

Telegraf, InfluxDB, Grafana

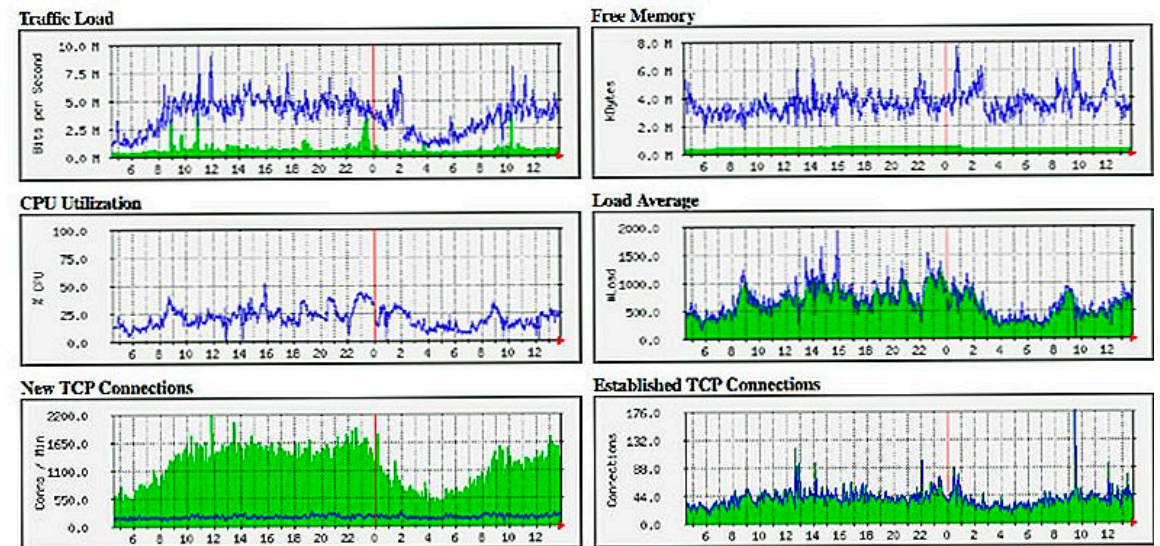
Training



Still Using MRTG?

- Simple all in one SNMP monitoring software
 - Send SNMP requests
 - Store replies into text-based database
 - Generate images and HTML pages
- Measures two values (input / output)
- Collects data every five minutes
- Static pages
- RRDTools, Cacti

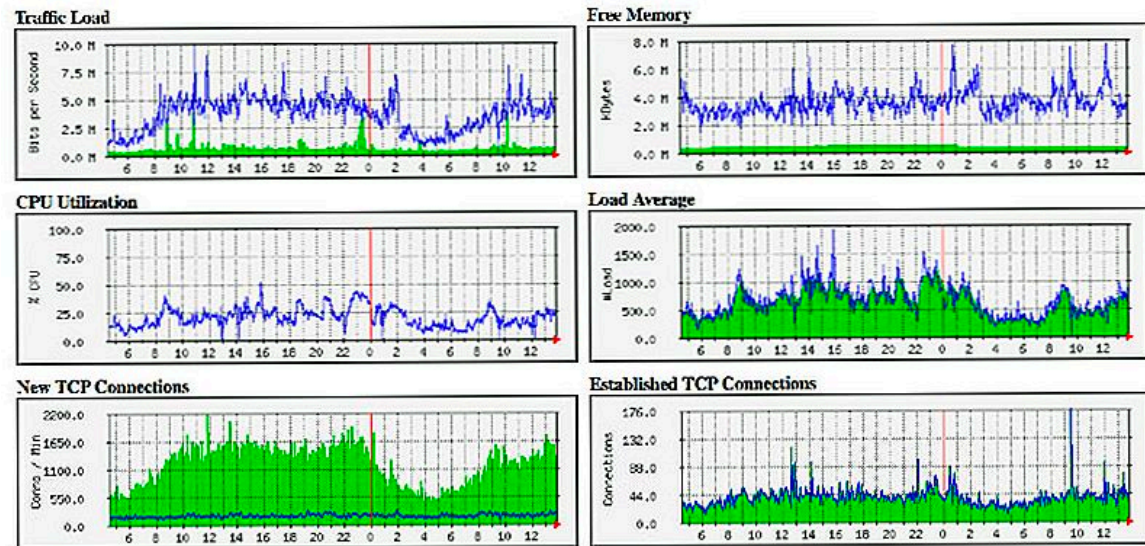
MRTG Index Page



Why should not use MRTG anymore

- Pull-based
- Mainly SNMP, 2-D data
- Not scalable
- Static image, web page
- Five minutes interval
- Difficult to customize
- No modern alert mechanism
- No distributed databases

