



Grafana, Helm and automatically generated and
maintained dashboards

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Introduction



Preview Version

- Github-Link:
<https://github.com/pkremser/cmdbToGrafana>
- Final release in october



The problem

- Customers want to see their network workload
- Can't give them OpenNMS rights
- Manually maintain hosted Grafana dashboards

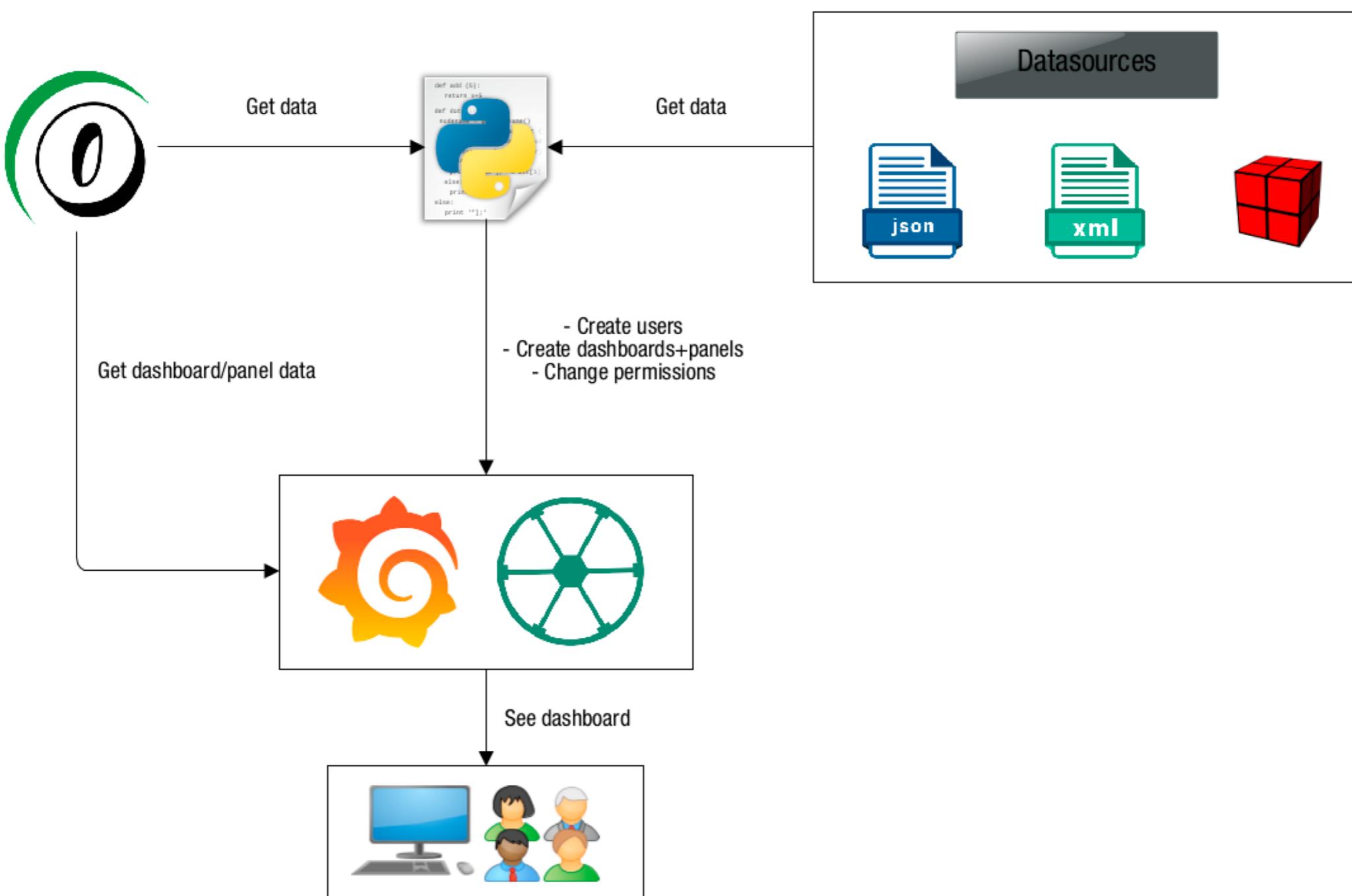


The Idea

- Grafana with OpenNMS Helm
- Python script
- Data from multiple datasources
- Generate dashboards from datasource information



