

ROS-OPENTELEMETRY

End-to-End Telemetry for Robotics

ABOUT ME

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ROS IS A DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM

"ROS was invented at the moment when micro-services architecture was a hype."

Guillaume Binet, Founder @ Copper Robotics

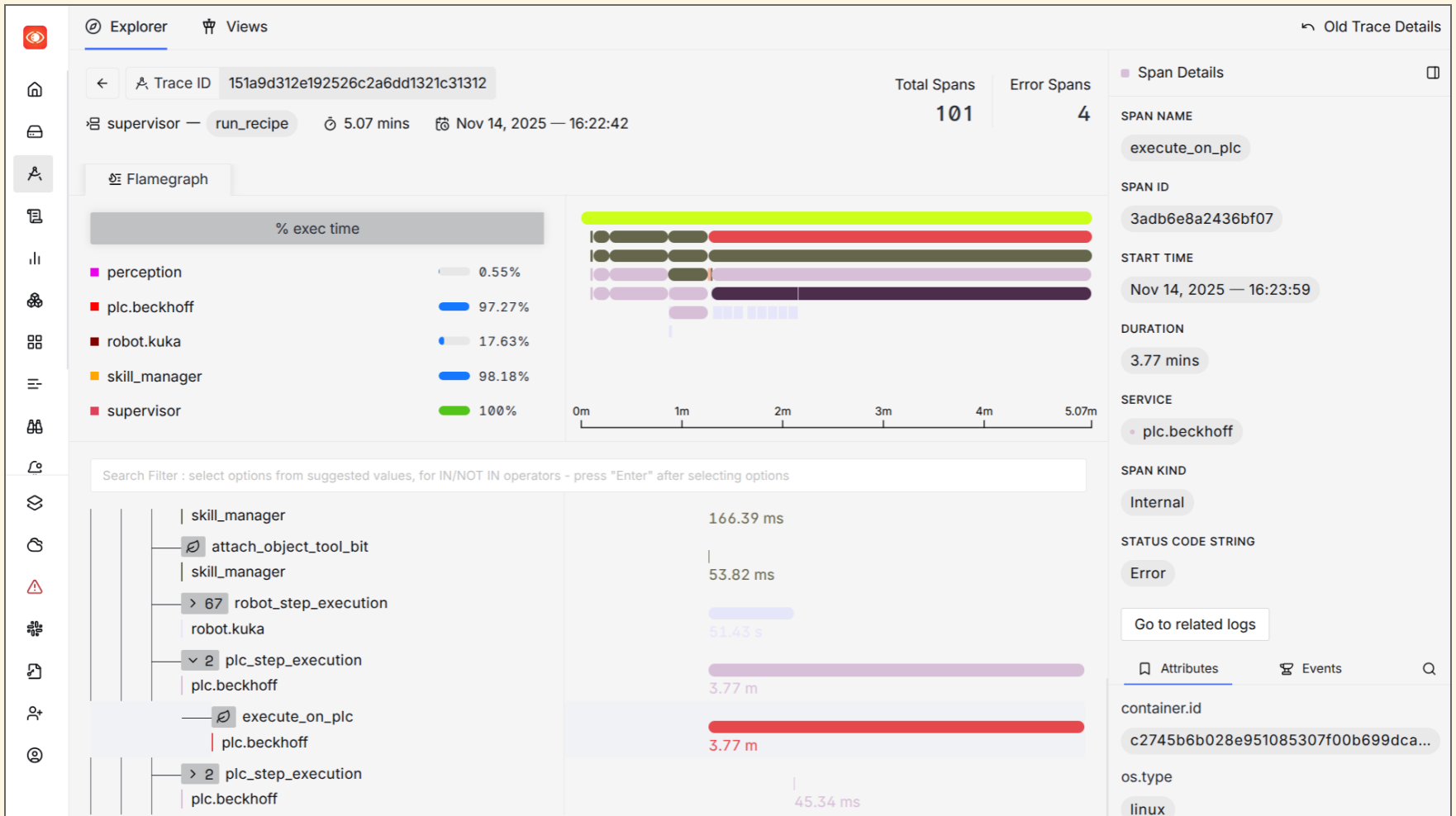
- ROS Node == MicroService
- DDS == Communication Layer
- How people handle it?

DISTRIBUTED TRACING

Traces give us the big picture of what happens when a request is made to an application.

Whether your application is a monolith with a single database or a sophisticated mesh of services, traces are essential to understanding the full “path” a request takes in your application.

