

# OpenStack Gnocchi

Metric as a Service

*Scalable timeseries database and resource index*



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# Why?

Is it the NIH syndrom again?

History of the Gnocchi project as told  
by the guy who did the first commit.

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**Ceilometer meters your OpenStack cloud.**



Ceilometer stores a lot of data.



Too much data.



**Thinking about the problem.**



Landscape of solutions.





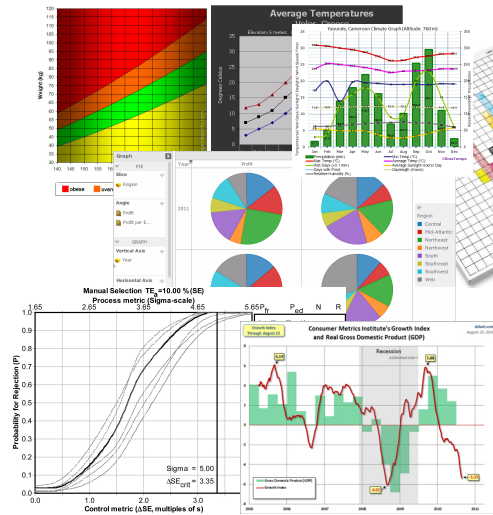
**Making Gnocchi!**

# How does it work?

And does it work?

How we built a scalable metric  
storage system and a resource index  
for the cloud.

