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Abstract

This document provides details on how to monitor the performance of Knative services. It also details how to use OpenShift Logging and OpenShift distributed tracing with OpenShift Serverless.

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CHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATOR METRICS

1.1. SERVERLESS ADMINISTRATOR METRICS

Metrics enable cluster administrators to monitor how OpenShift Serverless cluster components and workloads are performing.

You can view different metrics for OpenShift Serverless by navigating to **Dashboards** in the web console **Administrator** perspective.

1.1.1. Prerequisites

- See the OpenShift Container Platform documentation on Managing metrics for information about enabling metrics for your cluster.
- You have access to an account with cluster administrator access (or dedicated administrator access for OpenShift Dedicated or Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS).
- You have access to the **Administrator** perspective in the web console.



WARNING

If Service Mesh is enabled with mTLS, metrics for Knative Serving are disabled by default because Service Mesh prevents Prometheus from scraping metrics.

For information about resolving this issue, see Enabling Knative Serving metrics when using Service Mesh with mTLS.

Scraping the metrics does not affect autoscaling of a Knative service, because scraping requests do not go through the activator. Consequently, no scraping takes place if no pods are running.

1.2. SERVERLESS CONTROLLER METRICS

The following metrics are emitted by any component that implements a controller logic. These metrics show details about reconciliation operations and the work queue behavior upon which reconciliation requests are added to the work queue.

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
work_queue_de pth	The depth of the work queue.	Gauge	reconciler	Integer (no units)
reconcile_count	The number of reconcile operations.	Counter	reconciler, success	Integer (no units)

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
reconcile_laten cy	The latency of reconcile operations.	Histogram	reconciler, success	Milliseconds
workqueue_add s_total	The total number of add actions handled by the work queue.	Counter	name	Integer (no units)
workqueue_que ue_latency_sec onds	The length of time an item stays in the work queue before being requested.	Histogram	name	Seconds
workqueue_retri es_total	The total number of retries that have been handled by the work queue.	Counter	name	Integer (no units)
workqueue_wor k_duration_sec onds	The length of time it takes to process and item from the work queue.	Histogram	name	Seconds
workqueue_unfi nished_work_s econds	The length of time that outstanding work queue items have been in progress.	Histogram	name	Seconds
workqueue_lon gest_running_p rocessor_secon ds	The length of time that the longest outstanding work queue items has been in progress.	Histogram	name	Seconds

1.3. WEBHOOK METRICS

Webhook metrics report useful information about operations. For example, if a large number of operations fail, this might indicate an issue with a user-created resource.

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Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit	

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
request_count	The number of requests that are routed to the webhook.	Counter	admission_allo wed, kind_group, kind_kind, kind_version, request_operati on, resource_group , resource_name space, resource_resou rce, resource_versio n	Integer (no units)
request_latenci es	The response time for a webhook request.	Histogram	admission_allo wed, kind_group, kind_kind, kind_version, request_operati on, resource_group , resource_name space, resource_resou rce, resource_versio n	Milliseconds

1.4. KNATIVE EVENTING METRICS

Cluster administrators can view the following metrics for Knative Eventing components.

By aggregating the metrics from HTTP code, events can be separated into two categories; successful events (2xx) and failed events (5xx).

1.4.1. Broker ingress metrics

You can use the following metrics to debug the broker ingress, see how it is performing, and see which events are being dispatched by the ingress component.

Metric name Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
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Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
event_count	Number of events received by a broker.	Counter	broker_name, event_type, namespace_na me, response_code, response_code _class, unique_name	Integer (no units)
event_dispatch _latencies	The time taken to dispatch an event to a channel.	Histogram	broker_name, event_type, namespace_na me, response_code, response_code _class, unique_name	Milliseconds

1.4.2. Broker filter metrics

You can use the following metrics to debug broker filters, see how they are performing, and see which events are being dispatched by the filters. You can also measure the latency of the filtering action on an event.

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
event_count	Number of events received by a broker.	Counter	broker_name, container_name ,filter_type, namespace_na me, response_code, response_code _class, trigger_name, unique_name	Integer (no units)
event_dispatch _latencies	The time taken to dispatch an event to a channel.	Histogram	broker_name, container_name ,filter_type, namespace_na me, response_code, response_code _class, trigger_name, unique_name	Milliseconds

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
event_processi ng_latencies	The time it takes to process an event before it is dispatched to a trigger subscriber.	Histogram	broker_name, container_name , filter_type, namespace_na me, trigger_name, unique_name	Milliseconds

1.4.3. In Memory Channel dispatcher metrics

You can use the following metrics to debug **InMemoryChannel** channels, see how they are performing, and see which events are being dispatched by the channels.

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
event_count	Number of events dispatched by InMemoryChan nel channels.	Counter	broker_name, container_name ,filter_type, namespace_na me, response_code, response_code _class, trigger_name, unique_name	Integer (no units)
event_dispatch _latencies	The time taken to dispatch an event from an InMemoryChan nel channel.	Histogram	broker_name, container_name ,filter_type, namespace_na me, response_code, response_code _class, trigger_name, unique_name	Milliseconds

1.4.4. Event source metrics

You can use the following metrics to verify that events have been delivered from the event source to the connected event sink.

