

Monitoring & Diagnostics

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Monitoring with Prometheus

Learn about the example files Cloudera provides related to Prometheus monitoring. Additionally, learn about recommended metrics, alerts, and the Kafka Exporter.

Cloudera provides various example files related to the setup and configuration of Prometheus monitoring. These example files configure Kafka and other cluster components to expose recommended metrics. Additionally, they set up a Prometheus instance that scrapes exposed metrics and publishes recommended alerts.

The example files are hosted on the Cloudera Archive. They are located in `/csm-operator/1.6/examples/metrics/`.

The example files related to Prometheus are as follows.

- `kafka-metrics.yaml` – A configuration file that includes `Kafka`, `KafkaNodePool`, and `ConfigMap` resource examples. You can use this configuration example to deploy a Kafka cluster that exposes the recommended metrics that Prometheus can scrape.

If you already have a cluster and want to configure your existing Kafka to expose metrics, review the `ConfigMap` manifest in this example file. The `ConfigMap` specifies what Kafka metrics are exposed. For comprehensive steps on how to configure Kafka to expose Prometheus compatible metrics, see *Configuring Kafka for Prometheus monitoring*.

- `kafka-connect-metrics.yaml` – A configuration file that includes a `KafkaConnect` and a `ConfigMap` resource example. You can use this configuration example to deploy a Kafka Connect cluster with a single worker that exposes the recommended metrics that Prometheus can scrape.

If you already have a cluster and want to configure your existing Kafka Connect cluster to expose metrics, review the `ConfigMap` manifest in this example file. The `ConfigMap` specifies what Kafka Connect metrics are exposed. For comprehensive steps on how to configure Kafka Connect to expose Prometheus compatible metrics, see *Configuring Kafka Connect for Prometheus monitoring*.

- `/prometheus-install/`
 - `alertmanager.yaml` – An example `AlertManager` resource for deploying and configuring the Prometheus Alertmanager.
 - `prometheus.yaml` – A configuration file that you can use to deploy a Prometheus server.
 - `prometheus-rules.yaml` – An example `PrometheusRule` resource that includes alert rules recommended by Cloudera.
 - `/pod-monitors/` – A directory containing `PodMonitor` resource examples. These resources define Prometheus jobs that scrape metrics directly from pods such as Kafka clusters, the Cluster Operator, and the Entity Operator.
- `/prometheus-additional-properties/`
 - `prometheus-additional.yaml` – A `Secret` resource that stores additional Prometheus configuration for scraping CPU, memory, and disk volume usage metrics. These metrics are reported by the Kubernetes cAdvisor agent and kubelet on the nodes.
- `/prometheus-alertmanager-config/`
 - `alert-manager-config.yaml` – A `Secret` resource containing additional configuration for the Prometheus Operator. The configuration specifies hook definitions for sending notifications from your Kafka cluster through the Alertmanager.



Note: Configuration examples located in the `prometheus-install`, `prometheus-additional-properties`, and `prometheus-alertmanager-config` directories are Prometheus Operator resource examples. You must have a running instance of the Prometheus Operator in your cluster to use them.

Related Information

[Configuring Kafka for Prometheus monitoring](#)

[Configuring Kafka Connect for Prometheus monitoring](#)

[Cloudera Archive](#)

Prometheus Operator

Prometheus metrics

To expose metrics recommended by Cloudera, set up and configure Prometheus, Kafka, and Kafka Connect instances using the example configuration files provided by Cloudera.

The example files are hosted on the Cloudera Archive. They are located in `/csm-operator/1.6/examples/metrics/`. When you deploy using these examples, your deployment exposes and monitors the metrics recommended by Cloudera.

The specific metrics that you need to monitor will depend on your use case and operational objectives. As a result, any metric can be useful and there are no metrics that can be highlighted. Start out with the provided example files and make changes as necessary.

Prometheus alerts

Cloudera provides a Prometheus alert configuration example that contains recommended alert rules. Learn about the highlighted alerts defined in this example. Additionally, learn about configuring custom alerts for Kafka components and the Strimzi Cluster Operator.

Default (recommended) alerts

The `prometheus-rules.yaml` file is an example `PrometheusRule` resource that has various alert rules specified. The alerts specified in this example are generally useful for most use cases and all of them are recommended by Cloudera.

The following is a list of the highlighted alerts for Kafka and Kafka Connect that are defined in the example. Ensure that you always have these alerts configured as they give good insight into the state and health of your cluster.

