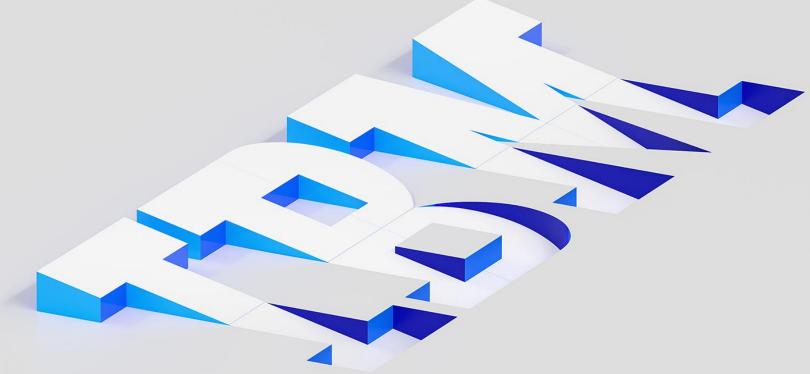


# Project Bob ahora en Sala 1



Manzan and Friends: OSS Tools for System Management



# About your speaker

- I work for IBM i Development (Rochester, MN, USA)
- Architect of Open Source and Al with IBM i

- Brags:
  - First person in the world to run Node.js on IBM i
  - First person in the world to integrate IBM i with a quantum computer
  - First person in the world to run deep learning algorithms on IBM i
  - If you plant one of my toenail clippings, a new one of me will grow



# Agenda

- Some of Manzan's friends
- Manzan overview
- Manzan + AI

# **Current State of System Management on IBM i**

# What tools are your clients using to monitor your systems?

#### Choose up to 3:

- 1. Dynatrace
- 2. Nagios
- 3. Instana
- 4. DataDog
- 5. Control4i
- 6. Syslog Reporting Manager (SRM)
- 7. Created your own
- 8. Other

# Is specialty a collective disadvantage?

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#### Each solutions may have their own...

- Configuration
- Host installation requirements
- Monitoring capabilities
  - Collect system metrics (active jobs, ASP consumption)
  - View sub system information
  - Identify long-running SQL
  - View job queue

Can you integrate with other tools?

# Do you use Grafana?

#### Choose 1:

- 1. Yes, with IBM i
- 2. Yes, but not with IBM i
- 3. No, but we want to
- 4. No, we don't want to
- 5. No, don't know what it is



# Operational Monitoring with Prometheus

#### **Prometheus Overview**

#### What is it?

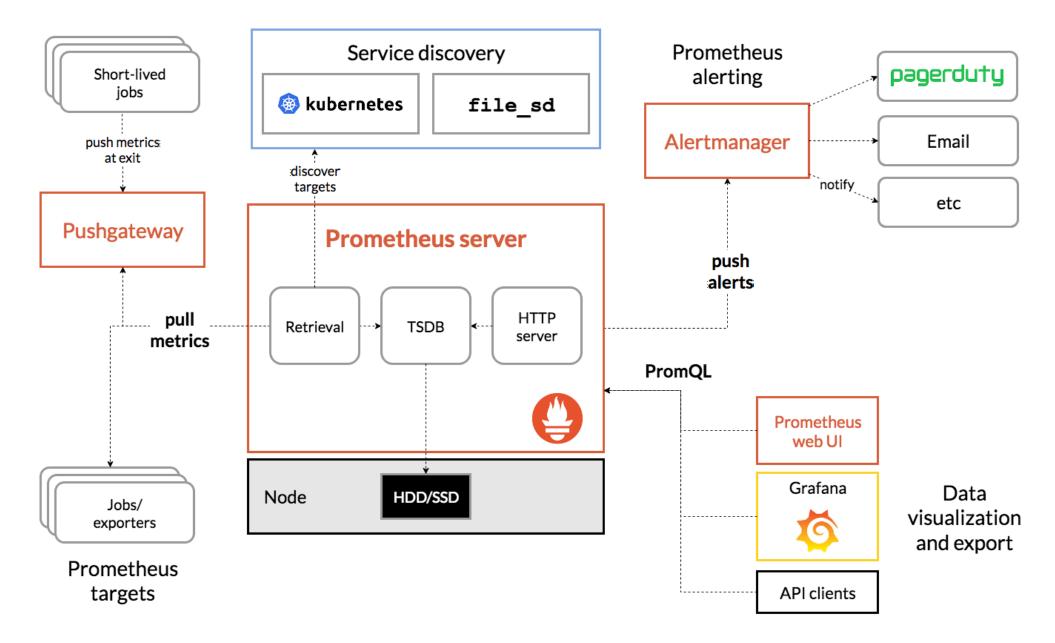
- Leading open-source systems monitoring and alerting toolkit
- Collects and stores metrics as timeseries data

#### Features

- Multi-dimensional data model with time series data
- Provides a functional query language called PromQL
- No reliance on distributed storage
- Has an alert manager built-in
- Easily paired with Grafana and other monitoring solutions



