your daily life?

- Time tables: Buses, Trains, Planes, your calendar... etc.
- Weather: Temperatures, Pressure, Humidity.
- Your phone/laptop: Charge-status. Internet-connection status, type.
- Stock market. FOREX, shares, etc.
- Your experiment / production system: Is it recording data? Is it working?

Why do you monitor?

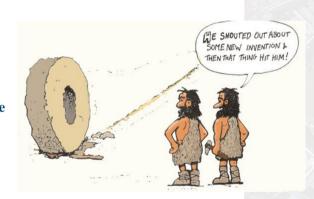
- If you know the **past**, you can: **understand problems** and predict the future.
- If you know the **present**, you can: **make problems last as short as possible**.
- Nobody knows the **future**, but good **alerts** will give you good hints.

Monitoring is just everywhere now days. Home made solutions for monitoring have to be very well justified.

DO NOT REINVENT THE WHEEL FOR YOUR PRODUCTION/DAQ SYSTEM!

Today's presentation

- Prometheus
- Grafana
- **3 use case: Temperature, Humidity, Pressure**
- **4** use case: The CMS experiment
- Conclusions



Why Grafana and Prometheus?

- Two different technologies developed and supported by two different communities (Grafana Labs, Independent/SoundCloud).
- Grafana and Prometheus are the most prominent tools in the application monitoring and analytics space.
- Prometheus is an open source monitoring and alerting platform which collects and stores
 metrics as time-series¹ data.
- Grafana is an open source analytics and interactive visualization web application. It allows
 you to ingest data sources, query this data, and display it on beautiful customized charts for
 easy analysis.
- This forms the basis of the perfect duo in application monitoring, the **Prometheus Grafana** relationship, which we intend to dive deeper into over the course of this talk.
- Prometheus can be seen as a back-end, Grafana can be seen as the front-end (with some approximations)
- Both technologies are becoming popular!



Who uses Grafana and Prometheus today?



Prometheus

COMPANIES WE TRACK USING PROMETHEUS

19,101 +3.03% 12 MONTHS CHANGE

Create a Target Segment

Download CSV Sample (25 companies)

PRODUCTS RELATED TO PROMETHEUS

Companies Currently Using Prometheus	Companies Cu	rrently Using	Prometheus
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COMPANY NAME	WEBSITE	HQ ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	COUNTRY	TOP LEVEL INDUSTRY	SUB LEVEL INDUSTRY
	americanexpress.com	200 Vesey St FI 50	New York	NY	10285-0	US	Finance	Credit Cards & Transaction Services
	jpmorganchase.com	383 Madison Ave	New York	NY	10179-0	US	Finance	Banking
	wellsfargo.com	420 Montgomery St	San Francisco	CA	94104-1	US	Finance	General Financial Services & Insights
∄ Citi	citi.com	388 Greenwich St	New York	NY	10013	US	Finance	Banking
	fidelity.com	245 Summer St	Boston	МА	02210	US	Finance	Brokerage
II The Options Clearing	theocc.com	125 S. Franklin Stre	Chicago	IL	60606	US	Business Services	Security Products & Services

https://discovery.hgdata.com/

Who uses Grafana and Prometheus today?

Grafana

COMPANIES WE TRACK LISING GRAFANA

31.751 +2.89% 12 MONTHS CHANGE

Create a Target Segment

PRODUCTS RELATED TO GRAFANA

Mongo DB Atlas Apache Sqoop S SAS Federation Server Adabas Cluster Services A ASNA DataGate

Companies Currently Using Grafana

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∭ Wells Fargo	wellsfargo.com	420 Montgomery St	San Francisco	CA	94104-1	US	Finance	General Financial Services & Insights
	splunk.com	270 Brannan St	San Francisco	CA	94107-2	US	Technical	Software Manufacturers
Ⅲ Citigroup	citigroup.com	388 Greenwich St	New York	NY	10013	US	Finance	Banking
	oracle.com	2300 Oracle Way	Austin	TX	78741	US	Technical	Software Manufacturers
	fidelity.com	245 Summer St	Boston	MA	02210	US	Finance	Brokerage

https://discovery.hgdata.com/

https://grafana.com/success/

Prometheus



Prometheus

When to use prometheus: It works well for recording any purely numeric time series. It fits both machine-centric monitoring as well as monitoring of highly dynamic service-oriented architectures.