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
event_count	Number of events sent by the event source.	Counter	broker_name, container_name , filter_type, namespace_na me, response_code, response_code _class, trigger_name, unique_name	Integer (no units)
retry_event_cou nt	Number of retried events sent by the event source after initially failing to be delivered.	Counter	event_source, event_type, name, namespace_na me, resource_group , response_code, response_code _class, response_error, response_timeo ut	Integer (no units)

1.5. KNATIVE SERVING METRICS

Cluster administrators can view the following metrics for Knative Serving components.

1.5.1. Activator metrics

You can use the following metrics to understand how applications respond when traffic passes through the activator.

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
request_concur rency	The number of concurrent requests that are routed to the activator, or average concurrency over a reporting period.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, container_name namespace_na me, pod_name, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
request_count	The number of requests that are routed to activator. These are requests that have been fulfilled from the activator handler.	Counter	configuration_n ame, container_name , namespace_na me, pod_name, response_code, response_code _class, revision_name, service_name,	Integer (no units)
request_latenci es	The response time in milliseconds for a fulfilled, routed request.	Histogram	configuration_n ame, container_name , namespace_na me, pod_name, response_code, response_code _class, revision_name, service_name	Milliseconds

1.5.2. Autoscaler metrics

The autoscaler component exposes a number of metrics related to autoscaler behavior for each revision. For example, at any given time, you can monitor the targeted number of pods the autoscaler tries to allocate for a service, the average number of requests per second during the stable window, or whether the autoscaler is in panic mode if you are using the Knative pod autoscaler (KPA).

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
desired_pods	The number of pods the autoscaler tries to allocate for a service.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)
excess_burst_c apacity	The excess burst capacity served over the stable window.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
stable_request_ concurrency	The average number of requests for each observed pod over the stable window.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)
panic_request_ concurrency	The average number of requests for each observed pod over the panic window.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)
target_concurre ncy_per_pod	The number of concurrent requests that the autoscaler tries to send to each pod.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)
stable_requests _per_second	The average number of requests-persecond for each observed pod over the stable window.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)
panic_requests _per_second	The average number of requests-persecond for each observed pod over the panic window.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)
target_requests _per_second	The number of requests-per-second that the autoscaler targets for each pod.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)
panic_mode	This value is 1 if the autoscaler is in panic mode, or 0 if the autoscaler is not in panic mode.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
requested_pods	The number of pods that the autoscaler has requested from the Kubernetes cluster.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)
actual_pods	The number of pods that are allocated and currently have a ready state.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)
not_ready_pods	The number of pods that have a not ready state.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)
pending_pods	The number of pods that are currently pending.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)
terminating_po ds	The number of pods that are currently terminating.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)

1.5.3. Go runtime metrics

Each Knative Serving control plane process emits a number of Go runtime memory statistics (MemStats).



NOTE

The **name** tag for each metric is an empty tag.

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
go_alloc	The number of bytes of allocated heap objects. This metric is the same as heap_alloc .	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_total_alloc	The cumulative bytes allocated for heap objects.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_sys	The total bytes of memory obtained from the operating system.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_lookups	The number of pointer lookups performed by the runtime.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_mallocs	The cumulative count of heap objects allocated.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_frees	The cumulative count of heap objects that have been freed.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_heap_alloc	The number of bytes of allocated heap objects.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_heap_sys	The number of bytes of heap memory obtained from the operating system.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_heap_idle	The number of bytes in idle, unused spans.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_heap_in_us e	The number of bytes in spans that are currently in use.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
go_heap_releas ed	The number of bytes of physical memory returned to the operating system.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_heap_object s	The number of allocated heap objects.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_stack_in_us e	The number of bytes in stack spans that are currently in use.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_stack_sys	The number of bytes of stack memory obtained from the operating system.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_mspan_in_u se	The number of bytes of allocated mspan structures.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_mspan_sys	The number of bytes of memory obtained from the operating system for mspan structures.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_mcache_in_ use	The number of bytes of allocated mcache structures.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_mcache_sys	The number of bytes of memory obtained from the operating system for mcache structures.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_bucket_has h_sys	The number of bytes of memory in profiling bucket hash tables.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
go_gc_sys	The number of bytes of memory in garbage collection metadata.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_other_sys	The number of bytes of memory in miscellaneous, off-heap runtime allocations.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_next_gc	The target heap size of the next garbage collection cycle.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_last_gc	The time that the last garbage collection was completed in <i>Epoch</i> or Unix time.	Gauge	name	Nanoseconds
go_total_gc_pa use_ns	The cumulative time in garbage collection stop-the-world pauses since the program started.	Gauge	name	Nanoseconds
go_num_gc	The number of completed garbage collection cycles.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)
go_num_forced _gc	The number of garbage collection cycles that were forced due to an application calling the garbage collection function.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
go_gc_cpu_frac tion	The fraction of the available CPU time of the program that has been used by the garbage collector since the program started.	Gauge	name	Integer (no units)

CHAPTER 2. DEVELOPER METRICS

2.1. SERVERLESS DEVELOPER METRICS OVERVIEW

Metrics enable developers to monitor how Knative services are performing. You can use the OpenShift Container Platform monitoring stack to record and view health checks and metrics for your Knative services.

