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# Bleemeo?

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Observability & Monitoring as a service solution

Start monitoring your infrastructure in 30s

Prometheus, Graphite, Statsd, compatible

2 Open Source projects (<https://github.com/bleemeo>):

- **Glouton**, universal monitoring agent written in Go with Prometheus, Statsd, Graphite, Nagios compatibility
- **SquirrelDB**, a scalable Prometheus compatible storage backend based on Cassandra



# Who am I?

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**Lionel Porcheron**, CEO & co-founder Bleemeo

- DevOps for +15 years (started my monitoring journey with ~~nagios~~-netsaint)
- Toulouse DevOps Meetup Leader, Capitole du Libre Leader, PyconFR 2017 Organizer



# Old Monitoring Days

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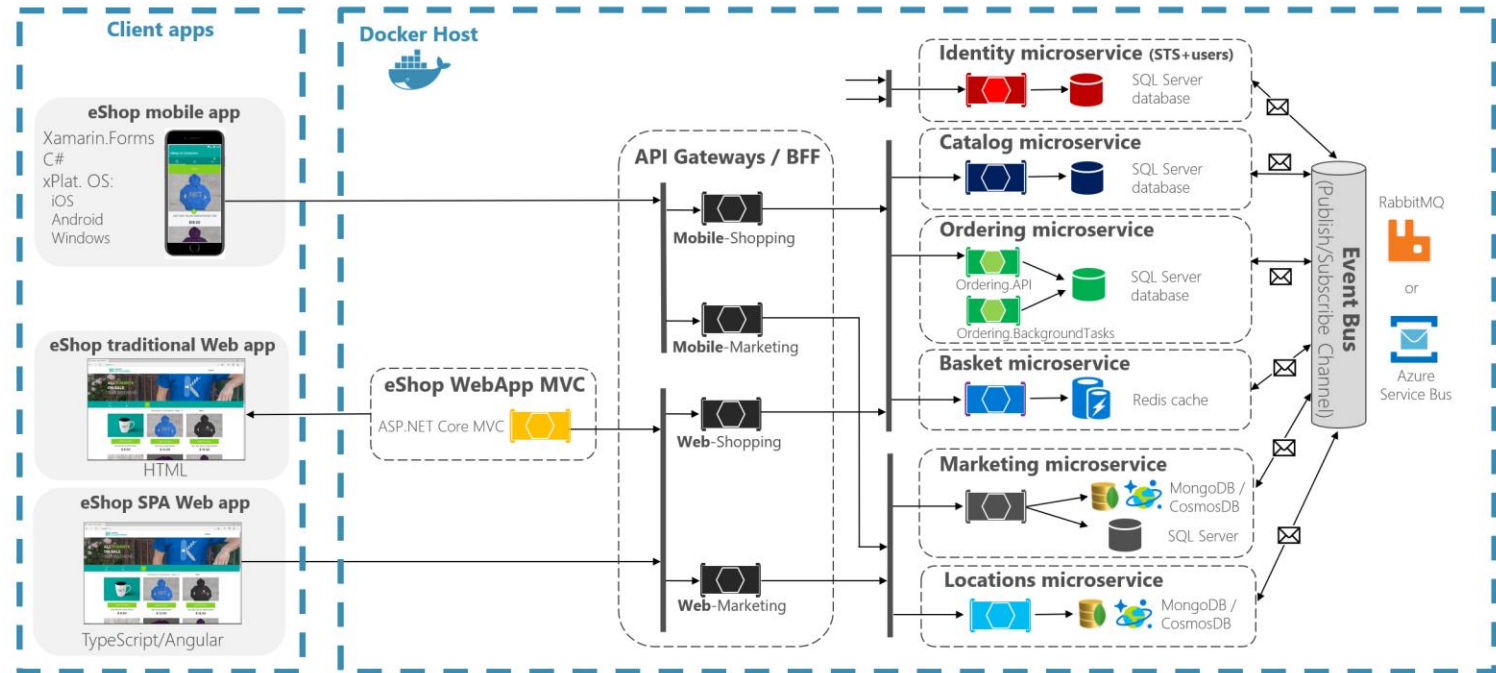
- Monitor your server as a blackbox
- Only monitor server & services (web server, database)
- Only availability, not metrics
- Nagios & derivatives



