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The *Ceilometer* project is a data collection service that provides the ability to normalise and transform data across all current OpenStack core components with work underway to support future OpenStack components.

Ceilometer is a component of the Telemetry project. Its data can be used to provide customer billing, resource tracking, and alarming capabilities across all OpenStack core components.

This documentation offers information on how Ceilometer works and how to contribute to the project.

## CHAPTER

### ONE

## **OVERVIEW**

### **1.1 Installation Guide**

#### 1.1.1 Telemetry Data Collection service overview

The Telemetry Data Collection services provide the following functions:

- Efficiently polls metering data related to OpenStack services.
- Collects event and metering data by monitoring notifications sent from services.
- Publishes collected data to various targets including data stores and message queues.

The Telemetry service consists of the following components:

- A compute agent (ceilometer-agent-compute) Runs on each compute node and polls for resource utilization statistics. This is actually the polling agent ceilometer-polling running with parameter --polling-namespace compute.
- A central agent (ceilometer-agent-central) Runs on a central management server to poll for resource utilization statistics for resources not tied to instances or compute nodes. Multiple agents can be started to scale service horizontally. This is actually the polling agent ceilometer-polling running with parameter --polling-namespace central.
- A notification agent (ceilometer-agent-notification) Runs on a central management server(s) and consumes messages from the message queue(s) to build event and metering data. Data is then published to defined targets. By default, data is pushed to Gnocchi.

These services communicate by using the OpenStack messaging bus. Ceilometer data is designed to be published to various endpoints for storage and analysis.

**Note:** Ceilometer previously provided a storage and API solution. As of Newton, this functionality is officially deprecated and discouraged. For efficient storage and statistical analysis of Ceilometer data, Gnocchi is recommended.

#### 1.1.2 Install and Configure Controller Services

This section assumes that you already have a working OpenStack environment with at least the following components installed: Compute, Image Service, Identity.

Note that installation and configuration vary by distribution.

#### Ceilometer

#### Install and configure for openSUSE and SUSE Linux Enterprise

This section describes how to install and configure the Telemetry service, code-named ceilometer, on the controller node.

#### **Prerequisites**

Before you install and configure the Telemetry service, you must configure a target to send metering data to. The recommended endpoint is Gnocchi.

1. Source the admin credentials to gain access to admin-only CLI commands:

```
$ . admin-openrc
```

- 2. To create the service credentials, complete these steps:
  - Create the ceilometer user:

```
$ openstack user create --domain default --password-prompt_

→ceilometer
User Password:

Repeat User Password:

+----+

| Field | Value |

+----+

| domain_id | e0353a670a9e496da891347c589539e9 |

| enabled | True |

| id | c859c96f57bd4989a8ea1a0b1d8ff7cd |

| name | ceilometer |

+----+
```

• Add the admin role to the ceilometer user.

\$ openstack role add --project service --user ceilometer admin

Note: This command provides no output.

• Create the ceilometer service entity:

```
      +-----+
      -----+

      | description | Telemetry
      |

      | enabled
      | True
      |

      | id
      | 5fb7fd1bb2954fddb378d4031c28c0e4 |

      | name
      | ceilometer
      |

      | type
      | metering
      |
```

- 3. Register Gnocchi service in Keystone:
  - Create the gnocchi user:

```
$ openstack user create --domain default --password-prompt gnocchi
User Password:
Repeat User Password:
+----+
| Field | Value |
+----+
| domain_id | e0353a670a9e496da891347c589539e9 |
| enabled | True |
| id | 8bacd064f6434ef2b6bbfbedb79b0318 |
| name | gnocchi |
+----+
```

• Create the gnocchi service entity:

```
$ openstack service create --name gnocchi \
    --description "Metric Service" metric
+-----+
| Field | Value
+----+
| description | Metric Service
| enabled | True
| id | 205978b411674e5a9990428f81d69384 |
| name | gnocchi
| type | metric
```

• Add the admin role to the gnocchi user.

\$ openstack role add --project service --user gnocchi admin

**Note:** This command provides no output.

• Create the Metric service API endpoints:

```
$ openstack endpoint create --region RegionOne \
metric public http://controller:8041
+----+
| Field | Value |
+----+
| enabled | True |
| id | b808b67b848d443e9eaaa5e5d796970c |
| interface | public |
```

```
$ openstack endpoint create --region RegionOne \
$ openstack endpoint create --region RegionOne \
```

#### Install Gnocchi

1. Install the Gnocchi packages. Alternatively, Gnocchi can be install using pip:

```
# zypper install openstack-gnocchi-api openstack-gnocchi-metricd \
python-gnocchiclient
```

**Note:** Depending on your environment size, consider installing Gnocchi separately as it makes extensive use of the cpu.

- 2. Create the database for Gnocchi's indexer:
  - Use the database access client to connect to the database server as the root user:

```
$ mysql -u root -p
```

• Create the gnocchi database:

```
CREATE DATABASE gnocchi;
```

• Grant proper access to the gnocchi database:

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON gnocchi.* TO 'gnocchi'@'localhost' \
    IDENTIFIED BY 'GNOCCHI_DBPASS';
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON gnocchi.* TO 'gnocchi'@'%' \
    IDENTIFIED BY 'GNOCCHI DBPASS';
```

Replace GNOCCHI\_DBPASS with a suitable password.

- Exit the database access client.
- 3. Edit the /etc/gnocchi/gnocchi.conf file and add Keystone options:
  - In the [api] section, configure gnocchi to use keystone:

```
[api]
auth_mode = keystone
```

• In the [keystone\_authtoken] section, configure keystone authentication:

```
[keystone_authtoken]
...
auth_type = password
auth_url = http://controller:5000/v3
project_domain_name = Default
user_domain_name = Default
project_name = service
username = gnocchi
password = GNOCCHI_PASS
interface = internalURL
region_name = RegionOne
```

Replace GNOCCHI\_PASS with the password you chose for the gnocchi user in the Identity service.

• In the [indexer] section, configure database access:

```
[indexer]
url = mysql+pymysql://gnocchi:GNOCCHI_DBPASS@controller/gnocchi
```

Replace GNOCCHI\_DBPASS with the password you chose for Gnocchi's indexer database.

• In the [storage] section, configure location to store metric data. In this case, we will store it to the local file system. See Gnocchi documenation for a list of more durable and performant drivers:

#### [storage]

```
# coordination_url is not required but specifying one will improve
# performance with better workload division across workers.
coordination_url = redis://controller:6379
```

```
file_basepath = /var/lib/gnocchi
driver = file
```

#### 4. Initialize Gnocchi:

gnocchi-upgrade

#### **Finalize Gnocchi installation**

1. Start the Gnocchi services and configure them to start when the system boots:

```
# systemctl enable openstack-gnocchi-api.service \
    openstack-gnocchi-metricd.service
# systemctl start openstack-gnocchi-api.service \
    openstack-gnocchi-metricd.service
```

#### Install and configure components

1. Install the packages:

```
# zypper install openstack-ceilometer-agent-notification \
    openstack-ceilometer-agent-central
```

- 2. Edit the /etc/ceilometer/pipeline.yaml file and complete the following section:
  - Configure Gnocchi connection:

```
publishers:
    # set address of Gnocchi
    # + filter out Gnocchi-related activity meters (Swift driver)
    # + set default archive policy
    - gnocchi://?filter_project=service&archive_policy=low
```

- 3. Edit the /etc/ceilometer/ceilometer.conf file and complete the following actions:
  - In the [DEFAULT] section, configure RabbitMQ message queue access:

```
[DEFAULT]
...
transport_url = rabbit://openstack:RABBIT_PASS@controller
```

Replace RABBIT\_PASS with the password you chose for the openstack account in RabbitMQ.

• In the [service\_credentials] section, configure service credentials:

```
[service_credentials]
...
auth_type = password
auth_url = http://controller:5000/v3
project_domain_id = default
user_domain_id = default
```

```
project_name = service
username = ceilometer
password = CEILOMETER_PASS
interface = internalURL
region_name = RegionOne
```

Replace CEILOMETER\_PASS with the password you chose for the ceilometer user in the Identity service.

4. Create Ceilometer resources in Gnocchi. Gnocchi should be running by this stage:

```
# ceilometer-upgrade
```

#### **Finalize installation**

1. Start the Telemetry services and configure them to start when the system boots:

```
# systemctl enable openstack-ceilometer-agent-notification.service \
    openstack-ceilometer-agent-central.service
# systemctl start openstack-ceilometer-agent-notification.service \
    openstack-ceilometer-agent-central.service
```

#### Install and configure for Red Hat Enterprise Linux and CentOS

This section describes how to install and configure the Telemetry service, code-named ceilometer, on the controller node.

#### **Prerequisites**

Before you install and configure the Telemetry service, you must configure a target to send metering data to. The recommended endpoint is Gnocchi.

1. Source the admin credentials to gain access to admin-only CLI commands:

```
$ . admin-openrc
```

- 2. To create the service credentials, complete these steps:
  - Create the ceilometer user:

```
$ openstack user create --domain default --password-prompt_

→ceilometer
User Password:

Repeat User Password:

+----+

| Field | Value |

+----+

| domain_id | e0353a670a9e496da891347c589539e9 |

| enabled | True |

| id | c859c96f57bd4989a8ea1a0b1d8ff7cd |
```

```
| name | ceilometer |
+-----+
```

• Add the admin role to the ceilometer user.

```
$ openstack role add --project service --user ceilometer admin
```

#### Note: This command provides no output.

• Create the ceilometer service entity:

```
$ openstack service create --name ceilometer \
    --description "Telemetry" metering
+----+
| Field | Value |
+----+
| description | Telemetry |
| enabled | True |
| id | 5fb7fd1bb2954fddb378d4031c28c0e4 |
| name | ceilometer |
| type | metering |
+----++
```

3. Register Gnocchi service in Keystone:

• Create the gnocchi user:

```
$ openstack user create --domain default --password-prompt gnocchi
User Password:
Repeat User Password:
+----+
| Field | Value |
+----+
| domain_id | e0353a670a9e496da891347c589539e9 |
| enabled | True |
| id | 8bacd064f6434ef2b6bbfbedb79b0318 |
| name | gnocchi |
+----+
```

• Create the gnocchi service entity:

```
$ openstack service create --name gnocchi \
    --description "Metric Service" metric
+----+
| Field | Value
+----+
| description | Metric Service | |
    enabled | True
| id | 205978b411674e5a9990428f81d69384 |
    name | gnocchi
| type | metric |
+----+
```

• Add the admin role to the gnocchi user.

\$ openstack role add --project service --user gnocchi admin

Note: This command provides no output.

• Create the Metric service API endpoints:

```
$ openstack endpoint create --region RegionOne \
$ openstack endpoint create --region RegionOne \
$ openstack endpoint create --region RegionOne \
```

#### **Install Gnocchi**

1. Install the Gnocchi packages. Alternatively, Gnocchi can be install using pip:

```
# yum install openstack-gnocchi-api openstack-gnocchi-metricd \
python-gnocchiclient
```

**Note:** Depending on your environment size, consider installing Gnocchi separately as it makes extensive use of the cpu.

- 2. Create the database for Gnocchi's indexer:
  - Use the database access client to connect to the database server as the root user:

\$ mysql -u root -p

• Create the gnocchi database:

CREATE DATABASE gnocchi;

• Grant proper access to the gnocchi database:

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON gnocchi.* TO 'gnocchi'@'localhost'
IDENTIFIED BY 'GNOCCHI_DBPASS';
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON gnocchi.* TO 'gnocchi'@'%' \
IDENTIFIED BY 'GNOCCHI DBPASS';
```

Replace GNOCCHI\_DBPASS with a suitable password.

- Exit the database access client.
- 3. Edit the /etc/gnocchi/gnocchi.conf file and add Keystone options:
  - In the [api] section, configure gnocchi to use keystone:

```
[api]
auth_mode = keystone
```

• In the [keystone\_authtoken] section, configure keystone authentication:

```
[keystone_authtoken]
...
auth_type = password
auth_url = http://controller:5000/v3
project_domain_name = Default
user_domain_name = Default
project_name = service
username = gnocchi
password = GNOCCHI_PASS
interface = internalURL
region_name = RegionOne
```

Replace GNOCCHI\_PASS with the password you chose for the gnocchi user in the Identity service.

• In the [indexer] section, configure database access:

```
[indexer]
url = mysql+pymysql://gnocchi:GNOCCHI_DBPASS@controller/gnocchi
```

Replace GNOCCHI\_DBPASS with the password you chose for Gnocchi's indexer database.

• In the [storage] section, configure location to store metric data. In this case, we will store it to the local file system. See Gnocchi documenation for a list of more durable and performant drivers:

```
[storage]
# coordination_url is not required but specifying one will improve
# performance with better workload division across workers.
coordination_url = redis://controller:6379
file_basepath = /var/lib/gnocchi
driver = file
```

4. Initialize Gnocchi:

gnocchi-upgrade

#### **Finalize Gnocchi installation**

1. Start the Gnocchi services and configure them to start when the system boots:

```
# systemctl enable openstack-gnocchi-api.service \
    openstack-gnocchi-metricd.service
# systemctl start openstack-gnocchi-api.service \
    openstack-gnocchi-metricd.service
```

#### Install and configure components

1. Install the Ceilometer packages:

```
# yum install openstack-ceilometer-notification \
    openstack-ceilometer-central
```

- 2. Edit the /etc/ceilometer/pipeline.yaml file and complete the following section:
  - Configure Gnocchi connection:

```
publishers:
    # set address of Gnocchi
    # + filter out Gnocchi-related activity meters (Swift driver)
    # + set default archive policy
    - gnocchi://?filter_project=service&archive_policy=low
```

- 3. Edit the /etc/ceilometer/ceilometer.conf file and complete the following actions:
  - In the [DEFAULT] section, configure RabbitMQ message queue access:

```
[DEFAULT]
...
transport_url = rabbit://openstack:RABBIT_PASS@controller
```

Replace RABBIT\_PASS with the password you chose for the openstack account in RabbitMQ.

• In the [service\_credentials] section, configure service credentials:

```
[service_credentials]
...
auth_type = password
auth_url = http://controller:5000/v3
project_domain_id = default
user_domain_id = default
project_name = service
username = ceilometer
password = CEILOMETER_PASS
interface = internalURL
region_name = RegionOne
```

Replace CEILOMETER\_PASS with the password you chose for the ceilometer user in the Identity service.

4. Create Ceilometer resources in Gnocchi. Gnocchi should be running by this stage:

```
# ceilometer-upgrade
```

#### **Finalize installation**

1. Start the Telemetry services and configure them to start when the system boots:

```
# systemctl enable openstack-ceilometer-notification.service \
    openstack-ceilometer-central.service
# systemctl start openstack-ceilometer-notification.service \
    openstack-ceilometer-central.service
```

#### Install and configure for Ubuntu

This section describes how to install and configure the Telemetry service, code-named ceilometer, on the controller node.

#### **Prerequisites**

Before you install and configure the Telemetry service, you must configure a target to send metering data to. The recommended endpoint is Gnocchi.

1. Source the admin credentials to gain access to admin-only CLI commands:

```
$ . admin-openrc
```

- 2. To create the service credentials, complete these steps:
  - Create the ceilometer user:

```
$ openstack user create --domain default --password-prompt_

→ceilometer

User Password:

Repeat User Password:

+----+

| Field | Value |

+----+

| domain_id | e0353a670a9e496da891347c589539e9 |

| enabled | True |

| id | c859c96f57bd4989a8ea1a0b1d8ff7cd |

| name | ceilometer |

+----+
```

• Add the admin role to the ceilometer user.

\$ openstack role add --project service --user ceilometer admin

**Note:** This command provides no output.

• Create the ceilometer service entity:

```
$ openstack service create --name ceilometer \
    --description "Telemetry" metering
+----+
| Field | Value
+---++
| description | Telemetry
| enabled | True
| id | 5fb7fd1bb2954fddb378d4031c28c0e4 |
| name | ceilometer
| type | metering
+----++
```

- 3. Register Gnocchi service in Keystone:
  - Create the gnocchi user:

```
$ openstack user create --domain default --password-prompt gnocchi
User Password:
Repeat User Password:
+----+
| Field | Value |
+----+
| domain_id | e0353a670a9e496da891347c589539e9 |
| enabled | True |
| id | 8bacd064f6434ef2b6bbfbedb79b0318 |
| name | gnocchi |
+----+
```

• Create the gnocchi service entity:

```
| Field | Value |
+-----+
| description | Metric Service |
| enabled | True |
| id | 205978b411674e5a9990428f81d69384 |
| name | gnocchi |
| type | metric |
```

• Add the admin role to the gnocchi user.

```
$ openstack role add --project service --user gnocchi admin
```

Note: This command provides no output.

• Create the Metric service API endpoints:

```
$ openstack endpoint create --region RegionOne \
$ openstack endpoint create --region RegionOne \
$ openstack endpoint create --region RegionOne \
```

```
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```

```
enabled| Trueid| b2c00566d0604551b5fe1540c699db3dinterface| adminregion| RegionOneregion_id| RegionOneservice_id| 205978b411674e5a9990428f81d69384service_name| gnocchiservice_type| metricurl| http://controller:8041
```

#### Install Gnocchi

1. Install the Gnocchi packages. Alternatively, Gnocchi can be installed using pip:

```
# apt-get install gnocchi-api gnocchi-metricd python-gnocchiclient
```

**Note:** Depending on your environment size, consider installing Gnocchi separately as it makes extensive use of the cpu.

- 2. Create the database for Gnocchi's indexer:
  - Use the database access client to connect to the database server as the root user:

\$ mysql -u root -p

• Create the gnocchi database:

CREATE DATABASE gnocchi;

• Grant proper access to the gnocchi database:

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON gnocchi.* TO 'gnocchi'@'localhost' \
    IDENTIFIED BY 'GNOCCHI_DBPASS';
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON gnocchi.* TO 'gnocchi'@'%' \
    IDENTIFIED BY 'GNOCCHI_DBPASS';
```

Replace GNOCCHI\_DBPASS with a suitable password.

