

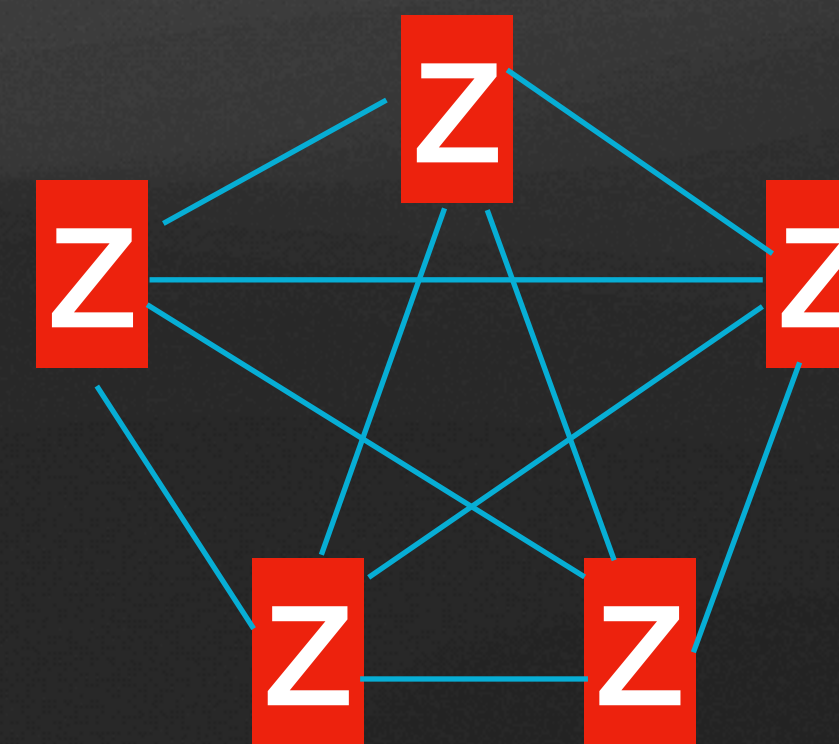
# Federated Observability

with **Z** **A** **B** **B** **I** **X** and a telemetry bus

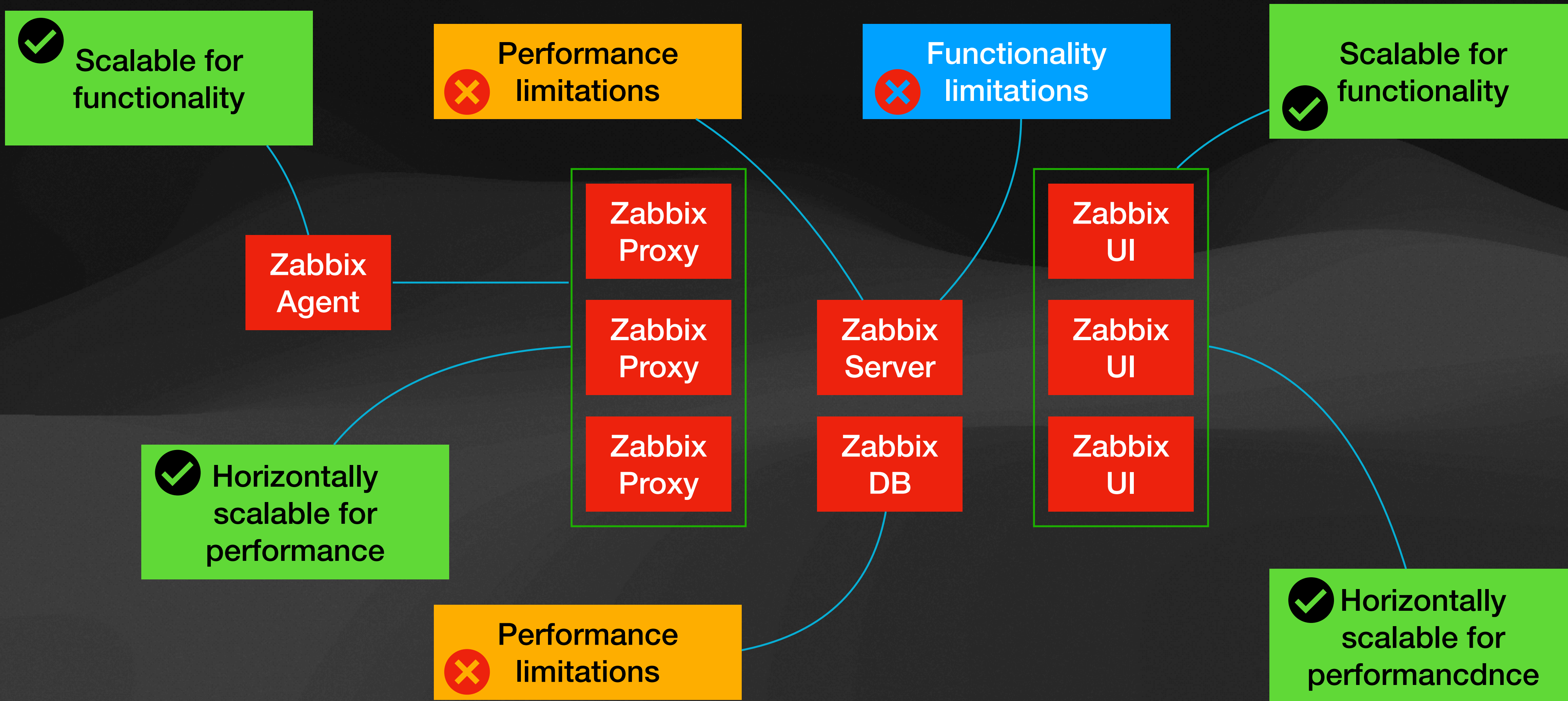
# ABOUT

In this presentation, I will address strategies for expanding the capabilities of Zabbix. This entails enhancing scalability, broadening functionality, and refining the management, processing, and analysis of telemetry and observability data to align with specific operational demands and requirements.