# Microservices and modern era

- Increase architecture complexity
- Increase number of technical components to monitor
- Moderns infrastructure base on containers are dynamic
- Some components may come from third parties

**eShopOnContainers reference application**  
(Development environment architecture)



# Graphite... and Prometheus

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- Graphite change the way we were doing monitoring: metrics became central
- Graphite appeared in 2008
- Prometheus became de-facto standard for monitoring
- Prometheus was "initiated" in 2012 at Soundcloud and is now a (graduated) CNCF project
- Ecosystem based on Prometheus: exporters, Grafana, software themselves (Kubernetes, Traefik & many others)



Prometheus

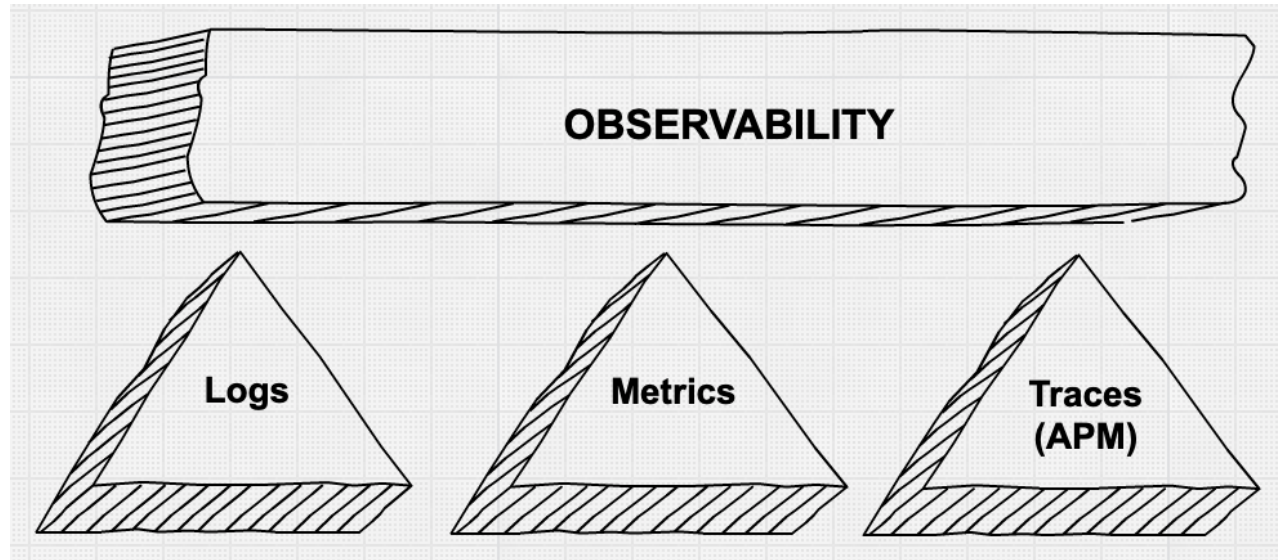
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- No more monitoring as blackbox: we now know what is inside
- Exports tons of metrics for future usage
- Code need to be instrumented to provide business metrics
- New Buzzzword 😎

# Three pillars of observability

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# Observability Key Metrics

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## The RED Method

- (Request) **R**ate - the number of requests, per second, your services are serving.
- (Request) **E**rrors - the number of failed requests per second.
- (Request) **D**uration - distributions of the amount of time each request takes.

## The USE Method

- (Resource) **U**tilization: as a percent over a time interval. eg, "one disk is running at 90% utilization".
- (Resource) **S**aturation: as a queue length. eg, "the CPUs have an average run queue length of four".
- (Resource) **E**rrors: scalar counts. eg, "this network interface has had fifty late collisions".