- Exit the database access client.
- 3. Edit the /etc/gnocchi/gnocchi.conf file and add Keystone options:
  - In the [api] section, configure gnocchi to use keystone:

```
[api]
auth_mode = keystone
```

• In the [keystone\_authtoken] section, configure keystone authentication:

```
[keystone_authtoken]
```

```
auth_type = password
auth_url = http://controller:5000/v3
project_domain_name = Default
user_domain_name = Default
project_name = service
username = gnocchi
password = GNOCCHI_PASS
interface = internalURL
region_name = RegionOne
```

Replace GNOCCHI\_PASS with the password you chose for the gnocchi user in the Identity service.

• In the [indexer] section, configure database access:

```
[indexer]
url = mysql+pymysql://gnocchi:GNOCCHI_DBPASS@controller/gnocchi
```

Replace GNOCCHI\_DBPASS with the password you chose for Gnocchi's indexer database.

• In the [storage] section, configure location to store metric data. In this case, we will store it to the local file system. See Gnocchi documenation for a list of more durable and performant drivers:

```
[storage]
# coordination_url is not required but specifying one will improve
# performance with better workload division across workers.
coordination_url = redis://controller:6379
file_basepath = /var/lib/gnocchi
driver = file
```

4. Initialize Gnocchi:

```
gnocchi-upgrade
```

#### **Finalize Gnocchi installation**

1. Restart the Gnocchi services:

```
# service gnocchi-api restart
# service gnocchi-metricd restart
```

#### Install and configure components

1. Install the ceilometer packages:

```
# apt-get install ceilometer-agent-notification \
    ceilometer-agent-central
```

- 2. Edit the /etc/ceilometer/pipeline.yaml file and complete the following section:
  - Configure Gnocchi connection:

```
publishers:
    # set address of Gnocchi
    # + filter out Gnocchi-related activity meters (Swift driver)
    # + set default archive policy
    - qnocchi://?filter_project=service&archive_policy=low
```

- 3. Edit the /etc/ceilometer/ceilometer.conf file and complete the following actions:
  - In the [DEFAULT] section, configure RabbitMQ message queue access:

```
[DEFAULT]
...
transport_url = rabbit://openstack:RABBIT_PASS@controller
```

Replace RABBIT\_PASS with the password you chose for the openstack account in RabbitMQ.

• In the [service\_credentials] section, configure service credentials:

```
[service_credentials]
...
auth_type = password
auth_url = http://controller:5000/v3
project_domain_id = default
user_domain_id = default
project_name = service
username = ceilometer
password = CEILOMETER_PASS
interface = internalURL
region_name = RegionOne
```

Replace CEILOMETER\_PASS with the password you chose for the ceilometer user in the Identity service.

4. Create Ceilometer resources in Gnocchi. Gnocchi should be running by this stage:

```
# ceilometer-upgrade
```

#### **Finalize installation**

1. Restart the Telemetry services:

```
# service ceilometer-agent-central restart
# service ceilometer-agent-notification restart
```

Additional steps are required to configure services to interact with ceilometer:

#### Cinder

#### Enable Block Storage meters for openSUSE and SUSE Linux Enterprise

Telemetry uses notifications to collect Block Storage service meters. Perform these steps on the controller and Block Storage nodes.

Note: Your environment must include the Block Storage service.

#### **Configure Cinder to use Telemetry**

Edit the /etc/cinder.conf file and complete the following actions:

• In the [oslo\_messaging\_notifications] section, configure notifications:

```
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
...
driver = messagingv2
```

• Enable periodic usage statistics relating to block storage. To use it, you must run this command in the following format:

```
$ cinder-volume-usage-audit --start_time='YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' \
    --end time='YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' --send actions
```

This script outputs what volumes or snapshots were created, deleted, or exists in a given period of time and some information about these volumes or snapshots.

Using this script via cron you can get notifications periodically, for example, every 5 minutes:

\*/5 \* \* \* \* /path/to/cinder-volume-usage-audit --send\_actions

#### **Finalize installation**

1. Restart the Block Storage services on the controller node:

```
# systemctl restart openstack-cinder-api.service openstack-cinder-

$\to$scheduler.service$
```

2. Restart the Block Storage services on the storage nodes:

```
# systemctl restart openstack-cinder-volume.service
```

#### Enable Block Storage meters for Red Hat Enterprise Linux and CentOS

Telemetry uses notifications to collect Block Storage service meters. Perform these steps on the controller and Block Storage nodes.

Note: Your environment must include the Block Storage service.

#### **Configure Cinder to use Telemetry**

Edit the /etc/cinder.conf file and complete the following actions:

• In the [oslo\_messaging\_notifications] section, configure notifications:

```
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
...
driver = messagingv2
```

• Enable periodic usage statistics relating to block storage. To use it, you must run this command in the following format:

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    --end_time='YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' --send_actions
```

This script outputs what volumes or snapshots were created, deleted, or exists in a given period of time and some information about these volumes or snapshots.

Using this script via cron you can get notifications periodically, for example, every 5 minutes:

\*/5 \* \* \* \* /path/to/cinder-volume-usage-audit --send\_actions

#### **Finalize installation**

1. Restart the Block Storage services on the controller node:

```
# systemctl restart openstack-cinder-api.service openstack-cinder-

$\to$scheduler.service$
```

2. Restart the Block Storage services on the storage nodes:

```
# systemctl restart openstack-cinder-volume.service
```

#### **Enable Block Storage meters for Ubuntu**

Telemetry uses notifications to collect Block Storage service meters. Perform these steps on the controller and Block Storage nodes.

Note: Your environment must include the Block Storage service.

#### **Configure Cinder to use Telemetry**

Edit the /etc/cinder.conf file and complete the following actions:

• In the [oslo\_messaging\_notifications] section, configure notifications:

```
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
...
driver = messagingv2
```

• Enable periodic usage statistics relating to block storage. To use it, you must run this command in the following format:

```
$ cinder-volume-usage-audit --start_time='YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' \
    --end_time='YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' --send_actions
```

This script outputs what volumes or snapshots were created, deleted, or exists in a given period of time and some information about these volumes or snapshots.

Using this script via cron you can get notifications periodically, for example, every 5 minutes:

\*/5 \* \* \* \* /path/to/cinder-volume-usage-audit --send\_actions

#### **Finalize installation**

1. Restart the Block Storage services on the controller node:

```
# service cinder-api restart
# service cinder-scheduler restart
```

2. Restart the Block Storage services on the storage nodes:

```
# service cinder-volume restart
```

#### Glance

#### Enable Image service meters for openSUSE and SUSE Linux Enterprise

Telemetry uses notifications to collect Image service meters. Perform these steps on the controller node.

#### Configure the Image service to use Telemetry

- Edit the /etc/glance/glance-api.conf file and complete the following actions:
  - In the [DEFAULT], [oslo\_messaging\_notifications] sections, configure notifications and RabbitMQ message broker access:

```
[DEFAULT]
...
transport_url = rabbit://openstack:RABBIT_PASS@controller
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
...
driver = messagingv2
```

Replace RABBIT\_PASS with the password you chose for the openstack account in RabbitMQ.

#### **Finalize installation**

• Restart the Image service:

# systemctl restart openstack-glance-api.service

#### Enable Image service meters for Red Hat Enterprise Linux and CentOS

Telemetry uses notifications to collect Image service meters. Perform these steps on the controller node.

#### Configure the Image service to use Telemetry

- Edit the /etc/glance/glance-api.conf file and complete the following actions:
  - In the [DEFAULT], [oslo\_messaging\_notifications] sections, configure notifications and RabbitMQ message broker access:

```
[DEFAULT]
...
transport_url = rabbit://openstack:RABBIT_PASS@controller
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
...
driver = messagingv2
```

Replace RABBIT\_PASS with the password you chose for the openstack account in RabbitMQ.

#### **Finalize installation**

• Restart the Image service:

# systemctl restart openstack-glance-api.service

#### Enable Image service meters for Ubuntu

Telemetry uses notifications to collect Image service meters. Perform these steps on the controller node.

#### Configure the Image service to use Telemetry

- Edit the /etc/glance/glance-api.conf file and complete the following actions:
  - In the [DEFAULT], [oslo\_messaging\_notifications] sections, configure notifications and RabbitMQ message broker access:

```
[DEFAULT]
...
transport_url = rabbit://openstack:RABBIT_PASS@controller
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
...
driver = messagingv2
```

Replace RABBIT\_PASS with the password you chose for the openstack account in RabbitMQ.

#### **Finalize installation**

• Restart the Image service:

```
# service glance-api restart
```

#### Heat

#### Enable Orchestration service meters for openSUSE and SUSE Linux Enterprise

Telemetry uses notifications to collect Orchestration service meters. Perform these steps on the controller node.

#### Configure the Orchestration service to use Telemetry

- Edit the /etc/heat/heat.conf and complete the following actions:
  - In the [oslo\_messaging\_notifications] sections, enable notifications:

```
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
...
driver = messagingv2
```

#### **Finalize installation**

• Restart the Orchestration service:

```
# systemctl restart openstack-heat-api.service \
openstack-heat-api-cfn.service openstack-heat-engine.service
```

#### Enable Orchestration service meters for Red Hat Enterprise Linux and CentOS

Telemetry uses notifications to collect Orchestration service meters. Perform these steps on the controller node.

#### Configure the Orchestration service to use Telemetry

- Edit the /etc/heat/heat.conf and complete the following actions:
  - In the [oslo\_messaging\_notifications] sections, enable notifications:

```
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
....
driver = messagingv2
```

#### **Finalize installation**

• Restart the Orchestration service:

```
# systemctl restart openstack-heat-api.service \
    openstack-heat-api-cfn.service openstack-heat-engine.service
```

#### Enable Orchestration service meters for Ubuntu

Telemetry uses notifications to collect Orchestration service meters. Perform these steps on the controller node.

#### Configure the Orchestration service to use Telemetry

- Edit the /etc/heat/heat.conf and complete the following actions:
  - In the [oslo\_messaging\_notifications] sections, enable notifications:

```
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
...
driver = messagingv2
```

#### **Finalize installation**

• Restart the Orchestration service:

```
# service heat-api restart
# service heat-api-cfn restart
# service heat-engine restart
```

#### **Keystone**

To enable auditing of API requests, Keystone provides middleware which captures API requests to a service and emits data to Ceilometer. Instructions to enable this functionality is available in Keystone's developer documentation. Ceilometer will captures this information as audit.http.\* events.

#### Neutron

#### Enable Networking service meters for openSUSE and SUSE Linux Enterprise

Telemetry uses notifications to collect Networking service meters. Perform these steps on the controller node.

#### Configure the Networking service to use Telemetry

- Edit the /etc/neutron/neutron.conf and complete the following actions:
  - In the [oslo\_messaging\_notifications] sections, enable notifications:

```
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
...
driver = messagingv2
```

#### **Finalize installation**

• Restart the Networking service:

```
# systemctl restart neutron-server.service
```

#### Enable Networking service meters for Red Hat Enterprise Linux and CentOS

Telemetry uses notifications to collect Networking service meters. Perform these steps on the controller node.

#### Configure the Networking service to use Telemetry

- Edit the /etc/neutron/neutron.conf and complete the following actions:
  - In the [oslo\_messaging\_notifications] sections, enable notifications:

```
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
...
driver = messagingv2
```

#### **Finalize installation**

• Restart the Networking service:

# systemctl restart neutron-server.service

#### **Enable Networking service meters for Ubuntu**

Telemetry uses notifications to collect Networking service meters. Perform these steps on the controller node.

#### Configure the Networking service to use Telemetry

- Edit the /etc/neutron/neutron.conf and complete the following actions:
  - In the [oslo\_messaging\_notifications] sections, enable notifications:

```
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
...
driver = messagingv2
```

#### **Finalize installation**

• Restart the Networking service:

```
# service neutron-server restart
```

#### Swift

#### Enable Object Storage meters for openSUSE and SUSE Linux Enterprise

Telemetry uses a combination of polling and notifications to collect Object Storage meters.

Note: Your environment must include the Object Storage service.

#### **Prerequisites**

The Telemetry service requires access to the Object Storage service using the ResellerAdmin role. Perform these steps on the controller node.

1. Source the admin credentials to gain access to admin-only CLI commands.

```
$ . admin-openrc
```

2. Create the ResellerAdmin role:

```
$ openstack role create ResellerAdmin
+----+
| Field | Value |
+----+
| domain_id | None |
| id | 462fa46c13fd4798a95a3bfbe27b5e54 |
| name | ResellerAdmin |
+----+
```

3. Add the ResellerAdmin role to the ceilometer user:

openstack role add --project service --user ceilometer ResellerAdmin

Note: This command provides no output.

#### Install components

• Install the packages:

```
# zypper install python-ceilometermiddleware
```

#### **Configure Object Storage to use Telemetry**

Perform these steps on the controller and any other nodes that run the Object Storage proxy service.

- Edit the /etc/swift/proxy-server.conf file and complete the following actions:
  - In the [filter:keystoneauth] section, add the ResellerAdmin role:

```
[filter:keystoneauth]
...
operator_roles = admin, user, ResellerAdmin
```

- In the [pipeline:main] section, add ceilometer:

- In the [filter:ceilometer] section, configure notifications:

```
[filter:ceilometer]
paste.filter_factory = ceilometermiddleware.swift:filter_factory
...
control_exchange = swift
url = rabbit://openstack:RABBIT_PASS@controller:5672/
driver = messagingv2
topic = notifications
log_level = WARN
```

Replace RABBIT\_PASS with the password you chose for the openstack account in RabbitMQ.

#### **Finalize installation**

• Restart the Object Storage proxy service:

# systemctl restart openstack-swift-proxy.service

#### Enable Object Storage meters for Red Hat Enterprise Linux and CentOS

Telemetry uses a combination of polling and notifications to collect Object Storage meters.

**Note:** Your environment must include the Object Storage service.

#### **Prerequisites**

The Telemetry service requires access to the Object Storage service using the ResellerAdmin role. Perform these steps on the controller node.

1. Source the admin credentials to gain access to admin-only CLI commands.

```
$ . admin-openrc
```

2. Create the ResellerAdmin role:

```
$ openstack role create ResellerAdmin
+----+
| Field | Value |
+----+
| domain_id | None |
| id | 462fa46c13fd4798a95a3bfbe27b5e54 |
| name | ResellerAdmin |
+----+
```

3. Add the ResellerAdmin role to the ceilometer user:

\$ openstack role add --project service --user ceilometer ResellerAdmin

Note: This command provides no output.

#### Install components

• Install the packages:

# yum install python-ceilometermiddleware

#### **Configure Object Storage to use Telemetry**

Perform these steps on the controller and any other nodes that run the Object Storage proxy service.

• Edit the /etc/swift/proxy-server.conf file and complete the following actions:

- In the [filter:keystoneauth] section, add the ResellerAdmin role:

```
[filter:keystoneauth]
...
operator_roles = admin, user, ResellerAdmin
```

- In the [pipeline:main] section, add ceilometer:

- In the [filter:ceilometer] section, configure notifications:

```
[filter:ceilometer]
paste.filter_factory = ceilometermiddleware.swift:filter_factory
...
control_exchange = swift
url = rabbit://openstack:RABBIT_PASS@controller:5672/
driver = messagingv2
topic = notifications
log_level = WARN
```

Replace RABBIT\_PASS with the password you chose for the openstack account in RabbitMQ.

#### **Finalize installation**

• Restart the Object Storage proxy service:

# systemctl restart openstack-swift-proxy.service

#### **Enable Object Storage meters for Ubuntu**

Telemetry uses a combination of polling and notifications to collect Object Storage meters.

Note: Your environment must include the Object Storage service.

#### **Prerequisites**

The Telemetry service requires access to the Object Storage service using the ResellerAdmin role. Perform these steps on the controller node.

1. Source the admin credentials to gain access to admin-only CLI commands.

\$ . admin-openrc

2. Create the ResellerAdmin role:

```
$ openstack role create ResellerAdmin
+-----+
| Field | Value |
+----+
| domain_id | None |
| id | 462fa46c13fd4798a95a3bfbe27b5e54 |
| name | ResellerAdmin |
+----+
```

3. Add the ResellerAdmin role to the ceilometer user:

```
$ openstack role add --project service --user ceilometer ResellerAdmin
```

Note: This command provides no output.

#### Install components

• Install the packages:

# apt-get install python-ceilometermiddleware

#### **Configure Object Storage to use Telemetry**

Perform these steps on the controller and any other nodes that run the Object Storage proxy service.

- Edit the /etc/swift/proxy-server.conf file and complete the following actions:
  - In the [filter:keystoneauth] section, add the ResellerAdmin role:

```
[filter:keystoneauth]
...
operator_roles = admin, user, ResellerAdmin
```

- In the [pipeline:main] section, add ceilometer:

- In the [filter:ceilometer] section, configure notifications:

```
[filter:ceilometer]
paste.filter_factory = ceilometermiddleware.swift:filter_factory
...
control_exchange = swift
url = rabbit://openstack:RABBIT_PASS@controller:5672/
driver = messagingv2
topic = notifications
log_level = WARN
```
Replace RABBIT\_PASS with the password you chose for the openstack account in RabbitMQ.

#### **Finalize installation**

• Restart the Object Storage proxy service:

```
# service swift-proxy restart
```

### 1.1.3 Install and Configure Compute Services

This section assumes that you already have a working OpenStack environment with at least the following components installed: Compute, Image Service, Identity.

Note that installation and configuration vary by distribution.

#### Enable Compute service meters for openSUSE and SUSE Linux Enterprise

Telemetry uses a combination of notifications and an agent to collect Compute meters. Perform these steps on each compute node.

#### Install and configure components

1. Install the packages:

```
# zypper install openstack-ceilometer-agent-compute
# zypper install openstack-ceilometer-agent-ipmi (optional)
```

- 2. Edit the /etc/ceilometer/ceilometer.conf file and complete the following actions:
  - In the [DEFAULT] section, configure RabbitMQ message queue access:

```
[DEFAULT]
...
transport_url = rabbit://openstack:RABBIT_PASS@controller
```

Replace RABBIT\_PASS with the password you chose for the <code>openstack</code> account in <code>RabbitMQ</code>.

• In the [service\_credentials] section, configure service credentials:

```
[service_credentials]
...
auth_url = http://controller:5000
project_domain_id = default
user_domain_id = default
auth_type = password
username = ceilometer
project_name = service
password = CEILOMETER_PASS
interface = internalURL
region name = RegionOne
```

Replace CEILOMETER\_PASS with the password you chose for the ceilometer user in the Identity service.

#### **Configure Compute to use Telemetry**

• Edit the /etc/nova/nova.conf file and configure notifications in the [DEFAULT] section:

```
[DEFAULT]
...
instance_usage_audit = True
instance_usage_audit_period = hour
[notifications]
...
notify_on_state_change = vm_and_task_state
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
...
driver = messagingv2
```

#### **Configure Compute to poll IPMI meters**

Note: To enable IPMI meters, ensure IPMITool is installed and the host supports Intel Node Manager.

• Edit the /etc/sudoers file and include:

```
ceilometer ALL = (root) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/ceilometer-rootwrap /etc/

$\logceilometer/rootwrap.conf *
```

• Edit the /etc/ceilometer/polling.yaml to include the required meters, for example:

#### **Finalize installation**

1. Start the agent and configure it to start when the system boots:

```
# systemctl enable openstack-ceilometer-agent-compute.service
# systemctl start openstack-ceilometer-agent-compute.service
# systemctl enable openstack-ceilometer-agent-ipmi.service (optional)
# systemctl start openstack-ceilometer-agent-ipmi.service (optional)
```

#### 2. Restart the Compute service:

```
# systemctl restart openstack-nova-compute.service
```

#### Enable Compute service meters for Red Hat Enterprise Linux and CentOS

Telemetry uses a combination of notifications and an agent to collect Compute meters. Perform these steps on each compute node.

#### Install and configure components

1. Install the packages:

```
# yum install openstack-ceilometer-compute
# yum install openstack-ceilometer-ipmi (optional)
```

- 2. Edit the /etc/ceilometer/ceilometer.conf file and complete the following actions:
  - In the [DEFAULT] section, configure RabbitMQ message queue access:

```
[DEFAULT]
...
transport_url = rabbit://openstack:RABBIT_PASS@controller
```

Replace RABBIT\_PASS with the password you chose for the openstack account in RabbitMQ.

• In the [service\_credentials] section, configure service credentials:

```
[service_credentials]
...
auth_url = http://controller:5000
project_domain_id = default
user_domain_id = default
auth_type = password
username = ceilometer
project_name = service
password = CEILOMETER_PASS
interface = internalURL
region_name = RegionOne
```

Replace CEILOMETER\_PASS with the password you chose for the ceilometer user in the Identity service.

#### **Configure Compute to use Telemetry**

• Edit the /etc/nova/nova.conf file and configure notifications in the [DEFAULT] section:

```
[DEFAULT]
...
instance_usage_audit = True
instance_usage_audit_period = hour
[notifications]
...
notify_on_state_change = vm_and_task_state
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
```

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```
driver = messagingv2
```

#### **Configure Compute to poll IPMI meters**

Note: To enable IPMI meters, ensure IPMITool is installed and the host supports Intel Node Manager.

• Edit the /etc/sudoers file and include:

```
ceilometer ALL = (root) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/ceilometer-rootwrap /etc/

ceilometer/rootwrap.conf *
```

• Edit the /etc/ceilometer/polling.yaml to include the required meters, for example:

#### **Finalize installation**

1. Start the agent and configure it to start when the system boots:

```
# systemctl enable openstack-ceilometer-compute.service
# systemctl start openstack-ceilometer-compute.service
# systemctl enable openstack-ceilometer-ipmi.service (optional)
# systemctl start openstack-ceilometer-ipmi.service (optional)
```

2. Restart the Compute service:

# systemctl restart openstack-nova-compute.service

#### Enable Compute service meters for Ubuntu

Telemetry uses a combination of notifications and an agent to collect Compute meters. Perform these steps on each compute node.

#### Install and configure components

1. Install the packages:

```
# apt-get install ceilometer-agent-compute
# apt-get install ceilometer-agent-ipmi (optional)
```

- 2. Edit the /etc/ceilometer/ceilometer.conf file and complete the following actions:
  - In the [DEFAULT] section, configure RabbitMQ message queue access:

```
[DEFAULT]
...
transport_url = rabbit://openstack:RABBIT_PASS@controller
```

Replace RABBIT\_PASS with the password you chose for the openstack account in RabbitMQ.

• In the [service\_credentials] section, configure service credentials:

```
[service_credentials]
...
auth_url = http://controller:5000
project_domain_id = default
user_domain_id = default
auth_type = password
username = ceilometer
project_name = service
password = CEILOMETER_PASS
interface = internalURL
region_name = RegionOne
```

Replace CEILOMETER\_PASS with the password you chose for the ceilometer user in the Identity service.

#### **Configure Compute to use Telemetry**

• Edit the /etc/nova/nova.conf file and configure notifications in the [DEFAULT] section:

```
[DEFAULT]
...
instance_usage_audit = True
instance_usage_audit_period = hour
[notifications]
...
notify_on_state_change = vm_and_task_state
[oslo_messaging_notifications]
...
driver = messagingv2
```

**Configure Compute to poll IPMI meters** 

Note: To enable IPMI meters, ensure IPMITool is installed and the host supports Intel Node Manager.

• Edit the /etc/sudoers file and include:

```
ceilometer ALL = (root) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/ceilometer-rootwrap /etc/

$\top$ceilometer/rootwrap.conf *
```

• Edit the /etc/ceilometer/polling.yaml to include the required meters, for example:

#### **Finalize installation**

1. Restart the agent:

```
# service ceilometer-agent-compute restart
# service ceilometer-agent-ipmi restart (optional)
```

2. Restart the Compute service:

```
# service nova-compute restart
```

### 1.1.4 Verify operation

Verify operation of the Telemetry service. These steps only include the Image service meters to reduce clutter. Environments with ceilometer integration for additional services contain more meters.

Note: Perform these steps on the controller node.

**Note:** The following uses Gnocchi to verify data. Alternatively, data can be published to a file backend temporarily by using a file:// publisher.

1. Source the admin credentials to gain access to admin-only CLI commands:

```
$ . admin-openrc
```

2. List available resource and its metrics:



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, Field	++ +   Value	
<b>·</b>	 +	
<pre> created_by_project_id </pre>	+   aca4db3db9904ecc9c1c9bb1763da6a8	
→ created_by_user_id	07b0945689a4407dbd1ea72c3c5b8d2f	
creator →07b0945689a4407dbd1ea7 ended_at	<pre> _ 2c3c5b8d2f:aca4db3db9904ecc9c1c9bb1763da6a8   None</pre>	
id	a6b387e1-4276-43db-b17a-e10f649d85a3	
→ metrics →6b6ea7780715	   image.download: 839afa02-1668-4922-a33e-	
→d6dc5fb4b835	image.serve: 1132e4a0-9e35-4542-a6ad-	
→b741dc089a76	image.size: 8ecf6c17-98fd-446c-8018-	
original_resource_id	a6b387e1-4276-43db-b17a-e10f649d85a3	
→ project_id	6fd9631226e34531b53814a0f39830a9	
→ revision_end	   None	
→ revision_start	   2017-01-25T23:50:14.423601+00:00	
→ started_at	   2017-01-25T23:50:14.423584+00:00	
• type	   image	
→ user id	   None	

3. Download the CirrOS image from the Image service:

```
$ IMAGE_ID=$(glance image-list | grep 'cirros' | awk '{ print $2 }')
$ glance image-download $IMAGE_ID > /tmp/cirros.img
```

4. List available meters again to validate detection of the image download:

```
$ gnocchi measures show 839afa02-1668-4922-a33e-6b6ea7780715
+----+
| timestamp | granularity | value |
+----+
```

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5. Remove the previously downloaded image file /tmp/cirros.img:

\$ rm /tmp/cirros.img

## 1.1.5 Next steps

Your OpenStack environment now includes the ceilometer service.

To add additional services, see the OpenStack Installation Tutorials and Guides.

This chapter assumes a working setup of OpenStack following the OpenStack Installation Tutorials and Guides.

## 1.1.6 Ocata

To install Ceilometer, see the Ocata Telemetry Data Collection service install guide

## 1.1.7 Newton

To install Ceilometer, see the Newton Telemetry Data Collection service install guide

# **1.2 Contributor Guide**

In the Contributor Guide, you will find documented policies for developing with Ceilometer. This includes the processes we use for bugs, contributor onboarding, core reviewer memberships, and other procedural items.

Ceilometer follows the same workflow as other OpenStack projects. To start contributing to Ceilometer, please follow the workflow found here.

Bug tracker https://bugs.launchpad.net/ceilometer

Mailing list http://lists.openstack.org/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/openstack-discuss (prefix subjects with [Ceilometer] for faster responses)

Wiki https://wiki.openstack.org/wiki/Ceilometer

Code Hosting https://opendev.org/openstack/ceilometer/

**Code Review** https://review.opendev.org/#/q/status:open+project:openstack/ceilometer,n, z

## 1.2.1 Overview

### Overview

## **Objectives**

The Ceilometer project was started in 2012 with one simple goal in mind: to provide an infrastructure to collect any information needed regarding OpenStack projects. It was designed so that rating engines could use this single source to transform events into billable items which we label as "metering".

As the project started to come to life, collecting an increasing number of meters across multiple projects, the OpenStack community started to realize that a secondary goal could be added to Ceilometer: become a standard way to meter, regardless of the purpose of the collection. This data can then be pushed to any set of targets using provided publishers mentioned in *pipeline-publishers* section.

## Metering

If you divide a billing process into a 3 step process, as is commonly done in the telco industry, the steps are:

- 1. metering
- 2. rating
- 3. billing

Ceilometer's initial goal was, and still is, strictly limited to step one. This is a choice made from the beginning not to go into rating or billing, as the variety of possibilities seemed too large for the project to ever deliver a solution that would fit everyone's needs, from private to public clouds. This means that if you are looking at this project to solve your billing needs, this is the right way to go, but certainly not the end of the road for you.

### **System Architecture**

### **High-Level Architecture**

Each of Ceilometer's services are designed to scale horizontally. Additional workers and nodes can be added depending on the expected load. Ceilometer offers two core services:

- 1. polling agent daemon designed to poll OpenStack services and build Meters.
- 2. notification agent daemon designed to listen to notifications on message queue, convert them to Events and Samples, and apply pipeline actions.

Data normalised and collected by Ceilometer can be sent to various targets. Gnocchi was developed to capture measurement data in a time series format to optimise storage and querying. Gnocchi is intended to replace the existing metering database interface. Additionally, Aodh is the alarming service which can send alerts when user defined rules are broken. Lastly, Panko is the event storage project designed to capture document-oriented data such as logs and system event actions.



Fig. 1: An overall summary of Ceilometer's logical architecture.

## Gathering the data

## How is data collected?



Fig. 2: This is a representation of how the agents gather data from multiple sources.

The Ceilometer project created 2 methods to collect data:

- 1. *notification agent* which takes messages generated on the notification bus and transforms them into Ceilometer samples or events.
- 2. *polling agent*, will poll some API or other tool to collect information at a regular interval. The polling approach may impose significant on the API services so should only be used on optimised endpoints.

The first method is supported by the ceilometer-notification agent, which monitors the message queues for notifications. Polling agents can be configured either to poll the local hypervisor or remote APIs (public REST APIs exposed by services and host-level SNMP/IPMI daemons).

## Notification Agent: Listening for data

The heart of the system is the notification daemon (agent-notification) which monitors the message queue for data sent by other OpenStack components such as Nova, Glance, Cinder, Neutron, Swift, Keystone, and Heat, as well as Ceilometer internal communication.

The notification daemon loads one or more *listener* plugins, using the namespace ceilometer. notification. Each plugin can listen to any topic, but by default, will listen to notifications. info, notifications.sample, and notifications.error. The listeners grab messages off the configured topics and redistributes them to the appropriate plugins(endpoints) to be processed into Events and Samples.

Sample-oriented plugins provide a method to list the event types they're interested in and a callback for processing messages accordingly. The registered name of the callback is used to enable or disable it



Fig. 3: Notification agent consuming messages from services.

using the pipeline of the notification daemon. The incoming messages are filtered based on their event type value before being passed to the callback so the plugin only receives events it has expressed an interest in seeing.

## Polling Agent: Asking for data



Fig. 4: Polling agent querying services for data.

Polling for compute resources is handled by a polling agent running on the compute node (where communication with the hypervisor is more efficient), often referred to as the compute-agent. Polling via service APIs for non-compute resources is handled by an agent running on a cloud controller node, often referred to the central-agent. A single agent can fulfill both roles in an all-in-one deployment. Conversely, multiple instances of an agent may be deployed, in which case the workload is shared. The polling agent daemon is configured to run one or more *pollster* plugins using any combination of ceilometer.poll.compute, ceilometer.poll.central, and ceilometer.poll. ipmi namespaces

The frequency of polling is controlled via the polling configuration. See *Polling* for details. The agent framework then passes the generated samples to the notification agent for processing.

## Processing the data

## **Pipeline Manager**



Fig. 5: The assembly of components making the Ceilometer pipeline.

Ceilometer offers the ability to take data gathered by the agents, manipulate it, and publish it in various combinations via multiple pipelines. This functionality is handled by the notification agents.



## Publishing the data

Fig. 6: This figure shows how a sample can be published to multiple destinations.

Currently, processed data can be published using different transport options:

1. gnocchi, which publishes samples/events to Gnocchi API;

- 2. notifier, a notification based publisher which pushes samples to a message queue which can be consumed by an external system;
- 3. udp, which publishes samples using UDP packets;
- 4. http, which targets a REST interface;
- 5. file, which publishes samples to a file with specified name and location;
- 6. zaqar, a multi-tenant cloud messaging and notification service for web and mobile developers;
- 7. https, which is http over SSL and targets a REST interface;
- 8. prometheus, which publishes samples to Prometheus Pushgateway;
- 9. monasca, which publishes samples to the Monasca API.

### Storing/Accessing the data

Ceilometer is designed solely to generate and normalise cloud data. The data created by Ceilometer can be pushed to any number of target using publishers mentioned in *pipeline-publishers* section. The recommended workflow is to push data to Gnocchi for efficient time-series storage and resource lifecycle tracking.

## 1.2.2 Data Types

### **Measurements**

#### **Existing meters**

For the list of existing meters see the tables under the Measurements page of Ceilometer in the Administrator Guide.

#### **New measurements**

Ceilometer is designed to collect measurements from OpenStack services and from other external components. If you would like to add new meters to the currently existing ones, you need to follow the guidelines given in this section.

### **Types**

Three type of meters are defined in Ceilometer:

Туре	Definition
Cumulative	Increasing over time (instance hours)
Gauge	Discrete items (floating IPs, image uploads) and fluctuating values (disk I/O)
Delta	Changing over time (bandwidth)

When you're about to add a new meter choose one type from the above list, which is applicable.

### Units

- 1. Whenever a volume is to be measured, SI approved units and their approved symbols or abbreviations should be used. Information units should be expressed in bits ('b') or bytes ('B').
- 2. For a given meter, the units should NEVER, EVER be changed.
- 3. When the measurement does not represent a volume, the unit description should always describe WHAT is measured (ie: apples, disk, routers, floating IPs, etc.).
- 4. When creating a new meter, if another meter exists measuring something similar, the same units and precision should be used.
- 5. Meters and samples should always document their units in Ceilometer (API and Documentation) and new sampling code should not be merged without the appropriate documentation.

Dimension	Unit	Abbreviations	Note
None	N/A		Dimension-less variable
Volume	byte	В	
Time	seconds	S	

#### Naming convention

If you plan on adding meters, please follow the convention below:

- 1. Always use '.' as separator and go from least to most discriminant word. For example, do not use ephemeral\_disk\_size but disk.ephemeral.size
- 2. When a part of the name is a variable, it should always be at the end and start with a ':'. For example, do not use <type>.image but image:<type>, where type is your variable name.
- 3. If you have any hesitation, come and ask in #openstack-telemetry

#### **Meter definitions**

Meters definitions by default, are stored in separate configuration file, called ceilometer/data/ meters.d/meters.yaml. This is essentially a replacement for prior approach of writing notification handlers to consume specific topics.

A detailed description of how to use meter definition is illustrated in the admin\_guide.

### **Events and Event Processing**

#### **Events vs. Samples**

In addition to Meters, and related Sample data, Ceilometer can also process Events.

While a Sample represents a single numeric datapoint, driving a Meter that represents the changes in that value over time, an Event represents the state of an object in an OpenStack service (such as an Instance in Nova, or an Image in Glance) at a point in time when something of interest has occurred. This can include non-numeric data, such as an instance's flavor, or network address.

In general, Events let you know when something has changed about an object in an OpenStack system, such as the resize of an instance, or creation of an image.

While Samples can be relatively cheap (small), disposable (losing an individual sample datapoint won't matter much), and fast, Events are larger, more informative, and should be handled more consistently (you do not want to lose one).

### **Event Structure**

To facilitate downstream processing (billing and/or aggregation), a *minimum required data set and format <format>* has been defined for services, however events generally contain the following information:

event\_type A dotted string defining what event occurred, such as compute.instance.resize.
 start

message\_id A UUID for this event.

- generated A timestamp of when the event occurred on the source system.
- **traits** A flat mapping of key-value pairs. The event's Traits contain most of the details of the event. Traits are typed, and can be strings, ints, floats, or datetimes.
- **raw** (Optional) Mainly for auditing purpose, the full notification message can be stored (unindexed) for future evaluation.

### **Events from Notifications**

Events are primarily created via the notifications system in OpenStack. OpenStack systems, such as Nova, Glance, Neutron, etc. will emit notifications in a JSON format to the message queue when some notable action is taken by that system. Ceilometer will consume such notifications from the message queue, and process them.

