TANGO-grafana

a study of the modifiability on Prometheus and Grafana

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Writing an exporter

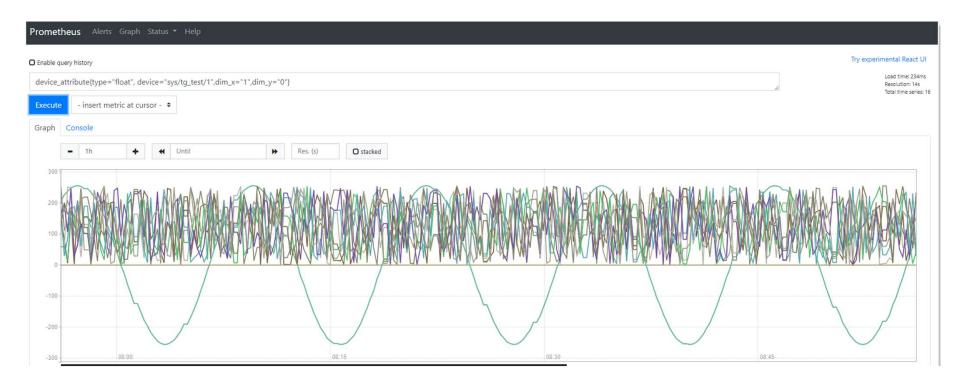
- Guideline available and very clear:
 - https://prometheus.io/docs/practices/instrumentation/
- Python client library for development
 - https://github.com/prometheus/client_python#gauge

Writing an exporter for TANGO

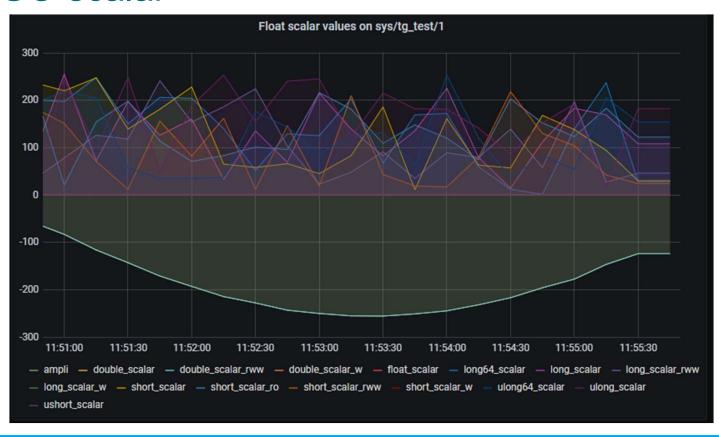
- Read all the attributes from a TANGO control system
 - I have already made something similar in a smoke test in skampi: https://gitlab.com/ska-telescope/skampi/-/blob/master/post-deployment/tests/smoke/test_devices.py
- Result: 220 lines of code and more than 4000 attributes read in less than 4ss
 - Timeout set at 10ms!