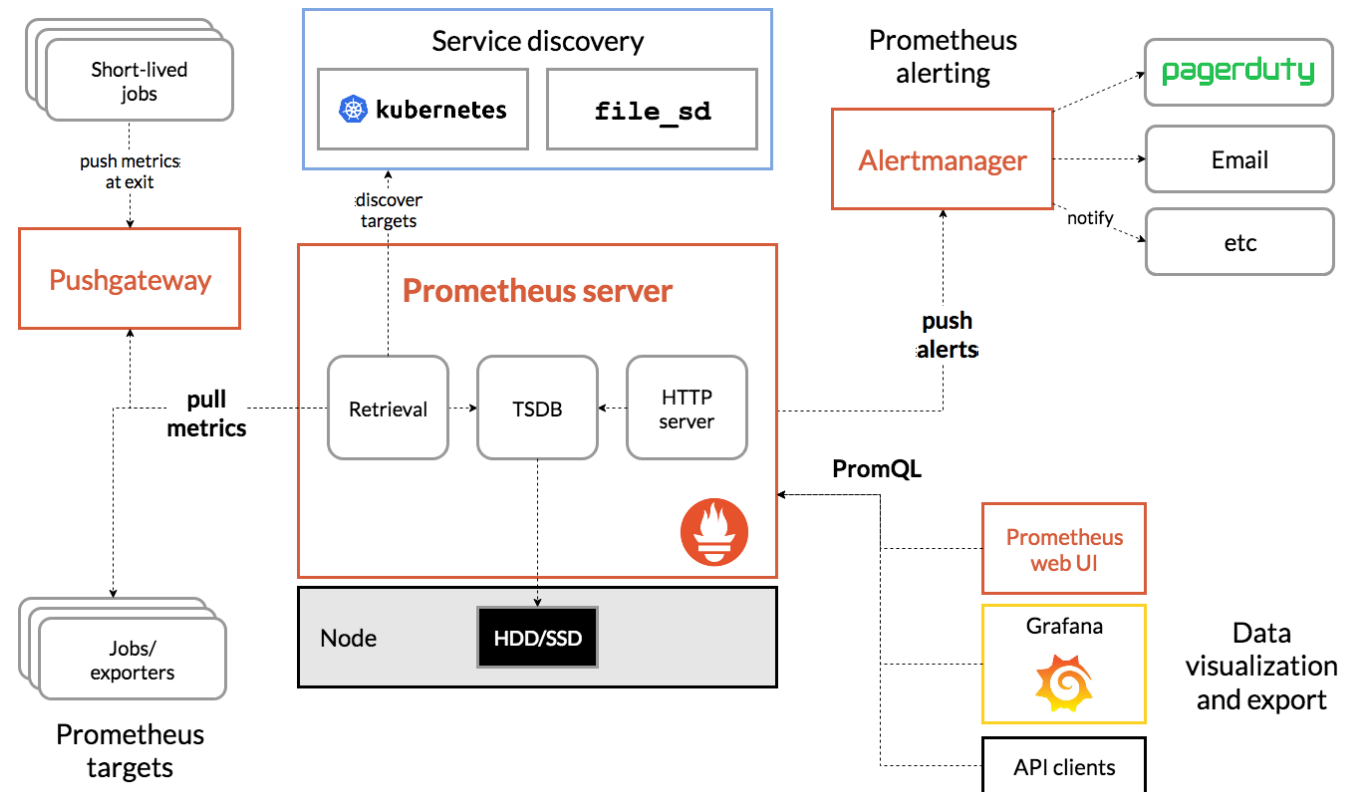
# Prometheus Overview

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- A Time Series Database where data is identified by metric name and labels (key/value pairs)
- A powerful PromQL query language
- No complex storage: designed to store multiple days (not weeks) of data
- Data are collected via a pull over HTTP