- Prometheus: An open-source system's monitoring and alerting toolkit.
- Maintained independently of any company.
- In few words: It collects and stores its metrics as time series data, i.e. metrics information is stored with the timestamp at which it was recorded AND optional key-value pairs called labels.
- 3 metric types: Counter, Gauge, Histogram https://prometheus.io/docs/concepts/metric_types/

Main features:

- Multi-dimensional data model with time series data identified by metric name and key/value pairs
- PromQL, a flexible query language to leverage this dimensionality
- Targets are discovered via service discovery or static configuration.

Installing Prometheus

- Available in all popular linux package-manager, (apt-get, yum, pacman,etc) as simply "prometheus".
- Other OS (Windows/Mac) Binaries also available.
- A main configuration file is written in YAML format.
- Written in GO. Suitable for docker images!
- Prometheus is portable. Can be seen as a binary plus a configuration file

Generic place holders for configuration file:

- <boolean>: a boolean that can take the values true or false
- (([0-9]+)y)?(([0-9]+)w)?(([0-9]+)d)?(([0-9]+)h)?
 (([0-9]+)m)?(([0-9]+)s)?(([0-9]+)ms)?[0), e.g. 1d,
 1h30m, 5m, 10s
- <filename>: a valid path in the current working directory
- <float>: a floating-point number
- <nost>: a valid string consisting of a hostname or IP followed by an optional port number
- <int>: an integer value
- <labelname>: a string matching the regular expression [a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9]*
- · <labelvalue> : a string of unicode characters
- <path>: a valid URL path
- <scheme>: a string that can take the values http or https
- <secret>: a regular string that is a secret, such as a password
- <string>: a regular string
- <size>: a size in bytes, e.g. 512MB. A unit is required.
 Supported units: B, KB, MB, GB, TB, PB, EB.

In the configuration file you find sections. The most general one is called the **global section**:

```
global:
  # How frequently to scrape targets by default.
  [ scrape_interval: <duration> | default = 1m ]
  # How long until a scrape request times out.
  [ scrape_timeout: <duration> | default = 10s ]
  # How frequently to evaluate rules.
  [ evaluation_interval: <duration> | default = 1m ]
  # The labels to add to any time series or alerts when communicating with
  # external systems (federation, remote storage, Alertmanager).
  external labels:
    [ <labelname>: <labelvalue> ... ]
  # File to which PromOL queries are logged.
  # Reloading the configuration will reopen the file.
  [ query_log_file: <string> ]
```

The scrape_configs section:

```
# The job name assigned to scraped metrics by default.
iob name: <iob name>
# How frequently to scrape targets from this job.
 scrape interval: <duration> | default = <global config.scrape interval> |
# Per-scrape timeout when scraping this job.
 scrape timeout: <duration> | default = <global config.scrape timeout> |
# The HTTP resource path on which to fetch metrics from targets.
[ metrics path: <path> | default = /metrics |
# honor labels controls how Prometheus handles conflicts between labels that are
# already present in scraped data and labels that Prometheus would attach
# server-side ("job" and "instance" labels, manually configured target
# labels, and labels generated by service discovery implementations).
# If honor labels is set to "true", label conflicts are resolved by keeping label
# values from the scraped data and ignoring the conflicting server-side labels.
# If honor labels is set to "false", label conflicts are resolved by renaming
# conflicting labels in the scraped data to "exported_<original-label>" (for
# example "exported instance", "exported job") and then attaching server-side
# labels.
# Setting honor labels to "true" is useful for use cases such as federation and
# scraping the Pushgateway, where all labels specified in the target should be
# preserved.
```

The scrape configs section:

- job_name: node-exporter static_configs:
 - targets:
 - l1ts-grafana:9100
 - l1ts-prometheus:9100
 - l1page:9100
 - l1page-test:9100
 - l1ce:9100
 - l1ce-test:9100
 - l1ts-central:9100
 - l1ts-ugt:9100
 - l1ts-ugt-test:9100
 - l1ts-calol1:9100
 - l1ts-calol2:9100
 - l1ts-ugmt:9100
 - l1ts-bmtf:9100
 - l1ts-omtf:9100
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- The targets can be seen as the list of nodes (PCs) running a given job and exposing metrics in a given port (9100 in this case).
- The list of nodes can be set as a static list, as in the example on the left. Or Dynamically by automatically discovering the jobs running in the same network/VPN puppet DB.
- A target can be running in the same prometheus-server, just add it as http://localhost:9100 prometheus-node-exporter (also available in main repositories) is a popular exporter

- Prometheus adapts to a huge list of scenarios.
- Common Authentication Methods and encrypted metric exposure also available.
- Central prometheus server/node managing all metrics exposed by targets.
- Prometheus central node redundancy easily achieved.
- Later in the slides we will see in more details two use cases.

Configuration file Scrape configs

- o <tls_config>
- <oauth2>
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Prometheus metrics exposure, node-exporter

After installing the package. Run it / Start the service.

visit: prometheus-node-exporter http://localhost:9100 (in your laptop)

Node Exporter

Prometheus Node Exporter

Version: (version=1.6.0, branch=tarball, revision=1.6.0)

Metrics

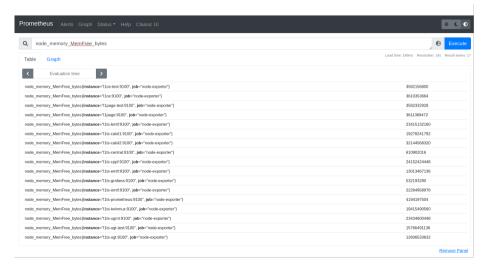
Prometheus metrics exposure, node-exporter "API"

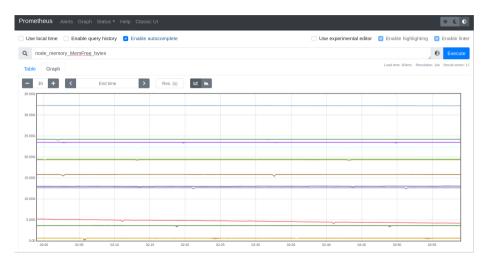
Example: prometheus-node-exporter http://localhost:9100/metrics (in your laptop)

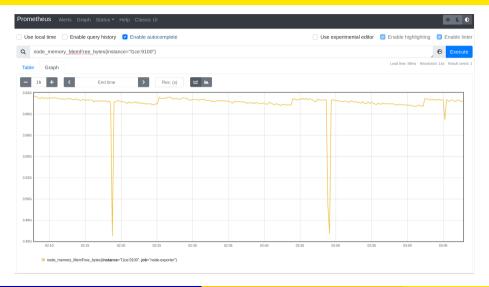
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   HELP on coroutines Number of coroutines that currently exist
 # TYPE go_goroutines gauge
 go_goroutines 7
 # HELF co info Information about the Go environment
 # TYFE go_info gauge
  HELF go memstats alloc bytes Number of bytes allocated and still in use
 TYPE go_menstats_alloc_bytes gauge
 # HELF co.memstats_alloc_bytes_total Total number of bytes allocated, even if freed
 # TYPE go_memstats_alloc_bytes_total counter
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  HELF to memstats buck hash sys bytes Number of bytes used by the profiling bucket hash table
# TYPE go menstats buck hash sys bytes gauge
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 # TYPE go_menstats_heap_alloc_bytes gauge
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# TYPE go_memstats_heap_idle_bytes gauge
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  HELF go memstats heap sys bytes Number of heap bytes obtained from system
# TYPE on menstats heap sys bytes cause
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- Prometheus provides a functional query language called PromQL.
- It lets the user select and aggregate time series data in real time. The result of an expression can either be shown as a graph, viewed as tabular data in Prometheus's expression browser, or consumed by external systems, like Grafana, via the HTTP API.
- Queries can evaluate to:
 - Instant vector: a set of time series containing a single sample for each time series, all sharing the same timestamp
 - Range vector a set of time series containing a range of data points over time for each time series
 - Scalar a simple numeric floating point value
- PromQL queries can be explored in the prometheus server. Once the package is installed and running (service started) you can see it in port 9090 (if you are running in your own laptop http://localhost:9090 (in your laptop):









Prometheus Alertmanager

The Alertmanager handles alerts sent by client applications such as the Prometheus server. It takes care of deduplicating, grouping, and routing them to the correct receiver integration such as email, PagerDuty, or OpsGenie. It also takes care of silencing and inhibition of alerts.