The concept of "federated observability" entails consolidating the capabilities inherent in multiple platform instances, processing pipelines, and bespoke computation and analysis to unify their impact.



# USE CASE



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## Where Zabbix shines

Reliable, one-shop, “include all bells and whistles” solution for Monitoring and Observability if you are satisfied with several concepts and limitations.

Single server instance performance

Agree to extend your functionality through Zabbix API.

Data submission is through Zabbix Trapper or API.

Collection functionality extension is traditionally based on Agent.

Single DB instance performance

# USE CASE

**ZBUS extends  
Zabbix  
capabilities**

Provide a reliable transmission and storage telemetry bus for enabling the same set of telemetry to multiple Zabbix instances. Provide a one-shop scripting solution for creating computational and analytical pipelines.

Telemetry bus

Observability-focused  
scripting language

Processing pipelines

Easy integrations

# USE CASE

Zabbix is an excellent monitoring and observability platform deserving a better scalability.

Functional horizontal scalability and pipelines will simplify the adoption of advanced analysis practices.

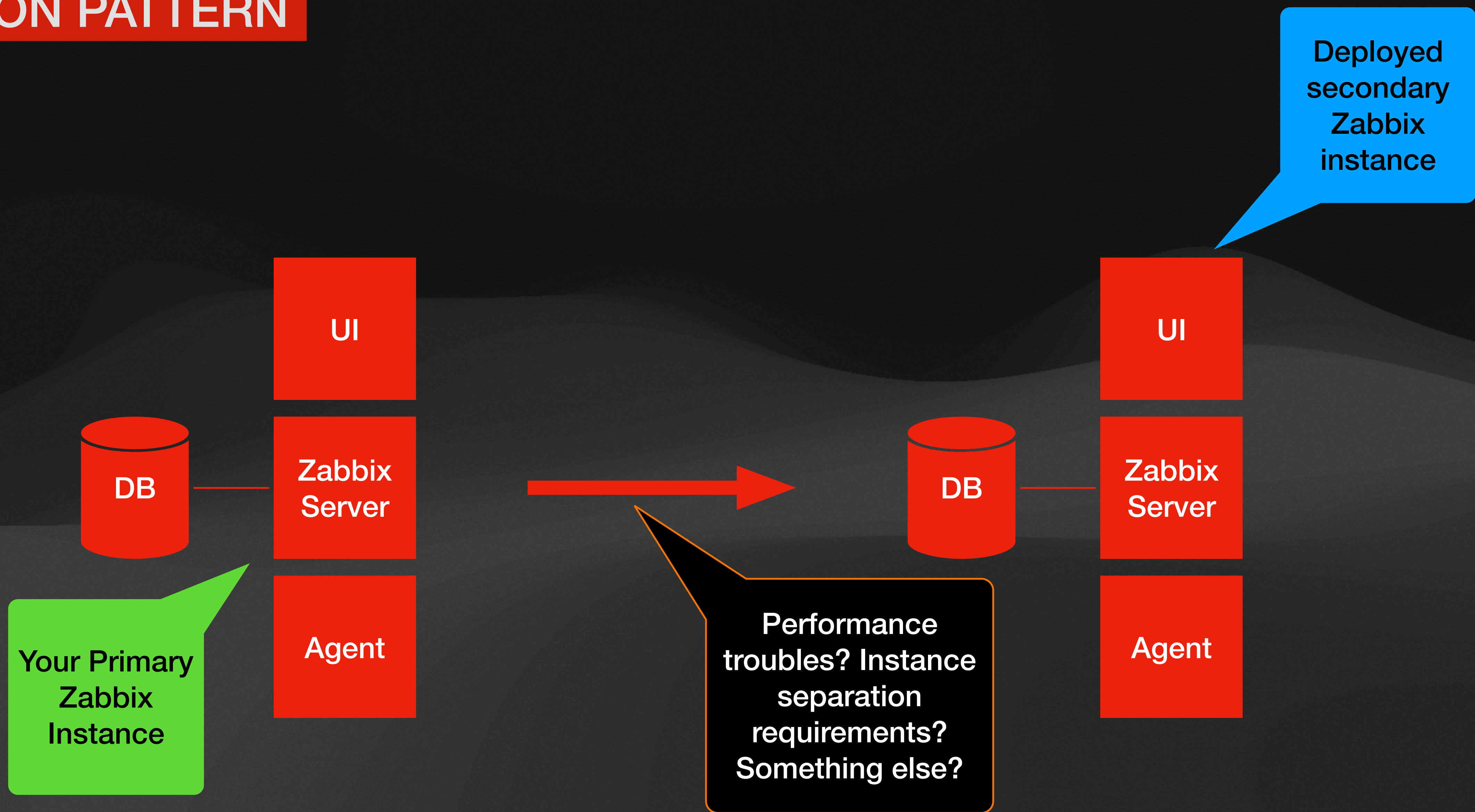
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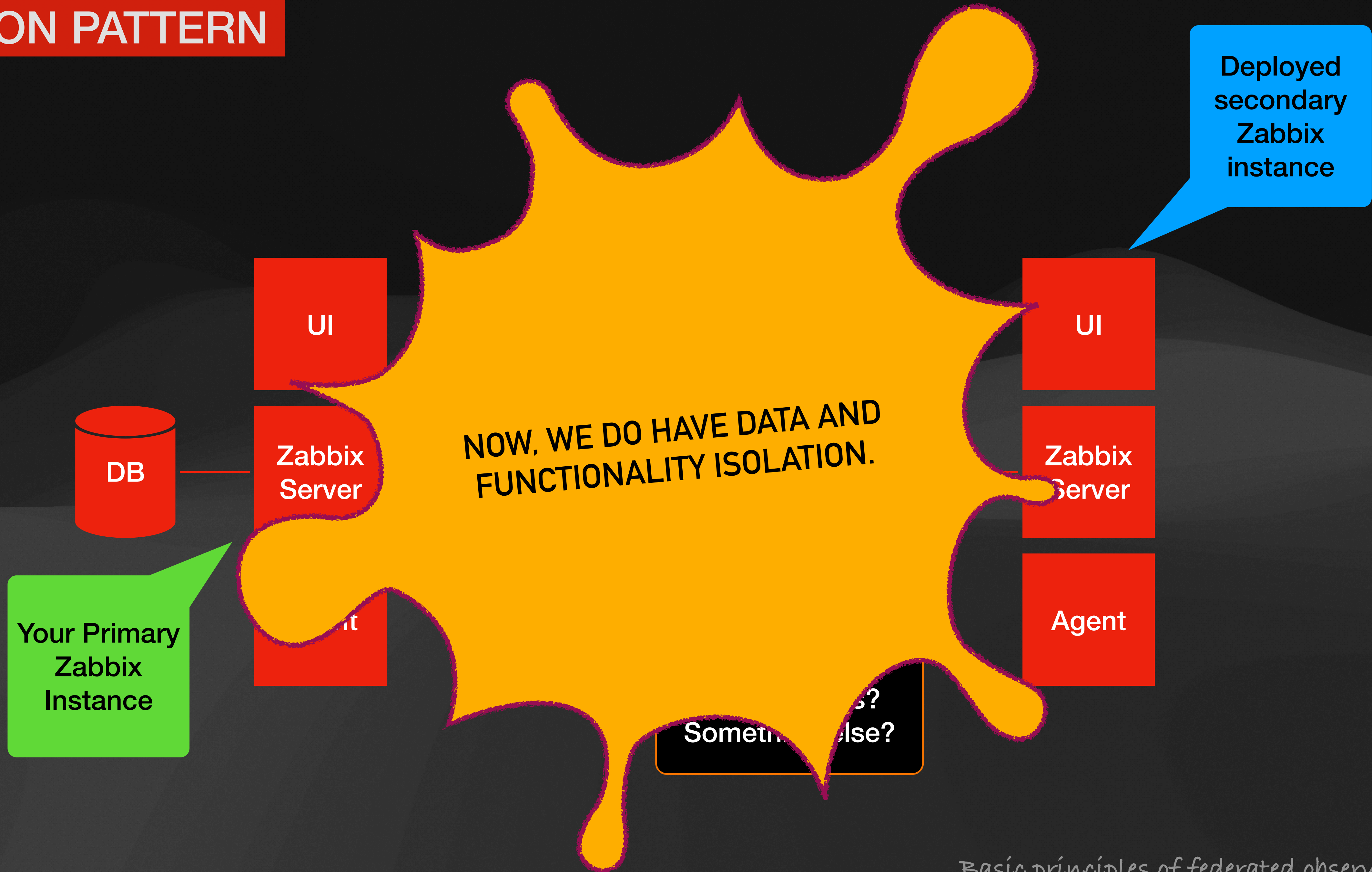
Zabbix provides all tools and APIs to implement true horizontal scalability.