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# Metric

# Resources



host = host1

name = www-1



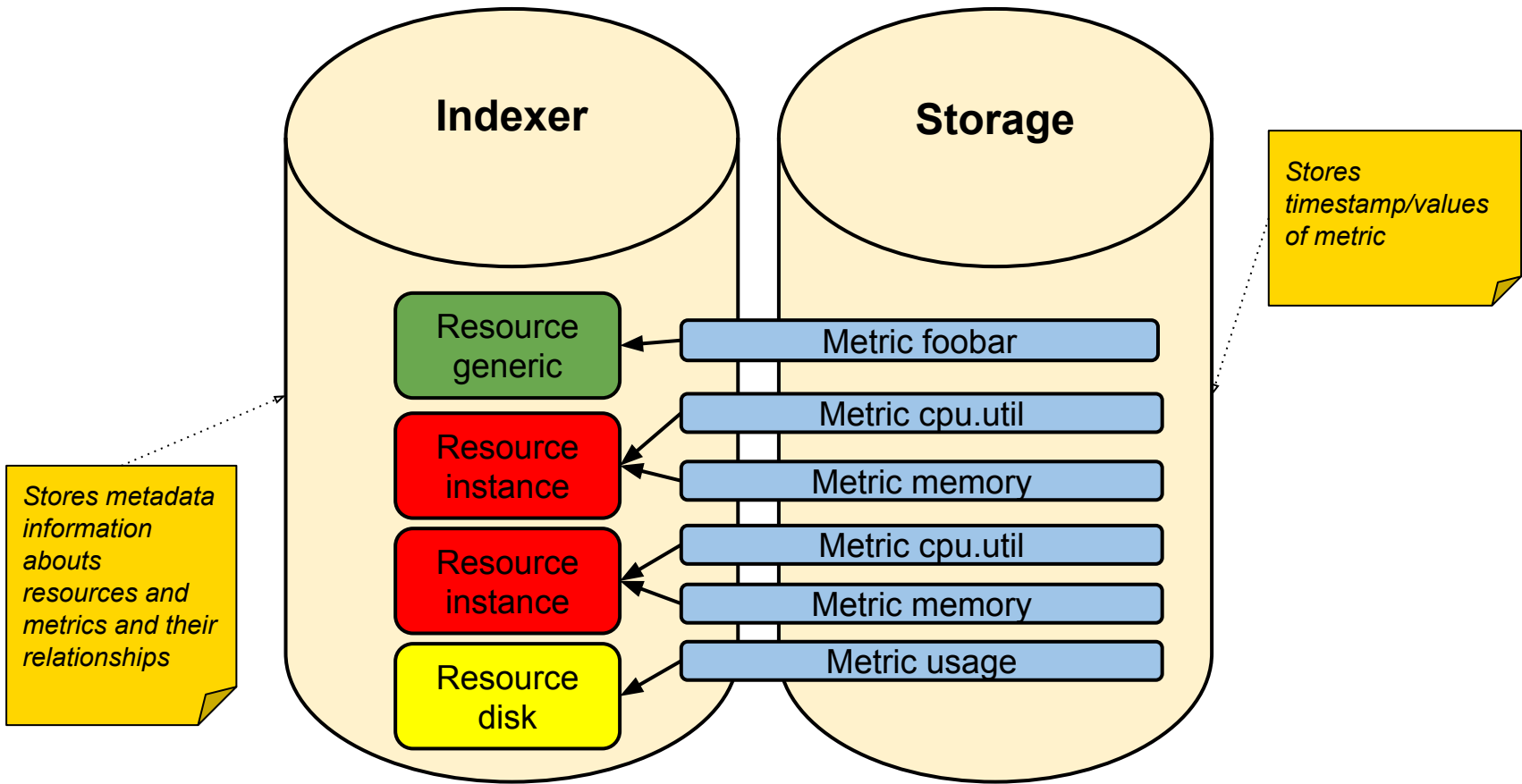
started\_at = 2015-07-23  
23:34:54

ended\_at = None

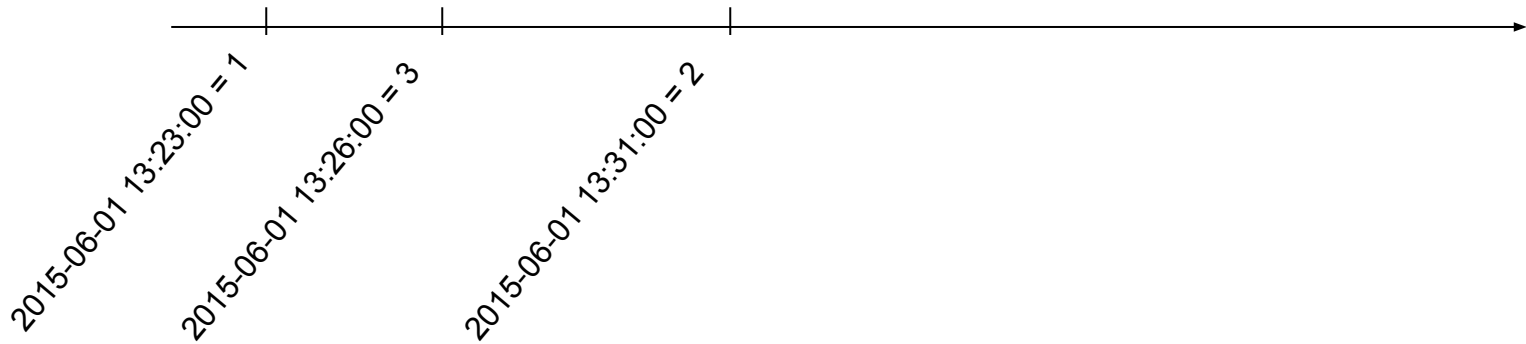
user\_id = f00-b4r-b33f

server\_group = mystack

Resource

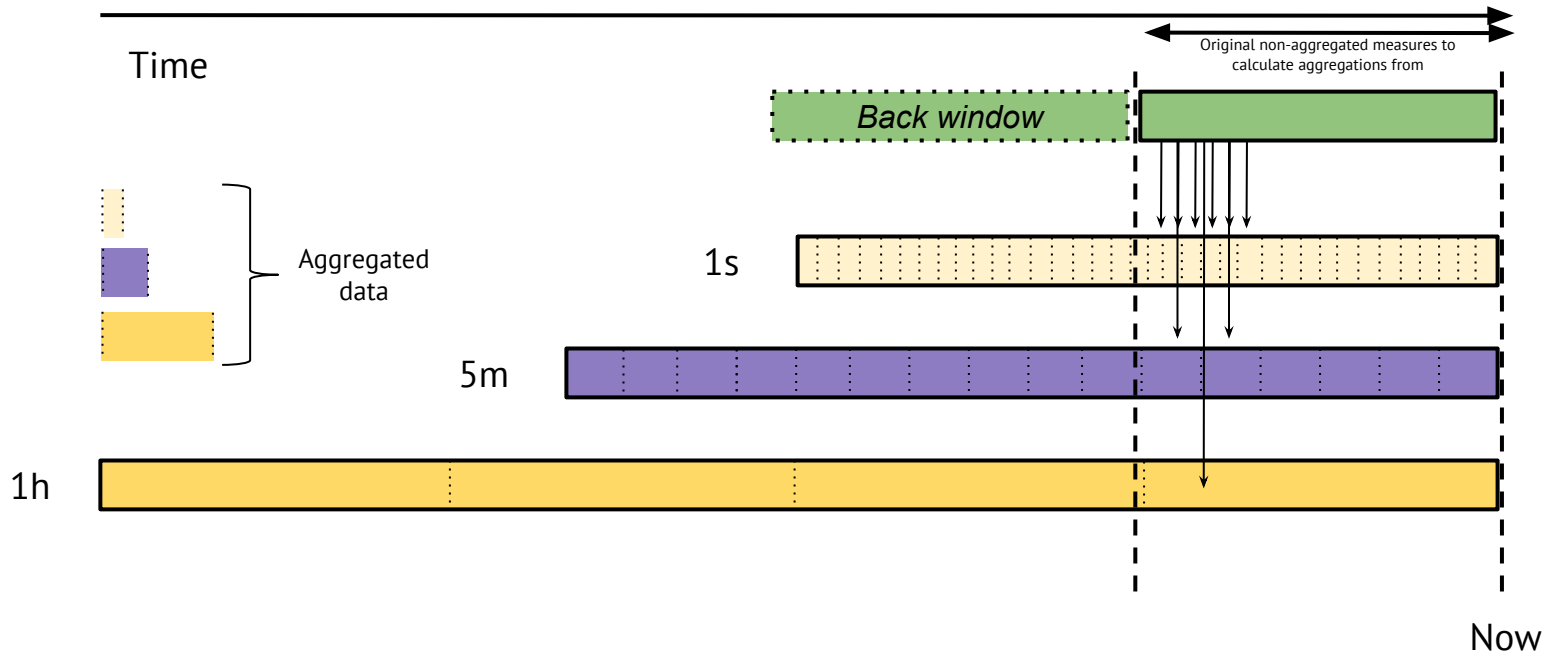


Metric & resources relationship



- + name
- + resource

Metric



Archive policy

# Archive policy creation

POST /v1/archive\_policy HTTP/1.1

```
{
  "back_window": 0,
  "definition": [
    { "granularity": "1s", "timespan": "1 hour" },
    { "points": 48, "timespan": "1 day" }
  ],
  "name": "low"
}
```

HTTP/1.1 201 Created

Location: http://localhost/v1/archive\_policy/low

Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8

```
{
  "aggregation_methods": [
    "median", "mean", "count", "min", "sum", "max", "std", "95pct"
  ],
  "back_window": 0,
  "definition": [
    { "granularity": "0:00:01", "points": 3600, "timespan": "1:00:00" },
    { "granularity": "0:30:00", "points": 48, "timespan": "1 day, 0:00:00" }
  ],
  "name": "low"
}
```



# Create a metric

POST **/v1/metric** HTTP/1.1

Content-Type: application/json

```
{  
  "archive_policy_name": "low"  
}
```

HTTP/1.1 201 Created

Location: http://localhost/v1/metric/26863efb-9bb5-46f1-851b-f65360a68d42

Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8

```
{  
  "archive_policy_name": "low",  
  "created_by_project_id": "b8fdbdc6-8ad1-4b5f-ba19-7b97b0788fd6",  
  "created_by_user_id": "cc095a10-9526-4457-aa61-38693ab10f26",  
  "id": "26863efb-9bb5-46f1-851b-f65360a68d42",  
  "name": null,  
  "resource_id": null  
}
```

# View a metric

GET /v1/metric/26863efb-9bb5-46f1-851b-f65360a68d42 HTTP/1.1

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Content-Length: 502

Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8

```
{
  "archive_policy": "low",
  "created_by_project_id": "b8fdbdc6-8ad1-4b5f-ba19-7b97b0788fd6",
  "created_by_user_id": "cc095a10-9526-4457-aa61-38693ab10f26",
  "id": "26863efb-9bb5-46f1-851b-f65360a68d42",
  "name": null,
  "resource": null
}
```