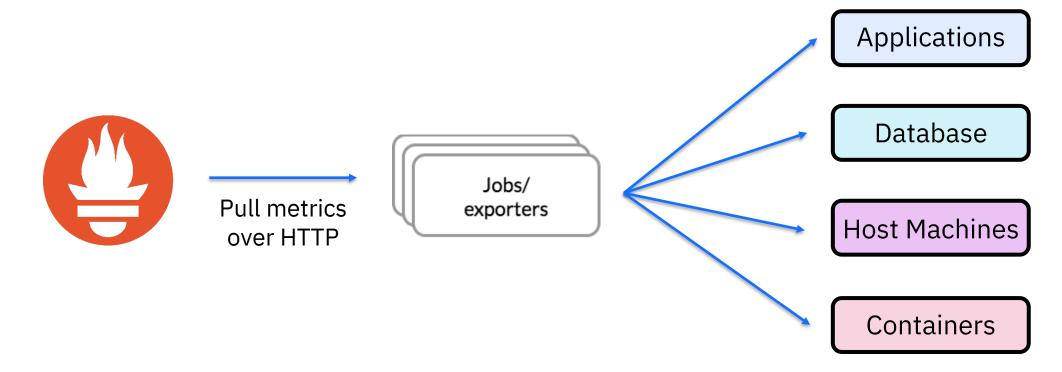
## **Prometheus Architecture**



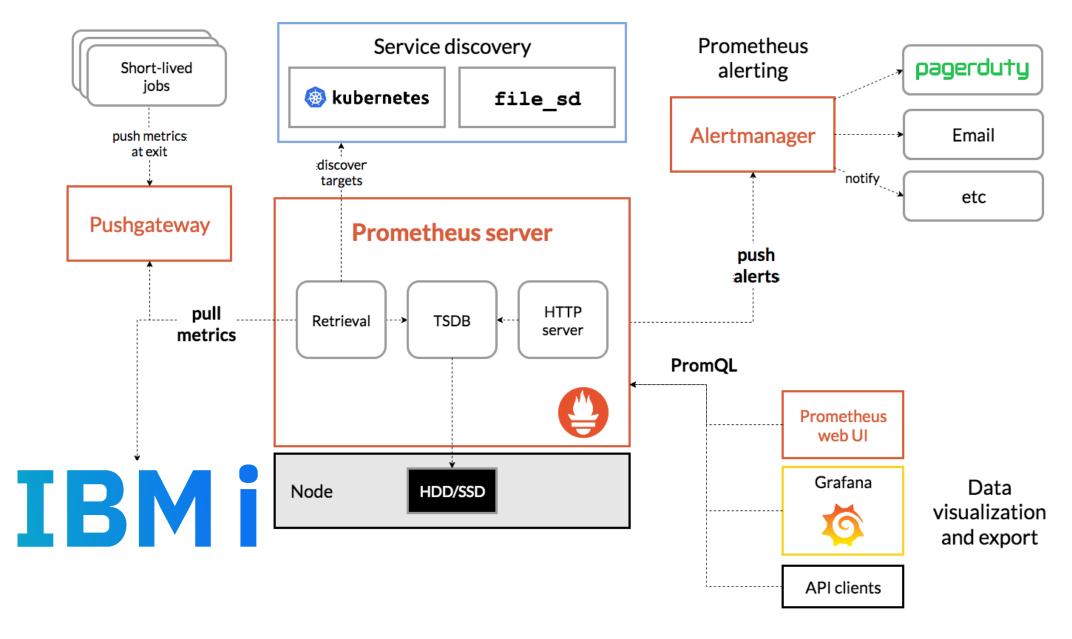
# What do exporters do?

Collection of exporters: <a href="https://prometheus.io/docs/instrumenting/exporters/">https://prometheus.io/docs/instrumenting/exporters/</a>

- 1. Fetch metrics
- 2. Convert them to Prometheus format
- 3. Expose data via an HTTP endpoint for it to be scraped



### How to use Prometheus with IBM i



# **IBM i Prometheus Exporter**

- JDBC-based exporter that leverages SQL to export IBM i metrics
- Exports hundreds of metrics including:
  - System activity levels (such as CPU usage)
  - Memory pool information
  - Apache HTTP server metrics
  - Number of remote TCP connections
- User customizable metrics with SQL

https://github.com/ThePrez/prometheusexporter-jdbc

```
{} config.json ×
home > SANJULA > jar > prometheus > {} config.json > ...
         "port": 9853,
  3
         "queries": [{
             "name": "System Statistics",
             "interval": 60,
             "enabled": true,
             "prefix": "STATS",
             "sql": "SELECT * FROM TABLE(QSYS2.SYSTEM STATUS(RESET STATISTICS=>'YES',DETAILED INFO=>'ALL')) X"
  10
 11
 12
             "name": "System Activity",
 13
             "interval": 20,
 14
             "prefix": "SYSACT",
 15
             "enabled": true,
  16
             "sql": "SELECT * FROM TABLE(QSYS2.SYSTEM ACTIVITY INFO())"
  17
  18
  19
             "name": "number of remote connections",
  20
             "interval": 30,
 21
             "enabled": true,
  22
             "sql": "select COUNT(REMOTE_ADDRESS) as REMOTE_CONNECTIONS from qsys2.netstat_info where TCP_STATE = 'ESTABLISHED'
             AND REMOTE ADDRESS != '::1' AND REMOTE ADDRESS != '127.0.0.1'"
 23
  24
             "name": "Memory Pool Info",
  25
  26
             "interval": 100.
  27
             "enabled": true.
  28
             "multi row": true,
  29
             "prefix": "MEMPOOL",
             "sql": "SELECT POOL NAME, CURRENT SIZE, DEFINED SIZE, MAXIMUM ACTIVE THREADS, CURRENT THREADS, RESERVED SIZE FROM TABLE
             (QSYS2.MEMORY POOL(RESET STATISTICS=>'YES')) X"
 31
 32
```

# **Deploying the IBM i Prometheus Exporter**

Video Demo: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIcAx4lJZIA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIcAx4lJZIA</a>

**1.** Download latest .jar file from release page and store in the IFS:

```
wget https://github.com/ThePrez/prometheus-exporter-jdbc/releases/latest/download/prom-client-ibmi.jar
```

2. If this is your first time, create a default configuration file (config.json):

```
java -jar prom-client-ibmi.jar
```

**3.** Respond with **y** for the following message:

Configuration file config.json not found. Would you like to initialize one with defaults? [y]

**4.** Confirm the Prometheus client has started:

Successfully started Prometheus client on port 9853

5. Create a service commander configuration file (prometheus.yml) and start it:

```
java -jar prom-client-ibmi.jar sc
sc start prometheus.yml
```

# **Deploying the Prometheus Instance**

1. Download the Prometheus-provided image from Docker Hub to some central location:

```
docker pull prom/prometheus
or
podman pull docker.io/prom/prometheus
```