- Alertmanager runs as an independent process/service.
- Rules for alerting can be defined in YAML files pointed in the prometheus configuration file.
- Rules definitions follow PromQL
- Alerts can be routed in many different ways: Mattermost, Telegram, SMS, email, etc.



Grafana



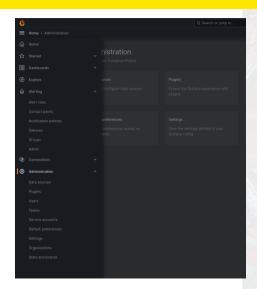
Grafana

- Grafana is a time series analytics and monitoring platform designed for database administrators.
- It enables users to query, visualize, alert on, and understand metrics of the stored data and create **reusable dashboards** with template variables.
- Features include different data sources mixing, client-side graphs visualization, authentication, alert rules defining, email notifications, and graphical annotations.
- Go powers Grafanas backend + Javascript for last layer frontend.
- Prometheus is not the only data-source that can be used with grafana:

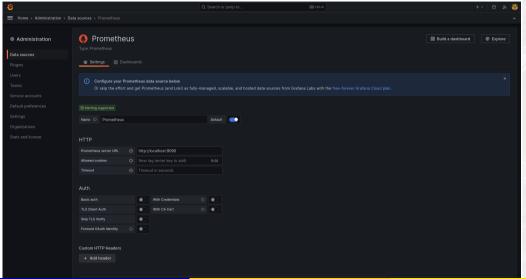


Installing Grafana

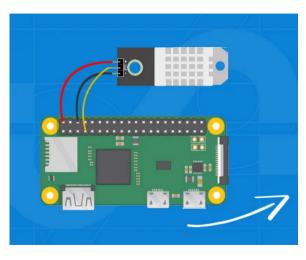
- Grafana: Available in mainstream repositories. Todays version v10.0.0 (apt-get, yum, pacman etc)
- You can install it and run it in your own laptop (together with prometheus).
- Default GUI port is 3000, you can start playing by visiting: http://localhost:3000 (your laptop)
- This GUI is also your grafana-development tool. Be sure to log-in (admin/admin)
- First step is to set a data-source.



Prometheus data-source, and you are set!



BME280 use case. (budget 36 EUR)



- Raspberrypi Zero (GPIO pins presoldered):
 19 EUR
- BME280 (temperature,humidity,pressure sensor): 17 EUR

Try it at home!

use case: Temperature, Humidity, Pressure







use case: Temperature, Humidity, Pressure

- Prometheus exporters already available for several sensors, here the bme280 one: https://pypi.org/project/bme280_exporter/(python based) install it in the rasbperrypi.
- Run it and check the exporter is actually working by visiting the metrics endpoint http://rasbperrypizero:9500 (port 9500 by default)
- Add the raspberrypi target to your prometheus configuration (static_configs) (see Prometheus configuration file slides).
- Import or create a new dashboard to visualize the data. Dashboards are defined as json files, open and check them.

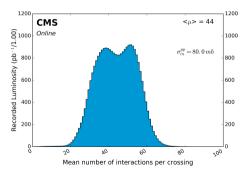


use case: Temperature, Humidity, Pressure



CMS use case. (budget 0.5 MCHF)

- Take a "photo" of each LHC pp/HI collision, every 25 ns
- Then, try to understand fundamental laws of physics



https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/
view/CMSPublic/LumiPublicResults

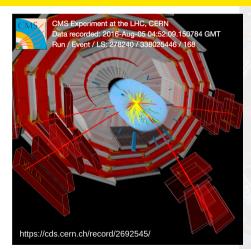


Fig: 4μ final state topology or..

