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1 Preface

1.1 Introduction

This guide helps to use the tools that enable users to observe the Oracle Banking Microservices Architecture suite of products better. The sections provide tools that can enable a user to:

1. Observe the spans associated with various API calls and the response of each API.
2. Troubleshoot Kafka better.
3. Aggregate logs and interpret out of log searches.

The guide also describes recommended tools to enhance monitoring and observability aspects of the Oracle Banking Microservices Architecture products.

1.2 Audience

This guide is intended for the implementation teams.

1.3 Document Accessibility

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1.4 List of Topics

This guide is organized into the following topics:

Table 1: List of Topics

Chapter	Description
Observability Improvements using Zipkin Traces	This topic explains the possible ways and benefits of using tools like Zipkin to enhance troubleshooting possibilities.
Observability Improvements Logs using ELK Stack	This topic explains the possible log aggregation and search features that can be availed using ELK stack.
Troubleshooting Kafka Issues	This topic explains the steps to troubleshoot basic issues in Kafka.

Chapter	Description
Troubleshooting Flyway Issues	This topic explains the steps to troubleshoot Flyway issues during deployment.
Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Definitions	This topic provides Acronyms, abbreviations, and their definitions.
Related Documentation	This topic provides the related documentation.

1.5 Prerequisites

The prerequisites are as follows:

- Basic understanding of Eventing platform.
- Basic understanding application log analysis using tools.
- Basic understanding DB changes.

1.6 General Prevention

Do not make any changes to Flyway scripts manually.

1.7 Best Practices

The best practices are as follows:

- It is ideal to have ELK stack installed on a separate VM outside the product VMs to ensure flow of logs in case of app crash.
- Log levels can be adjusted to INFO and above to enable relevant logs to flow in.
- Verify all Kafka settings as per User Troubleshooting Guide before the health check.

2 Observability Improvements using Zipkin Traces

This section describes the troubleshooting procedures using the Zipkin Traces.

2.1 Setting Zipkin Server

Refer to below link for the document describes the installation of Zipkin:

https://docs.oracle.com/cd/F46409_01/PDF/Installation_Guide/ANNEXURE-2.pdf

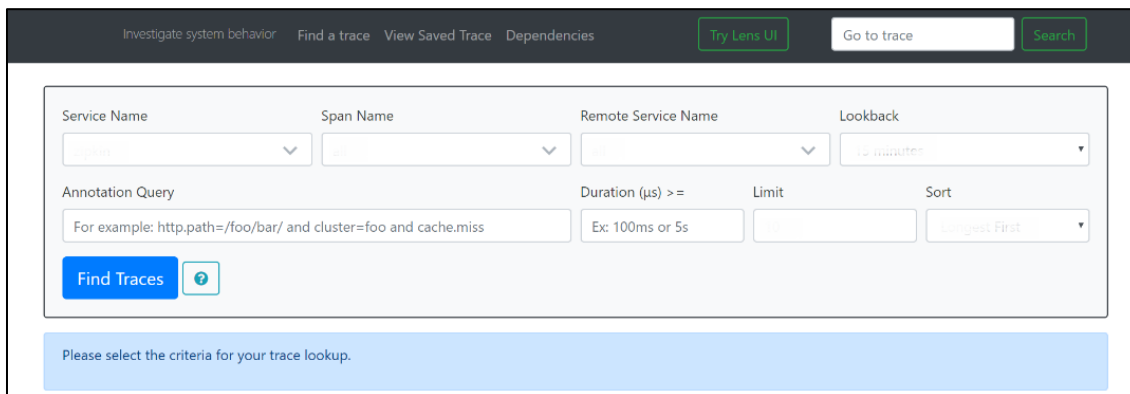
2.2 Login to Zipkin

Perform the following steps for the troubleshooting using Zipkin Traces:

1. Launch the Zipkin URL.

NOTE: The basic layout of Zipkin is shown in [Figure 1](#).