2. Create a Prometheus configuration file (prometheus.yml):

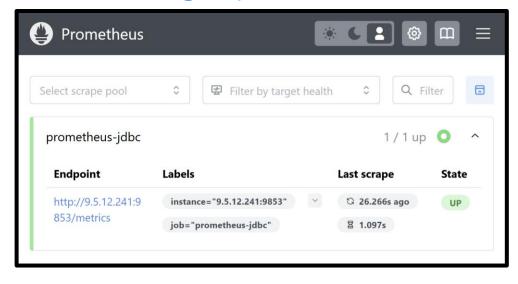
3. Launch the image in a container named "prometheus":

```
docker run -d --name=prometheus -v /path/to/prometheus.yml:/etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml -p 9090:9090
prom/prometheus
or
podman run -d --name=prometheus -v /path/to/prometheus.yml:/etc/prometheus/prometheus.yml -p 9090:9090
prom/prometheus
```

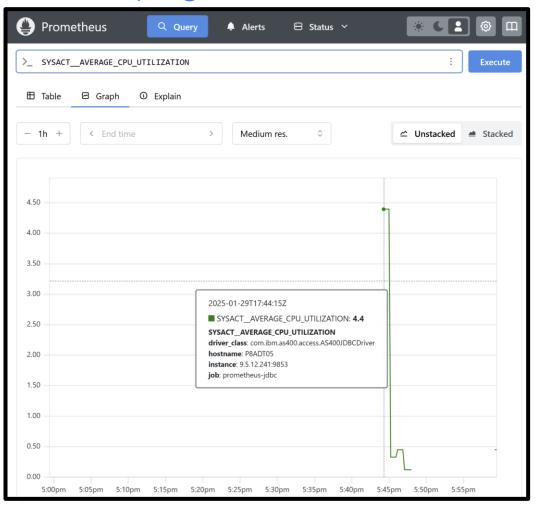
**4.** Navigate to Prometheus web UI at http://<container\_ip>:9090

#### **Prometheus Web UI**

#### **Target System Status**

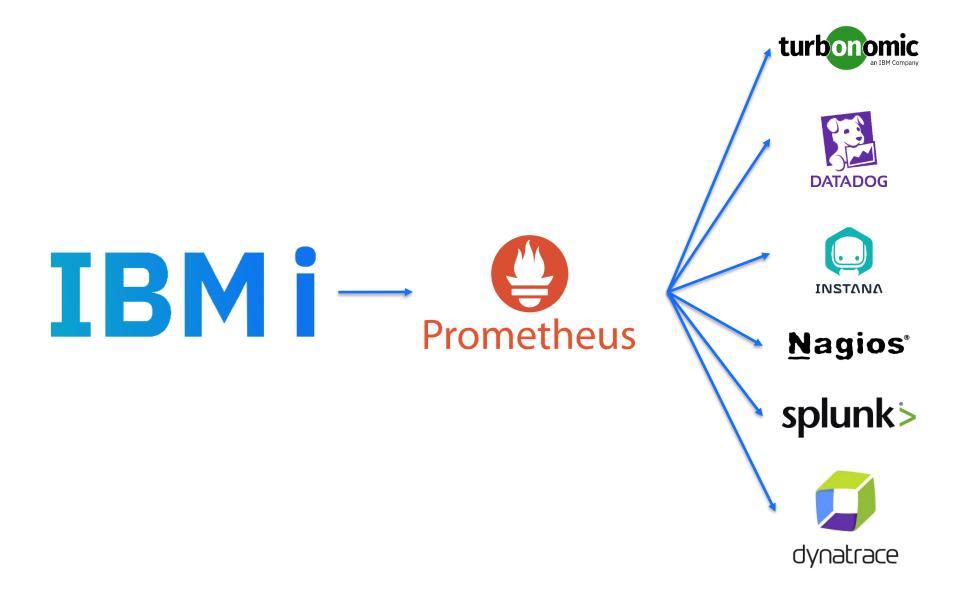


#### Graphing Historical Metric Data



Blog post by Jesse Gorzinski: "Monitoring IBM i with Prometheus" <a href="https://techchannel.com/open-source-on-ibm-i/monitoring-ibm-i-with-prometheus/">https://techchannel.com/open-source-on-ibm-i/monitoring-ibm-i-with-prometheus/</a>

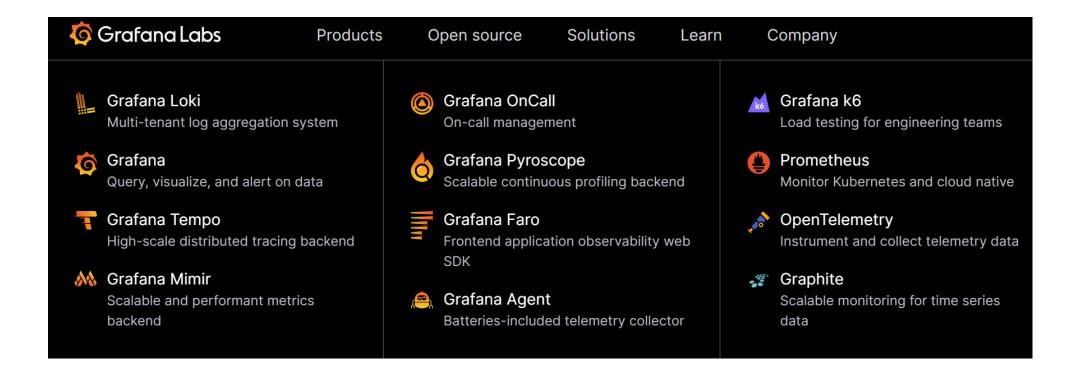
# Prometheus can be the bridge to other solutions



# Data Visualization with Grafana

#### **Grafana Overview**

- Open-source analytics, visualization, and monitoring solution
- Driven by Grafana Labs. Plenty of open-source components. See <a href="https://grafana.com/">https://grafana.com/</a>
- Over 300 plugins available