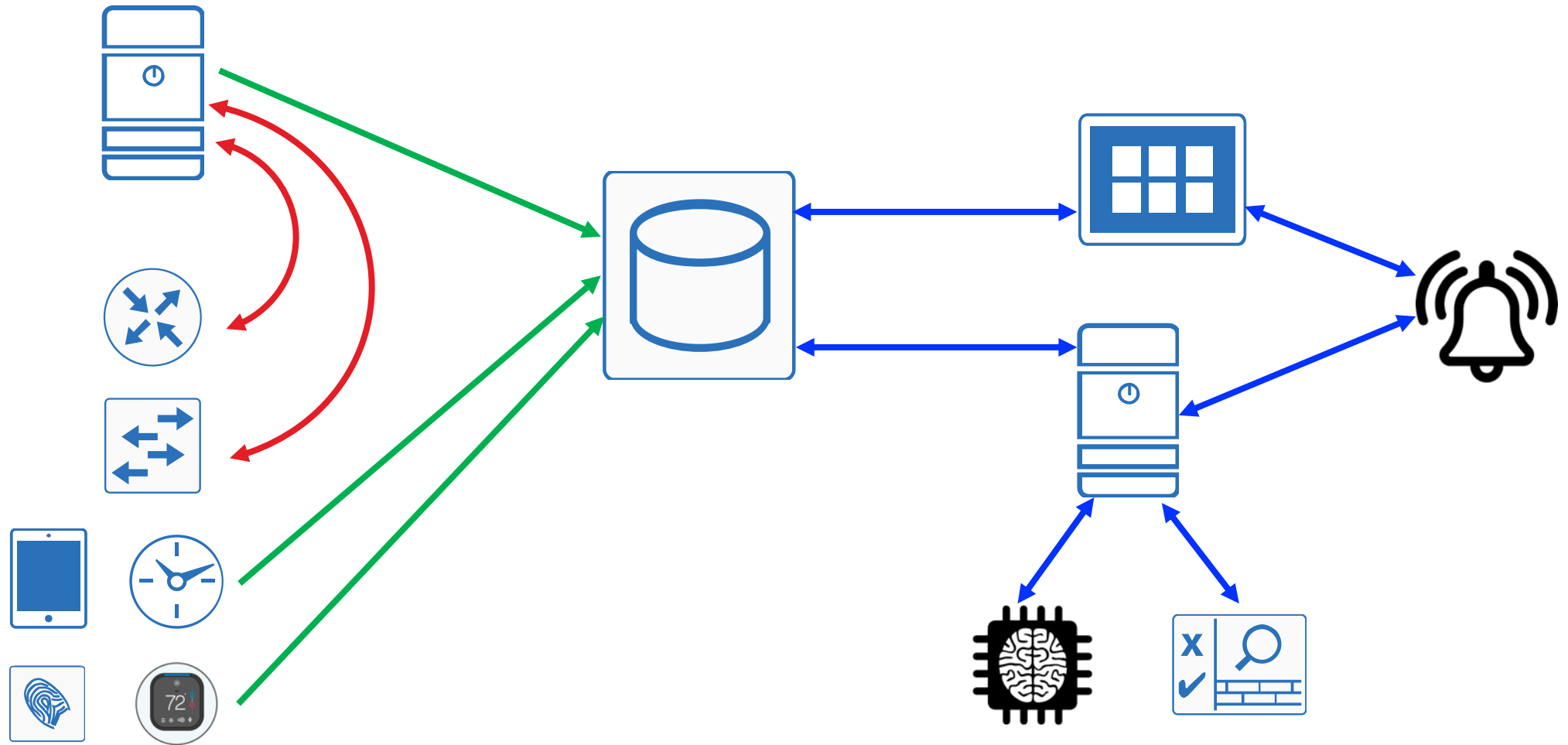
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