# Prometheus Architecture

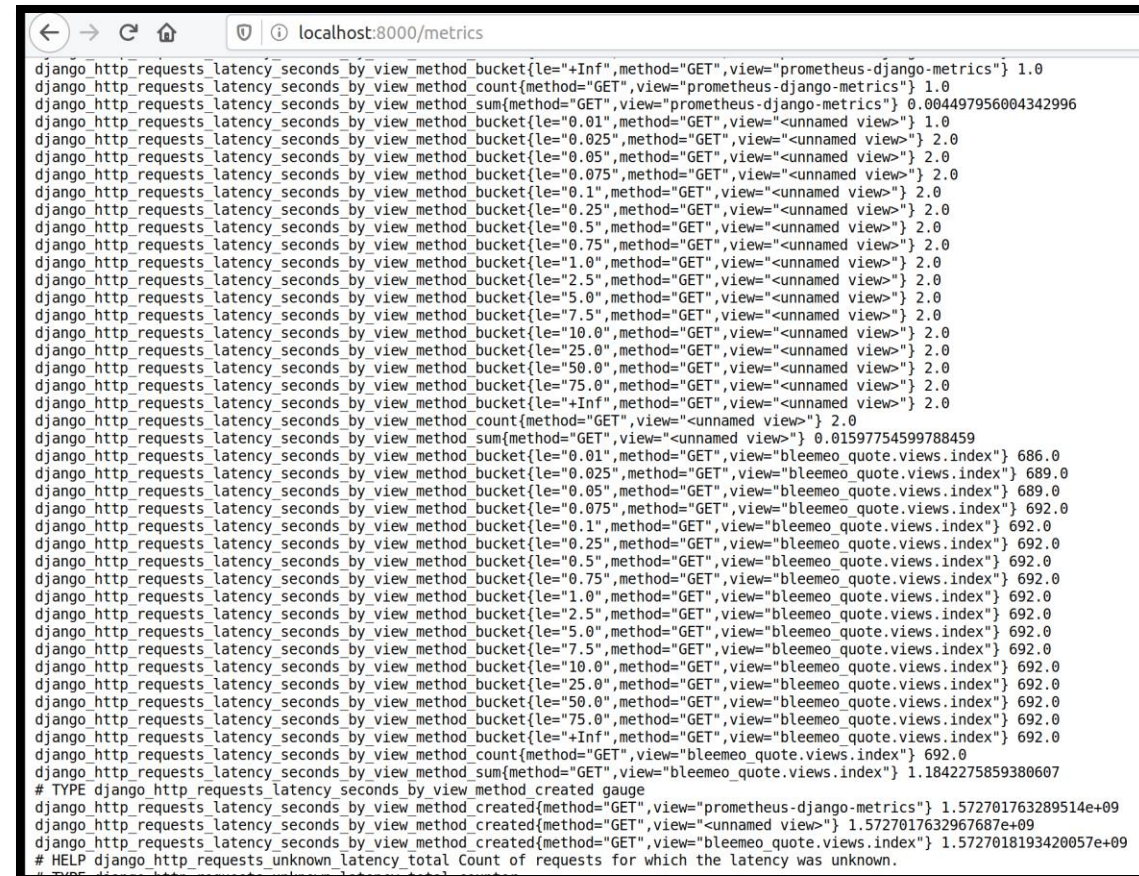
- Prometheus server pull metrics
- Can be integrated with service discovery
- Pushgateway allow to push metrics
- Alertmanager send alarms triggered by Prometheus Server
- PromQL to query
- Long term storage are external projects



# Prometheus exporters

- Prometheus exporters export on web page metrics (basic plain text page with a metric per line)
- Prometheus poll regularly those endpoints
- Some projects embed a Prometheus endpoint (gitlab, traefik, ...)
- Prometheus exporters exist for almost everything (244 projects listed today):