TANGO exporter

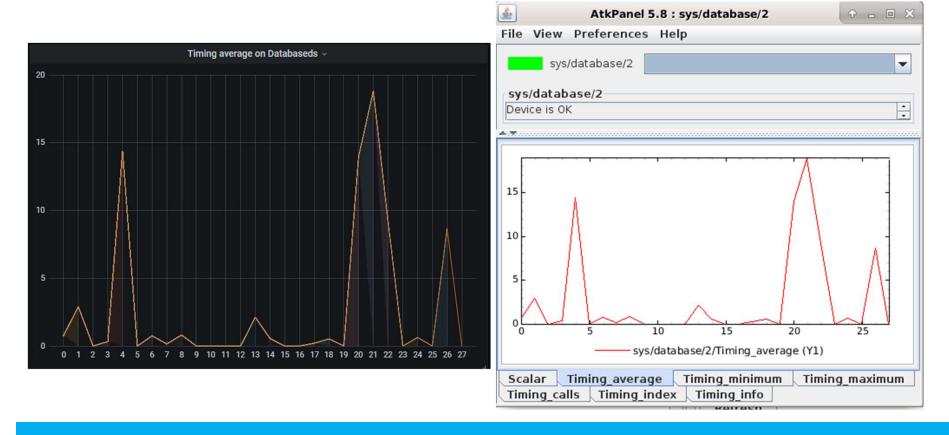
Prometheus graph engine



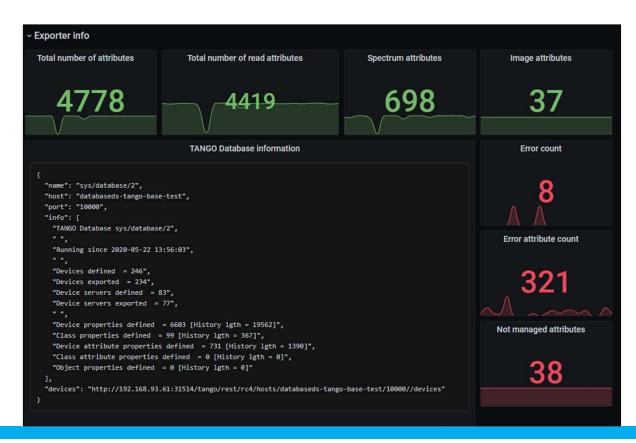
TANGO scalar



TANGO spectrum



View of the system (with open source ajax plugin)

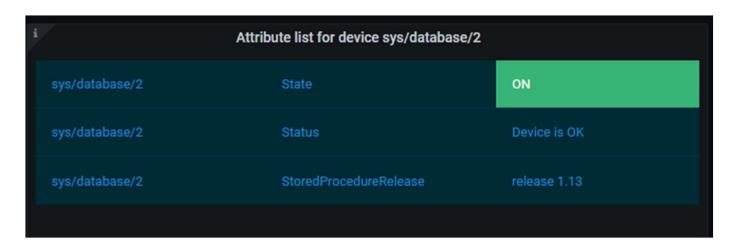


What about displaying strings?

In prometheus and grafana, everything is a number.

Needs for a new plugin:

Show attributes in a table form (label value in case of state/string/enum)



Anatomy of a grafana plugin

React project composed by at least 2 files:

- Plugin.json:
 - when grafana starts it looks for those files and load them according to the specified configuration
- Module.ts:
 - expose the implementation

So far so good

Very easy to create new exporters

Not that easy for grafana plugin:

- Typescript
- The react model of thinking

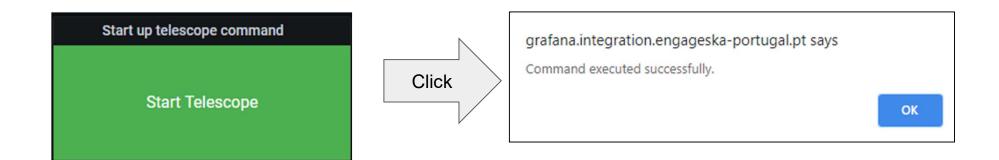
Monitoring and Control panel?

While it is quite easy to create a new monitoring plugin and dashboards, it isn't the same for the control counterpart

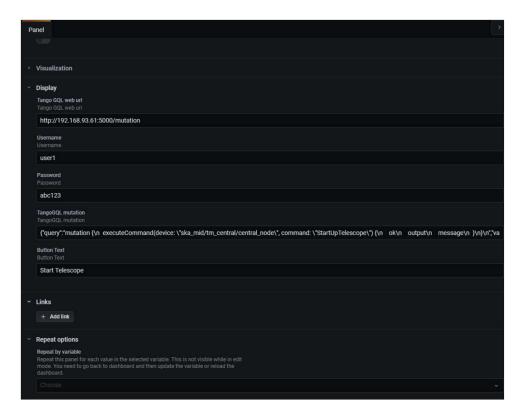
- CORS problems
- Parameter panel can be tricky with complex parameter

TANGO-Command plugin

Based on TANGO-GQL backend



TANGO-Command Edit panel



Demo 2: TANGO-Grafana

Thanks!

Prometheus and Grafana are highly modifiable

- Created a TANGO dashboard in less than one sprint!
 - Source code (needs refactoring) https://github.com/Matteo04052017/TANGO-grafana:
 - TANGO-exporter and helm chart to deploy in k8s
 - TANGO-Attribute plugin
 - TANGO-Command plugin
 - TANGOGQL-proxy (flask) for enabling CORS in the TANGO-command plugin