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MetalK8s

**An opinionated Kubernetes distribution
optimized for data management**

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OUR JOURNEY TO KUBERNETES

Scality RING, S3 Connector & Zenko

Scality RING

**On-premise
Distributed Object & File Storage**

- Physical servers, some VMs
- Only the OS available (incl. 'legacy' like CentOS 6)
- Static resource pools
- Static server roles / configurations
- Solution distributed as RPM packages, deployed using SaltStack
- De-facto taking ownership of host, difficult to run multiple instances
- Fairly static post-install

Scality S3 Connector

**On-premise S3-compatible Object
Storage**

- Physical servers, sometimes VMs
- Static resource pools
- “Microservices” architecture
- Solution distributed as Docker container images, deployed using Ansible playbooks
- No runtime orchestration
- Log management, monitoring,... comes with solution

Scality Zenko

Multi-Cloud Data Controller

- Deployed on-prem or 'in the Cloud': major paradigm shift
- New challenges, new opportunities
- Multi-Cloud Data Controller, must run on multiple Cloud platforms
- See Vianney's talk!

Scality Zenko

Deployment Model

- Embraced containers as distribution mechanism
 - Some shared with Scality S3 Connector
- Decided to move to Kubernetes
 - Managed platforms for Cloud deployments, where available (GKE, AKS, EKS,...)
 - On-prem clusters

Scality Zenko

Kubernetes Benefits

- Homogenous deployment between in-cloud and on-prem
- Various services provided by cluster:
 - Networking & policies
 - Service restart, rolling upgrades
 - Service log capturing & storage
 - Service monitoring & metering
 - Load-balancing
 - TLS termination
- Flexible resource management
 - If needed, easily add resources to cluster by adding some (VM) nodes
 - HorizontalPodAutoscaler

Scality Zenko

Kubernetes Deployment

- Currently using Helm chart
- Contributed many fixes and features to upstream charts repository
- Contributed new charts and became maintainer of some others
- Next-gen: Zenko 'operator'
- Can run in your cluster
(<https://github.com/Scality/Zenko>)
or test-drive a hosted instance for free using Zenko Orbit at <https://zenko.io/admin>

INTERLUDE

What is Kubernetes?

Kubernetes

- “Container orchestration system”
- Actually:
 - Extensible model of ‘desired reality’ in a distributed database, accessible through RESTful APIs
 - Authn / authz
 - Controllers to refine high-level object(s) into lower-level ones and/or reconcile reality with model
 - Service(s) running on machines to realize desired reality at system level
 - Set of APIs/plugins to interact with system: CRI, CNI, CSI
- In essence, ‘containers’ are only a small part of the K8s architecture
- Core unit of scheduling: Pod
 - Set of containers running in single network namespace
 - Pods can request attachment to persistent storage volumes

OUR JOURNEY TO KUBERNETES

MetaK8s

On-prem Kubernetes

- Can't expect a Kubernetes cluster to be available, provided by Scality customer
- Looked into various existing offerings, but in the end needs to be supported by/through Scality (single offering)
 - Also, many existing solutions don't cover enterprise datacenter requirements
- Decided to roll our own

SCALITY METALK8S

**AN OPINIONATED KUBERNETES DISTRIBUTION
WITH A FOCUS ON LONG-TERM ON-PREM DEPLOYMENTS**

OPINIONATED

We offer an out-of-the-box experience, no non-trivial choices to be made by users

LONG-TERM

Storage is mission-critical and *sticky*, can't spawn a new cluster to upgrade and use a load-balancer in front

ON-PREM

**Can't expect anything to be available but (physical)
servers with a base OS**

MetalK8s 1.x

- Scope: 3-20 physical machine, pre-provisioned by customer or partner
- Built on top of the Kubespray Ansible playbook
- Use Kubespray to lay out a base Kubernetes cluster
 - Also: etcd, CNI
- Add static & dynamic inventory validation pre-checks, OS tuning, OS security
 - Based on experience from large-scale Scality RING deployments
- Augment with various services, deployed using Helm
 - Operations
 - Ingress
 - Cluster services
- Take care of on-prem specific storage architecture

MetalK8s 1.x: Cluster Services

- “Stand on the shoulders of giants”
- Heapster for dashboard graphs, `kubectl top`,...
- metrics-server for HorizontalPodAutoscaler
 - Looking into k8s-prometheus-adapter
- Ingress & TLS termination: nginx-ingress-controller
- Cluster monitoring & alerting: Prometheus, prometheus-operator, Alertmanager, kube-prometheus, Grafana
 - Host-based node_exporter on all servers comprising the cluster, including etcd
- Host & container logs: Elasticsearch, Curator, fluentd, fluent-bit, Kibana
- All of the above gives a great out-of-the-box experience for operators

