

Streaming Telemetry Under the Hood: Something to Think About

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# Do They Select Cars By Color?



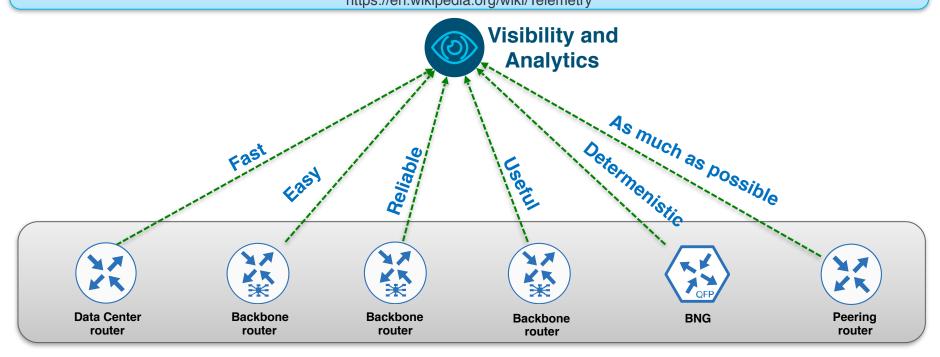
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- 1 Brief Telemetry Overview
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### "Scream Stream If You Wanna Go Faster"

**Telemetry**: an automated communications process by which measurements and other data are collected at remote or inaccessible points and transmitted to receiving equipment for monitoring.

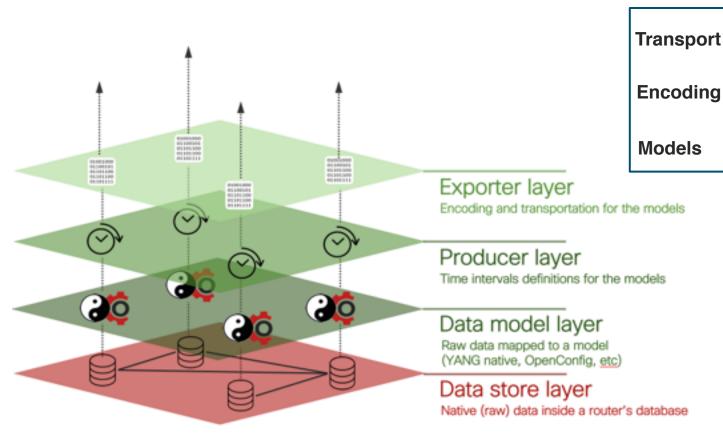
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telemetry



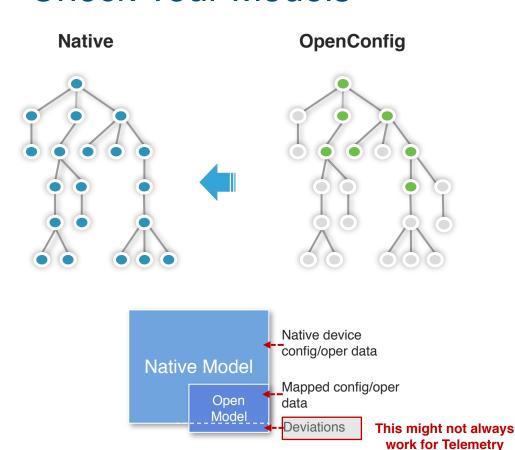
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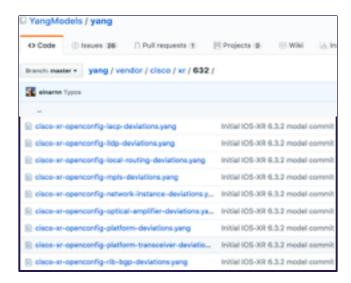
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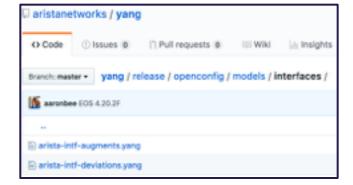
## How Do You See Telemetry In a Router?



### **Check Your Models**





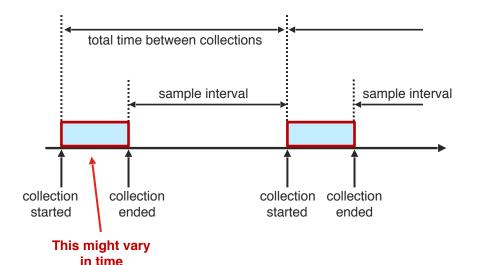


# What Does Sample Interval Really Mean?

Works fine for small collections

You should never see missed collections

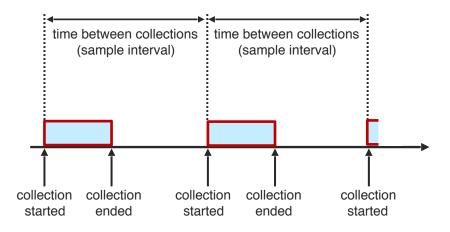
Hard to automate, no consistent behavior



Consistent behavior, easy to automate

Sample interval must be more than max collection time

You might see missed collections



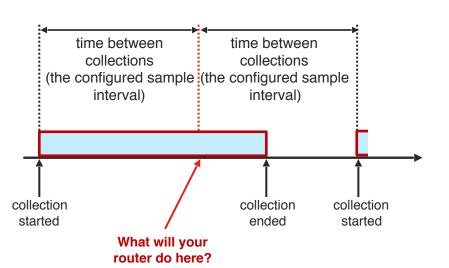
### Missed Collections. What To Do?