This will make Zabbix a strong player in the market occupied by traditional SaaS observability solutions.

# COMMON PATTERN

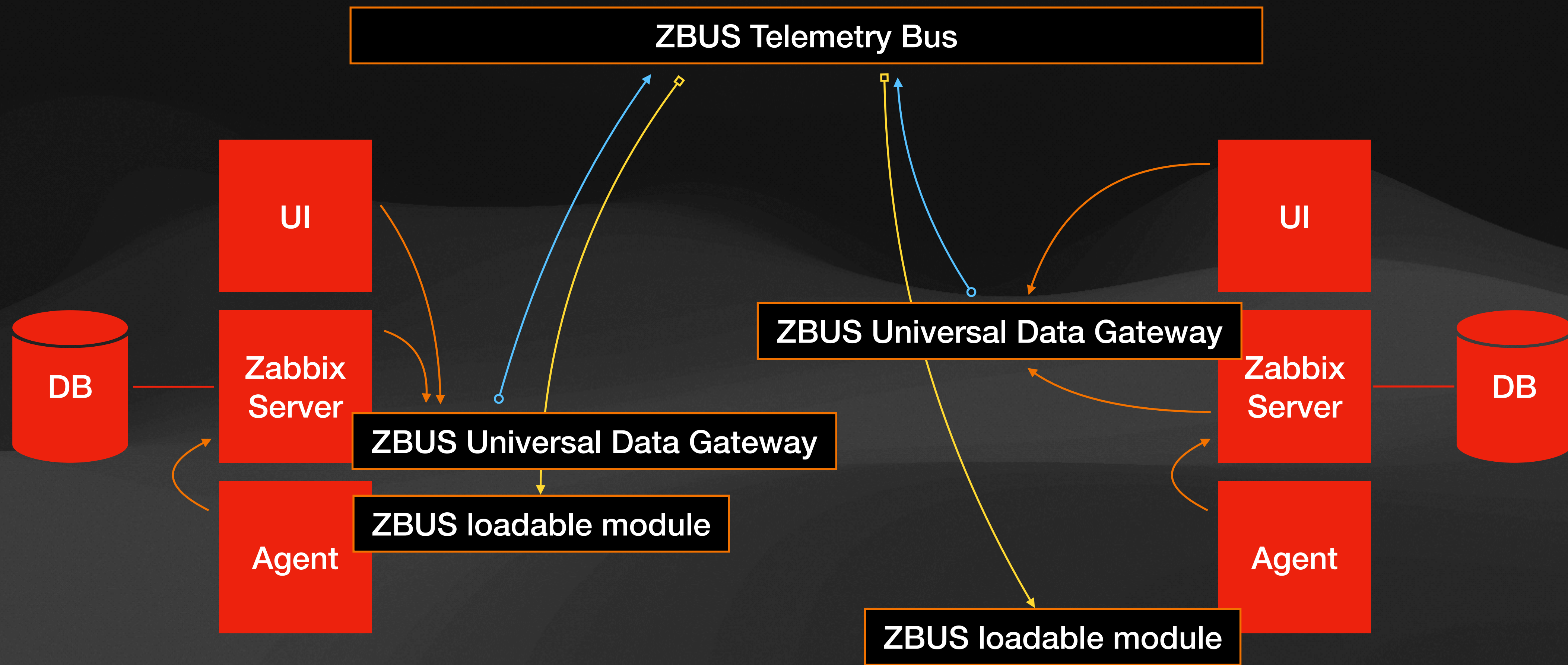


# COMMON PATTERN





# BASIC ARCHITECTURE



# QUICK INTRO

```
% zenohd --adminspace-permissions=rw --cfg='plugins/storage_manager/storages/zbus:{key_expr:"zbus/**",volume:"memory"}'  
[2024-03-18T21:25:44Z INFO zenohd] zenohd v0.10.0-rc built with rustc 1.72.0 (5680fa18f 2023-08-23)  
[2024-03-18T21:25:44Z INFO zenohd] Initial conf: {"id":"7d409904acee372ca4c2e9e1aae8c73e","metadata":null,"mode":"router","connect":{"endpoints":[]},"listen":{"endpoints":["tcp/[::]:7447"]},"scouting":{"timeout":null,"delay":null,"multicast":{"enabled":true,"address":null,"interface":null,"autoconnect":null,"listen":null},"gossip":{"enabled":null,"multihop":null,"autoconnect":null},"timestamping":{"enabled":null,"drop_future_timestamp":null},"queries_default_timeout":null,"routing":{"router":{"peers_failover_brokering":null},"peer":{"mode":null}},"aggregation":{"subscribers":[],"publishers":[]},"transport":{"unicast":{"accept_timeout":10000,"accept_pending":100,"max_sessions":1000,"max_links":1,"lowlatency":false},"multicast":{"join_interval":2500,"max_sessions":1000},"qos":{"enabled":true},"link":{"protocols":null,"tx":{"sequence_number_resolution":"32bit","lease":10000,"keep_alive":4,"batch_size":65535,"queue":{"size":{"control":1,"real_time":1,"interactive_high":1,"interactive_low":1,"data_high":2,"data":4,"data_low":2,"background":1},"backoff":100},"threads":3},"rx":{"buffer_size":65535,"max_message_size":1073741824},"tls":{"root_ca_certificate":null,"server_private_key":null,"server_certificate":null,"client_auth":null,"client_private_key":null,"client_certificate":null,"server_name_verification":null},"unixpipe":{"file_access_mask":null},"compression":{"enabled":false},"shared_memory":{"enabled":false},"auth":{"usrpwd":{"user":null,"password":null,"dictionary_file":null},"pubkey":{"public_key_pem":null,"private_key_pem":null,"public_key_file":null,"private_key_file":null,"key_size":null,"known_keys_file":null}}},"adminspace":{"permissions":{"read":true,"write":true},"plugins_search_dirs":[],"plugins":{"rest":{"__required__":true,"http_port":"8000"},"storage_manager":{"storages":{"zbus":{"key_expr":"zbus/**","volume":"memory"}}}}}}  
[2024-03-18T21:25:44Z INFO zenohd] Loading required plugin "rest"  
[2024-03-18T21:25:44Z INFO zenohd] Loading plugin "storage_manager"  
[2024-03-18T21:25:44Z INFO zenohd] zenoh:net::runtime] Using PID: 7d409904acee372ca4c2e9e1aae8c73e  
[2024-03-18T21:25:44Z INFO zenoh:net::runtime:orchestrator] Zenoh can be reached at: tcp/[fe80::1]:7447  
[2024-03-18T21:25:44Z INFO zenoh:net::runtime:orchestrator] Zenoh can be reached at: tcp/[fe80::aede:48ff:fe00:1122]:7447  
[2024-03-18T21:25:44Z INFO zenoh:net::runtime:orchestrator] Zenoh can be reached at: tcp/[fe80::1481:b530:77ce:2750]:7447  
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[2024-03-18T21:25:44Z INFO zenohd] Starting required plugin "rest"  
[2024-03-18T21:25:44Z INFO zenohd] Successfully started plugin rest from "/usr/local/lib/libzenoh_plugin_rest.dylib"  
[2024-03-18T21:25:44Z INFO zenohd] Starting plugin "storage_manager"  
[2024-03-18T21:25:44Z INFO zenohd] Successfully started plugin storage_manager from "/usr/local/lib/libzenoh_plugin_storage_manager.dylib"  
[2024-03-18T21:25:44Z INFO zenohd] Finished loading plugins
```

```
Starting Zabbix Agent [Zabbix server]. Zabbix 6.4.8 (revision ecda9311a92).  
Press Ctrl+C to exit.  
  
26335:20240318:170031.421 Starting Zabbix Agent [Zabbix server]. Zabbix 6.4.8 (revision ecda9311a92).  
26335:20240318:170031.421 **** Enabled features ****  
26335:20240318:170031.421 IPv6 support: NO  
26335:20240318:170031.421 TLS support: YES  
26335:20240318:170031.421 *****  
26335:20240318:170031.421 using configuration file: ./zabbix_agentd.conf  
[2024-03-18T23:00:31Z DEBUG zbus_module::init] Initialize ZBUS module  
26335:20240318:170031.436 loaded modules: zbus_module.so  
26335:20240318:170031.436 agent #0 started [main process]  
26336:20240318:170031.436 agent #1 started [collector]  
26337:20240318:170031.437 agent #2 started [listener #1]  
26338:20240318:170031.437 agent #3 started [listener #2]  
26339:20240318:170031.437 agent #4 started [listener #3]  
26340:20240318:170031.437 agent #5 started [active checks #1]
```