 Overview

Cluster

- Namespaces
- Nodes
- Persistent Volumes
- Roles
- Storage Classes

Namespace

zenko

Overview

Workloads

- Cron Jobs
- Daemon Sets
- Deployments
- Jobs
- Pods
- Replica Sets
- Replication Controllers
- Stateful Sets

Discovery and Load Balancing

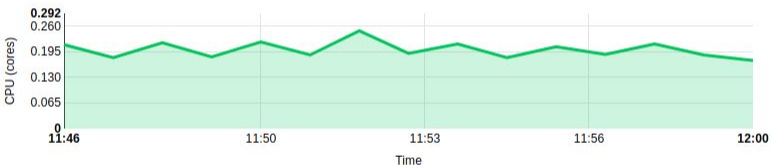
- Ingresses
- Services

Config and Storage

- Config Maps
- Persistent Volume Claims
- Secrets

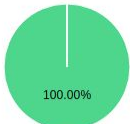
Settings

CPU usage

Memory usage 

Workloads

Workloads Statuses



Deployments



Pods









Replica Sets



Stateful Sets

Deployments

Name	Labels	Pods	Age	Images	
 zenko1-backbeat-consumer	app: backbeat-consumer chart: backbeat-consumer-0.1.0 heritage: Tiller release: zenko1	1 / 1	2 days	zenko/backbeat:0.1.4	
 zenko1-backbeat-producer	app: backbeat-producer chart: backbeat-producer-0.1.0 release: zenko1 heritage: Tiller	1 / 1	2 days	zenko/backbeat:0.1.4	
 zenko1-cloudserver-front	app: cloudserver-front chart: cloudserver-front-0.1.3 release: zenko1 heritage: Tiller	1 / 1	2 days	zenko/cloudserver:0.1.6	

kibana

Discover

Visualize

Dashboard

Timelion

Dev Tools

Management

Collapse

4,743 hits

Search... (e.g. status:200 AND extension:PHP)

Uses lucene query syntax

kubernetes.labels.release: "zenko1"

Add a filter +

Actions ▶

logstash-*

Selected Fields

kubernetes.host

kubernetes.labels.app

log

Available Fields

Popular

kubernetes.container_name

@timestamp

_id

_index

_score

_type

address

clientIP

clientPort

configurationVersion

docker.container_id

error.address

error.code

error.errno

error.port

error.syscall

hostname

httpMethod

httpURL

https

kubernetes.labels.chart

kubernetes.labels.controller-revisio...