The concept



The solution

- Config for CMDB, Grafana and OpenNMS connection
- Templates for dashboard and panels
- Templates for XML and JSON
- The Script for datacollection, converting and dashboard creation



Configuration and Datasources



Configuration (CMDB)

- [CMDB]
- user: USERNAME
- password: PASSWORD
- base_url: REST-DATASOURCE.com
- object_url_part: /REST/OBJECTS
- login_url_part: /REST/USERINFORMATION
- object_name: OpenNMS-REQUISITION-NAME:
- protocol: http or https



Configuration (CMDB)

- [CMDB]
- user: Patrick
- password: BestPasswordAvailable
- base_url: cmdb.mycompany.com
- object_url_part: /rest.php/objectlist/by-objecttype/Customer-Routers
- login_url_part: /rest.php/objectlist/by-objecttype/Customers-Grafana
- object_name: cmdb-cust-routers:
- protocol: https



Configuration (OpenNMS)

- [OpenNMS]
- user: USERNAME
- password: PASSWORD
- base_url: OpenNMS-COMPANYNAME.com
- path_to_send_event: /opt/opennms/bin/
- protocol: http or https



Configuration (OpenNMS)

- [OpenNMS]
- user: Patrick
- password: BestPasswordAvailable
- base_url: MyOpenNMS.com
- path_to_send_event: /opt/opennms/bin/
- protocol: https



Configuration (Grafana)

- [Grafana]
- user: USERNAME
- password: PASSWORD
- url: GRAFANA_URL
- datasource: OPENNMS_DATASOURCE_NAME
- protocol: http or https



Configuration (Grafana)

- [Grafana]
- user: Patrick
- password: BestPasswordAvailable
- url: localhost
- datasource: OpenNMS_Performance
- protocol: https



Configuration (templates)

- Create your own dashboard and panel templates
 - Change them for use with the script
 - Change the name in config
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- [DashboardTemplates]
 - dashboard: `router_dashboard_template.json`
 - panel: `router_panel_template.json`



Datasources

- 3 possible datasources
 - CMDB
 - XML
 - JSON
- Example files for XML and JSON
- Datasource selectable from command line



Datasources (CMDB)

- Grafana user password object

A Kunden-Grafana #1207



Zusammenfassung

Kundennummer	15972
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Felder Referenziert von Links Log

Grafana-Zugangsdaten

Kundennummer:	15972
Passwort:	•



Datasources (CMDB)

- Grafana object configuration
- Check for active, Monitoring active and correct ID
- Optional: IP-Address in panel header

Objektstatus

active

Kunde

Kundennummer:

Kundenname:

Ansprechpartner:

Management

Management IP:

Hostname:

Monitoring:



The logo for NETHINKS features the word "NETHINKS" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters are primarily dark grey, with the "I" and "H" being green. Below the main text, the tagline "Intelligente Netzwerklösungen" is written in a smaller, lighter grey font. To the left of the text, there is a small graphic of a green lizard.

Datasources (CMDB)

- Optional: Location for Panels

Standort

Bezeichnung:

Strasse:

Hausnummer:

PLZ:

Ort:



Datasources (CMDB)

- WAN-Interface like in OpenNMS shown
- Customized for use in Grafana

Kundenportal

active:



WAN-Interface:

Et0



Datasources (XML)

- Objects grouped for each user id
- Information from OpenNMS node needed

```
<dashboard-hardware>
  <user_id id="" password="">
    <object>
      <parameter key="location" value="Network-Connection: LOCATION || IP: 127.0.0.1" />
      <parameter key="nodeid" value="REQUISITION_NAME:OPENNMS_FOREIGEN_ID" />
      <parameter key="interface" value="OPENNMS_SNMP_INTERFACE" />
    </object>
  </user_id>
</dashboard-hardware>
```



Datasources (JSON)

- Like in XML

```
[  
 {  
   "id": "",  
   "password": "",  
   "object": [  
     {  
       "parameter":  
         {  
           "location": "Network-Connection: LOCATION || IP: 127.0.0.1",  
           "nodeid": "REQUISITION_NAME:OPENNMS_FOREIGN_ID",  
           "interface": "OPENNMS_SNMP_INTERFACE"  
         }  
     }  
   ]  
 }
```



Functionality



Structure (I)

- `__main__.py`
 - Checks for datasource
 - Executes all main functions
- `config.py`
 - Configparser
- `opennms_event.py`
 - Generates OpenNMS event



Structure (II)