# Send measures to a metric

POST /v1/metric/26863efb-9bb5-46f1-851b-f65360a68d42/measures HTTP/1.1

Content-Type: application/json

HTTP/1.1 202 Accepted

```
[  
  { "timestamp": "2014-10-06T14:33:57", "value": 43.1 },  
  { "timestamp": "2014-10-06T14:34:12", "value": 12 },  
  { "timestamp": "2014-10-06T14:34:20", "value": 2 }  
]
```

# Get measures from a metric

GET /v1/metric/f29e6a1f-519d-434e-b72f-087b4a68e0e9/measures HTTP/1.1

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8

```
[
  [ "2014-10-06T14:30:00+00:00", 1800.0, 19.033 ],
  [ "2014-10-06T14:33:57+00:00", 1.0, 43.1 ],
  [ "2014-10-06T14:34:12+00:00", 1.0, 12.0 ],
  [ "2014-10-06T14:34:20+00:00", 1.0, 2.0 ]
]
```

# Get measures from a metric (max + start)

GET /v1/metric/f29e6a1f-519d-434e-b72f-087b4a68e0e9/measures?  
start=2014-10-06T14:34&aggregation=max HTTP/1.1

HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8

```
[  
  [ "2014-10-06T14:34:12+00:00", 1.0, 12.0 ],  
  [ "2014-10-06T14:34:20+00:00", 1.0, 2.0 ]  
]
```

# Search metric with values

POST /v1/search/metric?metric\_id=f29e6a1f-519d-434e-b72f-087b4a68e0e9 HTTP/1.1

Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "and": [
    { ">=": [ { "+": 23 }, 50 ] },
    { "!=": 55 }
  ]
}
```

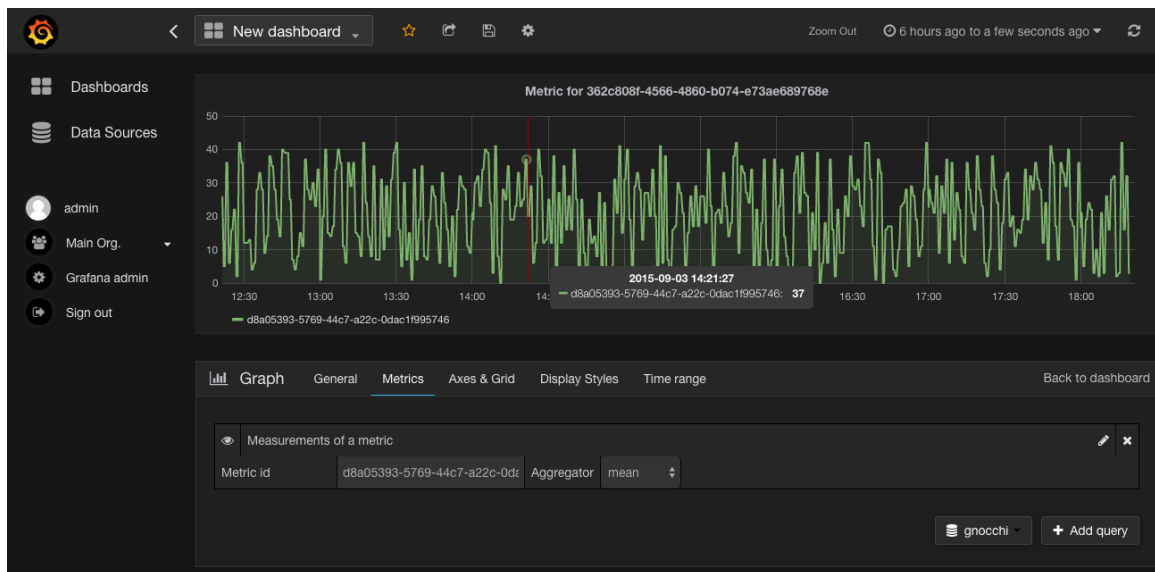
HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8