The general philosophy of notifications in OpenStack is to emit any and all data someone might need, and let the consumer filter out what they are not interested in. In order to make processing simpler and more efficient, the notifications are stored and processed within Ceilometer as Events. The notification payload, which can be an arbitrarily complex JSON data structure, is converted to a flat set of key-value pairs known as Traits. This conversion is specified by a config file, so that only the specific fields within the notification that are actually needed for processing the event will have to be stored as Traits.

Note that the Event format is meant for efficient processing and querying, there are other means available for archiving notifications (i.e. for audit purposes, etc), possibly to different datastores.

### **Converting Notifications to Events**

In order to make it easier to allow users to extract what they need, the conversion from Notifications to Events is driven by a configuration file (specified by the flag definitions\_cfg\_file in ceilometer. conf).

This includes descriptions of how to map fields in the notification body to Traits, and optional plugins for doing any programmatic translations (splitting a string, forcing case, etc.)

The mapping of notifications to events is defined per event\_type, which can be wildcarded. Traits are added to events if the corresponding fields in the notification exist and are non-null. (As a special case,

an empty string is considered null for non-text traits. This is due to some openstack projects (mostly Nova) using empty string for null dates.)

If the definitions file is not present, a warning will be logged, but an empty set of definitions will be assumed. By default, any notifications that do not have a corresponding event definition in the definitions file will be converted to events with a set of minimal, default traits. This can be changed by setting the flag drop\_unmatched\_notifications in the ceilometer.conf file. If this is set to True, then any notifications that don't have events defined for them in the file will be dropped. This can be what you want, the notification system is quite chatty by design (notifications philosophy is "tell us everything, we'll ignore what we don't need"), so you may want to ignore the noisier ones if you don't use them.

There is a set of default traits (all are TEXT type) that will be added to all events if the notification has the relevant data:

- service: (All notifications should have this) notification's publisher
- tenant\_id
- request\_id
- project\_id
- user\_id

These do not have to be specified in the event definition, they are automatically added, but their definitions can be overridden for a given event\_type.

### **Definitions file format**

The event definitions file is in YAML format. It consists of a list of event definitions, which are mappings. Order is significant, the list of definitions is scanned in *reverse* order (last definition in the file to the first), to find a definition which matches the notification's event\_type. That definition will be used to generate the Event. The reverse ordering is done because it is common to want to have a more general wildcarded definition (such as compute.instance.\*) with a set of traits common to all of those events, with a few more specific event definitions (like compute.instance.exists) afterward that have all of the above traits, plus a few more. This lets you put the general definition first, followed by the specific ones, and use YAML mapping include syntax to avoid copying all of the trait definitions.

### **Event Definitions**

Each event definition is a mapping with two keys (both required):

- **event\_type** This is a list (or a string, which will be taken as a 1 element list) of event\_types this definition will handle. These can be wildcarded with unix shell glob syntax. An exclusion listing (starting with a '!') will exclude any types listed from matching. If ONLY exclusions are listed, the definition will match anything not matching the exclusions.
- traits This is a mapping, the keys are the trait names, and the values are trait definitions.

#### **Trait Definitions**

Each trait definition is a mapping with the following keys:

- **type** (optional) The data type for this trait. (as a string). Valid options are: *text*, *int*, *float*, and *datetime*. defaults to *text* if not specified.
- **fields** A path specification for the field(s) in the notification you wish to extract for this trait. Specifications can be written to match multiple possible fields, the value for the trait will be derived from the matching fields that exist and have a non-null values in the notification. By default the value will be the first such field. (plugins can alter that, if they wish). This is normally a string, but, for convenience, it can be specified as a list of specifications, which will match the fields for all of them. (See *Field Path Specifications* for more info on this syntax.)
- **plugin** (optional) This is a mapping (For convenience, this value can also be specified as a string, which is interpreted as the name of a plugin to be loaded with no parameters) with the following keys:

name (string) name of a plugin to load

**parameters** (optional) Mapping of keyword arguments to pass to the plugin on initialization. (See documentation on each plugin to see what arguments it accepts.)

#### **Field Path Specifications**

The path specifications define which fields in the JSON notification body are extracted to provide the value for a given trait. The paths can be specified with a dot syntax (e.g. payload.host). Square bracket syntax (e.g. payload[host]) is also supported. In either case, if the key for the field you are looking for contains special characters, like '.', it will need to be quoted (with double or single quotes) like so:

payload.image\_meta.'org.openstack\_\_1\_architecture'

The syntax used for the field specification is a variant of JSONPath, and is fairly flexible. (see: https://github.com/kennknowles/python-jsonpath-rw for more info)

#### **Example Definitions file**

```
- event_type: compute.instance.*
traits: &instance_traits
user_id:
    fields: payload.user_id
    instance_id:
        fields: payload.instance_id
    host:
        fields: publisher_id
        plugin:
            name: split
            parameters:
              segment: 1
            max_split: 1
    service_name:
            fields: publisher_id
```

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```
plugin: split
instance_type_id:
    type: int
    fields: payload.instance_type_id
    os_architecture:
    fields: payload.image_meta.'org.openstack_1__architecture'
    launched_at:
        type: datetime
        fields: payload.launched_at
    deleted_at:
        type: datetime
        fields: payload.launched_at
    deleted_at:
        type: datetime
        fields: payload.launched_at
    deleted_at:
        type: datetime
        fields: payload.launched_at
    deleted_at
    type: datetime
        fields: payload.deleted_at
    event_type:
        - compute.instance.exists
        - compute.instance.update
    traits:
        <<: *instance_traits
        audit_period_beginning:
        type: datetime
        fields: payload.audit_period_beginning
        audit_period_ending:
        type: datetime
        fields: payload.audit_period_ending
```

### **Trait plugins**

Trait plugins can be used to do simple programmatic conversions on the value in a notification field, like splitting a string, lowercasing a value, converting a screwball date into ISO format, or the like. They are initialized with the parameters from the trait definition, if any, which can customize their behavior for a given trait. They are called with a list of all matching fields from the notification, so they can derive a value from multiple fields. The plugin will be called even if there are no fields found matching the field path(s), this lets a plugin set a default value, if needed. A plugin can also reject a value by returning *None*, which will cause the trait not to be added. If the plugin returns anything other than *None*, the trait's value will be set to whatever the plugin returned (coerced to the appropriate type for the trait).

### **Building Notifications**

In general, the payload format OpenStack services emit could be described as the Wild West. The payloads are often arbitrary data dumps at the time of the event which is often susceptible to change. To make consumption easier, the Ceilometer team offers: CADF, an open, cloud standard which helps model cloud events.

## 1.2.3 Getting Started

#### Installing development sandbox

In a development environment created by devstack, Ceilometer can be tested alongside other OpenStack services.

### **Configuring devstack**

- 1. Download devstack.
- 2. Create a local.conf file as input to devstack.
- 3. The ceilometer services are not enabled by default, so they must be enabled in local.conf but adding the following:

```
# Enable the Ceilometer devstack plugin
```

By default, all ceilometer services except for ceilometer-ipmi agent will be enabled

4. Enable Gnocchi storage support by including the following in local.conf:

CEILOMETER\_BACKEND=gnocchi

Optionally, services which extend Ceilometer can be enabled:

enable\_plugin aodh https://opendev.org/openstack/aodh
enable\_plugin panko https://opendev.org/openstack/panko

These plugins should be added before ceilometer.

5. ./stack.sh

### **Running the Tests**

Ceilometer includes an extensive set of automated unit tests which are run through tox.

1. Install tox:

\$ sudo pip install tox

2. Run the unit and code-style tests:

```
$ cd /opt/stack/ceilometer
$ tox -e py27,pep8
```

As tox is a wrapper around testr, it also accepts the same flags as testr. See the testr documentation for details about these additional flags.

Use a double hyphen to pass options to testr. For example, to run only tests under tests/unit/image:

\$ tox -e py27 -- image

To debug tests (ie. break into pdb debugger), you can use "debug" tox environment. Here's an example, passing the name of a test since you'll normally only want to run the test that hits your breakpoint:

\$ tox -e debug ceilometer.tests.unit.test\_bin

For reference, the debug tox environment implements the instructions here: https://wiki.openstack.org/ wiki/Testr#Debugging\_.28pdb.29\_Tests

#### **Guru Meditation Reports**

Ceilometer contains a mechanism whereby developers and system administrators can generate a report about the state of a running Ceilometer executable. This report is called a *Guru Meditation Report (GMR* for short).

#### **Generating a GMR**

A *GMR* can be generated by sending the *USR1* signal to any Ceilometer process with support (see below). The *GMR* will then be outputted standard error for that particular process.

For example, suppose that ceilometer-polling has process id 8675, and was run with 2>/var/ log/ceilometer/ceilometer-polling.log. Then, kill -USR1 8675 will trigger the Guru Meditation report to be printed to /var/log/ceilometer/ceilometer-polling.log.

#### Structure of a GMR

The *GMR* is designed to be extensible; any particular executable may add its own sections. However, the base *GMR* consists of several sections:

- Package Shows information about the package to which this process belongs, including version information
- Threads Shows stack traces and thread ids for each of the threads within this process
- **Green Threads** Shows stack traces for each of the green threads within this process (green threads don't have thread ids)
- **Configuration** Lists all the configuration options currently accessible via the CONF object for the current process

#### Adding Support for GMRs to New Executables

Adding support for a *GMR* to a given executable is fairly easy.

First import the module (currently residing in oslo-incubator), as well as the Ceilometer version module:

```
from oslo_reports import guru_meditation_report as gmr
from ceilometer import version
```

Then, register any additional sections (optional):

Finally (under main), before running the "main loop" of the executable (usually service. server(server) or something similar), register the *GMR* hook:

TextGuruMeditation.setup\_autorun(version)

#### **Extending the GMR**

As mentioned above, additional sections can be added to the GMR for a particular executable. For more information, see the inline documentation about oslo.reports: oslo.reports

## 1.2.4 Development

### Writing Agent Plugins

This documentation gives you some clues on how to write a new agent or plugin for Ceilometer if you wish to instrument a measurement which has not yet been covered by an existing plugin.

### **Plugin Framework**

Although we have described a list of the meters Ceilometer should collect, we cannot predict all of the ways deployers will want to measure the resources their customers use. This means that Ceilometer needs to be easy to extend and configure so it can be tuned for each installation. A plugin system based on setuptools entry points makes it easy to add new monitors in the agents. In particular, Ceilometer now uses Stevedore, and you should put your entry point definitions in the entry\_points.txt file of your Ceilometer egg.

Installing a plugin automatically activates it the next time the ceilometer daemon starts. Rather than running and reporting errors or simply consuming cycles for no-ops, plugins may disable themselves at runtime based on configuration settings defined by other components (for example, the plugin for polling libvirt does not run if it sees that the system is configured using some other virtualization tool). Additionally, if no valid resources can be discovered the plugin will be disabled.

### **Polling Agents**

The polling agent is implemented in ceilometer/polling/manager.py. As you will see in the manager, the agent loads all plugins defined in the ceilometer.poll.\* and ceilometer. builder.poll.\* namespaces, then periodically calls their get\_samples() method.

Currently we keep separate namespaces - ceilometer.poll.compute and ceilometer. poll.central for quick separation of what to poll depending on where is polling agent running. For example, this will load, among others, the ceilometer.compute.pollsters. instance\_stats.CPUPollster

## Pollster

All pollsters are subclasses of ceilometer.polling.plugin\_base.PollsterBase class. Pollsters must implement one method: get\_samples(self, manager, cache, resources), which returns a sequence of Sample objects as defined in the ceilometer/ sample.py file.

Compute plugins are defined as subclasses of the ceilometer.compute.pollsters. GenericComputePollster class as defined in the ceilometer/compute/pollsters/ \_\_\_\_init\_\_\_.py file.

For example, in the CPUPollster plugin, the get\_samples method takes in a given list of resources representing instances on the local host, loops through them and retrieves the *cpu time* details from resource. Similarly, other metrics are built by pulling the appropriate value from the given list of resources.

### **Notifications**

Notifications in OpenStack are consumed by the notification agent and passed through *pipelines* to be normalised and re-published to specified targets.

The existing normalisation pipelines are defined in the namespace ceilometer.notification. pipeline.

Each normalisation pipeline are defined as subclass of ceilometer.pipeline.base. PipelineManager which interprets and builds pipelines based on a given configuration file. Pipelines are required to define *Source* and *Sink* permutations to describe how to process notification. Additionally, it must set get\_main\_endpoints which provides endpoints to be added to the main queue listener in the notification agent. This main queue endpoint inherits ceilometer.pipeline. base.NotificationEndpoint and defines which notification priorities to listen, normalises the data, and redirects the data for pipeline processing.

Notification endpoints should implement:

event\_types A sequence of strings defining the event types the endpoint should handle

process\_notifications(self, priority, notifications) Receives an event message from the list provided to event\_types and returns a sequence of objects. Using the SampleEndpoint, it should yield Sample objects as defined in the ceilometer/sample.py file.

Two pipeline configurations exist and can be found under ceilometer.pipeline.\*. The *sample* pipeline loads in multiple endpoints defined in ceilometer.sample.endpoint namespace. Each of the endpoints normalises a given notification into different samples.

#### **Ceilometer + Gnocchi Integration**

**Warning:** Remember that custom modification may result in conflicts with upstream upgrades. If not intended to be merged with upstream, it's advisable to directly create resource-types via Gnocchi API.

#### **Managing Resource Types**

Resource types in Gnocchi are managed by Ceilometer. The following describes how to add/remove or update Gnocchi resource types to support new Ceilometer data.

The modification or creation of Gnocchi resource type definitions are managed *re-sources\_update\_operations* of ceilometer/gnocchi\_client.py.

The following operations are supported:

1. Adding a new attribute to a resource type. The following adds *flavor\_name* attribute to an existing *instance* resource:

2. Remove an existing attribute from a resource type. The following removes *server\_group* attribute from *instance* resource:

```
{"desc": "remove server_group to instance",
  "type": "update_attribute_type",
  "resource_type": "instance",
  "data": [{
     "op": "remove",
     "path": "/attributes/server_group"
}]}
```

3. Creating a new resource type. The following creates a new resource type named *nova\_compute* with a required attribute *host\_name*:

Note: Do not modify the existing change steps when making changes. Each modification requires a

new step to be added and for ceilometer-upgrade to be run to apply the change to Gnocchi.

With accomplishing sections above, don't forget to add a new resource type or attributes of a resource type into the ceilometer/publisher/data/gnocchi\_resources.yaml.

# **1.3 Administrator Guide**

## 1.3.1 Overview

#### System architecture

The Telemetry service uses an agent-based architecture. Several modules combine their responsibilities to collect, normalize, and redirect data to be used for use cases such as metering, monitoring, and alerting.

The Telemetry service is built from the following agents:

**ceilometer-polling** Polls for different kinds of meter data by using the polling plug-ins (pollsters) registered in different namespaces. It provides a single polling interface across different namespaces.

**Note:** The ceilometer-polling service provides polling support on any namespace but many distributions continue to provide namespace-scoped agents: ceilometer-agent-central, ceilometer-agent-compute, and ceilometer-agent-ipmi.

**ceilometer-agent-notification** Consumes AMQP messages from other OpenStack services, normalizes messages, and publishes them to configured targets.

Except for the ceilometer-polling agents polling the compute or ipmi namespaces, all the other services are placed on one or more controller nodes.

The Telemetry architecture depends on the AMQP service both for consuming notifications coming from OpenStack services and internal communication.

#### **Supported databases**

The other key external component of Telemetry is the database, where events, samples, alarm definitions, and alarms are stored. Each of the data models have their own storage service and each support various back ends.

The list of supported base back ends for measurements:

- gnocchi
- Monasca

The list of supported base back ends for alarms:

- MySQL
- PostgreSQL

The list of supported base back ends for events:

- ElasticSearch
- MongoDB
- MySQL
- PostgreSQL

### **Supported hypervisors**

The Telemetry service collects information about the virtual machines, which requires close connection to the hypervisor that runs on the compute hosts.

The following is a list of supported hypervisors.

- Libvirt supported hypervisors such as KVM and QEMU
- Hyper-V
- XEN
- VMware vSphere

Note: For details about hypervisor support in libvirt please see the Libvirt API support matrix.

### Supported networking services

Telemetry is able to retrieve information from external networking services:

- SDN controller meters:
  - OpenDaylight
  - OpenContrail

## 1.3.2 Configuration

#### **Data collection**

The main responsibility of Telemetry in OpenStack is to collect information about the system that can be used by billing systems or interpreted by analytic tooling.

Collected data can be stored in the form of samples or events in the supported databases, which are listed in *Supported databases*.

The available data collection mechanisms are:

- **Notifications** Processing notifications from other OpenStack services, by consuming messages from the configured message queue system.
- **Polling** Retrieve information directly from the hypervisor or from the host machine using SNMP, or by using the APIs of other OpenStack services.

#### **Notifications**

All OpenStack services send notifications about the executed operations or system state. Several notifications carry information that can be metered. For example, CPU time of a VM instance created by OpenStack Compute service.

The notification agent is responsible for consuming notifications. This component is responsible for consuming from the message bus and transforming notifications into events and measurement samples.

By default, the notification agent is configured to build both events and samples. To enable selective data models, set the required pipelines using *pipelines* option under the *[notification]* section.

Additionally, the notification agent is responsible to send to any supported publisher target such as gnocchi or panko. These services persist the data in configured databases.

The different OpenStack services emit several notifications about the various types of events that happen in the system during normal operation. Not all these notifications are consumed by the Telemetry service, as the intention is only to capture the billable events and notifications that can be used for monitoring or profiling purposes. The notifications handled are contained under the *ceilometer.sample.endpoint* namespace.

**Note:** Some services require additional configuration to emit the notifications. Please see the *Install and Configure Controller Services* for more details.

#### **Meter definitions**

The Telemetry service collects a subset of the meters by filtering notifications emitted by other Open-Stack services. You can find the meter definitions in a separate configuration file, called ceilometer/data/meters.d/meters.yaml. This enables operators/administrators to add new meters to Telemetry project by updating the meters.yaml file without any need for additional code changes.

**Note:** The meters.yaml file should be modified with care. Unless intended, do not remove any existing meter definitions from the file. Also, the collected meters can differ in some cases from what is referenced in the documentation.

It also support loading multiple meter definition files and allow users to add their own meter definitions into several files according to different types of metrics under the directory of /etc/ceilometer/ meters.d.

A standard meter definition looks like:

```
metric:
- name: 'meter name'
event_type: 'event name'
type: 'type of meter eg: gauge, cumulative or delta'
unit: 'name of unit eg: MB'
volume: 'path to a measurable value eg: $.payload.size'
resource_id: 'path to resource id eg: $.payload.id'
project_id: 'path to project id eg: $.payload.owner'
metadata: 'addiitonal key-value data describing resource'
```

The definition above shows a simple meter definition with some fields, from which name, event\_type, type, unit, and volume are required. If there is a match on the event type, samples are generated for the meter.

The meters.yaml file contains the sample definitions for all the meters that Telemetry is collecting from notifications. The value of each field is specified by using JSON path in order to find the right value from the notification message. In order to be able to specify the right field you need to be aware of the format of the consumed notification. The values that need to be searched in the notification message are set with a JSON path starting with \$. For instance, if you need the size information from the payload.size.

A notification message may contain multiple meters. You can use  $\star$  in the meter definition to capture all the meters and generate samples respectively. You can use wild cards as shown in the following example:

```
metric:

- name: $.payload.measurements.[*].metric.[*].name

    event_type: 'event_name.*'

    type: 'delta'

    unit: $.payload.measurements.[*].metric.[*].unit

    volume: payload.measurements.[*].result

    resource_id: $.payload.target

    user_id: $.payload.initiator.id

    project_id: $.payload.initiator.project_id
```

In the above example, the name field is a JSON path with matching a list of meter names defined in the notification message.

You can use complex operations on JSON paths. In the following example, volume and resource\_id fields perform an arithmetic and string concatenation:

```
metric:
- name: 'compute.node.cpu.idle.percent'
event_type: 'compute.metrics.update'
type: 'gauge'
unit: 'percent'
volume: payload.metrics[?(@.name='cpu.idle.percent')].value * 100
resource id: $.payload.host + " " + $.payload.nodename
```

You can use the timedelta plug-in to evaluate the difference in seconds between two datetime fields from one notification.