# What do you expect from your router?

Send all 1s / all 0s?

Send previous collection values?

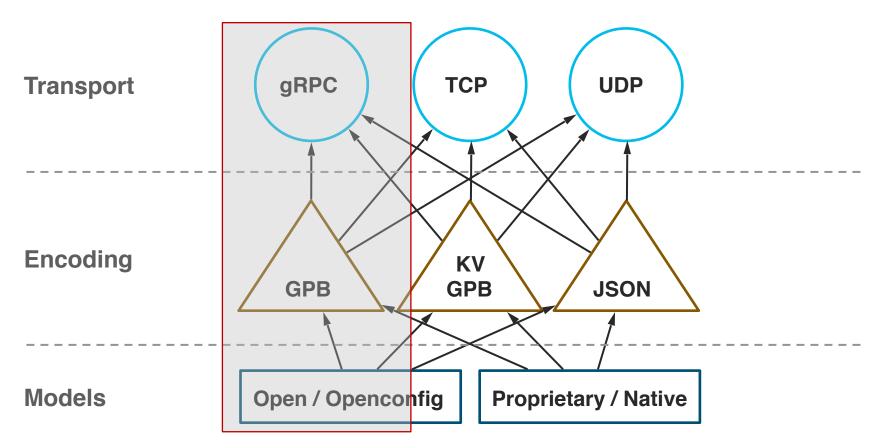
Leave things as is and don't send anything?



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Do you want to fill the gap or not?

### How Do You Want Your Data Out?



# Is It Enough To State gRPC/GPB Support?

### Define your Telemetry message

```
syntax = "proto3";
option go_package = "telemetry bis";
/* Common Telemetry message */ // this is common for both
message Telemetry {
 oneof node id {
  string node_id_str = 1;
 oneof subscription {
  string subscription id str = 3;
 string encoding_path
 uint64 collection id
                            = 8;
 uint64 collection start time
                              = 9:
 uint64 msg timestamp
                              = 10;
 repeated TelemetryField data_gpbkv = 11;
 TelemetryGPBTable data gpb
                                  = 12;
 uint64 collection end time
                               = 13:
```

### Define your gRPC calls

```
service qRPCConfigOper {
// Configuration related commands
rpc GetConfig(ConfigGetArgs) returns(stream ConfigGetReply) {};
rpc MergeConfig(ConfigArgs) returns(ConfigReply) {};
rpc DeleteConfig(ConfigArgs) returns(ConfigReply) {};
rpc ReplaceConfig(ConfigArgs) returns(ConfigReply) {};
rpc CliConfig(CliConfigArgs) returns(CliConfigReply) {}:
rpc CommitReplace(CommitReplaceArgs) returns (CommitReplaceReply) {};
rpc CommitConfig(CommitArgs) returns(CommitReply) {};
rpc ConfigDiscardChanges(DiscardChangesArgs) returns(DiscardChangesReply)
// Get only returns oper data
rpc GetOper(GetOperArgs) returns(stream GetOperReply) {};
// Get Telemetry Data
rpc CreateSubs(CreateSubsArgs) returns(stream CreateSubsReply) {}:
```

https://github.com/cisco/bigmuddy-network-telemetry-proto/blob/master/staging/telemetry.proto

https://github.com/cisco/bigmuddy-network-telemetry-proto/blob/master/staging/mdt\_grpc\_dialin/mdt\_grpc\_dialin.proto

# Is It Enough To State gRPC/GPB Support?

### Juniper's OC .proto

```
package telemetry;
// Interface exported by Agent
service OpenConfigTelemetry (
   // Request an inline subscription for data at the specified path
   // The device should send telemetry data back on the same
   // connection as the subscription request.
   rpc telemetrySubscribe(SubscriptionRequest)
   // Terminates and removes an exisiting telemetry subscription
   rpc cancelTelemetrySubscription(CancelSubscriptionReguest)
   // Get the list of current telemetry subscriptions from the
   // target. This command returns a list of existing subscriptions
   // not including those that are established via configuration.
   rpc getTelemetrySubscriptions(GetSubscriptionsRequest)
   // Get Telemetry Agent Operational States
   rpc getTelemetryOperationalState(GetOperationalStateRequest)
   // Return the set of data encodings supported by the device for
   // telemetry data
   rpc getDataEncodings(DataEncodingRequest)
```