Kafka

- `KafkaRunningOutOfSpace` – Kafka is running out of free disk space. Reported for each Persistent Volume Claim.
- `UnderReplicatedPartitions` – Kafka has underreplicated partitions. Reported for each Kafka pod.
- `OfflinePartitions` – One or more partitions have no leader on the actual Kafka pods.
- `OfflineLogDirectoryCount` – Reports the number of offline log directories located on the actual Kafka pod.
- `KafkaNetworkProcessorAvgIdle` – Less than 30% of network processor capacity available on the actual Kafka pod. You can avoid this alert by increasing the `num.network.threads` broker property.
- `KafkaRequestHandlerAvgIdle` – Less than 30% of request handler capacity is available on the actual Kafka pod. You can avoid this alert by increasing the `num.io.threads` broker property.
- `ClusterOperatorContainerDown` – The Strimzi Cluster Operator has been down for longer than 90 seconds.

Kafka Connect

- `ConnectContainersDown` – Connect pods have been down or in `CrashLookBackOff` status for more than three minutes.
- `ConnectFailedConnector` – One or more connectors have been in a failed state for five minutes.
- `ConnectFailedTask` – One or more connectors have been in a failed state for five minutes.

Custom alerts and groups

In addition to the default alerts, you can define custom ones as well. To do this, you extend your `PrometheusRule` resource (`prometheus-rules.yaml`) with additional alert rules.

Alert rules are grouped and the `prometheus-rules.yaml` example contains the following default groups.

- kafka
- entityOperator
- kafkaExporter
- connect

For example, to monitor Cruise Control, you must introduce a Cruise Control group that contains valid alert rules. Specifying a new group is also useful if you want to identify host machine related problems. You can find more information on defining alert rules in the Prometheus documentation.

Alerts for the Strimzi Cluster Operator

By default, prometheus-rules.yaml contains a single alert related to the Strimzi Cluster Operator. This alert monitors whether the container of the operator is down. You can define additional alerts using the following metrics.

- `strimzi_reconciliations_already_enqueued_total` – Number of reconciliations skipped because another reconciliation for the same resource was still running.
- `strimzi_reconciliations_duration_seconds` – The time reconciliation takes to complete.
- `strimzi_reconciliations_duration_seconds_max` – Max time of reconciliation takes.
- `strimzi_reconciliations_failed_total` – Number of failed reconciliations done by the operator for individual resources which failed.
- `strimzi_reconciliations_locked_total` – Number of reconciliations skipped because another reconciliation for the same resource was still running.
- `strimzi_reconciliations_max_batch_size` – Max size recorded for a single event batch.
- `strimzi_reconciliations_periodical_total` – Number of periodical reconciliations done by the operator.
- `strimzi_reconciliations_successful_total` – Number of reconciliations done by the operator for individual resources which were successful.
- `strimzi_reconciliations_total` – Number of reconciliations done by the operator for individual resources.
- `strimzi_resources` – Number of custom resources the operator sees.
- `strimzi_resources_paused` – Number of custom resources with paused reconciliations.

Related Information

[Alerting rules | Prometheus](#)

Kafka Exporter

You can use Kafka Exporter to publish additional Kafka metrics related to brokers and clients.

Kafka Exporter is an open source project to enhance the monitoring of Apache Kafka brokers and clients. Kafka Exporter extracts additional metrics data from Kafka brokers related to offsets, consumer groups, consumer lag, and topics.

If Kafka Exporter is deployed, it is typically deployed with its default configuration (`spec.kafkaExporter: {}`). Cloudera recommends that you deploy Kafka Exporter and customize its configuration based on your cluster and operational objectives.

Cloudera recommends that at minimum you capture additional metrics for your mission critical topics and groups. Additional metrics include metrics related to latest offsets, consumer lags, and others.

The following example configures the Kafka Exporter to collect additional metrics from all topics and groups.

```
#...
kind: Kafka
metadata:
  name: my-cluster
spec:
  kafkaExporter:
    topicRegex: ".*"
    groupRegex: ".*"
```

This configuration snippet is included in the `kafka-metrics.yaml` example provided by Cloudera, which is the recommended baseline example for a Kafka deployment that has metric collection enabled.

Related Information

[Kafka Exporter | GitHub](#)

[KafkaExporterSpec schema reference | Strimzi](#)

Diagnostics

Learn about collecting diagnostics information, the diagnostic tools shipped with Cloudera Streams Messaging Operator for Kubernetes, as well as a number of useful `kubectl` commands that you can use to gather diagnostic information.