## **Grafana Data Sources**

#### Time series databases





#### Graphite

Open source time series database

Core



#### InfluxDB

Open source time series database

Core

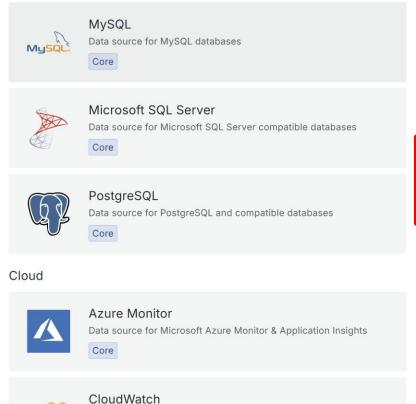


#### OpenTSDB

Open source time series database

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#### SQL



Data source for Amazon AWS monitoring service

Core

#### Logging & document databases



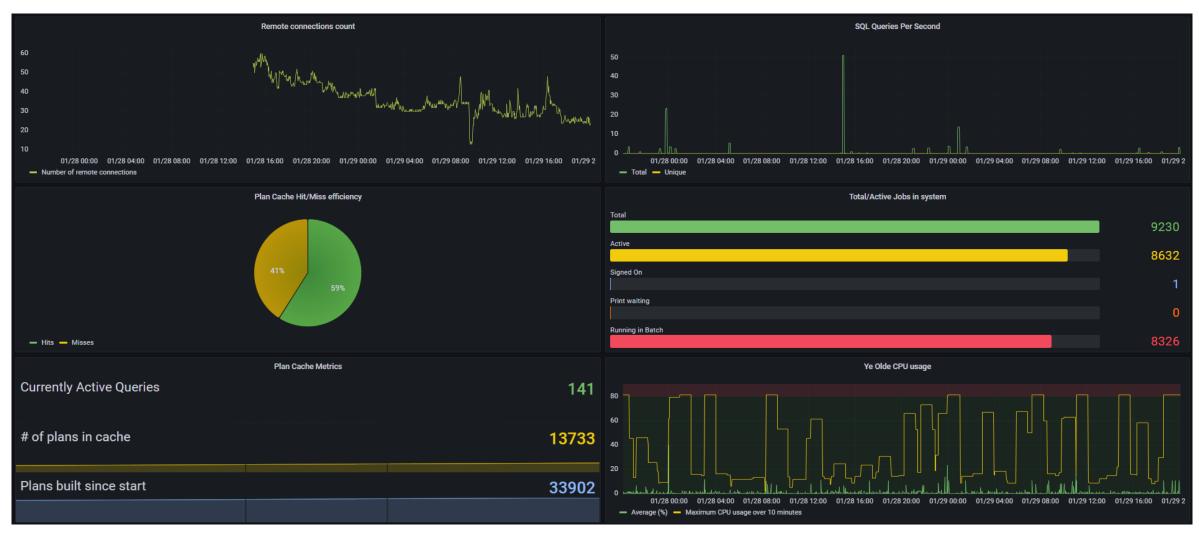


#### Elasticsearch

Open source logging & analytics database

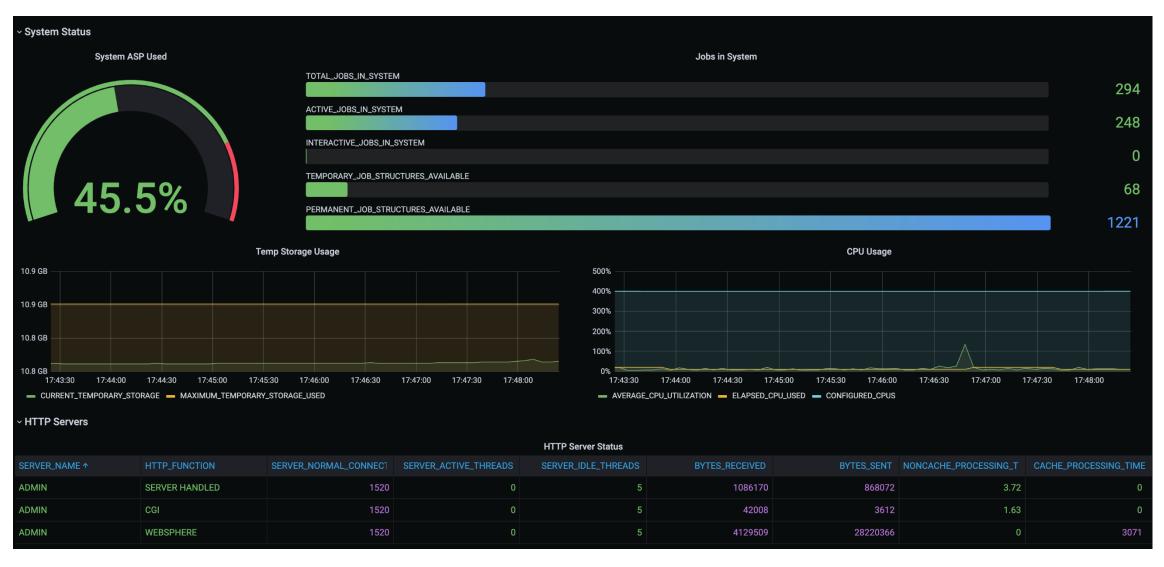
Core

## **Prometheus Visualization with Grafana**



Public COMMON1 Grafana Dashboard: <a href="http://ibm.biz/ibmi-prometheus">http://ibm.biz/ibmi-prometheus</a>

# **Grafana Backend (Without Prometheus)**



Blog post by Jesse Gorzinski: "How to Deploy a Simple Grafana Dashboard" <a href="https://techchannel.com/performance/how-to-deploy-a-simple-grafana-dashboard/">https://techchannel.com/performance/how-to-deploy-a-simple-grafana-dashboard/</a>