https://github.com/nileshsimaria/jtimon/blob/master/telemetry/telemetry.proto

### Juniper's UDP .proto

```
ort "pbj.proto";
import "google/protobuf/descriptor.proto";
extend google.protobuf.FieldOptions {
   optional TelemetryFieldOptions telemetry_options = 1024;
message TelemetryFieldOptions {
   optional bool is key
                                    - 1;
   optional bool is_timestamp
                                    + 2;
   optional bool is counter-
                                    = 31
   optional bool is_gauge
                                    - 41
message TelemetryStream (
   // router name or export IP address
   required string system_id
                                    - 1 [(telemetry_options).is_key = true,
                                          (pbj fleld option).type = FT_POINTER];
   // line card / RE (slot number)
   optional wint32 component_id = 2 [(telemetry_options).is_key = true];
   // PFE (if applicable)
   optional wint32 sub_component_id = 3 [(telemetry_options).is_key = true];
   // configured sensor name
   optional string sensor_name
                                    - 4 [(telemetry_options).is_key = true,
                                         (pbi_field_option).type = FT_POINTER];
```

https://github.com/nileshsimaria/jmonudp/blob/master/protos/telemetry\_top/telemetry\_top.proto

### GNMI Should Be The Answer. Right?

here?

### Defines the qRPC call

```
service gNMI {
 // Capabilities allows the client to retrieve the set of capabilities that
 // is supported by the target. This allows the target to validate the
 // service version that is implemented and retrieve the set of models that
 // the target supports. The models can then be specified in subsequent RPCs
 // to restrict the set of data that is utilized.
 // Reference: gNMI Specification Section 3.2
 rpc Capabilities(CapabilityRequest) returns (CapabilityResponse);
 // Retrieve a snapshot of data from the target. A Get RPC requests that the
 // target snapshots a subset of the data tree as specified by the paths
 // included in the message and serializes this to be returned to the
 // client using the specified encoding.
 // Reference: gNMI Specification Section 3.3
 rpc Get(GetRequest) returns (GetResponse);
 // Set allows the client to modify the state of data on the target. The
 // paths to modified along with the new values that the client wishes
 // to set the value to.
 // Reference: gNMI Specification Section 3.4
 rpc Set(SetRequest) returns (SetResponse);
 // Subscribe allows a client to request the target to send it values
 // of particular paths within the data tree. These values may be streamed
 // at a particular cadence (STREAM), sent one off on a long-lived channel
 // (POLL), or sent as a one-off retrieval (ONCE).
 // Reference: gNMI Specification Section 3.5
 rpc Subscribe(stream SubscribeRequest) returns (stream SubscribeResponse);
```

### Defines the message

```
essage Update {
                      Path path = 1;
                                                         // The path (key) for the update.
                      Value value = 2 [deprecated-true]; // The value (value) for the update.
                      TypedValue val = 3;
                                                         // The explicitly typed update value.
                      uint32 duplicates = 4;
                                                         // Number of coalesced duplicates.
                    // TypedValue is used to encode a value being sent between the client and
                    // target (originated by either entity).
                    message TypedValue {
                      // One of the fields within the val oneof is populated with the value
                      // of the update. The type of the value being included in the Update
                      // determines which field should be populated. In the case that the
                      // encoding is a particular form of the base protobuf type, a specific
                      // field is used to store the value (e.g., json_val).
                      oneof value {
What to select
                        string string val = 1;
                                                          // String value.
                        int64 int_val = 2;
                                                         // Integer value.
                                                         // Unsigned integer value.
                        uint64 uint val = 3;
                        bool bool val = 4;
                                                         // Bool value.
                        bytes bytes_val = 5;
                                                         // Arbitrary byte sequence value.
                        float float_val = 6;
                                                         // Floating point value.
                        Decimal64 decimal_val = 7;
                                                         // Decimal64 encoded value.
                        ScalarArray leaflist val = 8;
                                                         // Mixed type scalar array value.
                        google.protobuf.Any any_val = 9; // protobuf.Any encoded bytes.
                        bytes ison val = 10;
                                                         // JSON-encoded text.
                        bytes json_ietf_val = 11;
                                                         // 350N-encoded text per RFC7951.
                        string ascii_val = 12;
                                                         // Arbitrary ASCII text.
```

https://github.com/openconfig/gnmi/blob/master/proto/gnmi/ gnmi.proto

https://github.com/openconfig/qnmi/blob/master/proto/ anmi/anmi.proto#L90-L119

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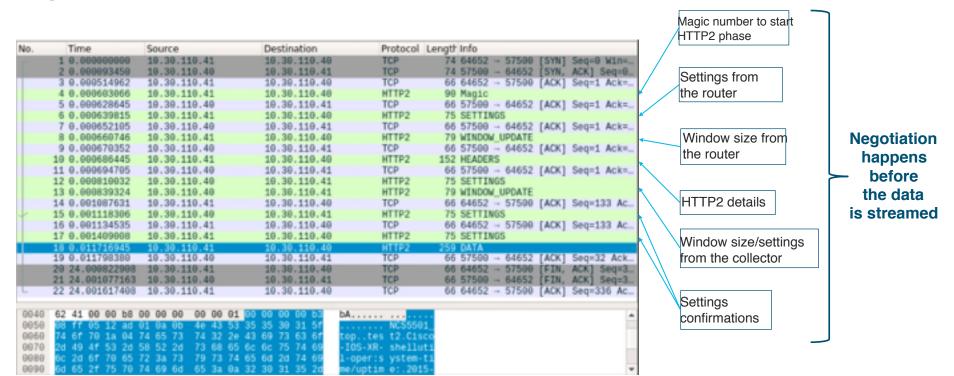
### How Can a Router Send Its Data Out?