Cloudera provides various command line tools that you can use to capture diagnostic bundles, thread dumps, and other types of information about your Cloudera Streams Messaging Operator for Kubernetes installation. You use these tools when contacting Cloudera support or when troubleshooting issues.

There are three tools available.

- `report.sh` – A diagnostic bundle tool that captures various information about your Cloudera Streams Messaging Operator for Kubernetes installation.
- `java_thread_dump.sh` – A thread dump capturing tool that collects thread dumps of containers in a specified pod.
- `kafka_shell.sh` – An administrative tool that sets up a pod where you can easily run Kafka command line tools.

Diagnostic tools are not downloaded, deployed, or installed when you install Cloudera Streams Messaging Operator for Kubernetes and its components. You must download and run them separately. All tools are available for download from the Cloudera Archive. They are located in the `/csm-operator/1.6/tools/` directory.

In addition to the tools provided by Cloudera, you can also use `kubectl` to gather diagnostics and troubleshooting data.

Related Information

[Cloudera Archive](#)

Capturing a diagnostic bundle with `report.sh`

Use `report.sh` to capture diagnostic information about your deployment.

About this task

Cloudera Streams Messaging Operator for Kubernetes diagnostic bundles are captured using the `report.sh` command line tool. The bundle that the tool captures is used as the baseline when contacting Cloudera support for assistance. The bundle captures all available, cluster-wide information about Cloudera Streams Messaging Operator for Kubernetes.

Before you begin



Caution: This tool uses the same Kafka listener that is responsible for inter-broker replication. Because of this, using the tool might have an impact on inter-broker replication.

- Ensure that you have access to your Cloudera credentials (username and password).

- Ensure that the environment where you run the tool has the following:
 - Bash 4.3 or higher
 - GNU utilities:
 - echo
 - grep
 - sed
 - date
 - wc
 - jobs
 - wait
 - base64
 - kubectl or oc
 - kubeconfig configured to target Kubernetes cluster
 - zip

Procedure

1. Download the tool.

```
curl --user [***USERNAME***] \  
  https://archive.cloudera.com/p/csm-operator/1.6/tools/report.sh \  
  --output report.sh \  
&& chmod +x report.sh
```

Replace [*** USERNAME***] with your Cloudera username. Enter your Cloudera password when prompted.

2. Capture a diagnostic bundle.

```
./report.sh
```

You can also use available options to fine-tune how many namespaces and clusters the tool captures in parallel as well as how many parallel Kubernetes calls it is allowed to make. Configuring these options and increasing their values can make capturing a diagnostic bundle faster in larger deployments.

```
./report.sh \  
  --parallel-ns=10 \  
  --parallel-cluster=6 \  
  --parallel-kubectl=15
```

The tool prints the resources it collects information on. Afterward it generates a diagnostic bundle ZIP (report file). The path to the generated ZIP is printed on the standard output.



Tip: Use the --help option to view additional options and information on tool usage.

Capturing a thread dump of a pod with java_thread_dump.sh

Use java_thread_dump.sh to capture a thread dump of a pod.

About this task

Some types of issues require investigating the threads of the components running in a Cloudera Streams Messaging Operator for Kubernetes installation. You can use the java_thread_dump.sh command line tool to capture the thread dumps of all containers of a specific pod with the specified number of samples and frequency.

Before you begin

- Ensure that you have access to your Cloudera credentials (username and password).
- Ensure that the environment where you run the tool has the following:
 - Bash 4 or higher
 - GNU utilities:
 - echo
 - grep
 - sed
 - date
 - kubectl or oc
 - kubeconfig configured to target Kubernetes cluster
 - zip

Procedure

1. Download the tool.

```
curl --user [***USERNAME***] \
  https://archive.cloudera.com/p/csm-operator/1.6/tools/java_thread_dump.
sh \
  --output java_thread_dump.sh \
  && chmod +x java_thread_dump.sh
```

Replace [***USERNAME***] with your Cloudera username. Enter your Cloudera password when prompted.

2. Capture a thread dump of a pod.

```
./dump.sh --namespace=[***POD_NAMESPACE***] \
  --pod=[***POD_NAME***] \
  --dumps=[***NUMBER OF THREAD DUMPS***] \
  --interval=[***DUMP INTERVAL IN SECONDS***]
```

The tool collects the specified number of thread dumps for the specified pod with the specified interval. Afterward, it generates a ZIP (report file) containing the thread dumps.



Tip: Use the --help option to view additional options and information on tool usage.

Using kafka_shell.sh

Use kafka_shell.sh to set up a pod where Kafka CLI tools are readily available.

