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Observability and blockchain - a deep dive into Fabric and Besu



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We will cover

Observability Blockchain

Signals Multi-party computation

OpenTelemetry Distributed systems

Observability primer

Applications for blockchains

A peek into the future



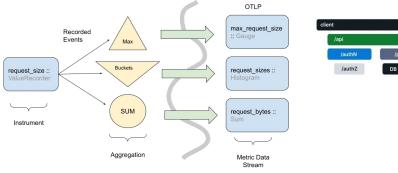
Observability

- Referred to as o11y
 - Observability lets us understand a system from the outside, by letting us ask questions about that system without knowing its inner workings.
- A common interoperable standard to monitor software
 - Common way to instrument the software
 - Common data model for all data emitted by the software
 - Common naming of conventions and semantics



Signals

Metrics Traces Logs









Metrics

Stable model https://opentelemetry.io/docs/reference/specification/metrics/datamodel/

- 1. Sum
- 2. Gauge
- 3. Histogram
- 4. Exponential Histogram



Traces

- Notion of a span an individual measurement of performance
- Attributes as metadata
 - Span kind
 - Service information (name, version)
- Span parent and links



Log Events

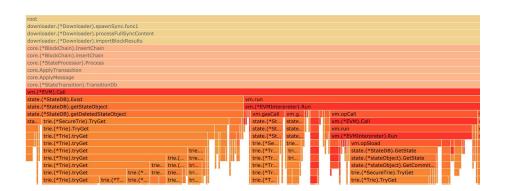
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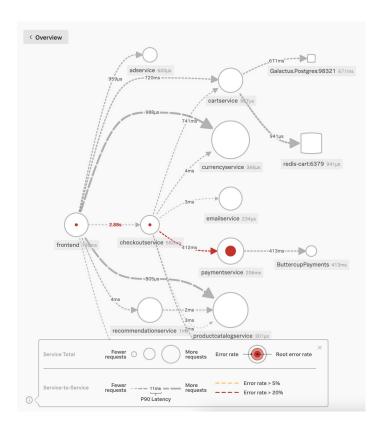
9µs

payload:4 keys



Traces







Logs

this should never happen

New directions for use:

- Metricizing logs
- Associating logs to traces

```
double downTimeSoFar = 0.0;
downTimeSoFar = downTimeList.get(indexforDownTime);
System.out.println("So far migration downTime for clet "+cletID+ " is "
+downTimeSoFar);
downTimeSoFar = downTimeSoFar + downTime;
System.out.println("New so far migration downTime for clet "+cletID+ " is "
+downTimeSoFar);
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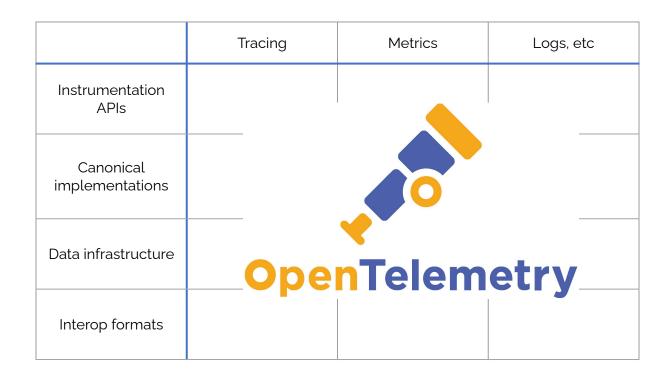


The web if everyone standardizes on o11y





OpenTelemetry and Our Needed Data



How it works

Specification:

https://opentelemetry.io/docs/reference/specification/

SDK configuration:

https://github.com/open-telemetry/opentelemetry-specification/blob/main/specification/sdk-environment-variables.md



How it works



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Observability with blockchain

Nicola Cocchiaro, Infura, December 8th 2020:

This is where the broader sense of observability comes in. It is the ability to look at characteristics of a system that individually may offer only partial information, but when taken together in context may help explain why something is happening. Even when considering only monitoring, ultimately that "why" is still the question we want to answer. It's easy to see how this definition now starts to move away from active monitoring and toward the realm of debugging, of catching failures before they occur by seeing that something is trending in a bad direction, and generally of answering all those questions that we don't know yet we should be asking, but that we will be *urgently* asking when something goes wrong.

https://blog.infura.io/post/observability-for-developers-infura



Operate and Extend Hyperledger Besu

Hyperledger Foundation workshop

July 14th, 2022

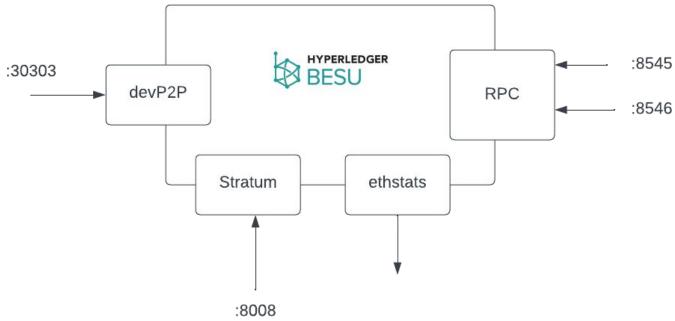


Ethereum client - high level

- Misnomer for a server, a peer-to-peer agent
- Runs as a single process
- Independent
 - Can perform all exchanges
 - Can submit transactions
 - Can interrogate the chain



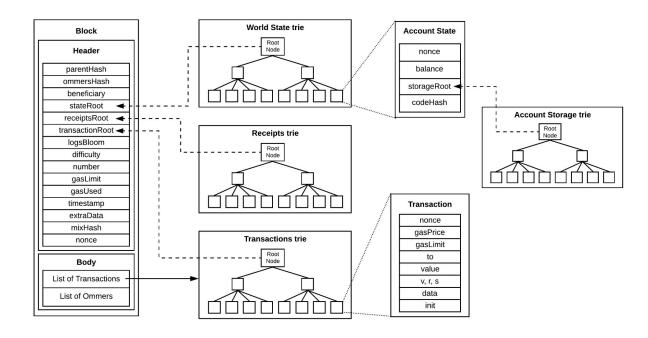
Complex software stack





Besu as a database

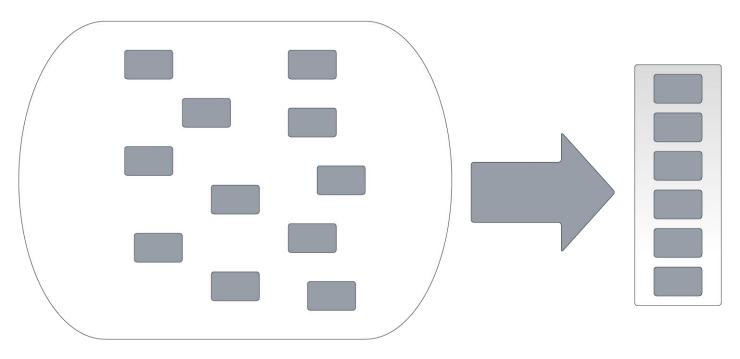
- Using RocksDB storage
- Multiple stores
- Here is why:





Source: https://www.lucassaldanha.com/ethereum-yellow-paper-walkthrough-2/

Besu as a transaction pool





Besu network for Ethereum

- Each client is completely independent, so it requires configuration.
 - A genesis block
 - o A consensus engine
 - Bootnodes to discover other peers



Besu discovery

- Connect to other nodes using UDP-based messages
 - First to bootnodes, then all peers exposed by them
- Store peers into buckets to avoid eclipse attacks
 - Use a Kademlia hashtable
- New discovery mechanism using DNS
 - Indexing from a bootnode on a regular basis
 - Easy to download and check integrity
- Static peering
 - Set enodes as part of configuration
 - O enode://6f8a80d14311c39f35f516fa664deaaaa13e85b2f7493f37f6144d86991ec012937307647bd3b9a82abe2974e14072 41d54947bbb39763a4cac9f77166ad92a0@10.3.58.6:30303?discport=30301

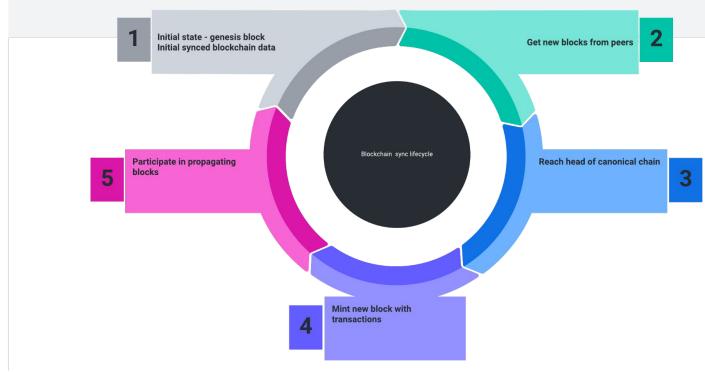


Besu network client

- Using devp2p, embedding node identity
 - Send HELLO message to other nodes
 - Negotiates subprotocols such as eth (others exist such as Whisper, or IBFT)



Hyperledger Besu lifecycle





Besu as part of consensus



Clique

IBFT

Ethash (PoW)

PoS (the merge)



JSON-RPC server