### gRPC Comes With an Overhead...

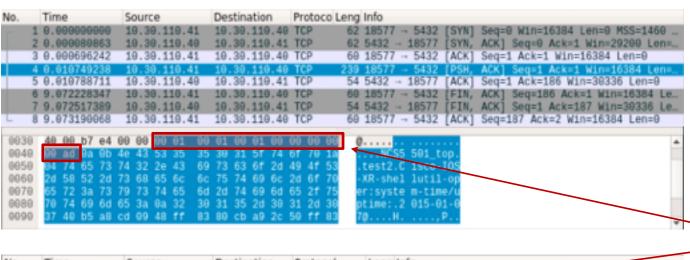


### ...But Brings Some Good Benefits

```
Time
                             Destination
                                           Protocol Length Info
              Source
16.020449012
                             10.30.110.41 HTTP2
                                                        79 WINDOW UPDATE
              10.30.110.40
                             19.39.119.49 HTTP2
                                                     16459 DATA
                                                        79 WINDOW UPDATE
                                                     16459 DATA
                                                                                Seg=768799 Ack=534 W.
16.020476567
              19.39.119.41
                             10.30.110.40 TCP
                                                      1514 64969
                                                                 - 57500
                                                        66 57500
                                                                 → 64969
                                                                          LACK.
                                                                                Seq=534 Ack=770238 W...
                                                        66 64945 - 57599
                                                                          [ACK]
                                                                                Seg=1179628 Ack=612
             10.30.110.41
                                                      4410 64969 - 57500
                                                                                Seg=778238 Ack=534 W.
              10.30.110.41
                                                                          FACKT
                                                     16459 DATA
                                                        66 57500
                                                                          [ACK] Seq=534 Ack=774582 W..
                                                     10293 DATA
                                                       527 DATA
                                                       237 DATA
                                                       679 DATA
                                                        79 WINDOW UPDATE
                                                      1848 DATA
                                                       676 DATA
                                                        66 57500
                                                                 - 64945 [ACK] Seg=612 Ack=1198248
                                                       670 DATA
             10.30.110.40
                                                        66 57500 -- 64945 [ACK] Seq=612 Ack=1199462
                                                                 → 57500 [ACK] Seg=784809 Ack=547 W
                             10.30.110.40 HTTP2
                                                      1223 DATA
              10.30.110.41
▶ Flags: 0x00
                                           = Stream Identifier: 1
                                            = Reserved: 0x0
  .000 0000 0000 0000 0110 1001 1110 0101 = Window Size Increment: 27109
```

Speed Control (from the collector side)

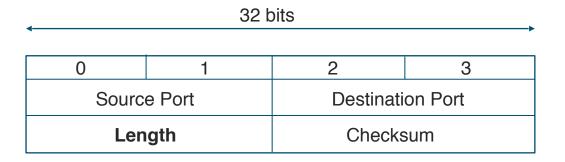
# TCP And UDP Are Simple



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Leng Info	
	1 0.000000000	10.30.110.41	10.30.110.40	UDP	227 26539 18765 Len-165	
0020	6e 28 67 ab	49 4d 00 c1 1	66 00 01 00	01 00 01	4 <del>n(g.1</del> Mf	
0030	00 00 00 00		43 53 35 35	30 31 5f	NCS5501	
0040	74 6f 70 1a	84 74 65 73 7	4 32 2e 43 69	73 63 6f	toptes t2.Cisco	
0050	2d 49 4f 53	2d 58 52 2d 7	3 68 65 6c 6c	75 74 69	-IOS-XR- shelluti	
0060	6c 2d 6f 70	65 72 3a 73 7	9 73 74 65 6d	2d 74 69	l-oper:s ystem-ti	
9979		70 74 69 6d 6			me/uptim e:.2015-	
0889		37 49 f8 ea c			91-97@H	
0090	2c 50 d8 f3	ac cb a9 2c 5	a 42 08 df f3	ac cb a9	, P, ZB	

Good to know if there is any additional header inside

### UDP Is Fast, But...



Max datagram length is:  $2^{16} - 20$  (IPH) - 8 (UDPH) = **65,507** bytes

Sep 19 01:35:01.452 m2m/mdt/backend-timer 0/RP0/CPU0 t15234 45924 [mdtbk\_bte\_encode\_cb]: sub\_id 5, /oper/optics/if/\*/optics\_info, len 77580: mdt\_send\_encoded\_data returned error

