

Metrics Component

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Available as of Camel 2.14

The **metrics** component allows to collect various metrics directly from Camel routes. Supported metric types are [counter](#), [histogram](#), [meter](#) and [timer](#). **Metrics** provides simple way to measure behavior of application. Configurable reporting backend is enabling different integration options for collecting and visualizing statistics.

The **metrics** component also provides a **MetricsRoutePolicyFactory** that allows route statistics to be exposed using Codahale metrics. See bottom of page for details.

Maven users will need to add the following dependency to their **pom.xml** for this component:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.apache.camel</groupId>
  <artifactId>camel-metrics</artifactId>
  <version>x.x.x</version>
  <!-- use the same version as your Camel core version -->
</dependency>
```

URI Format

```
metrics:[ meter | counter | histogram | timer ]:metricname[?options]
```

Metric Registry

Camel Metrics Component uses by default **MetricRegistry** with **Slf4jReporter** and 60 second reporting interval. Default registry can be replaced with custom one by providing bean with name **metricRegistry** in Camel registry.

For example using Spring Java Configuration:

```
@Configuration
public static class MyConfig extends SingleRouteCamelConfiguration {

    @Bean
    @Override
    public RouteBuilder route() {
        return new RouteBuilder() {
            @Override
            public void configure() throws Exception {
                // define Camel routes here
            }
        };
    }

    @Bean(name = MetricsComponent.METRIC_REGISTRY_NAME)
    public MetricRegistry getMetricRegistry() {
        MetricRegistry registry = ...;
        return registry;
    }
}
```



MetricRegistry uses internal thread(s) for reporting. There is no public API in DropWizard version 3.0.1 for users to clean up on exit. Thus using Camel Metrics Component leads to Java classloader leak and may cause **OutOfMemoryErrors** in some cases.

Usage

Each metric has type and name. Supported types are [counter](#), [histogram](#), [meter](#) and [timer](#). Metric name is simple string. If metric type is not provided then type meter is used by default.

Headers

Metric name defined in URI can be overridden by using header with name **CamelMetricsName**.

For example

```
from("direct:in")
    .setHeader(MetricsConstants.HEADER_METRIC_NAME, constant("new.name"))
    .to("metrics:counter:name.not.used")
    .to("direct:out");
```

will update counter with name **new.name** instead of **name.not.used**.

All **metrics** specific headers are removed from the message once Metrics endpoint finishes processing of exchange. While processing the exchange **metrics** endpoint any exceptions thrown are caught and written to as a log entry at level **warn**.

Metrics Type Counter

```
metrics:counter:metricname[?options]
```

Options

Name	Default	Description
increment	-	Long value to add to the counter
decrement	-	Long value to subtract from the counter

If neither **increment** or **decrement** is defined then counter value will be incremented by one. If **increment** and **decrement** are both defined only **increment** operation is called.

```
// update counter simple.counter by 7
from("direct:in")
    .to("metric:counter:simple.counter?increment=7")
    .to("direct:out");
```

```
// increment counter simple.counter by 1
from("direct:in")
    .to("metric:counter:simple.counter")
    .to("direct:out");
```

```
// decrement counter simple.counter by 3
from("direct:in")
    .to("metric:counter:simple.counter?decrement=3")
    .to("direct:out");
```

Headers

Message headers can be used to override **increment** and **decrement** values specified in the **metrics** component URI.

Name	Description	Expected type
CamelMetricsCounterIncrement	Override increment value in URI	Long
CamelMetricsCounterDecrement	Override decrement value in URI	Long

```
// update counter simple.counter by 417
from("direct:in")
    .setHeader(MetricsConstants.HEADER_COUNTER_INCREMENT, constant(417L))
    .to("metric:counter:simple.counter?increment=7")
    .to("direct:out");
```

```
// updates counter using simple language to evaluate body.length
from("direct:in")
    .setHeader(MetricsConstants.HEADER_COUNTER_INCREMENT, simple("${body.length}"))
    .to("metrics:counter:body.length")
    .to("mock:out");
```

Metric type histogram

```
metrics:histogram:metricname[?options]
```

Options

Name	Default	Description
value	-	Value to use in histogram

If no **value** is not set nothing is added to histogram and warning is logged.