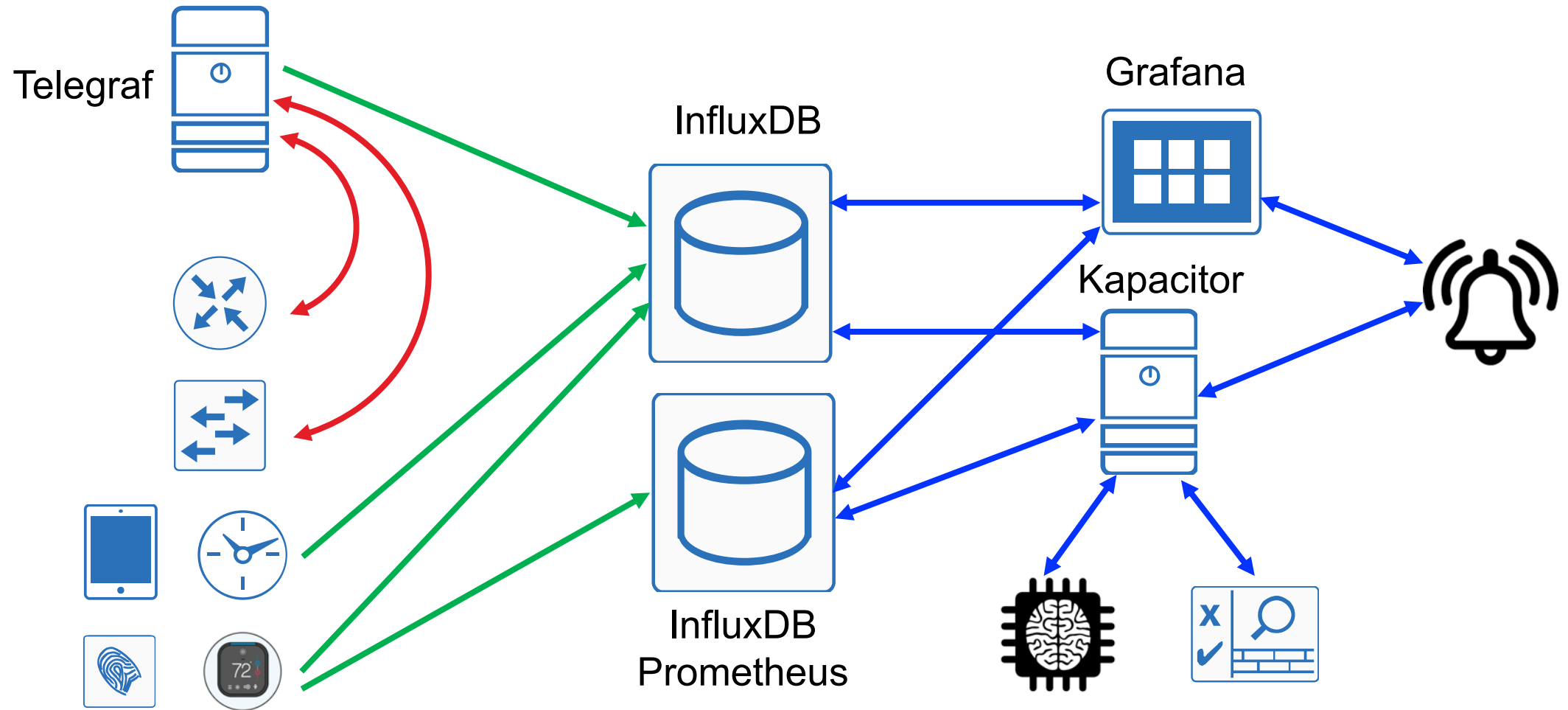
What we need