```
metric:
- name: 'compute.instance.booting.time'
event_type: 'compute.instance.create.end'
type: 'gauge'
unit: 'sec'
volume:
fields: [$.payload.created_at, $.payload.launched_at]
plugin: 'timedelta'
project_id: $.payload.tenant_id
resource_id: $.payload.instance_id
```

#### Polling

The Telemetry service is intended to store a complex picture of the infrastructure. This goal requires additional information than what is provided by the events and notifications published by each service. Some information is not emitted directly, like resource usage of the VM instances.

Therefore Telemetry uses another method to gather this data by polling the infrastructure including the APIs of the different OpenStack services and other assets, like hypervisors. The latter case requires closer interaction with the compute hosts. To solve this issue, Telemetry uses an agent based architecture to fulfill the requirements against the data collection.

### Configuration

Polling rules are defined by the *polling.yaml* file. It defines the pollsters to enable and the interval they should be polled.

Each source configuration encapsulates meter name matching which matches against the entry point of pollster. It also includes: polling interval determination, optional resource enumeration or discovery.

All samples generated by polling are placed on the queue to be handled by the pipeline configuration loaded in the notification agent.

The polling definition may look like the following:

```
sources:
- name: 'source name'
interval: 'how often the samples should be generated'
meters:
    - 'meter filter'
resources:
    - 'list of resource URLs'
discovery:
    - 'list of discoverers'
```

The *interval* parameter in the sources section defines the cadence of sample generation in seconds.

Polling plugins are invoked according to each source's section whose *meters* parameter matches the plugin's meter name. Its matching logic functions the same as pipeline filtering.

The optional *resources* section of a polling source allows a list of static resource URLs to be configured. An amalgamated list of all statically defined resources are passed to individual pollsters for polling.

The optional *discovery* section of a polling source contains the list of discoverers. These discoverers can be used to dynamically discover the resources to be polled by the pollsters.

If both *resources* and *discovery* are set, the final resources passed to the pollsters will be the combination of the dynamic resources returned by the discoverers and the static resources defined in the *resources* section.

### Agents

There are three types of agents supporting the polling mechanism, the compute agent, the central agent, and the IPMI agent. Under the hood, all the types of polling agents are the same ceilometer-polling agent, except that they load different polling plug-ins (pollsters) from different namespaces to gather data. The following subsections give further information regarding the architectural and configuration details of these components.

Running **ceilometer-agent-compute** is exactly the same as:

```
$ ceilometer-polling --polling-namespaces compute
```

Running **ceilometer-agent-central** is exactly the same as:

```
$ ceilometer-polling --polling-namespaces central
```

Running **ceilometer-agent-ipmi** is exactly the same as:

\$ ceilometer-polling --polling-namespaces ipmi

### **Compute agent**

This agent is responsible for collecting resource usage data of VM instances on individual compute nodes within an OpenStack deployment. This mechanism requires a closer interaction with the hypervisor, therefore a separate agent type fulfills the collection of the related meters, which is placed on the host machines to retrieve this information locally.

A Compute agent instance has to be installed on each and every compute node, installation instructions can be found in the *Install and Configure Compute Services* section in the Installation Tutorials and Guides.

The list of supported hypervisors can be found in *Supported hypervisors*. The Compute agent uses the API of the hypervisor installed on the compute hosts. Therefore, the supported meters may be different in case of each virtualization back end, as each inspection tool provides a different set of meters.

The list of collected meters can be found in *OpenStack Compute*. The support column provides the information about which meter is available for each hypervisor supported by the Telemetry service.

### **Central agent**

This agent is responsible for polling public REST APIs to retrieve additional information on OpenStack resources not already surfaced via notifications, and also for polling hardware resources over SNMP.

Some of the services polled with this agent are:

- OpenStack Networking
- OpenStack Object Storage
- OpenStack Block Storage
- Hardware resources via SNMP

To install and configure this service use the *Install and configure for Red Hat Enterprise Linux and CentOS* section in the Installation Tutorials and Guides.

Although Ceilometer has a set of default polling agents, operators can add new pollsters dynamically via the dynamic pollsters subsystem *Introduction to dynamic pollster subsystem*.

### **IPMI** agent

This agent is responsible for collecting IPMI sensor data and Intel Node Manager data on individual compute nodes within an OpenStack deployment. This agent requires an IPMI capable node with the ipmitool utility installed, which is commonly used for IPMI control on various Linux distributions.

An IPMI agent instance could be installed on each and every compute node with IPMI support, except when the node is managed by the Bare metal service and the conductor.send\_sensor\_data option is set to true in the Bare metal service. It is no harm to install this agent on a compute node without IPMI or Intel Node Manager support, as the agent checks for the hardware and if none is available, returns empty data. It is suggested that you install the IPMI agent only on an IPMI capable node for performance reasons.

The list of collected meters can be found in IPMI meters.

**Note:** Do not deploy both the IPMI agent and the Bare metal service on one compute node. If conductor.send\_sensor\_data is set, this misconfiguration causes duplicated IPMI sensor samples.

### Data processing and pipelines

The mechanism by which data is processed is called a pipeline. Pipelines, at the configuration level, describe a coupling between sources of data and the corresponding sinks for publication of data. This functionality is handled by the notification agents.

A source is a producer of data: samples or events. In effect, it is a set of notification handlers emitting datapoints for a set of matching meters and event types.

Each source configuration encapsulates name matching and mapping to one or more sinks for publication.

A sink, on the other hand, is a consumer of data, providing logic for the publication of data emitted from related sources.

In effect, a sink describes a list of one or more publishers.

## **Pipeline configuration**

The notification agent supports two pipelines: one that handles samples and another that handles events. The pipelines can be enabled and disabled by setting *pipelines* option in the *[notifications]* section.

The actual configuration of each pipelines is, by default, stored in separate configuration files: pipeline.yaml and event\_pipeline.yaml. The location of the configuration files can be set by the pipeline\_cfg\_file and event\_pipeline\_cfg\_file options listed in *Ceilometer Configuration Options* 

The meter pipeline definition looks like:

```
sources:
  - name: 'source name'
  meters:
    - 'meter filter'
    sinks:
    - 'sink name'
sinks:
    - name: 'sink name'
    publishers:
    - 'list of publishers'
```

There are several ways to define the list of meters for a pipeline source. The list of valid meters can be found in *Measurements*. There is a possibility to define all the meters, or just included or excluded meters, with which a source should operate:

- To include all meters, use the \* wildcard symbol. It is highly advisable to select only the meters that you intend on using to avoid flooding the metering database with unused data.
- To define the list of meters, use either of the following:
  - To define the list of included meters, use the meter\_name syntax.
  - To define the list of excluded meters, use the !meter\_name syntax.

**Note:** The OpenStack Telemetry service does not have any duplication check between pipelines, and if you add a meter to multiple pipelines then it is assumed the duplication is intentional and may be stored multiple times according to the specified sinks.

The above definition methods can be used in the following combinations:

- Use only the wildcard symbol.
- Use the list of included meters.
- Use the list of excluded meters.
- Use wildcard symbol with the list of excluded meters.

**Note:** At least one of the above variations should be included in the meters section. Included and excluded meters cannot co-exist in the same pipeline. Wildcard and included meters cannot co-exist in the same pipeline definition section.

The publishers section contains the list of publishers, where the samples data should be sent.

Similarly, the event pipeline definition looks like:

```
sources:
    - name: 'source name'
    events:
        - 'event filter'
    sinks:
        - 'sink name'
sinks:
    - name: 'sink name'
    publishers:
        - 'list of publishers'
```

The event filter uses the same filtering logic as the meter pipeline.

### **Publishers**

The Telemetry service provides several transport methods to transfer the data collected to an external system. The consumers of this data are widely different, like monitoring systems, for which data loss is acceptable and billing systems, which require reliable data transportation. Telemetry provides methods to fulfill the requirements of both kind of systems.

The publisher component makes it possible to save the data into persistent storage through the message bus or to send it to one or more external consumers. One chain can contain multiple publishers.

To solve this problem, the multi-publisher can be configured for each data point within the Telemetry service, allowing the same technical meter or event to be published multiple times to multiple destinations, each potentially using a different transport.

The following publisher types are supported:

### gnocchi (default)

When the gnocchi publisher is enabled, measurement and resource information is pushed to gnocchi for time-series optimized storage. Gnocchi must be registered in the Identity service as Ceilometer discovers the exact path via the Identity service.

More details on how to enable and configure gnocchi can be found on its official documentation page.

#### prometheus

Metering data can be send to the pushgateway of Prometheus by using:

prometheus://pushgateway-host:9091/metrics/job/openstack-telemetry

With this publisher, timestamp are not sent to Prometheus due to Prometheus Pushgateway design. All timestamps are set at the time it scrapes the metrics from the Pushgateway and not when the metric was polled on the OpenStack services.

In order to get timeseries in Prometheus that looks like the reality (but with the lag added by the Prometheus scrapping mechanism). The *scrape\_interval* for the pushgateway must be lower and a multiple of the Ceilometer polling interval.

You can read more here

Due to this, this is not recommended to use this publisher for billing purpose as timestamps in Prometheus will not be exact.

#### panko

Event data in Ceilometer can be stored in panko which provides an HTTP REST interface to query system events in OpenStack. To push data to panko, set the publisher to panko://.

#### notifier

The notifier publisher can be specified in the form of notifier://? optionl=value1&option2=value2. It emits data over AMQP using oslo.messaging. Any consumer can then subscribe to the published topic for additional processing.

The following customization options are available:

- per\_meter\_topic The value of this parameter is 1. It is used for publishing the samples on additional metering\_topic.sample\_name topic queue besides the default metering\_topic queue.
- **policy** Used for configuring the behavior for the case, when the publisher fails to send the samples, where the possible predefined values are:

default Used for waiting and blocking until the samples have been sent.

drop Used for dropping the samples which are failed to be sent.

- **queue** Used for creating an in-memory queue and retrying to send the samples on the queue in the next samples publishing period (the queue length can be configured with max\_queue\_length, where 1024 is the default value).
- **topic** The topic name of the queue to publish to. Setting this will override the default topic defined by metering\_topic and event\_topic options. This option can be used to support multiple consumers.

#### monasca

The monasca publisher can be used to send measurements to the Monasca API, where it will be stored with other metrics gathered by Monasca Agent. Data is accessible through the Monasca API and be transformed like other Monasca metrics.

The pipeline sink is specified with a publishers: element of the form - monasca://https://vgour\_vip>/metrics/v2.0

Monasca API connection information is configured in the ceilometer.conf file in a [monasca] section:

```
[monasca]
auth_section = monasca_auth
enable_api_pagination = True
client_retry_interval = 60
client_max_retries = 5
monasca_mappings = <absolute path to monasca_field_definitions.yaml>
[monasca_auth]
auth_url = https://<vip to keystone instance>/identity
auth_type = password
username = <a Keystone user>
password = <password for user>
project_name = <project name, such as admin>
project_domain_id = <project domain ID, such as default>
user_domain_id = <user domain ID, such as default>
verify = <path to CA bundle in PEM format>
region_name = <region name, such as RegionOne>
```

**Note:** The username specified should be for a Keystone user that has the monasca\_agent or monasca\_user role enabled. For management purposes, this may be the ceilometer user if the appropriate role is granted.

For more detail and history of this publisher, see the Ceilosca Wiki and monasca-ceilometer README.

#### udp

This publisher can be specified in the form of udp://<host>:<port>/. It emits metering data over UDP.

#### file

The file publisher can be specified in the form of file://path? option1=value1&option2=value2. This publisher records metering data into a file.

**Note:** If a file name and location is not specified, the file publisher does not log any meters, instead it logs a warning message in the configured log file for Telemetry.

The following options are available for the file publisher:

- **max\_bytes** When this option is greater than zero, it will cause a rollover. When the specified size is about to be exceeded, the file is closed and a new file is silently opened for output. If its value is zero, rollover never occurs.
- **backup\_count** If this value is non-zero, an extension will be appended to the filename of the old log, as '.1', '.2', and so forth until the specified value is reached. The file that is written and contains the newest data is always the one that is specified without any extensions.

json If this option is present, will force ceilometer to write json format into the file.

### http

The Telemetry service supports sending samples to an external HTTP target. The samples are sent without any modification. To set this option as the notification agents' target, set http:// as a publisher endpoint in the pipeline definition files. The HTTP target should be set along with the publisher declaration. For example, additional configuration options can be passed in: http://localhost:80/? option1=value1&option2=value2

The following options are available:

timeout The number of seconds before HTTP request times out.

**max\_retries** The number of times to retry a request before failing.

**batch** If false, the publisher will send each sample and event individually, whether or not the notification agent is configured to process in batches.

**verify\_ssl** If false, the ssl certificate verification is disabled.

The default publisher is gnocchi, without any additional options specified. A sample publishers section in the /etc/ceilometer/pipeline.yaml looks like the following:

```
publishers:
    - gnocchi://
    - panko://
    - udp://10.0.0.2:1234
    - notifier://?policy=drop&max_queue_length=512&topic=custom_target
```

### **Telemetry best practices**

The following are some suggested best practices to follow when deploying and configuring the Telemetry service.

### **Data collection**

- 1. The Telemetry service collects a continuously growing set of data. Not all the data will be relevant for an administrator to monitor.
  - Based on your needs, you can edit the polling.yaml and pipeline.yaml configuration files to include select meters to generate or process
  - By default, Telemetry service polls the service APIs every 10 minutes. You can change the polling interval on a per meter basis by editing the polling.yaml configuration file.

**Warning:** If the polling interval is too short, it will likely increase the stress on the service APIs.

2. If polling many resources or at a high frequency, you can add additional central and compute agents as necessary. The agents are designed to scale horizontally. For more information refer to the high availability guide.
**Note:** The High Availability Guide is a work in progress and is changing rapidly while testing continues.

#### Introduction to dynamic pollster subsystem

The dynamic pollster feature allows system administrators to create/update REST API pollsters on the fly (without changing code). The system reads YAML configures that are found in pollsters\_definitions\_dirs parameter, which has the default at /etc/ceilometer/ pollsters.d. Operators can use a single file per dynamic pollster or multiple dynamic pollsters per file.

#### Current limitations of the dynamic pollster system

Currently, the following types of APIs are not supported by the dynamic pollster system:

• Tenant APIs: Tenant APIs are the ones that need to be polled in a tenant fashion. This feature is "a nice" to have, but is currently not implemented.

#### The dynamic pollsters system configuration (for OpenStack APIs)

Each YAML file in the dynamic pollster feature can use the following attributes to define a dynamic pollster:

**Warning:** Caution: Ceilometer does not accept complex value data structure for value and metadata configurations. Therefore, if you are extracting a complex data structure (Object, list, map, or others), you can take advantage of the Operations on extracted attributes feature to transform the object into a simple value (string or number)

- name: mandatory field. It specifies the name/key of the dynamic pollster. For instance, a pollster for magnum can use the name dynamic.magnum.cluster;
- sample\_type: mandatory field; it defines the sample type. It must be one of the values: gauge,
   delta, cumulative;
- unit: mandatory field; defines the unit of the metric that is being collected. For magnum, for instance, one can use cluster as the unit or some other meaningful String value;
- value\_attribute: mandatory attribute; defines the attribute in the JSON response from the URL of the component being polled. We also accept nested values dictionaries. To use a nested value one can simply use attribute1.attribute2.<asMuchAsNeeded>. lastattribute. It is also possible to reference the sample itself using "." (dot); the self reference of the sample is interesting in cases when the attribute might not exist. Therefore, together with the operations options, one can first check if it exist before retrieving it (example: ". | value['some\_field'] if 'some\_field' in value else ''"). In our magnum example, we can use status as the value attribute;

- endpoint\_type: mandatory field; defines the endpoint type that is used to discover the base URL of the component to be monitored; for magnum, one can use container-infra. Other values are accepted such as volume for cinder endpoints, object-store for swift, and so on;
- url\_path: mandatory attribute. It defines the path of the request that we execute on the endpoint to gather data. For example, to gather data from magnum, one can use v1/clusters/detail;
- metadata\_fields: optional field. It is a list of all fields that the response of the request executed with url\_path that we want to retrieve. To use a nested value one can simply use attribute1.attribute2.<asMuchAsNeeded>.lastattribute. As an example, for magnum, one can use the following values:

```
metadata fields:
 - "labels"
 - "updated at"
 - "keypair"
  - "master_flavor_id"
  - "api_address"
 - "master addresses"
 - "node_count"
 - "docker_volume_size"
 - "master_count"
 - "node_addresses"
 - "status_reason"
  - "coe_version"
  - "cluster_template_id"
  - "name"
  - "stack_id"
 - "created_at"
 - "discovery_url"
  - "container_version"
```

• skip\_sample\_values: optional field. It defines the values that might come in the value\_attribute that we want to ignore. For magnun, one could for instance, ignore some of the status it has for clusters. Therefore, data is not gathered for clusters in the defined status.