```
// adds value 9923 to simple.histogram
from("direct:in")
    .to("metric:histogram:simple.histogram?value=9923")
    .to("direct:out");
```

```
// nothing is added to simple.histogram; warning is logged
from("direct:in")
    .to("metric:histogram:simple.histogram")
    .to("direct:out");
```

Headers

Message header can be used to override value specified in **metrics** component URI.

Name	Description	Expected type
CamelMetricsHistogramValue	Override histogram value in URI	Long

```
// Adds value 992 to simple.histogram
from("direct:in")
    .setHeader(MetricsConstants.HEADER_HISTOGRAM_VALUE, constant(992L))
    .to("metric:histogram:simple.histogram?value=700")
    .to("direct:out")
```

Metric type meter

```
metrics:meter:metricname[?options]
```

Options

Name	Default	Description
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mark	-	Long value to use as mark
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If **mark** is not set then **meter.mark()** is called without argument.

```
// marks simple.meter without value
from("direct:in")
  .to("metric:simple.meter")
  .to("direct:out");
```

```
// marks simple.meter with value 81
from("direct:in")
  .to("metric:meter:simple.meter?mark=81")
  .to("direct:out");
```

Headers

Message header can be used to override **mark** value specified in **metrics** component URI.

Name	Description	Expected type
CamelMetricsMeterMark	Override mark value in URI	Long

```
// updates meter simple.meter with value 345
from("direct:in")
  .setHeader(MetricsConstants.HEADER_METER_MARK, constant(345L))
  .to("metric:meter:simple.meter?mark=123")
  .to("direct:out");
```

Metrics type timer

```
metrics:timer:metricname[?options]
```

Options

Name	Default	Description
action	-	start or stop

If no **action** or invalid value is provided then warning is logged without any timer update. If action **start** is called on already running timer or **stop** is called on not running timer then nothing is updated and warning is logged.

```
// measure time taken by route "calculate"
from("direct:in")
  .to("metrics:timer:simple.timer?action=start")
  .to("direct:calculate")
  .to("metrics:timer:simple.timer?action=stop");
```

TimerContext objects are stored as **Exchange** properties between different **metrics** component calls.

Headers

Message header can be used to override action value specified in **metrics** component URI.

Name	Description	Expected type
CamelMetricsTimerAction	Override timer action in URI	org.apache.camel.component.metrics.timer.TimerEndpoint.TimerAction

```
// sets timer action using header
from("direct:in")
    .setHeader(MetricsConstants.HEADER_TIMER_ACTION, TimerAction.start)
    .to("metric:timer:simple.timer")
    .to("direct:out");
```

MetricsRoutePolicyFactory

This factory allows to add a [RoutePolicy](#) for each route which exposes route utilization statistics using CodaHale metrics. This factory can be used in Java and XML as the examples below demonstrates.



Instead of using the **MetricsRoutePolicyFactory** you can define a **MetricsRoutePolicy** per route you want to instrument, in case you only want to instrument a few selected routes.

From Java you just add the factory to the **CamelContext** as shown below:

```
context.addRoutePolicyFactory(new MetricsRoutePolicyFactory());
```

And from XML DSL you define a **<bean>** as follows:

```
<!-- use camel-metrics route policy to gather metrics for all routes -->
<bean id="metricsRoutePolicyFactory" class="org.apache.camel.component.metrics.routepolicy.
MetricsRoutePolicyFactory"/>
```

The **MetricsRoutePolicyFactory** and **MetricsRoutePolicy** supports the following options:

Name	Default	Description
useJmx	false	Whether to report fine grained statistics to JMX by using the com.codahale.metrics.JmxReporter . Notice that if JMX is enabled on CamelContext then a MetricsRegistryService mbean is enlisted under the services type in the JMX tree. That MBean has a single operation to output the statistics using JSON. Setting useJmx to true is only needed if you want fine grained MBeans per statistics type.
jmxDomain	org.apache.camel.metrics	The JMX domain name.
prettyPrint	false	Whether to use pretty print when outputting statistics in JSON format.
metricRegistry		Allow to use a shared com.codahale.metrics.MetricRegistry . If one is not configured Camel will create a shared instance for use by the CamelContext .
rateUnit	TimeUnit.SECONDS	The unit to use for rate in the metrics reporter or when dumping the statistics as JSON.
durationUnit	TimeUnit.MILLISECONDS	The unit to use for duration in the metrics reporter or when dumping the statistics as JSON.
namePattern	##name##.##routeId##.##type##	Camel 2.17: The name pattern to use. Uses dot as separators, but you can change that. The values ##name## , ##routeId## , and ##type## will be replaced with actual value. Where ##name## is the name of the CamelContext . ##routeId## is the id of the route, where ##type## is the value of responses.

In Java you can get the **com.codahale.metrics.MetricRegistry** from the **org.apache.camel.component.metrics.routepolicy.MetricsRegistryService** as shown below:

```

MetricRegistryService registryService = context.hasService(MetricsRegistryService.class);

if (registryService != null) {
    MetricsRegistry registry = registryService.getMetricsRegistry();
    // ...
}

```

MetricsMessageHistoryFactory

Available as of Camel 2.17

This factory allows to use metrics to capture [Message History](#) performance statistics while routing messages. It works by using a metrics Timer for each node in all the routes. This factory can be used in Java and XML as the examples below demonstrates.

In Java set the factory on the **CamelContext** as shown below:

```
context.setMessageHistoryFactory(new MetricsMessageHistoryFactory());
```

And from XML DSL you define a **<bean>** as follows:

```

<!-- use camel-metrics message history to gather metrics for all messages being routed -->
<bean id="metricsMessageHistoryFactory" class="org.apache.camel.component.metrics.messagehistory.
MetricsMessageHistoryFactory"/>

```

The following options is supported on the factory:

Name	Default	Description
useJmx	false	Whether to report fine grained statistics to JMX by using the com.codahale.metrics.JmxReporter . Notice that if JMX is enabled on CamelContext then a MetricsRegistryService MBean is enlisted under the services type in the JMX tree. That MBean has a single operation to output the statistics using JSON. Setting useJmx to true is only needed if you want fine grained MBeans per statistics type.
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prettyPrint	false	Whether to use pretty print when outputting statistics in JSON format.
metricsRegistry		Allow to use a shared com.codahale.metrics.MetricRegistry . If one is not provided Camel will create a shared instance for use by the CamelContext .
rateUnit	TimeUnit.SECONDS	The unit to use for rate in the metrics reporter or when dumping the statistics as JSON.
durationUnit	TimeUnit.MILLISECONDS	The unit to use for duration in the metrics reporter or when dumping the statistics as JSON
namePattern	##name##.##routeId##.##id###.##type##	The name pattern to use. Uses dot as separators, but you can change that. The values ##name## , ##routeId## , ##type## , and ##id### will be replaced with actual value. Where ##name### is the name of the CamelContext . ##routeId### is the name of the route. The ##id### pattern represents the node id, where ##type### is the value of history.

At runtime the metrics can be accessed from Java API or JMX which allows to gather the data as JSON output.

In Java, get the service from the **CamelContext** as shown:

```

MetricsMessageHistoryService service = context.hasService(MetricsMessageHistoryService.class);
String json = service.dumpStatisticsAsJson();

```

And the JMX API the MBean is registered in the **type=services tree with name=MetricsMessageHistoryService**.