- *opentelemetry.io*



Diassembly request going though our system

CORRELATED LOGS

Correlating traces and logs allows you to investigate issues by navigating from a specific span in a trace directly to the logs that were generated during that operation.

This makes debugging faster and more intuitive by providing the exact context needed to understand an error or performance problem.

- *datadoghq.com*

The screenshot displays the SigNoz web interface for monitoring and debugging. The main panel shows a flamegraph and a list of spans. The right panel provides detailed information about a selected span, including its ID, start time, duration, service, span kind, and status code string. A red box highlights the "Go to related logs" button in the span details panel.

Trace ID: 997ae07898cbc3596c3cedf018eee5be

Total Spans: 13

Error Spans: 1

Service: robot_control

Span ID: f9bf42fea9684677

Start Time: Oct 11, 2025 - 14:32:24

Duration: 5.02 s

Span Kind: Internal

Status Code String: Error

Go to related logs

Service Name: robot_control

Signoz Collector ID: -c1d7-4404-ab7d-80c7f4bb...

Language: k.language

Flamegraph Data:

Service	% exec time
robot_control	99.98%
robot_task_producer	100%

Span List:

Span Name	Duration
execute	5.59 s
plan_and_execute	5.22 s
plan_and_execute	4.01 s

exploring an error

Selecting a trace marked with error

Home

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Severity Text

Filter values

ERROR

INFO

WARN

Environment

Service Name

Hostname

K8s Cluster Name

K8s Deployment Name

K8s Namespace Name

K8s Pod Name

Frequency chart

Switch to Old Logs Explorer

11/10/2025 14:27 - 11/10/2025 14:37

Share

Stage & Run Query

trace_id IN 997ae0789...

10

5

0

14:32:00

INFO

ERROR

List view

Time series

Table

2025-10-11 14:32:29.845 | robot_task_producer | Completed: success=False, statuses=[True, True, True, False]

2025-10-11 14:32:29.844 | robot_task_producer | Feedback: current_target_id=3 status=False

2025-10-11 14:32:29.843 | robot_control | Finished processing of <4> targets

2025-10-11 14:32:29.843 | robot_control | Planning failed: FAILURE, target_id: <3>, pose: Position: (0.796798, 0.594862), Orientation: (0, 0, -0.0409875, 0.999163)

2025-10-11 14:32:24.824 | robot_task_producer | Feedback: current_target_id=2 status=True

2025-10-11 14:32:20.815 | robot_task_producer | Feedback: current_target_id=1 status=True

2025-10-11 14:32:15.594 | robot_task_producer | Feedback: current_target_id=0 status=True

2025-10-11 14:32:09.959 | robot_control | Processing <4> targets

2025-10-11 14:32:09.958 | robot_task_producer | Sending 4 targets to robot_control