Figure 1: Layout of Zipkin

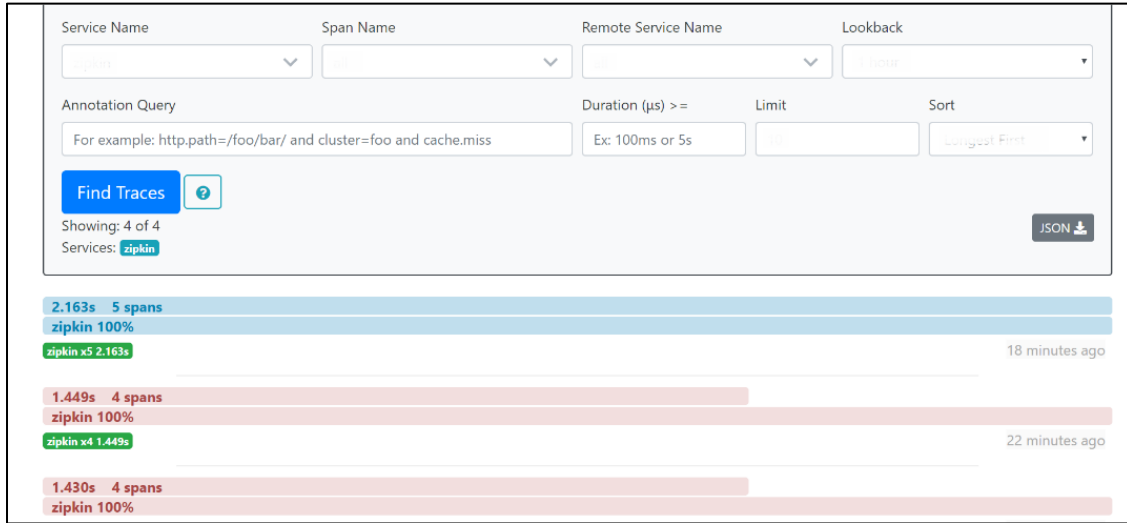


The screenshot displays the Zipkin web interface. At the top, there are navigation links: "Investigate system behavior", "Find a trace", "View Saved Trace", and "Dependencies". To the right, there are buttons for "Try Lens UI", "Go to trace", and "Search". The main search area contains four dropdown menus: "Service Name" (set to "zipkin"), "Span Name" (set to "all"), "Remote Service Name" (set to "all"), and "Lookback" (set to "10 minutes"). Below these are three input fields: "Annotation Query" (with the example "http.path=/foo/bar/ and cluster=foo and cache.miss"), "Duration (µs) >=" (with the example "Ex: 100ms or 5s"), and "Limit" (set to "100"). A "Sort" dropdown is set to "Longest First". A blue "Find Traces" button is located below the input fields. A light blue banner at the bottom of the search area contains the text "Please select the criteria for your trace lookup."

- Use the search option to find the traces of required API calls and services.

NOTE: The search options given in the user interface are self-explanatory, and there is another UI option (Try Lens UI). It is given a different user interface with the same functionality. The list of the traces can be seen as shown in [Figure 2](#). Error API calls are made to showcase how to track errors. The blue listings show the successful API hits, and the red listings indicate errors. Each block indicates a single trace in the listings.

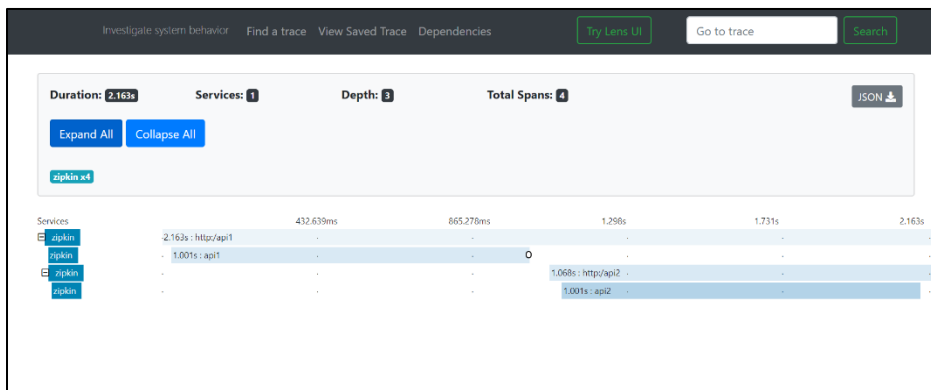
Figure 2: List of Traces



- Open the individual trace to the details of the trace.