You can view different metrics for OpenShift Serverless by navigating to **Dashboards** in the web console **Developer** perspective.



WARNING

If Service Mesh is enabled with mTLS, metrics for Knative Serving are disabled by default because Service Mesh prevents Prometheus from scraping metrics.

For information about resolving this issue, see Enabling Knative Serving metrics when using Service Mesh with mTLS.

Scraping the metrics does not affect autoscaling of a Knative service, because scraping requests do not go through the activator. Consequently, no scraping takes place if no pods are running.

2.1.1. Additional resources for OpenShift Container Platform

- Monitoring overview
- Enabling monitoring for user-defined projects
- Specifying how a service is monitored

2.2. KNATIVE SERVICE METRICS EXPOSED BY DEFAULT

Table 2.1. Metrics exposed by default for each Knative service on port 9090

Metric name, unit, and type	Description	Metric tags
queue_requests_per_second Metric unit: dimensionless Metric type: gauge	Number of requests per second that hit the queue proxy. Formula: stats.RequestCount / r.reportingPeriodSeconds stats.RequestCount is calculated directly from the networking pkg stats for the given reporting duration.	destination_configuration="event -display", destination_namespace="pingsou rce1", destination_pod="event-display-00001-deployment-6b455479cb-75p6w", destination_revision="event-display-00001"

Metric name, unit, and type	Description	Metric tags
queue_proxied_operations_p er_second Metric unit: dimensionless Metric type: gauge	Number of proxied requests per second. Formula: stats.ProxiedRequestCount / r.reportingPeriodSeconds stats.ProxiedRequestCount is calculated directly from the networking pkg stats for the given reporting duration.	
queue_average_concurrent_requests Metric unit: dimensionless Metric type: gauge	Number of requests currently being handled by this pod. Average concurrency is calculated at the networking pkg side as follows: • When a req change happens, the time delta between changes is calculated. Based on the result, the current concurrency number over delta is computed and added to the current computed concurrency. Additionally, a sum of the deltas is kept. Current concurrency over delta is computed as follows: global_concurrency × delta • Each time a reporting is done, the sum and current computed concurrency are reset. • When reporting the average concurrency the current computed concurrency is divided by the sum of deltas. • When a new request comes in, the global concurrency counter is increased. When a request is completed,	destination_configuration="event -display", destination_namespace="pingsou rce1", destination_pod="event- display-00001-deployment- 6b455479cb-75p6w", destination_revision="event- display-00001"

Metric name, unit, and type	Description	Metric tags
queue_average_proxied_con current_requests Metric unit: dimensionless Metric type: gauge	Number of proxied requests currently being handled by this pod: stats.AverageProxiedConcur rency	destination_configuration="event -display", destination_namespace="pingsou rce1", destination_pod="event-display-00001-deployment-6b455479cb-75p6w", destination_revision="event-display-00001"
process_uptime Metric unit: seconds Metric type: gauge	The number of seconds that the process has been up.	destination_configuration="event -display", destination_namespace="pingsou rce1", destination_pod="event-display-00001-deployment-6b455479cb-75p6w", destination_revision="event-display-00001"

Table 2.2. Metrics exposed by default for each Knative service on port 9091

Metric name, unit, and type	Description	Metric tags
request_count Metric unit: dimensionless Metric type: counter	The number of requests that are routed to queue-proxy .	configuration_name="event-display", container_name="queue-proxy", namespace_name="apiserversour ce1", pod_name="event-display-00001-deployment-658fd4f9cf-qcnr5", response_code="200", response_code_class="2xx", revision_name="event-display-00001", service_name="event-display"
request_latencies Metric unit: milliseconds Metric type: histogram	The response time in milliseconds.	configuration_name="event-display", container_name="queue-proxy", namespace_name="apiserversour ce1", pod_name="event-display-00001-deployment-658fd4f9cf-qcnr5", response_code="200", response_code_class="2xx", revision_name="event-display-00001", service_name="event-display"

Metric name, unit, and type	Description	Metric tags
app_request_count Metric unit: dimensionless Metric type: counter	The number of requests that are routed to user-container .	configuration_name="event-display", container_name="queue-proxy", namespace_name="apiserversour ce1", pod_name="event-display-00001-deployment-658fd4f9cf-qcnr5", response_code="200", response_code_class="2xx", revision_name="event-display-00001", service_name="event-display"
app_request_latencies Metric unit: milliseconds Metric type: histogram	The response time in milliseconds.	configuration_name="event-display", container_name="queue-proxy", namespace_name="apiserversour ce1", pod_name="event-display- 00001-deployment-658fd4f9cf- qcnr5", response_code="200", response_code_class="2xx", revision_name="event-display- 00001", service_name="event-display"
queue_depth Metric unit: dimensionless Metric type: gauge	The current number of items in the serving and waiting queue, or not reported if unlimited concurrency. breaker.inFlight is used.	configuration_name="event-display", container_name="queue-proxy", namespace_name="apiserversour ce1", pod_name="event-display-00001-deployment-658fd4f9cf-qcnr5", response_code="200", response_code_class="2xx", revision_name="event-display-00001", service_name="event-display"

2.3. KNATIVE SERVICE WITH CUSTOM APPLICATION METRICS

You can extend the set of metrics exported by a Knative service. The exact implementation depends on your application and the language used.