<https://prometheus.io/docs/instrumenting/exporters/>

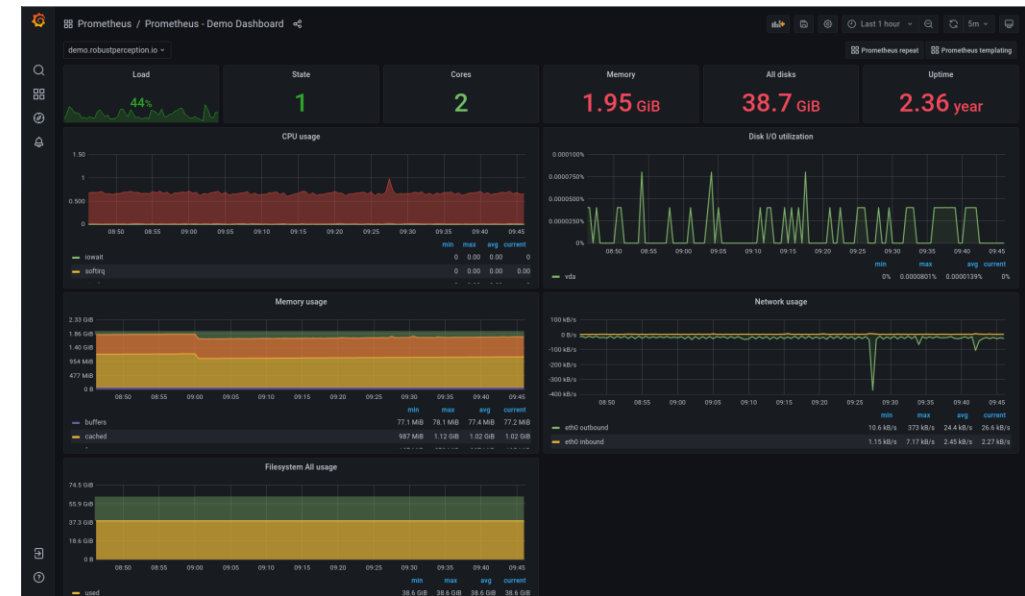


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localhost:8000/metrics
django http_requests_latency_seconds by view_method bucket{le="+Inf",method="GET",view="prometheus-django-metrics"} 1.0
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django http_requests_latency_seconds by view_method created{method="GET",view="<unnamed view>"} 1.5727017632967687e+09
django http_requests_latency_seconds by view_method created{method="GET",view="bleemeo quote.views.index"} 1.5727018193420057e+09
# HELP django_http_requests_unknown_latency_total Count of requests for which the latency was unknown.
```

# Prometheus ecosystem

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- We already covered exporters
- A lot of projects are now natively proposing a /metrics Prometheus endpoint
- Long term storage: Thanos, Cortex
- Lot of libraries in various languages to instrument your code
- Most famous project in ecosystem is Grafana



# Prometheus Query Language

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- PromQL (Prometheus Query Language) allow to query metrics
- Can query one or multiple metrics
- Can apply operators and functions on metrics

Return the per-second rate for all time series with the `http_requests_total` metric name, as measured over the last 5 minutes:

```
rate(http_requests_total[5m])
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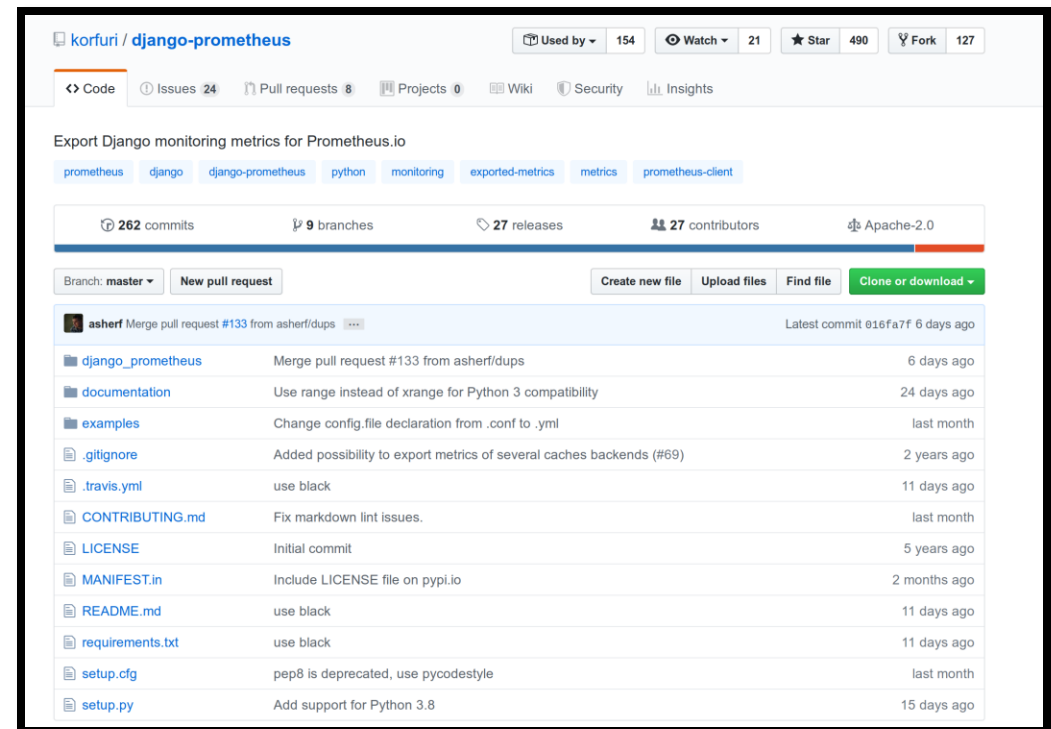
CPU time with labels to select your metric:

```
instance_cpu_time_ns{app="lion", proc="web", rev="34d0f99",  
env="prod", job="cluster-manager"}
```