ZENOH  
daemon  
a.k.a.  
Telemetry  
bus

Loadable  
Module  
Interfacing  
Zabbix Agent  
with Telemetry  
bus

# QUICK INTRO

```
% ./target/debug/zbusdg -dd --zabbix-api http://192.168.1.100/zabbix gateway --zbus --zabbix --zabbix-token   
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::stdlib::channel] Initializing default pipes  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::stdlib::threads] Running STDLIB::threads init  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::stdlib::threads] Thread engine has been configured with 16 threads  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::stdlib::alerts] Running STDLIB::alerts init  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_loader_logs_categorization] zbus_loader_logs_categorization::run() reached  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_loader_logs_categorization] Logs category training data not provided  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd] Execute ZBUSDG  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_rhai] zbus_rhai::run() reached  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_rhai] Processing will not be scripted  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_gateway] Filtering disabled  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_gateway] Analytical collection and enhancing is OFF  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_gateway] Logs analytical enhancing is OFF  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_gateway_processor] PROCESSOR ZABBIX thread has been started  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_gateway_zbus_sender] ZBUS sender thread has been started  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_gateway_zbus_sender] Multicast discovery enabled  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_gateway_zbus_sender] ZENOH bus set to: tcp/127.0.0.1:7447  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_gateway_catcher_zabbix] Starting zabbix catching thread #0  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_gateway_zbus_sender] ZENOH listen set to default  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_gateway_zbus_sender] ZENOH configured in PEER mode  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_gateway_zbus_sender] ZENOH config is OK  
[2024-07-09T21:20:50Z DEBUG zbusdg::cmd::zbus_gateway_zbus_sender] Published telemetry will not be aggregated
```

Run ZBUS  
Universal Data  
Gateway to  
export Zabbix  
telemetry to the  
bus.

Connector

Name

Protocol Zabbix Streaming Protocol v1.0

Data type

URL

Tag filter

[Remove](#)

[Add](#)

HTTP authentication

Advanced configuration

Description

Enabled

[Update](#) [Clone](#) [Delete](#) [Cancel](#)

... and configure Zabbix Connector.

# QUICK INTRO

```