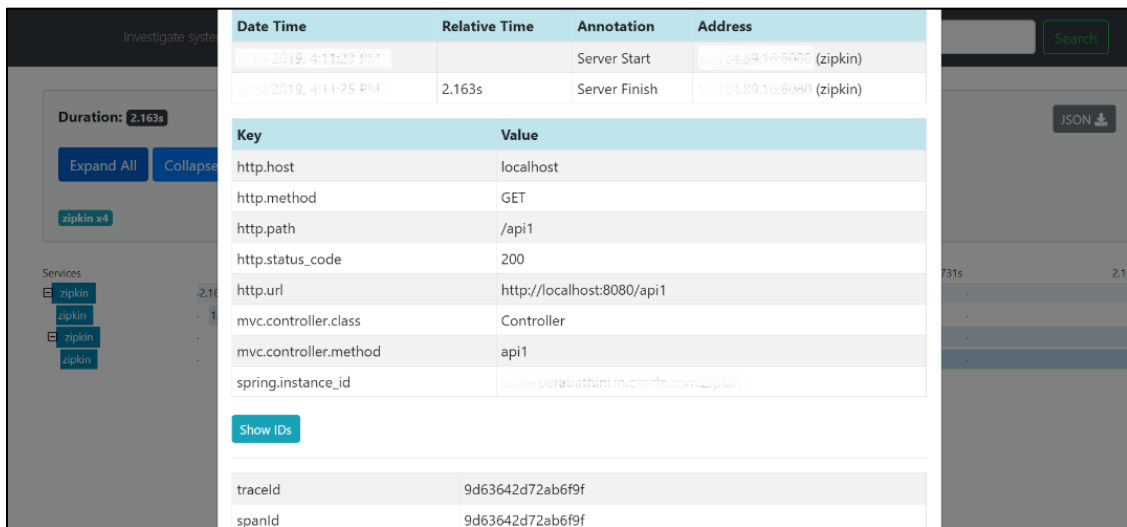
NOTE: [Figure 3](#) shows an individual trace when it is opened. It also describes the time taken for each block. As the two custom spans are created inside two service calls, you can find a total of four blocks. The time taken for an individual block can be seen in [Figure 3](#).

Figure 3: Individual Trace



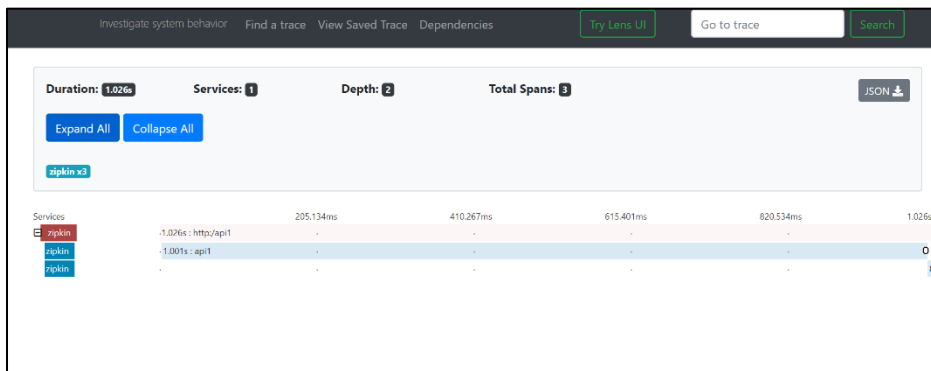
4. Click an individual block to display the details.

Figure 4: Details of Individual Block



NOTE: The details of the specific span block are shown in [Figure 4](#) and the logging events can also be seen in the Zipkin UI as small circular blocks. An example of an error log is shown in [Figure 5](#).