# Instrument your code

- Example of Django web framework
- For Django application: django-prometheus
- Django Middleware for metrics

```
52 MIDDLEWARE = [  
53     'django_prometheus.middleware.PrometheusBeforeMiddleware',  
54     'django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware',  
55     'django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware',  
56     'django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware',  
57     'django_prometheus.middleware.PrometheusAfterMiddleware',  
58 ]
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korfuri / django-prometheus

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Export Django monitoring metrics for Prometheus.io

prometheus django django-prometheus python monitoring exported-metrics metrics prometheus-client

262 commits 9 branches 27 releases 27 contributors Apache-2.0

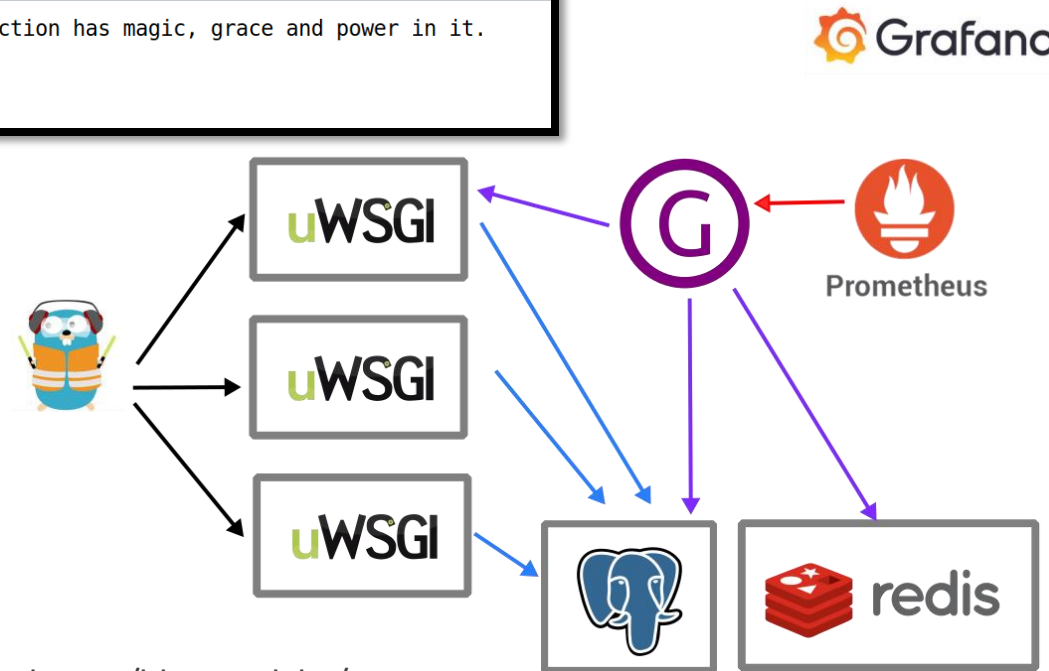
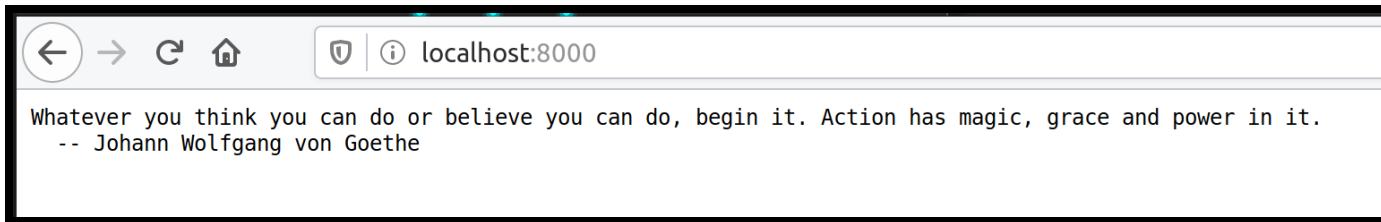
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asheri Merge pull request #133 from asheri/dups Latest commit 616fa7f 6 days ago

django_prometheus	Merge pull request #133 from asheri/dups	6 days ago
documentation	Use range instead of xrange for Python 3 compatibility	24 days ago
examples	Change config.file declaration from .conf to .yml	last month
.gitignore	Added possibility to export metrics of several caches backends (#69)	2 years ago
.travis.yml	use black	11 days ago
CONTRIBUTING.md	Fix markdown lint issues.	last month
LICENSE	Initial commit	5 years ago