- Collect data
- Store and process data
- Visualize data
- Monitoring and alert
- Telemetry data more than SNMP
 - What is telemetry data?
 - Getting more important
 - Big Data to AI

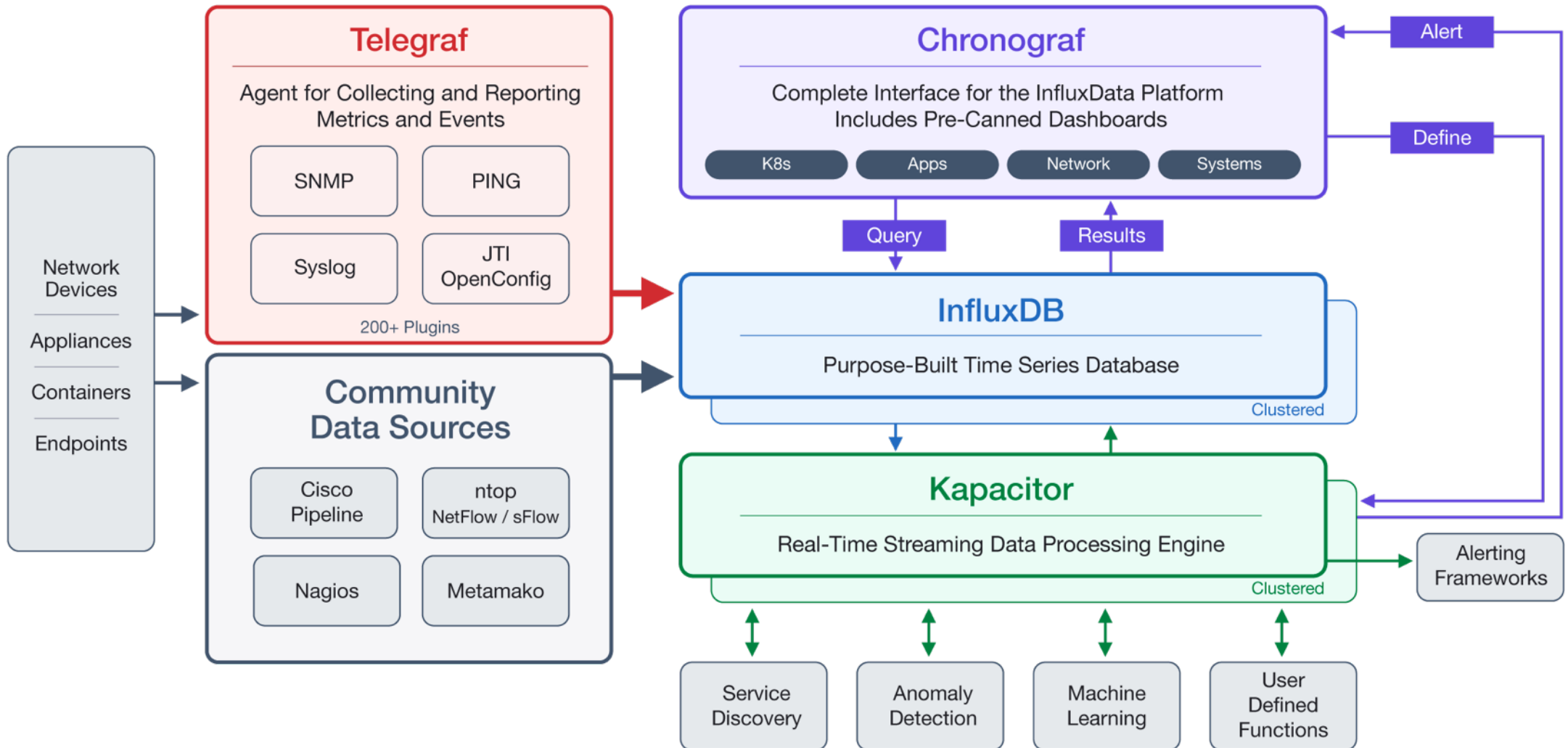
Modern Data Monitoring and Processing Model



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TICK Architecture



Products

Telegraf	InfluxDB	Chronograf	Kapacitor
Agents for collecting and reporting metrics and events	Time Series Database	Data visualization	Streaming data processing engine
Logstash Prometheus Fluentd	Graphite Prometheus OpenTSDB Elasticsearch	Grafana Kibana Datadog Splunk	Kafka Grafana Prometheus

Why InfluxDB?