3D

link_3

link_4

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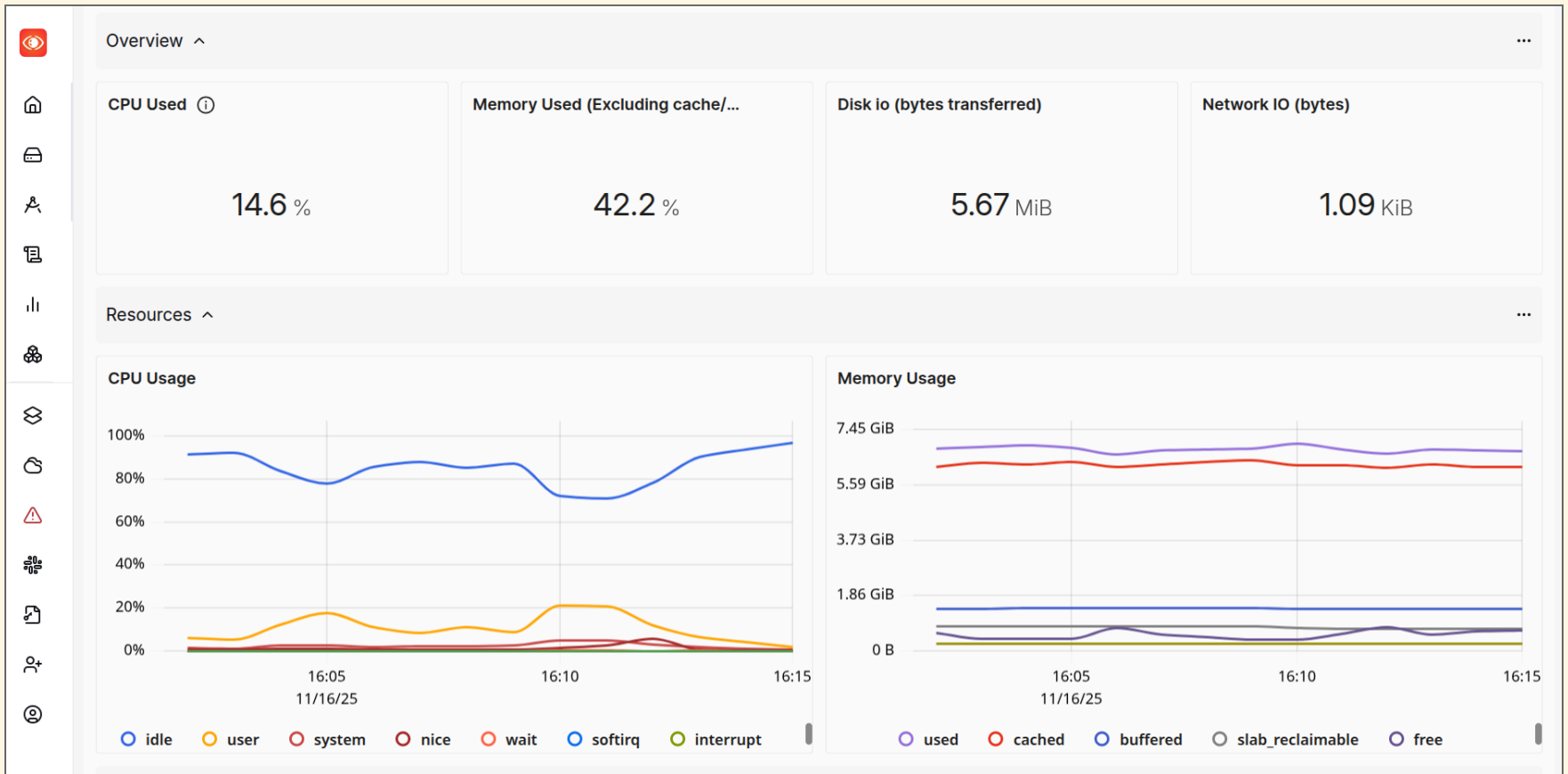
exploring related logs

Exploring correlated logs

METRICS

"A measurement captured at runtime."

- *opentelemetry.io*



no more ssh/htop to remote machine

WHY OPENTELEMETRY?

- An observability framework and toolkit designed to facilitate the **Generation, Export, Collection of traces, metrics, and logs.**
- Open source, Vendor- and tool-agnostic
- Steered by Cloud Native Computing Foundation / Linux Foundation

vendors supporting opentelemetry protocol

Vendors

Vendors who natively support OpenTelemetry

A non-exhaustive list of organizations offering solutions that consume OpenTelemetry natively via [OTL](#), such as observability backends and observability pipelines.

Some organizations provide a [distribution](#) (of customized OpenTelemetry components), that provides additional capabilities or for improved ease of use.

Open Source (OSS) refers to a vendor who has an observability product that is [open source](#). The vendor may still have other products that are closed source, such as a SaaS offering that