March 26th 2018, 11:47:57.351 - March 26th 2018, 12:02:57.351 — Auto ▾

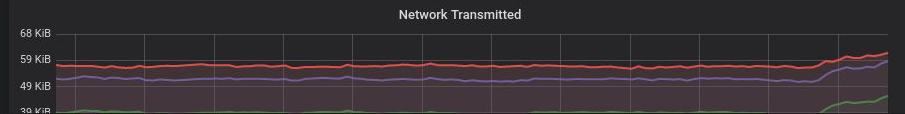
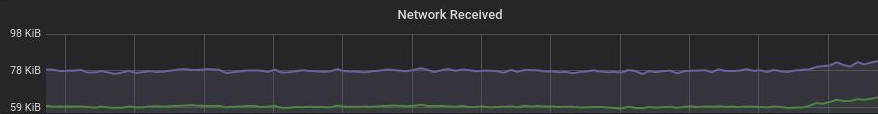
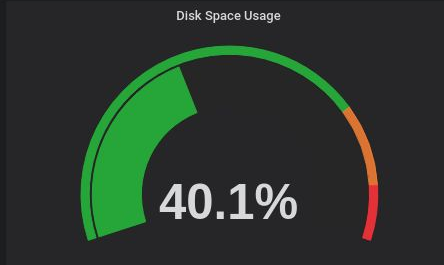
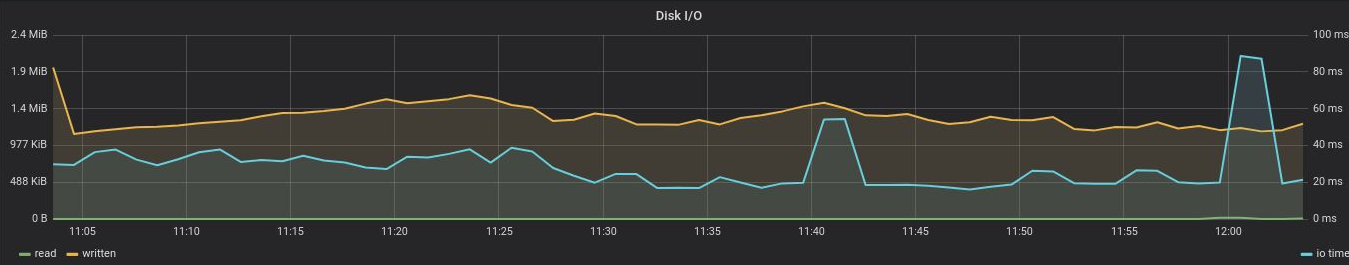
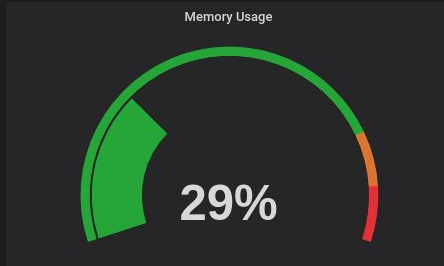
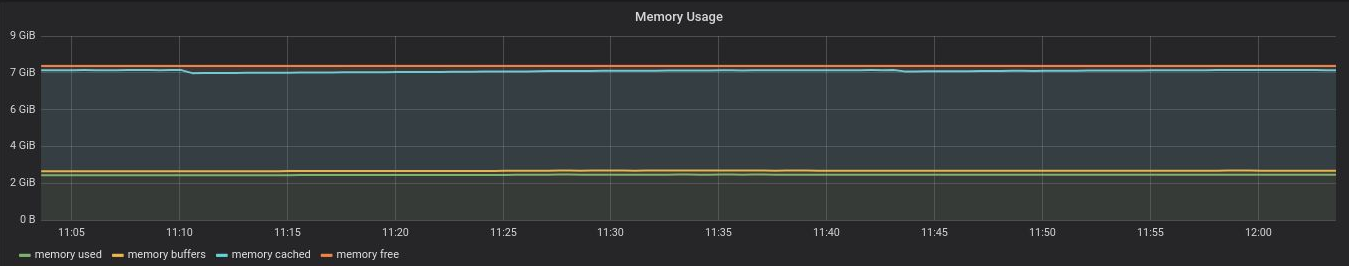
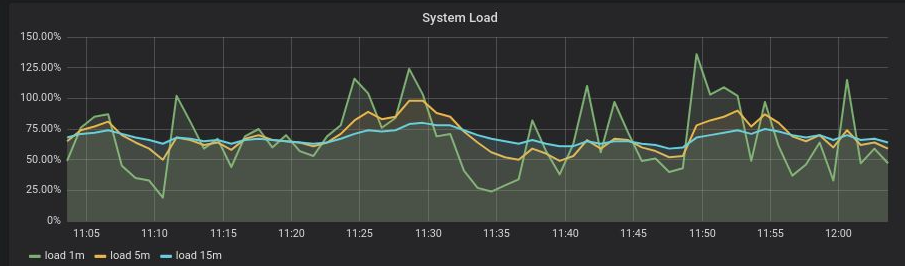
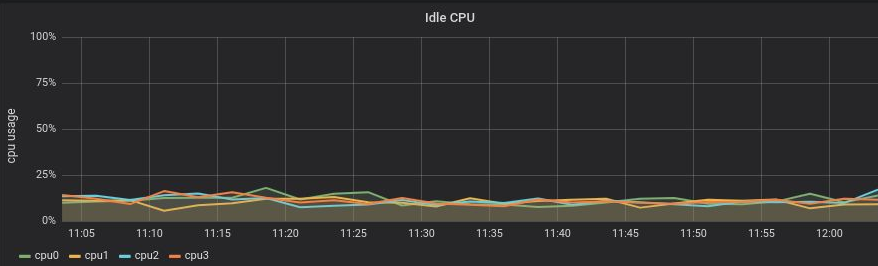
Count