Figure 5: Sample Error Log



2.3 Zipkin Issues

2.3.1 Application Service is not Registered

Perform the following steps to find the cause of this error:

1. Check the applications, which are sending the trace report to Zipkin server from **Service Name** drop-down list.

Figure 8: Find Traces

2. If the required application is not listed in Zipkins, check the *application.yml* file for Zipkin base URL configuration.

Figure 9: Application.yml File

```

1 spring:
2   application:
3     name: obremo-srv-tds-term-deposit-services
4     autoconfigure:
5       exclude: org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.jdbc.DataSourceAutoConfiguration, org.springframework.boot.au
6   sleuth:
7     sampler:
8       percentage: 1.0
9       probability: 1.0
10  zipkin:
11    baseUrl: ${plato.services.zipkin.url}
12    main:
13      allow-bean-definition-overriding: true
14  service:
15    logging:
16      environment: ${plato.service.env}
17      path: ${plato.service.logging.path}

```

NOTE: The shipped *application.yml* should have the Zipkin entry. Every service should have *spring-cloud-sleuth-zipkin* dependency added in build gradle file for the service to generate and send trace Id and span Id.

3. The necessary values are as follows:

Compile group: `'org.springframework.cloud'`

name: `'spring-cloud-sleuth-zipkin'`

version: `'2.1.2.RELEASE'`

Figure 10: Branch Common Services

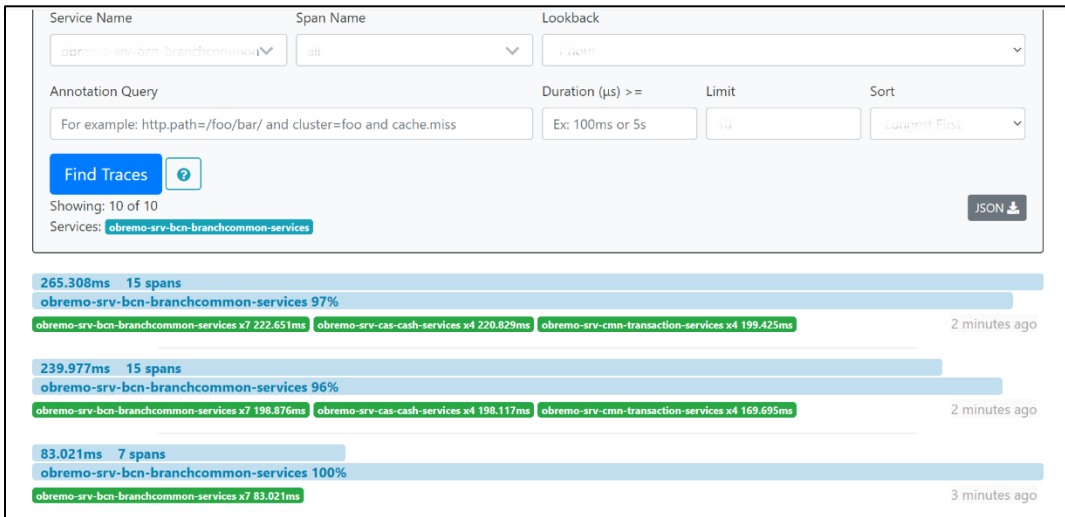
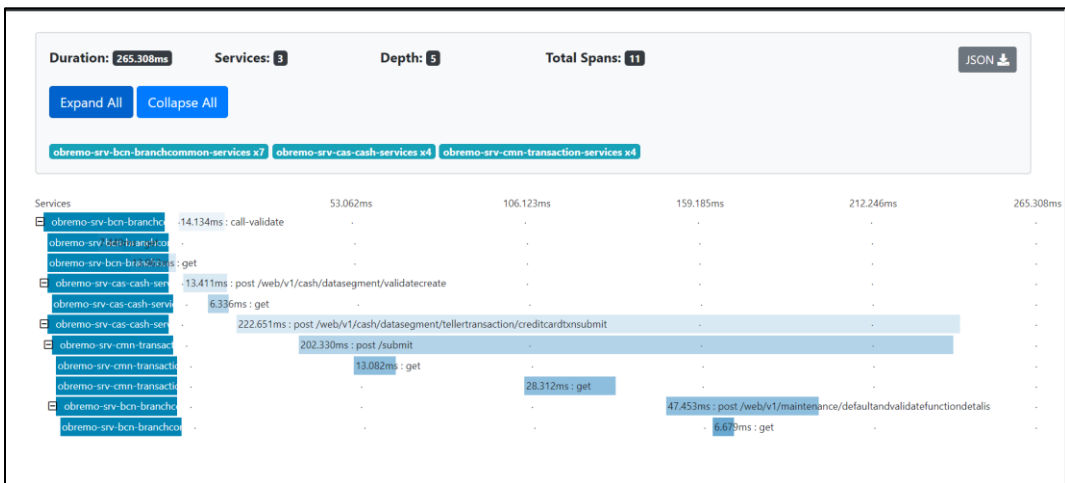