Rank			DBMS	Database Model	Score		
Nov 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2018			Nov 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2018
1.	1.	1.	InfluxDB	Time Series	19.93	+0.31	+6.29
2.	2.	2.	Kdb+	Time Series, Multi-model	5.29	-0.15	+0.44
3.	3.	6.	Prometheus	Time Series	3.64	+0.04	+1.69
4.	4.	3.	Graphite	Time Series	3.32	-0.02	+0.48
5.	5.	4.	RRDtool	Time Series	2.90	+0.19	+0.18
6.	6.	5.	OpenTSDB	Time Series	2.13	+0.21	+0.11
7.	7.	7.	Druid	Multi-model	1.79	-0.05	+0.43
8.	8.	8.	TimescaleDB	Time Series, Multi-model	1.73	+0.22	+1.19
9.	11.	13.	FaunaDB	Multi-model	0.61	+0.14	+0.40
10.	10.	14.	GridDB	Time Series, Multi-model	0.57	+0.03	+0.40

source: <https://db-engines.com/en/ranking/time+series+dbms>

Why InfluxDB, Telegraf, Grafana

InfluxDB

- High performance, written in Go
- Native HTTP API
- Powerful SQL-like language
- Supports logs
- Down sampling

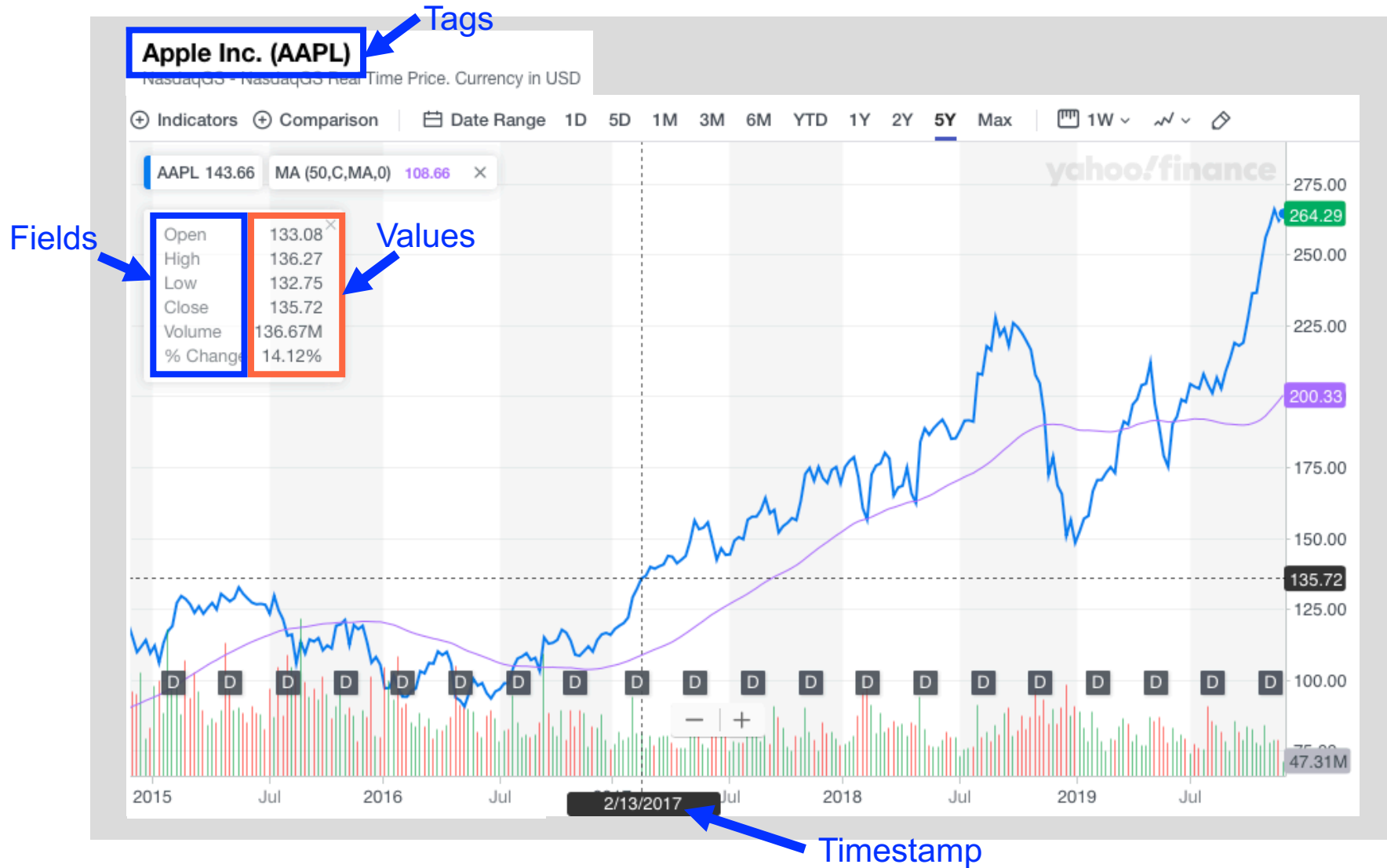
Telegraf

- High performance, written in Go
- Collect and send almost all kinds of data
- 200+ input, output plugins

