

Using Prometheus For Container Resource Consumption Estimates

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github.com/openshift-demos/resorcerer

The Problem





Motivation

- Containers ≅ cgroups + namespaces + CoW fs
- Resources a container consumes: 〈 CPU, memory, GPU, disk, ports, ... 〉
- Questions
 - How much memory does your app consume?
 - How much CPU time?
 - What about spikes in the traffic?



Motivation

Unfortunately, Kubernetes has not yet implemented dynamic resource management, which is why we have to set resource limits for our containers. I imagine that at some point Kubernetes will start implementing a less manual way to manage resources, but this is all we have for now.

Ben Visser, 12/2016 in: Kubernetes – Understanding Resources



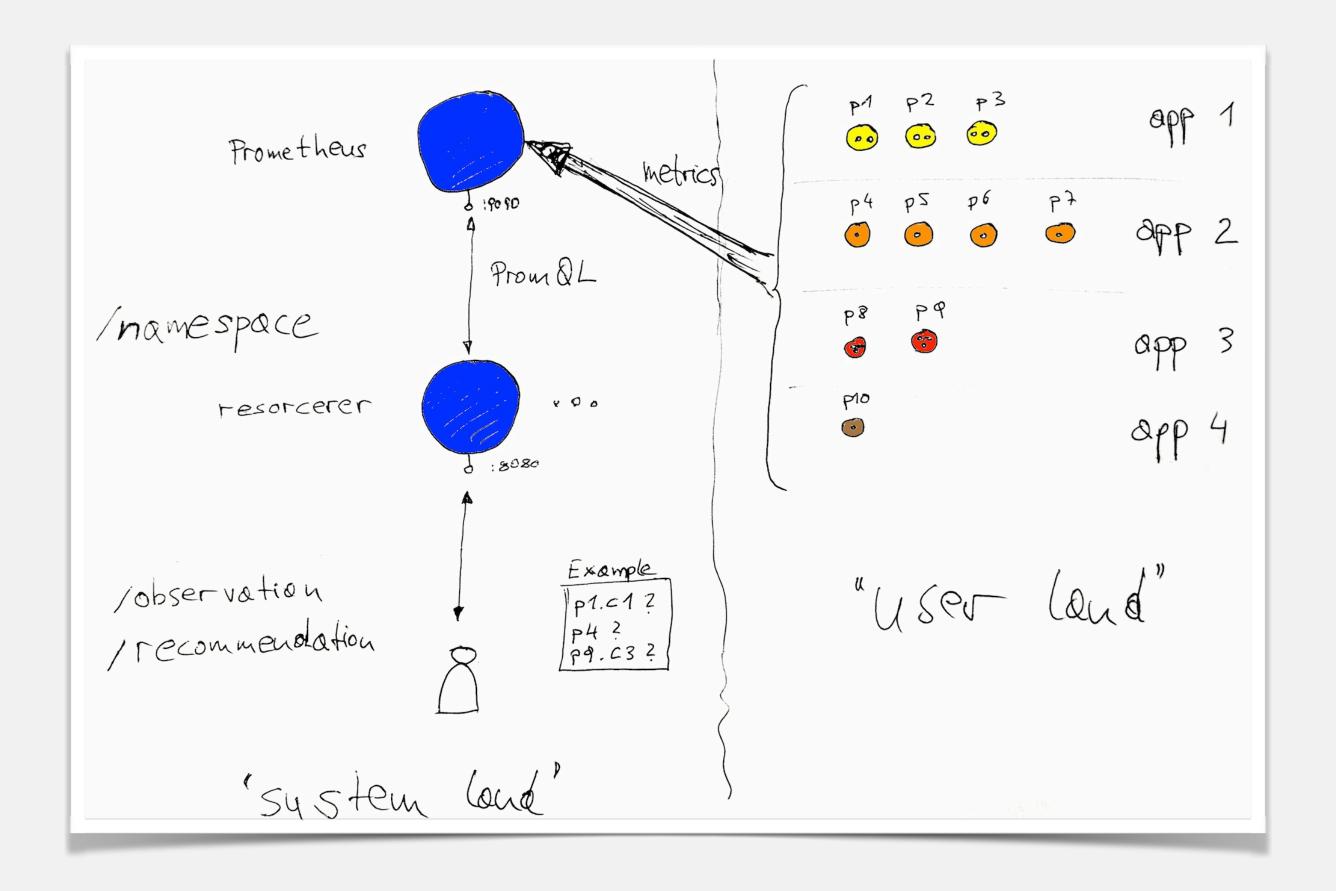
Motivation

Kubernetes doesn't have dynamic resource allocation, which means that requests and limits have to be determined and set by the user. When these numbers are not known precisely for a service, a good approach is to start it with overestimated resources requests and no limit, then let it run under normal production load for a certain time.

Antoine Cotten, 05/2016 in: 1 year, lessons learned from a 0 to Kubernetes transition



resorcerer—a proof of concept



hackernoon.com/container-resource-consumption-too-important-to-ignore-7484609a3bb7



PromQL examples used in resorcerer

```
sum(
  rate(
   container_cpu_usage_seconds_total{
    container_name="nginx"}[30m]
)
```

```
max_over_time(
  container_memory_usage_bytes{
   pod_name="nginx",
   container_name="nginx"}[30m]
)
```

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Demo time!

```
... > github.c > mhausenb > resorcerer > // master > http $RESORCERER/observation/nginx/nginx?period=1h
 Cache-control: private
 Content-Length: 54
 Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8
 Date: Sat, 05 Aug 2017 08:36:06 GMT
 Set-Cookie: c0c1f257f648e2d00d71c5b831bdc472=94648f79e10d7537bf0d20db07eecaa9; path=/; HttpOnly
Successfully observed container 'nginx' in pod 'nginx'
 ... > github.c > mhausenb > resorcerer > // master > http $RESORCERER/recommendation/nginx/nginx
 Cache-control: private
 Content-Length: 95
 Content-Type: application/json
Date: Sat, 05 Aug 2017 08:36:11 GMT
 et-Cookie: c0c1f257f648e2d00d71c5b831bdc472=94648f79e10d7537bf0d20db07eecaa9; path=/; HttpOnly
    "container": "nginx",
    "pod": "nginx",
    "resources": {
       "cpu": "0.015297384387119901",
        "mem": "4927488"
   > github.c > mhausenb > resorcerer > t master > http POST $RESORCERER/adjustment/nginx/nginx cpu=0.020 mem=500000000
Sat 5 Aug 2017 09:36:32 IST
                                       STATUS RESTARTS AGE
nginx-2024839153-1378d
                             1/1
                                       Running 0
prometheus-1-4gckz
                                       Running 1
resorcerer-3755264881-8tcxb 1/1
                                       Running 1
simpleservice-1-zj2gf
                                       Running 1
twocontainers
                                       Running 2
resorcerer >> 0* > bash
                                                                                                                  2.0 2.8 3.3 < 2017-08-05 < 09:36 < 6 Michaels-MacBook-Pro.local
```

Video walkthrough of the resorcerer demo