The following listing implements a sample Go application that exports the count of processed events custom metric.

```
package main
import (
"fmt"
```

```
"log"
 "net/http"
 "os"
 "github.com/prometheus/client_golang/prometheus" 1
 "github.com/prometheus/client golang/prometheus/promauto"
 "github.com/prometheus/client golang/prometheus/promhttp"
var (
 opsProcessed = promauto.NewCounter(prometheus.CounterOpts{ 2
   Name: "myapp processed ops total",
   Help: "The total number of processed events",
 })
)
func handler(w http.ResponseWriter, r *http.Request) {
 log.Print("helloworld: received a request")
 target := os.Getenv("TARGET")
 if target == "" {
   target = "World"
 fmt.Fprintf(w, "Hello %s!\n", target)
 opsProcessed.Inc() 3
}
func main() {
 log.Print("helloworld: starting server...")
 port := os.Getenv("PORT")
 if port == "" {
   port = "8080"
 }
 http.HandleFunc("/", handler)
 // Separate server for metrics requests
 go func() { 4
   mux := http.NewServeMux()
   server := &http.Server{
     Addr: fmt.Sprintf(":%s", "9095"),
     Handler: mux,
   }
   mux.Handle("/metrics", promhttp.Handler())
   log.Printf("prometheus: listening on port %s", 9095)
   log.Fatal(server.ListenAndServe())
 }()
 // Use same port as normal requests for metrics
 //http.Handle("/metrics", promhttp.Handler()) 5
 log.Printf("helloworld: listening on port %s", port)
 log.Fatal(http.ListenAndServe(fmt.Sprintf(":%s", port), nil))
```

- Including the Prometheus packages.
- Defining the opsProcessed metric.
- Incrementing the opsProcessed metric.
- Configuring to use a separate server for metrics requests.
- Configuring to use the same port as normal requests for metrics and the **metrics** subpath.

2.4. CONFIGURATION FOR SCRAPING CUSTOM METRICS

Custom metrics scraping is performed by an instance of Prometheus purposed for user workload monitoring. After you enable user workload monitoring and create the application, you need a configuration that defines how the monitoring stack will scrape the metrics.

The following sample configuration defines the **ksvc** for your application and configures the service monitor. The exact configuration depends on your application and how it exports the metrics.

```
apiVersion: serving.knative.dev/v1 1
kind: Service
metadata:
 name: helloworld-go
spec:
 template:
  metadata:
   labels:
    app: helloworld-go
   annotations:
  spec:
   containers:
   - image: docker.io/skonto/helloworld-go:metrics
    resources:
      requests:
       cpu: "200m"
    env:
    - name: TARGET
      value: "Go Sample v1"
apiVersion: monitoring.coreos.com/v1 2
kind: ServiceMonitor
metadata:
 labels:
 name: helloworld-go-sm
spec:
 endpoints:
 - port: queue-proxy-metrics
  scheme: http
 - port: app-metrics
  scheme: http
 namespaceSelector: {}
 selector:
  matchLabels:
    name: helloworld-go-sm
```

apiVersion: v1 3 kind: Service metadata: labels:

name: helloworld-go-sm name: helloworld-go-sm

spec: ports:

- name: queue-proxy-metrics

port: 9091 protocol: TCP targetPort: 9091 - name: app-metrics

port: 9095 protocol: TCP targetPort: 9095

selector:

serving.knative.dev/service: helloworld-go

type: ClusterIP

- Application specification.
- Configuration of which application's metrics are scraped.
- Configuration of the way metrics are scraped.

2.5. EXAMINING METRICS OF A SERVICE

After you have configured the application to export the metrics and the monitoring stack to scrape them, you can examine the metrics in the web console.

Prerequisites

- You have logged in to the OpenShift Container Platform web console.
- You have installed the OpenShift Serverless Operator and Knative Serving.

Procedure

1. Optional: Run requests against your application that you will be able to see in the metrics:

 $\$ hello_route=\$(oc get ksvc helloworld-go -n ns1 -o jsonpath='{.status.url}') && $\$ curl \$hello_route

Example output

Hello Go Sample v1!