```
"jsonrpc":"2.0",
"method":"web3_clientVersion",
"params":[],
"id":1
```

HTTP

- Supports batching
- Used by wallets such as Metamask

WS

- Web socket
- Great for subscriptions
- New events and logs

IPC

- Using a file socket
- Can be used to attach to the client with geth
- Most secure option
- Just added to Besu in April!

GraphQL

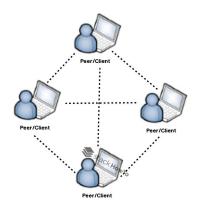
- Versatile API
- Allows to query specific data from the chain



In recap











Database

- RocksDB metrics
- Compaction and garbage collection metrics
- Writer and indexer tracing
- Merkle tree and Bonsai tree complex debugging





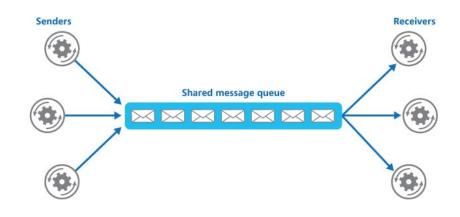
API



- HTTP headers
 - W3C, Jaeger, B3
- Capture state and errors
 - What is the average latency of a JSON-RPC roundtrip to get a block by number?



Message queue

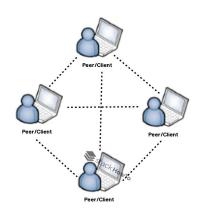


- Transaction pool debugging
 - Metrics
 - Tracing a transaction by its id through the pool to a block
- Mining
 - Solution metrics
 - Active miners
- Syncing



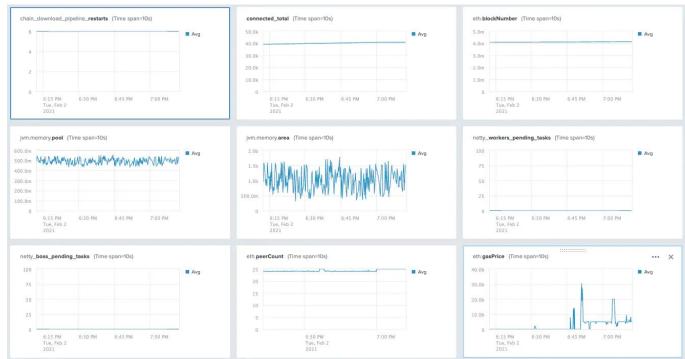
Peer-to-peer

- Discovery
 - Peers
 - Connections and disconnections
- Tracing devp2p messages
- Future of tracing across clients



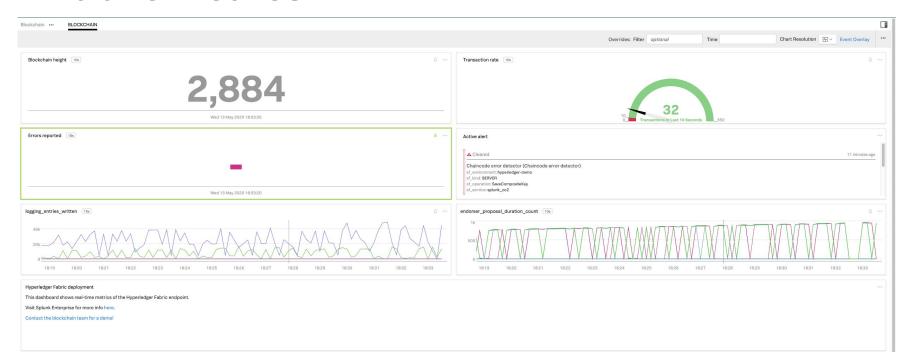


Besu metrics





Fabric metrics





Community

Fabric RFC:

https://github.com/hyperledger/fabric-rfcs/blob/main/text/0000-opentelemetry-tracing.md

PR for Fabric Java chaincode:

https://github.com/hyperledger/fabric-chaincode-java/pull/200/files

PR to add grpc interceptors for Fabric:

https://github.com/hyperledger/fabric/pull/3502



Community - Besu

<u>Use OpenTelemetry - Hyperledger Besu</u>

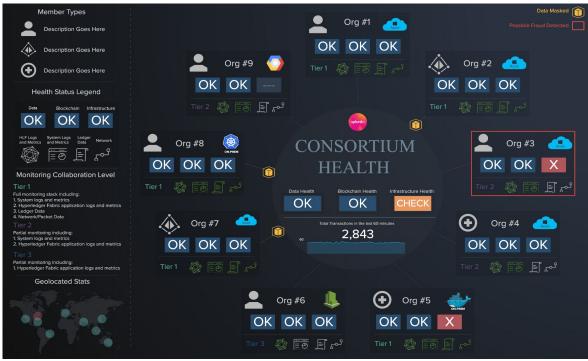
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https://github.com/hyperledger/besu/blob/main/ethereum/api/src/main/java/org/hyperledger/besu/ethereum/api/jsonrpc/JsonRpcService.java#L473

https://github.com/hyperledger/besu/blob/main/services/pipeline/src/main/java/org/hyperledger/besu/services/pipeline/Pipeline.java#L141



Trust and no trust scenarios





The future



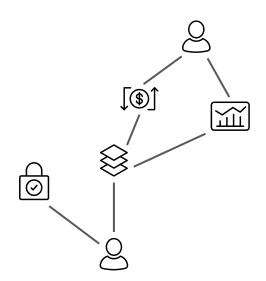


Trace Central





Free with a data subscription on the side





Trust providers

- Sign your trace
- Check its execution



https://twitter.com/gakonst/status/1553881575745413120



Further reading

- Infura on observability
 How to Gain Visibility, Track Costs, and Build Transparency with Observability
- Besu is an observability pioneer
 Hyperledger Besu is an Observability Pioneer | Splunk
- Besu workshop
 Operate and Extend Hyperledger Besu Workshop