Grafana

- Rich data sources support
 - InfluxDB, Prometheus, MySQL
- Templating
- Alerts
- Plugin, App

Time Series Data



Measurement	Stock_Price
Tag	Name=Apple Inc. Symbol=AAPL
Fields	Open=133.08 High=136.27 Low=132.75 Close=135.72 Volume=136.67M Change=14.12%
Timestamp	2/13/2017

InfluxDB Data Format

```
Stock_Price,Name="Apple Inc.",Symbol="AAPL"
```

measurement

Tags

```
Open=133.08,High=136.27,Low=132.75
```

Fields

```
1486944000000000000
```

Timestamp

```
CiscoSwitch,ifIndex=1,ifAlias="Gi0/1"
```

measurement

Tags

```
ifInOctets=133,ifOutOctets=136,ifStatus=1
```

Fields

```
1487244000000000000
```

Timestamp

```
HPE_Servers,dc="TW01",sensor="sysCpu"
```

measurement

Tags

```
user=13,system=26,idle=55,kernel=5,irq=1
```

Fields

```
1487434000000000000
```

Timestamp

Key-Value Pairs

```
Stock_Price, Name="Apple Inc.", Symbol="AAPL"
```

measurement

Tags

```
Open=133.08, High=136.27, Low=132.75
```

Fields

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1486944000000000000
```

Timestamp

Tag key	Tag value
Name	"Apple Inc."

Field key	Field value
Name	"Apple Inc."

Tag key	Name, Symbol
Tag value	"Apple Inc.", "AAPL"

Field key	Open, High, Low
Field value	133.08, 136.27, 132.75

InfluxDB and Telegraf Configuration

InfluxDB

- Default configuration directory
 - /etc/influxdb
- Default binding port: 8086
- Enable authentication (recommended)
- <https://github.com/influxdata/influxdb>

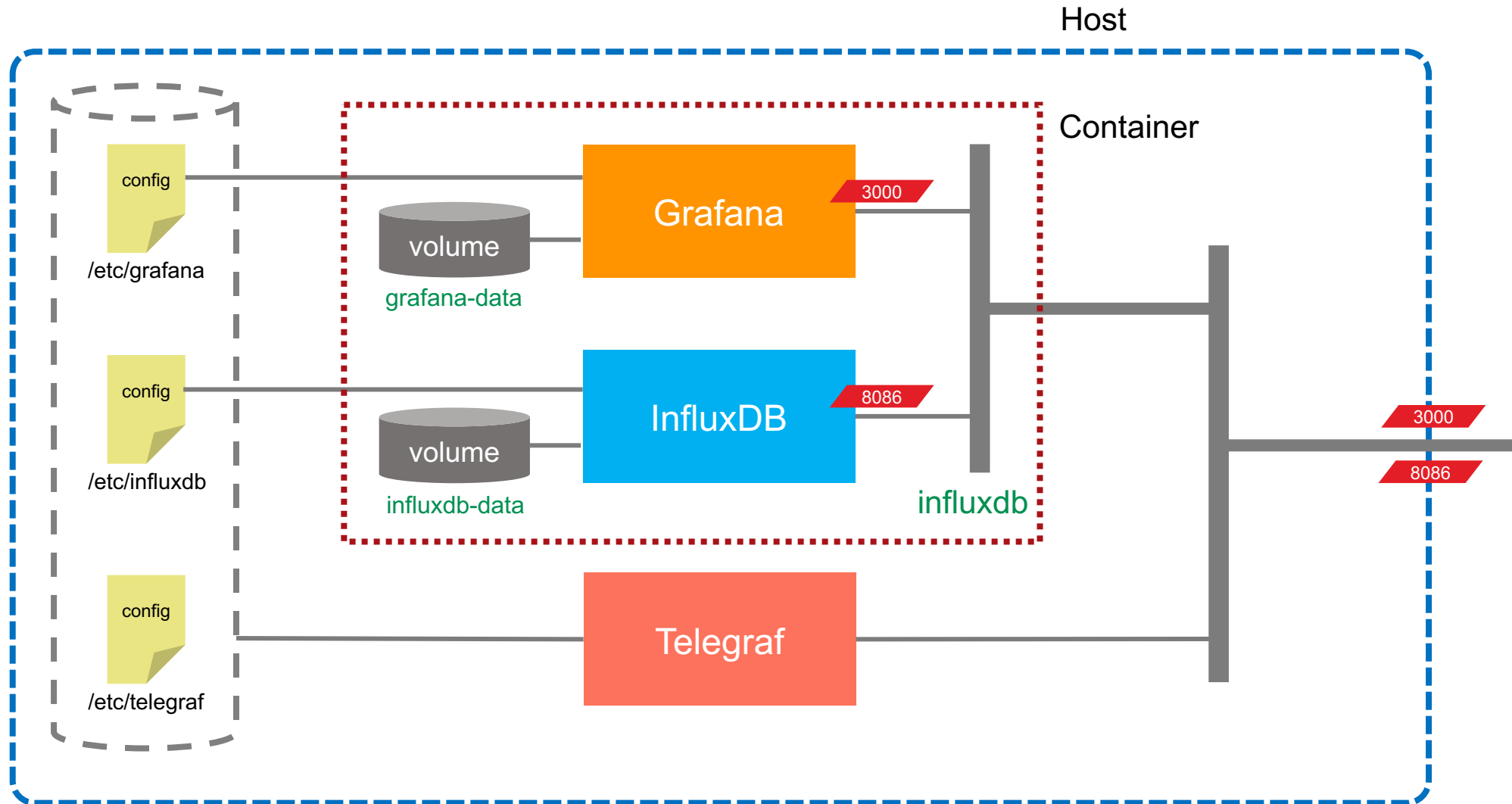
Telegraf

- Default configuration directory
 - /etc/telegraf
 - /etc/telegraf/telegraf.d
- Telegraf will load every file in the directory
- First, configure global parameters
 - interval, debug, logfile
- Then configure input and output plugins
- <https://github.com/influxdata/telegraf>

Grafana Features

- Data source
- Dashboard
- Panel
- Metrics
- Query
- Plugin
- Template
- Variable
- User
- Playlist
- Alert

Lab



Docker Commands in This Lab

Command	Comment