```
skip_sample_values:
    - "CREATE_FAILED"
    - "DELETE_FAILED"
```

• value\_mapping: optional attribute. It defines a mapping for the values that the dynamic pollster is handling. This is the actual value that is sent to Gnocchi or other backends. If there is no mapping specified, we will use the raw value that is obtained with the use of value\_attribute. An example for magnum, one can use:

```
value_mapping:
CREATE_IN_PROGRESS: "0"
CREATE_FAILED: "1"
CREATE_COMPLETE: "2"
UPDATE_IN_PROGRESS: "3"
UPDATE_FAILED: "4"
UPDATE_COMPLETE: "5"
DELETE_IN_PROGRESS: "6"
DELETE_FAILED: "7"
DELETE_COMPLETE: "8"
RESUME_COMPLETE: "9"
```

```
RESUME_FAILED: "10"
RESTORE_COMPLETE: "11"
ROLLBACK_IN_PROGRESS: "12"
ROLLBACK_FAILED: "13"
ROLLBACK_COMPLETE: "14"
SNAPSHOT_COMPLETE: "15"
CHECK_COMPLETE: "16"
ADOPT COMPLETE: "17"
```

- default\_value: optional parameter. The default value for the value mapping in case the variable value receives data that is not mapped to something in the value\_mapping configuration. This attribute is only used when value\_mapping is defined. Moreover, it has a default of -1.
- metadata\_mapping: optional parameter. The map used to create new metadata fields. The key is a metadata name that exists in the response of the request we make, and the value of this map is the new desired metadata field that will be created with the content of the metadata that we are mapping. The metadata\_mapping can be created as follows:

```
metadata_mapping:
    name: "display_name"
    some_attribute: "new_attribute_name"
```

- preserve\_mapped\_metadata: optional parameter. It indicates if we preserve the old metadata name when it gets mapped to a new one. The default value is True.
- response\_entries\_key: optional parameter. This value is used to define the "key" of the response that will be used to look-up the entries used in the dynamic pollster processing. If no response\_entries\_key is informed by the operator, we will use the first we find. Moreover, if the response contains a list, instead of an object where one of its attributes is a list of entries, we use the list directly. Therefore, this option will be ignored when the API is returning the list/array of entries to be processed directly. We also accept nested values dictionaries. To use a nested value one can simply use attribute1.attribute2.<a href="https://www.attribute2.sasMuchAsNeeded">attribute2.sasMuchAsNeeded</a>.lastattribute
- user\_id\_attribute: optional parameter. The default value is user\_id. The name of the attribute in the entries that are processed from response\_entries\_key elements that will be mapped to user\_id attribute that is sent to Gnocchi.
- project\_id\_attribute: optional parameter. The default value is project\_id. The name of the attribute in the entries that are processed from response\_entries\_key elements that will be mapped to project\_id attribute that is sent to Gnocchi.
- resource\_id\_attribute: optional parameter. The default value is id. The name of the attribute in the entries that are processed from response\_entries\_key elements that will be mapped to id attribute that is sent to Gnocchi.
- headers: optional parameter. It is a map (similar to the metadata\_mapping) of key and value that can be used to customize the header of the request that is executed against the URL. This configuration works for both OpenStack and non-OpenStack dynamic pollster configuration.

```
headers:
    "x-openstack-nova-api-version": "2.46"
```

The complete YAML configuration to gather data from Magnum (that has been used as an example) is the following:

\_\_\_ name: "dynamic.magnum.cluster" sample\_type: "gauge" unit: "cluster" value\_attribute: "status" endpoint\_type: "container-infra" url path: "v1/clusters/detail" metadata fields: - "labels" - "updated\_at" - "keypair" - "master\_flavor\_id" - "api\_address" - "master\_addresses" - "node\_count" - "docker\_volume\_size" - "master\_count" - "node\_addresses" - "status reason" - "coe\_version" - "cluster\_template\_id" - "name" - "stack id" - "created\_at" - "discovery\_url" - "container\_version" value mapping: CREATE IN PROGRESS: "0" **CREATE FAILED: "1" CREATE COMPLETE:** "2" **UPDATE IN PROGRESS: "3"** UPDATE\_FAILED: "4" UPDATE\_COMPLETE: "5" **DELETE\_IN\_PROGRESS:** "6" DELETE FAILED: "7" DELETE\_COMPLETE: "8" **RESUME\_COMPLETE**: "9" **RESUME\_FAILED**: "10" **RESTORE COMPLETE: "11"** ROLLBACK\_IN\_PROGRESS: "12" **ROLLBACK\_FAILED**: "13" **ROLLBACK COMPLETE:** "14" SNAPSHOT COMPLETE: "15" CHECK\_COMPLETE: "16" ADOPT\_COMPLETE: "17"

We can also replicate and enhance some hardcoded pollsters. For instance, the pollster to gather VPN connections. Currently, it is always persisting *1* for all of the VPN connections it finds. However, the VPN connection can have multiple statuses, and we should normally only bill for active resources, and not resources on *ERROR* states. An example to gather VPN connections data is the following (this is just an example, and one can adapt and configure as he/she desires):

\_\_\_\_

name: "dynamic.network.services.vpn.connection"

```
sample_type: "gauge"
unit: "ipsec_site_connection"
value_attribute: "status"
endpoint_type: "network"
url_path: "v2.0/vpn/ipsec-site-connections"
metadata_fields:
    - "name"
    - "vpnservice_id"
    - "description"
    - "status"
    - "peer address"
value mapping:
   ACTIVE: "1"
metadata_mapping:
    name: "display name"
default_value: 0
```

#### The dynamic pollsters system configuration (for non-OpenStack APIs)

The dynamic pollster system can also be used for non-OpenStack APIs. to configure non-OpenStack APIs, one can use all but one attribute of the Dynamic pollster system. The attribute that is not supported is the endpoint\_type. The dynamic pollster system for non-OpenStack APIs is activated automatically when one uses the configurations module.

The extra parameters (in addition to the original ones) that are available when using the Non-OpenStack dynamic pollster sub-subsystem are the following:

- module: required parameter. It is the python module name that Ceilometer has to load to use the authentication object when executing requests against the API. For instance, if one wants to create a pollster to gather data from RadosGW, he/she can use the awsauth python module.
- authentication\_object: mandatory parameter. The name of the class that we can find in the module that Ceilometer will use as the authentication object in the request. For instance, when using the awsauth python module to gather data from RadosGW, one can use the authentication object as S3Auth.
- authentication\_parameters: optional parameter. It is a comma separated value that will be used to instantiate the authentication\_object. For instance, if we gather data from RadosGW, and we use the S3Auth class, the authentication\_parameters can be configured as <rados\_gw\_access\_key>, rados\_gw\_secret\_key, rados\_gw\_host\_name.
- barbican\_secret\_id: optional parameter. The Barbican secret ID, from which, Ceilometer can retrieve the comma separated values of the authentication\_parameters.

As follows we present an example on how to convert the hard-coded pollster for *radosgw.api.request* metric to the dynamic pollster model:

```
- name: "dynamic.radosgw.api.request"
  sample_type: "gauge"
  unit: "request"
  value_attribute: "total.ops"
```

```
url_path: "http://rgw.service.stage.i.ewcs.ch/admin/usage"
module: "awsauth"
authentication_object: "S3Auth"
authentication_parameters: "<access_key>, <secret_key>, <rados_gateway_

server>"
user_id_attribute: "user"
project_id_attribute: "user"
resource_id_attribute: "user"
response_entries_key: "summary"
```

We can take that example a bit further, and instead of gathering the *total .ops* variable, which counts for all the requests (even the unsuccessful ones), we can use the *successful\_ops*.

#### **Operations on extracted attributes**

The dynamic pollster system can execute Python operations to transform the attributes that are extracted from the JSON response that the system handles.

One example of use case is the RadosGW that uses <project\_id\$project\_id> as the username (which is normally mapped to the Gnocchi resource\_id). With this feature (operations on extracted attributes), one can create configurations in the dynamic pollster to clean/normalize that variable. It is as simple as defining *resource\_id\_attribute: "user | value.split(`\$`)[0].strip()"* 

The operations are separated by | symbol. The first element of the expression is the key to be retrieved from the JSON object. The other elements are operations that can be applied to the *value* variable. The value variable is the variable we use to hold the data being extracted. The previous example can be rewritten as: *resource\_id\_attribute: "user | value.split ('\$') | value[0] | value.strip()"* 

As follows we present a complete configuration for a RadosGW dynamic pollster that is removing the \$ symbol, and getting the first part of the String.

```
- name: "dynamic.radosgw.api.request.successful_ops"
   sample_type: "gauge"
   unit: "request"
   value_attribute: "total.successful_ops"
```

```
url_path: "http://rgw.service.stage.i.ewcs.ch/admin/usage"
module: "awsauth"
authentication_object: "S3Auth"
authentication_parameters: "<access_key>,<secret_key>,<rados_gateway_

→server>"
user_id_attribute: "user | value.split ('$') | value[0]"
project_id_attribute: "user | value.split ('$') | value[0]"
resource_id_attribute: "user | value.split ('$') | value[0]"
response_entries_key: "summary"
```

The Dynamic pollster configuration options that support this feature are the following:

- value\_attribute
- response\_entries\_key
- user\_id\_attribute
- project\_id\_attribute
- resource\_id\_attribute

#### Multi metric dynamic pollsters (handling attribute values with list of objects)

The initial idea for this feature comes from the *categories* fields that we can find in the *summary* object of the RadosGW API. Each user has a *categories* attribute in the response; in the *categories* list, we can find the object that presents in a granular fashion the consumption of different RadosGW API operations such as GET, PUT, POST, and may others.

As follows we present an example of such a JSON response.

```
"bytes_sent": 0,
                         "category": "get_obj",
                         "ops": 1,
                         "successful_ops": 0
                 "epoch": 1572969600,
"owner": "someOtherUser",
                 "time": "2019-11-21 00:00:00.000002"
"summary": [
        "categories": [
                 "bytes_received": 0,
                 "bytes_sent": 0,
                 "category": "create_bucket",
                 "ops": 2,
                 "successful_ops": 2
                 "bytes_received": 0,
                 "bytes_sent": 2120428,
                 "category": "get_obj",
                 "ops": 46,
                 "successful_ops": 46
                 "bytes_received": 0,
                 "bytes_sent": 21484,
                 "category": "list_bucket",
                 "ops": 8,
                 "successful_ops": 8
                 "bytes_received": 6889056,
                 "bytes_sent": 0,
                 "category": "put_obj",
                 "ops": 46,
                 "successful_ops": 46
        "total": {
            "bytes_received": 6889056,
            "bytes_sent": 2141912,
            "ops": 102,
            "successful_ops": 102
        "user": "user"
        "categories": [
```

```
"bytes_received": 0,
        "bytes_sent": 0,
        "category": "create_bucket",
        "ops": 1,
        "successful_ops": 1
        "bytes received": 0,
        "bytes_sent": 0,
        "category": "delete_obj",
        "ops": 23,
        "successful ops": 23
        "bytes_received": 0,
        "bytes_sent": 5371,
        "category": "list_bucket",
        "ops": 2,
        "successful_ops": 2
        "bytes_received": 3444350,
        "bytes sent": 0,
        "category": "put_obj",
        "ops": 23,
        "successful_ops": 23
"total": {
   "bytes_received": 3444350,
    "bytes_sent": 5371,
    "ops": 49,
   "successful_ops": 49
"user": "someOtherUser"
```

In that context, and having in mind that we have APIs with similar data structures, we developed an extension for the dynamic pollster that enables multi-metric processing for a single pollster. It works as follows.

The pollster name will contain a placeholder for the variable that identifies the "submetric". E.g. *dy*namic.radosgw.api.request.{category}. The placeholder {category} indicates the object's attribute that is in the list of objects that we use to load the sub metric name. Then, we must use a special notation in the value\_attribute configuration to indicate that we are dealing with a list of objects. This is achieved via [] (brackets); for instance, in the *dynamic.radosgw.api.request.*{category}, we can use [categories].ops as the value\_attribute. This indicates that the value we retrieve is a list of objects, and when the dynamic pollster processes it, we want it (the pollster) to load the ops value for the sub metrics being generated.

Examples on how to create multi-metric pollster to handle data from RadosGW API are presented as follows:

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```
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```

```
- name: "dynamic.radosgw.api.request.{category}"
 sample_type: "gauge"
 unit: "request"
 value_attribute: "[categories].ops"
 url_path: "http://rgw.service.stage.i.ewcs.ch/admin/usage"
 module: "awsauth"
 authentication_object: "S3Auth"
 authentication_parameters: "<access_key>, <secret_key>,<rados_gateway_</pre>
⇔server>"
 user id attribute: "user | value.split('$')[0]"
 project_id_attribute: "user | value.split('$') | value[0]"
 resource_id_attribute: "user | value.split('$') | value[0]"
 response_entries_key: "summary"
- name: "dynamic.radosgw.api.request.successful_ops.{category}"
 sample_type: "gauge"
 unit: "request"
 value_attribute: "[categories].successful_ops"
 url_path: "http://rgw.service.stage.i.ewcs.ch/admin/usage"
 module: "awsauth"
 authentication_object: "S3Auth"
 authentication_parameters: "<access_key>, <secret_key>,<rados_gateway_
⇔server>"
 user_id_attribute: "user | value.split('$')[0]"
 project_id_attribute: "user | value.split('$') | value[0]"
 resource_id_attribute: "user | value.split('$') | value[0]"
 response_entries_key: "summary"
 name: "dynamic.radosgw.api.bytes_sent.{category}"
 sample_type: "gauge"
 unit: "request"
 value_attribute: "[categories].bytes_sent"
 url path "http://rqw.service.stage.i.ewcs.ch/admin/usage"
 module: "awsauth"
 authentication_object: "S3Auth"
 authentication_parameters: "<access_key>, <secret_key>,<rados_gateway_</pre>
⇔server>"
 user_id_attribute: "user | value.split('$')[0]"
 project_id_attribute: "user | value.split('$') | value[0]"
 resource_id_attribute: "user | value.split('$') | value[0]"
 response_entries_key: "summary"
- name: "dynamic.radosgw.api.bytes_received.{category}"
 sample_type: "gauge"
 unit: "request"
 value_attribute: "[categories].bytes_received"
 url_path: "http://rgw.service.stage.i.ewcs.ch/admin/usage"
 module: "awsauth"
 authentication_object: "S3Auth"
 authentication_parameters: "<access_key>, <secret_key>,<rados_gateway_</pre>
⇔server>"
 user_id_attribute: "user | value.split('$')[0]"
 project_id_attribute: "user | value.split('$') | value[0]"
 resource_id_attribute: "user | value.split('$') | value[0]"
 response_entries_key: "summary"
```

#### Handling linked API responses

If the consumed API returns a linked response which contains a link to the next response set (page), the Dynamic pollsters can be configured to follow these links and join all linked responses into a single one.

To enable this behavior the operator will need to configure the parameter *next\_sample\_url\_attribute* that must contain a mapper to the response attribute that contains the link to the next response page. This parameter also supports operations like the others \*\_*attribute* dynamic pollster's parameters.

Examples on how to create a pollster to handle linked API responses are presented as follows:

- Example of a simple linked response:
  - API response:



– Pollster configuration:

```
---
- name: "dynamic.linked.response"
   sample_type: "gauge"
```

```
unit: "request"
value_attribute: "[volume].tmp"
url_path: "v1/test-volumes"
response_entries_key: "servers"
next_sample_url_attribute: "server_link"
```

- Example of a complex linked response:
  - API response:

```
"server_link": [
   "href": "http://test.com/v1/test-volumes/marker=c3",
    "rel": "next"
    "href": "http://test.com/v1/test-volumes/marker=b1",
    "rel": "prev"
"servers":
    "volume": [
        "name": "a",
       "tmp": "ra"
    "id": 1,
    "name": "al"
    "volume": [
       "name": "b",
       "tmp" "rb"
    "id": 2,
    "name": "b2"
    "volume": [
        "name": "c",
        "tmp" "rc"
    "id": 3,
    "name": "c3"
```

- Pollster configuration:

## 1.3.3 Data Types

#### **Measurements**

The Telemetry service collects meters within an OpenStack deployment. This section provides a brief summary about meters format and origin and also contains the list of available meters.

Telemetry collects meters by polling the infrastructure elements and also by consuming the notifications emitted by other OpenStack services. For more information about the polling mechanism and notifications see *Data collection*. There are several meters which are collected by polling and by consuming. The origin for each meter is listed in the tables below.

**Note:** You may need to configure Telemetry or other OpenStack services in order to be able to collect all the samples you need. For further information about configuration requirements see the Telemetry chapter in the Installation Tutorials and Guides.

Telemetry uses the following meter types:

Туре	Description
Cumulative	Increasing over time (instance hours)
Delta	Changing over time (bandwidth)
Gauge	Discrete items (floating IPs, image uploads) and fluctuating values (disk I/O)

Telemetry provides the possibility to store metadata for samples. This metadata can be extended for OpenStack Compute and OpenStack Object Storage.

In order to add additional metadata information to OpenStack Compute you have two options to choose from. The first one is to specify them when you boot up a new instance. The additional information will be stored with the sample in the form of resource\_metadata.user\_metadata.\*. The new field should be defined by using the prefix metering.. The modified boot command look like the following:

\$ openstack server create --property metering.custom\_metadata=a\_value my\_vm

The other option is to set the reserved\_metadata\_keys to the list of metadata keys that you would like to be included in resource\_metadata of the instance related samples that are collected for OpenStack Compute. This option is included in the DEFAULT section of the ceilometer.conf configuration file.

You might also specify headers whose values will be stored along with the sample data of OpenStack Object Storage. The additional information is also stored under resource\_metadata. The format of the new field is resource\_metadata.http\_header\_\$name, where \$name is the name of the header with - replaced by \_.

For specifying the new header, you need to set metadata\_headers option under the [filter:ceilometer] section in proxy-server.conf under the swift folder. You can use this additional data for instance to distinguish external and internal users.

Measurements are grouped by services which are polled by Telemetry or emit notifications that this service consumes.

## **OpenStack Compute**

The following meters are collected for OpenStack Compute.

	Name	Туре	Unit	Resource	Origin	Support		
Meters added in the Mitaka release or earlier								
	memory	Gauge	MB	instance ID	Notification	Libvirt, Hyper-V		
	memory.usage	Gauge	MB	instance ID	Pollster	Libvirt, Hyper-V, vSpher		
	memory.resident	Gauge	MB	instance ID	Pollster	Libvirt		
	сри	Cumulative	ns	instance ID	Pollster	Libvirt, Hyper-V		
	vcpus	Gauge	vcpu	instance ID	Notification	Libvirt, Hyper-V		
	disk.device.read.requests	Cumulative	request	disk ID	Pollster	Libvirt, Hyper-V		
	disk.device.write.requests	Cumulative	request	disk ID	Pollster	Libvirt, Hyper-V		
	disk.device.read.bytes	Cumulative	В	disk ID	Pollster	Libvirt, Hyper-V		
	disk.device.write.bytes	Cumulative	В	disk ID	Pollster	Libvirt, Hyper-V		
	disk.root.size	Gauge	GB	instance ID	Notification	Libvirt, Hyper-V		
	disk.ephemeral.size	Gauge	GB	instance ID	Notification	Libvirt, Hyper-V		
	disk.device.latency	Gauge	ms	disk ID	Pollster	Hyper-V		
	disk.device.iops	Gauge	count/s	disk ID	Pollster	Hyper-V		
	disk.device.capacity	Gauge	В	disk ID	Pollster	Libvirt		
	disk.device.allocation	Gauge	В	disk ID	Pollster	Libvirt		
	disk.device.usage	Gauge	В	disk ID	Pollster	Libvirt		
	network.incoming.bytes	Cumulative	В	interface ID	Pollster	Libvirt, Hyper-V		
	network.outgoing.bytes	Cumulative	В	interface ID	Pollster	Libvirt, Hyper-V		
	network.incoming.packets	Cumulative	packet	interface ID	Pollster	Libvirt, Hyper-V		
	network.outgoing.packets	Cumulative	packet	interface ID	Pollster	Libvirt, Hyper-V		
		Met	ers added in t	he Newton rel	ease			
	cpu_13_cache	Gauge	В	instance ID	Pollster	Libvirt		
	memory.bandwidth.total	Gauge	B/s	instance ID	Pollster	Libvirt		
	memory.bandwidth.local	Gauge	B/s	instance ID	Pollster	Libvirt		
	perf.cpu.cycles	Gauge	cycle	instance ID	Pollster	Libvirt		
	perf.instructions	Gauge	instruction	instance ID	Pollster	Libvirt		
	perf.cache.references	Gauge	count	instance ID	Pollster	Libvirt		

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Name	Туре	Unit	Resource	Origin	Support					
perf.cache.misses	Gauge	count	instance ID	Pollster	Libvirt					
	Meters added in the Ocata release									
network.incoming.packets.drop	Cumulative	packet	interface ID	Pollster	Libvirt					
network.outgoing.packets.drop	Cumulative	packet	interface ID	Pollster	Libvirt					
network.incoming.packets.error	Cumulative	packet	interface ID	Pollster	Libvirt					
network.outgoing.packets.error	Cumulative	packet	interface ID	Pollster	Libvirt					
	Met	ers added in t	he Pike releas	e						
memory.swap.in	Cumulative	MB	instance ID	Pollster	Libvirt					
memory.swap.out	Cumulative	MB	instance ID	Pollster	Libvirt					
Meters added in the Queens release										
disk.device.read.latency	Cumulative	ns	Disk ID	Pollster	Libvirt					
disk.device.write.latency	Cumulative	ns	Disk ID	Pollster	Libvirt					

**Note:** To enable the libvirt memory.usage support, you need to install libvirt version 1.1.1+, QEMU version 1.5+, and you also need to prepare suitable balloon driver in the image. It is applicable particularly for Windows guests, most modern Linux distributions already have it built in. Telemetry is not able to fetch the memory.usage samples without the image balloon driver.

Note: To enable libvirt disk.  $\star$  support when running on RBD-backed shared storage, you need to install libvirt version 1.2.16+.

OpenStack Compute is capable of collecting CPU related meters from the compute host machines. In order to use that you need to set the compute\_monitors option to cpu.virt\_driver in the nova.conf configuration file. For further information see the Compute configuration section in the Compute chapter of the OpenStack Configuration Reference.

The following host machine related meters are collected for OpenStack Compute:

Name	Туре	Unit	Re-	Origin	Note				
			source						
Meters added in the Mitaka release or earlier									
com-	Gauge	MHz	host ID	Notifica-	CPU frequency				
pute.node.cpu.frequency				tion					
com-	Cumula-	ns	host ID	Notifica-	CPU kernel time				
pute.node.cpu.kernel.time	tive			tion					
compute.node.cpu.idle.time	Cumula-	ns	host ID	Notifica-	CPU idle time				
	tive			tion					
com-	Cumula-	ns	host ID	Notifica-	CPU user mode time				
pute.node.cpu.user.time	tive			tion					
com-	Cumula-	ns	host ID	Notifica-	CPU I/O wait time				
pute.node.cpu.iowait.time	tive			tion					
com-	Gauge	%	host ID	Notifica-	CPU kernel percentage				
pute.node.cpu.kernel.percent				tion					
com-	Gauge	%	host ID	Notifica-	CPU idle percentage				
pute.node.cpu.idle.percent				tion					
com-	Gauge	%	host ID	Notifica-	CPU user mode per-				
pute.node.cpu.user.percent				tion	centage				
com-	Gauge	%	host ID	Notifica-	CPU I/O wait percent-				
pute.node.cpu.iowait.percent				tion	age				
compute.node.cpu.percent	Gauge	%	host ID	Notifica-	CPU utilization				
				tion					

#### **IPMI meters**

Telemetry captures notifications that are emitted by the Bare metal service. The source of the notifications are IPMI sensors that collect data from the host machine.

Alternatively, IPMI meters can be generated by deploying the ceilometer-agent-ipmi on each IPMI-capable node. For further information about the IPMI agent see *IPMI agent*.

**Warning:** To avoid duplication of metering data and unnecessary load on the IPMI interface, do not deploy the IPMI agent on nodes that are managed by the Bare metal service and keep the conductor.send\_sensor\_data option set to False in the ironic.conf configuration file.

The following IPMI sensor meters are recorded:

Name	Туре	Unit	Resource	Origin	Note				
Meters added in the Mitaka release or earlier									
hardware.ipmi.fan	hardware.ipmi.fan Gauge RPM		fan sensor	Notification,	Fan rounds per minute				
				Pollster	(RPM)				
hard-	Gauge	С	temperature	Notification,	Temperature reading				
ware.ipmi.temperatur	e		sensor	Pollster	from sensor				
hard-	Gauge	W	current sensor	Notification,	Current reading from				
ware.ipmi.current				Pollster	sensor				
hard-	Gauge	V	voltage	Notification,	Voltage reading from				
ware.ipmi.voltage			sensor	Pollster	sensor				

**Note:** The sensor data is not available in the Bare metal service by default. To enable the meters and configure this module to emit notifications about the measured values see the Installation Guide for the Bare metal service.

Besides generic IPMI sensor data, the following Intel Node Manager meters are recorded from capable platform:

Name	Туре	Unit	Re-	Ori-	Note		
			source	gin			
Meters added in the Mitaka release or earlier							
hard-	Gauge	W	host	Poll-	Current power of the system		
ware.ipmi.node.power			ID	ster			
hard-	Gauge	С	host	Poll-	Current temperature of the system		
ware.ipmi.node.temperatur	re		ID	ster			
hard-	Gauge	С	host	Poll-	Inlet temperature of the system		
ware.ipmi.node.inlet_temp	erature		ID	ster			
hard-	Gauge	С	host	Poll-	Outlet temperature of the system		
ware.ipmi.node.outlet_tem	perature	e	ID	ster			
hard-	Gauge	CFM	host	Poll-	Volumetric airflow of the system, ex-		
ware.ipmi.node.airflow			ID	ster	pressed as 1/10th of CFM		
hard-	Gauge	CUPS	host	Poll-	CUPS(Compute Usage Per Second) in-		
ware.ipmi.node.cups			ID	ster	dex data of the system		
hard-	Gauge	%	host	Poll-	CPU CUPS utilization of the system		
ware.ipmi.node.cpu_util			ID	ster			
hard-	Gauge	%	host	Poll-	Memory CUPS utilization of the sys-		
ware.ipmi.node.mem_util			ID	ster	tem		
hard-	Gauge	%	host	Poll-	IO CUPS utilization of the system		
ware.ipmi.node.io_util			ID	ster			

#### **SNMP** based meters

Telemetry supports gathering SNMP based generic host meters. In order to be able to collect this data you need to run snmpd on each target host.

The following meters are available about the host machines by using SNMP:

Name	Туре	Unit	Resource	Origin	Note				
Meters added in the Mitaka release or earlier									
hardware.cpu.load.1min	Gauge	process	host ID	Pollster	CPU				
hardware.cpu.load.5min	Gauge	process	host ID	Pollster	CPU				
hardware.cpu.load.15min	Gauge	process	host ID	Pollster	CPU				
hardware.disk.size.total	Gauge	KB	disk ID	Pollster	Tota				
hardware.disk.size.used	Gauge	KB	disk ID	Pollster	Used				
hardware.memory.total	Gauge	KB	host ID	Pollster	Tota				
hardware.memory.used	Gauge	KB	host ID	Pollster	Used				
hardware.memory.buffer	Gauge	KB	host ID	Pollster	Phys				
hardware.memory.cached	Gauge	KB	host ID	Pollster	Cacl				
hardware.memory.swap.total	Gauge	KB	host ID	Pollster	Tota				
hardware.memory.swap.avail	Gauge	KB	host ID	Pollster	Avai				
hardware.network.incoming.bytes	Cumulative	В	interface ID	Pollster	Byte				
hardware.network.outgoing.bytes	Cumulative	В	interface ID	Pollster	Byte				
hardware.network.outgoing.errors	Cumulative	packet	interface ID	Pollster	Send				
hardware.network.ip.incoming.datagrams	Cumulative	datagrams	host ID	Pollster	Nun				
hardware.network.ip.outgoing.datagrams	Cumulative	datagrams	host ID	Pollster	Nun				
hardware.system_stats.io.incoming.blocks	Cumulative	blocks	host ID	Pollster	Agg				
hardware.system_stats.io.outgoing.blocks	Cumulative	blocks	host ID	Pollster	Agg				
Meters added	in the Queens re	elease	,	1					
hardware.disk.read.bytes	Gauge	В	disk ID	Pollster	Byte				
hardware.disk.write.bytes	Gauge	В	disk ID	Pollster	Byte				
hardware.disk.read.requests	Gauge	requests	disk ID	Pollster	Read				
hardware.disk.write.requests	Gauge	requests	disk ID	Pollster	Writ				
Meters added	in the Stein relea	ase	·						
hardware.cpu.user	Gauge	tick	host ID	Pollster	CPU				
hardware.cpu.system	Gauge	tick	host ID	Pollster	CPU				
hardware.cpu.nice	Gauge	tick	host ID	Pollster	CPU				
hardware.cpu.idle	Gauge	tick	host ID	Pollster	CPU				
hardware.cpu.wait	Gauge	tick	host ID	Pollster	CPU				
hardware.cpu.kernel	Gauge	tick	host ID	Pollster	CPU				
hardware.cpu.interrupt	Gauge	tick	host ID	Pollster	CPU				

## **OpenStack Image service**

Name	Туре	Unit	Re-	Origin	Note					
			source							
Meters added in the Mitaka release or earlier										
image.size	Gauge	В	image ID	Notification, Poll-	Size of the uploaded im-					
				ster	age					
im-	Delta	В	image ID	Notification	Image is downloaded					
age.download										
image.serve	Delta	В	image ID	Notification	Image is served out					

The following meters are collected for OpenStack Image service:

## **OpenStack Block Storage**

The following meters are collected for OpenStack Block Storage:

Name	Туре	Unit	Re-	Origin	Note
			source		
Meters added in the Mitaka	release	or earli	er		
volume.size	Gauge	GB	volume	Notifi-	Size of the volume
			ID	cation	
snapshot.size	Gauge	GB	snapshot	Notifi-	Size of the snapshot
			ID	cation	
Meters added in the Queens	s release				
vol-	Gauge	GB	hostname	Notifi-	Total volume capacity on host
ume.provider.capacity.total				cation	
vol-	Gauge	GB	hostname	Notifi-	Free volume capacity on host
ume.provider.capacity.free				cation	
vol-	Gauge	GB	hostname	Notifi-	Assigned volume capacity on
ume.provider.capacity.allocat	ed			cation	host by Cinder
vol-	Gauge	GB	hostname	Notifi-	Assigned volume capacity on
ume.provider.capacity.provisi	oned			cation	host
vol-	Gauge	GB	hostname	Notifi-	Virtual free volume capacity
ume.provider.capacity.virtual	free			cation	on host
vol-	Gauge	GB	host-	Notifi-	Total volume capacity in pool
ume.provider.pool.capacity.to	tal		name#pool	cation	
vol-	Gauge	GB	host-	Notifi-	Free volume capacity in pool
ume.provider.pool.capacity.fr	ee		name#pool	cation	
vol-	Gauge	GB	host-	Notifi-	Assigned volume capacity in
ume.provider.pool.capacity.al	located		name#pool	cation	pool by Cinder
vol-	Gauge	GB	host-	Notifi-	Assigned volume capacity in
ume.provider.pool.capacity.pr	ovisione	ed	name#pool	cation	pool
vol-	Gauge	GB	host-	Notifi-	Virtual free volume capacity
ume.provider.pool.capacity.vi	rtual_fre	e	name#pool	cation	in pool

## **OpenStack File Share**

The following meters are collected for OpenStack File Share:

Name	Туре	Unit	Resource	Origin	Note			
Meters added in the Pike release								
manila.share.size	Gauge	GB	share ID	Notification	Size of the file share			

## **OpenStack Object Storage**

The following meters are collected for OpenStack Object Storage:

Name	Туре	Unit	Resource	Origin	Note			
Meters added in the Mitaka release or earlier								
storage.objects	Gauge	object	storage ID	Pollster	Number of objects			
storage.objects.size	Gauge	В	storage ID	Pollster	Total size of stored objects			
stor-	Gauge	con-	storage ID	Pollster	Number of containers			
age.objects.containers		tainer						
stor-	Delta	В	storage ID	Notifi-	Number of incoming bytes			
age.objects.incoming.by	vtes			cation				
stor-	Delta	В	storage ID	Notifi-	Number of outgoing bytes			
age.objects.outgoing.by	tes			cation				
stor-	Gauge	object	storage	Pollster	Number of objects in con-			
age.containers.objects			ID/container		tainer			
stor-	Gauge	В	storage	Pollster	Total size of stored objects			
age.containers.objects.s	ize		ID/container		in container			

## **Ceph Object Storage**

In order to gather meters from Ceph, you have to install and configure the Ceph Object Gateway (radosgw) as it is described in the Installation Manual. You also have to enable usage logging in order to get the related meters from Ceph. You will need an admin user with users, buckets, metadata and usage caps configured.

In order to access Ceph from Telemetry, you need to specify a service group for radosgw in the ceilometer.conf configuration file along with access\_key and secret\_key of the admin user mentioned above.

The following meters are collected for Ceph Object Storage:

Name	e Type Unit Resource		Ori-	Note	
				gin	
Meters added in th	e Mitak	a releas	e or earlier		
radosgw.objects	Gauge	ob-	storage ID	Poll-	Number of objects
		ject		ster	
ra-	Gauge	В	storage ID	Poll-	Total size of stored objects
dosgw.objects.size				ster	
ra-	Gauge	con-	storage ID	Poll-	Number of containers
dosgw.objects.conta	ners	tainer		ster	
ra-	Gauge	re-	storage ID	Poll-	Number of API requests against Ceph
dosgw.api.request		quest		ster	Object Gateway (radosgw)
ra-	Gauge	ob-	storage	Poll-	Number of objects in container
dosgw.containers.ob	jects	ject	ID/container	ster	
ra-	Gauge	В	storage	Poll-	Total size of stored objects in container
dosgw.containers.ob	jects.siz	e	ID/container	ster	

**Note:** The usage related information may not be updated right after an upload or download, because the Ceph Object Gateway needs time to update the usage properties. For instance, the default configuration needs approximately 30 minutes to generate the usage logs.

## **OpenStack Identity**

The following meters are collected for OpenStack Identity:

Name	Туре	Unit	Re-	Origin	Note
			source		
Meters added in the Mita	aka releas	se or earli	er		
iden-	Delta	user	user ID	Notifica-	User successfully authenti-
tity.authenticate.success				tion	cated
iden-	Delta	user	user ID	Notifica-	User pending authentica-
tity.authenticate.pending				tion	tion
iden-	Delta	user	user ID	Notifica-	User failed to authenticate
tity.authenticate.failure				tion	

#### **OpenStack Networking**

The following meters are collected for OpenStack Networking:

Name	Туре	Unit	Resource	Origin	Note
Meters add	led in the <b>N</b>	Mitaka relo	ease or earlie	r	
bandwidth	Delta	В	label ID	Notification	Bytes through this 13 metering label

### **SDN controllers**

Name	Туре	Unit	Jnit Resource		Note
Meters added i	in the Mitaka re	elease or earlier		·	
switch	Gauge	switch	switch ID	Pollster	Existence of
switch.port	Gauge	port	switch ID	Pollster	Existence of
switch.port.receive.packets	Cumulative	packet	switch ID	Pollster	Packets rece
switch.port.transmit.packets	Cumulative	packet	switch ID	Pollster	Packets trans
switch.port.receive.bytes	Cumulative	В	switch ID	Pollster	Bytes receiv
switch.port.transmit.bytes	Cumulative	В	switch ID	Pollster	Bytes transn
switch.port.receive.drops	Cumulative	packet	switch ID	Pollster	Drops receiv
switch.port.transmit.drops	Cumulative	packet	switch ID	Pollster	Drops transr
switch.port.receive.errors	Cumulative	packet	switch ID	Pollster	Errors receiv
switch.port.transmit.errors	Cumulative	packet	switch ID	Pollster	Errors transr
switch.port.receive.frame_error	Cumulative	packet	switch ID	Pollster	Frame align
switch.port.receive.overrun_error	Cumulative	packet	switch ID	Pollster	Overrun erro
switch.port.receive.crc_error	Cumulative	packet	switch ID	Pollster	CRC errors
switch.port.collision.count	Cumulative	count	switch ID	Pollster	Collisions or
switch.table	Gauge	table	switch ID	Pollster	Duration of
switch.table.active.entries	Gauge	entry	switch ID	Pollster	Active entrie
switch.table.lookup.packets	Gauge	packet	switch ID	Pollster	Lookup pacl
switch.table.matched.packets	Gauge	packet	switch ID	Pollster	Packets mate
switch.flow	Gauge	flow	switch ID	Pollster	Duration of
switch.flow.duration.seconds	Gauge	S	switch ID	Pollster	Duration of
switch.flow.duration.nanoseconds	Gauge	ns	switch ID	Pollster	Duration of
switch.flow.packets	Cumulative	packet	switch ID	Pollster	Packets rece
switch.flow.bytes	Cumulative	В	switch ID	Pollster	Bytes receiv
Meters added i	in the Pike relea	nse		·	·
port	Gauge	port	port ID	Pollster	Existence of
port.uptime	Gauge	S	port ID	Pollster	Uptime of po
port.receive.packets	Cumulative	packet	port ID	Pollster	Packets trasr
port.transmit.packets	Cumulative	packet	port ID	Pollster	Packets trans
port.receive.bytes	Cumulative	В	port ID	Pollster	Bytes receiv
port.transmit.bytes	Cumulative	В	port ID	Pollster	Bytes transm
port.receive.drops	Cumulative	packet	port ID	Pollster	Drops receiv
port.receive.errors	Cumulative	packet	port ID	Pollster	Errors receiv
switch.ports	Gauge	ports	switch ID	Pollster	Number of p
switch.port.uptime	Gauge	S	switch ID	Pollster	Uptime of sy

The following meters are collected for SDN:

These meters are available for OpenFlow based switches. In order to enable these meters, each driver needs to be properly configured.

## Load-Balancer-as-a-Service (LBaaS v1)

Name	Туре	Unit	Re-	Ori-	Note
			source	gin	
Meters added in the Mitaka	release or	earlier			
network.services.lb.pool	Gauge	pool	pool ID	Poll-	Existence of a LB pool
				ster	
network.services.lb.vip	Gauge	vip	vip ID	Poll-	Existence of a LB VIP
				ster	
network.services.lb.member	Gauge	member	member	Poll-	Existence of a LB
			ID	ster	member
net-	Gauge	health_moni	tomonitor	Poll-	Existence of a LB
work.services.lb.health_monit	or		ID	ster	health probe
net-	Cumu-	connection	pool ID	Poll-	Total connections on a
work.services.lb.total.connect	ohastive			ster	LB
net-	Gauge	connection	pool ID	Poll-	Active connections on
work.services.lb.active.connec	tions			ster	a LB
net-	Gauge	В	pool ID	Poll-	Number of incoming
work.services.lb.incoming.byt	es			ster	Bytes
net-	Gauge	В	pool ID	Poll-	Number of outgoing
work.services.lb.outgoing.byte	es			ster	Bytes

The following meters are collected for LBaaS v1:

## Load-Balancer-as-a-Service (LBaaS v2)

The following meters are collected for LBaaS v2.

Name	Туре	Unit	Resource	Ori-	Note
				gin	
Meters added in the Mitak	a release o	r earlier		1	
network.services.lb.pool	Gauge	pool	pool ID	Poll-	Existence of a LB
				ster	pool
network.services.lb.listener	Gauge	listener	listener ID	Poll-	Existence of a LB lis-
				ster	tener
net-	Gauge	member	member ID	Poll-	Existence of a LB
work.services.lb.member				ster	member
net-	Gauge	health_mon	itomonitor ID	Poll-	Existence of a LB
work.services.lb.health_mon	itor			ster	health probe
net-	Gauge	loadbal-	loadbal-	Poll-	Existence of a LB
work.services.lb.loadbalancer		ancer	ancer	ster	loadbalancer
			ID		
net-	Cumu-	connec-	pool ID	Poll-	Total connections on a
work.services.lb.total.connec	tibantisve	tion		ster	LB
net-	Gauge	connec-	pool ID	Poll-	Active connections on
work.services.lb.active.conne	ctions	tion		ster	a LB
net-	Gauge	В	pool ID	Poll-	Number of incoming
work.services.lb.incoming.by	ytes			ster	Bytes
net-	Gauge	В	pool ID	Poll-	Number of outgoing
work.services.lb.outgoing.by	tes			ster	Bytes

**Note:** The above meters are experimental and may generate a large load against the Neutron APIs. The future enhancement will be implemented when Neutron supports the new APIs.

## VPN-as-a-Service (VPNaaS)

The following meters are collected for VPNaaS:

Name	Туре	Unit	Re-	Ori-	Note
			source	gin	
Meters added in the Mit	aka rele	ase or earlier			
network.services.vpn	Gauge	vpnservice	vpn ID	Poll-	Existence of a VPN
				ster	
net-	Gauge	ipsec_site_conne	cticom -	Poll-	Existence of an IPSec
work.services.vpn.connec	tions		nection	ster	connection
			ID		

## Firewall-as-a-Service (FWaaS)

Name	Туре	Unit	Re-	Origin	Note
			source		
Meters added in the Mitak	a release	or earlier			
network.services.firewall	Gauge	firewall	firewall	Poll-	Existence of a firewall
			ID	ster	
net-	Gauge	fire-	firewall	Poll-	Existence of a firewall
work.services.firewall.policy	/	wall_policy	ID	ster	policy

The following meters are collected for FWaaS:

## **Events**

In addition to meters, the Telemetry service collects events triggered within an OpenStack environment. This section provides a brief summary of the events format in the Telemetry service.

While a sample represents a single, numeric datapoint within a time-series, an event is a broader concept that represents the state of a resource at a point in time. The state may be described using various data types including non-numeric data such as an instance's flavor. In general, events represent any action made in the OpenStack system.

## **Event configuration**

By default, ceilometer builds event data from the messages it receives from other OpenStack services.

**Note:** In releases older than Ocata, it is advisable to set disable\_non\_metric\_meters to True when enabling events in the Telemetry service. The Telemetry service historically represented events as metering data, which may create duplication of data if both events and non-metric meters are enabled.

## **Event structure**

Events captured by the Telemetry service are represented by five key attributes:

- event\_type A dotted string defining what event occurred such as "compute.instance.resize. start".
- message\_id A UUID for the event.
- generated A timestamp of when the event occurred in the system.
- **traits** A flat mapping of key-value pairs which describe the event. The event's traits contain most of the details of the event. Traits are typed, and can be strings, integers, floats, or datetimes.
- raw Mainly for auditing purpose, the full event message can be stored (unindexed) for future evaluation.

## **Event indexing**

The general philosophy of notifications in OpenStack is to emit any and all data someone might need, and let the consumer filter out what they are not interested in. In order to make processing simpler and more efficient, the notifications are stored and processed within Ceilometer as events. The notification payload, which can be an arbitrarily complex JSON data structure, is converted to a flat set of key-value pairs. This conversion is specified by a config file.

**Note:** The event format is meant for efficient processing and querying. Storage of complete notifications for auditing purposes can be enabled by configuring store\_raw option.

#### **Event conversion**

The conversion from notifications to events is driven by a configuration file defined by the definitions\_cfg\_file in the ceilometer.conf configuration file.

This includes descriptions of how to map fields in the notification body to Traits, and optional plug-ins for doing any programmatic translations (splitting a string, forcing case).

The mapping of notifications to events is defined per event\_type, which can be wildcarded. Traits are added to events if the corresponding fields in the notification exist and are non-null.

**Note:** The default definition file included with the Telemetry service contains a list of known notifications and useful traits. The mappings provided can be modified to include more or less data according to user requirements.

If the definitions file is not present, a warning will be logged, but an empty set of definitions will be assumed. By default, any notifications that do not have a corresponding event definition in the definitions file will be converted to events with a set of minimal traits. This can be changed by setting the option drop\_unmatched\_notifications in the ceilometer.conf file. If this is set to True, any unmapped notifications will be dropped.

The basic set of traits (all are TEXT type) that will be added to all events if the notification has the relevant data are: service (notification's publisher), tenant\_id, and request\_id. These do not have to be specified in the event definition, they are automatically added, but their definitions can be overridden for a given event\_type.

#### **Event definitions format**

The event definitions file is in YAML format. It consists of a list of event definitions, which are mappings. Order is significant, the list of definitions is scanned in reverse order to find a definition which matches the notification's event\_type. That definition will be used to generate the event. The reverse ordering is done because it is common to want to have a more general wildcarded definition (such as compute.instance.\*) with a set of traits common to all of those events, with a few more specific event definitions afterwards that have all of the above traits, plus a few more.

Each event definition is a mapping with two keys:

- **event\_type** This is a list (or a string, which will be taken as a 1 element list) of event\_types this definition will handle. These can be wildcarded with unix shell glob syntax. An exclusion listing (starting with a !) will exclude any types listed from matching. If only exclusions are listed, the definition will match anything not matching the exclusions.
- traits This is a mapping, the keys are the trait names, and the values are trait definitions.

Each trait definition is a mapping with the following keys:

- fields A path specification for the field(s) in the notification you wish to extract for this trait. Specifications can be written to match multiple possible fields. By default the value will be the first such field. The paths can be specified with a dot syntax (payload.host). Square bracket syntax (payload[host]) is also supported. In either case, if the key for the field you are looking for contains special characters, like ., it will need to be quoted (with double or single quotes): payload.image\_meta.`org.openstack\_1\_architecture`. The syntax used for the field specification is a variant of JSONPath
- type (Optional) The data type for this trait. Valid options are: text, int, float, and datetime. Defaults to text if not specified.
- plugin (Optional) Used to execute simple programmatic conversions on the value in a notification field.

#### Event delivery to external sinks

You can configure the Telemetry service to deliver the events into external sinks. These sinks are configurable in the /etc/ceilometer/event\_pipeline.yaml file.

#### 1.3.4 Management

#### **Troubleshoot Telemetry**

#### Logging in Telemetry

The Telemetry service has similar log settings as the other OpenStack services. Multiple options are available to change the target of logging, the format of the log entries and the log levels.

The log settings can be changed in ceilometer.conf. The list of configuration options are listed in the logging configuration options table in the Telemetry section in the OpenStack Configuration Reference.

By default stderr is used as standard output for the log messages. It can be changed to either a log file or syslog. The debug and verbose options are also set to false in the default settings, the default log levels of the corresponding modules can be found in the table referred above.

# **1.4 Ceilometer Configuration Options**

## 1.4.1 Ceilometer Sample Configuration File

Configure Ceilometer by editing /etc/ceilometer/ceilometer.conf.

No config file is provided with the source code, it will be created during the installation. In case where no configuration file was installed, one can be easily created by running:

```
oslo-config-generator \
    --config-file=/etc/ceilometer/ceilometer-config-generator.conf \
    --output-file=/etc/ceilometer/ceilometer.conf
```

## **1.5 Ceilometer CLI Documentation**

In this section you will find information on Ceilometers command line interface.

### 1.5.1 ceilometer-status

## CLI interface for Ceilometer status commands

#### **Synopsis**

ceilometer-status <category> <command> [<args>]

#### Description

**ceilometer-status** is a tool that provides routines for checking the status of a Ceilometer deployment.

#### Options

The standard pattern for executing a **ceilometer-status** command is:

ceilometer-status <category> <command> [<args>]

Run without arguments to see a list of available command categories:

ceilometer-status

Categories are:

• upgrade

Detailed descriptions are below:

You can also run with a category argument such as upgrade to see a list of all commands in that category:

ceilometer-status upgrade

These sections describe the available categories and arguments for **ceilometer-status**.

## Upgrade

**ceilometer-status upgrade check** Performs a release-specific readiness check before restarting services with new code. For example, missing or changed configuration options, in-compatible object states, or other conditions that could lead to failures while upgrading.

#### **Return Codes**

Return code	Description
0	All upgrade readiness checks passed successfully and there is nothing to
	do.
1	At least one check encountered an issue and requires further investigation.
	This is considered a warning but the upgrade may be OK.
2	There was an upgrade status check failure that needs to be investigated.
	This should be considered something that stops an upgrade.
255	An unexpected error occurred.

#### **History of Checks**

#### 12.0.0 (Stein)

• Sample check to be filled in with checks as they are added in Stein.

## CHAPTER

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# **APPENDIX**

# 2.1 Release Notes

## 2.1.1 Folsom

This is the first release (Version 0.1) of Ceilometer. Please take all appropriate caution in using it, as it is a technology preview at this time.

- **Version of OpenStack** It is currently tested to work with OpenStack 2012.2 Folsom. Due to its use of openstack-common, and the modification that were made in term of notification to many other components (glance, cinder, quantum), it will not easily work with any prior version of OpenStack.
- **Components** Currently covered components are: Nova, Nova-network, Glance, Cinder and Quantum. Notably, there is no support yet for Swift and it was decided not to support nova-volume in favor of Cinder. A detailed list of meters covered per component can be found at in *Measurements*.
- **Nova with libvirt only** Most of the Nova meters will only work with libvirt fronted hypervisors at the moment, and our test coverage was mostly done on KVM. Contributors are welcome to implement other virtualization backends' meters.
- **Quantum delete events** Quantum delete notifications do not include the same metadata as the other messages, so we ignore them for now. This isn't ideal, since it may mean we miss charging for some amount of time, but it is better than throwing away the existing metadata for a resource when it is deleted.
- **Database backend** The only tested and complete database backend is currently MongoDB, the SQLAlchemy one is still work in progress.
- **Installation** The current best source of information on how to deploy this project is found as the devstack implementation but feel free to come to #openstack-metering on freenode for more info.
- **Volume of data** Please note that metering can generate lots of data very quickly. Have a look at the following spreadsheet to evaluate what you will end up with.

https://wiki.openstack.org/wiki/EfficientMetering#Volume\_of\_data

- Folsom
- Havana
- Icehouse
- Juno
- Kilo

#### • Liberty

Since Mitaka development cycle, we start to host release notes on Ceilometer Release Notes

# 2.2 Glossary

- **agent** Software service running on the OpenStack infrastructure measuring usage and sending the results to any number of target using the *publisher*.
- **billing** Billing is the process to assemble bill line items into a single per customer bill, emitting the bill to start the payment collection.
- **bus listener agent** Bus listener agent which takes events generated on the Oslo notification bus and transforms them into Ceilometer samples. This is the preferred method of data collection.
- **polling agent** Software service running either on a central management node within the OpenStack infrastructure or compute node measuring usage and sending the results to a queue.
- **notification agent** The different OpenStack services emit several notifications about the various types of events. The notification agent consumes them from respective queues and filters them by the event\_type.
- data store Storage system for recording data collected by ceilometer.
- **meter** The measurements tracked for a resource. For example, an instance has a number of meters, such as duration of instance, CPU time used, number of disk io requests, etc. Three types of meters are defined in ceilometer:
  - Cumulative: Increasing over time (e.g. disk I/O)
  - Gauge: Discrete items (e.g. floating IPs, image uploads) and fluctuating values (e.g. number of Swift objects)
  - Delta: Incremental change to a counter over time (e.g. bandwidth delta)
- **metering** Metering is the process of collecting information about what, who, when and how much regarding anything that can be billed. The result of this is a collection of "tickets" (a.k.a. samples) which are ready to be processed in any way you want.
- **notification** A message sent via an external OpenStack system (e.g Nova, Glance, etc) using the Oslo notification mechanism<sup>1</sup>. These notifications are usually sent to and received by Ceilometer through the notifier RPC driver.
- **non-repudiable** "Non-repudiation refers to a state of affairs where the purported maker of a statement will not be able to successfully challenge the validity of the statement or contract. The term is often seen in a legal setting wherein the authenticity of a signature is being challenged. In such an instance, the authenticity is being "repudiated"." (Wikipedia,<sup>2</sup>)
- project The OpenStack tenant or project.
- **polling agents** The polling agent is collecting measurements by polling some API or other tool at a regular interval.

**publisher** The publisher is publishing samples to a specific target.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ceilometer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://opendev.org/openstack/oslo.messaging/src/branch/master/oslo\_messaging/notify/notifier.py

- **push agents** The push agent is the only solution to fetch data within projects, which do not expose the required data in a remotely usable way. This is not the preferred method as it makes deployment a bit more complex having to add a component to each of the nodes that need to be monitored.
- **rating** Rating is the process of analysing a series of tickets, according to business rules defined by marketing, in order to transform them into bill line items with a currency value.
- resource The OpenStack entity being metered (e.g. instance, volume, image, etc).
- sample Data sample for a particular meter.
- **source** The origin of metering data. This field is set to "openstack" by default. It can be configured to a different value using the sample\_source field in the ceilometer.conf file.

user An OpenStack user.