# **Grafana with or without Prometheus**

	With Prometheus	Straight to Grafana
Persistent storage	Prometheus	Grafana
Persistent storage of unused metrics	Prometheus	
Metric type	Numerics	Numerics/strings/other
Ecosystem	Extremely Broad	There
Scalability	Excellent	Good
IBM i requisites	None	Node.js
Initial setup	Easier	Easy

# **Event Monitoring with Manzan**

### **Manzan Overview**

- Open-source event handling tool designed to simplify handling of system events
- Serves as a gateway for publishing IBM i events to a variety of endpoints:
  - User applications
  - External resources
  - Open-source technologies
- Example use cases:
  - Monitor system events with a third-party open source or proprietary tool
  - Consolidate logs for auditing/reporting + query for system events
  - Feed real-time system event data into stream processing systems (such as Apache Kafka)
  - Send alerts for system events

Full Documentation: <a href="https://theprez.github.io/Manzan/#/">https://theprez.github.io/Manzan/#/</a>

# **Understanding the Architecture**

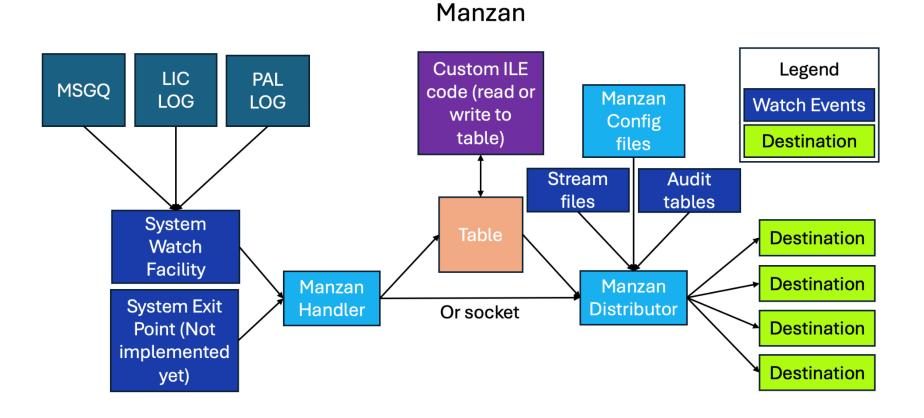
#### **Custom ILE** Legend LIC PAL MSGQ code (read or Manzan LOG LOG **Watch Events** write to Config table) **Destination** files **Audit** Stream tables files System Table Destination Watch **Facility Destination** Manzan Manzan System Exit Distributor Handler Or socket **Destination** Point (Not implemented Destination yet)

Manzan

# What are inputs?

# Watch events: Sources of your data

- Stream file
- System watch facility (STRWCH)
  - MSGQ
  - LIC logs
  - PAL logs
- SQL Tables
- Audit journals
- System exit points (coming soon)



# So practically what can Manzan monitor?

Application crashes

Log data

**Custom SQL** 

System
Limits alerts

History Log entries

Problem log entries

\*SYSOPR messages

Specific job log messages

Audit journal events

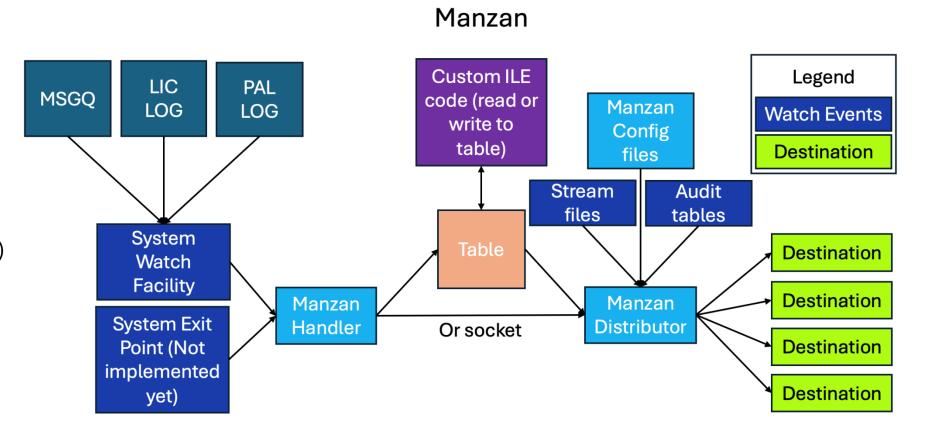
PAL entries

**VLOGs** 

Fishy TCP connections (future)

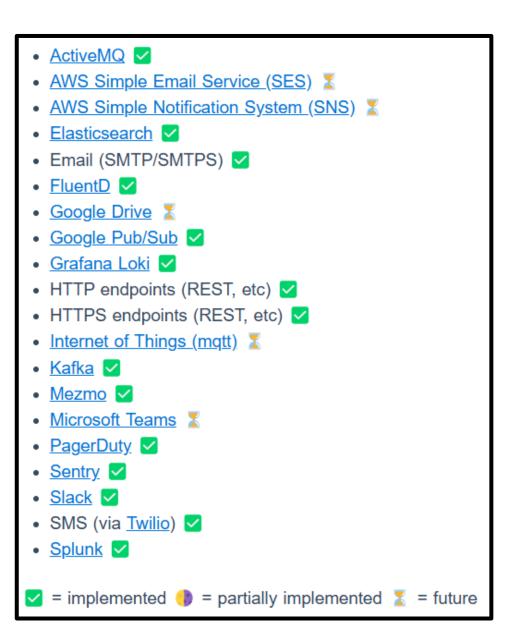
# Destinations: Locations to send data

- Built-in supported destinations:
  - HTTP/HTTPS endpoints (REST, etc.)
  - Email (SMTP/SMTPS)
  - SMS (via Twilio)
  - Slack
  - FluentD
  - Kafka
  - Sentry
  - Grafana Loki
  - Google Pub/Sub
  - ActiveMQ
- Custom ILE Code



## Can Manzan send data anywhere?

- Many destinations are already working, but there are more to come
- Track supported destinations:
   https://theprez.github.io/Manzan/#/?id=where-can-i-send-these-events
- Desired target not on the list? Please open an issue to the repository and let us know!