% zabbix_get -s 127.0.0.1 -k "zbus.get[zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.load/all/avg1]"
{"body":{"details":{"destination":"zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.load/all/avg1","details":{"contentType":0,"data":0.05,"detailType":""},"origin":"Zabbix server","properties":{"name":"Linux: Load average (1m avg)","tags":null,"zabbix_clock":1719114249,"zabbix_host_name":"Zabbix server","zabbix_item":"system.cpu.load[all,avg1]","zabbix_itemid":42249,"zabbix_ns":478352324,"zbus_item":"/system.cpu.load/all/avg1"}}},"headers":{"compressionAlgorithm":null,"cultureCode":null,"encryptionAlgorithm":null,"messageType":"telemetry","route":"local","streamName":"local","version":"v2"},"id":"gwiF8G5_p02eKmIkbe08Q"}}

% zabbix_get -s 127.0.0.1 -k "zbus.get[zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.load/all/avg1]"
{"body":{"details":{"destination":"zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.load/all/avg1","details":{"contentType":0,"data":0.05,"detailType":""},"origin":"Zabbix server","properties":{"name":"Linux: Load average (1m avg)","tags":null,"zabbix_clock":1719114249,"zabbix_host_name":"Zabbix server","zabbix_item":"system.cpu.load[all,avg1]","zabbix_itemid":42249,"zabbix_ns":478352324,"zbus_item":"/system.cpu.load/all/avg1"}}},"headers":{"compressionAlgorithm":null,"cultureCode":null,"encryptionAlgorithm":null,"messageType":"telemetry","route":"local","streamName":"local","version":"v2"},"id":"gwiF8G5_p02eKmIkbe08Q"}}

% zabbix_get -s 127.0.0.1 -k "zbus.query[zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.load/all/avg1, $.body]"
{"details":{"destination":"zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.load/all/avg1","details":{"contentType":0,"data":0.05,"detailType":""},"origin":"Zabbix server","properties":{"name":"Linux: Load average (1m avg)","tags":null,"zabbix_clock":1719114249,"zabbix_host_name":"Zabbix server","zabbix_item":"system.cpu.load[all,avg1]","zabbix_itemid":42249,"zabbix_ns":478352324,"zbus_item":"/system.cpu.load/all/avg1"}}}

% zabbix_get -s 127.0.0.1 -k "zbus.query[zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.load/all/avg1, $.body.details]"
{"destination":"zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.load/all/avg1","details":{"contentType":0,"data":0.05,"detailType":""},"origin":"Zabbix server","properties":{"name":"Linux: Load average (1m avg)","tags":null,"zabbix_clock":1719114249,"zabbix_host_name":"Zabbix server","zabbix_item":"system.cpu.load[all,avg1]","zabbix_itemid":42249,"zabbix_ns":478352324,"zbus_item":"/system.cpu.load/all/avg1"}}

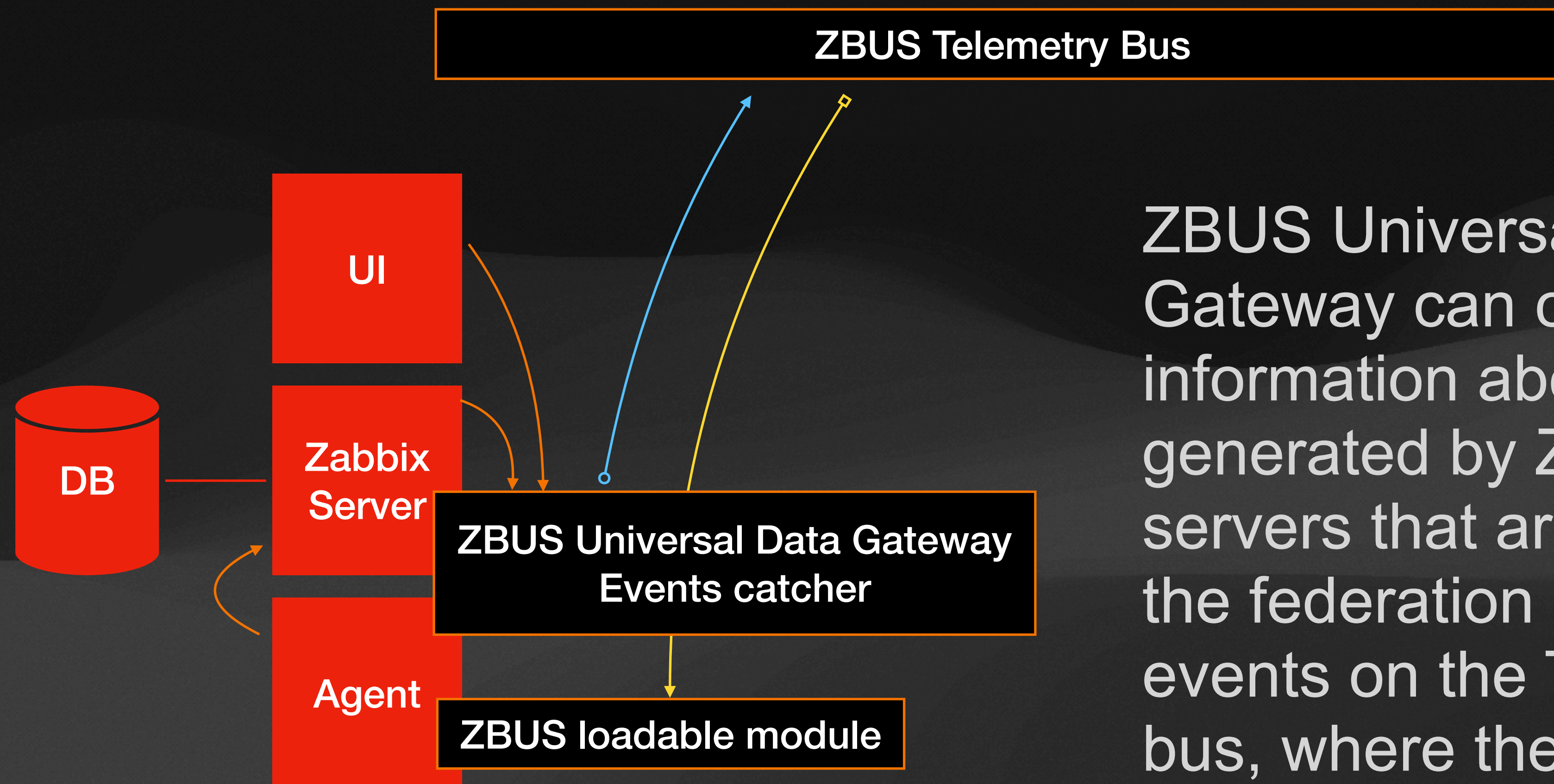
127.0.0.1 -k "zbus.query[zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.load/all/avg1, $.body.details.d
detailType":""}

127.0.0.1 -k "zbus.query_float[zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.load/all/avg1, $.body.det
```