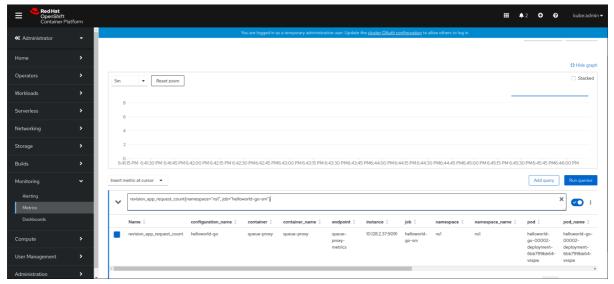
- 2. In the web console, navigate to the **Observe** → **Metrics** interface.
- 3. In the input field, enter the query for the metric you want to observe, for example:

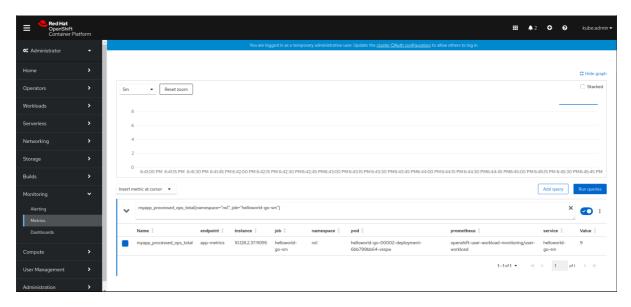
revision_app_request_count{namespace="ns1", job="helloworld-go-sm"}

Another example:

myapp_processed_ops_total{namespace="ns1", job="helloworld-go-sm"}

4. Observe the visualized metrics:





2.5.1. Queue proxy metrics

Each Knative service has a proxy container that proxies the connections to the application container. A number of metrics are reported for the queue proxy performance.

You can use the following metrics to measure if requests are queued at the proxy side and the actual delay in serving requests at the application side.



Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
revision_reques t_count	The number of requests that are routed to queue-proxy pod.	Counter	configuration_n ame, container_name , namespace_na me, pod_name, response_code, response_code _class, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)
revision_reques t_latencies	The response time of revision requests.	Histogram	configuration_n ame, container_name , namespace_na me, pod_name, response_code, response_code _class, revision_name, service_name	Milliseconds
revision_app_re quest_count	The number of requests that are routed to the user-container pod.	Counter	configuration_n ame, container_name , namespace_na me, pod_name, response_code, response_code _class, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)
revision_app_re quest_latencies	The response time of revision app requests.	Histogram	configuration_n ame, namespace_na me, pod_name, response_code, response_code _class, revision_name, service_name	Milliseconds

Metric name	Description	Туре	Tags	Unit
revision_queue _depth	The current number of items in the serving and waiting queues. This metric is not reported if unlimited concurrency is configured.	Gauge	configuration_n ame, event- display, container_name , namespace_na me, pod_name, response_code _class, revision_name, service_name	Integer (no units)

2.6. DASHBOARD FOR SERVICE METRICS

You can examine the metrics using a dedicated dashboard that aggregates queue proxy metrics by namespace.

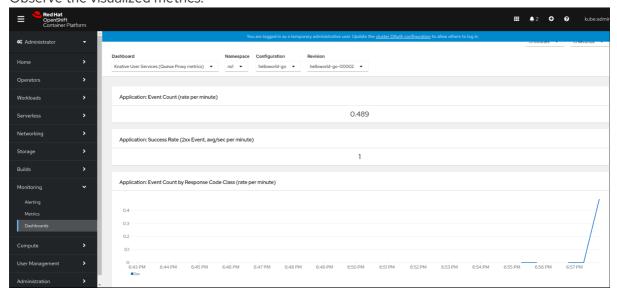
2.6.1. Examining metrics of a service in the dashboard

Prerequisites

- You have logged in to the OpenShift Container Platform web console.
- You have installed the OpenShift Serverless Operator and Knative Serving.

Procedure

- 1. In the web console, navigate to the **Observe** → **Metrics** interface.
- 2. Select the Knative User Services (Queue Proxy metrics) dashboard.
- 3. Select the Namespace, Configuration, and Revision that correspond to your application.
- 4. Observe the visualized metrics:



CHAPTER 3. CLUSTER LOGGING

3.1. USING OPENSHIFT LOGGING WITH OPENSHIFT SERVERLESS

3.1.1. About deploying the logging subsystem for Red Hat OpenShift

OpenShift Container Platform cluster administrators can deploy the logging subsystem using the OpenShift Container Platform web console or CLI to install the OpenShift Elasticsearch Operator and Red Hat OpenShift Logging Operator. When the Operators are installed, you create a **ClusterLogging** custom resource (CR) to schedule logging subsystem pods and other resources necessary to support the logging subsystem. The Operators are responsible for deploying, upgrading, and maintaining the logging subsystem.

The **ClusterLogging** CR defines a complete logging subsystem environment that includes all the components of the logging stack to collect, store and visualize logs. The Red Hat OpenShift Logging Operator watches the logging subsystem CR and adjusts the logging deployment accordingly.

Administrators and application developers can view the logs of the projects for which they have view access.

3.1.2. About deploying and configuring the logging subsystem for Red Hat OpenShift

The logging subsystem is designed to be used with the default configuration, which is tuned for small to medium sized OpenShift Container Platform clusters.