## To Encrypt or Not To Encrypt?

### gRPC Dial-in (NO-TLS)

#### Password exchange

```
Destination Protocol Length Info
 10 0.001450562 10.30.110.41 10.30.110.40 HTTP2
                                                         79 WINDOW UPDATE
11 0.001457001 50.30,130,40 10.30,150,45 TCP
                                                         66 43738 - 57500 [ACK] Seg-47 Ack-23 Win-29.
 12 0.001478540 50.30.110.41 10.30.110.40 HTTP
                                                         66 43738 - 57500 [ACK] Seq=47 Ack+32 Win+29.
13 0.001485483 10.30.110.40 10.30.110.41 TCP
 14 0.001518612 50.30,130,40 10.30,130,41 HTTP2
 16 0.007172411 10.30.110.40 10.30.110.41 HTTP
                                                         25 DATE
17 0.007733921 50.30,130,41 10.30,110,40 TCP
                                                         66 57500 - 43738 [ACK] Seq=32 Ack=227 Win=4...
18 0.019506700 50.30.110.41 10.30.110.40 WTTP3
                                                        291 HEADERS, DATA
19 0.058994693 10.30.110.40 10.30.110.41 TCP
                                                         66 43738 - 57500 [ACK] Seq=227 Ack=247 Mins.
     Header Block Fragment: 838644a=6326addf967079496a41a3a6ba0750=65c66a0c9....
     [Weader Length: 267]
      Weader Count: 91
   * Header: :method: POST
   Meader: :scheme: http:

    Header: :path: /305XMExtensibleManagabilityService.gMPCConfigOper/CreateSubs

    Header: :authority: 10.30.110.41

   Meader: content-type: application/grpc

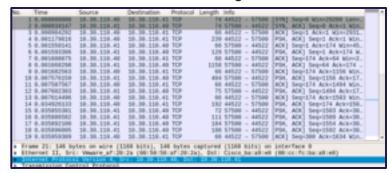
    Header: user-agent: grpc-go/1.0

     Meader: password: cisco
     Header: username: cisco
w Stream: DATA, Stream 30: 1, Length 23
```

#### Message content

### gRPC Dial-in (TLS)

#### Password exchange



#### Message content

### Which Encoding To Use?

#### **GPB**

#### Message length: 330 bytes

88 f4 86 12 ca 82 8a 8b 4e 43 53 35 35 38 31 5f 74 6f 70 lo 04 74 65 73 74 32 5c 43 69 73 63 6f top...tes t2\Cisco -105-38- infra-st 61 74 73 64 2d 6f 70 65 72 3a 69 6e 66 72 61 2d atsd-ope r:infrastatisti cs/inter faces/in terface/ 6c 61 74 65 73 74 2f 67 latest/g eneric-c ounters: .2015-11 6e 64 72 65 64 47 69 67 ndredGig EB/B/1/8 Z...... ..... ...... ...... 9...... ...... 18 84 88 18 84 85 88 85 00 88 05 ab 1d 9d d6 05

#### **KV-GPB**

#### Message length: 1142 bytes

4e 43 53 35 35 38 31 5f ..... NC55541. 74 6f 70 la 64 74 65 73 74 32 5c 43 69 73 63 6f top., tes t2\Cisco 69 Se 55 72 51 26 73 74 -105-XR- infra-st 61 74 73 64 2d 6f 78 65 72 3a 69 6e 66 72 61 2d atad-ope r:infra-73 74 61 74 69 73 74 69 63 73 21 69 6e 74 65 72 statisti cs/inter 66 61 63 65 73 2f 69 6e faces/in terface/ 6c 61 74 65 73 74 2f 67 latest/g eneric-c 64 75 6e 74 65 72 73 3a ounters: .2015-11 7s 2c 12 04 6b 65 79 73 I ... keys IS. . inte rface-na mex. Hund 72 65 64 47 69 67 45 30 redGioSB /9/1/8s. 87 12 87 63 6f 6e 74 65 ...conte stz...pa 63 6b 65 74 73 2d 72 65 ckets-re celvedo. ...Z...b ytes-rec 78 61 63 6b 65 74 73 2d packets- sentB... e7 b8 87 7a 14 12 8a 62 ...Z...b ytes-sea to..... Set., out 74 69 63 61 73 74 24 70 ticast-p ackets-r eceived8 ....f... 62 72 67 61 64 63 61 73 broadcas t-packet s-receiv edB.z... multicas t-packet sent@.z ...outpu t-droos8 .z...out put-queu e-dropsit .Z...inp ut-draps 8.7...in put-queu e-drops8 .z...run t-packet s-recesy ed8.z... glant-pa ckets-re ceived8, z...thro ttled-pa 63 6b 65 74 73 2d 72 65 ckets-re ceived& 7s 1b 12 17 78 61 72 69 z...gari ty-packs ts-recei, yed8, rk. 2d 70 72 6f 74 6f 63 6f unknown -protoco -packet s-receiv 65 64 38 00 7s 10 12 0c edB.z... input-er 72 6f 72 73 38 00 7a 0e rorst.z. ..crc-er 72 6f 72 73 38 00 7a 12 rors8.z. ..inputoverruns B.z...fr 61 6d 69 6e 67 2d 65 72 aming-er rors-rec eived8.z ...input 26 69 67 6e 6f 72 65 64 2d 78 61 63 6b 65 74 73 ignored -packets