# Understanding the Architecture: Handler and Distributor

#### Handler

- Start system watches based on config files (data.ini)
- Transform system event data into structured format
- Add structured data to table or send over socket

#### Distributor

- Fetch data off table or via socket
- Send data to destinations using Apache Camel based on config files (dests.ini)

#### Data From Message Queue

```
"EVENT_TYPE" : "message",
    "SESSION_ID" : "SANJULA",
    "JOB" : "286747/QSECOFR/QP0ZSPWP",
    "MESSAGE_ID" : "*IMMED",
    "MESSAGE_TYPE" : "*INFO",
    "SEVERITY" : 80,
    "MESSAGE_TIMESTAMP" : "2025-01-29 22:17:23.199",
    "SENDING_USRPRF" : "SANJULA",
    "MESSAGE" : "Hello World!",
    "SENDING_PROGRAM_NAME" : "QCAPCMD",
    "SENDING_MODULE_NAME" : "
}
```

#### Data From Stream File

```
{
    "FILE_NAME" : "my_app_logs.txt",
    "FILE_PATH" : "/home/SANJULA/my_app_logs.txt",
    "FILE_DATA" : "[ERROR] Application crashed due to memory leak"
}
```

# **Configuring Inputs and Destinations**

Configuration files are stored in /QOpenSys/etc/manzan

app.ini

Used for general
Manzan configuration
(leave the default contents)

app.ini X

config > = app.ini
 1 [install]
 2 library=MANZAN

data.ini

Used for configuring different inputs

dests.ini

Used for configuring different destinations

# Simple data.ini configurations

#### Stream File

 Watch application log file (test.txt) and only take action when a line written to the file contains the string "error"

```
[logfile1]
type=file
file=test.txt
destinations=email_it, test_out
filter=error
format=$FILE_DATA$
```

#### System Watch

Manage information from watch session with id "jesse"

```
[watcher1]
type=watch
id=jesse
destinations=test_out, slackme
enabled=false
```

# Advanced data.ini configuration

#### System Watch

- Manage information from watch session with id "jesse" which watches all messages in the IBM i history log
- Format the message into a human-sensible format

```
[watchout]
type=watch
id=jesse
destinations=test_out, slackme
format=$MESSAGE_ID$ (severity $SEVERITY$): $MESSAGE$
strwch=WCHMSG((*ALL)) WCHMSGQ((*HSTLOG))
```

# **Example dests.ini configurations**

Send to Manzan's standard output

```
[test_out]
type=stdout
```

#### Send an email

```
[email_it]
type=smtps
format=Hey, check out this information!! \n\n$FILE_DATA$
    server = my.smtpserver.com
    subject = Testemail
    from=me@mycompany.com
    to=me@mycompany.com
```

# More example dests.ini configurations

#### Send message in Slack channel:

```
[slackme]
type=slack
channel=open-source-system-status
webhook=https://hooks.slack.com/services/TA3EF58G4...
```

#### Send event to Sentry

```
[sentry_out]
type=sentry
dsn=https://k23de06d7bff24f18a86f33178e67291@o1963...
```

#### Send SMS message with Twilio

```
[twilio_sms]
type=twilio
componentOptions.sid=AC1234567890abcdef1234567890a...
componentOptions.token=8aebaa92e9a4f6d85cf5c0e6ba3...
to=+12345678901
from=+10987654321
```

## Let's put it together...

#### dests.ini

```
[slackme]
type=slack
channel=open-source-system-status
webhook=https://hooks.slack.com/services/TA3EF58G4...
```

#### data.ini

```
[watchout]
type=watch
id=jesse
destinations=slackme
format=$MESSAGE_ID$ (severity $SEVERITY$): $MESSAGE$
strwch=WCHMSG((*ALL)) WCHMSGQ((*HSTLOG))
```

#### What does it look like in Slack?

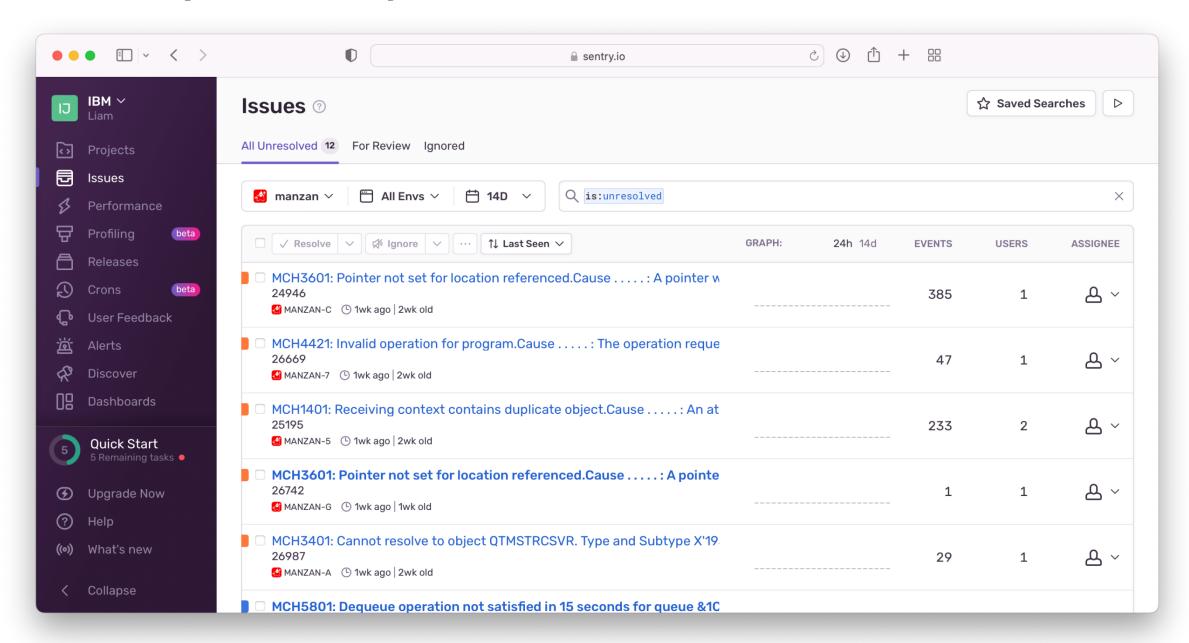
# open-source-system-status - Dec 20th, 2022