A Higgs boson with a given probability

How data flows in CMS



40 MHz 40-80 TB/s



40 MHz

~ 1 TB/s

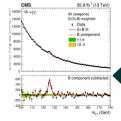
Accept/reject



Level-1 trigger

Event builder & High-level trigger





3 μHz 100 papers/y

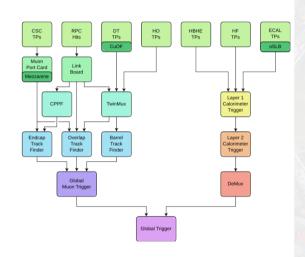


1 kHz ~ 1-2 GB/s

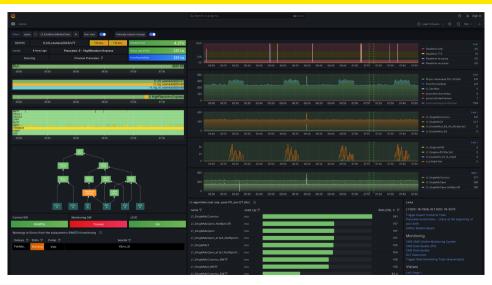


The L1 Trigger and Online Software

- ~ 150 boards
- ~ 3000 optical links
 - Up to 10Gbps
- Complex system
 - o Input from 5 detector systems
 - 9 subsystems → different data-processing algorithms (calo clusters, local µ reco ...)
 - 5 different board designs



L1 Monitoring Software, overview dashboard



• prometheusbackend



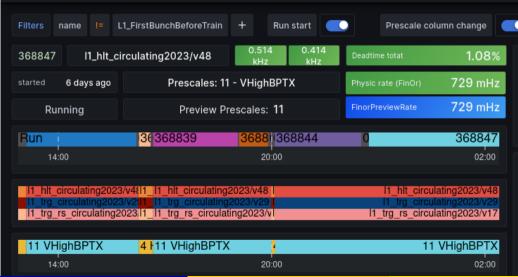
prometheus.io

• grafanafrontend



Grafana grafana.com

CMS overview configuration



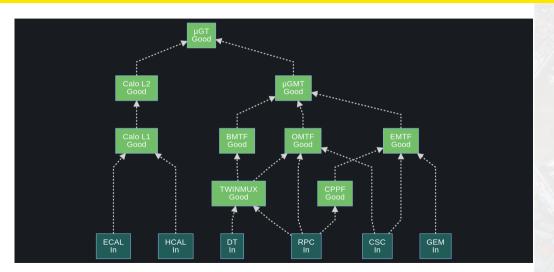
Bar charts



History Plots



Live status



Timeline status



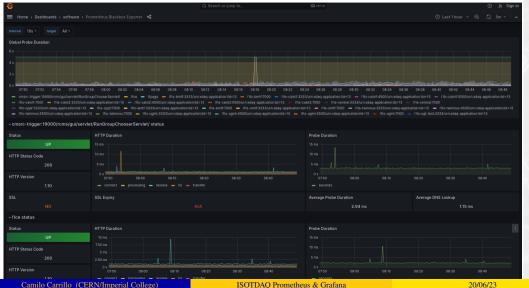
Tables, color code status



Node exporter dashboards in CMS



Blackbox approach also used in CMS



L1 Monitoring Software, metrics



- 386k metrics
- L1 trigger rates.
- All node-exporters metrics (≈ 20 nodes)
- Status metrics
- Lumi metrics
- CMS Configuration key
- SQL exporters and other monitoring tools exporters.

Conclusions

- prometheus & grafana: a great combo for monitoring your DAQ / production system.
- Several use cases have been shown: Node-performance, Sensors, CMS.
- All software is **free and open-source**
- CMS Grafana/Prometheus dashboards and configurations are open:
 - https://gitlab.cern.ch/cms-cactus/ops/monitoring/grafana
 - https://gitlab.cern.ch/cms-cactus/ops/monitoring/prometheus
 - https://gitlab.cern.ch/cms-cactus/ops/monitoring/alertmanager
- CI/CD pipelines implemented for checks, RPM build, docker images.
- Contributors to CMS online software are very welcome
- Contact me if you have specific questions!

Backup

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CMS Quadrant