@timestamp per 30 seconds

Time ▾	kubernetes.labels.app	kubernetes.host	log
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▶ March 26th 2018, 12:02:53.928	mongodb-replicaset	metalk8s5-03	2018-03-26T19:02:53.928+0000 I NETWORK [thread1] connection accepted from 127.0.0.1:58200 #22297 (15 connections now open)
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▶ March 26th 2018, 12:02:50.643	mongodb-replicaset	metalk8s5-04	2018-03-26T19:02:50.643+0000 I - [conn20572] end connection 127.0.0.1:41594 (13 connections now open)
▶ March 26th 2018, 12:02:50.638	mongodb-replicaset	metalk8s5-04	2018-03-26T19:02:50.638+0000 I NETWORK [conn20572] received client metadata from 127.0.0.1:41594 conn20572: { application: { name: "MongoDB Shell" }, driver: { name: "MongoDB Internal Client", version: "3.4.14" }, os: { type: "Linux", name: "PRETTY_NAME=Debian GNU/Linux 8 (jessie)", architecture: "x86_64", version: "Kernel 4.4.0-116-generic" } }
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▶ March 26th 2018, 12:02:50.521	mongodb-replicaset	metalk8s5-01	2018-03-26T19:02:50.521+0000 I - [conn21254] end connection 127.0.0.1:45634 (9 connections now open)
▶ March 26th 2018, 12:02:50.518	mongodb-replicaset	metalk8s5-01	2018-03-26T19:02:50.517+0000 I NETWORK [conn21254] received client metadata from 127.0.0.1:45634 conn21254: { application: { name: "MongoDB Shell" }, driver: { name: "MongoDB Internal Client", version: "3.4.14" }, os: { type: "Linux", name: "PRETTY_NAME=Debian GNU/Linux 8 (jessie)", architecture: "x86_64", version: "Kernel 4.4.0-116-generic" } }



server 10.100.2.227:9100 ▾



INTERLUDE

Storage in a Kubernetes Cluster

Storage in Kubernetes

- Not tied to particular implementation
 - File and block supported
 - Local disks/file systems or attached SAN/NAS
- Data model
 - StorageClass (SC): primarily used to configure on-demand provisioning
 - PersistentVolume (PV): representation of an available volume
 - PersistentVolumeClaim (PVC): binding between a Pod and a PV
- Classic on-demand provisioning:
 - Create PVC for given SC
 - Provisioner configured in SC creates backing storage and creates PV
 - PVC bound to PV
- CSI plugins perform attach and mounting of volumes
 - Currently many built-in, being split out of core

MetalK8s 1.x: Storage

- On-prem: no EBS, no GCP Persistent Disks, no Azure Storage Disk,...
- Also: can't rely on NAS (e.g. through OpenStack Cinder) to be available
- Lowest common denominator: local disks in a node
- Decided to use static provisioning during installation
 - Based on LVM2 Logical Volumes for flexibility
 - PV, VG, LVs defined in inventory, created/formatted/mounted by playbook
 - K8s PV objects created by playbook

Roadblocks and new requirements

- Based on years of years of experience deploying Scality RING at enterprise customers, service providers,...
- Constraints in data centers often very different from 'VMs on EC2'
 - No direct internet access: everything through HTTP(S) proxy, no non-HTTP traffic
 - Security rules requiring services to bind to specific IPs only, different subnets for control & workload,...
 - Fully air gapped systems: requires 100% offline installation
 - Non-standard OS/kernel
 - Integration with corporate authn/authz systems
 - Loosely captured in <https://github.com/scality/metalk8s/blob/development/2.0/docs/requirements.rst>
- Given reqs, decided continuing same path wouldn't work
 - However, useful lessons learned