<code>docker run -dit -v --restart --rm -p --net --name</code>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-d: detach-it: interactive terminal-v: mount storage--restart: restart policy--rm: delete container after exit--p: publish ports--net: use network--name: name of the container
<code>docker exec -it</code>	Execute command in container
<code>docker network create</code>	Create a container network
<code>docker volume create</code>	Create a container volume

Docker Commands in This Lab

Command	Comment
<code>docker container cp</code>	Copy files in container to host
<code>docker container ls</code>	List files in container
<code>docker container [start stop restart]</code>	Start/Stop/Restart a container
<code>docker images</code>	List docker images
<code>docker rmi</code>	Delete docker image

InfluxDB Commands in This Lab

Command	Comment
<code>influxd config</code>	Display configuration file
<code>influx -username -password</code>	Enter influxdb with username/password

Telegraf Commands in This Lab

Command	Comment
<code>telegraf config</code>	Display configuration file contain
<code>telegraf --usage [<i>inputs</i> <i>outputs</i>]</code>	Display sample config of a plugin
<code>telegraf --input-filter <i>plugin1[:plugin2]</i> [...]</code>	Display input plugin configuration
<code>telegraf --output-filter <i>plugin1[:plugin2]</i> [...]</code>	Display output plugin configuration

Lab List

1. Setting up Docker
2. Configuring Docker nonroot access and start on boot
3. Installing, configuring and running InfluxDB container
4. Installing Telegraf and fetching configuration file
5. Copy Telegraf configuration files to /etc/telegraf
6. Edit Telegraf configuration files
7. Running Telegraf

Lab List

8. Installing Grafana container and retrieving configuration file
9. Running Grafana
10. Adding data source and creating the first dashboard in Grafana
11. Adding Panels in the dashboard of Grafana
12. Setting up alert channel of Grafana
13. Upgrade Grafana to latest version
14. Configuring variables and template (optional)

We are architects of change

Together we own the possible