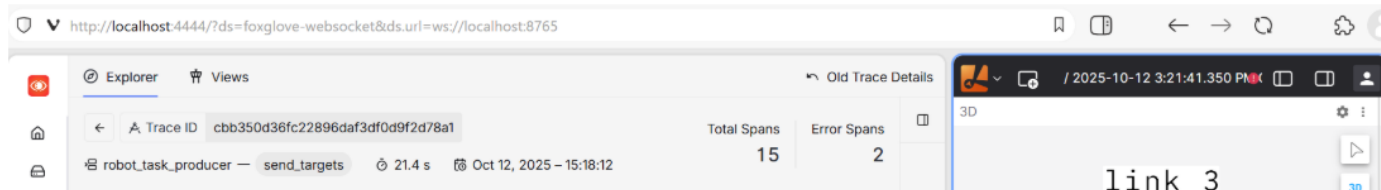
Organization	OSS	Commercial	Native OTLP	Learn more
Apache Doris	Yes	No	Yes	github.com/_
Apache SkyWalking	Yes	No	Yes	skywalking.apache.org/_
Ruam Bit	Yes	No	Yes	docs.ruambit.io/_
Jaeger	Yes	No	Yes	www.jaegertracing.io/_
OpenIT	Yes	No	No	docs.opentls.io/_
OpenSearch	Yes	No	Yes	github.com/_
Centreon	Yes	Yes	Yes	docs.centreon.com/_
ClickHouse	Yes	Yes	No	github.com/_
Coroot	Yes	Yes	Yes	github.com/_
Elastic	Yes	Yes	Yes	www.elastic.co/_
Embrace	Yes	Yes	Yes	embrace.io/_
Grafana Labs	Yes	Yes	Yes	grafana.com/_
GreptimeDB	Yes	Yes	Yes	docs.greptime.com/_
Highlight	Yes	Yes	Yes	highlight.io/_
HyperDX	Yes	Yes	Yes	www.hyperdx.io/_
Langfuse	Yes	Yes	Yes	langfuse.com/_
MetricHub	Yes	Yes	Yes	www.metricshub.com/_
observIQ	Yes	Yes	Yes	docs.birdplane.observiq.com/_
Odigo	Yes	Yes	Yes	docs.odigo.io/_
OneUptime	Yes	Yes	Yes	oneuptime.com/_
OpenObserve	Yes	Yes	Yes	openobserve.ai/_
Parseable	Yes	Yes	Yes	www.parseable.com/_
qryn	Yes	Yes	Yes	qryn.metrics.io/_
Red Hat	Yes	Yes	Yes	docs.redhat.com/_
Signoz	Yes	Yes	Yes	signoz.io
Tracetest	Yes	Yes	Yes	docs.tracetest.io/_
Upttrace	Yes	Yes	Yes	upttrace.dev/_
VictoriaMetrics	Yes	Yes	Yes	github.com/_
Akuda	No	Yes	Yes	www.akuda.io/_
Alibaba Cloud	No	Yes	Yes	www.alibabacloud.com/_
Apica	No	Yes	Yes	docs.apica.io/_
AppDynamics (Cisco)	No	Yes	Yes	docs.appdynamics.com/_
Arca by VMware (Wavefront)	No	Yes	Yes	docs.wavefront.com/_
Arize Phoenix	No	Yes	Yes	docs.arize.com/_
Aspects	No	Yes	Yes	www.aspects.io/_
AWS	No	Yes	Yes	aws-otel.github.io/_
Autom	No	Yes	Yes	autom.io/_
Azure	No	Yes	No	docs.microsoft.com/_
Better Stack	No	Yes	Yes	betterstack.com/_
BMC Helix	No	Yes	Yes	docs.bmc.com/_
Bonree	No	Yes	Yes	one.bonree.com/_
BugSnag	No	Yes	Yes	docs.bugsnag.com/_
Causely	No	Yes	Yes	www.causely.ai/_
Chronosphere	No	Yes	Yes	docs.chronosphere.io/_
Control Plane	No	Yes	Yes	docs.controlplane.com/_
ControlTheory	No	Yes	Yes	www.controltheory.com/_
Coralogix	No	Yes	Yes	coralogix.com/_
Cribl	No	Yes	Yes	docs.cribl.io/_
Datadog	No	Yes	Yes	docs.datadog.com/_
Dash0	No	Yes	Yes	www.dash0.com/_
Datadog	No	Yes	Yes	docs.datadoghq.com/_

Digbase (Ignio)	No	Yes	Yes	docs.digibase.com/_/ 
DXI Q2 by Broadcom	No	Yes	Yes	techdocs.broadcom.com/_/ 
Dynatrace	No	Yes	Yes	www.dynatrace.com/_/ 
Google Cloud Platform	No	Yes	Yes	github.com/_/ 
groundcover	No	Yes	Yes	docs.groundcover.com/_/ 
GuamChaff by LogEase	No	Yes	Yes	logease.com/_/ 
Helios	No	Yes	Yes	gethelios.dev/_/ 
Heroku	No	Yes	Yes	devcenter.heroku.com/_/ 
Honeycomb	No	Yes	Yes	docs.honeycomb.io/_/ 
Immersive Fusion	No	Yes	Yes	docs.immersivefusion.com/_/ 
Incana	No	Yes	Yes	www.ibm.com/_/ 
ITRS	No	Yes	Yes	docs.ingroup.com/_/ 
KloudFuse	No	Yes	Yes	docs.kloudfuse.com/_/ 
KloudMate	No	Yes	Yes	docs.kloudmate.com/_/ 
Last9	No	Yes	Yes	last9.io/_/ 
LogicMonitor	No	Yes	Yes	www.logicmonitor.com/_/ 
LogScale by CrowdStrike (Humio)	No	Yes	Yes	library.humio.com/_/ 
Lumen	No	Yes	No	docs.lumen.io/_/ 