38 00 7s 10 12 0c 69 6c 70 75 74 2d 61 62 6f 72

8.z...in put-abor

#### **JSON**

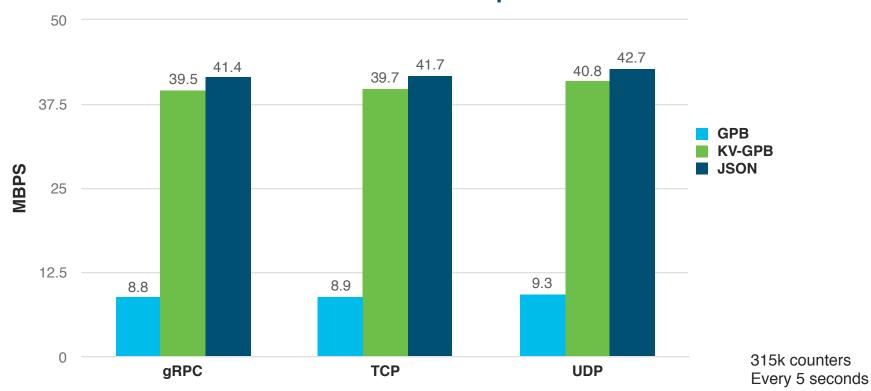
#### Message length: 1325 bytes

..... " node\_id. str": "WC 55501. to o", "subs cription id str" :"test" "encodin a path" fra-stat sd-oper infra-st atistic /interfa ces/inte rface/la test/gen eric-cou mters" collecti on id": #186192, "collect ion star t time" 15230243 25203,"0 sq.times tamp":15 23624325 289, "dat a\_ison": [("times tamp": 15 23024325 288, "key s": ("int erface-n ame": "No ndredGig E0/0/1/0 "), "cont ent": (") ackets-r eceived 4979438 6, "bytes -receive d\*:48544 pent":25 37548353 80, "byte s-sent" 25428671 2396922 multica st-packs 6343,"br gadcastpackets- received ":d, "mult ticast-p ackets-s ent":796 5276,"br oadcast-'output- drops"!! "output -queue-d rops":0, "input-d ueue-dre ps":0,": unt-pack ets-rece ived":8, "giant-s ackets-r eceived :0,"thro ttled-pa

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# Design Your Transport Network Properly

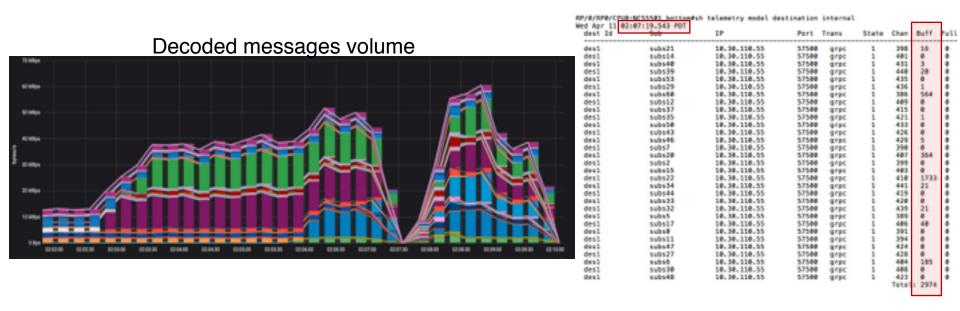




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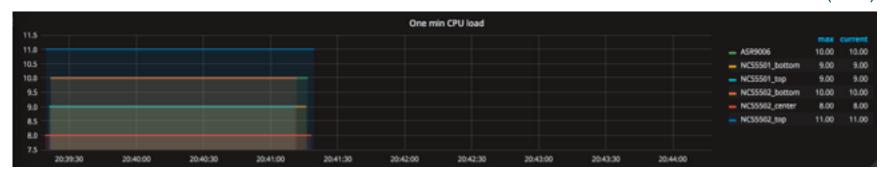
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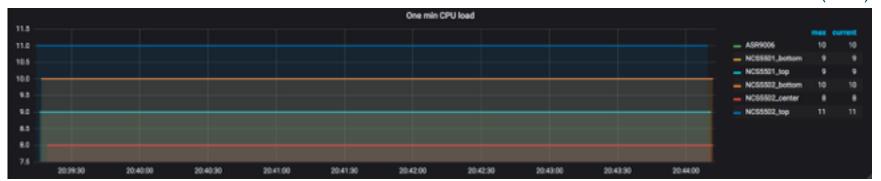
Make sure the collector has enough power to process your telemetry data.