Figure 11: Branch Common Services Trace



2.3.1.1 404 Error

If there is 404 error, check if the **zipkin-server.jar** is running in the system where the application is deployed. To check this, execute the following command:

```
netstat -ltunp | grep ':9411'
```

Output should be like:

```
tcp6    0    0 :::9411                :::*                    LISTEN          10892/java
```

Here 10892 is the PID.

2.3.1.2 Unable to Change Zipkin Default Port Number

Zipkin default port number is not editable. Hence, make sure that the port 9411 is available to start *Zipkin-server.jar* file.

3 Observability Improvements Logs using ELK Stack

This section describes the troubleshooting procedures using the ELK Stack.

3.1 Setting up ELK

Perform the following steps:

1. Download the Elastic search from <https://www.elastic.co/downloads/elasticsearch>.
2. Download the Kibana from <https://www.elastic.co/downloads/kibana>.
3. Download the Logstash from <https://www.elastic.co/downloads/logstash>.

Figure 12: ELK Setup

```
# Kibana is served by a back end server. This setting specifies the port to use.
#server.port: 5601

# Specifies the address to which the Kibana server will bind. IP addresses and host names are both valid values.
# The default is 'localhost', which usually means remote machines will not be able to connect.
# To allow connections from remote users, set this parameter to a non-loopback address.
server.host: "whf00peb"

# Enables you to specify a path to mount Kibana at if you are running behind a proxy.
# Use the `server.rewriteBasePath` setting to tell Kibana if it should remove the basePath
# from requests it receives, and to prevent a deprecation warning at startup.
# This setting cannot end in a slash.
#server.basePath: ""

# Specifies whether Kibana should rewrite requests that are prefixed with
# `server.basePath` or require that they are rewritten by your reverse proxy.
# This setting was effectively always `false` before Kibana 6.3 and will
# default to `true` starting in Kibana 7.0.
#server.rewriteBasePath: false

# The maximum payload size in bytes for incoming server requests.
#server.maxPayloadBytes: 1048576

# The Kibana server's name. This is used for display purposes.
#server.name: "your-hostname"

# The URL of the Elasticsearch instance to use for all your queries.
elasticsearch.url: "http://localhost:9200"

# When this setting's value is true Kibana uses the hostname specified in the server.host
```

NOTE: Default port for Elastic search is 9200, and the default port for Kibana: 5601.