ROS2 X OPENTELEMETRY = ROS-OPENTELEMETRY

ROS2 OpenTelemetry Integration Library

A production-grade integration library for instrumenting ROS2 (Robot Operating System 2) applications with [OpenTelemetry](#) distributed tracing and observability capabilities. This project provides a comprehensive toolchain for building, deploying, and monitoring ROS2 workspaces with native OpenTelemetry support for both C++ and Python nodes.



INSTRUMENTING YOUR CODE

MESSAGE INTERFACE

```
# Goal
RobotTarget[] targets

ros_opentelemetry_interfaces/TraceMetadata trace_metadata # <--
trace interface
\---
# Result
bool success
bool[] targets_status
\---
# Feedback
uint32 current_target_id
bool status
```

```
<depend>ros_opentelemetry_interfaces</depend>
```

SETTING UP TRACER

```
#include "ros_opentelemetry_cpp/ros_opentelemetry_cpp.hpp"

std::string otel_grpc_endpoint = "hostname-of-your-otel-
collector:4317";
ros_opentelemetry_cpp::setup_tracer("robot_control",
otel_grpc_endpoint);
```

```
from ros_opentelemetry_py import setup_tracer

# somewhere at the start of your node
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Expects environment variable OTLP_ENDPOINT set
    setup_tracer("robot_task_producer")
```

TRACING CODE

```
#include <opentelemetry/trace/span.h>
#include <opentelemetry/trace/tracer.h>
#include <opentelemetry/trace/provider.h>
#include <opentelemetry/trace/scope.h>

auto tracer =
opentelemetry::trace::Provider::GetTracerProvider()->GetTracer(
    "name_of_your_component");
auto span = tracer->StartSpan("handleActionOrServiceOrOtherCallback");
{

    auto target_span = tracer->StartSpan("nested_span");
    opentelemetry::trace::Scope scope(span);
    // your code
}
```

```
from opentelemetry import trace
tracer: trace.Tracer = trace.get_tracer(__name__)
@tracer.start_as_current_span("method_of_your_node")
def method_of_your_node(self, params):
    ...
```

INJECTING TRACE CONTEXT

```
from ros_opentelemetry_py import inject_trace_context
example_msg = ExampleActionMessage.Goal()
example_msg.trace_metadata = inject_trace_context()
```

EXTRACTING TRACE CONTEXT

```
#include <opentelemetry/context/runtime_context.h>

const auto goal = goal_handle->get_goal();
auto extracted_ctx =
  ros_opentelemetry_cpp::extract_trace_context(&goal-
>trace_metadata);
[[maybe_unused]] auto ctx_token =
  opentelemetry::context::RuntimeContext::Attach(extracted_ctx);
```

CORRELATING LOGS

```
RCLCPP_ERROR_TRACED(this->get_logger(), "logger")
```

```
from ros_opentelemetry_py import wrap_logger  
self._traced_logger = wrap_logger(self.get_logger())
```

COLLECTING & EXPORTING LOGS

```
receivers:
  filelog:
    include: ["/opt/logs/**/*.*.log"]
    start_at: end
    multiline:
      line_start_pattern: '^\\[\\w+\\] \\[\\d+\\.\\d+\\] \\[.*\\]:' # To
support cases when we output multiline json
    operators:
      - type: regex_parser
        regex: '^\\[\\[?P<level>\\w+\\]\\] \\[\\[?P<timestamp>\\d+\\.\\d+\\]\\] \\[?P<source>[^\\]]+\\]\\: (?P<message>.*)$'
        timestamp:
          parse_from: attributes.timestamp
          layout_type: epoch
          layout: "s.ns"
        severity:
          parse_from: attributes.level
      - type: regex_parser
        parse_from: attributes.message
        regex: '^([?:\\[trace_id=(?P<trace_id>[0-9a-f]{32})\\s+span_id=(?P<span_id>[0-9a-f]{16})\\]\\s*)?(?P<body>.*)$'
    ...
```

DEMO EXAMPLE

```
# To run example telemetry setup  
just docker-up-telemetry
```

```
# Run example  
just docker-up-example
```

THANKS FOR LISTENING

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- [blog.szobov.ru](#)

Speaker notes