MANIFEST.in	Include LICENSE file on pypi.io	2 months ago
README.md	use black	11 days ago
requirements.txt	use black	11 days ago
setup.cfg	pep8 is deprecated, use pycodestyle	last month
setup.py	Add support for Python 3.8	15 days ago

# Example

Small Django application showing quote of the day



Code is available on Bleemeo Labs github: <https://github.com/bleemeolabs/quote>



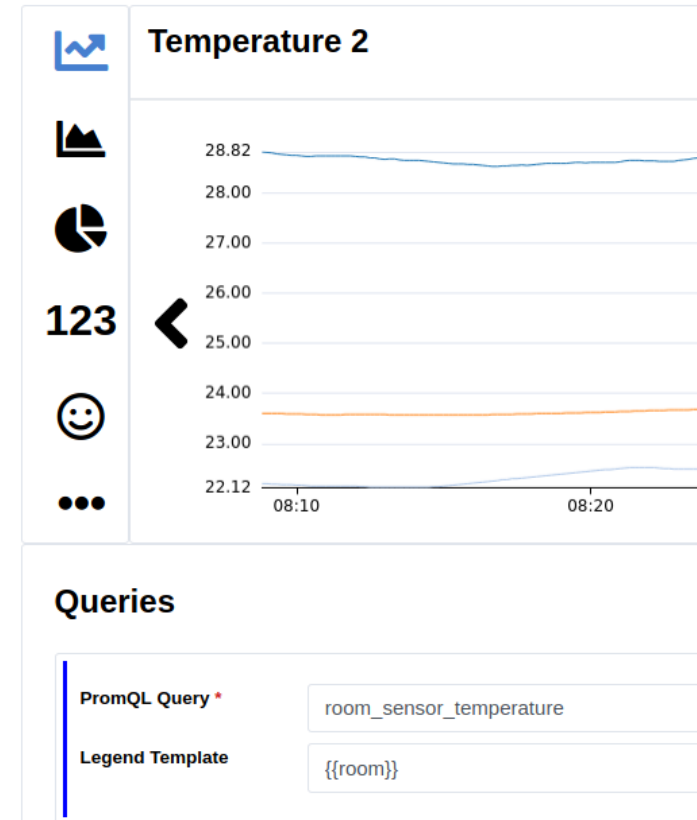
# Prometheus Drawbacks

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- Metric centric, triggering alarms can be a bit more complex
- Can consume a lot of resources, especially when deployed in your Kubernetes (kubernetes lack of resources, ops team start looking at grafana dashboards and... ✨)
- Can be complex to scale
- Not designed for high availability (without complex workaround)

# Prometheus with Bleemeo

- Can replace Prometheus server and Grafana
- Data are scrapped from our Open Source agent "Glouton"
- All network streams are authenticated (different for each server) and encrypted (TLS 1.3)
- Metrics can be queried and dashboards configured using PromQL queries
- Service autodiscovery is built-in in the agent
- Coming soon: alerts can be configured using PromQL queries



# Conclusion

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- Became de facto standard for new monitoring projects
- Very easy to bootstrap a Prometheus + Grafana project
- Can be resource consuming
- Can be complex to scale
- You should consider it for instrumenting your code

# Questions?

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