```
{
  "f29e6a1f-519d-434e-b72f-087b4a68e0e9": [
    [ "2014-10-06T14:33:57+00:00", 1.0, 43.1 ]
  ]
}
```

# And more...

- Aggregation across metrics
- Archive policy rules
- Visualization !



# Resource creation

POST [/v1/resource/generic](#) HTTP/1.1

Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "id": "75C44741-CC60-4033-804E-
2D3098C7D2E9",
  "project_id": "BD3A1E52-1C62-44CB-BF04-
660BD88CD74D",
  "user_id": "BD3A1E52-1C62-44CB-BF04-
660BD88CD74D"
}
```

HTTP/1.1 201 Created

Location: <http://localhost/v1/resource/generic/75c44741-cc60-4033-804e-2d3098c7d2e9>

ETag: "09a41c6f84e35b149c52efd498f3ccefed522c65"

Last-Modified: Thu, 17 Sep 2015 13:05:00 GMT

Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8

```
{
  "created_by_project_id": "2c5d2df4-a781-4fdf-bea9-e7e72697ddb0",
  "created_by_user_id": "ec0dfba4-c842-4c2b-bb4e-d9516e09f6ff",
  "ended_at": null,
  "id": "75c44741-cc60-4033-804e-2d3098c7d2e9",
  "metrics": {},
  "project_id": "bd3a1e52-1c62-44cb-bf04-660bd88cd74d",
  "revision_end": null,
  "revision_start": "2015-09-17T13:05:00.911362+00:00",
  "started_at": "2015-09-17T13:05:00.911329+00:00",
  "type": "generic",
  "user_id": "bd3a1e52-1c62-44cb-bf04-660bd88cd74d"
}
```



# Metric & resource association

POST /v1/resource/instance HTTP/1.1

Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "display_name": "myvm2",
  "flavor_id": "2",
  "host": "compute1",
  "id": "6F24EDD9-5A2F-4592-B708-
FFBED821C5D2",
  "image_ref": "http://image",
  "metrics": {
    "cpu.util": "1848ef8d-29c7-4a14-bf0c-
1bd117390df8"
  },
  "project_id": "BD3A1E52-1C62-44CB-BF04-
660BD88CD74D",
  "server_group": "my_autoscaling_group",
  "user_id": "BD3A1E52-1C62-44CB-BF04-
660BD88CD74D"
}
```

HTTP/1.1 201 Created

Location: http://localhost/v1/resource/instance/6f24edd9-5a2f-4592-b708-ffbed821c5d2

ETag: "5cd7f12ef36bd470017a56f626cfa807295c9915"

Last-Modified: Thu, 24 Sep 2015 15:15:05 GMT

Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8

```
{
  "created_by_project_id": "7e88b91f-91eb-4024-baa5-67b20197ef64",
  "created_by_user_id": "4d1c24a6-5155-47f1-b94a-9a0dd06f09a8",
  "display_name": "myvm2",
  "ended_at": null,
  "flavor_id": "2",
  "host": "compute1",
  "id": "6f24edd9-5a2f-4592-b708-ffbed821c5d2",
  "image_ref": "http://image",
  "metrics": {
    "cpu.util": "1848ef8d-29c7-4a14-bf0c-1bd117390df8"
  },
  "project_id": "bd3a1e52-1c62-44cb-bf04-660bd88cd74d",
  "revision_end": null,
  "revision_start": "2015-09-24T15:15:05.272964+00:00",
  "server_group": "my_autoscaling_group",
  "started_at": "2015-09-24T15:15:05.272946+00:00",
  "type": "instance",
  "user_id": "bd3a1e52-1c62-44cb-bf04-660bd88cd74d"
}
```

# Resource modification

PATCH [/v1/resource/instance/6868da77-fa82-4e67-aba9-270c5ae8cbca](#) HTTP/1.1

Content-Type: application/json

```
{  
  "host": "compute2"  
}
```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Etag: "42b0024811f68c352b6125894574e14824cc35cd"

Last-Modified: Thu, 17 Sep 2015 13:05:01 GMT

Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8