The installation instructions that follow include a sample **ClusterLogging** custom resource (CR), which you can use to create a logging subsystem instance and configure your logging subsystem environment.

If you want to use the default logging subsystem install, you can use the sample CR directly.

If you want to customize your deployment, make changes to the sample CR as needed. The following describes the configurations you can make when installing your OpenShift Logging instance or modify after installation. See the Configuring sections for more information on working with each component, including modifications you can make outside of the **ClusterLogging** custom resource.

3.1.2.1. Configuring and Tuning the logging subsystem

You can configure your logging subsystem by modifying the **ClusterLogging** custom resource deployed in the **openshift-logging** project.

You can modify any of the following components upon install or after install:

Memory and CPU

You can adjust both the CPU and memory limits for each component by modifying the **resources** block with valid memory and CPU values:

```
spec:
logStore:
elasticsearch:
resources:
limits:
cpu:
```

```
memory: 16Gi
   requests:
    cpu: 500m
    memory: 16Gi
  type: "elasticsearch"
collection:
 logs:
  fluentd:
   resources:
    limits:
      cpu:
      memory:
     requests:
      cpu:
      memory:
   type: "fluentd"
visualization:
 kibana:
  resources:
   limits:
    cpu:
    memory:
   requests:
    cpu:
    memory:
  type: kibana
```

Elasticsearch storage

You can configure a persistent storage class and size for the Elasticsearch cluster using the **storageClass name** and **size** parameters. The Red Hat OpenShift Logging Operator creates a persistent volume claim (PVC) for each data node in the Elasticsearch cluster based on these parameters.

```
spec:
logStore:
type: "elasticsearch"
elasticsearch:
nodeCount: 3
storage:
storageClassName: "gp2"
size: "200G"
```

This example specifies each data node in the cluster will be bound to a PVC that requests "200G" of "gp2" storage. Each primary shard will be backed by a single replica.



NOTE

Omitting the **storage** block results in a deployment that includes ephemeral storage only.

```
spec:
logStore:
type: "elasticsearch"
elasticsearch:
nodeCount: 3
storage: {}
```

Elasticsearch replication policy

You can set the policy that defines how Elasticsearch shards are replicated across data nodes in the cluster:

- FullRedundancy. The shards for each index are fully replicated to every data node.
- MultipleRedundancy. The shards for each index are spread over half of the data nodes.
- **SingleRedundancy**. A single copy of each shard. Logs are always available and recoverable as long as at least two data nodes exist.
- **ZeroRedundancy**. No copies of any shards. Logs may be unavailable (or lost) in the event a node is down or fails.

3.1.2.2. Sample modified ClusterLogging custom resource

The following is an example of a **ClusterLogging** custom resource modified using the options previously described.

Sample modified ClusterLogging custom resource

```
apiVersion: "logging.openshift.io/v1"
kind: "ClusterLogging"
metadata:
 name: "instance"
 namespace: "openshift-logging"
spec:
 managementState: "Managed"
 logStore:
  type: "elasticsearch"
  retentionPolicy:
   application:
    maxAge: 1d
   infra:
     maxAge: 7d
   audit:
     maxAge: 7d
  elasticsearch:
   nodeCount: 3
   resources:
    limits:
      cpu: 200m
      memory: 16Gi
```

```
requests:
    cpu: 200m
    memory: 16Gi
   storage:
    storageClassName: "gp2"
    size: "200G"
  redundancyPolicy: "SingleRedundancy"
visualization:
 type: "kibana"
 kibana:
  resources:
   limits:
    memory: 1Gi
   requests:
    cpu: 500m
    memory: 1Gi
  replicas: 1
collection:
 logs:
  type: "fluentd"
  fluentd:
   resources:
    limits:
      memory: 1Gi
     requests:
      cpu: 200m
      memory: 1Gi
```

3.2. FINDING LOGS FOR KNATIVE SERVING COMPONENTS

You can find the logs for Knative Serving components using the following procedure.

3.2.1. Using OpenShift Logging to find logs for Knative Serving components

Prerequisites

• Install the OpenShift CLI (oc).

Procedure

- 1. Get the Kibana route:
 - \$ oc -n openshift-logging get route kibana
- 2. Use the route's URL to navigate to the Kibana dashboard and log in.
- 3. Check that the index is set to .all. If the index is not set to .all, only the OpenShift Container Platform system logs will be listed.
- 4. Filter the logs by using the **knative-serving** namespace. Enter **kubernetes.namespace_name:knative-serving** in the search box to filter results.



NOTE

Knative Serving uses structured logging by default. You can enable the parsing of these logs by customizing the OpenShift Logging Fluentd settings. This makes the logs more searchable and enables filtering on the log level to quickly identify issues.

3.3. FINDING LOGS FOR KNATIVE SERVING SERVICES

You can find the logs for Knative Serving services using the following procedure.

3.3.1. Using OpenShift Logging to find logs for services deployed with Knative Serving

With OpenShift Logging, the logs that your applications write to the console are collected in Elasticsearch. The following procedure outlines how to apply these capabilities to applications deployed by using Knative Serving.