- `cmdb.py`
 - Gathers all information from CMDB
- `opennms_functions.py`
 - Gathers information from OpenNMS
- `information_converter.py`
 - Converts datasource information to usable structure



Structure (III)

- `grafana_dashboard.py`
 - Creates dashboards from templates and gathered information
- `grafana_functions.py`
 - Create/delete users and delete dashboards
 - Change permissions



Executing

- Shellcommand: `python3 -m grafana_script DATASOURCE`
- Add cronjob for timed executions

```
root@grafana:~/cmdbToGrafana# python3 -m grafana_script cmdb
* Information collected and converted from cmdb
* Old users deleted
* New users created
* Old dashboards deleted
* New dashboards created
* User information collected
* Dashboard information collected
* Permissions updated
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* All Done !!!
```



Dashboards (Admin)

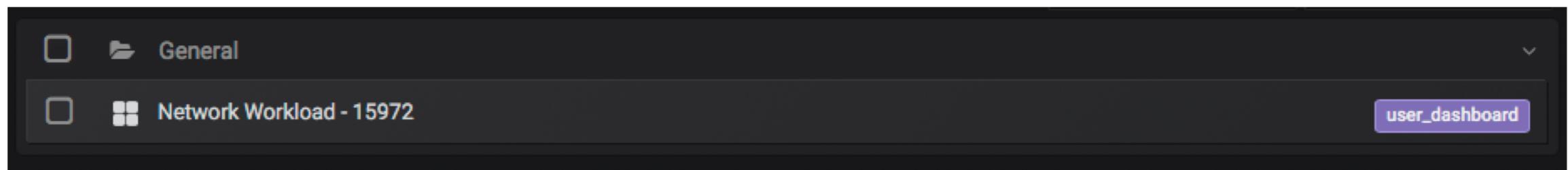
- Every dashboard
- Every user

The screenshot shows a dark-themed user interface for managing dashboards. On the left, there's a sidebar with a tree view. The root node is 'General', which has four children: 'Network Workload - 15812', 'Network Workload - 15821', 'Network Workload - 15904', and 'Network Workload - 15972'. To the right of each dashboard entry is a small purple rectangular button with the text 'user_dashboard' in white. The entire interface has a modern, minimalist design with a focus on readability and organization.



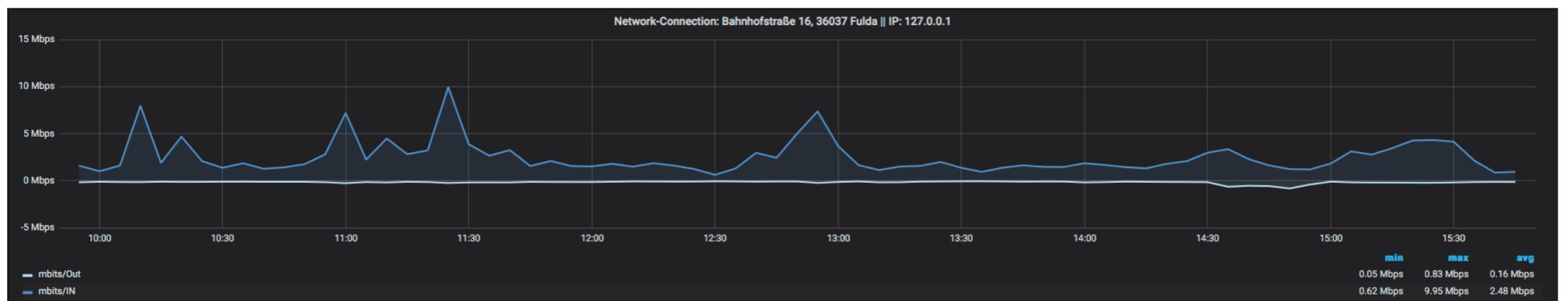
Dashboards (User)