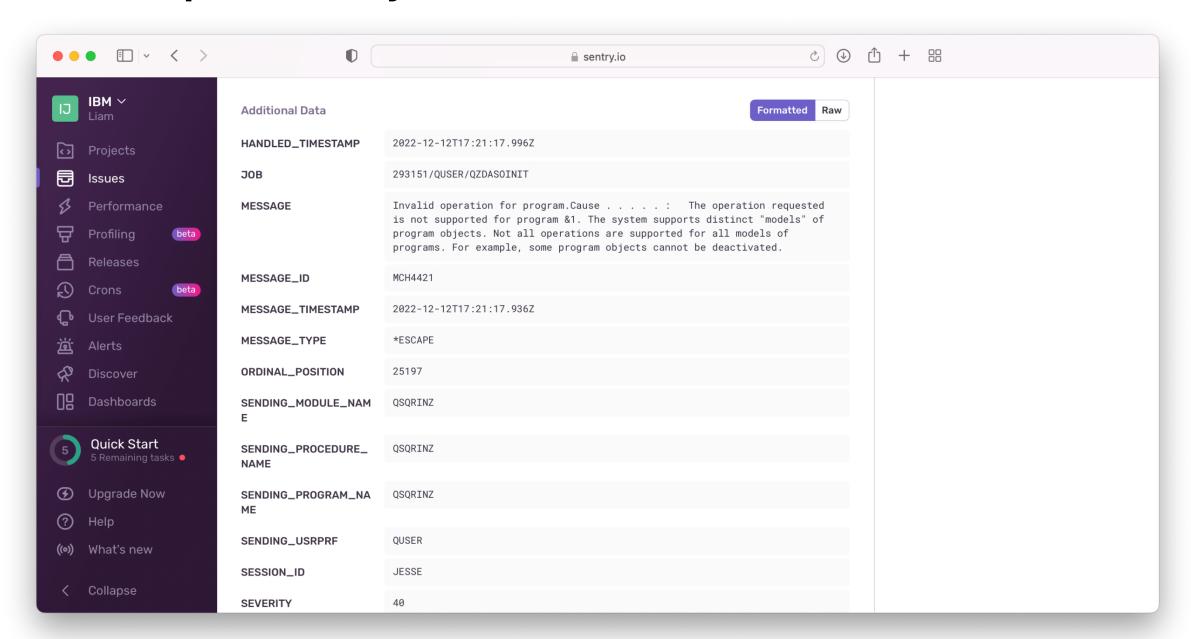
ibm i system monitor APP 9:01 PM

CPIAD09 (severity 0): User LINUX from client 9.163.40.192 connected to job 492988/QUSER/QZDASOINIT in subsystem QUSRWRK in QSYS on 12/20/22 20:17:06.

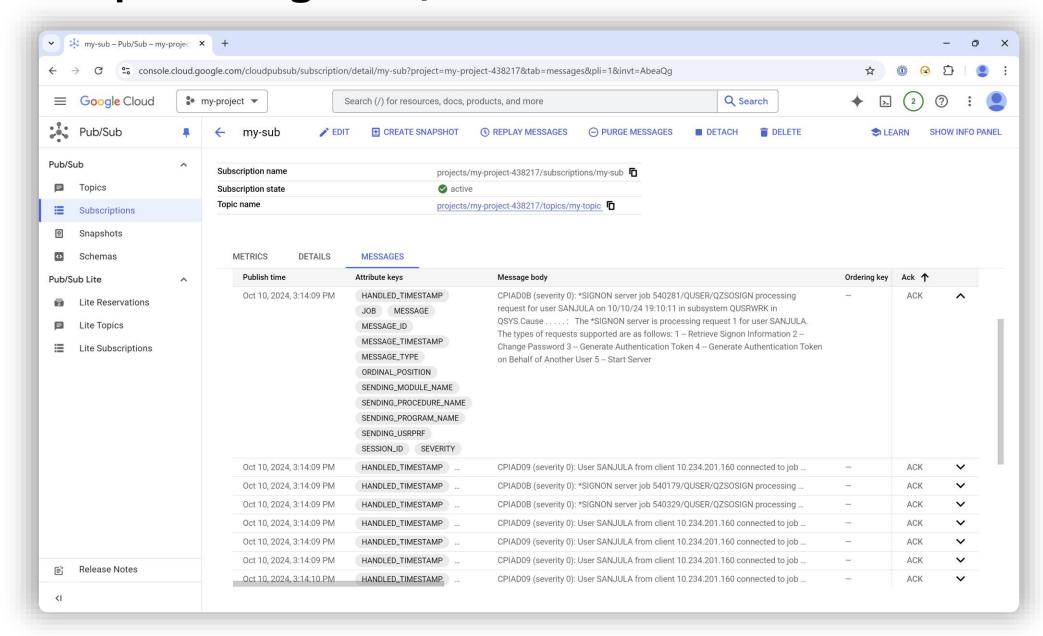
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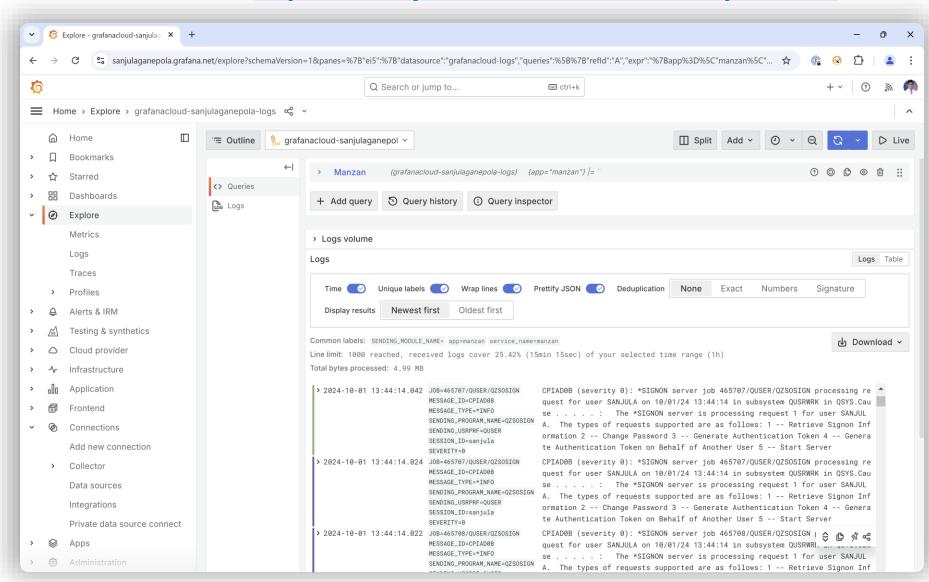