3.1.1 Steps to run ELK

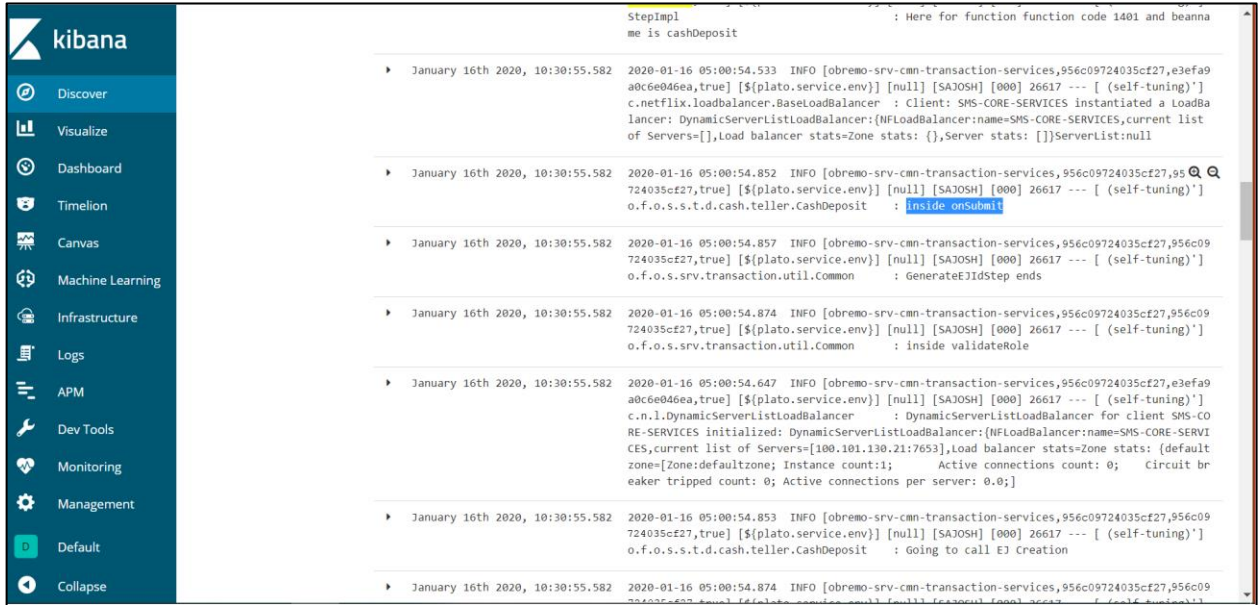
Perform the following steps:

1. Run the elasticsearch.sh file present in the folder path /scratch/software/ELK/elasticsearch-6.5.1/bin.
2. Configure Kibana to point the running instance of elastic search in kibana.yml file.

3.1.2 Accessing Kibana

The Kibana can be accessed as shown below:

Figure 14: Accessing Kibana



3.1.3 Steps to setup dynamic log levels in Oracle Banking Microservices Architecture services without restart

The *plato-logging-service* is dependent on two tables, which needs to be present in the PLATO schema (JNDI name: jdbc/PLATO). The two tables are as follows:

- PLATO_DEBUG_USERS:** This table contains the information about whether the dynamic logging will be enabled to a user for a service. The table will have records, where *DEBUG_ENABLED* values for a user and a service have values **Y** or **N**, and depending on that *plato-logger* will enable dynamic logging.

Figure 15: PLATO_DEBUG_USERS

ID	DEBUG_ENABLED	SERVICE_CODE	USER_ID
1	Y	plato-logger-ref	admin
2	Y	plato-ref	admin

- **PLATO_LOGGER_PARAM_CONFIG**: This table contains the key-value entries of different parameters that can be changed at runtime for the dynamic logging.

Figure 16: PLATO_LOGGER_PARAM_CONFIG

ID	MODIFY_FIELD	PARAM_NAME	PARAM_VAL
1	3 N	LOG_PATH	C:\www\log\user_projects\domain\1\base_domain\logs
2	2 N	LOG_LEVEL	INFO
3	1 N	LOG_MSG_WITH_TIME	Y

The values that can be passed are as follows:

- **LOG_PATH**: This will specify a dynamic logging path for the logging files to be stored. Changing this in runtime will change the location of the log files at runtime. If this value is not passed then by default, the LOG_PATH value will be taken from the *-D parameter of plato.service.logging.path*.
- **LOG_LEVEL**: The level of the logging can be specified on runtime as **INFO** or **ERROR** etc. The default value of this can be set in the *logback.xml*.
- **LOG_MSG_WITH_TIME**: Making this **Y** will append the current date into the log file name. Setting the value of this as **N** will not append the current date into the filename.

3.1.4 Searching for Logs in Kibana

The URL for searching logs in Kibana is <https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/kibana/current/search.html>.

3.1.5 How to Export Logs for Tickets

Perform the following steps to export logs:

1. Click **Share** from the top menu bar.
2. Select the **CSV Reports** option.
3. Click **Generate CSV** button.

4 Troubleshooting Kafka Issues

This section describes the troubleshooting procedures for the Kafka issues.