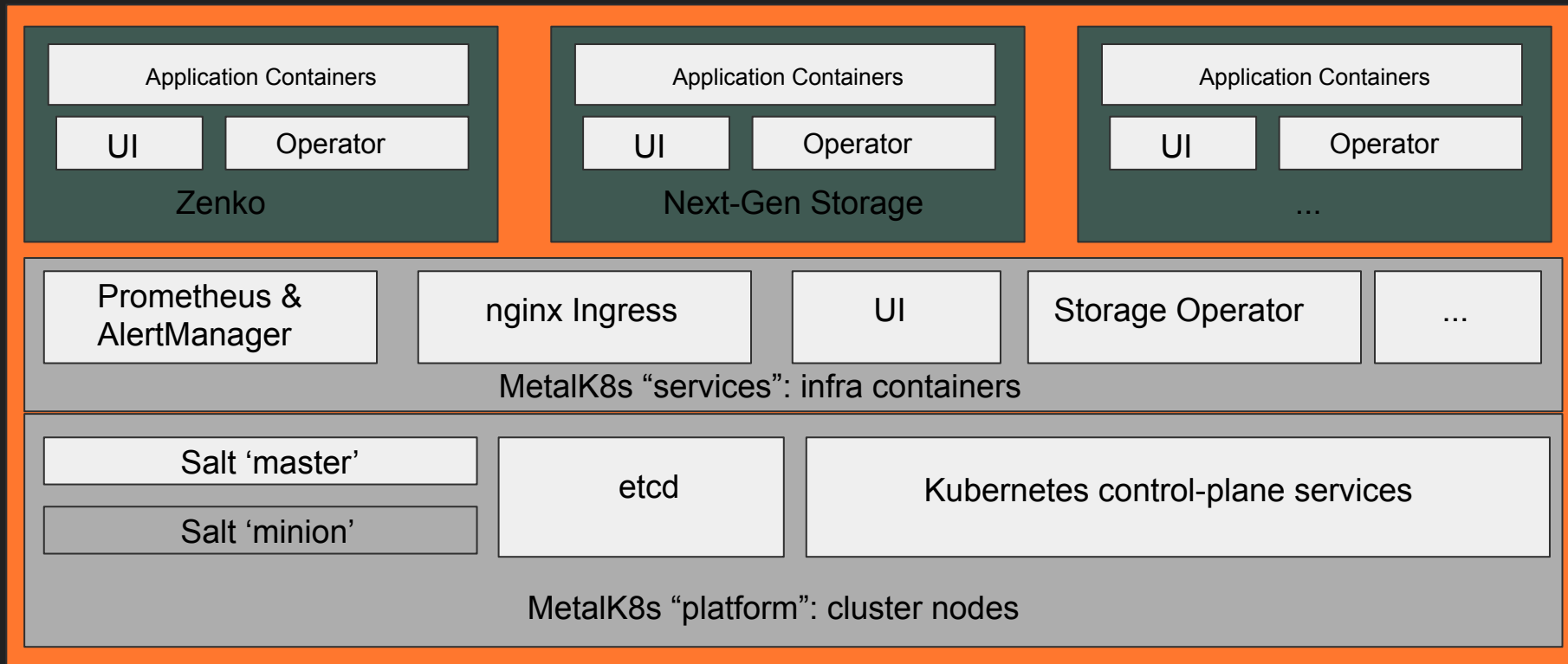
Scality MetalK8s 2.x

Platform for next-gen products

MetalK8s: Shifting focus

- 1.x: general-purpose deployment tool, fulfil K8s cluster pre-req of \$product
- 2.x: use-case specific component a vendor (you!) can embed in on-prem solution/product running on K8s without being a K8s product
 - More configurable to match exact solution requirements and deployment environment
 - Tighten out-of-the-box security depending on application 'insecurity' needs

MetalK8s 2.x: Changed Architecture



MetalK8s 2.x: Changed Architecture

- Not built on Kubespray, built from scratch, isomorphic to *kubeadm* cluster
- No one-of playbooks, no 'deploy-only' clusters: focus on day 1/N operations
- Need a dynamic system:
 - React to potential issues in cluster (e.g. prevent certificate TTL expiration)
- Need to act on system layer 'from inside K8s'
 - Cluster expansion
 - Storage provision
 - Cluster upgrade/downgrade

MetalK8s 2.x: Changed Architecture

- Using SaltStack
 - Dynamic, 'always-present', lots of in-house experience
- Build everything into single ISO image
- Cluster deployment / lifecycle:
 - Deploy 'bootstrap' node: mount ISO, create minimal config, run script
 - Deployment kickstarts from Bash into Salt local mode, then master/minion mode ASAP
 - Lays out Yum repository, container registry, Salt 'master' on bootstrap node, 1-node K8s cluster
 - CRI: *containerd*, no Docker. Maybe *cri-o* someday
 - CNI: Calico
 - Once bootstrap deployed to fully-functional 1-node K8s cluster, add new nodes:
 - Create *Node* object in K8s, set *role* labels and SSH info
 - Trigger Salt to deploy server: orchestration uses SaltSSH for minion, then plain Salt
 - Through API, CLI or UI
 - Control-plane, infra, workload node, or mixture
 - Cluster upgrade and downgrade fully automated, rolling