# Is Your Hard Drive Write Speed Fast Enough?

### HDD-based server (SAS)



### SSD-based server (SAS)



## What To Think About Selecting a TSDB

Metric	InfluxDB	<b>Prometheus</b>	Elasticsearch	OpenTSDB
Website	https://influxdata.com/	https://prometheus.io/	https://www.elastic.co/ products/elasticsearch	http://opentsdb.net
Category	Real-time Analytics	Monitoring System	Real-time Search	Real-time Analytics
Supported Measurements	metrics, events	metrics	metrics, events	metrics
High Availability (HA)	Double writing 2 servers	Double writing 2 servers	Clustering	Clustering
Underlying Technology	Golang	Golang	Java	Java, Hadoop
Storage Backend	Custom	Custom	Document	Hadoop (Columnar)
Supported Data Types	int64, float64, bool, and string	float64	string, int32, int64, float32, float64, bool, null	int64, float32, float64
Bytes per point after compression	2.2	1.3	22	12
Metric Precision	nano second	milli second	milli second	milli second
Write Performance - Single Node	470k metrics / sec (custom HW)	800k metrics / sec	30k metrics / sec	32k metrics /sec (calculated)
Query Performance (1 host, 12hr by 1m)	3.78 ms (min), 8.17 (avg)	tbd	13.23 ms (min), 28.6 (avg)	tbd
Query Language	InfluxQL (SQL like)	PromQL	Query DSL	lookup only
Community Size	large	large	large	medium
Maturity	Stable	Stable	Stable	stable

Full table: https://tinyurl.com/jsd4esy Good to read: https://tinyurl.com/ybaw4ww6 InfluxDB vs OpenTSDB: https://tinyurl.com/y8ofbjyy InfluxDB vs Cassandra: https://tinyurl.com/y83vv9ys

DB ranking: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ya8rrrjp">https://tinyurl.com/ya8rrrjp</a>

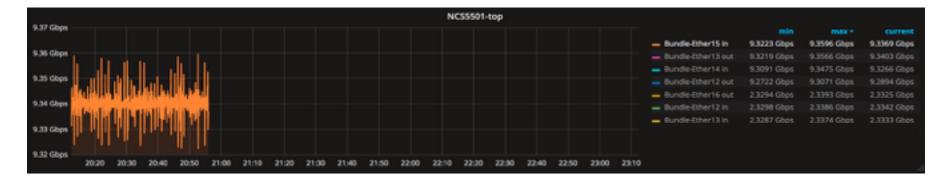
InfluxDB vs Elasticsearch: https://tinyurl.com/y7yxjf6v

# Everything is working, where are my stats?

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios-xr# sh clock Sun Apr 1 20:56:15.074 PDT 20:56:15.167 PDT Sun Apr 1 2018

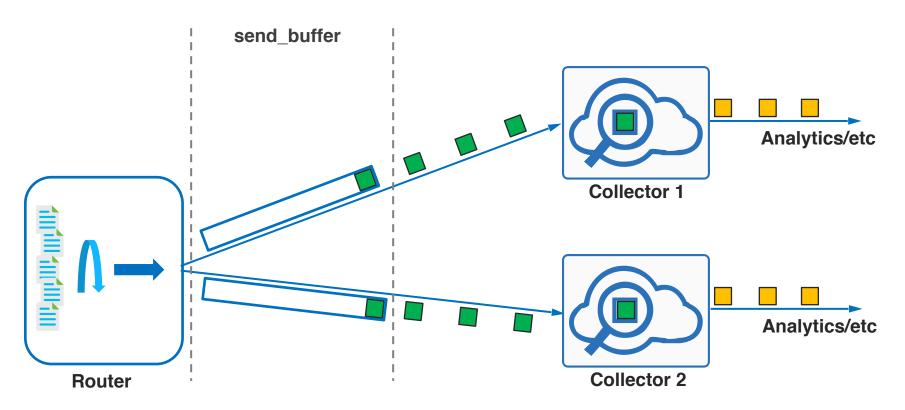
cisco@ubuntu51-1:~\$ date
Sun Apr 1 23:13:11 PDT 2018