4.1 Kafka Health

4.1.1 Verifying Kafka Health

Run the below command and verify:

```
$ netstat -tlnp | grep :9092 (9092 is default port of kafka)
```

4.1.2 Verify Zookeeper Health

Kafka instance will not start if Zookeeper is not yet started. Run the below command and verify:

```
$ netstat -tlnp | grep :2181 (2181 is default port of zookeeper)
```

```
tcp6    0    0 :::2181          :::*             LISTEN    19936/java
```

To debug, check if the permissions of Kafka log folder are correct. The log folder path can be found by looking at the value of the property “*log.dirs*” in the *server.properties* file of Kafka installation.

4.2 Prometheus and Grafana

4.2.1 Prometheus Setup

Prometheus is an open-source project, which helps monitoring of the applications metrics. It is widely used for the monitoring of Kafka and its metrics. The installer for Prometheus can be downloaded Prometheus from <https://prometheus.io/download/>.

4.2.2 JMX-Exporter Setup

A JMX-Exporter application is used to integrate with the Kafka broker as a Java agent to expose the values of JMX MBeans as an API. The JMX-Exporter is used by the Prometheus to fetch the values of the JMX metrics. Perform the following steps:

1. Download the latest *jmx_prometheus_javaagent jar* file from the maven repository in the Kafka directory along with the bin, config directories.

NOTE: This can be used to monitor consumer_lag.

https://repo1.maven.org/maven2/io/prometheus/jmx/jmx_prometheus_javaagent/0.15.0/jmx_prometheus_javaagent-0.15.0.jar

2. Set the `KAFKA_OPTS` variable to the desired value to execute the jar as a java agent.

```
export KAFKA_OPTS="$KAFKA_OPTS -javaagent:$PWD/jmx_prometheus_javaagent-0.15.0.jar=7071:$PWD/kafka-0-8-2.yml"
```

NOTE: You can choose the port according to our preference.

3. Restart Kafka Broker.

4.2.3 Grafana Setup

Perform the following steps:

1. Download Grafana from <https://grafana.com/grafana/download> in the stand-alone application mode, and extract its contents.
2. Go to the bin folder in the extracted contents, and start the Grafana server.

NOTE: Grafana should start on the default port 3000 (HOST: 3000). The default user and password for Grafana are admin/admin.

Perform the following steps to integrate Grafana with the Prometheus instance installed:

1. Click on the Grafana logo to open the sidebar.
2. Click **Data Sources** in the sidebar.
3. Choose **Add New**.
4. Select **Prometheus** as the data source.
5. Click **Add** to test the connection and to save the new data source.

4.2.4 Prometheus Metrics

The Prometheus Metrics are as follows:

- `process_cpu_seconds_total`
- `http_request_duration_seconds`
- `node_memory_usage_bytes`
- `http_requests_total`
- `process_cpu_seconds_total`

5 Troubleshooting Flyway issues

This section describes the troubleshooting procedures for the flyway issues.

5.1 Failed Migrations

5.1.1 Success Column Verification

Perform the following steps for the success column verification:

1. Check the *flyway_schema_history* table to identify the migration record with *success* column as '0'.
2. Delete the record with status as '0'.
3. Restart deployment.

5.1.2 Migration Checksum Mismatch for a Version

Perform the following steps:

1. Make sure that the flyway script is not manually updated before deployment.
2. If yes, then replace with original and restart deployment.

5.1.3 Placeholder errors

Pass the placeholder values using *setUserOverrides.sh* in Weblogic. Alternatively, these issues can be debugged from Weblogic console during deployment. In addition, the application specific logs can be verified for further inputs.

6 Appendix A: Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Definitions

The following acronyms/abbreviations are used in this guide:

Table 2: Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronyms	Definition
API	Application Programming Interface
ELK	Elasticsearch Logstash Kibana
UI	User Interface
URL	Uniform Resource Locator

7 Appendix B: Related Documentation

The related documentation are as follows:

- Getting Started User Guide
- Troubleshooting Guide