```
{  
  "created_by_project_id": "2c5d2df4-a781-4fdf-bea9-e7e72697ddb0",  
  "created_by_user_id": "ec0dfba4-c842-4c2b-bb4e-d9516e09f6ff",  
  "display_name": "myvm",  
  "ended_at": "2014-01-04T10:00:12+00:00",  
  "flavor_id": "2",  
  "host": "compute2",  
  "id": "6868da77-fa82-4e67-aba9-270c5ae8cbca",  
  "image_ref": "http://image",  
  "metrics": {},  
  "project_id": "bd3a1e52-1c62-44cb-bf04-660bd88cd74d",  
  "revision_end": null,  
  "revision_start": "2015-09-17T13:05:01.141250+00:00",  
  "server_group": null,  
  "started_at": "2014-01-02T23:23:34+00:00",  
  "type": "instance",  
  "user_id": "bd3a1e52-1c62-44cb-bf04-660bd88cd74d"  
}
```

# Resource history

GET /v1/resource/instance/6868da77-fa82-4e67-aba9-270c5ae8cbca/history HTTP/1.1

HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8

```
[
  {
    "display_name": "myvm",
    "ended_at": "2014-01-04T10:00:12+00:00",
    "flavor_id": "2",
    "host": "compute1",
    "id": "6868da77-fa82-4e67-aba9-270c5ae8cbca",
    "image_ref": "http://image",
    "metrics": {},
    "revision_end": "2015-09-24T15:15:04.946615+00:00",
    "revision_start": "2015-09-24T15:15:04.714339+00:00",
    "started_at": "2014-01-02T23:23:34+00:00",
    "type": "instance"
  },
  {
    "display_name": "myvm",
    "ended_at": "2014-01-04T10:00:12+00:00",
    "flavor_id": "2",
    "host": "compute2",
    "id": "6868da77-fa82-4e67-aba9-270c5ae8cbca",
    "image_ref": "http://image",
    "metrics": {},
    "revision_end": null,
    "revision_start": "2015-09-24T15:15:04.946615+00:00",
    "started_at": "2014-01-02T23:23:34+00:00",
    "type": "instance"
  }
]
```

# Resource search

POST `/v1/search/resource/instance` HTTP/1.

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Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "and": [
    { "=": { "user_id": "bd3a1e52-1c62-44cb-
bf04-660bd88cd74d" } },
    { ">=": { "started_at": "2010-01-01" } }
  ]
}
```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8

```
[
  {
    "created_by_project_id": "2c5d2df4-a781-4fdf-bea9-e7e72697ddb0",
    "created_by_user_id": "ec0dfba4-c842-4c2b-bb4e-d9516e09f6ff",
    "display_name": "myvm",
    "ended_at": "2014-01-04T10:00:12+00:00",
    "flavor_id": "2",
    "host": "compute1",
    "id": "6868da77-fa82-4e67-aba9-270c5ae8cbca",
    "image_ref": "http://image",
    "metrics": {},
    "project_id": "bd3a1e52-1c62-44cb-bf04-660bd88cd74d",
    "revision_end": null,
    "revision_start": "2015-09-17T13:05:00.933288+00:00",
    "server_group": null,
    "started_at": "2014-01-02T23:23:34+00:00",
    "type": "instance",
    "user_id": "bd3a1e52-1c62-44cb-bf04-660bd88cd74d"
  }
]
```

# Aggregation across metrics

POST /v1/aggregation/resource/instance/metric/cpu.  
util?start=2014-10-06T14:34&aggregation=mean