Prerequisites

• Install the OpenShift CLI (oc).

Procedure

- 1. Get the Kibana route:
 - \$ oc -n openshift-logging get route kibana
- 2. Use the route's URL to navigate to the Kibana dashboard and log in.
- 3. Check that the index is set to .all. If the index is not set to .all, only the OpenShift system logs will be listed.
- 4. Filter the logs by using the **knative-serving** namespace. Enter a filter for the service in the search box to filter results.

Example filter

kubernetes.namespace_name:default AND kubernetes.labels.serving_knative_dev\service: {service_name}

You can also filter by using /configuration or /revision.

5. Narrow your search by using **kubernetes.container_name:<user_container>** to only display the logs generated by your application. Otherwise, you will see logs from the queue-proxy.



NOTE

Use JSON-based structured logging in your application to allow for the quick filtering of these logs in production environments.

CHAPTER 4. TRACING

4.1. TRACING REQUESTS

Distributed tracing records the path of a request through the various services that make up an application. It is used to tie information about different units of work together, to understand a whole chain of events in a distributed transaction. The units of work might be executed in different processes or hosts.

4.1.1. Distributed tracing overview

As a service owner, you can use distributed tracing to instrument your services to gather insights into your service architecture. You can use distributed tracing for monitoring, network profiling, and troubleshooting the interaction between components in modern, cloud-native, microservices-based applications.

With distributed tracing you can perform the following functions:

- Monitor distributed transactions
- Optimize performance and latency
- Perform root cause analysis

Red Hat OpenShift distributed tracing consists of two main components:

- Red Hat OpenShift distributed tracing platform This component is based on the open source Jaeger project.
- Red Hat OpenShift distributed tracing data collection This component is based on the open source OpenTelemetry project.

Both of these components are based on the vendor-neutral OpenTracing APIs and instrumentation.

4.1.2. Additional resources for OpenShift Container Platform

- Red Hat OpenShift distributed tracing architecture
- Installing distributed tracing

4.2. USING RED HAT OPENSHIFT DISTRIBUTED TRACING

You can use Red Hat OpenShift distributed tracing with OpenShift Serverless to monitor and troubleshoot serverless applications.

4.2.1. Using Red Hat OpenShift distributed tracing to enable distributed tracing

Red Hat OpenShift distributed tracing is made up of several components that work together to collect, store, and display tracing data.

Prerequisites

• You have access to an OpenShift Container Platform account with cluster administrator access.

- You have not yet installed the OpenShift Serverless Operator, Knative Serving, and Knative Eventing. These must be installed after the Red Hat OpenShift distributed tracing installation.
- You have installed Red Hat OpenShift distributed tracing by following the OpenShift Container Platform "Installing distributed tracing" documentation.
- You have installed the OpenShift CLI (oc).
- You have created a project or have access to a project with the appropriate roles and permissions to create applications and other workloads in OpenShift Container Platform.

Procedure

1. Create an **OpenTelemetryCollector** custom resource (CR):

Example OpenTelemetryCollector CR

```
apiVersion: opentelemetry.io/v1alpha1
kind: OpenTelemetryCollector
metadata:
 name: cluster-collector
 namespace: <namespace>
spec:
 mode: deployment
 config: |
  receivers:
   zipkin:
  processors:
  exporters:
   jaeger:
     endpoint: jaeger-all-in-one-inmemory-collector-headless.tracing-system.svc:14250
      ca file: "/var/run/secrets/kubernetes.io/serviceaccount/service-ca.crt"
   logging:
  service:
   pipelines:
    traces:
      receivers: [zipkin]
      processors: []
      exporters: [jaeger, logging]
```

2. Verify that you have two pods running in the namespace where Red Hat OpenShift distributed tracing is installed:

```
$ oc get pods -n <namespace>
```

Example output

```
NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE cluster-collector-85c766b5c-b5g99 1/1 Running 0 5m56s jaeger-all-in-one-inmemory-ccbc9df4b-ndkl5 2/2 Running 0 15m
```

3. Verify that the following headless services have been created:

\$ oc get svc -n <namespace> | grep headless

Example output

```
cluster-collector-collector-headless ClusterIP None <none> 9411/TCP 7m28s
jaeger-all-in-one-inmemory-collector-headless ClusterIP None <none> 9411/TCP,14250/TCP,14267/TCP,14268/TCP 16m
```

These services are used to configure Jaeger, Knative Serving, and Knative Eventing. The name of the Jaeger service may vary.