#### More examples...Google Pub/Sub!

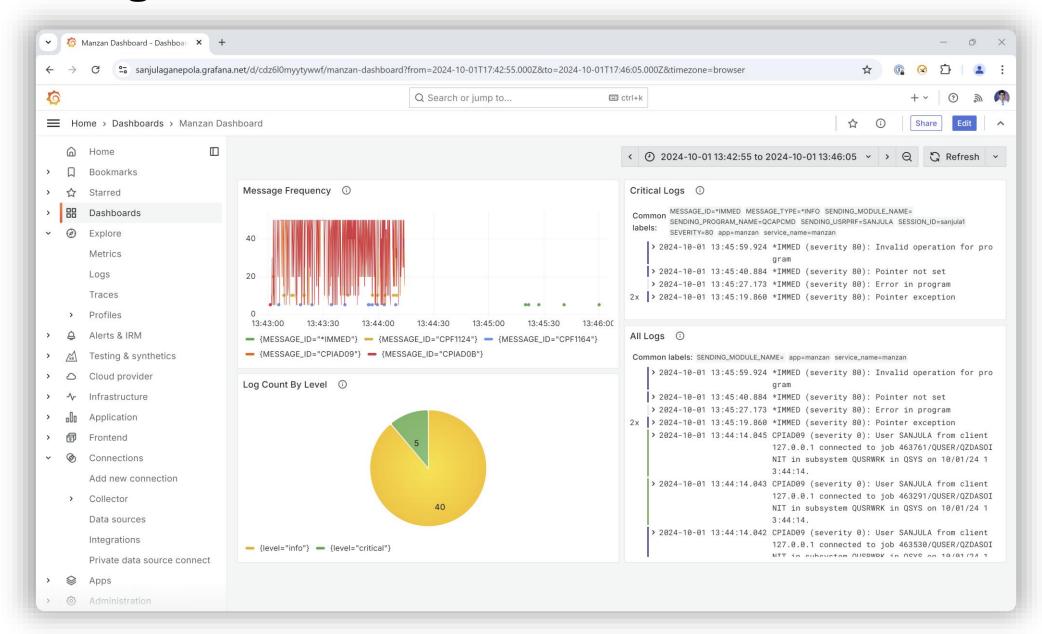


#### More examples...Grafana Loki!

Video Demo: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XXjvkchCWc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XXjvkchCWc</a>



# Visualize Logs in Grafana Dashboard



#### Monitor jobs with high CPU or I/O

Possible with our new SQL support, which allows for custom queries

```
[sql1]
type=sql
query=SELECT JOB_NAME, JOB_USER, SUBSYSTEM, JOB_STATUS, CPU_TIME,
ELAPSED_CPU_PERCENTAGE, TOTAL_DISK_IO_COUNT, ELAPSED_TIME, TEMPORARY_STORAGE,
MEMORY_POOL, FUNCTION, THREAD_COUNT FROM TABLE(QSYS2.ACTIVE_JOB_INFO()) AS X
WHERE ELAPSED_CPU_PERCENTAGE > 20 OR TOTAL_DISK_IO_COUNT > 100000 ORDER BY
ELAPSED_CPU_PERCENTAGE DESC FETCH FIRST 20 ROWS ONLY
destinations=stdout
interval=300000
```

### Capturing the resource intensive jobs

```
"JOB_NAME" : "748012/QSYS/QSPLMAINT",
"JOB_USER" : "QSYS",
"SUBSYSTEM" : null,
"JOB_STATUS" : "EVTW",
"CPU_TIME" : 2661,
"ELAPSED_CPU_PERCENTAGE" : 0.00,
"TOTAL_DISK_IO_COUNT" : 184535,
"ELAPSED_TIME" : 0.000,
"TEMPORARY_STORAGE" : 7,
"MEMORY_POOL" : "BASE",
"FUNCTION" : null,
"THREAD_COUNT" : 1
"JOB_NAME" : "748034/QSYS/QWCPJOBS",
"JOB_USER" : "QSYS",
"SUBSYSTEM" : null,
"JOB_STATUS" : "DEQW",
"CPU_TIME" : 13483,
"ELAPSED_CPU_PERCENTAGE" : 0.00,
"TOTAL_DISK_IO_COUNT" : 1032667,
"FLADSED TIME" . A AAA
```

#### **Future Enhancements to Manzan**

- System exit point processing
- Metrics exported to Prometheus, for instance:
  - How many MCH exceptions have happened in production applications?
  - How many severity 40+ history log entries?
  - How many errors showing in web server logs?
  - How many PASE VLOGs have been created?
- Ability to trigger events from Prometheus exporter, for instance:
  - Memory pool usage anomalies
  - Increased HTTP server traffic
  - Unexpected amount of remote connections
  - Operational data beyond thresholds

# **Any Questions?**