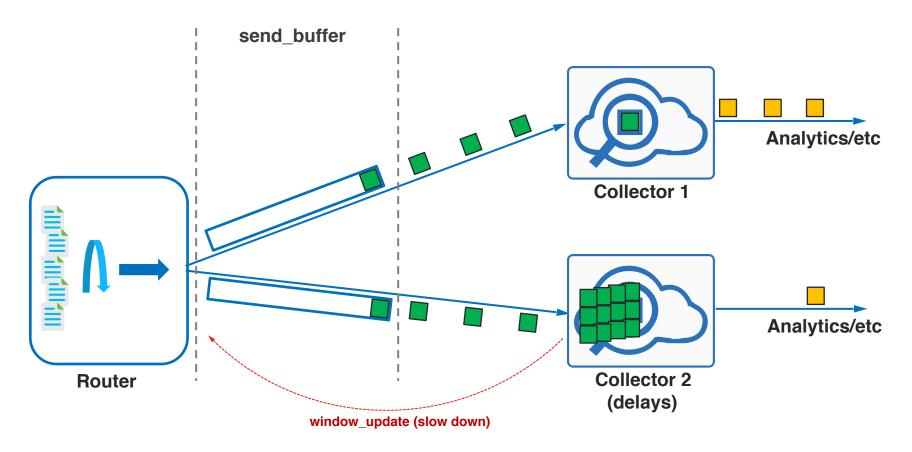
```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:ios-xr#sh tele m subscription if-stats
Sun Apr 1 20:50:17.883 PDT
Subscription: if-stats
  State:
               ACTIVE
  DSCP/Qos marked value: Default
  Sensor aroups:
 Id: if-stats
    Sample Interval:
                          5000 ms
    Sensor Path:
                          Cisco-IOS-XR-infra-statsd-oper:infra-statistics/interfaces/
interface[interface-name='Bundle-Ether*']/latest/generic-counters
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                          grpc
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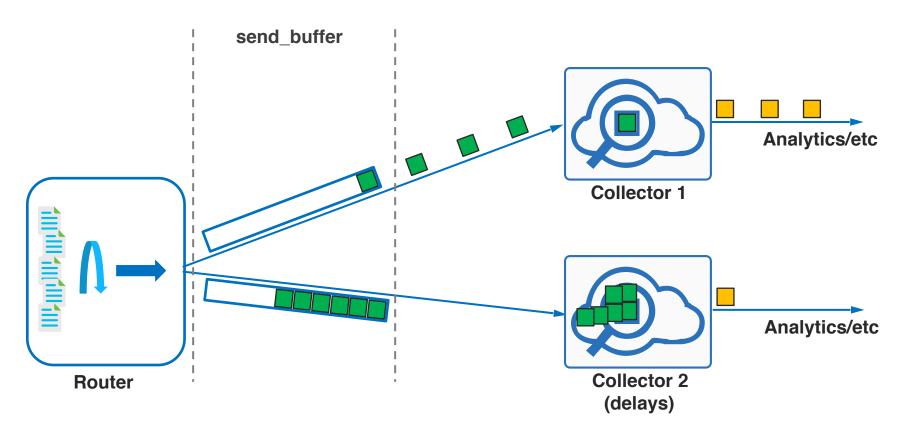


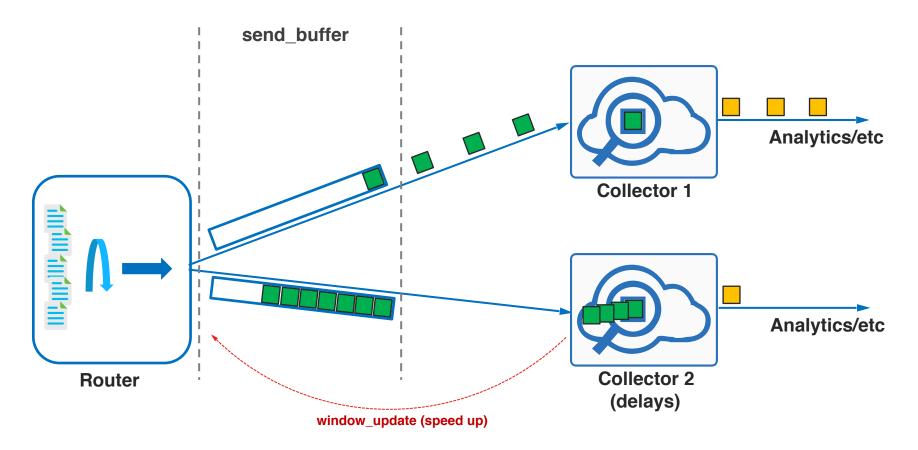
## Agenda

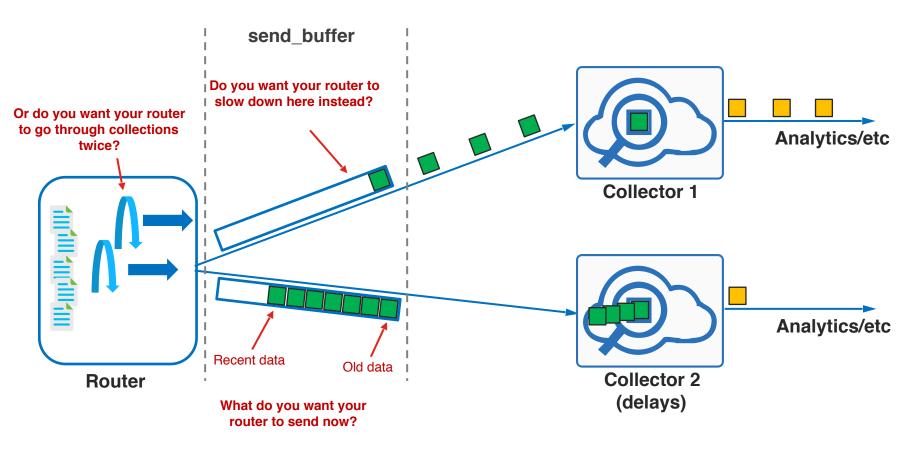
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### It Is Good to Know More



A snapshot from <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMZJ3ZaEcIQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMZJ3ZaEcIQ</a>