Interlude: static-container-registry

- Used to deploy full Docker Registry as part of MetalK8s
 - Overkill: only need read-only distribution
 - Overkill: requires 'seeding' the registry during deployment
 - Overkill: storage consumption explosion
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- Since no alternatives available, wrote something new: *static-container-registry*
 - Given set of 'exported' container images, deduplicate layers (*hardlink*), then run script to generate *nginx* config include snippet, and serve static files as-is, act as 'good enough' registry API
 - Tested with Docker, *containerd*, *cri-o*, *skopeo*

<https://github.com/NicolasT/static-container-registry/>

MetalK8s 2.x: Changed Architecture

- Everything centered around Kubernetes
 - Use K8s *Nodes* as 'inventory'
 - Use K8s *Nodes* as source-of-truth for server roles
 - Deploy cluster services (Yum repo, registry,...) as K8s/*kubelet*-managed Pods: central view of cluster, unified log management, metrics gathering,...
 - Boils down to *etcd* cluster availability: backup and disaster-recovery tooling available
- Cluster management API: Kubernetes API + SaltAPI
 - Integrated SaltAPI authn with K8s authn, i.e. can do OIDC
 - Integrated SaltAPI authz with K8s RBAC, i.e. unified experience
 - Allows SaltAPI access to MetalK8s services requiring this through *ServiceAccounts*
- Embrace K8s model: declare first in model, then realize: nodes, storage, applications,...

MetalK8s 2.x: Covering Enterprise Datacenter Needs

- 100% offline installation
 - System packages
 - Containers
- Networking
 - Discern control-plane and workload-plane networks
 - Control-plane HA either *keepalived* managed by MetalK8s, or external VIP/LB
- RHEL7 / CentOS7
 - Ubuntu 18.04 LTS in progress for community purposes
 - RHEL8 / CentOS8 support planned
- Integrate with enterprise authn/authz
- Custom cluster-management UI
- Focus on 'real hardware', not cloud VMs
 - Integrated SMART disk monitoring, iLO server monitoring,...



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Monitoring



Nodes

Nodes

[+ Create a New Node](#)

Name ▾	Status ▾	Deployment ▾	Roles ▾	Metalk8s Version ▾
bootstrap	Ready		Bootstrap	2.4.0-dev

Nodes > Create a New Node

New Node Data

Name

MetalK8s Version

2.4.0-dev

Roles



Workload Plane



Control Plane



Infra

New Node Access

SSH User

Hostname or IP

SSH Port

22

SSH Key Path

`/etc/metalk8s/pki/salt-bootstrap`

Sudo Required

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Cancel

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MetalK8s 2.x: Storage Provisioning

- Still focus on local disk manipulation
- Pure LVM2 not sufficient due to application needs
- Embrace K8s model + Salt:
 - Create *Volume* custom resource objects in K8s
 - Controller / 'operator' acts on *Volume* CRUDs
 - Every *Volume* has a *StorageClass* which defines FS, *mkfs* options, *mount* options,...
 - Calls into SaltAPI to realize 'physical' volumes, or LVM LVs, or ...
 - Currently: *rawBlockDevice* and *sparseLoopDevice*
 - Coming: configure RAID controllers, based on existing Scality Salt tooling, incl. RAID controller management
 - Once 'physical' volume created and formatted, create K8s *PersistentVolume*, expose to workloads
- Not using CSI



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Nodes

Nodes > **bootstrap**Details **Volumes** Pods

Name ▾	Status ▾	Bound ▾	Storage Capacity ▾	Storage Class ▾	Creation Time ▾	Action
bootstrap-alertmanager	Available	Yes	1Gi	metalk8s-prometheus	9/23/2019 11:26:00 AM	
bootstrap-prometheus	Available	Yes	10Gi	metalk8s-prometheus	9/23/2019 11:26:00 AM	