Then check if you can see Zabbix telemetry published on the telemetry bus by sending a query through the Zabbix Agent.

Now, instead of isolated instances, you have a federated observability architecture. Multiple Zabbix instances can individually contribute collected and computed telemetry, making this data available to all members.

# BASIC ARCHITECTURE



ZBUS Universal Data Gateway can capture information about events generated by Zabbix servers that are members of the federation and publish events on the Telemetry bus, where they can be accessed as regular telemetry.

```

{
  "body": {
    "details": {
      "destination": "/system.cpu.switches",
      "details": {
        "analythical_data": {
          "geometric_mean": 554.3513488865332,
          "harmonic_mean": 553.2152732871378,
          "markov_chain_forecast": [
            587.5782702861025,
            566.6332505132751,
            551.265542705476,
            526.4156638506256,
            539.763143540589,
            571.3996695299844,
            533.6376695277129,
            553.9396148478114,
            542.7016869447555
          ],
          "maximum": 746.8642289349323,
          "mean": 555.597475933712,
          "minimum": 503.599956788435,
          "n_of_samples": 128,
          "quadratic_mean": 556.967770594719,
          "statistical_oscillator": -2.955105620820346,
          "std_dev": 39.198807211034705,
          "tsf_next": 545.6179761122715,
          "variance": 1536.5464867678663
        },
        "contentType": 0,
        "data": 536.9516607478183,
        "detailType": ""
      },
      "origin": "Zabbix server",
      "properties": {
        "name": "Linux: Context switches per second",
        "tags": null,
        "zabbix_clock": 1717741041,
        "zabbix_host_name": "Zabbix server",
        "zabbix_item": "system.cpu.switches",
        "zabbix_itemid": 42261,
        "zabbix_ns": 623252060
      }
    }
  },
  "headers": {
    "compressionAlgorithm": null,
    "cultureCode": null,
    "encryptionAlgorithm": null,
    "messageType": "telemetry",
    "route": "local",
    "streamName": "local",
    "version": "v2"
  },
  "id": "oaBWozCz5hJL_s4Wu7CvB"
}

```

Universal Data Gateway can enhance telemetry with statistical and forecast computation.