About this task

Kafka is shipped with a number of useful CLI tools. Easy access to these tools is essential for administering and troubleshooting your cluster. The kafka_shell.sh command line tool creates a pod where all Kafka CLI tools are readily available, and full Kafka admin client configurations are prepared.

The pod created by kafka_shell.sh:

- Uses the Kafka docker image. This means that Kafka CLI tools are readily accessible within the pod.
- Has both a truststore and keystore present that give you administrative privileges.
- Has a ready-to-use client configuration file available at /tmp/client.properties.
- Has bootstrap server configuration available in the BOOTSTRAP_SERVERS environment variable.

You can use the tool in two ways. You either use it interactively, or run one-off commands using pipe.

Before you begin



Caution: This tool gives administrative access to the Kafka cluster. Cloudera advises caution when using this tool.



Caution: This tool uses the same Kafka listener that is responsible for inter-broker replication. Because of this, using the tool might have an impact on inter-broker replication.

- Ensure that you have access to your Cloudera credentials (username and password).
- Ensure that the environment where you run the tool has the following:
 - Bash 4 or higher
 - GNU utilities:
 - echo
 - grep
 - sed
 - date
 - cut
 - head
 - kubectl or oc
 - kubeconfig configured to target Kubernetes cluster
 - zip

Procedure

1. Download the tool.

```
curl --user [***USERNAME***] \  
  https://archive.cloudera.com/p/csm-operator/1.6/tools/kafka_shell.sh \  
  --output kafka_shell.sh \  
&& chmod +x kafka_shell.sh
```

Replace `[***USERNAME***]` with your Cloudera username. Enter your Cloudera password when prompted.

2. Use the tool.

You have two choices. You can either use the tool interactively. In this case, you run the tool which opens an interactive shell window where you run your Kafka CLI commands. Alternatively, you can use pipe (|) to run Kafka CLI commands one at a time.

For Interactive

- a. Run the tool.

```
./kafka_shell.sh \  
  --namespace=[***KAFKA CLUSTER NAMESPACE***] \  
  --cluster=[***KAFKA CLUSTER NAME***]
```

- b. Run your Kafka CLI command within the shell that opens.

For example, you can list your topics with the following command.

```
bin/kafka-topics.sh \  
  --list \  
  --command-config /tmp/client.properties \  
  |
```

```
--bootstrap-server $BOOTSTRAP_SERVERS
```

The kafka-shell pod is deleted after you exit the interactive shell.

For Pipe

To run one-off commands, pipe them into kafka_admin_shell.sh. For example:

```
echo 'bin/kafka-topics.sh \
  --list \
  --command-config /tmp/client.properties \
  --bootstrap-server $BOOTSTRAP_SERVERS' \
| ./kafka_shell.sh --namespace=[***KAFKA CLUSTER NAMESPACE***] \
  --cluster=[***KAFKA CLUSTER NAME***]
```

The kafka-shell pod is deleted after you run your command.



Tip: Use the --help option to view additional options and information on tool usage.

Monitoring pod status during reconciliation

You can check the status of the pods after applying a change to the deployment configuration using `kubectl get pods`.

```
kubectl get pods --namespace [***NAMESPACE***] --output wide --watch
```

Reading Strimzi Cluster Operator logs

The Strimzi Cluster Operator log contains useful information about the tasks that the operator performs and details for failed operations. You can check the Strimzi Cluster Operator logs with `kubectl logs`.

```
kubectl logs [***STRIMZI CLUSTER OPERATOR POD***] --names
pace [***NAMESPACE***]
```

Reading effective generated Kafka broker properties

You can get the effective Kafka properties of a broker using `kubectl exec`. Broker properties are generated by the Strimzi Cluster Operator.

```
kubectl exec -it \
  --namespace [***NAMESPACE***] \
  [***KAFKA BROKER POD***] \
  --container kafka \
  -- /bin/bash -c "cat /tmp/strimzi.properties"
```

Reading effective generated Kafka Connect worker properties

You can get the effective properties of a worker using `kubectl exec`. Worker properties are generated by the Strimzi Cluster Operator.

```
kubectl exec -it \
  --namespace [***NAMESPACE***] \
  [***KAFKA CONNECT POD***] \
```

```
--container [***CONNECT CLUSTER NAME***]-connect \  
-- /bin/bash -c "cat /tmp/strimzi-connect.properties"
```

Reading Kafka broker logs

You can check the Kafka broker logs with `kubecttl logs`.

```
kubecttl logs [***KAFKA BROKER POD***] --namespace [***NAMESPACE***] -f
```