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Nodes

Nodes > bootstrap > bootstrap-prometheus

Detailed Information

Name	bootstrap-prometheus
Status	Available
Size	10Gi
Type	sparseLoopDevice
Bound	Yes
Storage Class	metalk8s-prometheus
Path	Not applicable
Access Mode	ReadWriteOnce
Mount Options	rw, discard
Creation Time	9/23/2019 11:26:00 AM



```
[root@bootstrap ~]# kubectl get volumes
NAME                NODE          STORAGECLASS
bootstrap-alertmanager bootstrap    metalk8s-prometheus
bootstrap-prometheus bootstrap    metalk8s-prometheus
[root@bootstrap ~]# kubectl get volume bootstrap-prometheus -o yaml
apiVersion: storage.metalk8s.scality.com/v1alpha1
kind: Volume
metadata:
  annotations:
    kubernetes.io/last-applied-configuration: |
      {"apiVersion":"storage.metalk8s.scality.com/v1alpha1","kind":"Volume","metadata":{"annotations":{},"name":"bootstrap-prometheus"},"spec":{"nodeName":"bootstrap","sparseLoopDevice":{"size":"10Gi"},"storageClassName":"metalk8s-prometheus","template":{"metadata":{"labels":{"app.kubernetes.io/name":"prometheus-operator-prometheus"}}}}}
  creationTimestamp: "2019-09-23T18:26:00Z"
  finalizers:
    - storage.metalk8s.scality.com/volume-protection
  generation: 2
  name: bootstrap-prometheus
  resourceVersion: "1216"
  selfLink: /apis/storage.metalk8s.scality.com/v1alpha1/volumes/bootstrap-prometheus
  uid: c1e71f60-9d3a-4ca5-bdc4-1812eb29721b
spec:
  nodeName: bootstrap
  sparseLoopDevice:
    size: 10Gi
  storageClassName: metalk8s-prometheus
  template:
    metadata:
      creationTimestamp: null
      labels:
        app.kubernetes.io/name: prometheus-operator-prometheus
    spec: {}
status:
  phase: Available
[root@bootstrap ~]#
```



```
[root@bootstrap ~]# kubectl describe pv bootstrap-prometheus
```

```
Name:          bootstrap-prometheus
Labels:         app.kubernetes.io/name=prometheus-operator-prometheus
Annotations:    pv.kubernetes.io/bound-by-controller: yes
Finalizers:     [storage.metalk8s.scality.com/volume-protection kubernetes.io/pv-protection]
StorageClass:   metalk8s-prometheus
Status:         Bound
Claim:          metalk8s-monitoring/prometheus-prometheus-operator-prometheus-db-prometheus-prometheus-operator-prometheus-0
Reclaim Policy: Retain
Access Modes:   RWX
VolumeMode:     Filesystem
Capacity:       10Gi
Node Affinity:
  Required Terms:
    Term 0:      kubernetes.io/hostname in [bootstrap]
Message:
Source:
  Type:          LocalVolume (a persistent volume backed by local storage on a node)
  Path:          /dev/disk/by-uuid/c1e71f60-9d3a-4ca5-bdc4-1812eb29721b
Events:          <none>
[root@bootstrap ~]#
```



datasource

Prometheus

Namespace

metalk8s-monitoring

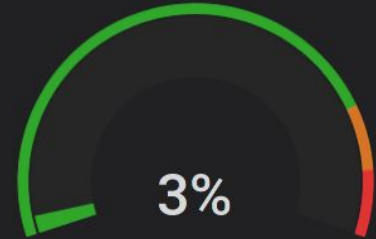
PersistentVolumeClaim

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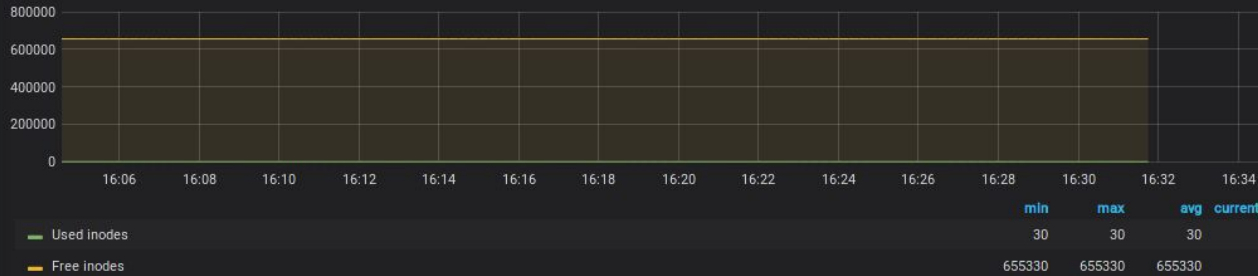
Volume Space Usage