You can programmatically filter and transform telemetry in real-time.

```

fn filter(data) {
  true
}

fn transformation(data) {
  data.body.details.added_by_transformation = "Transformation routine been here";
  data
}

```

```

"body": {
  "details": {
    "destination": "/vfs.dev.queue_size/sda",
    "details": {
      "analytical_data": {
        "anomalies": [
          0.02509447745978832,
          0.024656997993588448,
          0.024203620851039886,
          0.03446614742279053,
          0.03890187665820122
        ],
        "breakouts": [],
        "geometric_mean": 0.014386080810498149,
        "harmonic_mean": 0.013943866730837967,
        "markov_chain_forecast": [
          0.0114241307670302,
          0.011594340257044256,
          0.014165685076108332,
          0.0250944765446439,
          0.014356744228746485,
          0.011565748255395558,
          0.018633149727116105,
          0.02465699755148972,
          0.024092730835433614
        ],
        "maximum": 0.03890187781176513,
        "mean": 0.014926412867644349,
        "minimum": 0.00954994344793434,
        "n_of_samples": 128,
        "quadratic_mean": 0.015597732139859084,
        "statistical_oscillator": 29.61101465767979,
        "std_dev": 0.004544534826173887,
        "tsf_next": 0.017988799694544592,
        "variance": 0.00002065279678630732
      },
      "contentType": 0,
      "data": 0.02105294733584284,
      "detailType": ""
    },
    "origin": "Zabbix server",
    "properties": {
      "name": "sda: Disk average queue size (avgqu-sz)",
      "tags": null,
      "zabbix_clock": 1718000338,
      "zabbix_host_name": "Zabbix server",
      "zabbix_item": "vfs.dev.queue_size[sda]",
      "zabbix_itemid": 46084,
      "zabbix_ns": 568778998
    }
  },
  "headers": {
    "compressionAlgorithm": null,
    "cultureCode": null,
    "encryptionAlgorithm": null,
    "messageType": "telemetry",
    "route": "local",
    "streamName": "local",
    "version": "v2"
  },
}

```

While sampling data in real-time, Universal Data Gateway can detect anomalies and breakouts in telemetry.

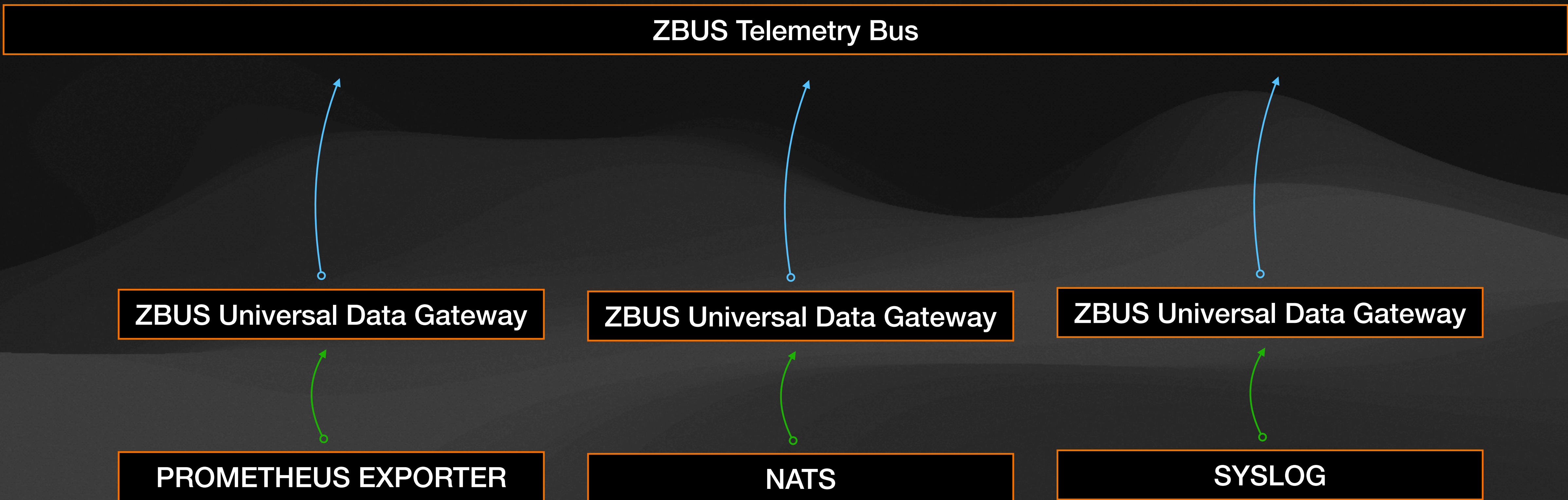
... also, a ZBUS UDG can categorize log entries while accepting data from Zabbix and sending it to a telemetry bus.