- 4. Install the OpenShift Serverless Operator by following the "Installing the OpenShift Serverless Operator" documentation.
- 5. Install Knative Serving by creating the following **KnativeServing** CR:

Example KnativeServing CR

```
apiVersion: operator.knative.dev/v1beta1
kind: KnativeServing
metadata:
    name: knative-serving
    namespace: knative-serving
spec:
    config:
    tracing:
    backend: "zipkin"
    zipkin-endpoint: "http://cluster-collector-collector-headless.tracing-system.svc:9411/api/v2/spans"
    debug: "false"
    sample-rate: "0.1"
```

- The **sample-rate** defines sampling probability. Using **sample-rate: "0.1"** means that 1 in 10 traces are sampled.
- 6. Install Knative Eventing by creating the following **KnativeEventing** CR:

Example KnativeEventing CR

```
apiVersion: operator.knative.dev/v1beta1
kind: KnativeEventing
metadata:
    name: knative-eventing
    namespace: knative-eventing
spec:
    config:
    tracing:
    backend: "zipkin"
    zipkin-endpoint: "http://cluster-collector-collector-headless.tracing-system.svc:9411/api/v2/spans"
    debug: "false"
    sample-rate: "0.1"
```



The **sample-rate** defines sampling probability. Using **sample-rate: "0.1"** means that 1 in 10 traces are sampled.

7. Create a Knative service:

Example service

```
apiVersion: serving.knative.dev/v1
kind: Service
metadata:
 name: helloworld-go
spec:
 template:
  metadata:
   labels:
     app: helloworld-go
   annotations:
     autoscaling.knative.dev/minScale: "1"
     autoscaling.knative.dev/target: "1"
  spec:
   containers:
   - image: quay.io/openshift-knative/helloworld:v1.2
    imagePullPolicy: Always
     resources:
      requests:
       cpu: "200m"
     env:
     - name: TARGET
      value: "Go Sample v1"
```

8. Make some requests to the service:

Example HTTPS request

\$ curl https://helloworld-go.example.com

9. Get the URL for the Jaeger web console:

Example command

\$ oc get route jaeger-all-in-one-inmemory -o jsonpath='{.spec.host}' -n <namespace>

You can now examine traces by using the Jaeger console.

4.3. USING JAEGER DISTRIBUTED TRACING

If you do not want to install all of the components of Red Hat OpenShift distributed tracing, you can still use distributed tracing on OpenShift Container Platform with OpenShift Serverless.

4.3.1. Configuring Jaeger to enable distributed tracing

To enable distributed tracing using Jaeger, you must install and configure Jaeger as a standalone integration.

Prerequisites

- You have cluster administrator permissions on OpenShift Container Platform, or you have cluster or dedicated administrator permissions on Red Hat OpenShift Service on AWS or OpenShift Dedicated.
- You have installed the OpenShift Serverless Operator, Knative Serving, and Knative Eventing.
- You have installed the Red Hat OpenShift distributed tracing platform Operator.
- You have installed the OpenShift CLI (oc).
- You have created a project or have access to a project with the appropriate roles and permissions to create applications and other workloads.

Procedure

1. Create and apply a **Jaeger** custom resource (CR) that contains the following:

Jaeger CR

```
apiVersion: jaegertracing.io/v1
kind: Jaeger
metadata:
name: jaeger
namespace: default
```

2. Enable tracing for Knative Serving, by editing the **KnativeServing** CR and adding a YAML configuration for tracing:

Tracing YAML example for Serving

```
apiVersion: operator.knative.dev/v1beta1
kind: KnativeServing
metadata:
    name: knative-serving
    namespace: knative-serving
spec:
    config:
    tracing:
    sample-rate: "0.1" 1
    backend: zipkin 2
    zipkin-endpoint: "http://jaeger-collector.default.svc.cluster.local:9411/api/v2/spans" 3
    debug: "false" 4
```

- The **sample-rate** defines sampling probability. Using **sample-rate: "0.1"** means that 1 in 10 traces are sampled.
- backend must be set to zipkin.
- The **zipkin-endpoint** must point to your **jaeger-collector** service endpoint. To get this endpoint, substitute the namespace where the Jaeger CR is applied.
- Debugging should be set to **false**. Enabling debug mode by setting **debug: "true"** allows all spans to be sent to the server, bypassing sampling.

3. Enable tracing for Knative Eventing by editing the **KnativeEventing** CR:

Tracing YAML example for Eventing

```
apiVersion: operator.knative.dev/v1beta1
kind: KnativeEventing
metadata:
name: knative-eventing
namespace: knative-eventing
spec:
config:
tracing:
sample-rate: "0.1" 1
backend: zipkin 2
zipkin-endpoint: "http://jaeger-collector.default.svc.cluster.local:9411/api/v2/spans" 3
debug: "false" 4
```

- The **sample-rate** defines sampling probability. Using **sample-rate: "0.1"** means that 1 in 10 traces are sampled.
- Set backend to zipkin.
- Point the **zipkin-endpoint** to your **jaeger-collector** service endpoint. To get this endpoint, substitute the namespace where the Jaeger CR is applied.
- Debugging should be set to **false**. Enabling debug mode by setting **debug: "true"** allows all spans to be sent to the server, bypassing sampling.

Verification

You can access the Jaeger web console to see tracing data, by using the **jaeger** route.

1. Get the **jaeger** route's hostname by entering the following command:

\$ oc get route jaeger -n default

Example output

```
NAME HOST/PORT PATH SERVICES PORT TERMINATION WILDCARD jaeger jaeger-default.apps.example.com jaeger-query <all> reencrypt None
```

2. Open the endpoint address in your browser to view the console.