- Only own dashboard
- Can't see other users

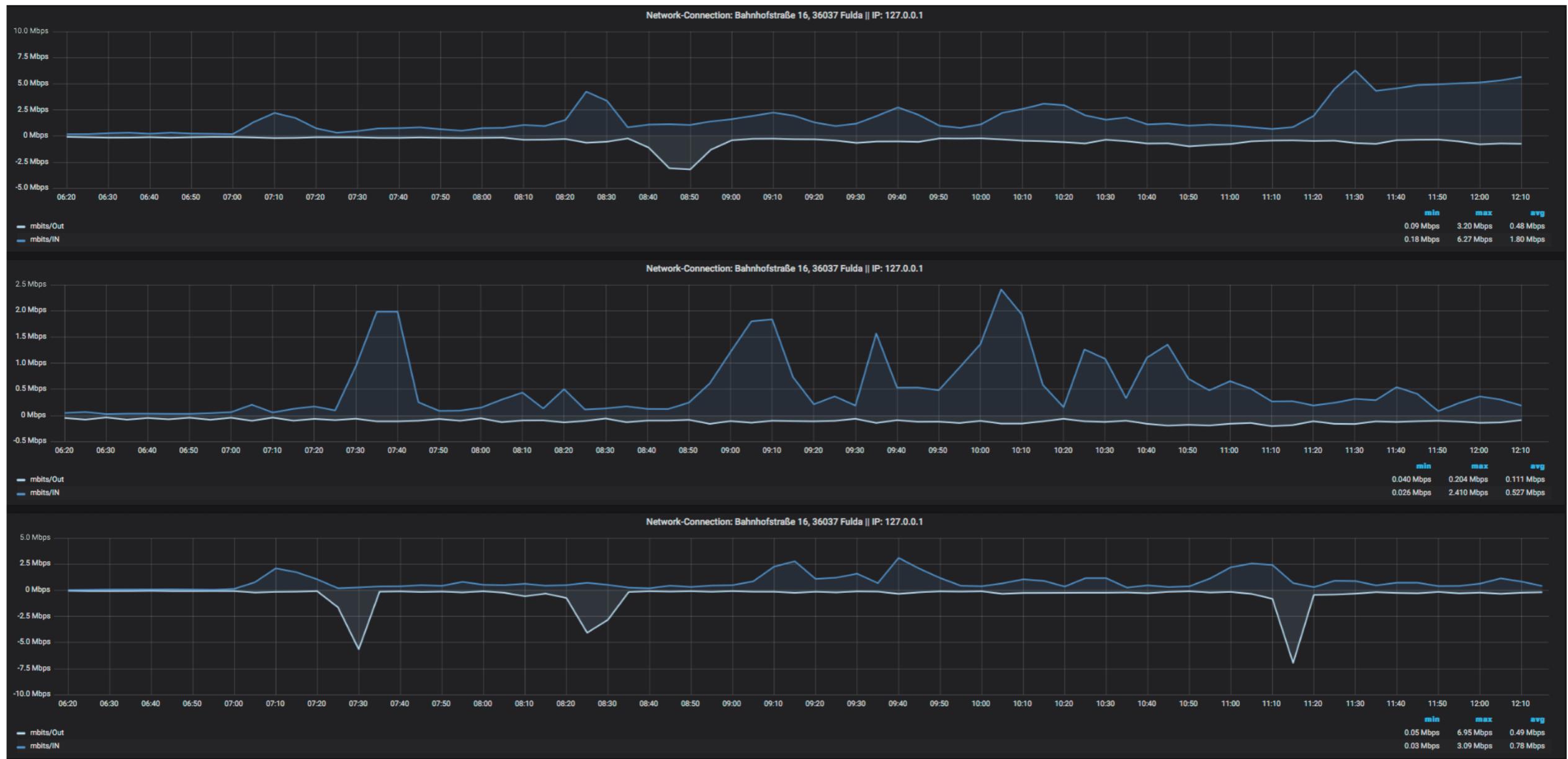


Dashboards (User)

- Dashboard not editable (security)
- No access via URL to other dashboards
- No Information via rest



Dashboards (User)



Panel (Metrics)

- Node and Resource from OpenNMS
- Octets into Mbits

Type	Attribute
Node	yourcmdb-kdrouter:869
Resource	interfaceSnmp[Et0-7cad746...
Attribute	ifHCInOctets
Sub-Attribute	subattribute
Aggregation	
Label A	ifHCInOctets
B Attribute: ifHCOutOctets	
Type	Expression
Expression	ifHCInOctets*8/(1024*1024)
Label A	mbits/IN



Future Prospects



To-do-list

- More generated OpenNMS-Alarms
- Error handling
- Code compress



Possibilities

- Other SNMP Objects (Switches, Server, etc ...)
- Multi dashboards (for each category) /with multi Interfaces
- Template-Generater-Tool
- A line for the max. Bandwidth
- A XML/JSON-Generator



Conclusion

- No security issues
- Easy to configure
- Expandable
- Saves a lot of time



Demonstration



Questions and Answers