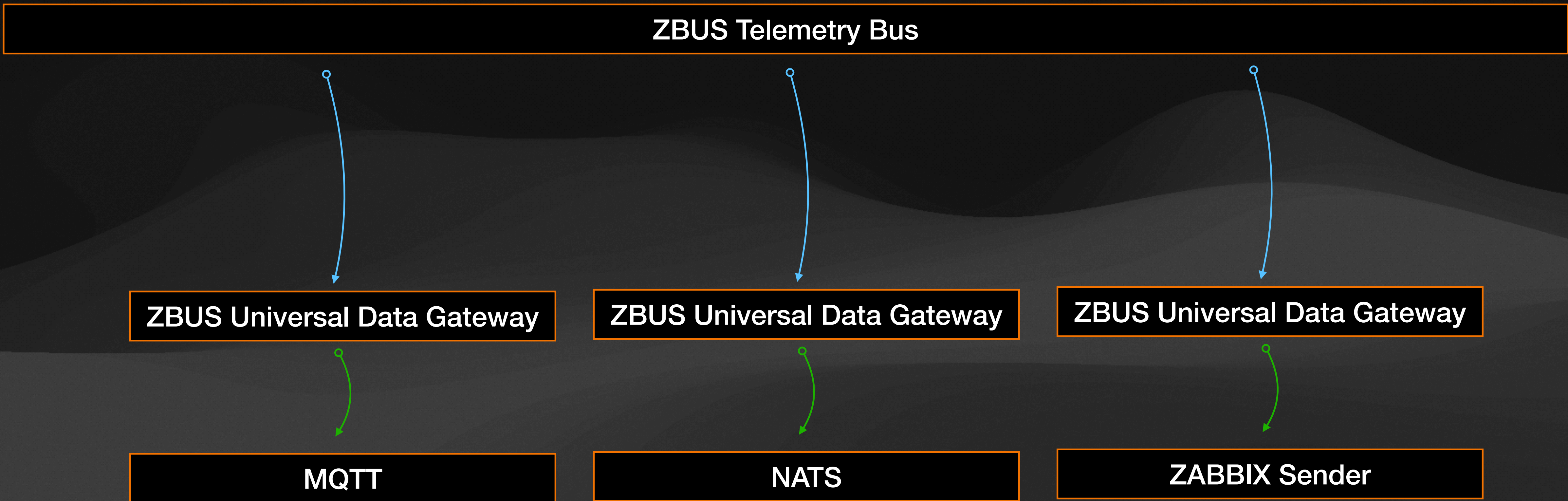
```

{
  "body": {
    "details": {
      "destination": "zbus/log/syslog",
      "details": {
        "analytical_data": {
          "category": "linux"
        },
        "contentType": 2,
        "data": "syslog[85644]: Session closed to user root",
        "detailType": ""
      },
      "origin": "home.lan",
      "properties": {
        "syslog_appname": "unknown",
        "syslog_facility": 0,
        "syslog_procid": "unknown",
        "syslog_severity": 7,
        "syslog_version": 0,
        "timestamp": 1718680619000000000,
        "zabbix_item": "log[/var/log/syslog]"
      }
    },
    "headers": {
      "compressionAlgorithm": null,
      "cultureCode": null,
      "encryptionAlgorithm": null,
      "messageType": "telemetry",
      "route": "local",
      "streamName": "local",
      "version": "v2"
    },
    "id": "iWAtouXGdUc35_3Nwa67P"
  }
}

```







ZBUS Telemetry Bus



ZBUS Universal Data Gateway



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ZBUS Telemetry Bus "A"

ZBUS Telemetry Bus "B"

ZBUS Universal Data Gateway

Telemetry pipelines

Enhancing telemetry with statistical analysis

Enhancing telemetry with statistical analysis

Enhancing log entries with classification

```
% curl -X POST -H 'Content-Type: application/json' -d '{"jsonrpc": "2.0", "id": "id", "method": "metrics", "params": []}' http://127.0.0.1:10060
{"jsonrpc": "2.0", "result": ["zbus/metric/v2/local/agent.ping", "zbus/metric/v2/local/net.if.in/enp0s3", "zbus/metric/v2/local/net.if.in/enp0s3/dropped", "zbus/metric/v2/local/net.if.in/enp0s3/errors", "zbus/metric/v2/local/net.if.out/enp0s3", "zbus/metric/v2/local/net.if.out/enp0s3/dropped", "zbus/metric/v2/local/net.if.out/enp0s3/errors", "zbus/metric/v2/local/proc.num", "zbus/metric/v2/local/proc.num/run", "zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.intr", "zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.load/all/avg1", "zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.load/all/avg15", "zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.load/all/avg5", "zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.switches", "zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.util", "zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.util/guest", "zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.util/guest_nice", "zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.util/idle", "zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.util/interrupt", "zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.util/iowait", "zbus/metric/v2/local/system.cpu.util/nice", 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% curl -X POST -H 'Content-Type: application/json' -d '{"jsonrpc": "2.0", "id": "id", "method": "sample", "params": ["zbus/metric/v2/local/net.if.in/enp0s3"]}' http://127.0.0.1:10060
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% curl -X POST -H 'Content-Type: application/json' -d '{"jsonrpc": "2.0", "id": "id", "method": "last", "params": ["zbus/metric/v2/local/system.uptime"]}' http://127.0.0.1:10060
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## ZBUS Telemetry Bus

## ZBUS Universal Data Gateway JSON-RPC API

Enabling access to telemetry data published on a bus for any JSON-RPC client.

## WHERE IS THE SOURCE?

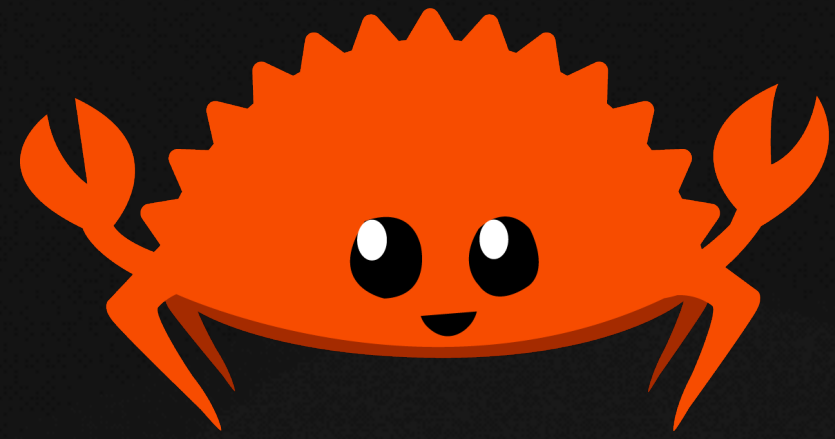
The conference presentation format limits me from covering all aspects of the federated Zabbix platform. However, this brief overview may pique your interest in this topic. The full source code and some documentation is available here.

ZBUS Universal  
Data Gateway

[https://github.com/vulogov/zbus\\_universal\\_data\\_gateway](https://github.com/vulogov/zbus_universal_data_gateway)

[https://github.com/vulogov/zabbix\\_zbus\\_module](https://github.com/vulogov/zabbix_zbus_module)

Zabbix loadable module  
for accessing data on  
telemetry bus



The Rust and GCC compilers are necessary to compile both the ZBUS Universal Data Gateway and the Zabbix loadable module. Additionally, the compilation of the Zabbix loadable module requires access to the Zabbix source code. The software required for Zabbix Federated Observability is distributed under an Apache 2.0 license.



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