HTTP/1.1

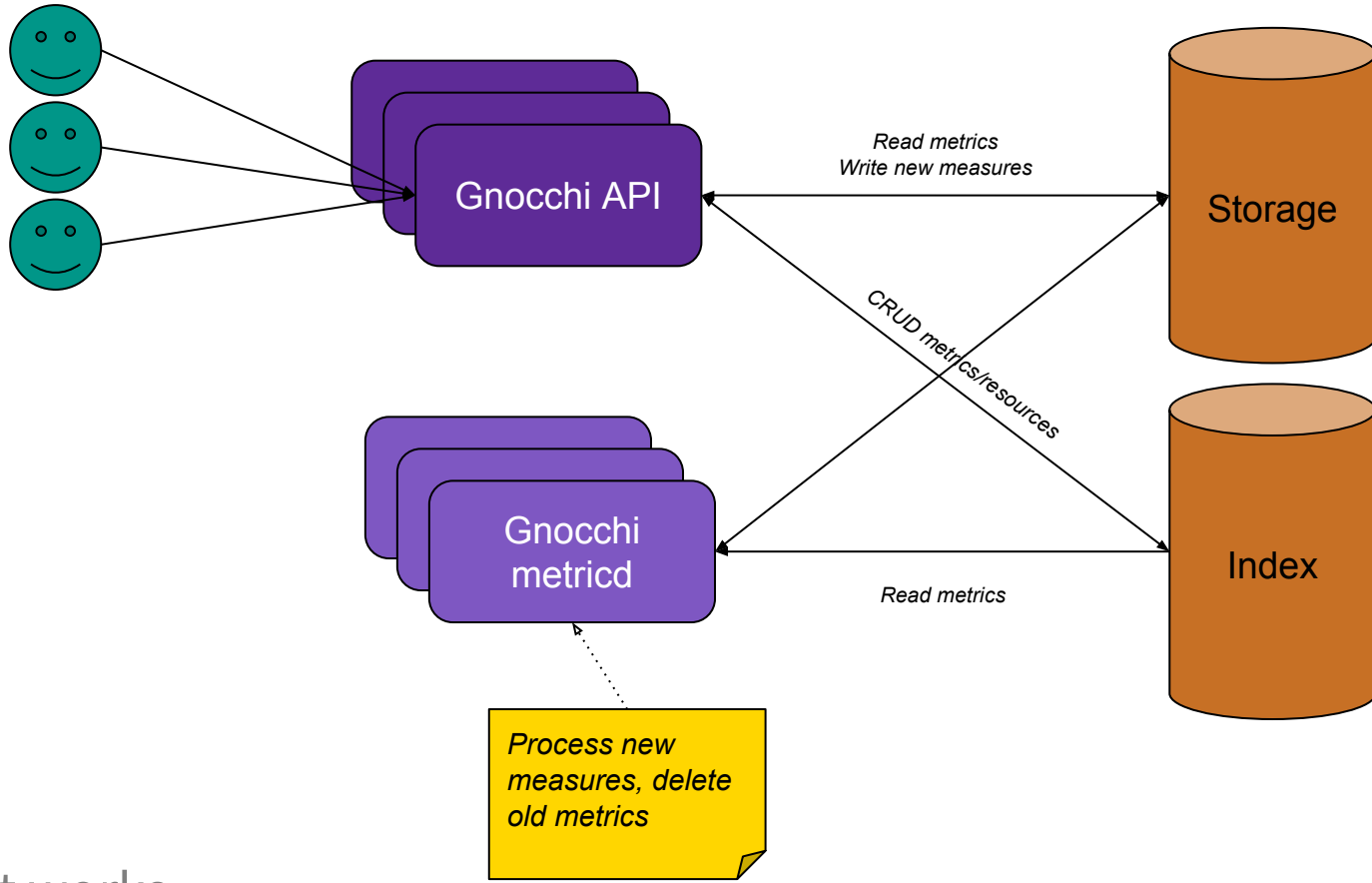
Content-Type: application/json

```
{  
  "server_group": "my_autoscaling_group"  
}
```

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8

```
[  
  [ "2014-10-06T14:34:12+00:00", 1.0, 12.25 ],  
  [ "2014-10-06T14:34:20+00:00", 1.0, 11.6 ]  
]
```



How it works

# Key design points

- Fast & scalable
  - metric retrieval  $O(1)$
  - resources indexed with proper datatypes
  - metric asynchronous write
- Pluggable
  - Indexer drivers: PostgreSQL (recommended), MySQL
  - Storage drivers: file, Swift, Ceph or InfluxDB
  - Custom aggregations functions
  - Works with or without Keystone
- Documentation in-tree
- Documentation auto-generated
- Multi-tenant

# Can I use it?

- Devstack support
- pip install
- Packaged in Red Hat, Debian...
- Default configuration that works
- Support in Ceilometer (Liberty)
- Statsd support
- Entirely documented in-tree
- Gnocchi client available
- Python client SDK



# Roadmap

- Better extension system for custom resource types
- Search resources based on metric values
- Improve large data support in Carbonara
- Grafana support in core

# OpenStack Gnocchi



Homepage: <http://launchpad.net/gnocchi>

Git: <https://git.openstack.org/cgit/openstack/gnocchi/>

Docs: <http://docs.openstack.org/developer/gnocchi/>

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