Volume Space Usage

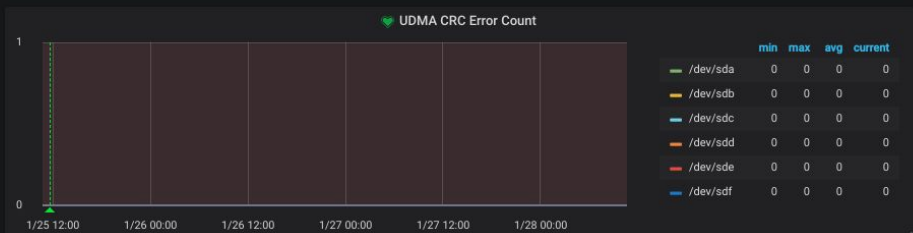
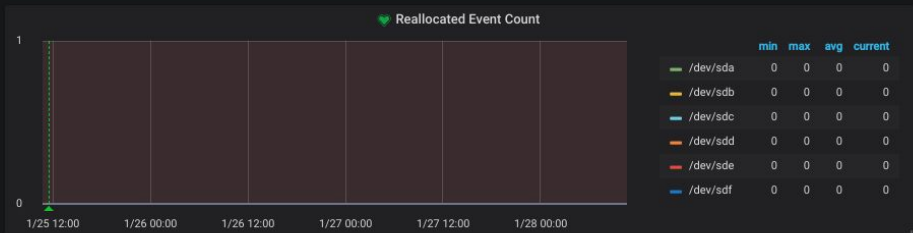
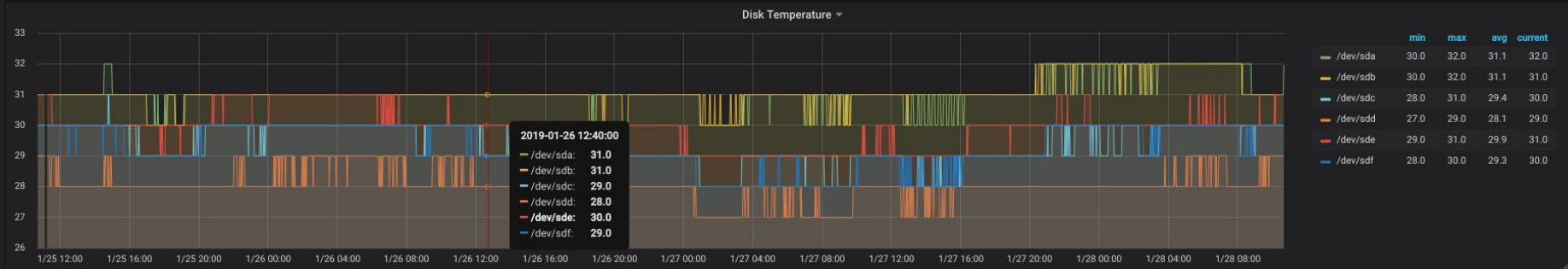


Volume inodes Usage



Volume inodes Usage







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Monitoring



Nodes

Nodes



bootstrap

Create a New Volume

Name

Storage Class

metalk8s-prometheus



Type

SparseLoopDevice



Volume Capacity



GiB



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MetalK8s 2.x: Deploying Solutions

- K8s cluster not 'end goal', how to deploy actual product(s)?
- Main concept: operators
 - A solution (e.g. Zenko) brings an *operator* that can deploy, manage, lifecycle solution instance(s)
- Solutions ship as ISO images containing container images and metadata
 - Somewhat similar to CNAB 'thick' bundles
- ISOs 'imported' in cluster (on *bootstrap* node)
 - Expose containers in registry
 - Deploy operator & custom UI
 - Create solution-specific *StorageClasses*
- Think of this as the *application store* of your cluster

MetalK8s 2.x: Deploying Solutions

- Solution instances created/deployed, upgraded, downgraded,... by user, automated by operator
 - Through K8s (extended) API, CLI, solution-specific UI
- Metrics captured by cluster-provided Prometheus, monitored by cluster-provided AlertManager & Grafana
 - Solution deployment includes custom dashboards and alerting rules

MetalK8s 2.x: Quickstart

- Install Vagrant and VirtualBox
- `git clone --branch development/2.4 \`
<https://github.com/scality/metal8s.git>
- `./doit.sh vagrant_up`

MetalK8s 2.x: The road forward

- Integrate log aggregation
- Increase documentation coverage
- Extend UI
- Storage:
 - Device discovery
 - Integrate existing RAID-controller-fronted-disks automation in MetalK8s
 - Considering using SNIA Swordfish for discovery and provisioning
 - Support non-traditional device access (SPDK, CNS,...)
- Extended host/device/network monitoring
- Other CNIs (sriov, DPDK), Istio service-mesh, Jaeger tracing, OpenPolicyAgent,...
- Experimenting with built-in node netboot: PXE, boot-from-RAMdisk/livenet



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